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OF

12th Army Bde. Aust. I. A.

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April 1919.
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Signature of Officer Commanding *W. P. Cohen Lieut. & Adj. for Major.*
Commanding 12th Army Bde A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Morialme Belgium	April	-	The 12 th Army Brigade is still in Morialme. Inclusive strength is now 16 officers 283 ORs & 2 horses	
		3	Warning order issued for 2 officers & 35 ORs to proceed with Quota 30	N ^o 1.
		6	Quota 30 marched out for concentration at Charleroi	N ^o 2.
		7	Strength 14 officers 242 ORs. 12 horses.	
		9	Allotment received for Quota N ^o 35 of 4 officers & 78 ORs. Warning order issued	N ^o 3
		11	Quota 35 marched out to concentrate at Charleroi for entrainment on 16 th .	N ^o 4
			Instructions received from 4 th DAHQ for Brigade to move to VILLERS POTERIE on 12 th inst	N ^o 5
VILLERS POTERIE		12	Brigade marched out to VILLERS POTERIE. Personnel all comfortably billeted with civilians	
		14	Strength 10 officers 149 ORs. 1 horse.	
		15/19	Nothing to report	
		20	Allotment of 14 ORs received for Quota N ^o 40. Personnel warned	
		21	Quota N ^o 40 marched out to Charleroi for entrainment on 23 rd	N ^o 6
			Strength 10 officers 129 ORs.	
		22/30	Nothing of interest to report	
		30 th	Strength 9 officers 124 ORs	
May			Nothing to report	
		7	Strength 8 officers 117 ORs.	
		9	Warning received for balance of Brigade to proceed on 10 th with Quota N ^o 52	
		10	Total strength of 8 officers & 117 ORs marched out to 'B' Du King Camp Charleroi	

EMBARKATION QUOTA N° 30

MEMO N° 1.

Headquarters.,
3rd. April; 1919.

Reference 4th. Div. Arty., G11/332 already issued.

1. NOMINAL ROLL.

(a) Nominal Roll issued herewith is purely provisional and has not been checked in this office.

(b) Rolls will be carefully examined and checked, and after 1000 hours on the 5th. inst a complete list of amendments necessary at that hour will be forwarded.

2. CONCENTRATION. Detailed instructions for concentration of quota will be detailed later but quota will be ready for entrainment at CHARLEROI on the 9th. inst.

3. OFFICERS Major. A.L. RICKARDS MC, & Lieut. F.P. MOUNTJOY will proceed with quota N° 30. Units will complete the necessary Demob. Cards and Q.l. forms already issued for these officers

4. Q.l. forms and Demob. Movement Cards for O.Rs. Units will complete the necessary Q.l. forms and Demob. Movement Cards already issued.

5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT The same instructions regarding clothing and equipment will apply as in previous quotas.

6. COOKS. Units will advise this office by 1000 hours on the 5th. inst of the names of any personnel proceeding on quota 30, who have had experience as cooks.

Edmund Allen Cohen
Lieut.

A/Adjutant, 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. Arty.

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QUOTA N° 30.

MEMO N° 2.

Headquarters.,
5th. April, 1919.

Reference (memo N° 1.
(4th. Aust. Div. Arty. G11/332 of 3.4.19.

1. Nominal Rolls of personnel ~~xxx~~ for quota N° 30 are issued herewith for distribution as indicated.
2. ORGANISATION. All personnel for quota N° 30 will parade at 0845 hours tomorrow in the square MORIALME, when blankets will be dumped at Brigade Ration Dump .
3. CONCENTRATION. Quota N° 30 will entrain at CHARLEROI at 0900 hours on the 9th. April. It will concentrate with the remainder of the 4th. Division Arty. portion at "A" Div. Reinforcement Camp under the following arrangements:-
 - (a) They will move to ORET by march route. Time of departure to be notified later.
 - (b) Time of entrainment at ORET is not yet known.
 - (c) All Officers kits and mens blankets will have been dumped at Brigade ration dump at 0900 hours.
4. OFFICERS will carry full kit, Demob . Movement Cards and rations up to and including the 8th. inst.
OTHER RANKS. will carry full kit as signed for in Q.1. form and rations up to and including the 8th. inst. also Demob. Movement Cards.
IRON RATIONS. 24-hours iron rations will be carried. These will not be consumed without instructions from O.C. quota.
5. A.Fs B122 and Original Copies of Q.1s will reach this office by 1800 hours today the 5th. inst
6. LIEUT. F.P. MOUNTJOY will take charge of personnel proceeding from this Brigade to ORET., Special attention will be paid to march discipline in moving from and to detraining and entraining points.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert MacLachlan
Lieut.
Adjutant, 12th. Army Bde. Aust. Field Arty.

