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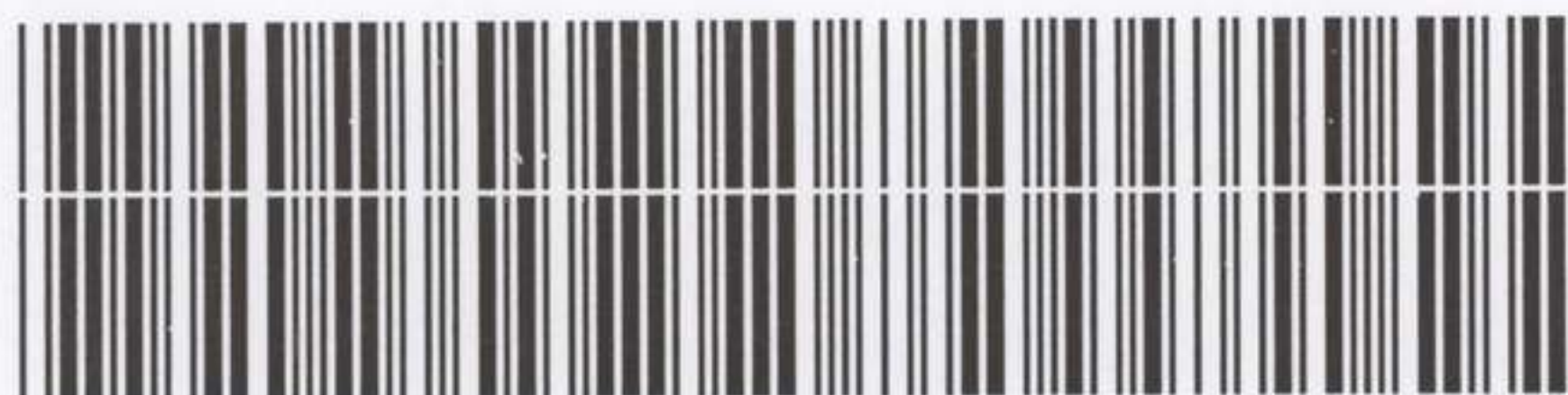
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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

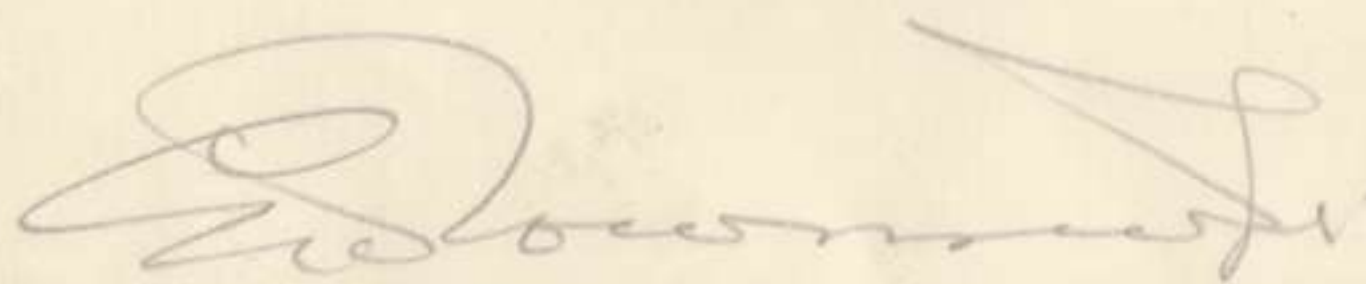
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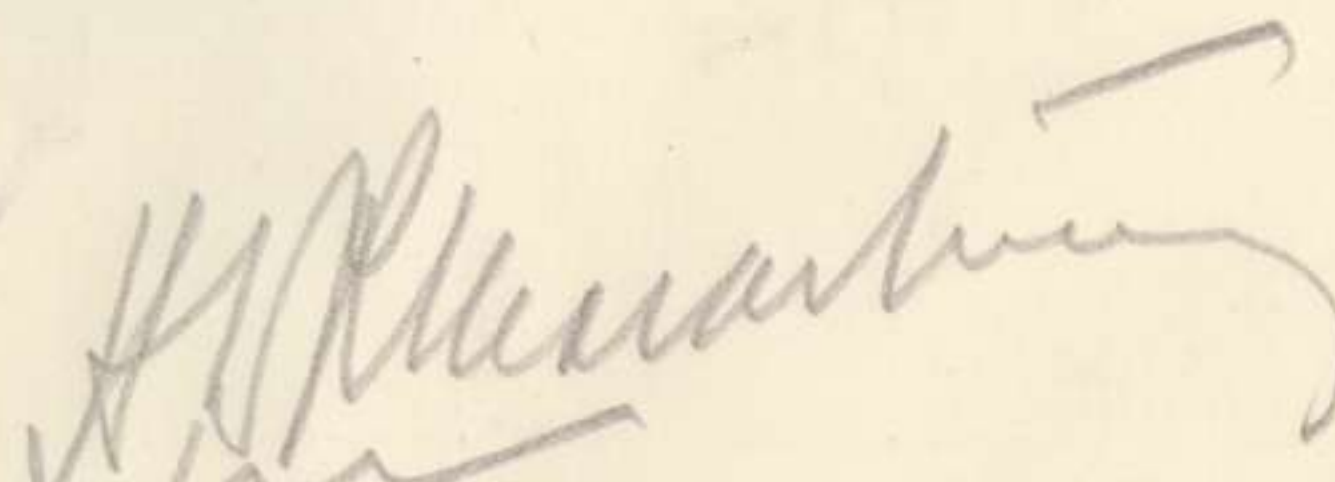
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Commanding, 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery

WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
	1st. Oct.		Reference Sheet WIANCOURT 1/40,000. Location of Headquarters and Batteries of 3rd Army Bgde. at 4 p.m. on 1st. Oct. were as follows:- <div> <div>Reference Sheet 620 1/40,000.</div> <div> <div>Headquarters - F.17.a.30.10.</div> <div>7th Battery - F.17.a.80.50.</div> <div>8th Battery - F.23.a.20.50.</div> <div>9th Battery - F.23.a.80.32.</div> <div>103rd " - F.17.a.30.20.</div> <div>B.A.C. - E.24.a.90.60.</div> </div> </div>	
	2nd Oct.		During the day, observed shoots were carried out with very satisfactory results. Orders were received (R.A.A.B.91) to send all remaining men eligible for and desirous of 1914 leave, to the Corps Furlough Depot as BRAY. Owing to the shortage of men in the Brigade at this time, (about 300 men) the C.O. wired in answer that these men could not be despatched until the Brigade was withdrawn from the Line.	
	3rd Oct.		At 6.10 a.m. on the 3rd October, in accordance with instructions received from H.Q. Left Group 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, which consisted of 3rd Army Brigade and 7th A.F.A. Brigade and the 110th Brigade R.F.A., the 3rd Army Brigade fired a barrage in support of an Infantry operation which was entirely successful. The Batteries of the 3rd Army Brigade moved forward and occupied the following positions. Headquarters remained at F.17.a.3.1. <div> <div>7th Battery - A.21.a.5.5.</div> <div>8th Battery A.21.c.3.7.</div> <div>9th Battery - A.26.b.75.80.</div> <div>103rd Battery A.21.c.35.32.</div> </div>	
	4th Oct.		On the morning of the 4th October, Lieut)Colonel G.I.Stevenson, C.M.G., Major Crisp D.S.O., O.C., 7th Battery, Major C.G.Stewart M.C., O.C. 8th Battery, in accordance with a telephonic communication from 3rd D.A. proceeded to ENGLAND, preparatory to returning to AUSTRALIA. Major P.E.Cooper, O.C., 103rd Battery took command of the Brigade.	
	5th Oct.		The same day instructions were received by telephone from the 3rd Aust. D.A. that the Brigade was to be relieved. Owing to the distance the relieving Brigade had to march, the relief could not take place until the 5th instant. Nothing was handed over on relief as the incoming Brigade occupied new positions forward. On the morning of the 5th instant, the 3rd Army Brigade withdrew to Wagon Lines. That afternoon, orders were received from the 1st D.A. to the effect that the 3rd Army Brigade was to proceed to a rest area near LONGPRE. The march was to commence on the 7th October, the 3rd Army Brigade to come under the orders of the 1st. Aust. D.A.	

