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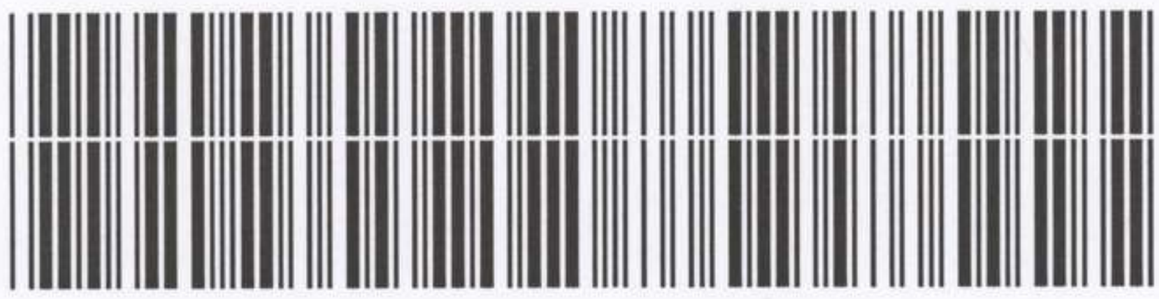

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WAR DIARY

OF

24th. BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

JANUARY 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling H. J. Cunningham Lt. I.O. 24th. Bn. A.I.F.

Signature of Officer Commanding W. C. James. Lt.Col. C.O. 24th.Bn.A.I F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NALINNES.	Jany. 1.		New Year's Day was not marked by any celebration, but a holiday was proclaimed for the day. Unfortunately owing to the unpropitious weather, rain fell heavily and it was bitterly cold, no sport or other diversion could be indulged in. We received definite news that Australians would not be going to Germany owing to the delay it would cause to our demobilisation. This was regretted by all ranks, for whom the Rhine had long been the objective, but all recognise that it our duty to return home as soon as possible. The following promotions have been make :- 2/Lt.J.B.S.Nichol and 2/Lt.M.E.Consedine M.M. to be Lieuts. L/Cpl. Rickman to be T/C.Q.M.S. A. Coy. Pte. S.Foote to be T/Sgt. Bootmaker. 15 o/r from Transport(1915 men) joined A1 Coy. 17 o/r. marched out to 6th. Field Engineers Thy-le Chateau for instruction under the Education Scheme. The rate of exchange for marks has been fixed:- 5 marks -2/8 -3.50 francs.	
	2.		10 a.m. to 12 noon. Physical Training and Coy. Route Marches. The following Education Classes were held. 9.30 a.m. Arithmetic. 11 a.m. English. During the morning the Brigadier with the C.O. and the Orderley Officer Lieut. G.M.Ingram V.C.M.M. inspected Companies and Billets. A1 and D Companies attended Div. Baths to bathe and receive change of clothing. 1 N.C.O. and 12 men reported to Sgt. Lang M.M. for pioneer work.	
	3.		10 a.m.- 12 noon. Physical Training. Guard and Sentry Drill. 9.30 a.m. Book-keeping. 11 a.m. Fruit Growing. In the afternoon Gen. Sir Wm. Birdwood accompanied by Lt. Gen Sir J.J.T. Hobbs and Brig. Gen. J.C.Robertson, inspected the Bn. which was drawn up in hollow square in the Square, Nalinnes. After inspection the General made a characteristic speech and on departure was loudly cheered by all ranks. General Birdwood was afterwards entertained at afternoon tea in the Officers' Mess. Among his last words when leaving were "One always felt safe when one had the old 24th. on the job". 10ff. and 4 N.C.Os. per Coy. received instruction from an Y.M.C.A. Expert in the art of orfanizing Organized Games. Some very valuable hints were received. During the morning small parties from A,B and C Coys. proceeded on salvaging expeditions, but apart from a few german shells nothing was found. 1 Lewis Gunner reported to Sgt. Perry at Transport Lines, Fontinelles, to clean guns.	