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Nominal Roll of Personnel proceeding to U.K. with Quota N° 30 for return to Australia.

Headquarters.,
5th. April, 1919 .

PLATOON N° 12.

Major A.L. Rickard MC. *Major F. Levy.*
 Lieut. F.P. Mountjoy.
 1879 QMS Sanderson A.H.
 2014 Sgt. Rodgers R.T.
 20730 " Davies G.L.E.
 21339 P/Sgt. Fedrick E.W.
 20124 Cpl. Costigan G.B.
 22097 " O'Donnell T.
~~23099 " Vaughan V.W.~~
 1881 Bdr. Chappel G.L.
 20892 Bdr. Calder W.C.
 19525 Gnr. Gibb T.H.
 2040 " Martin A.M.P.
 1928 " Slavin F.
 2096 Dvr. Dunlop. A.J.
 27595 " Lewis J.B.
 26298 L/Bdr. Strawnan F.
 4823 Dvr. Harris J.
 6027 " Tyler H.H.

32917 Gnr. Reilly J.E.
 2089 Dvr. Wells L.E. (Cook)
 21140 " Hone W.C.
 1989 " Hall L.W.
~~21339 " Fedrick E.W.~~
 20357 " O'Sullivan J.
 2417 " Skennar E.A.
 30084 " Cowan R.W.
 21080 Gnr. Lawton J.
 21144 Dvr. McGave W.
 20865 " Richard K.O./.
 17243 S/S. Nash H.
 26563 Gnr. Hobbs A.T.
 29802 " Breckfield R.A.
 20764 " Ryan W.C.
 30311 Dvr. Tyson C.H.
 20876 Gnr. Simpson W.
 22671 Dvr. Hewby J.
 30743 P/Sgt. HANCOCK R. (Educational Inspector)
 27209 4/Bat. MASTERS H.

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Orwell Cohen

Adjutant, 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. Arty. ^{Lieut.}

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 " " 5) { Lieut. F.P. Mountjoy.
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12TH. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Nominal Roll of M.C.Os proceeding with Quota N° 30 on 6.4.19.

Headquarters.,
5th. April, 1919.

N°	Rank	Name	Subs Rank	Date Prom'd	Temp. Rank.	Date Prom't'd.
1879	QMS	Sanderson A.H.	QMS			
2014	Sgt.	Rodgers R.T.	Sgt.	30.10.18.		
20730	"	Davies G.L. M2	"	14.12.18.		
21339	F/Sgt.	Fedrick E.W.	F/Sgt.			
2012A	Cpl.	Costigan G.B.	Cpl.	18.11.18.		
22097	"	O'Donnell F.	"			
23099	"	Vaughan V.W.	Bdr.	22.6.18.	T/Cpl.	18.11.18.
1851	T/Cpl.	Chappel G.L.	"	3.3.18.	"	26.1.19.
20892	Bdr.	Caldor W.C.	"	26.7.18.		
28298	L/Bdr.	Strawhan P.	L/Bdr.	11.8.18.		
30263	T/Sgt.	Hanceck R.	L/Bdr.	15.8.18.	T/Sgt.	21.12.18.

15.1.19.

O. E. Purcell Cohen

Lieut.

Adjutant, 12th. Army Bde. Aust. Field Arty.

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12th. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

EMBARKATION QUOTA NO. 35.

MEMO. No. I.

Headquarters
9th. April 19

Reference 4th. xxx. Div. Arty. GII/349.

