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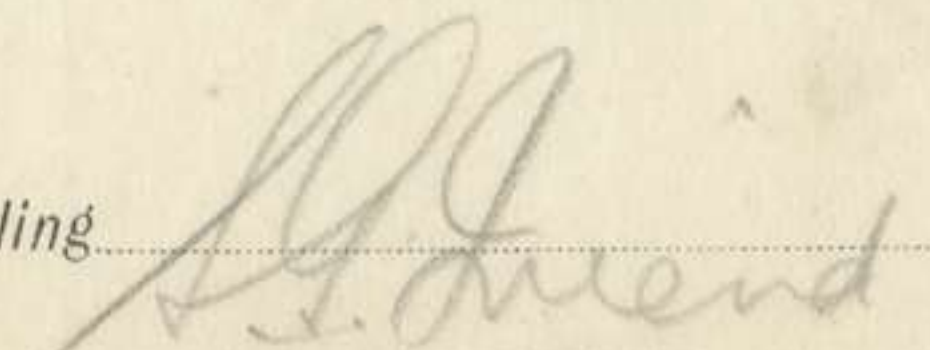
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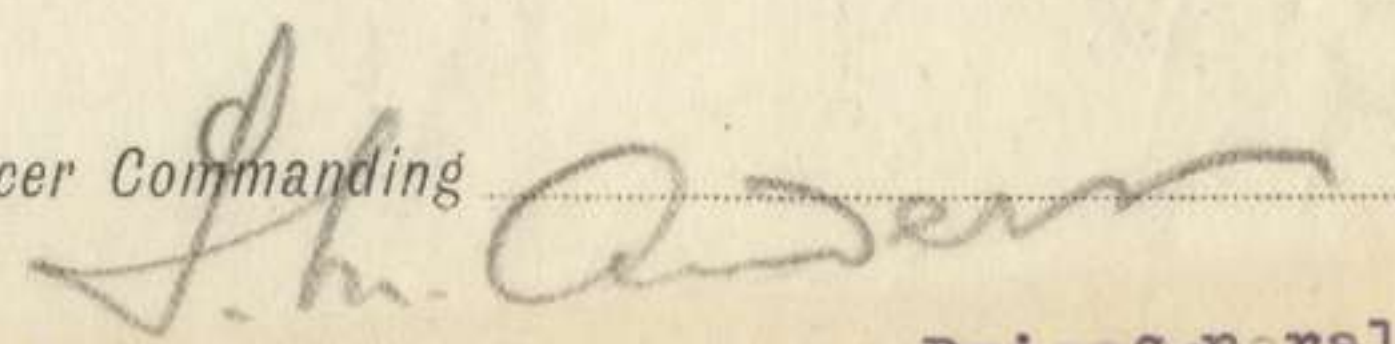
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Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer, 1st. Aust.Div.Art.

Signature of Officer Commanding



C.R.A. **BrigeGeneral.**
1st. Australian Divn.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1-11-18		C.R.A. attended a meeting of Aust. Inf. Bde. Commanders and C.R.As. to meet the Army Commander at BELLOY.	
	2-11-18		N I L.	
	3-11-18		N I L.	
	4-11-18		C.R.A. attended the R.C. Memorial Service held at LONG Church. Memorial service to those who fell during the recent fighting.	
	5-11-18		All preparations had been completed for the Review of the 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. by the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. but owing to heavy rain the Review had to be put off.	
	6-11-18		The G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. with the C.R.A. inspected both the 1st. and 2nd. Brigades.	
	7-11-18		N I L.	
	8-11-18		N I L.	
	9-11-18		N I L.	
	10-11-18		The C.R.A. called meetings of Brigade Commanders to discuss the ensuing week's training.	
	11-11-18		N I L.	
	12-11-18		N I L.	
	13-11-18		C.R.A. and B.M. inspected the Brigade M.C.Os. class.	
	14-11-18		C.R.A. and B.M. inspected Batteries at manoeuvres.	
	15-11-18		N I L.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	16-11-18		N I L.	
	17-11-18		N I L.	
	18-11-18		N I L.	
	19-11-18		153 Remounts issued to the Div. Arty. from Abbeville Remount Depot.	
	20-11-18		Warning order for the Div. Arty. to move tomorrow; orders issued to Brigades and D.A.C.	
	21-11-18		The 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. commenced a long trek of about 100 miles and to take 5 days. First stage being from LONGPRES Les CORPS SAINTS Area to the LONGEAU Area.	
	22-11-18		March from LONGEAU Area to CAPPY.	
	23-11-18		march from CAPPY to HEVILLY.	
	24-11-18		march to HEVILLY to ST.SOUPLET.	
	25-11-18		march from ST.SOUPLET to CARTIGNIES. On arrival orders were issued for another days march.	
	26-11-18		march from CARTIGNIES to the SOLRE Le CHATEAU Area, The 1st. F.A. Brigade going to DIMECHAUX, 2nd. F.A. Brigade to WATTIGNIES, 1st. D.A.C. to SOLRINNES and the T.M. Batteries to BERELLES, D.A. remaining in SOLRE Le CHATEAU. All Units were very well billeted and many of the horses were got under cover.	
	27-11-18		The 3rd. Army Brigade marched by Stages from BUSSUS-BUSSU to DIMONT Area and came under order of the C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div. The 3rd. Army Brigade Headquarters and 103rd. Battery going to DIMONT, 7th. Battery to La SAVATE, 8th. and 9th. Batteries to Les FONTAINES and the B.A.C. to OFFIES. The C.R.A. and Brigade Major visited 1st. F.A. Brigade and inspected the horses after the march.	
	28-11-18		C.R.A. and Brigade Major inspected the horses of the 2nd. F.A. Brigade.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	29-11-18		C.A.A. and brigade major inspected the horses and mules of the D.A.C.	
	30-11-18		C.A.A. and brigade major inspected the horses of the 3rd. Army Brigade. In all cases the horses appeared to have stood the journey fairly well.	

WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY
HEADQUARTERS.
FOR

NOVEMBER 1918. 191

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Summary of Month's Work.
2.	Location Statements; Nov. 4; 11; 27.
3.	Forecast.
4.	D.A. Order 138 with March Table.
5.	D.A. Order No. 137 with March Table.
6.	Admin. Instructions issued with D.A. Order No. 137.
7.	D.A. Order No. 136.
8.	Review Arrangements.
9.	Extracts from Notes of Conference held at PERONNE 13th/ Nov.
10.	Summary showing Strength and Wastage of Personnel and Horses and Mules for month.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
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1st. December 1918.

SUMMARY OF THE MONTHS WORK.


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Training of Batteries was carried out during the whole time the Divisional Artillery was in the LONGPME Area, but the training was very badly handicapped by the shortage of men.

About the middle of the month 153 remounts were issued to the Div. Artillery; these were of a fairly good stamp.

On the 21st. the Div. Artillery started on a six (6) days march covering a distance of 115 miles. To cover the distance it meant Reveille in the dark and before the Batteries pulled into the new Area it was dark again; this continual work in the dark and the shortage of men told considerably on the personnel, but after a night's sleep in good billets and a day's rest everyone was able to go about their work in the usual manner.

The C.R.A. visited all Batteries and inspected the horses, but notwithstanding the extra work that they were called upon to do during the long march they were not over-tired, nor did they show any particular signs of distress.


Reconnaissance Officer 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

Lieut.

War Diary

G.O.C.
Royal Artillery,
Australian Corps.

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No. 77/12
Date

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The following report from the O.C. 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. is forwarded for your information.

The incident referred to is well worth recording as it shows how Brigade and Battery Commanders can mutually help one another during active operations, and how effective this help may sometimes be.

Will you kindly convey to the Officer Commanding 12th Australian Army Brigade, and to the Battery Commanders, the grateful thanks and appreciation of the Officers of the 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. for the able assistance given to them on September 25th 1918.

" The following incident, extracted from the War Diary of this
" Brigade, deserves record as an instance of helpful consideration
" not too common.

" On September 25th 1918, the 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. was in
" action East of HESBECOURT, near ROISEL, under the 1st Australian
" D.A. Orders were received that positions well forward would
" be occupied near VILLERET on the 27th and that the Brigade would
" be grouped under the command of Lt.Colonel Lloyd, 12th Australian
" Army Brigade.

" As the 12th Brigade knew the front, Colonel Lloyd, whose
" Brigade was also moving forward, got his Battery Commanders to
" each select 2 positions. Batteries of this Brigade were then
" given their choice, and every other assistance possible.

" In the conditions then obtaining, this action made an
" impression on all ranks of this Brigade which, I think, will be
" appreciated by the G.O.C. "

H.Q.R.A.
XIII Corps.
29-11-18.

Sd. R.WELLESLEY, Brig.General.
General Officer Comdg.R.A. XIII Corps.

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For information and retention please. The original has been forwarded to the Commanding Officer 12th Army Brigade A.F.A.

