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WAR DIARY

OF

4TH AUST. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE *Hqrs*

FOR

NOVEMBER. 1918

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Signature of Officer compiling Alan W. Manning *Capt*

Signature of Officer Commanding Major J. Bouchier *Lt Col*



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Homs.	1/11/18	0930.	Brigade arrived in bivouac area. 2 miles North of HomS. Received news that Turkey had signed armistice.	<u>MA.</u>
	2/11/18		Brigadier-General W. GRANT, D.S.O. assumed command of Australian M th Div ⁿ during temporary absence of the Divisional Commander. Lt Col BOURCHIER, D.S.O. 4 th ALH Reg ^t tempo in command of the Brigade.	<u>MA.</u>
	4/11/18.	1500	corps Commander visited the camp and inspected the new and horses. Divisional Order. No. 36 received Orders issued for move to Tripoli. news received that Austria had signed armistice	<u>MA.</u> appew appew
	5/11/18	1800. 2300	Brigade moved from bivouac area. Arrived in bivouac about N of UMM. HARLEIN.	<u>MA.</u>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	6/11/18	0600	Brigade moved out. Horses watered in Wadi KHALID. arrived in	
		1100	bivouac east of TEL KALE ST ⁿ	ASA
	7/11/18	0800	Brigade moved out. Horses watered in NAHR EL. KEBIR. at 1100	
		1600	Arrived in bivouac NAHR. AARKA at	ASA
	8/11/18	0730	Brigade (less wheels) moved out. Transport left at 0820. Horses watered in NAHR. BERID and SHEIKH BEDAWI.	
		1500	Arrived in bivouac 9 th 200 on TRIPOLI-ZGARTA road.	ASA
ZGARTA.	9/11/18		Ordnance stores drawn. Horses watered in NAHR. KHADISH.	ASA
	11/11/18		Received news that Germany had signed armistice.	ASA
	12/11/18		Clothing and extra blankets issued.	
	13/11/18		Rain throughout the day. Bivouac area very muddy.	ASA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZGARYA	14/11/18		Usual routine was carried out. A few breast lines were erected for the horses. Mud was fairly unpleasant for horses after rain of last few days.	None.
	15/11/18		Sanitary arrangements in the camp were improved. This matter was difficult to cope with in the mud and olive groves. Usual routine work carried out.	None.
	16/11/18		Brigade canteen arrived from TRIPOLI and was erected at a place near the centre of the Brigade. Routine as usual. Weather cloudy but fine. Commanding Officer went in car to the Cedars.	None.
	17/11/18		Camp improvement to cope with wet season carried out. Men and horses rested as much as possible. Usual routine.	None.
	18/11/18		New camp site inspected by Brigade Major and G.S. officers. No definite decision arrived at re shifting. Commanding Officer returned from Cedars.	- NOV 1918
	19/11/18		Brigade orders re move to new site just north of Sirmional Head. Quarters on to hill country were issued. Weather fine & cool.	Optim 3

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for BM 4 1200



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRIPOLI	20/11/18		Brigade moved to new bivouac site - about 2 miles North of old site, and ^{then} was ^{was} located 2 miles E. of TRIPOLI. 9 th M.V.S. rejoined the Brigade from DAMASCUS. Weather - Mild and fine.	Appendix 2 Awm.
	21/11/18		Usual daily parties of 1 officer 10-OR sent to TRIPOLI for shopping purposes. Brigade improved camp area and access thereto. Lt HARRISON built road on siding - formation soft limestone - near 12 th Regiment. Weather mild and fine. Usual routine work done.	Awm
	22/11/18		Brigade Intelligence Officer - Lt Lisle evacuated from TRIPOLI to Egyptian hospital. Routine carried out as on 21/11/18.	Awm
	23/11/18		Horse rations increased to 17 lbs. Ordinary routine carried out. Weather mild and fine. Conference of CO's at BHQ to discuss training.	Awm. - NOV 1918
	24/11/18		Advised that Corps Commander would inspect the Brigade on 26 th inst. Syllabus of Training drawn up. Voluntary Church Parade at 12 th Regt.	Awm
	25/11/18		Brigade engaged cleaning up for Corps Commander's inspection. Road work continued. Camp cleaning was ordered for the day. Weather continued fine but slightly colder.	Appendix 3 and 30 Awm

