

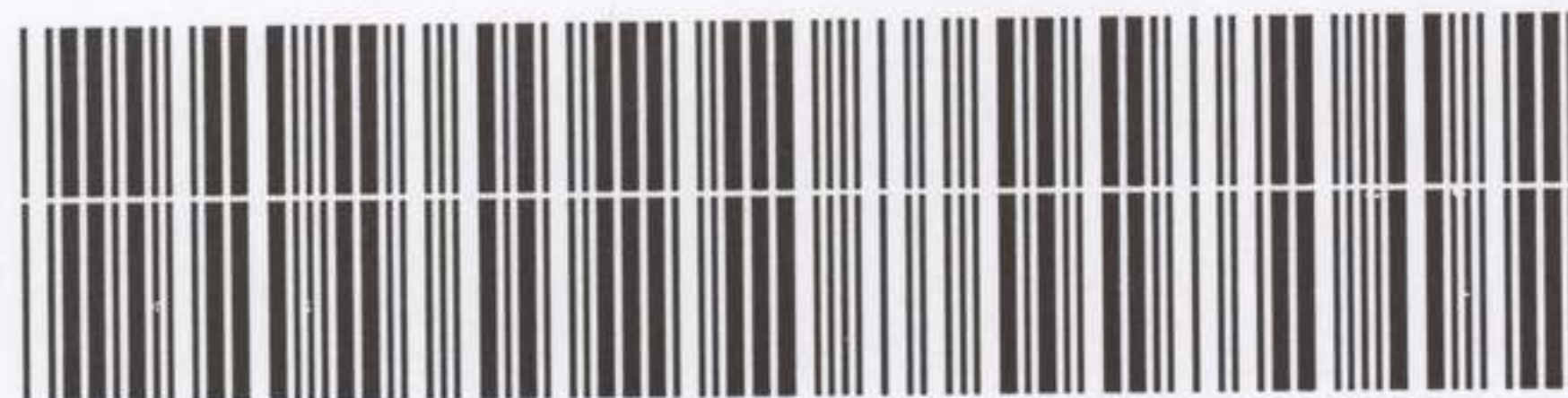
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OF

13th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

FOR

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAINS_DU_NORD	1919 1st Feby		Snow still on the ground but day not too cold. C.O. and Major WILKINSON J.W. returned from leave in U.K. Brigade Concert Party showing before good houses.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINS_DU_NORD	2nd Feby		Snow still about. Personnel of the Brigade enjoying themselves sleighing. Health of the men generally good.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINS_DU_NORD	3rd Feby		Bright fine day. Plenty of snow on the ground. C.O. presented medals won by 113th Battery football team.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINS_DU_NORD	4th Feby		Cold and windy day. Draft of 25 N.C.O's. and men (No. 7 draft) left at 9.30am for repatriation. Reverend Captain F.E. PULSFORD, 12th Army Brigade Chaplain, commenced a series of lectures at Y.M.C.A. SAINS. Boxing competitions held at 50th Battery Stadium in the evening and some good contests were staged.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINS_DU_NORD	5th Feby		Cold: more snow fell during the night. 2/Lieut. A.T. GROGAN reported from D.A.C. to be Orderly Officer vice Lieut. E. SHERWEN.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINS_DU_NORD	6th Feby		Still a lot of snow about. The C.O. presented medals to the 50th Battery Soccer Team on winning the Divisional <i>Brigade</i> Artillery Group Championship. Lieut. E. SHERWEN left for Australia.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINA_DU_NORD	7th Feby		Fine but very cold. Officers and men enjoying themselves sleighing and tobogganing.	<i>ATC</i>
SAINS_DU_NORD	8th Feby		Still evry cold : Plenty of snow about.	<i>ATC</i>

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SAINS_DU_NORD	1919			
SAINS_DU_NORD	8th Feby		Committee formed to inaugurate a sports meeting to be held at a later date.	ATG
SAINS_DU_NORD	9th Feby		Very fine day but cold. Sleighing still the popular sport although one or two parties have had slight accidents.	ATG
SAINS_DU_NORD	10th Feby		Beautiful day. Major E.G. LISIER D.S.O. and Major V.H. CATLIFF D.S.O. left for leave in U.K. The health of all Ranks throughout the Brigade is good.	ATG
SAINS_DU_NORD	11th Feby		50 horses (Z class) taken to AVESNES for sale and were all sold except 10. Further preparations made for classification of animals for sale. Weather still fine. Boxing held at 50th Battery Stadium in the evening; some good bouts were staged. The 53rd Battalion Band rendered selections during the evening and this helped considerably to make the night more enjoyable.	ATG
SAINS_DU_NORD	12th Feby		A beautifully fine day. Slightly warmer than usual. 150 horses left for HAVRE for shipment to England. Lieut. J.T.V. SMITH, M.C. and Lieut. W.L. SHANNON left for leave in PARIS.	ATG
SAINS_DU_NORD	13th Feby		Fine day. Personnel of Brigade enjoying good health. Brigade Concert Party held a "Command Night". Major General E. TIVEY, C.B., D.S.O., V.D. Brigadier General J.C. STEWART D.S.O., Brigadier General C.S. DAVIES D.S.O. and C.R.A. were present.	ATG
SAINS_DU_NORD	14th Feby		Dull day. Thaw sets in. Divisional Artillery Football Team played 8th Infantry Brigade at FLAUMONT and were beaten by 5 to 3 after a very hard and fast game. Lieut S.S. CREED left for Employment in England. Rain commenced falling about 2 pm. Sports committee held meeting at B.H.Q.	ATG M. C. and

