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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE



FOR

the month of OCTOBER, 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

F. Woodart Lieut.

Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

Signature of Officer Commanding

C. R. Pegg Major.

Temporarily Commanding 1st. A.F.A. Brigade.

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	1918. Oct.	1st.	1st. A. F. A. Brigade in Wagon Lines at JEANCOURT.	Sheet 62 D. N.E.																									
		2nd.	Orders received from 1st. D.A.H.Q. to reconnoitre positions East of St. Quentin Canal. Brigade advanced to vicinity of JONCOURT east of Hindenburg Line. Locations as follows :- <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>B. H. Q.</td> <td>In ETRICOURT</td> <td>H.13.C.00.40.</td> <td>Wagon Lines</td> <td>G.16.C.70.20.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st. Bty.</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.14.D.70.61.</td> <td>do.</td> <td>G.21.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd. Bty.</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.14.D.28.61.</td> <td>do.</td> <td>G.21.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd. Bty.</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.1.C.09.00.</td> <td>do.</td> <td>G.21.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101st. Bty.</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.7.B.98.29.</td> <td>do.</td> <td>G.22.</td> </tr> </table>	B. H. Q.	In ETRICOURT	H.13.C.00.40.	Wagon Lines	G.16.C.70.20.	1st. Bty.	-	H.14.D.70.61.	do.	G.21.	2nd. Bty.	-	H.14.D.28.61.	do.	G.21.	3rd. Bty.	-	H.1.C.09.00.	do.	G.21.	101st. Bty.	-	H.7.B.98.29.	do.	G.22.	
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			6.20 p.m. In response to a heavy enemy bombardment on front line the 1st. and 2nd. Batteries opened fire on S.O.S. lines at slow rate of fire.																										
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			7.30 p.m. 2nd. Battery ordered to send an officer to 20th. Battalion H.Q. as Liaison Officer.																										
			10.30 p.m. 84th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A. (Right Group) gave S.O.S. as follows :- <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>H.4.c.40.50.</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.3.b.25.51.</td> </tr> </table> Battery S.O.S. lines given as follows :- <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>1st. Battery</td> <td>H.4.c.40.50</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.4.c.05.95.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd. do.</td> <td>H.4.c.05.95</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.3.b.70.30.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd. do.</td> <td>H.3.b.70.35</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.3.b.35.70.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101st. do.</td> <td>H.4.c.40.50</td> <td>-</td> <td>H.3.b.35.70.</td> </tr> </table>		H.4.c.40.50.	-	H.3.b.25.51.	1st. Battery	H.4.c.40.50	-	H.4.c.05.95.	2nd. do.	H.4.c.05.95	-	H.3.b.70.30.	3rd. do.	H.3.b.70.35	-	H.3.b.35.70.	101st. do.	H.4.c.40.50	-	H.3.b.35.70.						
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			Orders received that Zero Hour would be 6.05 a.m. on the 3rd. inst.																										
		3rd.	6.00 a.m. All Quiet.																										
			6.05 a.m. Artillery barrage opened for attack on BEAUREVOIR system in vicinity of JONCOURT.																										
			6.10 a.m. Enemy put down slight counter-battery work in vicinity of JONCOURT-NAUROY-ETRICOURT and in H.7. and H.13.																										

