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*3rd Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.*

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*[Signature]*  
3rd B.A.C.-A.I.F.

Signature of Officer Commanding

*[Signature]* **Captain.**  
COL 3rd B.A.C. A.I.F.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WIANECOURT.	10/18		Headquarters. Map ref. H. 4. t. 3. 4. Sheet 62 b 1/40,000.	
do			Nos Section " " H. 4. t. 30. 35 do.	
do			2 " " H. 4. t. 3. 5.	
SENARPONT.			S.A.A. Section.	
			Casualties:- Nil	
			Meteor Notes:- Temp. 60. Fine + warm. Wind N.E.	
			Lieut. J. R. Hipp - S.A.A. Section proceeded on leave to Rome today.	





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WIANCOURT do do Suarpoint	2/12/18.		<p>Headquarters. H. 4. b. 3. 4.                      Nos Section H. 4. b. 30. 35.                      2 " H. 4. b. 3. 5                      S.A.A. Section.</p> <p><u>Casualties :- Nil.</u>  <u>Meteor Notes :- Temp 46. Cool wind N.E.</u>  <u>Taken on strength. Vide D.A.C. Routine Order of 2-12-18.</u>                      Lieut. A.E. Hamilton is taken on strength from 3rd D.A.H.Q. as from 27-11-18 and is posted to Nos Section.  <u>Struck off strength. Lieut. C.C. Elliot having died in hospital is struck off strength as from the 6-11-18.</u></p>	



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WIANDOURT. do do Snarfont	3/12/18.		<p>Headquarters. H. 4. b. 3. 4.                      No 1 Section H. 4. b. 30. 35.                      2 do. H. 4. b. 3. 5.  <u>P.A.A. Section.</u>                      Casualties :- Nil                      Meteor Notes :- Temp. 55 Dull wind N.E.                      Notification received from 3rd Aus. Div. Arty H.Q. that a meeting will be held to arrange a Football competition for this <u>Divisional Artillery.</u>                      Reply forwarded that the Commanding officer desires that <u>Lieut. Drinkwater</u> attends this meeting.</p>	



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WIANCOURT. do do. Senarpoint	4/12/18.		<p>Headquarters. H. 4. b. 3. 4.                      Nos Section H. 4. b. 30. 35.                      2 do. H. 4. b. 3. 5.  <u>S.A.A. Section.</u></p> <p>Casualties :- Nil.                      Meteor Notes :- Temp 56. Dull wind N.W.  <u>Vide D.A.G. Routine order of 4-12-18.</u></p> <p>1 other rank from D.A.G. Headquarters proceeded to London today en route for Australia. (1914 personnel).</p> <hr/>	



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WIANCOURT	5/12/18.		to 7-12-18 uneventful.	
WIANCOURT do Senarpont.	8/12/18.		Headquarters. H. 4. b. 3. 4. Nos Section H. 4. b. 30. 35. 2 do. H. 4. b. 3. 5. <u>S.A.A. Section</u> Casualties :- Nil Meteor Notes :- Temp 54 Dull & Cool. Wind N.E. Lieut. P. K. Saunders, Nos Section proceeded on leave to Paris today. Communication from 3rd D. A. H. Q. for list of other ranks due for presentation of medals. Reply forwarded to the above enclosing the names of four other ranks due for presentation with medals.	2



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WIANCOURT do do Smarport	9-12-18		<p>Headquarters. H. 4. b. 3. 4.                      Nos Section H. 4. b. 30. 35.                      2 do. H. 4. b. 3. 5  <u>S.A.A. Section</u></p> <p>Casualties:- Nil                      Meteor Notes:- Temp 52 Dull wet. Wind N.E.</p> <p><u>PAPER CHASE.</u></p> <p>Notifications to Sections + Headquarters that arrangements have been made to conduct a paper chase, mounted for all ranks.                      The commanding officer directs that facilities will be given for every man not required for duty to be present, &amp; that officers commanding sections should make mutual arrangements as regards Saddlery.</p>	



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WIANCOURT	9-12-18	contd.	<p>The following reporting of officers took place as from today.</p> <p>Lt. Inglis from Nos Section to Headquarters + to the assistant <u>Adjutant.</u></p> <p>Lieut. J. J. Graham is appointed temporarily to command <u>Nos Section.</u></p>	
WIANCOURT	10-12-18		uneventful.	
do	11-12-18		<p>Headquarters. H. 4. b. 3. 4.</p> <p>Nos Section H. 4. b. 30. 35</p> <p>2 do H. 4. b. 3. 5.</p> <p><u>S.A.A. do.</u></p>	
Snarpoint			<p>Casualties:- Nil.</p> <p>Weather Notes:- Temp 48. Dull + wet.</p> <p>The paper chase as notified to sections on the 9<sup>th</sup> was held today. The inclemency of the weather marred somewhat the day's outing. Apart from this, the day passed off without a hitch, + the chase was much enjoyed by <u>all who took part in it.</u></p>	

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WIANCOURT.	11-12-18.		Warning order received from 3rd D. A. H. Q. that the unit will stage eastwards on the 14 <sup>th</sup> inst. Final destination advised to be <u>Ferrure la Grande.</u>	5
WIANCOURT do do Senarfont	12-12-18		<p>Headquarters. H.4. b. 3. 4.                      Nos Section. H.4. b. 30. 35.                      2 " H.4. b. 3. 5.  <u>S.A.A. Section</u>                      Casualties:- Nil.                      Meteor Notes:- Temp 51. Fine sunny day. Wind S.W.                      Lieut. J. Inglis proceeded to Boulogne today to bring back the 3rd Aust. Div. Concert party!                      3rd A.C. Move Order No 36 issued at 5 p.m. today.                      Incompliance with 3rd Aust. Div. Army. Operation order No 114 of 11-12-18. (<u>Notes re supplies + advanced parties etc.</u>)                      Operation order No 114 received from 3rd D.A.H.Q. for move of the 3rd D.A.C. on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>	6 7



