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Telegraphic Address:

"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,

TIDWORTH,

SALISBURY PLAIN.

10th October, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

To:- Headquarters, (Q),  
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,  
T I D W O R T H.



POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 5th OCTOBER, 1918.

### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

One or two minor complaints have been received during the period under review, and are receiving attention.

### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair. 382 cases of minor breaches of discipline have been dealt with for the week, as compared with 330 for the previous week.

### FAILING TO SALUTE.

No cases of "Failing to Salute" have been brought to notice.

### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

### TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

Arthur Pritchard, 51 Newstead Road, Westham, was fined 10/- and costs for receiving Government goods, to wit, one pair of boots, the property of the A.I.F.

### TRESPASSING.

A few cases of soldiers trespassing on private property are reported from time to time, but are being promptly dealt with.

### GENERAL.

POLICE OPERATIONS:- Of the total of 382 cases shown in the attached Summary, 139 members of the A.I.F. were arrested on various civil or military charges during the week under review by the London Detachment of the Australian Provost Corps.

No. 4373, Pte. NAYLER, G., 48th Bn., A.I.F., and  
No. 3682, Pte. ARTHUR, G., 60th Bn., A.I.F.,

These two soldiers appeared at Westminster Police Court on 1st inst., charged with drunkenness and wilful damage to property. Both were found guilty. Nayler was fined 10/-, which was paid, and he was released from custody. Arthur was fined 5/- and ordered to pay £15 damages and costs. He was allowed certain time in which to complete payment.

An individual under the name of RICHARD RILEY was arrested by the Civil Police at Bootle, Lancs, on 16-9-18, and handed over to an escort from this London Detachment as an absentee from the A.I.F. According to this man's statement, he enlisted in the A.I.F. at Melbourne in May 1916, and deserted a few weeks later, since which occasion he has been working on steamships in various parts of the world in the capacity of fireman. As no official record of this man ever having been a member of the A.I.F. is held in this country, he was on the 1st inst., in accordance with the instructions of O.C. Troops, Administrative Headquarters, London, handed over





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to the Civil Police Authorities for enlistment under the Military Service Act.

During the week under review, I inspected the A.I.F. Police Detachments at Fovant, Salisbury, and Warminster, and found everything satisfactory. On Saturday and Sunday last, I made a special tour of the Warminster - Sutton Veny Area, and consulted with Civil as well as the Military Police, besides several farmers and gentlemen of standing in the district, and the whole tenor of their expressions was decidedly in favour of the conduct of Australian troops.

Lieut-Colonel,  
A.P.M., A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.,  
and C.O., AUST. PROVOST CORPS.



# A U S T R A L I A N      P R O V O S T      C O R P S .

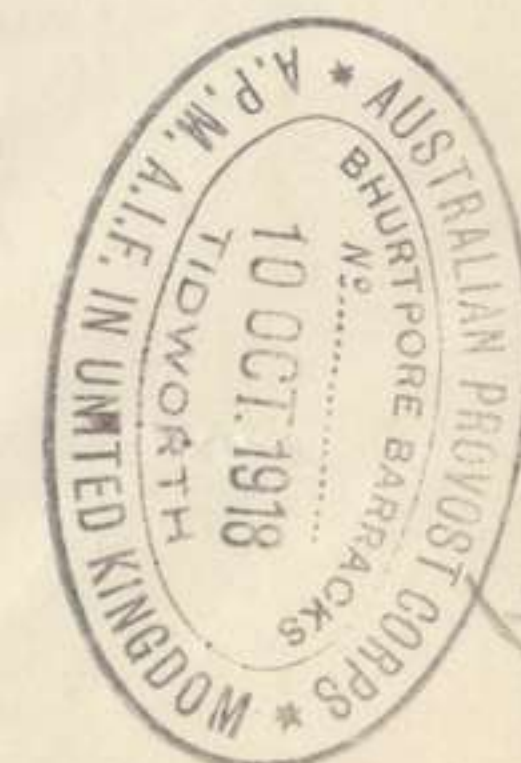
SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 5th OCTOBER 1918.

