

AWM4

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

Artillery

Item number: 13/110/11

Title: 6th Australian Medium Trench Mortar
Battery

December 1918



AWM4-13/110/11

CONFIDENTIAL.

ORIGINAL.

~~DUPLICATE.~~

~~TRIPLICATE.~~

Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

6th A.M.F. Bty

FOR

December 1918

138

138

Signature of Officer compiling _____

Signature of Officer Commanding _____

Original

How many

of

6th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Battery

A.I.F.

6TH AUSTRALIAN MEDIUM TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.	
No.	
Date	21-12-18

Signature of Officer Compiling Records

Premier

D.O. T.M. BATTERY.

138

WAR DIARY

6TH AUSTRALIAN
MEDIUM TRENCH
MORTAR BATTERY.

Army Form C. 2118.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required.)

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

No.
Date 31-12-18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Suda</i>	<i>1/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 10 A.M. Weather dull. Nothing to report.</i>	
	<i>2/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 10 A.M. Weather dull. Nothing to report.</i>	
	<i>3/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Kit inspection 9-45. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>4/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Remainder of the day taken up by cleaning Wagons and Guns Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>5/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Cleaning of Wagons and Guns taking up the remainder of the morning. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>6/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Salvaging etc taking up the remainder of the day. 1 OR to Paris on leave Pdr Suters P.A. Weather dull.</i>	
	<i>7/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Cleaning of Guns and Wagons taking up the remainder of the morning. Strength of Battery 4 Officers and 45 ORs. Weather dull.</i>	
	<i>8/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Weather dull. Nothing to report.</i>	
	<i>9/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Cleaning of Bullets etc taking up the remainder of the morning. Weather dull.</i>	
	<i>10/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Salvaging etc taking up the remainder of the day. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>11/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9-30 A.M. Classes in French and Arithmetic under A.I.F. Education scheme Classes to continue daily. Weather wet.</i>	

2449 Wt. W14957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12.

[Signature]
O.C. T.M. BATTERY.

138

WAR DIARY

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required.)

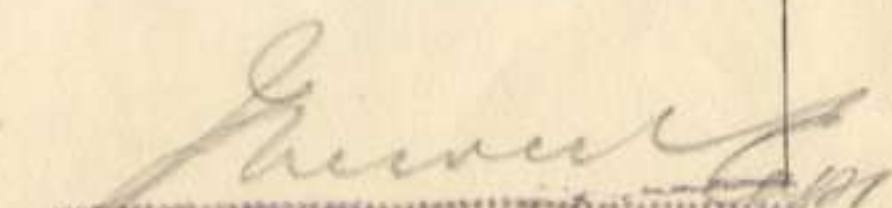
6TH AUSTRALIAN
MEDIUM TRENCH
MORTAR BATTERY.

Army Form C. 2118.

No.
Date. 31-12-18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Shield	12/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. Weather wet. Nothing to report.	
	12/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. Salvaging etc taking up the remainder of the day. 1 OR. (Gnr Mori) proceeded to 5 th Motor Transport Coy. for instruction in Motor work. Weather wet.	
	12/2/18		Parade at 7.30 A.M. 1 OFr and 13 ORs proceeded by horse transport at 7.45 A.M. to new billets Mambunge area. 1 OR returned from English Leave (Bdr Hals) Weather fine.	
	15/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. Remainder of Battery standing by awaiting orders to move to Mambunge area. Weather fine. Strength of Battery 4 OFrs and 45 ORs.	
	16/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. Remainder of Battery still standing by awaiting orders. Weather wet.	
	17/2/18		Remainder of Battery proceeded at 9 A.M. for FERRIERE-LE-GRANDE per motor transport arrived at destination and were billeted in houses etc. Weather wet.	
	18/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. Cleaning Wagons and Guns taking up the remainder of the morning. Weather wet.	
	19/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. 1 OR taken on strength from A.G. B.D. 1 OR Struck off Strength (Gnr Long) Admitted into Hospital whilst on Leave. Weather fine.	
	20/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. Weather wet. Nothing to report.	
	21/2/18		Parade at 9.30 A.M. 1 OR returned from Paris leave (Bdr Suters). 1 OR returned from English Leave (Bdr Hughes) Weather fine. Strength of Battery 3 OFrs and 45 ORs.	

2449 Wt. W14957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12.


 G.C. T.M. BATTERY.

