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WAR DIARY

OF

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

FOR

NOVEMBER

1915



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Weather	Remarks and references to Appendices
Brucaamps.	1/11/18.		Battalion Parade.	Fine.	
"	2/11/18.		Training as per Syllabus.	Slight rain, Afternoon Fine	
"	3/11/18.		Church Parade. Recreational Training.	Fine.	
"	4/11/18.		Training as per Syllabus.	"	
"	5/11/18.		Bath Parade	Raining all Day.	
"	6/11/18.		Indoor Training	ditto.	
"	7/11/18.		Training as per Syllabus.	cloudy.	
"	8/11/18.		"	ditto.	
"	9/11/18.		Left Brucaamps 2.A.M. Marched to Haugesk.	cloudy.	
"			Order Full marching Order. Quitrailed 5.p.m.	ditto.	
"	10/11/18.		Still travelling.	cloudy.	
Epehy.	11/11/18.		Detrailed at Epehy about 7. am. Embussed at 12 noon. Arrived Mazingheim 4. pm.	Fine.	
Mazingheim.	12/11/18.		Rifle Inspection. Cap. Salvaging.	cloudy. Afternoon Fine.	
"	13/11/18.		Brigade Parade.	Fine.	
"	14/11/18.		Left Mazingheim Marched to Boham. Marching Order. less. Blankets. Arrived Boham 4.p.m.	ditto.	
Boham.	15/11/18.		Inspection of Arms & Equipment.	Fine.	
"	16/11/18.		Battalion Parade. Recreational Training.	cloudy.	
"	17/11/18.		Brigade Church Parade.	cloudy. Afternoon Fine.	
"	18/11/18.		Bath Parade.	cloudy.	
				cloudy. Very light fall of Snow.	

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Boham.	19/11/18.		Route March fighting Order to Fresnoyle-Grand.	cloudy. Afternoon Fine	
"	20/11/18.		Battalion Parade. Recreational Training	Fine. " very heavy mist which lasted some hours	
"	21/11/18.		ditto. ditto	Fine.	
"	22/11/18.		Left Boham 9.30am. Full marching Orderless Blankets & Steel Hats. Arrived Mazingheim 2.15 pm	Fine	
Mazingheim.	23/11/18.		Left Mazingheim. Arrived bartignies 2.15 pm.	Fine.	
bartignies.	24/11/18.		Left bartignies 9. am. Arrived Bengnies 2.30 pm.	cloudy with light showers	
Bengnies.	25/11/18.		cleaning Billiets. Guards & Sentries cleaning Equipment	cloudy.	
"	26/11/18.		ditto	cloudy.	
"	27/11/18.		ditto	ditto.	
"	28/11/18.		Battalion Parade. Recreational Training	ditto.	
"	29/11/18.		Route March. Dress clean Fatigue & Waterproof tapes.	Dull.	
"	30/11/18.		Battalion Parade Recreational Training Football etc.	Dull.	

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OF

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918.

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Q. M. DEPT

to
to
to
The Adjutant
10th Battalion A.I.F.

I have to report that in addition to the weekly baths, and two clean changes of underclothing the following were exchanged at the Divisional Laundry.

Shirts 480	Socks 700
Vests 345	Towels 50
Drawers 426	

the following M.D. clothing were drawn and M/s returned to DADOS.

Hats 10.	Jackets 55.	Trousers 61
Putties 50.	Boots ankle NIL.	

The following comforts were drawn and distributed:-

Cocoa & Milk	8 1/2 cases
Milk	1 case
Onco	2 cases.
Tobacco	1 case.
Curry Pars.	1 1/2 cases.
Sugar	3 bags
Tinned	4 cases
Refills	4 "
T. Cookers.	2 "
Shirts (woolen)	14 cases.
Playing Cards	5 dozen.
Cigarettes	1 case

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 10th Battalion A.I.F.

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WAR DIARY (TRANSPORT)
for the month of NOVEMBER 1918.

- 1st Battalion at post BRUXAMPS
- 8th Route-march to HANGEST via FLIXECOURT.
- 9th Detrained HANGEST. (6 p.m.)
- 11th Detrained at EPEHY.
- 11th + 12th Route-march to MAZINGHIEN.
- 14th Route-march to BOHAIN.
- 23rd Route-march to MAZINGHIEN.
- 24th Route-march to CARTIGNES.
- 25th Route-march to BEUGNIES.
- 30th Battalion training at BEUGNIES.

L. W. Collett Lt.

of T.O.

10th Battalion



WEDNESDAY	0900 - 0930	Physical training. (N.C.Os. under Lt.Mead M.C. D.C.M.)
11-18.	0930 - 1000	Battalion drill
	1000 -	Coy personnel report.
	1000 - 1200	Intelligence summaries, reports etc.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational training.

