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*2nd Aust. Arty Battery*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																
LEBEURRE	1-9-18		<p><u>Weather</u> Fine and clear all day with cool breeze.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> No firing on account of the enemy with drawal. Orders received during the day to dismount pieces. Work completed during the early evening and moved to a spot convenient for quick removal on receipt of order.</p>	<i>File</i>																
	2-9-18		<p><u>Battery Strength</u> - 9 officers - 228 O.R.'s</p> <p><u>Duty</u> - Sick Leave Employed Detached</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>officers</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O.R.'s</td> <td>151</td> <td>2</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>11</td> </tr> </table>	officers	6	1	2	O.R.'s	151	2	20				44				11	<i>File</i>
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	3-9-18		<p><u>General</u> All personnel with exception of guard over guns removed from position in FLETRE to rear position.</p> <p><u>Rest-billets</u></p> <p><u>Battery Strength</u> 9 officers 228 O.R.s</p> <p><u>officers</u> <u>Duty</u> Sick Leave Employed Detached</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>O.R.s</td> <td>151</td> <td>2</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>11</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>General</u> Guns and carriages moved from FLETRE position to old left sections.</p>	O.R.s	151	2	20				44				11	<i>File</i>				
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THIESHOEK	3-9-18.		positions. Working parties out repairing roads in area evacuated by enemy.	
	4-9-18		Battery strength Officers 1 ORd 5 Leave 1 Detached Employed 2 Duty 5 17 41 155	J.H.
			<u>General.</u> At 11 am General Sir W. R. Birdwood, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. visited the battery and held an inspection at the old left section position. At the conclusion of the inspection he delivered a short speech, in which he expressed his pleasure at seeing the battery again, and regretted that it was so long since his last visit. He then went on to tell of the good work done during the last month by Australian and English troops on the SOMME, and concluded by wishing the battery the best of luck, and hoped it would not be long before we were in the Australian Corps again.	
	5-9-18		<u>Ammo.</u> A quantity of ammunition was removed from the battery position to CAESTRE dump Strength of battery 9 officers and 228 ORd.	J.H.



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THIEUSHOUK	5-9-18		Major Manchester reconnected battery position on WESTHOF Road near NEUVE EGLISE and OP at STAMMOTMOLEN MILL near NEUVE EGLISE (code name WALLABY) also an OP near L'Alouette.	J.M.S.
WESTHOF ROAD Sheet 28 SW T13C 6041	6-9-18		Order received at 1 AM to get 4 guns in action on WESTHOF ROAD position between RAVELSBORG ROAD and WATERLOO Rd. Guns reported ready for action at 8.30 AM. This constituted a second shift as the party <sup>had to move from</sup> remained at old position <sup>Thieushouk</sup> removing ammunition to CAESTRE dump. This constituted a second shift as the party remained at old position removing ammunition to CAESTRE dump.	J.M.S.
			Lieut H.A. Downey MC returned from leave to UK. Capt A.W. MacBride RAA left battery for 7 days leave to HARDELOT. PLAGE near BOULOGNE.	
	7-9-18		4 PARA. British position improved on MESSINES RIDGE 9.30 AM Position improved in vicinity of PLOEGSTEERT.	J.M.S.
	8-9-18		Weather Wet and stormy all day making the approaches very heavy going. Four guns ready for action two at rest in THIEUSHOUK Battery not to open fire without permission from Brigade.	J.M.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WESTHOF ROAD Sheet 28 S.W. T13C6041	8-9-18		Lieuts Dodgson & Morrison reconnoitred HILL 63, and an O.P. was found at U13C 73.49. Sheet 28 S.W.	
			Lieut Downey left the battery to act as Liaison Officer with the Left Brigade, Left Division of Infantry.	J.H.
	9-9-18		Wet and stormy all day Strength. 10 officers 232 O.Ps.	
			Four guns ready for action. Two guns at rest at rear billets THIEUSHOUK. Enemy put over Somerfay during the night.	J.H.
	10-9-18		Weather. Very muddy underfoot. Cloudy with occasional heavy showers.	
			Orders received from Brigade at 12.30 pm to pull all guns out and return to THIEUSHOUK to await further orders.	J.H.
			Guns out on road ready to move off at 4 pm. and arrived at THIEUSHOUK at 11.30 pm.	
			6 guns and personnel remained at THIEUSHOUK for night.	
			Ammunition at WESTHOF ROAD position was handed over to 62 S.B.	