Major G.S.

1-12-18.

R.A. Australian Corps.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

27th. November 1918.

LOCATION STATEMENT
as at 6 p.m., 27th. NOV. 1918.

C.M.A.

Brig-General B.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O.

1st. D.A.H.Q.

SOLRE LE CHATEAU, 4 E 00 00 Namur.

1st. F.A. Brigade

DILMONT

2nd. F.A. Brigade

WATTIGNIES

1st. D.A.C.

SOLAUNNES

(S.A.A. Section detached with Infantry).

D.T.M.O.

BERELLES

3rd. Army Brigade A.F.A.

DILMONT.

B. J. Friend
Reconnaissance Officer 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Lieut.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT NOON 11/11/1918.

C.R.A. Brig-General S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O.

<u>1st. Aust. Div. Arty. headquarters</u>	<u>CHATEAU VIEULAINÉ.</u>
<u>1st. Aust. F.A. brigade headquarters</u>	RUE ROLLAND, DELIGNIÈRE, AIRAINES.
<u>1st. battery.</u>	granerie stores (facing Railway Station) AIRAINES.
<u>2nd. battery.</u>	salle de Danse, Rue D'Éisement -do-
<u>3rd. battery,</u>	Vve. Noblesse Estaminet, Rue des Rcs NOTRE DAME AIRAINES.
<u>101st. battery.</u>	Rue de Vicille Chaussée de Oaris -do-
<u>2nd. Aust. F.A. brigade headquarters</u>	billet no. G. 14 "G" Street CONDE-FOLI.
<u>4th. battery.</u>	billet no. F.32, Rue de Conde-Foli -do-
<u>5th. battery.</u>	billet no. F.4, "A" street -do-
<u>6th. battery.</u>	"B" street, CONDE-FOLI.
<u>102nd. battery.</u>	Rue D'Amiens, -do-
<u>1st. Aust. D.A.C. headquarters.</u>	"A" Street, LONGPRE.
<u>no. 1 Section.</u>	billet no. 26, "B" Street, -do-
<u>no. 2 Section.</u>	billet no. 10, "K" Street, -do-
<u>S.A.A. Section.</u>	1st. Aust. Div. 9th. Corps Area.
<u>D.I.A.O. 1st. Aust. Div.</u>	billet 17 Place de marches, AIRAINES.

S. J. Freund
Lieut.
for reconnaissance Officer 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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4/11/1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT NOON 4/11/18.

C.R.A. Brig-General S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O.

<u>1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters</u>	<u>CHATBAU VIEULAIN.</u>
<u>1st. Aust. F.A. brigade Headquarters</u>	RUE ROLLAND, DELIGNIERE, AIRAINES.
<u>1st. Battery.</u>	Granerie Stores (facing railway Station) AIRAINES.
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	Salle de Danse, Rue D'Oisement -do-
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	Vve. Noblesse Estaminet, Rue des Res NOTRE DAME AIRAINES.
<u>101st. Battery.</u>	Rue de Vicille Chaussie de Oaris -do-
<u>2nd. Aust. F.A. brigade Headquarters</u>	Billet No. G. 14 "G" Street CONDE-FOLI.
<u>4th. Battery.</u>	billet No. F.32, Rue de Conde-Foli, -do-
<u>5th. Battery.</u>	billet No. F.4 "A" Street, -do-
<u>6th. Battery.</u>	"B" Street, CONDE-FOLI.
<u>102nd. Battery.</u>	Rue D'Amiens, -do-
<u>1st. Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters.</u>	"A" Street, LONGPRE.
<u>No. 1 section.</u>	Billet No. 26, "B" Street, -do-
<u>No. 2 section.</u>	billet No. 10, "K" Street, -do-
<u>SAA. Section.</u>	billet no. 52 main street, BETTENCOURT RIVERIE.
<u>D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.</u>	billet 17 Place de marches, AIRAINES.



Lieut.
for reconnaissance Officer 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Copy no. 25

29th November 1918.

FORECAST.

1. In accordance with the terms of the Armistice troops of the Allied forces will occupy German territory both east and west of the RHINE.
2. The British Army will hold two sectors.
 - i. The COLOGNE bridgehead.
This sector will be occupied by the British 2nd. Army.
 - ii. The sector between the German frontier and the line AVIGNON - MAISONNEUVE - CHARENTON - BRUSSELES.
This sector will be occupied by the British 4th. Army.
3. The Australian Corps for the present will occupy the S.W. portion of the 4th. Army sector and will subsequently relieve the Canadian Corps in the 2nd. Army sector.
4. The 1st. Australian Division will move to an area just S.E. of CHARENTON. The date of the move has not yet been fixed but it is not likely to be earlier than 4th. December.

