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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

FOR

APRIL.

1919

A.P.M.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. <i>44/341</i>
Date

Signature of Officer compiling *L. A. Callum Lewis*

Signature of Officer Commanding *A. P. H. A. J. France*

Assistant Provost Marshal Australian Corps France.

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LOCATION.

During the month my office has been located at Ham-sur-Heure and Marcinelle. Belgium.

STRENGTH of
M.M.P.

The strength of the Australian Provost Corps in France and Belgium at the end of the period under review was 9 Officers 127 Other Ranks. No members of the Aust. Provost Corps were despatched to the U.K. for ordinary repatriation during the month, A few cases of men specially approved for Early Repatriation etc.etc. were despatched accordingly.

DISCIPLINE of
M.M.P. and
TRAFFIC
CONTROL
PERSONNEL.

One M.M.P. was "Severely Reprimanded" on a charge of "Whilst on Active Service, - Drunkenness." One M.M.P. was sentenced to 28 days F.P. No 2, which was commuted to 28 days forfeiture of pay, by F.G.C.M. on a charge of "Making a false statement to the D.A.P.M. ". He was transferred to his original unit as being ~~unsuitable~~ ^{unsuitable} for police duties. The Traffic Control personnel has been reduced to a minimum during the month. The discipline of the remaining members has been satisfactory.

TRAFFIC.

Traffic in the area occupied has been very light during the month. The roads are in a fair state of repair. Repairs are being carried out on the "bad" portions. No congestion has been reported by traffic controls.

INHABITANTS

During the month 3 Estaminets were placed Out of Bounds, 2 for being open during prohibited hours and 1 for selling bad drink to soldiers. Several cases of offences against the property of inhabitants such as thefts, damage to property etc. have been reported, together with several cases of trafficking in, and being in possession of, Government property, by civilians. All cases reported received thorough investigation, and in most cases enquiries are not yet completed, where evidence was sufficient the cases were proceeded with. Material assistance was given by Gendarmes attached to Australian Corps in detecting and putting a stop to trafficking in Govt. Property. An Army detective has also been employed on this work with considerable success.

ESPIONAGE etc.

There is nothing to report under this heading.

ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

D.A.P.M. 1st Aust. Divn reports that a quantity of German Material was discovered in possession of various civilians in his area. This material has been collected and handed over to a Salvage Coy for disposal.

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STATISTICS.

General.

Absentees - Total absent as at 30.4.19	296	Venereal cases reported	262
" Fresh during the month.	93	Estaminets placed Out of Bounds	3
" Rejoined during the month	134	Alleged thefts from inhabitants	6
Prisoners of War dealt with.	Nil	Cases reported by M.M.P.	34
Courts Martial	127	Hawkers dealt with.	Nil.
Courts Martial prisoners to Base	52	Stragglers.	Nil.

COURTS
MARTIAL.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>No of Cases</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>No of Cases</u>
Sodomy.	1	Escaping.	19
Absence.	65	Thefts.	6
Desertion.	6	Receiving.	1
Drunkenness.	3	Disobeying Order.	1
Neglect to Prejudice.	3	Acts to the Prejudice.	21
Offences against the property of inhabitants)	1		

Total No of cases . 127

VENEREAL.

<u>Locality where contracted.</u>		<u>Locality where contracted.</u>	
United Kingdom.	20	Belgium.	180
France.	28	Relapses.	21 8
Unknown.	26		

Total No of Cases. 262

CASES
REPORTED
by M.M.P.

See Sheet 3.

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MISCELLANEOUS.
STATISTICS.

<u>Cases reported by M.M.P.</u>	Absence. Drunkenness	10 3	Escaping. Miscellaneous	6 15
Total No of Cases.		34		

a Douglas Brown

Lieutenant-Colonel.
A.P.M. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN AUS CORPS CORPS.
 No. 64/121
 Date:

Headquarters,
15th April, 1919.

A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps,
 A.P.M., " "
 Capt. GREENLEES, Corps R.E. Workshops, JEUMONT,
 Aust. Corps Mounted Troops,
 Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery,
 Claims Officer.

With reference to the attached minute from Headquarters, A.I.F.

Will you please hasten the despatch of the outstanding War Diaries.

Handwritten signature

RLN.

Major,
 D. A. A. G.,
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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AW 4379/20/33.

Administrative Headquarters,
 130 Horseferry Rd.,
 LONDON, S.W. 1.
 April 5th, 1919.

Headquarters,
 Australian Corps.

In continuation of this office letter AW 4379/20/33 it is pointed out that the following diaries from units etc. under your command are still outstanding :-

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| A.D.O.S. | January. |
| A.P.M. | Novr., January. |
| C. E. | do. Decr., January. |
| Stores Officer. | do. do. do. |
| Water Supply Officer. | do. do. do. |
| Chemical Adviser. | Decr., January. |
| Aust. Corps Mtd. Troops. | January. |
| C.R.E. Corps Troops. | Novr., Decr., January. |
| Aust. Corps W. Section. | Decr., January. |
| Aust. Corps H.A. Sig. Section. | January. |
| No. 2 Aust. Ammunition Unit. | Novr., Decr., January. |
| Claims Officer. | December. |

2. Will you please instruct the officers and units to hasten the despatch of these diaries.

(Sgd.) T. GRIFFITHS,
 Brig. General i/c Administration A.I.F.

Brig. General F. O'Riordan,
(G.S.G.) F. O'Riordan,
A.I.F.

to hasten the despatch of these diaries.

All you please inspect the officers and units

Claims Officer,	December,
No. 8 West. Administration Unit,	Novr., Decr., January,
Asst. Quar. M. & Sig. Section,	January,
Asst. Corps W. Section,	Decr., January,
C. S. E. Corps Troops,	Novr., Decr., January,
Asst. Corps Mq. Troops,	January,
Chemical Adviser,	Decr., January,
Water Supply Officer,	do. do. do.
Stores Officer,	do. do. do.
C. E.,	do. do. do.
A. E. F.,	Novr., January,
A. D. O. S.,	January,

Your commands are still outstanding :-

It is pointed out that the following diaries from units etc. under

Headquarters,
Australian Corps.

IN 4246/50/33.

Administrative Headquarters,

120 Grosvenor Rd.,

April 23rd, 1915.

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A.P.M.

Major,
D. A. A. G.,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

outstanding war diaries.

All you please hasten the despatch of the

Headquarters, A.I.F.

with reference to the attached minute from

Claims Officer,
Asst. Corps Heavy Artillery,
Asst. Corps Mounted Troops,
Capt. GHEWILLING, Corps M. & S. Section, SIMONS,
A. E. F.,
Asst. Corps,
A. D. O. S.,

John Smith, 1012,

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Per 15/1

Headquarters,