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	6th.		<p>Reference Sheet 62C 1/40,000.</p> <p>At 9 a.m. the head of the 3rd Army Brigade column passed the starting point at Cross roads in ST EMILIE and marched via ROISEL - MARQUAIX - TINCOURT - ST DENIS - MOUNT ST QUENTIN - FEUILLACOURT - CLERY-sur-SOMME - CULLU. A halt of an hour was made at midday at TINCOURT to water and feed. The Brigade Bivouaced at CURLU for the night under arrangements made by the 1st. Australian D.A.</p>	
	7th.		<p>Reference Sheet AMIENS 17. 1/100,000.</p> <p>At 8 a.m. on the 7th October the 3rd Army Brigade moved out of CURLU en route to HAMELET. The line of march was through HEM - FEUILLIERES - DOMPIERE - CHUIGNIES - PROYART MORECOURT - CERISY - HAMEL thence to HAMELET. A midday halt for lunch was made at MORECOURT and to water and feed animals. The Brigade bivouaced at HAMELET for the night, under arrangements made by the 1st. Australian D.A.</p> <p>The undermentioned Officers joined the Brigade from R.A. Cadet School and were posted to Batteries as indicated.</p> <p>2/Lieut. J.A. KIERTAH - 8th Battery 2/Lieut. S.H. ROBINSON. - do 2/Lieut. R.S. Murray. - B. A. C.</p>	
	8th.		<p>At 8 a.m. on the 8th October, the head of the column of the 3rd Army Brigade passed the Church in HAMELET. The route taken was through FOUILLY - LONGEAU - CAMON - RIVERY - LONGPRE and billets were occupied in ARGOEUVES. No halt for lunch was made this day.</p> <p>Reference Sheets:- AMIENS 17 1/100,000. ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.</p>	
	9th.		<p>At 10.50 a.m. on the morning of the 9th October the head of the 3rd Brigade Column passed the starting point, which was the Church in LE CHAUSSEE TIRANCOURT. The line of march was made through the following villages:- YZEUX - BOURDON - HANGEST - SOUES - CORENFLOS - BUSSUS BUSSUEL, arriving at the latter village at about 5 p.m. The Brigade bivouaced in the fields near by for the night. It was originally intended that the Brigade should be billeted in AIRAINES to which town the Brigade Orderly Officer had gone on the 6th instant to make all</p>	

