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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*40<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.*

FOR

*Month of October 1918.*



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per [initials]*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918			
	1-10		<p>Day fine. Patrols pushed out and later the whole Battalion moved forward by small parties <del>in spite of</del> <i>under</i> harassing artillery fire, through main HINDENBURG System to CANAL TUNNEL where we reorganised. Location A.9.b.7.4.</p> <p>40th Battalion ordered to become support Battalion on left to 37th Battalion, and moved into main HINDENBURG line. Men got into dug-outs and rested for remainder of day and night. A special feature of the advance was the ample rations supplied, and the hot meal brought up to within 100 yards of Battalion Headquarters on the night of the 1st put everybody in good spirits, and all ranks appreciated this effort of the Transport Officer and Quartermaster. A special reconnoitring patrol was asked for by Brigade to reconnoitre MOAQUINCOURT FARM. Upon the report being read to the Brigadier, Lieut. WESTON, O.C. patrol, was highly commended upon the excellent work carried out by him.</p>	
	2-10		<p>Day fine. Battalion remained in support and same location until the afternoon, when the support Battalions were ordered to evacuate positions and withdraw to old Bivouac area at RONSSOY. Battalion clear of line by 18.30 and arrived at destination without event. A hot meal awaited the troops. The general feeling was one of relief at finding ourselves back, at the same time all ranks realized that we had past through a most critical phase of the attack and all knew that the work done was in keeping with the traditions of the 40th.</p>	
	3-10		Day fine. Marched back to AIZICOURT.	
	4-10		Day fine. Remained in bivouacs resting.	
	5-10		Day fine. Marched to PERONNE Railhead and entrained about 17.30 for TRONDELLE. Bulk of transport including "C" Company's Cooker travelled by Road.	
TRONDELLE	6-10		Day fine. Battalion detrained at PONT Remy at 01.30, marching to TRONDELLE.	
	7-10		Day fine. Resting. Sports Committee formed.	
	8-10		Day fine. Company inspection parades. "C" Company played "D" Company Cricket in afternoon. Scores - Company Commanders meeting to arrange syllabus of training.	
	9-10		Day fine. Training under Company arrangements in morning. Sports during afternoon.	

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FRONDEVILLE	1918			
	10-10		Day showery. Hot shower baths at BRAY and clean clothes supplied. Sports during afternoon. Football - "A" Coy. v "B.H.Q. Scores B.H.Q. 6 goals 5 "A" Coy. 5 goals 5.	
	11-10		Day fine. Training in morning, balance of Battalion bathed. Sports during afternoon. Football - "B" Coy. v "D" Coy. "D" Coy. winners. Cricket - B.H.Q. v "C" Coy. B.H.Q. winners.	
	12.10		Day showery. Training in morning.	
	13.10		Day fine. The Battalion rested.	
	14.10		Day showery. Training carried out under Company arrangements. Sports during afternoon. Football - "A" Coy. v "C" Coy. "A" Coy. winners. Cricket - "B" Coy. v. "D" Coy. "D" Coy. winners.	
	15.10		Day fine. Brigade route march was held in the morning.	
	16.10		Day showery. Training carried out. A football match was played between B.H.Q. and "B" Coy., B.H.Q. winning by 30 points.	
	17.10		Day fine. Training carried out.	
	18.10		Day fine. Training carried out. In the afternoon the Battalion Sports Meeting was held. Some excellent racing was witnessed. Private BANTOFT winning the 100 yards and 220 yards Championships. Several Sisters from No. 3 A.G.H. were present at the meeting. For results of races see appendix attached.	
	19.10		Day fine. Training carried out in the morning.	
	20.10		Day showery. The Battalion rested.	
	21.10		Day fine. Training and rifle shooting carried out. A football match between B.H.Q and "C" Coy. was won by B.H.Q. by 34 points. A Cricket match between "A" Coy and "B" Coy. was won by "A" Coy. by 32 runs.	

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BRONDELLE	1918			
	22-10		Day fine. Training carried out in the morning. In the afternoon a Cricket match was played between B.H.Q. and "D" Coy. "D" Coy. winning by 5 wickets and 10 runs.	
	23-10		Day fine. Training and a Route march carried out. B.H.Q. played "D" Coy. football in the afternoon. "D" Coy. won by 3 points.	
	24-10		Day fine. A Brigade Route march was held, and after this Battalions were assembled and prizes won at the last Brigade Sports were presented.	
	25-10		Day fine.	
	26-10		Day fine, occasional showers. Brigade Sports held at GRANDSART. Battalion marched to ground leaving BRONDELLE at 09.30. A very interesting programme was drawn up, at the close of which the 40th Battalion ran second in the Brigade championship. (See appendix for individual results.)	
	27-10		Day fine. Training suspended. No general Church parade.	
	28-10		Day fine. Divisional Commander paid an unofficial visit to the Battalion area and inspected training and billets. It was suggested that if possible, one Company be removed to other billets as accommodation was insufficient and damp. A Football match - "40th Battalion" v 3rd Pioneer Battalion was played in afternoon, resulting in a win for the Pioneers after a hard and fast game. Scores - Pioneers 12 goals 19. 40th Battalion 8 goals 7.	
	29-10		Day fine. Companies training as per syllabus. In accordance with the G.O.C's suggestion an advance party left for BAILLEUL to billet "D" Company. Later the movement order was cancelled. At a meeting of Officers called by the A/Commanding Officer and held at B.H.Q. at 19.30 several interesting points in connection with the BONY operations were discussed, and suggestions for further work noted.	
	30-10		Day fine. Battalion training under Company arrangements. Organised games in the afternoon.	
	31-10		Day showery. Battalion Advance Guard Scheme cancelled on account of wet weather. Brigade Transport Inspection. Result 39th Battalion 1st. 38th Battalion 2nd. 40th Battalion 3rd. The 40th turn-out was generally good but insufficient attention being paid to details lost us the premier position.	