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OFFENCE	Lon- don.	Bir- ming- -ham.	Bourne- mouth.	Wey- mouth.	Warmin- -ster.	Bath.	Bris- -tol.	Fov- -ant.	Salis- -bury.	Tid- worth.	TOTAL	TOTAL FOR w.e. 28.9.1918.
ABSENCE -----	112	4	-	6	47	22	23	2	4	8	228	207
DRUNKENNESS -----	9	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	15	4
INSUBORDINATION ----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE--	4	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	8	17	17
RESISTING ARREST -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	5
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	1	-	6	35	5	-	1	32	18	2	100	67
LARCENY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FORGED PASS -----	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
FAILING TO SALUTE ----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
DESERTION -----	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6
BREACH OF TRAFFIC-----	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
IMPROPERLY DRESSED----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
STRIKING SUPERIOR-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
ALTERED PAYBOOK -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TRESPASSING -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	8
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS.	139	4	6	43	55	22	28	39	24	22	382	330

Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 9.10.1918.

Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M. A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.  
AND C.O. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.





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Telegraphic Address:

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BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,  
SALISBURY PLAIN.

17th October 1918.

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

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



POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK - ENDING 12th OCTOBER 1918.

### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

A complaint was made by Mr. Pickford, Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill, that Australian troops had been poaching in his grounds. The matter is receiving attention.

### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair. 379 cases of minor breaches of discipline have been dealt with for the week under review, as compared with 382 cases for the previous week.

### FAILING TO SALUTE.

There is a disposition to slackness on the part of A.I.F. soldiers in regard to saluting, 40 cases under this heading being recorded for the week under review. Special attention is being given to this matter.

### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

### TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

On the 7th inst. a quantity of tea and sugar which was consigned to the Officer i/c Supplies, A.S.C., Fovant, was found to be missing from a railway truck. The matter is being investigated, and any developments will be included in a subsequent report.

### TRESPASSING.

A few minor cases of trespassing have been reported for the week under review.

### GENERAL.

No. 111. Pte. DEAN. F.S. 24th Bn., A.I.F. was charged with Drunkenness and Riotous Behaviour at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 10th inst. and fined 5/-.

No. 42. Cpl. WILKINS. W.H.B., Aust. Army Postal Corps, was charged at Guildhall Police Court, London, on the 7th inst. with the theft of Postal Packets, and sentenced to three months imprisonment.

*W. Douglas Lowe*

Major.  
T/Comm'dg. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.



# AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 12th OCTOBER 1918.

OFFENCE	LOH- DON	BOURN- MOUTH	BIR- MING- HAM	KEY- MOUTH	WARR- STER	BATH	BURN- TOL	FOV- ANT	SALIS- BURY	WID- MORCH	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR WK. ending 5th Octr. 1918.
INSUBORDINATION-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
ABSENCE -----	77	1	8	7	35	36	44	1	17	10	234	238
DRUNKENNESS -----	13	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	19	15
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE-----	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	-	11	17
RESISTING ARREST -----	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	4
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
REFUSAL TO OBEY -----	2	8	-	21	2	-	-	16	8	2	59	100
LARCENY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
FORGED PASS -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	24	-	-	14	-	2	-	-	-	-	40	-
DESENTION -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
BREACH OF TRAFFIC -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
IMPROPERLY DRESSED-----	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
TRESPASSING -----	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-
NO HEADS IDENTIFICATION-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
TOTALS.	125	9	11	50	37	38	46	20	27	24	379	302

Burtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 15.10.1918.

*W. Douglas* Major  
for A.P.M. A.I.F. DETOES IN U.K.  
AND G.O. ANST. PROVOST CORPS.  
Lieut-Col.





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CR. ALP. 11908 PM.



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,

SALISBURY PLAIN.

23rd. October 1918.

Telegraphic Address:

"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

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

### POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK - ENDING 19th OCTOBER 1918.

#### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

#### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

The complaint of poaching by Australian soldiers on Mr. Pickford's Manor House Farm, Longbridge Deverill, referred to in my previous week's report, has been investigated, and special attention is being paid to this property with a view to suppressing the alleged offence.

A complaint was received during the week from a resident of Shipton that a bicycle which he had loaned to an Australian soldier had not yet been returned. Every effort is being made to recover the missing property.

#### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair. 377 cases of minor breaches of discipline have been dealt with for the week under review, as compared with 379 cases for the previous week.

#### FAILING TO SALUTE.

11 cases of "Failing to Salute" have been dealt with as against 40 cases for the previous week.

#### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

#### TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

#### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

G.P. BAILEY - was charged at the Dorchester Police Court on the 14th inst. with being in possession of Government property, to wit, a pair of Australian military boots, and convicted. A fine of 40/- was imposed.

#### GENERAL.

No. 52483. Pte. ALDRED. F. 5th Bn. A.I.F. was sentenced by the Civil Magistrates, Liverpool, on the 11th inst. to undergo imprisonment for six months on charges of theft, and falsely wearing two gold wound stripes to which he was not entitled.

