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<p>LISSIES Sheet 57^B 1/40000</p>	<p>1/12/18</p>		<p>Day dull but no rain. Church Parades - both R.C. + C.O.F.E. - were held this morning & well attended. Remount conducting party of 10 officers & 3 ORs. proceeded to Tavaud-Ludigny this afternoon in G.S. Wagons supplied by D.A.C. They will have travelled over 60 miles by the time they return but this appears to be unassailable owing to the rail heads being so far in rear due to demolition of bridges & by mines laid by the Germans in their retreat. A football match was played this afternoon between teams from the 41st & 43rd Blys & resulted in a win for the 41st Blys. A meeting of the Brigade Educational Committee consisting of two representatives from each Bly & B.M.P. was conducted this afternoon by the Educational Officer when preliminary arrangements were discussed w. regard to the Cadre being personnel left for R.B.A. this afternoon.</p>	

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<p>LIESSIES Sheet 57^B 1/40000</p>	<p>27/1/18</p>		<p>Day dull with light rain. The usual programme of training was carried out. Educational Officer (Major Armstrong M.C.) visited all Btys. today & delivered a short address explaining the proposed education scheme & calling for instructions in the various subjects to which he met with a ready response. The men appear to be keenly interested in this scheme.</p>	
	<p>3/1/18</p>		<p>The 41st Bty played a match at football (Australian game) against 39th Bty. & scored a good win. Day again dull with light rain. Most unsuitable weather for outdoor training. Bty. Commanders complain that rations are again very short & a conference at O.A.P. has been asked for to discuss the subject which is now becoming serious & causing discontent.</p>	

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<p>LISSIES Sheet 57 1/40000</p>	<p>3/12/18</p>	<p>(Contd.)</p>	<p>16 O.R.s proceeded on furlough to Australia today being men who had embarked prior to 28th Feb. 1918. Remount conducting party returned from Vaux auditing today & remounts handed over to 104th Army Bde R.A.A. Lt. Col. Spurge returned from 14 days leave to U.K. today & assumed command. Major Churner returned to 43rd Bty. Conference of Adjutants of 10th & 11th A.I.A. Bdes & Dac was held at D.A.H.Q. this afternoon when Canteen arrangements & supplies were discussed with Divisional Canteen Officer - W. O. R. 20 O.R.s returned to hospital today. Day dull & light rain. Major Ch. Turner, 43rd Bty. proceeded on 4 weeks leave to U.K. today. The usual programme of training this morning & Sports this afternoon has been carried out.</p>	

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LIESSIES Shak 57 ^B 1/40000	4/12/18	(Contd)	<p>Reconnoitre conducting party consisting of 13 O.Rs left for Vaux Audignin tonight - the balance of conducting party being supplied by 104th Army Brigade R.A.T. 2 Lt. H.R. Lawson reported for duty & posted to 4th Bty. W. Co. R. Fine & mild. Co. held Orderly Room this morning. Major D.S. Kitta M.C. of 41st Bty & Lt. H.L. Jacobs ^{MC} rejoined from leave. 90 R. rejoined ex Base (A.G.B.D.) 23 O.Rs. (Reinforcements) reported for duty & were distributed amongst units according to strength - W.W.R.</p>	
	5/12/18		<p>Fine & mild. The Adjutant visited 4th & 11th Btys. this morning & found them comfortably settled in their new billets. The men seem well contented with their lot & the animals are showing much improvement in condition due to be good grazing available about here. A meeting of the Brigade Canteen Committee was held this afternoon at which it was decided to pay a dividend to Btys & B.W.R. on a per capita basis of all monies in</p>	

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<p>LIESSIES Sheet 57 1/40000</p>	<p>6/11/18 (Contd)</p>		<p>Access of 10,000 francs the working capital of the Centre. Certain areas have been allotted to Btys. of this Brigade for purposes of salvage & today all salvage has been collected & dumped near the entrance to Willis. Capt. W. L. Sanderson of 42nd Bty. was today temporarily transferred to 43rd Bty. & to command during absence of Major C. B. Turner on leave. W.W.R.</p> <p>Day dull & misty. The usual programme of training was carried out during the morning. & the afternoon devoted to sport until the usual evening stables at 3.30 pm. Lt. R. J. Lomer of 111th Bty. proceeded on 10 days leave to Paris. Strength. 29 Officers, 697 O.Rs 153 Horses 295 LD. 110 Mules. Sick evacuations for the week only amounted to 6 which speaks well for the health of the men. which generally is most satisfactory. The animals also are showing rapid improvement in condition. W.W.R.</p>	

