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Telegraphic Address:

"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."



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BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,  
SALISBURY PLAIN.

19th September 1918.

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

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

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 7th SEPTEMBER 1918.

### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

Nil.

### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

396 cases of minor offences have been dealt with by the Military Police for the week under review as against 335 for the previous week.

### FAILING TO SALUTE.

No cases of "Failing to Salute" have been reported for the week under review.

### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

### TRAFFIC.

No complaints.

### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

Nothing to report.

### TRESPASSING.

No cases of "Trespassing" have been reported for the week under review.

### GENERAL.

No. 578. Cpl. JOHNSTONE. C.H. Admin. M.C., A.I.F. appeared at the Richmond Petty Sessions on the 2nd. inst. charged with being drunk and disorderly and fined the sum of £2.10/-.

No. 8358. Dvr. CHARLESWORTH. F. 1st. A.D.H. Balford charged at Richmond Petty Sessions on the 2nd. inst. with being drunk and disorderly and fined 10/-.

L.L. JOHNSON. charged under the D.R.R. at the Westminster Police Court, London, on the 2nd. inst. with "being an unauthorised person wearing the uniform of the Australian Imperial Force" and "falsely representing himself to be a person to whom a military pass has been duly issued", and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

No. 46. Pte. CLAVERIE. B. 33rd. Battalion charged at Marlborough St. Police Court, London, on the 6th inst. with drunkenness, and fined the sum of 7/6 or in default 1 day's imprisonment.

Mrs. L. BATES charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 7th inst. with assaulting a military policeman, No. 908. Cpl. P.B. Miller, whilst in the execution of his duty, and sentenced to undergo one month's imprisonment with hard labor.

An additional picket consisting of 2 officers, 2 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, and 14 men, under the A.P.M. A.I.F. Westminster has been detailed for duty in the Town of Westminster and outskirts from 9.30 until midnight each evening. During four nights for the week ended 7.9.18 that the picket has been in operation, 65 soldiers have been checked for wandering



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434 about during prohibited hours without a pass.

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

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



# AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 7th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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OFFENCE.	LOH- DON.	COD- FORD.	BIR- MING- HAM.	WRY- MOUTH.	BOURNE- MOUTH.	WARRIN- STER.	BATH.	BRIS- TOL.	POV- ANT.	SALIS- BURY.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR W.O. 31.8.1918.
ABSENCE	112	7	6	13	5	26	33	23	7	7	20	277	214
DRUNKENNESS	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE	4	-	1	10	-	-	-	5	2	-	1	23	20
RESISTING ARREST	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
NEGLECT TO OBEY	2	-	-	30	1	14	-	-	24	-	-	71	54
LARCENY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FORGED PASS	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
ASSAULT	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
BOUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
FAILING TO SALUTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
DESERTION	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
IMPROPERLY DRESSED	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-
ALTERED PAYBOOK	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TRESPASSING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	4
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOTALS.	131	7	8	56	6	40	33	36	33	7	34	396	335

Bhartpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 11.9.18.

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



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CR. 45.11908 P. 1

Telegraphic Address:

"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,

TIDWORTH,

SALISBURY PLAIN.

21st. September 1918.

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

To. Headquarters (2)  
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 14th SEPTEMBER 1918.

### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

A further complaint was received from Mr. Penruddocke of trespassing by A.I.F. soldiers on his estate at Compton Chamberlayne, during the week under review. This matter is receiving special attention.

### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

363 cases of minor offences have been dealt with during the week under review as compared with 396 for the previous week.

No. 5080. Pte. PRESTON. D.R. 30th Bn. No. 3 C.D. The civil charge preferred against this soldier, which was referred to in my report for the week ending 31.8.18, has been dropped by the Civil Police as Preston paid for the damage done to the window of Mr. G. Bell's Saddler's shop, Market Place, Wilton.

### FAILING TO SALUTE.

No cases of "Failing to Salute" have been recorded for the week under review.

### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

### TRAFFIC.

During the move of 3rd. Training Brigade from Godford to Fovant Area on the 13th inst. no congestion of traffic occurred.

### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

A member of No. 4 Command Depot is suspected of having supplied a woman named Haisie Cooper with a quantity of tea and sugar. The case is being investigated, and the result will be announced in a subsequent report.

A shopkeeper in Salisbury, Mr. G. Kelson, Tailor, 11 Winchester Street, is being prosecuted for being in possession of articles of Australian uniform left by a soldier whom Kelson supplied with a suit of mufti. The soldier in question has since been arrested, and is being dealt with.

### TRESPASSING.

11 cases of "Trespassing" have been reported for the week under review.

### GENERAL.

Godford Detachment. This detachment of the Australian Military Police has been disbanded, consequent on the move of 3rd. Training Brigade from Godford to Fovant.

7501. Pte. LANGFORD. W. 2nd. Battalion was charged at Central Criminal Court, London, on the 11th inst. with being in possession of counterfeit coins and uttering same. Found guilty of both charges and sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labor.

3389. Pte. HAMNETT. T. 54th Battalion charged at County of London Quarter Sessions on the 11th inst. in company with Florence Phillips with the larceny of





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of £37, to which he pleaded not guilty and was discharged. Florence Phillips, however, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labor.

No. 1730. Pte. CORBETT, W. 46th Battalion charged at Westminster Police Court, London, on the 13th inst. with Drunkenness and Indecent behaviour, and fined 5/-.

ELSIE SMITH and DOROTHY WOODFORD were tried before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction at Salisbury on the 17th inst. on charges of -

1. Being on W.D. ground for the purposes of prostitution.
2. Being in unlawful possession of military uniform.

The maximum penalty was imposed, to wit, a fine of £5, in default one month's imprisonment on each charge.

EMMA LEWIS and MABEL RICH of No. 10 Kentish Road, Southampton, were tried at the Andover Police Court on the 16th inst. with being on W.D. ground for the purpose of prostitution. The maximum penalty was imposed by the Court, to wit, £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

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

*Henry Broadbent*

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





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SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK-ENDING 14th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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OFFENCE	MON- DON.	COD- FORD.	BOURNE MOUTH.	BIR- MING- HAM.	WEY- MOUTH.	WATMIN STER.	BATH.	BRIS TOL.	POV- ANT.	SALIS BURY.	TID- WORTH.	TOTAL.	TOTAL FOR W.O. 7.9.1918.
ABSENCE	26	2	1	7	16	19	13	26	4	5	15	234	277
DRUNKENNESS	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
INSUBORDINATION	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	1	-	5	14	23
RESISTING ARREST	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
DISOBEDIENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
NEGLECT TO OBEY	1	4	4	-	31	13	-	2	23	6	-	80	71
LARCENY	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
FORGED PASS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
ASSAULT	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
DESSERTION	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
IMPROPERLY DRESSED	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
ALTERED PAYBOOK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TRESPASSING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	11	-
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5
TOTALS.	43	2	5	9	57	32	13	28	39	11	24	363	396

*W. H. Wood*  
Lieut. Col.  
A.P.M. A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K. *Wood*  
AND C.O. AUST. PROVOST CORPS.

Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tiaworth. 20.9.18.



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DR. A.I.F. 11908 PM.

Telegraphic Address:

"PROVOST, SALAUSTRA, TIDWORTH."



BHURTPORE BARRACKS,  
TIDWORTH,  
SALISBURY PLAIN.

25th September 1918.

HEADQUARTERS:

## AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

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

### POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 21st. SEPTEMBER 1918.

#### CONDUCT OF MILITARY POLICE.

Good.

#### COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.

Nil.

#### CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

400 cases of minor offences have been dealt with for the week under review as against 363 for the previous week.

4075. Pte. MATTHEWS. G.J. 30th Bn. Overseas Training Brigade who was charged with -

1. Absence without leave.
2. Masquerading as a W.O. Class II.
3. Resisting escort.
4. Being in possession of a comrade's paybook.

has been sentenced by D.C.M. to undergo 9 months detention.