No. 6577. Pte. KELLEHER. J. 17th Bn. and No. 1054. Pte. BENNETT. S. 17th Bn. were both charged at the Great Marlborough Police Court, London, on the 15th inst. with being drunk and disorderly, and fined 5/- each.

No. 4364. Sjt. BIRD. L. 17th Bn. and No. 5044. Pte. MORTIMER, Sydney, 5th A.F.A. were charged at the Great Marlborough Street Police Court, London, on the 16th inst. with assault and drunkenness, and fined 20/- each.





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No. 6388. Pte. McINNEY. J. 20th Battalion was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 17th inst. with drunkenness, and fined 7/6.

No. 498. Pte. NELSON. G.R., 27th Battalion charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 18th inst. with obstructing the Civil Police in the execution of their duty, and fined £1.

No. 3019. Pte. BEALE. W. 34th Battalion was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 12th inst. with drunkenness and riotous behaviour, for which offence he was bound over in the sum of 40/- and discharged under the First Offenders' Act.

Arthur Robbins, a civilian employed as chef at the A.I.F. & War Chest Club, London, appeared at Westminster Police Court, London, on the 14th inst. being charged with the theft of provisions, cutlery, and other goods, the property of the A.I.F. & War Chest Club, to which offence he pleaded guilty, and was fined £20, or three months imprisonment, in default thereof.

On the 14th inst. I assumed temporary command of the Australian Provost Corps, during the absence on leave of Lieut-Col. J. Williams CBE.

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

*Alfred Douglas Brown*  
Major.  
T/Comm'dg. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.





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SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 19th OCTOBER 1918.

OFFENCE	LON- DON.	BOURNE -MOUTH	BIR- MING- HAM	WEY- MOUTH	WARMIN- STER.	BATH.	BRIS- TOL.	FOV- ANT.	SALIS- BURY.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL for w.e. 12.10.1918.
ABSENCE -----	91	4	6	6	29	25	42	2	6	5	216	234
DRUNKENNESS -----	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	19
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	13	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	14	32	11
RESISTING ARREST -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
DISOBEDIENCE -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	7	-	35	5	3	2	27	-	-	79	59
LARCENY -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
FORGED PASS -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
ASSAULT -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
BOUNDS -----	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	2	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	40
DESERTION -----	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1
BREACH OF TRAFFIC -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
ALTERED PAYBOOK -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TRESPASSING -----	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	4
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
TOTALS.	130	13	6	62	34	28	44	32	6	22	377	379

Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 22.10.1918.



*A. B. Douglas Brown* Major.  
T/Commdg. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.



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GR. A.I.F. 11908 PM.

Telegraphic Address:

"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,  
SALISBURY PLAIN.

31st. October 1918.

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS



To. Headquarters (Q)  
A.I.F. DEPOSITS IN U.K.

### POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK-ENDING 26th OCTOBER, 1918.

#### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

#### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

A complaint was received from Mr. Alfred Down of Warminster that Australian soldiers have broken his windows on two or three occasions. On being interviewed, Mr. Down admitted that he did not see his windows broken on this particular occasion, though there were soldiers in close proximity at the time, nor had he any grounds for saying that the offence was committed by Australian soldiers. The complaint is receiving attention.

#### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair. 431 cases of minor breaches of discipline have been dealt with for the week under review as compared with 377 cases for the previous week.

#### FAILING TO SALUTE.

No cases of failing to salute have been brought to notice.

#### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

#### TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

#### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

Nil.

#### GENERAL.

No. 773. Pte. WREBB, H.E., 1st. M.G.Bn. A.I.F. was found dead hanging to a tree in a wood adjoining No. 7 Camp, Hurdscott, by Frank and Harry Lever, two civilians in the employ of the Government Roads Board. The body was removed to the Fovant Military Hospital, and an inquest was held on the 26th inst. The Coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict of suicide being returned.

Bessie Anne Renouf of 7 Herbert Place, Weymouth was charged under Sec. 43A. D.R.R. at the Weymouth Police Court on the 25th inst. with assaulting a military policeman while in the execution of his duty, and was fined £1.

No. 6290. Pte. O'NEILL, G.L., 1st. Bn. A.I.F., No. 2 Command Depot was charged at the Weymouth Police Court on the 22nd. inst. with stealing a handbag containing 17/6. He was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of £1.

