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Ammunition Column

September 1918



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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian Siege Battery, Comm. Col.

FOR

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Signature of Officer compiling

Arthur Anderson

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 P 31. C-28.	1 st Sept	Sunny.	Caterpillar Park moved from location adjoining this Camp to square at TRADELLES. (Sheet 27 W. 21. central). WITH the Park three Tractors of this Unit went. VISITED BATTERY bullets + drew out the two (5+6) guns from rear position at Sheet 27. Q 28 b., left the two guns parked in shelter of trees at this position. This move done by daylight.	
"	2 nd Sept	Sunny.	Visited Battery Bullets + forward positions at Sheet 27 W 12 (FLISTRE STRAZEELE Road. The four guns here had been out of range for several days. Under instructions from Brigade these guns were shifted by daylight from their positions — + taken back via THIEUSTOUCK + parked in field as above with remaining guns. Guns 2. 3 + 4 moved. NO1 left for the time being. General routine work + inspection of lines.	
"	3 rd Sept	Sunny.	Pt DOWNE visited Battery Bullets + forward position, and drew out NO1 gun + same taken to rear position. Six guns now parked in field at (Sheet 27 Q 28 b) ready to move. Three caterpillars standing by. Three at TRADELLES. Verbal instructions at midday from Capt LOVE GROVE, OC. 36 th Bde ASC to move from our present park to the main CAESTRE. — ST SYLVESTRE road at about. Sheet 27 Q 25 d 2/2. Went immediately to this location with Capt LOVE GROVE to select camp sites	

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Sheet 27 C 21 p 2/8	30 Sept	Sunny	+ parking ground. As lorries all out on Ammunition + Stone (Forward Roads) work, no movement order issued, but move carried out piece-meal. Completely established in new camp in Field at Sheet 27. Q 25 d 2/2 at 7 p.m. WIRED DMTS new location	
Sheet 27 Q 25. d 2/2	4 ¹⁵ Sept	Sunny	Detail for 14 Lorries to be accompanied by an officer for stone work on forward roads from RA MOTTE to OUTER STEEN. Accompanied this detail. Rt DOWNE meanwhile inspects Lories on Park. Visited Battery in evening. Major Manchester forward, reconnoitring new position near NEUVE EGLISE. MOVE forward of guns expected	
"	5 ¹⁵ Sept	cloudy but fine.	Salved Lorry of 1st AS 339 Col lost during retreat Post April from ditch on OUTERSTEEN — BAILLEUL Road. Standed same over to "P" Siege Park after obtaining various parts necessary to complete overhaul job on hand (Lorry 10417). No further overhauls have been commenced on Park owing to difficulty in obtaining spare parts. 10417 now been waiting a week for various spares. Visited old E Siege Park Caterpillar Park at LA CRECHE. Large quantity of Caterpillar spares still there in good condition. Arranged for a lorry to go down there tomorrow + collect such as may be of use.	