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Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH		Summary of Events and Information														reference Appendices
			O.	O/R	OCTOBER 1918.														
			Strength.	Rejoined.	Reinforcements.	Tprs. in vac.	Sick.	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	Tprs. out.								
			O.	O/R	O.	O/R	O.	O/R	O.	O/R	O.	O/R	O.	O/R	O.	O/R	O.	O/R	
	1		37	549							4		4		33				
	2		37	534							1		2		9				3
	3		37	531							1				2				
	4		37	529							2								
	5		37	540		11													
	6		37	540															
	7		37	540															
	8		37	556		17					1								
	9		37	552							1				3				
	10		37	549							3								
	11		38	563	1	13		1											
	12		38	563															
	13		38	563															
	14		38	563															
	15		38	589		16		13			3								
	16		38	589															
	17		38	595		6													
	18		38	598		4					1								
	19		38	596							2								
	20		38	623		16		11											
	21		38	628					5										
	22		38	628															
	23		38	628		1					1								
	24		37	628						1									
	25		37	627		4					5								
	26		37	625					1		3								
	27		37	622							3								
	28		37	617							5								
	29		37	614							3								
	30		39	634	2	15		6			1		1						
	31		38	632						1		1		3					

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OF

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## LIST OF APPENDICES:

No.

Subject.

1.

Diary of 40<sup>th</sup> Bn A.M.C. Detail.

2.

Results of 40<sup>th</sup> Bn Sports Meeting.

3.

Message from General Rawlinson  
to Aus. Corp.

4.

Programme & results of 10<sup>th</sup>  
A.I. Bde Sports Meeting.

John S. Purvis Lt.

28th SEPTEMBER to 27th OCTOBER 1918.

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REFERENCE MAPS: 62 C N.E. and WIENCOURT.

- 27/9/18. On the evening of this day the Unit moved from the area of RED WOOD at J.15. central. to the vicinity of RONSSOY to be in position of the 29th. Whilst at RED WOOD the men had improved a good deal after a badly needed rest. Just prior to this move several severe Influenzal cases had to be evacuated. After the move B.H.Q. and the R.A.P. were situated at F.21.c.2.7.
- 28/9/18. The Battalion remained in the position that they took up on the night of the 27th. Only a few sick were paraded.
- 29/9/18. The day opened fairly fine. Barrage started about 06.00 and at 07.00 the Battalion moved from its position near RONSSOY. We expected to reach the BROWN LINE North of GILLEMONT FARM about 08.30 and cross this point at 09.00. It was soon apparent that the attack had not progressed according to schedule, for apart from scattered shelling Machine Gun bullets were coming in our vicinity. The Battalion moved forward slowly and the last thousand yards of this approach march was made under considerable Machine Gun fire, and shell hole cover was necessary all the time. Ultimately B.H.Q. was formed in a shell hole at (WIENCOURT MAP) F.18.a.5.5. and the R.A.P. also in a shell hole adjacent. The Companies were distributed just ahead. The position was obscure, but there was no mistaking that the enemy was in considerable force and his Machine Guns were very active. I had with me 12 Stretcher bearers and a Corporal of the 10th Field Ambulance. I learnt from Major GRAVES that the Americans were responsible for the evacuation up till 17.00 and through that Officer I had received some locations of American Posts and Stations, but otherwise no administrative instructions came into my hands. During the approach there were several casualties and these were sent back to RONSSOY. The difficulty was in regard to stretcher cases as they had to be carried a long distance under exposed conditions, and thus with each case the bearers were away a long time. As it appeared likely that we would be a long time in this location I used my Ambulance bearers for some stretcher cases who received their injuries close to the R.A.P. I had hardly established my post before I had American wounded coming along freely in addition to those of my own Battalion. The walking wounded could be roughly directed, but the difficulty was the evacuation of the stretcher cases. All cases had to go out ~~xx~~ under Machine Gun fire and in addition to this the enemy was shelling the area heavily. Of my Headquarters Stretcher bearers who assisted only three returned to me on the following morning, the remainder having become casualties after several attempts to get back to the R.A.P. The supply of stretchers was soon totally inadequate and at stages I had to take cases off at the R.A.P. so that stretchers could be available in the line. In the afternoon I learned that an advance was contemplated, and my position then was that I was short of stretchers and my Ambulance bearers were away with cases. However it was found impossible to ~~xxxx~~ appreciably make progress so the position was eased as far as I was concerned. In the afternoon Captain CLARK of the 10th Field Ambulance visited my R.A.P. Towards evening rain fell and made the problem of wounded serious. I had about 10 stretcher cases and no facilities for moving them, and a message was sent to Brigade to this effect. So far as my own Battalion was concerned I was able to clear, but the problem arose owing to the large number of American wounded for whose evacuation at that time there appeared to be no arrangements. In the evening I decided to move over to a trench close at hand F.18.a.7.2. where Captain ALLSOP of the 39th Battalion was working. A small shelter served for stretcher cases and a dugout was used for the protection of the others and our personnel. From this on Captain ALLSOP and myself worked together, and this facilitated both treatment and evacuation. Our great trouble was still the shortage of stretchers and in spite of messages and the best efforts of the bearers this was not remedied until after daylight on the following morning. We were able to use some American troops who came along the trench, and thus the work of the bearers was somewhat eased. Towards evening a car post was established and the carry considerably shortened.



During the evening an American Medical Officer came to our R.A.P. and assisted with the cases of which a fair number passed through during the night. In spite of efforts made I did not clear my old R.A.P. in the shell hole until the morning of the 30th. My ambulance bearers worked well under trying conditions, one bearer was killed by shell explosion. Of my Regimental bearers quite a number became casualties. The Regimental carry was a short one. The day was a most trying one and our work was rendered especially difficult by the breakdown of evacuation arrangements.