THURSDAY	0900 - 0930	Physical training. (N.C.Os. under Lt.Mead M.C. D.C.M.)
11-18.	0930 - 1000	Battalion drill
	1030 -	Coy personnel report
	1030 - 1200	Scouting schemes and employment of scouts in attack.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational training, - football etc.

FRIDAY	Morning	Church Parade: Cleaning Up.
11-18.		

APP. 4

October 26th 1918.

Captain and Adjutant
TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TRAINING PROGRAMME (CONTINUED - SHEET 2.)

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Date.	Time	Coy	Work	Remarks.
Friday 1-11-18-	0900 - 0930	All (except N.C.Os.)	Physical training.	(N.C.Os. under Lt.Mead M.C. D.C.M.)
	0930 - 1000	All	Battalion drill	L.G. Officer to attend. Intelligence personnel to report to Int. Officer.
	1000 - 1200	"G"	Minature Range practices.	
	1000 - 1030	"H"	Guards and sentries.	
1030 - 1100	Bayonet fighting Fire direction and control.			
	1400 - 1600	All	Recreational training,- football etc.	Every man to attend etc.
	1800 -	All Officers	Lecture in Lectur Room.	
Saturday 2-11-18.	0900 - 0930	All except N.C.Os.	Physical training.	
		N.C.Os.	Instruction under Lt.F.J.S.Mead M.C. DC.M.	
	0930 - 1030	All	Battalion drill	Intell. personnel report to I.O.
	1030 - 1115	"G"	Lewis Gunners report to L.G.O. on ground.	
	1115 - 1200		Bayonet fighting.	
	1030 - 1115	"H"	Lewis gunners report to L.G.O. on ground.	Every man to attend.etc.
	1115 - 1600	All	Recreational training,- football etc,-	
Sunday 3-11-18.	Morning	All	Church Parade; Leaning up.	

October 26th 1918.

Captain and Acting Adjutant.
TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

APPENDIX

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WARNING AGAINST VENEREAL DISEASE.

All Coys.

It is notified for the information of troops that VENEREAL DISEASE is absolutely RAMPANT in the village of BOHAIN. THEREFORE re-gard all women as INFECTED and TAKE NO RISKS.

FRENCH LETTERS are available FREE OF CHARGE at R. A. P. Have no connection without using one.

REMEMBER that there are several BLUE LIGHT ROOMS in the Town, and your BATTALION HAS ONE. One can have a washout at all hours, but also bear in mind that a washout is not as good a protection as is the employment of a FRENCH LETTER, and therefore BE WISE in time, and don't risk LOSING YOUR TRIP TO GERMANY.

The above to be promulgated to all troops TO-NIGHT and on three successive parades.

(Sgd.) M. Wluder-Neligan Lt. Col.
Commdg. TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

14th November, 1918.

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

INTELLIGENCE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10th 1918.

Date	Time	Work
MONDAY 4-11-18	0900	Company personnel to report to I.O. N.O.O.s report to Lt. Mead MC DCM
	0930 - 1000	Battalion Drill
	1000 - 1200	Map reading on ground; instructions in use of prismatic compass.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
TUESDAY 5-11-18	0900 - 0930	Physical Training. NCOs report to Lt. Mead MC DCM
	0930 - 1000	Battalion Drill
	1000 - 1200	Distance judging and use of telescopic rifle.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
WEDNESDAY 6-11-18	0900 - 1200	ROUTE MARCH - via Vauchelles - Moufflers - la Folle - Suroamps DRESS; Marching Order.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
THURSDAY 7-11-18	0900 - 0930	Physical Training. NCO.s to report to Lt. Mead MC DCM
	0930 - 1000	Battalion Drill
	1000 - 1200	Recognition of points on ground; intelligence reports and summaries; signalling and trigger pressing.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
FRIDAY 8-11-18	0900 - 1200	Battalion Parade in Mass on football field. Battalion Tactical exercises.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
SATURDAY 9-11-18	0900 - 0930	Physical Training. NCOs to report to Lt. Mead MC DCM
	0930 - 1000	Battalion Drill.
	1000 - 1200	Location and plotting of trenches; Scouting schemes and employment of scouts in attack.
	1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
SUNDAY 10-11-18	Morning	Church Parade cleaning up.

1st November 1918

Capt. and Act. Adjt
TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 1918.

MONDAY 4-11-18	0900 - 0930	All Coys.	Physical training	NCOs under Lt Head MC.DCB (guards and sentries work)
	0930 - 1000	"	Battalion drill.	
	1000 - 1100	"	Coys at disposal of Coy Commanders. (Minor tactical exercises)	No 1 platoon report to C.O.
	1100 - 1200	"	Platoons at disposal of Platoon Commanders for minor tactical exercises; rifle exercises; guards and sentries.	No 2 platoon report to C.O.
	1400 - 1600	"	Recreational training :- football, running etc.	All men to attend and remain full time.

