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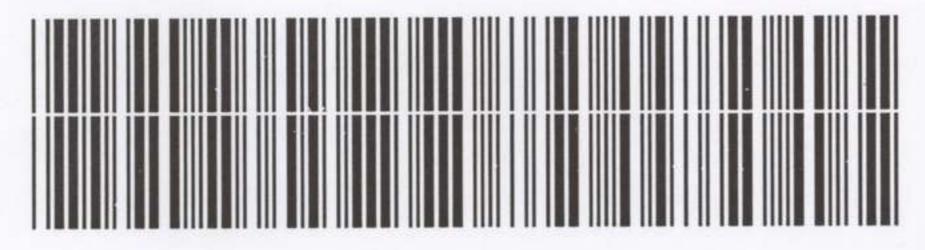
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### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THUIN	March 1st 2nd.		4th. Aust. F. A. Brigade still at THUIN Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked Ordinary Routine. Brigade Paper Chase held in afternoon which was won by Gnr. Taylor D.J.I.	I
	3rd.		Ordinary Routine. Education Summary attached & marked	III
	4th.		ditto	
	5th.		Brigade Routine Orders attached & marked	IA
	6th.		Brigade Routine Orders attached & marked	V
	7th.		R.M.Os. wekly health report attached & marked  A Draft of 50 "X" Class horses sent to Base for despatch to U.K. Hou.	VI
	8th.		Ordinary Routine	
	9th.		A Draft of 40 "X" and "Y" Class horses sent bto Base for despatch to England	
	10th.		Ordinary Routine	
	11th.		A Draft of 18 "Z" Class horses sent to Walcourt for sale by auction PM Programme du Bal of 104th. Battery attached and marked	VII
	12th.		A Draft of 2 Officer and 70 Other ranks left in route for Australia.  A Draft of "Z" Class animals ( 10 horses and 20 mules) despatched to Sillenrieux for sale	
	13th.		R.M.Os. weekly Health report attached and marked. Mu	HIII
	14th.		Draft of "Z" Class animals (10 horses and 30 mules) despatched to Peaumont for sale by auction  [10340] Wt W3300/P713 750,000 1/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/16	le ve

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THUIN	lath.		A Draft of 56 "X" and "Y" Elass animals despatched to Base for England.	Appendices		
	15th.		Austion Sale of 45 horses and 15 mules ("Z" Class) at Hautmont ( "Z" Class)			
	16th.		Draft of 10 "Y" Class horses sent to Base for despatch to England Work			
	17th.		Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked O	IX		
	18th.		Ordinary Routine			
	19th.		Ordinary Routine			
	20th.		Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked Equipment of 10th., 11th., and 12th. Batteries handed into to D.A.D.O.S.	X		
	21st.		Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked	XI		
	22nd.		Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked	XII		
	23rd.		Ordinary Routine, Equipment of 104th. Battery handed into to D.A.D.O.S.			
	24th.		Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked	XIII		
	25th.		Ordinary Routine			
	26th.		Capt. Disher H.F. R.M.O. left for England	10601		
	27th.		AustionxSalexofxSSxXXXxClassxhorsexectd Ordinary Routine	A Comment of the comm		
	28th. 29th.	)	Ordinary Routine			
	30th.		Draft of 4th. and 6th. F.A.Bde. despatched en route for Australia 4th.Bde. 2 Off. & 32 O.F.  D.D. & L., London, L.C. 6th. Bde. 1 Off. & 33 O.F.  rdinary R 750,000 1/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/16	RS.		

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A/Bdr. W. Smith Croix de Virtue Militaire (2nd. Class) 12th. Bty. (late 18th. Bty.) D. D. & L., London, E.C. (19340) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 3/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/16

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FOURTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER

Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding.

1st March 1919.

BOUNDS.

Following wire received from 2nd Aust.Div.

"From midnight 2.3.1919 CHARLEROI is placed out of Bounds to ranks of the Corps except those on duty who will be provided with special passes stamped by A.P.M. Corps or D.A.P.M. 2nd Div."

SUMMER TIME. 618

Summer time will come into use on 1st March. At 2300 hours (winter time) on that date. Clocks will be put forward one hour.

A/Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

#### NOTICES.

PAPER CHASE. A short paper-chase will be held on Sunday 2nd March 1919, starting at Hotel-de Ville at 2-30 p.m. Prizes. 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Capt.J. Sheehan MC and Lt.J. McLaurin MM will lay the trail.

# SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

End Harch 1919.

To. C.R.A. C.R.E.

5th, 6th, 7th Inf. Bdes.

2nd Pioneer Bn.

2nd A.M.G.Bn.

2nd Div. Train.

A.D.M.S.

LECTURES.

The following is a programme of lectures arranged for week-ending 8th March 1919.

Monday 3rd inst:

5th Bde. Group. 1030 hours. In Cinema Hall, MONTIONY.

Capt. DENNY. M.C. Subject: "DEMOBILISATION".

7th Bde. Group. 1400 hours. In Y.M.C.A. Hall

MONT SUR MARCHIENNE.

Capt. DENNY. M.C. Subject: "DEMOBILISATION".

Tuesday 4th ihst:

7th Bde. Group.0930 hours. In Y.M.C.A. Hall,
MONT SUM MARCHIEMNE.

Sgt. WILTSHIRE. 24th Inf. Bn. Subject:
"THE PROSPECTS OFFERED BY LAND SETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA".

6th Inf. Ede. 1030) hours. In Cinema Hall, MARCINELLE.

Capt.DENNY. M.C. Subject:- "DEMOLILISATION".

C.R.E. Time and place to be notified.

Capt. DENNY. M.C. Subject:- "DEMOBILISATION".

5th Inf. Ede. 1030 hours In Cinema Hall MONTIGNY.

Pte. BRAMBLD. 2nd A.M.G.Bn. "Talk about books".

Wednesday 5th inst:
2nd Pioneer Bn. 0945 hours At Battalion H.Q.

Capt. DENNY M.C. Subject:- "DEMOBILISATION".

C.R.A. 1430 hours Hotel de Ville. THUIN.

Capt. DENNY. M.C. Subject:- "DEMOBILISATION".

6th Inf. Bde. 1030 hours. In Cinema Hall MARCINELLE.

Capt. HEATH. 26th Inf. Bn. Subject:- "MAN AND WOMAN".

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Friday 7th inst :-

6th Inf. Bde. 1030 hours In Cinema Hall MARCINELLE.

Spr. DAWSON MOORE. 5th Field Co. A.E.

Subject: "PYSCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE CAUSES OF THE WRA".

7th Inf. Bde. 0930 hours In Y.M.C.I. Hall MONT SUR MARCHIENNE.

Spr. Mitcham HALL. 5th Field Co ... E.

Subject :- "DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN EUROPE".

Second Australian Division.

Copy to :- "G", A.D.E.Aust.Corps.
All Education Officers.
Lecturers.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

EDUCATION SERVICE.

Divisional Headquarters

3rd March 1919.

C.R.A. C.R.E.

5th, 6th, 7th Inf. Bdes.

2nd Pioneer Bn.

2nd A.M.G.Bn.

2nd Div. Train.

A.D.M.S.

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BDUCATIONAL SUMMARY FOR WEEK-ENDING. 1st MARCH 1919.

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22nd Inf. Bn. 23rd do 84th do 6th A.L.T.M.B.	315 243 431 8	27 33 23	8.6 13.5 5.3	78 82 77	25.9 30.0 18.7	
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7th Inf. Ede. Totals.	1059	78	7.3	79	7.3	
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Visiting Factories.		57		283		
Universite-du-Travail		278		250		6
Visiting Haterloo		150			**	

Attendances at lectures not included in 6th and 7th Inf. Ede. Totals.

Education Officer Second Australian Division.

H.Q .. 4TH AUSTRALIAN F A. BRIGADE. FIELD FOURTH ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER ROUTINE Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding. 5th March 19. STREWETH. Lieut. BARNS is taken on strength of 4th F.A. Brigade 619 from 2nd Diw, Medium Trench Mortars and posted to 11th Battery. Dated 4.3.1919. Lieut.REID is taken on strength, from 2nd Diw. Medium Trench Mortars and posted to 10th Battery. Dated . 4.3.1919. Reference B.R.O. 607 dated 201.2.1919. The entry shewing PROMOTIONS. No.11836 Cpl.FOX C.P. promoted T/Sgt is hereby camcelled. 620 The following promotion under the Educational Scheme is approved. No.30314 Gnr. BANCROFT A. M. to be TEMPY/CORPORAL from 22.1.1919 to complete establishment. (Authy. D.A.G.; A.I.F.193/5 of 21.12.1918.) LOCATION 2nd Australian Divisional Headquarters om and after 621 MID-DAY, MONDAY 3rd March, until further notice will be situated at No.34, Rue de CHARLEROI, MARCINELLE. 2nd Aust.Div.Sallvage Coy are now located at BREE BERZEE.

