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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*6<sup>th</sup> Army Brigade Aust. F.A.*

FOR

*February* 191*9*

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT.	2/2/19		One officer and 37 O.Rs. were sent to HAVRE for repatriation to Australia.	
	8. 2.19		In accordance with 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Demob. Order No. 1. Guns wagon etc of 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> 106 <sup>th</sup> & HQ marched out to CHATELINEAU for entrainment on the 9 <sup>th</sup>	No 4 attached
	11. 2.19		In accordance with Demob Order No 5 70 horses <del>taken</del> to AVESNELLES to be sold (all horses C2 class).	No 5 attached
	13. 2.19		In accordance with Demob Order No 6 all vehicles & equipment of 18 <sup>th</sup> Bty + BAC + water carts of 16 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> 106 <sup>th</sup> Bty proceeded to CHATELINEAU to be entrained on 15 <sup>th</sup> inst. for base. The horses employed in drawing the vehicles returned the same day completing a distance of 55 kilometers.	No 5a attached
	14. 2.19		Balance of units harness taken to CHATELINEAU by MT.	
	15. 2.19		The signal subsection marched out complete to Corps at HAM.	
	16. 2.19		10 officers 9 O.Rs 9 horses. Thirty eight of the horses sent to AVESNELLES on the 11 <sup>th</sup> inst to be sold were returned.	
	17. 2.19		Disc officers, 22 Sgts + 225 O.Rs were sent to HAVRE for repatriation to Australia. This quota comprised all the original men except a few exceptions. 122 Horses + 162 mules sent to BEAUMONT to be sold Demob Order No 6. Brigade HQ transfr to 106 <sup>th</sup> Bty, BAC transferred to 17 <sup>th</sup> Bty in accordance with Demob Order No 6.	No 6 attached

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BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT.	22/2/19.		310 "X" and "Y" class ropes left the Brigade for the Base Havre, as per Demobilization order to 12.	Demob. order 12. attached.
	24/2/19.		1 Sergeant + 22 O.Rs. were detached for duty with 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.D.O.S. CHARLEROI.	
<p><u>Fighting Strength.</u> 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1919. 43 Officers. 801 O.Rs.</p> <p>" " 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1919. 38 " 463 "</p> <p><u>Officers marched in:</u> Lieut. C. F. Kern-Brown from Hospital 14/2/19.</p> <p>2/Lieut. G. H. Martin " O.T.C. 5/2/19.</p> <p>" J. V. Somerville " " "</p> <p>" J. B. Brown M.M. " " "</p> <p>Lieut. A. L. Roberts M.C. " Hospital 15/2/19</p> <p>Capt. H. McKenna (A.A.M.C.) " 6<sup>th</sup> Field Amb. 22/2/19</p>				



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February 1919.			<p><u>Officers marched out:</u> Major F. H. Hebb. Quota 11. for Australia 17/2/19</p> <p>Lieut B. Macnamara. " " "</p> <p>" G. Rodd " " "</p> <p>" Brocklebank R. J. " " "</p> <p>" Patterson C. J. " " "</p> <p>" Heale L. K. MC. " " "</p> <p>" Currie A. B. To 2nd D. A. C. 19/2/19</p> <p>2/Lieut Hanby G. R. Industrial Employ. "</p> <p>Major Limson C. C. MC. Repatriation 22/2/19</p>	
			<p>Note: a file of congratulatory messages received by the Brigade are attached for reference.</p>	



## WAR DIARY

OF

5<sup>th</sup> Army Brigade Aust. F.A.

FOR

February 1919.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

*attached to original.*

No.	Subject.
1.	Photo. of 18 <sup>th</sup> Battery football team. ✓
2.	Demobilization Order to H.
3.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division " 26/10.
4.	Demobilization " 3.
5.	" " 2.
6.	" " 5.
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8.	" " 11.
9.	" " 6.
10.	" " 12.
11.	Congratulatory messages.



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C.E. JOHNSON - A.W.E.S.  
E.R.I.

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6th Army Bde  
A. F. A.

No. ....

Date

18<sup>th</sup> Battery Football  
Team.

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# Key.

- 1 W. J. Miller Tramer
- 2 R. E. W. Mattner Mc Wm Mm
- 3 S. Jenkins
- 4 D. Burr Tramer
- 5 W. J. Mitchell
- 6 F. C. Gross
- 7 W. Daniels Tramer
- 8 W. J. Sage
- 9 A. Bower
- 10 E. Scrivener
- 11 W. W. Forest
- 12 O. Vane
- 13 A. MacCann Tramer
- 14 B. Hollies.
- 15 C. E. Johnson
- 16 E. Thomas
- 17 J. G. Judgman
- 18 J. B. Reid
- 19 J. E. Kettle
- 20 Major. W. Treates
- 21 Mr. A. Trout.
- 22 E. Bowman.
- 23 J. G. Coleman.
- 24 J. J. Hood.
- 25 W. R. Judgman



SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

DEMOBILIZATION ORDER NO 4.

1. Demobilization Orders Nos 2 and 3 are cancelled.
2. Batteries have already received Australian Corps 8/991 and 2nd Australian Division 123/1/8.
3. The Units specified in Schedule "A" hereto will despatch their vehicles and equipment except as hereafter provided by train leaving CHATELINEAU on 9th inst. The Units specified in second column will provide transport to CHATELINEAU for such vehicles. Unit Commanders concerned will jointly arrange for personnel to transport the guns and equipment so as to provide sufficient men in each Unit for the care of the animals not used for transport.
4. The 16th Battery will send by M.T. to JEUMONT on 7th inst. two officers and 18 ORs. The ammunition of this Battery will be dumped in suitable shelter properly stacked at JEUMONT under the guard of the Sergeant and 6 ORs now there. The Officers and ORs proceeding on 7th inst. will accompany the vehicles to CHATELINEAU when transported by 2nd Divisional Artillery. Rations for this personnel for 7th and 8th inst. will be arranged by O.C. from the rations drawn at BEAUMONT.
5. All vehicles other than those referred to in last paragraph will proceed to CHATELINEAU on 8th inst. starting point being intersection of BEAUMONT-PHILLIPVILLE Road and GRAND PLACE. Starting time 0830. Route will be left to the senior officer with the column. Rations for 9th inst. will be delivered to the column at CHATELINEAU and Remount Stables CHARLEROI respectively on the night of 8th inst.
6. Each Unit will utilize its GS Wagons and Cobbs Cart for carting Unit Stores to the train. In addition one M.T. is allotted to 106th and 17th Batteries respectively. 16th Battery will use 2 GS Wagons from Headquarters and requisition on BAG for further transport required.
7. On completion of delivery of the vehicles to Entraining Station the horses will return to Remount Stables CHARLEROI as one column under the senior officer. On morning of 9th inst. this column will return to BOUSSU-lez-WALCOURT. Such teams as may be necessary to assist in entraining will be retained and returned subsequently independently. Draught Horses of HT vehicles will be led by Drivers whose animals are provided with bits where necessary.
8. Personnel employed as loaders who have gone in on vehicles will return by M.T. taking in equipment and rations. Any who cannot be accommodated will pass the night at 2nd Division Reinforcement Wing and return by ordinary passenger train on 10th inst. to SILENRIEUX.
9. One cyclist orderly to be detailed by 16th Battery will accompany the column on 8th inst. and report to 2nd Division Headquarters to take any necessary instructions from there to CHATELINEAU Station returning independently to his Unit on completion of the loading operations.
10. Units will detail the necessary personnel under para 7 of Australian Corps 8/991 furnishing a nominal roll of the same to this Headquarters by 9 a.m. on 7th inst. The following officers will accompany the Unit Stores to Base
 

Lieut Haggart E.G.S.	16th Battery
" Currie A. B.	17th Battery
" Bell E. M.	106th Battery
2/Lt. Fox C. H.	6th B. A. C.

The latter officer will act as Brigade Quarter Master in respect of the train arrangements.
11. Unit Commanders will accompany their respective columns to the train arranging necessary accommodation for the men and vehicles for the



night and will superintend entrainment of the guns and equipment. Major A.M. GRAINGER will be in general charge of the arrangements at CHATELINEAU.