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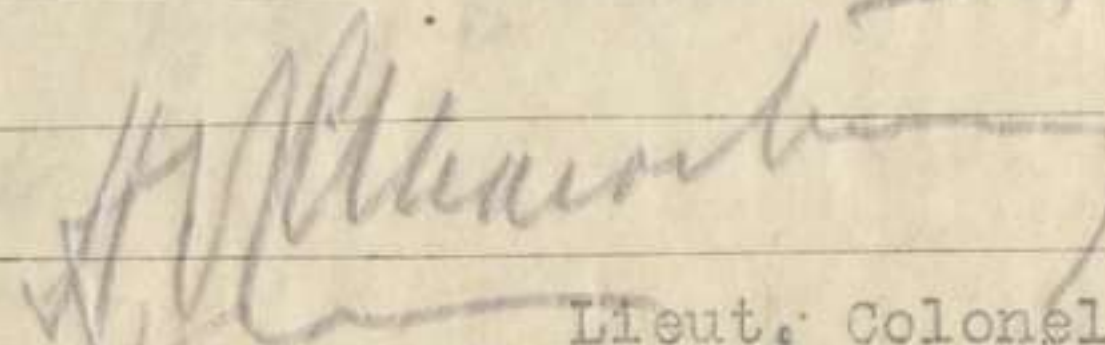
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			<p>billeting arrangements. On the 9th October the Brigade was intercepted on its way to AIRAINNES at SOUES from which village it marched to BUSSUS BUSSUEL by the above mentioned route. No arrangements for billeting were made, as nothing was known of the Brigades coming.</p> <p>On the 9th October the Command of the 3rd Army Brigade was taken over by Lieut-Colonel H.D.K. Macartney D.S.O.</p>	
	10th.		<p>On the 10th October the 7th & 8th Batteries were moved to new billets in LE PLOUY. Billets and Horse lines for H.Q., 9th & 103rd Batteries and B.A.C. being obtained in BUSSUS. All billets were very limited as regards accomodation, and horse lines were established in grass paddocks, no proper standings being available. On the 10th October Major F.B. Jacob joined the Brigade from the 12th Army Brigade and was appointed to command the 7th Battery. For the next two days men and animals were rested as much as possible, and every endeavour made to make the Units comfortable. The shortage of R.E. Material of every description at first prohibited the improvement of billets, making of cook-houses, harness sheds etc. Lieut R.M. Shaw joined the Brigade from R.B.A.A. and was posted to the 8th Battery.</p>	
	11th.		<p>On the 11th October Lieut R.V. Hunter M.C. joined the 3rd Army Brigade from the 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery. On account of the state of clothing, & shortage of equipment, it was deemed necessary to appoint an Officer temporarily as Brigade Q.M. - Lieut J.M. Vine was appointed to this post.</p>	
	12th.		<p>On the 12th October a scheme for the training of the Brigade N.C.Os. was commenced embracing foot drill, rifle exercises, saluting, command etc.,</p>	
	16th.		<p>In order to enable men to go on leave to ABBEVILLE arrangements were made with the 3rd Army Brigade Park Section to allot 2 lorries on Wednesday and three lorries on Sunday to the Brigade. Commencing on Wednesday the 16th October these lorries left the H.Q. of the 3rd Army Brigade at 10 a.m. and returned at 9 p.m.</p>	
	18th.		<p>On the 18th October Captain H.R. Shalders M.C. joined the Brigade from the 12th Army Brigade and was appointed to command the 3rd B.A.C.</p>	
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	20th		On the 20th October a Recreation Committee was formed to arrange for all Brigade sports football matches, cross country runs concerts etc. Foot-ball matches were arranged on several occasions with Australian Infantry Battalions in the vicinity, who brought their bands with them, in G.S. wagons provided by the 3rd Army Brigade.	
	22nd		On the 22nd of October 2/Lieut.P.C.Buchanan, joined the Brigade as Signal Officer from Australian Corps.	
	30th		A Brigade cross country run of 3 miles was held on the afternoon of the 30th of October Each Battery and B.A.C entered a team of 30 men and competition was keen. The 9th Battery team was the winner the remaining teams being placed as follows, B.A.C, 103rd, 8th Battery, and 7th Battery.	
			During the month 187 other ranks joined the Brigade 122 being reinforcements and 65 being men rejoining from Hospital, R.B.A.A. etc. Despite these reinforcements the Brigade was very much under strength, as a fair number of men had to be evacuated with influenza, one days evacuation reaching the total of 18 other ranks.	
			securing The Brigade was fortunate in (under arrangements made with C.C. 272nd Prisoner of War Company) about 100 German Prisoners of War daily, for work in Unit lines.	
			 Lieut. Colonel., Commanding 3rd Army Brigade Australian F.A.	

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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BY LIEUT-COL G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G., COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,

2-10-1918.