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<p>LIESSIES Sheet 57B 1/40000</p>	<p>8/12/18</p>		<p>Day fine + mild. Church Parades for both Coy 6. + R.Co. were held this morning + well attended. 85 Remounts for this Brigade arrived from base Andigny this morning + were distributed to Btys. by the Co. This now brings our establishment up to strength. Lt. L. Yates was of 41st Bty. was temporarily transferred to 111th Bty. during absence of Lt. R. J. Lerner on leave. <i>W.W.R.</i></p>	
	<p>9/12/18</p>		<p>Day broke with light rain which continued during the morning clearing after midday. Co. + Adjutant today visited area shortly to be occupied by this Brigade at Rosie + arranged billeting. The usual programme of training was carried out today. 10 Btys. returned to the Brigade today ex Base. <i>W.W.R.</i></p>	

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<p>LIESSIES Sheet 57B 1/40000</p>	<p>10/12/18</p>		<p>Day wet + cold. C.O. + adjutant today visited 42nd + 11th Btys. + found all satisfactory. C.O. held orderly room today. 19 Reinforcements reported to this Brigade exc Base. They are all new men + of good type. + have been posted to Btys. according to strength. The Brigade is still 78 short of establishment. Satisfactory progress is being made with the Educational Scheme + the men appear to be keenly interested. Today classes were started in Arithmetic, Shorthand + German + were well attended. W.W.R.</p>	
	<p>11/12/18</p>		<p>Day again wet + cold. The acting C.A. (Col. J. S. Williams) inspected horses animals at exercise this morning - all animals being paraded past him at Road junction. 5A9647</p>	

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<p>LIESSIES Sheet 57^B 1/40000</p>	<p>11/12/18</p>	<p>(Contd)</p>	<p>and he expressed his satisfaction at the condition & turn out of both animals and men. The animals are looking well & show a marked improvement since being in this area due to the good grazing that is available here, & the fact that they are under cover at nights & little work other than daily exercise. A meeting of the Brigade Recreation Committee was held this afternoon at which a list of Football fixtures (both Australian Rules & Rugby) was drawn up. It is intended that each Bty. should play each other Bty. three matches - 2 points to be scored for a win & 1 pt. for a draw. 7 Reinforcements reported to this Brigade, & were allotted to 41st & 43rd Btys. 20 lbs from T.Ms. were attached to 43rd Bty. from D.A.C. today. W.W.R.</p>	

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LIESSIES Sheet 57 ^B 1/40000.	12/12/18		Day wet + cold. The usual routine has been carried out in the forenoon + football matches played between batteries this afternoon. Preparations have also been made for the march tomorrow when the Brigade starts out on a three days trek for Rosée. Billetting Parties consisting of 1 officer + 2 O.R.s per Bty. in charge of the Adjutant left this morning to make billeting arrangements.	
	13/12/18		Again wet + cold. The Brigade started ^{on} en ^{route} route for Rosée this morning at 9.30 am. + billeted at Rance + Froidchappel for the night. C.O. inspected the column en route + found all satisfactory.	
	14/12/18		Fine but dull. Brigade continued on march ^{en} on ^{route} route halting at Phillipville for the night. The people ^{people} of ^{of} the ^{the} country ^{country} en route have been most hospitable + are very friendly disposed towards the Australians. It	

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PHILIPPEVILLE MAP. NAMUR 1/1,000,000	14/12/18		<p>is obvious that the Boche has been more lenient with the Belgians than with the French & food is much more plentiful than on this side of the border, which has been fully availed of by our boys whose rations are somewhat light these days. Comfortable billets have been obtained here & all Btys. compact.</p> <p>Strength - 29 Officers 713 ORs. 503 Horses 115 Mules.</p>	
AGIMONT	15/12/18		<p>Day fine & dull. The Brigade continued on march at 10.30 am. intending to proceed to Rossie which was to have been our area but on arrival of the Billetting party it was found that it was impossible to billet a Brigade in the area allotted to us & that the most of the billets available were insanitary. Permission was obtained from D.A. H.Q. to go to</p>	