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Sheet 27 Q 25 d 2/2	6th Sept	cloudy fine heavy thunder storm - afternoon.	<p>Word thro' at 6.30 a.m. of gun move to forward position at corner of WELLINGTON & WESTHOF Roads to West of NEUVE EGLISE (Sheet 27 T 19). WEATHER fine but thundery — 4 guns to be moved forward. Word sent thro' to CATERPILLAR Park. PRADELLES & fourth Caterpillar. Guns moved forward at 8.0c via THIEUSNOUICK FLETRE BAILLEUL. LE RAVELSBERG Ridg. along WELLINGTON road. Convoyed three guns past BAILLEUL. LORRIES SENT forward independently as loaded. Beams went ahead, heavy Battery position 8.0c. VISITED new positions & reconnoitered same. Returned to old Battery position to send fourth gun on. All guns ready at WESTHOF farm (adjoin new position) at 3 pm. Positions ready at 3.30. Move completed by 6.30 pm. Heavy thunderstorm during afternoon but not sufficient to hamper operations. BATTERY not used. Move completed in day light, as it was 'urgent'. Lorry to old Caterpillar park, LA CRECHE. Collected all parts of use including rollers, spuds, springs, spud bolts</p>	
"	7th Sept.	heavy rain rough weather	<p>Visited Battery. Everything in order. Four caterpillars standing by the two guns at rear (old Battery) positions. Inspected Lories on Park. Usual routine</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 Q 25 d 2/2.	8 ¹⁵ Sept wch.		Inspection of Rows on Column. Drones visited Battery. Rumor of moving out; Battery silent up to date. Ordinary routine work. Caterpillar Park moved from TRADELLES to just on BAILLEUL side of METEREN on main BAILLEUL. METEREN Rd. ^P Sarge Park Headquarters to TRADELLES.	
"	9 ¹⁵ Sept. wch.		Verbal orders to draw guns out from Battery position. Orders received at midday. Move commenced at 1 pm. Guns out on road 4 pm. Orders to move off in dark. RAVELSBERG Hill road being very greasy moved guns by WESTHOF road + main ARMENTIERES BAILLEUL Road — thence thro' BAILLEUL — FLETRE to old position, obtained extra Caterpillar for this move. Now five Caterpillars + two guns at this position	
"	10 ¹⁵ Sept Heavy rain		Standing by for a move out of Coles area. Usual routine work. Visited Battery + inspected cat. Everything in order for a move. Ordinary routine work.	
"	11 ¹⁵ Sept-		Word thro' at 10 am of a move but no precise particulars obtainable. Visited Battery + in anticipation of a move allotted Rows, as per movement order herewith, appendix "A." Orders thro' about midday for move. Drafted movement order. Thence forth move proceeded as detailed to proceed	Appendix A

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Sheet 27 Q 25 d 2.2.	11th Sept		Guns & Lories passed starting point 9.15. Arrangements to Park on main WORMHOUST — BERGUES Road cancelled by Corps at 9.30 pm. Orders to Park Lories & Guns on road from Sheet 19 U 28 2-9 to Sheet 27 C 3 central (ESQUELBECQUE) Rt DOWNE arranged Park accordingly. Battery Bullets at ZEGGERS CAPPEL. Guns tho' CASSEL. 11.30. Covered at location between 2. & 2.30. Lories at Tyne mess arrived at old camp about 11 pm & remained the night. New camp site chosen at Sheet 27 C 3 central. with Lories parked on main road outside this field. Move into 2nd Corps ("B" Sigs Park)	
Sheet 27 C 3 Central.	12th Sept		Old camp position cleared — & new camp established at location in margin. Day occupied in fixing new camp — clearing & grassing Lories. All Lories & guns turned & parked on right of road facing EAST under instructions from Brigade. Lories all returned from Battery & Brigade (RGA) 34 Lories on Park. Nine to DMTS new location. All marching in states & rendered. 10417 sent into workshop for completion	
"	13th Sept.		all Lories still stands by — men employed putting some to rights. Weekly returns rendered.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 C 3 canal	14 ¹⁵ Sept 1918		Five ammunition lorries under verbal instructions from OC Battery proceeded to Battery position at Sheet 28 c 20, + off loaded shell. Chargers tubes + fuses loaded on to remaining three ammunition lorries. Visited Battery Bullets in ZEGGERS CAPPEL. Pit being dug at new position. Inspected lorries on Park. Visited B Siege Park workshops (Sheet 27 Canal) Paid officer in charge. Absolute shortage of Albion parts. Boukleton of 10417 being held up on this account.	
"	15 ¹⁵ Sept 1918		Forward to Battery Position, which is south east of Brulew across the YSER canal. Inspected position + reconnoitred roads with view to pulling in the guns. Exact location as above Sheet 28 c 20 d. All moves will have to be made at night as enemy has direct observation from a ridge 3500 yards distant. All roads approaching the position good. Bridge over the YSER (1704 Bridge) Sheet 28 c 25 a 99 is for a 17 1/2 ton axle load. On return to Park, by verbal instructions from Battery OC, sent up 2 Bram lorries to position. Bulk of lorries still standing by	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 C 3 centre	16 th Sept 1918	Clear fine	Four beam copies to position. Inspected copies on Park. To Battery Bullets. No further orders as to move in. Received verbal instructions to stand by for a move to new Park tomorrow. Location of new Park on Proven - POPERINCHE Rd Sheet 27 L 4 b central. Continued with copy inspection and checking of tool kits.	
"	17 th Sept 1918	Cloudy light rain 100 and over	Orders for move verbally confirmed by OC 36 th Bde ASC. Camp packed up. Verbal orders for three guns to proceed to position via BERGUES avoiding road REXPOEDE. OOSTCappel Proven POPERINCHE ELVERDINGHE BRIELEN. Guns left park at 10 a.m. Road tho' to cease moving camp & stand by for further instructions (10.30 a.m). Standing by till 4.30 pm, when orders came that move to new Park was cancelled. Guns stopped by Brigade DR at 1.30 pm at REXPOEDE (Sheet 19. P 34). Re pitched camp. Visited guns at this location & arranged for posting of Picquet on item for the night.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 C 3 central	18th Sept 1918	fine but cloudy	Guns standing by — three on Park — three at Rear POEDE. Visited Battery Billels ZEGGERS CAPPEL, and arranged for a Battery Quarid to relieve the Regiment of Caterpillar men on latter three guns. Rendered return of men who embarked from Australia in 1914 for Australia leave.	
"	19th Sept 1918.	slight rain	No further alteration of position. Three Companies reporting each morning to Battery Billels to take working parties forward. Lt DOWNE visited forward position & reconnoitred. Inspection of Lines on Park.	
"	20th Sept	clear & sunny	Visited Battery Billels. Sent in side car Constructive (Douglas) with broken frame to Workshops for evacuation evening. Received orders (verbally) from OC 36th Bgde to prepare for a move to new Park at Sheet 27 L 4 B central. Related cheque for 5000 francs for Pay (on Bank of France St OMER arrived. Drafted Movement order (Appendix C)	Appendix C.
"	21st Sept.	cloudy fine	Went ahead to new position (Sheet 27 L 4 B central) & allotted Parky ground & arranged sites for Camp. Our Hut is a mile & a half from Brigade & other Huts of Brigade	