12. From the time of loading of GS Wagons Units specified in Schedule "A" supply arrangements for these Units will be taken up by GS Wagons already sent by the 2nd D.A.C.
13. The following will be retained by entraining units
  - Head Collars and Chains for all horses
  - Water Carts
  - Farriers Kits
  - Nose Bags
  - Grooming Kits
  - Camp Cooking equipment
 The fact that these are being retained should be set out on the lists of respective Units. Authority has already been given by Australian Corps for retention by Officers of the saddlery which they will require on demobilization of the Unit. Attention is directed to the necessity of obtaining a specific receipt in respect of the same.
14. The personnel proceeding under para 7 of Australian Corps 8/991 will be provided on the train with 5 days rations.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 1700 6/2/19

*Edward Maltby*  
Lieut  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade Aust F.A.

Distribution

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery	Copy No 6 to S.C.R.A 2nd Div Arty
2 17th Battery	7 DAQMG 2nd Aust Division
3 18th Battery	8 Supply Officer
4 106th Battery	9 File
5 6th B. A. C.	10 War Diary

SCHEDULE "A"

<u>Entraining Unit</u>	<u>Horsing Unit</u>	<u>Truck Capacity</u>
16th Bty. 6 guns 12 L.Wagons 2 GS Wagons 1 Cooks Cart	2nd Div Arty BAC	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
17th Bty do do do do	BAC BAC	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
106th Bty do do do do	18th Battery 18th Battery	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Headquarters 4 GS Wagons 1 Cooks Cart	BAC	1 $\frac{3}{4}$



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.



Headquarters,  
February 6th 1919.

4th A.F.A.Bde.  
5th A.F.A.Bde.

1. Each of the 4th A.F.A.Bde. and 5th A.F.A.Bde. will detail personnel and 6 horse teams as under to proceed to JEUMONT on 7th inst. and draw guns and ammunition wagons of a Battery of the 6th Army Bde.A.F.A. to CHATELINEAU for despatch to Base. :-
 

	<u>Officer</u>	<u>N.C.O's.</u>	<u>Teams.</u>
4th A.F.A.Bde.	1	4	9
5th A.F.A.Bde.	1	4	9

5th A.F.A.Bde. will detail one Farrier Sergeant to accompany Party.
2. The Column will travel from JEUMONT via THUIN on 7th inst. and vehicles will be parked at THUIN on vacant land adjoining 10th Battery Gun Park on GOZEE ROAD on night 7th/8th Febr. and proceed to CHATELINEAU on 8th inst.
3. Route will be at discretion of Senior Officer with the Column.
4. Teams will rendezvous on GOZEE Road opposite 4th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q., at 0845 on 7th Febr., and officer in charge will report on arrival at JEUMONT to O.C. 1st Aust. Mobile Workshops, who is in charge of vehicle park. An officer from 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. will also be at JEUMONT.
5. On 8th inst. teams as detailed above will be hooked in at 0845 and move off at 0900. Officer in charge will report to Lieut. FOX, 6th Army Bde.A.F.A. on arrival at CHATELINEAU Railway Station.
6. When Battery is handed over at CHATELINEAU on 8th inst. Teams will return to THUIN and report to their Batteries.
7. Unexpended portions of days rations for both horses and men will be carried on both days.
8. Attention will be paid to March discipline.
9. Acknowledge.

*Stanley Smith*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.



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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

Reference Demobilization Order No 3. The whole operation referred to in this Order is postponed 24 hours and the directions therein will be read accordingly.

Headquarters  
February 6th 1919.

Addressed to all Recipients  
of Demobilization Order No 3



Lieut  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA



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COPY NO 10.

SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERYDEMOBILIZATION ORDER NO 3.

1. The following paragraphs and the Schedules referred to in them apply together with instructions hereinafter contained to the operation of despatching by train Unit equipment to the Base. The operative paragraphs of Demobilization Order No 2 are paras 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 16.
2. The vehicles other than M.T. to be entrained and containing stores for entrainment will be leaving for CHATELINEAU on 7th February. Starting point: Intersection of BEAUMONT-PHILLIPVILLE Road and GRAND PLACE. Starting time 0830. The route will be left to the senior officer with the column.
3. Rations for 8th February will be delivered to the column at CHATELINEAU and the Remount Stables CHARLEROI respectively on the night of 7th inst.
4. On completion of delivery of the vehicles to the Entraining Station the horses will return to the Remount Stables CHARLEROI as one column under the senior officer. On the morning of 8th February the column will return to BOUSSU-lez-WALCOURT but the senior Officer of the entraining party may in his discretion retain such teams as may be necessary to assist in entraining.
5. In paras 6 and 11 of Order No 2 for "2nd prox." read "8th inst" and in para 12 for "9 a.m. on 1st prox" read "2 p.m. on 6th inst"
6. The personnel proceeding under para 7 of Australian Corps 8/991 will be provided on the train with 5 days rations.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Edward Hatter*

Lieut  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
 2 17th Battery  
 3 18th Battery  
 4 106th Battery  
 5 6th B. A. C.  
 6 S.C. 2nd Aust Div Arty  
 7 D.A.Q.M.G. 2nd Aust Div  
 8 Supply Officer  
 9 File  
 10 War Diary



DEMOBILIZATION ORDER NO 2.

1. Batteries have already received Australian Corps 8/991 of 29th January 1919.
2. The following amendments of the Order are promulgated  
Para 2. The train will consist of 16 Tank Flats and Covered Trucks for 80 tons of Stores.
3. The Units specified in Schedule "A" hereto will despatch their equipment except as hereafter provided for return by this train. The Unit specified in the third column will provide the transport to CHATELINEAU for such vehicles. Unit Commanders concerned will jointly arrange for personnel to transport the guns and equipment so as to provide sufficient men in each Unit for the care of the animals not being used for transport duty.
4. All vehicles containing ammunition will leave in the column proceeding to MORIALME on 1st February and will proceed thence to CHATELINEAU on the 2nd prox. The route for these marches will be at the discretion of the senior officer in the column.
5. All other vehicles will proceed to CHATELINEAU from BOUSSU on 2nd prox. The route will be left to the senior Officer with the column.
6. There are 15 GS Wagons and 3 Cocks Carts proceeding for entrainment. These are allotted to Units for carting Unit Stores to the train as shown in Schedule "B" and must be loaded ready to move on 1st prox. In addition one 3 ton M.T. is allotted to 17th and 106th Batteries and BAC respectively for transport purposes. These will be available at 8 a.m. on 2nd prox.
7. Rations for 2nd prox. will be delivered to the column at MORIALME on the night of 1st prox. by M.T. and for 3rd prox. to the column at CHATELINEAU on the night of 2nd prox.
8. Upon completion of delivery of the vehicles to the entraining Station the horses will return on 3rd prox. by route march to their Units. Draught horses of H.T. vehicles will be led by Drivers whose animals are provided with bits where ~~any~~ necessary. Animals will proceed as one column under the senior Officer by such route as he may determine.
9. Personnel employed as loaders who have gone on vehicles will return dismounted on completion of their duty by the ordinary passenger train from CHANTEROI to SILENRIEUX.
10. In case of there being any alteration or delay in the train arrangements the Senior Officer with the MORIALME Column will report to 1st D.A.H.Q. for instructions and arrange to leave an Orderly at that Headquarters to receive any messages until the departure of the column.
11. One cyclist Orderly to be detailed by 16th Battery will accompany the column on 2nd prox. and report to 2nd Div. HQ to take any necessary instructions from there to CHATELINEAU Station returning independently to his Unit on completion of the loading operations.
12. Units will detail the necessary personnel under para 7 of Australian Corps 8/991 furnishing a nominal roll of the same to this Headquarters by 9 a.m. on 1st prox. The following Officers will accompany the Unit Stores to the Base

Lieut. A. B. CURRIE  
Lieut. R. M. BELL  
2/Lt. C. H. FOX

17th Battery  
106th Battery  
6th B. A. C.



The latter Officer will act as Brigade Quarter Master in respect of the train arrangements.

