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**WAR DIARY**

OF

9/10th Battalion A.I.F.

FOR

the Month of March 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling *B Chapman Capt*

Signature of Officer Commanding *Millett Egan Dbl*



9/10th. Battalion

## WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	March 5th.		<p>Battalion bathed in the morning at the Mines baths and were issued with a complete, of under-clothing. Difficulty arises at times as to the supply of clothing but Battalion arrangements tide over this. It is unnecessary to state that sport is predominant and the most looked forward to of the days garrison work. Australian Rules between 1st. and 3rd. was delightful to watch and excitement at all times was at high pitch. The game, however, resulted in a win for the former by 11 goals 5 behinds to 6 goals 9 behinds. The weather was extraordinary cold but this did not interfere with enthusiasm.</p>	<p>change</p>
	March 6th.		<p>Companies carried on with independent training and route marches for an hour. Balance of morning with education. Education is enhanced by the services of the Chaplain, Rev. PATON, who delivers <sup>lectures</sup> on topics, interesting and instructive, to the Officers and men. Every effort is made to encourage all ranks to study subjects which are practice and useful for after life. Discussions by Platoon on Australian and Foreign industries invariably reveals useful knowledge. The afternoon's sport was the main topic for some days past, as another Division representative match was set aside for that date, viz. 1st. and 4th. The ground was in perfect condition, likewise the players and the attendance from all Units and the local inhabitants assumed large numbers. It is extraordinary to note once all ranks become enthused with any branch of military life, it seems to work itself. All the Divisional and Brigade Staff were in attendance and it is regretted that a grandstand could not be made owing to the difficulty in procuring the necessary timber. The game, however, soon developed in a one-sided affair and left the 1st. Division the winners by 31 to Nil. At night the Teams from the 5th. Division arrived and this joint Battalion then had all the Divisional Teams, with the exception of the 2nd., billeted in their area.</p>	<p>J. Chapman Capt</p>
	March 7th.		<p>The whole of the morning was devoted to re-organization and re-billeting. Personnel proceeding on next Draft were formed into one Company under Major W.F.J. McCann, D.S.O., M.C. Individuality in regard to Battalions was maintained by again subdividing and calling 9th. Battalion 4a and 10th. Battalion 4b of amalgamated Companies. The previous organization of Sub-Battalions was then dispensed with save in the case of Adjutants, who will always remain as the connecting link between amalgamated Units 9th. and 10th. respectively. This system of administration is simple in the extreme and one would scarcely know such an amalgamation has been effected. In the afternoon general physical training and kicking footballs occupied a couple of hours and all representative <del>XXXX</del> teams were in training.</p>	

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	March 8th.		<p>Weather very wet and in consequence only interior training could be carried out. With the large Potteries and Tramway Depots it is not such a difficult matter, and for a change it is most beneficial. The usual classes for education commenced at 1000 and the attendance <del>next</del> is remaining most satisfactory. By lunch time, the weather had broken, but remained extremely cold. The health of the troops has been wonderfully good, taking into consideration the fact that the village people have been dying rapidly with influenza and pneumonia. The good health is attributed to recreation with its active exercises. The Inter-Divisional Australian Rules was contested on the Battalion parade ground between 1st. and 4th. Divisions. It was a fast game and most spectacular, and like all these fixtures was very well attended. Again the 1st. Division representatives were the winners by 8 goals 14 behinds to 7 goals 7 behinds. A concert at the Sentimental Blokes was arranged for all visitors and everybody enjoyed the fine entertainment.</p>	
	March 9th.		<p>Church parade at 0930 in Boomerangs Hall. Rev PATON held the service and on completion all ranks spent the day as a holiday.</p>	
	March 10th.		<p>Commanding Officer Lieut Col. M. Wilder Neligan C.M.G, D.S.O., D.C.M. chosen by Corps H'qrs to organise and control a carnival to be held at CHARLEROI at a date to be notified later. This meant a very big undertaking as it was to be done on a large scale and to be the means of advertising Australia. Capt. T.W. Farmer assumed temporary Command of Battalion to allow of freedom of action for C.O. The Battalion was inspected and drilled for one hour. Weather entirely different to that of last week - for the first <del>day</del> time sunny and crisp. Balance of men not attending regular classes (Educational.) assembled in the Boomerangs Hall to hear a lecture by Padre PATON on "The Hebrides Islands" and its natives customs. Recreational fixtures were well maintained by a Rugby team from 9th Battalion playing the 1st. Div. Representative team. The game for the first half was very fast but the second half proved training will always win out and in consequence the Div. <del>representative</del> team easily won. It is a matter that cannot be emphasized enough - Sport at the present time is conducted on the lines of that laid down in the training for Active operations and the results justify it.</p>	
	March 11th.		<p>Battalion practised ceremonial in preparation for the presentation of King's colours and this in conjunction with smartening up drill completed military training for the morning. Study circles by Platoons and Companies in addition to regular classes comprised Educational training and the balance of the day was spent in Recreational and Football fixtures (Inter-Coy.) The sports ground presents an animated scene when all the visiting teams are doing their daily training <del>for active operations and the results justify it.</del></p>	

G. G. Chapman Capt

9/10th Battalions.