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AGIMONT MAP-NAMUR 1/1000000	15/7/18		another area + accomodation was eventually found in Agimont for B.H.Q. 41 st & 42 nd Btys. + in Gochevie for 43 rd + 111 th Btys. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales inspected the Column en route today. W.W.R.	
	16/7/18		<p>Wet + cold. The day has been spent in settling down + finding cover for horses which there had not been time to do the previous day. Stabling has been procured for all horses of B.H.Q. + 41st & 42nd Btys. + the accomodation for the men is good. 111th Bty. moved to Souline as the accomodation in Gochevie was insufficient for more than one Bty. 111th Bty. are now comfortably billeted + have all horses under cover.</p> <p>Lieut G.C. Garwin of 111th Bty. + Lieut C.P. Samit of 42nd Bty. proceeded on 14 days leave to U.K. today. CO + Adjutant visited Btys. today. W.W.R.</p>	

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AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/1000000	17/12/18		<p>Fine day but dull. All Btys. busy settling down in new billets + cleaning vehicles + equipment. Another round of the Brigade Football Competition was played this afternoon - in both Rugby + Australian Rules. Lt. H. J. Harlock today took over the duties of Educational Officer from Major Asm. Stevenson M.C. + every endeavour is being made to further this scheme. - Owing to the dispersal of the Brigade, Brigade classes are going to be difficult to assemble + for the present only Bty. classes are being carried on in such subjects as Arithmetic, English, French + German. Lt. H. J. Harlock + Bde Major visited B.H.Q. today.</p> <p>Day fine. Cleaning harness + vehicles + settling down has occupied most of the morning. Football matches were played this afternoon + are creating some excitement amongst Btys.</p>	

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ABIMONT Sheet NAMUA 1/100000	18/12/18	(Contd)	A conference of all Subaltern Officers of the Division was held at D.A.H.Q. this afternoon when they were addressed by the Brigade Major on the Educational Scheme & Demobilisation - W.W.R.	
	19/12/18		Day dull & wet. Cleaning of harness & vehicles proceeded with this morning. Football matches played this afternoon - W.W.R.	
	20/12/18		Day dull & wet. Co. inspected 41st & 42nd B Coy. this morning. Another round of Brigade Football Competition played this afternoon. Strength - 29 Officers 713 O.R. 157 Poles 344 LD. 115 Mules. The health of the man is good. Rations continues to be somewhat light but are improving. Unfortunately Canteen supplies are held up some mules back. W.W.R.	

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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>27/11/18</p>		<p>Day cold & wet. C.O. & Adjutant inspected 43rd & 111th Btys. this morning. & found all very satisfactory. All Btys. have now settled down in their new area both men & animals are very comfortable. The boys appear to have made a very good impression on the local civilians who are most anxious to do all they can for the comfort of the troops. W.R.P.</p>	
<p>27/11/18</p>			<p>The usual Protestant & Roman Catholic Church Parades were held this morning. & well attended. Football matches were played this afternoon. - 41st Bty. defeating the 111th Bty & 43rd Bty gaining a win over the 41st Bty. This gives the 41st Bty. the Brigade Premiership. Matches have yet to be arranged between Brigades & D.A.C. The acting G.O.C. (Genl. W. H. Burgess) visited B.H.P. this afternoon. W.R.P.</p>	

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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMOR 1/100000</p>	<p>23/1/44</p>		<p>Day cold + wet. The usual parades were held this morning & cleaning of harness & vehicles proceeded with. Preparations are also being made for Xmas when it is intended to hold the usual Xmas dinner. The Canteen is experiencing difficulty in getting Xmas supplies but Bkys. have managed to obtain a good supply of necessaries from near by towns. The Educational Scheme is being proceeded with & good progress is reported. It is this week intended to establish classes in Elementary French, German, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, & Fitting & Turning, the necessary accommodation having been acquired for same.</p> <p>W. W. R.</p>	

