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--INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY--

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

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<u>LOCATION.</u>			During the month under review I have been located at BERTANGLES, GLIS, and MERICOURT-sur-SOMME.																			
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<u>DISCIPLINE OF M.M.P. &amp; TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL.</u>			2 M.M.P. were each sentenced to 14 days F.P. No. 2., otherwise the discipline of M.M.P. and traffic control personnel has been good.																			
<u>TRAFFIC.</u>			Owing to the offensive which commenced on the 8th inst, and subsequent advance, traffic has been extremely heavy, especially in the forward areas, but no serious congestions have occurred.																			
<u>INHABITANTS.</u>			During the month two Estaminets have been placed "out of bounds", one for selling liquor to troops after hours and the other for selling liquor to troops for consumption off the premises. 7 thefts etc from civilians have been reported. Various articles have been alleged to have been stolen such as household goods and chattels, fowls, potatoes, timber, also damage to houses. All cases have been investigated but it was found impossible to trace the culprits in any of the cases reported.																			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>			<p>D.A.P.M. 3rd Aust.Divn reports:- That a lorry belonging to 3rd Aust.M.T.Coy and a G.S.Wagon --- belonging to "C" Battery 189th Brigade RGA were seen loaded with civilian furniture, which the drivers admitted having removed from FOUILLOX without authority. The drivers were instructed to take back the furniture and charges of looting have been preferred against them.</p> <p>D.A.P.M. 3rd Aust.Divn reports:- The body of a dead Australian soldier was found near the Somme Canal at approx.Sh 62D.N.12.b.8.5. on 28th July. Investigation proved his identity to be No.440 Pte ELLSWORTH G.W., 39th Battalion AIF; an absentee and that he apparently had committed suicide. The matter was referred to 3rd D.H.Q. and arrangements were made for his burial.</p> <p>During the month two nude bodies were found in the River Somme at AUBIGNY and BLANGY TRONVILLE respectively. Enquiries were made but up to the present neither of the bodies have been identified.</p>																			
<u>ESPIONAGE, CORRESPONDENCE ETC.</u>			Nothing to report under this heading.																			

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<u>STATISTICS - GENERAL.</u>			Absentees - Total absent as at 31.8.18	760.	Courts Martial.	306.	
			" Fresh during the month.	763.	Court Martial prisoners to Base.	80.	
			" Rejoined during the month.	460.	Venereal cases reported.	242.	
			Prisoners of War received into Corps		Estaminets placed out of bounds.	2.	
			Cage.	11170.	Alleged thefts from inhabitants.	7.	
			do. Evacuated.	11103.	hawkers dealt with.	-	
			Stragglers. (Baffle)	5.	Cases reported by M.M.P.	232.	
			" (Ordinary).	1.			
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				<u>Offence.</u>	<u>No. of cases.</u>	<u>Offence.</u>	<u>No. of cases.</u>
				A.W.L.	126.	Desertion.	122.
				Drunkenness.	7.	Disobeying.	9.
				Theft and Fraud.	14.	Acts to the prejudice.	2.
				Insubordination.	1.	Neglect to the prejudice.	2.
				Escaping.	11.	Miscellaneous.	12.
<u>Total cases reported :- 306.</u>			-----				
<u>VENEREAL.</u>			<u>Locality where contracted.</u>	<u>Locality where contracted.</u>			
			United Kingdom.	94.	France.	126.	
			Relapses.	16.	Unknown.	6.	
			<u>Total number of cases reported :- 242.</u>				

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<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>CASES REPORTED</u>		A.W.L.	134.	Exceeding speed limit.	42.
	<u>BY M.M.P.</u>		Double banking.	2.	Neglect of duty.	1.
			Permitting civilians to ride on W.D. vehicle.	1.	Using insubordinate language to superior officer.	1.
			Making a false statement.	3.	Bombing for fish.	3.
			Neglecting to obey order of Traffic Control sentry.	2.	Conduct to the prejudice.	4.
			When in confinement escaping.	3.	Looting.	4.
			Altering Pay Book.	1.	Breach of estaminte regulations.	1.
			Theft of Govt property.	2.	Firing a rifle.	1.
			Theft.	1.	Stealing motor cycle.	1.
			Improperly dressed.	7.	Possession of unauthorised duty order.	1.
			Travelling against circuit.	6.	Damage to crops.	4.
			Riding one and leading two horses.	4.	No bits.	3.
			Removing material from ruined house without authority.	1.	Using non-lorry routes.	2.
			Leaving horse unattended.	2.	Riding bicycle without a pass.	8.
			Illegal possession of bicycle.	10.	Failing to use dry weather track.	2.
			No Box Respirator.	1.	Stealing.	1.
			Possession of unauthorised firearms.	1.	Possession of stolen potatoes.	3.
			Improper use of service rifle	1.	Drunkenness.	9.
				1.	Resisting arrest.	2.
				1.	Possession of civilian vehicle.	1.
				1.	Miscellaneous.	6.
				<u>182.</u>		<u>100.</u>

Total number of cases reported:- 282.

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