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OF

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

FOR

MARCH, 1919

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUMONT, BELGIUM.	1919. March.		<p>Between 1st and 11th March the cadres of the following units detailed for transfer to England moved to concentration Camp, Electrical Works, MARCHIENNE, and were placed under the command of O.C. 14th Brigade, R.G.A. :-</p> <p>H.Q. 14th Bde., 11th S.B., 19th S.B., 41st S.B., 150 S.B., 228 S.B., 231 S.B., 232 S.B., 233 S.B., 296 S.B., 327 S.B., 355 S.B.</p> <p>The cadres of the following units, also detailed for transfer home, remained in situ pending disposal of horses:-</p> <p>H.Q. 76th Bde. 35 H.B., 113 H.B., 132 H.B., 2/1 Lowland H.B.          H.Q. 86th Army Bde. R.F.A., A/86th Bty., B/86th Bty., C/86th Bty., D/86th Bty.</p> <p>The following units, detailed for service in the Army of the Rhine, left the command for <del>Second</del> <del>Fourth</del> Army as follows:-</p> <p>H.Q. 23rd Brigade on 19th March, 1919, by road.          H.Q. 68th Brigade on 21st March, 1919, by road.          H.Q. 93rd Brigade on 19th March, 1919, by rail, entraining at CHARLEROI.          114 Siege Battery, on 21st March, 1919, by road.          124 Siege Battery on 10 &amp; 11 Mar. 1919, by rail, entraining at MONS.          168 Siege Battery on 21st March, 1919, by road.          189 Siege Battery on 10 &amp; 11 Mar. 1919, by rail, entraining at MONS.          211 Siege Battery on 21st March, 1919, by road.</p> <p>12th Brigade H.Q. (Cadre) arrived at concentration Camp, MARCHIENNE, on 19th March, to await transfer to England.</p> <p>H.A.H.Q. moved from BEAUMONT to 143, CHAUSSEE de MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE, CHARLEROI, on 24th March.</p>	<p>See attached list.</p>
CHARLEROI, BELGIUM.				

*J. Kennedy*  
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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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14th Bde. R.G.A.  
23rd Bde. R.G.A.  
68th Bde. R.G.A.  
76th Bde. R.G.A.  
93rd Bde. R.G.A.  
86th Army Bde. R.F.A.

No: 241/78/13

9th March, 1919.

K. Siege Park

No. 3

TRANSFERS OF ARTILLERY IN CONTINUATION OF  
THIS OFFICE No: 241/78/2 dated 6.3.19

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1. Transfers.

The following Units will be transferred to

2nd Army:-

86th Army Bde. RFA in relief of 10th Bde. R.H.A.  
6th Division.  
H.Q. 93 Bde. RGA. " " " 10th Bde. R.G.A.  
IInd Corps.

H.Q. 68 Bde. R.G.A. )  
114th Sge. Battery. )  
168th Sge. Battery. )  
211th Sge. Battery. )  
25th Sge. Battery.\* )

242 H.Q. 23 Bde. R.G.A. )  
232nd Sge. Battery. / )  
263rd Sge. Battery. / )  
319th Sge. Battery. / )  
70th Sge. Battery.\* )

/ Not moving under orders of AUSTRALIAN Corps.  
\* Orders for moves of these 8-inch batteries  
will be issued later.

189th Sge. Batty. ) proceed by train to 2nd Army  
124th Sge. Batty. ) on 10th and 11th March, 1919

2. MOVES. (a)

Moves will be carried out by March Route as soon  
as the formations and units have been made up to  
strength in accordance with orders issued by the  
Adjutant-General.

(b) Army Brigades R.F.A. will be accompanied by their  
Brigade Ammunition Columns and Park Sections.

(c) All horse-drawn units will take their Train  
wagons (complete turn-out) with them.

(d) All horse-drawn units will take horses of 'X'  
Group class only. The necessary exchanges to  
effect this will be carried out under arrange-  
ments to be made by Armies concerned before  
movement commences.

