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OR. A.I.F. 11908.



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,  
SALISBURY PLAIN.

10th January 1918.

Telegraphic Address:  
"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

HEADQUARTERS:

## ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

To. A.Q.M.G.,  
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

### POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 6th JANUARY 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

Nil.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair.

CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestion.

SALUTING.

Indifferent.

TRAFFICKING IN GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

On Jan. 1st at the Salisbury County Sessions, H. Freemantle, J. Edwards, T. Hennessey, E. Churchill were each fined £1 for being unlawfully in possession of Australian issue boots. J. Harris was fined 10/- for the same offence.

The following will be tried at the City Sessions, Salisbury on the 7th inst. for being unlawfully in possession of Australian issue boots - F. Hill, H. Brudden, G. Pollman, C. Gerrard, P. A. Wood, W. Rattue, J. F. Russell, W. Wilmington, W. T. Miller, W. Childs, C. Barnes, & G. Chalk. At the same Court A. Penny will be charged with being unlawfully in possession of Australian issue leggings.

F. J. Turner is being charged at the Salisbury County Sessions on 8-1-18 with being unlawfully in possession of 1 pair of boots, 1 pair of leggings, 1 pair of socks, 1 pair of breeches and 1 shirt, the property of the A.I.F.

Mr. Legg of Heytesbury was charged before the Warminster Police Court on the 3rd inst. with being unlawfully in possession of Government boots. He was found guilty & fined £2.

GENERAL.

On the 30th Dec. 1917 a man wearing civilian clothes was arrested on suspicion of being an escaped Austrian prisoner. He informed the Military Police that he was an Austrian but was later identified as an Australian absentee named 2035, Sgt. Nathan, 3rd Bty. A.F.A. He has been charged with desertion.

4669, PTE. BLENNERHASSETT, R.N., 17th Bn., att'd. Pay Office Admin. H.Q., London, appeared at Bow St. Police Court on the 5th inst. charged with drunkenness & assault. He was found guilty & fined 20/- on the 1st charge & £3 on the second.

There is a decided increase in the number of offences for the week under review chiefly due to the large number of absentees arrested in London.

I would like to draw special attention to the prevalence of civilians trafficking in Government property, particular-



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GENERAL.  
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ly in Australian clothing. Every effort is being made to suppress it, but so far without success. I am informed that a very considerable number of Australian boots and articles of clothing are being worn in and about Southampton and I have already taken steps to investigate the statement.

During the week under review I visited the Military Police Detachments at Salisbury, Hurdcott and Warminster and found everything satisfactory.

A special raid is in operation at present in London with a view to arresting Australian absentees.

Lieut-Col.  
A.B.M., A.I.F. INMU.K. and  
C.O., ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 30th DECEMBER 1917.

OFFENCE	LOH- DON.	COD- FORD.	WAR- MID- STER.	WY- MOUTH.	GRAN- THAM.	BRIS- TOL.	HURD- COTT.	BOURNE -MOUTH	BATH	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL	TOTAL for W.O. 23-12-1917.
ABSENCE ... ..	87	6	27	9	-	17	26	2	25	7	206	224
DRUNKENNESS ... ..	8	-	6	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	20	15
INSUBORDINATION ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE..	5	-	-	13	-	-	4	-	1	-	23	21
RESISTING ARREST. ...	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	2
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY.	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
NEGLECT TO OBEY ..	-	12	26	13	-	-	63	-	-	12	126	66
FORGED PASS ... ..	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	16
ASSAULT ... ..	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
BOUNDS ... ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FAILING TO SALUTE ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
ALLOWING TO ESCAPE ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BREACH OF TRAFFIC ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
IMPROPERLY DRESSED ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
STRIKING SUPERIOR ...	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
TOTALS.	111	20	59	46	-	21	96	2	26	25	406	356



Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 4-1218.  
J.M.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M., A.I.F., in U.K., and  
C.O., ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

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SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 6th JANUARY 1918.