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	4.		9.30 am.m. French. 11 a.m. Agriculture. During the monring the C.O. Lt. Col. W.E. James D.S.O. delivered an interesting Lecture on "Repatriation", during which heexplained the working and intention of the Scheme. In the afternoon the Bn. Football Team met the 23rd. Bn. in the Final of the Bde. Football Championship but were defeated by 5 points, the 23rd. kicking a lucky goal in the last few seconds of the match. For full account see January No. of Red and White Diamond attached. The following promotions have been approved :- A/C.S.M. E.W.Johnson M.M. to the T/C.S.M. Sgt. A.C.Westneat to be T/C.S.M. L/Cpl. H.J.Wiltshire to be E.R.Sgt. (Educational Service) Lieut. C.A.A.Ellis M.M. and 2/Lieut.E.H.Kean M.M. rejoined Bn. During the afternoon the Bn. entertained 230 children from the village at dinner and afterwards at the Cinema. The citizens greatly appreciated this thoughtful compliment and appreciative notices appeared in the papers. See full account in Bn. Journal.	No1
	5.		Church Parade. Roman Catholic at 10.30 a.m. in Parich Church Nalinnes.	
	6.		10 a.m. -12 noon. Physical Training. Coy. Route Marches. 11 a.m. English Class. D.Coy attended Div. Baths for bathing and change of underclothes. In the afternoon the Bn. Soccer Team met the 22nd. Bn. in the Final of the Bde. Soccer Championship. The game resulted in a draw. A Reading and Writing Room under the auspices and the Y.M.C.A. has been opened in the School and fills a much need want.	
	7.		10 a.m. to 12 noon. Inspection. Owing to early demobilisation care is being taken to see that all ranks have a full complement of clothing and equipment. Shortages are immediately notified to R.Q.M. and deficiencies made up. 9.30 a.m. Book Keeping. 11 a.m. Fruit Growing. 11 a.m. Geometry. Notice has been received of the award of the 1914-1915 Star to all soldiers who have served in a theatre of war up to end of 1915. All our Originals have put up the Red, White and Blue Colors.	
	8.		The following classes were held. 10. a.m. French. 11.15 Algebra. 11.15 Agriculture. During the morning A and B. Coys. bathed.	

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			In the afternoon the Bn. Football Team journeyed to Marcienne to play the 27th. Bn. A good game resulted and the Bn. lead until the last quarter, when the 27th. by extraordinary play against a strong wind kicked several goals and won by a narrow margin. The team were afterwards hospitably entertained at dinner in Charleroi. At night a dance was held in the Cinema Hall, and as many invitations had been sent out, there was a large attendance of ladies. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all ranks.	
	9.		9.45 am.-12 noon. Inspection. Physical Training. Coy. Route Marches. 10 a.m. Arithmetic. 11.15 a.m. Arithmetic. Lieut. C.H.Miller D.C.M. interviewed men desirous of joining Transport Section. A Meeting of Cross Country Runners was held at B.O.R. ay 1.15 p.m.	
	10.		Owing to constant rain no parades were able to be hald. 11 a.m. Geometry Class. During the affernoon the C.O. interviewed men from A.1 Coy on Demobilisation business. During the morning Canon Masterma, who is delivering a series of Lectures under the Education Scheme, delivered an interesting Lecture in the Cinema Hall on "Democracy"	
	11.		9.45 - 12 noon. Usual Coy. Parades. 10 a.m. French. 11.15. Agriculture. 11.15. Algebra. The following decorations have been awarded for gallantry :- Military Cross. Capt. F.P.Selleck (Adjutant 24th. Bn.) Distinguished Conduct Medal. 6354 Cpl. C.O.McLear; 21/286 Sgt.J.S.P.Semple. Belgian Croix de Guerre. 384 R.S M.Greene W.; 222 Sgt. R.R.Laidlaw; 6354 Cpl.C.O.McLear. The following have been mentioned in Despatches. Lt.Col. B.O.C.Duggan D.S.O.; Major A.E. Reed D.S.O.; Lieut. E.H.D.Edgerton D.S.O., M.M.; 38 Sgt. J.R.Parker. At night a Fancy Dress Dance was held in the Cinema Hall and was well attended and enjoyed by large crowds of covilians and soldiers. Many excellent and amusing costumes were worn and much originality was shown by the masqueraders.	
	12.		Church Parade. Cinema Hall. Protestant. Rev.C.F.Blood officiated. Roman Catholic. Mass. Parish Church Nalinnes. 11½15 a.m. Classes are being arranged for at the Universite du Travail, Charleroi. Applications are	