13. Unit Commanders will accompany their respective Columns to the train arranging necessary accommodation for the men and vehicles for the night and will superintend entrainment of the guns and equipment. Major A.M. GRAINGER will be in general charge of the arrangements at CHATELNEAU.
14. From the time of departure of G.S. Wagons of Units specified in Schedule "A" the supply arrangements for these Units will be taken up by G.S. Wagons to replace Supply Wagons by the 2nd DAC and these will report on 1st prox.
15. Units will be individually responsible for obtaining necessary receipts for ammunition handed in at MORIALME and for the proper completion and receipt of the list of stores and equipment referred to in para 9 of Australian Corps 9/991.
16. The following will be retained by entraining Units  
 Head Collars & Chains for all horses  
 Water Carts  
 Farriers Kit  
 The fact that these are being retained should be set out on the lists of respective Units. Authority has already been given By Australian Corps for retention by Officers of the saddlery which they will require on demobilization of the Unit. Attention is directed to the necessity of obtaining a specific receipt in respect of the same.
17. Assembly point and Starting Time of Column will be separately notified.
18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Edward Mattner* Lieut  
 Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

Distribution

Copy No 1	to 16th Battery
2	17th Battery
3	18th Battery
4	106th Battery
5	6th B. A. C.
6	S.C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div. Arty
7	DA QMG 2nd Aust Div.
8	Supply Officer
9	File
10	War Diary



SCHEDULE "A".

<u>Entraining Unit</u>	<u>Truck Capacity</u>	<u>Horsing Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>17th Battery</u>			
6 guns & 12 limbered wagons	4½	BAC	
2 GS Wagons and 1 Cooks Cart	¾	BAC	
<u>106th Battery</u>			
6 guns & 12 limbered wagons	4½	18th Battery	
2 GS Wagons and 1 Cooks Cart	¾	18th Battery	
<u>6th B. A. C.</u>			
10 GS Ammunition Wagons			
1 GS Wagon Tech Stores	3½	6th B. A. C.	Using own harness to be dubbed and tied together at Railway Stn.
<u>Headquarters</u>			
4 GS Wagons			
1 Cooks Cart	1½	Headquarters	do do

SCHEDULE "B"

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Supplied by</u>	<u>Allotted to carry for</u>
2 GS Wagons & 1 Cooks Cart	17th Battery	17th Battery
2 GS Wagons & 1 Cooks Cart	106th Battery	106th Battery
4 GS Wagons	6th B.A.C.	17th Battery
2 GS Wagons	6th B.A.C.	106th Battery
2 GS Wagons	Headquarters	106th Battery
2 GS Wagons	Headquarters	Headquarters
1 Cooks Cart	Headquarters	Headquarters



# SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

## DEMobilIZATION ORDER NO 5.

- Under instructions received from A.D.V.S. Australian Corps 70 horses cast for Veterinary reasons i.e. "C.2" class will be despatched from this Brigade on the 11th February 1919 to AVESHELLES. The allotment to Units is as follows

Headquarters	65
16th Battery	20
17th Battery	15/16
18th Battery	19
106th Battery	10

These are to be selected from the horses inspected by Captain REYNOLDS on 2nd inst. for ophthalmia and other complaints.

- Personnel as under will be detailed by Units to act as Conducting Party

Headquarters	2 3 Drivers
16th Battery	Lt. H. G. WATSON 6th BAC; 1 Sgt. 1 farrier and 8 drivers
17th Battery	1 Sgt. 1 farrier and 76 drivers. 17th Bty will take one horse from Headquarters. Stat
18th Battery	2/Lt. CARTER and 9 drivers
106th Battery	5 Drivers

These Drivers will be selected from later category men  
Lieut. H. G. WATSON, 6th B.A.C. will take charge of the party.

- The Conducting Party will assemble at the intersection of the BEAUMONT PHILLIPVILLE Road and the GRAND PLACE, BOUS-LEZ-WALCOURT with exception of 18th Battery. The party from 18th Battery will join the column as it passes through ERPION. The starting time will be 0900 on 11th inst.
- Motor Lorry will leave this Headquarters carrying the mens blankets etc. at 0900 on 11th inst.
- The unexpired portion of days rations for men and fodder for horses will be carried with the party.
- All saddlery, equipment, head collars and chains and nosebags will be returned to Units by Motor Lorries on completion of the Sale.
- Headquarters, 16th and 17th Batteries will arrange with O.C. 6th B.A.C. for necessary saddlery and equipment for the journey. 106th Battery will arrange with O.C. 18th Battery for saddlery and equipment.
- Accompanying Form A.F.O. 1640 will be completed by Units and handed to Lieut. WATSON before the party moves off.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1230 Feby 10th 1919.

*Edward Cartner* Lieut.  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

Distributions  
All Units  
File  
War Diary



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13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERYDemobilization Order No 5.

1. Units have already received Australian Corps 8/991 and 2nd Aust. Division 123/1/8.
2. The 18th Battery and 6th B.A.C. will take all vehicles and equipment except as hereinafter provided to CHATELINEAU on 13th inst. 16th, 17th and 106th Batteries will despatch their Water Carts with the same column. They will be entrained on 15th inst.
3. If necessary 18th Battery will arrange with 16th Battery and BAC with 17th Battery for such assistance from personnel as they may require so as to provide sufficient men in each Unit for the care of animals not used for transport.
4. Starting Point will be Intersection of BEAUMONT-PHILLIPEVILLE Road and GRAND PLACE, BOUSSU-lez-WALCOURT. Starting time 0830. Route will be left to the senior officer with the column.
5. Before marching all ammunition in the vehicles of the 18th Battery and 6th BAC will be dumped at the vacant house-Corner of ERPION-BOUSSU Road where it will be stored under orders of Capt. J.W.TURNER who will provide necessary assistance from 17th Battery. This ammunition will subsequently be removed to a Corps Dump. Until removal a Guard will be provided under Brigade arrangements separately detailed.
6. Each Unit will utilize its GS Wagons and Cooks Carts for carting stores to CHATELINEAU and will carry in vehicles sufficient rations and fodder to cover up to the return journey and for the guard. If necessary Major MEATES will arrange for rations for men at CHATELINEAU Station locally..
7. On completion of delivery of the vehicles at CHATELINEAU animals with harness will return to Units as one column under the senior officer but such route as he may determine. The whole of the Units' harness except as hereinafter provided will be packed for despatch on 14th inst and sent in by M.T., reporting on 14th inst, early on the morning of 15th inst to CHATELINEAU. Arrangements have been made for the return of saddlery from AVESNELLES in time for it to be packed by Units.
8. Unit Commanders will accompany their respective columns to the train arranging necessary accommodation for the men and will superintend entrainment of their vehicles and equipment. Vehicles and stores will in the meantime be parked at CHATELINEAU under arrangements made by Major V. MEATES. Equipment will be stored under a composite guard in charge of an Officer on Units responsibility as he and Capt. C.J.MASTERS may arrange.
9. Personnel employed as loaders will go in on the vehicles returning after entrainment. If necessary rations will be forwarded on 13th inst. for the personnel for 14th inst. by M.T. Personnel will return by M.T. after entrainment on 15th inst.
10. Units will detail the necessary personnel under para 7 of Australian Corps 8/991 furnishing a nominal roll of the same to this Headquarters by noon on 13th inst and employing late category men not on Embarkation Quota. The following Officers and QMSergeants will accompany stores to Base
 

Lieut. Macgeorge H.S.	18th Battery
2/Lt. Fox C. H.	6th B. A. C.
11. Two GS Wagons for each of 18th Battery and BAC will be provided by 2nd DAC reporting to Railhead on 13th inst and remaining with Units for supply.



12. The following will be retained by entraining Units:

Head Collars and Chains for all animals

Farriers Kits

Nose Bags

Grooming Kits

Camp Cooking Utensils.

The fact that these are being retained is to be set out on the lists of respective Units.

13. The personnel proceeding under para 7 of Australian Corps 8/991 will be provided on the train with 5 days rations.

14. The following matters relative to entrainment are laid down for compliance. The train consists of 16 Tank Flats and 8 Covered Wagons. Two Covered Wagons and accommodation for 4 Pill-boxes is required for 2 Div. M.T.M. Battery.

Guns, Gun Limbers, Limbered Wagons and G.S. Wagons are to be loaded on separate Tank Flats for dispersal at the Base.