30/9/18. The morning found ample stretchers available, and plenty of Americans were sent so that the large number of their wounded that came along were speedily dealt with and evacuated. After this the casualties were light. Captain ALLSOP, the American Medical Officer and myself worked together during the day, the R.A.P. not being moved. We had a quiet night and were able to get a rest.

1/10/18. Late in the morning as the Battalion had gone forward I moved my R.A.P. from F.18.a.7.2. to a dugout at A.8.c.1.5. where I was able to dress cases under favourable conditions. A few wounded passed through here but word came that the Battalion had further advanced so I had to move forward. That night a place for an R.A.P. was found in a cellar in BONY, A.15.c.7.5., but only a few sick were there seen. Cars ran right up to this post so that there was no difficulty in dealing with evacuations, and we were also close handy to the Companies.

2/10/18. In the morning I again moved my R.A.P. to a dugout in A.9.c.7.2. alongside Battalion Headquarters. This position was close up to the Companies which were in support to the 37th Battalion, no casualties came through during the day. In the afternoon measures were taken to treat the feet of the men which were becoming a little sore. In the evening the Battalion moved out of the Line to the old positions in RONSSOY. The Companies left their positions and by going in small parties and keeping out of observation were able to reach their area in the early hours of the night. No casualties occurred during this last movement. Our total casualties for the operation were as follows:-

Killed in Action -	Officers	Nil	Other ranks	9
Wounded in Action -	"	5	"	66
Missing in Action -	"	Nil	"	2.

In looking back over the operation there are several points that call for comment.

The difficulties of evacuation in the opening phases have already been dealt with.

THE AMBULANCE BEARERS. These men worked very well. The carry was a long one and under fire most of the way. In spite of this the squads worked steadily throughout the first day and during a considerable portion of the night which was dark and thus increased the difficulties. I wish to record my appreciation of their efforts.

The loading up of the ambulance bearers calls for comment. Blankets waterproof sheets and even greatcoats were carried, in addition to 48 hours rations, and a supply of dressings, blankets and stretchers distributed among the men allotted to me. It appears to me that some of the personal equipment might easily be disposed of, for the carrying of so much of this hampers the bearers in their work. With regard to the 48 hours rations, I would suggest that arrangements be made with the Battalion concerned to ration the men attached to the R.M.O. Generally speaking under the existing method the Ambulance men have little opportunity of obtaining either hot food or drink while a Unit is rapidly moving forward, also if the stay with the Unit is over 48 hours there is sometimes difficulty in the bearers obtaining their rations.

The innovation of the bearers bringing with them extra dressings and splints was a success, and in this case the extra equipment was of great value to the R.M.O. On 2/10/18 the Battalion moved from RONSSOY to AIZECOURT.

3/10/18. At AIZECOURT throughout the day. Foot inspection held.

4/10/18. Unit moved from AIZECOURT, and in the evening entrained at PERONNE and reached PONT Remy in the early hours of 4/10/18.

5/10/18. After detraining Unit marched to Village of RONDELLE nearby. From this time on the Battalion has been stationed here. Accommodation is limited but on the whole men are satisfactorily housed.

The regular sick parades have been held and a small Rest Hut conducted. There are also facilities for BLUE LIGHT treatment being given. Shortly after we arrived here an inspection of the Battalion was held for the detection of V.D., Scabies and Vermin, on this a report which was considered satisfactory was forwarded to the A.D.M.S.

The Companies have been given lectures in which instruction was imparted on the nature, incidence, and preventative measures of Venereal Disease.

THE HEALTH OF THE TROOPS: In the early part of the month sick were few in number, but during the past fortnight more men have been on sick parade and the evolutions to hospital have considerably increased. The Influenza epidemic is making its presence felt and has been the chief cause of hospital admissions.

BATHS: Facilities at BRAY have been available and the men have been regularly bathed.

FOOD: Food has been of good quality and well cooked.

WATER DETAIL: The routine work of the Water Detail has been satisfactorily carried out. Water has been tested and the necessary steps taken to render it fit for the use of the troops.

DENTAL INSPECTION: Captain ROEBUCK of the 10th Field Ambulance made an inspection of the Unit after we reached RONDELLE. In 3 of the Companies the results were very satisfactory, but the remainder required considerable attention. Appointments are being made for the men with Dental defects and thus it is hoped to considerably improve the Unit in this important department.

SANITATION: The Sanitary Squad has carried out its work in a consistently efficient manner. Fly proof latrines have been difficult to obtain, but gradually these are being installed throughout the Unit.

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# APPENDIX

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## 40th BATTALION A. I. F.

### A T H L E T I C S P O R T S

TRONDLETT, Friday 18/10/1918

#### OFFICIALS

- PRESIDENT: Lieut-Colonel. J.W.C. LORD D.S.O.
- COMMITTEE: Lieuts. R.H. SMITH, W.F. CROSBY, H.O. CHAMPION,  
T.W. LOVETT, L.L. PARRY.  
Sergeants T.G. BARNETT, C.G. LAPHORNE, J.C. RUTTER,  
V.H. BUCHANAN, and L/Cpl. A.E. FOSTER.
- JUDGES: Championship Events. Lieuts. M.H.O. WHITAKER M.C.,  
C.W. GALT.  
NOVELTY Events. Captain G.S. BIRD, Lieut. T. BOYTS M.C.  
Transport Events. Lieut. R.A. SWAN
- STARTERS: Lieuts. W.L. GARRARD, M.C. Lieut. N.W. LAKIN
- STEWARDS: The Committee
- CLERK OF COURSE: Lieut. R.B. PENNY
- OFFICIAL RECORDER: Private R.A. BIGGS
- HON. SECRETARY: Lieut. A.R. MILLS

