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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Nov. 1917.			
Bomy	1st	10a.m.	One 18-pdr Carriage demanded to replace one destroyed by shell fire.	
"	2nd	10a.m.	One 18-pdr piece and two 18-pdr Carriages demanded to replace others destroyed.	
"	3rd	1p.m.	Visited Divisional Artillery and held conference with Battery Commanders 10th & 11th Brigades.	
"	4th	6p.m.	Office Routine.	
"	5th	10a.m.	Three 18-pdr pieces and Carriages and Four 4.5 How. pieces and Carriages demanded to replace others destroyed by shell fire.	
"	6th	10a.m.	2 18-pdr pieces and Five Carriages demanded demanded to replace others destroyed by shell fire.	
"	7th	6p.m.	Office Routine.	
"	8th	10a.m.	Visited Divisional Artillery and I.O.M. and asked them to wire guns in possession 12 noon	
"	9th	6p.m.	9th inst., so as to obtain correct gun situation. (see app. II)	
"	10th	10a.m.	Office Routine.	
"	11th	6p.m.	Two 18-pdr pieces and One 4.5 How piece and carriage demanded to replace others destroyed by shell fire and condemned by I.O.M.	
"	12th	6p.m.	Office Routine.	
"	13th	11a.m.	" "	
"	14th	10a.m.	One 18-pdr piece demanded to replace condemned by I.O.M. Arranged with A.D.O.S., 1st Anzac to hand over to O.O., 1st Anzac Corps Troops reserve of Socks and N.C. Containers for Small Box Respirators to save transport, as these will not be required while on L of C. Suspended issues, except Boots and Horse Shoes, to all Units of Division, until further notice.	
"	"	3.30 p.m.	Called on D.D.O.S., 1st Army to find out whom we would be based on for Ordnance while on L of C. He did not know but said he would ring D.O.S. and find out. I pointed out that if we were based on Abbeville, there would be no stock of Australian Clothing or Boots available there.	
"	"	3.30 p.m.	Phoned D.D.O.S., 1st Army asking him if he could lend me Cooker to replace one belonging to 13th Battalion, which was unable to be taken on 7 days march to L of C area, and there was no time to get one from Base before move.	
"	15th	6p.m.	Office Routine.	
"	16th	6p.m.	Office Routine.	
"	17th	3p.m.	Commenced to move stores to Gamaches in new area.	
"	18th	3p.m.	Wired Base could now except stores at new railhead.	
"	19th	8a.m.	All guns and carriages demanded on 1st Army Gun Park cancelled owing to Division leaving Army Area.	
"	20th	-	Captain Tuckett promoted to rank of Major.	
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GUN POSITION AT 12 NOON 9/11/17, 10th A.F.A.BRIGADE.

37th Battery. 18-pdr piece No.6402)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.6397)
 18-pdr piece No.754) In possession
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C39541)
 18-pdr piece No.680)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C45936)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C45989)

 18-pdr piece No.3337)
 18-pdr piece No.2932) At I.C.M.
 18-pdr piece No.6372)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.46366)

 Carriage 18-pdr One Demanded on Gun Park on indent 4A/863 dated 5/11/17 to replace No.27650
 destroyed by shell fire.

 38th Battery; 18-pdr piece No.6457)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C65454)
 18-pdr piece No.6917)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C33286) In possession
 18-pdr piece No.6147)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C32527)
 18-pdr piece No.5513)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.C39493)

 18-pdr piece No.3414)
 Carriage 18-pdr No.46374) At I.O.M.

 18-pdr piece No.6338) At Lillers railhead to replace Nos.4344 and C2145 destroyed by
 Carriage 18-pdr 30702) shell fire.

 39th Battery. Nil In possession.

 Carriage 18-pdr No.24291 At Lillers railhead to replace No.45987 destroyed by shell fire.

 18-pdr piece ~~xx~~. Two) Demanded on Gun Park on indent 4A/891 dated 6/11/17 to replace Nos.
 Carriages 18-pdr Three) 2418 and 4085, Carriage Nos. unknown, destroyed by shell fire.

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39th Battery.	18-pdr piece No.6304)	
	18-pdr piece No.3052)	
	18-pdr piece No.3377)	At I.O.M.
	18-pdr piece No.6857)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.41926)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.46371)	
110th How.	4.5 How. piece No.2138)	
Battery.	Carriage 4.5 How.No.20887	)	In possession.
	4.5 How. piece No.346)	
	Carriage 4.5 How.No.24915	)	At I.O.M.
	4.5 How. piece One	)	At Ouderdom railhead to replace Nos.1100 and 58834 destroyed by
	Carriage 4.5 How. One	)	shell fire.
	4.5 How. pieces Four	)	Demanded on Gun Park on indent 4A/891 dated 6/11/17 to replace pieces Nos.
	Carriages 4.5 How. Four)	317,429,2170 & 1470 and Carriages C2100 & C62168, Two unknown, destroyed by shell fire.

