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November 1917

18th
LIGHT HORSE REGT.,
1 ANZAC
MOUNTED TROOPS.

WAR DIARY

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1st ANZAC MOUNTED TROOPS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/11/17		13 th Light Horse Regiment in billets at OUDEZEELE (Sheet HAZEBROUCK 5A) horses on open lines. Strength 23 O. and 425 O.R. 472 horses. 235 horses. Schools of Instruction 1 - O. 3 O.R. Detached 10 O. 25 O.R. Hospital 1 O. 18 O.R. Leave 17 O.R.	
			1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion in camp at BUISSEBOOM (Sheet HAZEBROUCK 5A) Strength 16 officers 422 O.R. Detached 5 O. 215 O.R. Schools of Instruction 1 O. 13 O.R. Leave 2 O. 4 O.R. Hospital 2 O. 29 O.R.	
			13 th Light Horse Regiment sent: 1 shoemaking smith to School of Farriery at No 22 Tel. Tro. ABBEVILLE (8 weeks course) also 2 men to No 23. Tel. Tro. ST OMER for 10 days course of instruction.	
	2/11/17		NIL	
	3/11/17		NIL	
	4/11/17		NIL	
	5/11/17		NIL	
	6/11/17		NIL	
	7/11/17		13 th Light Horse Anti Aircraft Machine Gun Detachment (vide October diary Appendix IV) relieved by guns of 1st and 2nd Aus. Inf. Bns. (1st ANZAC G 16/220 Appendix I)	
	8/11/17		13 th Light Horse Regiment Establishment reduced by 36 O.R. and 36 riding horses. (DAG, Appendix II)	
	9/11/17		1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion sent 1 O. 50 O.R. to 9 th Tramway Coy for 2 days work in forward area	
	10/11/17		NIL	
	11/11/17		13 th Light Horse Regiment Detachment in forward area to rejoin unit (Appendix III R/5/201) Squadron in READINGHERST AREA. Cyclist Battalion Detachment recalled. (Appendix E do)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	12/11/17		NIL	
	13/11/17		13th Light Horse Regiment: supplied Hotchkiss guns for anti-aircraft work as per Appendix IV	
	14/11/17		1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion supplied detachments in relief of 8th Corps Cyclist's Appendix IV	
	15/11/17		13th Light Horse Squadron detached in RENINGHELEST AREA and other detachments shown in Appendix V A 92/353 rejoined unit at OUDIZEELE AREA.	A/92/353
	16/11/17		1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion left BUSSEBOOM CAMP at 10am for new areas as follows 1 Coy at Shul. 36 A 28 b 8.5. 2 Coys at Shul. 36 A 11 d central	
	17/11/17		13th Light Horse Regiment: Establishment reduced as per DTG, AIF 31/390 Appendix VI 2 cos. sent to 1st 23 Vet. Hosp. ST OMER 10 days course. 6 Hotchkiss guns moved from positions shown in Appendix II to BAILLEUL in relief of machine guns on AIF work there, under telephone instructions from 1st ANZAC.	
	18/11/17		1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion sent 2 cooks to 1st ANZAC Corps Cookery School, three weeks course. 1 Officer + 30 O.R. with 1st ANZAC Corps Water Officer relieved by 2nd ANZAC Cyclist Battalion	
	19/11/17		Vacancies at 1st ANZAC Corps School for 14 days course. 13 Light Horse. Bombing 1 O. + 3 O.R. Cyclist Battalion 3 O.R. Lewis Gun. Cyclist Battalion 2 O.R.	
	20/11/17		1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion sent 33 O.R. to forward area, cable laying	
	21/11/17		NIL	
	22/11/17		NIL	
	23/11/17		NIL	
	24/11/17		NIL	
	25/11/17		NIL	
	26/11/17		NIL	
	27/11/17		1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion guard to Corps Commander 6 news + 27 O.R. relieved by 2nd Aust. Div.	
	28/11/17		NIL	
	29/11/17		NIL	
	30/11/17		NIL	
	31/11/17		NIL	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	29/11/17 30/11/17		<p>13th NIL</p> <p>13th Light Horse Regiment. Moved from STEENVUURDE AREA to LOCRE AREA as per 1st ANZAC Corps Order No 231 Appendix VII</p> <p>Strength 13th Light Horse Regiment: 24 off. 335 OR. 482 horses. Detached: 3 off 41 OR. 8 horses. Schools of Instruction — off — OR. Hospitals — off 11 OR.</p> <p>Leave 1 off. 16 OR. 1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion 16 off. 405 OR.</p> <p>Detached 13 off OR. Schools of Instruction 7 OR. Leave 16 OR. Hospital 2 off. 28 OR.</p> <p>Casualties: 1/11/17 6 OR. wounded. 3/11/17 2 OR. wounded. 4/11/17 1 OR. wounded. 5/11/17 2 OR. wounded. 10/11/17 3 OR. wounded (gas)</p>	
			<p>D. R. Bowen Lieut Adjutant Lt Col</p>	