#### PROGRAMME

1. 100 Yards Championship at 1.30 Other Ranks
- | 1st Heat            | 2nd Heat         | 3rd Heat         |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pte. Bowman J.W.    | Cpl. Whelan J.   | Pte. Mason R.C.  |
| " Hay C.D.          | Sgt. Rutter J.C. | " Bantoft R.G.   |
| " Crocker A.C.      | Sgt. Young G.H.  | " Garrett R.R.   |
| Sgt. Bassell C.A.   | Pte. Aitken V.   | Cpl. Bailey G.W. |
| Cpl. Bennett F.R.   | " Brooks J.B.    | Cpl. Hay A.S.I.  |
| Pte. Johnstone H.L. |                  |                  |
| 1st.....            | 1st.....         | 1st.....         |
| 2nd.....            | 2nd.....         | 2nd.....         |
2. 100 Yards Championship at 13.45 Officers
- | 1st Heat           | 2nd Heat          |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Lieut. W.F. Crosby | Captain G.S. Bird |
| " T.W. Lovett      | Lieut. L. Barnett |
| " J.S. Purvis      | " A.R. Mills      |
| " N.W. Lakin       | " H.O. Champion   |
| 1st.....           | 1st.....          |
| 2nd.....           | 2nd.....          |

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3. 100 Yards Championship . Other Ranks at 13.55

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FINAL

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 1..... | 4..... |
| 2..... | 5..... |
| 3..... | 6..... |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

4. 100 Yards Championship Officers. at 14.00

FINAL

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 1..... | 3..... |
| 2..... | 4..... |

1st..... 2nd.....

5. High Jump. at 14.10

Pte. Bantoft R.G.  
Sgt. Young G.H.  
Cpl. Walker V.T.

Pte. Johnstone R.V.  
Sgt. Warr H.H.

1st..... 2nd.....

6. 220 Yards Championship - at 14.25  
(First 3 in each heat to start in final)

1st Heat

2nd Heat

Capt. G.S. Biscoe  
Sgt. Rutter J.C.  
Pte. Hoy W.D.  
Sgt. Barnett R.C.  
Cpl. Monaghan J.W.  
" Hay A.S.I.  
Dvr. Hearps C.  
1st.....

Pte. Bowman J.V.  
" Garrett R.V.  
" Bantoft R.C.  
Cpl. Bailey G.W.  
Pte. Stott A.  
" Norman M.  
Dvr. Kilpatrick J.

2nd.....  
3rd.....

1st.....  
2nd.....  
3rd.....

7. SACK RACE Post Entry Start at 14.35

Heats and Final

8. FINAL 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP. Start at 14.45

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 1..... | 4..... |
| 2..... | 5..... |
| 3..... | 6..... |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

9. DRIVING COMPETITION Start at 14.50

Horse Transport

Mule Transport

1st.....  
2nd.....

1st.....  
2nd.....

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10. SIAMSE RACE

Start at 15.30

Post Entry

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Heats and Final

11. 440 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Start at 15.20

1st Heat	2nd Heat	3rd Heat
Capt. G.S. Bisdoo	Pte. Bowman J.J.	Pte. Thompson H.L.
Cpl. Crawford T.J.	Cpl. Stafford T.J.	Pte. Lambert H.
Pte. Bantoft R.G.	Pte. Garrett R.R.	Sgt. Rutter J.C.
" Hay C.D.	" Tippett K.S.	Sgt. Bassall C.A.
Cpl. Cunningham D.J.	"- Johnstone H.W.	"- Barnett T.G.
Pte. Norman M.	Lieut. W.L. Garrard	Lieut. T.F. Crosby

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

12. RUNNING LONG JUMP: Start at 15.30

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

13. TGG AND SPOON RACE: Start at 15.45 Post Entry

Heats and Final

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

14. 120 YARDS HURDLES: Start at 15.55

1st Heat	2nd Heat
Cpl. O'Rourke A.J.	Cpl. Crawford T.J.
Cpl. Whelan J.	Pte. Garrett R.R.
Pte. Bantoft R.G.	Sgt. Young G.M.
Sgt. Rutter J.C.	Pte. McBain J.
Lieut. Levett T.F.	Sgt. Barnett T.G.
Cpl. Hay A.S.L.	Cpl. Cunningham D.J.
Pte. Johnson C.	Pte. Johnstone H.W.
Pte. Dowdy P.L.	Dvr. Kilpatrick H.

1st..... 2nd.....  
1st..... 2nd.....

15. BOAT JUMBLE: Start at 16.10

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

16. FINAL 120 YARDS HURDLES: Start at 16.20

1..... 3.....  
2..... 4.....

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

17. MILE CHAMPIONSHIP: Start at 16.25

Lieut. W.L. Garrard	Pte. Thompson H.L.	Pte. Watts T.
Pte. Wells J.B.	Cpl. Crawford T.J.	Pte. Lambert H.
" Cross J.J.	Pte. Mason R.C.	Pte. Bantoft R.G.
" McHamara J.T.	Cpl. Stafford T.J.	Sgt. Young G.M.
Cpl. Cusick V.	Pte. Hunt J.J.	Pte. Glover H.V.
Sgt. Taylor G.G.	Pte. Wiley T.F.	Cpl. Whelan J.
Pte. Lawford R.S.	" Shearing J.	Pte. Johnson C.
Pte. Grimmond J.	Pte. Warren W.	Pte. Lyons P.A.
" Williams W.H.		

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

19. OBSTACLE RACE: Start at 16.35

1st..... 2nd ..... 3rd.....

20. RELAY RACE: Teams of 4 Men Start 16.45

- 1. Headquarters No. 1 Team
- 2. Headquarters No. 2 Team
- 3. "D" Company No. 1 Team
- 4. "D" Company No. 2 Team
- 5. "A" Company
- 6. "B" Company
- 7. "C" Company

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

The 40th Battalion Band ( Conductor Sgt. P. Jones ) will render the following programme of Music during the Afternoon.