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			being called being called for in the following:- Blacksmithing, Fitting, Moulding, Boiler-making, Woodworking, Electric Work. The Course will last one month and will include both practical and theoretical work. The following Officers returned to Australia :-Capt. M.R.MacNeil M.C., Lt. H.W.Clough M.C.,M.M., Lt. H.Baxter, Lt. A.E.Reilly M.M., Lt. A.V.Sugdwick M.C. and 2/Lt. E.H.Kean M.M.	
	13.		Parades Inspection, P.T. C and H.Q. Coys. attended Baths. 11.15 a.m. Arithmetic Class. The C.O. interviewed personnel of B Coy. to complete Demobilisation Forms. Ample facilities have been given all ranks to visit Brussels for a short leave, and every day parties proceed on sightseeing excursions to the Capital of Belgium. To provide for the comfort of the troops a Rest House for men has been opened by the 6th. Brigade. This is an excellent arrangement which is greatly appreciated by leave men.	
	14.		Usual morning Parades. A and Al Coys. attended Baths. The C.O. interviewed C Coy. personnel on Demobilisation matters. The Y.M.C.A. has presented the Bn. with861 "Aussie" Wallets. As writing materials are scarce the gift was most opportune.	
	15.		Rain prevented the usual morning parades from being held out of doors. A and B Coys. attended Baths. 10 a.m. French. 11.15 a.m. Agriculture. 11.15 a.m. Algebra. 11 o/r. proceeded to Charleroi to attend courses at l'Universite du Travail. In the afternoon, despite the heavy rain, the Bn. accompanied our first big Draft for Australia, which left in charge of Capt.F.Sale M.C., Lt. W.B.Gow M.C. and Lt. N.R.Calvert, along the road to Charleroi. In the Wood near Haies the Bn. formed up and the Colonel spoke a few words of farewell and on behalf of those who remained wished the Draft God Speed. The Regimental Flags af the 24th. and 21st. Bns. were handed into the custody of Lt. Gow and Capt . Sale respectively for safe custody to Australia where they will be flown at the Home H.Q. Accompanied by the Band the Draft then moved off to Charleroi amid loud cheers and affectionate farewells. Nominal Roll of Draft attached.	No. 2.

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	16.		9.45 a.m. to 12 noon. Inspection . Physical Training. Education Classes. 10 a.m. Arithmetic. 11.15 a.m. English.	
	17.		Inspection. Short Route March. A new A1 Coy. has been formed comprising all ranks who belong to 1915 Category. This arrangement has proved very satisfactory as it enables men due for demobilisation to be organized in such a manner that drafts can be sent off at the shortest notice. 10 a.m. Bookkeeping. 11.15 Geometry. During the afternoon Lt. Commander Everard R.N. delivered an exceedingly interesting Lantern Lecture on "The Navy's Work (The Submarine)" This Lecture was one of the best we have heard and was greatly appreciated by all ranks. 10 o/r. proceeded on leave to Brussels. Remaining members of the 4th. Reinforcements now with the Bn. had a group photo taken.	
	18.		Inspection. Coy. Route Marches. The Adjutant interviewed all members of A1. Coy. on Demobilisation matters. 10 a.m. French. 11.15 a.m. Agriculture. 11.15 a.m. Algebra. To raise the standard of Stable Management and Horse Mastership 1 Off. and 10 o/r. are to be attached to Transport Section for a ten days' course of instruction. Courses are to be continuous so that as many as possible will receive instruction. Vetinary Officers will give a series of Lectures also. Arrangements have been completed for a party of five men per Coy. to tour the industrial centres round Charleroi to inspect works. These Tours will be as frequent as possible so that all tanks will be able to take advantage of them. ~~21/6835a~~ Pte. C.W.Lukins promoted T/Cpl.	
	19		10 a.m. Muster Parade. Promu.gation of Routine Orders. 1030 a.m. Mass (Roman Catholic). Parish Church, Nalinnes. 11 a.m. Muster Parade in Cinema Hall of all 1917 and 1918 personnel. Lt. Col. W.E.James D.S.O. addressed the men on Repatriation and Demobilisation . The M.O. held a medical inspection of the Bn.	