1. The 12th. Army Bde. Aust. F.A. is allotted 4 Officers . 6 N.C.O. (min) and 72 other ranks. for the above Quota.

2. NOMINAL ROLL.

(a)

Nominal Roll issued herewith is purely provisional and has not been checked in this Office.

(b)

Rolls will be carefully examined and checked and a complete list of amendments necessary will reach this Office by 1800 Hrs. on the 11th. inst.

3.

~~(a)~~
(a)

CONCENTRATION.

Detailed instructions for concentration of Quota will be detailed later but Quota will be ready to entrain at CHARLEROI. on the 16th. inst.

4.

Officers.

Major. A.L. Rickard. M.C. 2/Lieuts. D. McVey. H. Williams and J. MacKenzie. will proceed on this Quota.

5.

Q.I. Forms and Demob. Movement Cards. Units will complete the necessary Q.I. forms and Demob. Movement Cards for all Ranks.

6.

CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT.

The same instructions regarding clothing and equipment will apply as in previous Quotas.

7.

COOKS.

Units will advise this Office by 1800 Hrs. on the 11th. inst. of the names of any personnel proceeding on Quota 35. who have had experience as Cooks.

Edward Cohen

Lieut.
Adjutant 12th. Army Bde. Aust. F. A.

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QUOTA N° 35.

MEMO N° 2.

Headquarters.,
11th. April; 1919.

Reference Memo N° 1.

4th. Aust. Div. Arty G11/308/1 of 24.4.19.

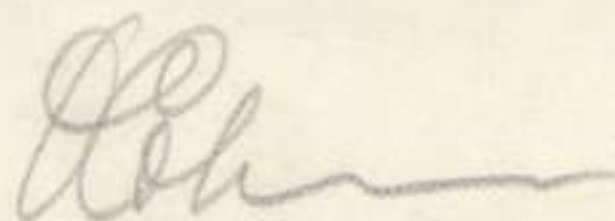
1. Nominal Rolls for Quota N° 35 are issued h-ewith for distribution as indicated.
2. ORGANISATION.
 - (a) All personnel for quota N° 35 will parade with blankets rolled at 0830 hours in the Square MORIAEME tomorrow the 12 th. inst.
 - (b) An officer of the quota will take charge of the quota and march personnel to the Brigade Ration Dump where blankets will be dumped.
3. CONCENTRATION. Quota N° 35 will entrain at CHARLEROI on the 16th. inst., at 0900 hours. This Brigade portion of the Quota will concentrate with the remainder at "A" Division Reinforcement Camp CHARLEROI under the following arrangements.
 - (a) They will move to ORET for this purpose by march rout.
 - (b) Time of entrainment at ORET to be detailed later.
 - (c) Platoon Commander will detail 2 G.Rs to remain as guard with kits

OFFICERS. will carry full kit, Demob. Movement Cards, and rations up to and including the 13th. inst.

OTHER RANKS will carry full kit as signed for in Q.I. forms and rations up to and including the 13th. inst. also Demob. Movement cards.

IRON RATIONS. 24-hours iron rations will be carried. These will not be consumed without instructions from O.C. Quota.

5. CAPT. L.E. S. BARKER MC will replace MAJOR A.L. RICKARD MC and will take charge of personnel proceeding from this Brigade. He will be responsible for the move from MORIAEME to the "A" Div. Reinforce't Camp CHARLEROI. Special attention will be paid to march discipline in moving from and to detraining and entraining points.
6. A.F.B.122 and Original Copies of Q.Is. (the latter for officers also) will be handed by units direct to Capt. L.E.S. BARKER. O.Cs units will please ensure that these are complete when handing over.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Adjutant, 13th. Army Bde. Aust. F. Arty. Lieut.

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18TH. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Nominal Roll of Personnel proceeding to U.K. for return to Australia with Babarkation Quota No 38.

Headquarters.,
11th. April, 1919.

Major A.L. Rickards PLATOON No 2.

