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4th Australian Divisional Trench Mortars.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DE SEULE	8-9-17		Unit moved from DE SEULE Camp to billet near CAESTRE. Kits, equipment and 12 2' inch conveyed by 8 G.S. wagons. Personnel marched.	bas
	9-9-17		D.T.M.O. proceeded to G. 28 a. 9. 0. sheet 28 1/40000 to meet DTMO 4 th Division and arrange for billets etc. 20 Other Ranks placed at disposal of D.A.C.	bas
	10-9-17		6 Other Ranks detailed for duty with D.A.C.	bas
	12-9-17		19 Other Ranks returned from D.A.C. 9 G.S. wagons arrived to move the Unit to RENINGHELST on 13 th inst.	bas
	13-9-17		Unit moved from CAESTRE at 9.15 a.m. Guns, stores, kits and equipment were conveyed on 10 G.S. wagons. Personnel marched. Route GODEWAERSVELDE, BOESCHEPE to Camp at G. 28. B. sheet 28 1/40000.	bas
	15-9-17		Lieut. HIRST temporarily attached to 10 th Aus. F.A. Bde. Lieut. S.H. ALLEN to 11 th Aus. F.A. Bde and Lieut. F. DICKENSON to 4 th Aus. D.A.C.	bas
	18-9-17		The following personnel placed on detached duty and left Camp at 8.30 a.m. 21 Other Ranks to 10 th Aus. F.A. Bde. 22 Other ranks to 11 th Aus. F.A. Bde. 44 OR to 4 th Aus. D.A.C. At 5.10 p.m. 44 Other ranks from D.A.C. returned to Camp, their services not being required by D.A.C.	bas
	20/9/17		3 N.C. Op and 20 other ranks sent to D.A.C. for duty. Lieut. J.M. HIRST killed in action whilst attached to 10 th A.F.A. Brigade 15 Other ranks sent to 39 th Battery at 5.15 pm also 14 other ranks to 110 th Battery. Guide to be met at MENIN GATE, YPRES.	bas
	21/9/17		Party from 39 th Battery returned at 5 a.m. for blankets and rations, and left again at 4 pm being conveyed with kits etc in 2 G.S. wagons.	bas

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RENINGHELST	22-9-17		2 other ranks wounded whilst attached to 10 th Aus. F. A. Bde	bas
	23-9-17		5 other ranks wounded whilst attached to 10 th Aus. F. A. Bde	bas
	24-9-17		1 other rank wounded whilst attached to 10 th Aus. F. A. Bde	bas
	25/9/17		Three other ranks proceeded to near ANZAC FARM and took over 2 6-inch Newton mortars from 2 nd Aus. T. Ms. 14 other ranks returned from 10 th Bde	bas
	27-9-17		DTMO accompanied by Lieut BARRON of Z4A Battery made reconnaissance of line and chose position for mortar to operate on J4B 85.65 and J4B 42.90 sheet 28	bas
	28-9-17		Lt BARRON and 16 O.R. Z4A Battery proceeded to line to build emplacement and put mortar in. Personnel camped in YPRES.	bas
	29-9-17		Lt BARRON advised that on night of 28 th /29 th gun and sub-bed were taken forward to position. 2 OR slightly wounded	bas
	30/9/17		On night of 29 th /30 th gun dug in at J4C 70.65. 50 rounds of ammunition at duck boards leading over ANZAC RIDGE. Two telephones, 1 mile DTW wire, 1 clinometer and miss-fire plugs buried by shell fire and could not be recovered.	bas

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