Alan Whanning
for B.M. Capt



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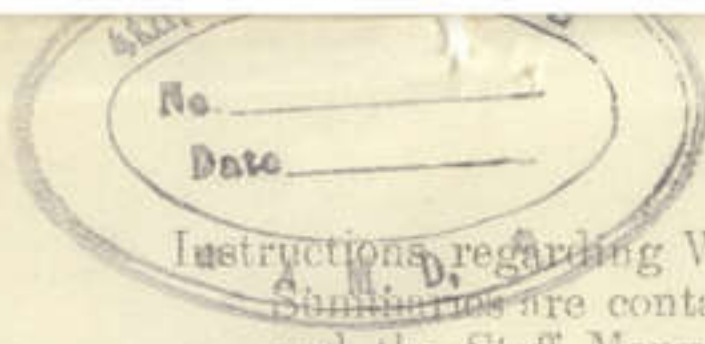
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRIPOZI.	26/11/18		<p>The morning was occupied cleaning equipment and preparing for inspections. Divisional Commander inspected the Brigade; commencing at 1400. Orders for "Inspection of Men standing to their horses in the lines. Stripped saddles laid out on saddle blankets. Dress. Drill order without arms." Inspection was completed by 1630. As a result it was decided to try and make a contract with tailors from TRIPOZI to improve the fit of men's uniforms. 2 E.P.H. tents per regiment and 1 for smaller units arrived at the Brigade area. Work was done on road during the morning (near 11th Regt.) Advice of comforts presented by Y.M.C.A. was received by the Brigade.</p>	M.M.
	27/11/18	1430	<p>Morning. Training according to Syllabus. (See Appen 4) A meeting of unit Commanders of the Division was held at D.H.Q. System of Educational classes and organisation of entertainments was discussed at length. As a result it was decided to form a Brigade Committee consisting of one member ^{members} per unit. This committee to have one representative on Divisional Committee</p>	- NOV 1918

Alan Whanning
Capt
at Bde Major



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRIPOLI	27/11/18		<p>Sports: continued.</p> <p>The matter of employing civil tailors in the units was discussed. No definite decision was arrived at, except that units try to make terms with tailors.</p>	None
	28/11/18		<p>The following names were sent to Brigade for Bde Committee representatives.</p> <p>4th Regt. Lt Gooding 11th Lt W.E. Gill. 12th Major J.C. Davies M.C.</p> <p>M.G. Lynn Lieut CH Macdonald 4th Field Ambulance Lt Sgt Hamilton P.</p> <p>Weather cloudy and colder with showers during the morning</p>	None.
	29/11/18		<p>Sports committee decided on football fixtures. These fixtures to be played on Mondays Wednesdays and Saturdays - weather permitting.</p> <p>Tiles were provided for purpose of building cookhouses.</p>	<p>offer E4 (the copy) Two None</p>
	30/11/18		<p>Usual routine was carried out. Large parties were engaged on road making and clearing recreation ground.</p> <p>One days extra mobile ration was issued instead of S.E. Rations.</p>	<p>NOV 1918</p>
		1500	<p>126 reinforcements arrived for the Brigade. Weather fine and cool.</p>	<p>Alan Whamondy Capt for Bde Major</p>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices														
TRIPOLI	30/11/18	1530	Seven cases of comforts arrived for Brigade from Y.M.C.A. Orders were issued for parties proceeding on leave to BRALBEK and the Cedars. First parties are to leave tomorrow. Weather fine. Syllabus of Training sent to D.V. HQ	None Append 5.														
	30/11/18		Ration state at end of month was as under:-															
			<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>B. Officers</th> <th>B.O.R.</th> <th>Natives</th> <th>Horses</th> <th>Mules</th> <th>Donkeys</th> <th>Camels</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>73</td> <td>1341</td> <td>28</td> <td>1695</td> <td>140</td> <td>31</td> <td>22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	B. Officers	B.O.R.	Natives	Horses	Mules	Donkeys	Camels	73	1341	28	1695	140	31	22	None.
B. Officers	B.O.R.	Natives	Horses	Mules	Donkeys	Camels												
73	1341	28	1695	140	31	22												
			<p>Major Bonchis L. Col. o.c. 4th A.L.H. Bde</p>	<p>Alton Warrington Capt HQ B.M. 4th Bde.</p>														