✓ Capt. L.S.S. BARKER MC.	18438 T/Sgt. Mason A.
✓ 2/Lieut. H.F. WILLIAMS	15222 Sgt. Daniels T.S.
✓ 3/Lieut. H.J. McKEWAIN.	✓ 31468 Bdr. Callinan J.
✓ 37708 S/S. Parentholene J.J.	✓ 32253 Dvr. Bentley M.
XXXX X	3919 Gnr. SMITH R.G.
✓ 4553 Dvr. Parkinson L.A.	✓ 15086 Dvr. Thorley R.H.
✓ 37496 Gnr. Bruce S.L.	✓ 37424 " Johnson J.N.
✓ 32295 Dvr. Hyde C.	✓ 34337 " Fern A.F.
✓ 39708 Gnr. Skelson F.L.	✓ 31841 " Johnston C.B.
✓ 37427 " Knight H.M.	✓ 35907 Gnr. Redden J.J.
✓ 30224 " Byres P.A.	✓ 30322 " Gall A.
✓ 32541 " Crutchley G.	✓ 32264 Dvr. Crookford G.
✓ 32017 Dvr. Kinloch S.H.	✓ 31188 " Webb J.R.
✓ 31237 " Swan D.R.	✓ 34293 Gnr. Bousquet H.D.
✓ 32266 " Barbour G.F.	✓ 34967 " Dethridge J.H.
✓ 35416 Gnr. Hughes L.	✓ 37674 " Sangster F.H.
✓ 33636 " Powell R.H.	✓ 14676 Dvr. Smith A.
✓ 32288 " Lindsay G.I.	✓ 2872 Gnr. xxxxxxx Catley U.M.
✓ 35293 " Burton W.R.	✓ 36191 Bdr. Orchard H.D.
✓ 16127 Bdr. Parsons A.J.	✓ 34065 Dvr. Terry C.W.
✓ 1414 " Shakespeare H.	10010 Gnr. Walker J.V.
✓ 32022 Dvr. Coleman G.F.	✓ 21693 Dvr. Powell D.F.
✓ 22112 Gnr. Abbott J.W.	✓ 33234 " Rust J.H.
✓ 33296 L/Bdr. Edgecumbe H.R.	✓ 21389 " O'Connell J.
✓ 32286 Dvr. Webster W.J.	✓ 36169 Gnr. Heale A.
✓ 28703 " Hocker J.H.	✓ 32308 " Johnson S.
✓ 27463 " Gale L.	✓ 27730 Dvr. Dowling W.H.
✓ 29706 " Brockfield L.A.	✓ 15124 Gnr. Margison A.J.
✓ 27303 " Johnson W.F.	✓ 27465 Dvr. Kain J.
✓ 29616 " Teves W.	✓ 27645 " Chamberlain G.H.
✓ 34084 " Clark D.	✓ 28081 Gnr. Scott W.H.
✓ 3626 Gnr. Freak W.S.	✓ 28447 " Schmidt H.H.
✓ 26390 " Harle H.H.	✓ 30329 Dvr. Hill J.H.
✓ 30390 Dvr. Jones H.S.	✓ 25136 Gnr. Mooney E.J.
✓ 37468 Gnr. Wright G.V.	✓ 28036 " Crossing J.B.
✓ 37481 " Roberts M.H.	✓ 38214 " North C.F.
✓ 3886 " Pickering T.C.	✓ 3363 " Ryan J.F.
✓ 37280 Dvr. Watts L.J.	✓ 30169 Dvr. Burdett H.G.
✓ 37808 Gnr. Morris H.	✓ 32103 " McLean H.S.
✓ 32403 Dvr. Prichard D.W.	✓ 33264 Bdr. Stewart W.A.
✓ 14123 " Smith H.	✓ 27727 Gnr. Randall G.H.
27680 " Smith W.S.	

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12TH, ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Nominal Roll of N.C.Os proceeding with Quota N° 35 on 12th, April 1919.

Headquarters,
11th, April, 1919.

