

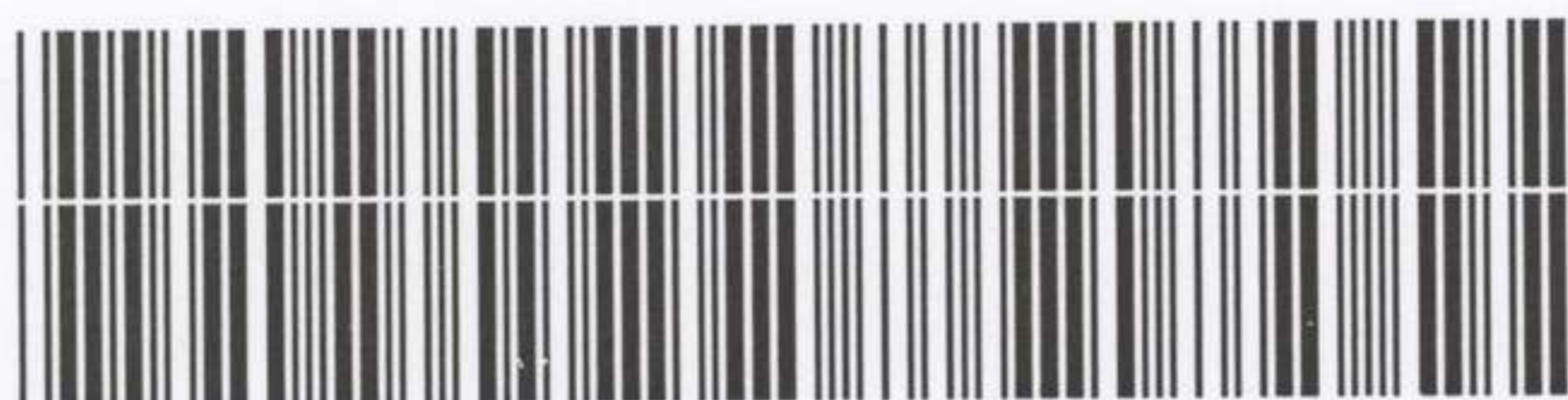
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OF

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			<u>Nominal Roll of Officers.</u>	
			<u>Headquarters.</u>	
			Major J. Ray DSO.	C.O.
			Lieut. G.H. Nunn	Adjutant.
			Capt. H.J. Orr	M.O.
			Capt. E. Yule	Dental Corps.
			<u>1st. Section :-</u>	O.C.
			Capt. S.C. Lewis	
			Lieut. A.C. Sherington.	
			Lieut. G. Muirhead.	
			Lieut. F.M. Draper.	
			2/Lt L.B. Watson.	
			Chap The Rev D.P. McDonald.	
			<u>2nd. Section :-</u>	O.C.
			Capt. R. Collings MC.	
			Lieut. J. Daly.	
			Lieut. C.E. Mitchell.	
			Lieut. W.B. McDonald.	
			Lieut. C.J. Campbell.	
			Lieut. S.F. Thompson. BCM.	
			Chap The Rev. A.W. Tonge.	
			<u>S.A.A. Section :-</u>	O.C.
			Capt. W.O. Jackson MC.	
			Lieut. H.W. Bowring.	
			Lieut. C.L. Major.	
			Lieut. C.L. Veron.	
			Lieut. C.V. Heath.	
			2/Lt J.S. Kennedy.	
			2/Lt J.S. Wilson.	

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		1918.								
	Sept. 1st.		<p>Weather:- Dull, Cloudy, Wind from N.E.  <u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 26 Officers, 668 Other Ranks.  <u>Animals.</u> 70 Hides, 563 Mules, (1 Mule evacuated).  <u>Transport.</u> 1 Maltese Cart, 3 Water Carts, 52 GS. Wagons.  15 GS. Limbd. Wagons, 48 Amtn Wagons,  11 Cycles.  <u>Guns.</u> 3 Anti-Tank Guns - 2 Lewis Machine Guns.</p> <p>5 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to England.  2 O/Ranks returned from Leave to Paris.  9 O/Ranks returned from Leave to England.  2/Lieut. Halliday proceeded to Horsemastership School.  1 NCO proceeded to Physical &amp; B.T. School of Instruction.  2 O/Ranks attached to 2nd. D.A.H.Q. for duty.  <u>Ammunition transported to Batteries.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2950.</td> <td>3203.</td> <td>1120.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The following communication received from 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.  in reference to "Enemy Booby Traps" reads as follows :-  "The following types of enemy "Booby Traps have been  reported recently:-  (a). A large bomb actuated by a trip wire concealed  in a wire barricade placed across a road.  (b). An object resembling a small block lying on a  window ledge - when picked up the object exploded  blowing off the hand of the finder".</p> <p>Copy Message from G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Division to the Divisional  Artillery received through 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q., copy of which is  attached to Appendix File marked No. 2.</p>	A.	AX.	BX.	2950.	3203.	1120.	
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	Sep 2nd. Mond		<p>Weather:- Fine, clear, warm, threatening change. Wind N.W.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength Personnel.</u> 26 Officers, 667 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals.</u> 70 Hides, 564 Mules (1 Mule evacuated)</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> 3 Anti-Tank Guns - 2 Lewis Guns.</p> <p>3 O/Ranks evacuated.</p> <p>7 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>2 O/Ranks returned from leave to England.</p> <p>8 Reinforcements taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>1 O/Rank transferred to 5th.A.F.A.Brigade.</p> <p>Capt.S.C.Lewis returned from Leave to England and resumed Command of 1st.Section.</p> <p>2/Lieut.H.B.Fairlie-Cunninghame transferred to 4th.A.F.A.Brigade.</p> <p>1 O/Rank attached to Divisional Canteen for duty.</p> <p>Divisional Routine Order No.1821 of even date received in reference to French peoples' appreciation of the efforts of the Australians to salvage their property in forward areas - An extract of above is attached to Appendix File marked No.3.</p>	
	Sep 3rd. Tues		<p>Weather:- Fine, clear, hot wind from N.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength Personnel.</u> 23 Officers, 644 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals.</u> 70 Hides, 561 Mules (2 Mules evacuated)</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>1 O/Rank evacuated Hospital.</p> <p>Lieut. R.J.R.Hurst transferred to 5th.A.F.A.Brigade.</p> <p>Lieut. C.C. Bloxsome transferred to 5th.A.F.A.Brigade.</p> <p>30 O/Ranks transferred to 4th.A.F.A.Brigade.</p> <p>1 O/Rank returned from leave to Paris.</p> <p>2 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to NICE.</p> <p>Headquarters -1st.and 2nd.Sections moved independently from positions occupied by them respectively at CAPPY to outskirts of VAUX.</p>	

