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18TH LIGHT HORSE REGT., AUSTRALIAN CORPS MOUNTED TROOPS.	
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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

*Aust. Corps.* OF *Mounted Troops.*

FOR  
*May* 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling *D. A. Townley*

Signature of Officer Commanding *B. Purse*



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or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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*AUST CORPS MOUNTED TROOPS*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>France</i> <i>Amiens</i> <i>map sheet</i>	<i>1.5.18</i>		<p><i>13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regt. in billets at LONGPRE-les-AMIENS. Total strength 23 off. 359 ORs 313 Riding 40 L.D. 18 H.D. 23 Pack. detached 7 off. 126 ORs. 11 horses (R) 16 L.D. 7 Pack (including troop attached to each 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div for tactical work)</i></p> <p><i>cyclist Bty. in billets at ALLONVILLE (AMIENS). Total strength 20 off. 432 ORs including 1 off. 11 ORs in hospital 13 off. 5336 ORs detached.</i></p> <p><i>Dull day light rain.</i></p>	
	<i>2.5.18.</i>		<p><i>cyclist Bty. made responsible for the guarding of river bridges between GARNY and CAMON - men to be held in readiness to hold these positions if required. Dull day.</i></p>	
	<i>3.4.56</i> <i>5</i> <i>18</i>		<p><i>3} Hot day sunny fair at night</i> <i>4} " " " " " " " " "</i> <i>5} " " " " " " " " "</i> <i>6} " " " " " " " " "</i></p> <p><i>13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse sent 1 NCO and 10 men as escort for 150 prisoners of W. from MONTIGNY to FLIXECOURT</i></p>	
	<i>7.5.18.</i>		<p><i>13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse sent 1 NCO and 11 men as escort for 50 prisoners of W from MONTIGNY to FLIXECOURT. Light rain.</i></p> <p><i>Troop of Light Horse attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div. relieved by another troop.</i></p>	

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	8.5.18		Not sunny day.	
	9.5.18		" " "	
	10.5.18		" " " Troop Light Horse attached 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div. relieved by another Troop.	
	11.5.18		Dull day, cool. 2 off from bicycle Btn. transferred to XXII Corps 11th Regt. on account of casualties in that unit (L. Bayles & L. Trout)	
	12.5.18		Sunny day.	
	13.5.18		Dull day light rain.	
	14.5.18		Sunny day. Troop of Light Horse attached 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. relieved by another Troop.	
	15.5.18		13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse sent 1 Sgt. & 5 men as escort for prisoners from POULAINVILLE to FLIXECOURT. Sunny hot day.	
	16.5.18		Hot sunny day. Light Horse Troop attached 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. relieved by another Troop.	
	17.5.18		" " "	
	<del>18.5.18</del>		" " "	
	18.5.18		" " " 1 OR. 13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse killed by shell fire.	
	19.5.18		" " "	
	20.5.18		13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse sent 10 off 115 ORs as escort for prisoners from POULAINVILLE to FLIXECOURT.	
	21.5.18		Very hot day	
	22.5.18			



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	23.5.18		very hot day	
	24.5.18		rainy day	
	25.5.18		very hot day	
	26.5.18		" " "	
	27.5.18		" " "	
	28.5.18		" " "	
	29.5.18		" " "	
	30.5.18		" " "	
	31.5.18		" " " Cyclist Btro moved H. Oro to S <sup>t</sup> . GRATIEN & accommodated in tent (Sheet 62) B21C.50)	
			13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse total strength 230 off. 363 ORs 312 Riding 40 L.D. 20 H.D. 24 Pack includes 6 off. 117 ORs. 117 Rid. 16 L.D. 8 PK. detached. 1 off. 4 ORs hospital.	
			Cyclist Btro total strength off 19 ORs 415 - includes 5 platoons attached to each 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. for tactical purposes	



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APPENDIX.

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# WAR DIARY

OF

*Aust Corps Mounted Troops*

FOR

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Report on  
13th L.H. Regt. for Month of 1918

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1. Training - one mounted parade per week has been held. dismounted parades were carried out 2 days per week (Saturday and Sunday excluded) special attention being paid to map reading, vesical training patrol and reconnaissance work also to gas drill. Three afternoons per week were devoted to swimming parades of one hour duration. The weather was exceptionally favourable for these parades, being very warm and sunny.

2. Specialists - classes were formed for the instruction of signallers each morning. 60 signallers above establishment are being trained.

3. Musketry Practice & A.A. defence





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3. Hotchkiss Guns were mounted 7.30 p.m. to for the protection of billets and horse lines. These guns had numerous shoots at hostile aircraft.
4. Billets and supplies. Billets and supplies have been very good. Horses were picqueted in the open during the month, cover not being able.
5. Discipline. Has been exceptionally good, only a few minor offences having been brought up.
6. Recreation. Concerts were arranged every week. A regimental concert party having been organized. 2 football matches and 2 cricket matches were arranged during the month.
7. Health of personnel & horses. Health of the men and horses has been very good.

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Appendix. I

The horses were grazed  
for 1 1/2 hours every morning  
and 1 hour every afternoon,  
and have accordingly benefitted.

Clean or new underclothing  
was received from Corps  
Bath officers in exchange for  
unserviceable and dirty underclothing.

Reinforcements have been well  
kept up during the month  
and are of good quality.

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Appendix 2

Report from Veterinary Officer.

The horses of the Regt. are all in good conditions. Having improved during the month even.

There have been only very few sick & lame animals in the month and casualties very light.

Injuries include -

Kicks - 6

Sprains - 4

Picked up nails - 14

Other injuries

rope galls etc - 12

A few cases of ophthalmia are still present. Evacuations for this disease being 4 for the month and these are the only horses lost as casualties during the month.

26.18.

Sqd R.A.B. Starhope  
Capt A.R.V.C.

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Appendix III

Report by Medical Officer

Apart from slight outbreak of epidemic pyrexia during the 13<sup>th</sup> week of the month which approximately 20% of the Regt. (unattached) contracted the usual health conditions have obtained.

Regular cold water bathing and clean clothing weekly has kept the number of scabies to a minimum.

Approximately 6% of the Regt. has received dental treatment during the month.

Several cases of rather intractable diarrhoea have occurred during the month - it would be well to boil all milk during the hot months in France.

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Sgd L.C. Lane Major  
A.D.M.C.