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March	11th		and they all speak highly of the way in which the grounds and baths are conducted. Hot baths (Battalion Patent) are situated on the grounds and all personnel undergoing hard training are bathed twice a day.	
March	12th.		Bathing day but minus a complete change of under-clothing. Arrangements are in hand now to safeguard a repetition of this, by erecting a Battalion Laundry. Bathing parade was conducted in such a manner as to permit of all Education and Lectures being fulfilled. In the afternoon Inter-Company Rugby and Soccer matches were contested and the balance of those not actually training, were busily engaged in healthy exercises.	
March	13th.		Companies were placed at the disposal of Company Commanders for the one hour set aside for Military training. All Educational and Lecture classes were well attended and students were inspected by G.O.C., Brigade. To maintain cohesion between Educational and Military training, conferences are held by the C.O. and anything appertaining to advancement in either branch is discussed and acted upon. It can be realized that such a system must come into vogue owing to Education becoming an addition to and not part of the usual Military Garrison work. The afternoon was looked forward to for some considerable time from a sporting point of view as it constituted a rugby match between teams that were evenly matched. By 1400 the recreational ground was packed with all Units and Belgian residents, numbering about 8000 all told. Brigadier General Mackay, G.O.C. 1st. Brigade kindly volunteered to Umpire and the teams in every respect showed the finest physique. All through the game, it was a hard fought battle and the 1st. Division again upheld its reputation, winning by 9 to Nil. This was the fourth win in succession and places 1st. Division on level terms with that of the 2nd.	
March	14th.		Military Training and Educational Classes constituted the morning's work from a Military point of view. Education is assuming a large branch <del>xxx</del> in the administration and is the means of instructing those who lacked such opportunities before the war. Every advantage is given students, particularly in regard to Industrial Employment in England and elsewhere. After the Inter-Divisional Sporting fixtures there was a lull in Recreation. Notwithstanding this Companies exercised with kicking footballs and soccer matches.	
March	15th.		Battalion inspection and practise in ceremonial for one hour constituted Military training for the morning. Educational classes as per syllabus were well attended and Padre PATON completed his <del>xx</del> series of lectures on "Hebrides Islands". The afternoon's sport was an Inter-Divisional competition between 1st. and 5th. Australian Rules. It was easily the best so far witnessed	

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	March 15th.		and every minute of it was hotly contested. Up to the last quarter, the 1st. had the advantage but in a remarkably short time the 5th. recovered themselves and won by 8 goals 10 behinds to 7 goals 8 behinds. It is as well to note that the finest sporting spirit prevails throughout all the Divisions and games of this nature are witnessed by thousands.	
	March 16th.	2	Church Parade held in Sentimental Blokes Hall at 1000. Padre PATON conducted the service. A Soccer match was arranged between a team of CHATELET residents and one comprised of 9th. and 10th. Battalions. The Belgians were defeated by 2 goals to Nil, after a one-sided game.	
	March 17th.		Battalion Parade and inspection in very cold weather but a smart double soon made for general warmth. The balance of the <del>morning</del> <sup>morning</sup> was devoted to Education and Lectures by Officers <del>and</del> to personnel not attending regular classes. This day was looked forward with the greatest of interest from a recreational point of view as two undefeated Rugby teams were to meet to decide the Corps premiership. Throughout the Corps it could be safely said that all Units were watching such an event, and in consequence when the game was played on the 2nd. Divisional ground, the attendance was extraordinary. The game was a battle of champions and the results up to the last quarter of an hour justified the belief that it would be a draw. Notwithstanding such play the 2nd. Division were the better team and won by 11 to Nil.	
	March 18th.		Companies under Company Commanders for an hour's training and minute kit inspection. Educational classes were carefully supervised and the keenness of students was remarked upon by G.O.C. Brigade. The afternoon's sport akin to that of Monday unfortunately was cancelled and as an incentive an excellent game of Rugby was played to fulfill the fixtures by a Team chosen from all the Rugby players billeted in the Battalion area. The game resulted in a draw and <del>was</del> fully justified the interest displayed.	
	March 19th.		The Battalion was bathed and clean clothing issued to all ranks. The clothing was a poor issue but this will be rectified when the Battalion Laundry is completed. Rain prevented recreational training in the afternoon, consequently, all fixtures had to be abandoned.	
	March 20th.		Battalion drill for an hour and an inspection constituted the Military training for the day. It is considered that close order and combined drill makes for the efficiency of the Unit and the appearance and bearing of all ranks quite justifies this belief. The Educational scheme is also a good combination of the mental with the physical, and every day it produces fresh evidence.	

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March 20th.			Recreational training was <del>be</del> cancelled in the afternoon through erratic weather conditions. At the present time climatic changes are the greatest enemy of health. This is vey noticable with the civilian population and their death roll is heavy. Fortunately the system of training as laid down tends to the general health of the troops and their well being.	
March 21st.			Training as per syllabus was carried out both morning and afternoon. Quota No.22 composed of two Companies (9th. and 10th) were inspected and prepared for demobilization. The personnel of this Draft consist of those who have been instrumental to a large degree in upholding the good name of the Battalions concerned and it is admitted that their loss will be keenly felt. Demobilization plays a big part in Administration nowadays and the greatest care must be taken in compiling the Precedence Rolls. - the means whereby each Officer and man knows exactly his place on the list.	
March 22nd.			Battalion drill for 1 hour consisting of movements and a good double warmed all ranks. The weather <del>still</del> remains still erratic. Education both in set classes lectures & Study circles was well attended and students showed keenness and strong desire to learn. From the view of recreation this day will figure largely in the history of the Battalion, as it decided the champion Division of the Corps. 9th. and 10th. Battalions were well represented, in fact had the majority of contestants in all the selected teams. With the defeat of the Rugby team, a week previously, it meant that the 1st. and 2nd. Divisions were on level terms. The match timed to start at 1430 attracted large crowds from Charleroi and Chatelet, hours before the start, and it is estimated fully 10000 people were present. All the way the advantage lay with the 1st. Division team by their skilful play and training, yet at times the 2nd. Division did brilliant work and on the whole it was most spectacular. The final scores resulted in a win for 1st. Division team by 10 goals 9 behinds to 5 goals 10 behinds, making the 1st. Division Corps Premiers. The whole of the sports competitions were then finally completed and winners were as under - Brigade - 9th. Battalion. Division - 3rd. Brigade. Corps - 1st. Division. Major General T.W. GLASGOW. C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. kindly presented a cup which becomes the property of the 9th. Battalion for the best sporting Battalion under his command.	<i>D. Chapman Capt</i>
March 23rd.			Church Parade. Protestants under Chaplain PATON and R.C's. under Chaplain O'DONNELL. Sunday, after Church Parade, it is invariably spent in visiting the neighbouring Units and Soccer football matches are arranged between civilians and the Battalion..	