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Sheet 27 L 4 C 2118	21st Sept 1918	Fine Cloudy	(situated Sheet 27 L 3 5.8.). Move completed, camp pitched & Conies parked by 1 p.m. Down to ST OMER for pay, but found Bank closed. DOWNE remained at old Camp in charge of all remaining guns of Brigade, Caterpillars & FWD's. Received verbal instructions to proceed to Battery position & await arrival of 6 'beds' of guns to arrive at 8 p.m. Waited till 9 p.m. at position, phoned 36th Bgde RGA. — found that movement of 'beds' had been cancelled. Meanwhile DOWNE had received instructions to move all guns including those at Rex POEDE forward to ROUSBRIDGE (Sheet 19. N16) to Park Hill. This completed by midnight. Lovies 22799 & 2468 to 'B' SAP Workshop for overhaul. 10417 out of shops.	
Sheet 27 L 4 C 2118	22nd Sept 1918		Major HAMILTON, J. D 60. OC. Aust. Bords Hqs MT Coy. arrived at 2 p.m. to interview C2MB LARKE. PJ & Sgt. APPLETON GC. whom I have recommended for an OTC. Received order (Appendix D) for movement of three guns & 6 beds forward. Started off three caterpillars with pieces & carriages of No 15 & 16 guns in tow at 7 p.m. FWD's did not arrive till 11 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Consequently	Appendix D.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 L4 B Central.	22 nd Sept 1918		as it is a 17 miles trip to position no chance of getting pieces & carriages in by dawn. On FWD magnets impossible to put in order. Proceeded with five beds to position. Arrived 3.30 pm. Beds in by dawn. Halted pieces & carriages at Sheet 28 a 10 d central under cover. Returned to park & reported whole circumstances to OC 36th Bgde ASC. Move completed without mishap. Five more ponies had proceeded to position earlier in evening & off loaded after dusk.	
Sheet 27 L4 B Central	23 rd Sept 1918.	fine in morning light rain evening	Remaining bed proceeded by FWD to position in charge of Sgt Butcher this evening. Sub to position without mishap. LT. DOWNE proceeded to ST OMER in morning & collected pay. Pay Parade in afternoon. Inspection of ponies. 22799 & 2468 returned from workshop practically untouched. Made report on same to DC 36th Bgde ASC. I understand workshop find it impossible to obtain Albion parts.	
"	24 th	fine cloudy.	To forward Caterpillars & also Caterpillars at Rous BRIDGE. Paid men at each. Verbal orders for three forward guns at Sheet 28 a 10d to proceed to position at 8 pm — and rear guns to move forward to above location. DOWNE conducted the move & guns safely into position (Nos 1.5 & 6)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 27 L 4 B Caval	24th Sept 1918	clear + fine	by dawn. Usual Battery details for Lories. Other wise all Lories standing by unloaded. Visited works hobs of 'B' Sigs Park on WORMHOUST - BERGUES road with a view to arrange with Officer i/c to continue on over hauls on Park. No officer at Works hobs. So reached no arrangement.	
Sheet 27 L 4 B Caval	25th Sept 1918	fine + clear	Received verbal orders from ^{Batt} Brigade (ASC) to move three guns at Sheet 28 110d to Battery position as above, taking route DE WIPPE CABARET DROMORE CORNER ELVERDINGHE BRIELEN. Not Bridge. Moved off at 7 pm. Very congested traffic, and two hours block at Bridge. Guns in position with out mishap at 4 am. Heavy gas shelling and much of the work done in respirators. Caterpillars returned and parked at Hospital FARM (Sheet 28 B 19 d 2.2) where the other three caterpillars were already parked. Usual Battery detail Lories for work parties.	
"	26th Sept	fine but overcast	No details other than Battery working party Lories (3). Inspected Lories on Park + gas respirators of personnel. Study by under orders to move. Visited battery. Everything in order. Visited caterpillars on return.	
"	27th Sept		Finished up location of Lories. Received orders orders that Bolle was to move forward to Hospital farm (Sheet 28 B 19 d 2.2) (Appendix E) at 3.25 am. 28th inst. Orders received at 11.0 pm. Drafted movement order, practically	Appendix E