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	20.		9.45 a.m. Inspection. A1 Coy. Cleaning Equipment. Taking of shortages.	
			10 a.m. Arithmetic. 11.15 a.m. English.	
			The Education Officer interviewed men from A1 and H.Q. Coys. to complete Demobilisation Forms.	
			Requests have been made from formations of the British Army for Lectures on Australia. Coys. were asked to supply names of Lecturers.	
			Brig. Gen. W.R.McNicholl C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O., Inspector General of Education addressed the Bn. during the afternoon in the Cinema Hall on Repatriation and Demobilisation.	
			R.S.M.W.Green and Sgt.R.Laidlaw attended a Parade at Marcinelle and were presented with the Belgian Croix de Guerre.	
	21.		9.45 a.m. Inspection. 10.30 a.m. Lecture in Cinema Hall Repatriation.	
			The T.O. paraded horses and mules at Bde. H.Q. for inspection of V.O.	
			A number of Officers and o/r. attended 2nd. Aus. Div. Race Meeting at Bomeree.	
	22		Owing to the decreasing numbers of the Bn., the Bn. was organized into 2 Coys. A. 1916 Category (Capt. E.V.Smythe M.C.) and B 1917-18 Category (Capt.M.F.Kelly)	
			11.15 a.m. Agriculture and Algebra Classes.	
			At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sgt. Chandler A.I.F. commenced a valuable series of eight Lectures on Banking in all its branches. The Lectures were well delivered and will prove of great value to those who were privileged to hear them.	
	23.		11.15 a.m. Arithmetic. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Banking.	
			In order to give men an opportunity of becoming motor drivers, volunteers have been called for transfer to the Aus. M.T.Unit, where facilities will be provided for men to learn motor engineering.	
	24.		10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Banking. 11.15 a.m. Agriculture, and algebra.	
			Early in the afternoon a draft of 123 o/r under Lieut.J.T.Pocknell M.C. and Lt. W.O.Silverlock left by tram for Charleroi. Prior to departure the Bn. formed up in the Square Nalinnes and gave the Draft a hearty send off. Nominal Roll of Draft attached.	No. 3.
	25.		10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Banking 11.15 a.m. Fruitgrowing and Geometry.	