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4TH A.L.H. BRIGADE

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Brigade Order No 11 (Move to TRIPOLI)
2	Move from ZGARTA to new bivouac site near TRIPOLI.
343a	SYLLABUS OF WORK and TRAINING.
4	SPORTS. FIXTURES.
545a	SYLLABUS of WORK and TRAINING.

BRIGADE OPERAT-ION ORDER No.11.
By
Brigadier-General W. GRANT, D.S.O.
Commanding
4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Appendix 1

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Reference Map : TRIPOLI 1/250,000.

1. The Division (less 5th Bde. Group) moves to vicinity of TRIPOLI in two groups.
2. Group No.1. (a) Divisional Troops Column.
 - Div. H.Q.
 - Signal Squadron.
 - H.Q., Field Squadron.
 - Descorps Operating Unit.
 - H.Q., Div. Train.
 - Detachment H.Q. Coy of Train.

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 - (b) 4th A.L.H. Bde.
 - 4th Field Troop.
 - 4th A.L.H.F. Amb.
 - 4th Bde. Coy of Train.
- Group No.2. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
 - 19th Bde. R.H.A. (less "A" Batt. H.A.C.)
 - 3rd Field Troop.
 - 3rd A.L.H.F. Amb.
 - 3rd Bde. Coy of Train & and Detachment Coy of Train.
3. The march will be carried out in four stages :-
 - 1st Stage. - Nov. 5th to about N. of UMM HARLEIN.
 - 2nd " - Nov. 6th " TEL KALE Station.
 - 3rd " - Nov. 7th " TEL HABESH Station.
 - 4th " - Nov. 8th " near TRIPOLI.
4. 4th A.L.H. Bde. Group will be prepared to move from bivouac area at 1730 today, 5th inst.
 - Starting point : B.H.Q.
 - Order of March : B.H.Q., Signal Troop.
 - M.G. Sqn.
 - 4th A.L.H. Rgt.
 - 11th " "
 - 12th " "
 - 4th A.L.H.F. Amb.
 - 4th Field Troop.
 - "A" "B1" & "B2" Echelons.
 - 37th Coy A.A.S.C.
5. 4th Bde. Group will be prepared to move at 0600 on the morning of 6th inst. in same order of march.
6. Military Police and Field Troop will march at 0500 on the morning of 6th inst.
7. Horses will be watered at JISR ASWAD on 6th inst.
8. Bivouac parties will report to B.H.Q. at 1000 today 5th inst.
9. 5th Cav. Div. supplies are being maintained with great difficulty by lorries. All officers will ensure that during the march to TRIPOLI all troops immediately clear the road for all motor lorries, single or in convoy, proceeding either Eastwards or Westwards.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Alexander Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

5th November, 1918.
Issued at 0600.

- Issued to :-
- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. B.H.Q. | 7. 4th A.L.H.F. Amb. |
| 2. 4th Signal Troop. | 8. 4th Field Troop. |
| 3. 4th A.L.H. Rgt. | 9. 37th Coy. A.A.S.C. |
| 4. 11th " " | 10. H.Q., Aust. Mtd. Div. |
| 5. 12th " " | 11, 12 & 13. War Diary. |
| 6. 4th A.M.G. Sqn. | 14. File. |

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B.H.Q.	4th A.M.G. Sqn.
4th Signal Troop.	4th A.L.H.F.A.
4th A.L.H. Rgt.	4th Field Troop.
11th " "	37th Coy. A.A.S.C .
12th " "	



ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. Reference Operation Order No.11.

Divisional Train will draw one full days rations from Ausdiv Supply Dump on 5th inst. for this group and deliver at TEL KALE. Horse and man will carry unconsumed portion of Current Days Ration and one Mobile Ration.