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THIEUSHOUK Sheet 27 SE Q29C3545	11-9-18		<p>The strength of the Battery was 10 officers 232 O.Rs detailed as follows:-</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Duty</td> <td>Leave</td> <td>Employed</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>Detached</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>7</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O.Rs</td> <td>160</td> <td>19</td> <td>43</td> <td>-</td> <td>10.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Health.</u> The health of the Battery throughout the past fortnight has been very good.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u> Showery with clear spells.</p> <p><u>General.</u> Orders received from Brigade that Battery was to pass starting point at ST SYLVESTRE CAPPEL at 9.15 pm. en route to II Corps R.A. Rest Camp at ZEGGERS-CAPPEL to wait for further orders.</p> <p>Six guns and M.T. parked on ESQUELREC-BERGUES Road.</p>		Duty	Leave	Employed	Sick	Detached	Officers	7	-	-	-	3	O.Rs	160	19	43	-	10.	<i>J.H.</i>
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*2nd Aust Light Battery*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																		
RA REST CAMP ZECCERS CAPPEL	15.9.18.		<p>Strength of Battery</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>Duty</td> <td>Detached</td> <td>Leave</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>Employed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORs</td> <td>147</td> <td>7</td> <td>19</td> <td>14</td> <td>43</td> </tr> </table> <p>Weather: Fine but overcast.</p> <p>Party of 1 officer and 24 ORs relief for party at new battery position left battery billets at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Football: The battery team played a game of Rugby football against a team from 9th Division (Scots). Our team was successful by 16 points to nil.</p> <p>M. J. M. Walters returned from leave to U.K. B. M. P. Kanair admitted to Harefield Ave Hospital whilst on leave in U.K.</p>	Officers	Duty	Detached	Leave	Sick	Employed	7		2				ORs	147	7	19	14	43	<i>File</i>
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RA REST CAMP ZEGGERS CAPPEL	16-9-18		Lieut. H. A. Downey reconnoitred battery OP in C15a 4915. Obtained suitable position with a good view of area required. 420 rounds of ammunition received per light railway.	<i>JM</i>
	17-9-18		Party of 60 men under Lieut. O'Neil proceeded to new battery position to prepare for receiving three guns the same night. Guns moved from their park at 9.30 a.m. but were told to stand fast during the day awaiting further orders from Brigade.	<i>JM</i>
	18-9-18		420 rounds of ammunition received per light railway. Work continued on gun positions. Beams down in sea positions and everything ready to receive guns.	<i>JM</i>
	19-9-18		360 rounds of ammunition received per light railway during the night. Major G. Manchester reconnoitred rest billets and found suitable accommodation for battery personnel at WOESTEN, also alternative <sup>W.P. with Lieut. Saunders on Pitheas Ridge.</sup> Work on ammunition recesses and section digouts continued. Relief under Lieut. Priestly-Smith arrived at 12.30 p.m. Party of thirty men under Lieut. J. Saunders moved from RA REST CAMP and took up residence in WOESTEN. Instructions received at 12.10 AM that gun beds would arrive at battery position at 2 AM. These failed to materialise.	<i>JM</i>