- |               |                    |           |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. March      | Legion of Honour   | Greenland |
| 2. Selection  | Eric-a-Brac        | Monckton  |
| 3. Waltz -    | Bright & Beautiful | Robinson  |
| 4. Two-Step   | Whistling Rag      | Maeklin   |
| 5. Selection  | Melodyland         | Douglass  |
| 6. Waltz -    | Satanique          | Trav'lyan |
| 7. Two Step   | Society Tango      | Beal      |
| 8. Waltz      | Destiny            | Bryns     |
| 9. March      | The Veteran        | Bennett   |
| 10. Selection | The Girl from Kays | Godfrey   |
| 11. Waltz     | Star of the Ball   | Rimmer    |
| 12. Selection | Emerald Gems       | Smith     |
| 13. Waltz     | Syng               | Taylor    |
| 14. March     | On the Alert       | Burns     |
| 15. Sketch    | Tommy's Holiday    | Rimmer    |

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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40th BATTALION A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 792

20th OCTOBER 1918

**APPENDIX 2**

A D M I N I S T R A T I O N

1. DUTIES FOR MONDAY 21/10/1918.

Officer of the Day - -	Lieut. R.H. SMITH
Battalion Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Webb W.E.
Battalion Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Featonby L.

2. S I C K :

5683 Pte. Davis W.J.	"D" To Hospital	19/10/1918
1706 Dvr. Robertson J.A.	"M.M." Tpt. ditto	do

3. HONOURS and AWARDS: The French Croix de Guerre has been awarded to the undermentioned Officer :-

CROIX de GUERRE avec ETOILE de VERMEIL

Lieut-Colonel J.E.C. LORD D.S.O. 40th Battalion A.I.F.

The Corps, Divisional, and Brigade Commanders, desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.

L.W. BARNETT, Lieut.  
Adjutant.

N O T I C E

The following results of Regimental Sports held on the 18th October 1918 are promulgated for information:-

Event No. 1 100 Yards Championship (Other Ranks):

1st. Pte. Bantoft R.G. "H.Qrs."	2nd. Pte. Johnstone H.W. "D"
	3rd. Sgt. Bassall C.A. "H.Qrs."

Event No. 2. 100 Yards Championship. (Officers):

1st. Lieut. L.W. Barnett "H.Qrs."	2nd. Lieut. W.T. Crosby "D"
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Event No. 3. 220 Yards Championship (Open):

1st. Pte. Bantoft R.G. "H.Qrs."	2nd. Pte. Garrett R.R. "H.Qrs."
	3rd. Sgt. Bassall C.A. "H.Qrs."

Event No. 4. 440 Yards Championship:

*Lieut. W.T. Crosby and Lt. Lamont*

Event No. 5. 1 Mile Championship (Open).

1st. Pte. Lamont A.J. "D"	2nd. Sgt. Young G.M. "H.Qrs."
	3rd. Lieut. J.S. Purvis "D"

Event No. 6. Relay Race (Team of 4) 100 Yards per Man.

1st. "D" Coys. Team. (L/Cpl. Richardson W.I.; Pte. Johnstone H.W.  
Pte. Lawford R.S.; Cpl. Hay A.S.L.)

2nd. H.Qrs. No. 1 Team. (Sgt. Bassall C.A.; Pte. Bantoft R.G.;  
Dvr. Kilpatrick H.; Pte. Garrett R.R.)

3rd. H.Qrs. No. 2 Team. (Sgt. Rutter J.C.; Sgt. Young G.M.; Pte. Hay C.D.  
Pte. Crocker A.C.)

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Event No. 7 High Jump:

1st. Pte. Johnstone H.W. "D" 4' 9"

2nd. Sgt. Young G.M. "H.Qrs." 4' 8"

Event No. 8. 120 Yards Hurdles (Open).

1st. Pte. Johnstone H.W. "D" 2nd. Cpl. Cunningham D.J. "C".

Event No. 9. Running Long Jump. (Open)

1st. Cpl. Cunningham D.J. "C" 15' 6"

2nd. Dvr. Kilpatrick H. "H.Qrs."

Event No. 10. Sack Race: 75 Yards:

1st. L/Cpl. Richardson T.I. "D" 2nd. Pte. Lawford R.S. "D"

Event No. 11 Boot Jumble:

1st. Sgt. Williams K. "C" 2nd. Pte. Kimberley J.F. "A"  
3rd. Sgt. P.C. Statton V.C., M.M. "A"

Event No. 12 Siamese Race 100 Yards;

1st. Pte. Johnstone H.W. & L/Cpl. Richardson T.I. "D"

2nd. Pte. Clark S.J. & Pte. Aitken V. "A"

Event No. 13 Egg and Spoon Race 50 Yards:

No Entries

Event No. 14 Obstacle Race:

1st. Pte. Garrett R.R. "H.Qrs." 2nd. Pte. Brooks J.B. "C"

Event No. 15 Driving Competition. G.S. Limber 1Pr. Horses:

1st. Dvr. J. Kelleher

Event No. 16 Driving Competition. G.S. Limber 1 Pr. Mules:

1st. Dvr. C. Hearps "M.M."

NOTE: Events Numbers 1 to 9 count for Inter-company Championship, and points will be awarded:

5	Points	1st
3	"	2nd
2	"	3rd

Result of Inter-company Championship:

Battalion H.Qrs.	36	Pts.	1st
"D" Company	28	"	2nd
"C" "	10	"	3rd
"B" "	8	"	4th

The following Comforts have been received from Australian Comforts Funds, and will be distributed to members of the Battalion:-

3	C/S	Milk	5	C/S	Cocoa & Milk
3	"	Jam	4	"	Fruit
1	"	Custard Powder	1	"	Tobacco
1	"	Cigarettes	3	Bags	Sugar



AUSTRALIAN CORPS:

Since the Australian Corps joined the Fourth Army on the 8th April 1918, they have passed through a period of hard and uniformly successful fighting of which all ranks have every right to feel proud.

