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ARMY BOOK 152.

Correspondence Book.

(FIELD SERVICE.)

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35 Bn - 50th
31 Oct 1917

P.O.
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H.O.C. 9th July Bde
Promotions to Capt Rank

I attach recommendations in order -
1124 GLOSSOP Sgt William Fleck
1614 DUNN " Percy Miller
2283 BLAKELEY " James

in order of Desirability

Due to casualties, the large number of pro-
motions from the ranks to commissions there are no
others available or suitable for consideration at the
moment. I have reviewed the following in order of
desirability in recommendations at present, which I
regard as satisfactory.

Detent Corpse John
Leard Sgt. to T.

These 2 H.C.O. have only just joined the Bn from
England. They appear promising men. The present
training will give me an opportunity of forming an opinion
on their capacity & suitability.

Detent Corpse C.T. This man has
an University Education, & has ability. He is in the C.M. 4
Reserve of Officers having held rank as Lieut in the 2.9.84
was 2 years driver in R.A.A. Holder V.O. medals for
S.A. Draft in his trouble & I understand was his
downfall in civil life. I fear I will not be able to
recommend him. Would make good officer if he could
cut out the grass. Am keeping him under close
observation

See on back

Julia & W.

Has been in France. Observer
in most of time he has been
in France and consequently
is much in drill & field work
would make a good officer
and being in one and
giving him

FRANK S - 35 Bn

him very appropriately during
present training.

Thompson - Thomas Edward
This soldier has done good
work in line, but lacks capacity
to command and giving him
opportunity to get experience
and maintenance and what
keep him under close observation
during next few months.

Harland - E. J.
This soldier has done good
work but I require to see a
little more of him before deciding
to recommend him.

O'Connor - Sgt. B. M.
Was in front line for several
months - did excellent work
and was awarded the D.M.
He has however poor capacity
to command and that he prefer
after exercises. He has just
returned to Bn. Will be able
to form an opinion about
his ability to carry on after
I have seen a little more of
him at work.

Simpson - Sgt. W. E.
Has been in line with the present

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... has been given little opportunity to be heard. I have sent this to the 2nd Army ... about report ... taking action ... with ... make a ...

~~John~~

... Corp. John ... Sgt. J. T. ... this man has ... Education ... 2.4.44 ... 5.6.44 ...

P. G.
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Letter dated 31 Oct 16

To G. O. G.

re consolidation of shell holes
etc. See file and hole
book. In sheets.

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new units to be introduced at
the time of the new
units of the

35th Battalion, A.I.F.
Headquarters, 1 Nov 1917

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9th Australian Infy. Bde.

Ref. Appointments to Commissioned
Ranks:-

I am in receipt of your message
per Lieut Patterson. I have
no further names to submit
than those already forwarded
to you in my recommendation
and those referred to in my
P.G. 72 of 31 Oct. excepting that of
Sergt. Wood who has just rejoined
the Bn. He was shot through the
foot at Messines, and seems to be
in doubt about his ability to carry
on. I am giving him a week
or two to enable him to see how
his foot improves. but am inclined
to think he will find it less trou-
blesome than he anticipates.

I would point out that this
Bn has been recruited almost
entirely from Newcastle miners

and that the movement of officers has always been difficult to find in it.

I have used every endeavor to find suitable men and in some of the recommendations I have made have felt some anxiety as to results.

[6. O. to old and at the end of the 11 Oct]

... and considering the ...
... I can get about 100 ...
... I can make the ...
... I have ...
... I can help me to obtain ...
... I have ...

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35th Battalion C.I.F.
1st Nov. 1917.

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R. O. C.

Qtr Australian Infy. Bde.

Condition of Bunks

I attach report by R.M.O. I
fully endorse his remarks.
The wind sweeps through the
broken walls of the sheds over
them causing great dis-
comfort and constituting a
considerable danger.

If I can get about 100 yds
of lamination I can make the
bunks fairly comfortable. I have
already endeavored to procure
them through every available
source but without success.
If you can help me to obtain
the material without delay
I will be very glad.

~~To G. To discuss~~

11 Col.

In the Field

8. 11. 17.

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Dear Seraph Lister.

I am in receipt of your letter of 19. last month. I am sorry that Regulations do not allow of entry in your pay book although I allowed you to retain your stripes and carry on as a Seraph if could not go through. On Orders until a vacancy occurred. As a matter of fact your promotion to rank of Seraph - permanent - would have taken place had you not have had the misfortune to get hit. The best I can do for you is to enter in your pay book "Carried out duties of Sergeant 13. 5. 17. to 11. 6. 17. but in the meantime I am sending you a record of service which may be of use to you. It is unusual to issue such.

