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BR. A.I.F. 1149.



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,
 TIDWORTH,
 SALISBURY PLAIN.

14th February, 1918.

Telegraphic Address:
 "PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

Australian HEADQUARTERS:
~~ANZAC~~ PROVOST CORPS.

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

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK - ENDING 9th FEBRUARY 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY
 POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM
 CIVILIANS.

Complaints have been received from Mr. J.W. Stratton of St. Andrews, Warminster, who owns "Manor Farm" at Godford, which is adjacent to the Australian and New Zealand Camps, regarding theft of fowls. Although claims have been submitted by Mr. Stratton through the A.P.M., A.I.F., Godford there is no evidence to show that the offences were committed by Australian soldiers.

On 8-2-18, several houses in Godford, including the Post Office, were broken into, and from the Post Office about £5 worth of stamps were taken and several small packets and parcels were opened and the contents investigated. Nothing was stolen from the shops which were broken into. There is no evidence to show by whom the offence was committed.

HOTELS.

Satisfactorily conducted.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

An aggregated of 422 offences have been dealt with by the military police as compared with 462 cases for the previous week. Conduct of troops generally has been very fair.

TRAFFIC.

Nothing to report.

SALUTING.

Fair. 13 charges of failing to salute have been preferred by the military police for the week under review.

TRAFFICKING IN GOV.
 PROPERTY.

At the Tisbury Sessions on 7-2-18 Edwin Woodford was fined 50/- for being unlawfully in possession of a pair of Australian military issue boots.

The case of Pte. and Mrs. Maguire referred to in report for week ending 2-2-18 has been adjourned owing to Pte. Maguire having been admitted to hospital.

GENERAL.

A detachment of Australian police has been stationed at Edinburgh under the Assistant Provost Marshal, Scottish Command. It is reported that during the past week the conduct of troops visiting the City of Edinburgh on leave and duty has been



very good. The number of troops entering the City daily is about 70. Police have been instructed to advise visiting troops of the A.I.F. as to desirable boarding houses, etc. During the past week 3 soldiers of the A.I.F. have been arrested and handed over to the Civil Police authorities, Edinburgh, who preferred a charge of theft which resulted in an award of 30 days imprisonment. One of the three soldiers was also found to be in possession of 7 Military Passes and 6 Railway Warrants, the property of other soldiers. On his release from the Civil Prison he will be taken over by the Military authorities and charged with this offence.

No. 2023. Pte. MURPHY, W. 46th BATTALION, A.I.F., FRANCE appeared at the South Western Police Court, London, on the 6th inst. charged with "Being concerned with a woman in the theft of a pair of shoes". After hearing the evidence the case was dismissed by the Bench.

No. 6823. Pte. RUTER, A. 18th BATTALION, A.I.F., attached to 5th Training Battalion appeared at the Marylebone Police Court, London on the 6th inst. charged with "Theft", the case being remanded for one week.

No. 3973. Pte. HEARN, S. 5th TRENCH COY. ENGINEERS, A.I.F. DEPOT IN U.K. appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court on the 6th inst. charged with - "Theft of a sum of money, jewelry, and other articles, the property of an officer of the Serbian Army. Hearn pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one months imprisonment with hard labor. This man was sentenced to 160 days detention by finding of D.C.M. held on 27-9-17 at No. 1 Command Depot. This man, however, subsequently escaped from Delhi Hospital, prior to his admission to detention.

VINCENT KEIRAN civilian, appeared at Rochester Row Police Court, London, on the 6th inst. being charged under the D.R.R. with being an unauthorised person, wearing an Australian uniform, for which offence he was arrested by members of this detachment on 5-1-18. The Bench directed that Keiran be handed over to an officer, representing the British Recruiting Authorities.

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


AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 9th FEBRUARY 1918.

OFFENCE	LDN- DCH.	GD- FORD	WBY- MOUTH	BATH	HEIS -POL.	HURD- GOTT.	BURKE- MOUTH.	WARRIN- -STER.	TID- WORTH.	EDIN- BURGH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR WK ENDG. End February '18.
ABSENCE -----	107	10	4	13	57	20	-	31	18	8	256	290
DRUNKENNESS -----	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	1	1	8	11
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	4	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	7	-	18	15
RESISTING ARREST -----	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	3	7	-	-	23	2	53	2	-	90	128
FORGED PASS -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
ASSAULT -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
BOUNDS -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	-	-	11	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	13	-
DESERTION -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	9	1
NO CORRECT IDENTIFICATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
TRAY TAKING GOV. STORES -----	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
LABOUR -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
TOTALS.	110	14	28	14	57	56	-	92	36	7	422	462

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 BURLINGAME BARRACKS
 TIDWORTH
 A.P.M. A.I.F. IN UNITED KINGDOM

Burlingame Barracks,
 Tidworth. 14-2-18.
 J.L.


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

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 A.I.F. 119



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,
 TIDWORTH,
 SALISBURY PLAIN.

