

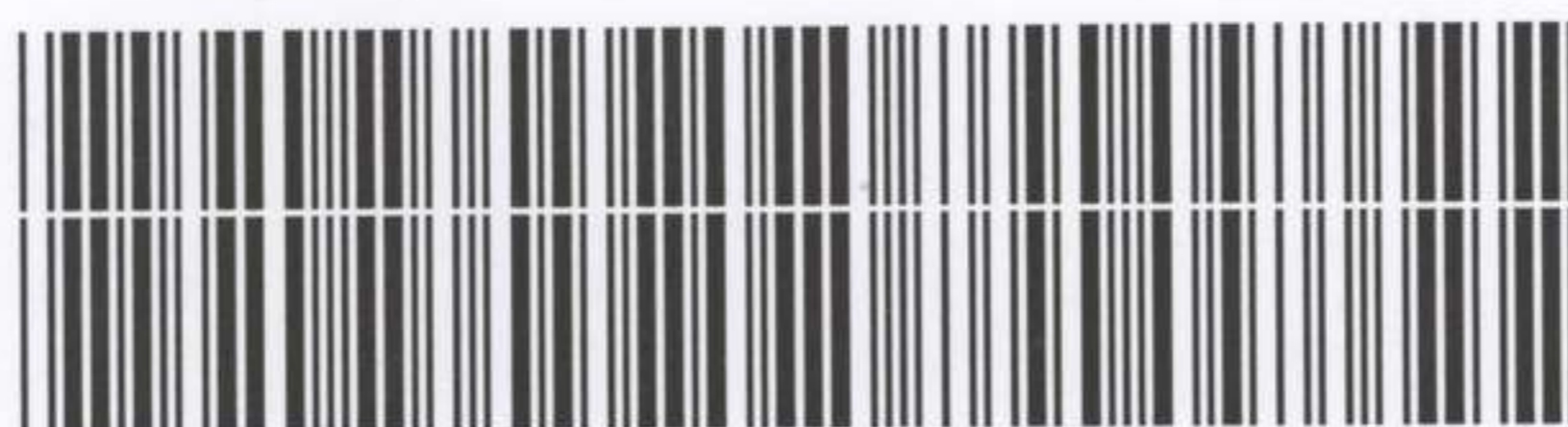
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/52/7

Title: 35th Infantry Battalion

January 1918



AWM4-23/52/7

CONFIDENTIAL.

ORIGINAL.
~~DUPLICATE.~~
~~TRIPLICATE.~~

Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

35th Bn A.I.F.



FOR

January 1918

Signature of Officer compiling *H. A. Bunting*

Signature of Officer Commanding *Col. [Signature]* Major
Commanding 35th Bn A.I.F.

35th Battalion AIF. War Diary for Month of January 1918. 1

- 1.1.18. The battalion moved out to Waterlands Camp from the Subsidiary Line L'ÉPINEIRE and SQUARE FARM Sectors, being relieved by the 2/1st Kings Own Liverpool Regiment, at 7 pm. The battalion rested the night at Waterlands Camp.
- 2.1.18. The battalion left camp at 8 am and proceeded by busses for the VIEUX-BLÉQUIN. Debussed at OUTIERSTEENE and occupied billets - which were very scattered - but comfortable.
- 3.1.18. Company Parades were held. Men making billets comfortable and cleaning equipment.
- 4.1.18. Weather very cold. A number of men spent time in skating on frozen ponds in vicinity of farmhouses.
- 5.1.18. Training not commenced. Men cleaning up billets and most of officers taken up hockey as an exercise and pastime.
- 6.1.18. Weather very cold. No church parades held owing to absence of Padre in hospital.
- 7.1.18. Companies started training independently owing to scattered billets. 5 hours training a day carried out. 3rd Reinforcements arrived - very good men - well trained.
- 8.1.18. The large allotment of leave - 30 days and 30 men per week proceeding to England - greatly appreciated by men of Battalion. This allotment commenced on 1.1.18.
- 9.1.18. Inter Coy Sports. Soccer & Rugby Football matches in afternoon.
- 10.1.18. Training as per Syllabus carried out. The ^{excellent} discipline of the Battalion commended on by Outside Officers. A notable difference in the discipline of the Bn. is very evident.
- 11.1.18. Weather very cold - Several falls of snow making the roads very bad for marching. Training carried on.
- 12.1.18. Training carried out in morning - Inter Coy football in the afternoon.
- 13.1.18. Church Parade held at METEREN at 9.30 am.
- 14.1.18. The weather warm for time of year - but foggy and slightly cool.
- 15.1.18. Billets are very comfortable now. From the Reg. Funds are provided straw and necessaries for the men.
- 16.1.18. Training all the morning - Inter Coy football in the afternoon.
- 17.1.18. The men are becoming very fit and contented. The sick parade is practically nil - only few men with colds attending.
- 18.1.18. The weather is still good.
- 19.1.18. Training in morning. The 33rd Bn won by 9 to Nil in a Union match against 35th Battalion.
- 20.1.18. Owing to absence of Padre church parade was not held.
- 21.1.18. Demonstration "Platoon on the Attack on strong Point". Carried out very satisfactorily by one of our Platoons.
- 22.1.18. Training as per Syllabus.