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WIANCOURT do do. Snarpont	13-12-18		<p>Headquarters. A. 4. b. 3. 4.</p> <p>Hot Section A. 4. b. 30. 35.</p> <p>2 " A. 4. b. 3. 5.</p> <p><u>I.A.A.</u></p> <p>Casualties: Nil.</p> <p><u>Weather Notes: Fine. Temp 49. Wind S. E.</u></p> <p>Capt. Donaldson A. 4. S. - 102<sup>nd</sup> Dental Unit attached proceeded on leave to Nice</p> <p><u>Vide D.A.C. Routine Order of 13-12-18.</u></p> <p><u>Struck off strength. Fine other ranks transferred to A. 4. Headquarters, London.</u></p> <p><u>1 other rank evacuated to hospital.</u></p>	



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REGET-DE BEAULIEU	14-12-18.		<p>In accordance with 3rd D.A.C. Move Order No 36 and 3rd D.A. operation Order No 114 Headquarters, Nos 1 + 2 sections moved today via Vaux Andigny, + Mazinghem, to Reget de Beaulieu. The weather which for the past few days had been wet + boisterous now took a change for the better + today was fine + warm. A move under adverse weather conditions is one of the "joys" of soldiering but luckily for us on this move that <sup>particular</sup> brand of joy was conspicuous by its absence.</p> <p>Casualties :- Nil.</p> <p>Weather Notes :- <u>Temp 55. Wind N.E.</u></p> <p><u>S.A.A. Section.</u></p>	

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St. HILARE SUR HELPE	15-12-18.		<p>Today the unit moved again from Regel de Beaulieu, via Cabillon, Prisches, Cartignies, Avesnes, to St. Hilaire sur Helpe. The latter village is about four kilos from the large town of Avesnes.</p> <p>Weather Notes:-  <del>Observations on</del> Dull &amp; cool Temp 52. Wind N.E.  Casualties :- Nil.</p> <p><u>Vide D.A.G. Routine Order. of 20-12-18.</u></p> <p>Lieut. B. Venn-Brown having been admitted to hospital whilst on English leave is struck off the strength of <u>No 1 Section</u> as from 5-11-18.</p>	



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FERRIERE LA GRANDE  Senarpont	16-12-18.		<p>Today the unit moved again from St. Hilare sur Helpef via Avesnes, Mont Doublers, to FERRIERE la GRANDE.</p> <p>Casualties:- Nil.</p> <p>Weather Notes:- <u>Cold + dull.</u> Temp 42. Wind N.E.</p> <p><u>S.A.A. Section.</u></p>	
FERRIERE LA GRANDE	17 <sup>th</sup>	+ 18 <sup>th</sup>	uneventful.	
FERRIERE LA GRANDE do. SENARPONT	19-12-18		<p>Headquarters. Sheet. Valenciennes 1/100,000.</p> <p>No 1 Section</p> <p>No 2 "</p> <p><u>S.A.A. Section</u></p> <p>Casualties:- Nil.</p> <p>Weather Notes:- <u>Dull + wet.</u> Temp 58. Wind N.E.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	19-12-18.		Lieut. A. E. Drinkwater attached from the 7 <sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde proceeded on leave to England today.	
			<u>20<sup>th</sup> uneventful.</u>	
FERRIERE LAGRANDE do Senarport	21-12-18		Headquarters. Nos Section 2 do. S.A.A. Section <u>Casualties:- Nil</u> <u>Weather Notes:- Fine &amp; warm Temp 60.</u> Memo forwarded to D.C. Nos Section for Lt. Saunders to hold himself in readiness to proceed to Charleroi on the <u>24<sup>th</sup></u> inst. Notification forwarded to 3rd D.A.A.P. that <del>the</del> it is reported by the Mayor of Ferriere la Grande that a German mine is supposed to have been placed under the machinery used for electric light in Ferriere la Grande.	8  9

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	21-12-18.		Lieut. P. K. Saunders proceeded to Charleroi today as buyer for the 3rd Div. Art'y. Canteen.	
FERRIERE LAGRANDE  Swarfout	22-12-18.		Headquarters, Nos 1 + 2 Sections. Casualties:- Nil Weather Notes:- Dull + cool. Temp 48. Wind S.W. <u>S.A.A. Section</u> Lieut. E. O. Peppard + a party of 21 other ranks from the Sections proceeded today to collect 45 Ride horses from the Corps Mounted troops at Hauts Witheres. <u>Vide D.A.G. Routine order of 22-12-18.</u> <u>Struck off strength.</u> 1 other rank evacuated to hospital. 1 Br. geld mule evacuated to 3rd M.V.S.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRIERE LA GRANDE. Swamp	23-12-18.		<p>Headquarters, Nos 1 + 2 Sections.</p> <p><u>AAA Section</u></p> <p>Casualties :- Nil.</p> <p>Weather Notes :- <u>Temp 50.</u> Dull wind N.E.</p> <p><u>RE MOUNTS.</u></p> <p>The 45 riders collected yesterday from Corps mounted troops were today paraded at D.A.C. Headquarters, + at 10 am this morning 40 of them were handed over to Lieut. Neviston for Brigades. - of the remaining five, three were posted to Nos 1 + two to Nos <u>2 Section.</u></p> <p>Lieut. W.A. Shelley Jones proceeded on leave to <u>England today</u></p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRIERE LA GRANDE Smarpant	24-12-18.		<p>Headquarters, Nos 1 + 2 Sections.</p> <p><u>P.A.A. Section</u></p> <p>Casualties:- Nil. Meteor Notes:- Temp 52 Dull wind S.W.</p> <p><u>INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.</u> <u>Memo to Nos 1 + 2 Sections</u></p> <p>Owing to the prevalence of influenza, officers commanding sections will please see that the following instructions are given immediate effect to.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Special attention is to be paid to ventilation in billets.</li><li>(2) The practice of two or more men sleeping together will immediately cease.</li><li>(3) Every effort must be made to give effect to any instructions issued by the R.M.O. which must be <u>strictly + promptly</u> complied with.</li></ol>	

