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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000 5J5098.</p>			<p>11th Aust. F. A. Brigade - <u>Reviews for month of February, 1919.</u> Brigade has been billeted during the month as follows:- B.H.G. & 41st Bty } AGIMONT 43rd Bty ... GOCHENÉE 42nd Bty. } 111th Bty SOULME</p> <p>The period under review has been a busy one as regards reduction of equipment etc. All guns, vehicle & equipment - less that requires for rations, have been withdrawn as follows -</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1st Section</td> <td>to Base CALAIS.</td> <td>-</td> <td>9.2.19.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Section</td> <td>to</td> <td rowspan="2">} CHATELINEAU & there handed over to D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Div.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Section</td> <td>to</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Animals have been despatched to Base as follows -</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>on</td> <td>11.2.19.</td> <td>129</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>15.2.19.</td> <td>87</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>23.2.19.</td> <td>131</td> <td>Total 347</td> </tr> </table> <p>✓ sold by Public Auction at FLORENNES. 20.2.19. - 5 at DINANT 24.2.19. - 23 at GIVET 28.2.19. - 48 Total 76 { Prices varying from 800 to 2250 francs</p> <p>During first few weeks severe frosts made transport very difficult, but a thaw set in about 14th. Dance have been held regularly & have provided many pleasant evenings - 11th Bde. team proved themselves the Rugby Champions of 4th Div. Artillery on 22.2.19. A Brigade circulating library of some 200 volumes by good authors has been instituted & in cooperation with the Educational library provides plenty of scope for mental recreation - 40 officers & 240 ORs are ready to proceed with Quota No 13 for Australia - Health of Brigade personnel - Generally good, with a few cases of Influenza & 1 death (pneumonia). Rations have been fair & a good supply of comforts (Sax, cigarettes etc) was received during month - Strength as at 28.2.19. 290 off. 587 ORs & 217 Horses.</p>	1 st Section	to Base CALAIS.	-	9.2.19.		2 nd Section	to	} CHATELINEAU & there handed over to D.A.D.O.S., 4 th Aust. Div.			3 rd Section	to			on	11.2.19.	129			15.2.19.	87			23.2.19.	131	Total 347	<p>11th Aust. F. A. Brigade</p>
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<p>AGIMONT Reel NAMIR 1/100,000 S.J. 5098</p>	<p>2/19</p>		<p>Weather still severe. Roads very difficult for transport. Usual routine throughout the Pde. All animals exercised + grazed during morning + clearing of billets etc. carried out. 42nd Battery held a dance in AGIMONT Schoolroom which was well attended as was also the Cinema Show in the Recreation Hall. More snow fell during morning.</p>	
	<p>2/2/19</p>		<p>Nothing outside usual routine today. Snow still on the ground + roads frozen. Church Service held at GOCHENEVE at 10 am with good attendance. Belg. Interp. Court. de la BARRIE returned from leave.</p>	
	<p>2/3/19</p>		<p>C.O. visited A.S.C. regarding rations for the Pde. being drawn from HASTIERE LAVAU X instead of at CORRENNE. Arrangements have accordingly been made to do so from 6th inst. This will make transport difficulties much lighter. F.G.C.M. dealing with ANL in case of Dr. STOREY, IIIrd P.M. held at AGIMONT today. Capt. K.C. PURNELL^{no.} returned from leave. Capt. Briggs returned to 12th Field Ambulance. Pictures again shown this evening for the last time. The Pde. appreciates the help of the Y.M.C.A. in providing picture here for a run of 6 evenings.</p>	

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AGIMONT Sheet NAMOR 1/100000	4/2/19.		Same weather conditions prevailing - Usual routine throughout the day, i.e. morning - Exercising of horses & cleaning up of billets - Afternoon - holiday with the exception of stables at 3-30 pm. Lieut. H. F. LIPSCOMBE, 42 nd Bty. & Education Officer evacuated sick. Slight fall of snow during the evening -	
S. J. 5098.	2/6.		Nothing of interest to report. Heavy fall of snow during night 2/6 th - 2/6 th . STUCKEY & HOTCHIN taken on strength from A.G.B.D. Lieut. W. W. ROSE, mc. Adjutant returned from Nice leave.	
	7/8 th		Nothing of interest to report - Country still under snow & heavy frosts. Capt. H. L. Sanderson ^{O.B.E.} M.C. of 43 rd Bty. returned from special leave to UK today resumed command of 43 rd Bty. Belgian Interarcher (Comte de la Barre) left the Unit today (8 th inst.) on being demobilised - W.W.R.	
	9/7/19		Still fine frosty & snow. 1 section per Bty. left for Entrainning Station CHATELNEAU. This in accordance with reduction of Btys to 4 per Bty. Harness sent by lorry	