(e) Ammunition Echelons will move full but there is  
no objection to some lorries or wagons of B.A.C's  
being emptied to carry stores.

3. Disposal of  
Artillery not  
proceeding to  
2nd Army.

(a) 14th Bde. ) will proceed to HOME Establish-  
41st S.B. ) ment (probably with equipment).

(b) 11th S.B. ) will be reduced to Cadre 'A'  
19th S.B. ) ready to proceed for service  
35th H.B. ) overseas (probably without  
equipment)

9th March, 1919.

Copy to 'K' Siege Park.

J. H. A. *claud* *Stroyte*

Captain,  
Staff Capt: AUSTRALIAN Corps H. Arty.



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12/3/1919

AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

TRANSFERS OF ARTILLERY No: 4

NOTE previous instructions will be referred to as follows:-

241/78/2 d/- 28/2/19 - No: 1  
241/78/2 d/- 6/3/18 - " 2  
241/78/13 d/- 9/3/19 - " 3

- 1. No releasable men are to be taken by Brigades or Batteries going to Second Army.
2. The following Batteries are now at the Electrical Works, CHARLEROI, and administered by 14th Brigade R.G.A., and rationed by 2nd AUSTRALIAN Division:-

19th Sge.Bty.X 11th Sgo.Bty.X 327th Sge.Bty.
228th Sge.Bty. 150th Sgo.Bty. 355th Sge.Bty.
233rd Sgo.Bty. 296th Sgo.Bty.
231st Sge.Bty. 41st Sge.Bty. /
232nd Sgo.Bty. 35th Hvy.Bty. X

X = Service overseas, Cadre 'A'

/ = Home Service, Cadre 'B'

- 3. Attention of all units detailed for transfer overseas, or for Home Service is drawn to Army Demobilisation Instructions, France, Chapter 19, para. 45, et seq.

J. I. W. A. claudet 20/3/19

12th March, 1919.

Captain, Staff Captain, AUSTRALIAN Corps Heavy Artillery.

Copies to:- H.Q., AUSTRALIAN Corps 'A'.
14th Brigade R.G.A.
23rd Brigade R.G.A.
68th Brigade R.G.A.
76th Brigade R.G.A.
93rd Brigade R.G.A.
86th Army Brigade R.F.A.,
"K" Siege Park.
No: 6 M.T. Company.
D.A.D.P.S., AUSTRALIAN Corps.
Area Commdt: 'D' and 'E' Area.



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TRANSFERS OF ARTILLERY No: 5.  
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1. MOVES ORDERED.

H.Q. 93rd Brigade R.G.A., ontrain at CHARLEROI 19-3-19 for 2nd Army.

H.Q. 23rd Brigade R.G.A., move by road to ANDENNES 19-3-19.

H.Q. 68th Brigade R.G.A., and 114 Sge Bty, 168 Sge Bty, 211 Sge Bty proceed by road to 2nd Army, starting 21st and arriving 25th March.

211 Sge Bty will be made up to 6 gun establishment by one section from 14 Brigade R.G.A.

All the above move with full equipment and all available personnel.

2. TRANSFERS.

(a) 2/1 Lowland Hvy Bty will be administered by 76 Brigade R.G.A. from 0900 hours 19/3/1919.

(b) 12th Bde. R.G.A. H.Q. arrive at Concentration Camp, 19th March, 1919.

3. REDUCTION to CADRE 'A'

(a) 2/1 Lowland Hvy. Bty., 113th Hvy. Bty, 132nd Hvy. Bty. will remain in their present locations and reduce to Cadre 'A' as their horses are dispersed. They will hand in all equipment surplus to Cadre 'A' Establishment to Ordnance Officer, THULLIES.

Wagons to be clean, and harness clean and stripped.

(b) 35th Hvy. Bty. will hand over to 76th Bde. R.G.A. any horses remaining on their charge on 20th March, 1919. They will hand in equipment as in (a) above, and all Cadre 'A' personnel and equipment will be in Concentration Camp on 20th March, 1919.