ARTILLERY BRIGADE. AUST. FIELD. FOURTH

> ORDER ROUTINE

Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding. 6th March 1919.

ATH AUSTRALIAN F A. BRIGADE.

STRENGTH. 622.

Corrigendum.

Reference B. R. O. 619 dated 5.3.1919. The entry shewing Lieut.REID posted to 10th Battery, should read 104th Bty.

PAY. 623.

As arrangements have now been made for the payment of troops in Belgian Currency, all transactions with the Divisional Paymaster will be on the basis of 5 francs equals 3/9d (Three shillings and Ninepence), which is the official rate of exchange until further notice. C.O's, O's C and Imprest Holders will therefore arrange to have all Acquittance Rolls, Trust Requisitions etc. prepared accordingly.

All ranks will be advised of the mecessity to change Belgian Currency into French Currency before

proceeding out of Belguim on leave or duty.

Rate of exchange now ruling are as follows:-Belgian - 5 Francs equals 3/9.

French -3/10. German - 5 Marks

PERFERING FROM SUPPLY TRAINS. 624.

Several soldiers have recently been convicted of pilfering stores from Supply Trains, Dumps, etc, in the Army Area. They have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment and sent to prison. This crime is on the increase and the stermest measures

will be taken to repress it.

This order will be read on parade in every unit of the Division.

RETURN OF STORES TO D.A.D.O.S. ON DEMOB-ILISATION. 625.

(a) In connection with the return of stores to Ordnance on Demobilisation the following Ordnance instructions are promulgated.

(b) D.A.D.O.S. is authorised to refuse to receive any equipment considered too dirty to send to Base. This authority should be fully exercised.

(c) Deficiencies in Officers Saddlery should be

carefully gone into.

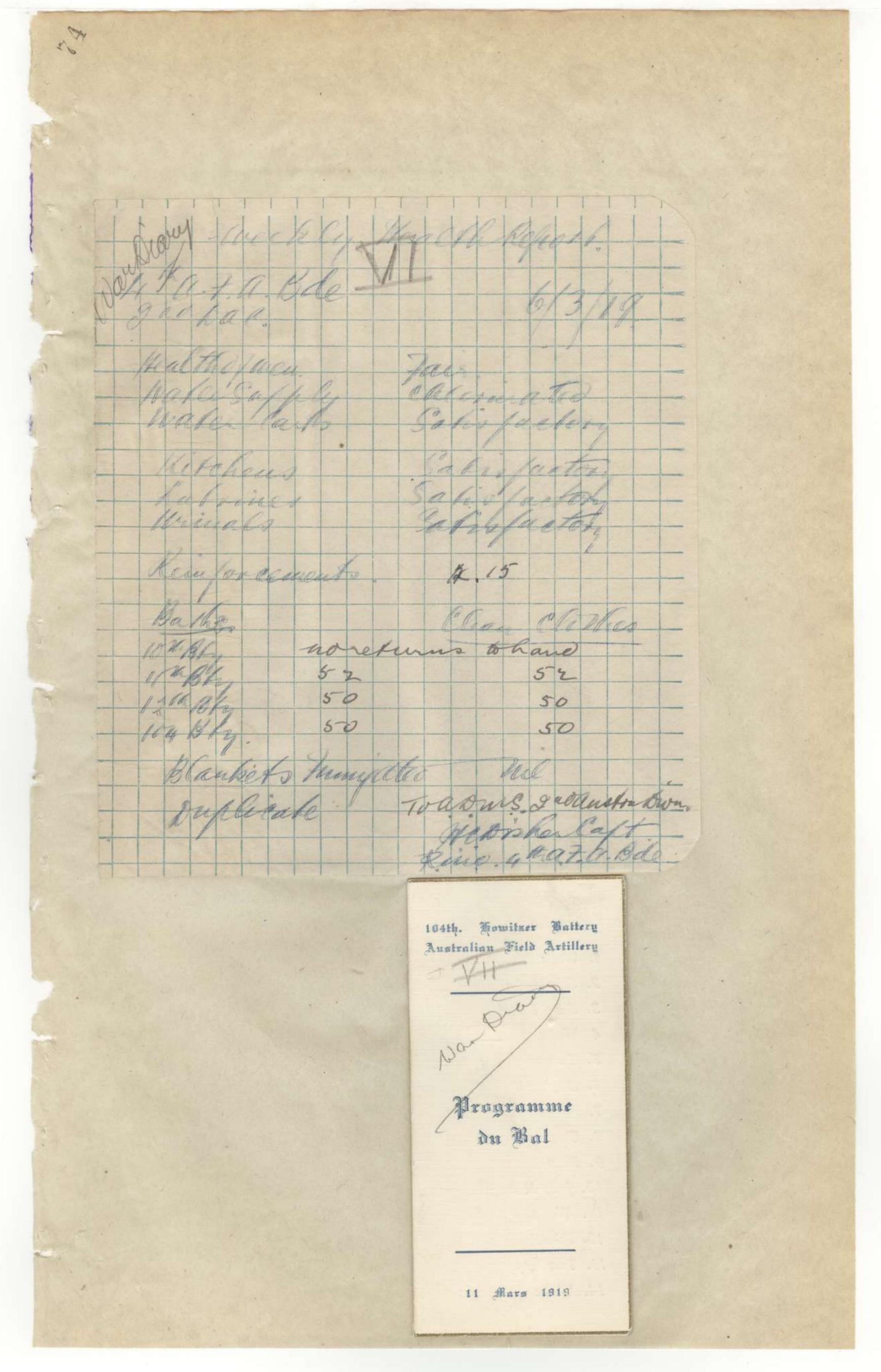
(d) Faulty cookers and vehicles within formations should be exchanged with Units about to be demobilised and thus reduce work for Is, O.M. within the Corps.