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V A U X.	1918	Sep. 3rd. Tues.	<p>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</p> <p>A. 1650. AX. 858. BX. -</p> <p>Special Congratulatory Order by Major General Rosenthal commanding 2nd. Aust. Division received, congratulating the 2nd. Aust. Division on recent achievements, copy of which is attached to Appendix File marked No. 5.</p>	
		Sep 4th. Wed.	<p>Weather:- Fine, warm, hazy, Cloudy during afternoon - wind N.</p> <p>Daily Strength. Personnel. 23 Officers, 644 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Animals. 70 Rides, 561 Mules.</p> <p>Transport. Unaltered.</p> <p>Guns. do.</p> <p>4 Other Ranks appointed Drivers under A.I.F. Order 785.</p> <p>2 Mule Teams on duty drawing 2 - 6" Newton Trench Mortars from Workshops MONTIERES and transporting same to 2nd. D.T.M.O.</p> <p>Notification received from 2nd. Aust. Division that while the Division is out resting the Divisional Commander proposes to have a ceremonial parade of the Division complete with Artillery, transport, etc, in the vicinity of Cappy, and that in all probability the Commander-in-Chief will be present and that arrangements were being made for the Official Photographer to take panoramic photographs of the whole parade and Units afterwards (Note) This Review was cancelled on the Division being called into the Line.</p>	
B R A Y.		Sep. 5th. Thur	<p>Weather:- Fine, cloudy - Severe Rain Storm accompanied by wind which reached force of a gale passed over at 7. pm.</p> <p>Daily Strength. Personnel. 23 Officers, 644 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Animals. 70 Rides, 561 Mules.</p> <p>Transport. Unaltered.</p> <p>Guns. do.</p> <p>Lieut. G. Muirhead taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>Capt. E.R. Justelius transferred to 4th. A.F.A. Brigade.</p>	

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	1918.			
	Sept. 5th.	Thurs	<p>1 GS.Wagon on duty at Divisional Baths.</p> <p><u>Movement.</u> Headquarters, 1st. and 2nd. Sections moved from VAUX to positions in the vicinity of BRAY. The S.A.A. Section which has for some time past been attached to Infantry Brigades joined the Column at this location.</p> <p>9. GS.Wagons on duty transporting Trench Mortars to CAPPY AREA. Anti-Tank Guns covering the Divisional Front were handed over to personnel of the 32nd. English Division and detachments rejoined their respective Sections.</p> <p>Aust. Corps communication received urging economy in use of Signal Cable.</p> <p>2nd. Aust. Division communication re "Training in Anti-Gas" practice during the period whilst the Division is out at rest received, copy of which is attached to appendix file marked No. 6.</p>	
	Sept. 6th.	Fri.	<p><u>Weather:</u> - Fine, warm, cloudy, wind from N.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength. Personnel.</u> 23 Officers, 644 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals.</u> 70 Hides, 561 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> 2 Lewis Machine Guns.</p> <p>9. Reinforcements taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>1 O/Rank proceeded to 4th Army Wireless School of Instruction.</p> <p>1 O/Rank evacuated.</p> <p>2 O/Ranks returned from Leave to England.</p> <p>Special Order issued by Major General ROSENTHAL, G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Division received containing congratulatory message from Lieut. General Sir JOHN MONASH, also message from 4th. Army Commander on the successes achieved by the Division, copy of which is attached to Appendix File marked No. 4.</p> <p>1 GS.Wagon on duty at Divisional Baths Cappy.</p> <p>1 O/Rank of S.A.A. Section was injured, sustaining a shattered knee, through a Mule stepping on an abandoned shell.</p>	

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	Sept. 6th. Fri.		<p>The following communication from 2nd. Aust.D.A.H.Q. received which reads as follows :-</p> <p>"The Divisional Commander directs that on the Division coming out of the Line, immediate steps will be <del>taken</del> taken to re-equip Units. He desires that the troops be given a week's complete rest and that organised games and sports meetings be established in order to keep the men together, and at the same time provide them with recreation".</p>	
	Sept. 7th. Sat.		<p><u>Weather:-</u> Fine, Cloudy, Wind from N.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 23 Officers, 649 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Animals. 70 Hides, 557 Mules (1 Mule Killed 2 evac).</p> <p><u>Transp. Qt.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>Lieut. G.H. Nunn proceeded to Aust. Section, Rouen on duty. Lieut. C.V. Heath to temp perform the duties of Adjutant during absence on duty of Lieut. Nunn.</p> <p>1 O/Rank evacuated Hospital. 3 O/Ranks returned from leave to England. Lieut. C.L. Veron proceeded on leave to Paris. 1 O/Rank taken on strength from 2nd. Div. Salvage Co.</p>	
	Sept. 8th. Sun.		<p><u>Weather:-</u> Dull, Cloudy, cold, threatening change - wind from S.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 23 Officers, 648 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Animals. 70 Hides, 557 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>6 Reinforcements taken on strength from Base. 1 O/Rank rejoined from detachment 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. (Capt. F.T.D. Meares) Lieut. F.M. Draper ) taken on strength from Hospital. 2 N.C.O's transferred to 5th. A.F.A. Brigade. 1 O/Rank evacuated. 1 O/Rank taken on strength from 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. 4 G.S. Wagons on duty drawing Comforts from Aust. Comforts Fund.</p>	

