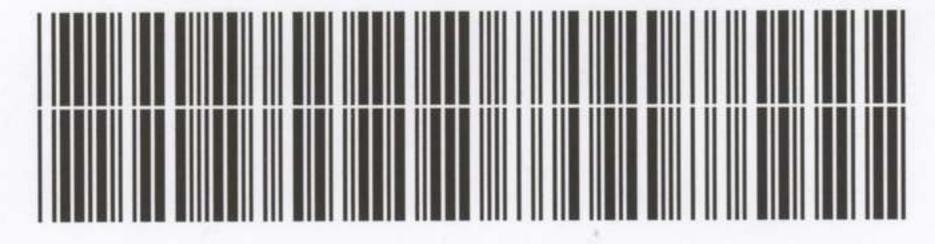
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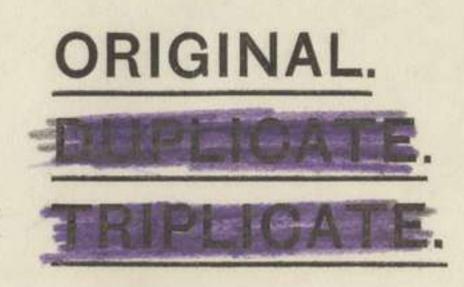
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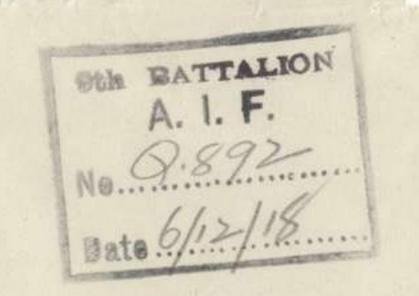


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OF

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t
RENFLOS.	1.1	1.18.	Training according to syllabus and acf a recreational nature was carried out during the day. Weather beautifully fine with decidedly cold nights. Fighting St rength - 32 Offs. 606 Other Ranks. Detached - 7 ** 120 ***	2
			Total. 39 " 726 " "	3
	2.1	1.18.	Regimental Baths in full swing and every man issued with a clean set of underclothing. socks, towels, etc. These baths are capable of doing easily 60 per hour and the conditions under which men are bathed are far and above the best this Unit has experienced in France. Must er parade was held according with instructions issued from a higher formation for the purpose of locating any absentees who were not officially reported. It was a general round up throughout the Corps and this Unit was found all correct.	in the same of the
	3.1	1.18.	Combined Church Par ade was held at BRUCAMPS when Bde. N.Q., loth. Battalion. 12th. Battalion and this Unit were present. Battalion marched passed the G.O.C. in column of Companies in line and the smartness and general appearance was commented upon. In the afternoon a football match was played on the football grounds GORENFLOS between the Battalion Officers and Sergeants which resulted in a win for the Sergeants by 12 points to 3. This match resulted in a great deal of amusement for the troops as there were many on both sides who knew little of the rules. 36 REinforcements including personnel from 25th. Battalion marched in making the strength of the Companies up to 150 each. Lieut. R.B. TENNANT to Gas School.	Monday.
	4.1	1.18.	Quite the best day in regard to weather conditions that this Battalion has experienced during its stay in GORENFLOS. One Company, "Y", proceeded to Rifle Range at BOUCHON and carried out practices as laid down in syllabus. The remainder of the Battalion were instructed in Lewis Guns and Musketry. In the afternoon "X" Company played "Z" Company rugby and it was the most interesting match witnessed. Both teams were eager and in good condition. The result was a draw. Lieut. S. SHAW from Brigale School. Lieut. T.W. CAMERON to Paris Leave.	Appendix
	5.1	1.18.	Raining all day. Training of Companies was carried on indoors . Lewis Gunners had practice in the stripping of the gun and general mechanism. Woollen Jerkins and Winter Gloves were	

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ORENFLOS	5.11		issued. Warning Order received from Brigade that the whole Division less Artillery would move the TINCOURT area on the 6th. 7th and 8th insts. This Battalion timed to entrain at PONT REMYU at 1555 on 7th inst. and detrain at TINCOURT. TINCOURT which was the scene of our former success fortunately is well known to Units of this Brigade as we had been billeted there for three weeks previously. Rev. Chaplain Smith MCBAIN was posted as Battalion Intelligence Officer in accordance with instructions laid down in A.I.F. Educational Scheme.	
			brought up to establishment. At 1330 Brigade Order for the move to TINCOURT was received.	
			The move to TINCOURT area timed for 0900 was postponed another 24 hours. Notwithstanding this postponement arrangements were made for the transportation of men's packs from GORENFLOS to PONT REMY through the courtesy of Lieut.Col. MACARTNEY, "D.S.O. "of 3rd. Army Bie. A.F.A. Six G.S. Waggons with 6 horse teams each and their complement of drivers was placed at the Battalion's disposal. Companies carried on indoors with lecturettes and instruction in Lewis Gun mechanism. Owing to the state of the weather conditions. Lieut. B. NICHOLLS to U.K. Leave Lieut. C.O. THOMPSON to 4th. Army School. Major N.G. ARMSTRONG from Paris Leave. Bie. message received at 2.p.m. saying the Bde. Group would move to TINCOURT Area at 1600 Thexmenxmested for the companies with the seinstructions.	2.
	8.1.	1.18.	The men rested for the morning and received two mhot meals before moving off at 1600 by march route to PONT REMY, the point laid down for place of entrainment. At 1530 Battalion fell in in mass on Battalion Parade Ground. The 6 G.S. Waggons kindly loaned by Lieut.Col.MACARTNEY "D.S.O." arrived and all the men's packs including steel helmets and extra blanket were carried to point of entrainment. At 1600 the Battalion moved off in fighting order and at 1815 received a hot drink of coffee and milk on the line of march. On reaching PONT REMY at 2015 we again received another drink of coffee and milk and the whole Unit including transport were entrained by 2100. At 2115 the train moved off and about a mile out for some unknown reason remained there until 0415 on 9th. inst. Weather beautifully clear and extremely cold. Fighting Strength 30 Offs.659 O/Ranks. Detached 9 Offs.920/Ranks. Total 39 Offs. 751 O/Ranks.	Blagemen.