In loading equipment the harness of Units will be put in the same trucks and kept distinct other equipment being placed in another truck and kept distinct. The object principally in view being whilst utilizing the whole available space to facilitate the breaking up of the train for the various unloading depots.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2200

February 12th 1919

*Edward Maltzer*

Lieut.  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

**Distribution**

- No 1 to 16th Battery
- 2 17th Battery
- 3 18th Battery
- 4 106th Battery
- 5 6th B. A. C.
- 6 S.C.R.A. 2nd Div. Arty
- 7 DA & QMG 2nd Aust Div.
- 8 File
- 9 War Diary



## SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

## DEMOBILIZATION ORDER NO 11

1. The animals shown in Schedule "A" from respective Units will be assembled in the GRAND PLACE, BOUSSU-lez-WALCOURT at 1200 on 17th February to proceed to REUGNIES Barracks where they will be prepared for sale at BEAUMONT on 19th, 20th and 21st inst.
2. Personnel as shown in Schedule "B" will be detailed to report at the same time and place as a Conducting Party. The whole draft will proceed as one Unit. The following are specially detailed  
 Major A. M. GRAINGER  
 Lieut R. B. Cowan  
 " A. B. Carroll  
 2/Lt. A. G. Anstey  
 " J. G. Brown  
 Veterinary Sergeant from each Unit  
 F/Sgt. Dulfer  
 BAC Farriers  
 F/Cpl. Kendall
3. 2/Lt. G. W. MARTIN has proceeded to REUGNIES today as Advance Officer to allot stabling and mens accomodation in the Barracks.
4. Mens kits will be brought to the Weigh-Bridge, GRAND PLACE, by 1200 and will be transported by M.T.
5. Rations will be under Brigade arrangements in charge of 2/Lt. J. T. SOMERVELLE. Drawing NCOs will adjust rations as between personnel and horses proceeding to REUGNIES and those remaining so that the pro rata rations to represent the balance of 17th inst will proceed to REUGNIES from BEAUMONT; an equivalent ration being retained here to cover the 18th for personnel and animals remaining with Units.
6. A proportion of Officers' saddlery will be employed to provide mounted men with the party. Animals will be led in threes by personnel. All necessary scissors, twitches and clippers will be taken by Veterinary Sergeants.
7. Head Collars and chains and nose bags are to be returned to Units at the completion of the sale. Purchasers are finding their own horse furnishings.
8. BAC cooks and cooking utensils will be despatched by Ration Lorry at 0900 on 17th inst. BAC personnel remaining with Unit will be fed under arrangements to be made by 17th Battery.
9. Instructions in regard to the classification of animals, preparation of forms and certificates and conduct of the sale will be issued to all concerned at REUGNIES.

## 10. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 1400

February 16th 1919

*Edward Hutton* Lieut  
 Adjutant 6th Army Brigade Aust F.A.

## Distribution

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| Copy No 1 to | 16th Battery               |
| 2            | 17th Battery               |
| 3            | 18th Battery               |
| 4            | 106th Battery              |
| 5            | 6th B. A. C.               |
| 6            | S.C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div Arty |
| 7            | DA & QMG 2nd Aust Div.     |
| 8            | Lt. Somerville             |
| 9            | File                       |
| 10           | War Diary                  |







SCHEDULE "A"

Units	Animals
Headquarters	4
16th Battery	28
17th Battery	28 26
18th Battery	29
106th Battery	37 35
6th B. A. C.	162
	<u>171</u> Total <u>284</u>

SCHEDULE "B"

16th Battery	1 Sgt	1 V/Sgt	2 Corpls	10 O.Rs.
17th Battery	1 BSM	1 Sgt	1 V/Sgt	10 O.Rs.
18th Battery		1 V/Sgt		10 O.Rs.
106th Battery	1 Sgt		1 Corpl.	10 O.Rs.
6th B. A. C.	1 Sgt.	1 V/Sgt.	1 Corpl	60 O.Rs.
	1 BSM	4 Sgts	4 V/Sgts	4 Corpls.
				100 O.Rs.

No animals included in the 96 classified as having disabilities are to be taken



SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERYDemobilization Order No 6.

1. With a view to economizing personnel and facilitating the work in connection with horses the following administrative arrangements will be given effect to:
  - (a) On 17th inst. on the marching out of Quota No 11 Brigade Head Quarters will be transferred to 106th Battery
  - (b) On 17th inst. on the marching out of Quota No 11 6th B.A.C. will be transferred to 17th Battery under command of Captain C. J. MASTERS
  - (c) On 18th inst. on departure of horses to BEAUMONT 18th Battery will be transferred to 16th Battery under command of Major V. MEATES.
2. Composite Unit Commanders will make all necessary arrangements for disposal of horses and suitable billeting for personnel, cooking and rationing; the men and horses remaining at ERPION being transferred to BOUSSU-lez-WALCOURT. Unit Offices will be retained complete and all animals and stores remaining will continue in the charge of respective Units until the final disposal the greatest care being taken in maintaining a proper record in respect of the same.
3. All billets and stables evacuated must be left clean and in proper order and a list of billets then occupied and billets evacuated will be furnished to this office by noon on 18th inst.
4. Canteens of Units absorbed will cease to function on 17th inst. and arrangements will be made to wind up the remaining Canteens functioning on 24th inst. All stores must be disposed of and final Balance Sheets prepared in respect of each Canteen as at that date which will be submitted to Brigade Headquarters for audit. If Unit Canteen Committees think it desirable a proportion of funds may be sent with Quota No 11 for the use of personnel on the trip. Indents for this sum must be submitted to this office today. Balances remaining at credit on 24th inst. will be handed over to 2nd Divisional Artillery for the benefit of personnel transferred
5. Units will make immediate arrangements to parcel up for despatch to Records, 130 Horseferry Road London, all Unit Records and papers not actually in use and for the destruction of unnecessary papers by fire. It is proposed to despatch these papers on or about 24th inst.
6. All clothing and other paraphernalia in Units Stores will be returned to Ordnance or Salvage according to character on or about 24th inst. under arrangements to be subsequently detailed.

## 7. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 1210

February 13th 1919

 Lieut  
 Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

## Distribution

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
 2 17th Battery  
 3 18th Battery  
 4 106th Battery  
 5 6th B. A. C.  
 6 SCRA 2nd Div. Arty  
 7 File  
 8 War Diary





Lieut. Holdsworth



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SIXTH ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.  
DEMOBILISATION ORDER NO. 12.

COPY NO. 8.

1. The "X" and "Y" class horses shown in Schedule A. will be entrained for repatriation at Charleroi Railway Station at 0900 on 23rd. inst.
2. The personnel shown in Part 1. of Schedule B. will act as conducting party to Havre. The additional personnel shown in Part 2. Schedule B. will accompany on route march to Charleroi.  
The following are specially detailed :-  
Capt. J.W. Turner O.C. Train.  
2/Lieut. E.J. Shepherd MM.  
2/Lieut. W.J. Bourke  
No. 843 Veterinary Sgt. Salter J.M.  
No. 22068 Farrier Sgt. Dulfer L.J.  
No. 13787 Sgt. Bennett J.  
Lieut. Brown R.E. to take charge of conducting party returning from Charleroi to Boussu-lez-Walcourt.
3. Animals from the Brigade will assemble at Grande Place Boussu at 1000 on 22nd. inst. and march to Animal Concentration Camp Marchienne where they will stop the night. Men's kits will be delivered at this point by M.T. which will collect same from units at 1000 on 22nd. inst.
4. Every horse must have a head collar and chain, and nosebag. Horserugs where issued will accompany clipped horses; and hay-nets be taken where available. Units will send horse buckets in the numbers already reported to this Office.
5. Hay-nets, nosebags, and horserugs will be handed over with the animals at the Base Remount Depot and a receipt obtained for all the articles.
6. Rations and forage will be issued as follows:-  
Corps Animal Concentration Camp, 1 day for men and horses  
On train..... 3 days for men and horses.
7. 115 sets of saddlery for route march to Charleroi are being delivered to units. These will be returned to 2nd. Aust. Div. on 23rd. inst. from Charleroi and a receipt obtained there
8. Acknowledge.

Issued at 0900  
February 21st. 1919

*Edward H. ...*

Lieut.

DISTRIBUTION.

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2	17th. Battery.	
3	18th. Battery.	
4	106th. Battery.	
5	6th. B.A.C.	
6	S.C.R.A. 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.	
7	D.A. & Q.M.G. 2nd. Aust. Div.	
8	File.	
9	War Diary.	

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SCHEDULE "A".