W. H. ...

Brigade Major 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery. Major.

Distribution -

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1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade	1 - 5
2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade	6 - 10
3rd. Army brigade A.F.A.	11 - 15
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	16 - 18
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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First Aust. Div. Arty. ORDER NO. 135.

Copy no. 20

25th. November 1918.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. and 3rd. Army Brigade A.F.A. will complete present march in accordance with attached march table.
2. Distances of :-
 - 100 yards between Brigades and D.A.C.
 - 50 yards between batteries and sections of D.A.C.
 - 25 yards between each 6 vehicleswill be maintained.

R. W. Smith

Brigade Major 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery. Major.

Distribution :-

1st. F.A. Brigade	1.
2nd. F.A. Brigade	2.
3rd. Army Bde. A.F.A.	3.
1st. D.A.C.	4.
D.A.C. 1st. Aust. Div.	5.
D.A. Sect. No. 1 Co. M.F.	6.
3rd. Army Bde. Park Section	7.
S.O. No. 1 Co. Div. Train	8.
1st. Aust. Division	9.
A.A. Aust. Corps	10.
D.A.D.C.S.	11.
S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	12.
C.A.A.	13.
S.O.	14.
A.O.	15.
No. 1. Co. Div. Train	16.
File	17.
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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1st. AUSTR. DIV. ARMY.
ORDER NO. 138

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	START POINT	START TIME	REMARKS
26-11-18	1st. F.A. Brigade 2nd. F.A. Brigade 1st. D.A.C. No. 1 Co. Div. Train.	CANTIGNIES	DIMONT. DINECHEUX Area.	AVESNELLES - FLAUMONT - FELLERIES - DEUGNIES	road junction 250 yds. n. of first "S" in "LE DESSUS-du-MOULIN"	6-15 a.m. 7-50 a.m. 6-40 a.m. 7-20 a.m. or earlier.	Tail of column to be clear of AVESNES by 11 a.m.
27-11-18	3rd. Army Bus. Co.	CANTIGNIES	DIMONT. DINECHEUX Area.	AVESNELLES - FLAUMONT - FELLERIES - DEUGNIES.	road junction 250 yds. n. of first "S" in "LE DESSUS-du-MOULIN."	6-15 a.m.	Tail of column to be clear of AVESNES by 11 a.m.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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First Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 137.

20th. November 1918.

1. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. will commence march on the 21st. inst. and the 3rd. Army Brigade, Aust. F.A., on the 22nd. inst. to CARTIGNES area
march will be in accordance with attached march table.

3. (a) transport will be brigaded (under an Officer) and will march in rear of Brigades in same sequence as Batteries to whom it belongs.

(b) Water Carts, Cooks Carts and Cookers will accompany the Units to which they belong.

4. No lorries will be available for Brigades; transport available will be usual allotment of baggage and supply wagons ex Divisional Train.

In addition 1st. D.A.C. will provide 4 G.S. wagons for baggage for each of the 1st. and 2nd. F.A. Brigades.

Ammunition (boxed) ex these 8 wagons will be left behind under a guard until such time as it can be collected.

1st. D.A.C. will arrange with Area Commandant, LONGPRE to accommodate and ration the guard.

In addition D.T.M.O. will send 2 G.S. Limbered Wagons to each 1st. and 2nd. F.A. Brigades for use of their Headquarters on move. 1st. D.A.C. will supply 4 animal teams and drivers for those G.S. Limbered Wagons.

5. motor transport of D.A. section No. 1 Co. M.T. and 3rd. Army Brigade Park Section will be allotted as follows :-

EX D.A. Section No. 1 Co. M.T.

10 lorries for supplies 1st. Aust. D.A.

EX 3rd. Army Brigade Park Section.

3 lorries for supplies 1st. Aust. D.A.

5 lorries for supplies 3rd. Army Brigade A.F.A.

2 lorries for baggage H.Q. 1st. D.A.

EX S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.

6 lorries for D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.

The 2 lorries for D.A.C. will report at 9 a.m. on 21st. inst. the 6 lorries for D.T.M.O. will report to D.T.M.O. at AIRAINES as early as possible. after arrival at M.T. Co. LONGPRE on 21st. inst.

6. Staff Captain will issue instructions re drawing of supplies.

Strict attention must be paid to march discipline.

