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### Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France Amiens Reb.	1/8/18		HQ 13th LH Regt. - LONG PRE-les-AMIENS - strength 23 off. 372 ORs including Am.C., A.S.C. Armourer, Chaplains, Interpreters - 10 off. 4 ORs on leave. 2d. Amb. 4 ORs 10 off. + 28 ORs attached to each 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Div. for tactical purposes & maintenance of communications.	316
	2/		Cyclist Bn camped in ST. GRATIEN wood. strength off. 18 ORs 305 including 1 Armourer, A.S.C. Am.C. & 100 authorised supernumerary.	
			10 off. 14 ORs 2d. Amb. 4 ORs leave. one platoon attached to each 1st 2nd 3rd 4th & 5th Div. for patrol and reconnaissance work.	
			Weather fine. 10 off. + 180 ORs 13th LH Regt. sent to A.P.M. 4th Div. for escort of prisoners.	
	2/7/18		do do. 10 off. + 250 ORs 13th LH Regt. sent to Corps P.O.W. Cage for escort duty in anticipation of attack by 4th Aust. Div. on 4th July.	
	3/7/18		Nothing to report. weather report fine.	
	4/7/18			
	5/7/18			
	6/7/18			
	7/7/18			
	8/7/18			



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	9/7/18		1 Sgt. 16 men 13 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 21. Regt. sent to Corps P.O.W. camp for escort duty. Showery weather.	316
	10/7/18		Nothing to report. Fine mornings wet afternoons.	
	11/7/18			
	12/7/18			
	13/7/18		Light Horse troop attached 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. relieved by another troop.	
	14/7/18		Dull weather.	
	15/7/18		Nothing to report	
	16/7/18			
	17/7/18			
	18/7/18		" " "	
	19/7/18			
	20/7/18		Under instructions from Aust. Corps the Cyclist Bn. moved to LONG PRE- LES-AMIENS. Route via ALLONVILLE and POULAINVILLE. Showery weather.	
	21/7/18		Nothing to report.	
	22/7/18			
	23/7/18			
	24/7/18		Major Hindaugh Comd. Cyclist Bn. proceeded on 30 days leave to U.K.	
	25/7/18		70th Cyclist Bn. detached with Corps Chemical Adviser fitting new offices	
	26/7/18		in small house. Rejoined unit. weather dull.	2

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	27/7/18		Five days - light rain at night	210
	28/7/18			
	29/7/18			
	30/7/18			
	31/7/18		13th Light Horse Regt. strength 24 off. 370 ORs including AMB, A.S.C. Armourer, Chaplain, Interpreter 3 off 18 ORs on leave 1 off 38 ORs attached to each 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Bns. Id. amb. 2 ORs Cyclist Bty. strength 18 off 305 ORs not including AMC. A.S.C. Armourer attached - 107 ORs authorised superhuman. Including 1 off 15 ORs on leave. 1 platoon attached to each 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Bns 7 ORs in hospital.	
			casualties during month - 1 OR 13th L.H. Regt. wounded 4/7/18.	



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## APPENDIX I

HORSE REPORT.

13th A.L.H. Regiment.

Month ending 31st July 1918.

The horses of the unit are at present in very good condition throughout.

There is practically no sickness apart from the few animals affected with specific opthalmia.

Injuries are generally of the minor varieties. A high percentage of injuries are still due to kicks.

Casualties for the month are only 2 horses evacuated for specific opthalmia and 1 horse killed by enemy action.

## Injuries for month :-

Punctured feet	3
Kicks	6
Wounds, gun shot	2
Other injuries	7
<u>Total</u>	<u>18</u>

Sgd. A.B. Stanhope, Captain.  
V.O. Aust. Corps Troops.



## APPENDIX II

HEALTH REPORT.

13th A.L.H. Regiment.

Month ending 31st July 18.

Hot sultry days with relatively high humidity have helped to increase the number of sick during July. Pyrexial complaints tending more towards trench fever than during previous 2 months, have been numerous. Skin diseases absent owing to frequent bathing & parades.

Fly trouble is most pronounced despite all precautions; it would seem impossible to alter this under existing regulations or lack of regulations regarding civil manure heaps in French villages.

Numerous dysenteric troubles and a few "herring" ptomaine cases have occurred.

All green vegetables must be well washed before eaten ; seems to be evidence of infection with worms from this source; French people suffering from this considerably.

In all respects July has been quite a summer month.

Sgd. L.C. Lade, Major,  
M.O. 13th Light Horse Regiment.



Appendix IIIReport on B<sup>th</sup> A.L.H.Regt. for July 191813TH  
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1. Training - One mounted parade per week has been held & one dismounted parade - special attention being paid to gas drill.

Three afternoons per week were allotted to morning parades of one hour duration. The weather was fairly favourable for these parades but not as favourable as for the previous months.

2. Specialist - Classes were held every morning for the training of signallers. During the month 21 cos per Squadron were trained in the Hotchkiss Gun.

3. Musket Practice M.A. Defence.  
Hotchkiss Guns were mounted



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from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.  
daily for the protection  
of billets and horse lines.  
Very few shoots were  
carried out at hostile aircraft.  
although they were moderately  
active they came within range  
on a few isolated occasions.  
Use was made of the French Civil  
Rifle Range situated about 2  
kilometres from the horse lines.  
practices were carried out at  
100 yds grouping and 300 yds.  
Application of the shooting on  
an average was satisfactory.

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4. Billets and supplies - Billets are  
good and supplies satisfactory.  
occasionally the issue of vegetables  
was not all that may be desired.  
the ration however was supplemented  
by local purchases from Regt.  
Barracks.

5. Discipline - Has been very good.  
there were 2 G.C.M. cases. One  
a sergeant being absent without  
leave for 8 hours the other cases striking



and NCO. - He accused  
elected trial by H.C.M.

6. Recreation. Concerts  
were arranged once a week.  
On the other days a Pierrot troupe  
of a British D.C. showed and  
charged admissions. Such  
concerts appear to be appreciated.  
endeavours are being made to  
form a Regimental Pierrot  
troupe and purchase costumes  
from Regt. funds in order that  
entertainment may be provided  
during the winter months.

7. Health of personnel & horses  
The health of the men has been  
good. That of the horses most  
satisfactory.  
Horses are grazed for approx-  
imately 1 1/2 hours every morning  
and 1 hour in the afternoon.  
every advantage is taken of  
grazing to build up the  
condition of the horses to  
enable them to withstand  
the winter.

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The horse lines are under the  
side of a hill well sheltered.

The standing is chalk. Common  
to this part of France - in dry  
weather it sets extremely hard  
and makes excellent standing -  
in wet weather it cuts up a  
great deal - but with overhead  
cover would still be satisfactory

8. Establishment - Owing to the  
establishment of men being reduced  
by 90 at the latter part of 1917.  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> July the establishment  
of officers for three squadrons  
has been reduced from 3 majors  
3 Captains & 12 subalterns to  
1 major 2 Captains and 12 sub-  
alterns. Authority D.P.G. A.P.  
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