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	March 24th.		<p>Advice received that Quota No. 22 would move out on the morning of 27th and in consequence of permitting all regulations being complied with, all forms <del>xxx</del> necessary were carefully checked and examined. Equipment scrubbed and blanched and the Draft resembled that which is customary with this Unit - efficiency in every detail. In the afternoon the sporting spirit prevailed and the Draft Quota played the remainder of the Battalion rugby. This was highly interesting match and resulted in a win for the latter by 6 to 3. With this Draft, goes a very large proportion of the leading sports, but there remains the material which can be built up.</p>	
	March 25th.		<p>Battalion inspection and <del>xxx</del> drill. Weather has taken a turn for the better and today resembles a good spring morning. The sunshine acts as a tonic after such continual bad weather. The classes for Education and study circles were well attended and interest is being maintained throughout. After practically a month of first class sport, naturally a temporary lull must follow and to obviate this to a great degree, matters were put in hand for the purchase of summer gear such as hockey sticks, tennis sets, cricketing material. Cricket pitches were laid down and as soon as the weather settles out-door sport will be in full swing.</p>	
	March 26th.		<p>Bathing day for the Battalion and a clean change of under-clothing. This did not interfere with Educational classes and study classes being held. In the afternoon out-door recreational <del>x</del> consisted of kicking footballs and Company soccer matches. The Draft Companies completed the final arrangements for their departure on the morrow. Advice was received from Brigade that a review would be held on the 9/10th. Battalion parade ground and the necessary ceremonial to be left in the hands of the C.O., Lieut. Col. M. WILDER NELIGAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M. Hour of parade was decided for 0930. At night a dinner was held for all ranks proceeding on Draft and it was well attended. G.O.C. presided and in a speech wished all a happy return to their homes and emphasised their <del>xxx</del> worth in the making of the good name of the Brigade.</p>	
	March 27th.		<p>The day, for a change, was bright and sunny and the appearance of the ground presented a carnival aspect. The parade was in honour of the Draft proceeding that day for AUSTRALIA and also to receive cup presented by Major General GLASGOW for the champion sporting Battalion in the Division. The parade was highly successful and was witnessed by a large number of civilians. When all ceremonial had been completed, the Balance of the Brigade lined the streets and the Quota marched through en route to Charleroi. The afternoon was spent in preparing the sports ground for the spring and the amalgamation of the 3rd. Brigade Group.</p>	<p><i>J. Chapman Capt.</i></p>

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	March 27th.		To-day will be long remembered as practically the oldest Brigade had been demobilized to such an extent that the remnants only could form a Battalion.	
	March 28th.		Re-organization of Companies and kit inspection of 2 Companies - 11th. and 12th., Excepting for education the day was spent in adjustment of records, ( Company and Battalion) billeting, and messing.	
	March 29th.		Raining heavily consequently in-door work had to take place under Company arrangements. It cannot be judged an hour ahead as to the state of the weather, particularly in March and with constant rain, it tends to have a depressing influence. Chaplain PATON delivered a fine lecture to personnel not attending regular classes on the "Pacific and the South Sea Isles". The afternoon recreational training consisted of kicking footballs and small parties were <del>at</del> engaged in preparing the sports ground for the summer.	
	March 30th.		Church Parade in Sentimental Blokes Hall at 1000. R.C's. at Orphanage Grand Rue at 1000.	
	March 31st.		Training was carried out according to <del>Exercises</del> Syllabus under Company arrangements. Personnel from the 11th and 12th Battalions comprising our 3rd and 4th Companies were medically examined and all papers in connection with Demobilization were finalized. Students attended the set Educational classes and the balance proceeded to a lecture by Miss Bacon entitled "Aeroplanes in Peace and in War" it is well to note that the lady lecturer is acknowledge the first woman to have flown in an Aeroplane. Recreation training had to be cancelled owing to the erratic Weather conditions.	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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910th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 15th. MARCH, 1919.

Date.	Time.	Educational.	Military.	Recreational.
9/3/19.		Church Parades.		
10/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March P & R. T.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics	Lectures.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Wheat Farming.		
	1330 - 1530			Running & Football
11/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March P. & R. T.	
	1000 - 1100	Book-Keeping, Economics	Lectures.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Dairy Farming.		
	1330 - 1530			Football
12/3/19.	0900 - 0930		P. & R. T.	
	0930 - 1000		Care of Arms.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics		
	1100 - 1200	French, Care & Selection of Stock.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Organised games.
13/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March	
	1000 - 1100	Book-Keeping		
	1100 - 1200	English and wheat farming.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Football.
14/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Cleaning up.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics	do.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Dairy Farming.	do.	
	1350 - 1530			-----
15/3/19.	0900 - 1000		P. & R. T.	
	1000 - 1100	Book-Keeping and Economics.	Lectures.	
	1100 - 1200	English, Care & Selection of Stock		

A Battalion Parade will be held once a week, on ground adjoining "A" Sub-Battalion parade ground. This will necessitate a cancellation of any morning's syllabus, according to weather conditions.

