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FLEURBAIX	1-6-16		<p><u>Training</u> Lieut J.S.R. MACDONALD and 1 NCO, 22nd Bty, proceeded to the Artillery School at TILQUES, for instruction. <u>Strength</u>. 1 OR transferred to 1st FA Bde 30-5-16.</p>	<i>at</i>
FLEURBAIX	2-6-16		<p><u>Divisional Gas School</u> 1 officer & 1 OR detailed from 24th Battery to attend Courses of Instruction at SAILLY Empire, on dates hereunder: 1st Course begins 5-5-16. Each Course last 2 days 2nd Course " 8-6-16. 3rd Course " 12-6-16. <u>Strength</u> 1 OR transferred to Hdqrs 1st A+NZAC.</p>	<i>at</i>
FLEURBAIX	3-6-16		<p><u>Car Drum Protectors</u>. Approval given for issue on scale of 6 pairs per Gun.</p>	GRD 30-5-16.
FLEURBAIX	4-6-16		<p><u>Supplementary & Emergency Communication</u> 3 "runners" detailed to maintain communication with Hdqrs 1st Aust Div Arty and 1 "runner" per Battery. 3 "runners" detailed by each Battery to maintain communication with Bde Hdqrs. Routes were reconnoitred. All despatches carried in Gas Helmet Satchel to ensure uniformity.</p>	<i>at</i>

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FLEURBAIX	5-6-16		A test was carried out by "runners" between Batteries in the line and Bde Hdqrs. Major HW RIGGALL proceeded on 8 days leave to LONDON.	AH
FLEURBAIX	6-6-16		Orders issued for the return of all Horse Rugs and Waterproof Capes to Ordnance. Lieut ER HOLMES proceeded on leave to LONDON - 8 days.	AH
FLEURBAIX	7-6-16		1 riding horse transfd to 1 st Mob Vet Section.	AH
FLEURBAIX	9-6-16		<u>Relief</u> 2 officers & 6 other ranks attached to 3 rd Bty in the Right Group, preparatory to relieving that Battery on the 15 th inst. <u>Strength</u> 1 OR transfd from 1 st DAC to 21 st FA Bde. Capt E.A.H. RANDALL proceeded on 7 days leave to LONDON.	AH
FLEURBAIX	10-6-16		<u>Equipment - Artillery</u> Approval is given for the issue of an additional Key removing jammed Cartridge Q.F. 13 & 18 Lr to each 18 Lr Battery. <u>Strength</u> 1 OR from 21 st FA Bde to 3 rd FA Bde. 1 OR from 2 nd FA Bde to 21 st FA Bde.	AH

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FLEURBAIX	11-6-16		<u>Instruction</u> 2 OR to 2 nd Army Signalling School at ZUYTPEENE for a 14 day course.	at
FLEURBAIX	12-6-16		2 nd Lt G.L. PATERSON proceeded on 7 day leave to SCOTLAND.	
FLEURBAIX	13-6-16		<u>Strength</u> 1 OR from 7 th Lofly Bn to 21 st FA. Bde. Major H.W. RIGGALL returned from leave.	at
FLEURBAIX	14-6-16		<u>Training</u> Lieut J.S.R. MACDONALD, 22 nd Bty, and INCO rejoined unit from Artillery School at TILQUES. 2 nd Lt E.R. HOLMES returned from leave of absence.	at
FLEURBAIX	15-6-16		<u>Relief</u> The 24 th Battery relieved the 3 rd Battery in the Right Group on the night 14/15 th June and took over the position (M18 a 6-8. Sket 36) from 0800 the 15 th inst. Details re handing & taking over were arranged between the Bty Cmdrs concerned, in accordance	at