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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>24/17/18</p>		<p>Day wet + cold. The usual parades were held this morning + educational classes carried out this afternoon. All Btys are busy making the necessary preparations for Xmas. + a good supply of eatables has been obtained for same. Canteen supplies are also now coming to hand. W.W.R.</p> <p>Day fine + mild. The CO. + Adjutant visited all Btys this morning to wish them the compliments of the season. The Bty dinners were a great success + all spent a most enjoyable day. W.W.R.</p> <p>Day dull + cold but no rain. + 111th Btys held a sports meeting this afternoon which was very successful.</p>	

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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>27/12/18 (Contd)</p>		<p>In addition the 43rd Bty. entertained the children of Gochenee at a Xmas party in the local school which was greatly appreciated by the civilians & has created a bond of friendship between them & the Australian troops. It is the intention of the other Btys. of the Brigade to give a similar treat to the children of the villages in which they are billeted on New Years Day.</p> <p>Day cold & wet. The acting C.A. (Colonel J.C. Williams) visited the Brigade today & inspected the Btys. in company with the Adjutant. & expressed his satisfaction with the condition of things generally.</p> <p>Strength: - 29 Officers. 703 O.Rs. 157 Horses. 943 LD 1157 Mules.</p> <p>The health of the troops is good. A few cases of influenza are reported but not serious. Animals are also in good condition. - W.W.R.</p>	

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AGIMONT SHUT NAMUR 1/100000	28/12/18		<p>Day, wet & cold. The usual parades were held this morning. The acting G.O.C. (Genl. W. H. Burgess) inspected the Btys. of the Brigade in company with the C.O. this morning & expressed his satisfaction with things generally. 8 O.Rs. proceeded on draft to Australia this morning, being our allotment of early 1915 men. Advice was received today that Capt W. L. Sanderson at present in command of 43rd Bty. had been awarded the M.C. for meritorious service in the attack on the Duse-Sambre Canal, when he, while acting as liaison officer with a Battalion of the 32nd Division, was instrumental in putting an enemy machine gun, which was holding up the crossing of the Canal, out of action - W. L. S.</p>	

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AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000	29/1/18		<p>Day wet + cold. Church parades for both Protestant + R.C. denominations were held this morning & were well attended. This afternoon Major Chaplain A. M. Stevenson M.C. started a Bible Class at which there was a fair attendance.</p>	
	30/1/18		<p>Showery. The usual parades were held this morning. The care of animals + cleaning of vehicles ^{+ harness} occupies most of the parade hours these days. An endeavour is being made to clean up the streets of this village in which the Btys. are assisting. Preparations are being made for the New Year festivities when it is intended to have a fête for the children of the village, sports + a dance. Suitable toys + eatables for the children have been secured from Brussels. The 45th Batn. Band has also been engaged for the occasion.</p>	<p>W.W.R.</p>

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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>31/12/18</p>		<p>Day fire. 8 ORs of this Brigade were today presented with Military medals by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Bloemnes. The Co. attended the investiture. The usual daily routine has been carried out in the Bty today & tonight the Old year was wound up with a Ball in the local school which afforded great pleasure to the boys & the civilians of the village alike. Thus ends the last year of the war & the ardent hope of all ranks is that this time next year will find us all bled in peaceful & plentiful Australia. W.W.R.</p>	
			<p>W.W. Rose Lt ADJUTANT, 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Lieutenant-Colonel, COMMANDING, 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F.</p>

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<p>AGIMONT Dist NAMUR 1/100000</p>			<p>Review of Month of December 1918</p> <p>After a stay of a fortnight at Liessies the Brigade on 13th inst. continued on its march towards the Rhine, halting just East of the Meuse where it is now comfortably billeted in Agimont, Gochevée & Soule. Apart from the necessary stable parades & care of equipment the time of the men has mostly been devoted to sport & Educational classes. These latter are making satisfactory progress & include such subjects as English, French, German, Arithmetic, Shoehand, Fitting & turning, Shoeing & Veterinary - all of which are creating general interest & being well attended. Football competitions in Rugby, Soccer & Australian Rules have been played throughout the month & the Brigade has been able to hold its own against all comers. During the Xmas festivities</p>	

