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Appendix "A"

Remarks by C.O.

Early in the month, the establishment of R.B.A.A. was reduced to 2 batteries, consequently No. 1 Battery absorbed personnel of No. 4 Battery and Signal Section, and No. 2 Battery absorbed personnel of No. 3 Battery.

It was decided to utilise R.B.A.A. Camps thus vacated for concentration of personnel enlisted before June 30th, 1915, prior to their embarkation for Australia. The first draft of such personnel arrived on 7.12.18, since which date drafts of varying strength have been moving in and out.

A special wing known as "1915 Company" was formed with a small staff from R.B.A.A. personnel to deal with these drafts. Captain Snodgrass, 2nd Div. Arty. was placed in charge.

Artillery Training was greatly reduced owing to technical stores being collected for return to Ordnance, and also at the end of the month to large numbers of men being sent on special Christmas and New Year Leave. Classes for Officers and junior NCOs. have been held, however, and some training of Gunners and Drivers Carried out. Sports were given much prominence.

Establishment of Horses was reduced to 44 retained for transport work.

No other special remarks.

A. Snodgrass
Captain,
Commanding R.B.A.A.

HEYT ESBURY.
11.1.19.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST - APPENDIX "B"

1. General Franks visited and inspected R.B.A.A. on 6.12.18. dined ~~and~~ at Officers' mess and proceeded to Boyton.
2. The G.O.C., A.I.F? Depots in U.K., visited and presented Medals on Parade Ground, No. 2 Battery.
3. Christmas and New year Leave was granted to all ranks.
4. On Christmas Day, Dinner and entertainments were provided for the men. Pantomime was played at 1700 and 2000 at Anzac Theatre.
5. During the month 100 Cadet Officers were commissioned and marched into Camp pending return Overseas.
6. Concerts at Anzac Theatre by various parties of Entertainers. Pictures were run at Y.M.C.A. and also interesting lectures.

A. B. Snodgrass Capt.
Commanding R.B.A.A.

S. McMillan Lieut.
Compiling Officer.

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Daily Strength

Date	Officers	Other Ranks	Total	Appendix "C" Remarks
Dec. 1	45	1201	1246	
2	45	1120	1165	
3	45	1114	1159	
4	50	1117	1167	
5	51	1097	1148	
6	51	1102	1173	
7	54	1136	1190	
8	54	1191	1245	
9	67	1644	1711	
10	60	1601	1661	
11	59	1737	1796	
12	52	1766	1818	
13	51	1641	1692	
14	49	1664	1713	
15	49	1732	1781	
16	52	1757	1809	
17	50	1754	1804	
18	51	1913	1964	
19	51	1935	1986	
20	51	1945	1996	
21	57	1946	2003	
22	56	2098	2154	
23	57	2127	2184	
24	58	2177	2235	
25	59	2214	2273	
26	60	2225	2285	
27	64	2228	2292	
28	63	2217	2280	
29	63	2251	2314	
30	62	1829	1891	
31	62	1800	1862	

NOTE.

These figures
includes the
"1915" Company
attached to this
Brigade.

.....*W. J. Whelan*..... Lieut-~~col.~~
Officer Compiling.

A. B. Hodgson Capt
..... Lt-Col.,
Commanding R.B.A.A.

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Numbers of reinforcements

Appendix D

Date	From Australia	From Elsewhere	In Training	Despatched overseas
Dec 1			888	
2		8	888	
3		1	886	
4		6	886	
5		34	867	
6		61	872	
7		3	871	
8			926	
9		1	913	
10		1.	910	
11		3	909	
12			904	
13		45	900	
14		3	895	
15			935	
16			960	
17		2	984	
18		1	975	
19			976	
20		2	975	
21			970	
22			972	
23		2	971	
24			965	
25			967	
26			965	
27		1	964	
28			956	
29		1	954	
30		1	748	
31			744	

.....*A.W. McMillan*.....Lieut.
Officer Compiling.

A. Blodgrass Capt.
.....Lieut. Col.
Commanding R.B.A.A.

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MEDICAL STATISTICS

APPENDIX "E".

AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER RATIONED	1463
TOTAL ATTENDING SICK PARADES	434
TOTAL SENT TO HOSPITAL	45
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL	8

Remarks.

Health. The health of the Camp has been excellent. There have been very few cases of Influenza, and these are doubtfully real Influenza. The prevailing complaints have been common coughs and colds.

Sanitation. Until the onset of Christmas Leave, this was very good, but for a time with the shortage of men the condition of the camp for a time deteriorated. There is even now a slight general untidiness - rags, paper, tins, but nothing grossly insanitary throughout the occupied lines.

7.d.19.

JOHN S. GREEN Capt.
R.M.O.