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	Sept 9th Mon.		<p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull, cold, Cloudy - showery at intervals - wind N.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>: <u>Personnel</u>. 25 Officers, 652 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals</u>. 70 Hides, 557 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport</u>. Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>Lieut. Campbell returned from leave to England.</p> <p>Major. C. Ross (A.A.M.C.) returned from Leave to England.</p> <p>2 O/Ranks returned from leave to England.</p> <p>1 O/Rank returned from leave to Paris.</p>	
	Sept 10th Tues		<p><u>Weather</u>:- Cloudy, and Dull, showery at intervals - wind from NE.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>. <u>Personnel</u>. 25 Officers, 651 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals</u>. 70 Hides, 557 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport</u>. Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>4 Other Ranks taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>1 NCO transferred to 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>1 O/Rank evacuated.</p> <p>1 O/Rank returned from leave to England.</p> <p>1 O/Rank returned from leave to Paris.</p> <p>5 G.S. Wagons on duty salving 200 Beer Barrels for Divisional Canteen.</p> <p>2 Sets Wheel Mules on duty drawing Trench Mortars from Workshops MONTIERES for the D.T.M.O.</p>	
	Sept 11th Wed		<p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull, Cloudy, showery at intervals - wind from N.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>. <u>Personnel</u>. 25 Officers, 655 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals</u>. 70 Hides, 557 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport</u>. Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>3 O/Ranks transferred to 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>Lieut. H.W. Bowring transferred from 2nd. Sec to S.A.A. Section.</p> <p>1 O/Rank returned from 4th. Army Wireless School of Instruction.</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DOINCT. (Forward PERONNE) Reference Map - Sheet 62C.1/40,000.</p>	Sept. 12th. Thur		<p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull, Cloudy, cold, showery during day - wind S. <u>Daily Strength</u>. Personnel. 25 Officers, 655 Other Ranks. Animals. 70 Hides, 557 Mules. Transport. Unaltered. Guns. do. 7 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to England. 4 O/Ranks returned from Leave to England. 1 O/Rank evacuated. Lieut. C.L. Major evacuated to Hospital. 1 N.C.O. returned from Horsemastership School. <u>Movement</u>:- On Instructions from 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty - Headquarters 1st. and 2nd. Sections moved from positions near BRAY to - - - outskirts of the village of DOINCT ( forward of PERONNE) and established themselves in a wood which afforded excellent - - cover to Personnel, Animals, and Transport. The S.A.A. Section remained in the Rest Area with the Divisional Infantry Brigades.</p>	
	Sept. 13th. Fri.		<p><u>Weather</u>:- Cloudy, showery at intervals - wind from NE. <u>Daily Strength</u>. 25 Officers, 652 Other Ranks. Animals. 70 Hides, 74 L.D.Horses, 481 Mules. Transport. Unaltered. Guns. do. 4 O/Ranks taken on strength from Base. 1 N.C.O. proceeded on leave to NICE. 1 O/Rank do do to Paris. Capt. W.O. Jackson. proceeded on leave to Paris. Capt. F.T.D. Meares to temp Command S.A.A. Section during absence on leave of Capt. Jackson. Lieut. A.C. Sherington returned from leave to England. <u>Exchange of Animals</u>. On receipt of instructions from 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. 76 Mules were exchanged for L.D.Horses, 1 L.D. being transferred to 17th. A.A.S.C. and 1 L.D. evacuated. Jam Cartons returned Railhead. 218. Dripping. 88. lbs.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2057</p>

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DOINGT. (Forward of PERSONNE) Ref. Map-Sheet 62c.1/40,000.</p>	1918.	Sept 14th Sat.	<p>Weather:- Fine, clear, showery during afternoon - wind from S.  <u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 25 Officers, 654 Other Ranks.            Animals. 70 Rides, 74 LD.Horses, 481 Mules.  <u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.  <u>Guns.</u> do.            1 Sergeant and 1 Other Rank taken off strength having <del>xxxxxxxxxx</del>            proceeded to Australia on 6 months furlough.            1 O/Rank proceeded on leave to England.            Lieut.F.Halliday returned from Horsemastership School.            1 O/Rank evacuated Hospital.  <u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</u> 1600 Rds.A. 600.Rds AX .            Lieut.W.B.McDoneld with 2 N.C.O's and 18 Other Ranks proceeded            to 1st.Aust.Advanced Refilling Point to assist.            Hostile Aircraft active during night bombing rear areas - two            planes were successfully crashed in flames.</p>	
		Sept 15th Sun.	<p>Weather:- Cloudy - dull, showery at intervals - wind from S.E.  <u>Daily Strength:</u> Personnel 25 Officers, 652 Other Ranks.            Animals. 70 Rides, 74 LD.Horses, 481 Mules.  <u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.  <u>Guns.</u> do.            RSM.Rossiter taken off strength having proceeded to Australia on            6 months furlough.            9 Other Ranks proceeded on leave to England.            2 O/Ranks returned from leave to England.            Following personnel returned to Australia on furlough:- Major.C.            Ross (AAMC) Vet.Sergt's. Griffiths, and Alexander.            Capt. H.J.Orr (AAMC) is attached to 2nd.Aust.D.A.C. vice Major            Ross returned to Australia on leave.  <u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</u> 400.Rds A. 1000.Rds. AX.            1st. and 2nd. Sections engaged on carrying out task of transporting            Ammunition to Advanced Battery Positions during night.            Hostile Aeroplane crashed in flames during early part of night.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">E.H.N.</p>