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ZOUAVE SIDING Sheet 28 NW C2661575	20-9-18.		Lieut B. D. O'Neil proceeded on ordinary leave to U.K. Work on ammunition recesses + section dugouts continued. Enemy shell fire destroyed 160 cartridges and 100 tubes at No 6 Gun pit. 30 men remained at Battery rest camp, WOESTEN, remainder of personnel at R.A. rest camp, ZEGGERS CAPPEL. Overcamp.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	21-9-18.		Relief arrived at Battery under Lieut H. H. Downey, M.C., and work was continued on recesses + section dugouts. 30 men remained at Battery Rest Camp, WOESTEN, and remainder of personnel at R.A. Rest Camp, ZEGGERS CAPPEL. Communication established between Battery and Rest Bilets, WOESTEN. 8pm. Word was received from brigade that gun beds would not come up during the night, owing to alteration of orders.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	22-9-18		The remainder of personnel at ZEGGERS CAPPEL with the exception of the B.S.M. 1 sergeant and 20 men moved to battery rest billets at WOESTON. A party of 30 men left the Rest billets in the evening for the battery position as six beds were to be put in position + three guns mounted. The beds did not arrive until 4.30 am. The guns having been were stopped on the road as it would have been impossible.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZOUAVE SIDING Sheet 28 C2661575.	23.9.18		to have them mounted before daylight. Five beds in position. Ammunition at battery position. 1200 Shell 1160 Cartridges	<i>[Signature]</i>
	24.9.18		Three guns Nos 1, 5, 6, mounted and reported ready for action at 4 AM. 25.9.18	<i>[Signature]</i>
	25.9.18		Battery position and surroundings shelled during night with 10.5 cm guns apparently harassing fire intended for roads and railways. No damage done to personnel or equipment.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	26.9.18		Three guns Nos 2, 3 + 4 mounted and reported ready for action at 4.30 am. 26.9.18. Work continued on camouflage work + breastworks round guns. All movement was completed during night, in connection with the pulling-in of the Battery. 300 complete rounds of ammo arrived at Battery during night.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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ZOUAVE SIDING SHEET 28. C 2661575	27.9.18		Weather Fine & clear. Fresh W by wind Temp 60°. Six guns in action. 1500 rds ammunition at battery. All work on battery position completed.	J.M.
(ST JEAN)	28/9/18		Weather by the operations rain & squall all day. In support of operations carried out by 2nd Corps as per attached Operation Order. This battery fired 503 rds on hostile batteries UB 52, UB 71, UB 81, VA 31, VA 71, VC 2. between 2.30 am & 7.45 am. BC & Capt McBride endeavored to find the line. Lieut. A. Guesly Smith and Lieut. H. Phillips carried out a reconnaissance and obtained the approximate line at 7 p.m.	J.M.
	29.9.18		Weather. Beautiful fine morning. No 3 gun Reg No 301 pulled out during night 29/30 and proceeded to workshops. Broken elevating gear and pinion of cut off stripped. Visited our targets with Major Leman 151 HB. at 3 p.m.	J.M.
		3 p.m.	9.30 a.m. Orders received from Brigade to pull out. Brigade transferred from 2nd Corps to 15th Corps. The Battery moved off from position at 5 p.m. travelling via STEENVOORDE and parked on the ST SYLVESTRE	

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HAZEBROUCK	30-9-18		<p>CAPPEL - HAZEBROUCK ROAD. Personnel billeted in HAZEBROUCK.</p> <p>Battery remained in HAZEBROUCK. 5 guns ready for action. 1 in No 4 Workshops.</p> <p><u>Summary.</u></p> <p>During the month the battery occupied positions near, <sup>at Thiesburch &amp;</sup> FLETRÉ, NEUVE EGLISE &amp; also at ST. JEAN near YPRES. Not far from its old position in 1917. The withdrawal of the enemy behind MESSINES &amp; the taking of the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE by the Belgians &amp; British was the most prominent features of the period as far as this battery was concerned. Troops in excellent condition &amp; health.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Major R.A.A. O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Siege Bty. A.I.F.</p>	



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36 <sup>TH</sup> (AUSTRALIAN) BDE., R.G.A.
No. 00/102/18
Date.....

- O's.C. 1st Ast. Siege Battery
- 2nd Aust Siege Battery
- 155 Siege Battery RGA
- 353 Siege Battery RGA
- 140 Heavy Battery RGA
- 151 Heavy Battery RGA.

Reference our 00/102 dated 27/9/18 - "J" day will  
 be 28th September and "H" hour will be at 5.30a.m.  
 Please acknowledge receipt by wire.

*W.W. Whitt*

27/9/18.

Captain R.A.A.  
 Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A.

APPENDIX



- O's.C. 1st Aust Siege Battery
  - 2nd Aust Siege Battery
  - 155 Siege Battery RGA
  - 353 Siege Battery RGA
  - 140 Heavy Battery RGA
  - 151 Heavy Battery RGA.
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36TH  
 (AUSTRALIAN) BDE.,  
 R.G.A.  
 No. 00102/1

AMENDMENT NO. 1 to 00/102 (C.B. 00/88).