OFFENCE	LON- DON.	COD- FORD	WARMIN -STER.	WEY- MOUTH.	GRAN- THAM.	BRIS -TOL	HURD- COTT.	BOURNE -MOUTH	BATH	TID- WORTH.	TO TAL	TOTAL FOR wk-endg. 30th DECEMBER 1917.
ABSENCE -----	153	15	17	32	-	7	59	-	37	19	339	206
DRUNKENNESS -----	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	20
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	7	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	23
RESISTING ARREST -----	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	9	49	10	-	-	47	-	1	2	118	126
FORGED PASS -----	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	11
ASSAULT -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
BOUNDS -----	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	42	-	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	5	56	-
DESERTION -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
BREACH OF TRAFFIC -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	4
STRIKING SUPERIOR -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
TOTALS	217	24	70	57	-	7	110	-	38	33	556	406



Bhurt pore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 10-1-18.

RWR

*[Signature]*  
Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M., A.I.F. IN U.K. and  
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GR. A.I.F. 1197 (M)



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,  
SALISBURY PLAIN.

16th January 1918.

Telegraphic Address:  
"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

HEADQUARTERS:

# ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

To. A.Q.M.G.  
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

## POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 13th JANUARY 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE. Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS. Nil.

CONDUCT OF HOTELS. Satisfactory.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS. Fair with the exception of failure to salute and absence without leave.

COMPLAINTS. A complaint was lodged by the Licencee of the "Boot Inn" at Shipton Bellinger to the effect that an Australian soldier had stolen the sum of £15-9-13 from his bar. Investigation went to show at the time the theft was alleged to have taken place that there were about 40 Australian and New Zealand soldiers in the bar and the Licencee, barman and barmaid were behind the bar and that during this time, in order to sustain the complaint, it would have been necessary for the soldier to have gone behind the counter to steal the money, and there is no evidence whatever to support the statement of the hotel keeper.

TRAFFIC. No complaints.

SALUTING. Indifferent.

TRAFFICKING IN GOVERNMENT STORES. Special Reports under this head have been forwarded to Headquarters during the week and the question is now, I understand under consideration of the G.O.C.

On the 6th inst. a special case however came under notice - particulars as follows :-  
A kit bag was found at Codford Railway Station containing 1 Aust. tunic, 1 flannel, 4 pairs boots, 1 pair puttees and several other articles of Australian issue. The bag was addressed to W. Mathews, New Street Station, Birmingham and was marked in stencil, "3394, Pte. R.D. Gloss, 9/59th Bn., 15th T.B. Codford". The bag was taken to the Railway Station by a soldier who gave the name of No. 3430, Pte. Mathews, 59th Battn. Result of investigation will be shown in my next weekly report.

The following cases were heard at the Salisbury City Sessions on the 7th inst. against the persons named below for being found in unlawful possession of Australian Boots and in each case a fine of £1 was inflicted by the bench :-  
H. Brudden, G. Poolman, F. Hill, C. Jerrard, P.A. Wood, W. Rattue, W. T. Miller, H. F. Russell, W. Wilmington, W. Childs, C. Barnes.



In addition to the above a man named Penny was fined £1-5-0 at the same Court for being in possession of A.I.F. leggings.

The case against a man named G.W. Chalk was disposed of under the First Offenders Act.

At the County Sessions, Salisbury, Wm. Yates and Wm. Lock were each fined £1 for being in possession of Australian boots and A. Andrews was fined £1-5-0 for being in unlawful possession of Australian Boots and tunic.

The following cases of being in unlawful possession of Australian boots are still pending :-

J.F. Turner, F. Curtis, F. Whitlock, A.E. Howard,  
J. Pomeroy, R. Bugden, F. Whitlock, H.F. Pitman,  
G.A. Whittle, S. Blake, A.B. Chant, F.W. Lucas,  
T.H. Giddings, G. Beaven, H. White, S. Barber,  
G.H. Wisdom, J. Leach.

