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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

FOR

month of NOVEMBER 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling *[Signature]* Captain.
Adjutant 1st F.A. Brigade.

Signature of Officer Commanding *[Signature]* Lieut-Col.
C.O 1st F.A. Brigade A.I.F.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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1918. Novr.	1st.		Brigade still atrest in AIRAINES. C.R.A. visited Brigade. Clipping operations commenced.	Sheet,
	2nd.		Special muster parade held at 9.15.a.m. under Divisional arrangements. No absentees in the Brigade. Training progressing. Erection of stables and harness sheds being proceeded with.	AMIENS,
	3rd.		Church Parade held at 10.a.m. Inter-Battery football match in the afternoon.	17.
	4th.		Capt. F. Houten, Dental Officer, reported for duty. Lieut. C.J. Gates and F.E. Jones returned from leave. Lieut. W.M. McKenzie returned from Corps Signalling School.	1/100,000.
	5th.		Preparations for Review being completed. 2/Lt. W. Bartrop, Education Officer, reported for duty.	
	6th.		Owing to heavy rain review cancelled. C.R.A. visited Brigade.	
	7th.		The G.O.C. (Major-General T.W. Glasgow, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) and Brigadier-General SM Anderson, D.S.O. (C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div). visited the Brigade.	
	9th.		Dental Parade held when Dental Officer inspected personnel of all Units. Training proceeding satisfactorily.	
	10th.		2/Lieut. J.S. Murray reported for duty from 1st. D.A.C.	
	11th.		C.R.A. and Brigade Major visited Brigade Headquarters and interviewed C.O. and Battery Commanders re commencement of Battery manoeuvres.	
	13th.		Batteries at manoeuvres.	
	15th.		Notification of cessation of hostilities received to-day. Flags of Allies were hung in the town by the civil population and bells were chimed.	
	16th.		Lieut. G.G. Paterson, Signal Officer attached, recalled to Divisional Headquarters.	
	18th.		Lieuts. P.P. Scrivener, J.L.G. Duffy, and A.N. Lewis proceeded on leave to Paris.	
	19th.		Another measles case reported in 1st. Battery, as a consequence of which Battery was isolated.	
	20th.		Notification received that French Legion D'Honneur (Chevalier) had been awarded to Lieut-Col. E.T. Dean, D.S.O.	
	21st.		Batteries at manoeuvres.	
	22nd.		R.M.O. commenced inoculation.	
			Capt. Heckle, R.A.F., lectured on "The Air Service". C.R.A. and Brigade Major attended.	
			Lieut-Colonel E.T. Dean, D.S.O., returned from leave.	
			43 horses and mules received from Remounts.	
			Received orders that Brigade would move by road on the 21st. instant to Australiam Corps area.	
			Brigade marched from AIRAINES at 8.a.m., travelling via AMIENS to BOUTILLERIE, where it arrived at 4.p.m., and was billeted for the night.	
			Left BOUTILLERIE at 8.a.m. and marched via CAGNY across AVRE river, LONGUEAU, VILLERS BRETONNEUX, WARFUSEE, ABANCCOURT, LAMOTTE EN SANTERRE, PROYART, CHUIGNOLLES to CAPPY, where it arrived	

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	24th.		Left HAMELET at 8.30.a.m., and marched via ROISEL, TEMPLEUX, HARGICOURT, BONY, MT.ST. MARTIN, LORMISET, BEAUREVOIR, MARETZ, BUSIGNY, LA HAYE, MENERESSE, to ST. SOUPLET, where it arrived at 8.p.m. and billeted for the night.																
	25th.		March continued from ST. SOUPLET via L'ARBRE de GUISE, MAZINGHIEN, CATILLON, PRISCHES, to CARTIGNIES, where it arrived at 1.15.p.m. On the route the Brigade was inspected by the G.O.C. (Major General T.W. Glasgow, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) and C.R.A.																
	26th.		Left CARTIGNIES at 8.a.m., and travelled via AVESNES, FLAUMONT, FELLERIES, BEUGNIES, DIMONT, to DIMECHAUX, where it arrived at 2.p.m.																
	27th.		During the whole of the march (115 miles) the clipped horses stood the journey very well, but the horses with coats on showed signs of slight exhaustion during the last couple days of the march. Brigade resting at DIMECHAUX. All personnel under cover. 1st and 3rd Batteries recommenced clipping of horses. C.R.A. visited Brigade.																
	28th.)		Still at DIMECHAUX. Winter shoeing and clipping being proceeded with. Horses recovering from fatigue of the 6-days march. Men engaged cleaning vehicles, harness etc.																
	29th.)		Notification received that the march eastward would be continued probably about the 4th. proximo.																
	30th.)		Advice received that the following decorations have been awarded:-																
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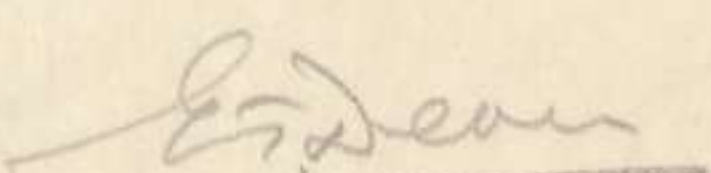
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