I was very sorry you had the bad luck to go out so soon, as your prospects were good - I hope your wounds are giving you as little trouble as possible and that your general health has not suffered. Yr. Obedt. Servant
H. G. L.

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Headquarters 7.11.17

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Headquarters 7.11.17

Qd. Australian Infantry Brigade

Inquiry to No 2184 Pte W.C. HICKEY.

Attached proceedings of Board of Enquiry on injuries received by above. I am of the opinion that:

1. Pte Hickey was on duty at time of occurrence
2. I am of the opinion that Pte Hickey allowed his leg to swing round in line of fire without being aware of the fact and was not to blame.
3. I have been unable to elicit any information sufficient to establish responsibility of the presence of the live round in the magazine.

J.C. [Signature]
A Col

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37th Battalion
11.11.1917

Adjutant's Office

YBNCH D.W. 1184 to W.C. HICKEY

Adjutant's Office
11.11.1917

The Adjutant's Office
at the time of the
arrival of the
casualties will
be advised of the
names of the
casualties and
the rank of each
of them.

It is requested that
the Adjutant's Office
be advised of the
names of the
casualties and
the rank of each
of them.

Adjutant's Office
11.11.1917

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Instructions Adjutant

All men returning from F.P.
or prison or internment to be
paraded to C.O.

All reinforcements even if only one
to be paraded to C.O.
Also all returned wounded or
sick.

All officers will report to C.O. before
leaving for Schools. Leave or on
any absence of more than one
day and again on returning.
Adjutant will arrange with
C.O. for interview.

Casualties - all ranks, will be
reported to C.O. at earliest possible
moment.

List of Officers and men for
leave will be personally submitted
by Adjutant before going on.
This applies also to Officers and
other ranks for Schools.

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List of Officers and men for leave will be personally submitted by Adjutant before going on. This applies also to Officers and other ranks for Schools.

No officer or other to interview
Brigade or any other higher
command without definite instructions
or permission.

All orders or copies of same to
be submitted to C.O before
rendering.

All orders, maps, instructions
to be promptly submitted to C.O.

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35th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters, 11. 11. 17

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9th Australian Infy. Bde

C.M. on No 4593: Pte J. CULLEN.

Replying yours 34/184. This man has not a good record. There is a growing impression amongst men throughout the A.I.F. that no actual punishment will be inflicted for desertion, and that all suspended sentences will be annulled at termination of the war. Having in view the number of men going back from the line in many units I am of the opinion that in order to check this, cases should be chosen in which offenders serve a portion of sentence before same is ultimately suspended. I realize the value of the suspension and am naturally reluctant to pick upon any man before certifying that he be made an example of for

35th Battalion, A.I.F.
Headquarters, 17.11.17.
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D. O. J.
P. J. J.
F. G. J. M. on No. 4233, P. G. J. M. L.
I have the pleasure to inform you that the
recommendation for the promotion of Lieut. Staton
to the rank of Captain has been approved by the
General Officer Commanding, 35th Battalion, A.I.F.
and the necessary orders have been issued.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
D. O. J.

35th Battalion, A.I.F.
Headquarters, 17.11.17.

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Brig. General
Chas Rosenthal, C.B., C.M.G.,
Commanding 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

Lieut. W. J. STATON.

A Board of Enquiry was held on
the 11th and your No. 105/277 of 10.11.17
after careful consideration I would
ask that recommendation for
promotion of Lieut. Staton goes on
and that Lieut. Staton be given the
next vacancy. I know that
Staton will be well satisfied
with this. Staton's work has been
and is of such value in the line
that I consider he stands alone
in merit for promotion. If you
concur in above I would ask
the batch of promotions including
Lieut. Light, Drake, Eade and
Paterson to go through
Y. J. J.

F. O. [unclear]
[unclear] 12. 11. 17

Chief Engineer
C. B. [unclear]

NOTES of [unclear]

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35th Battalion, A.I.F.
Hdqs. 16. 11. 17

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H. O. C.

9th Australian Infy Bde.

Accidental Wounding No 2184. P. G. HICKEY

A Court of Enquiry was held on above immediately after accident, and was forwarded to you under cover of my P. G. 47 of 4th Nov. I have again enquired into this matter of reassembling the Court. I can obtain no further information with regard to the responsibility of the live cartridges becoming mixed with the dunnop. Further proceedings hereunder.

