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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917			
RENINGHELST	1st.	September.	PACK ANIMALS. 40 pairs supplied to 6th. Battery to assist in supply of Ammunition to guns. C.S. Wagons and TEAMS. 3 Supplied to 102nd. Battery for transport purposes.	CWA
	2nd.		Nil. Batteries came back to wagon lines.	H
	3rd.		A/Bdr. Bourne awarded Military Medal for galant conduct as per apendix "A". Enemy aircraft were very active but did no damage to this unit.	H
	4th.		2/LT. DUFFY J.L.G. and LT. KEENE R.O.C. reported from "Details" Lt. Duffy posted to "B" Echelon Lt. Keene posted to No. 1 Section	Sd
	5th.		Nil.	Sd
	6th.		Warned to be ready to move on 7th. but later advised xxx that move would not take place till 8th.	H
	7th.		Dumped all S.A.A. and Grenades at "CORDOVA" dump preparatory to move, under orders from Div. Arty. and prepared for move. 12 O/r reinforcements reported from A.G.B.D. & were sent 12 to 1st. F.A.B. 1 to	Sd
	8th.		Left RENINGHELST at 8.30 a.m. for WALLON CAPPELL. Arrived at WALLON CAPPELL at 1.30 p.m. and found no arrangements had been made for our stay overnight. Made our own arrangements and move into "billets" at OXELAERE about 5.30 p.m.	T.Ms. Sd (4 to H (D.A.C.
OXELAERE	9th.		XXX Left OXELAERE for ARQUES at 12 noon. Arrived ARQUES at 3.30 p.m. and established camps along roads in CLAIRMARIAS FORREST. Horse lines were on roads and bivouacs in forrest. Headquarters were billeted at a farm, where arrangements were made regimentally to lease a small piece of land for H.Q. horse lines.	Sd
	10th.		Resting till 11th. 29th	Sd
	11th.		MAJOR D.R. HARRIS Commdg. this column received notification that he was to return to Australia and handed over to MAJOR L.K. CUNNINGHAM who was appointed to Command (Temporarily)	Sd
	14th.		MAJOR D.R. HARRIS left for England enroute for Australia to relieve other permanent officers for Active Service	Sd
	23rd.		MAJOR CUNNINGHAM proceeded to England on leave. CAPT. G. HOGAN O.C. "B" Echelon assumed A/Tem./Comdg	Sd

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1st Australian D.A.C. Brigade. 1st Australian Division. Corps. 26th August 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	2nd Section 1st D.A.C.	1594	Bombardier, Reginald Francis Bourne.	<p>On Morning of 26th August 1917 S.E. of YPRES I was in charge of 30 pair of Pack animals carrying ammunition to 6th Battery.</p> <p>On arriving within 200 yards of ZILLEBEKE the party was caught by shell fire, one man being seriously wounded and several horses and mules hit.</p> <p>A/Bdr Bourne, who was some distance in rear, ran up and assisted to carry the wounded man into the shelter of a shell hole and then ran through heavy shell fire into ZILLEBEKE for a stretcher. I saw him fall twice but he eventually returned safely with the stretcher. Unfortunately by that time the wounded man was dead.</p>	No. 2782 Sgt. Tratt No. 2 Sec. 1st Aus. D.A.C.		

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CLAIRMARIAS.	24th.		93 O/r reinforcements marched in from A.G.S.D. and were sent 3 to Trench Mortar Bde. 7 to 1st F.A. B 3 to 2nd. F.A.B. 81 retained in this unit.	B 44
	26th.		Nil.	5+
	27th.		25 O/r were transferred from this unit to 1st. F.A. Bde. These were all men who had been in the D.A.C. for some time and were selected for general efficiency and good conduct.	5+
	28th.		NIL.	5+
	29th		Left CLAIRMARIAS for OUDEZEELE at 8 a.m. Arrived OUDEZEELE about 2.30 p.m. and pitched camp for the night.	5+
OUDEZEELE	29th.			
	30th		Left OUDEZEELE for OUDERDOM AREA at 7 a.m. Arrived OUDERDOM AREA about 12 noon and found our 3rd. Div. in occupation of wagon lines allotted to us but got settled down by about 1.30 p.m. Enemy aircraft very active in vicinity of horse lines. One bomb was dropped in our 3rd. Section lines and wounded 12 men (one believed dead but so far no official notification) and killed 4 horse and 4 mules and wounded 11 animals (6 mules & 5 horses) (2 of these horses died on 1st. Oct.	5+
	30th.			