Bl Echelon will carry one days Mobile Ration. Mobile Ration on horse and man will be consumed on 2nd days march.

Divisional Train will deliver Days Ration at TEL KALE for consumption 3rd days march.

Mobile Ration on Bl Echelon will be consumed on 4th days march to TRIPOLI.

Units are thus rationed up to and including Breakfast 9th inst.

Rations for 9th inst. will be drawn at TRIPOLI.

5/11/18.

J. Brown
 Lieut.,
 For Staff Captain,
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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4th Signal Troop.	4th A.M.G. Sqdn.
4th A.L.H. Regt.	4th A.L.H.F.A.
11th " "	9th A.M.V.S.
12th " "	



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1. The Brigade will move tomorrow, 20th instant, in the following groups, to new bivouac sites.

1. B.H.Q., Signal Troop & Field Ambulance	to move at	1000.
2. 4th A.M.G. Sqdn.	" " "	1020.
3. 4th A.L.H. Regiment.	" " "	1040.
4. 11th A.L.H. Regiment.	" " "	1100.
5. 12th A.L.H. Regiment.	" " "	1120.
2. Bivouac Parties. Units will be guided to bivouac area under their own arrangements by the officers who inspected the ground today, 19th instant.
3. Watering. Watering will commence at 0800 for tomorrow, 20th only, in the order as at present laid down.
4. Re-ute. Units will travel by main TRIPOLI road as far as Divisional Canteen, thence by right hand track to Field Troop, thence to bivouac sites direct.
5. TENTS. 12th A.L.H. Regt. will supply 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to load tents and 60 cases of Comforts on Div. Train waggons from tent dump at D.H.Q. at 1000. This N.C.O. will be responsible for delivery of tents to unit areas. Officers in charge of bivouac parties will be responsible for taking them over from Div. Train waggons. Distribution will be as follows :-

4th A.L. H. Regt.	28
11th " "	29
12th " "	29
4th A.M.G.S.	14
4th A.L.H.F.A.	8
9th A.M.V.S.	3
6. Rations. Rations tomorrow will be delivered at usual time at new sites. Units will make their own arrangements for receiving.
7. Sanitation. The old bivouac sites must be left clean and every care taken to prevent fouling the new areas adjacent to new site.

Allan W. Manning Captain,
For Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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SYLLABUS.

4TH A. M. G. SQUADRON.

Week ending 30th November, 1918

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1030 - 1130.

Day.	Class.
Monday.	Preparing for Corps Commander's Inspection.
Tuesday.	Corps Commander's Inspection.
Wednesday.	Junior. "General Description" Senior. "Characteristics".
Thursday.	Junior. "Stoppages" and "Care & Cleaning". Senior. "Ranging".
Friday.	Junior. "Characteristics". Senior. "Use Prismatic Compass".
Saturday.	Cleaning and Inspection of Saddlery and Equipment.



Allen W. Manning

Captain,
For Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

SYLLABUS

4TH. A.L.H. BRIGADE.

Week end-ing 30th November, 1918.

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Day.	M O R N I N G.				Parade.	Stables.	Midday	A F T E R N O O N.		
	Stables.	Breakfast.	Watering.				Meal.	Watering.	Stables.	
Mon.	0615-0700	0715	0800-1000		1030 - 1130 Cleaning up for Corps Commander's Inspection.	1145-1215	1230	1430-1630	1630-1700	
Tues.				Corps	Commander's				Inspection.	
Wed.					1030 - 1045 Saluting. 1045 - 1130 Sword Drill dismounted.					
Thur.	0615 - 0700		1000	1030 - 1130 Special Classes Daily.	1030 - 1045 Lectures on D-discipline. 1045 - 1130 Musketry.	1145 - 1215		1630	1700	
Fri.	0615	0715	0800	1030 - 1130 Special Classes Daily.	1030 - 1045 Lecture on Guards & Sentries. 1045 - 1130 Sword Drill dis mounted.	1145	1230	1430	1630	
Sat.	Cleaning of Saddlery and C.O's. Inspections.								Sports.	