Units will halt for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour, except when moving to starting point.

8. Acknowledge.

Kilburn

Major.
Brigade Major 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

P.T.O.

Distribution :-

- 1st. F.A. Brigade 1.
- 2nd. F.A. Brigade 2.
- 3rd. Aust. Army Bde. AFA 3.
- 1st. D.A.C. 4.
- D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div. 5.
- D.A. Sect. no. 1 Co. 6.
- M.T., LONGPRE 6.
- 3rd. Army Bde. Park Sect 7.
- LONGPRE 7.
- S.O. no. 1 Co. Div. Train 8.
- No. 1 Co. Div. Train 9.
- Area Commandant LONGPRE 10.
- do. AIRAINES 11.
- 1st. Aust. Div. 12.
- R.A. Aust. Corps 13.
- D.A.D.O.S. 14.
- S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div. 15.
- C.R.A. 16.
- S.C. 17.
- A.O. 18.
- File 19.
- War Diary 20-22
- Spare 23-25

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1ST. AUST. DIV. ARTY.
ORDER No. 137.

Reference Maps FRANCE
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DATE	UNIT	START POINT	PASS START POINT	ROUTE	REMARKS
21-11-18	1st. F.A. bde.	Road Junction South of 1st. "I" in AIRAINES.	8 a.m.	LE QUESNOY - SOUES- PICQUINY - AILLY - ST. SAVEUR - RIVERY to BOUTILLERE.	Distances on March 500 yards between Brigades and D.A.C. 100 yards between Batteries and Sections of D.A.C. 50 yards between each 6 vehicles.
	2nd. F.A. bde.	Eastern end of CONDE	8-30 a.m.	HANGEST - BOURDON - BELLOY - ST. SAVEUR - RIVERY - LONGEAU.	
	1st. D.A.C.	Railway Crossing, LONGPRE.	8-40 a.m.	As for 2nd. F.A. bde. but to CAGNY.	
22-11-18	1st. F.A. bde.	road junction S. of 'G' in LONGEAU	8-35 a.m.	VILLERS-BRETTONEUX - PROYART - to BRAY area.	
	2nd. F.A. bde.	-do-	8 a.m.	-do- -do-	
	1st. D.A.C.	-do-	9-15 a.m.	-do- -do-	
	3rd. Army bde. A.F.A.	BUSSUS-BUSSULL	8 a.m.	CORENFLOS - ST. OUEN - VIGNACOURT to MOLIENS.	
23-11-18	1st. F.A. bde.			CAPPY - PERONNE to ROISEL area.	Order of march & starting point and time will be notified to Units of 1st. Aust. D.A. from time to time.
	2nd. F.A. bde.			-do- -do-	
	1st. D.A.C.			-do- -do-	
	3rd. Army bde. A.F.A.	MOLIENS	8 a.m.	FRANVILLERS - HEILLY to BRAY.	

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DATE	UNIT	START POINT	PASS START POINT	ROUTE	REMARKS
24-11-18	1st. F.A.Bde.			HARGICOURT - BONY - BEAUREVOIR - MARETTE - BUSIGNY to ST.SOUPLET.	
	2nd. F.A.Bde.			-do- -do-	
	1st. D.A.C.			-do- -do-	
	3rd. Army Bde. A.F.A.	BRAY	8 a.m.	CAPPY - PERONNE to ROISEL.	
25-11-18	1st. F.A.Bde.			LAZINGHIEN - LA GROISE - PRIS. ES - to CARTIGNES area.	Not to enter corner S.W. of BOIS du TOAILLON before 10-30 and to be clear by 12-30.
	2nd. F.A.Bde.			-do- -do-	
	1st. D.A.C.			-do- -do-	
	3rd. Army Bde. A.F.A.	ROISEL	8 a.m.	HARGICOURT - BONY - BEAUREVOIR - MARETTE - BUSIGNY to ST.SOUPLET.	
26-11-18	3rd. Army Bde. A.F.A.	ST.SOUPLET	8 a.m.	LAZINGHIEN - LA GROISE - PRIS. ES - to CARTIGNES area.	Not to enter corner S.W. of BOIS du TOAILLON before 10-30 and to be clear by 12-30

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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20th. November 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH D.A. ORDER
NO. 137.

BILLETING.

