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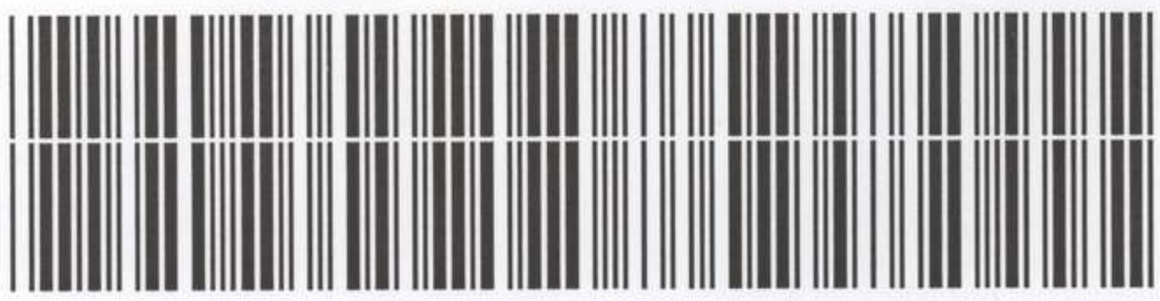

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OF

24th Bn. A.I.F.

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Signature of Officer Commanding M. R. James Lt. Col. C.O. 24 Bn. A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	62 E. Amiens 1:100,000. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
La Chaussée	November 1.		9 – 10.30 a.m. B Coy. practised over the Bullet & Bayonet Course on Big Range 10.30 – 12 noon C Coy do. This practice evolved by the Rifle Association of Great Britain is one of the best forms of training known. It is a Platoon competition and involves bayonet work on dummies with discs, which aims at accuracy in bayonet work, and shooting at two ranges both snapping and rapid fire by sections with rifle and L. G. It gives opportunities for fire control and control of men by the Platoon Commander. The practice itself is most popular with the men who are keenly interested in the assault, and this fact, together with the active practice with the bayonet and rifle makes it invaluable. 9 – 12 noon. A & D Coy carried on usual Syllabus – Drill, Musketry, Bayonet Fighting, Bombing, Gas Training and L. G. 11 – 12 noon. Scout, Sniper, Observer under the I.O. also practised field work. Signallers reported to Sig. Office for training. Afternoon Recreative Training Football and training for Sports. Taken on Strength Pvt. B. Bessemere. Evacuated to Hospital. Pvt. R. A. Gibson.	No. 1. Red & White Damed No 3. No. 2. Rules for Platoon Competition No. 3. Syllabus for 3.11.18.

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La Chaussée	2.		9 a.m. Bn. Parade on Parade Ground. Rain began to fall and the Bn. marched to Y.M.C.A. Marquee where the Band played selections and an impromptu concert was held. In order to round up alleged absentees from Units a search was instituted in the whole Brig. District. In accordance with secret operation order parties under Officers were despatched from the Bn. to search the surrounding country and woods. La Chaussée and Tincourt were also thoroughly searched but in our area none was caught. In the afternoon the 22nd Bn. marched over from St. Vaast to witness the football match between the teams of the two Bns. Luckily the weather cleared up and the match was played in fine weather and after an interesting game 24th Bn. won by 9 goals 12 to 6 goals 3. Pte. Collins wounded. The following decorations have been awarded for gallantry in action:- Bar to M.M. 5151 Pte. L. Herman M.M.; 41545 L/Cpl. F.M. Walker M.M.; 1680 Pte. J.W. Cotter M.M. M.M. 21/726 Pte. W.M. Spong; 21/965 Pte. F. Scott; 21/156 C.S.M. J.W. Irwin; 21/707 Pte. S.E. Dobson; 21/6840 Pte. R.T. Knight; 21/615 Sgt. V.J. Edwards; 21/5460 Pte. A.R. Bees; 21/863 Pte. F.V. Parker; 21/1581 L/Cpl. H.C. Finnis; 21/6825 Pte. S.J. Harlem; 21/2015 Cpl. C.W. Wilson; 21/2266 Pte. J. Spragg (21st Bn.) Reprinted since. Pte. C. McLean 2/Lt. M.C. Bourodine M.M.; 2/Lt. E.S. Robertson.	

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do.			M.M. 1798 Pte. J. Madden 3956a Sgt. D.W. Nutherdon. 6390 Pte. C.S. Stinchcombe 2192 Rifle. M. Jackson 6303 Pte. M.L. Dawson 5139 Rifle. J.W. Cook 5163 Pte. J.E. Mounsey 2153 Pte. F.H. Hamilton. 1544 " J. McCrory 2186 Sgt. E.W. Johnson. 99 Pte. W.A. Richards 6405 Pte. B. Tuckett 3755 Pte. J.P. Ashley 4304 Pte. E.A. Cooper 4675 Pte. D. Clarke.	
			At night the Y.M.C.A. have provided a cinema show in their big marquee. The picture will run for a week with a change of program on the 5th inst. The shows were much appreciated, and filled a gap left on account of the lack of a hall in which to hold concerts.	
do.	3		Bn. Church Parade 10.45 a.m. on Parade Ground. Chaplain S.L. Buckley officiated. R.C. Mass 11 a.m. in Parish Church. Chaplain T.A. Campbell officiated. Lt. A.H. Strachan returned from Oxford where he has attended Education Conference. Capt. F.J. Sellick rejoined Unit as Adjt. after having been several months on Base. H.Q. Lt. A.L. Middleton joined Bde. H.Q.	

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La Chaussée	4	9-12 noon.	A Coy. Musketry on Bde Range. B. C & D Coy. Training as per Syllabus, including Hand Bombing, Gas Drill, Assault Training, Tactical Scheme & Miniature Range. Signallers reported to Lieut. S. S. Thompson for training. Scouts, Snipers & Observers under Lieut. Hy. Cunningham spent the first half of the morning on theory of map reading and observation and the second half in practical work. Football Matches and games were indulged in in the afternoon. The weather today was most perfect, the air was crisp and cool, the sun shone brightly and the observation was magnificent. The Spire of Amiens Cathedral and most of the villages in the Somme valley could be plainly seen. Lt. Col. W. P. Jones D.S.O. proceeded on English leave. Capt. A. R. MacNeil M.C. assumed command of Bn.	No. 4 Syllabus attached.
α	5.		Owing to rain men paraded in billets. The Adjutant and Coy. Commanders proceeded to Vignacourt to attend a Lecture and Conference by Staff Officers of G.H.Q. in connection with Organization of the Army & its Training	

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La Chaussée	6.		Rain again affected Parades, men stayed in billets and listened to short Lectures by Platoon Officers. L.G. Classes under Lieut. A.E. Reilly M.M. attended Lectures. B.C.'s Coys. & a selection of Officers rode to St. Vaast to attend an interesting and valuable Lecture on 'Tank Tactics'. Major W.E. Ellwood M.C. returned from School & assumed command of Bn.	
do.	7		Parades in Billets. B.C.'s Coys. & representative Officers rode to 22nd Bn. H.Q. St Vaast to attend a Lecture on Machine Gun Tactics. B Coy. supplied a Fatigue Party of 1 Off. & 8 o/rs to work at Div. Rest, Tiranccourt. Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. evacuated to Hospital.	
do.	8.		After an early lunch the Bn. & Band formed up on Road outside La Chaussée and proceeded to St Vaast to attend the Brigade Gymkana, which commenced at 1 P.M. Until the rain commenced the proceedings were very interesting. During the first part of the program the 24th Bn's hopes were high as we won the prize for best turned out Limber & gun animals won the 3 furlong Sprint and the Mule Race. A good day's sport was undoubtedly spoiled by the weather.	

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La Chaussée	9.	.	B. Coy. held eliminating contest to select Platoon to represent the Coy. in the Bn. Platoon Assault Competition. No. 5 Pn. Pte. A. Shute M.C. won. A. C & D Coys. washed equipment & applied khaki blanco. 11 a.m. Rev. A. H. Strangman Bn. Education Officer lectured to all Officers in the School; the subject being the Education Scheme of the A.I.F. The lecture was highly instructive and must prove of great value to Officers in assisting the scheme to their utmost. The day was another most beautiful one – crisp air & bright sun. Bn. Football Team practised. Harrison did a fine mile run. 2/Lt. J. J. Francis evacuated to Hospital.	
do	10		10.30 a.m. Church Parade in Y.M.C.A. marquee. Chaplain Buckley officiated. 9 a.m. Mass. Roman Catholic Parish Church. Chaplain Campbell officiated. Day fine & sunny. Afternoon spent in long walks to neighbouring villages. Excitement is high as to when the German Reply to our Armistice conditions will be. – Most think the war will be over before Xmas. Lt. J. A. Stanton surrendered to Corps Gas School.	

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La Chaussée.	11		9 a.m. C & D Coys carried out eliminating contests for Bullet & Bayonet championship. Results. C. No. 10 Pn. Pte. B. Bessemer. D. No. 15 Pn. Sgt. Calvin M.M. About 10.30 a.m. a message was received stating that all hostilities were to cease at 11 a.m. and that German had accepted our terms. The news of the end of the war reached us in the little village of La Chaussée on a beautiful day. All parades were immediately cancelled and every one came to the centre of the village where at 11 a.m. the Band played the Marseillaise & God Save the King while all the soldiers stood to attention and the civilians bared their heads. Immediately flags began to appear in every house and every one proceeded to celebrate this day of days. The Bn. then finished a Souvenir suitable to the occasion. At the request of Div. in the afternoon the Band paraded by lorry to Amiens and paraded through the streets followed by a large crowd of delighted & excited French people, who greatly appreciated the compliment and could not do enough for our boys. Returned from Corps school. Lt. H. N. Bleadon, Lt. W. Silverlock.	No. 5. Bn. Souvenir Fête de la Victoire

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La Chaussée	12		10 a.m. The Bn. attended a lecture by Lt. A.H. Stranaghan, Bn. Education Officer, in the Y.M.C.A. Marquee on the Education Scheme. The remarks of Lt. Stranaghan were closely followed and the men evinced much interest in the Scheme. During the morning the Bn. Championship in the Bullet and Bayonet Competition eventuated. The following team competed: A Coy. No. 3 Platoon Lieut. Boyd. B " " 5 " Lieut. Stivens M.C. C " " 10 " Lieut. Bessemere D " " 15 " Lieut. Calvin M.M. after a good and interesting contest No. 10 Platoon were the winners. The Brigadier was present and was greatly interested in the competition. at 7 p.m. Bn. Sport Officer met to arrange details of Bn. Sports to be held at an early date.	
do.	13		10 a.m. The Bn. attended at Y.M.C.A. Marquee when Lieut. A.H. Stranaghan	

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La Chaussée.			continued his Lecture on the Education Scheme of the A.I.F.	
			The day was one of triumph for the 24th Bn. as we succeeded in pulling of two important events.	
			In the morning the Bde. Bullet and Bayonet Competition took place in the presence of many representative Officers including Brig. Gen. J.C. Robertson C.M.G. D.S.O and the 22nd & 23rd Bns. Teams from each Bn. in the Bde. Competed and the result, contributed mainly by the splendid score with the Lewis Gun, was as easy win for us. C Coy's Team, composed of 21st Bn. personnel deserve greatest credit for their keenness and soldierly qualities. Result was as follows:-	
			24th Bn. No. 10 Platoon C. Coy. Lieut. B. Besemeres. 1st.	
			22nd Bn. 2nd	
			23rd Bn. 3rd. No. 10 Platoon Won easily.	
			The Brigadier presented the team with medals and congratulated them on their success.	
			In the afternoon the other great event came off when our Bn. Team met and beat the 23rd Bn Team in the first round of the Bde. Football Championship. The game was well contested and extremely exciting. The final score was:-	

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			24th Bn. 8 goals 8 v 28th Bn. 5 goals 4. Bfl. bollin umpired.	
			12 noon. Bn. Sports Committee met.	
			During an successful attack on Beaurevoir on 3rd October while consolidating a strong enemy patrol approached and many casualties were inflicted by L.G. Fire. The leader a big Sgt. Major was captured and after being disarmed was sent to the rear under the escort of 1121 Pte. J. Curran B Coy. Nothing was then heard of the pair and as Pte. Curran is small & the Sgt. Major was big it was surmised that he treacherously attacked our man and escaped. Something of the kind must have happened as Pte. Curran is now reported a Prisoner of War in Germany. We await his story with interest.	
La Chaussée.	14.		Church Parade (C. Coy). practice on Assault Course. Remainder of men played Football & Baseball. A number of Officers & men attended the Div. Horse Show near Vignacourt and spent a pleasant day. The Bn. participated in the Prize List as follows:- 1st Mallets Cart. Drs. H. Hemmon, Pte. L. Roberts & W. Lee. 3rd Pack Horse Pte. E. George. Capt. E. B. Stebbeck proceeded to Rouen and Paris on duty to inspect Records.	

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La Chaussée	15		9.30 a.m. Bn. in full marching order formed up on Br. Parade Ground when C.O. inspected. Afternoon games were played and we enjoyed the bright sunshine and keen air. In the afternoon a motor bus took 30 o/r. and several officers rode to Vignacourt to attend a lecture by General Sir Francis Younghusband K.C.S.I. K.C.I.E. on Exploring in the Himalayas. The lecture was extremely interesting as the lecturer told in his early experience among the Frontier Tribesmen and gave us an account of his famous Expedition to Thibet. The lecture was greatly appreciated and at the conclusion the applause lasted several minutes.	No. 6. Red & White Diamond. No. 4.
do	16.		Bn. went for short Route March towards St. Vaast. Band also attended. Additional Officers & O/r. proceeded to Vignacourt to attend lecture by General Younghusband. In the afternoon Bn. Football Team practised. Lieut. O. T. Everetland evacuated to Hospital. 2/Lt. M. E. Lansedine M.C. proceeded to Corps P.T. School.	

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La Chaussée	17.		7.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Y.M.C.A. Marquee. Chaplain S. L. Buckley. 10.30 a.m. Church Parade. do 11.30 a.m. Mass Parade Church. Chaplain T. H. Campbell officiated. Weather fine and frosty. Our original men will apparently be going home soon as a nominal roll of their names has been asked for by higher authority. Br.-g. a. Scanlan returned from Corps Gas School.	No. 7. Advance to the Rhine. Instruction.
do	18.		Br. Sports eventuated. Lieut. a. Peck the Secretary had all arrangements complete and everything went off smoothly. A good crowd attended and enjoyed the day's sport although the sky was overcast and threatened snow, and the cold somewhat marred the day. Following are the results:-	

Tug of War		C. Coy.	880.	1 Pte. Reynolds	D	8 miles.	1 Pte. Reynolds	D	H.C. Throw	1.	Pte.	Parker	B.
440.	1.	Sgt. Urkson	A	2 Pte. Torney	D		2. Pte. Torney	D		2.	Pte.	Rourke	A
	2	Pte. Kelly	A.	3 Pte. Kelly	A.		3 Sgt. Smith	C		3	Pte.	Stevenson	C
	3	" Lewis	H.Q.	220. 1 Sgt. Urkson	A	Relay:	1 A Coy.		Long Throw	1.	Pte.	Rourke	A
120	1	Pte. Parker	B	2 Pte. Slater	A		2 D Coy.			2	Pte.	Parker	B
(Hurdles)	2	CSM Anderson	C	3 Pte. Graham	C		3 C Coy.			3.	Pte.	Stevenson	C
	3	Pte. Cruse	D	100 1 Pte Graham	C	High Jump.	1 Pte. Mulcahy	A	Br. Championship	1.	A Coy.	31 pts	
				2 Pte Kelly	A		2 Pte. Parker	B		2	D "	28 "	
				3 Sgt. Urkson	A		3 " McCormack	A.		3.	C "	18 "	
										4	B	14 "	

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La Chaussée	19		From 9-10.15 a.m. and from 1-5 P.M. the Bn. bathed at Dio. Baths, Tirancourt and obtained a change of clothing.	
			At 11 a.m. the Bn. with Band marched to a hall in Picquigny to attend a lecture arranged by the A.I.F. Educational Service given by Bishop Frodsham formerly Bishop of North Queensland, the subject being "The British Empire and Democracy".	
			Picquets each of 1 Off. & 13 o/r. patrolled La Chaussée and Picquigny from 6-10 P.M. Then Picquets will move daily in future.	
			Lieut. H. Barker & Lieut. N.R. Calver proceeded on leave to Monte Carlo.	
	20		9-12 noon. Company Parade. Full Marching Order. In view of an early move forward clothing & equipment, iron rations and packs were checked so that shortages can be made up before we depart. During the afternoon we played a match in the second round of the Bde. Football Competition against Bde. H.Q. on their ground. The Bn. attended and witnessed an interesting and at times exciting game. 24th Bn. eventually won by 8 goals to 5 goals. Lieut. Col. W.P. James D.S.O. returned from leave and assumed command of Bn.	

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La Chaussée	21.		9.30 a.m. 1 Off. C.S.M. and 1 N.C.O per Coy reported to R.S.M. to ensure uniformity in full marching order, parade.	
			11 a.m. Bn. paraded on Bn. Parade Ground when C.O. inspected. The Bn. turned out in excellent style.	
			In the morning No. 10 Platoon C. Coy. (Lieut. O. Bessemeres) competed for the Div. Championship in the Bullet and Bayonet Competition which they succeeded in winning in fine style. All ranks extend their congratulations to this fine Platoon.	
			A parcel of gifts from the Australian Comforts Fund was received and distributed to Companies. The goods comprised:-	
			4 bales of socks. — 2 Cases Curry Powder — 2 cases Cigarettes.	
			3 Primus Stoves — 1 Bag of Sugar — 1 Set Berry Stoves.	
			16 Cases Cocoa & Milk — 4 Cases of Mallets. — 1 Case of Tobacco.	
			1 Case of milk — 2 Footballs.	
			All ranks greatly appreciate these gifts which make a very useful addition to rations and add to the comfort of the troops very much.	

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La Chaussée	22.		9.30 - 12 noon. Insp. Parade. Checking Equipment and 9 am Ration. Filling Water Bottles.	Army Order for Move.
			10 a.m. C.O. addressed all Officers in School Room, on matters of discipline and the move.	No. 8
			11 a.m. Lieut. H. T. Cunningham gave Bn. N.C.O's a short lecture and practical instruction on the 1/100,000 Map.	
			Claims for compensation for minor damages, sent in by the French burghers have been numerous. Some have been most exorbitant and in one case one man for 5000 francs for wine alleged to have been stolen. The justly refused to pay and a Board of Enquiry investigated the claim and found it was without substance. After careful investigation and much bargaining we settled all claims for 230 francs which was fairly light considering the time we had been in the village.	
			In accordance with Move Order (No. 119). one Coy. had to precede the Bn. to act as unloading party on our arrival at their destination. D Coy. (Capt. M. B. Kelly C.de.S.) was detailed and left La Chaussée at 2 P.M. arriving at Vignacourt at 4.30 P.M. where they entrained and went forward.	No. 8 Move Order
			Major W. E. Ellwood M.C. proceeded on leave to England.	

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La Chaussée	23		The day for the commencement of our move forward - eventually into German Territory arrived at last, and it was with great satisfaction that we packed our kits for this long look forward to march. Although it will mean many miles on the road all ranks regard the march as the culminating point of many years active service. Permission having been granted to carry our national flag we had the Australian Emblem made and mounted on a staff to lead us on the way.	No. 9 Move Order.
			In order to act as leading party A Coy. (Capt. A. A. Bell D.C.M.) proceeded to Vignacourt at 6.15 a.m.	
			At 9.30 a.m. the remainder of the Bn. formed up in column of route on the road near the School and headed by the Band and the colors moved off - most of the civilians turning out to wish us bon voyage. The day was ideal for marching - bright sunshine and keen air and we proceeded at an easy pace to Vignacourt arriving at 12.15 P.M. After a cup of tea, the troops entrained under the supervision of Lt. C. R. Boyd. Our journey commenced at 12.30 P.M. Lt. Col. W. E. James D.S.O. being O.C. Train.	
			Lieut. H. T. Boyd remained behind to adjust any further claim for compensation.	