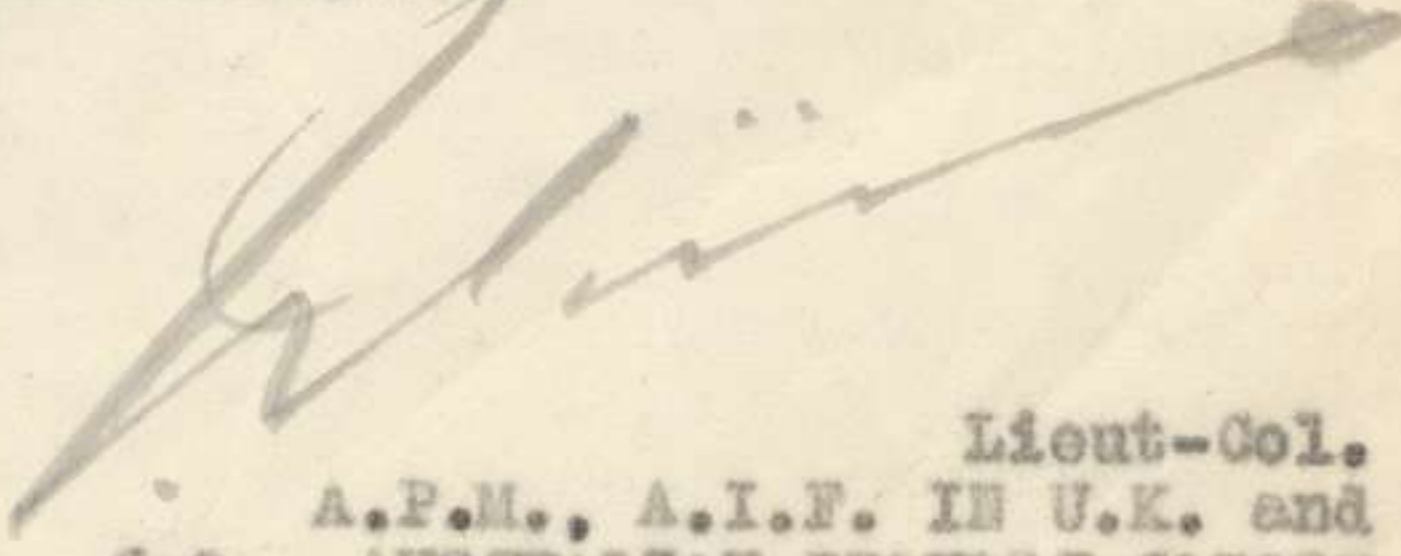
On the 10th inst. the A.P.M., A.I.F., Hurdcott proceeded to Southampton to investigate a rumour that second hand dealers were exhibiting for sale large quantities of Australian boots and clothing. This matter has been the subject of a special report which has already been submitted to Headquarters.

GENERAL. NO. 2239, PTE. P.J. HOURIGAN, A.A.S.C. was tried by D.C.M. at 58 Warwick Square, London on the 7th and 8th inst with (1) Desertion (2) Stealing from a comrade. He was found guilty on all charges and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment with hard labor.

NO. 1931, PTE. MILLER, 31st BATTALION, was charged at Bow Street Police Court on the 11th inst. with drunkenness for which offence he was fined 2/6 and handed over to a Military Police Escort.

NO. 1647, PTE. GAW, H., 58th BN., was charged on the 12th inst. at Lambeth Police Court with theft from the person of another soldier in a Y.M.C.A. Hut at Camberwell Green. He was found not guilty of this offence but was subsequently charged as an absentee and handed over to an escort of Military Police.

On the 8th inst. No. 3640, Pte. SLUSHER, P.F., Australian Provost Corps, was responsible for stopping a pair of horses attached to a transport wagon which had bolted, the driver being thrown out and injured. Pte. Slusher shewed great presence of mind in jumping on the back of the wagon, climbing over the front and seizing the reins and thus preventing further accident or injury which appeared to be eminent at the time. This is the second occasion when this Military Policeman has distinguished himself in this direction. I therefore take the liberty of mentioning it.

  
Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M., A.I.F. IN U.K. and  
C.O., AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS

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SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK-ENDING 13th JANUARY 1918.

