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Summary of Events and Information

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HAUTMONT.

MARCH.
1st to 10th

The first 10 days of March were busy ones being taken up in handing into Ordnance and D.A.D.O.S. all guns, stores, ammunition and equipment. The weather was now keeping fine and the work was carried out without interruption. By 10th March all vehicles on establishment had been handed into Ordnance and DA.D.O.S..

The first Embarkation Quota No. 25 consisting of 5 Officers and 137 O.Rs. was despatched on 5th and 6th March.

On 1st March a draft of 75 "Y" horses left for the Base Remount Depot followed by a further 50 on 4th March. Again on the 8th another draft of 90 "Y" Horses was despatched.

LOBBES.

11th.

The Brigade left HAUTMONT to-day and proceeding via MAUBEUGE, BOUSSIÈRE, JEUMONT, SOLRE-CHATEAU sur-SAMBRE and FONTAINE VALMONT to Billets in LOBBES Area. Officers and men were soon comfortably settled and Brigade Headquarters located in Rue Tienne du Notaire. On arrival at LOBBES the Brigade was reconstructed into 2 Batteries. The 27th amalgamated with 25th and 107th with 26th and the complete equipments of 2 Batteries returned to D.A.D.O.S.

3rd D.A.H.Q. had now ceased to function and the Brigade came under the orders of Hqrs. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty who were located at THUIN about 3 kilos distant from LOBBES.

12th to 31st

Between 13th and 17th March 180 "X" "Y" and "Z" horses were despatched to Base Remount Depot via CHARLEROI.

On 26th March Quota No. 21 comprising 3 Officers and 70 O.Rs left for HAVRE.

SUMMARY.

The general health of the Brigade had greatly improved with the change of weather. No work was being done now and every facility was given to all ranks to visit places of interest in BELGIUM and FRANCE. Many were despatched for Early Repatriation, Discharge in England and non-military employment during the month.

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