

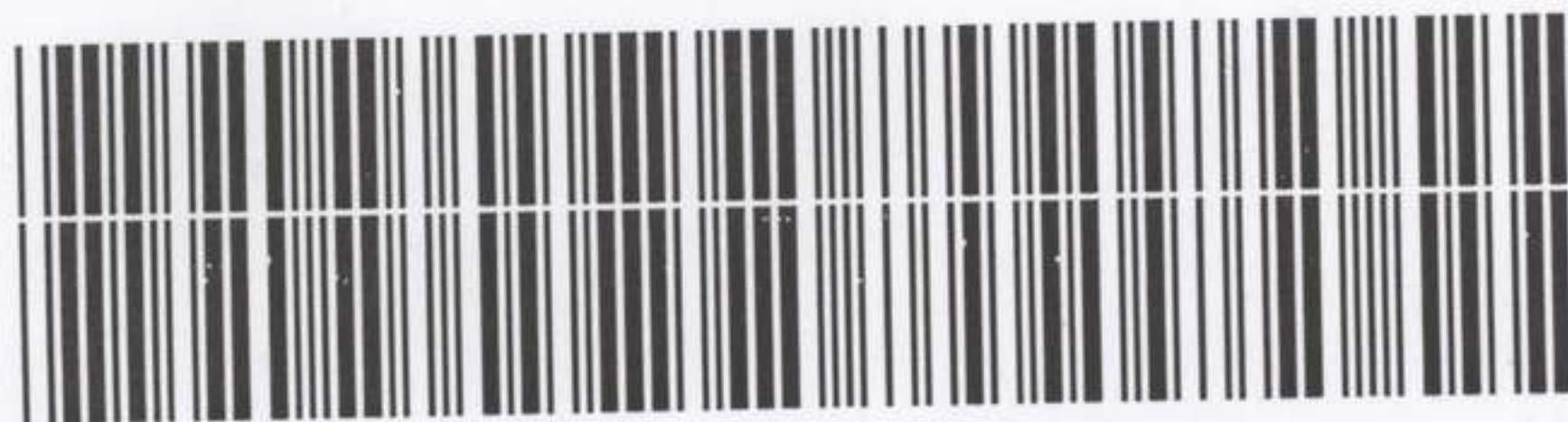
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAUTMONT	-	Sheet 51	- 1/40,000. (P.23.d.3.8.)	
"	1.2.19.		Weather - Light snow off and on during day. Wind East.	
"	2.2.19.		Weather - Mild but cold in afternoon - Wind East. Genl H.W.Grimwade, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C., R.A., Aust. Corps formerly C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division, visited D.A.H.Q. and said goodbye to his old Division, prior to leaving for England for departure for Australia. He had commanded the 3rd Aust Div Artly from the time of its arrival in England until the end of 1918. When he left to take up his higher appointment.	
"	3.2.19.		Weather - Mild, cold towards evening. - Calm. Major, S.G.Rewe, D.S.O., Actg Brigade Major, left for England prior to departure for Australia.	
"	4.2.19.		Weather - Slight snow off and on all day - Wind East.	
"	5.2.19.		" Heavy snow during day - Wind East.	
"	6.2.19.		" Snow early in day, but beautiful sunshine during afternoon - Wind East.	
"	7.2.19.		Weather - Fine and sunny, but cold wind. - Wind N.E. Owing to prevalence of epidemic of Influenza, the Courtiers Concert Party temporarily ceased to provide their nightly entertainment. The unfortunate gap was filled by the showing of Cinema films. Demobilisation Circular No.2 issued, copy appended.	Dem Cire No.2.
"	8.2.19.		Weather - Fine and sunny but cold wind - Wind N.E.	
"	9.2.19.		" ditte Wind N.E.	
"	10.2.19.		Weather - Fine and sunny - Wind N.E.	
"	11.2.19.		" ditte Wind East.	
"	12.2.19.		Weather - Fine and sunny - Calm. Brig-Genl T.A.Blamey, C.M.G., D.S.O., visited D.A.H.Q. and lunched with the C.R.A.	

