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

Artillery

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**Title: 1st Australian Siege Battery
Ammunition Column**

March 1918



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1st. Aust. S. B. A. Col.

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Sheet 27 W.3/B.6.2	March 1918 18th.		<p><u>General Routine</u> - Visited Aust. Corps Reinforcement Depot with Major C.J.Goddard D.S.O. and arranged sites for Huts etc. Major Goddard and O/C 1st. A.S.B.A.C. moved in and took over M.T. Reinfts. in Camp to be instructed in M.T. work. Weather- Bright Sunshine</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	19th.		<p><u>General Routine</u> - Visited Paymaster, Australian Corps and arranged for Pay Sgt, to visit camp and make up Pay Books. Visited S. M. T. O. regarding organization. Weather- Raining all day.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	20th.		<p><u>General Routine.</u> - General instruction to men in their Duties, allotting to Sections, Tents etc. Lieut. W. S. Anderson O/C 2nd. Aust. S. B. A. Col. reported from 4th Aust. Div. M.T.Coy. Guard mounted by M.T. Drivers for Instruction purposes. Weather - Wet in morning but Clear in afternoon.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	21st.		<p><u>General Routine</u> - Interviewed men and obtained full particulars of qualifications etc. Inspected Gas appliances and instructed men in use of same. Col. Tunbridge C.B. C.M.G. V.D., the D. M. T. S. AIF. visited Camp in the afternoon. Weather - Fine and Cold.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	22nd.		<p><u>General Routine</u> - Drew 3,300fres. (£121) from S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps for pay. Expended same on Acquittance Rolls A/1, Original and Duplicate of which were forwarded to S.M.T.O. Aust Corps as per D/10/18. Authority for formation of 1st. and 2nd. Australian Siege Brigade Ammunition Columns appeared in A.I.F. Order No.1159 dated 19/3/18 Weather - Bright sunshine, Clear night.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	23rd.		<p><u>General Routine-</u> Attended Lecture by Capt. Bliss, Royal Welsh Fusileers, on "Strategy of War" which was much appreciated by all ranks. S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps visited camp and advised that he had made arrangements for two Albion Lorries to be lent to 1st and 2nd. A.S.B.A.Cols. for instruction and also he had arranged for Officers to visit Caterpillar Park next week. Weather - Bright Sunshine</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Sheet 27 W.3.B.6.2.	March 1918 24th.		<u>General Routine</u> - Church Parades Weather - Bright Sunshine	
	25th.		<u>General Routine</u> - Visited S.M.T.O. in afternoon regarding promotions and Caterpillar Drivers Suggested that 6/- per day men, who were cooks, be allowed to remain as surplus to establishment until promoted to Drivers or absorbed elsewhere. Indented on Base for Stationery. Weather - Cold and Showery.	L.
	26th.		<u>General Routine</u> - General Instruction, Drill etc. Weather - Cold and threatening Rain	L.
	27th.		<u>General Routine</u> - Adjutant S.M.T.O. called, went with him to H.Q. M.T.Cols. and gave Col. Moon particulars of evidence etc. in the case of L/Cpl. DUFFY No.1 A.A.S.P. Visited S.M.T.O. on return. Arranged for issue of Rifles and Clothing to men in need of same. Weather - Fine and Cold.	C.M.G. L.
	28th.		<u>General Routine</u> - M.T. supplied Camp Guard of Honour to His Majesty King George V. Weather - Very Cold with Strong Wind and Light Showers.	L.
	29th.		<u>General Routine</u> - Prepared Nominal Rolls of men selected for 1st. A.S.B.A.C. (see Appendix 2) and forwarded same to D.M.T.S. asking authority for posting same to units. S.M.T.O. called and advised that 1st. and 2nd. A.S.B.A.C's would move to camp located Sheet 28.M.24C.9.2. on following morning, also that two Albion motor Lorries would report and be kept for Instructional purposes. Arranged for Rations, Blankets, Rifles etc. Weather - Dull, Windy and Showery.	L.