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		1918 Sept 16th Mon	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull, Showery at intervals - During midnight severe wind storm accompanied by Lightning and bursts of thunder and rain.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>. Personnel. 25 Officers, 652 Other Ranks. Animals. 70 Hides, 74 LD. Horses, 481 Mules. Transport. Unaltered. Guns. do.</p> <p>2 O/Ranks evacuated Hospital. Lieut. G.H. Nunn returned from Aust. Section, Rouen, and resumed duties of Adjutant. Lieut. C.V. Heath ceases to temp perform the duties of Adjutant on return of Lieut. G.H. Nunn. Lieut. F. Halliday transferred to 4th. A.F.A. Brigade.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u>:- 3 Other Ranks wounded and evacuated by enemy shell fire whilst transporting Ammunition to the Line. Lieut. C.E. Michell returned from Leave to England. 3 O/Ranks returned from Leave to England.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries</u>:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A.s.</td> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>330.</td> <td>2100.</td> <td>1700.</td> </tr> </table> <p>1st. and 2nd. Sections engaged on transporting Ammunition to Advanced Ammunition Dumps for use of Batteries in the forthcoming Australian Corps Operation.</p>	A.s.	A.	AX.	330.	2100.	1700.	
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		Sept 17th Tues	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Fine, clear, wind from S.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>. Personnel. 24 Officers, 648 Other Ranks. Animals. 70 Hides, 74 LD. Horses, 479 Mules. (2 Killed) Transport. Unaltered. Guns. do.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u>:- 4 Other Ranks wounded "In Action" and evacuated, 2 Other Ranks slightly wounded but remained with Unit.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries</u>:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>AS.</td> <td>AX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>900.</td> <td>850.</td> <td>1126.</td> </tr> </table> <p>1st. and 2nd. Sections engaged on transporting Ammunition to forward positions during night.</p>	A.	AS.	AX.	900.	850.	1126.	<p style="text-align: right;">E.H.M.</p>
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DOINGT.		1918 Sept 18th Wed	<p>Weather:- Fine, clear, warm, wind from S.S.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 24 Officers, 645 Other Ranks.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Animals.</u> 70 Rides, 74 LD.Horses, 476 Mules.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered. (2 Mules Killed, 1 evacuated)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>9.0/Ranks proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>3.0/Ranks evacuated Hospital.</p> <p>3.0/Ranks returned from leave to England.</p> <p>1 O/Rank taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>Lieut. J. Daly proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 100px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">A.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">AX.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">600.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">300.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1172.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Salvage of Jam Cartons.</u> 85.</p>	A.	AX.	BX.	600.	300.	1172.	
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MARQUAIX.		Sept 19th Thur	<p>Weather:- Fine, clear warm, wind from S.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 24 Officers, 641 Other Ranks.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Animals.</u> 70 Rides, 88 LD.Horses, 475 Mules (1 Killed)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>4 W.C.O's and 3 Other Ranks taken off strength having proceeded to Australia on 6 months furlough.</p> <p>14 L.D.Horses taken on strength.</p> <p><u>Movement.</u> In accordance with instructions from 1st Aust. Div. Arty Headquarters, 1st. and 2nd. Sections moved from positions near DOINGT to outskirts of MARQUAIX. On arrival Sections resumed operations of keeping the supply of Ammunition up required by the Batteries.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries:-</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 100px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">829.Rds A.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">704.Rds AX.</td> </tr> </table>	829.Rds A.	704.Rds AX.					
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MARQUAIX. Reference Map - Sheet 62c. 1/40,000.	Sept 20th Fri.		<p>Weather:- Dull, Cloudy, breaks sunshine - wind from S .</p> <p>Daily Strength:- Personnel. 24 Officers, 635 Other Ranks. Animals. 70 Hides, 86 LD.Horses, 479 Mules. Transport. Unaltered. Guns. do.</p> <p>9 Other Ranks taken on strength from Base. 2 O/Ranks returned from leave to England. 4 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to England. 1 O/Rank evacuated.</p> <p>Casualties:- 3 Other Ranks wounded "In Action" and evacuated Hospital.</p> <p>4 Mules taken on strength from 4th.5th.A.F.A.Bdes. 2 LD.Horses transferred to 4th.A.F.A.Brigade..</p> <p>Ammunition delivered to Batteries:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1350.</td> <td>1050.</td> <td>1020.</td> </tr> </table>		A.	AX.	BX.		1350.	1050.	1020.	
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	Sept 21st Sat.		<p>Weather:- Fine, clear, warm, wind from S.E.</p> <p>Daily Strength:- Personnel. 20 Officers, 612 Other Ranks. Animals. 69 Hides, 86 LD.Horses, 473 Mules. Transport. Unaltered (2 Mules Killed, 4 Wounded, 1 Horse) Guns. do.</p> <p>20 Other Ranks transferred to reinforce 4th.A.F.A.Brigade. 10 Other Ranks transferred to reinforce 5th.A.F.A.Brigade. 3 Other Ranks proceeded on leave to England. 1 O/R trans 5th.A.F.A.Bde. 2 O/Ranks returned from leave to Paris. Lieut. A.C.Sherington proceeded on duty to England. 3 O/Ranks returned from leave to England. 1 O/Rank evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>Ammunition delivered to Batteries:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>400.</td> <td>540.</td> <td>490.</td> </tr> </table>		A.	AX.	BX.		400.	540.	490.	
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		Sept 22nd Sun	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Fine, cloudy, wind from S.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>:- <u>Personnel</u>. 24 Officers, 610 Other Ranks. <u>Animals</u>. 69 Hides, 86 LD.Horses, 473 Mules. <u>Transport</u>. Unaltered. <u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>1 O/Rank evacuated to Hospital. 3 O/Ranks are taken off strength having proceeded to Australia on 6 months furlough. 1 O/Rank returned from leave to England. 1 O/Rank rejoined from Hospital. Ammunition delivered to Batteries:- 600.Rds BX.</p>	
		Sept. 23rd Mond	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Fine, clear, wind from S.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>. <u>Personnel</u>. 24 Officers, 609 Other Ranks. <u>Animals</u>. 69 Hides, 85 LD.Horses, 473 Mules <u>Transport</u>. Unaltered. (1 LD.evacuated) <u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>Captain. F.T.D.Meares transferred to 4th.A.F.A.Brigade. 1 O/Rank evacuated. 2 O/Ranks rejoined from detachment 2nd.D.A.H.Q. Ammunition delivered to Batteries. 150.Rds.AX. 300.Rds.BX.</p>	
		Sept. 24th Tues	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Fine, cloudy, wind from N.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>. <u>Personnel</u>. 24 Officers, 605 Other Ranks. <u>Animals</u>. 69 Hides, 85 LD.Horses, 473 Mules. <u>Transport</u>. Unaltered. <u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>14 Reinforcements taken on strength from Base. 7 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to England. 2 Gunners appointed Drivers under A.I.F.Order 785. 1 O/Rank evacuated. 3 O/Ranks returned from leave France</p>	