1. Left Group of 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate in an operation to be carried out at short notice on a date and at a time to be notified later.
2. The action of Left Group will be to fire a Creeping Barrage and Final Protective Barrage
3. Group Barrage Start Line is as follows -
A.11.D.30.00 - A.10.B.40.30
Protective Barrage Line for the Group runs -
T.25.A.87.10 - S.29.D.1.1.
4. Brigades are allotted Zones as follows -
7TH BRIGADE A.F.A.
Frontage on Start Line - A.11.C.00.80 - A.10.B.40.30.
Frontage on Protective Barrage - S.30.C.30.45 to S.29.D.1.1.
110TH BRIGADE R.F.A.
Frontage on Start Line - A.11.C.70.40 - A.11.C.00.80.
Frontage on Protective Barrage - S.30.D.40.75 to S.30.C.30.45.
3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.
Frontage on Start Line - A.11.D.30.00 to A.11.C.70.40.
Frontage on Protective Barrage - T.25.A.87.10 to S.30.D.40.75.
5. FROM ZERO TILL ZERO PLUS 6 Minutes, fire will remain on START LINE.
RATE OF FIRE, 3 rounds per gun per minute.
FROM ZERO PLUS 6 Minutes TILL PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE is reached the Barrage will creep forward in lifts of 100 yards every FOUR (4) minutes.
RATE OF FIRE, - 2 rounds per gun per minute.
From time of reaching PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE until ZERO PLUS 145 Minutes - RATE OF FIRE - 1 round per gun per minute.
NOTE - 7th Brigade Batteries will come on to Protective Barrage Line between ZERO PLUS 70 and ZERO PLUS 86.
110th Brigade Batteries will come on to Protective Barrage Line between ZERO PLUS 86 AND ZERO PLUS 102.
3rd Brigade Batteries will come on to Protective Barrage Line between ZERO PLUS 102 AND ZERO PLUS 130, and Protective Barrage will be continued after ZERO PLUS 130 for 15 Minutes i.e. till ZERO PLUS 145 Minutes.
6. 4.5" How Batteries of each Brigade will be equally distributed over the frontage allotted to their respective Brigade but 200 yards in front of 18 Pdr Barrage during Creeping Barrage.
On reaching Protective Barrage Line the following targets will be dealt with by the 4.5" Batteries.-
D/110 Battery.- Trench Junction in S.29.C.
103rd How Battery.- 1.Valley along Railway in S.30.C.
2.Sunken Road at S.30.A.75.00 - S.30.A.70.4
107th How Battery.- 1.High ground in S.29 in vicinity of LA PAMERIE SOUTH.
2.Observed movement beyond Protective Barrage Line.

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6. contd. RATE OF FIRE FOR 4.5" HOWS -
 ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 6 1 1/2 Rounds per How per minute.
 ZERO PLUS 6 TO ZERO PLUS 145 1 Round per How per minute.

7. From ZERO PLUS 145 MINUTES - All Batteries will fire short and sharp bursts of fire at frequent and irregular intervals over the front allotted to them.

Targets requiring particular attention are -

1. TRENCH running through S.39.D and S.30.C.
2. VALLEY in S.30.B.

8. F.O.O's will be sent out and keep in touch with their Batteries and as far as possible shooting in accordance with para 7 will be carried out with direct observation.

9. Batteries which become out of range during this operation will be moved forward at once under orders of Brigade Commander concerned, who will ensure that guns are dribbled forward singly to their new positions.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. L. St. Luth

CAPT. F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.
 LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

Distribution - 7th 8th 9th 103rd How., Btys.
 7th Bde Aust F.A.
 110th Brigade R.F.A.
 3rd Aust D.A.
 1st Infantry Brigade.
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-----LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY
-----OPERATION ORDER NUMBER.24
-----BY LIEUT COL.G.I.STEVENSON.C.M.G .COMMANDING
-----HEADQUARTERS,
2-10-1918

1. Reference Left Group Artillery Operation Order No.23 para 4 -
2. Batteries of 3rd Brigade are allotted tasks as under :-

START LINE FRONTAGEPROTECTIVE BARRAGE FRONT

7th Battery....A.11.D.3.0 - A.11.D.1.1	T.25.A.87.10 - T.25.A.4.0
8th Battery....A.11.D.1.1 - A.11.C.95.25	T.25.A.4.0 - S.30.D.9.9
9th Battery....A.11.C.95.25 - A.11.C.7.4	S.30.D.9.9 - S.30.D.40.75
103rd Battery..A.11.D.55.30 - A.11.C.90.75	T.25.A.87.10 - S.30.D.40.75

3. Each Battery will send out an F.O.O to direct the fire of his Battery on to any enemy movement seen, which is to be engaged at once vigorously.

