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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	Jan. 3rd		Gen. Sir. W.R.BIRDWOOD visited the division, and saw most units at work.	
	5th		G.O.C. proceeded on one month's leave to U.K. Brig. Gen. H.G.BENNETT, C.B., C.M.G., assumed temporary command of the Division. D.A.Q.M.G. accompanied the G.O.C. Car accident occurred on the way, but fortunately no one was hurt.	
	8th		G.S.O.I returned from U.K. leave.	
	12th		Draft of 11 Officers and 400 Other Ranks (Officers all 1914 category and men up to June 1915) concentrated at 1st Div. Reinforcement Wing for return to Australia via Base (HAVRE). Divisional Commander inspected them at 3 P.M. and gave an address of farewell. D.A.Q.M.G. inspected the horses of 1st Div. Train. Div. Canteen Stores low owing to big purchases by Units.	
	13th		Veterinary Board visited 7th, 8th, 9th, and 103rd Batteries, and classified animals. A.Q.M.G., Aust. Corps, visited D.H.Q. and gave verbal instructions for sites for Ordnance Stores, and Gun Park to be selected for Demobilised Equipment.	
	14th		Veterinary board visited and classified animals of 3rd B.A.C. Remount Board dealt with animals of 9th and 10th Battalions, and 4th A.A.S.C. Coy. D.A.Q.M.G. inspected guns at Captured Gun Park, ORET. A.A.Q.M.G. inspected artillery and 2nd and 3rd Infantry Brigades.	
	15th		A.A. & Q.M.G. visited 1st A. I. Bde. and 1st Div. Artillery. Brig. Gen. F.G.MACKAY, C.M.G., D.S.O., 1st Brigade, proceeded on one month's leave to England and South of France. Brig. Gen. H.W.LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., C.R.A., 1st Aust. Div., returned from short leave. Nominations received from units for drafts 6 and 7 (return to Australia). On 15/1/19 the Division has 2651 other ranks still with units, who left Australia before Dec. 31st, 1915. Notification received that late Division C.M. Officer has been boarded in England, and is being sent to Australia, owing to medical unfitness.	

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	1919			
PRESLES	Jan. 15th	Contd.	Veterinary Board dealt with all animals of 1st Brigade Group, except 2nd A.A.S.C. Coy. Total animals classified to date in the Division 1,212.	
	16th		D.A.Q.M.G. reconnoitred and commenced arrangements for Demobilisation Equipment Store at ACOZ. A.A. & Q.M.G. visited 1st Brigade, 1st Pioneer Battn. 1st M.G. Battn., and made alterations butchery arrangements. New branch of 1st Div. Reinforcement Camp opened at MARCINELLE. Capable of accommodat- ing 150 men. Wire beds erected and stoves installed.	
	17th		D.A.Q.M.G. and C.R.E. visited 1st Div. Artillery re sites for Gun Park. D.A.Q.M.G. also visited Fourth Army Traffic. Arrangements made to demobilise 2 guns per Battery A.F.A., and also for sending 200 "Z" class horses to NAMUR on 23/1/19 to be handed over to the Belgian Government.	
	18th		Draft of 6 Officers and 200 Other Ranks proceeded to Base, en-route for Australia con- centrated at 1st Div. Reinforcement Camp. Inspected by G.O.C. in the afternoon. Demobilisation Equipment Store selected at Acoz, and Gun Park at MORIALME. Austra- lian Corps advised that policy of storing equipment may be altered in favor of getting them sent direct to Base by train from CHATELINEAU Station.	
	19th		A.A. & Q.M.G. proceeded on short duty to England. Corps Horse Staging Camp arranged at LE ROUX. Staging Camp to be used for horses of Australian Corps passing through to NAMUR. Personnel of camp supplied by this Division. G.O.C. inspected draft of 25 Officers and 975 Other Ranks (Quota No. 4) for Australia.	
	20th		Draft of 25 Officers and 975 Other Ranks for Australia left CHARLEROI at 9 a.m. Draft consisted mostly of 1914 Officers and men who left Australia during first part of 1915, and completed with a few men who left Australia in latter half of 1915.	
	21st		Red Cross Officer (Lieut. COWAN) arrived at D.H.Q. for duty. He will visit all units and endeavour to obtain records of missing men.	