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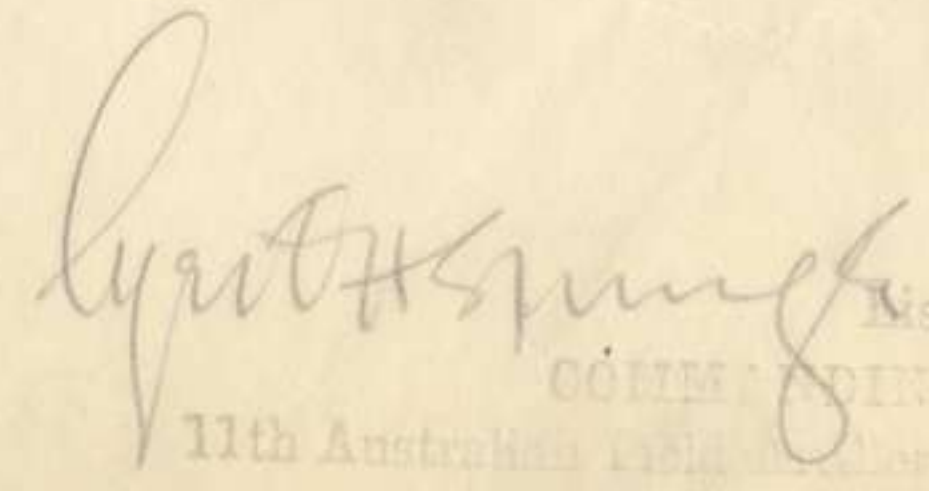
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(Erase heading not required.)

11th Aust. I. A. Bde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Review of Month of December 1918 (Contd.)	
			<p>Sports meetings ^{+ dances} have been successfully held & greatly appreciated by both the troops & civilians alike.</p> <p>The health of the troops is good & they are comfortably billeted & very hospitably received by the civil inhabitants.</p>	
			<u>Casualties.</u>	
			Personnel - 20 O.Rs. Evacuated to Hospital sick.	<u>20</u>
			Animals - 8 L.D. evacuated	<u>10</u>
			2 L.D. destroyed.	
			<u>Reinforcements.</u>	
			Personnel - 26 O.Rs. Rejoined ex Base	2 Officers <u>83</u> O.Rs.
			1 off. 8 O.Rs. " " Hospital.	
			1 off. 49 O.Rs. taken on strength	
			Remounts - 5 Hides, 67 L.D + 13 Mules.	<u>85</u>


 Lieutenant-Colonel,
 COMMANDING,
 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F.

WAR DIARY

OF

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE..

FOR

DECEMBER . . . - 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	- Inspection by C.R.A. on 10.12.1918.
2.	- March Instructions for move on 13.12.1918.
3.	- March Instructions for move on 14.12.1918.
4.	- March Instructions for move on 15.12.1918.
5.	-- 'Xmas Greetings from General Birdwood.
6.	- 'Xmas Greetings from G.O.C, 4th. Aust. Div..
7.	- Congratulatory from 27th. Div. U.S.A., A.E.F..

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11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE	
No.	64290
Date	

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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Headquarters,
10th. Dec., 1918.

- 41st. Battery .
- 42nd. Battery.
- 43rd. Battery.
- 11th. Battery.
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Reference Sheet - NAMUR - 1/100,000.

1. The C.R.A. will make an inspection of animals of 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade at exercise to-morrow, 11th. instant.
2. All animals with the exception of those on sick lines, and those required for duty, will be paraded.
3. Heads of Battery Columns will pass starting point in accordance with the instructions contained in March Table hereto.
4. All Officers with the exception of one (1) per Battery will be present on parade.
5. Columns will march in half Sections, distances of 100 yards being maintained between Batteries.
6. Men will wear greatcoats with bandoliers outside. Special attention will be paid to saddlery. Led horses to be fitted with head collars, and properly bitted.
7. In the absence of C.O., on duty, Major D.O.L Kitto, "MG". will act as B-rigade Commander, and will report at Starting Point at the time laid down for column to pass.
8. Acknowledge.