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	Sept 24th	Tues	<p>Capt. W.O. Jackson returned from leave to Paris and resumed Command of S.A.A. Section.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>200.</td> <td>100.</td> <td>300.</td> </tr> </table>	A.	AX.	BX.	200.	100.	300.			
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	Sept 25th	Wed.	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Cloudy, cold and dull, wind from N.N.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 23 Officers, 617 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Animals. 69 Hides, 85 LD. Horses, 473 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>Lieut. G. Muirhead evacuated Hospital (accidentally injured).</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1500.</td> <td>950.</td> <td>1140.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Notification received from 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. that "BB" Chemical Shell is not to be used without the sanction of higher authority.</p>	A.	AX.	BX.	1500.	950.	1140.			
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	Sept 26th	Thur	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Fine, clear, wind from N.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength.</u> Personnel. 23 Officers, 614 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Animals. 70 Hides, 63 LD. Horses, 502 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>7.0/Ranks transferred to 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>2.0/Ranks evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>8.0/Ranks proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>1.0/Rank returned from leave to Paris.</p> <p>1.NCO. returned from P. &amp; B.T. School of Instruction.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u>:- 1 Sergt wounded "In action" and evacuated.</p> <p>22.LD.Horses transferred to 5th. A.F.A. Bde and 22 Mules received in exchange. 7 Mules taken on strength.</p> <p><u>Salvage of Jam Cartons.</u> 114.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries:-</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>XX.</td> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1800.</td> <td></td> <td>1200.</td> <td>570.</td> </tr> </table>	XX.	A.	AX.	BX.	1800.		1200.	570.	
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	Sept. 27th	Fri.	<p>Weather:- Fine, Dull, breaks sunshine - Wind from S.E.  <u>Daily Strength:</u> Personnel. 23 Officers, 612 Other Ranks.            Animals. 20 Rides, 61 LD. Horses, 499 Mules.  <u>Transport.</u> Unaltered (2 Horses Killed, 3 Mules evac)  <u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>3 Gunners appointed Drivers under A.I.F. Order 735.            1 O/Rank transferred to 4th A.F.A. Brigade.            1 O/Rank do to 5th A.F.A. Brigade.            21 Reinforcements taken on strength from Base.            Lieut. S.F. Thompson taken on strength from Base and posted 2nd. Sec.            3 N.C.O.'s taken on strength from Base.  <u>Casualties:-</u> 1 Other Rank "Killed", 3 Other Ranks wounded and evacuated through Enemy Shell Fire whilst assisting at 1st. Aust. Div. Advanced Refilling Point.            3 pairs Mules on duty with D.T.M.O.  <u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries:-</u></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>RX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1100.</td> <td>800.</td> <td>770.</td> </tr> </table>	A.	AX.	RX.	1100.	800.	770.	
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	Sept. 28th	Sat.	<p>Weather:- Dull, cloudy, cold, showery during day - wind from S.  <u>Daily Strength:-</u> Personnel. 23 Officers, 625 Other Ranks.            Animals. 70 Rides, 61 LD. Horses, 498 Mules.  <u>Transport.</u> Unaltered. (1 Mule evacuated)  <u>Guns.</u> do.</p> <p>2 O/Ranks transferred to 4th A.F.A. Brigade.            1 O/Rank transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade.            1 O/Rank evacuated to Hospital.            Following Officers are transferred from 2nd. Section to S.A.A. Sec.            Lieut. C.V. Heath - 2/Lieut. J.S. Kennedy.  <u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries.</u> AX. 100.            Notification from Aust. Corps received drawing attention that the greatest care is to be exercised in unpacking 106 Fuzes.            Enemy Shelled the vicinity of Headquarters during morning - no casualties sustained. Enemy Active bombing during night.</p>							

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	Sept 29th	Sun	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull, Cloudy, showery at intervals - wind S.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength Personnel</u>. 25 Officers, 625 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals</u>. 70 Rides, 61 LD.Horses, 498 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport</u>. Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>1 Other Rank taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>2 Other Ranks detached for duty at 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q.</p> <p><u>Ammunition delivered to Batteries</u>:- 600.Rds A .400.Rds AX.</p>	
	Sept 30th	Mon	<p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull, Cloudy, cold, wind from S.E.</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u>:- <u>Personnel</u> 24 Officers, 622 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Animals</u>. 70 Rides, 61 LD.Horses, 498 Mules.</p> <p><u>Transport</u>. Unaltered.</p> <p><u>Guns</u>. do.</p> <p>3 Other Ranks proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>2 Other Ranks transferred from 1st Section to S.A.A. Section.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. and 10 Other Ranks proceeded to 5th Aust.Div A.R.P. to assist on Dump.</p> <p>2 GS.Wagons on duty with D.T.M.O.</p>	

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*T. O'D. D.A.C. 2nd. Div. A.I.F.*  
MAJOR.