J. R. [unclear]
P. G.

35th Battalion
11.11.17

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D. O. P.

11.11.17

The following are total evacuations since our taking over trenches 13th night:

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P. G.
11/11/17

H. O. G.,
9th. Australian Infy. Bde.

Your conversation re sick evacuations:
The following are total evacuations since our taking over trenches 13th night:

WOUNDED and GASED	3.
WOUNDED.	3.
GASED	1
SICK	2.
KILLED	<u>2</u>

Ortiz is made up of one man "Temperature" and one man returned from detached duty with V, D, This so far as health of troops is concerned is, I think, satisfactory.

Feet - I would like something done if possible to hurry up the Camphor Compounds for treatment of feet. The men have all had soddened feet and the treatment is urgently needed.

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Pt. O. S. ...
Pt. O. S. ...

Now communication is being established
The following are the names of the
officers and men who are being

- WOUNDED and DIED
- WOUNDED
- DIED
- SICK
- DEAD

This is a list of the names of the
officers and men who are being
communicated to the
The following are the names of the
officers and men who are being
communicated to the

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Urgent requests have been
forwarded to ambulance and
consider this a matter of
great importance.

~~John ...~~
8/6/50

The following are the names of the
officers and men who are being
communicated to the
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communicated to the

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35 Bw. A. J. 1,
Hdqn. 17. 11. 17.

H. O. C.
9th Australian Infy Bde.

Yew. S/C. 35/27 4. 16. Nov 17.

1. Lieut Blifford was not aware that dummy ammunition was being used. He was making a tour of the instruction in the billets, scattered and separated some hundreds of yards. He would not hear rounds being fired - there was only one round fired - the one which caused the accident.
2. Pte Moore had prepared the dummy cartridges of his own initiative - Lieut Blifford was not aware they were being used. Pte Moore is a very earnest and careful soldier, and one in whom great reliance could be placed. J. S. Tisdall
Lt Colonel

32 Bn. A.I.F.
17. 11. 45

P/O
17/11/45

1. O.C. 1st Coy. 35th Bn.
2. O.C. 2nd Coy. 35th Bn.

1. The dugout was very good and well constructed. It was situated in a trench and was very well camouflaged. The entrance was through a hole in the trench and was very well hidden. The dugout was very comfortable and was a very good place to live in. It was very well constructed and was a very good place to live in.

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35th Bn. A.I.F.

P/O
17/11/45

O.C.

1. Australian Infy. Bde.

LE TOUQUET SECTOR. Left front boy. Headquarters. I have this afternoon inspected the dug-out referred to when with you to-day - and subject your approval, intend transferring this boy Headquarters to same.

It is situated at U 28. C 65.15 in UNA SUPPORT. There is communication to front line by a trench which leaves UNA SUPPORT at U 28. C. 65.30 and connects with CECIL RESERVE at U. 28. d 10.10. Thence by CECIL RESERVE which comes out close to No. 12 post. The dugout is a very good one and will make an excellent Coy Hdqrs.

J. G. To ddar ad
H G L

30. 0. 4.

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LE TOUQUET SECTOR. Left front
company. The left front
company is responsible for
posts nos. 5 and 7. The right
company will supply personnel
which will come under command
of left company commander.
A reconnaissance with object
of opening up communication
from Post 3 to 4 will be carried
out tomorrow, and you will
receive further on this subject
when this has been done.
I will requisition for small
working party to carry out this
work as soon as scheme can be
prepared.

J. O. B.
11. 11. 17

35. Bn. O. 9. 4.
Hqrs. 17. 11. 17.

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J. O. B.
9th Aust. Infy Bde.

Disposition LE TOUQUET SECTOR:

I have decided, with your
approval, to make the left
front company responsible for
posts nos. 5 and 7. The right
company will supply personnel
which will come under command
of left company commander.

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of opening up communication
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prepared.

J. O. B.
11. 11. 17

55. Bn.
Halifax, N.S. 11.17.

P.O. Box
14. Street, Halifax

Proposition LE TOURIST SECTION
I have considered with you
of course I would like to
front and back and forward for
part. Has it not been
and you will not be
which will come under
of it. I am
to arrangements with
of opening up
from Post 2. It is
but to remain, and
necessary function on
the other hand
I will report
work to be done
with on a
reference.