147

35TH Battalion AIF. War diary for January 1918 (Contd).

23.1.18. Training carried on in morning. Inter Coy Football matches in afternoon.
H.A.B.

24.1.18. Afternoon, Route march through DUTTERSTEENE - CLAPBANK - METEREN -
H.A.B. The Battalion marched past the G.O.C. A.I.F. Bde who highly complimented the battalion on its appearances.

25.1.18. Training carried on as per Syllabus.
H.A.B.

26.1.18. In the afternoon won 6 to nil in Soccer match played against Div HQ's.
H.A.B. Beat 9th Bde HQ's Officers - 3 points to nil - in officers Hockey match - closely contested game of Union against 4th M.G. Coy which resulted in a draw.

27.1.18. Church Parade held in Farmhouse at. BHQ.
H.A.B.

28.1.18. In the afternoon a demonstration "Platoon in the attack on Strong
H.A.B. Point" by a platoon of the Battalion. It was very interesting and was carried out splendidly. It showed the use of smoke grenades, rifle grenades, and the cover that can be given by a Lewis Gun. Other points were very clearly demonstrated.

100 Reinforcements arrived. It was one of the best batches of men received both numerically and physically. They stated that they had been recruited by the Sportsmen's Union. We are hoping for valuable assistance to our Sports Teams.

29.1.18. Had a practical route march. The appearance and bearing
H.A.B. of the men were excellent.

30.1.18. Day was principally spent in cleaning up billets and preparing
H.A.B. for route march the following day.

31.1.18. Billets were taken over by 4th Battalion AIF. The battalion
H.A.B. marched past General Birdwood at. BAILLEUL at 12.30pm. The battalion turned out well the only fault found was the absence of chin straps on a few men. The day was very cold. The battalion proceeded to KORTEPYP Area and occupied huts.

A. B. Bluenow Major.

Commanding 35TH Battalion AIF.

147

18,000-12/17-8723

WAR DIARY

OF

35th Bⁿ, A.I.F.

FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
I	Preliminary Instructions for Relief for 1st Jan. 1918. ✓
II	Operation Order for move to METEREN (Vieux Bléquin) on 2.1.18.
III	Operation Order for move to KORTE PYP area on 31.1.18 ✓
IV	Training Syllabus. ✓

THIRTY FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELIEF *Appendix*

No. 1.

Battalion Headquarters,
31.12.17.

