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OF

1st. Australian F. A. Brigade.

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1919.

Signature of Officer compiling

*Wesley J. Gates*  
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Signature of Officer Commanding

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1st A Brigade, A.I.F.



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	1919.			SHEET NAMUR. 8. 1/100,000.
	Jany.	1.	Weather - dull and cold. Lieut. A.N. LEWIS, M.C., and Lieut. P.P. SCRIVENER, M.C., returned to Brigade from Paris. Lieut. W. BARTHOLOMEW returned from leave to U.K.	
		2.	Weather - raining and cold.	
		3.	Weather - fine and cold. B.H.Q. and 3rd. Battery Rugby match. Victory for 3rd. Battery by 2 to nil. 101st. Battery v. 2nd. Battery Australian Rules - win for 101st. Battery.	
		4.	Weather - bright sunny day, showery morning with strong wind. Afternoon clear and sunny. 1st. Div. Artillery Race Meeting at METTET. There was an excellent attendance. The most prominent among the visitors were H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES, General BIRDWOOD, Acting C.R.A., Colonel MACARTHNEY. The tote was well patronized and the betting with the books was brisk. The Meeting resulted in one of the finest days sport in the history of the 1st. Division. The Committee deserve every credit for the successful way in which the Meeting was handled, and all credit is due to their pilot and the Hon. Sec. Lieut. F.E. JONES, whose tireless energies left no stone unturned to make the Meeting a huge success. After the Races H.R.H. had afternoon tea at 1st. Brigade Headquarters Mess.	
		5.	Weather - dull, windy and cold. General BUDWORTH, G.O.C.R.A., 4th. Army, visited the Brigade this morning.	
		6.	Weather - Sunny and cold. Capt. F.E. HOOTON proceeded on leave to NICE. Lieut-Colonel E.T. DEAN, D.S.O., proceeded to D.A. to act as C.R.A. during the absence of Brig-General H.W. LLOYD, on leave. Lieut. R.L. SWAN taken on strength of the Brigade and attached to 1st. Battery. Lieut. C.M. STODART, M.C., proceeded to CHATELET to give evidence on the case of LLOYD, Pte.	
		7.	Weather - Sunny and cold.	
		8.	Weather - Sunshine and cold. Football matches between 3rd. Battery v. 1st. Battery, and B.H.Q. v. 2nd. Battery. Wins to 1st. Battery and B.H.Q. 2nd. Battery game at Y.M.C.A., METTET. Lieut. J.R. ROBERTSON proceeded on leave to U.K.	
		9.	Weather - Raining and cold. Capt. C.J. BROOKS, M.C., proceeded to ENGLAND to do Gunnery Course at WOODWICH.	
		10.	Weather - raining and cold. Lieut. L.F. IRWIN struck off strength of the Brigade. Major H.D. PEEL proceeded on leave to U.K. The following Courts Martial were held at B.H.Q.:- Gnr. HUTCHENS and Gnr. PITCHERS. Football: 2nd. Battery v. 3rd. Battery, Australian Rules. Win for 3rd. Battery. Rugby: B.H.Q. v. 101st. Battery. Win for B.H.Q.	