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			The following awards have been made for gallantry in action at Mont Brehain. –	
			Bar to M.M. 2186 Sgt. E. W. Johnson M.M. 5319 Bdr. J.W. Cooke M.M. 1734 Pte. J.H. Stewart M.M.	
			21/1595 Bdr. D. Forman M.M. 21/2417 Sgt. T.B. Taylor M.M. 21/615 Sgt. V.J. Edwards M.M.	
			Military Medal. 750 Pte. T.H. Kerr 3990 Pte. H.A.D. Brown. 21/6836 Pte. O.E. Lessing	
			2609 Bdr. E.J.R. Davis DCM. 3912 " H.M. St Blair. 21/5652 L/Cpl. H.A. Meyers	
			5154 L/Cpl. W. Lincoln 4378 " J. Carmichael 21/922 Pte. W.V. Meaker	
			4300 Pte. E. Batton. 959 " T.A. Dwyer. 21/2569 Cpl. L.M. Bliss.	
			6985 " G. Blyth 21/994 L/Cpl. E.A. Watson 21/4381 Pte. D.T. Cameron	
			4018 Cpl. C. Newman 21/4095 Pte. W.H. Dixon 21/1709 Cpl. T.H. McNeilly	
			6114 L/Cpl. A.W. Parker 21/6835 " C.W. Lukins 21/788 Sgt. W.L.V. Anderson	
			741 " G.A. Graham 21/4661 " W.P. Back 21/2024 " R.W. Hayes.	
			4757 Pte. D.W. Reid 21/5022 " P.P. Goullet 21/3934 Pte. A.C.N. Washington.	
			5797 " J.L. Bowe 21/358 " W.S. Cooper.	
			All ranks extend their congratulations to these gallant soldiers.	
			Lt. P. Courtney evacuated to Hospital.	
			Lt. A.J. Franklin returned from Hospital.	

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			The following cable has been received from our old boys:-	
			6th Inf. Bde. Depot sends hearty congratulations and God speed home again.	
Bohain	24.		During our journey we passed through Amiens, Villers Bretonneux and Peronne when the troops had tea (the both preparing same on the cookers on the train. and during the night we passed Roisel, Marcoing and Cambrai outside which place we were delayed several hours. The night was moonlight but very frosty and the journey would have been a very cold one only that the troops showed their initiative by obtaining braziers and supplies of coal, thus having a fire in the trucks all night. Eventually we arrived at our train destination Berry at 6.30 and detrained. The Y.M.C.A. had met the platform, provided a welcome cup of cocoa and at 7.15 a.m. breakfast. Tea curry and rice was served. At 8.10 a.m. the Bn. moved off in dull weather, via Busigny to Bohain, arriving at 12.30 P.M. Troops were billeted in houses and dinner was served immediately. The distance marched was 9 miles and 15 men fell out. After dinner feet were washed and if necessary dressed by the A.A.M.C. [illegible] from English Base.	

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Bohain	25.		Day devoted to rest. 45 men paraded to A.M.C. to have feet treated. This high number was probably due to the fact that our rest at La Chaussée had made the men soft and in some cases to new boots.	
			10 a.m. 1 N.C.O. per bty. paraded to R.S.M. to standardise the marching order for tomorrow.	
			During the day the opportunity was taken to visit Montbrehain the scene of our last battle. A party of our men was busy erecting crosses on the graves of fallen comrades. Two graves one 24th and the other 21st Bn. right on the objective at the very apex of the salient stand as a monument to the determination and success of the fight. French civilians have placed Everlasting Wreaths on the graves - a most touching tribute to their deliverers.	
			In Bohain we met for the first time French civilians who had endured German Tyranny for four years. Their tales of their persecution are terrible to hear. Every man woman and child had to work for their Hun masters getting practically no pay and very little to eat. For little things like lateness to work, failing to salute Huns etc. they were heavily fined and even imprisoned. One girl	

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			who refused to work had her hands tied all one day. A man was shot in the square for failing to report that he had had pigeons. Several men and women were shot for petty offences. Girls' chastity was the price of food. All the furniture, beds &c. were requisitioned or stolen. Every particle of machinery was sent to Germany. Before leaving Bohain the Huns burned the Town Hall to the ground, ruined the Church and other places & heavily left, shelled the civilians with H.E and gas. Such is shewn is the fate of those bullying and terrorism. If only we knew that Germany will pay in full for her crimes how happy we and those from France Martyrs would be.	
			An E.F.C Canteen for once had good supplies and the troops were able to buy plenty of cigarettes tobacco biscuits soap &c. A Cinema was also well patronized during the day and also at night.	
St. Souplet	26.		At 9.10 a.m. the Bde. with Transport headed by the Band and colors, - we have now a Regimental Flag presented to us by the Women of Australia through Mrs. W. M. Hughes the wife of the Prime Minister - proceeded	No 10 Move Order

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			by route march to St. Souplet, via Busigny and La Haie Menneresse, arriving at 1 P.M. En route we passed the Brigadier and Div. Commander. 1 Man fell out on the march. The Bn. was billeted in tents on high ground. Dinner was served immediately on arrival. Weather cold and foggy. It was particularly cold in the valleys, and it was necessary to keep moving to keep warm. Distance marched 9 miles. 10 men attended A.M.C for foot treatment – a great reduction since last march, due to the care of feet. Troops offered shew from the village and made comfortable beds for the night. Lt. C.A. McLean was O.C. Billeting Party. Lt. W.B. Lee M.C. rejoined Unit. Lt. W.T. Shew M.M. proceeded on leave to Nice.	No. 11 Order for Mov.
Favril	27		At 9.5 a.m. the Bn. with Transport proceeded by route march via Mazinghiem, Carillon, La Croise – Sambreron to Favril arriving at 3.30 P.M. A halt from 12.45 – 2 P.M. was made for lunch at La Croise. Weather cold and dull. No horse fell out on march. Troops were billeted on arrival in houses and barns and were fairly comfortable. We passed en route probably the last No man's land – the shell holes tell a grim tale of the severity	

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			of the last action - acres of land are literally ploughed up - and also to the intensity of an barrage - showing the wonderful organization of our artillery. Altogether it was a most interesting march through shell torn woods and battle scarred fields and we also crossed en route the now famous Canal du Sambre which runs through Maubeuge.	No. 12 Order for Mov.
			Lieut. C. L. McLean was O.C. Billeting Party. Distance marched 11½ miles	
			2/Lt. J. B. S. Nichol and A. Malone were attached to Corps Cyclist Bn. for duty.	
Boulogne.	28.		Bn. with Transport headed by the Band and buses moved off from billets at Favril at 8.35 a.m. and joined the Bde. Column at 10.30 a.m. Bn. proceeded to Boulogne-sur-Helpe via ERquery Prisches and Carlignies, marching right through the town arrived at 1.30 p.m. and being quickly billeted, dinner was served immediately. 1 man fell out on march. Distance.	
			Lieut. H. J. Cunningham was O.C. Billeting Party.	
			Weather cold and drizzling rain.	

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Boulogne	29		We are to stay in this area for a week before proceeding further forward. The troops are fairly comfortable in big barn where plenty of clean straw is available and one bay is bulleted in the School which the Germans used for a time as a Hospital. Company Parades – general inspection – covering steel helmets, hair-cutting – taking of shortages. Before leaving La Chaussée every pair of boots in the Bn. was overhauled and all new in good order. Bn. on arrival here and since leaving last area nearly 200 pairs of boots have been issued or repaired by the Bootmakers in order to refit the Bn.	
	30		Rest. Companies held short parades. Weather raining. A Return showing occupation before enlistment and intended occupation after the war and other particulars was called for to commence organization for Demobilisation. A Nominal Roll was also prepared showing men who left Australia prior to July 1915 with a view to sending them home on leave at an early date. The following O/R were mentioned in orders for gallantry in action. 21/1742 Cpl. G.W. Forney D.C.M. 21/5406 L/Cpl. E. G. Savage M.M.	

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do.			Lieut. R. K. Bagley M.C. rejoined Unit from Hospital.	
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			Capt. R. L. Poulton joined Unit as R.M.O.	
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OF

24th Bn. A.I.F.

FOR

November 1918.

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Stray Bullets.

Having created exhaustive syllabi of training for Lewis gunners, bombers, rifle grenadiers, bayonet assaults, physical jerks, musketry, scouts, snipers, observers, signallers, stretcher-bearers, football, boxing, organised games, etc., the gallant "Majah" is now frantically working out a course of instruction for C.O's., padres, Y.M.C.A's., pioneers, hoboes, pack mules, runners, dingbats, and demoiselles (particularly as regards saluting).

The English aristocracy are certainly becoming ultra modern. Not long ago an Aussie sub. was visiting the castle, and while strolling round, viewed with pleasure the crystal water of the moat. So stripping off, he hung his clothes on the portcullis, and diving in off the drawbridge, paddled round, to the huge delight of the young lordlings. Unfortunately the Dowager Duchess appeared on the scene, and icily informed our hero that it was not a bathing place, as the moat contained the baronial water supply. What ho this for a modern innovation? Perhaps soon bath rooms will be installed in country mansions?

A certain C.S.M., who used to own Don Company, and who is renowned for his seriousness of mind, some time ago visited Paris, but returned a different man. When asked how he enjoyed his leave, he enigmatically replied, "Give me a thousand pounds, six months to live, and Paris, and I would shuffle off this mortal coil content."

One of the most novel innovations of our A.M.C. is the scrubbing of all troops afflicted with scabies. A burly digger, as gentle as a tank, in the execution of his duties, attacks the victims with a hard brush, and the picture presented daily at the regimental hospital reminds us of a diligent mother scrubbing the kids on a Saturday night. Bill is an artist with the brush. If the scabies germs were at all timid they would evacuate at first sight of their merciless antagonist. The trouble is that the scabies, being so closely allied with the hide of the diggers, involves the patients in the agony of battle, and the troops affected are in doubt as to who are the greater victims— they or the scabies. Probably they were prospective scabies patients who, at the church parade on Sunday, were so earnest in that response in the liturgy: "Lord have mercy on us."

The hazy starlight of military glory should brighten perceptibly by our latest promotions in the ranks of the guiding lights. Second-lieutenants Book, Courtney and Boyd are now able to twinkle with two-star power.

A distinguished party of A Coy's. surplus C.Q.M's., sergeants, and visiting hoboes were afforded an elocutionary treat the other evening, when S.M. Rankin gave an impassioned rendering of the Army commander's congratulations to the Australian troops. The S.M. did it naturally and sincerely; but the outburst of applause and cries of "encore" which followed only caused him to call the audience bad names.

The vocabulary of the "digger" language is increasing very satisfactorily. Banyuls (pronounced "ban-use") wine at present in popular demand at the estaminets, is now known as "Billy Hughes."

Owing to pressure on our space, we have been obliged to hold over till next issue our second article on army morals.

Libel Case.

(Continued).

After the catastrophe at the Court of Petty Arguments, when the libel case, Capt. Cricket Ball v. the "Red and White Diamond," was so rudely interrupted by the demolishing promenade of a tank, the victims were restored to life by the announcement that pay day had arrived and that the Comforts Fund had issued cigarettes. A report that the war was over had produced no signs of animation.

The proceedings were resumed "in the light of certain evidence," the issue of candles having been exhausted.

His Honor inquired if L/Cpl. Graham was ready to proceed with his cross-examination of witnesses.

Arthur George: Corporal, if you please!

His Honor: I am sorry, corp.

The corporal: Don't be so familiar in the presence of lance-corporals.

Mr. A. W. L. Digger, for the defence, said he had obtained positive evidence of the captain's affection for "ducks." The captain had been on Blighty leave, and had been seen in Piccadilly besieged by flappers.

An uproar broke out in the adjoining billet. The M.Ps. were despatched to quell the disturbance, but they returned and reported that it was only the battalion band practising.

Cpl. Graham: Tell the bandmaster he has the right key, but he's in the wrong room.

The electric light, which was supplied by chat-power from the Divi. baths, was given a trial, but it also failed.

Cpl. Graham volunteered to investigate, assuring the court that he was a competent "electristickerish bingergeer." In the meantime he appealed for a match. Half-a-ton of French matches were produced, but not one would strike. The corporal then asked his Honor to sacrifice one of his Aussie matches, but the judge declined.

The corporal: If you had a bag full of sore eyes you wouldn't give a man one to go on sick parade.

A heated argument ensued between the judge and the corporal in the dark. The corp. accused his Honor of being a conscript, and remarked: You had that many white feathers thrown at you that you had everything but the goose's flesh.

A brilliant light here illuminated the court, and looking round everybody saw that "Red" Hanneysee, the band's star cornetist, had poked his head in the door.

Meanwhile, the defendant had come to an amicable settlement with the plaintiff. The captain was promised a free copy of the journal with his name in it, and in consideration of this compensation he agreed to withdraw the case. He went away singing his favorite ditty, "Up came the marmalade, up came the wine." (This theme had no connection with his Blighty leave).

The crowd remained outside the court discussing the proceedings till they saw the major approaching. There was a general stampede—not one of them had his chin-strap down.

In the rush they all forgot to salute, and in consequence there was a battalion parade at orderly-room simultaneously with the church parade on Sunday morning. All ranks attended both parades punctually.

OFFICERS AT WANDSWORTH.

Lieut. "Bob" Irving, M.M., writes from Fovant:—"I have just returned from the land of porridge, whisky and love." Perhaps you would like to hear about some of our officers I met at Wandsworth. First there was Capt. Pollington, M.M., who had just arrived and was not looking too bad. Capt. Bowden had to go back to bed with "flu." Cliff. Ellis, M.M., is knocking about. "Snowy" is off for a board; Ernie is awaiting the same. I took myself out with "Bill" Graham, M.C.—his first time out—with special mention from the dear sister. They are all getting along pretty well. At any rate, they all had a big smile up, so that is something to be going on with."

LA SOIREE.

Bruce, Bert et George, trois poilus gais,
Cherchant plaisir a La Chaussée,
Ont rencontré des Demoiselles
Qui étaient gentilles et trés belles.

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Onze heures sonnent! "Nous partons Lucille.
"Vite, Dis-moi! De quoi s'agit-il?
"Un peu d'amour—un petit baiser?
"Bien-aimée! Viens—m'embrasser.
"N'importe ma chèrie—au revoir—
"Nous vous reverrons demain soir."

THE HOCK.

The latest bulletin from B.O.R. states that the band is once again attached to the battalion for rations. The band put up a great job at the Corps school, and the commandant said they outclassed everything the school had seen or heard. He considered the 24th band was equal to the band of the Irish Guards.

They Say.

That Frank doesn't like being burled in bed.

That "The Whippet" has a lair in Abbeville.

That a certain M.O. has been seen in a tattered coat drinking wine in an estaminet.

That Captain John is getting fatter than ever.

That the I.O. is an expert at pushing the Hun back—on the war map. He captured a whole town with two pins and a bit of cotton.

That the orderly room sergeant, after swanking it in London in taxi cars, arrived back from leave in a g.s. waggon. Truly, a man cannot afford to be fussy in the army.

That a certain intelligent (?) officer went no trumps the other night, and his opponents got a grand slam. And afterwards he had the temerity to go and play bridge with the General.

That our commissioned men find it hard to leave the officers' mess at Fovant. Table cloths, serviettes, flowers, and W.A.A.C. waitresses! Its a good war on the Blighty front.

That a number of the boys have been seen about the villages with bark chipped off their faces. That's one disadvantage of having the fighting spirit. Still, it's not bad training for such famous soldiers as the diggers undoubtedly are.

That one of our cooks returned to the cook-house late one night with two small herrings and told his chef that the troops were to be given fish for breakfast. As this cook-house supplies over a hundred men, the cook must have had 'em bad if he could see enough fish to meet that demand.

That some of the lads caused a shock to the village church on Sunday morning by appearing at the services with very devout faces. If the church had been struck by lightning, the shock would doubtless have glided off harmlessly, as "Butcher" was in the congregation, though he declares he was not wearing his "greasies."

That the troops generally are getting on well with the French inhabitants in the village. Although a small percentage of the men—the class who lose their balance at the sight or smell of a bottle—get noisy at times and put the wind up the villagers, the civilians and the digger soldiers have already become excellent friends.

That some of our Aussie "mashers" have been playing a "cool stick" with the village belles—playing "handies" on promenade in the main streets, and advancing in close formation (arm in arm) in broad daylight. Certainly, the diggers are doing their best to cement the Franco-Australian alliance.

That some of the boys who have been oboeing for some time have come the proverbial, and are shouldering the walnut in the company ranks again. A man never knows his luck in the army. But most of the oboes can do their job anywhere, and can 'shun up with the best. There's nothing like the spirit of "carrying on," wherever one may be.

That the colonel's groom has commenced to study French. He didn't think it worth while till, a few days ago, he was forced to change his mind. He asked the lady at his billet to call him at 7.30 on a certain morning. His French was so excellent that the lady understood him to say he had to travel 7½ kilometres before breakfast. So she called him at 4.30. Now Bill knows that kilometres do not mean hours.

That when some of our noisy diggers come marching home arm in arm at night after the coffee (?) houses close, and making a hullabaloo which they call singing, the civilians in the village close the wooden shutters of their windows and lock their doors. Perhaps the noise gives the inhabitants the impression that someone is murdering a Chinaman.

That the call for applicants to fill the vacancies of 1914 men on staff jobs in England has, strange to say, had a more than ample response. We heard one man say he wouldn't take a job over there if it were offered to him. And his mates all began to sing, "We saw a cow climb up a tree."

That members of the R.Q.M's. staff are vying with each other in winning the smiles of the girls of the village. Harry B—— is taking greater pains than ever over his hair. Jack P—— is taking lessons in French at a certain maison in the grand rue, and keeps Mademoiselle explaining the meaning of "love" words. "Butcher" keeps his eye on the gate at the back of the store, and Snowy is always patting the donkey in the store yard when the petit fille comes out to feed the pet nag.

Personal Pars.

Lt. Dyte is at Wandsworth.

Lt. A. H. Lowe tells us that he is likely to be at Wandsworth for several months.

Lt. J. L. Noble is at present at Cobham Hall, and likely to remain there for a while.

Lt. E. White, D.C.M., has been observed patrolling the Piccadilly sector. A nice "Blighty" in the arm isn't very hard to take.

Lt. "Bill" Graham, M.C., has tricked the Huns again. Our London correspondent says he is "comfy and contented" at Wandsworth.

Lieut. McIndoe is dwelling on another operation in England, after which he is likely to take a trip to Aussie.

Our transport men are pleased to have back with them Lieut. George Francis, who was a former sergeant of the men, mules and mud section. George looks well with the pips up. His excellent physique has stood the strain of numerous "stunts" at the O.T.C. very well.

Sgt. Les. Starr, who is at the O.T.C., waiting for more stars, appears to be able to get up to London occasionally — just to see that the old place is all right.

Cpl. Ansell writes from hospital :—Quite a number of the boys are here—Sgt. Lacey, Sgt. McLeod, Cpls. Harvey, Williams, Carter, Crawford ; and C. Newton, Digby, Heatley, Simmonds and Crane. All are doing well, and bound for Blighty.

L/Cpl. "Dido" Lepp, M.M., who has done excellent service with the battalion as H.Q. runner, and has also kicked many goals for our football team from time to time, has been seen in the Strand, being on furlough from hospital.