-
- INTENTION: 1. The 35th. Battalion AIF will be relieved on night 1/2nd. January 1918. by "C" Battalion, 171st Infantry Brigade. On relief the Battalion will move to Waterlands Camp via ERQUINGHEM.
- GUM BOOTS: 2. All Gum Boots are to be returned to SQUARE FARM and TISSAGE DUMPS and receipts obtained in duplicate. All boots not at present in use to be returned immediately.
- HOT FOOD CONTAINERS: 3. All Petrol Hot Food Containers on charge are to be returned to TISSAGE DUMP by 12 Noon, 1.1.18.
- TRENCH STORES: 4. Usual procedure -- Receipts in duplicate to Battalion Headquarters within 24 hours of Relief.
- SANITATION. 5. Trenches, Cookhouses and Latrines must be left scrupulously clean.
- EQUIPMENT: 6. Every opportunity to be taken by men to clean equipment etc.
- CANTEEN 7. The Regimental Canteen will close at 12 Noon on the 1st Proximo.
- RUM: 8. There will be no issue of rum in the trenches on night 1/2.1.18., but will be issued on arrival at Waterlands Camp.
- BAGGAGE ETC. 9. All valises, Cookhouse Gear etc to be dumped at SQUARE FARM and TISSAGE DUMPS by 3.p.m, 1st Proximo.
- SHOVELS: 10. "A" Company will salve 25 shovels, to be dumped at SQUARE FARM by 3.p.m to-day the 31st instant, where they will be picked up by Transport and delivered to eq.M. to-night.
These are required to complete Mob. Stores.
- RELIEF ORDER. 11. Relief Order will follow at first opportunity.

Sgd. J.G.PATERSON. Captain.
A/ADJUTANT 35th. BATTALION. AIF.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

- 1. ✓ COPY No. 1 C.O. 35th. Bn. AIF.
- 2. O.C. "A" Company: By Runner:
- 3. " B " " "
- 4. " C " " "
- 5. " D " " "
- 6. FILE.
- 7. Quartermaster: By Runner:
- 8. Transport Officer: "
- 9. Medical Officer.

All copies not at present in use to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

All copies of the Station Log to be returned to the Officer in Charge of the Station.

THIRTY-FIFTH BATTALION, A.I.F.

Copy No. 1...

OPERATION ORDER No. 55:

Reference Maps,

Sheet 27. - 1/40,000:
 " 36A - 1/40,000:
 " 36. - 1/40,000.

Battalion Headquarters,
 1st January, 1918.

1. INTENTION: The 35th Battalion, A.I.F. will move to METEREN Area by Bus on 2/1/1918.
2. INSTRUCTIONS: (a) Battalion will embuss at B.14.d.400 at 7/45 A.M. in the following order:-
 Hqrs. and Q.M. Details:
 A, B, C, D. Companies:
 A.M.C. Details.
- (b) Assembly. The Battalion will assemble in Full M Marching Order (Packs and Blankets) on Bn. Parade ~~XXXX~~ Ground at 7/20 A.M.
- (c) Embussing Officer. Major W.V.J. BLAKE. He will arrange to embuss half of the 9th A.M.G. Coy. with the 35th Bn. A.I.F.
- (d) Baggage. All baggage, including Officer's kits, to be dumped on the Road at 7 A.M.
- (e) Loading Parties of 1 man per Company will report to Quartermaster at 7/15 A.M.
- (f) Quartermaster will arrange for Guide to meet motor baggage lorries at embussing point (B.14.d.400) at 7/45 A.M.
3. TRANSPORT: Transport will be Brigaded and march under orders of Brigade Transport Officer, passing starting point at DE SEULE, Sheet 36 N.W., B.1. Central at 10/30 AM on 2nd January, in the following order:
 34th Battalion:
 36th Battalion:
 33rd Battalion:
 35th Battalion:
 9th A.M.G. Company.
4. REPORTS: To Head of Column on completion of embussing.

(sgd) J.G. PATERSON, Captain,
 a/Adjutant, 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1 ✓ C.O. 35th Bn.
 2 File.
 3 Brigade Headquarters.
 4 "A" Coy.
 5 "B" "
 6 "C" "
 7 "D" "
 8 Quartermaster.
 9 Transport Officer.
 10 Major W.V.J.

W. BLAKE

35TH Battalion AIF. Operation Order No 57.

Reference Maps: Sheet 27 SE. 1/20,000

" 28 SW. "

" 36 NE. "

" 36 NW. "

Battalion Headquarters.

28.1.18.

INTENTIONS.

1. (a).

The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde will move to KORTEPYP Area, and will become the reserve Brigade to the Right Division and will provide nucleus garrisons for the Corps Zone.