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ACIMONT Sheet NAMUR. 4100000 5J 5098	9/2/19	(Cont)	under charge of Lieut. C.P. Saint + guard of 1 N.C.O. + 30 P.O. Church service was held at COCHENEZ this morning by Chap. A.M. Stevenson M.C. + was well attended <i>W.W.R.</i>	
	10/2/19		Same weather conditions prevailing. Usual routine of Brigade carried out today. Lieut. I.P. Clarke M.C. proceeded on 4 days special leave for investiture by His Majesty the King - <i>W.W.R.</i>	
	11/2/19		Fine + frosty. Usual routine of Brigade carried out today. 129 "V" class horses were despatched to Base today. This will relieve the Btys. considerably who owing to the number of men recently repatriated having been working short handed - <i>W.W.R.</i>	
	17/2/19		Same weather conditions prevailing. Snow commencing to thaw. Snow precautions adopted in consequence.	

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<p>ACIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>12/27/19</p>	<p>(Cont)</p>	<p>Usual routine of Bde. carried out today. - A general reconnaissance of the Divisional area is being carried out by all units billeted therein. For this purpose Lt. J.W. Scott of 44th Bty + Lt. W.O. Pasfieda of 11th Bty have been attached to the 45th + 46th Infantry Battalions respectively during the reconnaissance. It is not known for what purpose this reconnaissance is being made but presumably for purposes of record. - A Brigade library has recently be started by Chaplain A.M. Stevenson + is being greatly appreciated by all ranks - W.O.R. Still fine + frosty. - Adjutant attended at 10th B. Coy. Flaviion today to present in case of Cpl J.W. Spillauer of 43rd Bty. The cases of crime in this Bde are very few.</p>	

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1919

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AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000	13/5/19	(Cont)	<p>Bty. Coms. today started on reconnaissance of this area from an Artillery Standpoint selecting probable Bty. positions, O.P. routes etc. The usual routine of the Brigade has been carried out in addition to preparations for despatch of another section of guns, vehicles, stores etc per Bty. tomorrow - W.W.P.</p> <p>Day with some rain. 1 Sec. per Bty. despatched today to Rosée en route for Chaklineau to entrain for Base. Ammunition being dumped at Rosée.</p> <p>Lt. G. McDonald of 43rd Bty. detailed as O.C. Train. All 'X' class horses of the Bty were today examined by V.O. & malleined prior to being despatched to Base. Bty busy packing harness of Section proceeding to base & making preparations for despatch of 'X' class horses tomorrow.</p>	<p>W.W.P.</p>

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<p>AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>15/11/19</p>		<p>Day dull with some rain. 91 Horses (the remainder of available "Y" class) were despatched today. They proceed to Florennes where they remain for the night with 4th Aust. Inf. Bde & move on to Chatelineau tomorrow from where they are entrained on 17th inst. Harness of sections despatched yesterday has today been sent to Chatelineau for despatch to Base. Bty. Commanders today continued reconnaissance of their respective areas. Owing to the number of officers at present away on various duties the work of the Btys is being carried on under difficulties.</p> <p>Day dull but no rain. Divine service was held today by Chaplain Ashe of 10th Bde. Bty. Commanders completed reconnaissance of their respective areas. Usual routine of Bde carried out nothing of importance to report.</p>	

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AGIMONT Sheet NAMVR 1/100000	17/7/19		Day dull with some rain. Bty. returned remaining ammunition to Dump at Rosie. Owing to show precautions having been adopted units are from today drawing rations from Coenne. Advice was today received of a large draft to proceed to Australia towards the end of the month - allotment for this Brigade 6 Officers, 15 N.Co. + 222 O.Rs. - w.w.R.	
	18/7/19		Day dull with some rain. 5 "Z" class horses were from 42nd Bty. were today despatched to Florennes to be sold on 20th inst. by public auction. The usual routine of Bty. was carried out today. + preparations made for despatch of remaining sections of guns, wagons.	
	19/7/19		Similar weather conditions prevailing. Usual routine of Brigade carried out. - Nothing of interest to report - w.w.R.	

