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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date 1919	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PRESLES.	Mar. 1st		Summer time came into force and clocks put forward one hour.	1.
			Bright every day. G.O.C. to football match 1st Div. versus Corps Troops, won by 1st Div.	
	2nd		Brig. Gen. HEANE and Colonel HENDERSON returned from trip to Germany. Brig.Gen. HEANE informed that he is to proceed to England for duty with A.I.F. Depots.	
	3rd		Visit by Corps Commander to the Div.	1a
	6th		Some very good sport the last four days although the weather has not been fine. The Division has only been matched once as far as the Inter-Divisional Matches. Great interest is being displayed by all concerned. Unit games are played in CHATELET, and large crowds assemble for each match. The G.S.O.1 Colonel ROSS, who has been with the A.I.F. since its formation, left for England to go to Staff College, CAMBERLEY, and so severed his connection with the A.I.F.	
	7th		Lecture by the M.G.-G.S. Fourth Army, General MONTGOMERY on "Waterloo". Letter to Australian Corps submitting the proposals for the amalgamation of formations with the Division, and the disposal of Staffs, in reply to their request.	2
	8th		G.O.C. visited the staff for the next Quota, and impressed on them their responsibility until the troops demobilised in Australia.	

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PRESLES.	Mar. 9th		G.O.C. and Staff to CHATELET to see the men going on Quota No. 16. G.O.C. addressed the men in CHATELET Square.	
	10th		Copy of M.F. Educational Journal for February attached as appendix 3 - one copy.	3
	13th		G.O.C. and Gen. LLOYD left for a 2 days trip to the area of occupation on the Rhine. A conference at Corps H.Q. re War Memorial for Australia on the sites of former battle fields that the Divisions have taken place in. No definite action taken but the whole question was opened up and discussed.	
	14th		Location of Units as at 8 a.m. 14th March, vide appendix.	4
	15th		Cold and unsettled weather.	
	18th		Visit of an R.E. Band to 3rd Brigade arranged, vide letter appendix.	5
	20th		Div. Artillery move to CHATELINEAU and thus completed the completed the concentration of the Division in the CHATELET area. Gen. LLOYD, C.R.A., to leave on 23rd inst. Approved by Corps. G.O.C., 4th Division, came over to finalise arrangements for handing over Command of 1st Division to him. Arranged to amalgamate on the 24th inst. Complete Staff arranged.	
	22nd		G.O.C. to CHATELET to see final of Australian Rules Match between 1st and 2nd Div. Won by 1st Division. This places us in a good position for the Corps Cup.	

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PRESLES.	Mar. 22nd		<p>The sport throughout the whole Division has been very good, and everyone has been keely interested particularly as it has been very difficult to maintain good teams, owing to demobilisation, non-military employment, etc. G.O.C. arranged to say goodbye to the senior officers of the Division at the various units. Copies of maps of Australian reprinted by Australian Corps Topo. from commencement year book to help lecturers, attached as appendix. Very cold dull day with a little snow in the afternoon. Telegram from Corps stating no traffic on trains to be allowed owing to the threatened strike in England. Men very disappointed to think that Quota No. 22 may again be delayed. G.O.C. and G.S.O.II to Corps Headquarters to say goodbye before leaving on the 24th inst. Corps Commander away in England, but remainder of the Staff seen.</p>	6 7
	23rd		G.O.C. to all units to say farewell, Copy of his letter to Units is attached as appendix	8

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~~Corp's Comdr. will visit the Div. tomorrow Tuesday 4th inst. see He wishes to see Bde. Batta. Comdrs. and senior officers see The following will be the programme see Arrive LOYERVAL 10 a.m. and see officers of 2nd A.I. Bde. group as arranged by G.O.C. 2nd Bde. see Arrive CHATELET 11 a.m. and see officers of 3rd A.I. Bde. Group, M.G. Bn. Pioneers, ~~and~~ and Tunnelling Coy. ~~at 3rd Bde~~~~

H.Q. Arrive GOUGNIES 12 noon and see officers of 1st A.I. Bde Group as arranged by G.O.C. 1st Bde. AAA Lunch 1st Bde. 1 pm. AAA Addsd 3 Bdes, M.G. Bn. Pioneers, CRk. Adms. D.A.P.M. 1st Tunnelling Coy. reptd Aust Corps.