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FLEURBAIX	15.6.16		<p>with orders issued by Right Group Commander.</p> <p>The 24th Battery is placed under the control of the Right Group Commander for tactical purposes.</p> <p>Telephone communication established with 24th Bty at M.18 A-6-8.</p> <p>1 Gun, 24th Bty placed under control of OG 22nd Bty, under Group arrangements. AH</p>	
FLEURBAIX	16.6.16		<p><u>Command</u></p> <p>During the absence on leave of Brigadier Gen. S.T. HOBBS, CB, VD, the command of the 1st Aust Div Artillery will be administered by Lieut Col A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE, CMC, DSO.; and the command of the Artillery Left Group will be taken over by Lieut-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, CMC.</p> <p>Leave Capt E.A.H. RANDALL returned from leave.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u></p> <p>5 OR ranks from 1st DAC to 21st FA Brigade</p> <p>6 OR " " Base Details, ETAPLES to 21st FA Bde.</p>	<p>DARO</p> <p>No 64</p> <p>14.6.16.</p>
FLEURBAIX	17.6.16		<p><u>Duty with Trench Mortars.</u></p> <p>1 OR to TRENCH MORTARS, 1st Aust Div Arty, for temporary duty as telephonist and instructor</p> <p>Steel Helmets issued on scale of one per officer & other ranks.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>Museum at Col</p>

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FLEURBAIX	17-6-16		<p><u>Attached personnel.</u> Capt R M HORE (A.A.V.C.) and batman having reported for duty from 1st Aust Div Hdqrs are attached to 21st F.A. Bde vice Capt W. YOUNG temporarily absent on leave. <u>Leave</u> scale of leave for 21st F.A. Bde reduced to 1 officer or OR on Sundays and on alternate Tuesdays commencing on Tuesday the 20th inst.</p>	<p>Letter ADVS 1st Aust Div Dated 15-6-16. Circular Memo Div Arty. 16-6-16.</p>								
FLEURBAIX	18-6-16		<p>1 OR transferred from 21st F.A. Bde to 1st Aust Div Sanitary Section as motor driver. Dated 19-6-16. 1 Gun, 24th Bty, placed in a position at # 31 C 8 1/2 - 2 Shed 36, under group arrangements.</p>	AH								
FLEURBAIX	19-6-16		<p><u>State of strength:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Officers</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Other ranks</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Total</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Horses</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">20</td> <td style="text-align: center;">447</td> <td style="text-align: center;">467</td> <td style="text-align: center;">386</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2nd Lieut G L PATERSON returned from leave of absence.</p>	Officers	Other ranks	Total	Horses	20	447	467	386	AH
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FLEURBAIX	22-6-16		<p>6 other ranks taken on strength of 21st F.A. Bde or from 15-4-16 and posted to 24th Bty. One blanket per man returned to Ordnance.</p>	AH								

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FLEURBAIX	23-6-16		<p>1 OR rejoined Bde Hdqrs from duty with Trench Mortars, 1st Aust Dir Arty.</p> <p>2 OR transferred from 2nd Aust DAC to 21st FA Bde.</p> <p>1 OR (AAYC) from attached 23rd Bty to 1st Aust Mobile ^{Vetry} Section.</p> <p>1 OR (AAYC) from 1st Aust Mobile Vetry Section to attached 23rd Bty.</p>	
FLEURBAIX	24-6-16		<p>Lieut Col G I STEVENSON, CMG, rejoined 21st FA Bde from command of the Artillery of the Left Group.</p>	at
FLEURBAIX	27-6-16		<p>2 Riding Horses transferred from Hdqrs 1st Aust Dir Arty to 21st FA Bde.</p> <p><u>Attached personnel (AAYC)</u></p> <p>Capt R M HORE and batman attached for duty to 2nd FA Bde during the absence on leave of Captain McDONALD.</p>	at

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FLEURBAIX	28-6-16		Lieut. J. G. KNIGHT returned from leave of absence.	AH								
FLEURBAIX	29-6-16		1 horse transfd to 1st Mobile Vet Sect - debility.	AH								
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