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FERRIERE LA GRANDE.	24-12-18		<p>Memo forwarded to ofc No 2 Section for Lt. Windeyer to report back to <u>No 1 Section</u> for duty.</p> <p>Notification to sections that church parade for members of the Roman Catholic faith will be held at the local church at <u>0950 today.</u></p>	<p>10</p> <p>11</p>
FERRIERE LA GRANDE Samarponk	25-12-18.		<p>Headquarters. No 1 Section No 2 do. <u>SAA do.</u></p> <p>Casualties:- Nil Weather Notes:- Temp 57. Fine wind N.E.</p> <p>Notification forwarded to sections that the clipping of animals will be proceeded with as soon as the sections obtain horse rugs. Horses to be clipped before mules. The legs of animals will in no case be clipped.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	
	26-12-18		uneventful.
FERRIERE LA GRANDE Senarpont	27-12-18		<p>Headquarters. Nos Section Nos do. S.A.A. do.</p> <p>Casualties:- Nil. Meteor Notes:- <u>Temp 52. Fine wind N.E.</u></p> <p>Lieut. A.E. Hamilton <u>proceeded on leave to England today.</u> Lieut. E.O. Peppard <u>proceeded on leave to Paris today.</u></p> <p>Captain J. Morell arrived today from 3rd D.A. H.Q. to take over command of this unit, vide Capt. C.S. Foxton who proceeded to D.H.Q. on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst to take up the duties of <u>Repatriation officer.</u></p> <p>Communication received from 3rd D.A. H.Q. that the G.O.C. division will meet all officers of your unit at <u>D.A.G. H.Q. at 1000 today.</u></p>



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 Senarpont

Date  
 28-12-18.

Hour

Headquarters.  
 No 1 Section  
 2 do.  
 PAA Section

Casualties:- Nil  
 Meteor Notes:- Fine. Temp. 52 wind N.E.

Notification to Sections that the Commanding officer will visit sections tomorrow the 29th inst. Vide D.A.C. Routine Order of 28-12-18.

The following officer + men having been evacuated to hospital are struck off strength as follows.  
 Capt. A.D. Gunn - No 1 Section + 14 other ranks.

Foot + mouth disease. Full instructions issued in Routine Order of 28-12-18 as to precautions to be taken against this disease.

DIVISIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER. A Divisional photographers shop has now been established at Divisional Canteen LONGUEMORT at which members of the division can have films developed + printed.

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FERRIERE LA GRANDE Senarfont	29-12-18.		<p>Headquarters.                      Nos Section.                      Nos do.  <u>P.A.A. Section</u></p> <p>Casualties:- Nil.                      Meteor Notes:- <u>Five</u>. Temp 51. Wind N.W.</p> <p>Capt. Donaldson H.Y.S. + staff of 102<sup>nd</sup> Dental unit attached left the unit today + proceeded to 3rd D.A.H.Q. to take up duties there.</p> <p>Communication received from Australian Corps. re number of horses + mules that are at present being reported as lost or stolen from units.</p> <p>Instructions re posting of <u>stable guards + picquets.</u></p> <p>Communication from 3rd Div Army. requesting names of artillery officers who are desirous of being instructed in <u>anti aircraft gunnery.</u></p> <p>Reply forwarded that there are no officers of this unit desirous of attending this course.</p>	



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FERRIERE LA GRANDE. Snarpont	30-12-18.		<p>Headquarters. Nos Section 2 P.A.A. Section</p> <p>Casualties:- Nil Meteor Notes:- <u>Temp. 54. Fine. Wind N.E.</u></p> <p><u>Honours &amp; Awards. Vide D.A.C. Routine Order of 30-12-18</u> <u>Vide D.R.O. dated 18-12-18.</u></p> <p>Under authority delegated to him the Corps Commander has awarded the following decorations to the undermentioned other ranks.</p> <p><u>No 30901 Gnr. W.B. Warren 3rd Aus. Div. Amun. Col</u></p> <p>During operations 8<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August 1918, North of the Somme to Bonehavesnes, Gnr. Warren performed arduous + continuous work in delivering ammunition to Battery positions under heavy shell fire + bombing. <u>Awarded military medal.</u></p>	



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	30.12.18		<p><u>Honours &amp; Awards (contd)</u> <u>No 22378 Dv. N.R. HAMILTON. 3rd Am. Div. Amun. Col.</u> During operations 8<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August 1918 North of the Somme to Bouchavesnes Dv. Hamilton performed arduous + continuous work in delivering ammunition to Battery positions under heavy shell fire + bombing. <u>Awarded Military Medal.</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>INFLUENZA. EPIDEMIC.</u> As a preventative measure against the spread of Influenza, officers commanding Sections will hold a Gargle parade at 1445 daily, commencing tomorrow the 31<sup>st</sup> December. officers commanding Sections will make <u>arrangements direct with the R.M. O.</u></p>	



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31-12-18

Headquarters.  
No 1 Section.