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

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	1918. Oct.	3rd.	<p>7.15 a.m. Heavy hostile barrage put down. Cavalry reported passing ETRICOURT advancing to the front line.</p> <p>7.25 a.m. Retaliation easing off. Hostile retaliation reported not to have interfered with action of our Infantry. JONCOURT heavily shelled. 32nd. (Imp.) Division on our right appear to be doing well. 32nd. Divisional R. F. A. gone forward - plus Cavalry. Report received from Liaison Officer that 18th. Battalion captured trenches of BEAUREVOIR System at 6.50 a.m., and that the Tanks had passed through. Prisoners coming in freely. Retaliation still fairly strong on our support line, but light on forward areas.</p> <p>7.40 a.m. Our Infantry reported beyond WIANCOURT and RAMICOURT. Many prisoners reported.</p> <p>7.45 a.m. Liaison Officer reported an enemy Battalion Commander captured.</p> <p>8.20 a.m. Liaison Officer reports hostile battery firing in open in B.23.c.80.30. (It was not possible to engage this battery as reference to Barrage Time Table showed that our barrage had already passed over the co-ordinate given. It transpires that the report was delayed in reaching us).</p> <p>8.55 a.m. Liaison Officer reports about 30 Huns on knoll with machine guns holding our Infantry up. temporarily This party held up a white flag to our Infantry and afterwards turned and fired on them. A few minutes later the trouble was reported to have been cleared up.</p> <p>8.47 a.m. Barrage stopped on GREEN line. Liaison officer reported that two German Officers had been captured by our Infantry. They state that they are unaware of any intention to counter-attack in the BELLICOURT sector. Enemy Battalions very low weak in strength. The Battalion Commander previously reported captured held the rank of Lieutenant.</p> <p>10.10 a.m. Right Group ordered an intense concentration shoot for five minutes on a farm, sunken road and trench in B.27.Central. Zero hour 10.30 a.m.</p> <p>10.30 a.m. 1st., 2nd. and 101st. Batteries carried out the above programme. Orders received from 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty., through Right Group, for the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade to withdraw to JEANCOURT area to wagon lines.</p> <p>12.30 p.m. Right Group notified that 1st. A.F.A. Brigade were cutting off telephone communications prior to moving out of the line.</p>

G. Woodard Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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	1918.			
	Oct.	3rd.	4.00 p.m. Brigade arrived at wagon lines at JEANCOURT area. Major H. R. BYRNE D.S.O., Capt. R. H. THOMSON. M.C., Lieut. J. H. G. HAYTER and 74 other ranks marched out to proceed on six months leave to Australia. The casualties sustained in the operation this morning numbered 11 other ranks, mostly slight wounds.	
		4th.	11.10 p.m. Received orders from 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. from for Brigade to be prepared to march at 12 noon on the 5th. inst. to rest area near LONGPRE. Captain E. MASTERS M.C., Lieut. R.R.MURRAY. M.M. and 31 other ranks were evacuated affected with gas received in yesterday's operation. Major R. A. LITTLE (O.C. 1st. Battery) ordered to report to to H.Q. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. to relieve Brigade Major. Lieut. C. M. STODART M.C. rejoined from 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q. and is appointed Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade vice Capt. R. H. THOMSON, to Australia. Lieut. W. E. POPE transferred to 1st. Aust. D. A. C. to under-study Adjutant. Lieut. H. R. BROOME transferred to 1st. Aust. D. A. C. to be Divisional Artillery Gas Officer.	
		5th.	1st. A. F. A. Brigade marched from JEANCOURT at 12 noon en route for LONGPRE. Bivouaced at HEM. C. R. A. inspected the Brigade on the march in the vicinity of CARTIGNY.	
		6th.	Still bivouacing at HEM. All guns of Brigade are being calibrated today at 4th. Army Calibration Range.	
		7th.	Brigade renewed its march at 9.00 a.m. travelling via VAIRE-sur-SOMME - HEBECOURT - DOMPIERRE - CHUIGNES - CERISY.	
		8th.	March continued that Brigade travelling via FOUILLOY - BLANGY - TRONVILLE - LONGUEAU - ST. SAUVEUR where it arrived at 3.30 p.m. and bivouaced.	
		9th.	Left St. SAUVEUR at 9 a.m. marching via AILLY-sur-SOMME - la CHAUSSEE - PICQUIGNY to AIRAINES where the whole of the Brigade were allotted billets. During the march from JEANCOURT the C.O., Lt.-Col. E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., travelled with H. Q., 1st. Aust. Div. Arty., the Brigade being temporarily in charge of Major C. R. RIGG. M.C., O. C. 3rd. Battery.	
		10th.	Personnel of Brigade at rest in AIRAINES.	