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	9.11.18.	Still resting in the train and the routine as laid down in GORENFLOS was adhered to. The men received the same meals and the methods of supply were unal tered. The Unit remained on the train all day up to 2500. The journey **study**yttakk* actually took 26 hours to go 40 miles. The Battalion then marched from the TINCOURT Station to the bivouac area just a kilometre away, where they received a hot cup of coffee and milk. All ranks were under cover by 0200 on 10th inst. At midnight on 9th. inst. order was received from Brigade that the Battalion would move by bus route to the MaZINGHIEN Area at 1000 on 10th inst.	
INCOURT	10.11.18.	Battalion Order issued to Companies at 0100 that the Battalion would move to this area according to instructions from Brigade. At 0630 this was again cancelled and the Battalion rested in TINCOURT for the whole of the day. Football matches were arranged and inspection of the Battalion was carried out. Weather extremely cold but fortunately fine. The talk of Peace was very write throughout the Battalion and all ranks feel assured that it will be a certainty before many days are over. The Battalion remained in the dugouts over night and made all preparations for a move on the 11th.	00
		The Battalion fell in in Mass at 0900 to proceed to point of assembly for embussing. Just as the Battalion was ready to move word came through to dismiss but to be ready to move in thirty minutes notice. At 1200 unofficial news came through that hostilities had ceased. At 1230 message received from Brigade to commence embussing at once. Battalion were embussed and ready to move at 1300. A delay of two hours before the column moved off and the convoy did not reach MAZINGHIEM until 2030 where the Intelligence Sergeant met the Battalion and led them into Billets.	afin
ZINGHIEM	12.11.18.	Battalion was billeted in two large farms which had been in enemy occupation for the last four years and Hun brutality is conspicuous everywhere. Not one scrap of furniture remains in these farms and the civilians are in a semi-starved condition. The Battalion has made arrangements to feed the occupants of these farms during the time it remains in occupation. The cruelty and barbarisms committed by the Huns reflected in every aspect and the appearance of all civilians. The whole Battalion employed on fatigue and the men's billets have been made most comfortable. Lieut. R.B. TENNANT from School.	Jack.
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AZINGHIEM.	13.1	1.18.	General parade ordered by the Brigadier for 1115. Battalion assembled there at the time and place appointed when the General addressed the whole of the 3rd. Brigade. He warned us that the Armistice was granted and that we would in all probability be moving to garrison Germany. The men are very pleased to think that their efforts have been rewarded and their ambition, that of garrisoning German territory, fulfilled. Companies carriedon with football recreation in the afternoon and preparations were made for the move. At 1900 Brigade Order received for the move to the BOHAIN Area. Lieut. C.E. PICKFORD from School.	7 ppending
BOHAIN.	14:1	1.18.	Battalion fell in in Mass at 0930 and proceeded by march route to BOHAIN. Transport accompanied the Unit and a midday meal was served from the cookers at 1200. The march was tiresome and unsatisfactory owing to the terrible lot of traffic and congestion of troops on the line of march. The journey only a distance of 9 miles took 7 hours to complete, but fortunately the weather was so good with bright moonlight that the billeting was not at all difficult. BOHAIN is a very large place and the civilians have suffered timmercifully at the hands of the Hun. It is only a skeleton village as every minor thing has been removed. Battalion Headquarters were located in Rue de REPUBLIQUE with Companies in large buildings adjacent. Lieut. T.W. CAMERON from Paris Leave. Lieut. R. PENMAN from School. Lieut. J.W. KINGAto U.K. Leave.	are Dark
	1,5.1	1.18.	Battalion occupied with cleaning of equipment and cleaning up billets. Fighting Strength 32 Offs. 652 O/Ranks. Detached 7 Offs. 92 O/Ranks. Total 39 Offs. 744 O/Ranks Capt. F.J. BIGGS to Division.	· 2
	16.1	1.18.	Battalion carried on with training of a close order and smartening-up character. In the afternoon a football match was played between the 49th. Battalion and a representative team from this Unit. It was a highly interesting and hardly contested match. Final results were a draw. Weather absolutely perfect although extremely cold. Billets are presenting a much improved appearance and sanitation is being proceeded with.	Ban
	17.1	1.18.	A Combined Church Parade of the Brigale Group at 10000 on ground adjacent to Civil Hospital. On completion of parade all Units marched past the G.O.C. in column of platoons. A meeting of a Company Commanders was called by Lieut.Col. C.F. ROSS "M.C." when all matters appertaining to the welfare of the regiment were discussed. Lieut. C.O. THOMPSON from School.	11