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13th LIGHT HORSE REGT. I ANZAC MOUNTED TROOPS.
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Appendix I

G 16/220

Fwd: Engac Corps

5th November 1917

- 1st Australian Division
2nd Australian Division
13th Aust. Light Horse.

Reference G.S. Circular No 93 of 22nd October

The anti-aircraft machine guns and detachments at present furnished by the 13th Aust. Light Horse will be relieved by 6. pm on the 7th inst. by 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions

The 1st Australian Division will relieve Nos 3 and 4 Groups and the 2nd Australian Division Nos 5 and 11 Groups.

Upon withdrawal the Light Horse detachments so relieved will rejoin their Unit at OUDIZELLE.

Completion of relief will be reported by wire to Corps Headquarters

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Fwd: ANZAC Corps.

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13th Light Horse Regiment
A.I.F.

18th LIGHT HORSE REGT., I ANZAC MOUNTED TROOPS.	
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Appendix II

31/385

D.A.G. A.I.F.

Headquarters A.I.F.

at 1st ANZAC Corps

8th November 1917

1. In continuation of this office memo 31/383 I am to inform you that the G.O.C., A.I.F. directs that a total number of 36 fatalities are to be transferred from your command, of whom 12 each are to be sent to the headquarters of the 1st, 2nd and 5th Divisional Artillery. As far as possible these will be made up from those who volunteer for transfer as Artillery Drivers. Nominal Lists will accompany the drop to each Division. It is desired that the transfers be effected as expeditiously as possible.

2. With reference to War Establishment's Part VII A No 624, War Office (S.F.2) dated 1st August 1917, you are informed that it has been decided that in future the establishment of the 13th Light Horse Regiment will be as follows with a consequential reduction in the number of riding horses

	Total Regiment (excluding attached)	Total Regiment (including attached)
Officers	23	24
Warrant Officers	5	5
Staff Sergeants & Sergeants	32	32
Artificers	20	20
Tramplers	6	6
Rank & File	333	346
	<u>419</u>	<u>434</u>

The reduction of 36 rank and file and horses will be equally divided amongst the three squadrons of the Regiment.

Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon, is being informed that the above is the establishment at which, for the present, the Regiment is to be maintained.

Colonel

D.A.G., A.I.F.

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MOVING TROOPS.	
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 Headquarters
 7th November, 1917

1st ANZAC Corps

General's Administrative Instructions No 140
 (Issued under 1st ANZAC Corps Order No 213)
 "A" Branch

1. Traffic Control.

(a) The relief of Traffic Control in the Corps Area will take place in accordance with the following table:-

Area	By	To	On	Remarks
R. Forward Div E. of Banah	34 2nd Aust. Div	49th Div	12 ¹ / ₂ Nov 10 am	10 ORs of 13th ALH attached to 2nd Aust. Div for Traffic Control rejoin their Squadron for RENEWHEIST Area
L. Forward Div E. of Banah	1st Aust. Div	66th Div	11 ¹ / ₂ Nov 10 am	1 off. 3 mcs. + 70 ORs of 13th ALH attached 1st Aust. Div for Traffic Control and providing light railway rejoin their Squadron for RENEWHEIST Area

(b) The responsibility for traffic control in the above area includes the duty of providing adequate patrols and pickets on the light railway lines in the area to prevent troops or horse transport trespassing on them and the duty of providing control posts at the following broad gauge and light railway crossings

R. Div and line	I 19 b 2 2.	Light Railway
	I 19 d 8.9.	" "
	I 19 b 7.0.	" "
L. Div and line	I 20 a 5.4	Broad Gauge SHRAPNEL CORNER
	I 11 b 3.5.	Cambridge Road Broad Gauge.