(c) 76th Bde. R.G.A., 2/1 Lowland Hvy. Bty., 113th Hvy. Bty. and 132nd Hvy. Bty. will proceed to Concentration Camp as soon as the ontrainment of Siege Batteries leaves sufficient accommodation vacant.

4. BATTERIES NOW IN CONCENTRATION CAMP.

The date of ontrainment has not yet been fixed.

The first to be entrained will be:-

14th Bde. R.G.A., H.Q.  
19th Siege Battery.  
11th Siege Battery.  
41st Siege Battery.  
35th Heavy Battery.

The above will report

P. T. O.



4. BATTERIES NOW  
IN CONCENTRATION  
CAMP. (Con)

The above will report compliance with this office No: Z/167/2 and Z/74 reference inspection of equipment, submission of indents, etc by 21/3/1919.

All remaining units not proceeding to the RHINE will similarly report by 25/3/1919.

5. OFFICERS.

O.C. 14th Brigade R.G.A. will post any Officers in excess of Cadres of batteries mentioned in para. 4 above to other batteries administered by him, reporting the postings to this office.

6. OTHER RANKS.

(a) It is possible that orders may be received posting retainable men in Cadres to 68th Bde. R.G.A.

(b) Surplus retainable men of Heavy Batteries will be retained with Cadres till orders as to their disposal are issued.

Brigades to acknowledge by D.R.I.S.

Beaumont, (Bel)  
18th March, 1919.

*H. W. A. Clarendon*

AUSTRALIAN Corps Heavy Artillery.

Captain,  
Staff Captain,

Distribution:-

H.Q., AUSTRALIAN Corps 'A'.  
14th Brigade R.G.A.  
23rd Brigade R.G.A.  
68th Brigade R.G.A.  
76th Brigade R.G.A.  
93rd Brigade R.G.A.  
83th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
O.C. 'K' Siego Park.  
No: 6 M.T. Company.  
D.A.D.P.S., AUSTRALIAN Corps.  
Area Comdnt: 'D' & 'E' Areas.



AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

LOCATION LIST.

Map Ref:  
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H.A. HDQRS. BEAUMONT.

Brigade or Battery.	Nature and Establishment.	Location.	Officer Commanding.
14th Brigade, R.G.A.	H.Q.	Concentration Camp, Electrical Works, MARCINELLE.	Lt. Col. W. H. HOLDSWORTH HUNT, DSO
11 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Maj. C. A. C. GORDON, M.C.
150 S.B.	6" How. 4		a/Maj. J. QUINTON, M.C.
296 S.B.	6" How. 4		a/Maj. A. R. MUTCH.
Attached.			
19 S.B.	8" H. Mk. VII. 6		a/Maj. J. M. DICKSON.
41 S.B.	6" How. 3		a/Maj. D. F. P. REID.
228 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Maj. C. E. HARE, M.C.
231 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Maj. J. PERRIN, M.C.
232 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Maj. C. N. AYTOUN.
233 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Maj. B. J. BEWLEY, M.C.
327 S.B.	6" How. 4		a/Maj. F. D. BOYCE.
355 S.B.	6" How. 4	Major D. A. SANDFORD, D.S.O.	
*23rd Brigade, R.G.A.	H.Q.	SOLRE-SUR-SAMBRE.	Lt. Col. W. N. BUDGEN, D.S.O.
*60th Brigade, R.G.A.	H.Q.	Chateau, LEERS ET POSTEAU.	Lt. Col. C. W. SWINTON, B.S.O.
*114 S.B.	6" How. 6	STREE.	a/Maj. R. F. KINLOCH, M.C.
*168 S.B.	6" How. 6	STREE.	a/Maj. W. CAM, M.C.
*211 S.B.	6" How. 4	LEERS ET POSTEAU.	a/Maj. W. J. GILPIN, M.C.
76th Brigade, R.G.A.	H.Q.	MONTIGNIES ST. CHRISTOPHE.	Lt. Col. A. H. W. HAYWOOD, D.S.O. Major E. L. BOND, D.S.O. (Tempy. in command).
113 H.B.	60-pr. 6	FONTAINE HAUTE.	a/Maj. A. G. de L. WILLIS.
132 H.B.	60-pr. 6	STREE.	a/Maj. J. R. WILLIAMS, M.C.
*93rd Brigade, R.G.A.	H.Q.	SOLRE-SUR-SAMBRE.	Lt. Col. H. C. MOULTRIE, D.S.O.
35 H.B.	60-pr. 6	SOLRE-SUR-SAMBRE.	a/Maj. E. M. G. MORPHY, M.C.
2/1 Lowland H.B.	60-pr. 6	ERQUELINES.	a/Capt. J. H. SPACKMAN, M.C.
86 Army Bde., R.F.A.	H.Q.	Chateau, MARBAIX.	Lt. Col. F. RAINSFORD-HANNAY, D.S.O.
A/86 Bty.	18-pr. 6	GOZEE.	T/Capt. W. M. MATHESON, DSO. MC.
B/86 Bty.	18-pr. 6	GOZEE.	Capt. H. G. W. PYE.
C/86 Bty.	18-pr. 6	GOZEE.	Capt. J. R. GOVETT, M.C.
D/86 Bty.	4.5" How. 6	GOZEE.	Capt. T. H. BURKE.
'K' Siege Park.	H.Q.	ERQUELINES.	Major G. E. GOLDSMITH, D.S.O.