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	Jan'y.	11.	Weather- sunshine, rather warmer. Lieut. R. HANDLEY to D.A.C. as Adjutant. Courts Martial re-assembled.	
		12.	Weather -clear sunny day. 1st. B.H.Q. Sports Meeting, foot events. Leave party proceeded to BRUSSELS. The following points were scored by Units at Sports Meeting :- B.H.Q. 21. 1st. Battery 18. 2nd. Battery 19. 3rd. Battery 12½. 101st. Battery 22½. D.A.C. Band in attendance.	
		13.	Weather good. Second day of Brigade Sports. Mounted events. Points scored by Units :- B.H.Q. 15. 1st. Battery 8. 2nd. Battery 21. 3rd. Battery 5. and 101st. Battery 12.	
		14.	Weather - Windy and cold. Football: B.H.Q. v. 101st. Battery, Australian Rules. Win for B.H.Q. Lieut-Colonel E.F. DEAN, D.S.O. resumes command of 1st. B.H.Q.	
		15.	Weather - raining, cold and windy. Concert by Y.M.C.A. at METTET. Football: 3rd. Battery v. 102nd. Battery, Australian Rules, for 1st. Div. Artillery Championship competition, started during October at AIRAINES. Won by 102nd. Battery. Major J.M. McEVOY (Chaplain) taken on strength of Brigade.	
		16.	Weather - cold and sunny. 3rd. Battery Dance at METTET attended by C.R.A., Brig-General H.W. LLOYD, D.S.O., The following German Guns were moved from METTET to ORET:-	
		17.	4502, 236, 2271, 1396, 1664, 3625, 3291, 2715, 1684, 391, 4165, 6525, 1307. Weather fine but cold. Another batch of German Guns moved to-day.	
		18.	Nos. 8688, 8585, 941, 1005, 292, 3501, 1245, 291, 3785, 8380, 1055, 3586. Weather - dull, wet and cold. C.O. visited Batteries. Lieut. L.B. DEAN taken on strength from 6th. (Army) F.A. Brigade, and posted to 3rd. Battery. Another batch of German Guns removed to-day:-	
		19.	Nos. 3415, 4766, 2724, 2350, 96, 331, 2693, 719, 668, 755, 235, 281, 277, 733, 3733, 4099, 853, 1430, 273, 1291, 1406, 1296, 920. Weather - sunny, frosty, and cold. Football:- 3rd. Battery v. 102nd. Battery Rugby for 1st. Div. Arty. Championship. Won by 3rd. Battery.	
		20.	Weather - clear, sunny, frosty and cold. The following German Guns were moved:- Nos. 1290, 34, 1102, 612, 151, 186, 152, 156, 1163, 153, 158, 157, 533, 234, and also 10 Technical vehicles. 2nd. and 3rd. Battery horses classified.	

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			Football:- 3rd. Battery v. B.H.Q. Rugby. Won by 3rd. Battery.	1/100,000.
		22.	Weather - sunny cold and frosty. Major E. MASTERS, M.C., and Lieut. J.L.G. DUFFY proceeded on leave to BRUSSELS.	
		23.	Weather - snowy and bitterly cold. Capt. F.E. HOOTON reported back from leave in PARIS. Two guns per Battery returned to D.A.D.C.S. Demobilization Gun Park, MORIAIME.	
		24.	Weather - dull, frosty and cold. Lieuts. W.M. MCKENZIE and G.A. CLAY returned from leave in U.K. Lieut. A.E. SHEPHERD on leave to BRUSSELS.	
		25.	Weather - dull forsty and cold. Lieut. DUFFY and Major MASTERS returned from BRUSSELS Leave. 2/Lieuts. A.C. JENNINGS and E.D. BELL reported for duty and were attached to 101st. Battery and 2nd. Battery respectively. The C.R.A. Brig-General H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.C., and Brig-General H.G. BENNETT, Temp. Commanding 1st. Aust. Division, visited the Brigade this morning.	
		26.	Weather - snowing and cold.	
		27.	Weather - snowing and cold. Concert at Y.M.C.A. Hall, METTET, by 1st. Div. Arty. Concert Party.	
		28.	Weather - frosty and cold. Court Martial held at B.H.Q. on Gnr. MACKIE, 2nd. Battery. Concert at Y.M.C.A., METTET, by 1st. Div. Arty. Concert Party.	
		29.	Weather - foggy and bitterly cold. Capt. H.D. BODYCOMB (Medicl. Officer), Lieuts. H.R. BEER, M.C., A.N. LEWIS, M.C., and J.L. LACEY, four sergeants, and 96 other ranks who left Australia in 1915 marched out en route for AUSTRALIA. Lieut. LEWIS and 9 other ranks marched out as special draft "University Undergraduates" for early repatriation to AUSTRALIA. The C.O. and all available Officers proceeded to BIESME to a send-off to these men. 1st. Div. Arty. Race Meeting for the 31st. instant, postponed indefinitely. Capt. MANLEY, 1st. Div. Arty. Sig. Officer, visited the Brigade this morning.	
		30.	Weather - foggy and cold. Capt. HART (Medical Officer) taken on strength of the Brigade. The C.O. (Lieut-Colonel E.T. DEAN, D.S.O) attended 1st. Div. Arty. H.Q. dinner at MORIAIME.	
		31.	Weather - snowing lightly; foggy and cold. Eight six-horse teams per Battery proceeded to HANZINEILLE to assist in demobilizing the 3rd. (Army) F.A. Brigade. The C.O. (Lieut-Colonel E.T. DEAN, D.S.O.) proceeded to D.A. to act as C.R.A. during the absence of Brig-General H.W. LLOYD in ENGLAND. Major C.R. RIGG, M.C., acting C.O. of 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	



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