Recreation :- Football matches as per syllabus from Division.

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Adjutant, 910th. Battalion. A.I.F.

910th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 22nd. MARCH, 1919.

Date.	Time.	Educational.	Military.	Recreational.
16/3/19.		Church Parades.		
17/3/19.	0900 - 1000.		Route March. P. & R. T. Lectures.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics.		
	1100 - 1200	French and Wheat Farming.		
	1330 - 1530			Running & Football.
18/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March. P. & R. T.	
	1000 - 1100	Book-Keeping, Economics.	Lectures.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Dairy Farming.		
	1330 - 1530			Football.
19/3/19.	0900 - 0930		P. & R. T.	
	0930 - 1000		Care of Arms.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics.		
	1100 - 1200	French; Care & Selection of Stock.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Organised games.
20/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March.	
	1000 - 1100	Book-Keeping.		
	1100 - 1200	English and Wheat Farming.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Football.
21/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Cleaning up.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics.	do.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Dairy Farming.	do.	
	1330 - 1530			-----
22/3/19.	0900 - 1000		P. & R. T.	
	1000 - 1100	Book-Keeping and Economics.	Lectures.	
	1100 - 1200	English, Care & Selection of Stock.		

A Battalion Parade will be held once a week, on Battalion Parade Ground.

This will necessitate a cancellation of any morning's syllabus, according to weather conditions.

Recreation :- Football matches as per syllabus from Division.

*S. J. Chapman* ..... Capt.  
 Adjutant, 910th. Battalion. A.I.F.

910th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 29th. MARCH, 1919.

Date.	Time.	Educational.	Military.	Recreational.
23/3/19.		Church Parades.		
24/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics.	P. & R.T.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Wheat Farming.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Running & Football.
25/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March.	
	1000 - 1100	Book Keeping.	P. & R.T.	
	1100 - 1200	Economics.	Lectures.	
	1200 - 1300	French and Dairy Farming.		
	1530 - 1530			Football.
26/3/19.	0900 - 0930		P. & R.T.	
	0930 - 1000		Care of Arms.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics.		
	1100 - 1200	French; Care & Selection of Stock.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Organised games.
27/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Route March.	
	1000 - 1100	Book Keeping.		
	1100 - 1200	English and Wheat Farming.	Lectures.	
	1330 - 1530			Football.
28/3/19.	0900 - 1000		Cleaning up.	
	1000 - 1100	Mathematics.	do.	
	1100 - 1200	French and Dairy Farming.	do.	
	1330 - 1530			
29/3/19.	0900 - 1000		P. & R.T.	
	1000 - 1100	Book Keeping & Economics.	Lectures.	
	1100 - 1200	English, Care & Selection of Stock.		

A Battalion Parade will be held once a week on Battalion Parade Ground.

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Recreation :- Football matches as per syllabus from Division.

*A. Chapman*  
..... Capt.  
Adjutant, 910th. Battalion. A.I.F.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

EDUCATIONAL CLASS.

Time.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
1000 - 1100.	Elementary Arithmetic. A. <del>ENGLISH B.</del> <del>History. D.</del>	Book Keeping. A. English. B.	Elementary Arithmetic. A. <del>History. D.</del>	Book Keeping. A. English. B.	Elementary Arithmetic. A. <del>ENGLISH B.</del> <del>History. D.</del>	Book Keeping. A. English. B.
1100 - 1200.	French. A. Shorthand. B. Wheat Farming. C.	Advanced Arithmetic. A. Shorthand. B. Dairy Farming. C.	French. A. Shorthand. B. <del>Dairy Farming. C.</del> Stock -	Advanced Arithmetic. A. Shorthand. B. Dairy Farming. C. Wheat	French. A. Shorthand. B. Dairy Farming. C.	Advanced Arithmetic. A. Shorthand. B. <del>Fruit Farming. C.</del> Stock.

Note : Class Rooms are situated as follows:-

- Class Room "A" - At corner of Rue de la Station and Rue de Fleurus.
- " " "B" - 45 Grand Rue.
- " " "C"

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NINE HUNDRED AND TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH AMALGAMATION OF 9/10TH  
and 11/12TH BATTALIONS.