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Sheet 27 L 4 because	27th Sept 1918	fine but cloudy.	Identical with Appendix C. Lorries moved off in convoy of sections at 3.25 a.m., arrived at Hospital Farm at 5 a.m. BARRAGE mined, the attack already in progress. Lt DOWNE left on UK leave in the evening of 27th.	
Sheet 28 B 19.d.2.2	28th Sept 1918	drizzling	Rain in early morning. Pitched Camp. Received Order (Appendix F) → proceeded as detailed. Working at gun from 6.30 p.m. till 2 a.m. 29th inst. — proceeded in charge of same to ABEILLE (No 4. O.M. workshop).	Appendix F
"	29th Sept 1918		Received Order (Appendix G) with a view to move out of "B" Corps. And verbal instructions from Capt. Rowgrove to proceed to a new camp's ground (our old Park Sheet 27 Q 25 d 2/2) on the ST SYLVESTRE CAESTRE Road. Also instructed that Lorries (2) in "B" Siege Park workshops would be sent for & towed to our new Park next day. March, out states from "B" Siege Park prepared. And movement order (Appendix H) drafted. Battery personnel carried to HAZE BRUCK. Column gear to above location where all Lorries parked at conclusion of the move. Verbal instructions from 26th Brigade (RGA) for guns to proceed via VLAMERTINGHE — OUDERDOM. RENNIGHELST BOESCHEPPE — GODEWAERSHELDE — STEENVOORDE	Appendix "G" Appendix H

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Sheet 28 Bgd 22	29th Sept	Cloudy Heavy rain	and park on ST SYLVESTRE X Roads — HAZE BRUCK road. Parked accordingly. Heavy rain during move. Passed VLA MERTINGE 8 pm. Heavy traffic and numerous blocks. I convoyed guns + arrived at new position 7 am. 30/9/18. Camp pitched by	
Sheet 27 Q 25 d 22	30th Sept	fine.	March in states to "B" Siege Park (XV Corps). Collected two courses from "B" Siege Park workshops. Visited Battery Bulets + guns, all in order. Summary of work for month attached (Appendix I) Casualty return for month attached (Appendix J.) Banteen stock taken. Balance Sheet for month attached (Appendix K)	Appendix I Appendix J. Appendix K.