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## WAR DIARY

OF

2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

FOR

SEPTEMBER

1918.

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*J. H. ...*  
.....Lieutenant.  
Adjutant - 2nd. Aust. D.A.C.

Summary.

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Operations.

During the period under review the work of the Column was confined chiefly to that of maintaining supplies of Ammunition to the Batteries whilst "In Action". Ammunition being drawn at Advanced Refilling Points established at different sites during the progress of Operations.

From the 12th instant on the Column moving into the Line until the 28th instant, the Unit worked under instructions from 1st. Aust. Divisional Artillery - Headquarters, 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. remaining in the CAPPY AREA with the Divisional Infantry until the 28th when they moved up on the Infantry coming into the Line.

Whilst near DOINGT, the Column was given a task of transporting Ammunition to chosen forward positions previous to the opening of the FOURTH ARMY Operation on the 18th instant, in which the AUSTRALIAN CORPS participated. This task was similar to that which the Unit carried out in the Australian Corps Operation on August 8th. The work was carried out by the 1st. and 2nd. Sections and completed without a hitch, and the following Ammunition being successfully delivered to the various selected sites :-

<u>18.Pdr.</u>	<u>4'5.Howitzer.</u>
6,000.	2,400.

Whilst in the execution of this duty 6 Other Ranks were wounded, 4 of which were evacuated, and two Other Ranks remaining with the Unit. Three Mules Killed, three Mules and two Light Draught Horses being wounded.

On arrival at MARQUAIX the demand for Ammunition by Batteries was incessant and in consequence the Sections were busily engaged in the carriage of Ammunition to Battery Wagon Lines and forward Gun Positions. In the course of this duty personnel again came under hostile shell fire, 1 Sergeant and 5 Other Ranks were wounded - 4 Horses, 3 Mules being Killed, 4 Mules wounded.

Movement.

Owing to the movement OF Batteries "In Action", Headquarters 1st. and 2nd. Sections moved forward independently on the 3rd instant from positions occupied by them respectively near CAPPY to the outskirts of the Village of VAUX, thus considerably reducing the distance of the carriage of Ammunition and expediting the delivery thereof to the various Battery Wagon Lines, likewise in adding - - convenience to the performance of the daily routine duties of the Column.

In consequence of the 2nd. Australian Division withdrawing from the Line - Headquarters, 1st and 2nd. Sections again moved independently on the 5th instant from VAUX to the town of BRAY, occupying dugouts on the outskirts of this village where good protection was afforded to both Personnel and Animals from Enemy - Aircraft. The S.A.A. Section which has for some considerable time past been detached for duty with the Infantry Brigades as shown in previous months Summary, rejoined the Column at this location.

Movement.  
Continued.

The Anti-Tank Guns covering the Divisional Front were handed over to the 32nd. English Division and detachments rejoined their respective Sections.

In accordance with instructions from 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters - Headquarters, 1st. and 2nd. Sections moved from BRAY on the 12th instant to DOINGT (Forward of PERONNE) and established themselves in the vicinity of the woods which afforded excellent cover for Personnel, Animals, and Transport of the Column.

The S.A.A. Section remained with the Infantry Brigades in the Rest Area.

In consequence of the success of the Fourth Army Operation on the 18th instant in which the Australian Corps participated - Headquarters, 1st. and 2nd. Sections again moved under instructions from 1st. Aust. Divisional Artillery Headquarters on the 19th instant from DOINGT to the outskirts of the Village of MARQUAIX (Sheet 62c.1/40,000.)

Comforts.

2 Consignments of Comforts was received during the MONTH from the Australian Comforts Fund, which comprised Sporting Materials, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Writing Paper, and Groceries of various kinds similarly received in previous donations. These were distributed pro rata amongst Headquarters and Sections.

Leave.

Leave TO THE United Kingdom, Paris, and other places in France was again granted liberally to Officers and Other Ranks of the Unit.

Health.

The health of Personnel of the Column during the month was excellent, 26 cases were evacuated to Hospital. Whilst the Unit was at BRAY arrangements were made with the Divisional Baths which enables practically the whole of the Column to be bathed and personnel receiving a clean change of underclothing. Major C. Ross, R.M.O. having returned to Australia on furlough, Captain Orr of the 7th. Field Ambulance, filled the vacancy caused by the departure of Major. Ross.

Animals.

The Weekly Veterinary Reports rendered to Division for the period under review show the Animals to be in excellent health and condition. During the month 88 Mules were exchanged for Light Draught Horses. Casualties sustained among Section Animals in the course of operations are shown in Diary.

Casualties.

Casualties sustained by personnel of the Column for the month :-

1. Other Rank "Killed in Action".
1. Sergeant and 10 Other Ranks wounded and evacuated.
2. Other Ranks slightly wounded but remained with Unit.

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## Salvage.