No. 4977. Pte. ADAMS. J. 30th Bn. No. 4 Command Depot:  
The case against this soldier which was referred to in my report for week ending 31.8.18 has now been finally disposed of. The charges preferred against him of - 1. Stealing from a comrade, and 2. Being in unlawful possession of a comrade's paybook were dismissed, but on the third charge of "Being out of bounds" he was awarded 3 days forfeiture of pay under A.A.Sec.138 and 9 days pay under Defence Act. Sec.119.

#### FAILING TO SALUTE

3 cases of "Failing to salute" have been recorded for the week under review.

#### CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

#### TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

#### TRAFFICKING IN GOVT. STORES.

No. 52381. Pte. GRIFFITHS. T.A. 40th Bn. 9th T.B. to whom G. Kelson, Tailor, 11 Winchester Street, Salisbury sold a suit of mufi in exchange for certain articles of Australian Military Clothing was sentenced to 45 days detention on 11.9.18 for the offence in question.

#### TRESPASSING.

6 cases of "Trespassing" have been reported as compared with 11 cases of for the previous week.

#### GENERAL.

6033. Pte. HALLETT. J. 3rd. Battalion, A.I.F. was charged with drunkenness at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 17th inst. and fined 3/6.

232. Pte. TREACEY. 21st. Bn. A.I.F. & No. 535. L/Sjt. TOGNOLINI, 21st. Bn. A.I.F. were charged at Westminster Police Court, London, on the 18th inst. with uttering forged Bank of England notes. The former was sentenced to undergo 1 month's imprisonment with hard labor and the latter a similar sentence of 3 months duration.




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No. 2462. Pte. McMahon, U.K. A.I.F. charged at South Western Police Court, London, on the 19th inst. with assault on the person of Dr. Carr Grimer, Medical Practitioner, and was duly bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for a period of 12 months.

No. 377. Gunner SPRING, E.A. 2nd. F.A.B. A.I.F. charged at Acton Police Court, London, on the 19th inst. with the uttering of worthless cheques on a Publican and on another member of the A.I.F. Prisoner pleaded guilty on both charges and was awarded a sentence of 3 months imprisonment with hard labor on each charge, to run consecutively.

During the week under review, I visited Australian Military Police detachments stationed at Warminster, Fovant, Salisbury, and Andover, and found everything satisfactory.

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



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CR.AIF.11908 PM.



2nd. October 1918.

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

POLICE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 28th SEPTEMBER 1918.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY  
POLICE.

Good.

COMPLAINTS FROM  
CIVILIANS.

Nil.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

The Conduct of the troops generally has been good. 330 cases of minor breaches of discipline have been dealt with for the week under review as against 400 for the previous week. Absence without leave and Neglect to Obey Routine Orders, particularly with regard to Bounds, constitute the majority of the offences.

FAILING TO SALUTE.

Only two cases of "Failing to Salute" have been brought to notice for the week under review.

CONDUCT OF HOTELS.

Satisfactory.

TRAFFIC.

No complaints or congestions.

TRAFFICKING IN GOVT.  
STORES.

Mr. G. Kelson, Tailor, 11 Winchester Street, Salisbury was charged at the Salisbury City Court on the 29th inst. under Sec. 153 of the A.A. for being in possession of certain articles of military clothing which he had accepted when disposing of a suit of mufti to an Australian soldier. A fine of £2 was imposed.

TRESPASSING.

8 cases of "Trespassing" on private lands have been recorded, as against 6 for the previous week.

GENERAL.

No. 3641. Pte. FITZGERALD. J. 14th A.A.S.C., attd. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. was charged at the Westminster Police Court, London, on the 23rd. inst. with begging, and was bound over in the sum of £10 to be of good behaviour, and to come up for judgment if called upon.

No. 6345. Pte. HUME. A. 27th Battalion, A.I.F. was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 25th inst. with begging, and was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labor.