W.W. Rose

Lieut. ADJUTANT.
For C.O., 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

MARCH TABLE

Bty.	Starting Point.	Time to pass starting pnt.	Route.
42nd. Bty.		1000.	Starting Point -
43rd. Bty.	Road Junction	1005.	Road Junction &
43rd. Bty.	5 A 9647.	1010.	5 B 2157 -
11th. Bty.		1015.	Wagon Lines.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE11TH
AUSTRALIAN
F.A. BRIGADE.No. 24309
Date.....Headquarters,
11th. December, 1918.

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41st. Battery.
42nd. Battery.
43rd. Battery.
11th. Battery.
-----Reference Instruction No.4. issued under
4th. Aust. D.A. Order No.217, attached
-----1. BILLETING PARTIES -Billeting Parties consisting of 1 Officer
and 2 Other Ranks (MOUNTED) with 48 hours rations, will report
to Adjutant at Road Junction at 5.B.4146 at 1030 hours, on
12th. instant.2. TRANSPORT -One (1) G.S. Wagon will be available per Battery.
These will report to Batteries on afternoon of 12th. instant,
and will be returned to D.A.C. on afternoon of 15th. instant.3. ORDER OF MARCH -Reference March Table accompanying Instruction
No.4. issued under 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery Order No.217.
Order of March for 13th. instant will be :-42nd. Battery.
41st. Battery.
43rd. Battery.
11th. Battery.Head of Column will pass Road Junction at 5.B.4146 at 1010
hours on 13th. instant.4. SECOND LINE TRANSPORT -Second Line Transport (except 42nd.
Battery) will fall in in rear of 11th. Battery at Road Junction
at 5.A.9747, leaving sufficient distance for 42nd. Battery
Transport to fall into column at Road Junction at 5.B.4146.
43rd. Battery will detail an Officer to take charge of this
transport.5. SANITATION & STORES -Certificates to the effect that all
Billets have been left clean and sanitary, also that no stores
have been left behind at LIESSIES, or at villages occupied en
route, will be forwarded to reach this office by 6.p.m., on
15th. instant.6. SYNCHRONISATION -Correct time will be available from orderly
from Brigade Headquarters, tomorrow night, 12th. instant.7. ACKNOWLEDGE -

W. W. Rose

Lieut.
ADJUTANT..For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade...

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADEHeadquarters,
14th. December, 1918.
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41st. Battery.
42nd. Battery.
43rd. Battery.
11th. Battery.
-----BRIGADE ORDER

1. INTENTION - The March will be resumed to-morrow, 14th. instant to PHILLIPVILLE Area.
2. ROUTE - As per 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. March Table, Instruction No.4., Order No.217,
3. STARTING POINT - Brigade Starting Point will be Cross Roads, under last "E" in FROIDCHAPELLE. Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 10.10..
4. ORDER OF MARCH - The order of march will be as under :-
 Brigade Headquarters.
 Brigade Signal Sub-Section.
 43rd. Battery.
 11th. Battery.
 41st. Battery.
 42nd. Battery.
5. SECOND LINE TRANSPORT - The 42nd. Battery will detail an Officer to take charge of Second Line Transport. He will collect all vehicles at the Starting Point.
 Officers Commanding Batteries will issue Instructions that all Second Line Transport, under the charge of an N.C.O., will report to the officer in charge of Transport at Starting Point.
 All vehicles of Second Line Transport must keep correct distances. No unauthorised men will ride on transport unless in possession of a permit from the Medical Officer.
6. REFILLING POINT - Refilling Point for 14th. Inst. will be PHILIPPEVILLE.
7. REPORTS - All reports to be made to Head of Column.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE -

E. L. Smith
Lieut.
 ADJUTANT,
 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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Headquarters, 14th. December, 1918.

