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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*13<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. A. Brigade*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTCAVREL.	1st. Jany.		<p>Dispositions still as stated on page 26, vol. 20. N.C.Os and men of all batteries and B.H.Q. had specially prepared dinners, and concerts were held in the evenings. Expense of dinners was provided from Divisional Canteen advance of fourpence per head, Regimental Funds distribution of £10 per battery and private subscriptions. All ranks attended these dinners.</p> <p>Lieut. F.N. JOHNSON rejoined from R.B.A.A. and posted to 113th. Battery.</p> <p>Interpreter de LONGCHAMPS transferred from Brigade to 13th. A.L.H.</p> <p>Strength of Brigade - 28 Officers, 785 O/Ranks, 453 Horses and 144 Mules.</p> <p>Cold and windy. Much snow still on the ground.</p> <p>Honours List No. 279 dated 1.1.18. contains names of members of this Brigade. Shown in Brigade Routine Order No. 220 dated 9.1.18.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>21/80</p>
"	2nd. Jany.		<p>Personnel being sent to ETAPLES for bathing. These arrangements to continue until 5th. inst. Still cold but dry. Not unpleasant. General health continues to be remarkably good.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
			<p>A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. &amp; L. Forms/C./2118/14.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Commanding 18th. F. Gds. 5th. Aust. Div.</p>

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MONTCAVREL.	3rd. Jany.		<p>Training commenced according to syllabus T8/13 of the 1st. inst.</p> <p>Slight fall of snow in morning and very cold.</p> <p>Brigade canteen doing very well. Daily takings about 1000 francs, and as the requirements of personnel fairly well satisfied, it is much appreciated. N.C.O. i/c proceeding daily to MONTREUIL for stores</p>	3/81
"	4th. Jany.		<p>Lieut A.G.MANN and 3 O/Ranks rejoined from hospital to 51st. Battery.</p> <p>Still cold and frosty.</p>	
"	5th. Jany.		<p>Series of Football matches commenced. This Brigade, for the present, competing with other Div. Arty. Units only. Finals to be competed for within the Division.</p> <p>Ground still snowed up. Games not very fast. They were, however, enjoyed and keenly contested. Each Battery played Rugby, Soccer and Australian Rules.</p>	

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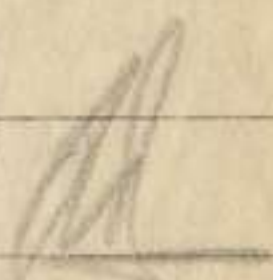
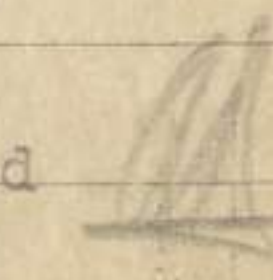
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MONTCAVREL.	6th. Jany.		<p>Major E.G.LISTER, 51st. Battery, Capt. A.J. FULLERTON-ANDREW, 113th. Battery, Lieut. C.E. GATLIFF 50th. Battery and Lieut. A.TAYLOR, B.H.Q., and 13th O/ranks proceeded on leave to ENGLAND.</p> <p>Following Officers therefore temporarily i/c of batteries :- 49th. Bty - Lieut. R.W. McHENRY M.C., 50th. Bty - Lieut. M.C. CLARKE, 51st. Bty - Lieut. A.G. MANN, 113th. Bty - Lieut. W.E.C. GREGORY.</p> <p>Slight thaw and ground getting moist. Some rain during the night 6th/7th. inst.</p>	
"	7th. Jany.		<p>Ground more sloppy. Stables are not very good <del>that</del> Floors have become muddy, and walls which are principally mud have broken away in places. Horses are doing very well.</p> <p>Capt. C.M. ORR returned from school at SHOEBURYNNESS and leave.</p> <p>Lieut. V.J. BRADY returned from Army Artillery School and rejoined 49th. Battery.</p> <p>Lieut. L. TRENERRY transferred to 5th. D.A.C. from 51st. Battery.</p> <p>Fuel issue has not been satisfactory since arrival here. Coal is only dust and consequently difficult to use, so small claims for stolen wood have resulted.</p>	
"	8th. Jany.		<p>Very heavy fall of snow during night and windy. Cold, but men enjoying it. Sledging again good and largely indulged in.</p>	