~~14. Street~~
Halifax

55. Bn.
Halifax, N.S. 11.17.

P.O.
Box

O.C.
D. Boy

Will you please explain
why you allowed yourself
to get out of touch with
your headquarters phone.
It was essential that you
remained at the old HQ
until new ones were
up. Please act accordingly
now.

~~John~~
No. 10

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P. Court
on 3rd
to
was

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35 Bm. a. 9. 4.
18. 11. 17.

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H. O. C.,
Col. Australian Tuly Bde.

No 3542 & Corp. CLARKE. T. J.

The above N. C. O has been doing very good work and I have considered recommending him for a Commission. He was acting a. S. S. M. before war 1913. General Instructor Randwick Aug - Sept 1914. Auxiliary Instructor Liverpool Sep 1914. to 15. 12. 15. when he joined A. I. F. as a private was on permanent Cadre 9th T. B. Jan 1917. and left in France 1. 6. 17.

Was in both YPRES operation. I find he underwent a R. Court Martial a Laethel on 3 Mar 1917. in connection with the sending back of men to Australia who were not entitled to go. He was reduced to the ranks, but

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G. O. C.
qk. Australian Infantry Bde.

Connecting up Posts. 3-4-5.

Reconnaissance of line from left Post 3 to Post 4 - top. N.A. P.O. - and thence to post 5 has been made. I consider it will be possible to open these up in two nights. Working from 11. p.m. to 4.30. a.m. My idea being to open up post 3 to 4 first night, thence to post 5 second night. Engineers will carry out reworking.

I will require a working party of 1 officer, 4 good N.C.O.s and 40 men from rear Bn.

The officer and N.C.O. to report at this Bn Hdqs at 6.45. a.m. to-morrow 19th instant to reconnoitre the works.

They will return and take their working party to the works in the evening.

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Q. I. C. O. P. 1
P. 1. C. O. P. 1

The task will be taped and
pegged ready for them.
I will arrange for a
post to lie out to cover the
working party.

I am recommending a direct
route for C.T. from Post 3 to
post 5 via a spot just below
cross roads C. 10.655.40. This
I think is quite practicable
The ground is heavily littered
with debris and this should
protect the new works so far
as visibility is concerned. I
think however that the opening
up of the communication
suggested should take precedence.

9 July. Dale.

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I do not think that more
than one section of this work
should be taken in hand at the
one time.

~~John J. ...~~
a post at this point would be
of great value as it would

of great value as it would

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July Bde.

The tanks were to be used
for the purpose of crossing
the river. It was necessary
to have a bridge over the
river. The bridge was to be
made of logs and planks.

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logs and planks. It was
necessary to have a bridge
over the river. The bridge
was to be made of logs and
planks.

~~July Bde.~~
at foot of the hill
of great value on a

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quite in a command to the
FRELINGHEM Bridge approach
which we have not a present.

~~July Bde.~~

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of logs and planks. It was
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at foot of the hill
of great value on a

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The July Bee
P. O. C.
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Jagers. 18. 11. 17.

P. O. C.
90.

P. O. C.
9th Australian Infy Bde.

LE TOQUET Sector

Herewith disposition of this
Battalion on above. Co-ordin-
ates have been taken from
Engineer Map, but I am
not satisfied with these. I
will verify and advise you
further if discrepancies exist.
A reliable trench map is
needed.

~~J. A. Todd and~~
reduced to 19 men, 4 N. G. Co.

30 men to which I am adding
25 men of this Bn.
To some time I have notified
C. O. 32 Bn. and before taking
any action conferred with Major
White who was here and had the
full command.

J. A. Todd and
4 N. G. Co.

35 Bn. G. I. 4.
18. 11. 17.

P.O.C.
P.O. 33 Bn. G. I. 4.

LE TOUQUET

The result of further reconnaissance
has decided me that it will require
light in order to best carry out this
work. I therefore would ask that
working party be available to
commence work at 6 a.m. to-
morrow 20th instant. This party
will have from 1 to 1 1/2 hours to
push on the task, before hostile
observation would be effected.

J.G. Tooband
Lt Col

35 Bn. G. I. 4.
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P.O. 33 Bn. G. I. 4.

re connecting up P.O. 3 to 5.

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C.O. 33 Bn. and before taking
any action conferred with Major
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full concurrence.

J.G. Tooband
Lt Col

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Feb 19 11 17

Major W. V. J. Blake,
D. Coy.

Your B. 101. The reasons you submit do not explain your personal absence from telephonic communications. You should have gone to the Coy HQs in LONG AVE and remained there moving only with your phone transfer. Necessity in this will be obvious to you. Please note for future occasions should it arise

~~Jan 20 1917~~
H. G. L.

