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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

OF

*3<sup>rd</sup> D. A. C. A. I. F.*

FOR

*January* 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling

*E. Gibson Lieut.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*R. Roy Campbell Capt.*

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Ferriere la grande	January 1919.		<p><u>Strength of unit for January 1919.</u></p> <p>Rejoined from detached. <del>3</del> <sup>3</sup> Officers + 18 other ranks.</p>	
			<p>Proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>2 officers + 123 other ranks.</p>	
			<p>Proceeded on leave to Paris.</p> <p>1 officer <u>21 other ranks.</u></p>	
			<p>Rejoined from leave.</p> <p><u>5 officers + 78 other ranks.</u></p>	

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1st Terrace Grande	January 1919		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Strength of unit during January 1919.</u></p> <p>22 officers + 522 other ranks  36-18 pdr wagons + limbers.  12-4-5 how " + limbers.  67-4 wheeled vehicles.  4-2 " vehicles  11 Bicycles.</p> <p><u>Taken on strength from all sources.</u>  100 officers + 21 other ranks.</p> <p><u>Transferred out of unit:</u>  1 officer + 20 other ranks.</p> <p><u>Evacuated to hospital.</u> - 42 other ranks.</p> <p><u>Detached from unit.</u> 4 officers + 18 other ranks</p>	

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Fevriere la Grande Senarpont	1-1-19		<p>Headquarters, No's 1 + 2 Sections.</p> <p><u>SAA Section</u></p> <p>Now that active operations have ceased sufficient matter is not now available to allow of a daily account of events being written so it is intended to write a general descriptive report on the happenings + events that have occurred concerning this unit during the month under review.</p> <p>Headquarters, No's 1 + 2 Sections during this period were located in the village of Fevriere la Grande + the SAA Section at Senarpont.</p> <p><u>Vide D.A.C. Routine order of 2-1-19.</u></p> <p>Lieut. G. M. Quigley M.M. marched in from the 7<sup>th</sup> Y. A. Bde his taken on the strength of No's Section as from the 1-1-19.</p>	

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Terrace C. la Grande	January 1919.		<p>Lieut. J. G. Gorman marched in from the 8<sup>th</sup> D.A. Bde + is taken on strength of Nos Section as from the 1-1-19.</p> <p><u>Census of animals.</u> Reference G. R. O. Nos 96 para 5908 of the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1918. The commanding officer orders that a strict census of animals be taken in the 3<sup>rd</sup> D.A.G. on the following dates.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Headquarters Nos Section</p> <p>and the SAA Nos Section do immediately on receipt of his orders + will forward the required certificate to reach D.A.G. Headquarters not later than 2 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1919 in the case of Headquarters and Nos 1 + 2 Sections and in the case of the SAA Section immediately on completion.</p>	

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Femire la Grande	January 1919		<p><u>Census of animals (contd).</u></p> <p>The method of accounting for animals set forth in G. R. O. No 2916. para <u>5908</u> will come into force forthwith.</p> <p>The following was received from 3rd D. A. H. 4 + was promulgated in 3rd D. A. C. Routine Order of the 3rd inst.</p> <p><u>Command.</u></p> <p>Captain J. Morell to command 3rd Aus. D. A. C. vice Capt. C. G. Foxton.</p> <p><u>Vide D. A. C. Routine Order of 5-1-19.</u></p> <p><u>Taken on strength.</u> Capt. A. D. Gunn having returned from hospital is taken on strength as from the 4-1-19 + to command No 1 Section!</p>	

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Fevriere la Grande.	January 1919.		<p><u>Vice J. A. G. Routine Order of 7-1-19.</u></p> <p>A remount + Veterinary board will assemble at an early date for the purpose of classifying horses with a view to early demobilization.</p> <p>All horses will be paraded one by one before these Boards and classified roughly into three classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) To remain with the Army of occupation.</li><li>(b) Unsold animals to be sent to United Kingdom.</li><li>(c) To be sold locally.</li></ul> <p>The Board will visit Hastmout and Fevriere la Grande and carry out such inspection at a date to be <u>notified later.</u></p>	