Now that it has been possible to give the Australian Corps a well-earned period of rest I wish to express to them my gratitude for all that they have done. I have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the various stages through which they have passed from the hard times of FLERS and POZIERES to their culminating victories at MONT ST. QUENTIN and the great Hindenburg system at BONY, BULLICOURT Tunnel and MONTBRÉCHAIN.

During the Summer of 1918 the safety of AMIENS has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valour.

The story of what they have accomplished as a Fighting Army Corps, of the diligence, gallantry and skill which they have exhibited, and of the scientific methods which they so thoroughly learned and so successfully applied, has gained for all AUSTRALIANS a place of honour amongst nations and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

It has been my privilege to lead the Australian Corps in the Fourth Army during the decisive battles since August 8th which bid fair to bring the war to a successful conclusion at no distant date.

No one realises more than I do the very prominent part that they have played, for I have watched from day to day every detail of their fighting, and learned to value beyond measure the prowess and determination of all ranks.

In once more congratulating the Corps on a series of successes unsurpassed in this great war I feel that no mere words of mine can adequately express the renown that they have won for themselves and the position they have established for the Australian Nation not only in France but throughout the world.

I wish every Officer, N.C.O. and Man all possible good fortune in the future and a speedy and safe return to their beloved Australia.

(Sgd.) H. RAWLINSON, General  
Commanding Fourth Army.

Headquarters;  
Fourth Army  
14th October 1918

10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP - IN THE FIELD

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS

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Held, In the Field;  
SATURDAY 26/10/1918

Location of Sports Grounds Sheet 677 1/40,000 S.13 central  
BOIS de FRAVILLÉ

COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Lieut-Col. C.H. JESS D.S.O. Commdg. 10th A.I. Brigade

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Lieut-Col. J.T.C. LORD D.S.O. ( C.O. 40th Battn.)  
Lieut-Col. G. HURRY D.S.O. ( C.O. 38th Battn.)  
Major A.T. PATTERSON M.C. ( C.O. 39th Battn.)  
Lt-Col. L.W. BOND D.S.O. ( C.O. 10th F.Amb.)  
Captain O.B. WILLIAMS 10th Fld. Coy. Engineers  
Captain R.T. RAMSAY O.C. 23rd Coy. A.A.S.C.  
Lieut. G.A. FIDLER O.C. 10th A.L.T.M. Battery

STEWARDS

Lieut. C.J. TAYLOR D.C.M. Brigade H.Qrs.  
Lieut. J.L. WHITEHEAD 38th Battalion  
Captain R. WOLSTENHOLME 39th Battalion  
Lieut. R.H. SMITH 40th Battalion  
Major F.I.L. GRAVES 10th Aust. Fld. Ambulance  
Captain R.T. RAMSAY 23rd Coy. A.A.S.C.  
Lieut. L.M.V. GRAHAM 10th Field Coy. Aust. Engineers  
Lieut. T. BRYDIE 10th A.L.T.M. Battery

STARTERS

CLERK OF THE COURSE

Capt. W.H. ORCHARD M.C. 38th Batt. Major W.F.H. ROBERTSON 38th Bn.  
Lieut. H.A. SIMPSON 39th "  
Lieut. H. SNYLLGROVE 10th Fld. Coy. Aust. Engineers  
Lieut. N.T. LAKIN 40th Bn.

OFFICIAL RECORDER

JUDGES:

Captain A. FRASER M.C. 38th Batt., Capt. G.L. GILES 39th Bn.  
Capt. G.S. BISDEE 40th Bn. Major F.T. WHITLAND 10th Fld. Amb  
Capt. G.C. PAYNE 10th Fld. Coy. Engrs.  
Lieut. H.S. HAMILTON 23rd Coy. A.A.S.C.

RESULT STEWARD

R.S.M. W.T. BROUGH 39th Battalion

TREASURER

Lieut. C.J. TAYLOR D.C.M. 10th A.I. Bde. Hqrs.

SECRETARY

Captain R.W. WOLSTENHOLME,  
39th Battalion

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**APPENDIX**  
EVENT NO. 1 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (O.RANKS) Start 12.30

1st Heat	2nd Heat	3rd Heat
Pte. Irwin 38th	L/Cpl. Bodington F. (T.M.B.)	Cpl. Hurlay (B.H.Q.)
Pte. Bantoft 40th	Cpl. Maxwell 39th	S/Sgt. McKenzie (A.S.C.)
Dvr. Willoughby (A.S.C.)	Cpl. Coventry (Eng.)	Dvr. Bowkett (Eng.)
Sgt. Gardiner 39th	Cpl. Barker 38th	Dvr. Stone (10th F.A.M.B.)
Spr. Dunn (B.H.Q.)	Sgt. Bassall 40th	

1st and 2nd in Heats Start in FINAL

EVENT NO. 2 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (OFFICERS) Start 12.35

1st Heat	2nd Heat
Lieut. Addison 38th	Lieut. Davis 38th
Capt. Wolstenholme 39th	Lieut. Shaw 39th
Lieut. Barnett 40th	Lieut. Crosby 40th
Major Mailer "M.C." Fld.Amb.	Major Wheatland Fld.Amb.
Lieut. Hamilton A.A.S.C.	Captain Ramsay A.A.S.C.
Captain Payne 10th Engrs.	Captain Williams 10th Engrs.

1st and 2nd in Heats Start in FINAL

EVENT NO. 3 EGG and SPOON RACE ( 50 yards) Start 12.40

Cpl. White and Pte. Tough 38th  
 L/Cpl. Clingan & Pte. Sandford 39th  
 2 Entries from 40th Batta.  
 Pte. Martin & Spr. Barnes B.H.Q.  
 L/Cpl. Morey & Dvr. McArthur 10th Fld. Amb.  
 Sgt. Henderson & Sgt. Morcom 23rd A.A.S.C.  
 Sgt. Cliffe & Spr. Hall 10th Engrs.  
 ( Competitors supply own Egg & Spoon)

*Bde Hd.  
38 Bn.  
23rd A.S.C.*

EVENT NO. 4 BOOT JUMBLE (50 Yards) Start at 12.50

Post entry. Four Entries per Unit.