TUESDAY 5-11-18	0900 - 0930	"	Physical training.	NCOs under Lt Head MC. DG:. for setting up drill.
	0930 - 1000	"	Battalion drill	
	1000 - 1130	"	Minor tactical schemes under Coy Commanders.	No 3 platoon report to C.O.
	1130 - 1200	"	Platoons close order drill and rifle exercises.	
	1400 - 1600	"	Recreational training:- football etc.	All to attend etc.

WEDNESDAY 6-11-18	0900 - 1200	"	ROUTE MARCH - via Vauchelles - mouflers - La Folle - Dress - Marching order. Surcamps.	
	1400 - 1600	"	Recreational training,- football etc.	
	1800	All Officers	Lecture in Officer's Mess.	

THURSDAY 7-11-18	0900 - 0930	All Coys	Physical training	NCOs under Lt Head (general)
	0930 - 1000	"	Battalion drill	
	1000 - 1200	"G" & "H"	Range practice for Lewis Guns.	Minature Range, L.G.O. to attend.
			Remainder of Coys at disposal of Coy Commanders for rifle exercises etc.	No 4 platoon report to C.O.
	1400 - 1600	All	Recreational training; football etc.	All to attend etc.

FRIDAY 8-11-18	0900 - 1200	"	Battalion parade in mass on football field. Battalion tactical exercises.	
	1400 - 1600	"	Recreational training, football etc.	All to attend. etc.

Date	Time	Coys.	W O R K	Remarks.
SATURDAY 9-11-18	0900 - 0930 0930 - 1000 1000 - 1200	All " "	Physical Training Battalion Drill Range Practice for Lewis Gunners Remainder of Coys - rifle exercises; bayonet fighting; close order drill; under Platoon Commanders.	N.C.O.s under Lt Mead MC.DCM (general) Miniature range. L.G.O. to attend. No. 5 Platoon to report to C.O.
	1400 - 1600	"	Recreational Training; XXXXXX football etc.	All to attend etc.
SUNDAY 10-11-18	Morning	"	Church Parade ; cleaning up.	

Captain and Acting Adjutant
TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

1st November 1918.

APPENDIX 5

BATTALION ORDER 131

APPENDIX 6

Reference Maps :- LENS 11. ABBELVILLE 14. Battalion Headquarters,
 AMIENS 17. No 62c. Novbr 6th 1918.

1. The 10th Australian Division (less Artillery) is moving by rail from the LONG Area to the EPEHY - ROISEL - TINCOURT Area.
 2. The 10th Battalion will move from the BRUCAMPS Area to EPEHY on 8-11-18.
 3. ENTRAINING STATION - HANGEST.
DETRAINING STATION. - EPEHY
 4. BRIGADE ENTRAINING OFFICER. Capt. W.G.Cornish MC 3rd A.I.Bde.
BRIGADE DETRAINING OFFICER Major A.M.Phillips. 11th Battn.
- BATTALION ENTRAINING AND DETRAINING OFFICER. Capt. M.G.Saunders MC, who will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at HANGEST at 2300 on 7-11-18.
5. MOVE. 10th Battalion will pass starting point (Old Orderly Room) at 2100 on 7-11-18.
Order of March. - "H.Qs", "A", "C", & "H" Coys.
Transport will move independently and will time its departure so as to arrive at Entraining Station at 2300 on 7-11-18.
 6. DISCIPLINE. Os.C.Coys will instruct all troops that strictest discipline must be maintained during and after the journey. Copies of train orders are supplied herewith, and Coy Commanders will be responsible that these are read over to troops before moving, and one copy per carriage filled up and affixed to outside of carriage Q.M. will supply paste on station.
 7. GUARDS. O.C."H" Coy will detail 1 Officer and 15 other ranks as Train guard.
 In addition Os.C.Coys will arrange to picquest their own particular portion of the train.
 8. LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Gun Officer will arrange to mount two Lewis Guns on train for use against enemy aircraft. "H" Coy will supply these guns.
 9. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued separately.
 10. SYNCHRONISATION. Watches will be synchronised by runner at 1200 and 1800 on 7-11-18.
 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. R. King
 Captain and Actg. Adj.
 TENTH AUST. INFANTRY BATTN.

Issued by runner at.....