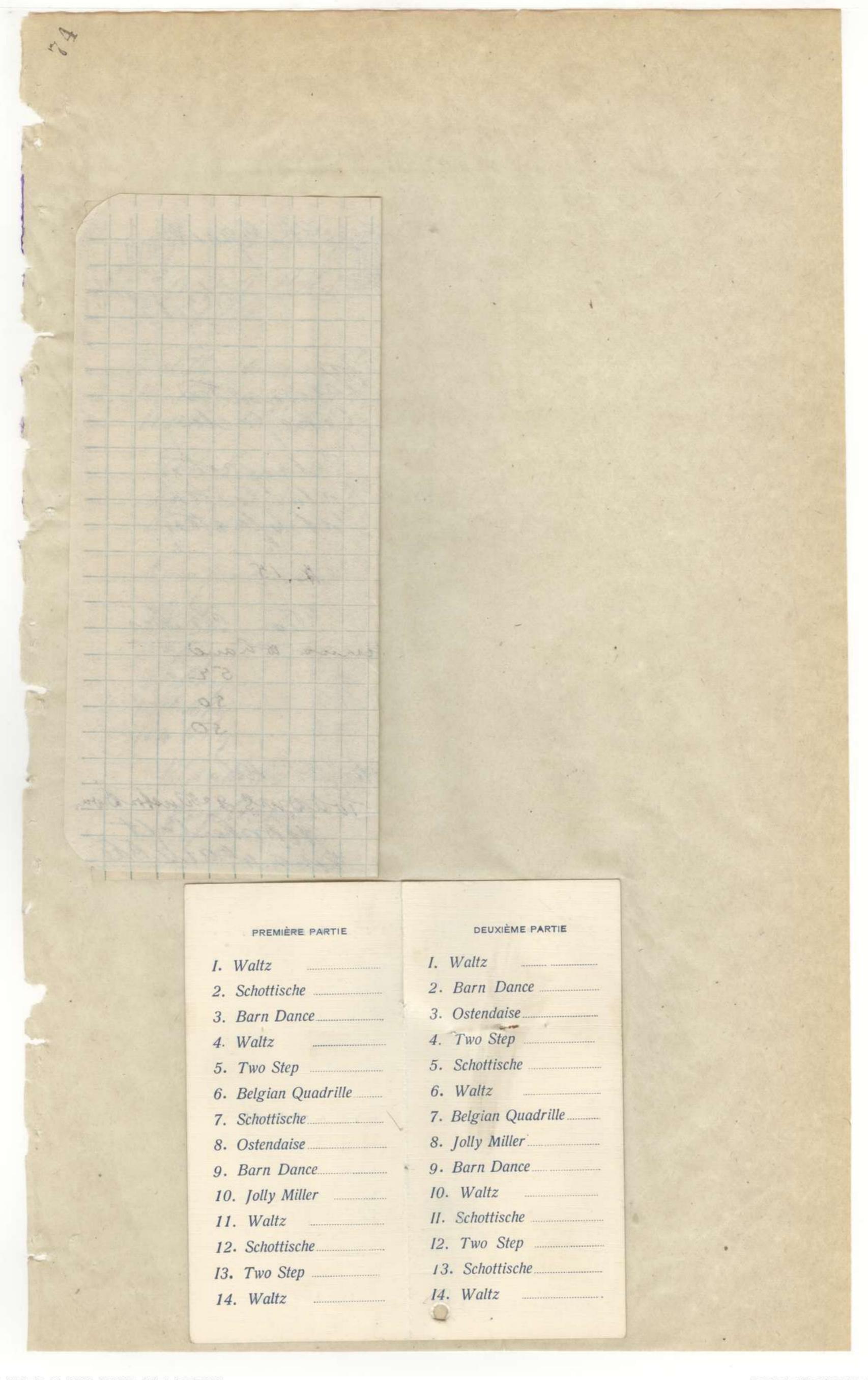
(e) All outstanding indents for units to be demobilised within a week will be cancelled.

Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

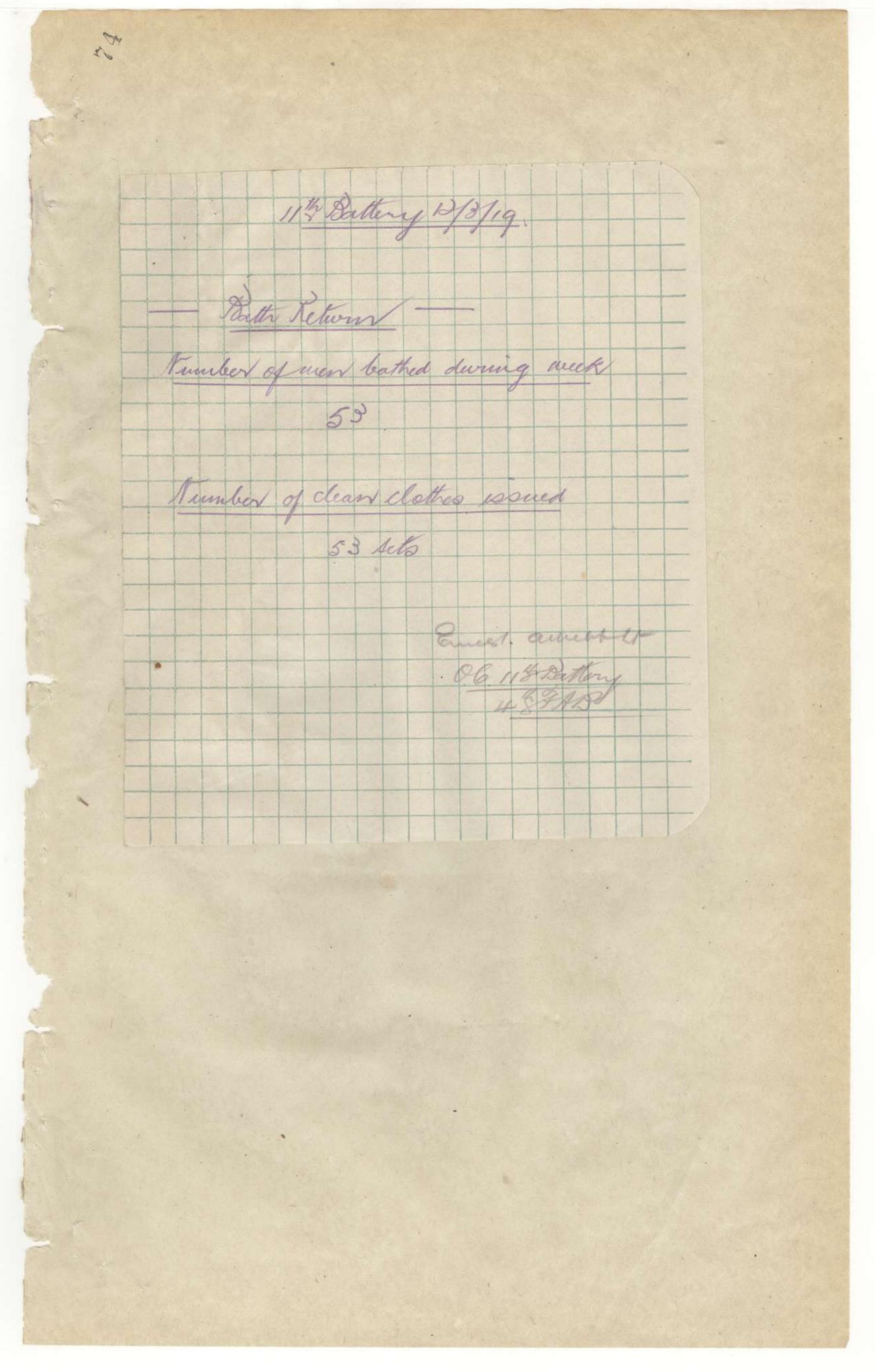
# MOTICES.