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PRESLES	Jan. 22nd		D.A.Q.M.G. visited Div. Artillery and inspected Gun Park. Men of Artillery busy cleaning all Guns and Harness ready for handing in.	
	21st		Veterinary Board classified 414 horses and Remount Board grouped same. Horse Staging Camp and Div. Baths and D.A.D.O.S. visited by D.A.Q.M.G.	
	24th		D.A.A.G. and D.A.Q.M.G. visited all Demobilisation Store arrangements in area. Also Div. Baths and Clean Clothing Exchanges. Warning Order received from A.I.F. Liaison Officer, G.H.Q., that a draft of 1000 all ranks would leave CHARLEROI about 14/2/19, known at No. 10 Quota.	
	25th		Orders received for all Under-Graduates of Universities in Australia to return via Base, also men of 1st Tunnelling Coy. over 45 years of age to return. A.A. & Q.M.G. returned from duty in England.	
	26th		Brig. Gen. W.R.McNICOLL, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., visited Division in connection with Educational and Demobilisation matters. Conference of all Brigades' Staffs and Unit Educational Officers held at D.H.Q. Brig. Gen. H.G.BENNETT, C.B., C.M.G. presided.	
	27th		Conference of all Adjutants and Q.M.'s of Division held at CHATELET. D.A.Q.M.G. explained method of taking in Stores and also spoke in reference to equipment of men being taken through Base. Later in day Corps advised that equipment would not be stored, but would be taken direct to base by train. Trains allotted to this Division on Feb. 1st and 2nd, from CHATELINEAU.	
	28th		D.A.Q.M.G. visited railhead at CHATELINEAU and made arrangements for receiving of Stores also for Park for vehicles awaiting entrainment. A.A. & Q.M.G. attended Conference re demobilisation of Australian Corps. Administrative Instructions No. 27 issued re Stores carried to Base by personnel proceeding to Base for Demobilisation and also for the return of Unit equipment to the Base - vide Appendix 1.	Appendix 1

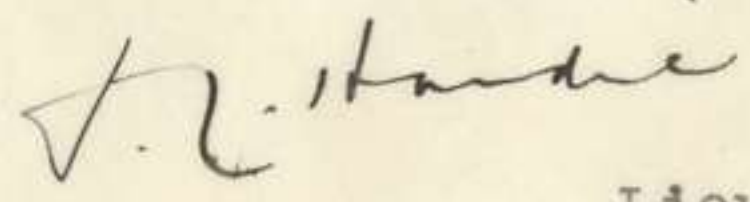
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PRESLES	1919			
	Jan.			
	29th		<p>Quota No. 5, 1000 all ranks concentrated at Div. Reinforcement Wing, also 10 Officers and 65 Other Ranks, <u>University Students</u>. Inspected and addressed by G.O.C. in the afternoon.</p> <p>Administrative Instructions 28 issued showing contribution of Brigade Groups - vide Appendix 2.</p> <p>Administrative Instructions 29 issued in continuance of Administrative Instructions 27 regarding Demobilisation of Ordnance Stores, vide Appendix 3.</p>	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Appendix 3</p>
	30th		<p>Quota No. 5 left CHARLEROI Station at 9 a.m. Colonel ROSS, 9th Battn. in command.</p>	
	31st		<p>Fourth Army Newspaper Service instituted, i. e. Papers arrive from England and delivered to the Fourth Army distributing centre, who send them to Divisional distributing centres. 1st Div. centre in CHATELET.</p> <p>Stores of 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A., taken to CHATELINEAU Station, to return to Base by train.</p> <p>In addition to the Appendices mentioned in the text, the following are added:-</p> <p>Strength of Units on 1/1/19 - Appendix 4</p> <p>Strength of Units on 31/1/19 - Appendix 5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  Lieut. Colonel. A. A. & Q. M. G. 1st Australian Division. </p>	

WAR DIARY

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A.A. & Q.M.G. 1st. Australian Division.