The usual efforts to salvage Ammunition and various other abandoned material in the forward area was carried out, the result of which is shown hereunder :-

<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Miscellaneous.</u>
18.pdr. "A" 1508.Rds.	Tins Sacks 7.
18.pdr. "AX" 1206.Rds.	Rifles 5.
18.pdr. "A.&A." 452.Rds.	Bandoliers 8.
	Lewis Machine Gun 1.
	Magazines -LMGun. 14.

## Personnel.

The following Officers were added to the strength of the Column :-

Lieut. G. Muirhead	From Base ex Hospital.
Capt. F.T.Meares	From Hospital.
Lieut. F.M.Draper	do do
Lieut. S.F.Thompson DCM.	From Base.

### Transferred to Brigades :-

<u>To 4th.A.F.A.Brigade.</u>	<u>To 5th.A.F.A.Brigade.</u>
2/Lt.H.B.Fairlie-Cunninghame.	Lieut. R.J.R.Hurst.
Capt.E.R.Justelius.	Lieut. C.C.Bloxsome.
Lieut. F.Halliday	Capt. F.T.D.Meares.

### Evacuated to Hospital:-

Lieut. C.L.Major. Lieut.G.Muirhead (accidently injured).

80.Reinforcements were taken on strength from Base, 52. Other Ranks being transferred to 4th.A.F.A.Brigade, and 28 Other Ranks to 5th.A.F.A.Brigade, 26 evacuations to Hospital, of which 3 have rejoined, 2 Other Ranks taken on strength from Other Formations.

On the 15th instant instructions were received from 2nd. Aust.Div.Arty that all personnel who embarked from - Australia during 1914 were granted 6 months leave to Australia, and to instruct them to report to Divisional Headquarters. The following personnel who proceeded as shown hereunder were taken off strength :-

Major. C. Ross.	(A.A.M.C.)
298.BSM.Easterbrook	W.W.
283.QMS.Underhill	R.
265.Cpl.Brown	S.M.
121.Sgt.Levy	R. (A.A.D.C.attached)
4.RSM.Rossiter	L.H.
6.Sgt.Sargent	D.
303.Sgt.Alexander	G. (Vet.Sgt.attached.)
301.Sgt.Griffiths	A.J. do do do
415.Dvr.Middleton	A.H.
1506.Dvr.Slattery	B.A.
8.Dvr.Carmody	T.J.
1233.Dvr.Allen	H.R.
257.Gar.Rosie	W.J.

*[Signature]*

.....Major.  
Commanding 2nd. Aust. D.A.C.

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2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery,

Headquarters,  
1st. September, 1918.

The following message from the G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Division is forwarded for your information and promulgation :-

"Will you please convey to the Divisional Artillery and the Heavy Artillery who co-operated in yesterdays very successful operations, the sincere thanks and congratulations of myself and the Infantry who - - carried out the attack. The Infantry express themsevles in very appreciative terms of the work of both branches of the artillery."

(Signed) Major. General ROSENTHAL.

(Sgd.) C.A. Clowes. Major.  
Brigade-Major,  
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.

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September, 1918.

Extract of Divisional Routine Order  
 No. 1821 - dated 2:9:1918.  
 "Civilian Property - Salving of."

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The following letters from Australian Corps are published for information. They show the French peoples' appreciation of the efforts made by the Australians to salvage their property in the forward area.

It is proposed to expend the monies mentioned, in Cigarettes for the benefit of Divisional Units :-

1. "The civilians evacuated from villages in the SOMME Area, whose property has been salvaged by Australian Troops, have forwarded 770 Francs to be distributed among the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Australian Divisions. This sum has been handed over to the Paymaster, Australian Corps and 192.50 francs may be drawn - by each of the four Divisions from their respective paymasters, for the benefit of the troops."
  
2. "The late residents of VILLERS BRETONNEUX whose - - property has been salvaged by the Australian Troops, have forwarded a further sum amounting to 1020 Francs to be distributed among the five Divisions. This sum has been handed over to the Paymaster Australian Corps, and 204 francs may be drawn by each of the five Divisions from their respective Paymasters for the benefit of the Troops."

(Signed) J.M.A. Durrant, Lieut. Col.  
 A.A. & Q.M.G.  
2nd. Aust. Division.



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## APPENDIX

SPECIAL ORDER

by

Major-Gen. C. ROSENTHAL, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,

Commanding 2nd Australian Division.

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The following congratulatory messages, received in connection with recent operation, are published for promulgation to all members of the 2nd Australian Division:-

To MAJOR-GENERAL C. ROSENTHAL from LIEUT-GEN. SIR JOHN MONASH, AUST. CORPS.

On the completion of the present series of operations by the 2nd Australian Division, I desire to tender to you and, through you, to the Commanders, Staffs, and Troops of the Division, my very warmest thanks for the brilliant services which they have rendered to the Corps, and to the Allied Cause, in the recent battles. The performances of the Division, since they resumed duty in the line on August 24th, have been on the highest plane of merit. While all troops and services of the Division have contributed to these great successes, no one will begrudge the singling out of Brigadier-General MARTIN and the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade for special praise. The capture of MONT ST. QUENTIN has evoked a chorus of praise throughout the press of the world, as the finest single feat of the war, and this high encomium is richly deserved. The subsequent decisive defence of that important key position by the 6th and 7th Brigades was not less notable. I wish you to convey to all ranks of the Division my heartiest appreciation of all this fine work; and I also have pleasure in appending a copy of a message received from General Sir H. RAWLINSON, the Commander of the Fourth Army.

Copy of Telegram from Fourth Army Commander to Australian Corps Commander.

"The capture of MONT ST. QUENTIN by the 2nd Division is a feat of arms worthy of the highest praise. The natural strength of the position is immense and the tactical value of it in reference to PERONNE and the whole system of the SOMME defenses cannot be over-estimated. I am filled with admiration at the gallantry and the surpassing daring of the 2nd Division in winning this important fortress, and I congratulate them with all my heart.