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~~Jan 20 1917~~
H. G. L.

R. V. P. No. 28
51.11 P. 1917

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35th Bn. A. I. 4.
Hdqs. 19. 11. 17

Dear Mr. W. W. Wall
101. E. 101.

Dear Mr. W. W. Wall
I have been thinking of you
and the work you are doing
for the boys. I am sure
you will be able to help
them in many ways. I
am sure you will be able
to help them in many ways.
I am sure you will be able
to help them in many ways.
I am sure you will be able
to help them in many ways.

Yours truly
R. V. P.

My dear Leslie -
Owing to it being made un-
tenable by shells. I've had to move
my left front Coy Headquarters from
LONG AVENUE. I selected a dug
out (German concrete) in UNA SUPPORT.
but am, after looking at the maps,
a bit in doubt whether I have
not overlooked on your locality.
And how in case I have I would
like to know from you if you
have any objection.

Kind regards

Bob Tothard

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I have been thinking of you
and the work you are doing
for the boys. I am sure
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them in many ways. I
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to help them in many ways.
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to help them in many ways.

Yours truly
Bob Tothard

F. D. D. No. 33
11/11/17

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35th Bn. A. I. F.

Hdqrs. 21. 11. 17

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O. B.

Qd. Australian Infy Bde.

Gun Books

These are in a very sodden con-
dition. We took them over from
from the 2nd Scottish Rifles when
we came into the line. If it
is possible to procure dry books
for incoming units I would
strongly recommend this has
done. Those we have are quite
unfit for wearing.

Suggest that men of this
Bn wear them going out if
it is possible for 33 to get others
and 33rd wear them dry books
coming in. If the change over
of books takes place in the line
both units will have to wade
through water in ordinary
marching boots.

J. R. Laddan
H. G. C.

30° 15' 30" N
111° 15' 00" E

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T.O.C.
9th Australian Bde.

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Battalion	SURREY FARM
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Left	C. 9 c. 90. 65
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Sedg. 4. Jan 1918.
Secret

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Your secret letter of 3^d Jan:
I submit the name of
2^d Lieut. W. J. WORLAND
This officer has shown himself
to be a very keen, enterprising
soldier. He has fine control of men
a strong man physically and
mentally. He is possessed of
a fine degree of courage,
and I am sure from what I
know of him will welcome
inclusion in any enterprise.
I think that Captain
Gordon Boghvie would also
be inclined to volunteer. This
officer has always been the
first to volunteer for any
enterprise - but he is a company
commander and is only just
back after an absence of seven
months severely wounded
during which period he has

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undergone several operations
a badly smashed jaw -
therefore I am inclined to
favor Lieut WORLAND.

Worland came over with
the Bu from Australia and
was Coy Sgt Major to date
of Commission 5.12.17. He
has a very fine control of
men and a good leader.

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9th Aust Infy Bde.
Hdqrs. 5. Jan 1918.

Dear Col. Heine.
The bearer is Captain
O. J. O. Tedder from the
54th Bn who is transferring
to the Bengal. I am
posting him to your command
and hope you will find
him a valuable officer.

~~J. O. Tedder~~
H. G. O.

J. O. Tedder D. S. O.

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9th Aust Infy Bde
Foggo 7 Jan 1917

My dear Lieut.
The Lieut's Gordon and
Newland. I find the latter
is properly succeeded, therefore
his promotion will not block
that of Lieut Gordon.

The Brigadier will take
the responsibility of the
suitability for promotion of
Lieut Newland.

I am sending both the
commendation on and I hope
if you will now have no
objection.

J. T. [Signature]

It is for the Lieut's Bde.

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9th Aust Infy Bde.
Headquarters 14. Jan. 1917

Major J. A. McDowell
3rd Battalion.

Dear Mr McDowell.

I visited your "A" Coy this morning about 10.45 a.m. The men were all in kilts - the officer in charge made the explanation that he did not take them out on account of the weather and because they would get their feet wet. The day was ideal for outdoor work - bright, dry and breezy. I was, myself, five hours walking or standing in the snow and my boots were not even damp. It certainly shows a serious lack of training and ability to make the best of training opportunities on the part of the officer concerned - and I would ask that you give your attention to instilling into him a better appreciation of his duty.

