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January 1st.			C.O. paid official visit to French Officials AVESNES Dance given by H.Q. Staff at AVESNELLES - large attendance of Civilians, French Officers also present. Was a great success.	
2nd.			6th. Regiment French Infantry marched out of AVESNES, a guard of honour was furnished by 112th. Bty. C.O. and Staff paid official visit to French Commandant. Weather fine with hard frost. Nothing otherwise of importance. French Officials visit Bde. H.Q.	
3rd.			Dance by 112th. Bty arranged for tomorrow night in AVESNES Town Hall. 5th. Divisional Concert Party arrived in AVESNES and are giving a weeks entertainment in the AVESNES theatre. Large attendance of 12th. Brigade personnel also civilians at today's matinee.	
4th.			The 6th., 23th. & 29th. Batt. Chasseurs Alpains marched into the area today and are billeting in AVESNES.	
5th.			Colonel and Commandant of Chasseurs paid official visit to C.O. 12th. Bde this morning at Bde. H.Q.	
6th.			C.O. paid official visit to Group H.Q. Chasseurs and lunched with the C.O. and Commandant. Football match Aust. Rules played against 5th. D.A.C. won by 12th. Bde 9 to 1.	
7th.			Dance at AVESNELLES given by the 45th. Bty. Very large attendance and huge success.	
8th.			Dance given by H.Q. men at AVESNELLES. Considered great success by Officers and men, large civilian attendance, C.O. present with large party of French Officers. 12th. Bde. Rugby team played at FLAUMONT against 13th. F.A.B. tremendously keen match, very large attendance, 12th. Bde won 3 to Nil.	

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January	9th.		Officers Tennis Tournament on Court at H.Q. grounds, resulting in Colonel & Adjutant winning doubles and the Doctor the singles.	
	10th.		Official Banquet given by the H.Q. Chasseurs Alpains, C.Q. and Staff attend. Aust. Rules Football Match against 13th. F.A.B. played at SAINS over 2000 spectators, 12th. B-de won 9 goals to 4.	
	11th.		B.H.Q. Dance AVESNELLES hall, very successful.	
	12th.		Seventeen "1915" other ranks marched out for Corps Reinforcement Camp at MARCINELLE under authority from Aust. Corps 23/1 of 7.1.19.	
	13th.		Nothing of importance.	
	14th.		Dance given by 47th. Bty at AVESNELLES. Large attendance by civilians, great success.	
	15th.		Nothing of importance.	
	16th.		Rugby Match against 14th. Bde. won by 12th. Bde. 9 to Nil. large attendance, game very one-sided.	
	17th.		Australian Rules Match against 10th. A.A.S.C., resulting in win for 12th. Bde. by 10 goals to 2., ground very bad.	
	18th.		Big Dance given by civilians in hall at AVESNELLES, C.O. & officers attend. Circular Q110/1238 received from 5th. D.A.H.Q. re the demobilisation of animals.	

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Januray	19th.		Further instructions received regarding C-Z animals for demobilisation, also circular 163/130 of 18.1.19 from 5th. D.A.H.Q. reference BZ and AZ horses.	
	20th.		Circular memo A.A.G. A.I.F. 25/232 of 18.1.19. re process of demobilisation and reduction of Btya to 4 guns each, also regarding personnel being posted to different Divisions.	
	21st.		Draft N° 1 of 100 animals C-Z despatched under Lieut. KRAEFFT to NAMUR.	
	22nd.		B.AC. dance AVESNELLES, large attendance by civilians.	
	23rd.		Rugby Match against 10th. A.A.S.C. again won by 12th. Bde by 6 to Nil.	
	24th.		Animals CZ despatched to NAMUR N° 1 draft handed over by Lieut. KRAEFFT to 4th. Army Concentration Camp and receipts duly obtained.	
	25th.		45th. Bty. gave another Ball which is to be their final. The civilians expressed their delight, and also regret that the 45th? Bty were not holding any more Dances. They have been most successful throughout. Replay of Rugby Match against 5th. D.A.C., tremendously exciting, huge attendance, 12th. Bde won by 5 to nil.	
	26th.		Circular 5/978 received from Aust Corps re personal equipment and clothing also re personnel being despatched to Base at HAVRE.	
	27th.		Instructions received regarding demobilisation and disposal of stores & equipment. Circular N° 136/419 of 26.1.19.	

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Jany	28th.		<p>The 112th. Bty. held final Ball, successful evening. Instructions received regarding balance of CZ, BZ &amp; AZ animals to be sent away for concentration camp. Instructions re disposal of stores and equipment cancelled by wire Q354 from Aust. Corps "Q".</p>	
	29th.		<p>President Poincari visited AVESNES today. Guard of 100 men under the Command of Major Richards (112th. Bty) provided by Brigade. C.O. and O.O. present at reception. C.O. lunched with the President at the Prefecture.</p>	
	30th.		<p>A Brigade Officer's dinner was held tonight preparatory to the breaking up of the Brigade. C.O. was in the chair and a very enjoyable evening was spent.</p>	
	31st.		<p>By special request the 45th. Bty held another Ball which was a huge success and very largely attended, to say good bye to 1915 men who are returning to Australia.                      No 2 horse draft under Lieut. Gale are to be despatched tomorrow to NAMUR, consisting of CZ, BZ &amp; AZ animals.                      The Brigade succeeded in winning the Group Premiership in both classes football i.e. Aust. Rules and Rugby.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Strength. 42 Officers 912 other ranks. 656 Horses 230 Mules.</i></p>	

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