Gen. RAWLINSON."

To MAJOR-GENERAL C. ROSENTHAL from GENERAL SIR W.R. BIRDWOOD, G.O.C., A.I.F.

Hearty congratulations to you and whole of 2nd Division on your last complete success.

Division Headquarters,  
5th Sept. 1918.

*John Monash*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
Second Australian Division.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
3rd, September, 1918.SPECIAL CONGRATULATORY ORDER.

The objectives allotted to the Second Australian Division since it came into again into the line on August 26th, 1918, having all been attained and in brilliant fashion, I wish to take this - - opportunity of very sincerely and heartily congratulating and - - thanking all ranks of the Division for the splendid efforts put - - forth by them. These efforts have resulted in the capture of - - territory of the utmost tactical value and in addition hundreds of the enemy have been killed, thousands captured and several German Divisions broken.

The capture of MONT ST. QUENTIN was an amazing feat and will rank among the finest achievements of the War.

The 5th, 6th, and 8th. Infantry Brigades have all fought - - - magnificently and have been well supported by heavy and field - - artillery; both branches having worked in the closest liaison with the assaulting infantry.

The Machine Gun Battalion has also rendered valuable assistance.

The difficulties of establishing crossings over the SOMME in the face of determined opposition by the enemy were faced un-hesitatingly by the Engineers, who did yeoman service in providing bridges for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, while all the time subject to continuous artillery and machine gun fire.

The rapid advance of the Division through territory in which - roads were in places badly damaged, rendered it imperative that - special attention should be given to the main lines of communication. This work was undertaken and carried to a successful issue, in a very prompt manner by the Pioneer Battalion.

Furthermore the rapid advance of the Division opened up many difficulties in the way of supplies to the Forward troops, but the Divisional Train was quite equal to the occasion and our troops were consequently well provided for.

As is invariably the case with the Division the medical - - - arrangements were most complete and the wounded evacuated in an - - incredibly short space of time.

Last but not least the work of the Signal Services at Divisional Headquarters, Artillery Headquarters and Brigades, Infantry Brigades and Battalions, has been of the highest order and as a consequence information which was of vital value to the Higher Command has been regularly and promptly furnished.

Several messages of congratulation have been received and these are being printed and will be distributed to Units in due course.

Well done SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

(Signed) CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Major General,  
Commanding 2nd. Aust. Division.

H.Q. 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.
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Second Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,  
September 5th, 1918.

The following copy of letter from 2nd. Australian Division is forwarded for necessary action :-

"Whilst the Division is in Reserve Area every opportunity should be taken for training in anti-gas practices.

Only by thorough training and the strictest discipline will casualties be avoided through gas.

The following are the points that should receive every attention :-

1. Training all ranks to wear the respirator adjusted for periods of one hour and upwards, at least once a week.
2. Training all ranks to perform all the duties they are called upon to carry out at ordinary times with their S.B.R's adjusted, e.g. Musketry, shooting with Lewis Gun, etc.
3. Instruction in the characteristics of enemy gases, their deadly effects and action to be taken to avoid becoming a casualty.

Anti-Gas training and discipline is primarily the business of the Officers and N.C.O's of a Unit, and unless they all set the example and whole-heartedly enforce the training and discipline little can be accomplished.

To wear the S.B.R. for long periods is at first very trying and unless the supervision is strict, respirators are occasionally removed, thus laying the foundation for the cause of many casualties during gas shelling.

Only when men have become accustomed to wearing the S.B.R's for prolonged periods and can perform all their duties with respirators adjusted can the training be said to be satisfactory and men to have real confidence to face any gas attack.

All Gas casualties are interviewed at the Dressing Stations and evidence taken. This evidence has brought out the following facts which should be emphasised in the lecturettes given to the men.:-

1. YELLOW CROSS.

- (a) Bombardments open very suddenly, accompanied with H.E. to cause confusion and mask the gas.
- (b) Mustard Gas persists for 72 Hours, so the danger does not clear with the cessation of the Bombardment.
- (c) Mustard Gas has neither an offensive smell nor a strong one, and had no immediate effects.
- (d) A man who has been in the gas feels no effects for from 7 hours to 7 days, and so cannot tell if he is gassed till that period passes.
- (e) No matter how weak the smell is, men living in it for any length of time must become casualties.
- (f) Hollows, valleys and villages always receive attention and should be avoided as far as possible.
- (g) Where men know that a hollow has been gassed, although the usual route passes through it, they must avoid the gassed area, and take another route that avoids it. If their duties demand that they must pass through the area, they must wear S.B.R's.

- (h). During bombardment men must not sleep and must wear S.B.R. fully adjusted.
- (i) Dugouts must be kept in good order.
- (j) Sentries should stop men coming in and out of dugouts during a gas attack, who have no business to enter or leave.
- (k) If there is the slightest smell of gas in the dugout S.B.R.'s must be worn.
- (l) Fires must not be used to clear dugouts until the air outside is clear, as fires only drive out the air in the dugout, to replace it by air from outside.

2. GREEN CROSS SHELL BOMBARDMENT.

- (a) Bombardment opens very suddenly.
- (b) It is a very lethal gas - affects lungs and heart very seriously.
- (c) It persists  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour after bombardment.
- (d) Men gassed with it must take no exercise, but at once become a stretcher case - disobedience of this order generally means death.
- (e) Men must adjust S.B.R. as soon as possible gas shells fall near.

Attention is drawn to S.S.212 "Yellow Cross Gas Shells" and the measures to be taken to counteract their effects", and especially Part II as prevention of casualties is always better than cure of the gassed."

(Signed) C.A. Clowes, Major.  
Brigade Major.  
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.