No. 3384. Pte. MARETT. H.W. 2nd. Aust. Pnr. Bn. was charged at Tower Bridge Police Court, London, on the 25th inst. with drunkenness, and was fined 5/-.

No. 3331. Pte. GAGEN. W.J. 31st. Battalion, A.I.F. was charged at Tower Bridge Police Court, London, on the 26th inst. with an act of indecency, and was fined 10/-.

No. 109. Pte. BARKER. C. 1st. Battalion, A.I.F. was charged at Bow Street Police Court, London, on the 26th inst. with stealing a greatcoat, the property



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of a member of the New Zealand Forces, and sentenced to 1 months imprisonment with hard labor.

J. McCarthy. This man was recently arrested by the Military Police in London as an absentee. At the time of his arrest he was wearing Canadian uniform, and was handed over to the Canadian Military Authorities. It was discovered subsequently that he did not belong to the Canadian Forces, and he was returned to the A.P.M., A.I.F., London. As he refused to give any information about himself, or disclose his identity, he was charged at the Westminster Police Court, London, on the 27th inst. under Sec. 53 of the D.R.R. and sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labor.

LOUISA BENNETT. was brought before the Westminster Police Court, London, on the 24th inst. charged with stealing various sums of money from the Australian Red Cross Society by whom she had been employed. She pleaded guilty, and was bound over to be of good behaviour for a period of 12 months, and to come up for judgment if called upon. In addition, she was ordered to refund the sum of £5 to the Australian Red Cross Commissioners, and this amount was paid on the 24th inst.

During the week under review, I visited detachments of the Military Police at Warminster, Weymouth, Fovant, and Salisbury, and found everything satisfactory.

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



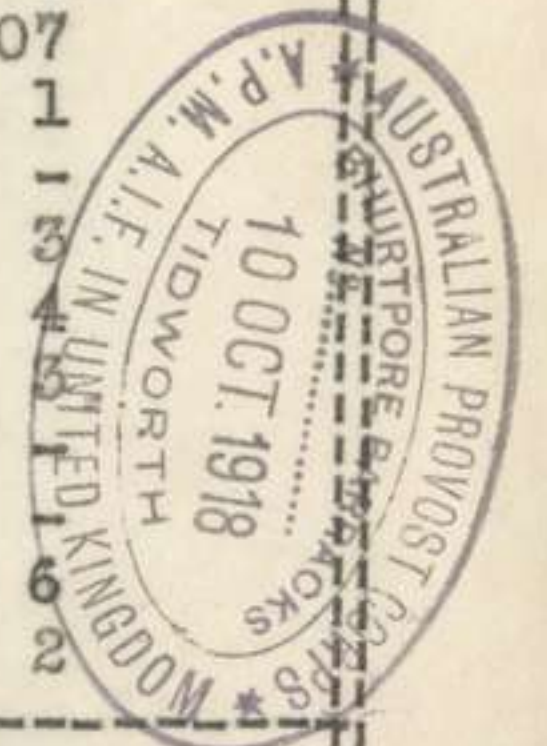
# A U S T R A L I A N      P R O V O S T      C O R P S .

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MILITARY POLICE FOR WEEK - ENDING 28th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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. 21.9.1918.
ABSENCE -----	103	14	1	12	22	15	17	1	9	13	207	240
DRUNKENNESS -----	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
INSUBORDINATION -----	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
CONDUCT TO PREJUDICE-----	10	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	17	28
RESISTING ARREST -----	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1
DISOBEDIENCE -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
NEGLECT TO OBEY -----	1	-	6	30	6	-	1	20	3	-	67	107
LARCENY -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
FORGED PASS -----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
FAILING TO SALUTE -----	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
DESERTION -----	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
IMPROPERLY DRESSED-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
STRIKING SUPERIOR-----	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
ALTERED PAYBOOK -----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
TRESPASSING -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	6
NO MEANS IDENTIFICATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
TOTALS.	132	14	8	57	28	15	18	31	12	15	330	400

Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 1.10.1918.

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



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