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C. Fletcher.

Signature of Officer Commanding

C. Fletcher *Captain*
2nd A.I.C.

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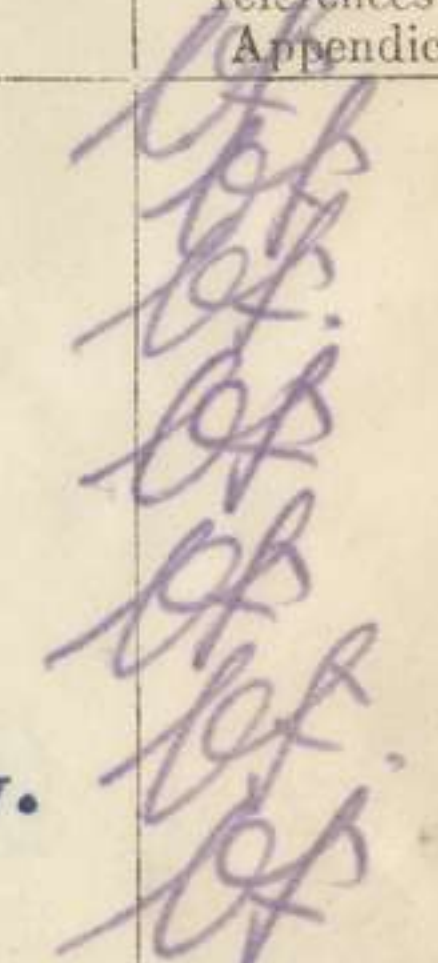

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>1.11.18</u>	<u>EU</u>		<u>1.11.18</u> Nothing to report.	
<u>EU</u>	<u>2.11.18</u>		<u>2.11.18</u> do	
<u>EU</u>	<u>3.11.18</u>		<u>3.11.18</u> do	
<u>EU</u>	<u>4.11.18</u>		<u>4.11.18</u> do	
<u>EU</u>	<u>5.11.18</u>		<u>5.11.18</u> do	
<u>EU</u>	<u>6.11.18</u>		<u>6.11.18</u> Captain Fletcher D.A.D.P.S. returned from leave today.	
<u>EU</u>	<u>7.11.18</u>		<u>7.11.18</u> Nothing to report.	
<u>EU</u>	<u>8.11.18</u>		<u>8.11.18</u> Lieut Hadley returned to duty at Etaples. Visited and inspected the following offices of the 5th Aust Division. FPO D.W.5 OISEMONT, 6.W Ramburges, and R.W.5 at Pont Remy. All in good order but the staff affected with influenza. Division appears to be in good working order. Postal orderly of the 5th Aust Pioneer Battalion and 5th Aust Machine Gun Battalion were questioned and stated all Unit mails arriving satisfactory. Card systems of both units up-to-date and information as to men marching in and out secured daily and cards amended daily. Inspected FPO D.W.3 Hallencourt, office in good order. Daily states not being furnished by 3rd Aust Division Signal Coy. Instructed Div Supervisor to draw attention to this matter. Detective Brennan from A.I.F. Headquarters visited Corps in connection with recent robberies at R.W.1 and R.W.2. Arranged for him to visit Ailly-sur-Somme and Longpre by car tomorrow in company with Lieut Gerrans. Lieut Gerrans in company with Detective Brennan visited 2nd and 4th Aust Divisional Railhead A.P.Os in connection with robbery at former office. Nothing discovered which is likely to lead to a clue as to the offenders.	
<u>EU</u>	<u>9.11.18</u>		<u>9.11.18</u>	