4. Rates of fire and Lifts as per Left Group Artillery Operation Order Number.23.

5. Acknowledge.

Edwin H. Smith
CAPT.F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST F.A.
LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

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LEFT GROUP 3rd A.D.A.

AS AT NOON 3RD OCTOBER 1918.

LEFT GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. F.17.d.3.1.
 7th Battery A.21.a.5.5.
 8th Battery A.21.c.3.7.
 9th Battart A.26.b.75.80
 103rd How Battery A.21.c.35.32.

7TH AUSTRALIAN F.A.BDE.

HEADQUARTERS F.17.d.7.0
 25th Battery A.20.d.4.1.
 26th Battery A.26.b.35.80
 27th Battery A.26.b.40.65.
 107th How Battery A.14.b.95.90.

Robert H. Smith
 CAPT. F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST F.A.
 LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A.

OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 254

BY LIEUT - COL G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G., COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
3.10.1918.

Reference Map SHEET 1/20,000 WIANCOURT.

1. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate in an operation to be carried out in support of an Infantry attack.
2. ZERO DATE AND HOUR is 4th OCTOBER 1918 at 0610.
3. The action of the 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will be to fire a Creeping Barrage and Final Protective Barrage.
4. The Brigade frontage on START LINE is -
A.4.d.3.7 to A.5.c.1.6.
The frontage on PROTECTIVE BARRAGE is -
S.28.b.3.7 to S.23.c.38.20.
5. The Brigade START LINE is allotted to Batteries as follows -
7TH BATTERY..... A.4.d.3.7 - A.4.d.57.55
8TH BATTERY..... A.4.d.57.55 - A.4.d.85.60.
9TH BATTERY..... A.4.d.85.60 - A.5.c.1.6.
103RD HOW BATTERY. A.4.b.30.19 - A.5.a.10.90.
6. The PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE is allotted to Batteries as follows -
7TH BATTERY S.28.b.3.7 - S.28.b.70.85
8TH BATTERY S.28.b.70.85 - S.23.c.05.00
9TH BATTERY S.23.c.05.00 - S.23.c.38.20.
103RD HOW BATTERY. S.22.d.30.10 - S.23.c.40.55
7. From ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 6 minutes fire will remain on Start Line.
From ZERO PLUS 6 till PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE is reached the Barrage will creep forward in lifts of 100 yards every FOUR (4) minutes.
8. RATES OF FIRE.- 18 PDRS.
ZERO to ZERO PLUS 3.....3 rounds per gun per minute.
ZERO PLUS 3 to ZERO PLUS 6.....2 rounds per gun per minute.
ZERO PLUS 6 till ZERO PLUS 88...1 round per gun per minute.
ZERO PLUS 88 to ZERO PLUS 98... $\frac{1}{2}$ round per gun per minute.
ZERO PLUS 98 to ZERO PLUS 120... $\frac{1}{2}$ round per gun per minute.
ZERO PLUS 120.....CEASE FIRE.
9. RATES OF FIRE- 4.5" HOWS.
ZERO to ZERO PLUS 6.....2 rounds per How per minute.
ZERO PLUS 6 to ZERO PLUS 88.....1 round per How per minute.
ZERO PLUS 88 onwards 4.5" Hows will engage any targets observed or on which they are called upon to shoot.

Philip H. Smith
CAPT.F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

DISTRIBUTION. 7th, 8th, 9th, 103rd Batteries.
150th Infantry Brigade.
8th Brigade A.F.A.
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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.

OFFICERS and W.Os. CLASS I WHO HAVE JOINED OR GONE DURING
WEEK ENDING:-

5-10-18.

JOINED. N I L

GONE. Capt A.H.Humphrey M.C. ttd to 1st.Aust.Div.Arty H.Q.29-9-18.
Capt.F.W.Faulkner M.C. wounded to Hospital 29-9-18.
Lieut. A.N.Audley wounded to Hospital 3-10-18.
1926 (W.O.) E.G.Thompson M.C. to Aust.1914 leave.3-10-18.