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	26.		10.15 a.m. Bn. formed up in Square and marched to Cinema where Divine Service was held. Holy Communion was celebrated after the Service. Roman Catholic. Mass. Parish Church Nalinnes.	
	27.		9 a.m. to 12 noon. Al and A Coys. attended Div. Baths to bathe and receive clean underclothes. 10 a.m. Arithmetic. 11.15 a.m. English.	
	28.		10 a.m. ByCoy. attended Div. Baths. 10 a.m. Book Keeping. 11.15 a.m. Fruitgrowing. Snow fell heavily the previous night and today the whole landscape was covered with a mantle of white. Snow balling was the order of the day and the Square was turned into an impromptu battlefield. The boys in the village joined in the fray and large parties of small urchins ambushed many an unwary soldier. The fun was fast and furious and was greatly enjoyed by all.	
	29.		H.Q.Coy. attended Div. Baths. The C.O. interviewed Jan. to March 1916 Category men. 10 a.m. French. 11.15 a.m. Agriculture. The following officers were promoted Lieut. :- 2/Lts. J.S.Robinson M.M., A.Hardie M.M., E.H.Kean M.M., A.Molone, C.W Stewart, G.J.Francis and E.G.Robertson. The following officers rejoined Unit from Cadet Bn. :- 2/Lts. V.A.H.Clarke, T.Morris and T.Davis. Capt. C.V.Duncan having proceeded to Demob. Camp Havre, was struck off strength. To give telephonists experience, arrangements have been made to enable men so desirous, to become attached to the Belgium Civil Exchange, Charlewoi. Applications for this purpose were called for. At night a dance was held in the Cinema Hall and was well attended by demoiselles and soldier s	
	30.		Coys. held parades when shortages were taken. The C.O. interviewed 1916 Category men. The following classes were held. 11.15 a.m. English.	
	31.		10 a.m. Book Keeping. 11.15 a.m. Fruitgrowing. 11.15 a.m. Geometry. Further applications to attend courses at the Universite de Travail, Charleroi were called for. Arrangements having been made to farm out men in Belgium and France for experience in Viticulture, Beet Sugar Manufacture, Silk Culture and Pattery and Glass Manufacture, applications from men desiring experience in these industries were called for.	

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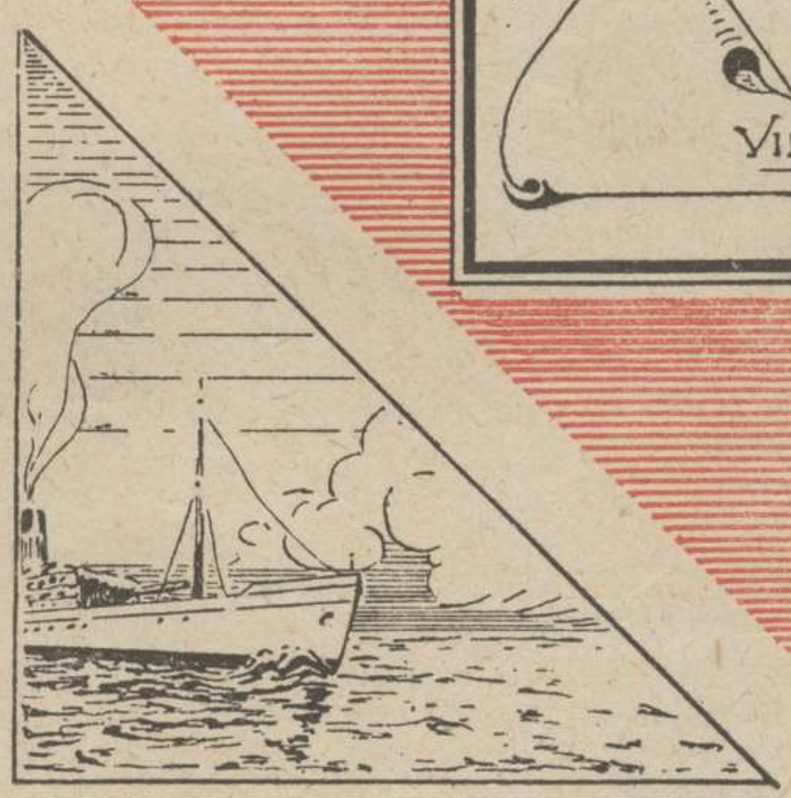