Distribution :-

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| Copy 1 3rd A.I.Bde. | Copy 8 "A" Coy |
| 2 C.O. | 9 "C" " |
| 3 Snr Mjr | 10 "H" " |
| 4 Adj. | 11 "H.Qs" |
| 5 Q.M. | 12) |
| 6 T.O. | 13) War Diary |
| 7 M.O. | 14) |

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM ISSUED WITH BATTALION ORDER NO. 131

Battalion Headquarters,
6th November 1918LOADING PARTY

A loading party of one officer and 50 other ranks will be detailed by "A" Company, to report to B.O.R. at 1000 on 7th inst. Dress; full marching order. This party will entrain by last train of Brigade Group proceeding from AUGUST.

BILLING PARTY.

Lieut. G.R. ALLANSON and one N.C.O. per Coy. will proceed by train leaving PORT REMY at 0755 on 7th inst. They will report to Capt. G.F. PLUNKETT, 3rd Battalion, 1 1/2 hours before departure of train, and on arrival at WIMBORNT will report to a representative of 3rd Brigade H.Q. at R.F.O.S office.

TRANSPORT

Full echelon of S.A.A., Grenades and tools will be carried. T.O. will arrange for a supply of breast ropes for Horse trucks. Ropes for lashing vehicles to flat trucks will be provided by Railway authorities. Harness and saddlery is to be removed during journey. Supply and baggage waggons will accompany and entrain with Battalion transport. Vehicles will be entrained fully loaded. Water carts will be entrained full. Horses will be watered before entraining. One limber will be detached for duty with 3rd A.L.T.M.B., and will move with that unit. *reporting to 3rd A.L.T.M.B. at 1100 on 7th inst.*

DRESS

Full marching order plus blankets (rolled round pack) steel helmets and water proof sheets (under flaps of packs) Felt hats will be worn. Unexpired portion of days rations will be carried. Water bottles will be filled. Bandsmen will wear W.P. Sheets on banderole.

RATIONS

Rations for 6th and 7th inst. will be drawn on 5th inst. Rations for 8th inst. will be drawn at present dump at 2 p.m. on 6th inst. by End Line transport. Supply Waggon will remain with unit. Rations for consumption on 9th and 10th inst. will be drawn at detraining station on 6th inst.

BLANKETS

Second blanket will be rolled in bundles of ten, and clearly labelled, and will be loaded on G.S. Waggon at Q.M.S. Store by 1200 on 7th inst.

MESS BOXES

Companies will make their own arrangements re Mess Boxes; these may be carried on cooker waggons.

VALISES

Officers valises, Signal gear etc. will be at Q.M.S. Store by 1200 on 7th inst. ready for loading.

BILLETS

All billets will be left in a clean and sanitary condition usual certificates will be rendered.

CLAIMS

Lieut. A.E. HINING will arrange with the MAIRE for all claims to be settled by noon on 7th inst.

STATES

Usual daily returns will be rendered. Marching in states will be forwarded to B.O.R. immediately on arrival in new Area.

HOT DRINKS

Y.M.C.A. and Comforts Fund are arranging to supply hot cocoa at detraining station. Q.M. will arrange to supply cocoa at entraining station. (using H.Q. Coy. cooker for the purpose) at midnight on 7th inst.

M. R. P. Capt. & Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

Issued to all recipients of Battalion Order No131.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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BATTALION ORDER NO 132

Reference Sheets ;-

Battalion Headquarters,

Nos 18 & 12 1/100,000

November 13th 1918.

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1. MOVE. The 10th Battalion will move by march route to the BOHAIN Area to-morrow 14/11/18.
 - (a) Order of March. "H.Qs", "A", "H", and "C" Coys. Transport will move with the Battalion. Pack horses will accompany Companies and will be fully loaded.
 - (b) Route. La Vallee - Mulatre (Church) - Cross Roads at S of Andigules - Regnicourt.
 - (c) Distances. 100 yards between Companies.
100 yards between Coy. and Transport.
 2. STARTING POINT. Battalion will pass starting point (Church MAZINGHIEN) at 0930.
 3. DRESS. Marching order. Felt hats will be worn, W.P. Sheets under flap of pack, steel helmets on pack, gas helmets.
 4. SYNCHRONISATION. Watches will be synchronised by runner at 0830 on 14th inst.
 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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W. R. R. R. Captain and Actg. Adj.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

Distribution :-

Copy 1 3rd Bde.	Copy 2 C.O.	Copy 3 Adj.	Copy 4 Q.M.
" 5 T.O.	" 6 M.O.	" 7 "A" Coy	" 8 "C" Coy
" 9 "H" Coy	" 10 "H.Qs"	" 11, 12, 13, WarvDiary.	

TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM ISSUED ON CONNECTION WITH BATTALION ORDER
NO. 207.132

Battalion Headquarters
13th November 1918.