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BOHAIN.			The Battalion proceeded to the Divisional Baths at BOHAIN when all men were thoroughly cleansed and issued with a clean set of underclothing. It is the opinion of all that no Baths come up to the standard of our own Regimental Baths, the supply of water is always assured., which is the governing factor.	Caps.
			Battalion proceeded on a Rout March to SEBONCOURT. Weather was absolutely perfect. In the afternoon football match arranged between the Artillery and this Unit was played, which reafternoon football match arranged between the Artillery and this game extraordinarily heavy sulted in a win for the latter by 28 points to nil. During this game extraordinarily heavy sulted in a win for the latter by 28 points to nil. During this game extraordinarily heavy fog was experienced but at night it cleared up with clear moonlight. Lieut. E.L. ELCOCK fog was experienced but at night it cleared up with clear moonlight.	
			Battalion carried on with training as per syllater of the afternoon arrangements were made to the wind had a tendency to become very cutting. In the afternoon arrangements were made to complete the whole of the Battalion in regard to web equipment and rifles preparative to their move en-route to GERMANY.	
			Battalion proceeded on a route march via FRESNOY LE GRANDE and SEBONCOURT under perfect weather conditions. In the afternoon Companies carried on with recreational training, football, etc. Sickness which was prevalent during the three previous weeks has been curtailed to a very great extent principally owing to the healthy weather conditions. Billets for the men have been made as comfortable as possible and every attention has been paid to the sanitation and food of the troops.	7
	22+	11.18	Weathert extremely cold and unpleasant unless on the move. Keen wind blowing which is very cutting. Notwithstanding this the Companies carried on with Battalion training principally ceremonial work. At 1500 Capt. T. FARMER and 2/Lieut.G.H. BOMFORD with 71 Reinforcements arrived. These reinforcements are poor specimens physically and took as though they require a lot of training to come up to the standard of this Unit. Movement Order received from Brigade that the Battalion would move by march route to the MAZINGHIEN Area commencing at 0930. Battalion Order issued in accordance with above at 1700. Fiching Strength 34 Offs 1860/Ranks Detached 60ffs. 91 Offanks. Total 400ffs. 7270/Ranks.	Appendice 5.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AZINGHIEN.	23.11	.18.	The Battalion moved off to the MAZINGHIEN Area and occupied farms allotted to this Unit previously. This was a stage in the line of march and orders were received at 1700 that the Battalion would move off to CARTIGNIES the following day. Owing to the length of march it was deemed advisable that Steel Helmets should be carried by Transport and consequently very few fell out. Major N.G. ARMSTRONGS to the spital.	
CARTIGNIES	24.11	-18-	At 0930 the Battalion moved off an proceeded to the CARTIGNIES Area a distance of 15 miles. Midday meal was supplied en-route and the Battalion arrived at their rendezvous at 1620. Cookers were sent away from the column two hours previously and the men received a hot meal at 1830. The Billets of the men were the best encountered up to the present time since the arrival of this Unit in France. Although Companies were scattered the command was central. It was notified to Battalions concerned that this area would be a stage and would only rest for the one night. At 2135 the Brigade Order received to the effect that the Brigade Group would move on to BEUGNIES Area, first Unit of the Brigade Group passing the starting point at 0800. This necessitated a very early move for this Battalion and orders were issued to Companies at 2400.	8
BEUGNIES	25+11	-18-	Battelion proceeded by march route for the BEUGNIES area, passing the starting point at 0837. This was only a short march of 9 miles under very fair conditions and the Battalion reached its billeting area at 1430. The three Companies "X", "Y" and "Z", were billeted in a huge factory with Headquarters adjacent. The condition of the billets was in a most insanitary condition but fortunately Baths formerly used by the Germans was intact and formed part of the factory occupied by this Unit. Three Companies received a hot bath an hour after arrival. Clean straw was purchased for every man. The Transport Lines were ina frightful condition which necessitated a fatigue party of 15 men per Company for cleaning up purposes temporarily. A hot meal was served to all ranks at 1800.	31
	26 -11	.18.	Battalion occupied in cleaning up Billets and separate parties were detailed in assisting the Transport in making their places for horses habitable. As far as possible cleaning of equipment and cutting of hair was carried on with. Weather dull and muggy. Capt. F.J. BIGG from Division. Major N.G. ARMSTRONG from Hospital.	Baha
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BEUGNIES	27.	1.18.	The Battalion billets were in a most awful condition and all Companies were detailed for the whole of the day in cleaning them up and making them habitable. Although the Billets were large and the accommodation plentiful no. Unit previously had attempted to make them at all sanitary. Owing to reinforcements arriving in fairly large numbers the Battalion was again re-organized into 4 Companies of 3 Platoons each. Capt. W.G. PENROSE was posted to command "D" Company. The platoon which was originally transferred from old "D" Company to "X". "Y" "Z" respectively was again re-transferred to form complement of "D" Company. Weather very, very cold and raining.	Appendisc 8	
	28.	1.18.	General inspection of the Battalion by Companies and those requiring boots and clothing repaired were sent to the R.Q.M. The balance were again employed on sanitation and the billets are looking as though they are fit to accompdate troops. Brigade allotted a scheme to all Units for cleaning up of the village of BEUGNIES. Mr. BEAN the official correspondent with the Australian Corps called on the Battalian Commander, Lieut. Col. C.F. ROSS'M.C." and asked for a general resume of the operations connected with the Hindenburg Line commencing from LIHONS on August 10th. to the completion of the VILLERET battle on 18/19th September. Weathert still unsettled and raining. Lieut. H. WILSON'D.C.M." to U.K. Leave.	John S.	
	29.:	1.18.	Three Companies on route march and fourth Company detailed for cleaning up of the town of BEUCNIES. Rain has ceased but the atmposphere is very damp. Football match in the afternoon between team composed of 1st Brigade personnel and this Unit resulted in a win for the former by 6 points to 5. This was a most strenuous game and the members of the 1st Brigade were far heavi and stronger than those opposed to them. 71 Reinforcements marched in after a good deal of travelling owing to lack of transportation. The lines of communication at the present time are frightfully congested and it takes a great deal of time to arrive from the Base to Units in the Field.	1 .1	
	30.	1.18.	Companies paraded under Company Commanders and carried on with cleaning of equipment and lecting to reinforcements who recently marched in. Football match arranged between H.Q. and "D" Companies the afternoon but the weather conditions prevented this taking place. The ration supply to this Unit has been very much below the standard particularly in the way of vegetables. Owing the urgencyof feeding the civilians those in possession will not sell. (10340) WtW5530/P713 750,000 3/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/16.	hy	

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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK 4th NOV. to 9th NOV-1918.

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1145 to 1200

Battalian Inspection. 0900 to 0930 Companies under Company Commanders. n 930 to 1000 Dayonet Fighting 1000 to 1030 SMOTO . 1030 to 1045 Musketry. 1045 to 1115 setting up drill by Platoons. 1115 to 1145

> Rifle Exercises. "Y" G-mpany will report to Rifle Range "R", BOUCHON and carry out the inlinwing practices from 0900 to 1200.

5 rounds grouping at 100 yards. 10 rounds rapid at 200 yards. 5 rounds application at 300 yards.

