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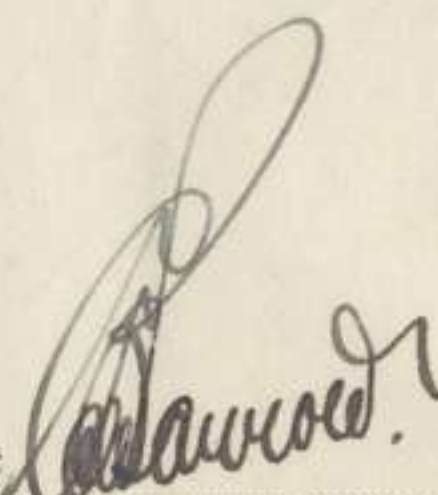
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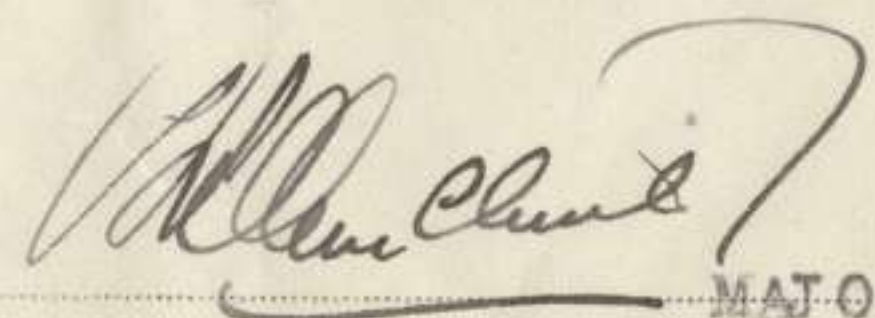
OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

FOR

J U L Y 191 8.

Signature of Officer compiling  Lieut.
ADJUTANT. 5th D. A. COLUMN.

Signature of Officer Commanding  MAJOR.
C.O. 5th D. A. COLUMN.

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| PETIT ST. JEAN. | 1st. | | <p><u>LOCATIONS:-</u> Headquarters - PETIT ST. JEAN. (Sheet AMIENS 17. 1/100,000) No.1. Section. - do. do. 2 " - do. do. S. A. A. " - I.7.2.5.5. (Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000)</p> <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> S. A. A. <u>STOKES.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u> Issued. 320,000 400 1200</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Warm sunny day.</p> | |
| do. | 2nd. | | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> S. A. A. <u>STOKES.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u> Received. 457,000 900 4000</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Warm & sunny.</p> | |
| do. | 3rd. | | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> S. A. A. <u>GRENADES.</u> Issued. 318,000 1,700</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Bright & sunny.</p> | |
| do. | 4th. | | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u> <u>S. A. A.</u> Received. 5,000 - Issued. 1,200 12,000</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine & clear.</p> | |
| do. | 5th. | | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> S. A. A. <u>GRENADES.</u> <u>STOKES.</u> Received. 510,000 3,500 - Issued. 210,000 2,000 1800</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Bright sunny day.</p> | |
| do. | 6th. | | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> <u>S. A. A.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u> Received. 5520 - - Issued. 96 37,000 1050</p> <p>Casualties etc., for W.E. 6.7.18:- 5 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital. 1 O/Rk. detached to Aust. Corps. Gas School for instructional purposes. 3 O/Rks. retaken on str. ex Hosp.</p> | |