Units.	Animals.	Being or Honors	plung (Do be left)
Headquarters.	<del>43</del> 11		
16th. Battery.	<del>88</del> 86		
17th. Battery.	<del>75</del> 44		
18th. Battery.	<del>88</del> 44		
106th. Battery.	<del>39</del> 38		
6th. B.A.C.	<del>24</del> 24		
<u>Total 310.</u>			

SCHEDULE "B".

Part 1.			Part. 2.		
Units.	NCO.'s	Dvrs.	Units.	NCO's.	Dvrs.
16th. Battery.	2	24	16th. Bty.		7
17th. Battery.	2	20	17th. Bty.		6
18th. Battery.	2	21	18th. Bty.	1	7
106th. Battery.	2	9	106th. Bty.	1	2
6th. B.A.C.	1	6	6th. B.A.C.		2

If the Veterinary Officer casts any horses from units a corresponding number will be sent from 106th. Bty.  
For march to Charleroi one man will take three horses, on train  
one man to four horses.

(Date and place of action must be stated)  
Action for which commended

Comdr

Date of Recommendation

Veterinary Form M. 3131



64/53.

CONFIDENTIAL.

HEADQUARTERS, 1st ANZAC ROYAL ARTILLERY.
No. <u>S.C.</u>
Date <u>30.3.17</u>

Headquarters,  
5th. Australian Division.

BAPAUME.

G.O.C.

R.A.

I desire to bring to your notice the excellent work done by the 6th. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade while it has been attached to the 5th. Australian Division.

I should be very much obliged if you could kindly let Colonel Cohen know how much I appreciate the valuable assistance they have given us.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....  
Date.....

*J. I. Hobbs*

Major General.

Commanding 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,

6th (Army) A.F.A. Brigade.

The G.O.C., R.A., has much pleasure in forwarding ~~on~~ the above. *for the information of all ranks.*

R.A., 1st Anzac.

30.3.17.

*W. Clowes.*

Captain,

Staff Captain R.A., 1st ANZAC.



NIEOPORT

G. O. C. R. A.	
49TH (W. R.) DIVISION.	
No.	.....
Date	.....

The ~~Commander-in-Chief~~ paid a visit to Corps Head  
quarters today and specially expressed his gratification,  
to the Corps Commander, at the good work accomplished by  
the Artillery during recent operations in this area.

6th Army Bde.
A. F. A.
No. ....
Date .....

He desired that his appreciation of their efforts  
should be made known to all Artillery units in the Corps.

26th July, 1917,

*W. G. M. Ke*

Major, R.A.,  
S.O., R.A., XV Corps.

*Congrat*



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Following wire received from 49th Division.  
AAA. Begins.AAA. Please convey to the  
troops concerned the congratulations of  
the Div: Commander on the manner in which  
the attack of the enemy on 19/20 was dealt  
with.AAA. The Artillery Barrage appears  
to have been most effective and rapid in  
application.AAA. The behaviour of the  
VIKING and Captain SHINLEY in particular  
is worthy of the highest praise.AAA. The  
spirit shown by the further enterprise  
against the Post on the GUNSIDE bridge  
after having sustained a prolonged  
bombardment is extremely satisfactory.  
AAA. Ends.AAA.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No. ....

Date.....

From

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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Capt.

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1st Division.  
32nd Division.  
G.O.C.R.A.  
A.D.A.S.  
D.D.M.S.  
3rd Wing R.F.C.  
49th Division.  
66th Division.  
C.E.  
A. & Q.  
Corps M.G.Offr.

NIEUPOORT.



For information.

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The Corps Commander directs me to convey to you his appreciation of the gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by all ranks under the most difficult conditions in the defence of the YSER Bridgehead.

The Royal Flying Corps and Royal Artillery by their efforts have ably supported the Infantry of the 1st and 32nd Divisions, whose action during the battle of July 10th was in accordance with the highest traditions of the British Infantry. The Royal Engineers have distinguished themselves by their unceasing work in maintaining the bridges over the YSER, while the work of Medical Units is deserving of the highest praise.

The Corps Commander wishes his appreciation conveyed to all ranks under your command.

6th Army Bde.

A. F. A.

No. ....

*H. Knox*

XV Corps.

Brigadier General.

15th July 1917.

General Staff.

C.R.A.

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Officer Commanding.

A. Group.

B. Group.

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D. T. M. O.

For information and communication to

all ranks.

*L. H. Henry*

Major.

Staff Capt, 32nd Div: Artillery.

18/7/17.



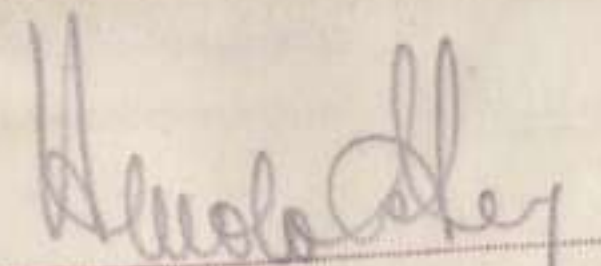
6 <sup>TH</sup> (ARMY)	
AUST. F. A. BRIGADE	
No.	834/17.
Date	23/6/17.

ALL BATTERIES.  
6th B. A. C.  
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MESSINES-

The Major General, R.A., Second Army, called to-day at Brigade Headquarters and told me to inform the personnel how much the Army Commander and himself appreciated the good work which the Brigade has done here and the gallantry which the personnel has displayed.

Headquarters,  
June 23rd, 1917.

 Lieut Colonel  
Cmdg 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) Aust. F. A. B. A.I.F.



MESSINES

To

Lieut-Colonel H. E. COHEN, D.S.O.,  
C.O., 6th Aust. (Army) F. A. Brigade.



Before passing over the command of this Sector to the New Zealand Division tomorrow, I wish to thank you for the great assistance you, and your Brigade, have been to the 3rd Australian Division, and to ask you to convey to all Officers, Non-commissioned-Officers, and Men, under your command, my appreciation of the excellent work they have done.

This work has been done under most trying conditions, and was carried out successfully only by the loyalty and devotion to duty of all ranks, and their utter disregard of personal safety.

*H. G. Munro*

Brigadier-General,

Commanding 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.

Headquarters,

12-6-17.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....

*Copy to Brig. Bde.  
Done  
12/6/17*



MESSINES-



To

Artillery Commanders,

I, J, K, L, E, M, Groups.

The Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG, asked me this afternoon to thank all Officers and Other Ranks of the Artillery under my command, for the excellent untiring work they have done during this most successful offensive.

*H. G. Munro*  
Brigadier-General,

Commanding 3rd Aust. Dival. Artillery.

Headquarters,

9-6-17.

*Copy sent to  
Blair & M. Group  
10/6/17. LD No. 764/17.*

6th Army Bde.

A. F. A.

No. ....

Date .....



MESSINES -



To

Artillery Commanders,  
I, J, K, L, & M, Groups.

General, Sir H.C.O. PLUMER, Commanding 2nd Army,  
visited 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters this  
afternoon to ask me to convey to all Officers, Non-commissioned-  
officers, and Men, his appreciation of the excellent work done  
yesterday.

He has had it reported to him that the barrage was  
magnificent, and to this he attributes the success of the  
operation.

*H.N. Gurnwade*

Brigadier-General,

Commanding 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.

Headquarters,

8-6-17.

*Copy sent to  
Bty 471 Group  
9/6/17*

6th Army Bde. A. F. A. No..... Date.....
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MESSINES—

2nd. Anzac, R.A.

June 7th. 1917.

The Army Commander directs me to  
congratulate all ranks of the Artillery of the  
2nd. Anzac on the success gained today.

He wishes to thank them for the excellent  
work they have done during the past week, and to  
add that the success gained today, with  
comparatively little loss, is entirely due to the  
hard work and good shooting of the Artillery.

6th Army Ld.  
A. F. A.  
No. ....  
Date .....

*M Powell*

Brigadier General,

G.O.C.R.A.

II A.N.Z.A.C.

(PA)

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To

All Artillery Units attached to 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery

It is with great pleasure that I circulate the above  
to all Artillery Units attached to the 3rd Australian Division,  
and take the opportunity of thanking them for the excellent work  
they have done since the offensive positions were occupied.

The untiring devotion to duty of all ranks under most  
trying conditions cannot be too highly commended.

Headquarters,  
6-6-17.

*H. Finewood*  
Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.



MESSINES-

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
7th June, 1917.

"G" Staff.