Billeting arrangements for the night 21/22nd. are as under :-

- 1st. D.A.H.Q. at BOUTILLERIE.
Report Area Cmt. CAGNY for accomodation.
- 1st. F.A.bde. at BOUTILLERIE.
Report Area Cmt. CAGNY for accomodation.
- 2nd. F.A.bde. at LONGEAU.
Report Town major, LONGEAU for accomodation.
- and
No. 1 Co. Div. Train.
- 1st. D.A.C. at CAGNY.
Report Area Cmt. CAGNY for accomodation.

Billeting parties will report to Area Commandants three (3) hours before arrival of their respective Units.

3rd. Army bde. A.F.A. at MOLIENS AU BOIS on night 22/23rd.

3rd. Army Brigade A.F.A. will arrange their own billets 24 hours behind 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. during the move.

SUPPLIES.

Railheads for supplies will be as under :-

- 22nd. inst. CORBIE. From Fourth Army Troops 'B'.
- 23rd. inst. PERONNE. From Fourth Army Troops 'D'.
- 24th. inst. ROISEL. From Fourth Army Troops 'C'.
- 25th. inst. HONNECHY. From 1st. Aust. Divn.

supplies will be issued at LONGEAU on 21st. inst.

Place of issue for subsequent dates will be notified later.

W. H. Humphrey Captain.
Staff Captain 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

As per D.A. Order No. 137.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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4th. November 1918.

ORDER No. 136.

1. The S.A.A. section 1st. Aust. D.A.C. will be held in readiness to entrain on 5th. or 6th. inst. under orders to be issued by G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. H. ...

Brigade Major 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Major.

Distribution :-

1st. F.A. Brigade	Copy No. 1
2nd. F.A. Brigade	2
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	3-4
D.T.M.O.	5
1st. Aust. Div.	6
2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	7
M.A., Aust. Corps	8
S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	9
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVL ARTILLERY
HEADQUARTERS.

3rd. November 1918.

No. 84292/2
Date

- 1st. Aust. F.A. brigade
- 2nd. Aust. F.A. brigade
- 1st. Aust. D.A.C.
- D.F.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. will be reviewed by the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. at 12 noon on the 5th. inst.

2. The review will be held on the Training Ground of the 2nd. F.A. brigade situated at 1.L9.8. (reference map France, DIEPPE 1/100,000.)

3. The Divisional Artillery will be formed up for the Review as shown on attached sketch.

4. Units will arrive on the ground on 5th. inst. punctually as under :-

1st. F.A. brigade	-	10-30 a.m.
2nd. F.A. Brigade	-	10-30 a.m.
1st. D.A.C.	-	11 a.m.
D.F.M.S.	-	11-30 a.m.
band	-	11-30 a.m.

5. The 16-pdr. Ammunition wagons of 1st. and 2nd. sections, D.A.C. will cover the 16-pdr. Batteries and the 4.5" Ammunition wagons the 4.5" How. Batteries of 1st. and 2nd. brigades respectively.

6. No. 1 and No. 2 Sections in addition to ammunition wagons will each parade with 6 G.S. wagons (only).

7. The S.A.A. Section will parade with 24 G.S. Wagons and 12 G.S. Limbered wagons.

The G.S. wagons will form the front line and the Limbered wagons the rear line.

8. Headquarters of brigades and D.A.C. will be in column of route, 2 yards on the right of and on the same alignment as their Units.

9. On the extreme right of the line will be the Band and on it's right the masses Trumpeters of the Div. Arty.

10. Cooks' Carts, Water Carts, etc., will not parade.

- 11. (a) Drill order will be worn.
- (b) In addition greatcoats will be worn on the saddle and carried on vehicles.
- (c) All Officers will wear caps.
- (d) Officers will not wear gloves.

12. (a) On the Reviewing Officer approaching the general salute will be given.

(b) The Reviewing Officer will then inspect the Artillery, during which all Officers stand fast except the C.R.A. who accompanies the reviewing Officer.

(c) On completion of the Inspection the Divisional Artillery will march past at the walk, and afterwards at the trot.

(d) The walk and trot past will be in column of batteries at close interval at half distance; the D.A.C. conforming.

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(2).

12. (e) After the walk past the Div. T.m.s. will proceed to their original alignment, where they will remain until the advance in Review Order.

(f) On completion of the trot past the Divisional Artillery will form up again on their original alignment.

(g) The Divisional Artillery will then advance in Review Order.

(h) Actual orders will be as in attached sheet 'B'.

13. At 9-30 a.m. on the 4th. inst. the Adjutants of the 1st. and 2nd. F.A. Brigades and the D.A.C. and the Band Sergeant will meet the brigade major on the review Ground where they will assist in marking it out and receive instructions.

