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OF

*3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div. Trench. Mortars.*

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D.T.M.O 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Division

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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LARKHILL	Sept 4		Volunteers for the personnel of the 3 Aust Trench Mortar Batteries, were called for from 3 Aust Divsnt Artillery 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Aust Infy Brigades	
No. Camp 17	15		The Batteries were formed, and Capt. W.A.R. Feart was appointed Divisional Trench Mortar Officer, who with a clerk is carried on the strength of Divsnt Artillery Hqs	
			The Batteries are enumerated as follows, —	
			V. 3A. Heavy T.M. Battery. 3 officers and 66 other ranks	
			X. 3A. Medium T.M. Battery 2 officers and 23 other ranks.	
			Y. 3A. do do do do	
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BULFORD	Oct 27		The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries participated in the Royal Review of the 3 Aust. Division by H M KING GEORGE V	
LARKHILL	NOV 13		Route March of the 3 Aust Div. The 3 Div T.M Batteries marched from Camp 17 - Via Amesbury - Stonehenge - Shrewton to Camp 17, which included an inspection	

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	1916 NOVEMBER			
LARKHILL	13.	Contd.	by the Divisional Commander Major General J. Monash K.C.B. V.D. near Stonehenge.	
	19		Orders received to proceed overseas. Practically no training could be carried out in England, as no mortars were available for instructional purposes, but training in the construction of gun pits was carried on with as far as the information to hand regarding this matter would permit.	
			Capt W.A.R. Peart transferred to 7th F.A. Brigade.	
			Lieut E.T. Stevens transferred from Notts and Derby Infy Regiment to A.I.F. and posted to 3 Div Artillery as D.T.M.O. vice Capt W.A.R. Peart.	
	21		X.3A. T.M. Battery proceeded on foot to, and entrained at Amesbury Railhead, per train to and detrained at Southampton Docks where they embarked on H.M.T. Donegal.	
	22		Y.3A. T.M. Battery proceeded likewise and embarked on	



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Larkhill.	1916 November 22	Contd	H.M.T. African-Prince.	
			X. 3A.T.M. Battery arrived at L.E. HAVRE and proceeded to No 2 Rest Camp.	
	23		Z. 3A and V. 3A T.M. Batteries embarked at Southampton Docks on H.M.T. Monas-Queen.	
			Y. 3A.T.M. Battery arrived at L.E. HAVRE and proceeded to No 2 Rest Camp.	
	24		X. 3A T.M Battery entrained at L.E. HAVRE	
			Z. 3A and V. 3A. T.M. Batteries arrived at L.A. HAVRE and proceeded to No 2 Rest Camp.	
			Y. 3A. T.M Battery entrained at L.E. HAVRE	
	25.		Z. 3A. and V.3A. T.M Batteries entrained at L.E HAVRE	
			X. 3A <sup>T.M.</sup> Battery arrived at BAILLEUL and proceeded to billets at OUTTEASTEENE	
			Y. 3A. T.M Battery arrived at BAILLEUL and proceeded to billets at STRAZELLE.	

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Appendix No. 1.

Nominal Roll of V.3.A. Heavy Trench

Mortar Bty on arrival in France

Lieut W.G. Haylock O/c.  
 2/Lieut N.B.F. Rutledge.  
 66 Other Ranks.

Nominal Roll of X3A Medium Trench

Mortar Bty on arrival in France

Lieut W. Williams O/c.  
 2/Lieut T.R. Fripp.  
 23 Other Ranks.

Nominal Roll of Y3A Medium Trench

Mortar Bty on arrival in France

2/Lieut S.W. Barker O/c  
 2/Lieut A.E. Drinkwater.  
 23 Other Ranks.

Nominal Roll of Z3A Medium Trench

Mortar Bty on arrival in France

2/Lieut P.J. Cloke O/c  
 2/Lieut J. Newell  
 23 Other Ranks.