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OC 2nd ASBA Col

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Movement Order.

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1. The Column, and guns of the 2nd Aust Siege Battery will move from their present location on the evening of the 11th inst and proceed via ST SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL-CASSEL. WORMHOUDT to a position ON THE WORMHOUDT-BERGUES road between Sheet 27. C 11. 20-00 + Sheet 19 U 28. 20/90
2. GUNS and TONY CONVOY will pass the starting point ST SYLVESTRE CROSS roads (Sheet 27 P 30 0/8) at 9.15 pm.
3. The allocation of Lories for the move is as follows.

a	40440	Beams No 4 gun.	} Under Cpl Munro, at present at Battery position. Sheet 27 Q 28. 8/8.
	2468	" No 2 gun.	
	36275	Battery. QM Store.	
	36281.	Battery. Part issue + Bookhouse.	
	37212.	Gun stores (344 guns)	
	2399.	Battery. etc + signal stores	
	48739.	Beams No 2 gun	
	31027.	Gun stores. (142 guns)	
37220.	Beams (No 1 gun)	}	
37221	Artificers Stores.		

b	48729	Officers Mess. Battery	} To report to Battery position as above under Cpl Dodge at 2.30 pm.
	36271	Beams (No 6 gun)	
	36273	" (No 5 gun)	
	37209.	Bakers + AMC stores.	
	37210	Gun stores (546 guns)	
37211	Bakers. Bakers + 8/6 Mess Battery		

4. 2407 } to report at 11 a.m. to 36th Bde (RGA) headquarters
43828 } at Sheet. 27 Q 326/0. at 11 a.m. for duty as directed.

5. Ammunition. Echelon.

c	12404.	} In charge of Cpl Saul (with him Cpl Etherington) to proceed to Caeste Ammo dump at 5.30 pm. (2404 to be at Battery position at 5 pm, there to collect Rt Smith + loading party.) Back lorry to draw 20 pounds 9.2" Ammo complete under direction of Rt Smith. On completion all lories to return to park except 2404 + 36276 which will return to Battery position with loading party.
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	37217.	
	37216.	
	36272.	
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6. Sgt Appleton to take charge of Battery Lories as above (comprising a b + c), leave Battery position at 7.20 pm. + Park on right hand side of road the side of starting point on arrival there. Move off past starting point at 9.15 pm. proceed via CASSEL - WORMHOUDT. ESQUELBEQUE to ZEGGERS CAPPEL SQUARE. There discharge Battery personnel + proceed to new park (as above) + park under the

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direction of Rt Downs. SE.

7. Rient Downs will proceed with Capt LOVEGROVE OC 3615 Bde ASC to new location + assist in the allotment of parking ground, securing of Camp sites + will then await the arrival of the Column.
8. The guns in tow of Tractors under charge of Sgt BUTCHER will leave BATTERY Position at 9.30 pm + a pass starting point at 9.15 pm where Rt ANDERSON will take charge + proceed with guns to new location.
9. Lories 2417 (Workshop "P" Sigs-Park)
2402) Tyre press "
36278) "
on reporting back to present park will be loaded with the remainder of the Column (Column) + proceed to the new Park forth with
10. No 40309 will be loaded with Column 2M Stone and will proceed at 4 pm via Cassel and Normhurst to the new location under Cpl Mills — there to prepare for issue of rations. It will tow lorry 10417
11. No 22801 will load Column Cookhouse after tea is served (4.30 pm) + proceed forth with to Column new location — where the Cook house will at once be erected on the new Camp site.
12. Rorry No 22799 loaded with Caterpillar spares and petrol will proceed forth with to Battery position and there report to Sgt Butcher 1/3 of Caterpillars for duty during the move.
13. C2MS Rarke will be responsible for the details of a fatigue to fell E. trees — and generally clear + tidy present Camp site which shall be left in a clean + sanitary condition

Walter Anderson Rt
OC 2nd Aust S Bde Col

11-9-18

27th Sept 1918

Appendix C.