The Adjutant of each Brigade will bring a Director and 6 flags per Battery.

The Adjutant of the D.A.C. will bring 10 flags for each of 1st. and 2nd. sections and 12 flags for S.A.A. Section; and in addition a flag-pole for saluting case and 4 flags for markers A, B, C, and D.

K. H. ...

Major
Brigade Major 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

SHEET "B".

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND ORDERS.

approach of G.O.C. - C.R.A. orders "ATTENTION".

On arrival of G.O.C. opposite
centre of line - C.R.A. Orders "GENERAL SALUTE".
All Officers salute with C.R.A.
Trumpets sound "General Salute".
On last note of Trumpets, Officers
cut hand away with C.R.A.

G.O.C. rides through the lines
accompanied by C.R.A. ^g
G.O.C. takes up position at Saluting Point. C.R.A. orders
"march past in column of
Batteries, close interval,
half distance".

"Advance in column of Batteries
from the right, walk march".

When last Unit has passed marker 'O' the C.R.A. will
order his Trumpeter to sound "TROT".

Artillery will trot past (less T.m.s. who reform on their
original alignment).

Units reform on original alignment.

C.R.A. orders :- "Advance in Review
Order, walk march".
"Halt".
"General Salute".
"Sit at Ease".
"Private Parades"

SHEET 4b.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND ORDERS.

On approach of G.O.C. - C.R.A. orders "ATTENTION".

On arrival of G.O.C. opposite
centre of line - C.R.A. Orders "GENERAL SALUTE".
ALL Officers salute with C.R.A.
Trumpets sound "General Salute".
On last note of Trumpets, Officers
cut hand away with C.R.A.

G.O.C. rides through the lines
accompanied by C.R.A.
G.O.C. takes up position at
saluting Point. C.R.A. orders
"March past in column of
batteries, close interval,
half distance".

"Advance in column of Batteries
from the right, walk march".

When last Unit has passed marker 'O' the C.R.A. will
order his Trumpeter to sound "TROT".

Artillery will trot past (less T.ms. who reform on their
original alignment).

Units reform on original alignment.

C.R.A. orders :- "Advance in Review
Order, walk march".
"Halt".
"General Salute".
"Sit at Ease".
"Private Parades".

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

27th. November 1918.

EXTRACTS FROM NOTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT PERONNE
13th. November 1918.

Situation and action by the Corps in the near future.

The terms of the armistice are very hard, though they are theoretical only, the armistice terms practically embody many of the peace terms. Peace and the date in which it may be expected to be consummated depend on the stability of the German Government about which there is at present some doubt. As we are uncertain of the ability or willingness of the enemy to carry out the terms of the armistice we must take certain lines of action in view of the fact that there may be further fighting. The amount of action that is necessary on our part is somewhat indefinite at present but we are learning daily as we get information of the enemy evacuation of territory and compliance with the terms of the Armistice. The outstanding feature is the fact that the evacuation of the occupied territory must be completed by the 28th. inst. and we are learning daily that it is going on methodically.

The Army of occupation has two functions :-

1. To occupy the territory in order to reduce the German ability to resume hostilities.
2. To enforce terms of Peace.

To do this it may be necessary to retain an army of occupation for some considerable time in the enemy territory.

The army of occupation composed of armies of BELGIAN, BRITISH, AMERICAN and FRENCH working from North to South, each with a definite frontier on the RHINE to hold defensively a definite piece of enemy territory to administer.

The march into enemy territory is a difficult problem requiring considerable march organisation and preparation.

NOTE. It is not anticipated that this Divisional Artillery will move from present area before the 4th. December at the earliest.

CENSORSHIP There will be many relaxations which will appeal to the troops. Censorship regulations may be relaxed forthwith. The same restrictions of course re complaints regarding treatment and administration must be retained but permission will be given for men to state in their letters their location, names of units, persons, localities and what they and their units are going to do and where they are going.

Cameras may be used.

REINFORCEMENTS. The normal system will be carried on, certainly as regards casuals rejoining. All arrangements for leave will go on without change. Receiving of reinforcements regularly will still go on, particularly in regard to Artillery.

BAGGAGE. Much of this must be left behind. This may involve some hardship particularly for the last few days of the march. Chairs, tables, stoves, beds and the like cannot be taken. All extra stuff must be jettisoned and records sent to Base.

