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OF

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

FOR

JANUARY, 1919

Signature of Officer compiling J. Kennedy Captain, R.A.
Brigade Major, Aust. Corps Heavy Arty.

Signature of Officer Commanding J. Kennedy Capt for. Brig. General,
Commanding Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery.

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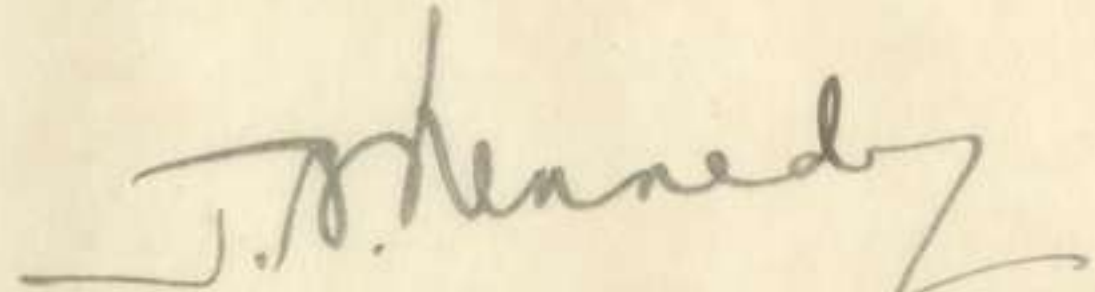
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			Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour		
BEAUMONT, BELGIUM.	1919. Jany. 1st - 31st.		The command, consisting of 14th, 23rd, 68th 76th and 93rd Brigades, R.G.A. remained in the BEAUMONT area. Educational and Training programmes were continued. Demobilisation was proceeded with.	See attached list.
			 Captain, R.A. Brigade Major, Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Heavy Artillery Routine Orders.
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Routine Order No 211.

7th January, 1919.

By

Brig-General H. ROWAN ROBINSON D.S.O., R.A.
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

(1. TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS.

Major F.F.OATS (T.F) R.G.A., attached 23rd BRIGADE R.G.A., is posted to command of 327 Siege Battery R.G.A., vice Captain (Acting Major) F.C.HAMILTON (T.F) R.G.A., invalided to England 2/11/18, with effect from 14th November 1918.

2. THE OFFICERS' CLOTHING DEPOT opened at 67 Rue PEPIN, NAMUR, on 27th December.

3. THE FOURTH ARMY FIELD PUNISHMENT COMPOUND is now situated at the Citadel, NAMUR.

4. S.I.O.M. "B" SECTION. The office of the S.I.O.M., "B" Section, FOURTH ARMY, is now situated at 209, Rue de Phillipville, MARCIENNE.

5. An OFFICERS' REST HOUSE was opened at "THE BOURSE, CHARLEROI" on the 21st December 1918.

6. CORPS BRANCH CLOTHING EXCHANGE. BEAUMONT, c/o Town Major, BEAUMONT.

A.P. Pauling

Captain,
Staff Captain,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTY.

7.1.19.

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Routine Order 212.

12th January 1919

By

Brig-General H. ROWAN ROBINSON D.S.O; R.A;
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

1. BILLETS in HOUSES OCCUPIED by CIVILIANS.

It has come to notice that in some cases men billeted in houses occupied by civilians are in the habit of leaving their rooms in an untidy condition during the daytime, beds remaining unmade and kit scattered on the floor. Brigade Commanders will ensure that this practice is not permitted to continue.

Attention will also be paid to civilian Sanitary accommodation where used by the troops and when this proves unsatisfactory, special arrangements will be made to provide latrines out of doors.

2. INSPECTION of BATTERIES by B.G.H.A.

For inspection by the B.G.H.A. guns will always be fitted with sights and covers will be off unless the weather is bad.

3. GUARDS.

Guard duties are in some cases being carried out in an unsatisfactory manner. Special attention will be paid to this matter by Brigade Commanders.

A.P. Cowling.

12:1:19.

Captain A/ Staff Captain
AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

By

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 Brigadier General H. ROWAN ROBINSON D.S.O; R.A.;
 Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

1. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS- OFFICERS.

With reference to G.R.O; 5822 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS- OFFICERS -
 The following procedure will be adopted with regard to R.A.S.O;
 (M.T) Officers.

