

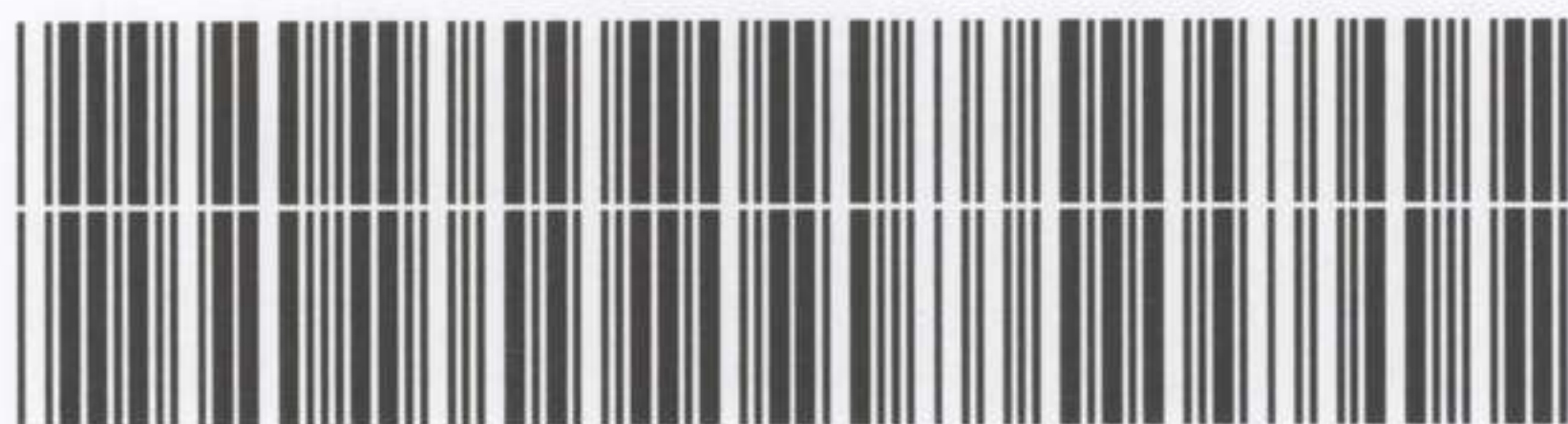
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WAR DIARY

No. 16.

Army Form C. 2118.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bakery North. Rouen.	14/12/17.		Strength. 1 Officer. 83 other ranks and 1 attached, not including 5 in hospital, France : and 8 on leave to the United Kingdom. 35 N.C.O's and men were employed in the No. 2 Base Supply Depot as checkers ,loaders, etc.,and the remainder of personnel were employed on the staff, general camp fatigues and in the bakehouse with Imperial Sections.	
"	2/12/17.		Field General Court Martial Proceedings were promulgated in which a N.C.O. (Corporal) was reduced to the ranks and sentenced to 90 days No.1. Field Punishment. of which 62 days was remitted. Confirmed and signed 30/11/17. by BrigadierGeneral L.T.Phillips. Base Commandant.	
	3/12/17.)		The duties were the same as on the 1st. Nothing further to report.	
	4/12/17.)			
	5/12/17.)			
	6/12/17.)			
	7/12/17.		5 N.C.O's and men rejoined Unit from leave to the United Kingdom . 1 man evacuated to hospital (sick), and 1 man rejoined Unit from hospital.	
	8/12/17.		Nothing to report.	
	9/12/17.		3 men reported to Unit from leave to U.K. and 1 man evacuated to hospital.(sick). 1 section of 13 N.C.O's and men baked 6930 lb rations.	
	10/12/17.		40 N.C.O's and men baked 23040 lb rations, and 33 N.C.O's and men were on duty at the Base Supply Depot: the balance on staff and camp fatigues. Notification was received from Officer i/c Records. 3rd Echelon. Anzac Section. that 2 men were invalided to England from hospital and thereby struck off strength.	