Column Movement Order 20th Sept 1918

1. The Column will move from its present Park to location (Sheet 27 L46 centre) on PROVEN. - TO PERINGHE road on the morning of 21st inst.
2. All Lories loaded with Battery Stores & together with all Lories unloaded other than those on detail & those mentioned in "para 4" shall proceed to new position under charge of Sgt Appleton, leaving park in convoy at 10 a.m.
3. All Lories to be detailed for tomorrow shall be instructed on completion of detail to return to new Park as above.
4. The following allocation of Lories is made for moving the Camp.

36271.	NCO's mess & gear
36278	Bat. Canteen
40309	QM Store
48739	Officers huts & baggage & office.
22801	Bat. Cookhouse
37220	Oil & Petrol

These Lories shall proceed independently, as loaded to new position. Camp to be clear & all Lories away by 10.30 a.m.

5. B2M & Raibe will remain to last with orderly Corporal & a fatigue party & will see that Camp is left in a thoroughly clean condition. Stands & clews — rubbish pit & latrines filled in.
6. Sgt Appleton will superintend erection of Camp accordy to instructions already given, at the new position

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O.C 2nd ASBACol

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Appendix D.

Secret:

Lieut Anderson

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Three of your Battery guns are moving into position tonight, also 3 beds of remaining guns.

3 guns less beds will move off from present park at 7 pm tonight route as under ROUSBRIDGE - FIC 30. (Sheet 27)

F4a. Sheet 28 A 26. A 9a. A 16 a 20
A 11 v. BROMORE Corner. ELVERDINGHE
BRIELEN. No 4 Bridge. Then position.

GFND's have been detailed to pick up beds at present park at 7 pm + convey them to position. A Battery representative will pick them up at No 4 Bridge at 10 pm tonight + act as guide to position.

You will proceed in charge of + conduct 3 guns to position. And GFND's should be sent on under your instructions as soon as possible.

They should take same route as guns

R W Rosegrove

Capt ASC

22-9-18

OC. 36th Bde ASC

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Appendix E.

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You will move off your Column from present Park
at 3.25am sharp 28.9.18 and proceed to
Hospital FARM via Switch Road DROMORE

Corner
R W Rouegrove Capt ASC

10.20 pm
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OC. 36th Bde ASC

Appendix F.

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Please proceed at once to your Betty position with
one 'cat' + transport, wagon of No 3 gun

This gun is being dismantled at Betty. and
the piece + carriage are to be conveyed to No 4
O.M. Workshop Abeille. The bed is to be dropped
at the Bde Park on the way

R W Rouegrove Capt ASC
OC 36th Bde ASC

28-9-18
4.50 pm
169 cat.

Appendix G.

To OC 2nd ASBACol

All tractors + available lorries are to report at
once to Betty position

R W Rouegrove Capt ASC
OC 36th Bde ASC.

10.30 am
29-9-18

375
29th Sept 1918

Appendix H.

Column Movement Order.

29th Sept 1918

with him Cpl Saul

- The following Companies under charge of Cpl Munnro, will report to Battery position forthwith + load beams + gunshoes when loaded, shall proceed independently to Battery Ballebs at Sheet 28 B76sk, there report to Cpl Dodger for loading of personnel, having completed load, each Convoy will proceed independently via WOESTEN - POPERINCHE SWITCH ROAD - ABELLE. STEENVOORDE to HAZE BRUCK, then to report to Town Major for instruction as to location of new Battery Ballebs, where the personnel will be off loaded. On completion return + park at old Column Park (Sheet 27 Q25d22)

36275 No 1	} Beams	37216 No 1 + 2 gun	} Stores.
2413 " 2		37220 " 3 + 4 "	
36273 " 3		37221 " 5 + 6 "	
37209 " 4		43828 Artificers	
37214 " 5		10417 B/Gs + Signals	
22799 " 6		2407 Bakeries + AMC	