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1. BILLETING PARTY Lieut. ALLANSON and one N.C.O. per Coy. will report to Lieut. HOWE at Town Majors Office MAIZENGHEIN at 0900 on 14th inst. This party will be mounted on bicycles.
 2. AREA STORES Q.M. will arrange to return all Area Stores to Town Major by 0800 on 14th inst. Receipts will be obtained in duplicate.
 3. RATIONS (A) Rations for consumption on 15th inst. will be drawn from Supply Dump MAIZEBGHEIN at 0700 on 14th inst.
(b) Midday meal (tea only) will be supplied on march, between 1200 and 1300.
"C" Coy. will supply tea for 3rd Brigade H.Q. and No. 3 Signal Section.
Cookers will join Coys. immediately on halting for midday meal, and will rejoin Transport before Column again moves off.
 4. BLANKETS Both blankets will be carried on Transport. They will be rolled in bundles of ten, clearly labelled and stacked at Q.M.s Store by 0830, ready for loading. Band packs will be stacked at same time.
 5. OFFICERS VALISES Coy. limbers will report to their respective Coy. Headquarters at 0830 to load valises, Mess Boxes etc.
 6. BILLETS All Billets and Horse Lines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Usual certificates will be rendered.
 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. R. J. Capt. & Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

Issued to all recipients of Battalion Order No. 207.

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Battalion Headquarters
18th November 1918.

BATH ORDER

1. Baths in Rue de Bosse, BOHAIN (Capacity 200 per hour) have been allotted to this Battalion, between the hours of 1230 and 1500 today.
2. Companies will march to the Baths, under an officer, reporting at the Baths as under :-

"C" Coy.	-	1230
"A" Coy.	-	1250
"B" Coy.	-	1305
"HQ" Coy.	-	1415.

Towels and soap will be carried in haversack. Dress - Fighting Order (less arms) - Felt Hats.
Strict march discipline will be observed, no loitering will be allowed.
4. Clean clothing will be available at the Baths.
5. Coy. Guards will be relieved so that they may bathe with their Coys., and will be remounted on return.
Detention Guard and prisoner will bathe with "A" Coy.
6. O.s.C. Coys. will render a certificate to Battalion H.Q. by 2000 that all men in their Coys. have been bathed.

[Signature]
2/Lt & A/Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION

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| | 5 | M.O. |
| | 6 | T.O. |
| | 7 | "A" Coy. |
| | 8 | "C" Coy. |
| | 9 | "H" Coy. |
| | 10 | "HQ" Coy. |

Battalion Headquarters
22nd November 1918.

--- STANDING MOVE ORDER ---

MOVE

The Tenth Battalion will move from present area to area of location, by march route

(a) Order of March.

As in daily orders. Band will drop back or move up, as the case may be, one company at each halt. Cookers will march in rear of companies. Remaining transport will march in rear of Battalion, in the following order :- Maltese Cart - Mess Cart - Water Carts - "A" - "C" - "H" - "HQ" Coy. limbers - remaining limbers - G.S.Waggons - Spare horses.

(b) Route

As per Special Order.

SYNCHRONISATION

Watches will be synchronised by Runner two hours before Column moves off.

BILLETING

Lieut. A.P. CHITTLEBOROUGH will be permanent Billeting officer, with one N.C.O. per Coy. who will proceed on bicycles.

AREA STORES

Q.M. will arrange to hand over all Area Stores to Town Major at least one hour before column moves off.

CONDITIONS

As per Special Order.

DRESS

Marching order. Felt Hats will be worn; W.P. Sheet under flaps of packs; gas helmet on top of packs; steel helmets with mess tins inside, will be worn on each of the packs. Band will carry gas helmets slung over left shoulder, Cardigan jackets will be worn under tunics; leather jerkins in packs. All mounted transport will wear greatcoats; collars turned down; bandoliers over greatcoats. Officers will wear open tunics - Sam Browne belts and caps.

TRANSPORT

Transport Officer will arrange for limbers and G.S.Waggons to report to Companies and Q.M., for loading, at least one hour before column moves off.

BLANKETS

Both blankets will be carried on transport. They will be rolled in bundles of ten and clearly labelled. Band's packs will be carried on transport. They will be at Coy.H.Q., ready for loading, at least one hour before column moves off.

MIDDAY MEAL

Hot tea will be supplied for midday meal. The balance of current day's rations will be used for midday meal. Transport will be attached to rear company, for tea, at midday meal.

BILLETING CERTIFICATES

Billeting certificates will be submitted immediately on arrival in new area.

WATER SUPPLY

3rd Field Coy. Engineers will be responsible for the location of water in each billeting area. 3rd Field Ambulance will arrange for water to be tested where this has not already been done, and notices erected showing chlorination required.