Dundee Detachment. Owing to the large number of A.I.F. soldiers visiting Dundee, a small detachment of military police has been stationed there. For the week under review the conduct of troops on leave in this city has been reported on favorably. Only one case of absence without leave has been dealt with





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Civil Police proceedings. In view of the large number of A.I.F. soldiers on leave in the United Kingdom, there has been an increase in the number of civil offences committed by members of the A.I.F. in the London and Metropolitan area, particulars of which are as follows :-

No. 2492. Pte. SMITH. S., 4th Bn., A.I.F. was charged at Old Street Police Court, London, on the 21st. inst. with being drunk and incapable. He was acquitted of the charge, but was ordered to pay the Doctor's fee of 7/6.

No. 277. Pte. SHERWOOD. J., 41st. Bn. A.I.F. was charged at Old Street Police Court, London, on the 21st. inst. with being drunk and incapable. He was acquitted of the charge, but was ordered to pay the Doctor's fee of 7/6.

No. 6612. Pte. BAKER. F.J., 12th Bn., A.I.F. was charged at Westminster Police Court, London, on the 23rd. inst. with being drunk and disorderly and committing wilful damage, and fined 5/-.

No. 677. Pte. McKIERNAN. J. 12th Bn. A.I.F., an illegal absentee from No. 1 Command Depot, was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 23rd. inst. with absence without leave and with assaulting the Civil Police. For the latter offence he was sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment.

No. 6838. Pte. TIVER. E.C., 10th Bn., A.I.F., was charged at Marlborough Street Police Court, London, on the 23rd. inst., with indecency, and fined 21.

No. 1123. Gunner LOCKYER. F. 4th H.T.M.B., A.I.F., was charged at the Thames Police Court, London, on the 23rd. inst. with drunkenness, and fined 5/-.

No. 14578. Pte. PICKERING. J. 7th Fd. Amb. A.I.F., was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 25th inst. with being drunk and riotous, and fined 5/-.

No. 7333. Pte. WALKER. J., 11th Bn., A.I.F. was charged at Guildhall Police Court, London, on the 25th inst. with drunkenness and assault, and fined 30/- or 11 days imprisonment in default thereof.

No. 17239. Spr. CALLAGHAN. H. 14th F.C.E., A.I.F., was charged at Westminster Police Court, London, on the 26th inst. with larceny, and fined £10.

No. 15575. Dvr. STEELE. A.E., 12th Batt. AFA. was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 26th inst. with being drunk and disorderly, and fined 10/-.

No. 7776. Gnr. INGRAM. W., 12th Batt., AFA. was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 26th inst. with "Wilfully obstructing the Civil Police in the execution of their duty" and fined 15/-.

No. 12907. Gnr. WOOD. E.L., 12th Battery. AFA. was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 26th inst. with "Wilfully obstructing the Civil Police in the execution of their duty", and with assault, and fined 40/-.

No. 2621. Pte. GORVIN. E.J. 1st. Pioneers. A.I.F., was charged at the Wiltshire Assizes, Salisbury, with unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 16 years, on the 16th inst, and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labor.

Command. I resumed command of the Australian Provost Corps on the 24th inst. on my return from leave. Major. A.B. Douglas Brown. D.S.O., who had been acting for me, resumed his duties as DAPM., A.I.F., Warminster.



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During the week under review I visited and inspected military police detachments at Salisbury and Wexminster and found everything satisfactory.



Lieut.-Col.  
A.P.M. A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.  
AND G.O. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.





# A U S T R A L I A N P R O V O S T C O R P S .



SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26th OCTOBER, 1918.

	LON- DON.	BOURNE- MOUTH.	BIR- MING- -HAM.	WEY- MOUTH.	WARMIN- -STER.	BATH.	BRIS- -TOL.	FOV- ANT.	SALIS- -BURY.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR W.E. 19.10.1918.
ABSENCE	84	2	15	11	45	32	57	8	8	17	279	216
DRUNKENNESS	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	9
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE	14	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	19	32
RESISTING ARREST	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
DISOBEDIENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
NEGLECT TO OBEY	-	14	-	17	33	-	-	29	7	4	104	79
LARCENY	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
FORGED PASS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
ASSAULT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BOUNDS	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
FAILING TO SALUTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
DESERTION	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
BREACH OF TRAFFIC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
IMPROPERLY DRESSED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
ALTERED PAYBOOK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TRESPASSING	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	5	-	-	16	7
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS.	107	16	15	43	78	33	57	43	16	23	431	377

Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 30.10.1918.  
JLM.

Lieut-Col.  
A.P.M. A.I.F. DEPOS IN U.K.  
AND C.O. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.