2. Detachments

(a) The detachments from 1st 2nd 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions, 13th A.L.H. and 1st ANZAC Cyclist Battalion shown in Appendix B will remain detached.

(b) The detachments shown in Appendix C will be relieved in accordance with arrangements therein

(c) The detachments shown in Appendix D will rejoin their units on the dates shown and will not be replaced

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 1st ANZAC Corps.

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Headquarters
7th November 1917

1st ANZAC Corps
Administrative Instructions No 140

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Appendix I

Strength	Unit	Place	Horse	Under	Remarks
1000 60/hrs	13 th ALH	HQ 1st Aus Div	Orderlies	klw Sig boy	To rejoin unit 11-11-17
1000 60/hrs	do do	HQ 2nd Aus Div	do	do do do	To rejoin unit 12-11-17
1 off 2000 40/hrs	do do	HQ 1st Aus Div	Police light Railways	APM	To rejoin unit 10-11-17
10 of ranks	do do	HQ 2nd Aus Div	do	do	To rejoin unit 11-11-17
1 of rank with 2 horses	do do	RENINGHELST	-	OC 759 Com boy	To rejoin unit 12-11-17
1 of rank with 2 horses	do do	BUSSE BOOM	-	OC 12 th Lab Group	To rejoin unit 7-11-17

Appendix B.

Strength	Unit	Place	Under	Remarks
19 OR	1st ANZAC Cyclist Bn	Corps HQ	APM Corps	Move with Corps HQ
15 OR	do	do	'K' Sig Coy	" " 'K' Sig Coy
9 OR	do	HQ 1st Aus Div	1st klw Sig Coy	" " D.H. Co.
6 OR	do	" 2nd do	2nd " "	" " "
9 OR	do	" 4th do	4th " "	Remain " "
9 OR	do	" 5th do	5th " "	Move " "
9 OR	do	" 2nd do	2nd klw APM	" " "
3 OR	do	" 5th "	APM	" " "
2 OR	do	Corps Rft Camp	-	Remain with camp
3 OR	do	do	1st Aust Div	Remain with camp
3 OR	do	HQ	Sig Coy	Remain until relieved
1 OR	do	LIMBRES	Comd	by II Army
3 OR	do	HQ Corps HQ	-	Move with HQ HQ
33 OR	do	Corps HQ Guard	C. Comd	Move with Corps HQ

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13th Australian Light

10th LIGHT HORSE REGT., 1 ANZAC MOUNTED TROOPS.	
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Appendix IV
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1st ANZAC Corps
13th November 1917.

13th Australian Light Horse will take over *AAPIG* duties on following dumps this afternoon.

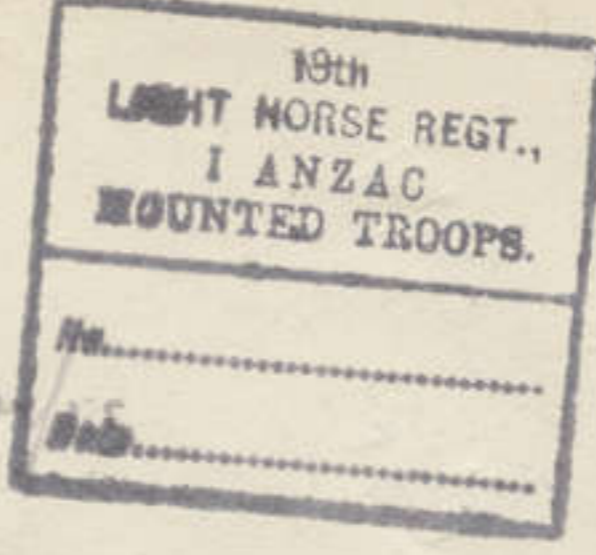
GRANVILLE	H 13 central
CORDONA	G 24 d 5.3.
ROBSON	G 29 d 0.8.
ZETLAND	G 16 d 9.7.
BUSSEBOOM	G 21 b 4.0

