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1ST OCTOBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY.			NO OF ROUNDS.	
TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	SERAP	H. E
4.a.m	9th	S.O.S	131	130
4.10.a.m	7th	J 10 d 7.2 to J 17 a		
		1.4 S.O.S	131	60
5.15.a.m	7th	do do	459	215
5.30.a.m	103rd	S.O.S	--	110
5.30.a.m	8th	Tracks & Trenches		
		J 11 c & d S.O.S	165	109
5.30.a.m to				
6.50.a.m	8th	S.O.S	332	162
5.30.a.m	9th	S.O.S	248	241
8.30.a.m	7th	J 10 d 7.2 to J 17 a		
		1.4 S.O.S	264	116
8.55.a.m	9th	S.O.S	99	88
9.4.a.m	8th	O.Order No.5	175	160
9.30.a.m	8th	S.O.S	67	94
9.30.a.m	7th	O.Order No.5	419	73
9.30.a.m	9th	do do	158	158
2.p.m	8th	S.O.S	68	34
2.4.p.m	7th	J 16 b 00.37 to		
		J 10 c 90.10 to J 10 d		
		25.30	437	106
2.38.p.m	8th	Instructions from		
		Group	196	103
2.45.p.m	9th	S.O.S	147	146
7.17.p.m	8th	S.O.S	281	143
8.15.p.m	8th	O.O.No.6	225	225
9.p.m	7th	S.O.S	602	246
9.5.p.m	8th	S.O.S	195	94
9.15.p.m	7th	S.O.S	172	85
11.20.p.m	7th	S.O.S	157	73
11.34.p.m	8th	S.O.S	153	73

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 1ST OCTOBER.1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
N I L				

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2ND OCTOBER. 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
5.10.a.m	7th	Operation Order No.7	56	31
5.20.a.m	7th	S.O.S	174	84
5.45.a.m	8th	Operation Order No.7	63	38
6.2.a.m	8th	S.O.S	150	77
6.40.a.m	7th	In accordance with instructions from Group	34	16
6.48.a.m	8th	Searching behind S.O.S Lines.	26	19
2.30.p.m	8th	O.O.No.7	120	60
2.30.p.m	7th	O.O.No.7	115	66
7.20.p.m	8th	S.O.S	153	77

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 2ND OCTOBER. 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
N I L				

In accordance with 1st Australian Divisional Arty Group Order No.13, dated 28th September. 1917 the 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery handed over guns etc to the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery and Batteries withdrew to Brigade Wagon Lines at BUSSEBOOM.

3RD OCTOBER. 1917

Batteries of 3rd Army Brigade completed withdrawal to Wagon Lines.

4TH OCTOBER. 1917

3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery proceeded to a Rest Area, marching from BUSSEBOOM at 8.30.a.m to OUDEZEELE, via RENINGHELST - ABELLE to OUDEZEELE. (3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. March Order No.1, dated 3-10-1917)

5TH OCTOBER. 1917

3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery continued the move to Rest Area, marching from OUDEZEELE at 8.45.a.m to LA MOTTE, via STERNVORDE - ST SYLVESTRE CAPPEL - HAZEBROUCK - to LA MOTTE. (3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. March Order No.2, dated 4-10-1917)

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5-10-17 to 17-10-17

The 3rd Army Bde was in rest at CAUDESCURE, LA MOTTE AREA.

Training During the period training was carried out on the following lines:-

6-30 A.M. Stables.

9-15 to 11 A.M.

Guns Dismounted drill & cleaning guns wagons & equipment.

Sons Harness cleaning & exercising horses.

Specialists Harness cleaning & dismounted drill

11-15 A.M. Stables

2-30 to 4 P.M.

Guns Dismounted drill & cleaning equipment.

Sons Harness cleaning & dismounted drill.

Specialists Instruction under Bde Signal Officer.

4-30 P.M. Stables

18-10-17

In accordance with R.F.X. Corps HQ 33/164 dated 17-10-17 the Bde moved from billets to the WESTOUTRE AREA in accordance with march order no. 1 dated 17-10-17. 3rd Army Bde A.F.A. was transferred from 1st ANZAC to Xth Corps.

19-10-17

1st ANZAC

Guns & Sights for the Bde were drawn from Gun Pool.