- 41st. Battery.
- 42nd. Battery.
- 43rd. Battery.
- 111th. Battery.
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BRIGADE ORDER

1. INTENTION - The march will be continued to-morrow, 15th. Inst., by moving into the ROSEE Area.
2. ROUTE - As per 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery March Table, attached Instruction No.4. issued under Order No.217..
3. STARTING POINT - Brigade Starting Point will be Junction of FLORENNES - ROSEE Roads. Head of Column will pass at 11-20am
4. ORDER OF MARCH - Order of March will be as under :-
 Brigade Headquarters.
 Brigade Signal Sub-Section.
 42nd. Battery.
 41st. Battery.
 111th. Battery.
 43 rd. Battery.
 2nd. Line Transport.
5. SECOND LINE TRANSPORT - As for to-day. Officer to be supplied by 111th. Battery.
6. REFILLING POINT - Refilling Point will be CORENNE.
7. REPORTS - All Reports to be made to Head of Column.
8. MARCH DISCIPLINE - Battery Commanders will please arrange that their Batteries are inspected before moving off, as many irregularities were noticed on the march of 13th. and 14th.. Mens equipment should be carried on the men, not hung on trail handles, rocking bar sights, etc.. Trails and perches are not provided as seats. Both officers and N.C.O's. appear to take no notice of, or correct these faults.

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ADJUTANT,
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.
No. <i>RH523</i>
Date.....

Headquarters.
12th. Dec., 1918.

- 41st. Battery.
- 42nd. Battery.
- 43rd. Battery.
- 11th. Battery.
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One Lorry will be available for this Brigade, on "C" day of the move (15th. instant.) to carry superfluous gear that will not be required on the march.

at 7 AM

one quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a load is allotted to each Battery.

Dumps of the above gear will be made as follows :-

- (1) At No.23, (medic al Room) LIESSIES for 41st. Battery and 43rd. Battery.
- (2) At 11th. Battery's present position, ~~xxxx~~ (5.A.9487.) for 42nd. Battery and 11th. Battery

Each Battery will supply one man with 72 hours rations as a guard to their respective dumps.

U R G E N T - Batteries will notif-y this office to-night by return runner if they wish to avail themselves of the above transport.

E. Smith
Lieut.
for ADJUTANT.

11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade..

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Headquarters, A.I.F.,
Care H.Q., Fifth Army,
25th December, 1918.

The following message from the G.O.C., A.I.F.,
to all members of the Australian Imperial Force, is notified for
information :-

" I send most hearty greetings and good wishes for
Christmas to every member of the A.I.F., for all can
indeed look back with satisfaction to the magnificent
work that has been accomplished. I trust that all
may have many a still happier Christmas and prosperity
for many a long year to come when they reach their homes."

W.R. BIRDWOOD".

H.D. Wynter

Lieut.-Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Special Order by

Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O.,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

" I wish all ranks of the Division the best of Good Wishes and compliments of the season on this, probably the last, Christmas we shall be together. I also wish all a quick and happy return to their beloved Australia and a very happy New Year.

I also have to thank most deeply all my Comrades of the Division for their glorious work during 1918. The loyal co-operation and untiring zeal of Staffs and Commanders of all grades, and the devoted, unflinching gallantry of all ranks during a most trying and difficult period, resulted in the 4th Australian Division enhancing in no small degree, not only its own fine reputation, but also that of the Australian Corps. I am sure that in any work that may be before us prior to demobilization every Officer and Man will do his best to keep unscathed the great reputation, which the Division has worked and fought so hard to gain.

HEADQUARTERS,
4th Aust. Div.,
23rd December 1918.

(Sgd) E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN.
Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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HEADQUARTERS 27th DIVISION U.S.A., A.E.F.

FRANCE,
Nov. 30th '18.

From Major-Gen. John F. O'RYAN, Commdg. 27th AMERICAN Div..
To Commdg. General, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.
Subject Commendation.

1. Acknowledgement is made of the excellence of the supporting Artillery service rendered by the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery to this Division during all the operations of the period from September 26th to October 23rd.. That the Brigade served so creditably in the great battle for the breaking of the HINDENBURG LINE is a substantial honor; that the excellence of its Gunnery technique, and the courage and tactical skill of its Officers and men were so fully demonstrated, and contributed so substantially to the great result, constitutes a greater honour.
2. The 27th Division U.S.A. conveys its congratulations, and its best wishes for the future.

(Sgd.) JOHN F. O'RYAN,
Major-General.

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.) & Copy per
 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.) Ety. &
 4th Aust. D.A.C..) Sect. D.A.C..

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For information and promulgation to all ranks.

Handwritten signature

Major,
Brigade-Major,

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.,
17th December 1918.