

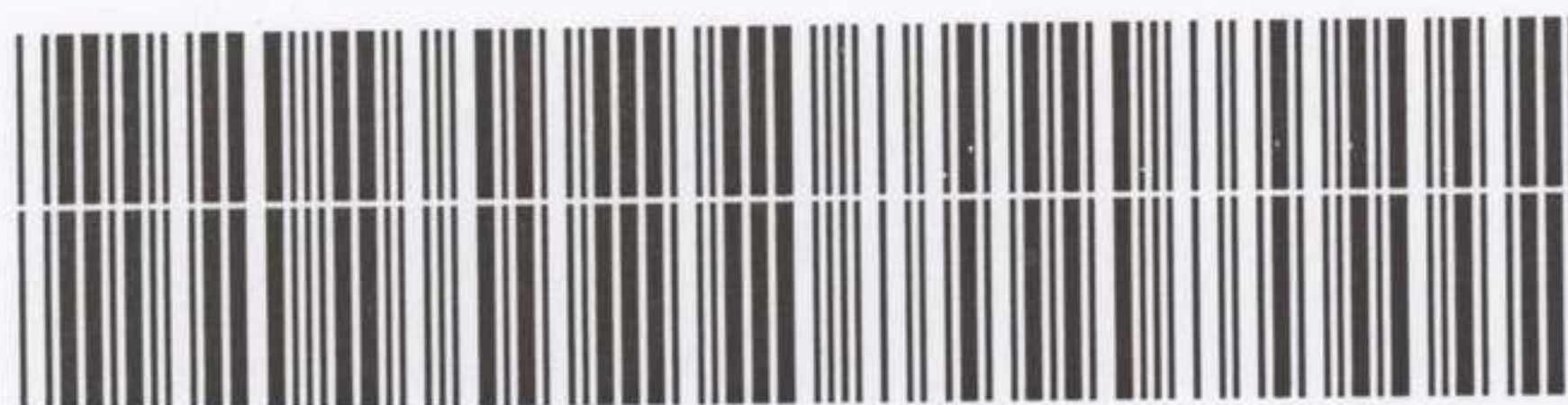
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Ammunition Column

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
LAMOTTE. (FRANCE)	9.10.17.		<p>No previous War Diary kept in Brigade Ammunition Column, 3rd Army Australian Field Artillery Brigade. All records previous to this date embodied in War Diary 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery.</p> <p>Captain H. F. Richardson transferred from Headquarters as Adjutant 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery to Officer Commanding 3rd B.A.C. Column at rest in this area from 5.10.17 having moved out from the line from (3rd Oct 17).</p> <p>Daily Routine:- Standing Camp Routine, General Re-organisation, cleaning of harness equipment etc.</p> <p>I.O.R evacuated sick to Hospital.</p>		
	10.10.17.		Routine and work as on 9.10.17.		
	11.10.17.		ditto	ditto	30.Rs taken on strength from A.G.B.I.
	12.10.17.		ditto	ditto	Strength: 5 Officers. 200 O.R. Horses. 21 Riding. 125 L.I. and Mules 102.
	13.10.17		ditto	ditto	I.O.R evacuated to Hospital
	14.10.17.		ditto	ditto	
	15.10.17		ditto	ditto	Horses. 7 L.I. evacuated to Hospital
	16.10.17		ditto	ditto	Received two @ Wagons Ammunition limbered to replace two destroyed by shell fire (on 28.9.17).
In the Field (Belgium)	17.10.17		Preparing to move.		
	18.10.17.	9.A.M.	The 3rd B.A.C. marched with the 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery from La Motte to the WESTOUTRE area on route to the line arriving at 4 p.m. and bivouacked for the night near RENINGHELST, map ref:- Sheet 28 $\frac{1}{49,000}$. M. 4 central.		
	19.10.17.	12 noon	The Column continued the move and marched with the 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery, to wagon lines, map ref:- Sheet 28 $\frac{1}{49,000}$ 1.254. 9.0 arriving about 4 p.m.		
	20.10.17.		Building wagon lines and erecting camp. Horses 1.L.I. and 1 Mule evacuated to Hospital. Strength. 5 Officers. 198. O. R. Horses. 21. Riding, 119 L.I. Mules 102.		
	21.10.17		Building wagon lines and erecting camp. Party of twenty (20) men employed digging		
	22.10.17.		Building wagon lines and erecting camp. [gun pits for 7th and 9th Batteries.]		

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In the field (BELGIUM).	23.10.17.		Wagon line routine. Party of twenty (20) men employed digging gun pits for 7 th and 9 th Batteries. Party of six Omen sent to Ammunition Railway Siding at map ref' 28 40,000 G. 35A.1.8. to take charge of train load of ammunition for 3 rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery proceeding to dump at half way house 1.16.II.68. Evacuated sick to hospital 2. O.R. Taken on Strength 14 O.R. from A.G.B.I. Lieut G. L. Turner taken on Strength from O. T. C. England.	
	24.10.17.		Wagon line routine. Packing Ammunition to 7 th , 8 th , & 9 th Batteries. from dump at Half-way House. (26 Pack-horses, & 13 drivers to each battery). Owing to bad weather, and bad condition of the country, impossible to take up ammunition to the batteries in wagons.	
	25.10.17.		The Column employed as on 24.10.17. Strength. Lt G.W.L. Townsend transferred to 9 th Battery.	
	26.10.17.		The Column employed as on 24.10.17. Strength. 5 Officers. 208 O.R. Horses 21 Riding. 116 L.I. Mules 100. Lieut A.G. Young transferred to 7 th Battery.	
	27.10.17.		The Column employed as on 24.10.17. Party of six Omen sent to Ammunition Railway Siding at map ref' 28 40,000 G. 35A.1.8. to take charge of train load of ammunition for 3 rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery, proceeding to dump at Half-way House 1.16.II.6.8. Commenced horse clipping. 2. O.R. evacuated sick to hospital. Taken on Strength. Horses. 10. L.I.	
	28.10.17.		The Column employed as on 24.10.17.	
	29.10.17.		ditto ditto . Taken on Strength. Horses. 5. L.I.	
	30.10.17.		ditto ditto . Ammunition transferred from the Echelon of the Column to Batteries, as follows:- 300 rounds A to 8 th Battery. 416 rounds A and 206 AX, to 9 th Battery, and 553 BX to 103 rd Battery.	
	31.10.17.		The Column employed as on 24.10.17. Horses. 6 L.I. evacuated to hospital. 2 L.I. lost. (broke away under heavy shell fire).	

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