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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Artillery

Item number: 13/31/41

Title: Headquarters, 3rd Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

January 1918



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Remarks and references to Appendices			
Summary of Events and Information	Hour	Date	Place

WAR DIARY
OF
3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST F.A.

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1ST JANUARY 1918

During the whole of January 1918 the 3rd Army Bde Aust.F.A remained in the Close Support Area, occupying the following positions:- 1
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Headquarters	T 2 C 4-7
7th Bty	S 23 A 8-3
8th Bty	S 11 C 8-2
9th Bty	S 11 A 8-1
103rd Bty	S 11 A 8-1
B. A. C	nT 7 D 9-9

TRAINING Training of personnel was continued on the lines laid down in WAR DIARY for December 1917.

WEATHER. During the first two weeks of the month considerable snow fell and there were frequent frosts. The latter half of the month was particularly mild and very little rain fell.

GUNS ON CHARGE:- 18Pdr.....18
4-5How..... 6

all of which were thoroughly overhauled at No.23 Mobile Workshop (Light) before issue.

STRENGTH	7TH JANUARY 1918.....32 OFF.	957 O.R.
	14TH JANUARY 1918.....32 OFF.	973 O.R.
	21ST JANUARY 1918.....31 OFF.	970 O.R.
	31ST JANUARY 1918.....32 OFF.	1013 O.R.

TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A. TO PRESENT DATE:-

SHRAPNEL	H.EXPLOSIVE	TOTAL
200269	197110	397369

BRIGADE SPORTS MEETING.

On the 10-1-18 a Brigade Athletic Sports Meeting was held.

GARDENING

At the request of the Town Major NEUVE EGLISE vegetable gardens were prepared in billets occupied by the Brigade.

RELIEF

Preparatory to relieving the 12th Army Brigade in the line between 2nd and 4th February 1918, preliminary reconnaissances were carried out by all Battery Commanders in accordance with Operation Order No.2 attached.

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COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

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WAR DIARY

OF

3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST FIELD ARTILLERY

FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.2

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX. 1

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OPERATION ORDER NO.2

MAP REF. SHEET 28.S.W & S.E (Parts of)

HEADQUARTERS,

EDITION 1.A

28-1-1918.

RELIEF.

(1) In accordance with AUST CORPS ORDER NO.11 dated 20-1-18 and Arty Instructions No.206 dated 23-1-18 the 3rd Army Bde Aust F.A will relieve the 12th Army Bde Aust.F.A between the 2nd and 4th February 1918. Relief to be completed by 10 a.m on 4th February.

(2) H.Q 3rd Army Bde will relieve H.Q.12th Army Bde at N 18 B 90-25
7th Battery will relieve 45th Battery at O 9 A 5-3
8th Battery will relieve 46th Battery at O 7 D 54-03
9th Battery will relieve 47th Battery at O 8 B 40-11
103rd Battery will relieve 112th Battery at O 14 B 58-68

(3) Guns will be taken over in situ. Batteries of 12th Army Brigade will take over guns from respective Batteries of 3rd Army Brigade under arrangements to be made between Battery Commanders concerned.
In accordance with G.R.O 3202 Guns and Howitzers will be handed over with breech-blocks and carriage strapped, but no sights, tools or spare parts will be handed over.

(4) One Section per Battery will be relieved during night 2/3rd February and the relief completed during the night 3/4th February.

C.O.3rd Army Bde Aust.F.A will take over Command from C.O.12th Army Bde Aust F.A at 10.a.m on 4th February.

(5) Batteries will forward one copy of the receipt for guns handed and taken over.

(6) Separate orders re relief of B.A.C and Bty Wagon Lines will be issued later.

(7) Battery Commanders will get in touch by the 31st inst with the Battery Commander being relieved, and obtain preliminary particulars re ammunition supply, condition of guns, O.P's in use, communications, and nature of operations in progress.

(8) A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. Humphrey
CAPT.F.A.

ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

COPIES TO:- No.1 O.C.7th Bty
2. O.C.8th Bty
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4. O.C.103rd Bty
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