138

WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

6TH AUSTRALIA
MEDIUM TRENCH
MORTAR BATTERY.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

No.
Date 31-12-18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Sield</i>	<i>22/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Cleaning of Billets etc taking up the remainder of the morning. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>23/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Cleaning of Guns taking up the remainder of the morning. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>24/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Cleaning of Wagons taking up the remainder of the morning. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>25/12/18</i>		<i>Weather fine. Nothing to report.</i>	
	<i>26/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Cleaning of Billets taking up remainder of the morning. Weather wet.</i>	
	<i>27/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Weather wet. Nothing to report.</i>	
	<i>28/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. 1 OR returned from English leave (Mrs Thompson) 1 OR evacuated to Hospital (Bdr Hammett). Weather wet. Strength of Battery 3 Offrs and 45 ORs.</i>	
	<i>29/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. 1 OR to England on leave (Lefr Anderson) Weather dull.</i>	
	<i>30/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Weather fine. Nothing to report.</i>	
	<i>31/12/18</i>		<i>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Weather dull. Nothing to report.</i>	
			<p><i>During the period under review, the only event of note has been the move from Prement to our present location. Ferries to Grand ^{near Montange}, the change people being appreciated by all, for the majority of the personnel are <u>officers or privates</u>, and are able to indulge in the luxury of a bed. Sports & Educational Classes are now in full swing, the morning only being devoted to military work. The spirit of all ranks is good, though all anxiously await <u>news for draft back to Australia.</u></i></p>	

138

8TH AUSTRALIAN
MEDIUM TRENCH
MORTAR BATTERY.

138

List of Appendices

No.
Date 31-12-18

1. Honours and Awards.

2. Casualties.

3. Taken on Strength.

4. Struck off Strength.

5. Promotions.

Rewar
O.C. T.M. BATTERY.

1. Honours and Awards.

- Nil -

2. Casualties.

- Nil -

3. Taken on Strength.

Lieut Thompson	L.H.	From England,	2-12-18
20359 Gnr Hatt	J.F.S.	" A.G.B.D.	15-12-18

4. Struck off Strength

22814 Gnr Ismay	G.S.	Evac to Hospital	23-11-18.
30923 Pdr Hamlett	N.B.	" "	28-12-18

5. Promotions.

- Nil -

Russell
O.C. T.M. BATTERY.

3rd Aust Div Trench Mortars

138

India

11th December 1918

Warning Order.

The 3rd Divisional Trench Mortars will move to New Belleting Area on 14th inst.

Further instructions will be issued later.

Final destination FERRIERE-LA-GRANDE area.

Sgd. A Roy Campbell Capt
D.L.M.O. 3rd Aust Div

3rd Aust Bn Trench Mortars

Field

12th December 1918

Movement Order

138

The 3rd Bn Trench Mortars will move to the new billeting area (MAUBEUGE) commencing on 14th inst.

All horse transport will come under the command of (Lieut Thompson) and will move from opposite the gun park at 07.45 on 14th inst.

The above will stage on completion of first and second days march at (MAZINGHEIN) and (ST HILAIRE) respectively.

Billeting at MAZINGHEIN and ST HILAIRE will be arranged by Officers in charge of transport, in conjunction with this Office.

Final locations will be obtained at LA HAUTE BORNE (W 13d - Sheet 51) on last day of march.

Supply arrangements will be notified later.

The remaining personnel will move by motor lorries on the morning of 15th inst.

Further instructions will be issued later.

Sgd R Roy Campbell Capt
D.L.M.O. 3rd Aust Division

3rd Aust Lwi Trench Mortars

138

Field

13th Nov 1918

To/ O'15 L. 5th and 6th Batteries

Arrangements have been made for 30RE per Battery to travel to MAUBERGE tomorrow 14th inst. per lorry with the 22nd A.S.C. Coy

Please arrange for the above personnel to report to the Supply Officer at BOHAIN church at 07.30 tomorrow 14th inst.

These men will assist the Supply Officer if required.

48 Hours rations will be carried.

Sgd R Roy Campbell Capt.
D.L.M.D. 3rd Aust Lwi.

3rd Aust Lwi Trench Mortars

138

Field

14th December 1918

In continuation of Movement Orders.

The remaining personnel of 3rd Lwi Trench Mortars will move at 09.30 tomorrow 15th inst.

The following will be the allotment of motor
Lorries.

DTMO's Headquarters	}	1 Lorry.
Battery Offices		
Officers Kits		
5th Battery	1 "	
6th "	1 "	

Batteries will arrange to have a guide to collect lorry at this Office at 08.45, 15th inst.

Sgd R Roy Campbell Capt
D.I. M.D. 3rd Aust Lwi.