- i) O.C; "K" Siege Park will have these reports compiled with a special note as to technical efficiency in all cases.
- ii) Reports on Battery Column Officers will then be forwarded to Battery Commanders who will add any remarks they have to make, countersign and forward them to Brigade Commanders who will take action in the same way and forward them to the War Office, except when reports are unfavourable, when they will be forwarded through this Office.
- iii) Reports on Brigade A.S.O; Officers will be forwarded to Brigade Commanders, who will take action as above and forward to this Office.
- iv) Reports on Officers of Siege Park HQ; and Workshops will be forwarded direct to this Office.

Reports to reach this Office not later than 24th January.

2. EDUCATION- OFFICER.

Captain S. HOLMES, D.D.I. Education Officer Australian Corps Troops has been transferred to the Young Soldiers School CHAMPION.

Educational matters will until further notice be dealt with by the Brigade Major.

3) CANTEEN ACCOUNTS.

All Canteen Accounts will be audited monthly and a certificate to this effect rendered to this Office on the 3rd day of following month. Attention is also directed to G.R.O's 4505 and 4950 which are to be complied with when necessary.

4. SANITATION.

The FODEN disinfecter on charge of 6th Australian M.T. Coy. is placed at the disposal of H.A. Australian Corps on WEDNESDAYS until further notice and also on SUNDAY 19th inst.

The FODEN is located at BEAUMONT and is at present immobile. Brigades must therefore make their own arrangements to convey blankets etc to it. and arrange all details with 6th AUSTRALIAN M.T. Coy. BEAUMONT. O.C; 6th AUST. M.T. Coy. will supply coal but as there is no water point in the vicinity Brigades must arrange beforehand for a water cart or trailer, filled, to be in attendance.

A.P. Curling

Captain R.G.A.

Act. Staff Capt Australian Corps Heavy Artillery.

NOTICES.

STOLEN. Motor Cycle TRIUMPH solo frame No 265260 Engine No 987 - 1915 model on charge of 41 Siege Bty. Amm. Col. from the Garage de la Gare (near Officers Club) CHARLEROI about 12.30 p.m. on 8:1:19. Information to O.C; 41 S. Bty. R.G.A. ; "K" Siege Park or these Headquarters.

FOOTBALL RESULTS .

35 Heavy Bty. beat 19 Siege Battery	4 - Nil.
124 Siege Bty. beat 232 Siege Btye	3 - 1.

RUGBY.

93rd Brigade	2 Goals	1 Try	- 13 points
76th Brigade		2 Trys	- 6 points.

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Routine Order No: 214.

18th January, 1919.

By
Brigadier-General H. ROWAN-ROBINSON, D.S.O., R.A.
Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps Heavy Artillery.

1. COMMAND.

During the absence of Lt-Col: H.C. MOULTRIE, D.S.O., R.A., on a course, Major E.L. BOND, D.S.O., R.A., is appointed temporarily to Command 93rd Brigade R.G.A. with effect from 16/1/1919.

2. ADVANCED VETERINARY HOSPITAL, CHARLEROI.

The Advanced Veterinary Hospital, Cavalry Barracks, CHARLEROI, has opened, and is now ready to receive animals from the Second and Fourth Armies and Cavalry Corps. (AUST: Corps "Q" Summary No: 139 of 14/1/1919.)

3. BILLETS.

No men will be allowed to sloop on stone floors.

H. Rowan-Robinson

Captain,
a/Staff Captain,
AUSTRALIAN Corps Heavy Artillery.

18th Jany/1919.

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ROUTINE ORDER No 215.

23rd January 1919

By
BRIGADIER GENERAL H. ROWAN-ROBINSON D.S.O; R. A.;
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY

1. APPOINTMENTS - OFFICERS

Lieut (A/ Capt) F.D. BOYCE 114 Siege Battery R.G.A. (68th Brigade R.G.A.) is appointed to Command 327th Siege Battery R.G.A. (23rd Brigade R.G.A.) vico Major F.F. OATS,

Lieut (A/ Capt) S.L. HOLMES MC; R.G.A. has been temporarily in command of 327th Siege Battery from 24.12.18 to date of Lieut (A/ Capt) F.D. BOYCE assuming duties inclusive .

Lieut J.W.B. INGLE 327th Siege Battery R.G.A. is appointed Second in Command of 327th Siege Battery vico Lieut (A/ Capt) S.L. HOLMES MC; R.G.A. to England for demobilization .