Lawis Gunners of "X" Company on Lewis Gun Ronge reporting after Bettelion Inspection.

O900 to 0930 Bottal ion Inspection. Company Commanders. Bayonet Fighting. 1000 to 1030 1030 to 1045 Swake ---1045 to 1200

Boute March by Companies. "Z" Company will report to "G" Range leaving at 0900 and carry out practices as above. Snapshorting at 200 yards will be a Pills and he included

Lavis Cumners of "Y" Company on Lawis Gun Range after Bat-

Wednesday.6th.

0900 to 0930 Battalian Inspection.

0930 to 1000 Smartening up drill by Companies.

1000 to 1030 Husketry.

1030 to 1045 Smake.

1045 to 1115 Bayenet Fighting.

1115 to 1145 Platen in attack.

1145 to 1200 March past in Column of Rouse.

"X" Company will report to Rifle Range "H" leaving at 0900 and carry out practice as laid down for 5th inst. Lawie Gummers of "Z" Company on Lawis Gun Range after Battalian Inspaction.

Thursday, 2th.

Battalion Inspection.
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Friday,8th.

0900 to 0930 0930 to 1200.

Battalian Inspaction Companies under Company Commanders. (Syllabi to he submitted by Companies by irst.)

Saturday. 9th.

1030 to 1045

0900 to 0930 Doc Battalion Inspection 1000 to 1000 Companies under Company Commanders.

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1045 to 1115 1115 to 1145

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1145 to 1200 Morch pass in Column of Route. "Z" C. mpany will report to "C" Pange Leaving Company par ground at 0900 and carry out practices as laid down for othe inst. Lawis Gunnars of "X" Company on Lawis Gun Ranga after Ba

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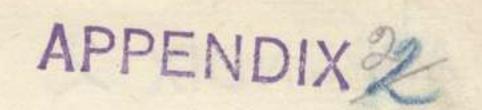
Signallers and Scouts with the exception of those detailed for Rif Ronge will report to the Specialist Officers at 1000 daily, and ca out syllabus as laid down.

Dress

Belts will he worn by all ranks when "Walking Out" and a when moving about to estreets of the "Villege" in which Hats will an all times be worn turned up at the left sad and chin straps on the point of the chin. Equipment to be blancoed and brass portion to by kapt si

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Recreational Training :- From 1400 to 1530 daily.



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Emergency Ration will be drawn at point of detrainment.

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ment.

Transport Officer will move off in sufficient time to report at Entraining Station at 1300.

Supply and Pargage Vargons will accompany Unit and entrain with them.

All vehicles will be entrained fully located.

All Vater Carts will be entrained full.

Horses will be vatered prior to entrainment.

Quartermester will arrange for two Cockers complete with hot tea to be in position at H.33.0.5.7. at noon, also two Cockers to be ready to issue hot Coff a at point of entrainment.

Officers' Valises, Mess G. ar. etc., will be duried at Q.M. Store by 0800. 0800

Dandmester will arrange for packs of Fand to be duried at Q.M. Store by 0800 to-morrow.

3. DIJJETIC.

O.C. "Z" Company will detail 1 Officer and 1 M.C.O. to act as billating party for the Battalion.
O.C. "W.Org." Company will also detail 1 M.C.O. for this party.
Officer in charge of party will report to Capt. F.C.
PLUNKETT, 3rd Pattalion, at POWT REMY Station at 0530 on 8th inst. This officer will obtain Billating figures from Pattalion Headquar ters before proceed in.

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Lieut. J.G. MARWAKER will act as Entraining and Ostraining Officer for the Pattalion. This Officer will report to the Prigade Entraining Officer at 1300 at POWE HORT Station, with Entra ming States. (300)

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DARTE.

O.G. "K" Company will detail I Officer and 50 Other Ranks of Unload in Party for the Bricade at TINCOURT Station.
They will re ort to Drigade Detraining Officer (Capt. F.J. BIGGS) on arrival at TINCOURT Station.

- 6. TEAN
- Commanders ore responsible that their Commands are picquoted on the train during the move.
- 7. CANTENTION. All Billets will bem left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition. A certificate to this effect will be rendered by Commanders by 0930 to-morrow.
- 3. MODICAT. R.W.O. will furnish to Adjutant at 0900 a list of hen who in his opinion cannot murch a distance of 10 miles.

Acet, Adjutant, 9th. Dattalion.

TISTRIBUTION.

1. Commanding Officer.
2. Second in Command.
3. 3rd A. I. Ede.
5. "Y" Commany.
6 "Z" Commany.
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APPENDIX 3

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Battalien Headqu arters. 13th, November, 1918.

The Brigade Group will move to BOHAIN Area by march Route to-morrow, 14th. inst. The Battalien will form up in mass on Battalien Parale Oround at 0930. One marker per Company will report to Redelle on parade ground at 0925. Dress !- Full Harching Order less 2 Blankets. Steel Helmets to be carried ander straps of pack. Mess Tin to be carried under Steel Helmet. Unexpired portion of day's rations to be parried. Officers Valiags and bess Gear will be dumped at Company Headquarters at 0800. Blankets rolled in bundles of 10 tied in the centre and at both ends and properly labelled will be stacked at junction of reads leading into MAZINGHAM by 0830. O.G. "Y" Company will detail 1 N.C.O. and 5 Other Ranks to act as guard and losding party on these blankets.

2. THANHPORT. Transport will accompany Unit and will be ready to proceed as tail of column passes transport lines. I ransport Officer will arrange transport for the conveyance of Officers* Valises and Mess Gear from Battalion and Company Readquarters at the times laid down in para . 1 . R.Q.M. will be responsible that the Lorry reporting to t his Unit at 0800 is met by a guide from his staff at Brigade Headquar ters. Transport Officer will detail 1 G.S. Limber to report to O.C. jrd. A.b.T. Bty. at 2100 to-night. This Limber will move with jrd. Achelene Bty.

