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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.-

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Lieut-Col. W. Smith.
A.P.M. Australian Corps.

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<u>LOCATION.</u>			Throughout the month under review I have been located at BERTANGLES.																
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<u>DISCIPLINE OF M.M.P. & T.C.PERSONNEL.</u>			<p>Pte DeWELDON W.F.P., attached to A.P.M. 5th Aust. Divn was tried by F.G.C.M. on the charge of "Knowingly and with intent to defraud, wilfully making alterations in his Pay Book". He was found guilty and awarded 90 day's F.P.No.2.</p> <p>Pte Donohue J. was charged by A.P.M. 4th Aust. Divn with being "drunk" and awarded forfeiture of seven day's pay.</p>																
<u>TRAFFIC.</u>			Road traffic has been normal during the period under review.																
<u>INHABITANTS.</u>			<p>During the month 10 estaminets have been placed "out of bounds" to all British troops for various periods. The main offences being either for "selling liquor to troops after hours" or "selling -- liquor without a license".</p> <p>In all, 142 cases of soldiers having contracted V.D. have been reported, the majority of these cases being contracted in towns and villages in the vicinity of AMIENS.</p> <p>A.P.M. 3rd Aust. Divn reports that a young girl of COISY alleged that an Australian soldier had struck her, but, as she could furnish no description of the aggressor and stated she would be unable to recognise him again, it was impossible to follow the case up.</p> <p>On the 17th inst, on the Amiens Road near the Aust. Corps F.P. Compound, a Chinaman (an M.P.) --- belonging to the 102nd Chinese Labour Coy was killed by a rifle shot. He was talking to some -- Australian soldiers who were sitting on the side of the road, when the rifle of one of these soldiers - who were acting as escort - was discharged, the Chinaman being killed almost immediately.</p> <p>Another Chinaman, who states he was present, stated that the rifle exploded while in the hands of one of the seated soldiers. The soldiers (four) all state that the deceased Chinaman picked up the rifle and used it to show he could do rifle exercises, the explosion being caused by his -- bringing the butt down too heavily on the metal road.</p> <p>The matter has been investigated by a Court of Enquiry at Headquarters of the Labour Company but result of enquiry has not yet been announced.</p>																
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MISCELLANEOUS (cont).			A British soldier of 743 Area Employment Company was murdered at CAMON on the morning of the 4th July. A soldier of the same unit has been placed under arrest on suspicion of being concerned in the murder. Investigations are still pending in this matter.																																					
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STATISTICS - GENERAL.			<p>Absentees - Total absent as at 31.7.1918. 457. Courts Martial. 257.</p> <p>do. Fresh during the month. 358. Court Martial prisoners evacuated to Base. 76.</p> <p>do. Rejoined do. 285. Venereal - Cases reported. 142.</p> <p>Prisoners of War - Captured. 1341. Estaminets placed out of bounds. 10.</p> <p>do. do Evacuated. 1340. Alleged thefts from inhabitants. 1.</p> <p>Stragglers - Battle. - Hawkers dealt with. -</p> <p>do. Ordinary. 3. Cases reported by M.M.P. 396</p>																																					
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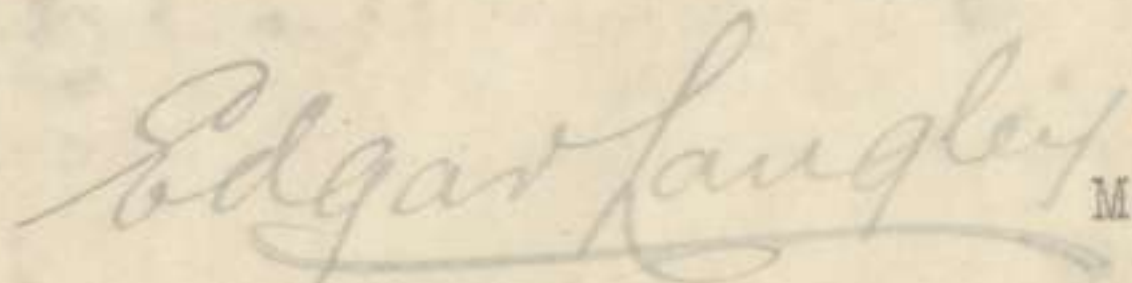
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			<u>Particulars of Offence.</u>	
A.W.L.			----- 144.	
Trotting horses attached to vehicle.			----- 2.	
Conduct to prejudice.			----- 15.	
Committing offence against a civilian.			----- 2.	
Grazing on cultivated land.			----- 1.	
Out of billets after 9.30.p.m.			----- 1.	
Damage to crops.			----- 54.	
Theft of potatoes.			----- 8.	
Using Govt horse without permission.			----- 1.	
Masquerading as an Artilleryman.			----- 1.	
Riding on vehicle without a pass.			----- 3.	
Being in Corbie without a pass.			----- 2.	
Leaving Govt horse unattended.			----- 1.	
Using non-lorry route.			----- 2.	
Removing woodwork from damaged house.			----- 2.	
Possession of motor cycle without authority.			----- 2.	
Removal of beams.			----- 1.	
Driving motor car without a pass.			----- 3.	
			245.	
			<u>Particulars of Offence.</u>	
			----- 17.	
Drunk			----- 10.	
Exceeding speed limit.			----- 5.	
Out of Billeting Area without a pass			----- 1.	
Possession of stolen strawberries.			----- 1.	
Interferring with M.P. in execution of duty.			----- 3.	
Stealing.			----- 3.	
Making a false statement.			----- 7.	
No identity disc.			----- 1.	
Failing to obey.			----- 2.	
Riding one and leading two horses.			----- 2.	
Trotting horses attached to vehicle.			----- 74.	
Riding bicycle without a pass or authority.			----- 1.	
Travelling against M.T. circuit.			----- 3.	
Cutting down trees.			----- 20.	
No Box respirator.			----- 1.	
Unlawful possession of wagon load of wheat.			----- 5.	
Possession of surplus transport.			151.	
Total number of cases reported:- 396.				

 Major., A/A.P.M. Australian Corps.				