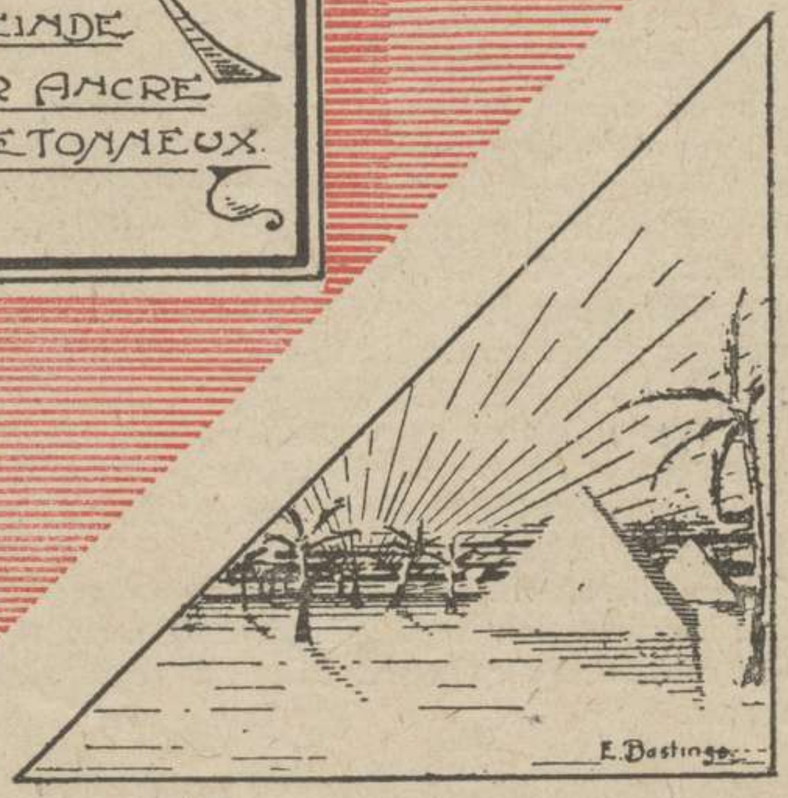

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THE
"Red and White Diamond."
JANUARY, 1919.

Lieut. G. Ingram, V.C., M.M.

We are very pleased and proud to be able to record that the coveted V.C. has been gained for our Battalion by Lt. G. M. Ingram, M.M.

In extending to Lt. Ingram our warmest congratulations and best wishes, we feel that we are speaking for all ranks of the Battalion. The gaining of this supreme honor by one who wore the red and white diamond will ever be a source of pride to us all. Good luck to "George."

The story of his deeds make stirring telling and we are sorry that we are unable to relate them in full. The following is the story as told in the "London Gazette" :—

Lt. George Morby Ingram, M.M., 24th Bn.

For most conspicuous bravery and initiative during the attack on Montbréhain, East of Peronne, on 5th October, 1918. When early in the advance his platoon was held up by a strong point, Lt. Ingram, without hesitation, dashed out and rushed the post at the head of his men, capturing nine machine guns and killing 42 enemy after stubborn resistance.

Later, when the company had suffered severe casualties from enemy posts, and many leaders had fallen, he at once took control of the situation, rallied his men under intense fire, and led them forward. He himself rushed the first post, shot six of the enemy, and captured a machine gun, thus overcoming serious resistance.

On two subsequent occasions he again displayed great dash and resource in the capture of enemy posts, inflicting many casualties and taking 62 prisoners.

Throughout the whole day he showed the most inspiring example of courage and leadership, and freely exposed himself regardless of danger.

Inspection by Gen. Birdwood,
K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., Etc., Etc.

On the afternoon of the 4th inst. the Battn. was inspected by General Birdwood in the square of Nalinnes. In the centre of the "three sided square" formed by the troops was the Australian flag, and on either side of it the banners of the 21st and 24th Battalions were held aloft by veterans.

General Birdwood was accompanied by General Sir J. J. T. Hobbs, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D., and Brig.-General Robertson.

After the inspection he made a characteristic speech in which he thanked the Battalion for the faithful services rendered and wished all ranks a speedy and happy return to Australia.

Three cheers for the General were called for by the Colonel and the response was mighty.

The march past, which as a spectacle was unmarred even by the failing light, bronght to a close this very memorable ceremony.

We are sensible of the high honor paid to our Battalion, and we warmly appreciate this gracious compliment tendered by the General whom we proudly claim as "ours".

General Birdwood had afternoon tea in the Officers' mess. Among his last words before leaving were "One always felt safe when one had the old 24th on the job."

Honors and Awards.