L/Cpl. S. T. Oke, who pencilled for the M.O. before he qualified in a recent stunt for a bed in hospital, has gone across to Blighty, after passing through a critical period, including several operations, at the base. He is now out of danger.

Pte. E. B. Rawlins and Pte. F. S. Dean (A Coy.) have also been sighted on the London front, both looking well.

Pte. Hugh Mullins, formerly of C Coy, who went home to Aussie some time ago with a wound in the thigh, has now had half his foot amputated, after being twelve months in hospital.

Entente Cordiale.

Some of the troops are making the most of the comforts available in the present billeting area. Here and there we have discovered even common diggers snuggling into real beds with white sheets in rooms rented from the village inhabitants, and nice little dinners served up on the dining room tables in the houses are not uncommon now that the boys have found their bearings.

The change is a welcome one after a long spell of shell-hole life. The family clothes lines are adorned (?) by the washables of the soldiers, and around the family tables in the evenings the Aussies are found making themselves at home with "papa" and "mama," and some of the lads even come the "sister" stakes with the daughters of the household, while les garcons appear to take a delight in the presence of their big Aussie brothers. This touch of home life, though it be only the quality of French peasantry domesticity in most cases, is a treat for men on active service, especially men who have been so long away from their own homes, and it testifies to the esteem in which our boys are held by the people in whose country they are now so well and favorably known. When our men evacuate France apres l'guerre, the mail service between this side of the globe and Australia will probably carry to and fro many messages of warm-hearted friendship as a result of the associations formed during these eventful days of the war. The removal of censorship restrictions will facilitate the correspondence, unless the girls in Australia insist on censoring all letters addressed to France.

INSPIRATION.

"There is my star," she said to me ;
"You see I worship every night,
"That twinkling little lucky light."

Dear heart ! Wilt thou for ever be
My star, to guide my destiny ?"

THE HOCK.

France, 1918.

Send along your contributions for our Xmas number, to be published on 1st December. This issue will consist of 20 pages, so there's room for all your talent. Only ordered copies will be guaranteed.

Some Fight.

(BY "ESSESSGEE.")

Have I ever been in a fight, sir ?
(Said a subaltern, often called slacker)
A fight that was tougher than nuts, sir,
Just list to what happened to "Stacker."

A neat little wad, did you say, sir ?
Thanks muchly, a drink would go well.
Here's to your health and your wealth, sir,
And I hope that the kids are all well.

'Twas just about twelve weeks ago, sir,
That the adjutant, he says to me :
"Will the pay book come up to the scratch, lad,
If I give you a pass to Paree ?"

Well, I hadn't seen Blighty for years, sir,
And you know how I stick to my roll ;
So I puts in my claim for the leave, sir,
And swanks like a frisky young foal.

Yes, I'll come to the fight in a minute ;
I'm just getting into my stride ;
And you'll see there was good fighting in it,
And look on your sub. with much pride.

Now, Paris is full of temptations
To chaps who've been bred on the land ;
But I kept both my hands in my pockets,
And for six days was getting on grand.

Then, would you believe it ? I fell, sir,
A victim to love's tender sway ;
To me she was all that was fair, sir,
Though others might say she was gay.

Her hair ! oh, what words can describe, sir,
The glorious gold and its sheen ;
While her eyes, her mouth and her cheeks, sir,
Sure such beauties I never had seen.

She spoke to my heart right away, sir,
The shock nearly gave me a pain ;
And when I recovered my balance
Stac. was holding the hand of his Jane.

And a sweet little hand, I assure you,
With nice, natty feet built to match ;
And her waist—well, I knew in a minute
I had landed a real dinkum catch.

She was mine from the soles of her feet, sir,
To the crown of her glorious head ;
And if I described in between, sir,
Old Shakespeare would turn in his bed.

Of course, she was dressed a' la mode, sir,
In filigree, fichu and frill ;
With lots of insertion and torchon,
And blue ribbon added to fill.

There were bright little spots in her armor
That added a charm to my spell ;
And of course there were things understood, sir,
Being married, you know of full well.

To make a long story short, sir—
(There's no time to tell all the tale),
But perhaps you can guess all the rest, sir,
And the whisky's beginning to fail.

The fight ! Ah, you've got me there now, sir,
I was only just getting to that ;
But you know how these memories linger
(This Bass is a little bit flat !)

Yes, she sends me a picture-card daily:
"Je vous aime, mon cheri, mon cheri."
And she wants me to come back again, sir,
A la tout a joli Paree.

And now, re the fight I was in, sir,
'Twas a fearful struggle and stress—
Hang it all, there's the gong ! I must go, sir !!
I'll be late again for the mess !

THE DIGGERS' TOAST.

The Frenchman likes his sparkling wine,
The German drinks his beer ;
The "Tommy" takes his half and half,
Because it brings good cheer.
The Scotchman likes his whisky,
And Paddy has his pot ;
The "digger" has no national drink,
So he drinks the whole —— lot.

—F.A.W., B Coy.

Information has been received that Lieut. H. A. Rigby, who it was feared had been killed in action on the morning of 8th August last, is a prisoner in Germany. With his party of men the lieutenant advanced so far into the enemy's positions in the assault that they were beyond the aid of supports. They put up a game fight until their ammunition was exhausted, and were then overpowered by the enemy's counter attack. In a letter from Karlsruhe, Lt. Rigby says :—"We were well treated by the enemy after our capture. Our wounded were taken care of, and we brought with us the personal effects of one man who was killed. Please remember me to all the officers. Give my regards to all the boys. After this I will only be able to send an occasional post card to the battalion as we are allowed to write only two letters and four cards per month. The treatment right through has been very good. We go from here (Karlsruhe) very soon to a permanent camp. Tobacco and soap are the scarcest things for us here."

The Adventures of Herlock Sholmes.

(With which the necessary apology is handed to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle).

Balanced on the hind legs of a chair, with both feet on the mantelpiece, the town major was staring at a spot on the ceiling. When Herlock Sholmes knocked at the door he did not move, except to temporarily extract his three franc Havana from his face in order to roar "Come in, Quicksilver!" Sholmes entered and coughed three times before the T.M. became aware of his presence. "Pardon the intrusion," said the detective; "I see you are very busy, and——." "Look here, Sholmes," began the T.M., "if you have come here to be sarcastic——." "Quite on the contrary," interrupted Sholmes, "you have my sympathy. It is quite obvious that beneath that placid exterior is concealed a dynamic energy of phenomenal horse power. As a matter of fact, at the moment of my entry you were searching through the corridors of your cerebellum and the labyrinth of your medulla oblongata for the French word for wheelbarrow." "You are a wizard?" gasped the town major; "how did you guess?"

"I never guess; it is unscientific. As I came in I observed your two tame Tommies, Quicksilver and Chain Lightning, sitting on a heap of stones in front of your abode. Close by there is a mud puddle. My mind instantly connected these two facts, and by the simple process of reductio ad absurdum I knew that they were waiting for a wheelbarrow. Here I find the minister for public works on top intellectual gear, and I get a mental one-over-twenty-thousand of the entire situation as clear as Chili's reply to the note she will receive this day week from the central weaknesses."

"It's marvellously simple when you know how," said the town major.

"Oui," said Sholmes (speaking in perfect French).

"Do you know the word I want?"

"Si" (in excellent Spanish).

"Tell me then!"

"Nein" (in colloquial German), "your brain needs lubrication. Look it up in that dictionary on your desk. You will probably find it amongst the words beginning with "wheel—" and not unlikely towards the end of the book." The T.M. carried out the instructions and was rewarded by complete success. "I am deeply indebted to you, Sholmes, he said (writing the word on the fly-leaf of the dictionary so that he would know where to find it again), tell me what I can do to prove it?"

"Give me work," said Sholmes; "this place is an intellectual cul de sac. Nothing unusual has happened since Tomper Stackson bought those amber cigarettes in London, nothing tragic since the padre drank Joe Grunter's beer by mistake, nothing humorous since that eminent diagnostitian, Major Boots, located a boil on——."

"Quite so," cut in the town major, "you are evidently in search of a problem, and your instinct has led you here to the problem dump. The most important I have on hand at present include the finding of 150,000 feet of timber to make certain articles of art furniture, and sufficient hessian for screens for same. I don't know what that eminent diagnostitian does with all the timber; he is a human white ant."

"That's not a problem," grunted Sholmes in disgust; "all you have to do is to mention your needs to Brownie Cotter and he'll pull a couple of houses down."

"Well, can you materialise a fully equipped theatre within convenient distance of H.Q. billets for Potto Sourland, or calculate the amount of compensation due to Madame Vinblanc in respect of 2¾ hectares of beetroot devoured by Bax Berter's mules with the current market value of the vegetable at 7¾ centimes per kilo, f.o.b. La Chaussee?"

Sholmes yawned. "The first, he drawled, "is simply a matter of doing your job, as Mr. Muddleton will tell you. The answer to the second you will find in vol. 2, page 1127 of my little brochure entitled 'Lex Leguminis or the Law on Legumes'."

The T.M. made notes of the advice and consulted his 152 for further problems which he had been expected to solve before breakfast. "Here's one, Sholmes," he said, "worthy of your wonderful talent. If you can find the answer to it, you had better take my job and I'll return to the restful seclusion of the bayonet fighting course." Sholmes took the chit and commenced to read:—

"Please inform brigade before 6 a.m. yesterday on the undermentioned points:—

1. What accommodation is available in your area for NORMAL REINFORCEMENTS?
2. WHAT ARE normal reinforcements?
3. Do you think they will be more or less than you expect? If so, state reasons.
4. What provision have you made for billeting such reinforcements in the event of—

(a) an early winter? (b) a late winter? (c) a normal winter? (d) an abnormal winter?

(Signed) MUDDLETON, Adjt.

A gleam of interest shot from the great detective's eye, and seizing a pencil he began to work with feverish haste. All his faculties had become suddenly alert, and immediately after exhaling one breath, he inhaled the next.

The town major looked on in speechless admiration as Sholmes, having finished his fifteenth quadratic equation, began to evolve the cryptogram the solution of which would have given the desired answers, had he not been interrupted by the sudden appearance of "Quicksilver" with news of a tragedy. "Quicksilver" (who, by the way, should be introduced as the senior billeting warden), had a terrible tale mixed up in his moustache. For some minutes he was hopelessly incoherent, but after Sholmes had tactfully convinced him that the war would soon be over and that we were winning, he was able to commence his startling story.

"WILLIAM WUNSTAR."

(To be continued).

The Subalterns' Question Corner.

QUERIES FROM THE CHATEAU.

(Conducted by A.P.M.).

What do certain officers of C Coy. know about the current price of wheelbarrows?

When are we to have the pleasure of an introduction to "Brownie?"

Do the regimental funds find it cheaper to keep us in gramaphone needles than to pay the band's train fare back? And

Is a gramophone REALLY needed at the chateau while one of the intimate friends of the English nobility is with us?

What does Jimmy know about tail-lights?

Will the winding up of the Q.M's. store realise enough to buy out the Vacuum Oil Company, or will our bully beef king have to be satisfied with a controlling interest in Anthony Hordern's?

Does the assistant adjutant know that service tunics are to be worn buttoned up at the neck?

What about Paris leave for the companies?

In conclusion, "How's yer mother, and how's yer dad?"

We Want to Know

What A Coy's. Q.M. did with the guard's rations on the 15th October.

Why the A Coy. cooks are always talking about cockles and mussels.

Who owns the tripe hound that wags its tail by A Coy's. cooker.

How the R.Q.M. expects the number of jam cartons returned to be two dozen to every one dozen issued.

Where all the cinema shows have gone to, and whether it wouldn't be possible to sprinkle a few good picture shows about for the entertainment of the troops.

Whether our sergeant "gas king" will wear red or blue bands when he gets on div. strength.

Whether Sgt. Jim Wilson, M.M., enjoys shunning up the boys in A Coy. better than supervising hoboes.

Whether Sgt. Laing, M.M., captain of our soccer team, is producing any money, or only talking, about his certainty of winning the soccer cup.

Whether the Battalion Harriers' Club is being formed with the idea of training the diggers to beat the Hun on the final sprint to the Rhine, or to march to Marseilles to catch the boats for Aussie.

Why the chaps who grouse about football umpires do not hop out and show us how to do the job.

Whether C.Q.M.S. Kent received many congratulations on his birthday on the 18th.

Whether Cpl. Arthur George Graham is exercising his authority now that he has two stripes.

Who is the bootmaker who talks about applying for the position of regimental fortune-teller.

What happened to the H.Q. rum issue at the close of the last stunt.

Whether "Basher" Kelly (A Coy.), who gives his fighting weight as 8.7, is prepared to issue a challenge for a bout with any of the boys who fancy themselves with the gloves;

Or whether he would rather adopt the suggestion of his company cobbers and accept a job bashing biscuits for the cook-house.

What Lieut. Bert was doing kneeling on the ground at a recent football match. Was he praying?

Who buys eggs and brings them home beaten up into a lovely omelet in his pocket. Does the R.Q.M.S. know?

Girl Defends a Soldier.

TRAM INCIDENT IN MELBOURNE.

There must be some Huns still at large in Australia. A story which comes to us by the last mail astounds us, and makes us feel glad that our 1914 men have gone home, for the lads who bear the Anzac brand will, we are sure, put the shirkers in their place when there is any talking to be done or fists to be handed out.

The writer of the story is a young lady who resides in Melbourne and holds a responsible business position in the city. She has been a zealous and most patriotic war worker. She writes as follows :—

"A rather annoying incident happened in one of our electric trams the other evening. At one of the stopping places a soldier, minus one leg, and of course on crutches, got in. There was no sitting room, and with crutches he could not very well stand. A goodly number of the occupants of the car were eligibles, but not one offered a seat. I could not stand it, so I offered him my seat, which he thankfully accepted. The next part caps the lot. A coward sitting next to him said: "Just like you chaps— go away of your own free will and come back a nuisance to yourself and everyone else!"

"Well! I just had to speak, and I can assure you I spoke with some candour. The whole tram load was bewildered. I don't know exactly what I said, but I gave that shirker something to think over for weeks. How I wish I had been a man; I would have knocked him over. But then, if I had been a man I wouldn't be skulking in Australia. You have no idea how these incidents grieve me. To have to listen to one of our boys being abused! Well, its horrible, that's all. Do you think I am very dreadful to speak out in the way I do? Mother says it's unladylike, but I wouldn't be a lady and allow one of our men to be abused, no, not for anything."

Well done, Miss. We are sorry there hadn't been another returned soldier — one with all his limbs — in that tram, to have "hopped out" that gentleman (?)

When all the boys go home, there will not be much of that kind of impudence heard of. The boys at the front have killed off so many human pests that when they leave the field they are likely at times to be actuated by force of habit, and if a pro-Hun opens his exhaust pipe and emits such unpleasant gases as this guy did in the tram, he'll probably be reported "missing" or "killed in action," or at least will require stretcher-bearers — only he needn't call for the A.I.F. bearers, or even men of the Salvage Corps, as the latter have been trained to salve only material that is worth saving.

Australian War Museum.

The Australian Defence Department is appealing for souvenirs and war curios for the Australian War Museum. All kinds of souvenirs, photographs, relics, etc., will be acceptable. It is suggested that soldiers might profitably employ some of their leisure hours making up suitable contributions. The Government will appreciate help in this great work, as it is desired to make the collection as complete as possible. A record will be kept of everything presented, and donations will be duly acknowledged.

Gifts for the War Museum may be sent by post to the Secretary, Department of Defence (War Museum), Melbourne. When sending any gifts be sure to advise the secretary and send him a list of the contents of the parcel. A list should also be enclosed with the parcel.

GIFTS.—The Q.M. acknowledges the following gifts to the Battalion from the Australian Comforts fund on 15th October :— Two cases of cigarettes, 1 case Lucy Hinton tobacco, 14 cases cocoa and milk, 3 cases biscuits, 2 cases wallets, 1 case playing cards, 3 cases fruit, 1 case custard powder, 1 gramaphone and 24 records.

Don't forget the Melbourne Cup Sweep. Only a few more days left to purchase tickets. The sweep will be drawn on Monday next, 4th November.

The Xmas number of the "Red and White Diamond" will be issued on 1st December. Contributions are invited.

We welcome to our ranks the boys from our sister unit, and trust that while they are with us they will find their associations pleasant. We have always got on well with the red and blacks, and we know they are dinkum material. We hope our own men will do all they can to make their new cobbers feel at home.

Personal Pars.

(Continued).

Capt. E. M. Hunt, M.C., has been discharged from the A.I.F. and has rejoined the service of the Bank of Australasia. He has been sent to New Zealand to replace shortages on the staff in that country. Before leaving Melbourne "Sammy" was making efforts to start a 21st Bn. social club.

We regret to learn that Capt. R. H. Jones, one of the 24th originals, has been in hospital in Aussie.

Lieut. Edmanson, who in former days played with our football team under the distinguished title of "Lofty," will probably have donned his "civi" togs again. He had a spell in hospital in Aussie after his return to that far-off land.

C.S.M. Burke and Sgt. J. Pitts (late D Coy.) send regards to the boys from their hospital cots across the channel.

"Acting C.S.M." is now the rank of H. A. Romain, who was stage-manager of our Battalion concert party at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, the troops never had the opportunity of hearing that short-lived party. We could do with the services of our friend Harry at the present time. He is in Blighty.

Sgt. Lacey, M.M., and Sgt. D. Witherden are doing well in hospital at Stowbridge.

Ex-sergeant Basil Benaim, one of the old boys of A Coy., is "going strong" in civies in Aussie, and has gone back to his old job of handing out drapery to customers at Harry Davies' big store in Ballarat.

Sgt. C. Watson (A Coy) is making the most of his opportunities—in a military sense and otherwise—at the O.T.B.

Sgt. E. E. Henshall (late C Coy.) is at present doing duty as conducting N.C.O. at Fovant.

Sgt. McKinnon, M.M. and bar (B Coy.) expects to be back with us at an early date.

Sgt. Toohey (A Coy) was at the 2nd A.G.H. when last heard of; also Cpl. Jim Rookes, M.M.

Sgt. Kennedy (B Coy.) is at Weymouth.

Sgt. Jim Collery, croix de guerre (A Coy), is progressing well in hospital in Devon.

Sgt. "Judy" Bond and Sgt. Westneat, who have been holding (on to) strong posts at the O.T.B., have returned to their unit to recuperate.

Sgt. E. Taylor and Sgt. R. Campbell, M.M., are so far withstanding the strain of the duties at the Training Brigades. Their main concern is to find the "necessary" for the varied operations on the Blighty front.

Cpl. A. R. Loveless, our best warbler, has been detached for duty with the Div. concert party.

Cpl. W. J. Willoughby gives his present address as follows :— 63, Loraine Mansions, London! We hope he doesn't work the valet too hard.

L/Cpl. J. A. Mott and Cpl. Williams are doing well in Blighty.

Pte. J. T. Judd has gone to do duty with the Y.M.C.A. cinema.

Army Commander's Appreciation.

Our army commander has issued a message of appreciation to the Australian Corps for its work during the period it has been under his command. Appended are extracts from the General's memo. :—

"I have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the various stages through which the Australians have passed from the hard times of Flers and Pozieres to the culminating victories at Mont St. Quentin and the great Hindenberg system at Bony, Bellicourt tunnel and Montbrehain.

"During the summer of 1918 the safety of Amiens has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valor.

"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 have so thoroughly learned and so successfully applied, has gained for all Australians a place of honor amongst nations and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

"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."

BOXING.