2 do.

S.A.A. Section

Casualties:- Nil

Weather Notes:- Fine. Temp 50.  
Wind S.E.

Vide D.A.G. Routine Order of 31-12-18.

GARGLE PARADE.

In combination with this parade the Education officer will explain to the men the arrangements for the Classification of Technical trades. Officers commanding sections will arrange accordingly direct with the Education officer.

Vide D.A.G. Routine Order of 31-12-18.

Taken on strength. Captain J. Morell is taken on strength from 3rd D.A. H.P. as from the 27<sup>th</sup> inst + to command the 3rd Aust. Div. Ammun. Col.



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	<u>31-12-18.</u>		<p><u>Vide D.A.C. Routine Order of 31-12-18.</u></p> <p><u>Saccharine tablets.</u> Full attention was drawn in the above mentioned order to undesirable characters of both sexes, of the class that endeavour to cultivate acquaintance with members of the A. S. F. on leave in London, to proffer small tablets of the appearance of Saccharine for the use of any of our men in whose company they may be eating.</p> <p>The action of whatever drug is contained in the above tablet is to produce almost complete drowsiness followed by <u>complete stupor.</u></p> <p><u>Foot + mouth disease.</u> Attention was also again directed to in the above order to the prevalence of Foot + mouth disease + the precautions to be taken to combat same.</p> <p>Memo to Headquarters 3rd Am. Div. Arty. requesting that a ruling may be given in connection with the supply of <u>Technical Stores</u> by the 3rd D.A.C. to batteries.</p>	

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Strength of Unit.</u></p> <p>14 officers + 563 other ranks.</p> <p>78 ride horses - 583 light draught horses + mules.</p> <p>36 - 18pdn wagons + limbers.</p> <p>12 - 4'5 how do + do.</p> <p>67 - 4 wheeled horse vehicles.</p> <p>4 - 2 do do do.</p> <p>11 Bicycles.</p> <p><u>Attached to 3rd D.A.G.</u></p> <p>5 officers + 14 other ranks.</p> <p>During the month of November the undermentioned personnel proceeded on leave as follows.</p> <p>3 officers + 51 other ranks. to England.</p> <p>1 officer + 12 " " to Paris.</p> <p>1 officer to Rome.</p> <p>1 " to Nice.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Personnel evacuated to hospital.</u></p>	
			<p>28. <u>other ranks.</u></p>	
			<p><u>Transferred out of unit.</u></p>	
			<p>8 other ranks to A.S.F. Headquarters.</p>	
			<p>1 " " returned to Australia.</p>	
			<p>6 " " to 3rd A.H.F.</p>	
			<p>1 " " to 8th " " Bde.</p>	
			<p>1 " " to <u>A.A. Vet Corps.</u></p>	



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3rd Div. Am. Column

OF

3rd Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.

FOR

DECEMBER. 1918.

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| 1  | Football competition, meeting to arrange.  | ✓ |
| 2  | Medals, presentation of. Other ranks due for.                                      | ✓ |
| 3  | Paper chase, arrangements for.   | ✓ |
| 4  | Officers, reporting of.  | ✓ |
| 5  | Warning order for move on the 14 <sup>th</sup> inst.                               | ✓ |
| 6  | Move order No 36. issued on 12.12.18.  | ✓ |
| 7  | Operation order No 114. for move to Mantenge area.                                 | ✓ |
| 8  | Canteen buyer Lieut. Saunders to replace<br>Lieut. Shelly Jones.                   | ✓ |
| 9  | German mine, supposed to be under electric light<br>plant of "Lerriere la Grande." | ✓ |
| 10 | Lt. Winderger, return of to Nos Lee for duty.                                      | ✓ |
| 11 | R.C. Church parade on 24 <sup>th</sup> inst.                                       | ✓ |
| 12 | G.O.C. division to meet officers of the D.A.C.                                     | ✓ |
| 13 | Commanding officer to visit sections   | ✓ |
| 14 | Horses & mules, Adequate posting of stable guards &<br>picquets.                   | ✓ |
| 15 | Anti aircraft gunnery school. Officers for.  | ✓ |
| 16 | Technical stores supply of to batteries.   | ✓ |
| 17 | Salvage return Nos Section December 1918.  | ✓ |



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# WAR DIARY

3rd Div. Am. Column

OF

3rd Aust. Div. Amm. Column.

FOR

DECEMBER 1918.

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| 18 | Salvage return P.A.A. Section 3. D.A.C. DECEMBER 1918. ✓  |
| 19 | Honors awards. <u>Lieut. Chas. Thomas.</u> ✓  |
| 20 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 25347 Sgt. Wm Hy. Beadle.</u> ✓   |
| 21 | Honors awards. <u>No. 20229 Ldr. Wm J. Dodds</u> ✓<br><u>ALEXANDER</u>                          |
| 22 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 24390. Dr. Cyril</u> ✓  |
| 23 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 24447 Sgt. RODRIGUEZ J.H.</u> ✓   |
| 23 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 22530 Sgt. PATTISON. J.</u> ✓   |
| 24 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 24351 W.O. Brown. L.</u> ✓  |
| 25 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 24540 Cpl. L. M. Vincent.</u> ✓   |
| 25 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 2391 Dr. Wm Thompson.</u> ✓   |
| 26 | <sup>do</sup> <u>No 24466. Dr. W.E. Bragge.</u> ✓   |
| 27 | Return of salvage ammunition for week ending <u>13-17-18</u> for <u>No 2 Section 3 D.A.C.</u> ✓ |



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To 3rd Div. Art.