\* Detailed for Army of the Rhine.

18.3.19.

*J. A. H. H. H.*  
Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, Aust. Corps Heavy Arty.



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<u>14th Brigade, R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.		Lt. COL. W. H. HOLDSWORTH HUNT, D.S.O.
11 S.B.	6" How. 6	Concentration Camp,	a/Major C.A.C. GORDON, M.C.
150 S.B.	6" How. 4		a/MAJOR J. QUINTON, M.C.
296 S.B.	6" How. 4		a/Major A.R. MUTCH.
Attached.			
19 S.B.	8" How. Mk. VII. 6	Electrical	a/Major J.H. DICKSON.
41 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Major D.F.P. REID.
228 S.B.	6" How. 6	Works,	a/Major C.E. HARE, M.C.
231 S.B.	6" How. 6		a/Major J. PERRIN, M.C.
232 S.B.	6" How. 6	MARCHIENNE.	a/Major C.N. AYTOUN.
233 S.B.	6" How. 3		a/Major B.J. BEWLEY, M.C.
327 S.B.	6" How. 4		a/Major R.F. KINLOCH, M.C.
355 S.B.	6" How. 4		Major D.A. SANDFORD, D.S.O.
35 Hvy Bty.	60 Pr. 6		a/Major E. Mc G. MORPHY, M.C.
<u>12th Brigade, R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.	---DO---	
<u>76th Brigade, R.G.A.</u>	H.Q.	MONTIGNIES ST CHRISTOPHE.	Major E.L. BOND, D.S.O.
113 Hvy Bty.	60 Pr. 6	FONTAINE HAUTE.	a/Major A.G. de L. WILLIS.
132 Hvy Bty.	60 Pr. 6	STREE.	a/Major J.R. WILLIAMS, M.C.
2/1 Low H.B.	60 Pr. 6	ERQUELINNES.	a/Capt. J.H. SPACKMAN, M.C.
<u>86th Army Brigade R.F.A.</u>			
	H.Q.	Chateau, MARBAIX.	LT/Col. F. RAINSFORD-HANNAY, D.S.O.
A/86 Batty.	18 Pr. 6	GOZEE.	T/Capt. W.M. MATHESON, D.S.O., M.C.
B/86 Batty.	18 Pr. 6	GOZEE.	Capt. H.G.W. PYE.
C/86 Batty.	18 Pr. 6	GOZEE.	Capt. J.R. GOVETT, M.C.
D/86 Batty.	4.5" How 6	GOZEE.	Capt. T.H. BURKE.
"K" Siege Park.	H.Q.	ERQUELINNES.	Major G.E. GOLDSMITH, D.S.O.

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23-3-19.