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OFFENCE	LOH- DON.	COD- FORD	WARMIN- STER.	WEY- MOUTH.	GRAN- THAM.	BRIS- TOL	HURD- COTT.	BOURNE- MOUTH	BATH	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL	TOTAL FOR WK-ENDING 6th JANUARY 1918.
ABSENCE -----	164	8	34	10	-	5	43	-	15	19	298	339
DRUNKENNESS -----	4	-	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	8
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	3	2	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	2	12	12
RESISTING ARREST -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	13	17	7	-	-	53	-	-	22	112	118
FORGED PASS -----	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	9
BOUNDS -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	70	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	76	56
DESERTION -----	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
BREACH OF TRAFFIC -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
ALTERED PAY BOOK -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>556</b>



Bhurtore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 16-1-18.

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*[Signature]*

Lieut-Col.  
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**CR.A.I.F. 11908**



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
 TIDWORTH,  
 SALISBURY PLAIN.

25th January, 1918.

Telegraphic Address:  
 "PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

**AUSTRALIAN**  
 HEADQUARTERS:  
**ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.**

To. Headquarters, (A.Q.M.G.)  
 A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 20th JANUARY, 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

Nil.

HOTELS.

Satisfactorily conducted.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair. There is a considerable decrease in the number of cases dealt with by the military police during the week under review, in comparison with the previous week.

TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

SALUTING.

Fair. There is a substantial decrease in the number of offences under this head dealt with during the current week, in comparison with last week, and a marked improvement in the saluting of our troops in the London area, particularly in the vicinity of Administrative Headquarters, is reported.

TRAFFICKING IN GOVERNMENT STORES AND CLOTHING.

A number of cases were heard at the Salisbury City Sessions during last week, and the case of civilians being in possession of Australian issue boots and clothing. Fines ranging from £1 to £2.10/- were imposed by the Magistrate.

GENERAL.

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS:- No. 3721, Pte. DAVENPORT, A. 1st Battalion, A.I.F. On leave from B.E.F. appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court on the 16th inst. on a charge of assault on a civilian, and committing wilful damage to property.

On the evidence produced it appeared that DAVENPORT was sober at the time of the occurrence and that the complainant (James Lightfoot) was somewhat to blame.

The Bench inflicted a fine of 20/- and 20/- costs which DAVENPORT paid, and was subsequently discharged.

He was instructed by 2/Lt. Booth of the London detachment to report to Administrative Headquarters for medical attention.

No. 1359, Pte. MARTIN, R., and No. 1198, Pte. CORBETT both 47th Battalion, A.I.F. appeared at Great Marlborough Street Police Court on the 16th inst. on a charge of picking pockets and were remanded for a week to enable further enquiries to be made concerning them.

Extensive enquiries at the addresses of alleged illegal absentees have been made resulting in a number of arrests of soldiers who have been absent for lengthy periods.

*Henry Wood*  
 Lieut-Col.  
 A.P.M., A.I.F., in U.K., and  
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SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 20th JANUARY, 1918.

OFFENCE	LON- DON.	GOD- FORD	WEY- MOUTH.	BATH.	BRISTOL.	HURD- COTT.	BOURNE- MOUTH.	WARRIN- STER.	TID- WORTH	TOTAL	TOTAL FOR W.C. 13th Jan. 1918.
ABSENCE -----	122	8	14	34	34	57	2	25	11	307	298
DRUNKENNESS -----	1	-	2	-	-	5	-	1	-	9	16
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	-	-	7	-	-	2	-	-	1	10	12
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
RESISTING ARREST -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	13	15	-	-	32	-	34	3	97	112
FORGED PASS -----	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	76
DESERPTION -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
ALTERED PAYBOOK -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>531</b>

Burtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth, 24-1-18.  
J.M.

*W. H. Broad*  
Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M., A.I.F., in U.K., and  
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BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
 TIDWORTH,  
 SALISBURY PLAIN.  
 2nd February, 1918.

Telegraphic Address:  
 "PROVOST, SALAUSTR, TIDWORTH."

Australian HEADQUARTERS:

~~ANZAC~~ PROVOST CORPS.  
 To. Headquarters, (A.Q.M.G.)  
 A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 27th JANUARY, 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILI-  
 TARY POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM  
 CIVILIANS.

Nil.

CONDUCT OF  
 HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

CONDUCT OF  
 TROOPS.

Fair.