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1. DRAFT QUOTA NO 27. This quota consisting of 5 Off. 85 O.Rs of 9th Battalion, and 5 Off. 75 O.Rs of 10th Battalion, will march out at 2.0.p.m. on 27-3-19, and pass under the command of Lieut Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY DSO.  
Q1 forms, medical sheets, and movement cards will be completed at once. The strength of quota (if deficient) will be made up at the last moment by men drawn from the Units. Emergency men from present No 22 quota (under Lieut Colonel C.H. ELLIOTT DSO) will be regarded as priority men in filling vacancies on No 27 Quota. No spare men will be carried with the latter quota.
  2. 11/12TH BATTALION DRAFT. A draft of about 100 men from 11th Battn, and about 100 men from 12th Battn., will march into 910th Battalion area on 27-3-1919, fully equipped and clothed.
  3. STORES. Q.M. 910th Battalion will take over of all stores, i.e., clothing, rations, etc of 11/12th Battalions, but no technical stores.
  4. REGIMENTAL FUNDS. 910th Battalion will take over Regimental Funds of 11/12th Battalions, less amounts allowed for men's quota.
  5. ORGANISATION. Each Battalion (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th) will form into one company.
  6. BILLETING.
    - (a) 9th Battalion will remain in present billets.
    - (b) 10th Battalion will be rebilleted in Rue de Charbonnage.
    - (c) 11th Battalion will be billeted in factory in Rue de Charbonnage.
    - (d) 12th Battalion will be billeted in Pottery in Rue de Sablieres.Accommodation will be reserved for about 100 other ranks of 11/12th Battalions at present on 'detached' duties  
11th and 12th Battalions will send billeting parties to 910th Battn Area to review and arrange new billets  
Lieut A.E. MINING MC (910th Battn) will re-group all 910th Battn. Officers to enable the 11/12th Battalion Officers to secure billets as near their own men as possible
  7. COOKERS. Cookers will be allotted to Battalions as under :-
    - (a) 9th Battalion 1 cooker.
    - (b) 10th Battalion and Headquarters 1 cooker.
    - (c) 11th Battalion 1 cooker.
    - (d) 12th Battalion 1 cooker.
    - (e) 1 cooker will be handed over to Lieut Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY DSO., under arrangements to be made by Q.M. 910th Battalion.
  8. COMMANDS. On completion of amalgamation on 27th inst the under-mentioned changes in commands will take place.
    - (a) Lieut Colonel M. WILDER-NELIGAN CMG., DSO., DCM assumes command of 3rd A.I. Brigade group, comprising the remainder of 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Battalions.
    - (b) G.O.C. 3rd A.I. Brigade becomes G.O.C. 1st Australian Divisional group, - to be known as "A1 group".
  9. TRANSPORT. The transport will be reduced to 32 horses. Transport Officer will make arrangements with 11/12th Battalions to draw the best horses from the latter's transport, and not less than 13 teams will be carried; the remainder will be made up with hacks. This will not include mules at present with 910th Battalion.
  10. RATIONS. Q.M. will make necessary arrangements with S. S. O. for the correct adjustment of rations from 27-3-19.



11. LAUNDRY. 910th Battalion has undertaken to provide clean clothing to members of draft marching out to Lieut Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY DSO.
12. MESSING. (a) Officers. The balance of 9th Battalion Officers will join the 10th Battalion Officer's Mess. 9th Battalion Officer's Mess room will be placed at the disposal of 11/12th Battalion Officers.
- (b) Sergeants. 9th Battalion Sergeants will join the 10th Battalion Sergeants Mess. 11/12th Battalion will form a Sergeants Mess immediately. The system of Sergeants messing in their Companies will be discontinued. Sergeants of 11/12th Battalions may send representatives to 910th Battalion Area with a view of securing suitable accommodation for their Mess.
- (c) Mess. 11/12th Battalions will take over the existing messes in their new area for the men, and these messes will be brought into operation within two hours of marching in. In order to satisfactorily do this, Coy Commanders of 11/12th battalions will make themselves thoroughly acquainted with methods adopted by Q.M. 910th Battalion in the matter of feeding and accommodating the men.
13. EDUCATION. Educational arrangements of 3rd Brigade Group will be arranged by the respective Battalion Educational Officers and the Divisional Education Officer.
14. HEADQUARTERS. 910th Battalion Headquarters will transfer to R.D CHATEAU in RUE DE NAMUR and become Headquarters of 3rd Brigade Group.
15. CLERICAL STAFFS. 11/12th Battalions will nominate their clerical staffs. Only men who are thoroughly acquainted with Unit records and are willing to remain until the final draft departs will be nominated.
16. ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS. Assistant Adjutants of 11/12th Battns. are not required.
17. RECORDS. Records of 11/12th Battalions will be sent to 910th Battalion H.Qs suitably packed for convenience of reference by their clerks, who will continue with the maintenance of their respective Battalion records.
18. BLANKETS. Each man of incoming Companies must be in possession of two blankets, and a ~~xxx~~ third blanket per man must be handed over in bulk to the Q.M. Each man of outgoing quota will be similarly provided for.
19. KIT INSPECTION. Kit inspection will be held in Companies of 11/12th Battalions marching in, and 910th Battalion marching out, by a joint board selected from members of each Battn. On conclusion of inspection Q1 forms will be signed by each individual member of Companies, and until these are signed as stated, no responsibility will be accepted by the Q.M. 910th Battalion.
20. Under arrangements made with Lieut Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY DSO it was agreed to allow Lieut T. CAMERON (9th Battn) to remain with 910th Battalion until such time as Lieut Colonel RAFFERTY'S draft marches out.

Battn H.Qs.  
March 24th 1919

(Sgd) M. WILDER-NELIGAN.....Lt Colonel  
Commanding 910th Aust. Infantry Battalion

Battalion Headquarters,  
28th. March, 1919.

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MEMORANDUM.

FAREWELL PARADE TO DRAFT.