The Bde moved to Wagon Line in I 25 A (Sheet 28)

Batteries of 3rd Army Bde commenced moving into the line to be in action by the night 22/23rd in accordance with S/447, 7th Div. Arty. Positions were occupied as under:-

Bde H.Q.	To remain at Wagon Line
7th Bty	I 25 A 4.2
8th "	J 2 D 15.70
9th "	{ 2 guns J 2 D 62-62
103rd "	{ 4 " J 2 C 70-30
	J 14 A 5.8
	J 13 A 8.3

Owing to the bad state of roads & heavy shelling Batteries experienced considerable difficulty in moving into positions.

From 12 noon the 24th just the following grouping of Artillery took place in accordance with 21st Div 1724 Instructions to 8 & Batteries came under the tactical control of respective Group Commanders.

B. Group: Lieut Col. J. A. Higginbottom, D.S.O

9th & 103rd Btys Group S.O.S. Line J 17 B. 5.8 to J 12 A. 6.2

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C. Group Lieut Col. Lambard, D.S.O.,
 Group S.O.S Line
 7th & 8th Blys J 12 A 6.2 - J 6. C. 8.0 -
 J 6 C 8.8 - J 6 A 2.2.

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Summary of Events and Information

Time	Battery	Target	ho of Rounds	Shrap.	H.B.
<u>23-10-17</u>					
Our Artillery					
12 noon	103 rd	Zero Line, Registration	-	-	81
4 P.M.	7 th	House E 12 A 10	-	-	-
		Registration Gun Line	24	-	-
<u>24-10-17</u>					
	103 rd	Registration purposes	-	-	8
		BECELAERE CHURCH	-	-	8
12 noon	103 rd	Corps Barrage as per instruction no. 9.	-	-	150
5-43 P.M.	7 th	J 6 C 90.00 - J 6 D.00.40	-	-	-
		Response to S.O.S.	120	123	-
6.15 P.M.	8 th	S.O.S Line	99	98	-
<u>25-10-17</u>					
11-30 am	7 th	northern part of			
12.43 P.M.	"	Beelaere Village.			
		Operation Order. 138	90	30	
- do -	8 th	Outpost Beelaere Village	26	50	
2 P.M. to		J 11 D.35.20	-	30	
4 P.M.	103 rd	S.O.S Line Corps Barrage D	-	156	
<u>26-10-17</u>					
5-40 AM.	7 th	As per Group O. O. 138	938	467	
- do -	8 th	O. O. 138 Dummy Barrage in rear of S. O. S. Line in connection with Infy attack.	414	611	
- do -	103 rd	Barrage for attack day.	-	258	
3 PM	103	Battery at J 30. B. 4.1	-	20	
<u>27-10-17</u>					
7 AM.	103 rd	Cross Roads (vicinity)	176	160	
-	9 th	J 12 D 75.60.40	42	-	
-	9 th	Registration	28	-	
-		S. O. S.			

28-10-17 From 8 AM on 28-10-17 all Batteries of 3rd Army Bde A & A were grouped under Lieut. Col. Lambard, D.S.O., C. Group, with S. O. S. Line J 12 C 0.3 to J 12 A 8.7

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28-10-17
Opn Artillery

Target

no of Rounds
Shot H.L.

June Battery
8-15 P.M. - 8th
9-35 "

Bursts of fire in depth
1000 - 2000 yards E of
S.O.S Lines. 21st D.F.A

71 69

8-15 P.M. - 7th
9-35 "

Instⁿ NO 10
21st D.F.A Instructions
no. 10

90 90

8-15 P.M. - 103rd
9-35 P.M.

E of S.O.S. As per
D.F.A Instruction no. 10

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Casualties in 3rd Army Brigade Austⁿ F.A Week ending 28-10-17