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MONTCAVREL.	9th	Jany.	Heavy fall of snow during morning, but it cleared in afternoon and thawed during night, consequently more sledging and tobogganning.	
	10th, 11th, 12th.	"	Batteries playing each other football. Syllabus of Training continued. Weather moderately wet and snow all gone.	
	13th	"	Bright clear day. 56 Horses and 41 Mules received. They were a very mixed lot - 2 were blind and 2 others quite lame. Evacuations will be necessary. They also came without rugs.	
	14th	"	Rained. Daily routine as before.	
	15th.	"	Rained all day. Divisional Artillery Sports Meeting at LONGVILLERS. This could not be continued. A small number of horses are suffering slightly from ophthalmia. About 5% of Brigade.	
	16th.	"	Wet and cold, but day improved. Lieut. R.W.McHENRY M.C. who has been commanding 50th Battery during absence of O.C., left for one month's special ENGLISH leave. Lieut. M.C.CLARK returned from PARIS leave and took over this Battery. Daily Routine as before.	
	17th, 18th, 19th, & 20th.	)	Weather improving and getting warm. Daily routine as before. Health of both men and horses continues to be remarkably good. Batteries still playing football.	
	21st	Jany.	Divisional Artillery played 8th Infantry Brigade football as part of Divisional Competition and lost. Brigade had 13 men playing in the team. Routine as before.	

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MONTCAVREL.	22nd	Jan.	<p>Parade of Divisional Artillery at LONGVILLERS for presentation of Ribbons and Medals. <i>by Corps Commander</i></p> <p>Out of 58 recipients the Brigade received following decorations - 1 D.S.O., 2 M.C., 1 Croix de Guerre and 35 Military Medals.</p> <p>50 Other Ranks per Battery attended. Nice fine day.</p> <p>5th Divisional Concert Party reported and established at RECQUES. Attached to 49th Battery.</p> <p><del>XXXXXXXX</del> Corps Commander (General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.) and Divisional Commander (Major-General Sir J.T. HOBBS K.C.B., V.D.,) attended their first performance in the evening at 6p.m. It was a good show.</p>	<i>by Corps Commander</i>
	23rd, 24th,			
	25th,			
	<del>XXXXXXXX</del> Jan.		<p>Weather remarkably fine and warm for this time of year. Routine as before.</p> <p>All in good health and football matches continued.</p>	
	26th	Jan.	<p>Brigade inspected and reviewed by the Divisional Commander (Major-General Sir J.T. HOBBS K.C.B., V.D.) about 500 yards North of ESTREE. A good parade, all looked well and G.O.C. stated that he was pleased. Only limbers brought out to prevent damage to roads and fields.</p> <p>Last performance by 5th Div. Concert Party, at 6p.m. They have been much appreciated and have given very good performances.</p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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MONTCAVREL.	27th	Jan.	Fine warm day. Brigade Church parade in square at MONTCAVREL.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	28th	Jan.	Fine warm day. 10 Officers departed to a CAMOUFLAGE SCHOOL at BOULOGNE, returning tomorrow.  Routine as before.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	29th	Jany.	Meeting of Brigade Commanders and Adjutants at Div.Arty.H.Qrs to realloft Officers.  A very good football match (Australian Rules) was played between 49th. and 113th.Batteries. An even game, won by 113th.Battery by a few points. It was very fast, showing that the men are fit and well  Many claims received from inhabitants of villages occupied by batteries of this Brigade. Most appear exorbitant. Those considered a fair charge to batteries were paid. Others, for damage caused by horses in stables, ground used for gun-parks, etc., which are considered not a regimental charge have been <del>referred</del> referred. One claim is for damage done during a fire which occurred on the night of 19/20th.January in a hay barn next to a place occupied by a sub-section of the 49th.Battery at RECQUES. Amount claimed- 2700 frcs. This has been enquired into by a Court of Enquiry and referred. It is not considered that the Battery is responsible.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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MONTCAVREL.	30th. Jany.		<p>Orders for marching back to the line issued (Brigade Order <del>xxxx</del> No.9).</p> <p>Canteen closed after having done exceedingly well and supplied the requirements of the Bde.</p> <p>Advance Party for billeting left for VERCHOCQ area under Brigade Orderly Officer.</p> <p>Becoming much colder and ground freezing.</p> <p>Lieut. A. H. MAHON rejoined from details and posted to 113th. Battery.</p> <p>All ranks have benefited immensely in health on account of the spell which has been much enjoyed.</p>	20/82.
	31st. Jany.		<p>This Brigade left the respective areas ( B.H.Q. &amp; 51st. Bty MONTCAVREL, 49th. Bty RECQUES, 50th. Bty ESTREE, 113th. Bty ALETTE) and head of column passed through ALETTE at about 7.30am. Marched through BIMONT, MANINGHEM to VERCHOCQ Area, a distance of about 14miles, arriving there about midday. Brigade billeted as follows :- 49th. &amp; 50th. Btys. at VERCHOCQ, B.H.Q. 51st. and 113th. Batteries at RENTY. Although horses and mules are very soft they stood this journey well. A very cold day but bright. Ground freezing hard but not very slippery. Inhabitants of villages sorry to lose the men of this Brigade. They have been very kind to the N.C.Os and men in many cases.</p>	