- The following Companies will proceed under charge of Cpl Dodger to Battery Ballebs at Sheet 28 B76sk there to load Battery gear as set out + personnel, on completion of load, proceed in convoy under Cpl Rupton by route as above, + discharge personnel. Cpl Dodger to stay at Ballebs + direct convoys mentioned in Para 1 as they arrived - + proceed with last Convoy

Batt. 2M.	2463	unallocated	48729
"	Cookhouse. 2468	unallocated.	31027
"	Officers mess 36281		16975
"	Bakeries + S. Mess 37212.	Amns.	36272
			37210

- B. 2M. S. Ranke will proceed to strike camp immediately and load as follows. 40309 QM Store.

* on return this afternoon from detachment.

- * 48739 Sheds + Office.
- 36276 S. G. Mess + Kib
- 22801 Cookhouse
- * 36271 Petrol + oil.
- * 40440 Bakeries

It will proceed with just these convoys when loaded + pitch camp in old site as above, exactly as camp was originally pitched. Route by Poperincche Switch road as above

- Set a platoon with Underly Cpl + fatigue party shall see that Camp is left in a thoroughly clean condition.
- all Cabs + Subpats carriages to proceed under Sgt Butcher to position where I will meet them + convey guns to destination

29-5-18

Nilbur Andersen Lt
2nd ASBACol

UNIT 2ND ANZ SIEGE BATT AMM. CO.

DIARY APPENDIX NO. I FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918

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	37					7	44	24	270	349	112	1	9	7
2nd	5	49			1	6	59	23	421	478	187	3	8	7
3rd		73				7	80	26	647	643	237	2	6	7
4th	1	57			10	10	69	24	489	498	192	6	4	7
5th	7	63				8	78	27	625	638	262	1	6	7
6th	22					21	43	30	448	385	173	1	3	7
7th	30					12	42	21	428	452	183	6	7	7
8th	16					10	27	23	323	357	121	5	3	7
9th	17	37				1	55	21	357	378	156	9	4	3
10th	27	48				31	91	24	445	511	179	7	3	3
11th	5					20	25	22	425	445	157	9	3	2
12th						19	19	16	113	94	36	16	2	2
13th						3	3	3	45	45	12	30	1	2
14th	12					8	20	9	207	210	94	22	2	3
15th	5					8	13	10	268	252	95	20	3	3
16th					5	10	15	8	112	109	44	21	4	1
17th					2	10	12	12	155	146	54	17	4	2
18th	2				2	3	7	7	198	88	28	22	4	1
19th	2				7	3	12	12	345	154	109	16	5	2
20th	3					10	13	13	304	193	126	14	7	5
21st	2				5	21	28	27	237	194	147	2	5	3
22nd						16	16	13	370	275	143	16	5	3
23rd					4	9	13	10	153	190	62	18	6	3
24th						6	6	6	75	90	30	25	3	3
25th						10	10	8	67	128	61	23	3	3
26th					5	3	8	6	71	72	28	24	4	3
27th					8	9	17	15	165	152	61	15	4	8
28th						36	36	31	317	211	137	2	1	5
29th						36	36	32	1220	232	379	-	2	5
30th						8	8	8	123	186	63	18	2	2
31st														
Total	171	328	-	-	39	366	904	511	9750	8030	3689			

A.I.F. P.S.—A/3—8-18

AVERAGE M.P.G. 4.82.

WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1918 APPENDIX "J"

2ND AUST. SIEGE BATT. AMM. COL

CASUALTIES

REG ^T NO	RANK	NAME	NATURE OF CASUALTY	DATE
FOR WEEK ENDING 7 TH SEPTEMBER 1918				
15002	DRY M.T.	VIGERS H.	Struck off strength to Hospital Sick.	24.8.18.
13339	CPL.	WILKINSON E.A.	" " " "	27.8.18.
14494	DRY. M.T.	MACGILLIVRAY I	" " " "	28.8.18.
14999	"	TAYLOR L.W.	" " " "	30.8.18.
10278	"	INGLEDDON C.	" " to 4 th A.M.T. Coy.	27.8.18.
14808	DRY. M.T.	CORRIGAN L.J.	App'd Lance Corporal	2.9.18.
7385	Temp/Sgt.	BUTCHER A.A. (M.M)	Prom to Sergeant Auth. D.M.T.S. B/15	1.6.18.
1888	DRY M.T.	STAHL E.E.	Leave to United Kingdom	8.9.18 to 31.9.18
FOR WEEK ENDING 14 TH SEPTEMBER 1918				
1447	SGT.	MORGAN W.	Struck off strength to 6 th A.M.T. Coy.	13.9.18.
14985	DRY M.T.	DIENER O.B.	Marched out to Hospital (Sick)	11.9.18.
1447	CPL.	MORGAN W.	Marched in from " "	13.9.18.
1447	COL	MORGAN W.	Prom to Sergeant Auth D.M.T.S. B/15. 8.9.18	13.9.18.
FOR WEEK ENDING 21 ST SEPTEMBER 1918				
14985	DRY. M.T.	DIENER O.B.	Struck off strength to Hospital Sick.	12.9.18.
15002	"	VIGERS H.	Taken on strength from " "	11.9.18.
15002	"	VIGERS H.	Marched out to Hospital Sick.	19.9.18.
11936	Temp/CPL.	UMBERS C.W.H.	Prom to Corporal Auth. D.M.T.S. B/15 7.9.18	6.6.18.
14783	L/CPL.	WILSON C.W.R.	Prom Temp/Corporal " " 8.9.18	15.9.18.
14988	DRY. M.T.	GATES E.D.	Leave to Paris.	7.9.18 to 14.9.18.
FOR WEEK ENDING 28 TH SEPTEMBER 1918.				
2033	DRY. M.T.	BOTTING P.T.	Struck off strength to Aust. Corp at Lough Begat	23.9.18.
1525	"	JONES A.E.	" " " " " "	23.9.18.
15002	"	VIGERS H.	Marched in from Hospital	25.9.18.
14881	Temp/CPL.	SAVL C.G.	Prom. to Corporal Auth D.M.T.S. B/15 19.9.18	6.6.18.
15163	Temp/CPL.	ETHERINGTON W.E.	" " " " " "	6.6.18.
1290	DRY. M.T.	SUMNER J.F.	Leave to United Kingdom	8.9.18 to 21.9.18.

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O.E. 2ND A.S.B.A. COL.

Appendix K
 Copy 1st & 2nd Aust. S.B. A.C. Centre
 Balance Sheet for Period 31st Aug. & 30 Sept. 1918

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Profit or Loss A/c.		Bank in Hand	704-75
Am't at Credit at		Stock in Hand	
30/9/18		at Cost Price	5050:-
	5754-75		
	<u>For 5754-75</u>		<u>For 5754-75</u>

We have examined the Books & Vouchers of the
 1st & 2nd Aust. S.B. A.C. Centre for the period 31st Aug.
 & 30th Sept 1918 and certify that same presents a
 correct view of the Centre for that period.

9/10/18	G. B. Montefiore.	} Auditor			
	<u>G. W. Mills</u>				
	<u>Trading A/c</u>				
1918 Aug 31	Stock in Hand	4529-45	1918 Sept 30	Sales	5230-75
Sept 30	Purchases	5434-		Stock in	
	Loss on Disposal			Hand	5050:-
	of Exchange	610			
	Profit for Trf.				
	Am't for P.L. A/c	311-20			
		<u>For 10280-75</u>			<u>For 10280-75</u>

<u>Profit or Loss A/c</u>		<u>1918</u>	
1918 Sept 30	Bal at Credit	5754-75	Aug 31 Bal at the date
			Sept 30 Profit for
			5443-55
			<u>311-20</u>
		<u>For 5754-75</u>	<u>For 5754-75</u>

No diaries were received
for months of October,
November, December 1918.

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JANUARY 1919.

Diary not available for binding.