A committee to organise and conduct boxing tournaments in the Battalion has been elected, constituted as follows:—President, Lt. J. B. S. Nichol; secretary, Regt.-Sgt.-Mjr. Williams, D.C.M; committeemen: H.Q., Pte. E. T. Morrison; A Coy., Pte. Blanch; B Coy., L/Cpl. Parker; C Coy., Cpl. Jochinkie; D Coy., Sgt.-Mjr. Rigby.

The following resolutions were agreed to:—

That all necessary material, including 12 sets of 8 oz. gloves, be procured.

That applications be called for two judges, referee and M.C.

That black knicks and white singlets, with color patches back and front, be worn by boxers, and that competitors box in socks.

That arrangements be made for bona fide competitors to train during parade hours, under Sgt.-Mjr. Rigby (instructor).

That a 16 ft. ring be constructed, and that bouts consist of three 2-minute rounds.

That each competitor have his own seconders.

That a medical officer be asked to attend all bouts and examine competitors before each contest.

That competitors be weighed at the ring side.

That a battalion competition be held and representatives be selected for brigade and divisional tournaments.

That the competitions be run under the army and navy rules.

That cash prizes from regimental funds and medals be awarded.

A progress report from the committee is to the effect that a site for the ring has been selected, and that as soon as the necessary material arrives the competitions will be entered upon.

FOOTBALL.

PRACTICE MATCHES.

A Company v. B Company.— B, 2 goals 10 bhds.; A, 2 goals 6 bhds.

H.Q. v. Transport.— Transport, 6 goals 9 bhds.; H.Q., 5 goals 6 bhds. This match was lively in the last quarter. Headquarters were leading at three-quarter time, but the Transport team put on two goals in quick succession towards the finish. Ryan umpired.

INTER-COMPANY COMPETITION.

C. Coy. v. D. Coy.— D, 4 goals 19 bhds; C, 2 goals 5 bhds. There was some good play in this match. The first quarter was a very even tussle. Sgt. Stewart umpired.

H.Q. v. B Coy.—H.Q., 5 goals 15 bhds.; B, 1 goal 3 bhds. B Coy. were going well at times, but H.Q. showed their superiority towards the finish. Ryan umpired.

A Coy. v. D Coy —D, 6 goals 12 bhds.; A, 2 goals 4 bhds. The play was fairly even up to half time, and there was some neat work on both sides. Cpl. Collins umpired.

H.Q. v. C Coy.— H.Q., 6 goals 7 bhds.; C, 3 goals 4 bhds. This match was vigorously contested from start to finish, and the barrackers had a good afternoon. H.Q. led all the way, but C Coy. made them go their hardest to maintain their advantage. Sgt. Stewart had charge of the whistle.

A Coy. v. B Coy.—B, 5 goals 4 bhds.; A, 3 goals 8 bhds. B Coy. were the first to score, and at half time were leading by 5 points. There was some good play on both sides. A Coy. made a great rally in the last quarter, and kicked 5 bhds in quick succession, one shot hitting the post. Sgt. Stewart umpired.

H.Q. v. D Coy.— H.Q., 14 goals 4 bhds.; D, 4 goals 3 bhds. An even tussle between these two teams was expected, but in the second quarter H.Q. put on 7 goals out of nine shots, and all hope of a close finish vanished. Cpl. Collins issued the penalties.

A Coy. v. C Coy.—A, 3 goals 5 bhds.; C, 1 goal 11 bhds. C Coy's. faulty kicking lost them the match, but the play was even. Collins umpired.

Matches.	Played.	Won.	Pts.
H.Q.	3	3	12
D Coy.	3	2	8
A Coy.	3	1	4
B Coy.	2	1	4
C Coy.	3	0	0

The No. 1 and No. 2 teams, picked from the battalion to try out the combination, gave a fine exhibition of football on Saturday. The No. 2 team won by 5 points, the scores being:—No. 2, 5 goals 10 bhds.; No. 1, 5 goals 5 bhds. It was the general opinion that the No. 2 team was the better combination. Of course it should be remembered that the No. 1 team is not supposed to be the best 18 individual players in the battalion. The team was picked for "places." The game on Saturday showed how well off we are in the matter of good footballers. Cpl. Collins umpired.

SOCCER.

A soccer team has been formed in each unit in the brigade, the first match of the competition to take place on 2nd November.

Sporting Notes.

BATTALION SPORTS.

At a meeting held by the Battalion general sports committee on October 19th it was decided that a sub-committee be formed to arrange an athletic sports meeting, consisting of the following members:—President, Lieut.-Col. Duggan, D.S.O.; chairman, Mjr. Ellwood, M.C.; H.Q., Lt. Thompson; A Coy., Lt. Nicholls; B, Lt. Calvert; C, Lt. Roberts; D, Lt. Peck (hon. sec.)

This sub-committee decided that a battalion athletic sports meeting be held on Saturday, 16th November, with cash prizes and medals.

The list of events has been circulated.

The Brigade sports will be held during the last week of November.

FOOTBALL.

At a meeting held on October 14th, Major Ellwood, M.C., in the chair, the following members were appointed office-bearers:—General committee:—Capt. McNeill, M.C., Lt. Roberts, Lt. Clough, M.M., Lt. McNaught, Sgt. Doyle, Sgt. Barker, Cpl. Pinkerton, Cpl. Bendle, Cpl. Roddy.

Selection committee:— H.Q.— Sgt. Doyle and Cpl. Bendle. A Coy.—Lt. Clough, M.M. B Coy.—Cpl. Pinkerton. C Coy.—Sgt. L. R. Ward. D Coy.—Capt. McNeill, M.C.

Lieut. Geo. Francis, who has just returned from Blighty with his newly acquired stars, took an active part in the sports at Cambridge. He played in three tennis competitions, when the college team won the lot. He had a place in the college regatta crew, which finished second on two occasions. He went close to winning the hurdle race, running second, and won his heat in the 120 yds., but was too sore to start in the final. He also had a place in the team which won the relay race.

Lieut. "Joe" Scales, D.S.O., M.M., has been in very good form at military sports in England. His latest performance was at the big meeting at Stamford Bridge, where he finished second in the hurdles. Hopping "over the top" at the front must have kept our D.S.O. athlete in form while he was in the field.

The Kiwi diggers at Horseferry Road must fare pretty well in the matter of rations. They recently beat a football team of military students from Cambridge.

LIMERICK COMPETITION.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

The first prize in the Limerick competition has been awarded by the committee of judges to Chaplain Mjr. Campbell, and the second prize to Cpl. E. H. McColough, A Coy. The limerick, as completed by the winner, reads:—

Said Wilhelm the waster to Willie:
Mein son, you are driving me silly.
Those terrible Aussies
Have got all your possies;
They've your pot on — its name is HUGHES BILLY.

Cpl. McColough's last line was:—
Including the heights of Chipilly.

A.I.F. EDUCATION SERVICE.—The attention of all ranks is drawn to the prospectus of the A.I.F. Education Service, copies of which have been circulated among the troops. For the whole of the Australian forces the service is calling for volunteer help from all persons able to assist as lecturers, teachers, class leaders or secretaries. The Canadians and the English Home Training Armies have experienced a wide readiness on the part of capable volunteer workers, and confidence is felt that the Australians will not prove less ready to proffer their assistance in this highly important work. We have communicated with the Director of the Service, asking to be kept posted with the latest information concerning the scheme, and we also invite our troops to make the utmost use of this journal in connection with the scheme and its operations. The more that is accomplished during the war period, the easier it will be to launch upon the intensive training courses on a full-time basis immediately the demobilisation period is reached.

The company messes seem to be doing themselves proud these days; but they really do make the pace a welter on occasions, especially when "buoyed" up with good old vin blanc—je ne dinna ken pas! What we want to know is where they get it, and what makes George juggle with the soup, Bruce do a "hula" on the table, and Sedgy climb up the hanging lamp.

New arrivals in the field say some funny things at times. One of our latest reinforcements gave us a good sample. The Hun was pitching shrapnel over the heads of the men in supports, and the inexperienced youth remarked, "My word, he must have his guns a long way back; see, he can't land his shells!"

APPENDIX I

The Winning Goal.

(Dedicated to the late Cpl. C. M. Paget).

The football days have come again,
The teams are on the ground,
We muster there to see the men
Their captains gather round.

A man in white the whistle sounds,
Each player takes his place;
But o'er the line of football bounds
Has passed a dear old face.

In memory's field, we see him now,
Our corporal referee,
And any "sport" will tell you how
He loved the game to see.

So sure and fair he always was,
No matter which side won;
And men obeyed his word because
He feared nor favored none.

When "Monty" penalised a man
He had no thought of scores;
To see fair play was e'er his plan,
In spite of cheers or roars.

When up the ground he ran with speed
The barrackers would yell:
"Go on Montee, go on, you lead"—
Alas! Life's final bell!

His days of football here are through:
Death marked him in its toll;
A long "kick-off"—his aim was true,
He landed fair in goal.

To larger fields he now resorts;
We know he'll play the game;
And on the roll of dinkum "sports"
You'll see our Monty's name.

—W.J.H.

We notice by the papers that Lieut. F. Hurry has been trying to "hurry" up reinforcements by giving the folks at home the "dinkum oil" about things at the front. His account of the experiences of the 24th Battalion in March and April last was a little bit of plain truth that must have helped shirkers to make up their minds—to stay at home. It was a very faithful account, anyway, and we should say

Tattersalls-sur-Somme.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES:—

1ST PRIZE: Commonwealth War Savings Certificate £87/10/-, worth £100 in three years (as before).

ELEVEN other prizes each £8/15/-, worth £10 in three years (instead of ten prizes as before).

ONE other prize £4/7/6, worth £5 in 3 years.

War Savings Certificates.

1. APPLICATION FORMS for War Savings Certificates can be obtained from pay sergeant in the unit or paymaster of the division. Interest commences from the time the amount is paid to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in London, and the certificate is repayable at face value three years after date of deposit.

2. AN INTERIM RECEIPT is issued for the amount paid. This receipt is NOT transferable or negotiable.

3. The Certificates are only issued at the Commonwealth Treasury, Melbourne, and not in London. It is desirable, therefore, that they should be lodged with your allottees or a branch of the Commonwealth Bank in Australia, who will hold them for safe custody free of cost.

4. Should you wish to sell your Certificate when you return to Australia, the Commonwealth will redeem it and pay you three per cent. on the amount invested.

5. On no account will Certificates themselves be sent to a soldier in the field.

According to the investigations of the Diggers' A.W.L. Club, the Australian Military hats now on issue and sale in Blighty are designed to betray men who overstay their leave from France. They are known as "14-day hats," and are said to retain their color for precisely that period. On the 15th day they fade so perceptibly that the "Jacks" can recognise a defaulter at first glance. Then

APPENDIX 2

APPENDIX

PLATOON COMPETITION.

CONDITIONS.

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1. STRENGTH OF PLATOON.

The organisation and strength of each platoon will be as follows :-

Platoon Commander	1 officer.
2 rifle sections each of	1 N.C.O. and 5 men.
1 lewis gun section of	1 N.C.O. and 4 men.
Total strength	1 officer 17 other ranks.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE.

Firing will be carried out at 300 yards and 200 yards.

One target 6' x 2' to be provided for each section. Targets to be coloured brown, grey or green to harmonise with the background.

Three rows of sacks, 12 in each row, to be provided for bayonetting. A white disc 4" in diameter to be fixed on each sack as a bayonet target. The rows to be at 315 yards, 250 yards, and 215 yards from targets. Sacks to be in an irregular row in shell holes (where possible).

3. DESCRIPTION OF COMPETITION.

(a) Platoon extended 350 yards from targets, prone position, rifles loaded, bayonets fixed.

(b) On signal to start being given platoon double forward 35 yards and bayonet row of sacks.

(c) Then advance to 300 yards mound and fire, rifles 5 rounds, lewis gun one magazine.

(d) Cease fire to be given 1½ minutes after signal to start.

(e) Platoon recharge magazines, 15 seconds being allowed. Then signal to advance is given.

(f) Advance 50 yards and bayonet discs on second row of sacks.

(g) Continue advance 35 yards and bayonet discs on third row of sacks.

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fire, lewis guns two magazines.

(i) Cease fire to be given 1¾ minutes after signal to advance.

Section commanders carry rifle and bayonets but do not fire

DRESS.

Fighting order as follows :-

(a) Clothing - as issued.
(b) Arms - as issued.
(c) Entrenching tool - on back.
(d) Haversack - on shoulder.
(e) Water bottle - at side.
(f) Mess tin - in haversack.
(g) Box Respirator - at "Alert" position.
(h) Steel helmet - to be worn.
(i) Waterproof sheet - on waistbelt at back.

The platoon will be inspected before moving to the ting point.

SCORING.

2 points for each disc pierced	- total	72
1 point for each hit on target	- total	341
	maximum total	413

Deductions.

1 point for each shot fired after "cease fire" is given.
Up to a maximum of 25 points for lack of fire control and fire discipline.
Up to a maximum of 10 points for bad turn out.
Up to a maximum of 25 points for bad bayonet work.

SUPERVISING OFFICERS.

Supervising officers are required as under :-

to judge style, etc.
to deduct points and generally supervise the practice.
to act as scorer.
to act as timekeeper.
to count hits on target.
to check pierced discs.

ust. Div. H.Q.,
31st October, 1918.

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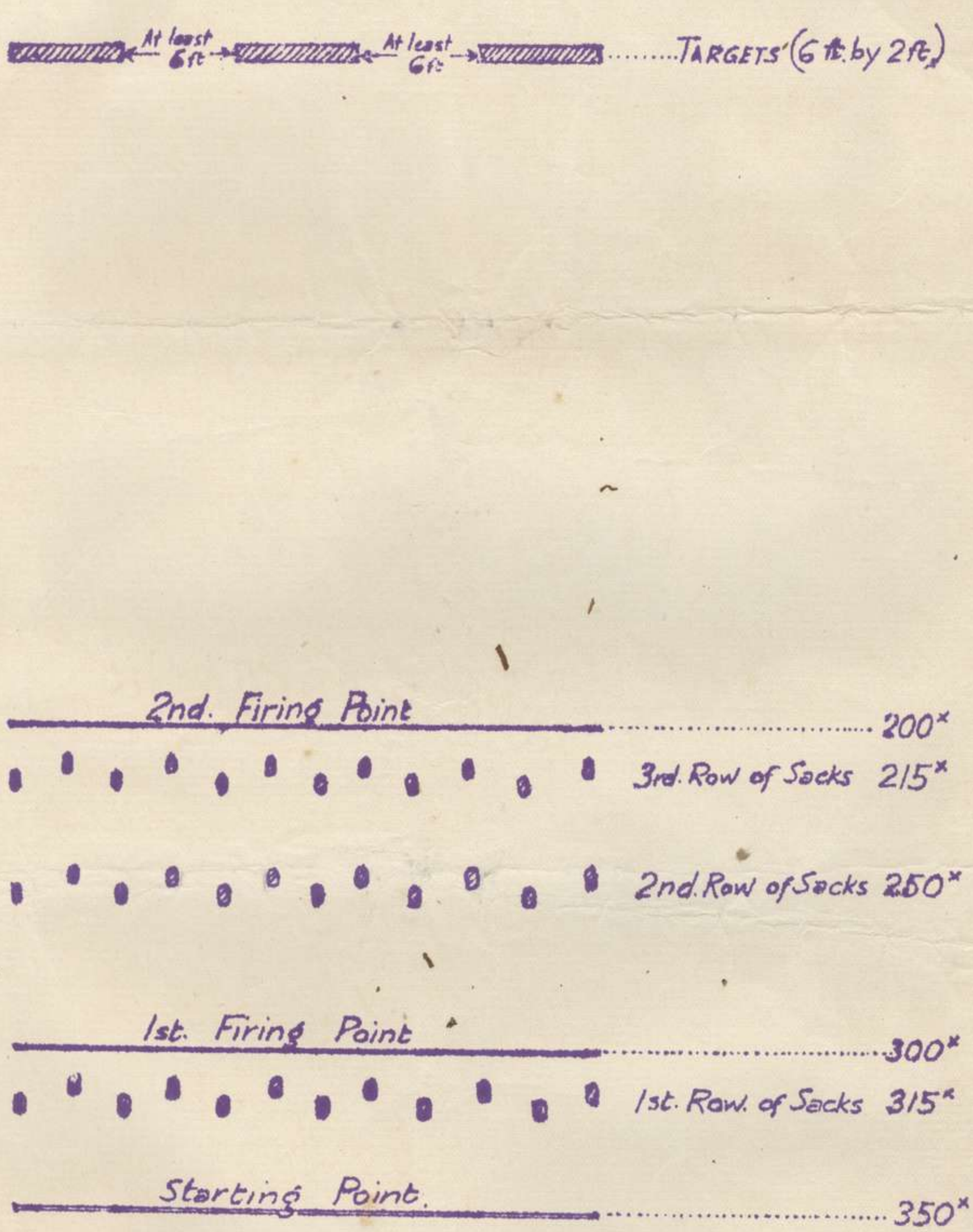

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24th BATTALION A. I. F.

Syllabus of Training for week ending 3rd NOVEMBER 1918.- is attached.

1. Physical Training and Games will not be taken during the morning session.

2. N.C.O's originally detailed for N.C.O's School, will be absent only in case of sickness, and must not be detailed for Routine Duties.

3. Saturday morning C.O's Inspection, and Route March.

T I M E T A B L E.

0900	-	0950	Drill.
0950	-	0940	Musketry.
0940	-	1000	Bayonet Fighting.
1000	-	1010	Rest.
1010	-	1030	Gas Training.
1030	-	1050	Bombing.
1050	-	1100	Rest.
1100	-	1200	Specialist Training.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING.

1400 - 1600.

(a) AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL.

Competitions will continue.
Inter platoon, and inter Company matches will be arranged by Companies, not actually playing competition matches.

(b) Inter Company SOCCER matches will be played.

(c) Four men from each Company & Headquarters, will be selected for CROSS COUNTRY runs, on MONDAY & WEDNESDAY. Men to report to Battn. HQ's at 1430.

(d) Candidate for sports, relay teams, and tug of war teams, will be selected in eliminating competitions by FRIDAY, and will continue training.

B O M B I N G.

28/10/18.	Long distance and accuracy tests with:- (a) Mills Hand Grenades. (b) Egg Bombs.
29/10/18.	Firing of dummy No.36 Bombs.
30/10/18.	Lecture. Employment of Bombers in wood and village fighting, to be followed by exercise.
31/10/18.	Lecture. Employment of Bombers in mopping up, then followed by exercise.
1/11/18.	Revision.

Live bombing will be carried out by Coys as follows between 1100 - 1200. All Specialists will be practiced.

28/10/18. "D". Coy.
29/10/18. "C". Coy.
30/10/18. "B". Coy.
31/10/18. "A". Coy.
1/11/18. "HQ".

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S I G N A L L E R S.

28/10/18. Lamp reading.
29/10/18. Buzzer practices.
Lecture. The telephone system in battle.
30/10/18. Station practice.
31/10/18. Flapper practice.
Lecture. Forward inter-communication in battle.
1/11/18. Revision.

H.Q. SIGNALLERS train from 0900 - [illegible]
COY. SIGNALLERS train from 1100 - [illegible]

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DRILL AND CEREMONIAL.

28/10/18. Company Drill.
29/10/18. Extended Order Drill. I.T. Chap. 5.
30/10/18. Company Drill.
31/10/18. Advances in extended order.- Control by signals.
Advance by Platoon and section rushes.
1/11/18. Company Drill.
Revision.
2/11/18. Route March.

LEWIS GUN TRAINING.

28/10/18. Mechanism and Stoppages.
29/10/18. Mechanism and Stoppages.
30/10/18. Lecture. Training of Lewis Gunners.
Tests in Stoppages.
31/10/18. Cleaning of Gun. Stoppages.
1/11/18. Tests in Stoppages.

