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WAR DIARY

OF

1st AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BATTERY AMMUNITION COLUMN.

FOR

JANUARY 1919.

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

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD.	1/1/19		Weather fine and clear. Ten lorries out on detail on supplies, stores and petrol. It is very hard to find anything of interest to enter in the diary now; and days . The routine is similar each day. A history of the unit since its inception is being taken in hand.	
FRANCE.				
	2/1/19		Weather fine, clear & cold. So far no snow has fallen this year. Ten lorries again on detail, mostly supply work.	
	3/1/19		Weather still fine. Ten lorries out on R.E. stores and various.	
	4/1/19		Weather cloudy & dull. Nine lorries detailed to carry stone & rations.	
	5/1/19		Wet cloudy & slightly wet. Two lorries out: one on stores & one on water & rations. Orders received today to move to a position about 500 yds distant, which seemed rather unnecessary. An order also received severing connection with the 36 th (Imp.) Brigade & constituting us an independent unit. This should prove much more satisfactory than heretofore.	<p>APP. 2</p> <p>O.C. 127A S. B.A.C.</p>

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FIELD.	6/1/19		Weather dull with drizzling rain. Five lorries on detail carrying supplies and stores. The order to move was cancelled after Mr Robertson had interviewed the adjt. of "P" S.A.P.	<p>Robertson Lieut. D. C. 1st A. S. B. A. C.</p>
FRANCE.	7/1/19		Weather cloudy. Eight lorries detailed to carry stores.	
	8/1/19		Weather fine & cold. Eight lorries out on stores & supply work.	
	9/1/19		Weather clear & frosty. Six lorries detailed for various work. The Cotepillar Educational class is getting on well & the members are now receiving instruction in drawing.	
	10/1/19		Weather clear & frosty. Five lorries out on detail on stores & various.	
	11/1/19		Weather dull. Four lorries detailed to carry petrol & stores. 20 Lums reported.	
	12/1/19		Weather wet. Four lorries carrying personnel and various. 3 lorries detached to 32 Labor Group at OUDENARDE.	
	13/1/19		Wet slightly wet. Three lorries out on personnel, stores & various.	
	14/1/19		Weather fine but cold & misty. Six lorries detailed for stores, personnel, etc.	
	15/1/19		Weather clear & frosty. 5 lorries on stores & personnel. A shooting accident occurred in a lorry tonight & a man was wounded.	

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FIELD	16/1/19.		Weather clear & frosty. Five lorries out on stores and various.	
	17/1/19.		Weather clear & frosty. Eight lorries detailed for troops, stores & various.	
FRANCE.			The 20 men attached from battery are leaving to drive & the	
			Caterpillar school is getting along famously. one man to Australia.	
	18/1/19.		Weather clear & frosty. Six lorries detailed for troops, stores & various.	
	19/1/19.		Weather clear & frosty. Four lorries detailed. Two returned to Park not used. This is misuse of transport & has happened several times. Two others on various.	D. C. 1/1 st A.S.B.A.C.
	20/1/19.		Weather frosty & cold. Six lorries out. once more two were returned not used. The others were on supply work.	
	21/1/19.		Weather clear & cold. Nine lorries detailed for supply, stores and various.	
	22/1/19.		Weather clear & cold. Lorries out on supplies and various.	
	23/1/19.		Weather cold & slightly misty. Lorries on supply work mostly.	
	24/1/19.		Weather clear & cold. Men being granted leave to V.I. much better now. Lorries out on T.P.E., supply & various.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD.	25/1/19.		Weather dull & cold. Lorries out on various work, mostly stores. Leave granted to 5 men to visit Brussels. They were taken on a lorry of the 2 nd A.S.B.C.	
FRANCE.	26/1/19.		Snowing heavily. This morning about 8 am. the office was burnt to the ground & all records lost. The hut on the left of it was also burnt. Caused through the heat from the stove setting fire to the tarpaulin which covered the office. Enquiry instituted.	Appendix 1 1st A.S.B.C.
	27/1/19.		Still snowing slightly. Roads very slippery. Very few lorries out. Brussels leave party returned this evening.	
	28/1/19.		Dull and cold. Snow stopped. Only 4 lorries out on personnel & supply.	
	29/1/19.		Fog has commenced & it is very cold. Coal very scarce. 5 lorries out on supply & various.	
	30/1/19.		Very cold. 3 lorries on salvage and one on water & rations.	
	31/1/19.		Very cold. Roads bad. Only one lorry detailed for water etc. Everyone waiting to move in the direction of home.	