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HAUTMONT	Sheet	51	1/40,000 - (P.23.d.3.8.)	
"	13.2.19.		Fine and Sunny - Wind Calm. Beautiful Afternoon.	
"	14.2.19.		Cold with light rain off and on during day. Wind East. Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY, D.S.O. to be C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div. (Temp.) and to be temp Colonel whilst so employed. (A.I.F. List No.445 of 14.2.19.)	
"	15.2.19.		Mild but no sunshine - Wind Calm.	
"	16.2.19.		Fine and Cloudy. Wind East.	
"	17.2.19.		Showery and Dull. Wind Calm. 1st day of 3rd Divisional Artillery Horse Sale at Hautmont.	
"	18.2.19.		Fine but Cloudy. Wind East. 2nd day of Horse Sale.	
"	19.2.19.		No rain but very Dull. Wind Calm. 3rd day of Horse Sale.	
"	20.2.19.		Wet and Dull. Wind Calm.	
"	21.2.19.		Dull and Showery. Wind Calm.	
"	22.2.19.		Dull and Showery. Wind East.	

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HAUTMONT.	Sheet	51	- 1/40,000 - (P.23.d.3.8.)	
"	23.2.19.		Dull and Showery. Wind East. Demobilization Circular No.3 issued. Copy appended.	
"	24.2.19.		Fine but very overcast. Wind Slight. General Sir W.R.BIRDWOOD, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., visited 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. this afternoon and had Afternoon Tea with the officers of this Headquarters.	The General's Remarks are appended.
"	25.2.19.		Fine but Dull. Wind Calm.	
"	26.2.19.		Fine and Cloudy. Wind East.	
"	27.2.19.		Dull and Showery. Wind East. The sad event of the death of Major T.MORRELL, acting Brigade Major of this Divisional Artillery, which occurred at 9 a.m., will make this day memorable to all Officers and men of the 3rd Divisional Artillery. His personality won the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact. The body was interred in the SOUS LE BOIS Cemetery in the afternoon at 4.30.	
"	28.2.19.		Wet all day. Wind Calm. Instructions issued re Handing in of Equipment and Horses. Copy appended.	

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WAR DIARY

OF

Headquarters 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.

FOR

F E B R U A R Y

1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Demobilization Circular No. 2. (D.A./D/61/88.)
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3.	General Birdwood's message to 3rd Aust. Divsl. Arty.
4.	Circular re Handing in of Horses. (D.A./D/92/93.)
5.	Demobilization Circular No.4. (DA/D/61/88)

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DEMobilISATION CIRCULAR NO. 2.

INTENTION. A sale of all "Z" horses, and all mules, on charge to the 3rd Aust. Divl. Arty. will be held in HAUTMONT commencing on 17th instant.

ADVERTISING. A number of bills have been printed, and parcels of same are forwarded herewith. Each Unit will deliver these bills forthwith to the Mairie of the town to which they are addressed. A letter accompanies each parcel, addressed to the Mairie, with instructions as to posting them.

PROCEDURE BEFORE SALE. A supply of A.F. W.3098 is enclosed herewith. Attention is particularly directed to Column 1 (No. of Lot). Units are allotted LOT Nos. as follows:-

7th A.F.A.Bgde.	-	1 to 300 inclusive.
8th A.F.A.Bgde.	-	301 to 600 do.
3rd D. A. C.	-	601 to 950 do.
22nd Coy. A.A.S.C.	-	951 to 1000 do.
3rd D.A.H.Q.	-	1001 onwards.

Units will at once prepare four (4) copies of the A.F. W.3089, which will all be handed in to Officer conducting sale, and each animal will be scissor clipped on near side of the neck to correspond with No. on list. Care must be taken to ensure that these absolutely correspond.

Further, the attached certificates will also be filled in before the sale, care being taken that they also correspond with scissor clipping and A.F. W.3089.

Instructions have already been issued that all horses in "Z" class, and all mules, must be maligned before being sold.

PROCEDURE AT SALE. Each Unit, on each day, will parade one third of their total "Z" horses and mules, with one man per animal. These should as far as possible be equal proportions of A/Z, B/Z, and C/Z.

Sale commences at the MAIRIE at 0900 each day, and all horses to be sold will be paraded for the inspection of buyers in the Square at 0800 each day.

Each Unit will detail 2 Officers and sufficient N.C.O's to handle the sale.

Lieut. J. INGLIS will be in charge, and will receive orders from this Office direct.

No equipment whatsoever will be handed over with horses.

PROCEDURE AFTER SALE. All sales are for cash only, and the receiving of payment will be arranged by this Office.

Immediately on completion of the selling of each horse it will be branded under instructions to be issued by Lieut. INGLIS, and then handed to the buyer, who will take the animal away at once. On no account will an animal once sold be taken back to the lines.

Brands, and the necessary staff, will be arranged for direct by Lieut. INGLIS with the 8th Aust. F.A.A. Brigade.

Headquarters,
7-2-19.