FOR

JANUARY1919

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Administrative Instructions No. 27.
2	Administrative Instructions No. 28
3	Administrative Instructions No. 29
4	Strength of Units on 1/1/19.
5	Strength of Units on 31/1/19.

Divisional Headquarters,
28th January, 1919.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 27.

The following instructions are issued as a guidance in reference to stores carried to the Base by personnel proceeding for demobilisation, also for the return of Unit equipment to the Base.

1. In future personnel will be despatched to A.G.B.D. Havre with all arms and accoutrements, including box respirator and steel helmet; but no ammunition or grenades will be carried. The ammunition and grenades handed in by men proceeding to the Base will be utilised as required for training purposes; any excess over the estimated requirements for the next 3 months may be returned to the Base through the Divisional Salvage organisation.

All arms and accoutrements (except steel helmet - if desired by the men - and mess tin) will be handed into store at A.G.B.D. HAVRE.

2. Personnel will leave Units with only the minimum scale of clothing and underclothing laid down in Appendix "C" of G.R.O. 6081 plus one towel and one pair of gloves. The necessary additions will be made to the clothing slip, vide Appendix "B" of G.R.O. 6081 to show to the authorities at the Base that the man is in possession of a towel and a pair of gloves.

3. Each man will carry three blankets. Ground Sheet W.P. will be handed into Store before leaving Unit.

4. Each man will be despatched to the A.G.B.D. Havre as fully equipped as possible as regards SMALL KIT laid down in G.R.O. 5103.

5. The necessary steps to complete the man to the scale laid down in APPENDIX "A" of G.R.O. 6081 will be taken by the Commandant A.G.B.D. Havre.

6. Special articles of Winter Clothing (e.g. leather jerkins sheepskin vests, sheepskin lined coats, motor cyclist overalls, capes W.P. or mackintosh, Gum boots, etc.) and any clothing in excess of the scale laid down in para. 2 above will be handed into store before the man leaves his Unit.

7. Any arms, accoutrements and personal equipment (except sheets ground W.P.) which have been handed into store by drafts which have been despatched to the Base prior to the receipt of G.R.O. 6081 will be returned to Ordnance at once.

8. Owing to a certain number of trains being available for the return of Ordnance stores to the Base, the scheme for the storing of Ordnance stores at ACOZ is now obviated. These trains will run from CHATELNEAU Railway Station and Units will be advised by D.H.Q. when equipment of their Unit may be sent full particulars regarding the system of conveying stores ~~for~~ to these trains will be notified to units when the warning is given for their stores to be despatched. The Unit sending equipment on such train will, in all cases, send a responsible Officer and sufficient other ranks to properly hand over the stores at the Base, and obtain complete receipts. Experienced personnel must be selected for this purpose. Such personnel proceeding will carry 4 days rations and after handing over the stores at the Base, the party will return to their unit.

9. Complete instructions regarding the packing of such stores will be issued within 24 hours.

10. Para 9 of G.R.O. 6082 is replubished for information. Special attention will be paid by all Units concerned to this instruction.

9. A separate list of the following articles must be handed in at the Base and a receipt obtained from a representative of the Director of Ordnance Services, as under War Office instructions, deficiencies of these articles must be accounted for of their value credited.

Binoculars

Compasses.

Rangefinders.

Rifles with telescopic sights.

Watches.

Bicycles.

All receipts for such stores will be recorded by the Ordnance Officers concerned and the representative of the Dominion or Colony in charge of the stores will render to the receiving Ordnance Officer a satisfactory statement in writing, signed by the C.C. of the Unit whose stores are being returned, to account for any deficiencies on A.F.G.1098, or state where credit for the value of the deficient articles will be found.

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11. Action on para 10 will be taken by Unit commanders as soon as their equipment has been completely handed over to the Ordnance Services. Such certificates will be forwarded to B.H.Q.