23rd February, 1918.

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Telegraphic Address:
 "PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

Australian HEADQUARTERS:
 ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

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

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK - ENDING 16th FEBRUARY, 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

One or two minor complaints have been lodged, and have been given attention.

HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Fair.

TRAFFIC.

Satisfactory - no congestions.

SALUTING.

Fair only. 15 offences under this head have been dealt with during the week under review.

TRAFFICKING IN GOV. STORES.

At Weymouth, the following civilians charged with receiving articles of Australian Military issue were dealt with as follows :-

- F.J. WEST - Sentenced six months hard labor.
- F.C. WELLS - Fined 25 with 24.4/- costs.
- H.N. BRADSHAW - Dismissed with a severe caution.

No. 14569, Pte. BRYCE, 300., A.A.S.C., and No. 16116, Pte. SYMONS, Gordon, of the A.A.S.C. appeared before the Magistrates on the 13th inst. when they pleaded guilty to stealing and receiving Government stores valued at 27-14-6. Owing to the former's previous good conduct and youth, and the good conduct and long service of the latter, the Bench decided to give these soldiers another chance to make good, and bound them over for 12 months on the usual conditions.

GENERAL.

No. 6883, Pte. BUTTER, A., 10th Battalion, A.I.F., 8th B.S. appeared at the Marylebone Police Court, London, on the 6th inst. charged with stealing and receiving, the case being remanded for one week. On his second appearance on the 13th inst. he was handed over to an escort from this Detachment to be dealt with by the Military authorities.

No. 5099, Pte. GRAVES, A.O., 4th Battalion, A.I.F. appeared whilst on leave in London on the 12th inst. at Marlborough Street Police Court on a charge of larceny, for which offense he was fined 10/-.

The detachments at Godford and Warrington have been inspected by me during the week, and found to be satisfactory in every detail.

[Signature]
 Lieut-Col.
 A.I.F. IN U.K. AND
 C.O. AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.



AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 16th FEBRUARY, 1918.

OFFENCE	LOH- DOE.	COB- FORD.	WARRIN- STER.	WEY- MOUTH.	BASH.	BRIS- TOL.	HURD- COTT.	BOUNNE- MOUTH.	BOHN- BURGH.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR wk. endg. 9-2-1917.
ABSENCE -----	119	10	14	5	12	34	23	-	-	12	234	256
DRUNKENNESS -----	7	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	3	-	14	8
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	10	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	16	18
RESISTING ARREST -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
REFUSAL TO OBEY -----	-	3	49	14	-	-	36	-	-	-	102	99
LARCENY -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
FORGED PASS -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
ASSAULT -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
BOUNDS -----	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	-	-	-	7	-	-	3	-	-	5	15	13
DESERTION -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	9
ALTERED PAYBOOK -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
TRAFFICKING GOV. STORES -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS.	143	15	63	31	12	34	72	-	4	24	390	422

Brisbane Barracks,
Tidworth. 22-2-18.

Lieut-Col.
 A. P. H., A. I. F., in U. K., and
 C. D., AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

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BHURTPORE BARRACKS,
 TIDWORTH,
 SALISBURY PLAIN.

1st March, 1918.

Telegraphic Address:
 "PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

Australian HEADQUARTERS:
~~ANZAC~~ PROVOST CORPS.

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

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK - ENDING 23rd FEBRUARY, 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY
POLICE.
COMPLAINTS FROM
CIVILIANS.
CONDUCT IN HOTELS.
CONDUCT OF TROOPS.
TRAFFIC.
SALUTING.
TRAVELLING IN GOVT.
PROPERTY.

Good.
 Nil.
 Good.
 Good.
 No complaints.
 Fair.

At the Salisbury County Sessions on 19-2-18,
 J.A. Northcott was charged with being unlawfully
 in possession of a pair of breeches, the property
 of the Australian Government, and was fined £5.

Similar cases are pending against Isaac White of
 Shipton Bellinger, and Samuel Barber of Salisbury.

GENERAL.

A man named Baker, residing at 17, Wine Street,
 Frome, was proceeded against under the D.R.R. with
 harbouring two (2) Australian absentees. He was
 brought before the Frome Police Court on the 21st
 ult. and awarded six (6) months hard labour. It
 has since been discovered that Baker is a deserter
 from the British Army.

Four women were handed over to the Civil Police by
 the Military Police at Sutton Veny on 18th February
 and subsequently charged at Warminster Police Court
 with being unlawfully on War Department land. They
 were prostitutes, well known to the Police. They
 were fined £5. or one months imprisonment.

During the week under review, I visited the Police
 detachments at Salisbury, Andover, Godford, and
 Warminster, and found everything satisfactory.

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



AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 23rd FEBRUARY, 1918.