TRAINING OF SCOUTS, SNIPERS & OBSERVERS.

28/10/18. Reading of Maps.
29/10/18. Use of Prismatic Compass.
30/10/18. Scheme to illustrate duties of scouts with a platoon.
31/10/18. Map reading, and field sketching.
1/11/18

GAS TRAINING.

28/10/18. Lecture. Action to be taken towards the end of a gas attack, when gases have apparently dispersed.
(a) Test air.
(b) Masks still to be worn until orders from an Officer be received.
(c) Filling in gas shell holes.
(d) Cases of direct hits to be notified to Coy.Officer.
(e) Use of anti-dimming solution.
29/10/18. Competitions in adjusting gas masks.-Platoon competitions.
30/10/18. Lecture. Duties of Coy.Gas N.C.O's.Responsibility of all Coy.Officers & N.C.O's. Repetition of practices.
31/10/18. Advance while wearing masks.
Passing of orders with masks adjusted.
1/11/18. Revision and repetition.

M U S K E T R Y.

28/10/18. Visual training. Judging distance.
Bolt practice. Rapid loading.
29/10/18. All firing positions.
Aiming instruction, with eye disc.
30/10/18. Assault practices 1.2. & 3, as per syllabus.
31/11/18. Exercises in fire orders, and fire control. Rapid loading.
1/11/18. Revision.

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M U S K E T R Y (continued)

Miniature Range practices in lieu of ~~xxxx~~ syllabus will be carried out by Coys. as follows:-

28/10/18. "B". Coy.
29/10/18. "C". Coy.
30/10/18. "D". Coy.
31/10/18. "A". Coy.

Large Range will be allotted as follows:-

28/10/18. "A". Coy.
29/10/18. "B". Coy.
30/10/18. "C". Coy.
31/10/18. "D". Coy.
1/11/18. Coy. Lewis Gunners.

The following practices will be fired:-

1. Grouping 100 yds lying firing. over cover. 5 rounds.
2. Application 200 yds. Lying firing, over cover. 5 rounds.
3. Application 300 yds. Lying firing, over cover. 5 rounds.
4. Application 400 yds. Lying taking cover. 5 rounds.

Bayonet to be fixed for the first three exercises.

BAYONET FIGHTING.

28/10/18. Assault practice No. 4.
29/10/18. Assault practices No 6, 7 and 8.
Counter-charge.
30/10/18. Assault practices No 6, 7 and 8.
Counter-charge.
31/10/18. Assault practice No. 9.
Attack and Counter attack.
1/11/18. Assault practices.
Repetition.

Coys. will be allotted the Assault Course on the following days.

28/10/18. "C". Coy.
29/10/18. "D". Coy.
30/10/18. "A". Coy.
31/10/18. "B". Coy.

A. W. Williams Lt
for
Major.
24th Battalion, A. I. F.

24th October 1918.

H. H. J. Cunningham

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34th B A T T A L I O N.

Syllabus of Training for week ending 10th November 1918.

M O N D A Y.

A	B	C	D
0900 - 1200. Rifle Range	0900 - 0915. Box.Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Tactical Scheme No.1. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Miniature Range.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Live Bombing. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme. No,1.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Assault Training. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme No. 1.

1100 - 1200. Specialist Training & Lewis Gun Training.

T U E S D A Y.

A	B	C	D
0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Assault Training. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme.	0900 - 1200. Range Practices.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Tactical Scheme.No.2. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Miniature Range.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Live Bombing. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme No,2.

1100 - 1200. Specialist Training & Lewis Gun Training.

W E D N E S D A Y.

A	B	C	D
0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Live Bombing. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme No,3.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Assault Training. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme No, 3.	Range Practices. 0900 - 1200.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Tactical Scheme No. 3. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Miniature Range.

1100 - 1200. Specialist Training & Lewis Gun Training.

T H U R S D A Y.

A	B	C	D
0900 - 0915. Box Resp,Drill. 0915 - 1000. Tactical Scheme No.4. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Miniature Range.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Live Bombing. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme. No.4.	0900 - 0915. Box Resp.Drill. 0915 - 1000. Assault Practice. 1000 - 1015. Rest. 1015 - 1100. Tactical Scheme No 4.	0900 - 1200. Range Practices.

1100 - 1200. Specialist Training & Lewis Gun Training.

F R I D A Y.

Any day's training missed on account of baths etc,will be taken on this day. Remaining period at disposal of Company Commanders for any training considered necessary.

APPENDIX 4

SATURDAY.

C.O's Inspection, and Route March.

APPENDIX A. Syllabus of Training for LEWIS GUNNERS.

MONDAY. Mechanism.
TUESDAY. Stoppages.
WEDNESDAY. Gun Drill. Stoppages.
THURSDAY. Stoppages.
FRIDAY. Revision.

APPENDIX B. Training of Scouts, Snipers and Observers.

MONDAY. Scouts & patrols in open warfare. Lecture & practice.
TUESDAY. Proficiency tests in map reading.
WEDNESDAY. Use of prismatic compass.
THURSDAY. Lecture. Duties of Observers. What to look for. Reports.
FRIDAY. Revision.

APPENDIX C. Training of Signallers.

MONDAY. Station Practice.
TUESDAY Lecture. Communications of a Battalion in attack.
Lamp practice.
WEDNESDAY. Flapper practice.
THURSDAY. Lecture. Means of transmission in attack. Station pract
FRIDAY. Revision.

APPENDIX D. Bombing.
(a) Live practice with No.36 grenades.
(b) Live practice with German stick bombs.
(c) Trench clearing with live bombs.

APPENDIX E. Gas Training.
Gas training for the week will be designed to increase rapidity of adjusting respirators.
Lectures will be revised.
A lachrymatory chamber will be provided for the testing of helmets.
Special attention to be given to fitting of helmets, cleaning of eye pieces, speaking while wearing mask.
Mask to be worn for periods during ordinary training.

APPENDIX F. Tactical Exercises.
Exercise 1. To teach the role of a platoon in attack. Coy. Commander will create positions. Special attention to fire orders, and fire control. Communications. Writing of messages.
Exercise 2. Platoon attack on strong post. Reinforcing. Control. Casualties to be made by Coy. Commander, and positions created.
Exercise 3. Attack by Coy. on one platoon front. Fire control by section leaders. Writing of messages. Map references to be given.
Exercise 4. Coy. exercise in wood fighting, I.T.Sec., 141 - 144.

APPENDIX G. Syllabus of Training for Third Week.- Musketry.
Large range will be allotted as follows.-
MONDAY. "A". Coy.
TUESDAY. "D". Coy.
WEDNESDAY. "A". Coy.
THURSDAY. "B". Coy.
FRIDAY. "C". Coy.
The following practices will be fired.-
Application 200 yds. Lying 5 rounds, without rest.
Rapid 200 yds, Lying 5 rounds. Firing over cover.
Rifles to be unloaded and pouch buttoned till order Rapid Fire is given. Time 30 seconds.

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MUSKETRY. (continued)

Application 300 yds, lying firing over cover, 5 rounds.
Application 300 yds. Standing Firing over screen, 5 rounds.
Bayonet to be fixed for all practices.

APPENDIX H. RECREATIONAL TRAINING. 1400 - 1600.

(a) Training of Battalion Football Team.
(b) Company Platoon Football Matches arranged by Coys.
(c) Training of competitors for Battalion Sports, and for Boxing Competitions.
(d) Cross Country Runs.
(e) Soccer matches.
(f) Baseball, and Basket Ball matches.
(g) Bullet and Bayonet competitions.

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A RED LETTER DAY.

Fin de la Guerre!

SOUVENIR.

ISSUED BY THE REGIMENTAL PRESS

of the

24th Australian Battalion.

LA CHAUSSEE-TIRANCOURT,

SOMME.

11th November, 1918.

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24TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY.

SOUVENIR.

MESSAGE FROM MARSHAL FOCH TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BRITISH FORCES :—

"Hostilities will cease on the whole front on the eleventh November at 11 o'clock French time. The Allied troops will not cross until further orders the line reached on that date at that time."

MESSAGE DU MARECHAL FOCH AU COMMANDANT EN CHEF DES TROUPES BRITANNIQUES.

Les hostilités cesseront sur tout le front le 11 Novembre a 11 heures, heure francaise. Les troupes alliées ne franchiront pas, jusqu'a nouvel ordre les lignes qu'elles auront atteintes ce jour et a cette heure.

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Office 24th Bn. Press,
11th November, 1918.

The news of the end of the Great War found us at La Chaussée-Tirancourt, Somme, where our troops were resting.

Our Battalion went into action on Gallipoli during the first week in September, 1915, and our last fight was at Montbrehain in the first week of October, 1918—the last of the Hindenberg line.

We rejoicé at the end because we have won.

At 11 a.m. to-day our Regimental Band turned out and played the National Anthems of the Allies in the main street. Flags began to appear on the buildings, and soon there was quite a gay scene in the village.

Handshakes, kisses, and hearty congratulations were exchanged by the French residents and the troops, and everywhere there were manifestations of keen delight.

Already we have our minds on Australia

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and the loved ones who are rejoicing there

To all ranks of the unit we offer our congratulations for all they have accomplished.

In this souvenir of this eventful day we extend to all ranks our best wishes for the future.

Nous exprimons l'sssurance de notre bien sincere amitié a tous les habitants de la Chaussée-Tirancourt. En les quittant, nous espérons que la paix pour laquelle nous avons tous combattu victorieusement leur apportera le bonheur et la prosperité.

[To our French acquaintances in La Chaussée-Tirancourt we accord our assurances of sincerest friendship. When we depart we trust we will leave them to days of happiness and prosperity under the blessings of the peace for which we have all fought and labored so successfully.]

War has ceased. May it never recur.

We may well wish you all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Editor "Red and White Diamond."

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Un Joyeux Noel.

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Army Language.

(Article No. 2 on Army Morals).

The fact that the army—and every army—is notorious for bad language is sufficiently advertised all over the world, so there is no need to emphasise it here.

Language is meant to be employed by man to express his feelings as well as his opinions; therefore I would say that men engaged in war, which is decidedly an abnormal occupation, must be expected to use abnormal language. We cannot set men at the work of devils and expect them to use the language of angels. I do not infer that soldiers have the disposition of devils, but I certainly say that the work to which they are set—the dealing of pain and death to their fellowmen—is a job which ought to be reserved for devils. It is a strange paradox that this inhuman business often produces in men and nations a greater degree of piety and unselfishness than they hitherto possessed; but that is the result of putting into practice the Divinely instituted law of self-sacrifice, which in war is imposed upon non-combatants as well as the army. While the soldier wages war in the field, the people at home resort to prayers. One has to play the part of a fiend, and the other that of a saint. Language, we might say as an axiom, is improper when it is out of place, unsuitable, or unnecessary.

Then what tone of speech would we have the soldier employ at his rough job? Picture him in the struggle of a fierce battle, where men, comrades he loves, are slain, bleeding, groaning, dying around him; where explosives which take away his breath and cover him with debris are falling thick and fast; where foes are rushing forward or lurking in ambush to cut him down; where men are shouting and calling in the temper of desperate straits; where everything is inhuman and devilish; where men are not called upon to kneel and pray, but to stand and fight. What sort of a soldier would a man appear if in such an hour he said: "My goodness! Those nasty enemy chaps have spoilt my clean tunic. Just wait till I get near them, and I'll give them a real hard smack?" Probably that kind of man would not get very close to the enemy in a hard push.

A man must have the necessary temper to fight. Then why deny him the natural support of suitable language? For words are a very potent factor in battle. Some men are naturally brave; some are timid. Again and again I have seen timid men steadied and even saved from nervous collapse by the STRONG, courageous exclamations of sterner comrades. Such exhortations have a wonderfully "bucking" effect at a critical moment. The worst oaths ever invented are not strong enough to express a man's temper in battle. So I say that bad language is an essential element of a bad business, and the blame for the evil must not be put upon the troops, but upon the standard of civilisation which permits war.

All soldiers do not swear, and some who feel justified in doing so under the stress of battle are rarely heard offending in their sober moments. I use the term "sober" because the intoxication of battle is a very real thing to a good soldier. The habit of swearing in battle naturally tarnishes a man's tongue, and the "black spots" are liable to manifest themselves under slighter provocation on subsequent occasions—sometimes under circumstances

most embarrassing to the absent-minded offender.

I heard of a soldier who went to England on leave recently, and was on his best behaviour while staying with a family of superior people in the Midlands. One evening at the dinner table, when the ladies and girls of the house were present, he "slipped" fatally, blurting out two of the worst words he ever used. As red as a lobster, he rose and asked to be excused. With a feeling that it had been better had he been killed before his leave became due, he left, and next day wrote a profuse apology. He was too ashamed to go back.

No soldier is proud of himself because he uses bad language. Every man who offends admits that he is self-condemned. Therefore we would not presume to be informative on the subject. But what we would do is to appeal to all men to keep a closer guard on their words when they are away from the field, for the sake of their own respectability (especially when they are within the hearing of females) and for the sake of their good name as Australians, for we should not lose sight of the fact that the best specimens of Australian manhood are in the army, and our country is being judged by the standard we set, not only as fighters, but also as gentlemen.

The soldier will be excused for a great deal till he shakes off the effects of his rough life; but there are some words used by a section of our men for which only the strongest condemnation can be pronounced. These words are not even decent blasphemy; they are filthy, vile, and repulsive. The pity of it is that so many men use these words without reflecting on their meaning—disgusting words which are creeping into common use by the natural process of constant repetition and consequent familiarity. Still, they are none the less offensive to the ears of strangers on that account.

Australians generally are good swearers; they swear rationally, and have a good vocabulary. They can well afford to omit all filth. Indeed, we can afford to "cut out the rough," as the diggers say, to a very large degree, and the sooner we begin the better chance we will have of getting back exclusively to language suitable for the pure atmosphere of our home life by the time we are welcomed back to the family board. No man wants to cause pain there. The only safe course is to cast off now the poison which has collected on the tongue, and which is as undesirable as all other refuse of the war.

W.J.H.

Christmas Letters.

The school girls and boys in Aussie have written a number of letters conveying Xmas greetings to the troops in the field, and notifying them of Xmas billies and parcels despatched to the front. Here are a few extracts from letters;—

G. B. Gorman, Warmatta, N.S.W., writes: "I am sending some Xmas presents, and I hope you enjoy your Xmas over there. Are you a conscript? I hope not. I am not. (A blotch here). A shell just struck my notepaper. I have 13 years of old. (This is French translated). We have a "dorg" called horsefly—it's a "snooze" name. Keep up your pecker a bit longer."

Bill Gorman, evidently a brother of the above-mentioned correspondent, says:—"Dear Billjim,—I don't know your name, so I will call you that. Twig? I am eleven years old—a frisky age, isn't it? My brother and I have to milk four cows; it is pretty good for the muscles. I am fairly affable this morning, because we didn't have much to do. Higho! By gummy, I was sick the other day; I thought I was going to die—I don't think! We have caught seven foxes this winter—a rabbiter's luck. We have one dog called Warsgovite. He caught all the foxes. That is a bit exaggerated. Keep your heart up, young un."

Ted O'Dwyer, Galty Park, writes:—"I see in the papers that you chaps are giving the Germans a rough time stick it lads we are going to play football against Berrigan, and I hope we stoush them. Pack up your troubles in your own kit bag!"

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There are evidently some promising young diggers in Aussie in the ranks of the school boys, but we hope they never have to enlist for any "stoush" worse than "boxing on" at football matches.

A draft of new troops on a train recently found their issue of "iron" rations exhausted. One new chum turned out his bag to see what he could produce. Then he said to a mate: "Here's a Tommy cooker. I don't know what's in it, but you can have it. I can't open it!" He had been scraping the top with a knife, being under the impression that it contained a pudding of some kind. And he was an Australian, too!

Do You Know Him, Boys?

Who is it buzzes round all day,
And sneaks the timber and the hay,
And never thinks he ought to pay?
Why, Scottie!

Who is it makes the natty seat
We cover oft with our retreat,
And always sees his job complete?
Why, Scottie!

Who is it that the boys know well
Can sink a wad big as a bell,
And swears he'll thirsty be in hell?
Why, Scottie!

Who is it calls the General, "Sir,"
And vows that when he's finished guerre
All things will then be as they were?
Why, Scottie!

Who is it curses loud and long
In lurid language hot and strong,
And never knows when he is wrong?
Why, Scottie.

But who is it that tends our dead,
And sees they have a grave instead
Of lying bare where they have bled?
Why, Scottie!

And who is it that does his work
Where death and danger often lurk,
Yet ne'er a man has seen him shirk?
Good old Scottie!!!

BOWB YANG.

RATIONS.

It is about time the civies in Taylor Street were issued with mess tins and cutlery. It looks bad to see them dipping their fingers into a fruit tin and fishing out their meat and spuds. Of course, that may be the correct way to eat meat and spuds. It is such a long time since we've had any we forget how to eat them. Then again, it may be the "bab's" idea of camouflage.

The H.Q. details are looking very pleased lately. The authorities considered Madame —— an undesirable person. She was "imsheed" out of the village. Then old Monsieur —— died of military tuckeritis. That meant two off our ration state. Great is the joy thereat. But keep your eye on them, and you'll see a change. Madame de Maconochie told me in confidence last night that there will be a couple of "piccanins" on the ration state soon. Black tea will be the order of the day then.

FUOGMH.

Village Gossip.

Raffles are booming. Perhaps when all the souvenirs have been disposed of, the troops will resort to raffling bully-beef.

The influence of the press is wonderful. In our last issue we drew attention to the desirability of having a cinema show for the entertainment of the troops in the evenings. The Y.M.C.A. immediately opened a picture show in the village. We are not vain enough to say that in our case the pen is mightier than the sword, but perhaps we can claim influence equal to the power of, say, a jack-knife. We were not responsible for the partial failure of the light on Tuesday night.

Two of our diggers a few days ago made a wager with their mates that they were game to "promenade" to the next village in civilian dress. They secured the clothes, and set out. One had a boxer hat, and the other a cap. Their luck was out. They were promptly taken into custody, and next day sent back under escort. In digger language, they "came a gutzer."

The war has not made our footballers any gentler. A Field Ambulance team and a team of Engineers met last week and had a perfectly friendly tussle. The captain of the Engineers was carried off the ground on a stretcher, and at a later stage of the game the skipper of the Ambulance 18 had to leave and get three stitches inserted in a cut over his eye. We have often wondered why the red cross teams are always accompanied by motor ambulances, stretchers, and a supply of bandages. Perhaps the C.O. of this Ambulance believes in practical training for his stretcher-bearers.

We have often heard the troops in the billets arguing with good-natured banter on the merits of city life as compared with those of the country, and vice versa. In a few cases where men have not appreciated the possibility of being classed as backblockers they have tried to disown their bush nativity. After a debate in A Coy's. "chateau" not many nights ago two diggers made a fatal confession in their sleep. About 2 a.m. one sat up and said: "You can't beat mixed farming, and the Mallee is the best wheat-growing country in Aussie." The other, a well-known corporal in A Coy., called out: "What's a 'Buckeye' harvester?" And yet he says he does not come from the country! These University knuts don't know everything.

REALLY!

(Carruthers Fitz Herbert speaks his little piece—Yes, Really!)

I say, old chap, what top hole news
About these German blighters.
I hear they one and all refuse
To meet our Aussie fighters.
Yes, really!

Bai Jove! these slouch-hat chaps of ours
Are giving him a beano;
They haven't let him rest for hours,
They'll make him hop it, we know.
Yes, really!

