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**war diaries, 1914-18 War**

Light Horse

**Item number: 10/21/13**

**Title: 1st ANZAC Mounted Troops**

August 1917

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|       | 1/8/17            |      | <p>13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse in billets at MORBECQUE. strength 27 officers 543 other ranks. detached 7 officers 89 other ranks Hospital 10 off. 19 other ranks leave 3 off 53 O.R. Horses - 410 Riding, 40 light Draught. 22 Pack. 20 Heavy Draught</p> <p>Cyclist Btr - in billets at MORBECQUE. strength 16 officers 444 other ranks - detached 57 other ranks - school of instruction 10 off. 50 O.R. leave 1 officer 42 O.Rs. hospital 10 off. 40 O.Rs</p> |                                      |
|       | 2/8/17 to 6/8/17  |      | <p>vacancies for Army Anti Gas School - 3 days course</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. 2 N.C.Os. Cyclist Btr - 4 N.C.Os</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                      |
|       | 7/8/17            |      | <p>13<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt detachment of Hotchkiss Machine Guns on anti-aircraft defence at BAILLEUL to relieve</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      |
|       | 8/8/17            |      | <p>base of 2 ANZAC Corps Cav at STEENBECQUE. under instructions 1<sup>st</sup> ANZAC G. S/2699/2 + G. S/2699/3. Appendix I</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |
|       | 9/8/17 to 10/8/17 |      | <p>Cyclist Btr - 1 officer + 1 O.R. sent to Army Central School of Instruction 6 weeks course</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      |

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|       | 12/8/17 |      | (contd) 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse - 1 officer & 1 OR. Sent to Army Scouting Sniping and Observation School. Course 14 days.                                                                 |                                      |
|       | 13/8/17 |      | nil.                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 14/8/17 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      |
|       | 15/8/17 |      | Cyclist Btro 1 officer <sup>sent to</sup> for "A" Course Lewis Gun G.H.Q. Small Arms School.                                                                                                   |                                      |
|       |         |      | 1 officer & 2 OR. for "B" Course Lewis Gun G.H.Q. Small Arms School.                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 16/8/17 |      | nil.                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 17/8/17 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      |
|       | 18/8/17 |      | 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse sent 1 OR. to 16 <sup>th</sup> Refresher course for Master Cooks at Army School of Cookery.                                                                       |                                      |
|       | 19/8/17 |      | nil                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      |
|       | 20/8/17 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      |
|       | 21/8/17 |      | Reduction in establishment of horses for 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse. As per instructions in 1 <sup>st</sup> ANZAC Corps General Staff Circular G. B/115 of 23 <sup>rd</sup> July Appendix II |                                      |

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|       | 22/8/17 |      | nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 23/8/17 |      | 12 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse 1 O.R. sent to Corps Signal School 6 weeks course<br>Cyclist Btn. despatched 1 officer to Course 'A' Lewis Gun Branch G.H.Q. Small arms school - also 1 O.R. despatched to Rifle Branch G.H.Q. Small Arms school.                                                                                                                                |                                      |
|       | 24/8/17 |      | nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 25/8/17 |      | 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse despatched to 1 <sup>st</sup> ANZAC Corps School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                      |
|       | 26/8/17 |      | Cyclist Btn " " " " " "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      |
|       |         |      | 13 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bombing Intelligence<br>3 O.R. 1 off 52 O.R. Course last 16 days.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      |
|       |         |      | Cyclist Btn 1 off 13 O.R. 2 O.R.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |
|       |         |      | Lewis Gun. Cyclist Btn - 2 O.Rs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |
|       | 27/8/17 |      | 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse despatched to Army School of Cookery<br>1 O.R.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |
|       |         |      | Cyclist Btn - also despatched 1 O.R. to same school                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 31/8/17 |      | 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse 1 O.R. sent to Army Scouting, observation & Sniping School<br>16 days course also 1 O.R. to School of Diving at 20-22 Oct.<br>Hospital course sweets<br>During the month - lectures were given by Corps Intelligence officer<br>+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Coy. officer on Anti-aircraft defence - Lewis gunner<br>and Hotchkiss gunner all attended. |                                      |

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|       |      |      | <p>These lectures extended over 4 days.<br/>                     Gas <sup>helmet</sup> inspections were made weekly.<br/>                     13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse carried out road reconnaissance during the month.<br/>                     Cyclist Btr. carried out training in signalling, bombing &amp; reconnaissance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D. J. Bowen<br/>                     Lt Col 1<sup>st</sup> ANZAC<br/>                     Mounted Troops</p> |                                      |

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1st ANZAC CORPS

9th August, 1917

S/2699/3

1st ANZAC MOUNTED TROOPS

Interchange of Hotchkiss Gun  
Anti-Aircraft Detachments at BAILLEUL  
and STEENBECQUE.

- 1 The eight Hotchkiss guns and personnel of the 1st ANZAC Corps Mounted Troops on arrival at STEENBECQUE will be replaced by the officer commanding "T" Battery, Anti-Aircraft.
- 2 The officer commanding 1st ANZAC CORPS Mounted Troops will make the detachment up to the following numbers:
  - (i) 8 H. M. Guns
  - (ii) Personnel - 3 officers and 48 other ranks, including batmen and cooks.
  - (iii) Extra personnel to be detailed as required for horses with the party.
- 3 The detachment will come under the command of the officer commanding "T" Battery, Anti-Aircraft, for tactical purposes, and will be administered by the O.C. Corps Mounted Troops, from August 11th inclusive.
- 4 Acknowledge.

— General Staff  
1st ANZAC CORPS

## Appendix I Copy

1<sup>st</sup> ANZAC CORPS8<sup>th</sup> August, 1917.

S/2699/2

1<sup>st</sup> Anzac Corps Mtd Mps

Moves.

- 1 An interchange of guns and personnel for the anti-aircraft defence of BAILLEUL and STEENBECQUE between the First and Second Anzac Corps has been sanctioned by <sup>2</sup> Army.
- 2 The guns and personnel of First Anzac Corps will march from BAILLEUL to STEENBECQUE on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> August, and will relieve the guns and personnel of the ~~2<sup>nd</sup> Anzac~~ <sup>ANZAC</sup> Corps at STEENBECQUE.
- 3 In addition to the guns and personnel mentioned in para. 2 the officer commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac Corps Mounted Troops will detail 2 Hotchkiss guns & suitable personnel to report to the officer commanding the detachment of Hotchkiss guns of 2<sup>nd</sup> Anzac Corps at STEENBECQUE at 10 o'clock a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- 4 Complete orders will be issued later.
- 5 Acknowledge.

General Staff  
1<sup>st</sup> Anzac Corps.

Extracts from General Staff Circular no 78

Subject: Establishments. Horses. 23/7/17

- 1. Reductions in the present establishment of horses have been ordered, will be made by (1) actual reduction (2) exchange of horses for bicycles
- 2. (1) Table B shows in detail the number of horses to be exchanged for bicycles in certain units.

Table "B"  
By exchange for bicycles

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| Unit             | Detail            | no of horses to be replaced |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Corps Cav. Regt. | Saddlery Sergeant | 1                           |
|                  | Saddlers          | 3                           |