Two blankets per man will be taken and lorries or auxiliary M.T. will be supplied to carry ~~them~~

no-one at present (what will happen on the Eastern frontier. We may help hold the bridgehead at COBLENZ, holding a 30 kilo radius on either side of the RHINE and a 10 kilo "No man's land".

In Divisional areas civilian authorities will carry on municipal government under military control. Of course, the troops on the RHINE littoral will be placed tactically, but the greater portion will be doing sentry duty in military charge of bridges, munition factories, telephone offices etc.. We should strengthen up this side of our work. It is essential that every sentry should know what to do.

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RELATIONS WITH GERMAN PEOPLE. We have nothing to gain by oppression rather have all to loose. The best principle is to leave the German population severely alone. By this we are likely to get better and more useful reparation. We will have our military rules re "Lights Out", Persons Congrogating etc., and the civilian population must obey them, if not they will be punished. If they do obey them they should be well treated. A proper key note in regard to this should be at once set. All Officers should be notified of the policy and the men talked to and the policy explained to them.. They should be told that the war is over and that their duty has a definite political significance and not a military one.

The respect that will be given to our soldiers will depend largely on the soldiers themselves and their bearings, their saluting and the other outward marks of discipline.

When in GERMANY preparations for reviews of Brigades and Divisions should be made. The Corps Commander would like to see the entertainment of the men catered for apart from concerts, etc., also tours to places of interest in the vicinity. It is proposed to issue guide books and Officers would lecture to the men on the history of the town.

In regard to concurrent matters preparation for demobilisation are being gone with by a staff which is being formed in LONDON. They will no doubt shortly ask for information, statistics, etc. Units should take measures to ensure that those receive prompt attention, if possible begin to collate information regarding points about which it is anticipated enquiries will be made.

The Director of Education will also set a definite scheme going regarding the Educational Schemes when we settle down.

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STATEMENT SHOWING STRENGTH AND WASTAGE OF ANIMALS - NOVEMBER 1918

Date.	Strength.			Received.			Gene.			Lost or Trans.					
	Hs.	Mls.	Ttl.	Hs.	Ms.	Tl.	Hs.	Ms.	Tl.	Hs.	Ms.	Ttl.			
							Killed			M.V.S.					
Nov. 1	1123	687	1810												
2	1123	687	1810												
3	1118	687	1805							5		5			
4	1118	687	1805												
5	1118	687	1805												
6	1118	685	1803				2	2							
7	1117	684	1801						1	1	2				
8	1113	686	1799	2	2						4	4			
9	1112	686	1798								1	1			
10	1112	685	1797								1	1			
11	1110	685	1795								2	2			
12	1110	685	1795												
13	1110	685	1795												
14	1109	685	1794				1	1							
15	1108	684	1792						1	1	2				
16	1105	684	1789								3	3			
17	1104	684	1788				1	1							
18	1104	684	1788												
19	1104	684	1788	2	2						2	2			
20	1101	684	1785	2	2						5	5			
21	1201	731	1932	100	47	147									
22	1201	731	1932	1	1				1	1					
23	1201	730	1931				1	1							
24	1201	730	1931												
25	1200	730	1930				1	1							
26	1200	730	1930												
27	1197	730	1927								3	3			
28	1186	730	1916								11	11			
29	1190	730	1920	4	4										
30	1198	730	1928	8	8										
				117	49	166	3	3	6	3	2	5	36	1	37

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PERSONNEL.
STATEMENT SHOWING STRENGTH & WASTAGE - NOVEMBER 1918.

Date	Strength		Joined		Killed		Wounded		Sick		Trans.	
	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.
Nov. 1	73	1941		7						8	3	49
2	73	1939		6						7		1
3	73	1935		4						8		
4	73	1937		7						4		1
5	73	1944		14						3		4
6	73	1941		1						3		1
7	75	1935	2	2						8		
8	75	1929		2						7		1
9	75	1923								6		
10	75	1923	1	2						1	1	1
11	76	1924	1	4						3		
12	76	1919								5		
13	76	1917		1						3		
14	75	1917		3					1	3		
15	76	1927	2	14					1	2		2
16	75	1932		15						1	1	9
17	75	1934		3						1		
18	75	1933		4						5		
19	74	1932		2						3	1	
20	75	1940	2	13					1	5		
21	74	1942		5						3	1	
22	74	1943		2						1		
23	75	1943	1	2						2		
24	75	1943										
25	74	1942								1	1	
26	74	1942										
27	74	1934		4						11		1
28	74	1925		1						7		3
29	74	1934		14						5		
30	73	1964		34						4	1	
Σ												
			9	166					3	180	9	73