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<p>ACIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000</p>	<p>20/1/19</p>		<p>Similar weather conditions prevailing. Remaining Section per Bty. & all stores & specialists gear was today despatched to CHATELINEAU en route for Base. Each section was accompanied by its Section Commander & the whole in charge of Major P. J. Redmond of 11th How. Bty. who is responsible for the handing over of all guns, vehicles stores etc. to D.A.D.S. The usual stable parades have been carried out today. Tonight a dance was held in the local school room as a send off to the boys who are shortly proceeding on draft to Australia. Lt. J. P. Clark M.C. of 42nd Bty. today reported back from special leave (King's) to UK. While dull & showery. V.D. (Major C. J. McKeenna) today inspected all remaining "X" & "Y" class horses of the Pugie for draft leaving tomorrow. Usual parades carried out.</p>	

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AGIMONT Sheet NAMUR 1/100000	25/7/19		<p>Weather still dull & Showery. 20 "Z" class horses were today despatched to Dinant for sale to be held on 27th inst. Lt. C.R. Saint of 41st Bty. in charge of the party. The finals of the Divisional Artillery Rugby Football Competition was played this afternoon at Morville, ^{against 10th Bde} & resulted in a win for 11th A.F.A. Bde by 11 points to nil. A dance was held tonight in the local school room & an enjoyable evening's entertainment provided. The Co. today proceeded to Brussels & as one of the representatives of this Division to attend the "Victory Ball" to be held there tonight - W.W.H.</p> <p>25/7/19</p> <p>Weather still dull with slight rain during day. 131. X+Y. class horses despatched to FLORENNES en route for Calais. Lieut. L.E. Bott as Conducting Officer. Usual routine throughout the Batteries. <i>Len</i></p>	

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AGIMONT Sheet Number 1/100,000. 5J 5098.	24/2/19.		Same weather conditions prevailing - Nothing of interest to report. Usual routine throughout the Batteries. Harness & equipment of last Section to be handed over to D.A.D.O.S. sent by motor lorries to Chatelineau today. S.S.I.	
	25/2/19.		Day generally dull with a few hours of sunshine at intervals. 8 horses returned unsold from DINANT Sale. S.S.I.	
	26/2/19.		D.A.D.V.S. inspected 68 mules & 60 Z class horses today preparatory to their being put up for sale on 28 th & 1 st March. These were all branded with sale numbers - also 22 horses from 10 th Bde & 11 belonging to Signal Section. 20 Animals from 13 th Coy. Field Engineers & 10 from Inf. Bn. also concentrated here prior to the coming sale. Palletting of these horses & their conducting personnel has been carried out by 42 Coy. S.S.I.	
	27/2/19.		Weather still dull, with rain during the day. D.A.D.V.S. again visited AGIMONT in connection with horse sale at Lynes - 32 horses were inspected by him & allotted sale numbers. S.S.I.	

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<p>Sheet NAMUR 1/100000 5J5098.</p>	<p>28/1/19</p>		<p>Snow fell lightly at an early hour this morning, followed by rain. It turned out a miserable day for the sale of Z class horses + mules by public auction in Givet. A total of 126 animals were sent from Pny. of the Bde. Bidding was very slow & only 48 animals had been disposed of at the close of today's selling.</p> <p>Field General Court Martial was held here today - on case of Driver James of 111th Pny - and one case each from 10th Pde + 4th DAC banked stores were drawn from FLORENNES today including a supply of cigarettes which were badly needed.</p> <p>Remainder of NCOs for NO 13 Quota for Australia leaving on 4th March examined by P.M.O.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Serr.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Guentzinger</p>	

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