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STANDING MOVE ORDER (contd) (2)

BILLETTS

All billets and horse lines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect will be rendered at least one hour before column moves off. ¶

THIS ORDER WILL BE REGARDED AS A STANDARD ORDER FOR ALL FUTURE MOVES.

KNOWLEDGE.

W. R. King

Capt & Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Reference, Sheet 12, 1/100,000.

Battalion Headquarters,
23rd. November, 1918.

Battalion Order No. 134.

1. MOVE. 10th Battalion will move by march route to CARTIGNIES
Area to-morrow 24th inst.
Order of march. "H" "H.Q." "A" "C" Coys.
Route. via CATILLON - La GROISE - PRISCHES - CARTIGNIES
Distances. Between Battalions 300 yards.
Between Companies 80 yards.
Between Unit & Transport 50 yards.
Halts. There will be a halt at 0925 for 5 minutes
thence the usual halt at 10 minutes to the clock
hour.
Starting Point. Road junction at Point 149 N.E. of
MAZINGHEIN.
Time to pass. 0855.
MIDDAY The Column will halt for Midday meal from 1200 to 1300.
Meal. Tea will be ready at this hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| Issued by Runner at... | ○ | <i>[Signature]</i> Capt. & Adjt. |
| Copy No. 1 to C.O. | | Tenth Infantry Battalion. |
| 3 Q.M. | | Copy No. 2 to Adjutant. |
| 5 T.O. | | 4 M.O. |
| 7 "C" Company. | | 6 "A" Company. |
| 9 "H.Q." Company. | | 8 "H" Company. |
| 11 War Diary. | | 10 3rd. Bde. H.Q. |
| | | 12 War Diary. |

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
BATTALION ORDER NO 135.

APPENDIX
COPY NO 6

Reference Sheets 12, & 8. 1/100,000

Battalion Headquarters,
November 24th 1913.

1. MOVE. Tenth Battalion will move by march route to BEUGNIES Area to-morrow 25th inst.

Order of march. "A", "H", "C", "H.Qs."

Route. via LE DESSUS DU MOULIN - GONDIN - AVESNELLES - FLAUMONT - FELLERIES.

Distances. As for 24th inst. (See B.O. 134.)

Halts. Halts for 10 minutes at ten minutes to the clock hour will be observed.

Starting points

(a) Brigade starting point. - Road Junction immediately S of the L in LE DESSUS DU MOULIN. Time for Battn to pass 0820.

(b) Battalion starting point. - "A" Coys billet. Time to pass 0820.

Mid-day meal. Column will halt for mid-day meal from 1200 to 1300. Tea will be ready at this hour.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Capt. and Adjutant.
TENTH AUST. INF. BATTALION.

Issued by runner at 2300.

Distribution :-

- Copy 1 3rd Bde.
- 2 C.O.
- 3 Adj.
- 4 Q.M.
- 5 T.O.
- 6 M.O.
- 7 "A" Coy
- 8 "C" "
- 9 "H" "
- 10 "H.Qs"
- 11, 12, 13, War Diary.

APP. VIII

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.LIST OF CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

PROCEEDED TO U.K. ON LEAVE. Lieut. W. S. Bennett M.C. Chap. Rev. H. Cretty.
 Lieut. H. J. Edwards M.M.
 Other Ranks 65.

REJOINED FROM LEAVE TO U.K. Lieut. H. J. Edwards M.M. Lieut. W. S. Bennett
 D.S.O. M.C.
 35 Other Ranks.

TO HOSPITAL. Temp. Major G. C. Campbell M.C.
 Other Ranks 30.

FROM HOSPITAL. Lieut. C. F. S. Jergensen
 63 Other Ranks.

TO SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. Lieut. H. W. Scudds M.C.
 5 Other Ranks.

FROM SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. Lieut. F. E. Rice. 2/Lieut. J. W. Sykes.
 Lieut. H. W. Scudds M.C.
 65 Other Ranks.

TO AUSTRALIA ON FURLOUGH 4 Other Ranks.

TO AUSTRALIA. 1 Other Rank (Under Age X)

PROCEEDED ON LEAVE TO PARIS. 3 Other Ranks.

REJOINED FROM LEAVE TO PARIS. 3 Other Ranks.

PROCEEDED ON LEAVE TO ITALY. 1 Other Rank.

TRANSFERS. Hn. Major J. E. F. Coyle.
 13 Other Ranks.

ATTACHED TO 4TH. A.A.S.C. 8 Other Ranks.

DETACHED. DIVISIONAL CONCERT 3 Other Ranks.

PARTY.

DETACHED - BOXING COMPETITORS. 3 Other Ranks.

BRIGADE REPRESENTATIVE - CORP BOXING. Lieut. W. O. Cooper M.C.
 1 Other Rank. (Batman.)

REJOINED FROM CORP BOXING COMPETITION. Lieut. W. O. Cooper M.C.
 1 other Rank (~~Competitor~~)
 1 Other Rank (Batman.)

DETACHED-DIVISIONAL COMP. 3 Other Ranks.

75 DAYS LEAVE IN U.K. IN LIEU FURLOUGH TO AUSTRALIA. 2/Lieut. R. King M.M. T/Capt. Lieut. F. J. S. Mead M.C.D. ^{C.M.}

FROM REINFORCEMENTS. 1 other Rank.

LEAVE TO PARIS IN LIEU OF U.K. 3 Other Ranks.

SPECIAL LEAVE. TO U.K. Lieut. A. Limb. 1 Other Rank.

TO LEAVE ROUEN. 1 other Rank.

PROCEEDED TO OFFICER'S REST HOSTEL. 2/Lieut. J. L. Wishart.

REJOINED FROM OFFICER'S REST HOSTEL. 2/Lieut. J. L. Wishart.

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
November 28th 1918

Dear Sir, *Daunt*

I am sending you attached to this letter a copy of notes of Conference held at PERONNE between Army and Corps Commanders of British Forces of occupation. I would like the main facts, in so far as they affect an Infantry Platoon Commander, to be passed on to their men as soon as opportunity offers.

I feel that in many minor ways Company and Platoon Commanders are not quite giving the assistance they could to the Higher Authorities in achieving the ideal that is so necessary for us to display as conquering troops occupying an enemy country. I am therefore making a special appeal to all Officers to do their utmost to correct some of the faults that have been noticed by the Divisional Commander, Brigade Commander, and myself since the signing of the armistice, rendering our earlier methods of soldiering partly obsolete. Some of the most noticeable

are :-

- (a) Lack of uniformity in dress and turnout.
- (b) The poor turnout of guards, not in so far as actual dress is concerned, but as applied to their actual knowledge of the duties of a sentry or Commander of a guard.
- (c) In some cases the lack of personal interest in the well-being of your men is still a ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ distinct feature in many platoons.
- (d) Men are still not told the reasons for the necessity of a high standard of discipline. It must be obvious to even most junior Platoon Commanders that we will lose our prestige in GERMANY unless our discipline is of a very high standard. One of the most important features to my mind is the bearing of the man to his Non-commissioned officer or officer, and the bearing of the non-commissioned officer to his Platoon Commander. Also, very often the attitude of the Platoon Commander towards the Company Commander becomes somewhat slack.

I would suggest that if you will view these matters from the point of view of the Patriotic Citizen who has so much at heart, e.g. - the welfare of his country, - that you, being responsible for a small portion of your own nation, will see that that portion of your nation stands alone; and further, if you will realise that faults are not found for the sake of "finding fault", but because experience has taught that, with a high standard of discipline and efficiency goes the general comfort and welfare of your men, I feel sure you will sacrifice yourself, in preference to sacrificing your men.

With reference to our prospective move into GERMANY, there are two courses open at present :- (1) By road march. (2) By train. The latter is the most likely. In either case however, somewhat elaborate preparations have got to be made in which the assistance and support of every Officer in the Battalion must be freely and wholeheartedly given. Certain definite principles with regard to equipment, battle stores etc have been decided upon. So far as this Battalion is concerned, the following reductions in equipment will be made :-

- (1) The establishment of machine guns per Battalion will be reduced to 3 per platoon, and 24 magazines per gun.
- (2) No spare respirators will be carried, consequently every care must be taken of those at present in possession of the men.
- (3) Cup attachments will be reduced to 4 per platoon.
- (4) Wiring gloves will not be taken.

(Sheet No 3.)

- (5) The present issue of fingerless gloves will be withdrawn.
- (6) Blankets of men, if road march is adopted, will be carried.
- (7) In the case of road march, transport will carry 3 or 5 additional poles, swingle trees, and a quantity of spare brake blocks. Tool boxes will be brought up to full establishment.
- (8) The Armourers establishment will be reduced to bare necessities.
- (9) Very pistols will be reduced to 3 per Company.
- (10) Telescopic rifles will be issued at the rate of 1 per Company, the ordinary rifles being withdrawn from those issued with the former.
- (11) Wire cutters will not be carried.
- (12) Anti-gas gloves will not be carried.
- (13) Collapsible saws, range finders, gramophones and records, Officers' mess gear, sickles, bill hooks, boxes of souvenirs, and all surplus unauthorised equipment other than those things already legislated for will be dumped.

The above gear will be placed on a Divisional Dump at BOHAIN, together with the gear now on dump at LONG, which will be brought forward. In addition all surplus boxes, bags etc belonging Officers should be placed on this dump should the journey be made by road.

