

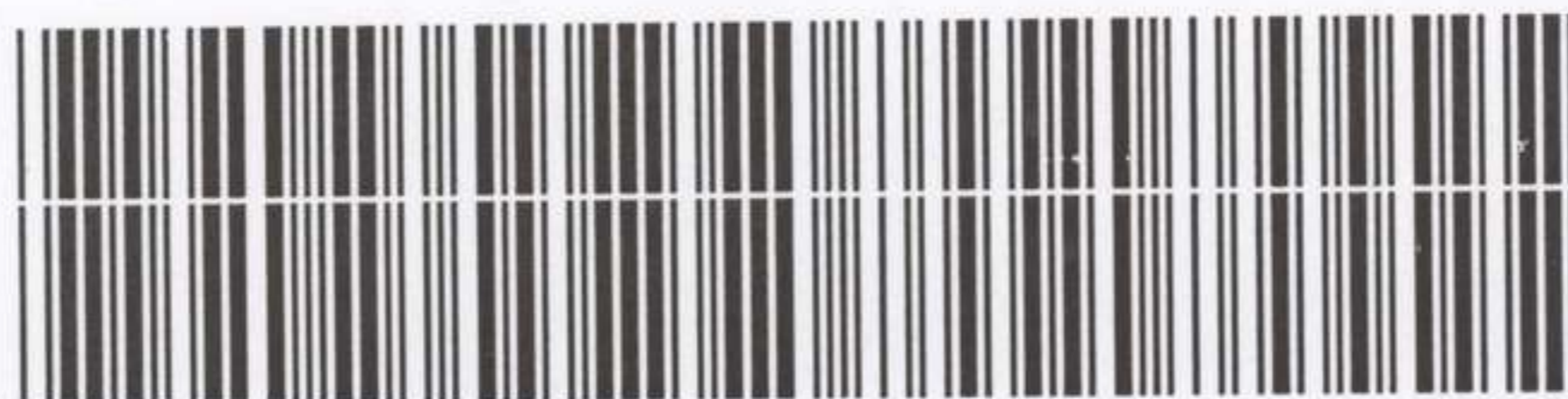
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Artillery

Item number: 13/85/14

Title: 3rd Australian Field Artillery Brigade
Ammunition Column

December 1917



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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TRIPLICATE.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field	1.12.17		Packing Ammunition to 9th & 103rd Batteries. 12 G.S. Wagons carting Ammunition from BERTY Dump, Sheet 28. H 29 B. 6.5. to Brigade Dump at [16] 8.2. 1 AFMC Detail attached.	
	2.12.17		Packing Ammunition to 9th Battery. 10 G.S. Wagons carting bricks for horse standings.	
	3.12.17		Packing Ammunition to 7th, 8th, 9th, & 103rd Batteries. G.S. Wagons carting material for horse standings. Two mules evacuated to Hospital.	
	4.12.17		Salvaging Ammunition from Forward Area. One D Mule destroyed.	
	5.12.17		Salvaging Ammunition from Forward Area. One riding, one light draught horse, & one mule evacuated to Hospital. 16 L.D., 2 H.D. Horses taken on Strength. Strength. 3 Officers. 178 O.Rs. 20 Riding 133 L.D. Horses. 80 Mules.	
	6.12.17		Salvaging Ammunition from Forward Area. 3 O.Rs. taken on Strength.	
	7.12.17		Column employed preparing to move. Left Section moved out to BOESCHOEPE, and filled with Ammunition at BERTY Dump on the way out. (240 rounds A. 240 rounds AX. 300 rounds BX).	
	8.12.17		Column moved with the 3rd Australian Artillery Brigade from present wagon lines to BOESCHOEPE, arriving at 2 p.m., & billeting for the night at Sheet 27. L4. H 8.2.	
	9.12.17		Column continued to move from present billet to 1st ANZAC Area and wagon lines at Sheet 28. T7. D. 9.9. as Artillery, in reserve to 1st ANZAC. Taken on Strength 1 O.R.	
	10.12.17		Column engaged in cleaning harness & equipment, i.e. organisation. 1 N.C.O & 12 men proceeded to CALAIS for remounts. 1 Driver transferred to Headquarters.	
	11.12.17		Column engaged as on 10th inst.	
	12.12.17		do do	
	13.12.17		do do also improving camp, building Stables etc. Column inspected by Brigadier General COXON. D.S.O. B.G.R.A. 1st ANZAC. Strength. 3 Officers. 187 O.Rs. 20 Riding 133 L.D. Horses. 80 Mules.	
	14.12.17		Column engaged as on 13th inst. Taken on Strength. 14 L.D. Horses. 10 Mules. 2 H.D. Horses	
	15.12.17		do do 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital. 1 O.R. taken on Strength.	
	16.12.17		do do	

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In the field	17.12.17		Column employed as on 13 th Dec & on erecting Nissan Auto for mess' billets. 1. OR evacuated to Hospital. 2. OR taken on Strength.	
	18.12.17		Column employed as on 17 th Dec. 9 L & 1 H Horses evacuated to Hospital.	
	19.12.17		Column employed as on 17 th Dec: 1. OR taken on Strength. 1 Officer taken on Strength.	
	20.12.17	do	do do. Column inspected by General Birdwood. 3. O.R. returned from Hospital. { Strength. 4 officers 158 O.R. 20 Riding. 138 L Draught Horses 90 Mules.	
	21.12.17		Column employed as on 17 th Dec.	
	22.12.17	do	do do. 1. OR evacuated to Hospital.	
	23.12.17	do	do do. 1. OR returned from Hospital.	
	24.12.17	do	do do.	
	25.12.17		Observed as a holiday as far as possible. Only necessary fatigues & stables.	
	26.12.17		Column employed as on 24 th Dec. Captain Richardson on leave to England.	
	27.12.17	do	do do. Taken on Strength (returned from Hospital) 3 O.R. Evacuated to Hospital 1. OR. { Strength. 4 officers. 190 O.R. 20 Riding 138 L Draught Horses. 90 mules. Taken on Strength. 7 Officers (2nd Lt (C) etc).	
	28.12.17		Column employed building Horse Stables, and in general fatigues.	
	29.12.17		Column employed as on 28 th Dec.	
	30.12.17		Column employed packing up ready for move.	
	31.12.17		Full marching order parade. Inspection by O.C. March orders cancelled. Frost shoes and logs difficult to obtain. Half holiday in the afternoon. 1	

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