E. Griffiths
Captain,
Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Aust. Division.

DISTRIBUTION:-

7th A.F.A.Bgde.	-	5 copies.	Lieut. INGLIS	-	1 copy.
8th A.F.A.Bgde.	-	5 "	Interpreter, attchd. Town Major	-	1 copy
3rd D. A. C.	-	3 "	Aust. Corps "A"	-	1 copy.
3rd D.T.Mortars	-	1 "	Major FITZGERALD, H.Q. Corps R.A.	-	1 copy
22nd Coy. A.A.S.C.	-	1 "	3rd Aust. Divn. "Q"	-	1 copy.
Major CALLOW	-	1 "	C.R.A., B.M.R.A., S.C.R.A., R.O.R.A.	-	
Capt. WAKEHAM	-	1 "	WAR DIARY	-	3 copies.
			FILE.	-	1 copy.

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DEMobilisation CIRCULAR NO. 3.

DATE OF
ANIMALS.

With reference to the placard of sale already issued, Units will parade the following animals, and detail the necessary accompanying personnel for the sale commencing at BAVAY at 09.00 on 26th February, 1919:-

7th A.F.A.Bgde.	will parade	60 animals,	and 1 Offr.	20 O.R.
8th A.F.A.Bgde.	"	"	1 "	17 "
3rd D. A. C.	"	"	1 "	30 "

In addition each Unit will detail one cook to accompany party.

TRANSPORT.

Units will detail transport as under for the conveyance of men's blankets, and unexpended portion of day's rations and forage:-

7th A.F.A. Bgde.	-	1 G.S. Wagon.
8th A.F.A. Bgde.	-	1 G.S. Wagon.
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	-	2 G.S. Wagons.

In addition one water bucket per 3 horses, and nose bags will be carried.

GENERAL
ARRANGEMENTS

Animals will be under cover, and will be in two lots, 7th & 8th Brigades together, and D.A.C. in separate standings.

Each Unit will also send with G.S. Wagons three picketing ropes, i.e.- about 200 ft.

A Billeting party of 1 Officer from the 7th A.F.A.Bgde., and Cpl. MARTIN (attchd. Town Major) will move off from the Square, HAUTMONT, at 08.00 on 25th instant, and report to the Town Major, BAVAY.

The remainder of first day's detail as above will move off independently and report to Lieut. INGLIS at the entry to the village of BAVAY.

Units must arrive at BAVAY before 12.00, 25th.

After watering and feeding, Officers in charge parties will arrange to parade all animals in the S BAVAY, from 14.00 to 16.00.

The remainder of "Z" animals will be despatched arrive at BAVAY at 12.00 on the 27th instant with accompanying party of one man per three horses.

In addition to the detail above, 7th A.F.A. Bgde. will detail 3 other ranks for duty at the sale.

Officers accompanying parties must make their own arrangements regarding messing.

No animals classed as veterinary cases will be sent to this sale, and Officers horses classed "Z" may be kept if necessary.

A.Fs. W.3089, Veterinary certificates, and ability to feed, will be prepared by all Units.

A lorry will be made available on the evening of the 25th inst., for the conveyance of rations and forage for the personnel and animals at BAVAY. Units will ensure that the correct amounts for such personnel and animals are sent to the Square, HAUTMONT, and placed on the lorry as soon as they arrive. The lorry will be in position in the Square from 15.00 onwards, on 25th inst.

Lieut. INGLIS will arrange direct with 8th A.F.A.Bgde. for necessary personnel and apparatus required for branding purposes.

E. Lippitt

Captain,
Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Aust. Division.

Headquarters,
23-2-19.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
24th February, 1919

General Birdwood visited Divisional Artillery Headquarters today and asked me to convey to you the following message:-

" In December, 15000 men left England for
"Australia; in January, 16000.
"In February, only 5000 instead of the proposed 15000 left
"England, consequently the demobilisation of Units has been
"delayed. If a settlement is reached with the strikers, the
"normal quota of the 15000 per month will again be attained.
" From the above it will be seen that so long as normal conditions
"hold, the normal dates for the quotas can be kept up. At
"present quotas are delayed and men who have been selected for
"quotas at an early date must be patient. It is better to
"remain in France in comfortable quarters than to have to put
"up with decidedly uncomfortable quarters in England for an
"indefinite period. Camps in England are congested. The same
"applies to Havre".

Please convey this information to all ranks.

W. M. Thompson

Colonel.
Commanding, 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.

24.2.1919.