3rd Div. Am. Column

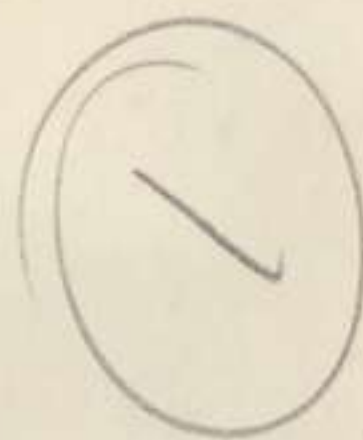
A meeting will be held at the Headquarters of the 3rd Div. Art. Bde at 11.00 on 3rd December 1918 to discuss and arrange a Football Competition for the Divisional Artillery.

Brigades, D.A.C. + D.Y.M.O. are asked to send one representative each from their Sports Committee.

Headquarters. (Sgd) R.A. Money Lieut  
2. 12. 18. R.O. 3rd Am. Div. Art.

Oppos Section.

F 551. 3.



The Commanding officer desires that Lieut. Drunkwater attend meeting at 7<sup>th</sup> Div. Art. Bde at 11 am as a representative of the D.A.C. Sports Committee

3rd Am. D.A.C.



3rd Aus. D.A.C.

7-12-18.

3rd Div. Am. Column

Forward this office by 12 noon 8<sup>th</sup> inst  
list of other ranks present with the unit  
due for presentation medals aaaa  
3rd D.A.H.Φ. arranging I.A.A. Section.  
3rd Aus. D.A.H.Φ.

3rd D.A.H.Φ.

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List of other ranks with unit due  
for presentation medals aaaa

24413	M/Sgt.	Kafrank . A.	M. M.
19935	app/ser	Sheehy M.G.	M. M.
30901	ser.	Warren W.R.	M. M.
25347	Sgt	Beadle W.H.D	M & M

(Sgd) J.P. Curke Hradist  
3rd D.A.C. A.D. 7.



In the field  
Headquarters.  
9-12-18.

of the Section  
2 do.  
Headquarters.



PAPER CHASE.

Arrangements have been made to conduct a paper chase, mounted, for all ranks.

Officers commanding Sections will please arrange for every officer, N.C.O. and man desirous of taking part, to meet at a rendezvous (of which you will be advised later) at 14:30 tomorrow 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Mules only will be ridden.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> inst it is proposed to hold a paper chase in which horses only will take part.

The commanding officer directs that facilities will be given for every man not required for duty to be present, and that officers commanding Sections should make mutual arrangements as regards saddlery.

No whips, sticks, or leather thongs to be used.

In order that the animals at the conclusion may arrive at the lines in a cool condition please arrange that everybody taking part is instructed that on the completion of the chase the animals return to the lines at a walking pace.

(sgd) J. J. Burke Lt Adj. G.  
3rd D.A.C. A.I.F.



3rd Div. Am. Column

In the field.  
Headquarters.  
9-12-18.of the Section.The following reporting of officers  
will take place as from today.Lieut. J. Inglis to Headquarters  
and to be assistant Adjutant.Lieut. J. J. Graham is appointed  
temporarily to command Nos Section.(sgd) J. J. O'Rourke Lt Adj  
3rd A.C. A.S.T.

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3rd Div. Am. Column

In the field  
Headquarters  
11-12-18

Letter Sec  
2 "  
SAA "  
Headquarters.

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The following memo received from 3rd D.A.C. is forwarded for information.

Warning order aaaa The Div. Artillery plus 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A & B. will commence to stage eastwards to new collecting area as under aaaa

7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	12 <sup>th</sup> instant.
8 <sup>th</sup> do	13 <sup>th</sup> "
D.A.C. + 7 Mts	14 <sup>th</sup> "
6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde.	15 <sup>th</sup> "

March order will be issued later aaaa  
Final destination Ferriere la Grande  
aaaa acknowledge aaaa

H. P. Curke. Lt. Adj. G.  
3rd D.A.C. A.S.T.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.Move Order No 36.

In compliance with 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery Operation Order No 114 of 11-12-18 (Copy attached)

1. MOVE. The 3rd D.A.C. (Less S.A.A. section) will move as laid down in march table attached.
2. ORDER OF MARCH.

14th	No 1 Section,	No 2 section,	Headquarters s.
15th	No 2 do	Headquarters	No 1 section.
16th	Headquarters	No 1 Section	No 2 section.
3. ADVANCED PARTIES. O.C. sections will instruct
 

1 Officer	Mounted
1 N.C.C.	do
1 Horseholder	do

 to report to the Adjutant at D.A.C. Headquarters at 11.45 tomorrow, 13th inst ready to proceed to arrange billeting.
4. SUPPLIES. On the day each unit moves out from the present area, wagons carrying rations and forage will report to , and move with the unit. These wagons will carry rations and forage up to the day after leaving St. Hilare. Each unit as it comes to St. Hilare will send these wagons to the Church square to pick up rations for the following day. The refilling point and arrangements for the day on which each unit arrives at its destination will be notified later.
5. MARCH DISCIPLINE & TRAFFIC CONTROL. Special attention is directed to 4th Army Routine Order 2039 which will be strictly complied with.
6. FALTS. As ordered.
7. REPORTS. To head of column.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd. J.F. O'Rourke Lieut & Adjt.  
3rd D.A.C. A.I.F.