1. A Brigade ceremonial parade to bid farewell to Draft No.22 will be held on 9th. Battalion parade ground at 0915 tomorrow, 27th. instant.  
It is expected that a presentation of football medals will also take place.
2. Dress. Draft : Marching order without packs plus unexpended portion of day's rations.  
Remainder : Bolts, sidearms and rifles.  
Gloves and chin-straps to be worn.
3. The Battalion less Draft will fall in on Battalion parade ground at 0900. One marker per Company will report to R.S.M. on ground at 0850.
4. Draft Companies under their respective Commanders and all Officers will report to Lieut. Col. ELLIOTT, C.M.G. D.S.O. on the ground at 0845.
5. R.S.M. will arrange for markers from Draft and remaining Companies to report to Staff Captain on the ground at 0850 with Company strengths.
6. Companies will organize into platoons of twelve (12) each with one (1) Sub-altern and Platoon Sergeant. Balance of men left over after such organization has been completed will be marched to ground and allotted to a composite platoon.
7. The Brigade will then form up in close column of Companies - Draft on right; 11/12th. Battalion on left.
8. Units will march past the Brigadier in
  - (a) Column of Companies, the Draft moving to the rear of the saluting base and formed up on the flank of their Battalion colours.
  - (b) The remainder of the Brigade will then move back to original position and forming up in mass.
  - (c) The Brigade will then march past the Draft in column of platoons, the Draft presenting arms.
  - (d) Brigade less Draft will move to line both sides of route as follows:-  
910th. Battalion Head to rest on junction of Grand Rue and Rue du Calvaire.
  - (e)
9. Draft will then march through this formation, music to be played by Draft Band. The remainder of Brigade will stand easy - Officers only saluting.
10. Bands. Bands of 910th. and 11/12th. Battalions will form up in rear of saluting base at 0900.  
On completion of ceremonial, 910th. Band will report to Unit and play until such time as the head of column rests on junction of roads as mentioned in para 8 sub-para (d).  
It will then dis-engage and remain clear of route.
11. Flags. R.S.M. will arrange for flags for Draft and remainder of Battalion to be on ground at 0850.
12. Standard Guard. O/C. No.1 Company will detail Sgt. BAILLIE and O/C's. Nos.1 and 2, three (3) other ranks each of smart appearance to report to R.S.M. on ground at 0900 to act as Guard on the standard.  
Dress : As laid down in para 2 for the remainder of the Brigade.
13. All Officers will be dis-mounted.
14. Transport and rations. Packs, valises will be dumped at R.Q.M. Store by Quota 22 at 0730. 4(a) and 4(b) Coys. will each detail one (1) C.Q.M.S. and ten (10) other ranks to act as loading party and guard on transport to CHARLEROI. Steel helmets, Box respirators, 3rd. blanket and rations for 48 hours will be carried on Transport under arrangements with R.Q.M.

*A. Chapman*  
..... Capt.  
Adjutant, 910th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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910th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
26th, March, 1919.

MEMORANDUM.

Quota No. 27 from this Unit composed as follows will fall in in square adjacent to B.O.R. at 1330 tomorrow and march to 11/12th. area, passing under the Command of Lieut. Col. R.A. RAFFERTY, D.S.O.

5 Officers 85 Other Ranks 9th. Battalion.  
5 Officers 75 Other Ranks 10th. Battalion.

Dress : Full marching order plus 2 blankets and unexpended portion of day's rations.

Quota will be organized into 1 Company under the Command of Capt. J.F. McNAUGHT, M.C.

This Officer will reconnoitre the new area in company with 2 guides per platoon.  
Reconnaissance to be completed by 1330.

Nominal rolls in triplicate, Q.1 forms, medical sheets and movement cards will be submitted to O/O. quota by B.O.R.

Adjustment of steel helmets and box respirators will be made between the R.Q.M.S. of Brigade group and Quota No. 27.

On the Draft moving out, a Company from 11/12th. Battalions will take over area vacated as laid down in Administrative Instruction issued from this office on 24th. instant.

The undermentioned changes in Company Commanders and Platoon Officers will then take place:-

- No. 1 Company (9th). Lieut. J.W. KING to Command.
- Lieut. R. PENMAN, Platoon Officer.
- 2/Lieut. A.H. DONNER, " "
- Lieut. W.L. GRIMSTONE, " "
- Lieut. H.A. SLAUGHTER, " "
- 2/Lieut. L.G. FOWLES, " "
- 2/Lieut. B.G.S. MASON, " "
- Lieut. W.A. LATHAM, " "
- No. 2 Company (10th) Capt. W.H. PERRY, M.C. to Command.
- Lieut. KING, M.H. Platoon Officer.
- Lieut. PERRY, " "
- Lieut. JURY, " "
- Lieut. HARRIS, " "

Details of No. 3 and 4 Companies will be furnished later.

Companies vacating billets will detail a Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 5 Other Ranks to remain till such time as the incoming Companies are settled.

Attention is drawn to Administrative Instructions issued from this office on 24th. instant covering final amalgamation of Brigade group.

*S.J. Chapman*  
..... Capt.  
Adjutant 910th. Battalion, A.I.F.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

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STANDING ORDERS.

(a)

<u>1. ROUTINE.</u>	Rovcillo.	-	0715.
	Sick Parade.	-	0730.
	Coy. Roll Call.	-	0755.
	Breakfast.	-	0800.
<u>Sundays.</u>	Rovcillo.	-	0815.
	Sick Parade.	-	0830.
	Coy. Roll Call.	-	0855.
	Breakfast.	-	0900.

Parade States will be submitted as per pro forma.

(b) Commands and Staffs.

Lieut. Col. M. WILDER HELIGAN. C.M.G. D.S.O. D.C.M. C.O.  
 Captain T.W. FARMER. Second in Command.  
 Captain S.J. CHAPMAN. M.C. Adjutant.  
 Lieut. C.M. WRENCH. M.C. Assistant Adjutant.  
 Lieut. C.R. ALLANSON. do. do.  
 Lieut. R. JENKINS. Regimental Quartermaster.  
 Lieut. E. GORDON. Transport Officer.  
 Warrant Officer S. BRAND. R.S.M.

2. EDUCATION. Lieut. W.S. BENNETT. D.S.O. M.C. Group Educational Officer.  
 Will supply all information in regard to advantages arrived under  
 the Educational Scheme, through Company Educational Officers.

3. TRAINING. As per Syllabus issued weekly from B.O.R.  
 Smoking not allowed on route marches.

4. ROLL CALLS. A Company roll call will be held daily at 0755. All Officers  
 will attend.  
 Company Education Officer will report to Group Education Officer  
 at this hour for instructions.