A.Q. "

C. R. A.

C. R. E.

Div. Sig. Coy.

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

10th -do-

11th -do-

3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

Lieut-Col. GEDDES, O.C. Defensive Battalions.

A. D.M. S.

Div. Train.

A. P. M.

Liaison Officer.

"B" Bn. Heavy Branch, M.G.C.

O.C., No. 2 Special Coy., R.E.

O.C. "L" Special Coy., R.E.

D.M.G.O.

Corps Heavy Artillery.

A.D.V.S.

2nd Anzac Corps R.A.

G1/258/905.

I desire to convey my gratitude to all Commanders and all Troops of the Division for the magnificent valour and splendid co-operation, as well as the high technical skill which all ranks and all arms and departments have displayed in the achievement of this day's great victory.- It now only remains to show that the Division is just as well able to hold on to what it has won, and is more than a match for the enemy in the hastily improvised defensive.

*Stratton*

Major-General.

Commanding Third Australian Division.

T.C.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.  
No. ....  
Date .....



*File*



HESSINES-

6 <sup>TH</sup> (ARMY)
AUST. F. A. BRIGADE
740/17.
No.
Date 6/6/17.


O.C.,  
16th Battery.

The Brigade Commander regrets that he is unable personally to convey to the personnel of the Battery this morning his appreciation of the work which they did yesterday. Their determination and gameness were what might be expected from the 16th Battery.

The C.R.A. has asked me to convey his appreciation of their very creditable work under such trying circumstances.

Will you please inform each No.1.

Headquarters,  
June 6th, 1917.

  
Lieut Colonel  
Cmdg 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) Aust. F. A. B. de A. I. F.



1st Aust. Divnl. Artillery.  
2nd Aust. Divnl. Artillery.  
4th Aust. Divnl. Artillery.  
5th Aust. Divnl. Artillery.  
3rd (Army) Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
6th (Army) Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
12th (Army) Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
Heavy Artillery 1st Anzac.  
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M/160

SOMME. WINTER  
16-17-

In view of the fact that the late operations in which the Corps has been concerned have been brought to a successful issue, and as a good many Brigades, Groups and Batteries are, some permanently and some temporarily, leaving the Corps, General Sir William Birdwood has asked me to convey to the whole of the Artillery his most grateful thanks and the thanks of all concerned for the magnificent work which they have done.

His words are as follows :-

" I do not know that this has been any better during  
" the recent phase than all their previous good work, but it  
" has perhaps been more marked owing to the intensity of the  
" fighting. The Infantry are often the best judges of results,  
" and the fact that they have such complete confidence in their  
" artillery speaks for itself."

He also wishes me to say, with regard to the batteries which are leaving, how really sorry the Corps is to lose them, and how heartily he wishes them the very best of good fortune in whatever fighting there may be before them.

I am sure that I may take it for granted that you would wish me to thank the Corps Commander most sincerely for his very kind appreciation of the work that has been done, and for his good wishes for the future, and that I may express to him, on behalf of the batteries which are going, your regret at leaving a Commander and a Corps in which your work is so constantly noted and so favourably commented on, when it is well done, as it certainly has been during the recent operations.

R.A. 1st Anzac.

14th May 1917.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.  
No.  
Date.

William. Kipner

Brigadier General.

G.O.C.R.A. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

Copy sent to Hints  
15/5/17. R.



POLYGON WOODS-

HEADQUARTERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY
No. G13/2586
Date.....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY,

Headquarters,  
27th. September. 1917.

C.O. 3rd. Aust. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade,  
C.O. 6th. Aust. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade.  
C.O. 12th. Aust. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade.  
C.O. 7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade,  
C.O. 8th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
C.O. 3rd. D.A. Column.  
D.T.M.O. 5th. Australian Division.  
D.T.M.O. 3rd. Australian Division.

The following letter has been received from the 1st.  
ANZAC Corps :-

The following wire has been received from the Army  
Commander :-

" Please ~~convey~~ accept and convey to 4th. and 5th.  
Australian Divisions and to all troops engaged my hearty congratul-  
ations on their great success to-day. "

26/9/17. Sgd.

J. H. PECK, Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th. Australian Division.

The C.R.A. has much pleasure in forwarding the above  
and wishes to add his heartiest congratulations and best thanks to  
all officers and other ranks.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....  
Date.....

*J. H. Peck*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

*Copy sent to  
6th Bde. Units  
20/9/17.*



Headquarters,  
5th. Aust. Div. Artillery,  
28th. September 1917.

PASSCHAENDALE.

Dear Cohen,

Would you please accept and convey to your Command  
my high appreciation and thanks for the able and cheerful  
manner under most trying conditions, in which they have carried  
out all tasks during the recent and very strenuous operation.

Many thanks to you especially for your loyal  
support throughout.

Yours sincerely,

6th Army Bde.

A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....

*Alfred Lewis*  
Aug Gen

Copy sent to  
3rd & 1st Bde  
& to 6th Bde Minto  
30/9/17 *AF*



1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVL. ARTILLERY  
HEADQUARTERS.

No. 101/55

Date.....

WESTHÖEK

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

21st September 1917.

C.O. "A" Group. ✓  
C.O. "B" Group.  
C.O. 7th F.A. Brigade.  
C.O. 3rd Army Brigade.  
C.O. 12th Army Brigade.  
C.O. 3rd Aust D.A.C.  
D.T.M.O. 1st Aust Div.  
D.T.M.O. 3rd Aust Div.  
3rd Aust Div Arty (for information).

In forwarding the attached letter, I wish to convey to all ranks my appreciation of the excellent work done during yesterday's operation, and also during the equally trying period of preparation which preceded it.

Please convey my thanks to everybody under your command, and ensure that this and the attached letter are read on parade at the first opportunity.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....

*Darius Cohen*  
Brig. General.

C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.

2 Copy for each Bde  
1 forward 1. Wagon line



WESTHOEK

C O P Y.

20th Sept 1917.

Dear General Coxen.

General Sir Herbert Plumer, Commanding Second Army has asked me to convey to you and all under you his most sincere thanks for the excellent work your artillery have done in the past week and to-day, which resulted in all objectives being taken with a minimum of casualties.

Lieut. General Sir William Birdwood also says :-

"Please thank the Artillery for the most gallant and important part they have played in a good day's work".

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) WILLIAM NAPIER. B.G.R.A.,  
1st ANZAC.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....

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"A" Group Artillery.  
1930/17.

ALL BATTERIES.

PASSCHAENDALE

I am handing over the command of the Group to-day. Before going I desire to express to both officers and men my appreciation of the cheerful and determined way in which they have carried out their work. That they have done all that was asked of them and successfully beaten the enemy badly is a better reward than any praise. I regret leaving the line before the remainder of the Group but wish everyone the best of good luck whilst they remain.

6th Army Bde  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....

Sept. 28th, 1917.

Lt.-Col.  
G.O., "A" Group Arty.

*Henry Shy*



101/56

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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HEADQUARTERS.

22nd Sept 1917.

C.O. "A" Group. ✓  
C.O. "B" Group.  
C.O. 7th F.A. Bde  
C.O. 3rd Army Bde.  
C.O. 12th Army Bde.  
C.O. 3rd Aust D.A.C.  
D.T.M.O. 1st Aust Div.  
D.T.M.O. 3rd Aust Div.  
3rd Aust Div Arty (for information).

WESTHOEK-

1. The following telegram has been received by the  
G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC Corps from the G.O.C.R.A., 2nd ARMY :-  
BEGINS - " I heartily congratulate you and those under  
your command on the excellent Artillery work  
you have done". ENDS.
2. The C.R.A. wishes that this be circulated to all  
under your command, please.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....

*Alec M. Forbes*

Major.

Brigade Major 1st Aust Div. Arty.

*Copy for units*



POLDERHOEK CHATEAU

O.C.,  
6th B.A.C.

5th DIV. BEF.

6th Army Bde.

A. F. A.

2084/17.

No 20/11/17.

Date.....

I shall be glad if you will tell your command how much the good work done by them during the recent operations in front of YPRES is appreciated. In particular the salving of guns recently was an excellent piece of work which has won a personal expression of praise from the General under whom we were then serving, and in particular the work done by Lieut. Dally, Sgt. Ballantine and Bdr. Bowtell is worthy of mention.