C. M. Stodart Captain
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	1918. Oct. 11th.		A conference of Brigade and Battery Commanders met at 10 a.m. at B. H. Q. to confer in connection with Brigade Training, and in connection with making temporary promotions vice N. C. O's who proceeded to Australia on six months leave.	
			C. R. A. visited and inspected the Brigade between 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.	
	13th.		Church Parade (Memorial Service) held at 9.30 a.m. C.R.A. visited Brigade.	
	14th.		Brigade Training Syllabus commenced. Light rain during day.	
	15th.		Preparing for Battery Manoeuvres and projected Brigade Review to be held on the 22nd. inst.	
	16th.		G. O. C. 1st. Aust. Div., accompanied by C. R. A., visited Brigade.	
	17th.		Training progressing satisfactorily. Influenza broken out in the Brigade. Seems to have originated in the latest reinforcements from England and is affecting the Batteries seriously. Arrangements are being made to establish a "Sick Bay" in the Brigade in order to avoid evacuations.	
	18th.		Influenza very prevalent. Evacuations seriously affecting the strength of Brigade. The "Sick Bay" was established today with 20 cases. D.A.D.M.S. inspected the "Sick Bay".	
	19th.		30 Cases of Influenza in the "Sick Bay". Training in progress.	
	22nd.		Influenza slightly abating. Now 26 cases in "Sick Bay". Brigade was reviewed in a "March Past" by the C. R. A. Two cases of measles in the Brigade, as a result of which the 2nd. Battery (the unit in which cases originated) was isolated. Weather cool and cloudy.	
	23rd.		The C. O., Lt.-Co..E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., proceeded to England on special leave. Major C. R. RIGG. M.C. appointed to command the Brigade during absence of C. O. Major B. HANDLEY marched in from 5th. Aust. Div. Arty. and appointed to command 2nd. Battery.	
	24th.		D. A. D. V. S. inspected the horses of the Brigade.	
	25th.		C. R. A. inspected the 2nd. Battery at manoeuvres. Influenza epidemic dying down.	
	26th.) to) 30th.)		All Batteries progressing with Training Syllabus.	
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			A.	AX.	AS.	B.B. GAS.	INCEND.	BX.	B.C.B.R. GAS.	B.S.	Total Rounds.
MESSINES.	20.12.17 to 5.2.18.		6732	13005	-	-	-	5771	740	-	26248
SPOIL BANK (YPRES)	27.2.18 to 4.4.18.		5676	11220	2	-	-	4604	1318	87	22907
PAPOTE.	16.4.18 to 22.4.18.		233	6848	-	-	158	3250	118	-	10607
BORRE and PRADELLES. VILLERS) BRETTONNEUX.)	22.4.18 to 2.8.18.		68352	27406	1115	-	972	26949	1680	-	126474
HARBONNIERES. ROSIERES. PROYART.) PROYART.) ESTREES.) VILLERS) CARBONNEL.)	8.8.18 to 15.8.18.		5383	8903	104	-	-	4189	-	18	18597
MARQUAIX. JEANCOURT. VILLERET.) JONCOURT.)	23.8.18 to 29.8.18.		3636	3627	200	+	-	2704	-	-	10167
	12.9.18 to 3.10.18.		14628	13482	1469	994	-	8943	231	231	39747
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Captain.
Adjutant, 1st. F.A. Brigade.

C. P. Regg. Wynn
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C.O. 1st F.A. Brigade A.I.F.

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FOR

the month of OCTOBER 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
I.	Second Australian Divisional Artillery Orders, Nos. 156 and 157.

(NOTE :- Appendices attached to
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APPENDIX

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET

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Headquarters,
October 2nd 1917.

ORDER No. 156.