3.BILLETING PARTY

0.C. "N. Gra." Company will detail I Officer and 2 Other Ranks to report to Me. Billeting Officer . Lieut. H.V. Howe at Town Major's Office BOHAIN at 0900 to-merrow. Bicycles for this party will be provided by O.C. "Hedrs." Company.

- 4. DISTANCES. Between B attalians 500 yards. Between Coys 100 yards. Units and Transport - 100 yards.
- 5. RATIONS. Rations for consumption on 15th inst. will be drawn from Supply Dump at 0700.
- 6. MIDDAY Require will arrange to supply tea for midday meal at 1200. MEALe
- 7. BANITATION. Company Commanders will ensure that the Billets vacated by them are left in a clean and sanitary condition. Usual Certificates to this effect will be forwarded to Battalion . Readquarters by 0900.

S. GFRIGERS. Officers* Hacks will be at their respective Headquarters HAUK S. at 0915.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION SRDJR NC.178

Rof. Sheet.
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VALENDIENNES 1/1000,000.

Wattalion Headquarters, 22nd. November, 1918.

"C" Infantry Brigade Group will move by march route to the MAZINGHIEN Area to-morrow 23rd inst. Route :- VAUX ANDIGNY - MOHAIN - ST. MARTIN - LE AUBREY de GULDE - MAZINGRILN. The Battalion will fall in by Companies on main road adjacent on Billets at \$900. Dress :- Full Marching Order less 2 Blankets. Jerhins and Whollen Gloves will be worn. Steel Helmets under straps of pack. Wess Tin inside Steel Helmet Blanketa will be rolled in hundled of tem properly lahelled and tied at both ends and contre. They will he dumped at Quin Store at 0730. efficers Valises will be dumped at Win. Store at 0800. brder of March :- Headquarters, "X", "Z", "Y" Companies. officers: Mass Gear will he sollected by Mass Cart at 0830 in accordance with the order of march shewn shova. Packs of personnal authorisad to have packs carried mentioned in special memorand om issued 22nd. inst. will be dumped at Q-M. Store at 5801.

BILLETING:

Billeting party mentioned in memorandum of 22nd inst. will assemble at Bis. Headquarters Benain at 6760 to-morrow, and proceed on cycles under the senior officer. They will meet Lieut. Howe of Ede. Headquarters at the Church Cartighies at 1100 on 23rd inst.

Bress:— Full Marching Order plus unexpired portion of day's ration, in addition to an extra 24 hours rations.

In addition to the above t.C. "K. grs." Company will detail Intelligence Sgt. and lether Rank to assemble at Ede. Headquarters BOHAIN at 6730 and proceed under senior Officer or N.O.O. to MAZINGHIEN.

R.Q.M. will arrange for bicycles for this personnel.

TRANSPORT.

one sub-section of S.A.A. section has been allotted to the Bie. Group. Transport of this sub-section is allotted to this Unit as under until completion of move - 2 G.S. Wagons and I himber.

R.Q.L. will arrange to ration personnel and horses reporting with wagons. Transport will accompany Unit. Cookers will proceed in rear of Companies concerned.

DISTANCES.

The following distances will be maintained on the march :
Detween Battalions - 3:00 yards

W. Companies - 50

Unit & Tiport -50 yards.

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Halts of ten minutes will be made at ten minutes to the clock hour. The column will halt for midday HALTS, meal from 1200 to, 1300. R.W. in. will arrange for hot tes to be outplied at thin hour.

SYNC HRONIZATION OF WATCHES. A representative Officer from each Company will report to Nattalian Headquarters at (630 for synchronization of all watches of the Company.

Supply arrangements will be notified from Idea by SUPPLIES. wira.

R-M-D- Will submit to Battalion Headquarters at 0830 a list of sames of men who in his opinion MEDICAL. are not capable of carrying a pack or marching. required distance.

U.C. "Y" Company will be respondible for ountody. PRISONERS. of guard room prim ner.

OF TOERS! HACKS. Hacks will be at their respective Headquarters at 0855. Tranoport Officer will arrange for midday meal for Hacks to he carried.

The usual certificate as to cleanliness of Billets will be rendered by 0845.

STRAGGLERS. S.C. "Z" Company will detail 1 officer to march in rear of column and collect stragglers, if any.

1. Commanding Officer.

3. 3rd. A.I. Dia.

5. "H-Q." Company.

11., R.S.M. 13/15. War Tiary. 2. Second in Command,

1. A. X. Company.

6. "Z" Company.

7. "H.Q." Company

10. R.M.O.

12. Lieut. Com. "RENCH. "M.O.

12. Lieut. Com. "RENCH. "M.O.

1.6/17. Spares.



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Ref. Sheet VALINC: LENNES -1 /3.00,000 Battalion Headquartero, 23rd. November, 1918.

The Brigais Graup will continus the march to 1. CARTIGNIES to Lorrow 24th inst. The Jattalion will fall in in Mans on Battalion Parade Ground (same locality as belove) at 0900. San Larrer per Company will report to R.S.L. at 0850. Drass :- Full marching order less 2 blankets and steel helmets. Meas Tin will be carried in the pack. Leather Jerkins and Gloves to be worn. erder of haron :- "H.Qrs." Company, "Z" Company, "Y" Сощрану . "Х" Сощрану. Blanket will be rolled in hundles of ten, properly labelled, tied at both ende and centre and otached with steel helmets at Dattalion and Company Headquarters by 6776. Officers Valides and Hess Gear will be dumped at respective Headquarters by office.

- 2. TRANSPORT. R.Q.M. in conjunction with Transport Officer fill arrang to collect lankets, Steel Helmets, Valises and Mass Gear at times laid down.

 Cookers will proceed in rear of Companies and leave at the same time as the Company concerned.

 Personnel cutnomised not to carry packs will dump come at respective Headquarters at 0800.
- *** MIDICAL. Remark will submit to Dattalion Orderly Room by 0800 mames of men who are not able to carry packs. Men of this list who will be warred at Sick Parade will dump their packs at Pattalion Readquarters at 0800.

