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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Grebault-Mesnil	1/1/19		Return of thefts and offences against civilians in 3rd Div ⁿ Area for month ending 31/12/18 sent to A. P. M. Aust Corps. 8 alleged offences. Y.D. identified - one woman at Pont Remy.	inc.
	2-2-19		Complaint from THERY-EU that 4 Aust soldiers had dinner and left without paying. An investigation by M.M.P. brought no result.	inc.
	3-1-19		D. A. P. M. proceeded on 14 days leave to the U.K. Lt Lovelace T. & O. assumed duties as 4/D. A. P. M.	inc.
	4-1-19		Weekly report forwarded to A. P. M. Aust Corps. Absentees - 9 Bds, 20, 10 th Bds, 23, 11 th Bds 29. Total for Division - 72	inc.
	5-1-19		FEILLIER of Oisemonts alleged that 1100 litres of cider were stolen from him this morning. He suspects Australian soldiers who are billeted with him.	inc.
	6-1-19		M. P. investigated alleged theft of cider from Feillier, Oisemonts but could find no evidence implicating Aust soldiers. It was discovered that the complainant allowed his cider to be left quite unguarded and within access of either soldiers or civilians.	inc.
	7-1-19		Lt Lovelace was evacuated to hospital. Major J. M. Hawkey 33 rd Battalion took over position of D. A. P. M.	inc.
	9-1-19		Sgt. Vigor J. H. A. P. M. proceeded to base for return to Australia under the A. I. F. Repatriation & Demobilisation Scheme.	inc.

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GREBAULT- MESNIL	10.1.19		Two M.P. proceeded to Paris in connection with a scheme being organised for the rounding up of Australian absentees in the Central Area	inc
	11.1.19		Three M.P. proceeded to Hilly-sur-Somme to cooperate with M.P. from 3rd Army A. Q. in the rounding up of Australian absentees in that neighbourhood.	
	13.1.19		Weekly report sent to A.P.M. Aust Corps. Absentees were - 9th Bds - 19, 10th Bds - 20, 11th Bds - 10, Artillery - 3, other units - 8. Divisional Total = 60.	inc
	14.1.19		MILLANCOUR, GAMACHES complained that on the 13th December 1918 Aust soldiers damaged doors and windows of his house to the value of 16 francs - Under investigation	inc
	16.1.19		In connection with the M.P. operating around Hilly-sur-Somme 3 absentees have been arrested en route to Amiens	inc
			Today a raid with the view to rounding up Aust absentees was carried out at ABBEVILLE. All leave to this town was cancelled for the day and 3 absentees, all from the 3rd Aust Div, were arrested.	inc

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CIREBAULT MESNIL	17.1.19		Instructions were received from A. P. M. Aust Corp. that owing to the difficulty in obtaining suitable men for the A. P. C. to replace vacancies caused by the demobilisation of present members thereof, no men of the A. P. C. are to be placed on draft without the approval of A. P. M. Aust Corp.	inc.
	18.1.19		Weekly report forwarded to A. P. M. Corp. Absentees were - 9 th Bds - 18 10 th Bds - 23, 11 th Bds - 11. Artillery 4. Other units - 8. Divisional Total - 64 Major J. W. Colpitts returned from 14 days leave to U.K. and resumed duties as D. A. P. M. Major Hawkey relieving, D. A. P. M., returned to his Battalion	inc.
	19.1.19		SEICNEUR-ERCOURT estaminet placed out of Bounds for a period of 15 days for selling drink to troops out of hours.	inc.
	20.1.19		DU-BOYNE Cafe de Chatelet Martainville placed out of Bounds for a period of 15 days for selling drink to troops out of hours.	inc.
	22.1.19		On the 22 nd - 23 rd inst. a raid with the object of rounding up Aust absentees, is to be carried out. Copy of report attached.	inc.
	25.1.19		Weekly report forwarded. Absentees - 9 th Bds - 24, 10 th Bds - 23, 11 th Bds - 14, Artillery - 4, other units - 4. Divisional Total 69	inc.

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CREBAULT MESNIL	27.1.19		D.A.P.M. investigated alleged disturbances by Aust soldiers at Moyenneville and the result of his investigation shows that the allegations have been greatly exaggerated.	me.
	30.1.19		Letter sent to A.P.M. Boulogne proposing a search for Australian absentees in Boulogne. Also for deserters.	me.
	31.1.19		D.A.P.M. to work in conjunction with A.P.M. Boulogne. Six men from Brigades who were attached for T/M.P. duties were returned to their units, their services being no longer required.	me.

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24.1.19

A.P.M.

Aust Corps.

D.A.A.G. 3rd Aust Divn

Round up of Absentees.

I have to report for your information having had a round up of absentees in the back area on the 22nd and 23rd inst.

A lorry was placed at my disposal and accompanied me by 12 Military Police. I visited the following places: - COCQUEREL, ERRONDELLE, Liencourt, Pont Remy, Long, Hescicourt, St Owen, ~~St Amandcourt~~, Vignacourt, Piquigny, Atty-sur-Somme, Amiens, Abbeville.

In conjunction with the A.P.M. Amiens all Brothels Hotels and other likely places were raided in Amiens on the ^{night} of the 22nd inst. Only one arrest was made. The soldier belonging to the 4th Aust Divn.

On the 23rd inst in conjunction with the D.A.P.M. Abbeville a check was made of all soldiers passes visiting Abbeville. As a result 16 charges were preferred against men for being found in Abbeville without a pass, and one man was confined in Guard-room on charge of Drunkenness. These 17 men all belong to the 3rd Aust Divn.

(Signed) J. Watson Colpitts
Major

D/A.P.M.

3rd Aust Divn.