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*Syllabus of Training.*

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*March Orders for 31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y.*

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by  
Lieut-Colonel H.O.CADDY, D.S.O.

Commanding,

Headquarters,

9th January 1918.

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949. DUTIES. Orderly Officer for the 10th inst. Lieut. A.G.MANN.  
Next for Duty. " W.BRUNTON.  
Battery for duty on the 10th inst. 113th Battery.  
Next for Duty. 49th Battery.
950. PAY. It has again been noticed that batteries are taking too long in adjusting acquittance rolls after pay. Under present conditions there is no reason why acquittance rolls should not be sent to the Pay Sergeant on the day after personnel have been paid. B.Cs. will please ensure that this is done in future.
951. PARIS LEAVE. In future, when submitting applications for leave to PARIS, B.Cs. will see that the names of all applicants are printed in BLOCK ~~LETTERS~~ CAPITALS.

952. HONOURS. The following extracts from A.I.F. List No.279 of the 1st January 1918 are published for information:-  
Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Major V.H.GATLIFF 49th Battery.

AWARDED THE Military Cross.

Captain C.M.C.CHASE. 49th Battery.

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

No.6504 Bdr.W.H.RAMSDEN. 113th Battery.

The following have been "specially mentioned" for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty, by the Commander-in-Chief. Dated 7th November 1917.

Lieut-Col. H.O.CADDY, D.S.O.  
Major C.A.CALLAGHAN D.S.O.  
" V.H.GATLIFF D.S.O.  
" F.THORNTHWAITE M.C.  
2810 B.S.M.ALLEN W.E. 51st Battery.  
3335 Gunner C.E.BALCKE 49th Battery.  
2824 Sergeant T.E.BROWN 50th Battery.  
1043 ~~IE~~ Bdr. H.B.GIPPS 49th Battery (now Sergeant)  
3243 Sergt. F.W.WORRAD. 51st Battery.

The Minister for Defence, on the recommendation of the General Commanding A.I.F., has approved of the undermentioned promotions being made in the Australian Military Forces, for special meritorious work rendered on active service during the present war. To date from 24th September 1917.

