

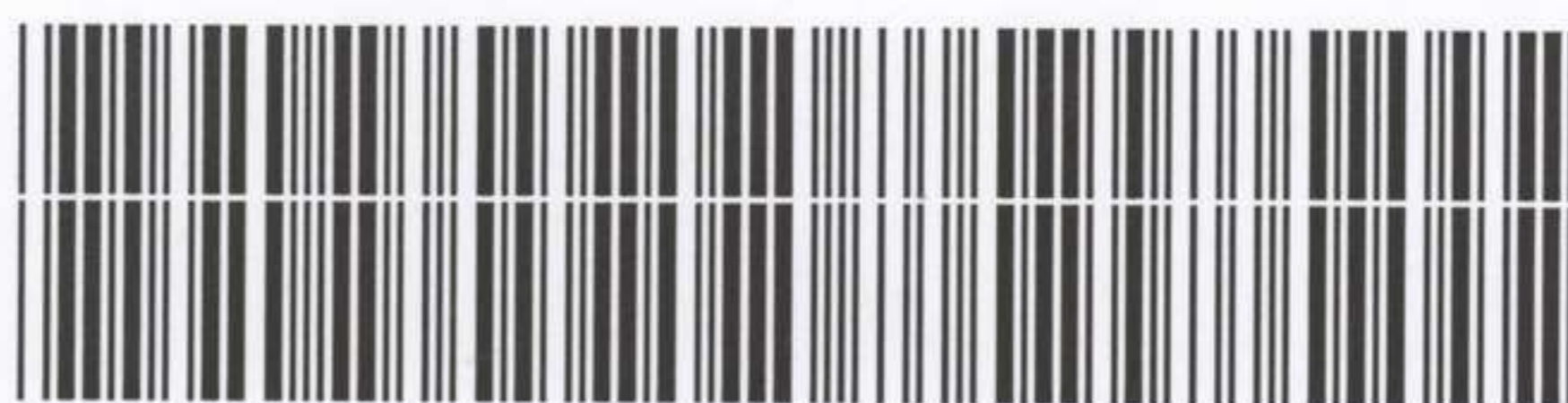
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FOR

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# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FELLERIES.	1		No ordinary parades were held. <i>BD</i>	
	2		The Companies were marched over to the Brigade Sport Ground to witness or take part in the games and events. Our Battalion was in front in Trot and Wrestling on horseback. <i>BD</i>	
	3		Being "the day after" was given a bye. Rain and wind aided by Felleries famous filth made the day not unlike some others we have experienced. <i>BD</i>	
	4		Everyone up betimes and eager to be present on a "route march", which met with enthusiastic approval, and was tremendously enjoyed by all concerned. <del>by all concerned.</del> As a counter to the previous day's animated festivities it left nothing to be desired - except a drink which could not be had. <i>BD</i>	
	5		Rain kindly keeping at a good dry elevation, but the wind has missed the way to Iceland. Companies practising the art of "Trooping the Colours". This interesting performance should bring back fond and tearful memories of happy hours spent at ENOGGERA or BROADMEADOWS during the mysterious evolutions known as "Squad drill". <i>BD</i>	
	6		Voluntary Church Parades were, with difficulty, held. The weather still Humish in its behaviour. The evening brought more rain <i>BD</i>	
	7		Ordinary parades held. Rainy and cold weather still being experienced. <i>BD</i>	
	8		As far as weather conditions permitted, parades were held. <i>BD</i>	
	9		Ordinary parades, The sun came out today, caught a severe chill and retired suddenly. <i>BD</i>	

## WAR DIARY

or

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Army Form C. 2118.

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FELLERIES.	10	Bd	Usual parades today. The weather much improved, and the sun, having recovered from its indisposition of recent days, was "on parade" for quite long spells. His enthusiastic reception has excited the envy of the moon, for she came out early in the evening to smile at the mademoiselles promenading to the dance.	
	11	Bd	All ordinary parades were cancelled on the account of the weather being made up mostly of violent wind and rain.	
	12	Bd	Church Parades were held. The weather just now is generally fair, but cold.	
	13	Bd	Parades held. Lectures were delivered today to all ranks on demobilisation, so that all may know their position on return to Australia insofar as the military is concerned. The Christmas parcels from home came today, and were much appreciated by the whole Battalion from the Colonel to the cook.	
	14	Bd	Company parades held as usual. Drafts are beginning to leave the Battalion now for Australia. The weather can still be held to blame for bad livers etc.	
	15	Bd	Bathing parades were the order of the day, so the companies marched over to BEUGNIES to collect clean skins and fresh clothes.	
	16	Bd	The times are on the improve with the weather. Tonight is brilliant with moonlight, and all the village and somebody else's mademoiselle is at the dance. The men are becoming camera fiends, and rush up to take one's picture on the slightest provocation. To kill time they are signing each other's autograph books. The 1915 ribbon looms picturesquely on the landscape these days.	
	17	Bd	Today has been exceptionally fine for these early weeks of the year. Ordinary parades were held. Educational classes are in full swing, and also sports are being thoroughly taken up by the exponents of the gentle arts of boxing and football.	
	18	Bd	A battalion parade was held today and a lecture given on Repatriation.	
	19	Bd	The most noticeable features of today were the FOG and Church Parade. Everybody still taking things easy. This afternoon the Brigade Band came along, accompanied by a good issue of music and bad weather.	
	20	Bd	The Battalion still employed in doing large amounts of nothing. The weather behaving itself beautifully.	
	21	Bd	Ordinary routine was carried out today in brilliant sunshine, but a keen nippy wind. More "oil" was distributed regarding embarkation of troops forming drafts for "Aussie".	
	22	Bd	Bathing parades and fine weather were the order of the day. The evening was given up to a dance at which a supper was served consisting of cafe, cake and chewing gum. Everyone enjoyed it and departed yawning and perspiring - also very happy.	

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FELLERIES.	23.		A light fall of snow was experienced to-day. No parades were held as every one was very busy with the arrangements for the departure of a draft of long service officers <del>and</del> N.C.O's & men for Aussie. <i>B.I.</i>	
	24.		The draft for Australia marched out from Felleries. <i>B.I.</i>	
	25.		Weather, Good-Companies being organised into 2 Companies of 4 platoons each, each platoon being the remainder of the regular Company of which it originally formed part. <i>B.I.</i>	
	26.		Church Parades.-----Snow fell all day. <i>B.I.</i>	
	27.		Amalgamation of Companies being completed. <i>B.I.</i>	
	28.		Bathing parades and more snow. <i>B.I.</i>	
	29.		Ordinary Routine. <i>B.I.</i>	
	30.		do do	
	31.		do do	
			Effective Strength. 51 m 582	
			Attached. 3 9	
			Total Strength 54 591.	
			Detached on Brigade.Div.Leave etc. 20 217.	
			Total Ration Strength 34 374.	
			Died of Illness 2 Other Ranks.	
			Reinforcements. 9 Offs 26 Other Ranks.	
			Orderly Room Cases. 8.	
			Courts Martial. 1.	

*W. Teema*  
 Lieut-Colonel  
 Commanding 31st. Battalion. A.I.F..

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FOR

MONTH of JANUARY 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICIES.

No.

SUBJECT.

- A. Quartermaster's Monthly Report.
- B. Transport Officer's Monthly Report.

WAR DIARY FOR JANUARY.

A

QUARTER-MASTER'S REPORT.

The usual routine was carried on.. Towards the end of the month the first big draft of men went on leave to Australia and the remainder of the Battalion was formed into companies. A & B making No 1 Company, and C & D making No 2 Company.

A good quantity of comforts to hand, also Christmas Boxes from Queensland.

31.1.19.

*R. H. H. H.* Capt.  
Q.M. 31st Battalion. A.I.F.

31st. BATTALION, A.I.F.

B

MONTHLY REPORT OF TRANSPORT OFFICER

The weather has been very cold, but horses are in good condition.

Nine men of the Transport Section have returned to Australia. Sergeant D.E. ROBERTS has been presented with the "Belgian Croix de Guerre"

Usual routine work carried out during the month.

31.1.1919.

*P. H. H. H.* Lieut.  
Transport Officer, 31st. Battn., A.I.F.