A. B. Rodgers
.....Capt.
Commanding R.B.A.A.

W. McMillan
.....Lieut.
Officer compiling.

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Officers Marched In				Appendix F
Date	Rank	Name	Unit	Where From
Dec 2	Cadet	R.B.Clark	11 FAB	Admin HQ
	do	J.L.Keep	7 FAB	do
	do	H.C.Cribb	8 FAB	do
	do	H.O.Landon	1 FAB	do
	do	B.Y.Hall	5 FAB	do
3	Lieut	C.T.L.Goodchild	29 Bty	France
4	Lieut	A.C.Daniel	113 HB	do
5	Lieut	A.L.Rose	5 FAB	do
	Lieut	A.C.Morton	1 FAB	do
	Cadet	C.F.Lindeman	2 DAC	Admin HQ
7	Major	Vernon H.G.	2 Btn	France
8	Capt	Seagrave W.H.G.	1 Div Art	do
	Capt	Oakley D.G.	3 Btn	do
	Capt	Levy L.	5 Btn	do
	Lieut	Taylor C.	1 D. Art.	do
	Lieut	Phelan F.R.	2 MGB	do
	2/Lt	Gluth S.A.F.	4 Btn	do
10	Lieut	Green W.M.	22 Btn	No. 4 C.D.
11	Lieut	S.J.R.Staunton	20 Btn	do
	Lieut	Irving R.	24 Btn	do
	Lieut	Dods G.A.C.	PSL	do
	Lieut	Bedsor G.	26 Btn	do
	Lieut	Garton H.M.	21 Btn	do
	Lieut	Lyle J.M.	7 Btn	do
	2/Lt.	Illing F.S.	41 Btn	do
	Lieut	Lindsay S.J.	1 TC	do
	Lieut	Mortimer A.B.	46 Btn	do
	2/Lt	Warren-Jones A.	43 Btn	do
	Lieut	Mackay F.I.	PSL	do
	QM & H. Capt.	Lewis E.	PSL	do
	Capt	Hallam F.J.	49 Btn	do
	Lieut	Davis C.H.	57 Btn	do
14	Lieut	Norman E.DeB.	5 MGC	Parkhouse
	Lieut	Hearne C.R.	2 Btn	do
16	Lieut	Bowring F.L.	3 Bty	France
19	Lieut	Denham R.P.	7 Btn	1 T.B.
	Lieut	Shrewsbury W.A.	9 Btn	O.T.B.
	Lieut	Partis W.	13 L.H.	O.T.B.
	Lieut	Waters P.A.	8 Btn	do
	Lieut	Mackay R.	37 Btn	No. 1 C.D.
	Lieut	Smith S.	34 Btn	do
	Lieut	Hainey J.	20 Btn	do
20	Capt	Salmon R.A.	57 Btn	Devonport
	Lieut	Thomas H.E.B.	114 HB	do
	Lieut	McDougall C.F.	46 Btn	do
	Lieut	McCallum J.G.	57 Btn	do
	Capt	Fergusson E.J.	5 TMB	do

Officers marched in (Contd)

Date	Rank	Name	Unit	Where from
Dec. 21	Lieut	Phelan T.	1 MGC	Devonport
22	Lieut	Taylor C.	6 Bty	do
	Capt	Patrick W.H.	51 Btn	do
23	Capt	Seagrave W.H.G.	1 Div Art	do
25	Capt	Cook H.G.	2 AD.Tn	do
	Capt	Barker H.A.	5 MGB	do
	Lieut	Bowman R.	45 Btn	do
24	Lieut	McMillan A.W.	29 Bty	No. 1 C.D.
30	Lieut	Lockwood F.	17 Btn	O.T.B.

A.W. McMillan
Lieut-
 Officer Compiling

A.B. Seagrave Capt
Lieut-Col.,
 Commanding, R.B.A.A.

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Officers Marched out

Appendix **C**

Date	Rank	Name	Unit	Where To
Dec. 5	Lieut	Collins G.R.	4 Div	HQ Tidworth
8	Capt	Hammond G.J.	3 Div	Admin HQ London
9	Capt	Seagrave W.H.G.	1 D.Art	St Budeaux
	Capt	Oakley D.J.	3 Btn	do
	Capt	Levy L.	5 Btn	do
	Lieut	Taylor C.	1 D.Art	do
	Lieut	Phelan F.R.	2 AMGB	do
	2/Lieut	Gluth S.A.F.	4 Btn	Admin HQ
11	Major	Irwin J.M.	3 Div	do
	Major	Randall E.A.H.	1 Div	do
	Lieut	Willan G.P.	5 Div	do
12	Lieut	Staunton S.R./J.	20 Btn	Devonport
	Lieut	Irving R.	24 Btn	do
	Lieut	Dods G.A.C.	PSL	do
	Lieut	Bedsor G.	26 Btn	do
	Lieut	Garton H.M.	21 Btn	do
	Lieut	Lyle J.M.	7 Btn	do
	2/Lt	Illing F.S.	41 Btn	do
	Lieut	Lindsay S.J.	1 TC	do
	Lieut	Mortimer A.B.	45 Btn	do
2	/Lieut	Warren-Jones A.	43 Btn	do
	Lieut	Mackay F.I.	PSL	do
	QM & H/Capt	Lewis E.	PSL	do
	Capt	Hallam F.J.	49 Btn	do
	Lieut	Davis C.H.	57 Btn	do
	Lieut	Green W.H.	22 Btn	do
	Capt	Lewis B.C.	PSL	Admin HQ
16	Lieut	Baxter J.W.	Rfts	No. 2 C.D.
	Lieut	Cowper W.H.	3 Div	HQ London
21	2/Lt.	Franklin R.P.	Rfts	Overseas
	do	Clark R.B.	do	do
	do	Keep J.L.	do	do
	do	Cribb H.C.	do	do
	do	Landon H.O.	do	do
	do	Hall B.Y.	do	do
	do	Lindeman C.F.	do	do
27	Lieut	Light G.	PSL	Demob & Repat.London
28	Lieut	Shrewsbury W.A.	9 Btn	O.T.B.