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| PETIT ST. JEAN. | 7th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> Received. Issued. | <u>STOKES.</u> 1500 - | <u>S. A. A.</u> - 87,000 | <u>GRENADES.</u> - 1400 | <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> - 1,200 | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine & clear. | | | | | | |
| do. | 8th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> Received. Issued. | <u>STOKES.</u> - 300 | <u>GRENADES.</u> 2616 - | <u>S. A. A.</u> - 113,000 | <u>S. O. S.</u> - 306 | <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> 3984 - | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine & clear. | | | | | | |
| do. | 9th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> Issued. | <u>S. A. A.</u> 55,000 | <u>GRENADES.</u> 640 | | | | |
| | | | No. 1. Section marched out to BUSSY-les-DAOURS as per March Table. attached. | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> Slightly overcast. | | | | | | |
| do. | 10th | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> Issued. | <u>S. A. A.</u> 45,750 | <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> 1200 | <u>GRENADES.</u> 360 | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> Overcast. | | | | | | |
| do. | 11th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> Issued. | <u>GRENADES.</u> 1008 | | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine. | | | | | | |
| do. | 12th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> Received. Issued. | <u>S. A. A.</u> 547,000 125,000 | <u>STOKES.</u> 2001 - | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> Raining slightly. | | | | | | |
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| PETIT ST. JEAN. | 13th. | | <p><u>S. A. A.</u> <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> <u>STOKES.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u></p> <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> Issued. 5800 2492 501 492</p> <p><u>Casualties etc., for W.E. 13.7.1918:-</u> 2 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital. Lieuts. H.H. Dean and G.S. Millar detached to 14th Aust. F. A. Bde. 4 O/Rks. retaken on strength ex Hospital & A.G.B.D. Captain C.E. Gatliff taken on strength ex A.G.B.D.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery.</p> | | |
| | | do. | 14th. | | <p>Headquarters & No. 2 Sections marched out to "C" Divisional Sector as per March Table attached, taking up locations as under:- Headquarters - B.29.b.2.4. (Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000) No. 1. Section - B.29.d.4.6. do. 2 " - H.11.b.6.5. do.</p> |
| | | FRECHEN COURT. | 15th. | | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> Issued 27,000 S. A. A. <u>Weather.</u> Slight showers.</p> <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> <u>S. A. A.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u> <u>STOKES.</u></p> <p>Issued, 6000 218 300</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Clear day.</p> |
| do. | 16th. | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> <u>S. A. A.</u> <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u></p> <p>Issued. 7500 500</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Warm.</p> | | | |
| do. | 17th. | <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> <u>S. A. A.</u> <u>GRENADES.</u> <u>STOKES.</u> <u>T. M. G.</u></p> <p>Received. - 600 - 400</p> <p>Issued. 9000 342 250 400</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Raining.</p> | | | |
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| FRECHENCOURT. | 18th/ | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>A. 4.5.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>STOKES.</u> | | |
| | | | Received. | 200 | 503,000 | 2200 | 900 | | |
| | | | Issued. | 200 | 13,000 | 3212 | - | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Muggy. | | | | | |
| do. | 19th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | | | | | |
| | | | Issued. | 8000 | | | | | |
| do. | 20th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>T. M. G.</u> | <u>B. X.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>P. W.</u> | |
| | | | Received. | 200 | 200 | - | - | - | |
| | | | Issued. | 200 | 200 | 144,000 | 3950 | 2160 | |
| | | | <u>Casualties etc., for Week ending 20.7.18.</u> | | | | | | |
| | | | 5 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital sick. 1 O/Rk. transferred to 13th Aust. F. A. Bde. | | | | | | |
| | | | Lieuts. H. H. Dean and G. S. Millar transferred to 14th Aust. F. A. Bde. | | | | | | |
| | | | Capt. R. Clarke attachment from 5th Mobile Vet. Section ceased on reporting to 13th Aust. F. A. Bde. | | | | | | |
| | | | Lieut. A. D. Newmarch and 1 O/Rk. attached to Vet. Hospital FORGES LES EAUX for instruction in Horse Management. | | | | | | |
| | | | Lieut. L. A. Baker and 12 O/Rks. taken on strength ex A. G. B. D. | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Raining at intervals. | | | | | |
| do. | 21st. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | <u>STOKES.</u> | | | |
| | | | Received. | 624 | - | - | | | |
| | | | Issued. | 240 | 250,000 | 1404 | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Bright & clear. | | | | | |
| do. | 22nd. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>A.</u> | <u>A. X.</u> | <u>B. X.</u> | <u>STOKES.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> |
| | | | Received. | 380 | 228 | 200 | 402 | - | - |
| | | | Issued. | 380 | 228 | 200 | 1398 | 2400 | 120,000 |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Fine & clear. | | | | | |