APPENDIX /

APPENDIX 1

1st. AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BRIGADE AMMUNITION COLUMN

BATTLE CASUALTIES

Personnel	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.
Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.

Lt. J. Mapstone

O/C. 1st. Aust. S. B. A. C.

Lieut.

1st. AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BRIGADE AMMUNITION COLUMNNOMINAL ROLL

6278	Pte.	Ambrose E.H.	15356	Dvr,	Longworth C.F.J.
2033	"	Botting P.T.	15177	"	McWilliam J.P.
15153	Dvr.	Boulton J.F.	15359	"	Murdoch R.
13964	"	Brown H.	14819	"	McKenzie D.
15378	"	Bull L.N.	14467	"	Miller F.T.
15367	"	Bradbury A.	14993	"	Mitchell H.G.W.
14982	"	Barrett A.G.	14271	"	Montefiore G.B.
15335	Pte.	Carter C.B.	14256	"	Murray J.V.
15380	Dvr.	Coffee J.R.	14468	"	Mungomery J.H.
15360	"	Cowley R.A.	14257	"	Nash G.
14637	"	Campbell D.	15182	"	Oelrichs H.B.
14983	"	Carter A.M.	14647	"	O'Shea J.J.
14807	"	Crowther L.A.	15184	"	Packer A.R.
14984	"	Cobley J.	15183	"	Philip C.W.
12996	"	Champion A.B.	14650	"	Porter S.
15127	"	Davies W.G.	14996	"	Proctor G.
6731	Pte.	Driscoll D.A.	14266	"	Rodds L.R.
14813	Dvr.	Davies M.D.	14821	"	Robinson R.D.
14462	"	Dunstan S.	14998	"	Sachs H.E.
15377	"	Elvy R.H.	14461	"	Spargo P.H.
2807	Pte.	Evans R.H.	14655	"	Saunders J.E.
13983	Dvr.	Foulds C.H.	14822	"	Shields T.V.P.
15165	"	Fawkner M.G.	15351	"	Taylor W.C.
15029	"	Gilchrist A.C.	14653	"	Trail E.
15373	"	Grimes S.U.	15376	"	Vaughan R.C.
14643	"	Gow S.N.	15353	"	Wray G.T.
15169	"	Hall D.C.	14484	"	Woodland W.R.
14253	"	Holker W.H.	15354	"	Yates G.C.
14989	"	Irwin T.W.	14466	"	Gurner A.E.
14480	"	Irwin R.C.	14644	"	Graham R.G.
14646	"	Kent E.F.	14642	"	Fowler J.E.
15374	"	Law W.J.			

Lt. T. Maptstone Lieut.
C.C. 1st. Aust. S. B. A. C.

ORIGINAL.SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS OF MONTHMarch 1918

Under Authority of D.A.G. A.I.F. 25/190 of 12/3/18. Authority was given for the formation of the 1st and 2nd Aust. S.B.A.Cols. at present composed of Imperial Personnel.

Lieut. L.T. Maplestone M.C. was appointed to command the 1st. Aust. S.B.A.C and Lieut. W.S. Anderson the 2nd. (D.M.T.S. A.I.F. B/43-12/3/18)
The M.T. Reinforcements located at Australian Corps Reinforcement Camp (Sheet 27 W. 3 B.6.2) were taken over and instructed in their various duties. Major C. J. Goddard D.S.O. was put in Command of the Two Units to supervise organization. The men were treated as one Company and the work of training was carried out by Lieuts. Maplestone and Anderson. Work consisted chiefly of Lectures, Drill, Musketry, Gas Instruction, Guards etc.

Lack of N.C.O's and Lorries to test men on, hindered matters greatly; but good progress was made.

Owing to lack of room in the Reinforcement Camp, the M.T. Reinforcements were moved to a camp at Sheet 28 M.24.C.9.2. where training was carried on.

On 29th. inst. a Nominal Roll of men selected for the unit was sent to D.M.T.S. and Authority asked to post these men to the Unit.

In the Field,
31/3/18

Lt. T. Maplestone. Lieut.
O/C 1st. Aust. S. B. A. C.