.....*Wm McMillan*.....Lieut-
Officer Compiling

.....*A.B. Hodgson Cpt*.....Lieut-Col.,
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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING - APPENDIX "H"

Same as last month, but greatly hindered owing to collecting of technical stores.

A. B. Hodgson Capt.
Commanding R. B. A. A.

A. W. Nicholls Lieut.
Compiling Officer.

VETERINARY REPORT - APPENDIX I.

I beg to report that since the last monthly report, demobilisation of the Horses has taken place, all with the exception of a few having been sent by rail to Swaythling Remount Depot to be disposed of, leaving only 44 attached to carry on the necessary work of the Brigade. Those horses are all in good and healthy working condition with the exception of three under ~~treatment~~ treatment for minor injuries.

HEYTESBURY.
9.1.19.

J.B. LEITCH, Capt.
V20.

A. Blodgrass
.....Capt.
Commanding R. B. A. A.

S. W. McMillan
.....Lieut.
Officer Compiling.

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REPORT ON SCHOOLS ATTENDED - APPENDIX "J"

List of NCOs. of the 87th Class, held at the School of Instruction for RH. & RFA. NCOs. Cambridge Barracks, Woolwich, which assembled on the 2nd November 1918, and terminated on the 14th December 1918.

A. Voice. B. Detail C. Theory. D. Practical. E. Elem. Map Rdg.

No. Rank & Name

A. B. C. D. E.

No. 1 Battery.

29082, Sgt. G. Garling

G. V.G. V.G. V.G. 100%
Very capable NCO. Good command & style.

7598, A/Bdr. P. Healy

G. G. V.G. G. 95%
Keen and smart NCO. who has done well on Course.

10842, A/Bdr. E. N. Bell

V.F. G. G. V.G. 95%
Smart intelligent NCO. who has done well on Course.

No. 2 Battery.

3592, Sgt. W. H. Dean

V.F. V.F. V.F. G. 76%
Very keen NCO. and hard working, weak in Theory.

6853, Cpl. W. Maddison

G. G. G. G. 81%
Good practical NCO. who has done well on Course.

28910, A/Bdr. W. H. Wivell

V.F. V.F. G. G. 85%
Is capable of better results, but lacks keenness.

The NCOs. were hard working and well conducted, and a fair average class.

The NCOs. have passed the standard test in Box Respirators and also worn same for two periods of two hours each, but have not passed through Gas Chamber.

In accordance with General Routine Order No. 1327 of 8.5.18 the whole of the NCO. were despatched to the Officer Commanding 793 H.T.Co. R.A.S.C., Kensington Barracks, W.8 for "Camouflage" Course, on Sunday, 15th December 1918.

(Sgd) H.G. Young,

Major R.H.A..

Cambridge Baracks,
WOOLWICH S.E. 18.

Commandant, School of Instruction
for NCOs. RH. & RFA.

A. W. Phillips...Lieut.
Officer Compiling.

A. B. Rodgers...Capt.
Commanding R.B.A.A.

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REPORT ON SCHOOLS ATTENDED. - APPENDIX "J".

Extract from report on Officers completing Course of Instruction with the 27th Field Battery Commanders' Course terminating at Salisbury on 21.12.18.

- A. Report of the Chief Instructor RH & RFA School, Shoeburyness.
 B. Report of the Commandant, Chapperton Down Artillery School, Salisbury.

The following have received instruction on the 18-Pdr. Mark IV Gun.

Capt. G.P.W. Meredith		R.B.A.A.	
A.	Fit for B.C.	Done very well.	90%
B.	Fit for B.C.	Keen and Shot well.	
Lieut. F.L. Heward		12th Bty. A.F.A.	
A.	Fit for 2nd in Command	Smart Officer	91%
B.	Fit for 2nd in Command	Shot well, Keen.	
Lieut. R.G. McLeod.		114th How. Bty. AIF.	
A.	Fit for 2nd in Command		96%
B.	Fit for 2nd in Command	A capable Officer.	

Shoeburyness.
5.12.18.

Salisbury.

(Sgd) L.W. Lewerr, Major R.A.
for Lt.Col. R.A.
Chief Instructor R.H. & R.F.A. School
(Sgd) H.W. Newcombe, Brig-Gen.
Commandant, Chapperton Down Arty. School.

S.W. McNeill...Lieut.
Officer Compiling.

A. B. Hodges
.....Capt.
Commanding R.B.A.A.