5. COMPANY E.O's., W.O's. and C.Q.M.S's. Incoming Draft Companies will  
 detail forthwith one E.O., one W.O.II. and one C.Q.M.S., and  
 names will be submitted to B.O.R.

6. OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESSES. Two Officers and Sergeants Messes will be  
 formed composed of 9th., 10th., 11th. and 12th. Bns., under  
 responsible Presidents and Secretaries.  
 Accounts will be submitted each pay day and will be duly met by  
 all concerned.  
 Settlement of Accounts on Acquittance rolls is approved.  
 Balance sheets of Officers and Sergeants Mess will be submitted  
 to B.O.R. monthly, and compiled under supervision of Second in  
 Command.  
 Bars will be open from 1200 - 1400 and 1800 - 2200, except  
 under authority of C.O.  
 Names of Officers and Sergeants Mess Secretaries will be submitted  
 to B.O.R.

7. KIT INSPECTION. On Drafts marching into Brigade Group a kit inspection  
 will be held under the supervision of Second in Command.  
 Notice of this will be published through G.R.O's.  
 A Court of Enquiry on shortages will always be convened and  
 applied for by Company Commanders through the Adjutant.

8. C.Q.M.S's. All Company C.Q.M.S's. will pass under authority of Q.M.  
 Indents from Companies will be issued under supervision of  
 Company Commanders direct to Q.M.

9. COOKS AND COMPANY MESSING. Q.M. will control all messing arrangements  
 in the Group but Company Commanders are held responsible that  
 the system laid down by Q.M. is strictly adhered to.  
 Details of mess orderlies up to seven (7) per hundred will be  
 the responsibility of the Company Commander  
 Men such as Transport and Headquarters details will be utilised  
 as far as possible for this work.

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3. SANITATION. Company Commanders under supervision of H.O. and Staff will ensure that their billeting area is always in a clean sanitary condition.
4. TRANSPORT. All orders for Transport will be submitted to B.O.R. at 1200 daily for submission to Transport Officer. Rubbish carts will be furnished daily by Transport Officer to clean up the area.
12. CANTEEN. One Canteen is established in the area and will be open from 1200 to 1550 and from 1600 to 2000. Credit for Officers Messes must be settled on demand from the Canteen. Credit for all ranks is forbidden.
13. RECORDS. Maintenance of records of incoming ... Drafts will be carefully supervised by Company Commanders concerned.
14. REGIMENTAL FUNDS. Regimental Funds of all Units will be consolidated into one group fund. Company Commanders requiring regimental funds for any reasonable purchase will see C.O. direct at B.O.R. at 1015 daily.
15. PARADE GROUND. All parades will be held on ground at the eastern end of Rue de Chasseurs (910th. Battalion Parade Ground).
16. DRESS.  
 (a) Officers: Officers will always appear on parade with caps, Sam Browne and open tunics. For mess - Slacks except in special cases when an Officer is on duty.  
 (b) Other Ranks. Parade Dress - Belts, sidearms and rifles. Chin Straps will always be worn.
17. ORDERS. All Group Routine Orders will be posted in each Sub-Officers and Sergeants messes. Brigade Routine Orders will be posted in Officers messes only. Company Commanders will ensure that all other ranks are familiar with Group Routine Orders. Group Standing Orders are to be placed in all messes connected with the Group.
18. LEAVE. Applications for leave to U.K. and Brussels will be approved by the Commanding Officer and Charleroi by the Adjutant. Officers will obtain permission from their Company Commanders when leave is desired.
19. GUARDS. Duty Company will furnish a Guard of 2 H.C.O's. and 6. Company Commanders are responsible that all personnel of Guard are thoroughly familiar with their duties.
20. ADMINISTRATION. All Officers of incoming Units will make themselves familiar with the Administration carried out by Brigade Group.
21. OFFICES. Commanding Officer at Billet No. 5 Rue St. Roch. Records Office at Billet No. 5 Rue St. Roch. Brigade Group Orderly Room at No. 10 Rue de Messur.
22. OFFICERS' QUARTERS. All Officers will live in the area allotted to the Brigade Group.
23. NEWSPAPERS. Applications for newspapers will be submitted to 2/Lieut. LAPTHORNE at "A" Sub - mess (910th) at 0830 daily.
- Group Headquarters,  
23th. March, 1919.

*W. H. D. L. G. J.*  
 ..... Lieut. Col.  
 Commanding Srd. Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE BATTALION.

Transport Officer's report for March, 1919.

The month past has been a very strenuous one for the Transport Section, owing to the fact that several of the animals were demobilized, thus leaving the remaining teams to do extra work.

The amalgamation of 9/10th. Battalion, with the 11/12th. Battalion, on the 24th. instant also added extra work to this Section, as the 9/10th. Transport Section did the work for the whole Brigade. Since the 29th. instant, the Transport work for the Unit as at present composed, is being done by the A.S.C.

The following is a summary of events during the month:-

The number of animals in the Transport at the beginning of the month was 77.

On the 6th. The Transport Officer and 8 other ranks left with 35 horses for HAVRE, where the latter were handed over.

10 horses were sent to the Base Depot on the 15th.

2 N.C.O's. and 2 other ranks from the Section, acting as conducting party.

On the 10th., 35 mules were taken over from the 1st.

Australian Divisional Artillery, the same being sent to the Base Depot on the 17th. instant. 4 other ranks from this Unit were included in the party which had charge of the animals. On this date 8 horses and 4 mules were taken over from 11/12th. Battalion.

