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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAUTMONT	<u>February</u>			
	1st.		The Brigade still remained in Billets at Hautmont. Officers and men were very comfortable in Billets and the horses in very good stables. - All horses were being classified and malleined and preparations were in progress for the first Public Sale of "Z" Class horses in the Square at HAUTMONT.	
	2nd to 10th.		Medical Examination of personnel was commenced to-day by Capt F.P.M. SOLLING in the School Room at HAUTMONT. very little in the way of sport took place owing to the bad weather. Race Meetings etc., were postponed time after time and finally the idea was abandoned. A circular was received from 3rd Div. Hqrs calling for lists of 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918 personnel in order of precedence for Repatriation.	
	11th to 16th		Warning was received from Hqrs 3rd Aust. Div. Arty to prepare the first Embarkation Quota of 150 men. Warning was also received that 2000 rounds of ammunition from the Brigade Echelon would be returned to the Corps Ammunition Dump at REQUIGNIES.	
	17th to 21st.		On 17th the Sale of "Z" Class horses commenced and lasted 3 days. The average price obtained was 1000 francs and altogether 144 horses and mules were disposed of. The weather was beginning to clear now after many days of hard frosts and a thaw set in. This hampered the work of returning ammunition but 2000 rounds were finally got away on 21st Feb.	
	22nd to 28th.		The remainder of "Z" Class horses with the exception of Officers Mounts were sold by Public Auction at BAVAI on 26th and 27th. There remained now only "X" and "Y" Class horses and preparations were being made to send a draft of these to the Base Remount Depot at HAVRE. Orders were received from 3rd D.A. that all Aust. Troops would leave France for Belgium by 15th March owing to difficulties of transport etc, and that a Billetting area would be selected for the 3rd Aust. Div. Arty in the LOBBES Area BELGIUM.	

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			<p><u>SUMMARY.</u></p> <p>The month of February was cold and wet and consequently there was a lot of sickness. Many men were evacuated with influenza which in several cases resulted in death. All precautions were taken to stop the disease spreading. The R.M.O. and Staff had a busy time and finally succeeded in checking the spread of the disease..</p> <p>The Educational Scheme did not progress very well and the attendance at classes was very poor. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining text books, and this perhaps was responsible for the lack of interest in the Scheme. Many applications were lodged for Non-Military employment etc, and towards the end of the month many men were despatched to England.</p> <p><i>K. D. Watson</i></p> <p>for Commanding Officer, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.</p> <p>Lieutenant,</p>	