To be Brevet-Major.

Capt. (Lieut-Col. A.I.F.) H.O.CADDY D.S.O. A.F.A.

To be noted for promotion to Brevet Rank of Major on attaining the substantive rank of Captain in the Aus.M.Forces.

Lieut. (Major A.I.F.) F.THORNTHWAITE M.C. R.A.F.A.  
Lieut. (Major A.I.F.) V.H.GATLIFF. D.S.O.

Authority : A.I.F. List No.279 of 1.1.18.  
Defence Cable WV. 166 of 8.12.17.

*Pruned to*

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Headquarters, 10  
1st January 1918.

Os.C.Batteries,

The following Syllabus of Training will commence on 3rd January 1918.  
The Time Table will be as follows :-

REVIEW.	7a.m.
STABLES.	7.30a.m.
BREAKFAST.	8.30a.m.
MORNING PARADE.	9.30a.m. to noon.
MORNING STABLES.	11a.m.
AFTERNOON STABLES.	3.30 to 4.30p.m.

While this Syllabus is to be adhered to, B.Cs. will determine the actual times to be devoted to each subject according to the requirements of the Batteries and the progress made.

Each morning, the Battery will be given at least 10 minutes foot-drill before turning into stables in order that the men may be warmed up. Foot-drill to the whole Battery is preferable to small squads when B.Cs. are satisfied that this can be done.

Every opportunity is to be taken of imparting instruction during the daily routine -i.e. Nos. 1 and N.C.Os. can make the ordinary marches from billets to stables and back again, instructive and again instruction in stable management, grooming watering and feeding is to be carried out during the stable parade.

Lectures on the subjects enumerated are to be given during spells and at B.Cs discretion. They will not be of longer duration than 20 minutes.

The subject of saluting is to receive special attention, saluting while riding, driving and standing to horses require special attention.

A special Signalling School is being held.

Syllabus will be issued later.

Battery Specialists who are not attending this school, will be trained under arrangements to be issued separately. This training, in addition to the Syllabus for the Battery will be composed of instruction and practices in use of Fullerphones, Buzzing, and daylight signalling. B.Cs will arrange for the training of their Officers and batteries in the subjects enumerated in sub-para.

(b) (ii) and (iii) of para. 13 of SECOND ARMY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ARTILLERY, No.57 (g)

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13th Aust.F.A.Brigade.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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DATE	TIME	TIME.	TIME
	7.30 to 8.30a.m.	9.30 to noon.	3.30 to 4.30p.m.
3rd	9,1.	3,8,13,10 and 1.	1
4th	9,1.	3,8,12,9 and 1.	1
5th	9,1.	Church Parade.	1
6th	9,1.	5,8,13,14 and 1.	1
7th	9,1.	5,8,7,12 and 1.	1
8th	9,1.	2,3,7,12 and 1.	1
9th	9,1.	4,6,5,8, 13 and 1.	1
10th	9,1.	10,11,13, 2,3 and 1.	1
11th	9,1.	11,12,7,8,14 and 1.	1
12th	9,1.	Church Parade.	1
13th	9,1.	12,9,5,6,14 and 1.	1
14th	9,1.	6,2,10,12 and 1.	1
15th	9,1.	4,5,13, 11 and 1.	1
16th	9,1.	6,7,8,9,13 and 1.	1
17th	9,1.	12,8,2,10, and 1.	1
18th	9,1.	13,8,9,14 and 1.	1
19th	9,1.	Church Parade.	1
20th	9,1.	4,2,11,12 and 1.	1
21st	9,1.	5,6,9,13 and 1.	1
22nd	9,1.	12,5,4,3, and 1.	1
23rd	9,1.	13,6,11,8 and 1.	1
24th	9,1.	12,7,8,9,2 and 1.	1
25th	9,1.	13,2,10,9 and 1.	1
26th	9,1.	Church Parade.	1

1. Stable Management.  
Methods of Grooming, Watering and Feeding Horses.
2. Harness, Cleaning and Care of.
3. Fitting Harness and Saddlery.
4. Backing of Equipment on Vehicles and Horses.
5. Hooking-in and unhooking.
6. Coming in and out of action.
7. Equitation.
8. Driving, including Saluting with the whip.
9. Foot-drill.
10. Rifle Exercises.
11. Guards and Sentries, including Picquets etc.
12. Laying, Direct and Indirect.
13. Gun-drill including gunnery.
14. Map-reading for N.C.Os.