Lieut (A/ Capt) J. QUINTON MC; 233rd Siege Battery R.G.A. (76th Brigade R.G.A.) is appointed to Command 150th Siege Battery (14th Bde R.G.A) vico Lieut (A/ Major) J.T. LAUGHLAND MC; R.G.A. to England for demobilization.

Necessary A.F's W.3342 to be rendered to this Office forthwith.

2. MOTOR TRANSPORT

All lorries will remain under Siege Park control for maintenance and detail. F.W.D's. and Caterpillars will be under Brigade Commanders for detail, but under O.C; "K" Siege Park for maintenance and discipline of personnel.

Brigade Commanders will satisfy themselves by holding inspections that the F.W.D's and Caterpillars and their personnel are properly and smartly turned out .

3. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTION N.C.O's

Substantive promotion may be made under the ordinary regulations to fill vacancies which existed prior to 1.1.19. Vacancies created on or after that date may be filled by paid acting rank only (see G.R.O 5980) .

4. SANITATION

Extracts from FOURTH ARMY R.O. No 2798 affecting cooks will be posted in all cookhouses of Brigade Headquarters and Batteries including those for Officers Messes.

5. INFORMATION

No 29 Ordnance Mobile Workshop (L) has been ordered to join No 5 Ordnance Mobile Workshop (H) at CHARLEROI on January 20th.

On 22nd inst M.A.C car attached to 14th Aust F.A. BEUMONT will be sent to report for duty to 8th Aust. F.A. JEUMONT by 12 noon. After which time 8th Aust F.A. JEUMONT will be responsible for clearing of sick of the following Corps units.

"K" Siege Park

95rd and 23rd Bdes RGA.

Corps Mounted Troops

76th Brigade R.G.A.

14th Brigade R.G.A.

68th Brigade R.G.A.

ERQUILLINNES

SOLRE sur SAMBRE

HANT WIHEHES

MONTIGNIES

MALAISE

Chateau LEERS et FOSTEAU.

6. LOCATIONS

Australian Corps Central School
Australian Corps P&RT School

La CHAMPNEUF FARM, RUE
BARBENCON

23.1.19
FR

F. H. T. Island Boy
Opt Staff Capt
Australian Corps Heavy Artillery

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ROUTINE ORDER No. 213 .

26th January 1919

By

BRIGADIER GENERAL H. ROWAN-ROBINSON D.S.O; R.A;
Commanding Australian Corps Heavy ARTILLERY.

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1. INFORMATION - OFFICERS VISITING ANTWERP .

All Officers visiting ANTWERP will report on arrival at the BASE COMMANDANT's Office at Rue De Policans . SORTUNIA building , opposite the GARE CENTRALE.

2. TIME TABLE

A time table showing timings of FOURTH ARMY LEAVE & DEMOBILIZATION Trains is shown on reverse.

3. STRIKING off STRENGTH .

G.R.O. No 5899 d/- 21.12.18 is repeated for information and action of all concerned.

" STRIKING off STRENGTH All personnel , both officers and other ranks who are ordered to England for demobilization on release from active military service will be struck off the strength and establishment of their units from the date of embarkation to ENGLAND."

H. W. Acland Stoyte

Capt Staff Capt
Australian Corps Heavy Artillery

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Third Round H.A. Cup Tie .

Replay.

233 S.B. 76 Bde R.G.A. versus 114 S.B. 68 Bde R.G.A.
will take place at STREE on SUNDAY 26th Kick off 14.00 hours.
Referee Lieut GIBBONS HQ. 76th Bde R.G.A.
Match 113th H.B. 76th Bde R.G.A. versus winner 233 S.B. and 114
S.B. will take place MONDAY 27th inst.

TABLE SHOWING TIMINGS OF FOURTH ARMY LEAVE & DEMOBILIZATION TRAINS.