Regt No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Date	Remarks
28904	Ser.	Taylor, F.H.	9 th Bty	21-10-17	K in A
2326	"	Crawford E.	"	"	Wounded
3704	Gnr.	Jervis H.L.	7 th Bty	22-10-17	K in A
11754	"	Foley, B.	"	"	"
1716	T. Sgt	Boston R.C.	"	"	"
1540	Gnr.	Eddy, J.R.	"	"	"
34709	"	Bruce, G.W.	"	"	"
5209	"	Owen, W.M.	"	"	Wounded
2644	"	Jarvis, W.D.	"	"	"
1674	"	Graham, J.H.	"	"	"
34741	"	Gerguson, T.B.	"	"	"
4289	Bdr.	Warren, J.	8 th Bty	"	K in A
6108	Gnr.	Polak, G.E.	"	"	"
5699	"	Gallagher, P.J.	"	"	"
5364	"	Single, S.	"	"	"
4663	Ser.	Dunstan, R.	"	"	"
1865	Sdr.	Parker, J.A.	"	"	Wounded
1720A	Ser.	Young, S.W.W.	9 th Bty	"	"
1630	"	Lee, W.D.	"	"	"
1547	"	Walker, R.S.	7 th Bty	23-10-17	"
431	"	Moore, H.G.	"	"	"
	J. Capt.	Taulkner, J.W.	9 th	"	"
	Lieut.	Parker, H.W.	9 th	25-10-17	"
27283	Gnr.	Quinn, O.J.	8 th	"	"
2209	Ser.	Wade, L.B.	9 th	26-10-17	"
5985	"	Korok, J.H.	"	"	"
1853	Gnr.	Bunningham, R.T.	103 rd	"	K in A
3565	Sgt	Viney, J.	"	"	Wounded
2004	Gnr.	Botmore, C.	"	"	"
12298	"	Knight, H.	"	"	"
2109	T/Cpl.	O'hell, G.	"	"	"

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<u>29-10-17</u>					
			Our Artillery Target	no of Rounds	
			Time Battery.	Shrap. H.E.	
	5-15 am	7 th	Army Barrage	101 99	
			R.A. (A)		
	5-15 am	8 th	do do	90 88	
	5-15 am	103 rd	do do	- 120	
	2-4 P.M.	8 th	Sprentzen searching	60 60	
<u>30-10-17</u>					
	5-40 am	8 th	Summary Barrage in rear of S.O.S. Line in conjunction with Infantry attack O.O.M.2	153 153	
<u>31-10-17</u>					
In accordance with 21 st Div. Army B.M. 423 dated 30-10-17 the 3 rd Army Bde relieved Agn 113 rd Army Bde on 31-10-17 took over Command of C. Group at the TUILLERIE I 22-B. 4'8, sheet 28. Further details of relief will be given in November Diary					
Casualties in 3 rd Army Bde A.F.A. for period period from 29/10/17 to ending 31-10-17					
Regt No	Rank	Name	Unit	Date	Remarks
3658	Bdr	Kyle, F.C.	7 th	29-10-17	Wounded
227	Gnr	Moore, J.P.	"	"	"
11116	"	O'Connell, W.J.	"	"	"
1707	"	Weyland, P.H.	"	"	"
3225	"	Boherly, H.	"	"	"
2163	"	Blair, R.H.	"	"	"
5722	"	Strenmeyer, L.	9 th	"	"
279	"	Kempson, G.H.	"	"	"
1177	"	Proctor, H.H.	"	"	"
31611	"	Sutton, P.E.	8 th	30-10-17	"
29532	"	Johas, J.A.	"	"	"
3028	"	Woolley, L.	"	"	"
6105	Fdr	Marshall, A.A.	"	"	"
21811	Gnr	Gray, J.G.	"	"	"
3298	"	Steele, A.	9 th	"	K.M.A.
34621	"	Hayden, J.	"	"	"
3307	T/Cpl	Blair, B.S.	"	"	Wounded
2038	Gnr	Rey, A.R.	"	"	"


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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

MARCH ORDER NO. 1

REFERENCE MAP HAZEBROUCK $\frac{1}{100,000}$

HEADQUARTERS,

3-10-1917

MOVE

The 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will proceed on the 4th instant to a rest area.

1
ROUTE

On the 4th inst, from present Wagon Lines to OUDEZELLE VIA RENINGHELST - ABELLE to OUDEZELLE.

2
ORDER OF MARCH.
TIME &
STARTING POINT

H.Q., 7th, 8th 9th, 103rd & B.A.C. All 2nd Line transport, with the exception of mess and water cart will march as a unit in rear of the B.A.C under charge of the Battery Captain of the rear Battery.

3
Time and Starting point will be notified later.
Distance of 100 yards will be maintained between Batteries.

HALTS

Halts of 10 minutes will be made at each clock hour.

4
ADVANCED PARTIES

An officer from the 9th Battery, and 1 M.C.O. ~~1 Officer~~ and 1 man from each Unit, will report mounted at H.Q. at 8 a.m to-morrow morning, to go ahead of Column as Billeting Party.

5
REAR PARTY

An officer and 6 men from each Unit will remain to clear up their own lines and salvage anything left behind.

All Wagon Lines to be left in a clean and sanitary condition.

This officer will render a certificate to this effect to H.Q. on arrival at OUDEZELLE.