Two guns of 15th Aust. Inf Bde to be retained at each dump. 2 howitzers will be available at LE TEMPLE. These J22 C 9.5 at 2.30 for use of L H Detachments. These howitzers with company personnel and guns of 15th Bde at present employed on this work to LOCRE after relief to rejoin 13th Bde.

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Appendix V
 A. 92/353
 Headquarters
 1st ANZAC Corps
 11th November 1917

I ANZAC Corps

I ANZAC Mounted Troops
 I ANZAC Cyclist Battalion

1. The detachments shown in Table 'A' will be relieved by II ANZAC Mounted Troops by noon on 16th November and will join their units.
2. I ANZAC Cyclist Battalion will detail the parties set out in Table 'B' in relief of personnel of VIIIth Corps.
3. Squadron of 13th A.L. Horse at present detached in RENINGHELST AREA from noon on 12th will be at the disposal of OC 13th A.L. Horse who will move them from RENINGHELST Area back to UNDEZIELE AREA by noon on 15th November

Captain
 D A F G
 I ANZAC Corps

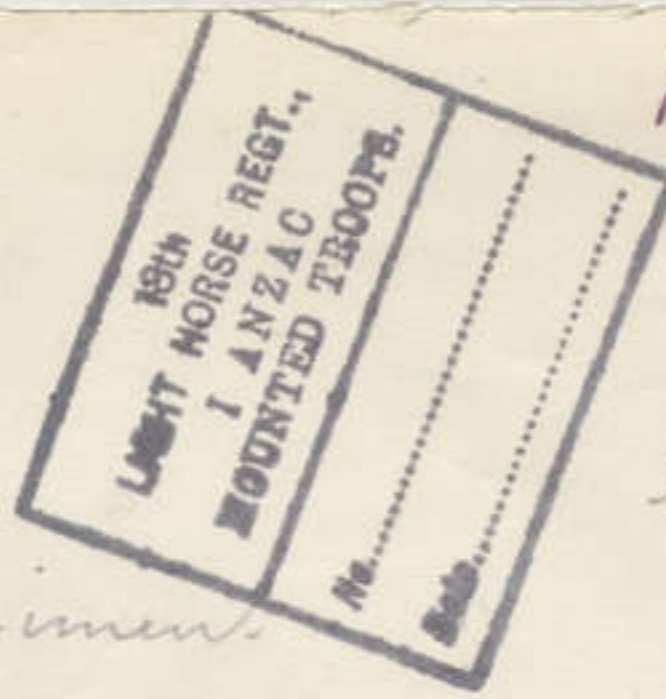
Table 'A'

Place	Under	Employed On	Strength	Supplied by	Relieved	Date
PIONEER	Area Comdt.	Orderly + 2 horses	1 OR	13 ALH	II ANZAC	16/11/17
CANAL	do	do do	do	do	MTD Troops	do
STEENVOORDE	do	do do	do	do	do	do
WIPPENHOEK	Troop Offr	do do	do	do	do	do
OUDEBOM	Area Comdt.	do do	do	do	do	do
RENINGHELST	do	do do	do	do	do	do
HALIFAX	do	do do	do	do	do	do
ZILLEBEKE	Coys Water Patrol Offr	Water Patrol	2 newst 9 ORs	I ANZAC cyclists	II ANZAC cyclists	do
WIPPENHOEK	133 ALH Coy Area Comdt.	Orderly	3 newst 14 OR	do	do	do
STEENVOORDE	do	do	1 OR do	do do	do do	do do

Table 'B'