		<u>DOWN</u>	<u>TRAINS</u> *	
		Fourth Army Leave Train Daily. Y.D.	Daily Demob. Train Fourth Army. L.S.D.	Fourth Army Demob Train L.C.D.
SERAING		-	dep. 07 .00	-
HUY	dep	16.10	arr 08. 50 *	-
		-	dep 09. 50	-
ANDENNE		-	" 10. 20	-
NAMUR	dep	17.55	-	-
CHARLEROI	arr	20.25	dep 14. 05	dep 11.35
	dep	21.25		
MARCHIENNE		-	dep 14. 23	dep 11.53
GHISLENGHIEN				
	arr	01.55 *	arr 18. 45 *	arr 16.45 *
	dep	02.55	dep 19. 45	dep 17.15
PASIEUX	arr	09.09 *	-	-
	dep	10.09	-	-
MERRIS	arr	12.30 *	arr 07.15	arr 04.50 *
	dep	13.30	dep 08.10	dep 05.50
DUNKIRK		-	arr 09.30	arr 07.21
CALAIS	arr	16.05	-	-

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UP TRAINS

FOURTH ARMY LEAVE TRAIN DAILY. D.Y.

CALAIS	dep	07.53
MERRIS	arr	10.16 *
	dep	11.16
PASIEUX	arr	13.32 *
	dep	14.32
GHESLINGHEIN	arr	18.10 *
	dep	19.10
CHARLEROI	dep	00.30 *
NAMUR	dep	02.50
HUY	dep	04.45

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* Denotes Halto Repas . L.C.D. Daily except Fridays and Saturdays.
Y.D. Halto Rrpas 1 hour CHARLEROI or MARCHIENNE in each direction.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

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LOCATION LIST.

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H.A. Hdqrs: BEAUMONT.

Brigade or Battery	Nature and Establishment.		Location.	Officer Commanding.

<u>14th. Brigade, R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.		MALAISE	Lt. Col. W. H. HOLDSWORTH HUNT D.S.O.
11 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	THIRIMONT.	a/Maj. C. A. C. GORDON, M.C.
150 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	4	"	a/Maj. J. T. LAUGHLAND, M.C.
296 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	4	"	a/Maj. A. R. MUTCH,

<u>23rd. Brigade R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.		SOLRE-sur-SAMBRE	Lt-Col, W. N. BUDGEN, D.S.O.
41 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	"	T/Maj. F. B. OSBORNE.
527 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	4	"	a/Maj. F. F. OATS.
355 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	4	"	Major D. A. SANDFORD, D.S.O.
Attached.				
189 Sgo. Bty.	6" Gun	11k. XIX. 4	"	a/liaj. A. M. MONCRIEFF.

<u>38th. Brigade R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.		{ Chateau, LEERS et FOSTEAU. STREE.	Lt-Col. C. W. SWINTON, D.S.O.
114 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	} Aust. Corps Con. Camp. MARCHINELLE nr. CHARLEROI	a/Maj. R. F. KINLOCH, M.C.
168 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6		a/Maj. W. CAM, M.C.
211 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	4		a/Maj. W. J. GILPIN, M.C.

<u>76th. Brigade R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.		{ MONTIGNIES- ST. CHRISTOPHE FONTAINE VALMONT	Lt-Col. A. H. W. HAYWOOD, D.S.O.
113 Hvy. Bty.	60-pr.	6	STREE	a/Capt. J. PEERS,
132 Hvy. Bty.	60-pr.	6	BIERCEE	a/Maj. J. R. WILLIAMS, M.C.
19 Sgo. Bty.	8" H: Mk. VII.	6	"	a/Maj. J. M. DICKSON.
228 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	{ MONTIGNIES- ST. CHRISTOPHE.	a/Maj. C. E. HARE, M.C.
233 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	"	a/Maj. B. J. BEWLEY, M.C.

<u>93rd. Brigade R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.		SOLRE-sur-SAMBRE	Lt-Col. H. C. MOULTRIE, D.S.O.
1/1 Lowland H.B.	60-pr.	6	ERQUELINNES	Major E. L. BOND, D.S.O. (Temp. in Command)
15 Hvy. Bty.	60-pr.	6	SOLRE-sur-SAMBRE	a/Maj. A. E. GAYER.
124 Sgo. Bty.	9.2" How:	6	ERQUELINNES	a/Maj. E. McMORPHY, M.C.
231 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	SOLRE-sur-SAMBRE	a/Maj. J. E. W. WHEATLEY, M.C.
232 Sgo. Bty.	6" How:	6	"	a/Maj. J. PERRIN, M.C.

H.Q. 'K' Slogo Park			ERQUELINNES	a/Maj. C. N. AYTOUN.

J. M. Kennedy
Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, AUSTRALIAN Corps Heavy Artillery.

20/1/1919