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Ferriere la Grande.	January 1919.		<p><u>Vide D. A. G. Routine Order of. 8-1-19.</u>  <u>Struck off strength.</u> The following officer and  other ranks having left the unit for return to  Australia are struck off the strength as follows  from 8-1-19.</p> <p><u>Capt. Gunn A. D. Nos Section. + 6 other ranks.</u>  <u>Struck off attached.</u></p> <p>Lieut. J. K. Winderes having returned to 7<sup>th</sup> Coy A Bde  is struck off attached strength of Nos Section  as from 3-1-19.</p> <p><u>Vide D A G. Routine Order of. 10-1-19.</u>  Lieut. Woods E. V. having marched in is taken  on the strength of 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. D. A. G. + posted to Head-  quarters as from 10-1-19.</p>	

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Terniere la Grande	January 1919.		<p><u>Vide D.O. Routine Order of 13-1-19.</u></p> <p>Lieut. Peppard E. O. is reported from No 1 Section to No 2 Section as <u>from 12-1-19.</u></p> <p><u>Honours &amp; Awards.</u></p> <p>The following is an extract from A.F. list No 427 dated 1-10-19.</p> <p>His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned reward for distinguished service in connection with Military operations with the Armies in France.</p> <p>Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Service Medal.</p> <p>No 5347. <u>Sgt. W.D. Beadle M. S. M.</u></p>	

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Ferriere la Grande.	January 1919.		<p>The following officers &amp; NCO's were specially mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of 8<sup>th</sup> November 1918.</p> <p>Lieut. G. M. Quigley M. M. Lieut. C. H. Thomas. 22530 Sgt. J. Pattrison.</p> <p>The commanding officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. D. A. C. extends his congratulations to the above mentioned officers &amp; NCO's</p> <p>Captain. Matheson A. D. having reported from 8<sup>th</sup> TAB. is taken on strength as from 20-1-19 to command Nos Section</p> <p><u>COMMAND.</u></p> <p>Lieut. C. H. Thomas is appointed to command Nos Section 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. D. A. C. as from 26-1-19.</p>	

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at Leure la grande	January 1919		<p>Vide D.A.B. Routine order dated 27-1-19.</p> <p>The following officers having marched in from 2nd Army B.A.B. are taken on strength as from 26-1-19 + posted as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2/ Lieut.</td> <td>Johnson G.A.</td> <td>No. Section</td> </tr> <tr> <td>do</td> <td>Davison K.</td> <td>do.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>do</td> <td>Barraclough J.</td> <td>No. Section</td> </tr> <tr> <td>do</td> <td>Warden O.O.</td> <td>do.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Vide D.A.B. Routine order dated 30-1-19.</p> <p>The following officers having marched in from 2nd Army B.A.B. is taken on strength as from 29-1-19 + posted to Headquarters</p> <p><u>Capt. Shalders H.R.</u></p>	2/ Lieut.	Johnson G.A.	No. Section	do	Davison K.	do.	do	Barraclough J.	No. Section	do	Warden O.O.	do.	
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Fevriere la grande	January 1919		<p>The following officers having been transferred to Demob Camp have <del>and</del> struck off strength of Mos Section as follows. as from 28-1-19.</p> <p>Lieut. Hamilton A.E. Lieut. <u>Graham J.F.</u></p> <p><u>Education.</u></p> <p>The Education officer will deliver a lecture on Australian Agriculture at 1445 Tuesday 4-2-19 at the Marine Fevriere la grande.</p> <p>The Veterinary officer will deliver a lecture on 'The horse' at 1445 on Monday 3-2-19 in the building opposite 3rd Aust. <u>D.S.C. Headquarters.</u></p>	

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In the Field,  
Headquarters,  
16-1-19.