The B.A.C. does not get much of the limelight in carrying out its work of ammunition supply, although it gets its fair share of both shells and mud, and I would like the personnel to know that the good work they have done has not passed unnoticed.

Headquarters,  
November 20th, 1917.

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POLDERHOEK CHATEAU.

See from Ruyter's Wessy CMC 1280 etc

CRA 5th Div B.E.F.



13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 17.

Dear Cohen,

I should like to express my thanks to you personally, your Staff, and your Batteries for the excellent work that has been done while you were attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Div. Art. Group. The information sent in on attack days, the arrangements for communication from REUTEL, & the successful way the bogged



guns were taken back  
reflect the greatest credit on  
the Brigade, & the Barrages  
left nothing & undamaged.

I am very sorry that the Battalion  
should have had so many  
casualties, & I hope that they  
will enjoy a rest before being  
put in again.

Yrs. sincerely,

Alfred Huxley

C. R. 5<sup>th</sup> Div.



P.S. Much obliged for the  
good report on the points asked  
for by the Corps R.C., which you  
have just sent in.



*All Units*

HEADQUARTERS,  
SECOND ARMY.

G.O.C., R.A.

I should be glad if you would express to all Brigades Groups and Batteries of Artillery who have served in the Second Army throughout the offensive operations this summer and autumn, my appreciation of the splendid work they have done.

I fully realize how arduous this work has been. I know that they have suffered heavy losses and have had to remain in action under the most trying circumstances for very long periods.

They have never flinched or abated their efforts for a moment but have steadily continued to overcome all difficulties, and as a result they have contributed very materially to the success achieved.

6th Army Bde  
A. F. A.  
No.....  
Date 9th November, 1917.

*Robert Hunter Col  
Cmde 2<sup>nd</sup> Army*



G.O.C., R.A., VIII. Corps.  
G.O.C., R.A., IX. Corps.  
G.O.C., R.A., X. Corps.  
G.O.C., R.A., Canadian Corps.  
G.O.C., R.A., I. Anzac Corps.  
G.O.C., R.A., II. Anzac Corps.

*All units.*

It affords the G.O.C., R.A., Second Army, the greatest satisfaction to communicate to the Royal Artillery who have served in the Second Army during the summer and autumn operations, the Army Commander's appreciation of the splendid work they have performed.

The G.O.C., R.A., is very proud of being associated with the Gunners who have so worthily upheld the best traditions of the Royal Regiment.

Please send a copy of the Army Commander's memo. to every Brigade, Group and Battery which has taken part in the operations and is now serving in your Corps.

*Headquarters, Second Army,  
10th November, 1917.*

6th Army Bde (Sd.) A. F. A. No. .... Date .....
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C. REGINALD BUCKLE,  
Major-General,  
G.O.C., R.A., Second Army.



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Bae.

1st Anzac Corps,

12th NOVEMBER, 1917.

Now that our Corps is being withdrawn from that part of the front in which we have seen so much hard fighting during the last two months, I wish to convey to all ranks my very heartiest congratulations upon the real good work which has been put in, and my deep feeling of gratitude to officers, non-commissioned officers and men for the magnificent spirit and self-sacrifice which has been shown by all. All I think must realise that the fighting we have been through has been of an entirely satisfactory nature in that we were able to attain our objective in every one of the many attacks which we have put in, and that without a single hitch of any sort. The Army Commander has testified to this after each attack made, and we know with what appreciation the Commander-in-Chief wired to Australia regarding the results of the fighting done by her troops.

In a great deal of our previous fighting, the brunt has fallen to a large extent on the Infantry. In all these recent attacks the infantry have again naturally come in for the giant's share of the fighting, but they will I know be the first to acknowledge how their success has so much depended upon the magnificent work done by the Artillery. Their comrades in the Artillery, too, have not been able to obtain the same long spell as the Infantry have had, and I am sure the whole Infantry will wish to join in unstinted praise and feelings of gratitude for the unflinching and devoted work of all the Artillery day and night without respite. They have been subjected to continuous heavy shelling, while gas shells were often poured over them for hours without cessation. During the whole of this time we have all realized what it has meant to them, and we know that nothing has ever deterred them from sacrificing themselves for the benefit of the Infantry. Not only to the gunners, but to the drivers also we owe our gratitude. With them, too, I would associate the Engineers, Pioneers, Medical Services, and Army Service Corps, who vied with each other in striving to ensure everything possible being done which would conduce to victory, and to the well being of Officers and Men throughout the Corps. All alike have taken their share in casualties, but, much as we must regret the fallen, we realise they have given their lives to ensure victory.

I am sure that whatever fighting may yet be before us, the A.I.F. will on all occasions fight just as well as it has done in the past but the successful fighting these last two months through Glencorse and Polygon Woods terminating in the capture of the Broodseinde Ridge will be difficult to beat, and I would again express my most grateful thanks to all who have taken part in it.

W. R. BIRDWOOD.

A.P.-349 -cc-11-17

6th Army Bde.
A. F. A.
No.....
Date.....



6 <sup>TH</sup> (ARMY)	
AUST. F. A. BRIGADE	
No.	
Date	11.2.18.

ALL UNITS.

The following message has been received from G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division and is to be made known to ~~all~~ ranks:

"Please convey to Captain Fairweather and Raiding Party my  
 "heartiest congratulations upon their fine success which has  
 "been due as much to the valor and determination of troops as  
 "to the splendid co-operation of Corps and Divisional Artillery  
 "and Trench Mortars and to the highly efficient work of Staff  
 "and services throughout. Congratulation received from flank  
 "divisions. Corps Commander wishes his warmest congratula-  
 "tions to be promulgated to this Division!" The following  
 "was also received from General Rawlinson: "Please convey to  
 "3rd Australian Division my warm thanks and congratulations on  
 "very successful raid last night. It was well arranged and very  
 "gallantly carried out and reflects great credit on all ranks  
 "engaged both in the infantry and artillery"

Headquarters.

*Ch Roberts*  
 CAPTAIN.  
 ADJUTANT 6TH. BRIGADE  
 FIELD ARTILLERY A. I. F.



ALL UNITS.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No. ....  
Date 13.2.18.

The following received regarding recent raid are circulated for information of all Ranks:

From C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division:

"I wish to convey to you and your Brigade my heartiest thanks for the loyal help you gave to us during the raid carried out on the night of 10th inst. The way your Brigade worked as a whole was excellent and I should be much obliged if you would convey our appreciation of the work done to all ranks."

From C.O. 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade:

"Please convey to the Officers and men under your command our best appreciation and thanks for the efficient wire-cutting and excellent support given to us in connection with last night's successful raid".

Headquarters.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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3.4/30/4.

To.  
Right & Left Art. Groups.  
3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.  
✓ 6th Army Bde, A.F.A.  
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The following received from the Commanding Officer,  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade, regarding the raid carried  
out on the night 10/11th February, is forwarded for your  
information and further action :-

"Please convey to the Officers and men under  
your command our best appreciation and thanks for the  
efficient wire-cutting and excellent support given to  
us in connection with last night's successful raid."

*W. H. Smith*

Headquarters.  
12.2.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....



6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No. ....  
12.2.18.  
Date .....

Lieut. Col. W. G. Allsop, D.S.O.  
C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division.

My dear Allsop/

I have to thank you for your letter of 11th inst.  
which I will communicate to all ranks. We have remembered with  
pleasure our association with you at Messines and were glad to  
renew that relationship. The raid seems to have been a gratify-  
ing success.

Headquarters.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

From C.R.A, 3rd Aust. Divsn.

S.4/30/2.

To. Colonel H. COHEN, D.S.O., C.M.G.,  
Cmdg 6th Army Brigade,  
A. F. A.

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I wish to convey to you and your Brigade my heartiest thanks for the loyal help you gave to us during the raid carried out on the night of the 10th instant.  
The way your Brigade worked as a whole was excellent, and I should be much obliged if you would convey our appreciation of the work done to all ranks.//

Headquarters.  
11.2.1918.

*H. H. Mosey* Lieut. Col.  
~~Brigadier General,~~  
A/ Cmdg 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No. ....

Date. ....



6th Army Bde

A. F. A.

12.2.18.

Date.....

Major S. G. Rowe, D.S.O.  
8th Brigade,  
Australian Field Artillery.