4th A.F.A.Brigade Mounted Sports which were to be held on 9th inst, are cancelled until further notice.





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ARTILLERY BRIGADE AUST. FOURTH

ROUTINE

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by. Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding. 17th March 1919.

AWARDS. 622.

Under authority delegated by the Field Marshall, Commanding in Chief the Corps Commander has awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to the undermentioned of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery.

No.6335 Sgt. HERBERT P.C. 10th Battery. The congratulations of the Corps and Divisional Commanders, C.R.A. and C.O. will be conveyed to the recipient.

KILLING OF GAME IN BELGIUM. 623.

Attention is drawn to G.R. O. 6171. Many complaints are being received that this order is not being complied with. Immediate steps must be taken to ensue that Orders upon this

subject are strictly observed, if necessary, special patrols being used to arrest any soldiers not complying with same. Any soldier found disobeying is to be tried by Court Martial.

TRANSFERS. 624.

No. 50851 Dwr. A. CROKE 12th Battery is transferred to 10th Battery. Dated 19.3.1919.

> Klikenstein for capto A/Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

### NOTICES.

The following Horses strayed on to Lines of 20th Coy A.A.S.C. on night of 13.3.1919.

> CX. Branded Ride 81. CX. Les De Ble Bl. Lie Da

A Lecture will be given by A.S. SHARP EBQ, Victoria, on Thursday 20th instant, in the YeM.G.A. at 1430.

Subject:- "FACILITIES OFFERED IN AUSTRALIA TO RETURNED SOLDIERS."

FOURTH AUST. FIRID ARTILLERY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER

H.Q...

4TH AUSTRALIAN

F A. BRIGADE.

20th March 1919.

TRANSFERS. 625.

The undermentioned are transferred from 4th Brigade H%Hors from 23rd instabt to Batteries as under:-

No. 7798 Cpl. J. F. Harrington	12th Battery
25977 Bdr.W.R.Douglas	12th "
11909 Dvr. G. T. Tucker	11th "
34842 Gnr.G.W.Wythes -	11th "
18962 Gnb. O. C. Miller	12th "
30271 Dvr.S.McDonald -	12th "
293 04 Dvr. Hack K.R. =	11th "
63718 Gnr. R. Butters R.	12th . "

by

Lieut.Col.CALLAGHAN C.A. DSO.Commanding

A/Adj. 4th A.F.A.Brigade.

#### NOTICES.

All vehicles proceeding to 20TH Coy A.A.S.C. Ration DUMP from THIN area will proceed via MARCHIES reached by turning to right at crossing Railway Line at THUIN (West) Station. This will be done to obivate turning at Dump and damaging property of civilians.

Will the finder of the following articles please return to 12th Batteryboffice.

Pay Book T. WATERHOUSE 18th Bty.
Wallet, black with S.W. in corner, containing photo's and mo bile colours.

Wallet balck, containing Codack photo's.
Lost on Football ground, behind 12th Battery billet.

FOURTH AUST. ARTILLERY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER by

Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding. 21st March 1919

STRENGTH. 626

The undermentioned Officer having embarked for Australia is struck off strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty from date shewn.