2 horses were handed over to the 1st. A.M.V.S. on the 6th. and on the 10th. instant one was destroyed, suffering from septic open joint (elbow) the result of a kick on 24th. instant.

4 horses were sent to the Base Depot via Namur - 1 Officer and 10 other ranks acting as conducting party for these animals and others from the 11/12th. Battalion.

2 horses and 4 mules were sold by public auction on 27th.

On 6 horse was sold by public auction on 29th.

On Saturday 29th. instant, 24 horses were handed over to No. 1 Company, 1st. Australian Divisional Train and one horse was handed over to the same Company on 31st. instant.

The total receipts of animals for the month was 47 horses and mules and the total issues was 119 horses and mules.

During the month 12 men from this Section were transferred to the Draft Company and 3 men evacuated to Hospital.

The remaining men are in good health and spirits and are comfortably billeted.

The rations during the month have on the whole been good.

*E. J. ...*  
Lieut.  
Transport Officer,  
3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Battalion, A.I.F.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE BATTALION.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR 9th - 10th Battalion for MARCH 1919.

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Number reporting Sick for Month	265.
Evacuations for Month.	13.

GENERAL HEALTH.

Influenza is on the wane but V.D. is increasing and Scabies is only occasional.

INFLUENZA.

There is now much less Influenza but it is still necessary that men feeling Sick, particularly with pain in back and ~~lungs~~ and ~~muscles~~ headache, should immediately report to the Aid Post. *Ambs.*

Early treatment is as important in Influenza as in V.D.

VENERAL DISEASE.

This is on the increase and there are on an average 30 men attending daily for treatment.

The incidence is probably largely due to the difficulty in getting French letters and Preventive Outfits, but inquiries are being made at the Ambulance concerning these.

SCABIES.

Only occasional cases are met. It is noticed however that some men are apparently missing bathing and this ~~muscles~~ predisposes them to Scabies.

11th & 12th BATTALIONS.

This Unit came on Sick Parade for the first time 28/3/19.

*John G. Guerin capt*

Medical Officer.  
3rd Australian Infantry Bde. Battalion.

3rd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE BATTALION.REGIMENTAL QUARTERMATER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 1919.  
-----GENERAL.

This month has been a very busy one in this Department.

At the beginning of the month the amalgamation of the 9th and 10th Battalions have been finally completed and these Battalions now running as one with one Q.M. Store- the stores of the 9th Battalion having been handed ~~into~~ to D.A.D.O.S.

On the 9th the 910th Battalion was again reorganised and formed into four Companies - the 9th Battalion having two Companies, the 10th Battalion one Company and the Quota of No 22 Draft forming the 4th Company.

Billeting, rationing and messing accomodation were arranged for visiting Football teams which included the Rugby, Soccer and Australian Rules Teams of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Divisions from the 9th to the 23rd March.

On the morning of the 27th the 910th Quota of No 22 Draft moved out to Charleroi and at 1330 the same day the 910th Quota of No 37 Draft moved to Chatelineau.

The move was very successful and all stores, rations etc. were delivered punctually by means of Motor Transport.

At 1400 the same day the Nucleus of the 11th and 12th Battalions moved into the area and were formed into one Battalion, each Battalion being now a Company.

All arrangements re cooking, messing and rations were arranged before hand and meals were ready at the usual hour that evening.

No Stores were handed over by the 11th and 12th Battalions, ~~and~~ this Store having previously arranged to ration and clothe them.

RATIONS. The Rations during the Month have been very good. At the beginning of the month ~~flour~~ was issued in lieu of Bread. Local Bakeries made this flour into Bread under Battalion arrangements.

MESSING. Coy Messes have been found a great success and the means of saving food. Men are enabled to eat their food in comfort as in their own Homes and receive every attention from Mess Orderlies.

COOKING. Menus are prepared daily for the following day. These Menus have been a great success as the menus are made to meet the issues from the Store. By this means it enables Cooks to prepare a change of dishes which are greatly appreciated by the men.

COMFORTS FUND. The issues from this Fund have greatly augmented the rations and have allowed of change of food. Large issues of Cocoa and Milk have come to hand this month and have been appreciated by the men as a warming drink at night when the Weather has been so cold and also after Sports. Issues of Sugar have also been a great help as well as Tobacco, Cigarettes, ~~Shirts~~ Shirts, and socks.

BATHING. There has been a great shortage of clean underclothing and it has been impossible to secure underclothing, <sup>for</sup> some weeks ~~issues~~ to give the men a change when the Battalion has bathed. The Comforts Fund has greatly assisted by donations of Shirts and Socks.



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LAUNDRY. On March 24th owing to the shortage of clean underclothing when the Battalion bathed, it was decided to organise a Battalion Laundry. This was immediately started and by the end of the month was in good working order.

The result was a great improvement in the cleanliness of the clothes and a sure and constant supply of clean underclothing was by this means ensured.

CLOTHING. The supply of clothing such as Tunics, breeches, puttees etc. has been sufficient to ~~met~~ <sup>meet</sup> the demand.

Heavy demands were made on clothing this month to refit the 11th and 12th Battalions. Stocks in this Store were sufficient to meet the demand notwithstanding the fact that no clothing was handed over by the 11/12th Q.M. Store.

TRANSPORT. The Transport arrangements have been very good and no difficulty was experienced in delivering rations and Stores.

On the 29th the Battalion Transport was taken over by No 1 Company Divisional Train who then contracted to deliver ~~stores~~ rations and Stores. This arrangements has not proved satisfacto as Stores and Rations have been late and disorganised a little by the Q.M. Branch.

Regimental Quartermaster  
3rd Australian Inf. Brigade Battalion A.I.F.      Lieut.

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