From *1st Aust. Div.* Place Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Sq. R. MORELL, Maj. DEX

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters, 28th Feb., 1919.

- 1st Inf. Bde.
- 2nd Inf. Bde.
- 3rd Inf. Bde.
- 1st Aust. M.G. Battn.
- 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- C.R.A., 1st Aust. Div.
- C.R.E., 1st Aust. Div.
- 1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- A.D.M.S.
- D.A.P.M.
- D.A.D.V.S.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- Mob. Vet. Section.
- 1st Aust. Div. Train.
- Div. Salvage Coy.
- Camp Commandant.
- A.D.C.
- A.Q.
- Div. Paymaster.
- Postal Service.

Summer time will come into use on the first of March.

At 2300 hours (winter time) on that date the clocks will be put forward one hour.

Acknowledge.

[Signature]
Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
7th March, 1918.

Australian Corps.

REDUCTION OF H.Q. UNITS, AND DISPOSAL OF STAFFS.

I. In reply to your 156/439 of 4th March the following proposals are submitted:-

II. Position on 8th March.

(a) The 1st and 2nd Brigade Headquarters will amalgamate on the 8th inst.

(b) The position of the Staff of the 1/2 Brigades is as under:-

COMPOSITE STAFF.	STAFF APPOINTMENT.	OFFICERS RELEASED.
Brig-Gen. MACKAY.	G.O.C., 1st Brigade.	Brig-Gen. HEANE to A.I.F. Depots, ENGLAND.
Capt. AGNEW.	B.M., 1st Brigade.	Major MANN, B.M. 2nd Bde. and Capt. HALL, Staff Capt, 1st Brigade. to be demobilised.
Capt. FOWLER	S.C., 2nd Brigade.	

(c) 3rd A. I. Bde. and Divisional Artillery - no change.

Bde. Major, Major LITTLE of Div. Arty., has already been de.obilised and no appointment made in his place.

III. Position on the 20th March.

(a) Fusion of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Brigades. Staff shown as under:-

COMPOSITE STAFF.	STAFF APPOINTMENT.	OFFICERS RELEASED.
Brig-Gen. BENNETT.	G.O.C., 3rd Brigade.	Brig-Gen MACKAY to non-military employment, ENGLAND.
Capt. AGNEW.	B.M., 1st Brigade.	Major J.C.ANDERSON to be demobilised.
Capt. FOWLER)	S.C., 2nd A.I.Bde.	
Capt. GOWARD)	S.C., 3rd A.I.Bde.	

(b) The above composite staff gives a representative from each Brigade concerned. Two Staff Captains are considered necessary owing to distance and number of units involved.

(a) Div. Artillery - no change.

(2)

IV. Position on 25th March.

Amalgamation of 1st and 4th Divisions.

The G.O.C. 1st Division hands over command of 1st to G.O.C. 4th Division on the 25th inst.

The G.S.O.I and G.S.O.III of the 1st Division have already gone.

The G.S.O.II and 2 A.D.C.s of 1st Division to leave on the 25th inst. pending demobilisation.

With the exception of the above, the arrangements for the Composite Staff of the 1/4th Divisions is in the hands of the G.O.C. 4th Division.

V. Position on 31st March.

(a) The artillery by this time will have become a Lieut-Colonel's Command, Brig. Gen. LLOYD could be deobilised on that date, handing over to Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE.

VI. Position on the 15th April.

C.R.E. to be deobilised and duties taken over by Major GUTHRIE on his return from a month's leave.

J. W. Musgrave

Major General,
Commanding 1st Aust. Division.

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- 3rd A. I. Bde.
- 1st Div. Artillery.
- C.R.E., 1st Aust. Div.
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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

LOCATION REPORT as at 8 a.m. 14th March, 1919.