Issued at 5 p.m. 12-12-18.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy	No	1	C.O.
do		2	Adjt.
do		3	O.C. No 1 section.
do		4	O.C. No 2 do
do		5	Veterinary Officer.
do		6	R.M.O.
do		7	File.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Ref. Maps. Sheet 62b, 57b, 57a 51.  
 " 1/40,000.

OPERATION ORDER No 114.

1. The 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. 7th and 8th A.F.A. Bdes. 3rd Aust. D.A.C. less No 3 Section 3rd Aust. Div. Trench mortars and 22nd Coy A.A.S.C. will move to the MAUBEUGE area. marching in accordance with Table attached.
2. Units will stage on completion of first and second days march at MAZINGHIEM and StHilaire respectively.
3. Advanced parties will be sent forward by units 24 hours ahead for their own billeting in staging areas. Staff Captain R.A. will arrange and allot areas for billeting of units at final destination. Final destination for each unit will be given at LA HAUTE BORNE. (W.13.d.- Sheet 51) on the last days march of each unit.
4. 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will close at present location at 1100 on 14-12-18. Staff Captain will open forward D.A.H.Q. at 1200 on 12-12-18, at MAUBEUGE.
5. Co's will report the arrival of units at final destination and forward locations of Headquarters and all units to 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. as soon after arrival as possible.
6. Supply arrangements for the move will be notified to units by Staff Captain R.A.
7. Fourth Army Standing Orders regarding distances for the march will be observed. Unit baggage wagons will accompany their respective columns.
8. Acknowledge.

Headquarters.

11-12-18.

(sgd) S. G. ROWE Major

aptg. B.M. 3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued by D.R. L. S. at 1900.



of the Section.

3rd Div. Am. Column

Please arrange for Lieut. P. Saunders to hold himself in readiness to proceed to CHARLEROI on 21<sup>st</sup> inst to relieve Lieut. Shelley Jones as <sup>canteen stores</sup> buyer for 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Art'y. He should be struck off all duty forthwith.

19-12-18.

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(Sgd) J. F. O'Rourke. Lt Adj't.  
3rd Div. Art'y.



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In the Field  
Headquarters  
19-12-18Headquarters.  
3rd Aus. Div. Arty.

It is reported by the Mayor of Ferris la Grande that a German mine is supposed to have been placed under the machinery used for electric light supply of this town during its occupation by the enemy.

Could application please be made for a qualified man to examine the location with a view to ascertaining whether a mine has been laid.

I have examined the building but can see no indication of a mine

(sgd) C.S. Foxton Capt.

1/Commandy. 3rd D.A.C. A.S.T.



3rd Div. Am. Column

In the field

Headquarters 3rd D.A.C.

24-12-18.

to No 2 Section.

" No 1 do. (For information)

Please arrange for Lt. Wünderer to report back to No 1 Section for duty.

(sgt) J. P. Fourke Lt + Adj. +  
3rd D.A.C. A.I.F.10



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In the field.  
Headquarters 3rd A.C.  
24-12-18

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To Mess Section  
Headquarters.

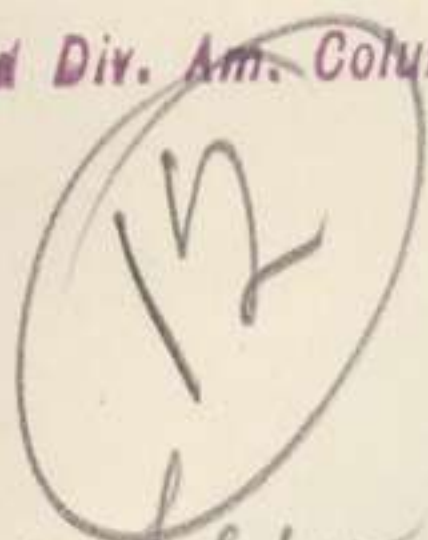
A church parade for members of the Roman Catholic faith will be held at 0950 today for the purpose of attending mass at the local church at 1000.

The commanding officer directs that every facility should be given to members of the Roman Catholic church to attend.

(sgt) J. H. Curke Lt Adj. 3rd A.C. A.F. 4.



3rd Div. Am. Column

of 1-2- I.A.A. Section.  
Headquarters.In the Field  
Headquarters  
27-12-18

The following has been received from  
3rd D.A.C. + is forwarded for information  
+ compliance please.

" G.O.C. Division will meet all  
officers of your unit at your Head-  
quarters at 1000 on the 27<sup>th</sup> December  
1918. and arrange accordingly please.  
Reference above.

Please arrange for all officers in your  
Section to report at D.A.C. Headquarters  
at 1000 today the 27<sup>th</sup> inst

(sgtd) J. F. O'ROURKE Lt Adj't  
3rd D.A.C. A. J. F.



3rd Div. Am. Column

In the Field  
Headquarters. 3rd D.A.C.  
28-12-18.

of Nos 1 Section  
of Nos 2 do.

The commanding officer will  
visit Sections tomorrow the 29<sup>th</sup> inst  
as follows.

10 am Nos 1 Section.

