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# WAR DIARY

OF  
LIEUT. COL. W. SMITH, D.S.O.  
A. P. M. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

FOR

MARCH, 1918.

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<u>DISCIPLINE of</u> <u>M.M.P. and T.</u> <u>C. personnel</u>	Good. No disciplinary action <del>taken</del> incurred during month.																														
<u>TRAFFIC.</u>	Throughout the month traffic has been normal. During week-ending 2nd inst., speed traps were set on St.Omer-Boulogne Road, but only one offence was registered. On the night of the 8th inst., an accident occurred on the Materan-Bailleul Road causing the death of 3 soldiers. Full details of the occurrence are not to hand.																														
<u>INHABITANTS.</u>	<p>During the month 16 estaminets were placed out of bounds for periods ranging from one to six weeks, the majority of the offences coming under the charge-"Selling during prohibited hours".</p> <p>In conjunction with French Prevots, r aids were made in certain areas with a view to the recovery of Government property in possession of civilians, and a considerable amount of material was salvaged thereby, the French authorities taken action against the offenders.</p> <p>On the 15th inst., a fatal shooting affair occurred at HUCQUINGHEM, in which a soldier- No. 2278 Sig. Burgess D. 36th Bn., A.I.F., was shot dead by a civilian whilst in the act of breaking into a private house.</p> <p>Generally, relationship between civil population and troops has been satisfactory.</p>																														
<u>ESPIONAGE</u>	Nothing to report.																														
<u>IMPORTANT</u> <u>DOCUMENTS &amp;c.</u>	Nothing to submit.																														
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<p>During week-ending 30/3/18, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions left this Corps for another Army.</p> <p>On 24th inst., Lieut. Col. W. Smith reported back from duty in England and resumed duty as A.P.M., Aust. Corps.</p>																														



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<u>STATISTICS- GENERAL</u>		
	Absentees as at 28/2/18-----	196
	do fresh during month 1/31st March-----	201
	do rejoined do do do-----	172
	do as at 31st March, 1918-----	225
	Stragglers- Battle & Ordinary-----	Nil
	Prisoners of War- Captured-----	34
	do do Evacuated-----	36
	C.M. Prisoners to Base-----	62
	Courts-Martial-----	282
	Estaminets placed out of bounds-----	16
	Alleged thefts from inhabitants-----	11
	V.D. cases-----	515
	Cases reported by M.M.P.-----	347

### COURTS MARTIAL

<u>NATURE OF OFFENCE</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>
Absence-----	130
Drunkenness-----	19
Desertion-----	54
Insubordination-----	3
Neglect to prejudice-----	2
Violence to superior-----	5
Theft and Fraud-----	2
Acts to prejudice-----	33
Disobeying-----	15
Asleep on post-----	1
Miscellaneous-----	<u>18</u>
Total No. of cases	<u>282</u>

### VENEREAL DISEASE

<u>Locality contracted</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>
England-----	278
Scotland-----	18
Ireland-----	3
France-----	166
China-----	1
Unknown-----	6
Relapse-----	<u>43</u>
Total No. of cases	<u>515</u>

No women have been evacuated.

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OFFENCE

	<u>No. of cases</u>
Contravention of S.O. 190- (Standing Orders for defence against gas)-----	49
do G.R.O. 1599 (Out of billets after 9pm)-----	22
do S.S.O. 35 (Removing bricks without authority)-----	1
do G.R.O. 1973 (Offences against civilian property)-----	5
do A.R.O. 1406 (Trotting horses on pave roads)-----	74
do G.R.O. 405 (Not being in possession of identity disc)-----	3
do G.R.O. 1032 (Leaving horses unattended)-----	3
do G.R.O. 1661 (Being in an estaminet during prohibited hours)-----	2
do A.S.O. 382 (Travelling against M.T. Circuit)-----	5
do S.S.O. 383 (No lookout man on lorry)-----	63 2
do A.S.O. 1081 (Driving draught horses at a trot)-----	53
do A.S.O. 354 (No traffic arrow on vehicle)-----	9
do A.S.O. 466 (No identity disc)-----	1
do S.S.O. 4 (Carrying liquor away from an estaminet)-----	2
do A.S.O. 374 (Exceeding speed limit)-----	8
do A.S.O. 361 (Leaving engine running while stationary)-----	1
Failing to make way for faster traffic-----	2
A.W.L.-----	63
Stealing-----	2
Impeding an M.M.P.-----	1
Act to prejudice-----	1
Failing to salute-----	10
Improperly dressed-----	1
Drunkenness-----	7
Giving a false name-----	2
Neglecting to obey an order given by an M.M.P.-----	4
Conduct to prejudice-----	3
Obscene language-----	1
Misuse of Railway trucks-----	5
Desertion-----	1
Traffic breaches-----	4
Total No. of cases reported	347

In the field,  
13/5/18.

*W. Smith*  
Lieut. Col.,  
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MVR DIVRY

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130-	Standing Orders for defence against Gas	46
132	Removal of pillbox after 8pm	1
133	Offences against Allied Property	1
140	Trooping horses on paved roads	3
402	Hot being in possession of identity discs	3
1038	being in an armoured car during occupied hours	3
1891	being in an armoured car during occupied hours	3
282	Traveling against M.T. Circuit	3
383	No looking man on Jorry	3
1081	Driving through pillboxes at night	3
384	No firing alarm on vehicle	1
488	No identity discs	1
4	Carrying liquor away from an armoured car	1
274	Exceeding speed limit	1
381	Leaving engine running while stationary	1
387	Leaving engine running while stationary	1

Total No. of cases reported 247

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Lieut. Col.

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