12-10-18.

JOINED. Lieut-Col. H.D.K.Macartney D.S.O. from Aust.Corps.9-10-18.
Major T.B.Jacobs from 45th Battery Aust.F.A. 9-10-1918.
Lieut R.N.Shaw from R.B.A.A. 9-10-18.
2/Lieut. R.S.Murrar from R.A.Cadet School. 7-10-18.
2/Lieut. C.H.Robinson do do
2/Lieut. J.A.Kierath do do

GONE. Lieut-Col. G.I.Stevenson C.M.G. to AUSTRALIA 4-10-18.
Major A.F.Crisp D.S.O. do do
Major C.G.Stewart M.C. do do
Lieut. O.H.Echurch. do do
Lieut. N.W.Smith do do
Capt D.A.Robertson do 10-10-18.

26-10-18.

JOINED. 2/Lieut W.R.M. Holt. from 10th Battery A.F.A. 23-10-18.
2/Lieut E.G. Nixon 2 2nd Aust. D.A. do

GONE. N I L.

13-10-18.

JOINED. Lieut. R.V.Hunter from 112th Battery 11-10-18.

GONE. N I L

1-11-18.

JOINED. T/Major F.G.Lloyd from 12th Army Brigade. A.F.A.

Gone. Captain. A.H.Smith to Australia 1-11-18.

SCHOOLS.

The following Schools were attended by personnel, as detailed below, during the Month of October 1918.

FOURTH ARMY SIGNAL SCHOOL - Course commencing 26-10-18.

2/Lieut. J.A. KIERATH.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS LEWIS GUN SCHOOL.

4101	A/Bdr.	REILLY J.S.	-	course commencing	5-10-18.
11108	A/Bdr.	MUNYARD K.R.	-	" "	28-10-18.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS COOKERY SCHOOL.

6061	Bdr.	SHIELD A.	-	Course commencing	5-10-18.
3717	Bdr.	GIBSON A.E.	-	do	5-10-18.
6087	Gnr.	BAXTER P	-	do	24-10-18.
5608	Gnr.	OWEN W.H.	-	do	24-10-18.

The following personnel proceeded to R.B.A.A. England on 1-10-18 as PERMANENT CADRE RELIEF.

1283	Sgt.	PODMORE W.R.
21059	Cpl.	REILLY CORLESS C
3847	Dvr.	FLETCHER B.
4368	Dvr.	BAKER T.J.

CASUALTY LIST for OCTOBER 1918.PERSONNEL.

No.1274 Gnr. BYRNES J.J. 9th Battery to Hospital G.S.W.
1-10-18.
Lieut. A.N.AUDLEY to Hospital G.S.W. (both legs.)
3-10-18.
No.33428 Dvr.EDWARDS F.R. to Hospital G.S.W.(left Arm)

Horses.

3 L.D. evacuated to M.V.S. wounded - 2-10-18.
4 Mules " " " " - 2-10-18.
1 R.3. Missing.

OFFICERS PROCEEDING ON LEAVE during OCTOBER.1918.

Lieut. J.A.CAMPBELL	-	8-10-18.	for 14 days.
Lieut. N.J.G.O'Bryan	-	18-10-18.	do
Lieut. A.J.SMITH	-	20-10-18.	do
Lieut. R.V.HUNTER.	-	31-10-18.	do

ATTACHED.

Capt. W.G.ROBINSON (Dental Unit.) 26-10-18. for 14 days.

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CAPTAIN Francis Webb FAULKNER M.C. was awarded a BAR to MILITARY CROSS for the following action:-

The 9th Battery Position near FEUILLACOURT was suddenly subjected to a heavy burst of H.E. and gas shells about 8.30 p.m. on the night 3rd September 1918. The detachments were living in dug-outs in a trench and seven men were wounded.

Captain Faulkner, though himself suffering from the effects of gas, carried wounded men from gas-filled dugouts which had received direct hits, and applied Field Dressings until the arrival of the R.M.O.

