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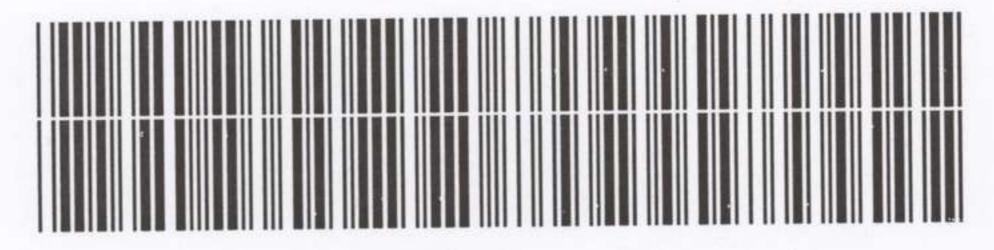
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Divisional Riflo Moeting.

The attached programme for a Divisional Rifle Heeting is forwarded for your information.

You will have an opportunity of preparing your team under the following arrangements :-

Battalions will visit the kifle Ranges in the BOUCHON Area in turn and will carry out programmes of elementary range practices at the discretion of Commanding Officers.

Billots are available at VILLERS-sous-AILLY where Battalions will reside during the Husketry period.

Prior to moving from the present area advance parties will be sent to make all arrangements for billets and ranges.

Table of moves is :-

6th.October. - 3rd.Battalion moves to VILLERS-sous-AILLY: shooting 7th.,8th.,9th. and loth.; marches home evening of loth.inst.

Afternoon loth.October. - 2nd.Battalion moves to VILLERS-sous-AILLY and takes over billets; shooting 11th., 12th., 13th. and 14th. inst.; marches home evening of lath.inst.

Afternoon 14th.October. - 4th.Battalion moves to VILLERS-sous-AILLY and takes over billets; shooting 15th., 18th., 17th. and 18th. inst.; marches home evening of 18th.inst.

Afternoon 18th.October. - 1st.Battalion moves to WILLERS-sous-AILLY and takes over billets; shooting 19th., 20th., 21st. and 32nd. inst.; marches home evening 22nd, inst.

Units provide their own ammunition.

lst.L.T.H.Battery will accompany the 3rd.Battalion and will be exercised with them. Auslauranin

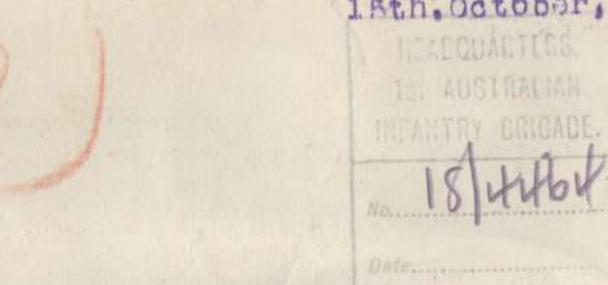
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A Heview under precisely similar conditions as those laid down for to-day will be held on Saturday next, 19th.inst. at the same hour and place.

The followin: points with reference to to-day's parade are promul-

harkers. - Brigade Headquarters marker brought no State.

2nd.Battalion marker was 25 minutes late.

L.T.L.Bty.marker had to be sent for.

Only Ede.Hdqrs. and 3rd.Battalion brought flags with unit colors.

Steadiness. - Good throughout.

Arms Drill. - The position of the slope was bad in places in each unit. Needs careful correction by Junior Officers. A little more pause between movements is desirable.

harching. - Step a little slow. Time of music for marching needs quickening a little.

Transport men and Cooks need some barrack square work.

They do not carry themselves well.

Transport. - Wheel drivers allowed wheelers to overrun leaders.

Dressing and intervals not up to standard.

Saluting of drivers requires much practice to obtain unison.

3rd. Battalion Transport made the best show.

States. - Pro-forma required for G.O.C's parade was not put in by lst.Battalion nor L.T.M.Battery.

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Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

AMENDIX V

Brigade Headquarters, 19th.October, 1918.

lst.Aust.Battalion. Brd.Aust.Battalion. Brd.Aust.Battalion. 4th.Aust.Battalion. lst.Aust.L.T.M.Bty. Brigade Camp Commdt.

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Notes on To-day's Parade.

General appearance and steadiness again good throughout.
Following points noticed during inspection and march past :-

Personnel.

1. Hair. - In all units several instances of long hair.

- 2. Puttees. Neat on the whole but in several cases incorrectly put on. Noticeable in L.T.M.B.
- 3. Puggaries. Still variegated in color and pattern. This will be remedied at once.
- 4. W.P. Sheets. Very carelessly put on in the 4th. Battalion. No uni-
- 5. N.C.Os. Many instances of N.C.Os being without arms. All ranks under R.S.M. (less No. 1's L.G.) will be armed and equipped in the same manner as the men.
- 6. Rifle Exercises. Position of the slope bad in "A" and "C" Coys... 2nd.Battalion and in Brigade Headquarters Details.
- 7. Dressing, Interval & Distance. Bressing usually good. Officers and Supernumerary Rank were not as good as the men. Rear ranks do not maintain their 2 paces distance but are inclined to crowd on front rank.

Transport.

1. Drivers do not yet understand position of attention nor is the salute smart. Brakesmen still "walk" rather than march behind wagons. Several instances of brakesmen having one hand on rear of limber when marching past.

- 2. Nosebags in 2nd BattalionSvery dirty, also steel work poor.
- 3. Marching and manoeuvre of transport was better than last time.

There is a tendency amongst the mounted Officers to sit very leosely in the saddle and to ride at the full length of the rein.

This means lack of control and is not correct. Officers must sit up and must keep their horses collected both at the halt and on the march.

A set of instructions for Brigade Ceremonial Parades and Reviews is being prepared and will shortly be issued down to Companies for the guidance of all concerned.

Major,

Brigade Major, let. Australian Infantry Brigade.