N°	Rank	Name	Subs Rank	Date Prom'd	Temp Rnk	Date Promoted.
16127	T/Cpl.	Parsons A.J.	Bdr.	4.7.18.	T/Cpl.	2.4.19.
21414	Bdr.	Shakespeare H.	"	13.5.18.		
33296	B/Bdr.	Edgewcombe H.M.	L/Bdr.	20.3.18.		
16435	T/Sgt.	Lason A.	Bdr.	18.1.19.	T/Sgt.	6.4.19.
15222	Sgt.	Daniels T.S.	Sgt.	1.3.18.		
31468	T/Cpl.	Gallinan E.J.J.	Bdr.	30.11.17.	T/Cpl.	25.2.19.
26131	Bdr.	Orchard H.D.	"	4.11.18.		
33264	"	Stewart T.A.	"	10.9.18.		

Robert Cohen / Lieut.
Adjutant, 12th, Army Bde. Aust. F. Arty.

12TH. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

BRIGADE ORDER N° 34.

MARCH ORDER.

Headquarters.,
11th. April, 1919.

N° 5

Reference Map NAMUR 1/100,000.
4th. Aust. Div. Arty. G11/348 of 7/4/19.

1. On the 12th. April, 1919 the 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F.A. will march to VILLERS-POTERIE under 4th. Aust. Div. Arty instruction referred to.
2. With the exception of party detailed in para 3 hereunder personnel of both units will proceed to VILLERS-POTERIE by march route. Lieut. E.C. BARTLEY EM., will be in charge. Strict attention will be paid to march discipline.
3. O.C. 45/46th. Bty., will detail 1 N.C.O. and 15 O.Rs to proceed by bus service tomorrow the 12th. inst. leaving the square MORIALME at 0900 hrs They will parade in full marching order, blankets rolled, and will carry unexpended portion of the days rations.
4. Personnel ~~xxxx~~ proceed by march route will parade at 0930 hours in marching order. Kits will be dumped outside Brigade Q.M. Store by 0900 hours under a guard of 5 men to be detailed by O.C. 47/112/B.A.C.
5. Officers kits will be dumped at Brigade Q.M. Store by 0900 hours sharp
6. 1 G.S. Wagon will report to each unit at 0930 hours for the purpose of conveying cooking gear and Q.M. stores only. Remaining stores will be picked up by Motor Lorry on its second trip.
7. Billets. O.C. are responsible that Billets are thoroughly cleaned before they are vacated .
8. These Hqrs close at MORIALME at 0900 hours ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and open at 1300 hours at VILLERS-POTERIE tomorrow the 12th. inst.
- 9/ ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, 12th. Army Bde. Aust. Field Arty.

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QUOTA N° 40.

Headquarters.,
20th. April, 1919.

Reference A/4 Aust. Div. Arty Group G11/360 of 15th. inst.
A/4 Aust. Div. Group R.D./605/1 of 17th. inst.

1. Nominal Rolls for Quota N° 40 are issued herewith for distribution as indicated.

2. ORGANISATION.

All personnel for Quota; N° 40 will parade in full marching order with Blankets Rolled at 0800 hours in front of B.H.Q. VILLERS POTERIE tomorrow the 21st. inst.

3. CONCENTRATION.

This Quota will entrain at CHARLEROI at 0900 hours on the 23rd. April., concentrating at "B" Div. Reinforcement Camp on the 21st. inst.

This Brigade portion will move to ACOZ by march route, ~~xxx~~ and on arrival there will report to Hqrs., 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. Brigade, who will arrange movement from ACOZ to CHARLEROI.

OTHER RANKS. will carry full kit as signed for in Q.I. forms and rations up to and including the 22nd. inst., and Demob. Movement Cards.

IRON RATIONS. 24-hours iron rations will be carried. These will not be consumed without instructions from the O.C. Quota.

4. Sergeant Wilmot will be in charge of personnel proceeding from this Brigade until reporting at ACOZ as in para 3.

A.F. 536, A.Fs. B. 122, Original Copies of Q.I.s. and Nominal Roll in quadruplicate will be handed to Sgt. Wilmot who will in turn deliver them to H.Q. 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. Group on arrival there.

Bohun Lieut.

Adjutant, 12th. Army Bde. Aust. Field Arty.

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