Stout fellows, all of them, you bet,
A little rowdy, rather;
And not au fait on etiquette,
So says the duke, my father.
Yes, really!

You know, old bean, I do declare
We English chaps oft sham it;
You never hear us loudly swear,
Except, perhaps—oh! dammit.
Yes, really!

My aunt! You ought to hear those chaps:
Old bean, they fairly spit it.
It's "Blast the war," or worse perhaps—
I don't know where they get it.
Not really.

But still, of course, it isn't done
In good society.
We Oxford men have not begun
To drop propriety.
Not really!

They're rattling chaps, we know, old sport;
They'd fight the very devil.
But still, they fall a little short
Of course, from —— well, OUR level.
Yes, really!

They don't quite understand the rules
Of mess, and loathe tradition.
Oh no! you couldn't call them fools,
Or say they lack condition.
Not really!

They've often done quite well, you know.
At least, that's what I gather.
I've never seen a real big show
With lots of blood and slather
Not really!

Dear me! why will the nations fight,
And people be so silly?
I'm longing for another sight
Of dear old Piccadilly.
Yes, really!

My shoes and spats are wasted quite,
My sword is growing rusty;
And since my valet's been called up,
My suits are getting dusty.
Yes, really!

Ah, well, old bean, we fighting men
Must simply grin and bear it.
'Twas mighty lucky for us when
These Aussies came to share it.
Yes, really!

And soon they'll toddle off back home:
"Down under," don't they call it?
A "bonzer" place—across the foam—
Good English, how they maul it!
Yes, really!

Well, never mind, let's drink their name;
They know their job, and do it;
And if they pulled out of the game
The whole wide world would rue it.
Yes, really!

So, here's to good old Aussie's sons,
The "dinkums" and the others;
May soon they polish off the Huns,
And get back to their mothers.
Yes, really!

At a recent meeting reference was made to the number of decorations a certain company had received. In reply the battalion reconteur said: "You can't judge much by that, for a good "write-up" will often win a decoration. Why, I've heard it said that in one of our battalions if a man is sent back from the firing line to the cookers the C.O. can write it up so well that it's almost a cert for a V.C."

A certain well-known Aussie colonel recently had a few dealings with our American cousins. After vainly endeavoring to lead them into the paths of dug-out etiquette as he saw it, the worthy colonel broke into a storm of vituperation, and departed. As he left, the Yank officer turned with an unworried face and simply said: "Some guy, eh!"

Just near Peronne there is a little mound of earth and a rough cross which bears the following inscription:—

"Here lie six Huns;
They met a Digger."

There's a hospital down in Boulogne
That some officers think is their own;
Abbeville's very nice, but it's lacking in spice
That the former is known to have shown.

Lewis Guns.

HINTS TO H.Q. SIGS. ON LEWIS GUN WORK.

This gun is a gun of opportunity, which means that it is studied as opportunity offers.

The following hints may be of value to the talented portion of this embryo Lewis gun section, coming from one who himself has had vast experience with the Lewis gun, both in this and previous wars. I shall deal exclusively with stoppages, as the mechanism is not really important.

No. 1 stoppage.—Gun fires one round and stops. This may be due to the trigger not being pressed again; if so, gun should be taken to pieces and re-assembled, thus giving each part a fresh opportunity of finding its correct place. The gun will now fire one or more rounds.

No. 2 or frictional stoppage.—Gun fires two rounds and stops. A beginner will know at once that the parts must be in their correct places. Noting these, take the gun to pieces, oil each part thoroughly to reduce friction; then re-assemble. Reverse the direction of the gases by turning the gas-regulator to L (which means, of course, "left"). In this case the cocking handle should also be fitted in the left side. Gun will now fire two or more shots.

No. 3 stoppages.—Gun fires three rounds and stops—probably caused by double feed, in which case the gun should be taken to pieces in order to remove the extra round. After re-assembling, take an ordinary magazine filled so as to leave alternate blank spaces. This method has been found very effective in rendering double feed impossible. In the rare cases where the gun fires four or more rounds before stopping, the stoppage may be readily determined by dividing the number of rounds fired by the figure two or three. Whichever divides evenly indicates the number of the stoppage. If neither, nor both, then the stoppage is No. 1. With a little practice great facility may be attained in the determination of stoppages by this method. It is the invention of a Sydney airman, who uses the principle to determine the stoppages of his engine, substituting revolutions for rounds and causing the figures 1, 2 and 3 to mean air, petrol, and electricity respectively. (Its application to hospital stoppages is at present under consideration by the Inventions Board).

In order to change the direction of fire of a Lewis gun, take it to pieces and put it together again in the new direction. If carried out rapidly, this operation is very baffling to enemy airmen, who are accustomed to the older method of traversing.

A good vocabulary is a great help in all machine-gun work; a gun will very seldom refuse to work if sworn at in French.

I hope these few remarks will be of service to the sigs.

WHEELS.

24th Bn. Social Club.

The June number of the Sixth Brigade Magazine (published in Melbourne) gives an account of the first social function of the 24th Battalion Social Club. Over 160 24th Bn. men attended.

Col. Hutchinson touched the boys on their funny side when he recalled the days of their training on the desert in Egypt and they swung along singing "Won't you join Bill Watson's army?"

Musical items were contributed by Cpl. Scriven (pianist), Lieut. J. Young, Sgt. Harry Bird, Pte. P. Rogers, Sgt. W. Smith, Sgt. W. Pescud, Pte. Coombes and Mr. Connor.

Much disappointment was expressed by lady friends when they found that the reunion dinner of 24th returned men was strictly a male affair. However, reunions are to be held quarterly, and at least one of these per annum is to be a ladies' night, so mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts of 24th men will be able to attend and learn more about their boys.

The Sixth Bde. Comforts Fund has opened a tea-room at the Brigade Depot, Flinders-st., Melbourne. All profits go to the fund.

SWEEP.

Under the patronage of officers, N.C.O's. and men of the 24th Battalion.

Tickets: 25 francs.

One prize only.

A beautiful pair of black top boots, presented by Lt. Cunningham.

Object of sweep is to buy a respectable pair of boots for the I.O.

For tickets apply—FUOGMH.

The diggers are concerned about the constant ringing of the village church bell. They fear it will be worn out before peace is declared. The bell has been providing a premature reveille at 3 a.m., so perhaps that has something to do with the anxiety of the troops.

Military Honors.

The latest list of honors includes the following decorations for officers, N.C.O's. and men of the 24th Battalion (and 21st where specified):

D.S.O.

Major D. D. Coutts (M.O.).

MILITARY CROSS.

Capt. G. J. Bowden.
Lieut. A. Stuart.
,, R. H. Farndon (21st).
,, W. B. Gow.
,, A. V. Sedgwick.
2/Lt. P. E. Smythe.

D.C.M.

21/310	C.S.M. W. C. Trevascus,	C Coy.
21/1515	Sgt. (T/C.S.M.) N. U. Barker,	D Coy
21/2857	,, T. J. Allen	C ,,
21/2679	,, G. A. Griffiths.	
3773	,, J. H. Bond	A ,,
2069	,, E. J. R. Dart	B ,,
2487	,, E. Holloway	A ,,
4292	Cpl. J. Artis	B ,,
6309	L/Cpl. E. L. Ford	B ,,
21/7089	Pte. E. E. Taylor.	

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

1798A	Sgt. D. McL. McKinnon, M.M.	
5291	Pte. A. S. Adolfsson, M.M.	
21/5406	L/Cpl. E. G. Savage, M.M.	
5151	Pte. L. Herman, M.M.	A Coy.
4545	L/Cpl. F. M. Walker, M.M.	,,
1680	,, J. W. Cotter, M.M.	,,

MILITARY MEDAL.

21/736	Pte. W. M. Spong ...	C Coy.
21/965	,, F. Scott	D ,,
21/186	T/C.S.M. Sgt. J. W. Irwin	D ,,
21/707	Pte. G. E. Dobson ...	C ,,
21/6840	,, R. J. Knight	
21/615	Cpl. (L/S) V. J. Edwards	C ,,
21/5460	Pte. A. R. Bees	C ,,
21/263	L/Cpl. F. V. Parker ...	D ,,
21/1581	L/Cpl. H. C. Finnis ...	D ,,
21/6825	Pte. B. J. Harlem	
21/2015	Cpl. C. W. Wilson	
21/2266	Pte. J. Spragg ...	C ,,
1798	,, F. Madden ...	B ,,
3956A	Sgt. D. W. Witherdon ...	B ,,
6390	Pte. C. S. Stonehouse ...	A ,,
2192	L/Cpl. M. Jackson ...	B ,,
6303	Pte. M. L. Dawson ...	B ,,
5319	L/Cpl. J. W. Cook ...	A ,,
5163	Pte. J. E. Morrisey ...	B ,,
2153	,, F. H. Hamilton ...	B ,,
1544	,, J. McEvoy ...	B ,,
2186	Sgt. E. W. Johnson ...	B ,,
99	Pte. W. A. Richards ...	B ,,
6405	,, B. Tuckett ...	A ,,
3755	,, J. E. Ashley ...	B ,,
4304	,, E. A. Cooper ...	B ,,
4675	,, D. Clarke ...	B ,,

Football Scratches.

(By "Goal Post").

On the 4th inst., in a scratch match between the band and H.Q. sigs., the "tin-horn" section proved that they can hold up their end at football as well as round the music stand. They won by 4 goals 4 bhds. to 3 goals 4 bhds. This was the second match of the season between these two teams, who are always after each other's scalps in cricket or toe-ball. The band won both these matches, and it is rather a feather in their caps, as last year the sigs. knocked them all over the place. Having lost the first match, the sigs. were reinforced by Lieut. "Stacker," who put in some fair work, but the opposite side kept their weather eye on him and came down on him like a ton of bricks at every opportunity. The game was funny at times, as some of the players on both sides had a limited knowledge of the noble art. Keyburn, of the sigs., umpired, and did fairly well, though he came in for the usual good-natured abuse which floats around at times in such a game. The sigs. swear to have the band's blood, and the latter are agreeable to let them have a "go" at any old time so long as they do not "ring in" more than half-a-dozen of the battalion team. We have visions of the sigs. practising football by numbers under the direction of "Stacker."

The French apparently greatly appreciate the gallantry of the Australians, as the following remarks, overheard in the main street of the village, show:— Admiring demoiselle to her fair companion: "Que les braves Australiens sont très aimables! Regardez M. Baxter pousser la bronette, plien de bois, de Madame Nenette dans la rue."

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Gifts.—The Q.M. acknowledges the following gifts to the Battalion from the Australian Comforts fund on 5th November:—10 cases of cocoa and milk, 3 cases assorted goods, ½-case playing cards, 1 case tomato sauce, 1 case sugar, 1 case oatmeal, 1 case Australian jam, 1 case cigarettes, 1 case tobacco, 2 cases milk.

The Unwritten Diary of a Town Major.

11 a.m. Comes Quicksilver softly to awaken me right early. Alas, that humble toil should thus rudely break into one's slumbers, driving sweet Morpheus into distraction and banishing the joys that cometh to the sound sleeper. Perchance a pot of rare old sac will stir my dullard senses. Ho there, Chain Lightning! Bring hither the flowing flagon.

12.30 p.m. The noonday sun beams mistily behind a veil of clouds. Or is it that mine eye hath lost its pristine vigor? Good Placid, 'tis sad that our old age should perforce bear the iniquity of youth. Well do I remember the time when— but peace to these old memories. My luncheon awaits. The kindly Madame may prattle overmuch, but methinks 'twere well to trust her when the stomach needs relining.

2 p.m. To my chambers, there to struggle with the intricacies of my high office. Mighty absurd that brass-hatted and red-tabbed gentry should make day hideous with their complainings. Would that I were myself a General to sit at ease on plush and dictate my behests at random. But let me see—to work 'twere well. How these scurvy knaves do spy on one. Yes! a bandstand for the square — 'twill please the diggers and the maids. Ho, minion! Come hither, thou son of speed, and list. He cometh not. Peradventure I shall settle this vexed question by myself. Then shall I to the haughty colonel of the regiment in our midst and demand from him a fatigue party ample for my needs.

4 p.m. Booted and spurred on trusty Bluey, I hie me to a verdant field where muddied oafs chase meaninglessly after a leathern sphere. I espy the colonel aforesaid, and approach with grim intent. But, odds bones!— speech faileth and I stutter like a foolish dolt. He spurneth my humble request. How these big pots do love to gainsay one.

7 p.m. What joy after the toil of day to soothe the ruffled feelings with red wine, and sit at ease in the back room of the estaminet. The clink of many glasses is as music. And the well filled bowl— who can appraise the charm thereof?

9 p.m. Verily 'tis long since such a comely wench waited at my bidding. The fair Lena hath indeed a shapely limb. Also she hath the speech that betokens much understanding. Come fill the brimming bumper yet again. There never was such another night as this.

11 p.m. The clock upbraids me with the lateness of the hour. I must away. But what is this? Why rolls the ship? Have we not come to port? Avast there shipmate — L E N A!

4 a.m. 'Tis a cosy couch enow— but whence came it—how came I here in this strange domicile? I must away lest ought do see me. But ere I go needs must I scratch a hasty note to unknown benefactors who cared for me in hour of need. I shall away. Gainsay me not sweet maid— there's a light that leads me homeward —its name is Duty. Ha, ha! these stairs are sad blunderers.

6 a.m. Ah! there's the church. Would that the road were straight; my errant feet drag wearily. Strange that the day breaketh so soon. Well it is that none hath yet bestirred. Home, home, sweet home, There's no place like home.

Hockentotto.

The Digger.

Who is it growls when on parade,
And longs to sit down in the shade,
And yet will face "Fritz" undismayed?
The digger.

Who is it curses all the day,
And oft takes leave and loses pay,
And yet is eager for the fray?
The digger.

Who is it struts his way along,
With merry jest and flippant song,
And spins his yarns a little strong?
The digger.

Who is it who will win the fight,
And burst up Kaiser Billy's might,
And afterwards will blast and skite?
The digger.

Who is it when the fight is o'er
Will to Australia hie once more,
And love the girlies as of yore?
The digger.

"Irish."

Choral Society.—Chaplain Capt. Buckley has started a choral society in our battalion, and under the baton of Bandmaster E. G. Bright the vocalists are doing well on some of the choruses in Novello's excellent part-song book. Singers of all ranks are invited to attend the rehearsals, which are being held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We Want to Know

Who "pinched" the saucepan of soup from the estaminet.

If it is true that one of A Coy's. sergeants held the hand of a mademoiselle while the dentist pulled her tooth.

If the issue of Blanco has been made with the idea of cleaning up equipment for our return to Aussie.

Whether A Coy. men are still subsisting on stew.

Why the 24th Bn. football umpire is not paid for his services.

At what port the s.s. Edina will pick up the troops after peace is declared.

Or whether the Aussies will go overland in tanks.

Whether we will find any "sunken roads" in the Pacific Ocean; and if the Pioneers could not go ahead and fill them in.

Whether some of the knuts and diggers on cushy jobs on the Blighty front and at the bases appreciate the prospect of having to look for work soon.

What the men with beaucoup sweethearts in Angleterre and Aussie propose to do with their "spare parts."

Why so many diggers have suddenly resumed correspondence with girls they have neglected for several years.

How the "lead-swingers" will answer the question, "What did you do in the great war, dad?"

Whether the war could not be prolonged a little to enable some of the souvenir kings to collect some more curios.

If Joe really blames "Billy Hughes" for pushing him down the steps of the estaminet? Was it a big drop?

Who "Baldie" was with when he stayed all day in a box at the cinema?

How long Reg. took to say au revoir to the fair maid the other night.

Will Whit. be pleased when M'mselle's Froggie fiancé departs?

How long it took the H.Q. hoboes to find their equipment on the occasion of the recent surprise parade.

Where B Coy's. Q.M.S. spent his birthday. Did he avoid the sergeants on that day in order to save his money for the celebration of peace?

What significance letters in violet ink have for B Coy's. S.M. Also whether the purpose of the S.M's. visits to Amiens is solely to purchase hair restorer.

Why "Whiz-bang" Smith persists in singing "Poor Old Jeff" in the billet at night in spite of the barrage of tin hats, bully-beef tins and mess tins that his sweet voice provokes.

Whether B Coy's. petit sergeant proposes to patent his new use for jam tins.

NIGHT FROLIC.

A company sgt.-mjr. and a company quartermaster invaded the billet of the R.Q.M.S. the other evening while the latter was out, and turned his bed upside down. Calling at a company office on their way home, and chuckling over their successful stunt, they imparted to another C.Q.M.S. all the particulars concerning the joke. The R.Q.M.S., concealed behind a door, overheard the interesting intelligence, and slipping out while the pair talked on, he hurried to their sleeping apartment and wrought havoc with their beds and the dainty arrangement of the furnishings in the room. The three met on the road a few minutes later, and this dialogue ensued:—

"Good-night, Lionel."

"Good-night, Hopwood. How is it, George?"

"Tres bien. We've just been down to your dosser looking for you. We couldn't find you."

"That's why you turned my bed over, eh?" (Guilty laughter here).

"Yes, we've left your bed ready; hope you have a good night."

"Same to you, old sports—I've just been up to your 'dug-out', and I've left everything ready for you!"

"You ——!"

The R.Q.M.S.: "Good-night."

(No answer).

PROMOTIONS.—Extract from routine orders:—2419, T/C.S.M. G. H. Hamilton to be C.S.M. 21/788, Sgt. W. L. V. Anderson to be C.S.M. 2481, Cpl. C. H. Wilson to be L/Sgt.

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Any of our readers who desire to obtain back numbers of the "Red and White Diamond" are advised to apply for same without delay.

Brigade Gymkhana.

Our Brigade held a gymkhana on the 9th inst., and in spite of wet weather the programme was productive of some good sport. The events included a show of limbers and teams, cookers and teams, officers' chargers, pack horses, a harness-assembling competition, shoeing, limber-driving; flat races (horses and mules), wrestling on horseback, flag race, trot, mule hurdles, tilting the ring, tug-of-war on mules, thread the needle, and ½-mile walk.

The 24th Bn. won the prize for best turned out limber. The limber was prepared by Dvr. C. Briggs and Pte. Stan. Callander, under the supervision of Pte. G. O. Johnson (painter). Dvr. G. Russell, with his fine pair of chestnuts, put everything else "in the shade." The 24th limber and this team have now many wins to their credit. They are always a credit to our transport section.

Dvr. Russell (24th Bn.) won the donkey race, and Lieut. Pyke won the 2-fur. flat race on a 24th Bn. horse.

Dvr. Russell had the hurdle race well in hand, but had to pull off the course half a furlong from home to avoid colliding with a French boy who got on the track.

Our B Coy. cooker competed in the section forbest-turned-out cooker and team, and was placed third. Our cooks prepared the meals for the troops as usual on the day of the exhibition, while others had not used theirs for a week or more. Specific conditions appear to be necessary for these competitions.

The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Lieut. C. B. Hislop.

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2ND DIVISION HORSE SHOW.

The annual horse show of the Division was held on 14th November in ideal weather.

The 24th Bn. was awarded first prize for best turned-out Maltese cart. Dvr. H. Hemmons and Ptes. L. Roberts and W. Lee constituted the personnel.

Pte. E. George (24th Bn.) secured third prize in the pack horse competition.

Dvr. G. Russell (24th Bn.), who had won the first prize for limber and team at the Div. show for three years in succession, was again regarded by the spectators as a "certainty," but, to the surprise of everybody, he was completely overlooked. Perhaps the judges thought he already had sufficient ribbons.

Jubilate.

(Extract from Routine Orders, 3.11.18.: Capt. F. P. Selleck returned to unit from Brigade).