Strength	To Report to	Place	Unit	In relief of	Date
1 OR	R. Div Area Comdt. Lt Col Grant-Smith	STEENWERIK	Orderly	VIII th Corps cyclists	14/11/17
1 OR	Coys Troops Area Comdt. + Troop Meyers Col Stevens	STEENVOORDE	Orderly	VIII th Corps cyclists	14/11/17
1 OR	Centre Div Area Comdt. Lt Col RIGDEN	RAVENSBERG	Orderly	VIII th Corps cyclists	14/11/17
2 newst 11 ORs	APM	BAILLEUL	Various	268 th Coy Employ	14/11/17

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Appendix VI

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D.A.G., A.I.F.

Headquarters A.I.F.

at: 1st ANZAC Corps

16th November 1917

C.O. 13th Light Horse Regiment.

1. In continuation of this office memo 31/385 of 8th November referring to the transfer of 36 troopers from your command to Artillery Units, I am to inform you that the G.O.C. A.I.F. has now directed that a further transfer is to be made of 54 privates, of whom 18 are to be sent to the headquarters of the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Australian Divisional Artillery respectively, making a total of 90 from your Regiment.

2. The establishment of the 13th Light Horse Regiment will in future be as follows, with a consequent reduction in the number of riding horses:—

	Total Regiment (excluding attached)	Total Regiment (including attached)
Officers	23	24
Warrant Officers	5	5
S/Serg'ts & Serg'ts.	32	32
Artificers	20	21
Trumpeters	6	6
Rank & File	279	292
	<u>365</u>	<u>380</u>

3. Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon, is being informed that the above is the establishment at which for the present, the Regiment is to be maintained.

4. The reduction of 54 rank and file and horses will be equally divided amongst the three squadrons of the Regiment.

5. As far as possible the number to be transferred will be made up from those who volunteer for transfer as Artillery Drivers.

6. Nominal Rolls will accompany the draft to each Division.

7. It is desired that the transfers be effected as expeditiously as possible. Please inform this Office of the date when action is completed.

Colonel

D.A.G., A.I.F.

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19th LIGHT HORSE REGT., I ANZAC MOUNTED TROOPS.	
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1st ANZAC Corps Order No 231

1st ANZAC Corps
29th November 1917

- 13th Aust. Light Horse Regiment will move from STEENVOORDE Area to 1st ANZAC Corps Area via STEENVOORDE - GODEWAERSVELDE on 30th November
- On arrival in 1st ANZAC Corps Area the Regiment will be accommodated as follows: -

Place	Location	Accommodation	Area Comd:
LOCKREHOF LINES	M.29.C. 9.8.	Personnel & 240 horses	LOCKRE
TRALEE LINES	M.23.C. 8.7.	" " 60 "	LOCKRE
MOBILE VET CAMP	M.23.C. 5.3	" " 60 "	LOCKRE
	S.15.C. 7.7.	" " 100 "	-

- The following distances will be maintained on the march: -
 Between Squadrons 100 yards
 " Unit and its transport 100 yards
- Advance parties will proceed today to reconnoitre accommodation (vide para 2.)

- Rations will be drawn: -
 (a) For 1st December from R.S.O. CAESTRE and will be carried on the move
 (b) Subsequent to 1st December from 2nd Aust. H.Q. Ration strength and locations of camps in new area will be wired to S.S.O. 2nd Aust. H.Q. on 30th November
 S.S.O. will then arrange separate issues from convenient refilling points in order to minimise transport needs.
- Acknowledge.

B.G.G.S
1st ANZAC Corps

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6	13th ALH Regt.	22	ADVS
7	2nd Aust. H.Q.	23	APM
8	3rd Aust. H.Q.	24	DAD, APS.
9	5th Aust. H.Q.	25	Chem. Adviser
10	"K" Corps Supply Col.	26	DTG. A.I.F.
11	"K" Corps Sig Coy	27	Paymaster A.I.F.
12	SSO 2nd Aust. H.Q.	28	Area Comd: LOCKRE Area
13	G.O.C.	29	" STEENVOORDE "
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15	A	31	Cover File
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