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| FRECHENCOURT. | 23rd. | | <u>AMMUNITION</u> | <u>GRENADES</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | | | | | |
| | | | Received. | 624 | - | | | | | |
| | | | Issued. | 2700 | 14000 | | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER</u> | Raining. | | | | | | |
| do. | 24th. | | <u>AMMUNITION</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | <u>STOKES</u> | <u>GRENADES</u> | <u>B. X.</u> | | | |
| | | | Received. | 283,000 | 1600 | 600 | 200 | | | |
| | | | Issued. | - | 402 | 600 | 200 | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER</u> | Showery. | | | | | | |
| do. | 25th. | | <u>AMMUNITION</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | <u>B. X.</u> | <u>GRENADES</u> | <u>STOKES</u> | <u>P. W.</u> | | |
| | | | Received. | 280,000 | 200 | 2648 | 1500 | - | | |
| | | | Issued. | 935,000 | 200 | 1320 | - | 200 | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER</u> | Showery. | | | | | | |
| do. | 26th. | | <u>AMMUNITION</u> | <u>B. X.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | | | | | |
| | | | Received. | 200 | 5000 | | | | | |
| | | | Issued. | 200 | 5000 | | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER</u> | Raining at intervals. | | | | | | |
| do. | 27th. | | <u>AMMUNITION</u> | <u>A.</u> | <u>A. X.</u> | <u>S. A. A.</u> | <u>GRENADES</u> | <u>STOKES</u> | | |
| | | | Received. | 728 | 212 | 155,000 | 5,000 | 1500 | | |
| | | | Issued. | 380 | 228 | 188,000 | 1,700 | 500 | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER</u> | Showery. | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>Casualties etc., for W. E. 27.7.1918:-</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | 10 O/Rks. transferred to 5th D.T.M. Bde. | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 O/Rk. evacuated to Hospital sick. | | | | | | | |
| | | | Lieut. A. D. Newmarch and 2 Other ranks rejoined ex detachment Vet. Hospital. | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2/Lieuts. H. R. McLarty, F. W. Fanning, & C. M. Connors taken on strength ex R. A. Cadet School. | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3 O/Rks. rejoined ex Hospital. | | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>P. T. O.</u> | | | | | | | |

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| FRECHENCOURT | 28th | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>A.</u> | <u>A.X.</u> | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | | | | |
| | | | Received. | 950 | 342 | 884 | 2220 | | | | |
| | | | Issued. | 1140 | 668 | 884 | 2250 | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Overcast. | | | | | | | |
| do. | 29th | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>S.A.A.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>STOKES.</u> | | | | |
| | | | Received. | 220 | 125,000 | 2650 | - | | | | |
| | | | Issued. | 216 | 3,000 | 2750 | 1000 | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Fine clear day. | | | | | | | |
| do. | 30th. | | <u>AMMUNITION.</u> | <u>A.</u> | <u>STOKES.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>A.X.</u> | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>T.M.G.</u> | | |
| | | | Received. | 364 | - | - | 242 | 200 | 200 | | |
| | | | Issued. | 260 | 501 | 32 | 240 | 200 | 200 | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Bright sunny day. | | | | | | | |
| do. | 31st. | | S.A.A. Section moved to new position at RIVERY. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>WEATHER.</u> | Bright sunny day. | | | | | | | |

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OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

FOR

JULY

1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | March Table No.1.Section PETIT ST.JEAN to BUSSY les DAOURS. |
| 2. | March Table Headquarters & No.2.Section PETIT ST.JEAN to FRECHENCOURT. |
| 3. | Report of Y.M.C.A. Representative. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN ORDER No. 12.

Headquarters,
9th July, 1918.

1. No.1. Section of the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will march from PETIT ST. JEAN to BUSSY-les-DAOURS (H.35.a.1.5) on the night 9th/10th July, 1918., in accordance with March Table as under.
2. On arrival at BUSSY-les-DAOURS No.1. Section will come under the Orders of the C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.
3. The Section will move with Echelons complete.
4. Advance party of 1 Officer and 2 O/Rks will report to Staff Captain, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, at BUSSY-les-DAOURS at 3 p.m. 9th July. 1918.
5. Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 dated 15th May, 1918, concerning march discipline and traffic control, and instructions and orders issued from this office.
6. The usual instructions regarding cleanliness of billets, camp, etc., will be adhered to. Duplicate copy of States and Receipts to be forwarded to this Office not later than 10 p.m.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 5th D. A. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE.

| UNIT. | STARTING POINT. | TIME TO PASS STARTING POINT. | ROUTE. |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| No.1. Section. | Church at RENANCOURT. | 9.35 p.m. | RENANCOURT-RIVERY Cross Roads N.4.c.7.4 |

Issued at 11 a.m. to

| | Copy NO.1 | |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| No.1. Section | " | 2 |
| D. A. H. O. | " | 3 |
| War Diary | " | 6 |
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COLUMN ORDER No.13.

Headquarters,
14th July 1918.

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REFERENCE SHEETS 62 D. 1/40,000
" " 62 E. 1/40,000

1. A readjustment of Australian Divisional and Army Brigade Artillery covering Australian Corps Sector will take place between the nights 13th/14th inst., and 16th/17th July 1918.
2. On completion of readjustment the Artillery covering "C" Divisional Sector will be distributed as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP. 10th Australian F.A.Bde.
11th Australian F.A.Bde.