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<u>EU</u>	<u>9.11.18</u>		<p><u>9.11.18 continued.</u> The Administrative Commandant Fourth Army Railheads was also interviewed as to the posting of Guaras, but he could give no particulars likely to assist us. D.R.T.O. AMIENS was also interviewed with a view to locating the detective detailed for duty at Longpre-les-Corps Saints on the night of the robbery but without success. F.P.O. 4.W was inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.</p>	<p>OK OK OK OK</p>
<u>EU</u>	<u>10.11.18</u>		<p><u>10th 11.18</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<u>EU and Le Cateau</u>	<u>11.11.18</u>		<p><u>11.11.18</u> Corps Headquarters moved from EU to Le Cateau today .. Mails were available for delivery at EU prior to departure from EU. F.P.O. re-opened at Le Cateau at 6 pm.</p>	
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>12.11.18</u>		<p><u>12.11.18</u> Express mails received at noon today.</p>	
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>13.11.18</u>		<p><u>13.11.18</u> Visited 2nd and 5th Aust Divisional Artillery Headquarters at Estrees-en-Chaussee and Athies respectively. Collected their Express bags from A.P.O. S.76 BUSIGNY en route and delivered them where calling. Arranged for mails to be circulated to S.123 Peronne in future. Inspected F.P.O. T.W.2 and F.P.O. T.W.5 and informed them of new arrangements. A.P.O. S.46 on which the Artilleries were formerly located moved to BOHAIN today, much too far away to allow of collection by F.P.O. G.S.Wagons.</p>	<p>OK OK</p>
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>14.11.18</u>		<p><u>14.11.18</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>15.11.18</u>		<p><u>15.11.18</u> Attended Conference Fourth Army today. Owing to occupation of German territory by Allied troops all present mail circulation arrangements will be considerably revised. Fourth Army Depot office (A.P.O. S.76) BUSIGNY, closes on completion of duty on 16th inst and Australian Corps and Divisions will then work through A.P.O. S.61 CAMBRAI (Third Army Depot) for Cross Post and Expresses.</p>	<p>OK</p>

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<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>15.11.18</u>		<u>15.11.18 continued.</u> Have arranged to work in conjunction with XlII Corps until Australian Corps takes up its position in line on the RHINE, when new arrangements will be made.	BT
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>16.11.18</u>		<u>16.11.18</u> Fourth Army Depot office (A.P.O. S.76) closed today at BUSIGNY. Australian Corps inward and outward despatches will work through Third Army Depot (A.P.O. S.61) CAMBRAI as from and including the morning of 17th inst. Australian Corps lorry left for S.61 tonight and will park there overnight bringing out despatches for Corps in the morning. Lieut Gerrans visited IX Corps in connection with transfer of Heavy Artillery from that Corps to Australian Corps today. It has been found necessary to re-open A.P.O. S.W.1 to serve these units and they have been located accordingly. An additional lorry has been allotted by S.M.T.O. Aust Corps for this purpose. Instructions wired to staff of S.W.1 to proceed with stock and fittings to BUSIGNY pending further instructions.	BT
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>17.11.18</u>		<u>17.11.18</u> Visited BUSIGNY and arranged for the opening of S.W.1 to serve Australian Corps units recently transferred from IX and XlII Corps. Lorry also allotted by 6th Aust M.T. Coy to this office for mail purposes. Cross post and Expresses worked in conjunction with R.W.1 to S.61 at CAMBRAI.	BT
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>18.11.18</u>		<u>18.11.18</u> D.A.P.S. B.E.F. notifies A.P.O. S.76 BUSIGNY transferred from Fourth Army control to Australian Corps control.	BT

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<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>19.11.18</u>		<u>19.11.18</u> Nothing to report.	
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>20.11.18</u>		<u>20.11.18</u> Visited A.P.O. S.W.1 and A.P.O. S.76 BUSIGNY. All O.K. A.P.O. R.W.1 (1st Aust Div Railhead A.P.O.) Fresnoy-le-Grand. Mail arrival irregular owing to truck shortage at Base.	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>21.11.18</u>		<u>21.11.18</u> Nothing to report	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>22.11.18</u>		<u>22.11.18</u> Lt Gerrans proceeded on ten days special leave to Paris	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>23.11.18</u>		<u>23.11.18</u> 2nd Aust Division to BOHAIN today for Supplies and mails.	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>24.11.18</u>		<u>24.11.18</u> Visited R.W.2 (2th Div Railhead APO) BOHAIN. Railhead A.P.O. arrive a day late owing to break down of lorries. Dropped Divisional Xpost and Expresses at R.46 for transfer to R.W.2 as I was unable to locate R.W.2 at the time. Instructed R.W.2 lorry to collect same. Visited S.76 and S.W.1 at BUSIGNY and found everything working smoothly.	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>25.11.18</u>		<u>25.11.18</u> Arrangements made for Express and mails 2nd and 5th Aust Divisional Artilleries to circulate to their respective Divisions as from 27th instant inclusive. Express bag for 5th Div Artillery HQ to circulate to 3rd Aust Division for 26th only. Expresses and Xpost for 5th Aust Division complete less Divisional Headquarters to A.P.O. S.61 CAMBRAI on and from 27th inst.	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>26.11.18</u>		<u>26th 11.18</u> Nothing to report.	cf.
<u>Le Cateau</u>	<u>27.11.18</u>		<u>27.11.18</u> Nothing to report.	cf.

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