Dear Rowe/

Thanks for your kind letter of yesterday. It has been  
a pleasure to work with you and the pleasure has been added to by  
by the success.

Headquarters.



HEADQUARTERS,  
8TH  
F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.

No. ....  
Date .....

Lt-Col. H.E. Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
6th. Aust. A.F.A. Brigade.  
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Sir,

I feel I cannot see your Brigade draw out of the line  
and leave us without writing you a few words of my appreciation.

I thank you with all sincerity for your kindness  
to me and your courteous treatment. I must also express my  
appreciation of the good work (which by this time is widely known)  
done by your Battery Commanders and those under their command.

I regret the unfortunate loss which the 106th. Bty.  
sustained whilst with us.

My best wishes to you, Sir, and the Brigade.

*J. Rowe*

Yours sincerely.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No. ....

Date .....

10/2/1918.



*Copy to  
B. G. A. J. J. J.*

6th Army Bde. A. F. A. No..... Date.....
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SPECIAL ORDER

By General Sir W. B. HIRWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., O.I.E.,  
D.S.O., A.M.E.

Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,

12th February, 1918.

- 1.- The corps commander desires to announce and record his appreciation of the operation carried out on the night 10/11th February by the 3rd Australian Division.
- 2.- The operation consisted of a raid, carried out by a special party under Capt. FAIRWEATHER, M.C., drawn from the 37th & 38th Battalions, 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. It was completely successful and resulted in the capture of 33 prisoners, 3 machine guns, and one mortar, and caused the enemy 100 estimated casualties.
- 3.- The success of the raid was due to the presence of three conditions essential to all military success -
  - (i) Thorough preparation
  - (ii) Efficient co-operation of all arms
  - (iii) The dash, gallantry and determination of the men.
- 4.- General HIRWOOD congratulates and thanks all the officers, N.C.O.'s and men concerned.

Such operations, carried to a successful issue, enhance the morale and esprit de corps of the units from which the men come and establish for them valuable tradition. Conversely, the effect on the enemy reduces his morale and steadily lowers his fighting efficiency.

G. E. B. WHITE, B.C.S.C.,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.



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O.C. 16th Battery  
O.C. 17th Battery  
O.C. 18th Battery  
O.C. 106th Battery  
O.C. 4th A.F.A. Brigade Sub-Group

6 <sup>TH</sup> (ARMY)
AUST. F. A. BRIGADE
No. 1288/18
Date 11.6.18.

The C.O. 22nd Battalion personally asked me last night to express to all ranks the appreciation of the Infantry with the barrage for the Raid. The following are extracts from the official report by the Battalion to Infantry Brigade:

"The Artillery Barrage opened to time and throughout continued perfect".

"It is desired to make special mention of the shooting of the artillery and L.T.M. This and the dash with which the party worked combined to make the operation a complete success".

In connection with the main operation all objectives were gained and up to an early hour this morning 117 prisoners had been counted.

Headquarters.

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Lieut Colonel  
Cmdg 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) Aust. F. A. B. A.I.F



6<sup>TH</sup> (ARMY)  
AUST. F. A. BRIGADE

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date 6.3.16.

ALL UNITS.

The following congratulatory message has been received from Brigadier General C. Rosenthal C.B. C.M.G. commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade and is to be read to all ranks:

"Would you kindly accept on behalf of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Raiding parties employed on nights 3rd/4th and 4th/5th

"March my keen appreciation of the accurate Field Artillery barrage put down on those nights. Officers and men were unanimous in their eulogy and I think perhaps your Gunners (including the assisting 6th Army Brigade) would be pleased to know of the confidence their brothers-in-arms of the Infantry have in them.

"Enemy Artillery action caused the raiders no trouble and this points to well arranged and effective counter-battery work. This, too, was much appreciated by the Infantry and I should be glad if you would so inform the B.G. R.A. Corps, Heavy Artillery".

Headquarters.



*Captain  
Circulate  
12/10/18*

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.4/67/3.

To.

B.G., R.A.,  
Corps H. Art.  
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bde.  
3rd Aust. D.A.C.  
3rd D.T.M.O.  
✓ 6th Army Bde, A.F.A.

The following congratulatory message which has been received from Brigadier-General C. ROSENTHAL, C.B., C.M.G., commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, is quoted for your information:-

" Would you kindly accept, on behalf of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Raiding Parties employed on night 3rd/4th and 4th/5th March, my keen appreciation of the accurate Field Artillery barrage put down on these nights. Officers and men were unanimous in their eulogy, and I think perhaps your gunners (including the assisting 8th Army Brigade) would be pleased to know of the confidence their brothers-in-arms of the Infantry have in them.

Enemy Artillery action caused the raiders no trouble, and this points to well arranged and effective Counter-Battery work. This, too, was much appreciated by the Infantry; and I should be glad if you would so inform the B.G., R.A., Corps Heavy Artillery."

Headquarters.  
7.3.1918.


*W. J. J. J.*  
Brigadier-General,  
Cmdg 3rd Aust. Divsk. Artillery.

6th Army Bde  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....





Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
25th March 1918.

Dear Cohen,

On the eve of leaving this area for the South, I want to thank you and your officers and men for the valuable assistance and help you have given to the 5th Australian Division since we have been in the line; the very great interest taken by you and all ranks in your command, and the splendid work done in support of our numerous raids made during the last two months, contributed in a very large measure to their success.

I wish you and your command all good luck.

Yours sincerely,

*J. J. Hobbs.*

Lt-Col H.E. Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
5th Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade,  
6th Army Bde FRANCE.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....



6th Army Bde  
A. F. A.  
No  
8.3.18.  
Date

ALL UNITS.

The following letter received from C.O. Left Group  
Artillery has been received and is to be read to all ranks:  
"As your Batteries are now being withdrawn from my Group  
"I feel that I cannot let them do so without expressing  
"my best thanks for the excellent work they have done whilst  
"under my command and assure you that the prospect of again  
"working with the 6th Australian Army Brigade will always be  
"regarded as a pleasure by the 6th Brigade".

Headquarters.



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6.3.18.

Lt. Col. W. G. Allsop, D.S.O.,  
C.O. Left Group.

Dear Allsop/

I have to thank you very much for your memo. of  
yesterday, the contents of which I am making known to the Batteries.  
We always feel very much at home with your people and shall always  
be glad to renew our association.

Headquarters.



Dear Cohen,

As your batteries are now being withdrawn from my Group, I feel that I cannot let them do so without expressing my appreciation. I wish to tender to you my best thanks for the excellent work they have done whilst under my command, and ~~be~~ assure you that the prospect of again working with the 6th. Aust. Army Brigade will always be regarded as a pleasure by the 8th. Brigade.

Yours very sincerely,

*H. J. M. S.*

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....



R. A. Headquarters,

Australian Corps,

14th August, 1918.

My dear Colonel,

The following is an extract from a letter received by me from the G.O.C.R.A., Fourth Army :-

"August 8th was a great day for the Artillery.

Will you please convey to all ranks of the Artillery under your command my admiration and appreciation of their work.

I consider the following points to be particularly noteworthy :-

1. The manner in which difficulties were overcome in putting guns and ammunition into position.

2. The accuracy and effect of the barrage fire and heavy artillery bombardment without previous registration.

3. The effective counter-battery work.

4. The bold and successful way in which the advance of the artillery in support of our Infantry was carried out."

In forwarding this to you I wish to add my sincerest thanks and appreciation of the work and energy displayed by those under your command in carrying out the many tasks which confronted you. My best congratulations and wishes for continued success to you and those under your command.

*Walter Cohen*

Brigadier-General.

G.O.C., R.A., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

6th Army Bde.  
A. F. A.

No.....

Date.....



R.A.Aust.Corps No.J/221.

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.  
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.  
12th Army Brigade A.F.A.  
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Lt.Col.H.E.COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.

I wish to convey to you and those under your command my thanks and appreciation of the excellent work carried out by your Brigade during the recent operations.

The manner in which the Batteries were pushed forward from time to time and supplied with ammunition speaks volumes for the excellent spirit and untiring energy displayed by those under your command. The success of the operations of this Corps is, in a very great measure, due to the excellent work of the Field Artillery.

I wish you every success in all your future operations.

6th Army Bde.
A. F. A.
No.....
Date.....

5-10-18.

*Walter Cohen.*  
Brigadier General.

G.O.C.R.A. Australian Corps.