6
MARCH DISCIPLINE

No more than three men will ride on each pair of wheels, any excess of personnel to this will march as a body at the rear of its own Unit. No straying on the road to be allowed at halts.

All personnel, except drivers and mounted personnel will keep on the inside of the road.

This will be notified later.

7
SUPPLIES.8
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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

MARCH ORDER NO.2

REFERENCE MAP HAZEBROUCK $\frac{1}{100,000}$ HEADQUARTERS,
4-10-1917

- MOVE
1 The 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will continue the move to the Rest Area LA MOTTE on the 5th inst.
- ROUTE
2 From present Wagon Lines to LA MOTTE VIA road passing through N in STEENVORDE and crossing main STEENVORDE - CASSEL ROAD $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile West of STEENVORDE - ST SYLVESTRE CAPPEL - HAZEBROUCK - LA MOTTE.
- ORDER OF MARCH
TIME & STARTING POINT.
3 The Brigade will march, H.Q., 8th, 9th, 103rd, 7th Batteries B. A. C and 2nd Line transport under charge of the Battery Captain of the rear Battery. The head of the Column will ~~start~~ pass the Starting Point:- CROSS ROAD cutting the sheet line $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of the S in ST LAURENT at 8.45.a.m on the 5th instant.
Distance of 100 yards will be maintained between Units
- HALTS
4 Halts of 10 minutes will be made at each clock hour.
- ADVANCED PARTY
5 An officer from the 9th Battery and a N.C.O and 1 man from each Unit, mounted, will report to H.Q at 6.15.a.m on the 5th inst to go ahead of the Column as Billeting Party.
- REAR PARTY
6 1 Officer and 6 men will remain behind to clear up lines and salvage any gear left behind. Units will make their own arrangements for transport for the personnel. A report to be furnished to H.Q at LA MOTTE that Billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.
- MARCH DISCIPLINE
7 As per March Order No.1, 3-10-1917.
- CAMP EQUIPMENT
8 No Camp Equipment or material is to be taken away from Billets.
- SUPPLIES
9 This will be notified later.
- A C K N O W L E D G E
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MARCH ORDER No. 1

MAP. REF. HAZEBROUCK 5A.

DATE. 17- 10- 17.

MOVE

1. The 3RD ARMY F.A. BRIGADE will march on the 18th instant, from present billets to the WESTOUTRE AREA.

ROUTE

2. LA COURONNE, VIEUX BERQUIN, STRAZEELE, FLETRE, BERTHEN, WESTOUTRE.

ORDER OF MARCH

3. HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BATTERY, 103RD BATTERY, 7TH BATTERY, 8TH BATTERY and BDE. AMM. COL.

STARTING POINT

4. CROSS ROADS near the "L" in LA COURONNE.
Head of the Column will pass the Starting Point at 10 a.m.
The 9TH BATTERY will follow Headquarters from Headquarters Billet at 9.40 a.m.

HALTS

5. Halts of 10 minutes will be made at each hour.

TRANSPORT

6. All 2nd Line Transport except Mess Carts and Water Carts will march as a unit in rear of the BA&C. under the Battery Captain of the rear Battery.

ADVANCE PARTIES

7. An Officer of the 103rd Battery and 1 N.C.O. and 1 Man from each unit will report mounted at Bde. Headquarters at 7³⁰ a.m. *7am* to proceed ahead of the Column and report to the Area Commandant WESTOUTRE to arrange Billets.

REAR PARTIES

8. An Officer and 5 Men from each unit will remain behind to see that their Lines are left thoroughly clean, and will obtain a Certificate from the CAMP WARDEN to this effect. The Certificate will be forwarded to Bde. Headquarters.

The Officer of the 9TH BATTERY will remain for 3 Hours after the Brigade moves out to investigate any claims made by inhabitants. On the completion of the move he will render a report to Bde. Headquarters stating whether any claims were lodged. *Rear parties will be mounted or provided with bicycles.*

AREA STORES

9. Tents and Posts for Horselines will be left standing, and Water-troughs left where they are being used.

MARCH DISCIPLINE

10. No more than ² Men will ride on each pair of Wheels. Any excess personnel will march in a body in rear of its own unit. No Straying on the Road to be allowed on Halts.
100 Yards interval to be maintained between Batteries.

SUPPLIES

11. Rations and Forage will be drawn from CAESTRE by Brigade and issued to Units on arrival at WESTOUTRE.

TRANSFER.

12. The 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A. is transferred from 1ST ANZAC to Xth CORPS. (R.A. Xth CORPS 9. 11. 405).

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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