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TOURCOING	MARCH 1919.			
	1st		9 other ranks, 36th Aust. H.A. Brigade, proceeded to England for probable inclusion in Rugby Representative Team (Sgt. DWYER, Gunners ROBINSON and ION, 1st Aust. Siege Battery, T/Sergt. WILD, Bdr. STEVENS, Bdr. BEDFORD, Gunners BROWN, RANKIN, STEWART, 2nd Aust. Siege Bty.)	
	2nd		Brigade General Church Parade - Chaplain HINSBY.	
	3rd		First round of V Army Rugby Competition played between 2nd Aust. Siege Battery and 55th Division at HAL. Won by 2nd Aust. Siege Battery - 3 points to nil - A keenly contested game.	
	7th		Owing to A.I.F. Headquarters claiming nine of our best Rugby players for the Australian Representative Team, and the departure of a Demobilisation Quota on the 10th instant, it was with extreme regret that we were forced to forfeit in the second round of the Army Competition. It was generally considered that the Brigade had up till then every chance of winning the Army Competition.	
	9th		Brigade General Church Parade - Chaplain HINSBY.	
	10th	06.00	Demobilisation Quota No. 15 (Major H.C. BUNDOCK DSO., Captain P.W. DOBSON MC., Lieut. K.E. McMILLAN, and 75 other ranks) proceeded to LE HAVRE for Demobilisation. Major G.E. MANCHESTER assumed command of the Brigade on the evacuation of Major H.A. BUNDOCK DSO.	
	15th		Arrangements made for 1 Officer and 10 other ranks to attend a Course of Instructions in Anti-Aircraft Gunnery.	
	16th		Brigade General Church Parade - Chaplain HINSBY.	
	19th		Demobilisation Quota No. 21 (5 officers and 129 other ranks) to be held in readiness to proceed to LE HAVRE. Quota to report at Base not later than the 28th instant.	
	23rd		Brigade General Church Parade - Chaplain HINSBY. Major MANCHESTER proceeded to England in connection with the transportation to Australia of a	

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captured railway gun.
During the absence of Major MANCHESTER the Command of 36th Aust. H.A. Brigade, was taken over by Captain H.W.C. MACBRIDE R.A.A.

26th

Demobilisation Quota No. 21 (Captain J.H. RUSSELL, Lieut. T.J. SAUNDERS and 116 other ranks) proceeded to LE HAVRE for Demobilisation.

28th

Lieut. B.D. O'NEIL and 10 other ranks proceeded to England to attend a Course of Instruction in Anti-Aircraft Gunnery.

30th

Brigade General Church Parade - Chaplain HINSBY.

31st

Orders received from V Army for all equipment and armament stores of Headquarters, and 1st and 2nd Aust. Siege Batteries to be returned to Ordnance, CALAIS, on 1/4/19, and that the personnel of the Brigade, including the two Battery Columns, move to join the AUSTRALIAN CORPS at CHARLEROI on 3/4/19.

J.E. Britnell Lieut.

James J. J. J. J.
R.A.A.
Commanding 36th (Aust) Brigade

SUMMARY - MARCH

The general health of the troops has been excellent.

Rations have been good. On a few occasions shortage of rations was experienced on account of dislocation of shipping, owing to Labour unrest in England.

There has necessarily not been such active sport, owing to constant and rapid demobilisation of members of various units, and it was for this reason, that we were obliged to withdraw from the V Army Rugby Competition; our chance of winning which was considered to be an extremely likely one.

Education Classes have been regularly attended - good progress has been made.

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THUIN, 29/4/19.

James C. J. J. J.
Captain R.A.A.
Commanding 36th Aust. H.A. Brigade.