Brigade Major,  
3rd Aust. Div. Arty.

WAR DIARY.

Herewith attached for censorship January War Diary  
Appendix in connection with recent troubles within this Unit.

*J. Powell* Captain,  
Commanding 3rd D.A.C. A.I.F.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

(CONFIDENTIAL)

To. 7th & 8th A.F.A.Bdes.  
3rd Aust D.A.C. & D.T.M.O.

WAR DIARIES - JANUARY.

In connection with the recent troubles in this  
Divisional Artillery, it is intended to include in War  
Diaries in the form of an Appendix a resumé of events  
and to set out opinions for the occurrences. The matter  
is of historical interest and may be of use for guidance  
in future years.

Units will submit to D.A.H.Q., for censorship, their  
Appendices before same are sent on to Records.

Headquarters.  
10.1.1919.

*J. Powell*  
Major.  
for Brigadier-General,  
Cmdg 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery.

(A) *Regimental*  
*Headquarters* *Crack*

(B) *3rd Aust. Div.* *Self.*

*J. Powell*

RESUME of EVENTS.

On the 26-12-18 a Warning Order was received from 3rd D.A.H.Q. concerning a move of the D.A.C. from FERRIERE LA GRANDE to HAUTMONT with instructions for billeting parties to report to the Town Major HAUTMONT at 1400 on the 27-12-18. This order was promulgated.

At 1200 on the 27-12-18, a report was received at D.A.C. Headquarters that the men were raising objections to this move, and that an organization, consisting of delegates chosen from each unit for the purpose of redressing grievances, was moving in the matter. On this report the strength of the billeting parties was increased, as it was thought that on their return, the advantages to be gained by a move to HAUTMONT would be widely circulated amongst the men, and that no trouble would occur in connection with the move.

On the 27-12-18 3rd Aust. D.A. Operation Order No 115, definitely fixing the move for the 28th, was received at 12 noon and promulgated. At 2000 on the 27-12-18 a report was received that delegates from the D.A.C. had conferred with delegates of the Brigades, and that the D.A.C. as a whole were going to refuse to turn out the following day.

Section Commanders reported that no preparations had been made in regard to packing vehicles for the move.

The matter was then referred to D.A.H.Q.

A muster parade was held by the Commanding Officer. Officers and N.C.Os were dismissed, and the men called upon to give their reasons for refusing to move, which were as follows:-

- (a) Billeting accommodation in HAUTMONT was inferior to FERRIERE LA GRANDE.
- (b) If this move was necessary, why could not the D.A.C. have been put into HAUTMONT on the arrival of the 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery in this area?
- (c) Undue hardship would be caused by the move, as there were a number of men sick with influenza in No 1 Section. This would necessitate double journeys being made, and the sick men would be evacuated, and would not return to Australia with their unit.

As regards (b), it was explained to the men the original scheme of billeting was to enable each Artillery Brigade and D.A.C. to be affiliated to an Infantry Brigade Group for facilitating the A.I.F. Education Scheme.

As regard (c), No 1 Section Commander had already been instructed to move as best he could.

This muster parade was held at this hour with the object of ascertaining, and endeavouring to satisfy the men's so called reasons, and enabling the move to be carried out according to orders.

The men however unanimously declared their refusal to move. At 1200 on the 3-1-19 during stable hour, men left the stables without permission, and on being ordered to turn back, refused to do so. Sixty men were immediately put under arrest.

It was then ascertained that the D.A.C. had declared a general strike in sympathy with the 7th F.A. Brigade, in connection with two men of that unit who had been put under arrest for refusing to obey an order given by an Officer, to wear white lanyards.

This strike continued all day, men refusing to parade, but watering and feeding their animals.

At 0930 on the 4-1-19, men commandeered G.S. wagons with a display of force, and proceeded to HAUTMONT to put forward their complaints to the C.R.A.