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<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
1st Aust. Div. H.Q.	PRESLYS	The Chateau.
Education Office.	"	"
A.D.H.S.	"	"
"G" Office.	"	"
"AQ" Office.	"	"
1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	"	Village.
1st Div. Train H.Q.	CHATELET	70 Rue d'Acoz.
S.S.O.	"	70 Rue d'Acoz.
1st Coy. A.A.S.C.	RY IEN	Village.
D.A.D.O.S.	CHATELET	Soap Factory, Rue d'Acoz.
Baths Officer's Store.	"	Soap Factory, Rue d'Acoz.
D.A.D.V.S.	PRESLYS	The Chateau.
C.R.A. & Div. Artly. H.Q.	LORIANNE	No. 388
1st/3rd A. Bdes.	LEFEBVE	Chateau Demorle.
2nd F.A. Bde.	LORIANNE	Near Church, Billet 193.
1st D.A.C.	BISSON	Billet 98.
1st/2nd Aust. Inf. Bdes.	LOVERVAL	Chateau.
7th/8th Battalions.	LOUFFLOUX	Village.
1st/4th Battalions.	ACQZ	"
5th/8th Battalions.	COUILLET	11 Place Communal.
6th/7th Battalions.	"	Casino.
2nd Coy. A.A.S.C.	JOHNET	Village.
3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	COUILLET	
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	CHATELET	Place de Hotel de Ville.
9th/10th Battalions.	"	6 Place St. Roch.
11th/12th Battalions.	"	Rue de Couillet.
1st/2nd/3rd Fld. Ambulances	"	144 Rue de la Station.
4th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	Near Abattoirs.
1st Aust. M.G. Battn.	PONT DE LOUP	
1st Aust. Div.	PONT DE LOUP	338 Rue de Fleurus
1st/2nd/3rd Field Coys. A.F.	"	"
1st Aust. Pioneer Battn.	ALBAU	94 Grand Rue.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>		
1st Mob. Vet. Section.	COUILLET	Chateau Parentville.
D.A.P.M.	CHATELET	Place Hotel de Ville.
Divisional Paymaster.	"	40 Rue de la Torbelle.
Claims Officer.	"	
Wholesale Canteen.	"	
1st M.T. Coy. Workshops.	COUILLET	18 Place de Peronne.
Belgian Mission.	CHATELET	53 Rue de Chatelet.
1st Aust. Div. Rfct. Tng.	MARCINELLE	23 Rue de College.
2nd Aust. Sanitary Section.	CHATELET	61 Rue de College.

Divisional Headquarters.

Russell

Major,
General Staff,
1st Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
18th March, 1919.

3rd A. I. Bde.

1. An R.E. Band will visit the Divisional area on the 27th inst., arriving at 3rd Brigade Headquarters at 1200 on 27th, and leaving at 0900 on 28th. They will arrive in two busses and two lorries.

2. The 3rd A. I. Bde. will arrange rations and billets for one officer (Captain FOSTER) and 40 other ranks.

3. String and wind instruments are being brought by the Band, and it is essential that an indoor programme be arranged.

4. The Band will give two performances (no charge for admission will be made) and these should be arranged to suit local conditions. It is suggested that from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. would be suitable times.

5. Will you please notify this office the hall you have selected for the Band to play in, the times for the performances, and that arrangements for billeting and rationing have been made.

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C.O.C. wishes to personally say goodbye to C.O.S, Senior Officers and Coy. Commanders of the Division and he will visit units tomorrow 2nd Inst. as follows and 9000 Officers of 1st Brigade at H.Q. of 2/3rd Batin. and 1000 Officers of 2nd Brigade at H.Q. 5/6th In. and 1000 Officers of 3rd Div., Div. Train, A.P.A., D.A.D.S., C.O. Div. Signals, and Paymaster at 3rd ad. H.Q. and 1100 Div. Artillery at D.A.H.Q. and 1150 Officers of 1/2/3rd Ambulances at their H.Q. and 1200 Officers of Engineers, Pioneers, and H.Q. Batin. at Engineers H.Q.

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,

22nd March, 1919.

In taking farewell of the Division, I wish to place on record my keen appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of all ranks, both during active service conditions and under the trying circumstances inseparable from demobilisation.

The record of this, the first Australian Division of all times, is second to none, and I fully appreciate the honor it has been to Command it.

Whilst expressing my thanks to all Staffs and Commands, and all officers, N.C.O.'s and men, I take the opportunity of wishing them all good luck, and a happy and safe return to Australia.

J. H. G. G. G.

Major General.

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