

Mount Street,
N. SYDNEY.

12 Nov. 1929.

Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers
and men of 7th Brigade A.F.A.

As you are all aware the Government has cancelled all compulsory training under the Defence Act. Up to date no statement in detail of the forces to be raised in place of the compulsory units has been made public, but an announcement has been issued that some force will be raised on a different basis.

In the past 7th Brigade has held a high place amongst the units of 1st Division and a keen spirit of enthusiasm has always been shown by all ranks. In spite of disabilities in the way of stores and accommodation the voluntary effort put forward has been most marked and most gratifying, and this leads me to hope that, should a new Brigade be raised on the North Shore by voluntary enlistment, a good response can be counted on.

However, as I have previously said, no official statement has been made as to the future of this Brigade.

In the meantime steps are being taken to keep this unit together by the introduction of riding classes at Willoughby and by so doing it is hoped that, if and when, orders are received to recruit on a voluntary basis, a nucleus of officers, N.C.Os., and men of the new unit will be in existence.

Work has commenced on the new drill hall and as a preliminary measure 12 riding horses are being sent there. Commencing on 26th November night voluntary parades are being held as under.

Every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.	25 Fd. Bty.
" Wednesday at "	107 Fd. Bty. (H)
" Thursday " "	27 Fd. Bty.

These parades are at the stables Willoughby and uniform must be worn.

In addition a parade card showing the allotment of these horses for Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings will be issued shortly.

A new pattern jacket for other ranks has been under consideration quite recently and may perhaps be issued, and indications are that a special regimental badge may be approved in place of the hat and collar badges as now worn.

The threatened break up of the unit to which we belong and in which we have taken such pride, is a great disappointment.

A magnificent tradition is handed down to this Brigade from its parent the 7th Field Artillery Brigade of the Australian Imperial Forces.

You, who have always played the game, are asked to play it now as never before. The spirit of those gallant comrades of the original Brigade of the A.I.F., who made the supreme sacrifice so that you may all enjoy this fair country of ours cries to you to play now the game with courage in both hands, fearless of the future, so that service, tradition and history will not die, for by tradition, history and sacrifice is a great nation known.

Comrades what shall your answer be!! Will you help by your voluntary effort to keep the 7th Brigade of Field Artillery in existence so that :-

When the last great scorer comes,
To write against your name,
He'll not ask if you won or lost,
But if you've played the game. "

I look confidently to your attendance at the
parades I have called for :-

Tuesday	Nov. 19th	25	Bty.
Wednesday	Nov. 20th	107	"
Thursday	Nov. 21st	27	"

and subsequent Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, when you
will all again exhibit that enthusiasm which was so marked
in our last camp and indeed, throughout the year's training.
From these parades I hope to find new life for our Brigade.

(Sgd.) J. C. SELMS,
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 7th Brigade, A.F.A.