EVENT NO. 5 FEAL 100 YARDS (OFFICERS) Start at 13.00

1.....  
 2.....  
 3.....  
 4.....  
 39th Bn 1st. Capt. WOLSTENHOLME  
 2nd. 40th Bn Lt. BARNETT L.W.

EVENT NO. 6 FINAL 100 YARDS ( O.RANKS) Start at 13.05

40th Bn 1. 2538 Pte BANTOFT R.F  
 40th Bn 2. 7 Sgt BESSELL C.W.  
 10th F.E. 3. 10188 Cpl. COVENTRY  
 4.....  
 5.....  
 6.....  
 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

EVENT NO. 7 FUG-OF-WAR Start at 13.10

1st PULL	38th Battalion	V	Brigade Hqrs.
2nd PULL	10th F. Coy. Engineers	V	40th Battalion
3rd PULL	39th Battalion	V	10th Field Ambulance
	23rd A.A.S.C.	Bye.	

One Pull 6 Feet or 5 Minutes

1. 39th Bn 2nd. 40th Bn 3rd.....

EVENT NO. 8 ONE MILE BICYCLE RACE Start at 13.25

Post Entry Competitors to ride Issue Bicycles

10th F.E. 10254 Sgt. SUMMERS  
 15691 Spr. BELL 40th Bn 55 Pte GARRETT 40th Bn 675 Cpl Blake  
 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

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 1st Heat  
 Cpl. Barker 38th  
 Sgt. Gardiner 39th  
 Pte. Bantoft 40th  
 Spz. Gunn B.H.Q.  
 Pte. Weekes 23rd A.S.C.  
 L/Cpl. Bodington 10th F.Amb.  
 Dvr. Bowkett 10th Engrs.

2nd Heat  
 Pte. Irwin 38th  
 Pte. Kelly 39th  
 Pte. Garratt 40th  
 Cpl. Hurley B.H.Q.  
 Dvr. Cosden 23rd A.S.C.  
 Dvr. Stone 10th Fld. Amb.  
 Spr. Burker 10th Engrs.

1st.....  
 2nd.....  
 3rd.....

(1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in Heats to start in FINAL)

EVENT No. 10 SACK RACE 75 Yards Start 13.45

1st Heat  
 Ptes. Warne & Morton B.H.Q.  
 Pte. Kemp & Dalton 38th  
 Pte. Lawford & L/C Richardson 40th  
 Ptes. McArthur & Smyth 10th F.A.  
 Q.M.S. Baker & Sgt. Henderson 23rd A.S.C.  
 Sgt. Oliffe & L/C Cunningham 10th Engrs.

2nd Heat  
 Ptes. Waters & Poppleton B.H.Q.  
 Sgt. Dalglish & Cpl. Barker 38th  
 Cpl. Brown & Morey 10th F.Amb.  
 Sgt. Statton "V.C.M.M." & Cpl. Whelan J. 40th  
 S/S Johnstone & Dvr. Dunlop A.S.C.  
 Sprs. Lanson & Cull 10th Engrs.

1st.....  
 2nd.....  
 3rd.....

(1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Heats start in FINAL)

Event No. 11 HIGH JUMP Start 13.55.

Ptes. Sadler & Bailry B.H.Q.  
 Cpl. Maxwell & Pte. Beaton 39th  
 Dvr. Stone & Pte. Holman 10th F.A.  
 Sgt. Tegan & L/C McLaughlin 10th Engrs.

Cpl. Barker & Pte. Binion 38th  
 Sgt. Young & Pte. Johnstone 40th  
 Dvrs. Versace & Cosden 23rd A.S.C.

1st. 10 F.A.M.B. 2nd. 39th 3rd. 40th

EVENT No. 12 SEMI-FINAL TUG-OF-WAR Start 14.15.

Winners of 1st Pull V - Winners of 2nd Pull  
 Winners of 3rd Pull ( Bye )

1st.....

EVENT No. 13 FINAL 220 YARDS Start 14.30

10th F.A. 1. 13033 L/Cpl. Bodington  
 40th B.N. 2. 2539 Pte. Bantoft  
 10th F.A. 3. 12333 Cpl. Kelly S.C.A.D.

4.....  
 5.....  
 6.....

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

EVENT NO. 14 SIAMESE RACE 100 YARDS Start 14.35

1st Heat  
 Ptes. Leinor & Boatman B.H.Q.  
 Ptes. McPherson & Constable 38th  
 Ptes. Fergusonowsh & Illig 39th  
 Johnstone & Richardson 40th  
 Stone & McArthur 10th F. Amb.  
 Johnstone & Versace 23rd A.S.C.  
 Miller & Cliffe 10th Engrs.

2nd Heat  
 Barker & Robertson 38th  
 Gardiner & Maxwell 39th  
 Clarke & Aitken 40th  
 Dengarfield & Greenwood 10th F.A.  
 Russell & Clements 23rd A.S.C.  
 Cain & Bain 10th Engrs.

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

EVENT NO. 15 FINAL SACK RACE Start 14.45

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1..... 4.....  
2..... 5.....  
3..... 6.....

1st. 10 F.A.M.B. 2nd. 10 F.A.M.B. 3rd. 39 Bn.

EVENT NO. 16 440 YARDS Start 14.50

Sprs. Dunn & Winterbottan (B.H.Q.) Cpl. Barker & Pte. Irwin 38th  
Ptes. McNiven & White 39th Lt. Crosby & Pte. Lamont 40th  
L/Cpl. Bodington & Wood 10th F.A. Dvr. Versace & S/Sgt. McKenzie A.S.C.  
Cpl. Coventry & L/Cpl. McLaughlin 10th Engrs.