2nd Aust S.B. Having ceased fire on UB.52, UB.71, UB.81, two guns will be used on remaining three targets.

~~155~~ <sup>353</sup> S.Bty. Cancel VA.51 and substitute V.9.b.14.43 - 17.35.  
 Having ceased fire on UB.15 and UB.53, two guns will be used on VA.44 and V.9.b.14.43 - 17.35

151 Heavy Bty. Cancel VB.2 and substitute VB.61.

*R.W. Whittle*

27/9/18.

Captain R.A.A.  
Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A



## BATTLE NEUTRALIZATION PROGRAMME

to accompany C.B.O.O.88.  
-----36th BRIGADE, R.G.A.

<u>Battery.</u>	<u>First target.</u>	<u>Time to cease fire on 1st t'gt.</u>	<u>Second Target.</u>	<u>Time to cease fire on second t'gt.</u>
<u>Left area.</u>				
2nd Aust. (9.2" How)	U.B.52.	H plus 75.		
	U.B.71.	H plus 45.		
	U.B.81.	H plus 70.		
	V.A.31.	H plus 120.		
	V.A.71.	H plus 135.		
	V.C. 2.	H plus 120.		
1st Aust. (8" How)	P.C.62.	H plus 135.	<i>lift to</i> P.C.74.	H plus 160.
	P.C.63.	H plus 135.		
	P.C.73.	H plus 150.		
	V.A.32.	H plus 120.	<i>lift to</i> P.C.41.	H plus 150.
	V.B. 1.	H plus 200.		
	V B. 2.	H plus 180.		
353 S.B. (6" How)	V.A.33.	H plus 120.		
	U.B.15.	H plus 45.		
	V.A.42.	H plus 125.		
	V.A.44.	H plus 135.		
	V.A.51.	H plus 150.		
	U.B.53.	H plus 75.		
155 S.B. (6" How)	O.D.90.	H plus 125.		
	V.C. 7.	H plus 100.	<i>lift to</i> V.A. 43.	H plus 140.
	V.A.43.	H plus 140.		
	V.A.45.	H plus 140.		
	V.A.81.	H plus 150.		
	V.A.82.	H plus 145.		
140 H.B. (60-pr)	P.C.63.	H plus 135.	<i>lift to</i> P.D.62.	H plus 180.
	P.C.82.	H plus 160.	" P.D.62.	H plus 180.
	V.A.11.	H plus 140.	" W.C. 1.	H plus 240.
	O.D.90.	H plus 125.	" P.D.61.	H plus 180.
	V.A. 1.	H plus 135.	" P.D.61.	H plus 180.
	V.A.33.	H plus 120.	" P.D.71.	H plus 210.
151 H.B. (60-pdr)	P.C.74.	H plus 160.	" W.C. 1.	H plus 240.
	U.B.52.	H plus 75.	" V.B. 3.	H plus 180.
	U.B.71.	H plus 45.	" V.B.35.	H plus 180.
	V.A.32.	H plus 120.	" V.B. 1.	H plus 200.
	V.B.2.	H plus 180.		
	U.B.22.	H plus 75.	<i>lift to</i> V.B. 3.	H plus 180.



**SECRET**

**C.B.O.O.88.**

**II CORPS COUNTER BATTERY OPERATION ORDER No.88.**

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36TH  
 AUSTRALIAN BDE.  
 R.G.A.  
 No. 00/102  
 Date

- 3 Brigade.
- 43 Brigade.
- 59 Brigade.
- 72 Brigade.
- 36 Brigade.
- 70 Brigade.
- 77 Brigade.
- 86 Brigade.
- 87 Brigade.
- & Batteries.
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1. On 'J' day the II Corps and the 6th and 3rd Belgian D.A's will attack the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE.

2. Hostile batteries as detailed in the attached 'Battle Neutralization Programme' will be neutralized at the following rates:-

H - 130'	to H - 120'	Slow.
H - 120'	to H - 10'	Very slow.
(During this period batteries will be ordered to quicken up if any heavy retaliation results from the preliminary bombardment).		
H -	5' to H plus 10'	Intense.
H plus	10' to H plus 25'	Normal.
H plus	25' to H plus 43'	Slow.
H plus	44' to H plus 50'	Intense.
H plus	50' to H plus 77'	Bursts at irregular intervals.
H plus	77' to H plus 82'	Intense.
H plus	82' to H plus 112'	Bursts at irregular intervals.
H plus	112' to H plus 115'	Intense.
H plus	115' to H plus 147'	Bursts at irregular intervals.
H plus	147' to H plus 152'	Intense.
H plus	152' to H plus 190'	Bursts at irregular intervals.
H plus	190' to H plus 195'	Intense.
H plus	195' onwards.	Very slow.