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SAINS-DU-NORD.	1919.			
	15th	Feby.	Dull day. Preparations commenced for Sports Meeting. Interpreter BOUCHER attached to this Brigade.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	16th	Feby.	Rain drizzling all day. Final preparations made for the horse sale to be held on the 17th and 18th insts. Arrangements made for 50th men from 8th Infantry Brigade to be attached to this Brigade for Duty.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	17th	Feby.	Dull day; slight rain. Horse sale opened at 51st Battery Wagon Lines. Two horses reported stolen from 51st Battery Wagon Lines. 50 Infantry men arrived from 8th Brigade. Interpreter BOUCHER relieved by Interpreter COCHET.	Appendix 34/1 ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	18th	Feby.	Dull day. Major V.H.GATLIFF D.S.O. arrived back from England. Boxing held at stadium in evening. Brig-Gen. C.S.DAVIES D.S.O. present. Major J.W.WILKINSON left for 15th Field Ambulance to take up duties temporarily. Relieved by Capt.D.G.MAY. Horse sale at SAINS concluded.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	19th	Feby.	Dull day.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	20th	Feby.	34 horses and 20 mules despatched for sale at SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU. 2nd/Lieut. H.B.AYRES joined Brigade from D.A.C. Raining most of the day. A start made in examining (medically) all men for the next draft for Australia.	ATG

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SAINS-DU-NORD	1919 21st Feby		Heavy rain at intervals throughout the day. Preparations being made for Demobilisation of equipment. Official Photographer arrived and took photos of the whole Brigade.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	22nd Feby		Still raining. Officers of the Brigade held a dance at the 49th Battery rooms. Lieut. H. W. MARSH returned from 75 days leave in United Kingdom. 34 Horses and 16 mules returned from Sale at SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU, only 4 mules having been sold.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD.	23rd Feby.		Fine day. 51st Battery moved out for demobilisation of equipment, Personnel of Brigade still enjoying good health. Speech by Right Hon. W. M. HUGHES to Division at SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD	24th Feby.		Fine day. General Sir W. R. BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. met Brigade and Battery Commanders at D.A.H.Q. SAINS. Capt. C. M. C. CHASE M.C. left for investiture and leave in England.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD	25th Feby.		Fine but dull day. Personnel and horses of 51st Battery arrived back after handing over equipment. Boxing held at 50th Battery Stadium. C.R.A. presented medals to the Divisional Artillery Soccer Team for winning the Divisional Championship. Lieut. J. T. V. SMITH M.C. and Lieut. W. L. SHANNON returned from leave in PARIS.	ATG
SAINS-DU-NORD	26th Feby.		Dull and showery day. Divisional Artillery held an Officers Dinner at 49th Battery.	ATG Maddy

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SAINS-DU-NORD.			1919.					
			27th		Feby.		Dull day. 50th Battery marched out for Demobilisation of equipment.	
SAINS-DU-NORD.			28th		Feby.		Fine day. Interpreter COCHET left Brigade to be demobilised. Health of all ranks good. Copy of Brigade Regimental Trust Account Balance Sheet for Month ended 28th February attached, also list of Vehicles in Brigade of Australian Manufacture. These vehicles were brought from Australia with the 1st Australian Division, and were transferred to this Brigade in 1916, and are still in good condition.	Appendix 34/4 Appendix 34/2.

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		H O R S E S A L E S.						AVERAGE PRICE.	
		<u>OFFERED.</u>		<u>SOLD.</u>					
DATE.	PLACE.	HORSES.	MULES.	HORSES.	MULES.	HORSES.	MULES.		
February 10th 1919.	AVESNES.	49.	—	40.	—	1189 FRANCS.	—		
February 18th.	" SAINS.	67.	10.	57.	10.	1243 FRANCS.	923 FRANCS.		
February 22nd,	" SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU.	20.	—	4	—	900. FRANCS.	—		

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WAGGONS and LIMBERS of AUSTRALIAN
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The following Waggon and limbers are made by ROBINSON BROTHERS.

LIMBER. No.		WAGGON No.
" 20		" 19
" 17		" 17
" 19		" 30
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" 81		" 81
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The following Decorations have been awarded to members of this
Brigade for February 1919.

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieutenant. W.E. GREGORY. 113th Battery.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

Lieutenant. A.T. GROGAN.

1231. Fitter S/ Sergeant. FLETT, F. A.A.O.C. Attached.

11045. B.S.M. C.D. COTTRELL. 113th. Howitzer. Battery.

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