John W. Hornum
Major.
D.A.Q.M.G.
1st Australian Division.

Appendix

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,
29th January 1919.

Administrative Instruction No 28 DEMOBILISATION

1. Embarkation quotas will be taken in turn from Brigade Groups which will be formed as follows.

"A" Brigade Group.	"B" Brigade Group.	"C" Brigade Group.
as follows :-		
<u>No 1 Group</u>	<u>No 2 Group</u>	<u>No 3 Group</u>
1st A. I. Brigade	2nd A. I. Brigade	3rd A. I. Brigade
3rd Army Bde A.F.A.	2nd F. A. Brigade	D.A.C. & M.T.M. Btye.
	1st Pioneer Bn.	Div'l Train.
1st F. A. Brigade	1st M. G. Bn.	D.H.Qrs details
1st Tunnelling Co	1st Fd Coy	1st Div'l Sig Coy
1st Fd Ambulance	2nd Fd Coy	3rd Fd Coy.
	2nd Fd Ambulance	3rd Fd Ambulance

A Brigade Group will furnish No 10 embarkation quota on training about 8th February, B and C Brigade Groups furnishing quotas on about 18th and 28th February respectively. Thereafter quotas will be furnished by A, B and C Groups approximately every 10 days.

Brigade Groups will nominate the Senior Officer to command each quota

2. As quotas are taken, Units will fall much below establishments and it will be necessary to amalgamate Battalions and other units, afterwards even Brigades and Divisions.

Light Trench Mortar Batteries may be amalgamated with a Battalion at once, as may 1st Medium Trench Mortar Battery with a Brigade.

Instructions for disposal of mobilisation stores will be issued separately today.

C.R.A., C.R.E., and Brigadiers will at once submit their recommendations for the amalgamation of units under their command and have everything in readiness for such amalgamation, when the combined strengths of the Units is less than 40% of the combined establishments. Notification of such amalgamation will be communicated to Division by wire.

The identity of Units will be maintained.

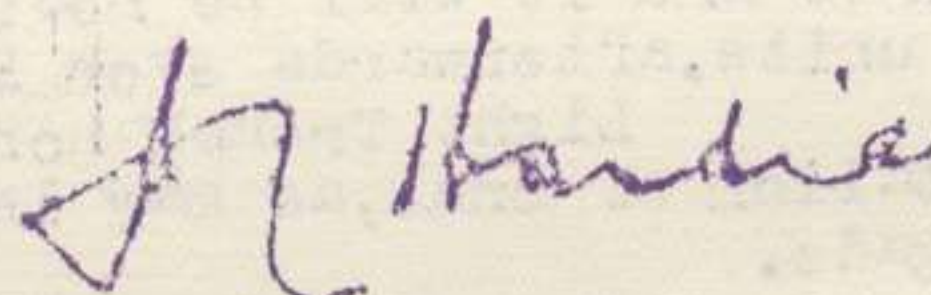
On amalgamation staffs will be reduced but the records of each unit will be kept separate. The Adjutant of one Battalion and the Adjutant of the other Battalion will be the Adjutant and assistant Adjutant respectively of the amalgamated Battalions.

Similarly separate Quartermasters will carry on until the Mobilisation stores of one Battalion are despatched to the Base complete.

Names of proposed C.Os of the amalgamated units will be notified as soon as possible.

3. As amalgamation proceeds, units will be moved towards railhead. Arrangements for this will be made by "A" Branch with Brigade and Other staffs concerned. This closing in will make room for elements of 4th Australian Division to move Northwards, thus facilitating coalescence. This will not be done until necessary to obviate more than one change of billet.