Owing to a shortage of men he then assisted to carry the wounded men through a heavy barrage to the Dressing Station $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away.

He set a fine example of courage to the personnel of the Battery at a critical time, and showed a total disregard for his personal safety.

CORPORAL Leonard MOLLOY was awarded the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL for the following action:-

When the 9th Battery A.F.A. was moving into a new position on the afternoon of 2nd September 1918, it was heavily shelled on a narrow road with H.E. and Gas Shells.

The Lead Driver of No.1 Gun-team was killed, the Wheel-driver wounded, the Sergeant wounded and two horses of the team were hit. Corporal Molloy, who was himself wounded in three places and slightly gassed, had the wounded men carried away and the wounded horses taken out of the team.

He then brought the gun into action with the remaining four horses, had the ammunition unloaded at the gun and saw the team and limber clear of the position.

He was then evacuated to a Dressing Station.

He set a fine example of courage and determination to the N.C.Os. and men of the Battery.

3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN .F.A.

AMMUNITION RETURN TO NOON 4TH OCTOBER 1918.

	7th Battery		8th Battery		9th Battery		103rd Battery.
	A	AX	A	AX	A	AX	BX.
On hand at NOON 3-10-1918.	614	229	614	606	779	270	1217
Received	988	836	912	912	564	530	1456
TOTAL.	1602	1065	1526	1518	1343	800	2673
Expended	640	693	838	779	357	239	927
Remaining at Guns NOON 4-10-1918.	962	372	688	739	986	511	1746
ECHELONS	528	528	528	528	528	528	648

G U N S T A T E .

IN ACTION	AT I.O.M.
18 PDRS 4.5" Hows	18 Pdrs 4.5" Hows,
16	6
	2

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AMMUNITION STATEMENT TO NOON 3RD OCTOBER 1918.

	7th Battery		8th Battery			9th Battery		103rd Battery.
	A	AX	A	AX	AS	A	AX	BX
On hand at Noon 2.10.1918.	1009	739	1163	560	56	942	474	1791
Received	493	291	37	640	-	560	209	350
Total	1502	1030	1200	1200	56	1502	683	2141
Expended	888	801	586	594	-	723	413	924
Remaining at Guns 3.10.18.	614	229	614	606	56	779	270	1217.
Echelons	528	528	528	528	-	528 200	528 400	648

G U N S T A T E .

IN ACTION		A T I.O.M.	
18 Pdrs	4.5" Hows	18 Pdrs	4.5" Hows.
17	6	1	2

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AMMUNITION RETURN TO NOON 2ND OCTOBER 1918.

	7TH BATTERY		8TH BATTERY			9TH BATTERY		103RD BATTERY
	A	AX	A	AX	AS	A	AX	BX
On hand NOON 1.10.1918.	1059	789	1213	610	56	995	517	1851
Received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Expended	50	50	50	50	-	53	43	60
Remaining at Guns NOON 2.10.1918.	1009	739	1163	560	56	942	474	1791
In Echelons.	732	188	401	199	-	826	615	648
B.A.C. have on hand	874A	768AX	16AS	684BX				

G U N S T A T E .

In action		At I.O.M.	
18 Pdrs	4.5" Hows	18 Pdrs	4.5" Hows.
17	6	1	-

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A.

AMMUNITION RETURN TO NOON 1ST OCTOBER 1918.

	7th Battery		8th Battery		9th Battery		103rd Battery.	
	A	AX	A	AX	AS	A	AX	BX
On Hand at New Positions 30.9.18.	1059	789	1298	694	56	995	517	633 @
Received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1148
Expended	-	-	85	84	-	-	-	-
Remaining at guns NOON 1.10.1918.	1059	789	1213	610	56	995	517	1781
Echelons.	528	528	401	199	826	826	615	648.

B.A.C. have on hand 874A 736AX 16AS 684BX.

G U N S T A T E .

In action	At I.O.M.		
18-Pdrs 4.5" Hows	18-Pdrs	4.5" Hows.	
17	6	1	1

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