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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS

for month of

MARCH 1919.

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OFFICER'S  
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W. W. Rose Lieut.

4th Australian Divisional Artillery. C.R.A., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

W. G. H. Angus

Brigadier-General

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<u>ANTHEE.</u>	<u>March</u>					
<u>BELGIUM.</u>	<u>1919.</u>					
	1st.			The Corps Commander (Lt-General Sir J.J. TALBOT-HOBBS, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D.) visited 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. this afternoon.		
				Lieut. W.W. ROSE "M.C." of 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade, reported to D.A.H.Q. and took over duties of Staff Captain temporarily vice Lieut. C.H. ROWAN to AUSTRALIA.		
				Normal time is altered to "Summer Time" at 11 P.M. at which time all clocks are advanced one hour.		
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	2nd			The C.R.A. (Brigadier-General W.L.H. BURGESS, C.M.G., D.S.O.) visited AGIMONT and presented the Rugby Football Medallions to the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade as winners in this Class in the Divisional Artillery Football Competitions.		
				Lieut. C.H. ROWAN, Staff Officer for Reconnaissance, left en route for AUSTRALIA on Early Repatriation.		
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	4th			Demobilization Quota No. 13 proceeded to FLORENNES en route for ENGLAND. The Quota consisted of 566 O.R's and the following Officers :-		
				Major F.J.M. McADAM	Lieut V.G. ELLISTON	Lieut. N.H. TURNER
				Major B.H. LENEHAN	Lieut L.E. BOTT	2/Lieut. S.R. LAWSON
				Capt. D.A.F. GRAY	Lieut N. QUAIL "M.C."	2/Lieut. B.J. NEILL
				Lieut A.A. DEVINE	Lieut O. SALTER	2/Lieut. N. MORRISBY
				Lieut R.F.G. FOGARTY	Lieut A.B. FOTHERINGHAM	2/Lieut. C.W. WELLS
						2/Lieut. G.N. BLACKET
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				Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O. visited Headquarters 4th Aust. Div. Artillery.		



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<u>BELGIUM.</u>	<u>1919.</u>					
	6th			The Brigade Major (Major T.A.J. PLAYFAIR "D.S.O.") returned from U.K. leave.		
				29 X and Y Class horses were despatched to Base to-day from Divisional Artillery.		
				Lieut-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS "D.S.O." rejoined from Special Leave to U.K.		
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	9th			The C.R.A. visited 4th Divisional Headquarters, DINANT, to discuss the handing over of equipment to D.A.D.O.S.		
				Lieut. R. McDONALD rejoined from leave and convalescence in U.K., and assumed duties of Staff Captain.		
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	10th			The 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade moved up to FALAEN and OSTEMEREE ; and the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade to FLAVION and ROSEE.		
				A conference of Brigade Commanders was held at D.A.H.Q. when the principles of Concentration and Amalgamation of Units and the handing in of equipment was explained by the C.R.A.		
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	12th			All remaining vehicles, equipment, and Stores of two Batteries per Brigade were to-day despatched to CHATELINEAU for handing over to D.A.D.O.S., thus completing the handing in of four Batteries complete. 12th ARMY Brigade, A.F.A., came under administration of C.R.A. 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.		
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	14th			The C.R.A. attended a Conference at Aust. Corps Headquarters at HAM this afternoon.		
				C.R.A. visited Headquarters, 12th ARMY Brigade, Aust. Field Artillery.		



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<u>BELGIUM.</u>	15th ) 16th ) 17th )		Administrative and Routine Duties. - No special entries of interest.		
	18th		28 "Z" Class horses and 20 mules from Divisional Artillery were to-day sold at DINANT at satisfactory prices.		
	20th		27 "Z" Class horses and 50 mules from Divisional Artillery were to-day sold at GIVET, and 175 mules from 4th Aust. D.A.C. despatched to Base.		
	21st		Quota No. 19 proceeded to Divisional Wing, CHARLEROI, en route for AUSTRALIA. This Quota consisted of 241 O.R.'s and the following Officers :-  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Major D.O.L.KITTO "M.C."  Lieut. C.J.PEEK  Lieut. P.C.SAINT  Lieut. G.McDONALD  Lieut.J.S.V.MEIN </div> <div> Lieut. W.R. RAPER  Lieut. J.R. RALEIGH  Lieut. V.J. LEWIS (Signal Officer)  Lieut. J.M. GREGORY (Sports Officer)  2/Lieut. J. BLAKE "M.M."  2/Lieut. A.D.L. GIBSON </div> </div>		
	22nd		In consequence of the reduction in personnel the following amalgamation of Batteries has to-day been effected :- 37th & 38th Batteries ; 39th & 110th Batteries ; 41st & 42nd Batteries ; and 43rd & 111th Batteries.		
	23rd		10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades moved to METTET.		