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3. Attachment of gunners.
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DIARY APPENDIX No. 1 FOR MONTH OF

January

Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Loads Amm.	R.E. Work	Supply	Stores	Person'l	Various	Total Loads Done	Total Lorries Out	Miles Run Full	Miles Run Empty	Petrol Issued	Lorries Av'able Not used	Lorries Under Repair	Lorries D'tach'd
1st	-	-	2	5	3	-	10	10	195	446	122	2	1	6
2nd	-	1	8	-	-	1	10	10	176	400	108	2	1	6
3rd	-	2	2	-	-	6	10	10	155	424	112	1	2	6
4th	-	-	1	5	-	3	9	9	145	395	144	2	2	6
5th	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	2	38	15	8	3	10	1
6th	-	-	3	4	1	4	12	9	116	88	43	3	2	4
7th	-	-	-	4	-	1	5	5	110	92	40	3	6	4
8th	-	-	6	4	1	1	12	8	115	90	41	3	4	4
9th	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	85	80	33	3	5	6
10th	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	5	107	55	32	3	3	8
11th	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	4	60	15	14	3	5	7
12th	-	2	1	-	4	-	7	4	118	63	37	3	8	4
13th	-	-	1	2	-	5	8	7	94	72	40	3	7	2
14th	-	3	1	2	-	-	6	6	128	54	47	3	6	4
15th	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	3	45	27	32	3	8	4
16th	-	3	1	1	-	2	7	3	114	90	22	3	8	6
17th	-	1	1	1	-	2	5	4	89	45	25	3	7	5
18th	-	6	1	-	3	-	10	9	160	90	36	3	4	3
19th	-	-	3	1	1	3	8	8	177	87	59	3	7	1
20th	-	3	-	1	-	3	7	5	68	80	44	3	10	1
21st	-	-	2	1	1	3	7	7	54	74	31	3	9	1
22nd	-	1	4	1	-	2	8	6	172	85	28	3	9	1
23rd	-	-	4	1	-	-	5	5	70	45	40	3	10	1
24th	-	2	2	1	-	5	10	9	145	105	23	3	6	1
25th	-	1	3	-	4	8	9	7	82	75	21	3	8	1
26th	-	-	4	1	3	-	8	7	99	65	36	3	8	1
27th	-	3	-	1	-	4	8	8	100	73	20	3	7	1
28th	-	-	3	1	-	2	6	6	72	30	28	3	6	1
29th	-	1	1	1	1	4	8	8	96	47	15	3	7	1
30th	-	-	5	1	-	3	9	7	112	93	38	3	8	1
31st	-	-	5	1	-	5	11	8	130	10	30	3	7	1
Total		29	65	42	26	75	237	205	3521	3410	2349	87	194	99

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APPENDICES 2 & 3

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD			We have now been constituted an independent unit, which means that we deal directly with Siege Park. This is much more satisfactory for all concerned. It is not possible to attach a copy of the order received authorising this, as was intended, as it was destroyed by this fire which occurred on the 26/1/19.	
FRANCE.			Twenty gunners from the 1 st Aust. Siege Battery have been attached for instruction. This is a great help, as being so short of men, we were compelled to keep a few men back from leave until the others returned. These gunners will receive instruction in driving and general road repairs, some of them have expressed a wish to be transferred to this unit.	<p>McClelland 1st Aust. S. B. Co.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>ACCIDENT</u></p> <p>According to statements of witnesses the shooting accident occurred as follows:- A discussion on service revolvers was taking place in one of the berries and Div. Shields went to his own room & secured a Webley pistol. He was in the act of "breaking it" when it ^{exploded} exploded & Sumner Cubbins who was sitting next to Shields was wounded in the hip. Shields states that he had no idea the revolver was loaded. Cubbins was taken to hospital & is still there but doing very well. Shields was placed under arrest & remanded to Siege Park. The case is not yet finished.</p>	<p>355 Lieut. G. S. B. A.P. O.C. 1st A.S.B.A.P.</p>
			<p>Five men have been attached from various battalions under the Educational scheme for instruction in Catapult work. They have got on well & can all dive. At present they are carrying on with repair work & general mechanical instruction.</p>	