Come, sing a roundelay:
Old Frank returned to-day,
The Huns once more to terrify,
To terrify and slay.

'Twas sad we were that day
When François went away
And joined Brigade to swankify,
To swankify and stay.

But sing a roundelay:
Our Frank came home to-day,
The Red and White to glorify,
To glorify for aye.

THE HOCK.

BLIGHTY LEAVE.—Mr. Palmer, of the furlough department at A.I.F. headquarters, Horseferry Road, writes:—"Will you inform the boys of the 24th Bn. that if they will call at room 93 and see myself or any of my assistants, we will be most happy to do everything possible for them and to arrange for them to visit a good home as a guest during their leave, or to give them information of any other kind they may require. We should like them to consider that we are always at their service."

AN INVITATION.—At the request of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Campbell, of View Bank, Wyndhill, Beauly, Scotland, I wish to notify any 24th Battalion boys who intend spending their leave in the North of Scotland that they will be welcome guests should they care to visit the above address.—D. Campbell, H.Q., 24th Bn. (Beauly is about 12 miles from Inverness.)

OBITUARY.—General regret is felt at the death of Lieut. P. S. Carne, M.S.M., who had undergone several operations in England after the serious accident which befell him on the field in May last, when he was thrown from a horse, and fractured his skull. The late Lieut. Carne was well known as our R.Q.M. up till the time of his injury. He was one of the 24th originals, and had served as C.Q.M.S. and R.Q.M.S. before he received his commission. Several officers of the 24th Bn. attended the funeral. Pte. S. T. Tipping, No. 6396, died of sickness while on Blighty leave on 29th October.

Cup Sweep.

The Battalion sweep on the Melbourne Cup excited the keenest interest of the "sports" on the 4th inst. The sweep was drawn in the mail room by the company quartermasters and Coy.-Sgt.-Mjr. Rankin, under the supervision of Lieuts. Cunningham and Thompson. A large crowd gathered at both windows, and anxious inquiries were "tick tacked" through the glass. "Mick" Kiely was in charge of the tick board, assisted by "Butcher" Ball. Quite a number of officers poked their noses in at the window to see what they had drawn, and the runners were kept going to and from Brigade with progress results. The sweep took exactly four hours to finish. Coy. Q.M. Duffy reckoned it was a "very dry affair;" so did Pte. G. O. Johnson, the promoter. L/Cpl. W. C. Brown acted as record clerk. Results :—

1st. "Night Watch"—L/Cpl. Hogarth, 24th Bn., ticket No. 352.

2nd. "Kennaquhair"—Dvr. Ambler, 2nd Div. sigs., ticket No. 906.

3rd. "Gadabout"—Cpl. Jenkins, 6th Bde., ticket No. 428.

Twelve cash prizes—52 francs each.

No.	Name.	Rgtl. No.	Unit.
720	Pte. Bryant	5178	6th A.L.T.M.B.
781	,, R. Hutchinson	2853	24th Bn.
18	,, McCoombe	5058	24th Bn.
958	Cpl. E. E. Parker	4166	23rd Bn.
779	Dr. Ware	257	2nd A.M.V.S.
572	Pte. J. C. Hitchen	2172	24th Bn.
309	,, Dunlop	5007	24th Bn.
921	,, English	6781	24th Bn.
334	,, Dunstan	6748A	24th Bn.
470	L/Cpl. Edwards	6444	24th Bn.
637	Dr. Learmonth	3276	6th Field Amb.
503	Pte. Lyons	6846	24th Bn.

MARRIAGE.

NASH—HANCOCK.—On 7th November, 1918, Pte. Len. Nash, 24th Bn., A.I.F., to Miss F. M. Hancock, of Haine Farm, Ramsgate, Kent.

NOTICE.

An Inquiry Bureau in connection with the A.I.F. Education Service will be opened on Saturday, 16th November, near the La Chaussée church. Until further notice it will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is there to give you any information you want regarding Repatriation and the Education Scheme.

Personal Pars.

Capt. G. J. Bowden, M.C., Lieut. G. D. Pollington, M.M., and Lieut. C. A. A. Ellis, M.M., have recovered sufficiently to leave hospital on furlough.

Lieut. W. Graham, M.C., and Lieut. J. L. Noble are awaiting orders to depart for Australia.

Several new stars have appeared in the military firmament. The new titles are 2/Lt. E. G. Robertson and 2/Lt. M. E. Considine, M.M. They are both good soldiers of the 24th.

Lieut. F. Olver; No. 352, Sgt. A. J. Cantlon, 398, Cpl. H. J. Cunningham, and No. 111, Pte. F. S. Dean, have returned to Australia.

"Sexton" Blake writes to his mates to the effect that he is classed C1. He is at present at Horseferry Road.

Sgt. Higgins has been seen in London on furlough from hospital.

"Horrie" Neil has left for Aussie. He is suffering from lung trouble.

Sgt. "Bill" Rintoull is doing well in hospital at Epsom. His bullet wound in the shoulder disabled his arm for a time, but he says his "wing" is showing signs of life again.

Cpl. E. W. Dardell, M.M. (1538) joins the Australian Flying Corps Cadet Battalion School on the 22nd inst.

Ex-Pte. Tom Godden, one of the 24th originals, who has been wearing civie clothes in Aussie for several months, writes to say he is arranging to welcome his old mates when the Battalion "hops over" on the Port Melbourne pier. He is saving his spare "trays" and "sprats" with the object of buying a barrel of the best Carlton, and promises to hand the "good oil" out "backsheesh" to his old cobbers who bear the dinkum brand.

We heard some Tommies and Diggers chipping one another recently in a friendly discussion as to which army was the best in the field. Said a Tommy, "The English soldiers are the backbone of the Allied armies." "Well," added a Digger, "the Aussies are the ribs that stiffen the main body."

We desire to point out that the second article of the "Herlock Sholmes" series in this journal was not written by the author known by the nom de plume of "William Wunstar."—[ED.].

FOOTBALL.

BRIGADE COMPETITION.

24TH BATTALION LEADING.

The Brigade football competition (Australian League game) was commenced on 28th Oct.

22nd BN. v. 23rd BN.

23rd Bn.	...	15 goals	13 bhds.
22nd Bn.	...	3 goals	3 bhds.

BDE. H.Q. v. 24th BN.

24th Bn.	...	6 goals	10 bhds.
Bde.	... ...	4 goals	2 bhds.

22nd BN. v. 24th BN.

Ideal weather favored the match between the 22nd Bn. and our own on the 2nd inst. The game proved fairly interesting, but the play was patchy. There was a lively passage just before half-time. Players of both sides were sprawling in all directions owing to the speed with which the game progressed.

In the last quarter the 24th put their heads to work and showed us some cool, systematic play. There was a marked improvement in both teams compared with their earlier performances. Scores :—

24th Bn.	... ...	9 goals	12 bhds.
22nd Bn.	... ...	6 goals	8 bhds.

Conspicuous players for the red and white were Lt. Clough, Cpl. Bendle (captain), Lt. Silverlock, Cpl. Cooper, Sgt. Doyle, Cpl. Bliss, Dvr. Hemmons and Pte. Scott. Lt. Thompson (forward) piled on six goals in the latter half of the game, and was cheered with increasing enthusiasm as he kept putting on the sixers. The other three goals were kicked by Bliss, Bendle and Cooper. Cpl. Collins umpired.

BDE. H.Q. v. 23rd BN.

23rd Bn.	...	4 goals	14 bhds.
Bde.	... ...	2 goals	1 bhd.

BDE. H.Q. v. 22nd BN.

The Brigade team showed a decided improvement in their play, and won comfortably. Scores :—

Bde.	... ...	10 goals	3 bhds.
22nd Bn.	... ...	4 goals	7 bhds.

24th BN. DEFEATS THE 23rd.

AN EXCITING MATCH.

The best match of the season up to date was that between the 23rd Bn. and 24th Bn. on the 13th inst. Neither team had been beaten, and a close tussle was anticipated, as the keenest rivalry has always existed between the 23rd and the red and white. The result was a great victory for the 24th, who once again proved their superiority, winning by 22 points.

The 24th team was composed of the following players :—Cpl. Bendle (captain), Lieuts. Clough, Thompson, Silverlock, Sedgwick, Sgt. C. Wilson, Cpls. Cooper, Bampfield, Harker, Parker, L/Cpl. O'Neill, Dvrs. R. Mitchell, Hemmons, Gainger, Ptes. Scott, Paynting, M'Elroy and Callander.

Both battalions turned out in strength to witness the match, and the barrackers were in great form.

The 24th, kicking with the wind, put on 3 goals 6 bhds in the first quarter, while the 23rd failed to score. In the second quarter, with the advantage of the wind, the 23rd made a great effort, and although they were able to register 4 goals 2 bhds, the 24th were leading by 5 points at half-time, having added, by determined rushes, 6 points in the face of the wind. This fact made the red and white supporters rather "cocky," and from that stage there was a continuous roar in the ranks of the barrackers.

The 23rd were unable to score in the third quarter, while the red and white added three more goals.

The last quarter was a hard tussle, and the scoring about even, although the 24th were kicking against the wind. The final scores were :—

24th Bn.	... ...	8 goals	8 bhds.
23rd Bn.	... ...	5 goals	4 bhds.

Cpl. Bendle, captain of the 24th team, played to win from the start, and his hard battling, was a big factor in the victory. He kicked 4 goals. Cpl. Cooper again distinguished himself going "up" for the ball, and Dvr Hemmons was as sure as ever on the defence. Lts. Clough and Sedgwick and Pte. Paynting also distinguished themselves.

A giant in the 23rd's ruck gave them the advantage in "knocking out," but it was the only aspect in which they showed superiority.

It was a fast and strenuous battle from start to finish, both sides being "all out" to win.

Cpl. Collins, who has rendered good service in the competition as umpire, had charge of the whistle.

Result of first round :—

	Matches Played.	Won.	Points.
24th Bn. ...	3	3	12
23rd Bn. ...	3	2	8
Bde. H.Q.	3	1	4
22nd Bn. ...	3	0	0

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FIRST ROUND.

The opening match of the Brigade Soccer competition was to have been played on 30th October between the 23rd Bn. and the 22nd Bn., but owing to the 23rd not putting in an appearance, the match went to the 22nd.

24TH BN. DEFEATS THE 23RD BN.

On the 4th inst., the 24th Bn. defeated the 23rd Bn. by 2 goals to nil. The weather was unfavorable, and the ground also unsatisfactory, consequently the match was not productive of good play. The 24th team was composed as follows:— Goal: L/Cpl. L. Readman; backs: Ptes. Jos. and Geo. Osborne; half-backs: L/Cpl. Smith, Pte. Church (captain) and Pte. Broadman; forwards: outside right, Sgt. J. Robinson; inside right, Lt. Whitear; centre, Sgt. W. Laing; inside left, L/Cpl. F. Hallam; outside left, Pte. Swan.

22ND BN. V. 24TH BN.

The red and white suffered their first defeat at soccer on the 6th inst., when they met the 22nd Bn., who won by 1 goal to nil. The 24th backs were strong, but the forwards were very weak.

SECOND ROUND.

The 23rd Bn. beat the 22nd Bn—2 goals to 1

The 23rd Bn. and 24th Bn. had a draw—1 goal each.

24th BN. DEFEAT 22nd BN.

In the last match of the second round the 24th secured a splendid victory by 2 goals to 1 in the best game of the competition. It was an excellent exhibition, both teams being in splendid form.

The 24th team was composed as follows:— Goal, L/Cpl. Readman; backs, Jos. and Geo. Osborne; half-backs: left, L/Cpl. Smith; right, Gosling; centre, Church (captain); forwards: outside left, Pte. Swan; inside left, Pte. Smith; centre, Pte. Jones; inside right, Sgt. Laing; outside right, Pte. Wallace. Church secured the first goal, and Jones and Swan the second.

The 24th now lead by 3 points. The semi-final and final matches have yet to be played.

OTHER MATCHES.

On 1st November a soccer match was played by the 4th Australian Pioneers and the 24th Bn., when the latter won by 1 goal to nil. Pte. Church captained the 24th.

On the 9th the 24th soccer team defeated the 2nd Div. H.Q. team by 2 goals to 1. Church (captain) secured both our goals.

Armistice Day.

CELEBRATING THE VICTORY.

Armistice Day—11th November—found in a quiet French village. The news reach us by "furphy" wireless early in the morni and the official message came to hand just time for the band to be ready to strike up the hour appointed for the cessation of hos lities—11 a.m. The band played the Natio Anthems of the Allies, beginning with "Marseillaise," and then for an hour the li liest and most appropriate airs were render

Meanwhile, flags appeared from every ho and the village went "gay" for the day.

The most novel feature of the occasion, the diggers at least, was the free and gener distribution of kisses by the women girls. Some of the boys received a very f issue, and entered heartily into this part of celebration. Even a big war has some co pensating advantages.

In the afternoon our Battalion Band, un the direction of Bandmaster G. E. Bright, the honor of representing the Australians the celebrations in the city of Amiens. C F. P. Selleck (adjutant) and several o officers of the 24th Bn. accompanied the b

The demonstration in Amiens was worth the joy that city felt at the news of vict An American band and a throng of people assembled at the Hotel-de-Ville, and the val of the Australian band was the signal an outburst of vociferous cheers.

The two bands played alternately, while crowd cheered, sang, and waved flags with utmost delight.

After a demonstration at the Hotel-de-V a triumphal march through the city was be the Australians leading. The crowd follo en masse, waving banners and flags of all s and descriptions. Flowers were showere the bands and troops from the windows, the colors of the Allies adorned everything everybody.

The Australians have a special interes Amiens, and the people there have a spe love for the Australians. It pleased everyb to see a gallant mademoiselle, wearing an A tralian soldier's hat, carrying a large Austra flag in the procession.

The demonstration continued till evening

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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

18th November 1918.

ADVANCE TO THE RHINE. INSTRUCTIONS.

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1. The advance of the Allied Forces is to commence on the 17th inst.

2. The 4th Army is to form part of the British Forces detailed for the advance.

3. The Australian Corps consisting of 1st, 2nd 4th, and 5th Australian Divisions is to form part of the 4th Army.

4. The advance of the 4th Army to the Belgian-German Frontier is to be carried out in three stages as under .-
   (a) From present line to the approximate line FRANCHIMONT- METTET- CHATELET - JUMET, starting November 17th, and arriving ~~Nxxx2xxx~~. November 18th.
   (b) From above line to the approximate line DEYFELDT- SALMCHETEAU- REGNE- VILLERS ST GERTRUDE- OCQUIER, starting November 21st and arriving November 24th.
   (c) From above line to the BELGIAN - German frontier from about DEYFELDT on the right to about FRANCHEVILLE on the left, starting November 27th and arriving December 2nd.

   The BELGIAN- GERMAN frontier is not to be crossed pending further orders.

5. The enemy is to be clear of each of the three zones referred to above on the date preceding our advance into that zone. Any enemy encountered on the march will be made prisoner.

6. The advance of the Aust.Corps is to be covered by a British Corps. Each Corps is moving forward on a two division front, each division on a separate road. For the Aust.Corps the 4th Aust.Div. Right, and 1st Aust. Div. Left. are to be the two leading divisions, but it is not yet determined whether the Corps is to move by train or by road. All references and orders will be on the map scale 1/100,000.

7½ The 2nd Aust.Div. is to be concentrated in the LE CATEAU area before the move forward to the Rhine.

8. The 6th A.I.Bde, Group will be prepared to move by train to the LE CATEAU area at any time on or after the 19th inst.

9. The following general instructions apply to movement by march route.-
   (a) During the advance all military precautions against surprise will be taken.
   (b) The comfort of the troops will be the first consideration during the march. Bands will be taken and colours may be taken where available. Two blankets per man will be carried on transport to be provided.
   (c) Helmets and box respirators will be carried.
   (d) ~~Xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Roads will be left clear for supply vehicles between the hours of 1700 and 0500.

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(e) It will not be possible to establish telephone communication. Communications will therefore be by D.R.

10. Each man will carry 60 rounds of S.A.A. This will be issued by 1200 19th inst.

11. All Lewis Guns will bw overhauled by Coy.teams, and returned to Transport.

12. Officers baggage must be reduced to the minimun, and all surplus kit returned to the R.Q.M. by 1500 tomorrow, for return to A.I.F.Kit Store Fulham Road LONDON.

13. The utmost attention will be paid to fitting out all personnel complete, and improving general appearance of men.
A boot inspection will be held in all Coys, and necessary repairs effected without delay. At every stop of 24 hours on the move boots will be inspected and bootmakers employed on repairs.

14. One blanket will be carried on the man. On receipt of move order, second blanket will be rolled in bundles of 10, and dumped at sites to be indicated.

15. A close inspection will be made of all vehicles and adjustments made so that they can move in good marching order.

16. Any ammunition over 60 rounds per man not expended, will be returned to R.Q.M. by 1200 19th inst.

17. All Area stores including stoves and palliasses, will be collected, and returned to the R.Q.M. at a time to be indicated.

18. Billets will be left in a clean and tidy condition, and all claims adjusted before moving off.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

_____ Lieut.
Asst/Adjutant.
24th Battalion., A. I. F.

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~~24th~~ BATTALION. A.I.F.

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 24th BATTALION.A.I.F. will be prepared to move forward from the FRESNOY area on the 24th NOVEMBER.

2. Companies will therefore arrange to dump at the DIVISIONAL DUMP.- location to be notified later- all surplus baggage, beyond bare necessities, immediately after arrival in the FRESNOY area. Kit dump will be sent on after arrival in RHINE area.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J Pellick

Captain & Adjutant.

22nd November 1918.

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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.119.

Ref.Maps.- AMIENS. LENS. VALENCIENNES. ST.QUENTIN 1/100,000.

21st November 1918.

1. The 2nd AUST.DIV. less Artillery is moving by strategical train from YZEUX Area to FRESNOY Area commencing on 21st November 1918.

2. The 24th BATTALION,A.I.F. will entrain at VIGNACOURT on 22nd & 23rd November as stated below.-
(a) "D".Coy. (O.C.,Capt.M.B.KELLY) will move from present billets at 1400 22nd inst. reporting to entraining Officer at 1611. 1 Officer from this Coy, will report with entraining state to Brigade group entraining Officer (Major J.PASCOE M.C.) at 1411. The Coy Cooker & team will entrain with this Coy. reporting at VIGNACOURT at 1411.
(b) "A".Coy.will move from present billets at 0315 on 23rd inst. reporting to Brigade entraining Officer,as loading party for Bttn train only, at 0500. - Cooker & team will accompany this Coy.
(c) Remainder of ~~Coy~~ BATTN. will move from present billets,passing starting point Y.M.C.A. corner LA CHAUSSEE in order "C". "BAND" "B". Battn.Hqrs Details. at 0630. Transport section with mobile echelon complete will move under orders of Lt.MILLER D.C.M. reaching entraining station at 0611.
Train departs at 0911. Detraining Station is BETRY.

3. DRESS. Full marching order less one blanket per man - 24 hrs.rations 60.rounds S.A.A. - Water bottles filled.
Felt Hats to be worn by all ranks throughout the march to the RHINE.

4. SUPPLIES. "D".Coy.
For consumption on 22nd inst. - On the man.
23rd inst" - On the cooker.
24th inst. - In bulk.

Remainder of Battalion.
For consumption on 22nd inst. - On the man.
23rd inst. - On the Cookers.
24th inst. - In bulk on train or supply waggons.

5. Lieut C.R.BOYD, "A".Coy , will act as Bn.entraining Officer reporting to Bde. entraining Officer with entraining states at 0611.