4. Attention is drawn to General Instruction No 7 para 12 which states that date of enlistment dictates the order of precedence (other things being equal). A man who returned to Australia wounded or on furlough and since rejoined on his original attestation is not penalised as regards precedence of return by such journey to Australia.
5. Special personnel such as cooks and transport men should be maintained. Reinforcements now arriving should be attached to transport and cooks for duty. These men may be appointed Drivers if suitable, as vacancies occur.
6. 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. is definitely under the command of C.R.A. and he is responsible for its allotment to quotas. Personnel from this Brigade may be attached to other Brigades as required by the exigencies of the service. The allotment to 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. Signal Section which is a portion of Australian Corps Signal Company will be given by Corps.
7. Regimental Funds will not be pooled unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the next higher authority that the amount per head for each Unit is approximately equal.
8. Conduct sheets of men proceeding with quotas will accompany them and will be taken by the Officer in charge of party to Australia.
9. Detailed instructions will be issued separately for each embarkation quota.



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1st Australian Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters.,
29th January 1919.

Administrative instruction No 29 issued in continuance of
administrative instruction No 27 regarding demobilisation
of Ordnance Stores.

1. Railhead for demobilisation of stores, CHATELNEAU.

2. COMPOSITION OF TRAINS.

Each train will consist of 6 covered trucks for stores, and 20 flats for vehicles. Tonnage of each covered truck 10 tons. Each flat truck will carry 3 G.S. Waggon, or 8 other axles.

3. There is sufficient accommodation to park number of vehicles up to capacity of train at Railhead, also Goods Shed adjacent to Siding where stores for trucks can be unloaded. Such vehicles and stores must be at Railhead in above places between noon and 5 p.m. on day previous to departure of train.

4. Units will be advised in sufficient time of accommodation allotted them on trains to allow necessary arrangements for loading and delivering of stores at Railhead.

5. PACKING OF STORES.

(a) Packing of all Ordnance Stores will be in kind as far as possible. Such stores will be thoroughly cleaned and preserved before packing.

(b) All parts of harness, except saddles, will be bundled in bundles of 10. Saddles will be tied together in fives.

(c) Waggon equipment will be completed on as many vehicles as possible i.e., if one waggon is short a shovel and spanner and another waggon has only a shovel and spanner, these stores should be combined to make one waggon complete.

(d) All stores in cases and packages will have inventory of contents in the container. All cases or packages must be numbered consecutively, and such number shown on receipt voucher. No guns or vehicles are to be shown on same voucher as stores, after stores are loaded on trucks. No of truck will be placed on voucher accompanying these stores.

(e) All stores will be addressed to :-

Ordnance Officer
Demobilisation Depot
Calais
Dunes Siding
BEAUMARIS.

6. Army Book No 8 is the only recognised receipt voucher. These vouchers must be correctly made out in clear handwriting, and in quadruplicate. When stores are sent to Railhead. Units, when making out receipt vouchers must ensure that correct nomenclature of all stores is used.

7. Personnel referred to in Administrative Instructions No 27 para 8 will supervise the packing of stores of their respective units, and must be the contents of packages, to allow Base Ordnance to know exact stores contained in various trucks.

8. D.A.D.O.S. will detail one W.C.O. per group, to proceed to Base by first train of their respective groups. The duties of this W.C.O. will be to assist the units of his group in the handing over of stores. He will not accept any responsibility as regards care of stores.

9. The following personnel will be detailed to proceed with guns and vehicles, viz:-

- For each gun.....1 man.
- For every two ammunition waggon.....1 man.
- For every four other H.T. vehicles.....1 man.
- For every 15 men.....1 Sergeant.
- For every 30 men.....1 Officer.

As regards personnel to accompany other stores, it has already been laid down that a responsible Officer, who should be the Quarter-master of the Unit, will proceed to Base to hand over stores of his Unit. The number of other ranks to proceed to guard stores en route, and to assist in the handing over is left to the Commanding Officer concerned, as he is responsible for all stores on charge to him until such stores are handed in at Base Ordnance.

10. Units will take necessary steps to have all stores, no longer required, packed ready for disposal.

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D.A.O.M.G. Major,
1st Australian Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Daily Strength as at Noon.....1918.