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Bakery North.				
Rouen.	11/12/17.		40 N.C.O's and men baked 25040 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	12/12/17.		40 N.C.O's and men baked 25280 lb rations. The poll on the Military Service	Sent.
"			Referendum was taken and 89 votes were recorded.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	13/12/17.		40 N.C.O's and men baked 23860 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	14/12/17.		40 N.C.O's and men baked 23040 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	15/12/17.		40 N.C.O's and men baked 23040 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	16/12/17.		13 N.C.O's and men baked 12940 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	17/12/17.		The N.C.O's and men employed at the Base Supply Depot were detailed for duty in the bakehouse, thereby making three shifts of 23 N.C. O's and men each shift. Total 70 including the Master Baker, and baked 30140 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	18/12/17.		70 N.C.O's and men baked 38430 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	19/12/17.		70 N.C.O's and men baked 35760 lb rations. 1 man proceeded on leave to U.K. and 1 rejoined unit from hospital.	Sent.
"	20/12/17.		70 N.C.O's and men baked 36860 lb rations.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.
"	21/12/17.		70 N.C.O's and men baked 38400 lb rations. 1 conviction of an offence of A.W.L. in London from 7.30 a.m. 3/12/17 to 10.15 a.m. 6/12/17. Punishment awarded : Deprived of 4 days' pay.	Joe. H. Pyc Capt.

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Bakery North.				
Rouen.	22/12/17.		70 N.C.O's and men baked 39280 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	23/12/17.		47 N.C.O's and men baked 25860 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	24/12/17.		1 man proceeded on leave. 7p N.C.O's and men baked 38720 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	25/12/17.		1 shift. viz., 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. of 23 N.C.O's and men baked 33333 13120 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	26/12/17.		2 shifts viz., 6 a.m. till 2 p.m. and 2 p.m till 10 p.m. of 46 N.C.O's and men baked 21120 lb ration	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	27/12/17.		1 man rejoined unit from 28 days F.P.No. 1. 70 N.C.O's and men baked 30880 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	28/12/17.		1 man evacuated to hospital (sick). 1 N.C.O proceeded on leave to U.K. 70 N.C.O's and men baked 31260 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	29/12/17.		1 man proceeded on leave to U.K. 70 N.C.O's and 33 men baked 21540 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	30/12/17.		2 men proceeded on leave to U.K. 1 shift viz., 6 a.m. till 2 p.m. 23 N.C.O's and men baked 13260 lb rations.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
"	31/12/17.		70 N.C.O's and men baked 30270 lb rations. Strength. I Officer. 84 other ranks and 1 P.E. personnel attached not including 4 in hospital. France and 6 on leave to the United Kingdom.	Jos. H. Pye Capt.
			Details of rationing and accomodation attached. Appendix. 13.	

APPENDIX

APPENDIX NO . 13. Dated 31/12/17.

5TH DIVISION FIELD BAKERY A.I.F.	
No.	<i>Original</i>
Date	

Details of rationing and accomodation.

Under the present system whereby meals are prepared and cooked by the adoption of diet sheets, the food issued to the personnel was varied and proved satisfactory by the Orderly Officer's report, as well as reducing waste to a minimum.

During the festive season the ordinary rations were augmented by the kindness of the principals of the A.I.F. Comforts Funds who were good enough to despatch several cases of Xmas cheer to the Unit for distribution among the N.C.O's and men.

The Y.M.C.A representative also forwarded a handsome leather wallet for each N.C.O and man as an Xmas gift, and with the good feeling that prevailed I believe that the time spent this Xmas was thoroughly enjoyed by all, under the circumstances.

Accomodation.

At present the corporals and men are accomodated in " Alwyn huts" the dimensions of which are 21 ft by 7 ft, and 1 hut is allotted to 7 men during the winter months. The Sergeants are housed in separate hut with Imperial N.C.O's of equal rank, and the senior N.C.O's are provided with a cubicle for two, which is partitioned off from the ordinary hut. Each N.C.O and man has provided himself with an improvised bed : an arrangement which folds in the centre, and is laced with strong string or rope. This class of sleeping accomodation has proved satisfactory, in that it is sanitary and also more healthy than sleeping on the floor of the hut. This has been proved by the comparatively small amount of sickness which has prevailed for this time of the year, as during the month of December only three men have been evacuated to hospital sick, of which two cases were contracted through colds. etc., and the other through skin disease.

Rouen.
31/12/17.

Jo. H. De

Capt.

5th. Division Field Bakery A.I.F.