LECTURES.

- Discipline.
- Gunnery.
- Horse Management.
- Sanitation.
- Interim economy including Organisation of Field Artillery, Regulations and Orders, Leave, necessity for passes and Esprit de Corps, Dress and Turnout.

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Headquarters,  
29th January 1918.

Reference Maps. - 1-10,000 HAZEBROUCK & GALAIS.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery in "B" Sector in the area of the Australian Corps Front between 4th and 6th February 1918.
2. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will move from the SAMER area to the VERCHOCQ sub-area on the 31st inst. This Brigade will march in accordance with attached March Table.
3. A distance of 100 yards will be maintained between Batteries.
4. Billetting parties consisting of 1 Officer and 3 O/Ranks per battery will report mounted to the Orderly Officer at B.H.Q. at 8a.m. tomorrow the 30th inst. This party will be 24 hours in advance of the Brigade. In each area 1 O/Rank will be left behind and will meet and guide their batteries to billets. This party will carry 24 hours rations and feed. Arrangements have been made for the rationing of this party in the different areas.
5. All latrine pails, wash basins, palliases, etc will be returned to the Area Commandant, MONTCAVREL and receipts obtained. All straw from palliases will be taken away from billets and carefully burnt.
6. The usual rear parties will be detailed and certificates obtained and furnished to this Office showing that all billets have been left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.
7. All G.S.wagons and pill-boxes, etc will march in rear of the column. The O.C. 113th Battery will detail an Officer to take charge of this convoy which will rendezvous opposite the Church in ALETTE.
8. If greatcoats are worn, haversacks, bandoliers, S.B.Rs., etc will be worn outside. Neck chains will be worn around the horses necks.
9. B.Cs will frequently inspect their batteries during the march and will see them march past in column of route. When passing through villages this Brigade will march to attention. The C.R.A. has directed that strict attention be given to March discipline.
10. The following transport arrangements have been made :-

Unit.	Transport.	Time to Report.	To be supplied by.
B.H.Q.	1 G.S.Wagon.	Noon on 30th inst.	113th Battery.
B.H.Q.)			
49th. )	1 Motor Lorry.	Early on 31st inst.	-
50th. )	1 " "	" " " "	-
51st. )	2 G.S.Wagons.	Noon on 30th inst.	49th & 50th Btys.
113th. )	1 Motor Lorry.	Early on 2nd February and will proceed direct to MERRIS Area.	

Batteries supplying G.S.Wagons will also detail Drivers and teams.

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MARCH TABLE.

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To accompany 13th F.A. Brigade Order No.9 dated 29.1.18.

UNIT.	STARTING POINT.	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.	ROUTE.	DESTINATION.
B.H.Qrs.	Road Junction 200 yds. S.E. of second "E" in <u>ALETTE</u>	7.30a.m.	BIMONT - MANINGHEM.	VERCHOCQ Sub-area.
113th Bty.	-do-	7.31a.m.	-do-	-do-
51st Bty.	-do-	7.36a.m.	-do-	-do-
50th Bty.	-do-	7.41a.m.	-do-	-do-
49th Bty.	-do-	7.46a.m.	-do-	-do-

Attention is directed to 5th Aust.Div.Arty.Order No.157 and Administrative Order No.25 issued herewith, and Administrative Memorandum No.11 issued on 19th inst.

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