 **Nedical Officer will issue a statement to Companies in accordance with whose instructions.
 - 4.DISTANCES

 AND HALTS. Same as Battalian order of 22nd inst. R. W.L. will arrange for hot tea at midday halt.
- 5- HACKS. Eachs for all mounted dilicers will be at their respective Headquarters at 0850.
- 6.STRAGGLERS. .C. 'X" Company will detail an Cricer to col-
- 7.BILITIS. Usual certificate will or rendered to Battalion Reals of territy 685..

 Instructions contained in Lamorandum issued from this Office on 21st inst. will be adhered to.
- Sick Parada 0630 Sick Parada 0645 Preakfast - 0715.

Adjutant. 9th. Battalion.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATALION C.DES NO.18C.

VALENCIENNES)

1/200,000.

Dattalion Headquarters, 24th November, 1918.

In a Brigade Group will continue the march to BENGNIES

Area to-morrow 25th inst.

Companies will pass the starting point (Billets occupied by "Z" Company) as under :-

"Y' Company - 0801 "X' Company - 0832

Tress: Full Larching Order less 2 blankets and steel helmet. Jerkins and Glovesto be worn. Mess Tin to be placed in pack.
Blankets, will be rolled in bundles of ten, tied at bot' ends and centre, and packs authorised to be carrie. Will be stacks, at Headquarters concerned by \$650.

Officers: Valises and Mess Gear to be dumped at Headquarters concerned at \$705. Mess Cart will call

for Hess Gear at '715 dommenoing at 'Y' Company.

2. TRANSPORT. Transport will proceed with Unit and he ready to move in rear of column at 0805. Cookers will proceed in rear of their respective Companies. R.Q.M. will arrange for bot tea at midday meal. R.Q.M. in conjunction with Transport Officer will arrange for collection of blankets, etc. at time laid down. Hacks for mounted efficers will arrange for Hacks will be at their respective Healquarters at 0750.

3. C. 424 Company will wetail out Officer to collect all stragglers, if any, and will murch in rear of column.

4. LISTANCES
AND JUNES ...mm as montioned an J.A.C. of 22nd. inst.

5. MEDICATE Remade will notify Companies concerned of all men authorised to have packs carried.

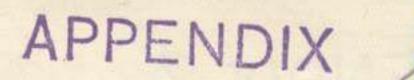
6. ROUTINE. Raveille - 0530 Sick Parade - 0600 Dreakfast - 0630

7.BILLETING PARTY.

Billeting party aslaid down in hemorandum of 21st. inst. Will proceed lirect to BEUGNIES area leaving Battalion Headquarters where they will meet Lieut. WRENCH "M.C." at 5800.

Adjutant. 9th. Battalion.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters, 27th. November, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

The Battalion will be re-organized to 4 Companies of 3 Platonns each and will be termed "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies respectively.

The Pollowing Officers are appointed to Companies as under :-

"A" COMPANY.

Capt. F.J. BIGGS, to Cormand.

Lieut. R.B. Calisbury "M.C."

C.E. PICKFORD.

W.J. THOLAJ.

H. WILSON. "D.C.L."

W.P. WARNER.

2/Lieut. P.H. WEINEKE.

B" CCOPANY

Capt. T.W. FARLIER, to Contland.

Lieut.W.S. MACTAGGART.

J.G. EARWAKER.

J.J. OHAPMAN

2/Lieut.R.B. TENNANT

. GO . COMPANY.

Lipt. C.H. RYAN "M.C."

Lipt. R. PILLIAN 'M. C."

I.J. SHEEDY

C.W. FRANCIS

2/Liput. F.A. SLAUGHLER

R.L. FARPER.

G.H. BOLLFORD.

ada Ochby A.

Capt. W.G. PINROSE to Command:
Li-ut. C.O. THOMPSON.
E.H. BALTLEY.

E.L. ALCOCK

2/Li-ut.E.W. LARTIN.
R. H.J. PARTRIDGE.

P.T.O.

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WARRANT OF TOERS.

WAI Company - No.5448. C.S.M. PORTER, W.A.

WB Company - 4260. C. BRIEN, E.

WC Company - 7440 Sgt. RICHARDSON, W.F.

#D Company - 2323a C.S.M. PERRETT, A.C.

C . Q . H . S .

"A" Company - No. 1732 O.Q.H.S. BR ISTOL. M.

"B" Company - 4294 Sgt. THOFIEY, O.E.

"C" Company - 4651 C.Q.H.S. HINADUE, E.

"D" Company - 1927 CAHIRON, J.M.

STORFLEN

WA" Company - No. 4878 L/Col. CAVAGE, V.A.

"B" Company - 3097a Fta. HARNEY, W.

"C" Company - 6456. " GRAYSON, F.A.

"T" Company - To be selected by O.C. "D" Company from personnel reporting.

In addition to the above, Companies at the present time, will detail one platoon complete to report to 0.0. "" Company at Billet No.141 at 1800 to-day.

OLOCKERS.

O.O. "H.Qrs." Ormpany will detail Cloker at present in use by "H.Qrs." Company to report to O.C.

"D" Company at Billet No.141 at 1800 to-day.

Pixies will be drawn from Cookers proportionately
for use by "H.Qrs." Company and will be in possession of "H.Qrs." Company at 2000 to-day.

COOKS.

R.Q.M. will detail I Oook per Company to report to

O.O. "I" Company at 1800. Cooks formerly be
longing to "" Company fill be detailed.

GIMPANY H.Q.

SIGNAL -N.O.O. O.C. "A" Company will detail Cpl. PARRY to

report to C.C. "" Unmpany at 1800.

OFFICERS! COOKS. To be wider arrang ments made between O.C.

OFFICERS! MESS. O.C. "T" Company in conjunction with B attalion Town Hajor (Lieut. S. SHAW) will make necessary arrangements for a "Company" Mess.

OFFICERS. QUARTERS. These will remain as at present located.

EXTRA PLATOON SERGEANT. O.C. "H.Qrs." Company will detail Sg.. WOOT TON to report to Q.C. "To Company at 1800 for duty.