Note 1. Special arrangements will be made for washing parade by units at the beach, once a week, weather permitting. Special C lasses to mean N.C.O's. Classes, Farriery, Saddlery, Hotchkiss Rifles and Signalling.



Alan Whanning Captain,
For Brigade Major, 4th A.L.H. Bde.

B.H.Q.
 4th. Signal Troop.
 4th. A.L.H. Regt.
 11th. " "

12th. A.L.H. Regt.
 4th. A.M.G. Sqn.
 4th. A.L.H.F.A.
 9th. M.V.S.

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At a meeting of the Brigade Sports Committee held on the 29th. inst., it was decided to hold Rugby and Australian Rules competitions. Matches will be played on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons, commencing on the 2nd. prox.

The ground is situated between 4th. and 12th. Regts., and it is desired that all traffic be kept off this football ground.

One match in each competition will be played each afternoon. Times as follow:- RUGBY, 25 minutes each way. AUSTRALIAN RULES, TWO 20 minutes and two fifteen. Play commencing at 1330.

Fixtures were drawn as follow:-

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

B. H. Q. & Amb.	v	12th.
4B	v	11th.-M.G.S.
4A	v	4C

B. H. Q. & Amb.	v	4B
12th.	v	4C
11th.-M.G.S.	v	4A

12th.	v	4B
B. H. Q. & Amb.	v	4A
4C	v	11th. - M.G.S.

B. H. Q. & Amb.	v	4C
12th.	v	11th.-M.G.S.
4B	v	4A.

4B	v	4C
B. H. Q. & Amb.	v	11th.-M.G.S.
12th.	v	4A.

RUGBY.

11A	v	12B
11B	v	B.H.Q. & Amb.
12A	v	M.G.S.

12B	v	11B
11A	v	12A
B. H. Q. & Amb.	v	M. G. S.

11B	v	11A
12A	v	B. H. Q. & Amb.
M. G. S.	v	12B

11A	v	M. G. S.
11B	v	12A
12B	v	B. H. Q. & Amb.

11B	v	M. G. S.
12B	v	12A
11A	v	B. H. Q. & Amb.

30/11/18.

(Sgd) C.H. McDONALD; Lieut.
 Hon. Sec.
 4th. A.L.H. Brigade Sports Committee.

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Appendix 5

4th A. L. H. BRIGADE.

Week ending 7th December, 1918.

Day.	M O R N I N G.				Parade.	Stables.	Midday Meal.	A F T E R N O O N.	
	Stables.	Breakfast.	Watering.					Water-ing.	Stables.
Mon.	0		0	0	1030 - 1100 Dismounted Sword Drill. 1100 - 1130 Fire Discipline.	5		Football Competitions.	
Tues.	7		0	0	1030 - 1130 Musketry.	2		3	0
Wed.	0	1	1	1	1030 - 1100 Guards & Sentries. 1100 - 1130 Sword Drill Dismounted.	1	0	1	1
Thur.	5	0		0	1030 - 1045 Lectures on Discipline. 1045 - 1130 Musketry.	5	2	0	0
Fri.	6		8	0	1030 - 1100 Guard Mounting. 1100 - 1130 Sword Drill dismounted.	5		3	3
Sat.	Cleaning of Saddlery and C.O's.				Inspections.	1		Football Competitions.	

- Note :
1. Special arrangements will be made for washing parade by units at the beach once a week, weather permitting.
 2. Special Classes to men N.C.O's. Classes, Farriery, Saddlery, Hotchkiss Rifles and Signalling.
 3. Lectures by B.V.O. will be given on veterinary cases as opportunity offers.



Alan Whanning
 Captain,
 For Bde. Major,
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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SYLLABUS.

4th A. M. G. SQUADRON.

Week ending 7th December, 1918.

<u>Day.</u>	<u>1 0 30 - 1 1 3 0.</u>
Monday.	Description and Mechanism.
Tuesday.	Stoppages.
Wednesday.	Indication and Recognition of Targets. Range Finding.
Thursday.	Care and Cleaning.
Friday.	Fire Direction and Range Finding.
Saturday.	Cleaning of Saddlery and Equipment.



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For Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.