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2ND AUST. LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOVERVAL	1		<p>Weather - Fine</p> <p>There were no parades this day. In the morning most of men proceeded to coal mine at Conillet for a hot bath. Refreshments were provided in afternoon and of regimental funds. No special festivities.</p> <p>ARRIVALS 1 O.R. H.A.R. DEPARTURES NIL STRENGTH 1 OFF 36 O.R.</p>	
---	2/14		<p>Generally - FINE</p> <p>During this period parades were held each morning and a large number of the men attended various Education classes both with the unit and at 2nd Field Amb. Football was indulged in each afternoon a great deal of interest being taken in the Brigade Competition games members of this unit playing with Brigade details team. Official notification was received of the award of the Military Cross to Capt D. Mc. Gavin. Late O.C. of this unit (since returned to Australia) for gallant services in the field of and of the award of the Belgian Croix-de-Guerre to 10345 Pte A. R. McDonald for gallantry in action.</p> <p>ARRIVALS from U.K. Leave 10 off 1 O.R. DEPARTURES Leave U.K. 10 off 2 O.R. " Paris " 2 O.R. " Paris 1 O.R. " Base " 1 O.R. " To FIELD. H.S.P.L. 1 O.R. " " " " " To School 1 O.R.</p> <p>STRENGTH 2 OFF 35 O.R. Ranks 14-1-19</p>	
---	15/18		<p>Weather - Unsettled.</p> <p>During this period the usual programme of morning parades education classes was carried out, and football was carried indulged in each afternoon.</p> <p>Leut. P. G. Gordon was struck off strength on being transferred to the 353 E.M. Coy coming to the relief of transport smokes from the 2nd Field Amb. a pipet of 10 O.Ranks of this battery reported to that unit per diary each evening.</p> <p>ARRIVALS Thom U.K. Leave 10 O.R. DEPARTURES U.K. Leave 2 O.R. STRENGTH 2 OFF 32 O.R. " Paris " 1 O.R. " Prizhoul 1 O.R. 18-1-19</p>	

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LOVERIDGE	19		<p>Weather - Fine This morning all 1915 men of this unit (numbering 20 in all) left with a draft for Australia leaving air strength greatly reduced. There was great jubilation amongst the departing troops.</p> <p>ARRIVALS NIL DEPARTURES TO AUSTRALIA 20 O'R STRENGTH 2 OFF 13 O'R</p>	
---	20/24		<p>Moderately FINE During this period all parades ceased and field ambulance frequent was withdrawn it being found impossible to carry on owing to reduced strength. Each man in the battery has now a definite job to carry out.</p> <p>ARRIVALS from school 1 O'R DEPARTURES from camp 1 O'R STRENGTH 2 OFF 13 O'R</p>	
---	25/27		<p>Snow. Very cold Pay was received on 26th. On 27th a special meeting of commanding officers, adjutants & quartermasters was held with reference to the demobilization of stores. Order was received forbidding smart walking in the streets. Same terminated as follows: - A serious motor car accident has occurred and the Divisional commander of another division was disgracefully treated (Driver evidently getting a little of their own back) Received a liberal issue of books entitled "What Australia is doing for her returned soldiers" also the first issue of the A.I.F. Education Service journal.</p> <p>ARRIVALS NIL DEPARTURES to Blo lake 1 O'R STRENGTH 2 OFF 12</p>	

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LOVERVALE	28/29		<p>Dull & cold. No parades owing to reduced strength. Lieut D. C. Mackenzie left for Australia with Special Draft on the 29th to complete University course. ARRIVALS NIL DEPARTURES NIL STRENGTH 2 OFF 12 OR</p>	
---	30/31		<p>FINE all Mobilization Shares sent to Brisbane 1st Australian Division on 30th to be sent to Calais early in February. Two men accompanied same as a guard and one officer the Lightarmade will travel to the base on the same train to hand over shares. It is expected that this unit will be amalgamated with Brigade or merged into a Battalion in the near future, owing to the reduced strength. ARRIVALS 7 in Ranks leave 1 OR DEPARTURES 1 OFF STRENGTH 5 OFF 2 OR STRENGTH 1 OFF 11 OR</p>	
			<p>ADDENDUM HEALTH The health of the Battery was excellent. 1 OR only being evacuated to F. Haysle</p>	
			<p>BILLETS Excellent. Men highly satisfied with accommodation.</p>	
			<p>LEAVE. A fair allotment was received 4 UK Passes and 3 Paris</p>	
			<p>DEMOBILIZATION 1 Officer and 21 OR Ranks left with drafts for Australia during month</p>	
			<p>RATIONS were above the average. Supplies of flour being received also from Supplies & liberal issue from comforts FUNDS.</p>	
			<p>CAFETERIA. Owing to reduced strength Cafeteria has been closed</p>	
			<p>SALVAGE A fair quantity of bin scoreboard was saved during month</p>	