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GUN POSITION AT 12 NOON 9/11/17, 11th A.F.A. BRIGADE.

41st Battery.	18-pdr piece No.6664)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.96315)	
	18-pdr piece No.4293)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.35545)	
	18-pdr piece No.1675	)	In possession.
	Carriage 18-pdr No.12340)	
	18-pdr piece No.1314)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.38781)	
	18-pdr piece No.8335)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.23439)	
	18-pdr piece No.1253		At I.O.M.
	Carriage 18-pdr One		Demanded on Gun Park on indent 4A/863 dated 5/11/17 to replace No. unknown destroyed by shell fire.
42nd Battery.	18-pdr piece No.706)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.33398)	
	18-pdr piece No.5794)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.46070	)	In possession.
	18-pdr piece No.1835)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.60047)	
	18-pdr piece No.6270)	
	18-pdr piece No.3594	)	At I.O.M.
	18-pdr piece One.	)	At Ouderdom railhead to replace No.4165, carriage No.unknown, destroyed
	Carriage 18-pdr One	)	by shell fire.
	Carriages 18-pdr Two.		Demanded on Gun Park on indent 4A/891 dated 6/11/17 to replace Nos. C11785 and unknown destroyed by shell fire.
43rd Battery.	18-pdr piece No.6552)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.33280)	
	18-pdr piece No.2031)	In possession.
	Carriage 18-pdr No.99364)	
	18-pdr piece No.7078)	
	Carriage 18-pdr No.39278)	

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At I.O.M.

43rd Battery. 18-pdr piece No.1799

18-pdr piece One
Carriages 18-pdr Two

) At Ouderdom railhead to replace Nos.2564,33071 and 39548 destroyed
) by shell fire.

18-pdr piece One
Carriage 18-pdr One

) Demanded on Gun Park on indent 4A/863 dated 5/11/17 to replace Nos.
) 4174 and C46401 destroyed by shell fire.

111th How.
Battery.

4.5 How.piece No.1088
Carriage 4.5 How.No.5027
4.5 How. piece No.519
Carriage 4.5 How No.24945

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) In possession.
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4.5 How. piece No.8
Carriage 4.5 How.No.1233

)
) At I.O.M.

Carriage 4.5 How. One

At Ouderdom railhead to replace No.unknown destroyed by shell fire.

Carriage 4.5 How. One

Condemned. (Div.Artillery's wire SC 13 dated 9/11/17.) No.unknown.

ISSUES TO 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

UNIT.	Oil Lubricating gallns.						Oil Rangoon gallns.						Dubbins lbs.						Soap Yellow bars						Soap Soft lbs.					
	August	September	October	November	On hand	Total	August	September	October	November	On hand	Total	August	September	October	November	On hand	Total	August	September	October	November	On hand	Total	August	September	October	November	On hand	Total
37th Bty.	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	60	150	50	-	-	50	-	100	-	28	-	56	-	84
38th Bty.	5	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	30	50	36	-	146	56	56	56	-	112	280
39th Bty.	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	-	1	$14\frac{1}{2}$	-	6	6	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	50	50	-	-	150	112	112	56	56	-	336
40th Bty.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	6	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	60	60	22	-	50	-	-	72	38	56	168	-	-	262
41st Bty.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	-	11	50	-	-	-	60	110	60	-	20	50	-	130	30	-	-	28	-	58
42nd Bty.	5	-	1	-	2	8	-	-	-	6	5	11	26	-	60	-	-	86	25	-	80	-	-	105	-	28	112	-	-	140
43rd Bty.	5	-	1	-	-	6	5	-	-	-	6	11	-	-	-	-	60	60	50	50	-	-	50	150	-	-	-	-	56	56
44th Bty.	5	-	1	-	1	7	6	6	-	-	-	12	30	-	-	-	60	90	-	-	50	-	50	100	-	56	56	-	56	168
D. A. C. No. 1 Sec.	-	5	1	-	-	6	6	6	6	-	-	18	-	50	-	-	50	100	75	50	-	50	-	175	-	56	56	-	56	168
No. 2 Sec.	5	-	1	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	60	120	-	60	300	56	30	50	60	-	196	-	112	56	-	56	224
No. 3 Sec.	-	10	-	-	1	11	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	50	-	-	60	110	100	50	-	60	-	210	-	56	-	-	56	112

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