6. Lt-Col.W.E.JAMES.D.S.O. will be O.C. No.12 train by which 24th Battn. A.I.F. less "D".Coy. will travel.

7. March dicipline as per 4th Army order No.GS 128. issued to Officers will be strictly observed.

8. Officers kit, Second blanket rolled in bundle of ten,and Coy Stores, will be dumped on road nearest respective Coy.Q.M.Stores,as below.-
(a) "D".Coy. 1100. on 22nd inst.
(b) "A".Coy. 0300. on 23rd inst.
(c) Remainder of Battn. 0445. 23rd inst.

9. All billets will be left in a clean condition, and rubbish burnt. Lieut J.A.GRANTER will inspect all billets before Coys move off, reporting condition of billets to the Adjutant.
No.S.A.A. bombs or stores are to be left behind.
A certificate signed by O.C.Coy. that billets are left clean,will be forwarded to Bttn.Hqrs. by 0630 23rd inst.

10. Strict dicipline will be observed during the move. Troops will not enter the Station yard without the permission of the R.T.O.

11. Lieut.H.J.BOOK. "A".Coy.will remain in LA CHAUSSEE until 1200 23rd inst to adjust any further claims which may be made by French inhabitants. This Officer will then rejoin the Battn.

J.Pellow.
Capt & Adjt

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1. "A".Coy.
2. "B".Coy.
3. "C".Coy.
4. "D".Coy.
5. Q.M.
6. T.O.
7. 6th A.I.Brigade.
8. Town Major.LA CHAUSSEE.
9. C.O.
10. Adjutant.
11. I.O.
12. Spare.

Issued by Runner at 0830 on 22nd inst.

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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.130. APPENDIX No. 10

Ref. Maps.- ST.QUENTIN.) 1/00,000.
VALENCINNES.)

25th November 1918.

1. The 2nd AUST.DIV. is moving by road to the CARTIGNIES area between the 25th and 28th November 1918.

2. The 24th Bn.A.I.F. will move by road from present billets BOHAIN to ST.SOUPLET,via BUSIGNY and LA HAIE MENNERESSE on 26th inst, passing the starting point - Farm, 1500 yards North of B in BOHAIN on BOHAIN - BUSIGNY Road at 1000,in order -Band,Bn.Hqrs Details, "B"."C"."D"."A".,& Transport Section.
Battn,will pass Bn.Ord.Room at 0910 on 26th inst,in above order.

3. Distances to be maintained on the march will be.-
Between Battalions.....300 yards.
" Companies.....100 yards.
" Bn.& Transport Section.....100 yards.

4. DRESS.- Full marching order,less two blankets- 60 rounds S.A.A.- unexpended portion 24 hours rations.- Water bottles full.
OFFICERS. Open pattern tunic - Sam Browne belt.
All ranks will wear hats turned up at side.

5. A party of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.O's,and 15 men of 22nd Battn.A.I.F. will march in rear of 6th Field Coy,A.E. and pick up any stragglers from the line of march.

6. Clock halts will be observed.

7. A billeting party with billeting states,and consisting of Lieut C. McLEAN,"A".Coy,and one N.C.O. per Coy,Bn.Hqrs,and Transport Section will leave B.O.R. at 0730 26th inst.,reporting on arrival at ST.SOUPLET to Lieut C.B.HISLOP, 6th A.I.Bde.Hqrs.at Area Commandants Office.

8. Officers' Kit,two blankets per man rolled tightly in bundles of ten, and Coy.Stores will be dumped under cover at Coy.Q.M.Stores by 0730 26th inst. when T.O. will arrange to collect.

9. Coy.Cookers will move at 0800 to ST.SOUPLET and prepare mid-day meal.

10. All billets will be left in a clean condition and rubbish burnt. Lieut.A.V.SEDGWICK M.C. will inspect all billets before Coys. move off,reporting result of inspection to the Adjutant.
A certificate of cleanliness of billets will be forwarded by O's C. Coys.to Bn.Hqrs.by 0900. 26th inst.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.P.Miller. Capt & Adjt.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. "A".Coy.
2. "B".Coy.
3. "C".Coy.
4. "D".Coy.
5. Q.M.
6. T.O.
7. 6th A.I.Bde.
8. C.O.
9. Adjutant.
10. I.O.
11. Spare.

Issued by Runner at 1700 on 25th inst.

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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.121

Ref. Map.- VALENCIENNES. 1/100.000.

26th November 1918.

1. The 24th Batt.A.I.F. will move by road in brigade column from present billets ST.SOUPLET,to FAVRIL via MAZINGHIEM - CATILLON- LA GROISE - BOIS du TAILLON - SAMBRETON - FAVRIL.on 27th inst. passing the starting point "PIONT where railway crosses ST.SOUPLET- MAZINGHIEN road" at 0930. Battalion will fall in at 0900 out- side Coy tents,moving at 0905 in order Band "A"."C"."D"."B".Batt. Hqrs Details,and Transport section.

2. Distances and dress as laid down in Battn.Order 120 of 26th inst. will be strictly observed.

3. Battn. will halt on road for lunch from 1245 to 1400 hours.

4. Billeting party as detailed in Battn.Order 120. will leave B.O.R. at 0800 27th inst. reporting on arrival at FAVRIL to Lt.C.B.HISLOP, 6th A.I.Bde,Hqrs. at Area Commandants Office.

5. Coy.Cookers accompanied by two cooks only,will move at head of transport section.

6. Officers kit, two blankets per man,rolled tightly in bundles of ten, and Coy stores will be dumped at R.Q.M.Store at 0745 27th inst.

7. All tents will be left in a clean and sanitary state. 2/Lt.J.B.S.NICHOL will inspect all Coy lines prior to Battn.moving off, and report result of inspection to the Adjutant.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Capt & Adjt.

Issued by Runner at 1645. 26th inst.

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

1. "A".Coy.
2. "B".Coy.
3. "C".Coy.
4. "D".Coy.
5. Q.M.
6. T.O.
7. 6th A.I.Bde.
8. C.O.
9. Adjutant.
10. I.O.
11. Spare.

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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 122.

Ref Sheet :- VALENCIENNES. 1/100,000. 27th November 1918.

1. The 24th Bn A.I.F. will move by route march from present billets RUE de BOIS, to BOULOGNE-SUR-HELPE via ERRUART PRISCHES - CARTIGNIES on 28th inst. Passing starting point road junction on east of BOIS OU TAILLON at 0850 and joining Bde column at PRISCHES Church in rear of 23rd Bn A.I.F. at 1030.
Bn will fall in at 0830 moving at 0835 in order Bn Hq Details, "D", "C", "B", "A", Transport Sect.

2. Distances and dress as laid down in Bn Order No. 120 of 26th inst. will be strictly observed.

3. Bn will halt on road for lunch at a time to be notified later.

4. An advance billeting party of Lieut. H.J. Cunningham and Sgt. Kuhn has already left for new area.
Billeting Party as detailed in Bn Order No. 120 will leave B.O.R. at 0800 28th inst. reporting on arrival at BOULOGNE-SUR-HELPE to Lieut. C.B. Hislop 6th A.I. Bde Hqrs, at Area Commandant's Office.

5. Coy Cookers accompanied by two cooks only will move at head of Transport Section. Remainder of cooks will march under Sgt.Cook in rear of fourth cooker.

6. Officers kits, two blankets per man rolled tightly in bundles of ten, and Coy Stores will be dumped alongside road outside Coy billets at 0745 . T.O. will arrange to collect.

7. Billet s will be left in a clean and sanitary state. Lieut. W.O. Silverlock will inspect all billets and report result of inspection to the Adjutant prior to moving off.

8. O.C. "A" Coy will detail a Bde Stragglers Collecting Party of one Officer two N.C.O's and 15 O/Ranks. This Party will move in rear of Bde column (last unit is 22nd A.M.Gun Coy) after passing Church PRISCHES. A list of all stragglers will be rendered to Bn Hqrs immediately on arrival in new area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain & Adjutant.

Distribution.

No. 1	File.	No. 7	"B" Coy.
2	War Diary.	8	"C" "
3	6th A.I. Bde.	9	"D" "
4	C.O.	10	T.O.
5.	Adjutant.	11	R.Q.M.
6	"A" Coy.	12	Spare.

Sgt. Griffiths
wants to know
how many postal
notes do you want?

94 War Diary Lt Cunningham

24th BATTALION., A.I.F.

INTELLIGENCE.

Experience gained by Intelligence Personnel in Moving Warfare.

With regard to the experience gained from our Intelligence point of view, I can say nothing as regards open warfare in the broad sense, as the Battn. has only participated in attacks with limited objectives. But should we have taken part in a war of movement pure and simple, the following was the organization of H.Q. Intelligence Personnel.

To H.Q. were permanently attached 16 scouts snipers and observers, all picked men of keen intellect, who had been thoroughly trained and experienced for many months (the majority had attended the Corps Intelligence School, and the 4th Army S.O.& S, School., both of which have proved of inestimable value. All these men had an elementary knowledge of signalling and four were recently specially sent to a Signal School. I regard signalling as a valuable attribute to an Observer etc.

These 16 men were divided into three groups, comprising the three classes of specialists, and to each were to be attached two signallers with flags and Lucas Lamp. Should we have had to make a considerable forward move.-

(a) Two parties would advance with or in rear of flank Companies, with the third (or Tailing) party moving from vantage point to vantage point (previously determined from the map and known to all) to which point message would be signalled or sent, the Tailing Party being the connecting link with Battn.H.Q.

(b) The firt two parties with L.G.Teams attached, would act as patrols in front of Battn. keeping touch with Companies, and signalling information back to the Tailing Party, who would act as in (a).

This worked smoothly enough in training, but great care has to be taken in previously fixing from the map the pre-arranged point of vantage, where the third party will take up position. On Aug. 8th two such parties with Signallers and lamps, moved forward after the attacking troops, who passed through our Bn., but owing to the speed and success of the advance and the fog, they could not work properly. Only a highly trained personnel could carry the scheme out, and whether it would work in practice I am unable from actual experience to say.

As to the other points.-

1. Observation. Owing to its recognised value in addition to the establishment of Scouts, there should be an establishment for Intelligence on Bn. H.Q. (An I.O. & at least 6 Observers) in order to give the personnel and organisation a sound and permanent footing.

Observation can only be obtained by highly trained Observers, picked and trusted men, in well sighted O.P's either in or behind the front line. Telephone communication is essential. If possible a Lucas Lamp Station should be established not closer than 100 yards to O.P., in case the lines go. At RAINECOURT a most valuable O.P. was established (actually 50 yds. in front of the line) from which much important information was gained, and from where some very destructive shoots by the Artillery were directed on the enemy harassing him severely. This was possible because we had a direct line (through the Bn. exchange) to the guns, and we could bring accurate fire to bear on any target in four minutes. The value of the Lucas Lamp was proved at MONTBREHAIN where messages were transmitted direct from the line to Bn. H.Q.

2. Examination of Prisoners.

The German speakers specially trained for the purpose, have always done good work when attached to this Bn. When the prisoners come down to Bn. H.Q. they are given full charge, and proceed with their work unhampered. Likely subjects are picked out and given a short preliminary examination, but in no cases has this proved of any advantage to the C.O., who is always prepared for any eventualities. Still a short examination is necessary, but it is best to send "good" prisoners back to Bde. and Division, where perhaps the general information is of more value.

3. Means of Communication. (a) See remarks in (1). Telephone essential, Lucas Lamp desirable. Bn. runners have always done important work, and

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when roads permit bicycles greatly increase their speed. RoundDOMPIERE and MONT ST.QUENTIN, where the country was bad and H.Q. far apart, and some distance back, mounted orderlies were invaluable (the Bn. runners used a captured horse). In moving warfare mounted troopers ~~shouldx~~ from the Light Horse should always be attached to Bn.Hqrs.

(b) with regard to obtaining identifications it is always surest to wait till prisoners reach Bn.Hqrs. (Battle H.Q. are always well up, and prisoners lose no time in getting back) where experienced men take the identification and transmit it by phone to Bde.

4. AIR PHOTOS. Flat photos are indispensible if obtainable. They contain all information and are more accurate than a map in this respect Oblique Photos have proved of no value at all, as generally they are not taken from an angle suitable to the particular operation in hand, and even when they do, the information able to be picked out is negligible and the idea of the country gained distorted. Flat Photos are essential even though taken from high altitudes.

with regard to photos generally, no trouble seems to be taken to ensure that Bns. get photos of their own particular sector. It generally happens that of a batch of 50 photos two or three only are of use, the remainder being wasted. This applies particularly to times of trench warfare, when photos also arrived too late to be of much use. During September and October the selection of photos was good.

It is interesting to note that in the attack on VILLE-SUR-ANCRE (when we received a splendid ~~of~~ selection of flat photos) all Officers were issued with photos in addition to maps - on which were marked in coloured ink the ~~xxxxxxx~~ enemy positions and Machine Guns.

These proved of great value to Platoon Commanders as having studied the photos they were able to carry out the attack as if they had made a previous reconnaissance, and it was afterwards ascertained that every Machine Gun (with one exception) and posts were accurately marked.

N Blenkinsop Lt Col
for Major,
T/C.O., 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

La Chaussee, SOMME,
19th November 1918.

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SECRET

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
28th Sept., 1918

21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "

1. INTELLIGENCE POLICE

Battalions will be supplied with German Speakers as situation demands, the intention being to have oner German Speaker with each Bn. in line. Each Bn. will detail two searchers to work in conjunction with this Speaker.

(a) German Speaker
(i) To secure immediate identifications quickly so that identifications will reach B.H.Q. as speedily as possible.
(ii) To secure immediate information required by the Bn. Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders re counter attack, etc.
(iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, maps, etc., translate and convey information of importance to the Bn. Commander.

(b) Searcher
(i) To systematically search the battle field, enemy positions, suspected H.Q. for papers, documents, etc. have them packed in bags and sent through usual channels to B.H.Q.

2. DIV. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Div. Intelligence Officer will be established at Adv. Div. Collecting Cage. Location of same will be notified later.

Battalions will not detain prisoners longer than is necessary to obtain tactical information of immediate importance, except such prisoners as may be needed for examination as to enemy mines, dugouts, booby traps, etc.

3. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS.
(i) Officers & N.C.O's will be searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible Officer or N.C.O., and all documents taken from them will be sent back with them to the D.I.O.
(ii) Bns. will hold back only such documents, maps, etc. taken from prisoners that are of immediate tactical importance to them. When this is done B.H.Q. will be informed at once of the points of immediate tactical importance which they contain. Immediately necessary extracts have been taken from them, the documents will be forwarded to B.H.Q.
(iii) Privates will be searched on arrival at Corps Cage.
(iv) Escort and Guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

4. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.O's & MEN.

Care will be taken that Officers, N.C.O's and privates are all separated from one another at once and are not allowed to communicate one to another.

5. NOTIFICATION OF LOCALITY OF CAPTURE

It is essential that this be sent back with prisoners. It is also useful to know which Bn. made the capture.

6. Unauthorised persons will not converse with prisoners.

7. IDENTIFICATIONS

The importance of passing all identifications on to B.H.Q. as speedily as possible cannot be too strongly impressed on all concerned. Special efforts should be made to wire any identifications made, and the locality in which obtained.

7. ESCORT OF PRISONERS. Bns. will be responsible for escorting prisoners back from front line as far as B.H.Q. at which place they will be taken over by the D.A.P.M.

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. No. 941 Date.

Brigade Headquarters
26th Sept., 1918.

21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "

Reference this office 2756 of 26th June, and 2991 of 7th July, 1918, the instructions contained therein are cancelled, owing to the changed methods of warfare, and the following substituted.-

"Owing to present semi-open warfare conditions, and dispersion of units over greater areas of ground, it will be necessary in the future for battalions to rely more largely on their attached German speakers for timely information regarding the enemy. The Speakers have received further training with a view to this. The attached QUESTIONNAIRE, a copy of which is in the possession of each Speaker, has therefore been drawn up, and the information obtained will in all cases be wired to B.H.Q. Apart from this interrogation, any questions dealing with the particular tactical situation of the moment will be asked if so desired by Commanding Officers."

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR USE BY GERMAN SPEAKERS

1. Division, Regiment (active or reserve) Coy, Battery or Squadron.
2. Where are the other two regiments of your Division ?
3. Where is your .....nd Bn., your.....rd Bn. ?
4. Where are the other three companies ?
5. What is your trench strength - Officers, O.R's, H.Q's ?
6. Are you disorganised ?
7. What regiments are on your right and left ?
8. Who is behind you ?
9. Are the roads in your Sector mined ?
10. Have any been blown up ?
11. Do you know of any other places which have been mined ?
12. Do you know anything about counter-attacks ?
13. What is the opinion in your company about the War Situation now ?
14. How near are civilians to the line ?

EXAMPLE OF REPORT OF ABOVE QUESTIONNAIRE AFTER AN EXAMINATION

Prisoner 5th Coy., 39th Fus. Regt., 50th Division, states: 53rd I.R. on right and 158th I.R. on left. 1st Bn. in support 300 metres to rear, 3rd Bn. 2 Kilometres to rear, 6th and 7th Coys. in line, 8th Coy. broken up. Trench strength 5th Coy. 1 Offr. 30 O.R's, 2 L.M.Gs. Regiment not disorganised, though weak. Flanking Regts. to Division not known. 94th I.R. believed to be in reserve to Division, no other regiments seen. Nothing known of mining in the sector. Counter-attack to take place at 6 p.m. last night was anticipated by our attack. Morale of men very poor. Nearest civilians to present line in X.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
24th April, 1918.

L I A I S O N D U T I E S

1. The following notes are to be read in conjunction with Instructions for the Defensive No.7.

2. Officers of experience should be selected for liaison duties. They should be conversant with their C.O's plans for meeting the various situations which may arise.
Similarly they must make themselves conversant with the plans of the units to which they are attached.
But it is when events are not going according to plan that a good liaison officer will prove his value.

3. Lack of accommodation will generally prevent liaison officers being quartered with the units to which they are attached, but during operations they must remain with them except under the circumstances set out in para 5. (d) below.
During normal times they should visit units frequently.

4. Liaison Officers should be provided with an up to date map and during operations with two orderlies for use as set out in para.5.

5. A Liaison Officers duties include.-

(a) Seeing that information of importance to his own unit is sent to it by the unit to which he is attached.
If this is not being done he must use the orderlies with which he is provided to get the information to his unit.
Negative information is often of great value.

(b) Keeping his own unit informed of the intentions of the unit to which he is attached.

(c) Sending from time to time by means of his own orderlies a confidential report to his C.O. giving his views on the situation on the front of the unit to which he is attached, the methods being used to meet it, and the battle worthiness of the unit.

(d) Making a personal report to his C.O. when the situation is obscure or difficult.

W. F. N. Bridges Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Copies to.-
2 copies per Bn.
4 " for B.H.Q.

Appendix 4
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To note please
A Fletcher
Capt & Adj.

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NOVEMBER 1918.

	Week ending 7/11/18.		Week ending 14/11/18.		Week ending 21/11/18.		Week ending 28/11/18.		29th & 30th.	
	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R.	Off.	O/R
TAKEN ON STRENGTH.	3.	22.	2.	29.	1.	10.	1.	51.	1.	3.
New. Reinfts.	2.	1.	2.	-	-	-	-	48.	-	2.
Old Details.	1.	21.	-	29.	1.	10.	1.	3.	1.	1.
STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.	4.	25.	2.	29.	1.	21.	1.	16.	-	3.
Killed.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wounded.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evacuated.	4.	25.	2.	29.	1.	21.	1.	16.	-	3.
TOTAL STRENGTH.	52.	1019.	52.	1019.	52.	1008.	52.	1043.	53.	1043.
RATION STATE.	42.	734.	42.	786.	45.	835.	38.	857.	41.	861.