Howitzers will use 106 fuze only; and 80-pounders will use 50% shrapnel and 50% H.E. with 106 fuze.

The time at which fire must cease on each target in order not to endanger our own infantry, is given in the Battle Neutralization Programme.

Attention is drawn to the rates of fire laid down in Para.10 of C.B.S.O.1 and especially to the fact that 'slow' and 'very slow' must be at an irregular rate.

3. From daylight onwards two aeroplanes per Brigade zone will be in the air for the purpose of sending zone calls. When all active batteries have been reported by N.F. call they will proceed to engage persistent hostile batteries with observed fire.

This deliberate.....



This deliberate shooting will be carried out by the A.N.F. method; but in case of necessity the following batteries are detailed for M.Q.N.F. shooting.

	82nd Squadron R.A.F.	-	1st Aust. S.B. and 378 S.B.
'A' Flight	7th Squadron R.A.F.	-	21 S.B. and 104 S.B.
'C' Flight	-do-	-	191 S.B. and 85 S.B.

The Kite balloons will also send down wireless calls which will be treated in the same way as aeroplane calls.

4. Brigade Commanders will ensure that all batteries reported active from the air are vigorously engaged, and that they are kept under fire until they are reported to have ceased firing, or until they may be presumed to have become inactive owing to the approach of our infantry.

They must use their own discretion as to the number of guns they should detach from the Battle Programme, in accordance with the intelligence being received with regard to batteries actually active in their zone. In the case of really good visibility the Battle Programme can be abandoned altogether, provided that no guns are left idle.

5. A Counter Battery Report Centre and O.P. Exchange will be established at STRAY FARM in charge of Captain BELL, F.S.B. Observing parties from the F.S.B; 36th and 72nd Brigades R.G.A will be pushed forward with the line 19 Metre Hill (U.18) - Hill 32 (D.8) as their first objective, and the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE as their second objective.

The forward Observation Posts will, in addition to locating active hostile batteries, send in reports with regard to areas shelled (with sound bearings), and information as to progress of our infantry.

They will also report fleeting opportunities, and when possible engage them with batteries of their own Brigade.

All messages will contain the time at which they are despatched; and officers will be reminded of the importance of negative information.

Separate instructions have been issued with regard to the communications (wireless, telephonic, and visual) to be maintained.

6. Zero hour ('H') will be communicated by the Brigade Major, by whom, also, watches will be synchronized.

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Lieut-Col, R.A.

26/9/18.

for G.O.C.H.A. II Corps.

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| II Corps R.A.       | 1 Obs. Group.            |
| II Corps H.A.       | 3 Obs. Group.            |
| 7 Squadron R.A.F.   | S Section Sound Rangers. |
| 82 Squadron R.A.F.  | I Section, do            |
| 7 Balloon Coy.      | GG Section, do           |
| 17 Balloon Coy.     | 9 Division.              |
| C.B.S.O. XIX Corps. | 29 Division.             |
| A.L.O. C.A.6.D.A.   | 9 Div. Artillery.        |
| A.L.O. C.A.3.D.A.   | 29 Div. Artillery.       |



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# MAP "A"

To accompany  
Operation Order No 90.

10-7-18

# SECRET

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Jumping off Line

Meteren

Opening Barrage Line - 16+2

353 S.B.  
Salvo at +2

ENTERPRISE  
FINAL OBJECTIVE

2 ASB  
+2 Co +4

2 ASB  
+2 Co +4

155 S.B.  
+2 Co +50  
2 guns

155 S.B.  
+2 Co +4  
2 guns

155 S.B.  
+2 Co +4  
+4 Co +5  
2 guns

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE UP TO 0+55

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE UP TO 0+55

Coote Corner

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*Handwritten note:*  
Mr. Dobson Capt. R.A.A.  
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