RETURNS. O.C. 'D' Company will furnish a return of all members reporting to reach Battalion Headqu art ere by 1700, 28th. inst.

Billet No.141 has boen allotted to "D" Company. BILLET. Other Ranks reporting will carry straw from their present billet for use to-night.

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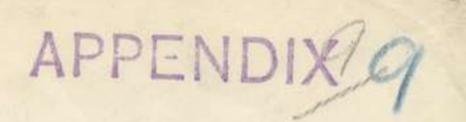
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- COLLENDING Officer.
- "Z" Onmpany.
 Transport Officer.
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- 10/12. War Diary.

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- 4. 'Y' Company.
 6. 'H.Qrs. Company.
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- 12/14. Spares.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

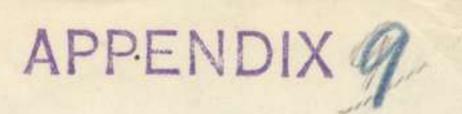


NINTHE AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1918.

- 1/8-11.18. During the early part of the month Battalion was billeted at GORENFLOS and here the usual routine training was followed.

 The men received plenty of recreational training and we witnessed some well contested Rugby football matches. The Battalion team was an excellent one. Sick parales were light.
 - dell.18. On the afternoon of the 8.11.18 the Battalion marched to PONT REMY, where they enrtrained for TINCOURT. The journey which was only 50 miles took 23 hours. The condition of the trucks when we entrained left much to be desired for in many instances they were very much fouled with manure and urine. The men experienced a most uncomfortable cold journey.
 - 9.11.18. We arrived at TINCOURT about 10.p.m. on the 9.11.18 and the men were all able to receive hot cocoa at the Y.M.C.A. stall before moving off. The Battalian then marched to their allotted area about 1 kilometre from the station and bivouaced there. Here the Battalian remained until 11.11.18.
 - 11.11.18. On the afternoon of 11.11.18 the Brigade embussed for the BAZINGHIEN area. The Battalion was billeted in two large farms about 1 kilometre out of the town. These billets were indescribably filthy and the next two days were spent in cleaning up and rendering the place sanitary.
- On t he 14.11.18 the Brigade moved to the BOHAIN area. This 14.11.18. entailed a march of anout 12 kilometres. The men marched well and there were no stragglers. Here the men were very comfortably billeted. The sanitation of the village was most unsatisfactory and at first there was great difficulty in obtaining material. Here the Battalion rested 9 days. Sick parades were fairly heavy and many displayed catarrhal symptoms. Here several football met chee were played. On the 22.11.18 a draft of 2 Officers and 70 Other Ranks marched in. They were in a pitiable plight for they had left HAVRE over 14 days before. During this time they had been moved about from one depot to another. These depots were criminally over-crowded according to statements made by officers and men. Quite a proportion of this draft were reinforcements and were of a very poor type physically. While at BOHAIN, R.M.Os. were asked to forward a list of men from their Battalions whom they considered physically unfit for a forward march to GERMANY. This return was rendered and a fairly high standard of physical efficiency was adopted. Sixtynine names were submitted. A large proportion of these men were recent reinforcements. Within the next week twenty of these men were evacuated for various casues.
 - 23:11.18. On the morning of 23.11.18 the Brigade marched to the MAZINGHIEN Area about 12 kilos. Four men fell out of the Battalion. Here the Battalion occupied the same billets as before. Our billets were again very filthy. Here a special foot inspection was held and many men were suffering from sore feet.
 - 24.11.18. Next morning the Brigade moved to the CARTIGNIES Area a distance of about 15 kilometres. About five men fell out with sore feet and their packs were carried. They were then able to resume. At CARTIGNIES the Battalian was comfortably billeted. Next morning 6 men were evacuated. three with influenza and three with "feet".
 - 25.11.18. Brigade moved to BEUGNIES Area a distance of about 17 kilometres.
 to During the march 6 men fell out and they were able to resume
 - 30.11.18.



when their packs were carried . The Battalion was billeted at SARS POTERIES. Here our billets were indescribaly filthy for inside they had apparently been used as latrines and outside conditions were even more appalling. It required several days work to make the place anything like sanitary. Latrine accomodation was hopelessly inadequate but this was soon rectifie although there is a great shortage of sanitary material. Here th Battalien has remained to the end of the month and new the billets are fairly satisfactory.

PREVAILING DISEASES.

Diarrhoea.

Several day after our arrival we had quite a number of cases of d diarrhoga from one company. It has however almost entirely subsided. The cause was apparently food contamination from the filthy environs. One case required evacuation. The resteresponds ed readily to treatment.

Influenza.

During the month there have been quite a numbert of cases of socalled "influenza" . Concalesence in most cases is slow and the disease leaves the patients dibilitated. Pulmonary complications have not been common. Seventeen have required evacuation.

Number of cases has been fairly high. Seven cases of bromchitis Bronchitis. h ave been evacuated,

Eniscemic Parotitis.

This epidemic was introduced by the reinforcements of the 10.10.18. So fer as possible efforts have been made to isolate contacts as regards sleeping accomedation. There were six cases, all from the one platoon.

Scabies.

Four cases reported during the month. Two of these cases were men reporting back from leave.

The general health of the men is not good for coughs and colds are very prevalent. During the last two months 340 reinforcements and details have marched in. About 100 are reinforcements and they are consequently feeling the effects of their first winter in France. These reinforcements are of a very poor type physically. Their classification as D.l. shows great leniency on the part of Medical Officers in England.

The following are the sick and scabies reports for the month.

For week ending.	6the	13the	20th.	27th.
Number reporting sick Cases :- Diarrhoea. Pulmonary. Rheumatic. P.U.O. Trench Feet.	98	30	26	170 10 18 5 14
Scabies. Venereal. Sent to Field Ambulance.	- 6	11	1 (London)	28.

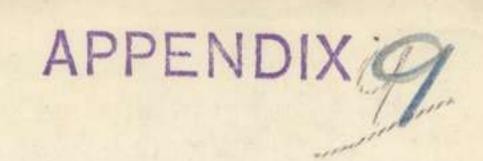
B lankets last disinfected

30.10.18.