(b).

The 35th Battalion AIF on arrival at KORTEPYP will take over billets now occupied by the 19th Battalion AIF; together with all defence schemes, works parties, maps etc.

INSTRUCTIONS. 2 (c).

Assembly:

The Battalion will assemble in 'column of route' on road opposite LAUNDRY (Det.) at F. 8. a. 85.35.

(d). Time: 10.30 a.m. on 31.1.18.(e). Order of March:

Band, Bn HQ, A.B.C. Coy., Div^l Ptn, AMC Details, Transport.

(f). Starting Point. Junction Roads - S. 4. c. 25.10.(g). Route:

OUTTERSTEENE - BAILLEUL - DE SEULE - KORTEPYP.

(h). Precautions:

The following distances will be maintained on the march:

Between Companies: 100. Yards.

" Transport: 100 "

" Battalions: 300. "

Units will march in "threes."

(i). Baggage

Baggage will be stacked on roads opposite Bn HQ and Coy HQs.

(j). Billeting Party.

Billeting party of 1 NCO from each Company will report to Major BLAKE at first halt after BAILLEUL.

REPORTS. 3.

Reports to Bn. HQs until 10.30 am, then to head of column.

H. Bunter Lieut.
A/ADJUTANT 35TH Battalion AIF

Distribution:

- Copy No 1. File.
- 2. O.C. "A" Coy. By Runner.
- 3. " " B "
- 4. " " C "
- 5. " " D "
- 6. Q.M. A.I. Bde.
- 7. T.O.
- 8. Q.M.
- 9. M.O.
- 10. O.C. Div^l Pln.
- 11. Commanding Officer.
- 12. War Diary

147

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK COMMENCING 21. 1. 18. 35th. BATTALION. AIF.

APPENDIX A

MONDAY: 21. 1. 18:

9: am to 9:30: am:	COMPANY DRILL:
9:30: am to 10: am:	ORGANISED GAMES:
10: am to 10:30: am:	BAYONET FIGHTING.
10:30: am to 10:45: am:	REST:
10:45: am to 12: Noon:	PLATOON IN ATTACK ON STRONG POINT:
1:30: pm to 3:30: pm:	" " " DEMONSTRATION: (To whole Bn.)

TUESDAY: 22. 1. 18:

9: am to 12: Noon:	INSPECTION BY COMPANY COMMANDERS:
AFTERNOON:	TRAINING UNDER SPECIALISTS. (WIRING, MUSKETRY LEWIS GUN, BOMBING):

WEDNESDAY: 23. 1. 18:

9: am to 9:30: am:	COMPANY - CEREMONIAL:
9:30: am to 10:30: am:	LECTURE; GAS BY BDE. GAS OFFICER. A & B COYS.
" " "	PLATOON TRAINING: C & D COYS:
10:45: am to 11:45: AM:	LECTURE; GAS BY BDE. GAS OFFICER. C & D COYS:
" " "	PLATOON TRAINING: A & B COYS:
AFTERNOON:	INTER COY AND INTER BATTALION SPORTS:

THURSDAY: 24. 1. 18:

9: am to 9:30: am:	COMPANY DRILL:
9:30: am to 10:30: am:	OUTPOSTS.
10:30: am to 10:45: am:	REST:
11: am:	LUNCH:
12: Noon to 3:30: pm:	ROUTE MARCH:

FRI DAY: 25. 1. 18:

9: am to 9:30: am:	COMPANY DRILL:
9:30: am to 10: am:	BAYONET FIGHTING:
10: am to 10:30: am:	ORGANISED GAMES:
10:30: am to 10:45: am:	REST:
10:45: am to 12: Noon:	SCOUTING AND PATROLLING:
AFTERNOON:	RANGE PRACTICES. BOMBING AND LEWIS GUN:

SATURDAY: 26. 1. 18:

9: am to 9:30: am:	COMPANY CEREMONIAL:
9:30: am. to 12: Noon:	PLATOON TRAINING:
AFTERNOON:	INTER COY AND BATTALION SPORTS, for Officers, NCOs and Men:

Engineer's Pl

Ten Hats

Left to handle

ammunition

Spent Material to be returned to 2nd Lt

Photo

Note; Company Commanders will report to Battalion Headquarters daily at 4. pm to discuss the following days work:

M. J. Zumbrell
..... 2/Lieut & A/Adj
For C.O. 35th. Bn. AIF.

Syllabus of Training for week commencing 7.1.18. 35th Battalion. A.I.F.