LEFT GROUP. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
14th Aust. F.A.Bde.

SUPERIMPOSED Bde. 13th Aust. F.A.Bde.

MOBILE RESERVE BRIGADE. 5th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

5th Australian D.T.M.Bde.
4th Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section)
5th Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. ")

3. The 5th Australian D.A.C. (less No.1. Section & S.A.A. Section) will march from PENANCOURT Area to "C" Divisional Sector tonight 14th/15th July 1918 in accordance with March Table as under:-
4. No.1. Section will come under the command of 5th Australian D.A.C. as from 12 midnight, 14th/15th July 1918.
5. Special attention is drawn to 4th Army Routine Order No.2039 and 5th Australian D.A. and 5th Aust. D.A.C. instructions re March discipline.
6. The usual instructions re rendition of returns and States and Certificates of cleanliness and sanitation re this Office memo M/433 of 21.6.18 will apply. All such returns and certificates to be rendered to this office not later than 8 p.m. 14.7.18.
7. Command of "C" Divisional Artillery will pass to C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div. at 9 a.m. 15th July 1918.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

Issued at 12 noon to:-

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| No.1. Section. | Copy No.1. |
| 2 " | " 2 |
| S.A.A. " | " 3 |
| D.A.H.Q. | " 4 |
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| File. | " 8 |
| Spare. | " 9 |

MARCH TABLE.

| <u>Unit.</u> | <u>Starting Point.</u> | <u>Time to pass.</u> | <u>ROUTE.</u> | <u>REMARKS.</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| Hd. Qrs. | Church at PENANCOURT. | 9.30 p.m. | Railway Crossing (R.3.0.9.6.) around CITADELLE - QUERRIEU | |
| No.2. Sec. | do. | 9.31 p.m. | Cross Roads (H.12.0.4.2.) - H.6.a.85.25. | |

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Appendix 3
10A U S T R A L I A N . . . Y . M . C . A .
=====From. A.K. Harris, Y.M.C.A. Rep.
With the 5th Div. Arty.

30th June 1918.

TOC.O.
5th D.A. COLUMN.

Dear Sir/

I have much pleasure in giving you an outline of Y.M.C.A. work amongst our men during June 1918. On account of moves and attendant difficulties the work has been somewhat disjointed, but it has gone right along and filled, I am glad to know, a very definite place in the lives of our men in the field. The general work was directed from a well fitted base at the 1st and 2nd Sections of the D.A.C. where a Canteen with a very passable stock catered for not only the men of the D.A.C. but for our men from the lines, also crowds of English troops and workmen. Practically every evening some enjoyable stunt was staged in the Marquee. The variety included band concerts, variety shows, debates and general musical evenings as well as devotional and study circles which are well attended. A very liberal supply of magazines and books, also writing materials has been available, also games inside and outside. From this centre a very useful work was carried further afield.

Large, safe dugouts, capable of holding 50 or 60 men were fitted out for the use of our fellows in the lines of the 49th, 54th, 53rd and 55th Batteries, tables and seats were furnished, also games, reading and writing material, successful evenings such as concerts and debates were run off in these places. The work being helped along by the Padres, who also made use of the shows for parades and services. These dugouts were made useful distributing centres for forward work. Boxes of comforts were sent to Battery Lines including a section of Trench Mortars. These parcels contained cocoa 75 lbs, milk, 5 doz. tins, biscuits, smokes, matches etc., also magazines and a few books. I had the pleasure of sharing some of these things during night shoots, forward. One special feature, was a two hours entertainment, run under ground at the guns. This brought forth the remark, "Blimey 'Arry, the war 's gettin' too good to be true, the Y.M. bringin' concerts and things right up to the line". 'Arry agreed that it would do him. The move to the Rest Area cut short much useful work, still much helpful and necessary work has been followed up. During our "rest" period, practically all of our Artillerymen were reached in one way and another and we feel that our work has filled a useful and important space in the lines of the men, even though the real significance is difficult to show on paper. We are grateful for the very cordial and wholehearted co-operation of the Officers of the Division. The position of the Y.M.C.A. man is a happy one; wholesale appreciation is reaped from men who are helped personally in many ways. The spirit of good cheer has been kept alive, and men often helped to see supposed difficulties from the right angle.

In closing I desire to thank you, Sir, for your sympathy and help.

Yours faithfully,
Sgd. A.K. HARRIS,

Y.M.C.A. Representative.