TRAFFIC.

No complaints.

SALUTING.

Fair.

TRAFFICKING IN  
 GOVERNMENT PRO-  
 PERTY.

Thomas Holton of New Town, Warminster, was convicted of being in possession of Government stores, during the week, and was fined £5, or one month's imprisonment.

GENERAL.

Mrs. Earle of 26 Victoria Road, Warminster, was bound over, during the week under review, for 12 months on a charge of harbouring soldiers. This woman had allowed Sgts. Smith and McClennan to live in her house, both N.C.Os being absentees for over 21 days

A fire occurred at a Cinema Hall adjacent to No.7 Camp, Sutton Veny, of which a full special report was forwarded to Headquarters on the 24th ult. A Board of Inquiry has been convened, and further information will be forwarded later.

Pte. HYNSON, 3rd M.G.COY. was arrested by the Civil Police at Westbury for masquerading as an officer. At the time, HYNSON was wearing a Military Cross ribbon to which he was not entitled. He was an absentee from No. 4 Command Depot, to which Unit he has been returned for trial.

No. 391. Pte. FITZMAURICE, C.C. 4th Australian M.G. Coy. Grantham appeared at Bow Street Police Court on the 21st ult. charged with

- (1) Stealing and receiving.
- (2) Forging and uttering.

The Defendant pleaded guilty on both charges and was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labor.

Lieut. C.M. Williams of the Australian Provost Corps attended the Court.

No. 727. Pte. CAVE, F.H. 47th Battalion, A.I.F., and No. 1198, Pte. CORBETT, C.W., 7th A.L.T.M.B., A.I.F. appeared at Marlborough Police Court on the 22nd ult.



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charged with being suspicious persons, both men being arrested on the 14th ult. by the Metropolitan Police on suspicion of picking pockets. The charges were dismissed, and the soldiers were handed over to the police as absentees.

Lieut. Booth, Australian Provost Corps, attended the Court.

No. 5566. Pte. BROWN, Walter, 23rd Battalion, A.I.F. appeared at the County of London Session, Clerkenwell, on the 22nd ult. on a charge of larceny. He was subsequently handed over to the Military Police as he had been absent from the 29th June last, and at the time of his arrest was dressed in the uniform of a South African officer. Several of BROWN'S accomplices were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at the same Court.

No. 5530. Pte. SMITH, Claude, 1st. D.A.C. was charged at Lavender Hill Police Court on the 23rd ult. with being a suspected person, and loitering with intent to commit a felony. He was sentenced to two months imprisonment.

Lieut. Booth of the Australian Provost Corps attended the Court.

No. 6044. Pte. CLEMENT-DAVIES, R.J., 24th Battalion, A.I.F. appeared at the Marleybone Police Court on the 26th ult. charged with

- (1) Obtaining goods under false pretences.
- (2) Stealing.

He pleaded guilty to both charges, and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labor.

Lieut. Williams, Australian Provost Corps, attended the Court.

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During the week under review I inspected Military Police detachments at Salisbury, Andover, Tidworth, and London, and found everything satisfactory.

I also paid a special visit to Scotland, under instructions from the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., and by arrangement with the Provost Marshal, Home Forces. I visited Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen, and the reports from the Military and Civil Police on the conduct of Australians generally were exceptionally good. Isolated cases of misconduct, of course, were reported. The provision made at the Edinburgh local Y.M.C.As, Railway buffets, Soldiers Homes, etc., particularly for the accommodation of Overseas troops was very good indeed, and worthy of the highest commendation.

A small detachment of Australian military police has been temporarily stationed at Edinburgh.

Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M., A.I.F., in U.K., and  
G.O.C., AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

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SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 27th JANUARY, 1918.