OFFENCE	LOH- DON.	COD- FORD.	WARMIN- STER.	WEY- MOUTH.	EDIN- BURGH.	BRIS- -TOL.	BATH.	HURD- COTT.	BIRM- -ING HAM.	KID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR W.O. 16-2-1918.
ABSENCE	-	6	21	9	-	34	11	14	7	27	129	234
DRUNKENNESS	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	14
INSUBORDINATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	8	16
RESISTING ARREST	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
DISOBEDIENCE	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
NEGLECT TO OBEY	-	4	37	16	-	-	-	34	4	1	96	102
FORGED PASS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BUNDS	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
FAILING TO SALUTE	-	-	-	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	15
DESSERTION	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
IMPROPERLY DRESSED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	4
ALTERED PAYBOOK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
NO MEANS IDENTIFICTION.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS.	-	10	61	38	10	36	11	50	11	32	259 [§]	398

[§] Exclusive of figures from London.

Burtpore Barracks,
Tidworth, 28-2-18.

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

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GR. A.I.F. 11908



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,
 TIDWORTH,
 SALISBURY PLAIN.

8th March, 1918.

Telegraphic Address:
 "PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."

Australian HEADQUARTERS:
~~ANZAC~~ **PROVOST CORPS.**

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

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK - ENDING 3rd MARCH 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

Nil.

HOTELS.

Satisfactorily conducted.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

Good.

TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

SALUTING.

Fair.

TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. PROPERTY.

Heate

On the 23rd ult. Pte. Lay, W.J. the Butcher of No. 15 Camp, Overseas Training Brigade, was arrested for giving to the Manager of No. 15 Camp Canteen, 10½ lbs. of issue meat. Heate was also arrested by the Civil Police for receiving Government meat, but owing to conflicting evidence the case against him was dismissed.

On 27-2-18, Frederick Nicholson of No. 6 Camp Canteen, Sutton Vony, was arrested by the Military Police for being in unlawful possession of a pair of Australian Issue Boots, and an issue Cardigan jacket. He was brought before the local Magistrates at Warminster, found guilty, and fined 25.

GENERAL.

On 26-2-18, Margaret Mary Fryer of Trowbridge was charged with keeping a disorderly house, and harboring Australian soldiers, and Beatrice Banks was charged with aiding and abetting her, as a result of a raid by the Australian police in conjunction with the local civil police. The Presiding Magistrates at Trowbridge imposed the full penalty of 3 months hard labor in each case.

On 25-2-18, the Military Police at Birmingham arrested a woman who was masquerading as an Australian nurse, and handed her over to the Civil Police. The result of the trial has not yet been made known.

On 3-3-18, No. 7543, Pte. Tierman, B. 2nd Battalion was arrested at Bath, and charged by the civil police with rape and larceny, which charges will be heard before the Magistrates at the Bath Police Court on 8-3-18.



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No. 5453. Pte. Henry CLARKE, 19th Battalion, A.I.F. appeared on remand at the West London Police Court on the 27th ult. being charged under the Pawnbrokers Act of 1872, Sec. 34, with "attempting to redeem a pledge not having any colour of title to redeem". He was found guilty and fined the sum of 40/- or one months imprisonment.

No. 4531. Pte. J.W. RUSSELL, 13th Battalion, A.I.F. appeared on remand at the West London Police Court on the 28th ult. charged with "being concerned in company with two other Australian soldiers in the theft of half a sheep, valued £2.10/- from the back of a motor lorry" for which offence he was bound over in the sum of £10 for 12 months, to come up for judgment, if called upon. The two other members of the A.I.F. alleged to have been concerned in the theft have not yet been apprehended.

The arrest of 53 absentees from the A.I.F. and other branches of His Majesty's Forces was effected by the Special Duty Branch of the London Detachment during the week under review, in the course of several raids, etc., executed on various rest houses and soldier's clubs situated in the London area.

During the week under review I inspected detachments at Bristol, Bath, Warminster, and Gorford, and found everything satisfactory.

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

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S U M M A R Y O F C A S E S D E A L T W I T H B Y M I L I T A R Y P O L I C E F O R W E E K - E N D I N G 3 r d M A R C H 1 9 1 8 .

OFFENCE	LOH- DON	COD- FORD	WARMIN- STER.	WEY- MOUTH.	BATH.	BRIS- TOL.	MURD- COTT.	BOURNE- MOUTH.	BIR- MING- HAM.	EDIN- BURGH.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR W.C. 23-2-1917.
ABSENCE -----	110	-	31	6	11	25	23	1	5	-	11	223	129
DRUNKENNESS -----	5	-	4	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	13	4
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE -----	5	-	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	2	1	16	8
RESISTING ARREST -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5	2
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	-	-	46	5	-	-	66	-	2	-	8	127	96
FORGED PASS -----	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
BOUNDS -----	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	11
DESERPTION -----	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2
IMPROPERLY DRESSED -----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	4	3
STRIKING SUPERIOR -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ALTERED PAY-BOOK -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
TOTALS.	131	-	81	21	12	27	95	1	8	6	25	407	259 x

x Does not include figures from London.

Shartpole Barracks,
Tidworth. 7-3-18.
JLM.

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

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