I feel that I owe it to each Officer to lay down in detail the general policy of the Battalion, and that it will be more generally realised why so much equipment and spare gear cannot at present be carried. A study of the 'Mobilisation Table' will make it clear to all of you how little transport is available compared to the huge quantities of accumulated "odds and ends" that all have more or less necessary uses for the general comfort of a battalion. I can however, assure you that the dump will follow us within a few days.

I ask for and expect complete support in this matter. Will you as Platoon Commander realise that if you by any means succeed in getting an additional 50 or 60 lbs of Company or personal gear on to the Transport and if each of my 30 Officers should do likewise, a road march would become impossible, as the transport in the event of it having to cover a distance of 250 miles, would assuredly break down either through overloading or exhaustion of animals.

Yours Sincerely,

M. J. L. Daunt
Lieut Colonel.

*This Article was donated to
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10th Bn. A.I.F.
17/11/30.*

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

By Capt Cas Mitchell
RMO 10th Batt A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Quercamps	1.11.18	10pm	Requisition for battle stores made on 3rd F. Amb.	
"	4.11.18	10pm	attended conference of 2nd Brig R.M.O.'s at 3rd F. Amb. nothing of importance	
"	5.11.18	"	weather wet, indoor training: men bathed + clean clothes issued	
"	6.11.18	"	water but men all transferred to 3rd F. Amb. but to remain on detached duty	
In train	9.11.18	"	at 2 am route marched to Hangeat, entrainment was 10 hrs late. [with 10th Battn.] Spent night in train	
"	10.11.18	"	day spent in train: weather very cold.	
Mezenheim	11.11.18	"	arrived at Epelby 7 am: men very fatigued: good breakfast + 2 hours rest: embussed to Mezenheim: billeted in ruined cottages. village filthy: no latrines	
"	12.11.18	"	men put on village cleaning: foot inspection of all men made by me. feet generally ill-cared for, nails long + dirty. Soreness skin between toes in many cases - written report given to CO and action taken by him to ensure better care + more frequent inspection of feet by company officers	
Bohain	14.11.18	"	Frosty weather: village cleaning at 9.30 am set out by road for Bohain - 10 miles. Halt for midday meal: none fell out of march	
Bohain	15.11.18	"	men in good billets straw + pallets available. Town filthy, inadequate latrine accommodation. Water point just outside town 1 measure. aid Post + Blue Light room established. Circular issued re prevalence of VD in Bohain (attached hereto)	
Bohain	16.11.18	"	Increase in issue of French letters. Supplied free of charge 2 to each applicant: troops doing parade + drill in morning, recreational training in afternoon Extra latrines obtained + town cleaning carried out	
Bohain	17.11.18	"	Town cleaning. Nominal roll of men physically unfit to march to Germany to be prepared	
Bohain	18.11.18	"	Scabies V.D. and general inspections held and nominal roll of unfit prepared. 11 in all. Mostly foot troubles + scabies	

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Bohair	20.11.18	10pm	Company stretcher bearers done away with. Bearers Corp & 8 men being retained with H.Q. Company. 4 stretchers only to be carried, 6 being handed to R.M. Bearers to be armed with revolvers.	
	21.11.18	..	Under A.A.M.C. orders, new establishment with Infantry Btms is 1 Cpl & 3 men, one private to be retransferred to Infantry.	
	22.11.18	..	Practice move carried out by white Btms & transport in preparation for route march tomorrow. 15 men arrived from Base.	
	23.11.18	Mazinghen	Marched from Bohair to Mazinghen. Lost 1 man only who was carried by 3 mules & rejoined later. Foot bathing & inspection after march.	
	24.11.18	Castignos	Marched from Mazinghen to Castignos. 4 men being carried on G.S. waggons & about 6 packs carried. No one lost on march. Foot bathing & inspection on march.	
	25.11.18	Beignies	March from Castignos to Beignies. Weather wet & no casualties. Men billeted mostly in factory premises. Bldgs & surroundings filthy. No latrine accommodation. Horse manure & garbage everywhere. Human faeces spread about indiscriminately. Water supply from springs. Impossible to fill water cart. Chlorination in dippers at water points. Men and all transport employed clearing up and removing filth. Latrines unobtainable, material indented for. Open trenches used. Men bathed but no clean clothes available.	
	26.11.18	..	Still cleaning up. Applied for refresher course for M.O.s.	
	28.11.18	..	3 men on parcels & recreational training.	
	29.11.18	
	30.11.18	..	Attended A.D.M.s conference of R.M.O.s. Discussed boots, marching losses, care of feet, establishment of rest station at Charleroi to hold minor ailments evacuated on the march.	

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