147

IV

Day + Date.	Time	Subject	Remarks	
<u>MONDAY</u>	7	6 am to 10 am	Squad Drill under Section Commanders.	
		10 am to 10.30 am	Organised Games.	
		10.30 am to 10.45 am	Rest.	
		10.45 am to 12 Noon	Specialist Training: Lewis Gun, Wiring, Mustering, Bayonet Fighting.	By Platoons.
		1.30 pm to 2.15 pm	Platoon Drill.	
		2.15 pm to 2.30 pm	Organised Games.	
		2.30 pm to 3 pm	File Exercises.	
	3.0 pm to 3.30 pm	Platoon Drill.		
<u>TUESDAY</u>	8	9 am to 9.30 am	Ceremonial Drill.	By Companies.
		9.30 am to 10 am	Platoon Drill.	
		10 am to 10.30 am	Organised Games.	
		10.30 am to 10.45 am	Rest.	
		10.45 am to 12 Noon	Specialist Training: Lewis Gun, Wiring, Mustering, Bayonet Fighting.	By Platoons.
		1.30 pm to 2 pm	Platoon Drill.	
		2 pm to 2.30 pm	Company Drill.	
	2.30 pm to 3 pm	Gas Instructions		
	3 pm to 3.30 pm	Games.		
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9	9.0 am to 12 Noon.	Same as Tuesday. 8.1.18.	
	Afternoon	Half Holiday - Inter Coy Games for all Officers / NCOs and Men.		

Appendix 4.

10

Syllabus of Training - Continued.

Day + Date	Time	Subject	Remarks
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	10	8am to 12 Noon. Same as for Tuesday 8.1.18.	
		1.30pm to 2.30pm. Specialist Training	
		2.30pm to 3pm. Games.	
		3pm to 3.30pm. Gas Instruction.	
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	11.	8am to 9.30am. Company Cerimonial Drill.	
		9.30am to 10am. Organised Games.	
		10am to 12 Noon Coy. Route March.	Strict attention to March Discipline.
		1.30pm to 3.30pm. Specialist Training.	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	12.	9am to 9.30am Coy. Cerimonial Drill.	
		9.30am to 10am Organised Games.	
		10am to 12 Noon Platoon in the attack.	
		1.30pm to 3.30pm Outpost duty by Companies.	

Specialist Training: Classes will be formed for Stretcher Bearers and Sanitary Men under the P.M.O.

Topography Classes: 3.30pm to 4.30pm ^{for NCOs} daily for all Senior Officers and NCOs
 Chief Instructor: - Major ^{Officers} H. V. CARR.

Scouts Snipers + Observers: Special class will be formed under the Battalion Intelligence Officer.

All training in close vicinity of Villages.

[Signature]
 at 10.30pm

Appendix 7

will 35th Battalion. II. Syllabus of Training for Week Commencing 28/18

147

Day & Date.	Time		Subject.	Remarks.
	From	To		
MONDAY. 29	9am	10am	Company Drill & Inspection.	
	10am	10.30am	Organised Games.	
	10.30am	11.15am	Rest.	
	11.15am	12. Noon	Specialist Training.	
	1.30pm	3.30pm.	Specialist Training.	
TUESDAY. 30			Route March.	
WEDNESDAY 31	9am	9.30am	Company Ceremonial.	
	9.30am	9.45am	Lecture Gas.	
	9.45am	10am	Gas Drill	
	10am	10.30am	Bayonet Fighting.	
	10.30am	10.45am	Rest.	
	10.45am	12 Noon	Specialist Training	
THURSDAY. 1	Afternoon.		Demonstration Platoon in the Offensive.	
			Route March.	

Appendix 4.

H. B. Buntine Lieut.
Adj. 35th Bn. AIF

12