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<u>BELGIUM.</u>	24th		12th ARMY Brigade, Aust. F.A. moved to MORIALME.		
	25th		D.A.H.Q. moved to Chateau GOUGNIES. Major W. TOMKINSON assumed temporary command of 12th ARMY Brigade, A.F.A., vice Lieut-Colonel THORNTHWAITE to AUSTRALIA.		
<u>GOUGNIES.</u>					
<u>BELGIUM.</u>	26th		C.R.A. attended Conference at 4th Australian Divisional Headquarters at GERPINNES.		
	28th ) 29th )		Administrative and Routine Duties. - Nothing of special interest to report.		
	30th		Quota No. 25 left Units for Divisional Wing this morning en route for AUSTRALIA, consisting of 254 O.R's and the following Officers :-		
			Lt-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS "D.S.O." <sup>^</sup>		
			Lieut. H.K. BARRACLOUGH "M.C."		
			Lieut. J.L. EDWARDS		
			Lieut. W.J. MOYLAN "M.C."		
			Lieut. T.D. SPITTALL <sup>^</sup>		
			Lieut. W.R. COSGROVE		
			2/Lieut. T.E. HOOD		
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<u>GOUGNIES.</u> <u>BELGIUM.</u>	30th (Contd)		Amalgamation of 10th & 11th A.F.A. Brigades - the composite Brigade consisting of 4 double Batteries being under command of Lieut-Col. C.H. SPURGE - was effected to-day, and 3 Sections of 4th Aust. D.A.C. under command of Capt. H.H. McKEOWN, -Major A.S. FORD still retaining command of the 4th Aust. D.A.C.  C.R.A. visited 10/11th Brigade, 12th ARMY Brigade, A.F.A., and 4th Aust. D.A.C.		
	31st		C.R.A. attended gathering of Unit Commanders of Australian Corps to meet Field Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG, who bade farewell to the Australian Corps.  The C.R.A. attended a Conference after the above function at Corps Headquarters, in which Australian Memorials, Amalgamation, General Demobilization and administrative questions were dealt with by the Australian Corps Commander.		
			<div style="text-align: right;"> <i>E K Lunt</i>                      Major,                      a/Brigade-Major,  <u>A/4 AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.</u> </div> <u>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.</u> <u>1st April 1919.</u>		



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<u>BELGIUM.</u>			<u>A P P E N D I X 1 :-</u> <u>=====</u>		
			<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND GENERAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION</u> <u>DURING MONTH OF MARCH 1919.</u>		
			1. During the month considerable changes have taken place in the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery owing to demobilization. On the 10th March reduction in the strength of personnel and animals in the various Units permitted of the preliminary stages of Concentration and amalgamation, and the following moves were carried out :-		
			10th Aust. F.A. Brigade H.Q.) 39th & 110th Batteries ) to FALAEN. 37th & 38th Batteries to OSTEMEREE.		
			11th Aust. F.A. Brigade H.Q.) 43rd & 111th Batteries ) to FLAVION 41st & 42nd Batteries to ROSEE.		
			And concentration of 4th Aust. D.A.C. at BIESMEREE.		
			On the 12th March the 12th ARMY Brigade, A.F.A., moved up to FLORENNES and came under the administration of C.R.A. 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.		
			In consequence of a further reduction in personnel on the 21st March the Batteries billeted together as above amalgamated on the 22nd March, and on the 23rd March again moved as under:-		
			10th & 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades to METTET. 12th ARMY Brigade, A.F.A., to MORIALME.		
			The 4th Aust. D.A.C. remaining at BIESMEREE and 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. moved up to Chateau GOUGNIES.		
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			<p><u>A P P E N D I X 1</u> (continued) :-</p> <p>=====</p> <p>On 30th March the 10th &amp; 11th A.F.A. Brigades were amalgamated, the composite Brigade consisting of four double Batteries, under command of Lieut-Col. C.H. SPURGE. - The four Batteries and B.A.C. of 12th ARMY Brigade, A.F.A., under command of Lieut-Col. THORNTHWAITTE, and the 3 Sections of 4th Aust. D.A.C. under Major A.S. FORD, each Unit retaining its identity and representation in Staffs and Command.</p> <p>2. During the month demobilization has been responsible for a reduction in the personnel of the Artillery of 38 Officers and 1061 Other Ranks.</p> <p>3. A total of 359 animals have been disposed of during the month by return of animals to the Base and by Auction Sales as under :-</p> <p>(a) <u>DESPATCHED TO REMOUNT DEPOTS.</u></p> <p>6-3-1919 - 29 animals to HAVRE. 21-3-1919 - 175 animals to HAVRE.</p> <p>(b) <u>DISPOSED OF BY AUCTION SALES.</u></p> <p>7-3-1919 - 30 animals sold at DINANT. 18-3-1919 - 48 animals sold at DINANT. 21-3-1919 - 77 animals sold at GIVET.</p> <p>4. During the month the balance of all vehicles equipment and stores has been handed into D.A.D.O.S. except D.A.H.Q. and S.A.A. Section D.A.C. which has been retained to provide transport for supply services throughout the Divisional Artillery.</p>			
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			<u>A P P E N D I X 1 (continued) :-</u>		
			5. Consequent upon the above reductions of animals and equipment a large number of personnel has become available for demobilization, and the allotment per quota for the Divisional Artillery has increased accordingly.		
			6. The 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery Souvenir Cards arrived from the publishers during the month and their distribution has been proceeded with. This card has been compiled from suggestions called for from all Units and members of the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery. The sketches, representing various places of particular interest to this Unit in the operations of each year of its existence and service, have been executed by its own members. The Card is designed to provide a brief but accurate record of the General Service, operations, localities, and moves of this Unit, for all ranks and as a little memento of our association and service together. The Souvenir Card has been issued to all present and ex-members of the Divisional Artillery, to all next of kin of all deceased Officers and other ranks, to all Commanders of other Units and Formations with whom we have been associated, and to all General Officers and representatives of Staffs under whom we have served, and to many others who have been intimately associated with or interested in us.		
			7. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and general unsettlement due to demobilization no sporting fixtures have been arranged during the month, but football, tennis and boxing are indulged in by the troops.		
			8. The health and spirits of the men is good, and the most cordial relations continue to exist between the civil population and this Divisional Artillery.		
4th Aust.D.A.H.Q.	1st April, 1919.				

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