11 am Nos 2 do.

Officers commanding Sections will  
please arrange to meet the Commanding  
officer at the above times + conduct  
him round.

(sgd) J. O'Rourke Lt Adj. G.  
3rd D.A.C. A. J. F.



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AUSTRALIAN Corps.

No 183/538

Headquarters

29-12-18.

From the number of horses + mules that are being reported as lost or stolen from units, it would appear that sufficient care and supervision are not being exercised by stable guards in the performance of their duties. The Corps Commander therefore directs that steps be immediately taken to ensure.

1. That all stable guards, + horse picquets are properly mounted + relieved by an officer (or senior N.C.O. where no officer is available) at the commencement + conclusion of their term of duty.
2. That such stable guards or picquets receive written orders, both for the guards and for each sentry or picquet post.
3. That such stable guards or picquets are adequate to efficiently carry out the duties allotted to them.

(Sgd) H. G. VINEY. Lieut Col.  
A.A. + Q.M.G. Aust Corps.

of the Section

2.

do

PAA do.

Headquarters.

Reference above.

The Commanding officer directs that steps should be taken to comply with these orders and desires to impress upon officers Commanding Sections their personal responsibility in this connection.

(Sgd) J. F. O'Rourke LIT Adj  
3rd D.A.C. A.I.F.



203rd Aust. D.A.C.

3rd Div. Am. Column

As it is thought that Artillery officers who are remaining in the Army after the war may wish to be instructed in Anti-Aircraft Gunnery, it is proposed, if a sufficient number of officers volunteer, to continue the Elementary Courses, on a date to be notified later, at the G.H.Q. Anti Aircraft Gunnery School.

Please forward to this office by 12 noon on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst, the names of any officers who wish to attend the Courses referred to.

Headquarters. (sgd) S. G. ROWE Major.  
28-12-18. Actg. B.M. 3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

In the Field  
Headquarters 3rd D.A.C.  
29-12-18.

Headquarters,  
3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

Reference your B.M. No 140 dated 28-12-18.  
There are no officers of this unit desirous of attending a course of Anti Aircraft gunnery.

(sgd) T. Morell Capt.  
Commanding 3rd D.A.C. A.I.F.

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Headquarters,  
3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

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In the field  
Headquarters 3rd D.A.C.  
30-12-18.

In connection with the supply of Technical stores by the 3rd D.A.C. to Batteries. Hitherto the principle followed has been for the 3rd D.A.C. to issue on demand to Batteries when the latter were in the line, & when out of the line the Batteries requisitioned direct on D.A.D.O.S. It is requested that a ruling may be given as to the procedure to be followed in the future.

T. Morell Capt.  
Commandy. 3rd D.A.C. A.T.F.

To D.A.C.

Batteries will requisition direct on D.A.D.O.S.  
Capt. E. Griffith Capt.  
S.C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div.



3rd Div. Am. Column

No 2 Sec.  
30 Dec

Salvage Return for  
Month ending 26/12/18

Jeans	13	Shirts	4
Ship St	28	Drawers	1
Underwear	23	Braces Tr	5
Boots Double	10 1/2	Haversack	2
Boots T.S.	2 1/2	Socks Tr	2
Boots Horse	99	Puttee Tr	1
Boots Horse	41	Pad Surgical	1
Other Water	3	Torch Electric	1
Boots Horse	8	Carbons Jam	5 1/2
Wool Coats	15	Respirators S.B	14
Tunics	3	Gloves Tr	1
Hats	1	Tins Petrol	2

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*[Signature]*  
No. 2 SECTION  
3rd DIV. AMMUN. COL



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 Return of Goods Salvaged by P.A.A. Section  
 3rd D.A.C. from 15.11.18 to 25.12.18.

Description of Article	Number
Breeches M.S. pro.	32
Boots ankle pro.	23
Boots Field Service pro.	22
Braces pro.	4
Bandoliers 50 rounds.	5
Blankets 78	3
Axes felling	1
Cardigans	10
Covers rifle	42
Ground sheets	5
Gloves leather pro.	1
Greatcoat M.S.	10
Hats felt	7
Haversack O.S.	1
Horse respirators	109
Helmet steel	2
Hand file pump.	1
Jackets O.D.	28
Kettles camp oval 12 qts	2
Leggings drivers	2
Lamps Hurricane	6
Leggings leather	3
Mess Tins M.S.	1
Puttees pro.	9
Rifles S.M.L.E.	2
S.B.R.	9
Swingletrees	2
Sprayers disinfectant.	2
Sheepskin nests	3
Tents Bell	2
Water bottles enamel	7

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(Signed) M. M. P. Young  
 of P.A.A. Section  
 3rd D.A.C.



(19) Lieut. Chas. Thomas.

During the past year especially at Villers Bretonneux + Hamel and more recent operations this officer has rendered invaluable service while in command of the forward Ammunition refilling point. Within a few hours of the establishment of his A.R.P. thousands of rounds of gun ammunition have passed through this officer's hands with thorough organization of ammunition wagon traffic, sorting + issuing of ammunition. The harmonious + efficient work of supply of ammunition from the A.R.P. forward was in a large extent due to the unfailing untiring energies of this officer. The work done by Lieut. Thomas whilst in command of A.R.P. during operations in July was also of a very high order, worthy of special mention. The work done by this officer throughout the period under review has been of exceptionally high order, his good leadership coolness <sup>under fire</sup> + untiring energies have always set a fine example to the men under his command.



No 25347. Lt. W<sup>m</sup> Henry Beadle.