J.C.G. to add
to be

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9th Infantry Brigade
Headqrs. 15 Jan. 1918

My dear Blacklow
Reference attached. I do not
think it wise to referent to
state only that you have met
vacancies - as Coleman can be
posted supernumerary. I think if
you do not wish him transferred
to the Bn you had better state
that while you had no objection
to his promotion to the T. and
being quite manful as to
his capacity or fitness for to
command a company you
would have objection to his
being transferred with the rank
of Captain to your battalion.

~~J. E. [Signature]~~

9th. Aust. Infy Bde.
Leaves 15. 1. 18

My dear Aunt.

Thanks for yours of 2^o and kind
congratulations therein.

Re Officer School - Aldershot.
It is usually selection from
Major in the Service in who
have distinguished themselves
by special energy and
indications of capacity to
command is made when
candidates for this school are
sent over. I do not think I
would be possible for you
to be approved as a candidate
without some further service
over here. I understand you
will shortly be reporting the
side. The rest will, of course,
depend upon yourself.

Glad to hear you are
well - weather here rather
brisk, but generally crisp
and healthy.

Sincerely yours

J. B. Reddane

H. G. L.

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9th Aust. Infy Bde.
Tobago, 21 Jan 1918.

P. G.
10/2

Confidential

Jacodquais
Third Australian Division

Report on Officer Seconded
to 9th Brigade.

Major W. A. S. Dunlop: - The
time at my disposal in which
to form an opinion of this
officer's capacity has been
sufficiently brief to decide
me, in fairness to him, to
ask that I be permitted to
hold over report for the
present.

~~Jacodquais~~
H. Col.

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21st Jan 1918

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Dear Sir

Thank you for the
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9 Aust. Infy Bde.
23. Jan 1918

Major A. G. Blackburn
Command 35 Bn.

My dear Blackburn
Major Hunt has arrived
and will report to you for
duty. It creates rather a
difficult position, about
which I will see you
just afterwards. In the
meantime you had better
fit him in to best advantage.

[Signature]

Command 9th Aust. Infy Bde.

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9th Australian Infy Bde.
Headquarters, 24.1.18

P.C.
104

Major A. C. Blacklow
Commandy 35th Battalion.

My dear Blacklow.
I was very pleased
with the march discipline,
turn out and appearance
of your battalion when
marching through Helmer
today. The parade reflected
credit on all ranks, and
I would like you to convey
to your officers and men
my appreciation.
The good work you have
personally applied was plainly
demonstrated to me.

[Signature]
R. Col
Commandy 9th Aust. Infy Bde.

P.C. 104.A.
is confidential finding re. Personal
enquiry - copy in the papers.

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11.11.18
P. B.
105

My dear Blacklow
I was discussing your good-
self with General Monash this morn-
ing, and he gave me in the opinion
that you should have the ad-
vantage of the long furlough.
I cannot but be aware that you
have put in some very strenuous
work while in charge of the Bn.
and I consider it in the interests
of the service that you should
while it is possible get a proper
rest. I cannot at the moment
say when the next allotment will
all due, but it should be within a
week or two. It would mean, of
course, cancelling your allotment
or ordinary leave. I really feel
inclined to make this an order -
I will be quite glad to know
how you are off for a month's rest.
Please give me your ideas
by return.

I have not yet received back
the enquiry for Gen. Howes.
Yours
J. B. Eddowes

Yours
J. B. Eddowes

Gd. Australian Infy Bn
Headquarters 28.11.18

My dear Blacklow
I was discussing your good-
self with General Monash this morn-
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that you should have the ad-
vantage of the long furlough.
I cannot but be aware that you
have put in some very strenuous
work while in charge of the Bn.
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how you are off for a month's rest.
Please give me your ideas
by return.

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the enquiry for Gen. Howes.
Yours
J. B. Eddowes

9th Aust. Infy Bde.
Jervis. 30. Jan 1918

P. B
106.

Major A. C. Blacklow,
Command 35th Battalion A. I. F.

My dear Blacklow.

I have received advice through
Division that the General Commanding
A. I. F. has approved of Lieut-
Colonel A. J. Bennett C. M. C., D. S. O.,
I. D. late 1st Bn A. I. F. being
attached to 35th Bn temporarily
and superannuated in order
that he may gain some ex-
perience with an Infantry Bn
in France before being considered
for a command.

This officer served with 1st
Division at Gallipoli. He
recently returned from Aus-
tralia & has been through Senior
Officers School, Aldershot.

It will be understood that
whilst Lieut. Colonel Bennett
is attached as a superannuated
with the 35th Bn he will not
assume command of any
portion of the Battalion.