Major. H. J. COPLEY 19.2.1919. (Auth. A. I.F. List. No. 450 of 28.2.1919.)

The undermentioned Officers of 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. are taken on strength of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery, and posted to Batteries from dates shewn.

Lieut. ROBERTS, Arthur Leslie MV, 4th A.F.A. Bde H. Qrs 9.3.1919. 2/Lieut.ROSENGARTEN, Leopold Jubilee Gersham. do Lieut. HAGGART, Edmund Gordon Stanley. 10th Bty. do Lieut. OAKES, Valentine Sidney. 10th do Lieut. BROWN, Ro bert Edward. loth do Lieut. VENN BROWN, Colin llth do 2/Lieut.SCOTT, Lindsay Theodore llth do 2/Lieut. MARTIN. Geo ffrey William llth do Major MEATES, Valentine 12th do Mieut. MacGEORGE, Horace Stanley 12th do Lieut. CARTHEW, Lancelo t 12th do Major, GRAINGER, Arthur Morley 104th do Lieut. BELL, Russell Moncrief 104th do 2/Lieut. ELLIS, Herbert 104th do 2/Lieut. ANDERSON, George Philip. 104th do

APPOINTMENTS 627

Lieut. T. B. D. MOXON to be Adjutant 4th A. F. A. Bde, vice Capt. Fowler D. A. to regimental duty. Bated 3rd Febr 1919. (Auth. A. I. F. List No. 449 of 25.2.1919.)

PROMOTION. 628

T/Major C.C. WREN MC to be Major as from 21st Oct 1918, but for p urposes of pay and allowance as from 17th Feby 1919. (Auth. A. I. F. List No. 448 of 21.2.1919.)

AWARDS. 629

Under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief the Corps Commander has awarded the following decorations to the undermentioned.

STAR OF ROUMAINA (CHEVALIER). Capt. E. R. JUSTELIUS. 104th Battery.

CROIX DE VIRTUE MILITAIRE 2hd Class. (Roumanian). No. 8419 A/Bdr. W. SMITH 12th Bty (late 18th Bty)

The congratulations of the Corps and Divisi onal Commanders, C.R.A. and C.O. will be conveyed to the recepient.

A/Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

FOURTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER

Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding,

22nd March 1919.

PROMOTIONS - 626

Reference B.R.O.515 dated 29.12.1918. Amend date of promotion of No.17152 T/L/Bdr JACKEL A.G. to be T/Bdr from 27.12.1918 to 6.11.1918.

No. 17152 T/Bdr. JACKEL A.G. 11th Battery is promoted Bdr. 6.2.1919, vice T/Cpl. Pythian promoted 6.2.1919.

PROMOTIONS. (EDUCATIONAL) 627 The Temporary promotion under Educational Scheme of the following N.C.O's are amended to read as Extra Regimental and to date from promotion to Temporary Rank.

No.29357 T/Sgt.SMITH F.A.
15011 T/Sgt.BULBECK A.L.
27556 T/Sgt.HASTIE H.L.
37435 T/Cpl.MILLIGAN W.
33834 T/Cpl.HYDE A.M.

Amend rank of No. 37845 A/Sgt. BRONOWSKI S. to read as Lance Rank and to date from promotion to Acting rank of Corporal. (2.1.1919).

TRANSFERS. 628

Reference B.R.O.625 dated 20.3.1919.
The transfers of the undermentioned are hereby cancelled.

No.34842 Gnr.WYTHES G.W. 11th Bty. 30271 Dvr.McDONAID S. 12th "29304 Dvr.HACK K.R. 11th "

No.30271 Dvr.McDONAID S. 12th Battery is transferred to 2nd D.A.H.Q. Dated 21.3.1919.

Adia 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

ATH F. A. BRIGADE, ARTILLERY BRIGADE AUST. FOURTH ORDER ROUTINE by 24th March 1919 Lieut.Col.C.A.CALLAGHAN.DSO.Commanding. PROMOTIONS. The following promotion under Educational Scheme is 629 approved. No.34727 Gnr. CROXON F.A. is promoted ER/CORPORAL. Dated 21.3.1919, vice T/Cpl. Bancroft A.M. Early Repatriated. 21.3.1919. SPB.164403. Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.