UNITS.	On Establishment.			Attached.			Remarks.
	Off.	O.R.	Total.	Off.	O.R.	Total.	
DIV. HEADQUARTERS.	31	93	124	10	261	271	
DIV. ARTL.	72	2022	2094	3	17	20	
DIV. ENGINEERS.	26	394	420	2	21	23	
Div. Signal Coy.	16	349	365	-	48	48	
PIONEER BATTALION.	32	777	809	3	13	16	
1st INF. BDE. H.Q.	4	10	14	1	40	41	
1st Battalion.	27	355	382	4	9	13	
2nd Battalion.	23	419	442	6	19	25	
3rd Battalion.	30	464	494	1	16	17	
4th Battalion.	31	465	496	5	13	18	
1st A.L.T.M. Battery.	1	36	37				
1st A.M.G. Coy.							
2nd INF. BDE. H.Q.	3	15	18	2	57	59	
5th Battalion.	17	397	414	2	8	10	
6th Battalion.	18	392	410	2	4	6	
7th Battalion.	25	351	376	1	3	4	
8th Battalion.	19	505	524	3	18	21	
2nd A.L.T.M. Battery.	1	36	37				
2nd A.M.G. Coy.							
3rd INF. BDE. H.Q.	5	15	20	1	43	44	
9th Battalion.	30	663	693	3	16	19	
10th Battalion.	24	411	435	1	11	12	
11th Battalion.	17	355	372	2	8	10	
12th Battalion.	29	501	530	2	12	14	
3rd A.L.T.M. Battery.	3	33	36				
3rd A.M.G. Coy.							
DIVISIONAL TRAIN.	18	373	391	2	118	120	
1st Field Ambulance.	10	192	202	1	13	14	
2nd Field Ambulance.	11	175	186	2	17	19	
3rd Field Ambulance.	5	187	192	1	17	18	
Div. Salvage Coy.							
Mob. Vety. Section.	1	16	17	-	6	6	
1st A.M.G. Coy. Battn	30	690	720	1	26	27	
TOTALS.							

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Daily Strength as at Noon 31 / 1 / 1919...

UNITS.	On Establishment.			Attached.			Remarks.
	Off.	O.R.	Total.	Off.	O.R.	Total.	
IV. HEADQUARTERS.	29	74	103	14	264	278	
IV. ARTILLERY.	64	1546	1610	3	15	18	
IV. ENGINEERS.	14	271	285	2	20	22	
iv. Signal Coy.	14	304	318	-	15	15	
IONEER BATTALION.	30	617	647	3	9	12	
1st INF. BDE. H.Q.	3	6	9	2	38	40	
1st Battalion.	23	258	281	2	5	7	
2nd Battalion.	19	312	331	6	23	29	
3rd Battalion.	23	380	403	-	20	20	
4th Battalion.	23	388	411	6	18	24	
1st A.L.T.M. Battery.	1	27	28				
1st A.M.G. Coy.							
2nd INF. BDE. H.Q.	4	16	20	-	54	54	
2nd Battalion.	21	296	317	1	7	8	
3rd Battalion.	24	313	337	1	4	5	
4th Battalion.	21	334	355	3	7	10	
5th Battalion.	20	310	330	3	14	17	
2nd A.L.T.M. Battery.	1	11	12				
2nd A.M.G. Coy.							
3rd INF. BDE. H.Q.	4	18	22	1	50	51	
3rd Battalion.	21	571	592	2	6	8	
4th Battalion.	29	315	344	1	6	7	
5th Battalion.	21	298	319	3	15	18	
6th Battalion.	21	396	417	1	4	5	
3rd A.L.T.M. Battery.	3	10	13				
3rd A.M.G. Coy.							
DIVISIONAL TRAIN.	13	277	290	7	227	234	
1st Field Ambulance.	7	178	185	1	20	21	
2nd Field Ambulance.	6	169	175	2	16	18	
3rd Field Ambulance.	7	165	172	2	18	20	
Div. Salvage Coy.	1	14	15				
Mob. Vety. Section.	1	13	14	-	6	6	
21st A.M.G. Coy. Battn	33	517	550	1	24	25	
TOTALS.	501	8404	8905	67	905	972	