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This W.C.O. has been constantly employed on Divisional A.R.T.'s during the period under review, he has at all times set a very high standard of initiative & energy in carrying out his duties. On two separate occasions he has saved ammunition in the dumps from being destroyed by fire caused through enemy shelling. At Elisy a shell fell in a bay full of H.E. exploding at number of rounds and scattering the remainder over the road. Lt. Beadle ran to the bay and after extinguishing the fire & satisfying himself that there was no danger of any further rounds exploding, he cleared the road & enabled a convoy of motor transport to pass. The enemy was shelling the vicinity of the dump during the whole of the period. On a second occasion at the A.R.T. on the Bray. Corbie road the enemy opened a very heavy shell fire on the dump. One shell fell amongst the ammunition setting fire to the charges & wooden boxes. Lt. Beadle was within four yards of this shell when it exploded but at once started to put the fire out by throwing



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Sgt. W. H. Beadle

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the burning boxes over the bank into some water. Whilst doing this a second shell landed even closer to him than the first. Some other men came to his assistance and under Sgt. Beadle's direction the fire was quickly extinguished. By his prompt action & courage he undoubtedly on this occasion saved a large quantity of ammunition from being destroyed. The work performed by this NCO for the period under review has been of the highest order & his courage and initiative have always set a fine example to the men under his command.

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20229 Sadr. William J. Dodds.

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This man has performed very excellent work during the whole of the recent operations. He is a saddler in the section and in addition to doing his work during the day he has taken his turn as a gunner on wagons delivering ammunition to Batteries at night. On one occasion at Hamlet whilst delivering ammunition to Battery positions he was left at a X road to direct the following teams. The enemy opened a heavy fire on this point which was maintained for an hour. Saddler Dodds remained at the X road during the whole of this time and gave full instructions to all teams as to where they were to go, & where they would find the next guide. On other occasions when the team he was with has come under fire on the roads he has always shown great coolness & has set a very fine example to the other men working with him, by his willingness to assist in every way.

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3rd Aust. Div. Ammun. Col.

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No 24390. Dr. Cyril Alexander.

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This driver has been with Nos Section since its arrival in France & has at all times been most thorough in his work and has always been a splendid example to his comrades. He has in some instances carried out his work under most trying circumstances. On different occasions he has had three of his animals killed under him by enemy shell fire while delivering ammunition, & on each occasion he has carried out his work showing a wonderful disregard for danger & inspiring confidence in his comrades.

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No 2447. Sgt. Rodriguez J.H.

This U.C.O. has performed splendid service throughout the whole period of the past six months, + more particularly throughout the operations between the 8<sup>th</sup> August + the signing of the armistice 11/11/18. It was in no small measure due to his consistently excellent and diligent services that the ammunition supply to batteries has throughout the period in question been maintained in a high standard of efficiency, often under difficult conditions + under heavy shell fire.

No 22530. Sgt. PATTISON J.

This U.C.O. has performed splendid service throughout the whole period of the past six months more particularly throughout the operations between 8<sup>th</sup> August + the signing of the armistice on 11-11-18. It was in no small measure due to his consistently excellent + diligent services that the ammunition supply to Batteries has throughout the period in question been maintained in a high standard of efficiency often under difficult conditions + under heavy shell fire.



No. 4351. W.O. (class I) L. Brown.

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This Warrant Officer has served with the 3rd Aust. D.A.C. continuously from the time of its arrival in France in November 1916 to the present date, and during the whole of that period he has performed his duties in a remarkably efficient manner serving as a model to the N.C.O.'s and handling them with great discretion, tact + ability. He has at all times displayed great zeal and energy in the performance of his duties, + by his exemplary soldierly conduct has set an example which has been of immense service + assistance in the administration of the unit which it would be impossible to overestimate.



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No 24540 Cpl. L. M. Vincent.

For continuous & excellent work in transporting ammunition to gun positions during the various operations since 28<sup>th</sup> March 1918. The work performed by this U.C.O. was always most thoroughly & efficiently carried out, & the energy, resource, & enthusiasm displayed by him often under trying circumstances set a fine example to the men under his command.

No 291 Dvr. W<sup>m</sup> Thompson.

During all operations between 28<sup>th</sup> March 1918 and the signing of the armistice on the 11-11-18 this driver has by his excellent example under fire and generally most trying conditions delivering ammunition to Battery positions has earned the respect of all ranks. - His devotion to duty & coolness under the foregoing circumstances is a byword amongst his comrades by whom he is much admired for his utter disregard of danger.



3rd U.S. Div. Ammunition Col.

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Warrant Officer. 2nd Lt. W. E. Bragge.

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During all operations between the 28<sup>th</sup> March 1918 & the signing of the armistice on 11-11-18 this driver has by his excellent example under fire, and generally most trying conditions delivering ammunition to battery positions, has carried the respect of all ranks. His devotion to duty & coolness under the foregoing circumstances is a byword amongst his comrades by whom he is much admired for his utter disregard of danger.

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3rd Aust. D.A.C.

3rd Div. Am. Column

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Return of Salvage ammunition for week ending 13.12.18.

18 pdr	4.5 how	6 inch	6 inch	6 inch	18 pdr	4.5	6 inch	Codite	Phy 6"	AA
444	99	-	12 cases	6 cases	9760	1420		2 boxes	28 cases	1 case
125	70				3015		30		34 cases	
Totals. 569	169		12 cases	6 cases	12775	1420	30	2 boxes	62 cases	1 case.

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