DISTRIBUTION:

7th P.A.Bde	5 Copies	B.M., R.A.	1 Copy
8th P.A.Bde	5 "	S.G., R.A.	1 "
3rd D.A.G.	3 "	R.O., R.A.	1 "
3rd D.C.M.O.	1 Copy	Sig. Officer	1 "
C.R.A.	1 "	War Diary	3 Copies ✓
		File	1 Copy

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To

7th & 8th Aust. F.A. Brigades,
3rd Aust. D.A.C., 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
22nd Coy. A.A.S.C.



Reference Aust. Corps 163/566 of 8th February, 1919, issued herewith.

The 7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades will each detail 75 horses of "Y" class to be despatched in accordance with this Office wire S.C.586 of 27th instant. Officers will be detailed to conduct this draft to the Base as follows:-

2 Officers from 7th A.F.A. Bgde.
1 Officer " 8th A.F.A. Bgde.

The 8th A.F.A. Brigade will, in addition, detail Lieut. M.F. CROMBIE to proceed to CHARLEROI to be in charge of party en-route, and to entrain these animals. He will be instructed then to report back to Unit.

A further draft of 150 horses "Y" class will be despatched from this Divisional Artillery to leave Units on the 4th March, and will be made up as follows:-

7th A.F.A. Brigade	-	50.
8th A.F.A. Brigade	-	50.
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	-	25.
22nd Coy. A.A.S.C.	-	25.

Conducting Party for the draft on the 4th March, will be detailed as per Australian Corps circular mentioned above, with the exception that the 3rd D.A.C., and 22nd Coy. A.A.S.C., may detail one Officer each. This party will stage the night 4/5th March at 5th Aust. Division Staging Camp, RECONNES, the 5th Aust. Division arranging for rations and forage.

A number of A.F.s. O.1640 A. are forwarded herewith, and Units will arrange, when sending these drafts off, to have the schedule on page 3 of above order duly filled in.

The Officer i/c Party will be responsible that a consolidated A.F. O.1640 A., in triplicate, as mentioned in para.7 of Aust. Corps 163/566, will be compiled from various Unit A.F.s. O.1640 A., and that the instructions contained in that circular are adhered to.

Attention is further directed to para.11 of this circular.

E. Griffith

Captain,
Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Aust. Division.

Headquarters,
28-2-19.

DEMOBILISATION CIRCULAR NO. 4.

HANDING IN OF EQUIPMENT.

INTENTION.

The establishment is now 4 guns per Battery, and consequently one 18-pdr. Battery in each Brigade, and one section 4.5" Hows. becomes excess. These Batteries and Sections will be returned to Ordnance first, and according to the Table attached hereto. Once these Batteries and Sections have been handed in, the remainder of Unit equipment will be returned to D.A.D.O.S., also in accordance with attached Table.

PROCEDURE.

No equipment will be accepted by D.A.D.O.S. unless the eight copies of the pro-forma, as set out in General Instructions No. 14, Section B, para. 5, accompany such stores.

No G.S. Wagons will be handed in from either Brigades or D.A.C.

Gun Limbers and Wagons will be handed in ABSOLUTELY STRIPPED. Stores will be collected and boxed, or bagged, in such a manner as they can be readily checked on arrival at D.A.D.O.S. These stores should accompany and be handed in by the Battery to whom they belong.

As all harness has to be disinfected before being handed in, D.A.D.O.S. will not accept it, and harness must be brought back to Units after dumping equipment.

Further instructions as regards the handing in of harness will be issued later.

Each Battery as it sends its equipment to D.A.D.O.S. at THUILLIES will detail and leave behind a sufficient party to wash down and oil every vehicle. This must be done to the satisfaction of D.A.D.O.S.

The 7th A.F.A. Brigade will detail an artificer to proceed with the first Unit in order to supervise any overhauling which may be necessary.

RATION
ARRANGEMENTS

Each Unit will be responsible for rationing their own party left at THUILLIES. When the work is completed at THUILLIES these men should return on the off horses of any Unit.

The day before any Unit is due to arrive at COUSOLRE they will send sufficient rations and forage to reach that place in time to have a hot meal prepared for the men arriving at COUSOLRE from HAUTMONT, and returning from THUILLIES.

An Officer has been sent up, and necessary billets have been arranged at COUSOLRE to accommodate two Batteries, and each Unit should send an advanced party to report to this Officer on the day of arriving at COUSOLRE.

E. Griffiths
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Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,
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3rd D.T. Mortars	-	1 "	R.O.R.A.	-	1 "
22nd Coy. A.A.S.C.	-	1 "	WAR DIARY	-	13 " ✓
Aust. Corps "Q"	-	1 "	FILE	-	1 "
3rd Aust. Divn. "Q"	-	1 "	SPARES	-	5 "
DADOS, CORPS TROOPS	-	1 "			