Number of men bathed. Clean Clothing last issued

All Companies. 30.10.18 and 19.11.18.

Banitation.



Sanitation.

The sanitation of all the Areas into which the Battalien has moved during the last menth has been far from satisfactory Material for sanitary appliances has been very scarce and in most instances we have had to be content with open pits and straddle latrines. Viewed from the sanitary standpoints there has been much work to do for the environe of nearly all the Billets were very filthy.

Baths.

It has been difficult to get the men bathed during the month but all men have been bathed at least four times. The trouble has been clean under-clothing for they have only received one change during the month. (BOHAIN)

Water.

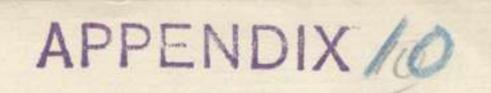
water supply has been satisfactory. Water cartshave been used throughout.

Food.

Has been good during the month. A run ration would be most acceptable to the men during the winter especially after these mer ches.

In conclusion I would like to draw your attention to the unnecessary amount of hardships that drafts to Battalions experience. Depots are sadly overcrowded and at the best of timese are cold desolate places. So far as the experience of this Battalion goes quite a number of men have required evacuation because of the exposure entailed wnotheir journey from the Base to their Battalion. One of our recent drafts took more than 14 days to reach BOHAIN from Havre.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION+

QWARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1918.

During the month the work of the Quartermaster's Department has been heavy and the staff have been working early and late for reasons due mainly to the continual moving from place to place and in addition to continual interruption of the railway supply and Transport Branch caused through enemy action in one way or another.

Rations have been good but not as plentiful as in October mainly for the reason stated above. On several occasions the rations have been supplemented with the purchase of vegetables locally.

Comforts have come forward regularly and consisted mainly of coffee and milk, tobacco, cigarettes, socks and shirts. Our deepest thanks is due to the homefolks in Australia and to the Australian Comforts. Funds for the work in handling same in the able way that they do.

Ordnance supplies have come forward very regularly and our demands have almost without exception been supplied and quickly to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The Battalion has been bathed and received clean changes of underclothing on three occasions during the month.

In regard to entertainments it was possible during our stay at BOHAIN for members of the Battalion to visit the "Sentimental Blokes" and "The Fancies" (An English Concert Party) and wuite the biggest number of the members of the Battalioh did so end enjoyed themselves.

Sgd. T.W. CAMERON. Lieut.

Actg. R.Q.M. 9th. Battalion.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S BREPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1918.

In the early part of the month while we were still in GORENFLOS, all the Limbers were throughly overhauled and touched up for the Review which was to have taken place on the 8th inst. Boxes for carrying the spare shoes were made and fixed to the front of the fore-portion of each limber, this because there is not sufficient room in the spare tools box for 2 complete sets of shoes.

We moved from GORENFLOS on the 8th inst. entraining at PONT
REMY at 6.p.m. The horses were soon trucked and with a loading party
from the 1st Pioneer Battalion the vehicles were securely loaded before
the train was timed to depart. Detraining, after a long tiring
journey of 26 hours, took place at TINCOURT at 11.p.m. but as there
was a good landing stage this was quickly done. and without mishap.
We remained only 2 days at TINCOURT treking to MAZINGHIEN (a days
journey) without the Battalion, which went in busses. A halt for the
night was made at ESTREES after a good trip through ROSIEL, HARGICOURT,
and BELLICOURT. We set off next morning at 8 o'clock via MONTBREHAIN and
BOHAIN having the midday meal at the latter place, and arriving at
MAZINGHIEN at 4.p.m.

Work in connection with the Transport was most interesting owing to the number of moves through country occupied by the enemy.

The stabling accommodation at MAZINGHIEN was not at all satisfactor and in consequence the horses had to be picketed in open fields.

It is an extraordinary thing that the enemy had apparently neglected care of his horses, that mot in one instance has it been observed that stabling of a sanitary nature was located adjacent to Battalion Billet.

On the 14th Transport moved by march route to BOHAIN. It was very slow and on the completion of the march the horses were as fresh as ever.

On the 15th 1 H.D. and 1 Officers Charger was evacuated.

The stabling at BOHAIN was in a very filthy condition although they were solid brick with cement floor. It was fortunate in having such cover and the horses improved wonderfully during the 10 days stay in this Area.

On the 23rd the Unit again proceeded to MAZINGHIEN and the Transport was supplemented by 2 G.S. Wagons and 1 G.S. Limber from the S.A.A. Sect ion of the D.A.C. This enabled 2 Blankets per man and all Steel Helmets being carried.

This was only a stage in the advance and the Transport again followed the Battalian to CARTIGNIES leaving the lines at 0900. This march in every detail was most pleasant and the G.O.C. Brigade took the salute and highly complimented the Transport on its whole turnout the salute and highly complimented the Transport on its whole turnout and discipline. The Unit only remained one night in CARTIGNIES preparatory to moving on to REUGNIES Area.

These moves meant a good deal of extra work for all transport personnel but they cheerfully carried out their duties under all sorts of conditions. L/Cpl. JAMES rendered invaluable assistance in regard to the cheesing of lines and stables.

At 0800 on the morning of the 25th the column was againsn the move en route to BEUGNIES. The weather was against a smart turneut as it commenced to rain an hour hefore moving off. Nevertheless the mar ch and appearance was again remarked upon by the \$\mathbb{G}\$.0.C. Big. BEUGNIES was reached at 1500 and the lines for transport were again found in a most filthy condition. Manure had never been cleaned away and the stables were a foot deep with it. A party of 50 men were

it took two

detailed for making the place habitable and sanitary and it took two days to complete the job.

Taking the whole month into review the work entailed meant a lot for the Transport but by the keen attention of all personnel it was fulfilled in a heary and satisfactory manner.

Sgd. E. GORDON. Lieut.

Transport Officer.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL