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# WAR DIARY

OF

*Headquarters 12<sup>TH</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde*

FOR

*December* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

*W. A. Barker*  
Captain  
12<sup>TH</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Comdy 12<sup>TH</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde



# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AVESNEILES	1		Orders issued for parade by H.M. the KING. Troops lined the road. His Majesty arrived about 11 a.m. meeting the Divisional Commander & Brigadier at the head of the Brigade column, subsequently walking for about one mile down the column. Bright frosty day.	
	3.		Divisional Commander inspected 45th Battalion on Route March, other Battalions training as per programme.	
	4.		G.O.C., Brigade Major & Staff Captain visited DINANT - WAULSORT Area, being the area in which the Brigade will be billeted on moving. Area looks very promising, the villages being situated on the banks of the Meuse, which is the best river struck so far in our billeting areas.	
	6.		Brigadier inspected 46th Bn. on Route March. Turnout & marching was good. The Divisional Commanders Staff, with Brigadier & Staff visited the Brigade Pierrot Troupe "The AUSSIES" who rendered a very good programme.	
	7.		Brigadier inspected 48th Bn. on Route March. The bearing and turnout was good. Brigadier afterwards attended the funeral of O.C. Gendarmie, Aust. Corps who was buried at AVESNES. The 46th Bn. supplied the firing party of 2 Officers and 100 Other Ranks, also band. Considering the short time notice given to prepare the firing party, the duties were carried out well.	
	8.		Beautiful sunny day. Many availed themselves of the splendid opportunity of taking photos of Boche demolitions e.c. Church parades held.	
	9.		Wet miserable morning. Training confined to kit inspections and lectures etc. in billets. Afternoon fine, football fixtures carried out.	
	10.		Brigadier inspected 45th and 46th Battalion. on Route march. Morning fine, afternoon very wet. Sports etc. hampered considerably. Wire received from H.Qrs. 4th Division., that Lieut. W.R. WATSON, Brigade Bombing Officer will report to A.I.F. Headquarters, London, for pay duties on transports to Australia.	
	11.		Brigade Pierrot troupe moved to SIVRY, (13th Brigade area) and will remain there until the Division moves from present area. Lieut. LEANE sent forward per ambulance car to WAULSORT Area to make billeting arrangements for the Brigade Group. Party of one Officer and sappers of 12th Field Company Engineers sent forward to WAULSORT to get estimate of material required for stabling, ablution benches etc., in that area, also to locate any dumps of material. Lieut. W.R. WATSON left for A.I.F. H.Qrs. as per Div. wire of yesterday.	
	12.	4.p.m.	Div. Order No. 154 and move table received advising that the Division will move to the MEUSE area in daily stages between 13th & 17th insts.	
		8.p.m.	Brigade G.O. No. 243 and Administrative Instructions issued to units of Brigade Group.	
	12.		Units remained in billets owing to the inclemency of the weather and prepared for tomorrow's move. Wet miserable day.	APPENDIX II



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AVESNELLES	13.		G.O.C. watched Units pass the starting point viz Brigade Order No. 243. 48th Bn. passed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes late apparently through not reading the starting point reference correctly. With this exception units passed O.K. A few minor points noticed viz:- brakesmen not wearing correct equipment, lack of uniformity with regard to wearing of waterproof sheets, which were later pointed out to the units concerned. Rain fell heavily while units were passing starting point this ceased later but roads were very muddy. Units all arrived in SIVRY by 2.p.m. and settled down.	
	14.	1630 0900	Brigade Order No. 244 issued. G.O.C. watched Brigade Group pass Starting point. All units passed to time as per Brigade Order No. 244. A couple of irregular halts were caused on the march owing to the roads being a bit sticky and steep hills in places. Head of column reached SILENRIEUX at 1420 and all units were in by 1330.	APP III
	15.	1710 0915	Brigade Order No. 245 issued. G.O.C. watched Brigade Group pass Starting Point. 48th Bn. passed 7 minutes late, which threw remainder of column out slightly, causing bunching, this was later rectified. All units reported in to FLORENNES by 1500 and billets and accommodation good.	APP IV
	16.	1750. 0818	Brigade Order No. 246 issued. G.O.C. watched Brigade Group pass Starting point. All units passed practically to time. Rain was falling throughout the morning, this however cleared and the midday halt for lunch was fine. All units reported in to various areas by 1600 and settling down nicely.	APP V
		1600	Disposition trace attached. Billeting reported good and the general outlook prosperous. The river Meuse with its precipitous banks afforded a pleasing sight after the 4 days march. The "Aussies" Brigade Pierrot Troupe opened at WAULSORT and gave their first performance in this area.	APP VI
			Brigadier General R.L. LEANE, CMG., DSO., MC., returned and resumed command of the Brigade	
			Brigadier General BURGESS, C.R.A., having returned from furlough and assumed command of the Division.	
	17.	1000	G.O.C. visited 12th A.L.T.M.B. and 45th Bn. and found them to be desirable to move the T.M.B. from their present location to a more central spot. This is considered necessary so that they can join in with Battalions in sports and Educational scheme. Staff Captain will reconnoitre area tomorrow with a view to finding another suitable location.	
	18.	1100	Corps Commander visited Brigade Headquarters to see G.O.C.	
	19.		Informal visit by the Prince of Wales. G.O.C. went round billets of 45th and 48th Bns. with him. Raining heavily.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WAULSORT.	20.		RAIN is interfering greatly with Training. Troops mostly working in billets. 46th Bn. moved from AGIMONT to MESNIL as the billets in the former place were not very satisfactory.	
	21		A Lecture was given this morning to Officers and N.C.Os. in the pierrot Hall Waulsort by Capt. KEARTON, from England, on "Photographing Wild Animals in all parts of the world. It proved very interesting and most instructive.	
	22		G.O.C. to visit 46th Bn. who have settled down in their new billets very satisfactorily. The town is rather too far away from centres of interest, but the billeting is good.	
	23		Final arrangements are being made for Christmas dinners which promise to be very good.	
	24		G.O.C. & B.M. to the 46th Bn. and inspected billets which are very good - all ready for celebrating Christmas.	
	25		G.O.C. & B.M. round 48th Bn. and inspected arrangements for Christmas dinner. Liberal quantities of good things were provided and the arrival of a box for each man, a present from the Aust. Comforts Fund was most opportune. A jolly Christmas was spent by all ranks, the chief feeling permeating the day being the thought that this will be the last Christmas away from Australia.	
	26		G.O.C. & B.M. to 46th Bn. to witness football match and sports. The men spent a very happy day.	
	27		General LEANE departed on 14 days leave. Lieut-Colonel, S.L. PERRY, D.S.O., M.C., 48th Battalion assumed command of the Brigade.	
	28.		The Divisional Commander called and talked over things generally. Very wet and little out door training being done.	APP VII
	29		Educational Scheme progressing fairly satisfactorily, although the absence of Text books and material is making the lot of the instructors very difficult.	
	31		The Prince of Wales arrived and presented medals to members of the Brigade. Owing to the inclement weather the parade took place in the Hall at Waulsort.	APP VIII

*S.L. Perry*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding, 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



LIST OF APPENDICES TO ACCOMPANY 12th A.I.BDE. HEADQUARTERS  
WAR DIARY. MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1918.

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<u>Appendix No.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1.	Brigade Order No. 243.
2.	Administrative Instructions
3.	Brigade Order No. 234.
4.	" " " 235.
5.	" " " 236.
6.	Map showing disposition 16/12/18.
7.	Extracts from Training Programme.
8.	Orders for Presentation Parade.
9.	Strength Returns. Officers, Reinforcements, Sick, Evacuations by weeks.
10.	Report on Discipline.
11.	Orders and Returns on Salvage Work.



## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE:

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Headquarters,  
5/12/18.S A L V A G E.At Brigade Salvage Dump.

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7	Shovels, miners handles.	39	Petrol tins.
39		48	Steely Helmets, British.
8	Water buckets, canvas	6	" " German.
5	Gas Respirators, German.	5	Gas Respirators, British
2	Panniers, L.G.	14	Water Bottles, M.S
7	Water Bottles D.S.	4	" " French.
1	R.G.Cup.	1	R.G.Cup Cover.
5	Pouches, web	5	Haversacks.
4	Cases, M.W.Shells.	1	Wheel, limber.
1	Bell tent.	21	Respirators, horse.
3	Cases S.A.A.	37	Bandoliers S.A.A.
6	Waterproof Sheets	26	Nose Caps, shell.
1	Lamp, motor	2	Lamps, hurricane
4	Rolls wire, barbed.	4	Circular saws.
3	Waterproof Sheets	8	Tunics.
	Breeches.	2	Raincoats.
8	Blankets	28	Bags, sacking.
	Bags, canvas.	4	Rifle covers.
4	Caps, British.	8	Mess Tins, German.
2	Mess tins M.S.	7	Bandoliers M.S.
1	pair Boots	6	Shirts.
2	Breech Covers	1	Mining Machine.
13	Steel Rods	2	Halters, rope.
1	Roll Camouflage	2	Lanterns.
2	Coils Telephone Wire.	4	M.G.Belts, German.
2	Bands M.G. in case	1	Chaffcutter.
1	Wheelbarrow	3	Underpants.
	Vests	3	Towels.
	Mess Tins D.S.Complete	13	Mess Tins D.S.Incomplete
	Waterproof Sheets, German	7	Water Buckets, canvas.
	Nose Bags	2	Tarpaulins
	Boxes S.A.A.	100	Rounds S.A.A.
3	Boxes, Rods, R.G.	3	Cases, Smoke Grenades.
2	Cases Rhos .Grenades and Detonators,		

Lieut Colonel,  
Commanding, 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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Copy No. ....

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 243.

Ref:- VALENCIENNES. } 1 : 100000.  
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Headquarters,  
 11/12/18.

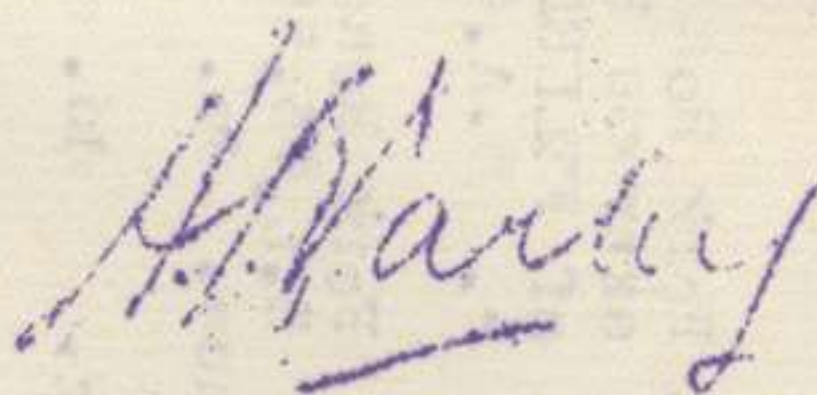
1. The 12th A.I.Bde. Group will move to the SIVRY area on 13th inst. in accordance with table overleaf. The Brigade Group will continue the move to the WAULSORT area on 14th, 15th, and 16th insts. March tables will be issued later.

2. Movement throughout the whole march will be in accordance with G.R.O. 5586 with the exception that 50 yard gaps will not be left between sections of 12 vehicles of Horse Transport.

3. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

4. Brigade Headquarters will close at AVESNES at 0900, 13/12/18 and reopen at SIVRY at the same hour.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain,  
 A/Brigade Major,  
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1. 45th Bn.	10. 12th Field Amb.
2. 46th Bn.	11. 26th A.A.S.C.
3. 48th Bn.	12. 4th Aust. Division.
4. 12th A.L.T.M.B.	13. 13th A.I.Bde.
5. G.O.C.	14. 4th A.I.Bde.
6. Staff Captain.	15. Area Commandant, AVESNES.
7. Sig. Officer.	16. File.
8. 4th M.G. Bn.	17-19. War Diary.
9. 12th Field Coy. Eng.	20-25. Spare.



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# MARCH TABLE

to accompany 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 243 of 11/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 13th.	4th M.G. Battalion.	Fork Road on extreme East of FELLERIES, 5.A.47.78.	0915.	CLAIRFAYTS.	SIVRY.	Not to enter SIVRY before 1115.
2.		48th Battalion.	Fork Road, 5.L.75.55.	0900.	FELLERIES -	SIVRY.	do.
3.		12th Field Ambulance.	do.	0916.	CLAIRFAYTS.	"	
4.		12th Field Coy. Eng.	do.	0924.	"	"	
5.		45th Battalion.	do.	0929.	"	"	
6.		Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Sect.	do.	0945.	"	"	
7.		12th A.L.T.M.B.	do.	0947.	"	"	
8.		46th Battalion.	do.	0949.	"	"	
9.		26th Coy. AASC.	do.	1004.	"	"	

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

to accompany 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 243. of 11/12/18.

SUPPLIES. Refilling Points will be as follows:-

13th inst.	SIVRY.
14th inst.	SILENRIEUX.
15th inst.	FLORENNES.
16th inst.	HASTIERE LAVAUX.

BILLETING. Advanced Billeting Parties will report to Staff Captain, at Town Major's Office,

0930. on 13th inst. SIVRY.

0930. on 14th inst. SILENRIEUX.

0930. on 15th inst. FLORENNES.

Each Battalion will detail one Officer and 1 N.C.O., and each other Unit one Officer or N.C.O. to report to Lieut. G.P. LEANE, MC., at WAULSORT, on 14th inst. to reconnoitre final area.

TOWN MAJORS. Town Majors at AVESNEUILLES, FLAUMONT, and FELLERIES will hand over to advance parties of incoming Division and rejoin their Units.

TRANSPORT. Extra Transport will be allotted as follows:-

	G.S. Wagon.	G.S. Limber.
45th Bn.	2.	
46th Bn.	2.	
48th Bn.	2.	1.
12th Field Coy. Eng.		1.
12th Field Ambulance.		2.
H.Q., 4th M.G. Bn.	2.	

No. 1 Lorry. Will report to 12th A.I. Bde Pierrots, SIVRY at 0800, 13/12/18, and convey them to WAULSORT, then reporting to H.Q. 4th A.I. Bde. SAINS.

No. 2 Lorry. 13th inst. will convey one load for 45th Bn. to WAULSORT.

14th inst. will convey 12th A.I. Bde. Canteen and 12th A.I. T.M.B. surplus gear to WAULSORT.



TRANSPORT. Continued,  
No. 3 Lorry. 13th inst. will convey one load 46th Bn.  
gear to WAULSORT.  
14th inst. will convey one load 48th Bn. gear  
to WAULSORT.

Lorries will report at 0800 on days referred to above.  
46th Bn. and 48th Bn. will dump one load of surplus gear  
till the 14th inst. under a Guard of 1 N.C.O. & 2 men,  
location of dump to be advised to this Office. Units  
will arrange to ration personnel proceeding with surplus  
gear.

LEAVE. On the 12th inst. all leave personnel up to the 21st  
inst will proceed under Unit arrangements to CATILLON  
under Senior Officer proceeding, and report to Corps  
Reinforcement Camp. 48 hours rations to be carried.

REINFORCEMENTS, will be held at Corps Reinforcement Camp till move  
is completed, and then proceed to 4th Div. Reinf. Wing at  
FLORENNES. 4th Div. Reinf. Wing will move to FLORENNES  
on 17th inst.

RAILHEAD. Will be at BEAUMONT on 13th inst.

MOB&VET. SECT. CORENNE.

SOCKS. Clean change may be obtained at SIVRY and FLORENNES  
during the move, on application to Town Major.

AUST. COMFORTS FUND. 59 Rue de la Gare, DINANT.

*A. D. Downes, Lt*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:-  
Same as for Bde. Order No. 243.



APP III

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## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 244.

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Headquarters,  
18/12/1918.

Ref. NAMUR. 1 : 100000

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by March route to BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX, tomorrow, in accordance with March Table overleaf.
2. Brigade Headquarters will close at SIVRY at 0900, and open at SILENRIEUX at same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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## M A R C H      T A B L E

to accompany 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 244 of 13/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 14th.	46th Battalion.	Shrine at 4.c.25.03.	0900.	SIVRY Sta. RENILIES - VERGNIES -	SILENRIEUX.	Midday halt will be made
2.	"	12th Field Amb.	"	0914.	ERPION.	"	from 1150
3.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	0921.	"	"	to 1300.
4.	"	12th Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0927.	"	"	
5.	"	12th A.I.T.M.B.	"	0930.	"	"	
6.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0932.	"	"	
7.	"	48th Battalion.	"	0936.	"	"	
8.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	"	1001.	"	BOUSSU lez WALCOURT.	
9.	"	45th Battalion.	"	1017.	"	"	



APP IV

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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 245.

Copy No. 23

Ref. NAMUR. 1 : 100000  
-----Headquarters,  
14/12/18.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to FLORENNES area tomorrow, 15th inst. in accordance with March Table overleaf.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at SILENRIEUX at 0900 and reopen at FLORENNES on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 1710...

Distribution same as Brigade Order No. 243.



# MARCH TABLE

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to accompany 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 245 of 14/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 15th.	46th Battalion.	Road & Rlwy Crossing, 4.F.00.72.	0915	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE - St. AUBIN.	FLORENNES.	Midday halt will be
2.	"	Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0931	"	"	made from
3.	"	12th A.I.T.M.E.	"	0935	"	"	1250 to
4.	"	12th Field Ambulance.	"	0940	"	"	1400.
5.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0949	"	"	
6.	"	48th Battalion.	"	1005	"	"	
7.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	1022.	"	"	
8.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	X Roads, 4.E.66.74.	1010	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE.	ST. AUBIN.	do.
9.	"	45th Battalion.	"	1031	"	"	

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12th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 246.

Copy No. 22Headquarters,  
15/12/18.

Ref. NAMUR, 1: 100000.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by March Route to the WAULSORT Sub-Area tomorrow, 16/12/18, in accordance with March Table Overleaf.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at FLORENNES at 0900, and re-open at WAULSORT on arrival.

3. On leaving main DINANT road, the 4th M.G. Bn. will come under their own orders for remainder of move to ANSERENNE, staging at WEILLEN area night of 16/17th insts.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. H. H. H.*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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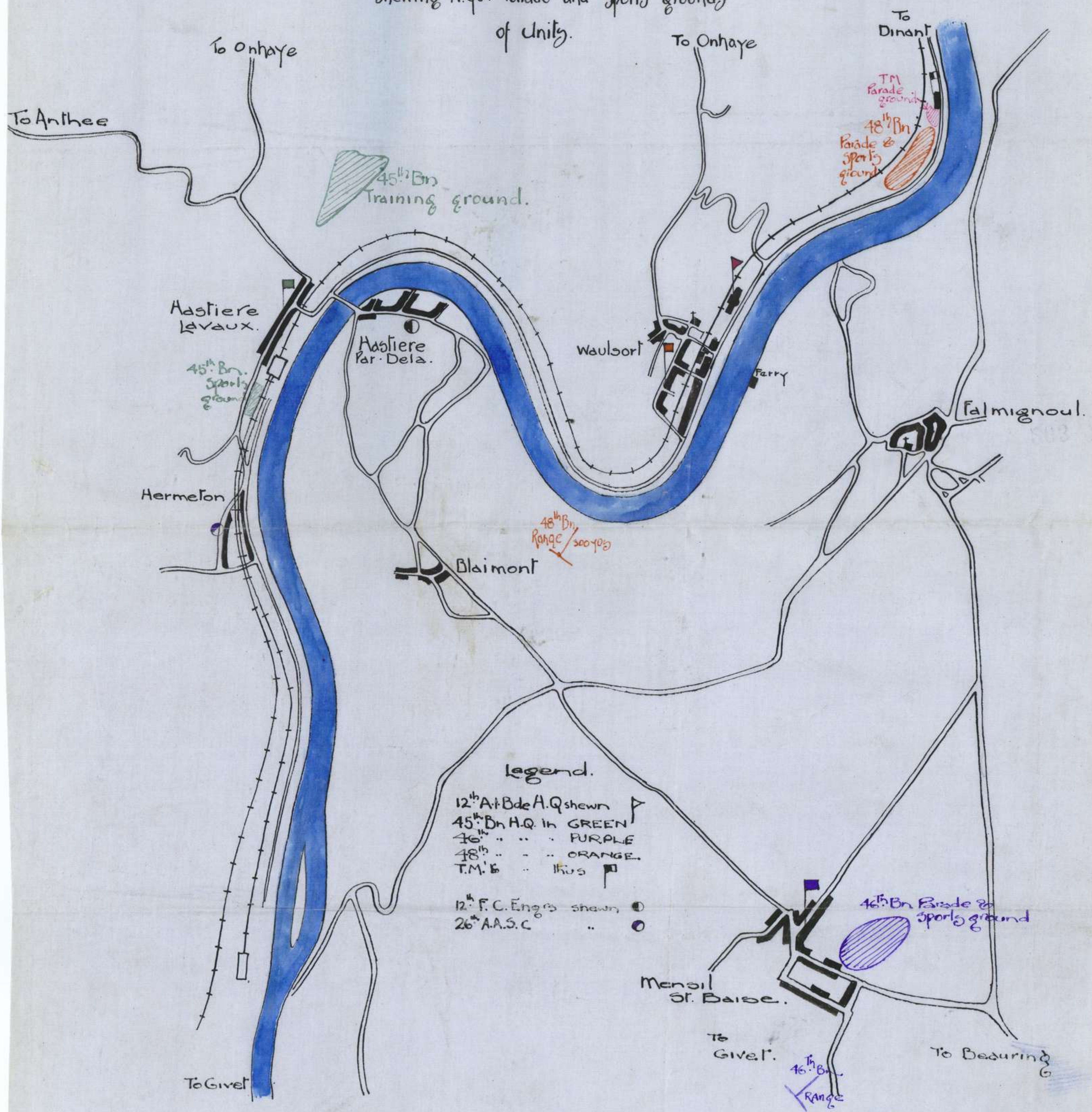
TO ACCOMPANY 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 24<sup>e</sup> of 15/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit,	Starting point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks
1.	Decr. 16th.	45th Battalion.	Road Jctn. 3.H.29.01.	0815.	ROSEE - ANTHEE, HASTIERE HASTIERE LAVAJX.	LAVAUX.	Midday halt, 1150
2.	"	Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0833.	"	WAULSORT,	tc 1300
3.	"	12th A.L.T.M.B.	"	0836.	"	Chateau, 4.K.86.72.	
4.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0841.	"	HASTIERE LAVAUX.	
5.	"	48th Battalion.	"	0900.	"	WAULSORT.	
6.	"	12th Field Ambulance.	"	0917.	"	"	
7.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	0926.	"	HASTIERE par DELA.	
8.	"	46th Battalion.	"	0937.	ROSEE - GOCHFENNE.	AGIMONT.	Midday halt 1250 to 1400
9.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	"	1004.	ROSEE - SERVILLE. WEILLEN.		Midday halt 1150 to 1300



APP VI

# Dispositiong 12<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. shewing H.Q.'s: Parade and sports grounds of Unity.



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APP VII

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----Headquarters,  
29/12/18.Headquarters,  
4th Australian Division.  
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Herewith Extracts from Syllabi of Training of Units  
of this Brigade, for fortnight ending 12/1/19.

Tuesday, 31/12/18. 45th Battalion. 0900 - 1200. Battalion Route March. Fighting order. Route - Hastiere - along 2nd class road to K.4.45.50. - junction of second class road with main road. Waulsort, Dinant, at 4.K.65.30. - Waulsort - Hastiere.

48th Battalion. 0900 - 1200. Route March. Fighting Order. S.P. - lock near "A" Coy. Billets. WAULSORT - HASTIERE LAVAUX - ONHAYE - WAULSORT. 1215. foot inspection.

Friday, 3/1/19. 46th Battalion. 0930 - 1230. Route March. Ref. Sheet, - NAMUR, 1/100000. S.P. - K.4.52.10. Route. 4.K.52.05. - 4.K.24.23. - 4.K.72.44. - 4.K.84.08 to billets.

Saturday, 4/1/19. 48th Battalion. Route March - Fighting Order - Starting Point. Lock near "A" Coy. Billets. WAULSORT. - HASTIERE LAVAUX - Y Road 4.J.90.66. - Y. Road 4.K.39.64. - WAULSORT 1130 - 1230. Cleaning ammunition & foot inspection.

Tuesday, 7/1/19. 45th Battalion. Battalion Route March - Fighting Order. (Route to be notified later).

46th Battalion. Route March. Ref. Sheet, NAMUR, 1/100000. S.P. - 5.K.69.99. Route. 5.K.69.99 - 5.L.07.86. - 4.L. 51.01. - through MESNIL, EGLISE and back along same road to billets.

48th Battalion. Route March. Fighting Order. S.P. YMCA, to Y. road 4.K.65.65. - 4.K.46.84. to cross roads 4.K.30.78, WAULSORT. 1215 Foot inspection.

Saturday, 11/1/19. 48th Battalion. Route March. Fighting Order. S.P. Lock near "A" Coy. Billets - HASTIERE LAVAUX - 4.J.90.66 - Y. road 4.J.98.65. - 4.K.33.65. - 4.K.40.64 - WAULSORT. 1215 Foot inspection.

H.Q.	
12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
No.	5114
Date	29/12/18

*S. L. Perry*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding, 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

45th Battalion.  
46th Battalion.  
48th Battalion.  
12th A.L.P.M.B.  
12th Bde. Sig. Sect.

APP VIII

H.Q.
12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. <i>1218</i>
Date <i>30/12/18</i>

Headquarters,  
30/12/18.

Alternative Instructions No. 2, for Medal Parade by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in case of wet weather on 31/12/18.

1. In case of wet weather on 31/12/18. Instructions as laid down in this office AS/2 of 28/12/18 will be cancelled and the following will be carried out in lieu.

2. All recipients as laid down in list of recipients previously issued will report to Staff Captain at Pierrot Hall, WAHLSORT, at 1030, 31/12/18. Dress. - Belt & sidearms over greatcoats.

3. All Officers of 48 Battalion <sup>12th A.L.P.M.B.</sup> who have not already been presented to H.R.H. will report at the Pierrot Hall at 1045, and will be presented by Commanding Officers. Dress. - Drill order.

4. H.R.H. will arrive at 1100.

5. All Battalions will have an Officer at the phone at 0750, 31/12/18, to receive word from this office that No. 1. or No. 2. Instructions will be carried out.

6. Instructions issued under this office No. AS/2 of 28/12/18 will be known as Instructions No. 1.

*A. L. Mackay*

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
27th December, 1918.

45th Batt.  
46th "  
48th "  
12th A.L.T.M.B.  
12th Sde. Sig. Sect.

H.Q.	
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY 00548F	
No.	4218
Date	28/12/18

1. A Parade for presentation of Medals by H.R.H. Prince of Wales will be held as under on Tuesday, 31st December.
2. 12th and 13th Brigade Groups at 4.K.21.98. on N. side of ANHAYE-DIHANT ROAD at 10.30. Brigadier General S.C.E. Herring, DSO., 13th A.I. Sde. in command.
3. (a) 12th A.I. Sde. Troops to attend in addition to recipients will be :-
 

45th Batt.	Strength.	500
46th " (with band)	"	500

 (b) Dress:- Fighting Order except for recipients who will wear belts and sidearms only.  
 (c) Greatcoats will be worn under equipment.  
 (d) Officers will be dressed the same as the men.
4. 2 Markers per Battalion (with parade states) and all recipients as per attached list will report to Staff Captain on the ground by 09.30. 31/12/18.
5. (a) Battalions will arrive on ground by 09.30  
 (b) Formation of parade will be notified to C.O. Battalions before marching on to ground.
6. 48th Battalion will detail 1 Bugler to report to Staff Captain on ground at 09.30.
7. C.O.C., 13th A.I. Brigade will give instructions as to nature of salute to be given.
8. After salute, if weather permits, a detailed inspection will be made prior to the presentation of the medals.
9. On the conclusion of the presentations Units will march past in column of route, 48th Band being formed up opposite his H.R.H. (who will take the salute) and will play the whole parade past.
10. All Officers who have not already been presented to H.R.H. will fall out on passing the saluting point and be introduced by the Battalion Commanders.
11. Units will ensure that all recipients as per attached list are on parade.
12. 48th Battalion recipients will report to Brigade Headquarters with rations and blankets on afternoon of 30/12/18, and be billeted for the night.

*Barby*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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LIST OF RECIPIENTS.

2992	Sgt. Williams	W.	45th Batt.	D.C.M.
2182	" Gosper	D.J.	" "	"
3008	Pte Oliver	W.	" "	"
4289	CWM Warfield	H.B.	46th "	"
3244	Pte Clunes	M	48th "	"
4145	Cpl. Wasley	H.J.	48th "	M.M.
3551	Sgt Jones	R.E.	45th "	M.M.
1990	" Cassell	G.W.	" "	"
3409	Pte Matthews	F.	" "	"
2971	Sgt. Lovett	G.	" "	"
4197	Pte Hall	J.	" "	"
1688	L/Cpl Schulz	W.B.	" "	"
4582	Cpl. McGrath	B.	" "	"
2772	Pte McBride	H.	" "	"
2941	" Harriott	W.	" "	"
1852	L/c Kammel	J.F.	" "	"
3589	Cpl. McLaren	A.F.	48th "	"
3520	Pte Cheeseman	E.S.	" "	"
1510	Dvr Smith	E.	" "	"
2564a.	L/c Stevenson	E.S.	" "	"
1357	Sgt. Rutherford	R.L.	" "	"
3298	Pte Wells	G.	" "	"
1938	" Doherty	E.	" "	"
2343	L/c Hildebrandt	C.R.	" "	"
1884	Pte Burden	L.H.G.	" "	"
2882	L/c Pickrill	J.E.	" "	"
4580	" Johnson	D.W.	" "	"
2208	Sgt Lawrence	J.C.	" " (now p/lieut)"	"
3323	" <del>XXXX</del>	<del>XXX</del>	" "	"
1685	" Kamprod	F.J.	48th "	"
1681	Cpl Jeffs	H.F.	" "	"
3373	Pte Gray	R.W.	" "	"
3295	Sgt Fitzgerald	G.	" "	"
3593	Pte Bainbridge	H.V.	" "	" A Bar.
4792	" Davis	J.P.	" "	"
4641	" King	C.A.	" "	"
2733	Cpl Millhouse	J.H.A.	" "	"
2815	Pte Roberts	B.H.R.	" "	"
3301	" Rickard	J.J.	" "	"
1952	L/c Lloyd	R.J.	" "	"
1717	Cpl Patterson	W.J.H.	" "	"
3090	" Chew	J.H.	" "	"
6887	Pte Penkilly	F.P.	" "	"
4590	" Carter	A.J.	" "	"
3682	" McConnell	H.J.	" "	"
4985	" McInerney	G.	" "	"
Lieut. R.J.	Mintey, MC		10th A.L.T.M.B.	"
4591	Cpl Sharp	A.T.	" "	"
3016	L/c Palmer	H.G.	" "	"
1350a	Pte Booth	D.W.	" "	"
3374	Spr Dean	C.J.	4th Aust. Sig. Coy. (attached 10th A.I. Bde)	" A Bar
2761	RQMS Mills	M.E.	10th Bde H.Q.	M.S.M.



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FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON 7/12/18.

45th Battalion.	35	687
46th Battalion.	44	672
48th Battalion.	47	826
12th A.L.T.M.B.	6	46

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132	2225.	
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OFFICERS WHO HAVE "JOINED" FOR WEEK ENDING 7/12/18.

Lieut. G. P. LEANE, MC., Bde. H. Qrs from 48th Bn. as "Staff Trainee" 3/12/18.  
 Lieut. W. J. BONE, 12th A.L.T.M.B. from Hospital, 6/12/18.  
 Major, N. M. LOUIT, DSO., 45th Bn. from Hospital, 1/12/18.  
 2/Lieut. D. J. BEGLEY, 45th Bn. from O.C.B. 1/12/18.  
 Capt. F. R. NORTH, MC., 46th Bn. from Sec. List, 30/11/18.  
 Lieut. W. H. KEOGH, MM., 46th Bn. from Hospital, 30/11/18.  
 Lieut. A. V. HATFIELD, 46th Bn. from Hospital, 30/11/18.  
 2/Lieut. J. R. HAIGH, 46th Bn. from Reinfects. 30/11/18.  
 Lieut. A. L. BACON, 46th Bn. from Sec. List, 1/12/18.  
 Lieut. C. M. PLEASANCE, 46th Bn. from Corps School, 1/12/18.  
 Lieut. E. A. CHARLTON, 46th Bn. from Hospital, 2/12/18.  
 Capt. W. CALDWELL, 48th Bn. from Corps School, 2/12/18.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE "GONE" FOR WEEK ENDING, 7/12/18.

Lieut. R. BOWDEN, MC., 45th Bn. To Australia, 3/12/18.  
 Lieut. A. V. PATERSON, MM., 46th Bn. to Hospital, 30/11/18.  
 Lieut. E. A. CHARLTON, 46th Bn. to Hospital, 30/11/18.  
 Lieut. A. V. HATFIELD, 46th Bn. 12th A.I. Bde. Canteen Officer, 2/12/18.  
 Lieut. C. W. STOERKEL, MC., 48th Bn. to Australia, 3/12/18.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 7/12/18.

45th Battalion.	10
46th Battalion.	9
48th Battalion.	16.
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TOTAL.	35.
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SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 7/12/18.

45th Battalion.	6
46th Battalion.	10
48th Battalion.	2.
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TOTAL.	18.
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REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 21/12/18.

45th Battalion.	1.
48th Battalion.	2.
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TOTAL.	3.
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SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 21/12/18.

45th Battalion.	1.
46th Battalion.	6.
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TOTAL.	7.
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FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON 31/12/18.

45th Battalion.	34	660
46th Battalion.	47	643
48th Battalion.	45	783
12th A.L.T.M.B.	6	46.
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	132	2134.
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OFFICERS WHO HAVE "JOINED" FOR WEEK ENDING 31/12/18.

Lieut. G. MCKENZIE 46th Bn. From Corps School 25/12/18.  
 2/Lieut. T. GIBSON, MM. 48th Bn. From O.C.B. 22/12/18.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE "GONE" FOR WEEK ENDING 31/12/18.

Major J. EDGKEY, DSO., 46th Bn. To Div. H.Qrs. 21/12/18.  
 Lieut. C. E. PALSTRA, 46th Bn. To Corps School, 27/12/18.  
 Lieut. J. J. MOLPHY, 46th Bn. On loan to 26th A.A.S.C. 27/12/18.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 31/12/18.

45th Battalion.	3.
46th Battalion.	9.
48th Battalion.	4.
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TOTAL.	16.
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SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 31/12/18.

46th Battalion.	7
48th Battalion.	2.
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TOTAL.	9.
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FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON 14/12/18.

45th Battalion.	34	665.
46th Battalion.	46	650.
48th Battalion.	46	785.
12th A.L.T.M.B.	6.	46.
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TOTAL.	132.	2146.
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OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED FOR WEEK ENDING 14/12/18.

Lieut. E. A. LEITH, DSO., 46th Bn. from Sec. List, 6/12/18.  
 Lieut. S. A. LATIMER, 46th Bn. do. 6/12/18.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE "GONE" FOR WEEK ENDING 14/12/18.

Lieut. W. R. WATSON, 45th Bn. to A.I.F., H. Qrs. 11/12/18.  
 Lieut. R. E. D. PALMER, 46th Bn. Died of Illness, 4/12/18.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FOR WEEK ENDING 14/12/18.

45th Battalion.	1.
46th Battalion.	1.
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TOTAL.	2.
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SICK EVACUATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 14/12/18.

45th Battalion.	3.
46th Battalion.	3.
48th Battalion.	6.
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TOTAL.	12.
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FIGHTING STRENGTH AS ON 21/12/18.

45th Battalion.	34.	658
46th Battalion.	47	643
48th Battalion.	45	783
12th A.L.T.M.B.	6	46.
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	132.	2130.
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OFFICERS WHO HAVE "JOINED" FOR WEEK ENDING 21/12/18.

Brig. Genl. R. L. LEANE, CMG., DSO., MC., resumed Command 16/12/18.  
 Lieut. G. K. HENDERSON, MM., Bde. H. Q. from 4th Aust. Div. H. Qrs. 16/12/18.  
 Lieut. W. HARDLEY, 45th Bn. from Hospital, 18/12/18.  
 Lieut. A. V. PATERSON, MM., 46th Bn. from Hospital, 12/12/18.  
 Lieut. E. L. EDDY, 46th Bn. from Sec. List, 19/12/18.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE "GONE" FOR WEEK ENDING 21/12/18.

Lieut-Colonel, J. L. WHITHAM, CMG., DSO., rejoined 49th Bn. 12/12/18.  
 Lieut. B. R. MOORE, 45th Bn. 75 days leave to U.K., 20/12/18.  
 Lieut. A. V. PATERSON, MM., 46th Bn. to H. Qrs. 4th Aust. Divn. 18/12/18.



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DISCIPLINE.

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During the month of December all crime within the Brigade shewed a marked decrease, the majority of F.G.C.M. cases tried, being cases which had been outstanding for some time.

At present the Brigade has a clean sheet, all cases having been disposed of. The majority of crime has been of a minor nature, nothing serious having had to be dealt with.

The discipline of the men is good, and being well situated and billeted as they are, everything points to a further decrease of offences; and the ensuing month should shew an even more satisfactory result than the final month of 1918.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APP XI

Headquarters,  
3rd December, 1918.

45th Battalion.  
46th       "  
48th       "  
12th Coy. Field Engineers.  
4th A.M.G. Battalion.  
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S A L V A G E.

1. Commencing tomorrow 3/12/18, all Units of the Brigade will carry out salvaging work in areas allotted, as per attached sketch.

2.

In clearing the Areas, Units will work from East to West, and so ensure careful clearance of all salvage matter, so that it will not be necessary to go over the ground again.

Two German Wagons per Battalion and Machine Gun Battalion, will be allotted for ~~xxx~~ transporting of Salvage to Brigade Dump; these to be drawn from Brigade Transport Officer tomorrow, if required.

1 NCO., and 5 Sappers of 12th Field Coy. Engineers will report to above-named Units by 9 am. tomorrow 3/12/18, for purposes of instruction and assistance.

3. -b- Ammunition.

All ammunition in serviceable condition and packed in its original packages (either as complete rounds or as components). will be collected, also equipment and clothing, petrol tins etc.. R.E. Stores, etc., both British and German.

-c- Grenades and Light T.M. Ammunition.

(1) Boxed will be collected in Dumps, and kept separate from general salvage Dumps.

(11) Unboxed will be collected into Dumps, and kept separate from general salvage Dump.

-d- Unexploded Shells - T.M. Bombs and Grenades.

These will carefully collected and dumped, and to be so marked that no accidents may occur.

-e- British and German Dead.

The position of any bodies found will be reported immediately to the Divisional Burial Officer concerned who will arrange burial.

-f- Dead Horses. - must be buried

-g- Wire Entanglements. - will be pulled up, pickets and wire being stacked in situ. Wire should be coiled up if in sufficiently good order.

-h- Timber.

The location of any dug-outs etc. requiring engineering supervision will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

-j- All Telephone Cable is being salvaged by signal service under separate instructions from Corps.

All dangerous ammunition, such as unexploded shells, unboxed grenades and Light T.M. Ammunition will be collected into Dumps to be destroyed, and this will be arranged by Brigade.

Disposal of all salvage will be arranged by Brigade.

Units will render to Brigade H.Q. weekly, a return shewing amount of Salvage cleared away during week, and amount still in Dumps.

Return required by 12 noon each Saturday.

Location of Brigade Salvage Dumps will be notified later.

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



Area Solved by 12<sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE.

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JARDINOTERIES



Bois  
de la  
Villotte

FELLES

M.G. Bn.

To  
PAMBOUSE



Engrs.

AVESNES

48<sup>th</sup> Bn

FLAUMONT

SUB-AREA

SEMEMIES

45<sup>th</sup> Bn.

To SAINTS-du-NORD.

46<sup>th</sup> Bn.

Scale 1/40000.



## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
29th December, 1918.

All Batts.  
12th A.L.T.M.B.  
12th Coy. Field Engineers.

S A L V A G E.

1. Salvage in this area will be carried out by Units as shewn on attached sketch "A". Units carting salvage to Brigade Salvage Dump which will be located at HASTIERE LAVAUX. Exact map location of dump will be wired to Units later.

2. Lieut. G.K. Coward, MC., DCM., 12th A.L.T.M.B. is appointed 12th Brigade Salvage Officer. He will have a permanent staff as under to work (in conjunction with Units) the various Brigade sub areas.

Viz:-

(a) 45th Battalion	1 NCO. and 7 men.
(b) 46th "	1 " " 7 "
(c) 12th A.L.T.M.B.	1 " " 7 "

(a) To work with 45th Battalion in (1st) sub area.
(b) To work with 46th " " (2nd) " "
(c) To work with 48th " " (3rd) " "

3. Nominal rolls of above personnel will be submitted to this Office by noon, 30/12/18. Copy will also be sent to Brigade Salvage Officer.

4. Units will be responsible for salvage of their own areas, the above personnel being appointed to assist by locating, collecting, and loading etc. of salvage.

5. Special attention will be paid to Corps Circular (2) attached.

6. Returns of actual salvage returned to Brigade Dump in accordance with receipts obtained from dump NCO, will be forwarded to Brigade Salvage Officer by each Tuesday and will include salvage up to, and including each Monday.

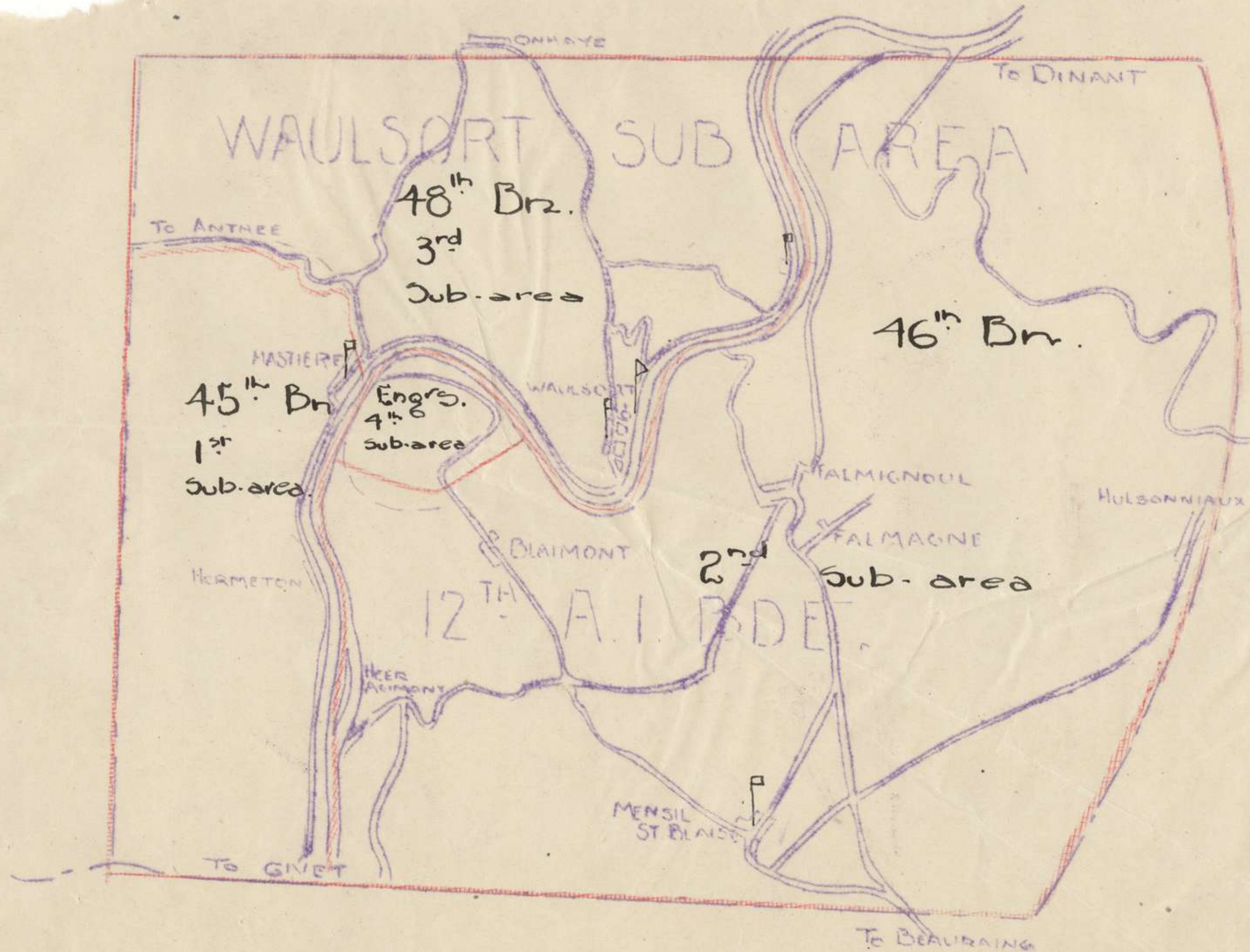
7. Any aeroplanes in Units areas will be wired to Brigade Salvage Officer. They will then come under R.A.F. and will not be treated by Units as salvage.

8. For the time being ammunition will not be salvaged.

9. Brigade Salvage Officer will arrange for a small guard to be placed on Brigade Salvage Dump. This will be found by personnel as mentioned in para. 2.

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.





Area boundaries in red.



A 203  
Narrative of Salvage Operations carried out by the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade in the AVESNELLES Area, for period ending 13/12/18, and WAULSORT Area, for period ending 31/12/18.

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After the 4th Australian Division came into the Area, a great deal of Salvage matter was noticed, consequently this Brigade received Orders that we would be responsible for our Area.

The AVESNELLES Area was split up among the units of this Brigade, (as per attached Sketch), and the work of salvaging commenced.

Each Unit had at least a Platoon, of not less than 30 in strength, under an Officer.

The Salvage returns from Units contained some valuable material (see SALVAGE RETURN attached), and for the short time we were in this Area and the size of each sub-area, this was creditable work for 30 men, working under adverse conditions.

In the sub-area allotted to the 12th Field Company Aust. Engineers was a Hun train which he had blown up on evacuating, and there was a great deal of damaged ammunition lying about. It was advisable to have experts to examine this material before handling.

Corps Headquarters were asked to send an Artillery expert down, and an Officer from the Corps Laboratories who reported to the Brigade Headquarters was taken to the train.

His opinion was that the Area in the immediate vicinity of the train was dangerous owing to the amount of badly damaged shells lying about and some Hun 8" inch shells, would require very little handling to send them off.

The Brigade did not stay in the Area long enough to complete the clearing up of this particular sub-area, but some valuable Flash reducing composition was taken from it, and a great deal of the "Safe" ammunition had been stacked up well away from the train debris.

In the sub-area of FELLERIES, valuable salvage in Hides, was located, and Division were asked for Transport to move this stuff, but this Brigade moved before it was completed.

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The Division moved to the MEUSE AREA and this Brigade was situated in WAULSORT Sub-Area, and salvaging operations were again organised.

Orders and Maps of Areas (as per attached order & map) allotted were sent out to units and work has now commenced.

A great deal of the material in this area is "CEDED", but there still remains a fair amount of work.

An Officer of the Brigade and 3 N.C.Os. and 20 Other Ranks were detailed as a Brigade Salvage Company.

This Company is split up among the Units and they are responsible for locating, reporting, and loading of all salvage material in their area.

*J. P. Lane*  
Lieut,  
Brigade Salvage Officer.