Reference Map :-

Sheets 62B and 62C 1/40,000

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division is taking over at 0900 on October 2nd that portion of the 5th Aust.Div.front between the following boundaries :-
Southern :- H.5.central - H.15.central - G.24.central.
Northern :- B.15.a.0.5. - E.19.c.1.4. - A.29.d.9.7. - G.3.central.
- (b) On completion of relief the 5th A.I.Bde. (H.Q. G.16.a.8.6.) is to be in the line, with the 6th and 7th A.I. Bdes. in support.
2. The following Field Artillery will come under the command of the C.R. A. 2nd Aust.Div. at 0900 October 2nd and will be grouped as shown :-
- (a) RIGHT GROUP - Under O.C. 84th Army Bde.R.F.A. (H.Q.G.16.d.7.1.)
- (i) 84th Army Bde.R.F.A.
1st Aust.F.A.Bde.
- (ii) Right Sub-Group - Under O.C.65th Army Bde.R.F.A.
65th Army Bde.R.F.A.
2nd A.F.A.Bde.
- (iii) Right Superimposed Bde. - 150th Army Bde.R.F.A.
- (b) LEFT GROUP - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. (H.Q.,G.16.a.8.6.)
- (i) 12th Army Bde.A.F.A.
104th Army Bde.R.F.A.
- (ii) Left Sub-Group - Under O.C. 5th A.F.A.Bde.
4th A.F.A.Bde.
5th A.F.A.Bde.
- (iii) Left Superimposed Bde. - 103th Army Bde.R.F.A.
3. (a) In confirmation of verbal orders issued on October 1st the above Brigades will be emplaced in positions suitable for carrying out a barrage to a depth of 3500 yards from the BEAUREVOIR line within the Divisional boundaries.
- (b) Positions will be occupied in the valley about H.7, H.13, H.14, and H.19.
- (c) All Brigades will be in action by 0300 on the night October 2nd/3rd; 2 Brigades per Group will be in action by the night October 1st/2nd.
4. The inter-Group boundary will be the road H.1.d.3.0 - B.23.a.0.4. (inclusive to Left Group).

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ORDER No. 156 (Continued)

SECRET

- 5. (a) The Right and Left Groups will both maintain liaison with the G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde., and will supply any necessary Battalion Liaison Officers.
- (b) "S.O.S." Lines will be arranged by Group Commanders direct with the Infantry Brigadier and notified to D.A.H.Q.
- 6. (a) Dumps at all gun positions will be as follows, the required amounts to be at the pits by 0400 October 3rd :-
18-pdrs. :- 200 rounds per gun (45% A; 45% AX; 10% AS, where supplies permit).
4.5" hows. :- 200 rounds per how. (90% BX; 10% BS, where supplies permit).
- (b) Divisional A.R.P. is at L.10.a.6.7.
- 7. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. is at F.27.c.8.8.
- 8. Acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
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Barrage Map herewith.INTENTION.

1. (a) The Aust. Corps in conjunction with the IX Corps on the right and the XIII Corps on the left is to attack the enemy's defences on the morning of October 3rd 1918.

(b) The 2nd Aust. Div. with the assistance of tanks, is to attack within the boundaries shown on attached Map, which shows also the Divisional objective. (GREEN Line).

(c) 5th A.I. Bde. is to be on the Right, 7th A.I. Bde. on the left, with the 6th A.I. Bde. in reserve.

Headquarters as follows :-

5th A.I. Bde. - G.16.a.7.7.

6th A.I. Bde. - G.17.b.55.65.

7th A.I. Bde. - G.3.c.9.3.

(d) If circumstances permit exploitation is to be carried out beyond the GREEN Line after 1100 October 3rd.

SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

2. Field Artillery as under will support the 2nd Australian Div. operation and will be grouped as follows:-

(a) RIGHT GROUP - Under O.C. 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. (in liaison with 5th A.I. Bde.)

(1) 84th Army Bde. R.F.A.

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.

(11) Right Sub-Group - Under O.C. 65th Army Bde. R.F.A.