1st. 10 F.A.M.B. 2nd. 23 A.S.C. 3rd. 40 Bn.

EVENT NO. 17 FINAL TUG-OF-WAR Start 14.55

1. 39 Bn. 2. 40 Bn.

1st. 39 Bn.

EVENT NO. 18 DRIVING COMPETITION: Start 15.00 Each unit may nominate One Limber drawn by a pair of Mules, and One Limber drawn by a pair of Horses.

WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK: Bridled and Packed. Competitors choose their own Mounts. 2 Entries per Unit. No. Spurs.

1st. 39 Bn. 2nd. 40 Bn. 1st. 23 A.S.C. 2nd. 10 F.ENG.

EVENT NO. 19 120 YARDS HURDLES. Start 15.20

1st Heat 2nd Heat 3rd Heat  
Cpl. Hurlay B.H.Q. Pte. Waters B.H.Q. Cpl. Cunningham 40th  
Pte. McPherson 38th Sgt. Onley 38th L/Cpl. Bodington 10th F.Amb.  
Sgt. Gardiner 39th Capt. Wolstenholme 39th Pte. Clements 23rd A.A.S.C.  
Pte. Johnstone 40th Lieut. Graham 10th Eng. L/C Simmons 10th Eng.  
Dvr. Stone 10th F.A. Dvr. Weekes A.S.C.

1..... 1..... 2.....  
2..... 2..... 2.....  
(10 3 foot hurdles)

EVENT NO. 20 ONE MILE Start 15.30

Spr. Dunn & Sgt. Brooksbank (B.H.Q.) D/Mjr. Westwood & Pte. Ward 38th  
Pte. Allen & Sgt. Hawitt 39th Pte. Lamont & Sgt. Young 40th  
Ptes. Walters & Fox 10th F.Amb. Dvr. Versace & Weekes 23rd A.A.S.C.  
Capt. Payne & Spr. Murphy 10th Eng.

1st. 40 Bn. 2nd. 39 Bn. 3rd. 10 F.A.M.B.

EVENT NO. 21 FINAL SIAMESE RACE Start 15.40

1..... 1.....  
2..... 2.....

1st. 39 Bn. 2nd. 10 F.A.M.B. 3rd. ....

EVENT NO. 22 FINAL 120 YARDS HURDLES Start 15.45

1..... 4.....  
2..... 5.....  
3..... 6.....

1st. 10 F.A.M.B. 2nd. 10 F.A.M.B. 3rd. 39 Bn.

EVENT NO. 23 LONG JUMP Start 15.50

Pte. Bailey B.H.Q. D/Mjr. Westwood & Cpl. Barker 38th  
Pte. Beaton & Cpl. Maxwell 39th Cpl. Cunningham & Dvr. Kilpatrick 40th  
I/Cpl. Bodington & Pte. Kelsor 10th F.A. Dvr. Versace & Genden 23rd A.S.C.  
L/Cpl. McLaughlin & Spr. Berkett 10th Engrs.

1st. 10 F.A.M.B. 2nd. 10 F.A.M.B. 3rd. 39 Bn.

Martin & Waters (B.H.C.) Irwin & McPherson 38th Haines & Kelly 39th  
 Sgt. Statten "V.C., M.M." & Brooks 40th Martin & Cull 10th Engrs.  
 15 Dunlop & Godsen 23rd A.A.S.C.

1st. *10<sup>th</sup> FLD ENG.*..... 2nd. *23<sup>rd</sup> Coy A.S.C.*..... 3rd. *39<sup>th</sup> Bn.*.....

APPENDIX 4

EVENT NO. 25 RELAY RACE Start 16.10

38th Battalion Team      39th Battalion Team      40th Battalion Team  
 10th Fld. Amb. Team      23rd A.S.C. Team      10th Engineers Team

Teams of Four- 100 Yards per Man- Flares 12" Sq. with 24" Stick

1st. *10<sup>th</sup> F.A.M.B.*..... 2nd. *40<sup>th</sup> Bn.*..... 3rd. *39<sup>th</sup> Bn.*.....

EVENT NO. 26 MULE RACE Start 16.15

300 Yards Two Entries per Unit. Barebacked and Bridled

1st. *39<sup>th</sup> Bn.*..... 2nd. *40<sup>th</sup> Bn.*..... 3rd. *38<sup>th</sup> Bn.*.....

EVENT NO. 27 BEST SUSTAINED CHARACTER & BEST HUMOROUS TURNOUT & 28

Post Entry. These events to be judged by President

1st. *"Bandicoots"*..... 2nd. *"Bandicoots"*.....

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CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 100 Yards O.Ranks | 6. High Jump Open         |
| 2. 220 " Open        | 7. Long Jump Open         |
| 3. 100 " Officers    | 8. 120 Yards Hurdles Open |
| 4. 440 " Open        | 9. Relay Race             |
| 5. One Mile Open     | 10. Tug-of-War            |

Points for the Brigade Championship in the 10 Championship Events will be awarded as follows:-

1st 5 Points      2nd 3 Points      3rd 2 Points

A Gold Medal will be awarded to the Brigade Individual Champion securing the highest number of points in the 10 Championship Events. Competitors will report to Lieut. R.H. SMITH 40th Battalion A.I.F. at competitor's enclosure 15 minutes before the start of their respective events. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in all events, excepting Relay Race, Tug-of-War, Best Sustained Character, and Best Humorous Turnout, for which there will be one prize only. Two Prizes will be awarded for the Mule Race.

BANDS WILL RENDER A PROGRAMME OF MUSIC DURING THE AFTERNOON.

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(Sgd.) R.W. WOLFFENHOLME, Captain  
 (39th Battalion)  
 Sports Secretary,  
 10th Australian Infantry Brigade Group.