OFFENCE	LON- DON.	COD- FORD.	WEY- MOUTH.	BATH.	BRIS -TOL.	HURD- COTT.	BOURNE- MOUTH.	WARMIN -STER.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR wk. ending 20th January, 1918.
ABSENCE -----	136	8	8	13	42	23	2	37	23	292	307
DRUNKENNESS -----	3	-	2	3	1	-	-	3	-	12	9
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE ....	9	-	11	-	-	8	-	-	3	31	10
RESISTING ARREST -----	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY ---	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	2	21	-	1	51	-	51	2	128	97
FORGED PASS -----	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	3
ASSAULT -----	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
BOUNDS -----	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	5	8	2
DESERTION -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
BREACH OF TRAFFICK -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	2
TOTALS.	160	10	54	16	44	86	2	91	41	504	432



Bhartpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 31-1-18.  
JLM.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M., A.I.F., in U.K., and  
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D U P L I C A T E.

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Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth,  
Salisbury Plains  
7th February, 1918.

To.

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd FEBRUARY, 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY  
POLICE.

Good

COMPLAINTS FROM  
CIVILIANS.

One or two minor complaints have been received, and have been given attention. A complaint of fowl stealing was lodged by Mr. Carpenter of Sutton Parva, Haytesbury, Wilts. on the 28th ult. claiming £10 compensation for some fowls which he alleges were stolen on the 24th ult. Investigation goes to show that there is no evidence that the robbery was committed by Australians, or any other soldiers.

CONDUCT OF  
HOTELS.

Good

CONDUCT OF  
TROOPS.

Fair. The number of cases dealt with by the Military Police shews a substantial decrease on those dealt with for the previous week.

TRAFFIC

Nothing to report.

SALUTING.

FAIR.

TRAFFICKING IN  
GOVERNMENT  
PROPERTY?

On the 31st ult. the police visited a house, No. 50 Pound Street, Warminster, occupied by Mrs. Maguire, and discovered the following articles of Australian Military clothing:- 11 shirts, flannel; 5 prs. underpants; 2 singlets; 2 abdominal belts; 7 prs socks, 2 web belts; 1 towel; 1 Cardigan Jacket; 2 tunics; 2 breeches; 1 sea kit bag; 2 pull throughs; 1 pr. boots; 1 greatcoat; 5 blankets; 1 waterproof sheet.

Mrs Maguire is the wife of Pte Maguire of the Australian Forces. She was summoned before the local bench at Warminster on February 2nd and remanded pending her husband being arrested, and he will be charged jointly with her with being illegally in possession of the articles named.

At Southampton Civil Court on the 1st inst. Mrs Beran was fined 10/- for being unlawfully in possession of Government property (Australian clothing).

Similar charges are pending against Samuel Barber of Salisbury, Isaac White, of Shipton Bellinger, and E. Woodford, of Donhead, St. Mary.

G E N E R A L.

On the night of the 28th ult. Messrs Deacon and Jays Tobacco and Stationary Hut in No. 4 Camp, Sutton Veny was broken into. A considerable quantity of Tobacco and cigarettes were stolen, also some fountain pens. Up to now we have been unsuccessful in fixing the responsibility on anybody, but a Court of Inquiry into the robbery is in process.



D U P L I C A T E

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JOHN McGRATH appeared at Westminster Police Court on the 21st. ult. charged with "being an unauthorised person wearing Australian Uniform". He was sentenced to six (6) months imprisonment with hard labour. This man was previously arrested by a member of the Australian Police, and gave his name as Harris. He escaped whilst in the custody of the civil police. He was subsequently re-arrested by the Australian Military Police with the results as shewn above.

No. 6152 Pte BURKE. J. J. 13th. Btn. A. I. F. (Overseas Training Brigade) appeared at Bow Street Police Court on the 29th. ult. on a charge of larceny from soldiers in the Victoria League Club, London. He was found guilty and bound over on the sum of £5 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, and then handed over to the military police as an absentee.

No. 727 Pte CAVE F. M. 47th. Btn. A. I. F., appeared Marlborough Police Court on the 22nd. ult. charged with picking pockets. He was remanded for a week in order to establish his identity. He was subsequently acquitted of the charge, and handed over to the military police (Australian) as an absentee.

The offence of absence without leave is still very prevalent.

During the week under review I inspected the Australian Police Detachments at Hurdcott, Godford and Warminster, and found everything satisfactory with the exception of the condition of the horses at Warminster, which is now receiving my special attention.

(sgd). J. WILLIAMS. Lieut-Col.  
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