65th Army Bde. R.F.A.

2nd A.F.A. Bde.

(111) Right Superimposed Bde. - 150th Army Bde. R.F.A.

(b) LEFT GROUP - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. (in liaison with 7th A.I. Bde.)

(1) 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

104th Army Bde. R.F.A.

(11) Left Sub-Group - Under O.C. 5th A.F.A. Bde.

4th A.F.A. Bde.

5th A.F.A. Bde.

(111) Left Superimposed Bde. - 108th Army Bde. R.F.A.

P.T.O.

FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

3. The 2nd Aust. Div. operation will be supported by a creeping barrage in accordance with Barrage Map herewith, and also covered by a smoke barrage as laid down in para 4. Procedure for Creeping Barrage will be as follows:-

(a). 18-pdrs.:-

Open at Zero on Start Line, remain there till Zero plus 6 mins., then lift and move forward at a uniform rate of 100 yards per four minutes. After batteries lift off the RED line shown on Barrage Map they will engage selected localities(@), always moving forward according to the times and lifts shown on the Barrage Map. All batteries will cease firing as they reach the Objective (GREEN Line).

(@). Note. Left Group will particularly concentrate on the BEAUREVOIR System.

(b). 4.5" Hows.

4.5" Hows. will open on the front line of the BEAUREVOIR System remaining there till the 18-pdr. barrage is within 200 yards of that line. They then lift on to the rear line of the BEAUREVOIR System, again lifting when the 18-pdr. barrage is within 200 yards. They will then be used to engage selected localities within Group zones, always moving 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdr. barrage. All batteries cease firing as they reach the Objective (GREEN Line).

SMOKE BARRAGE.

4. Left Group will arrange for a smoke barrage to be placed as follows:-

From Zero plus 70 mins. to Zero plus 138 mins.-
the line B.10.d.9.6. - B.10.a.0.5.

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5. Move of F.A. on completion of the Barrage.
On completion of the barrage F.A. Brigades will move forward to cover any exploitation, as follows :-
4th A.F.A.Bde. with 5th A.I.Bde.
5th A.F.A.Bde. with 7th A.I.Bde.
Brigade Commanders will keep close touch with the respective Infantry Brigadiers throughout the barrage.

6. RATES OF FIRE.
Rates of Fire will be as follows :-

From	To	Per gun per minute.
		18-pdrs. 4.5" hows.
Zero	Time of lifting from BEAUREVOIR System.	3 1
Time of lifting from BEAUREVOIR System.	Completion of barrage	2 1

7. AMMUNITION.
Ammunition will be used as follows :-
(a) 18-pdrs. * - 45% A, 45% AX, 10% AS (as available) to RED line on barrage map, thereafter 50% A; 50% AX.
(b) 4.5" hows. * - 90% BX, 10% BS (as available).
* Except for Smoke barrage (vide para 4).

8. HEAVY ARTILLERY.
(a) The Heavy Artillery are co-operating with fire on selected localities and with Counter Battery work.
(b) 9th Bde.R.G.A. is affiliated to the 2nd Aust. Division.

9. LIAISON.
Group Commanders will supply Battalion Liaison Officers as required by respective Infantry Brigadiers.

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10. O.P's and F.O.O's.
 (a) All normal O.P's will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.
 (b) Group Commanders will arrange for one F.O.O. per F.A. Brigade to move forward closely in touch with the Infantry.

11. LIGHT SIGNALS.
 Light Signals to be employed are as follows:-
 (a) S.O.S. signal - No.32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.
 (b) Success Signal - No.32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
 (c) "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here" - WHITE star bursting in a RED on a parachute fired from 1 1/2" very pistol.

12. GF and LL CALLS.
 Each Group will detail two batteries to answer any GF and LL Calls during the barrage.

13. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will remain at F.27.c.8.8.
 14. S.O.S. will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero Hour.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE. *C.A. Clarke*
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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