The following decorations have been awarded. The Corps, Division and Brigade Commanders, together with the C.O., extend their congratulations to the recipients :—

MILITARY CROSS.
Capt. F. P. Selleck.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.
6354 Cpl. C. O. McLear.
21/286 Sgt. J. S. H. Semple.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.
Lt.-Col. B. O. C. Duggan, D.S.O.
Major A. E. Reed, D.S.O.
Lieut. E. H. D. Edgerton, D.S.O., M.M.
38 Sgt. J. R. Parker.

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE.
384 R.S.M. W. Green.
222 Sgt. R. R. Laidlaw.
6354 Cpl. C. O. McLear.

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Homeward Bound.

On the afternoon of the 15th inst. the first large draft for Australia from this Battalion set out on the first stage of "the trail that leads back home." Capt. F. J. C. Sale, M.C., was in charge, and with him were Lieut. W. B. Gow, M.C., Lieut. N. Calvert, and 146 N.C.O's. and men.

Together with the remainder of the Battalion the draft formed up in the square of Nalinnes at 1.15 p.m. Many officers, including the Brigadier and members of the Brigade staff, and men, and quite a crowd of civilians were present to witness the departure, and as the parade moved off, headed by banners and band, all united in giving three rousing cheers. Many a heart beat just a little faster as these men started on their last march with the old Battalion.

Five kilometres nearer Charleroi, in a wood a little past Haies, the column formed up on the side of the road and the Colonel made a short speech. He spoke of the sterling qualities of the men the Battalion was about to lose; men who had proved their manhood and had made a name for the battalion through four long years of war. It gave him great satisfaction and pleasure to send these men back to their loved ones in Australia. He took this opportunity of giving into the keeping of Capt. Sale, M.C. and Lieut. Gow, M.C. the banners of the 21st and 24th Battalions respectively. These banners, he said, will be taken to Australia with the draft and will be put up in the largest hall in the municipality in which each of the Battalions has its headquarters. It was not difficult to imagine with what pride and almost reverence our people and peoples yet to be would view these banners which had never been disgraced and had gained great honor on a hundred hard fought fields. He also spoke of the debt we all owe to the men who gave their lives in the gaining of that honor. In conclusion the Colonel wished all ranks a pleasant and a safe return to those who had so long and so nobly waited for them in sunny Australia.

The Battalion then lined the road a little further on, and through the avenue formed by their pals went the draft still headed by banners and band. As they passed through they bade their "Au Revoirs." When the men had cleared the "avenue" those remaining behind gave three loud cheers, then watched in silence.

Gradually the party faded into the distance, and round a bend in the forest track they disappeared—our pals and our colors.

Here's to the time when we all shall see them both again!

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On the 11th inst. the following officers left for England and Australia:—Capt. A. R. McNeil, M.C., Lieut. H. Baxter, Lieut. A. Reilly, M.M., Lieut. H. Sedgwick, M.C, Lieut. H. Clough, M.C., M.M., Lieut. Keane, M.M.

At lunch on the same day they were tendered a formal "Au Revoir" by their brother officers, and left by the 4 o'clock train for Charleroi.

Major W. H. Ellwood, M.C., has left us for a school in England. We understand that the school lasts six weeks, so it is probable we shall not see the Major again in France.

WHEN WE LOST YOU.

(Dedicated to one "Gone Higher.").

We lost the joy and amusement,
We lost the hullaballoo,
We lost the wonderful rhythm,
And more things than ever we knew.
We lost the joyous enchantment,
We lost the memory, too,
Of little ghost footfalls at meal times,
When we lost you.

6TH BRIGADE CINEMA.

The 6th Bde. Cinema is now showing in Nalinnes. This cinema has become quite an institution in the Brigade and the attendances at performances testify to its appreciation by all ranks.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Anxious Inquirer: No, it is not necessary for the very best sturmtruppen to always take short cuts to coal cellars.

J.J.J.: No! Charlie was not disgusted.

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THE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY.—Some of our diggers are still struggling hard with the French language. An A Coy. sergeant gave us a sample of his "French" a few days ago. The day had been wet, and the roads were full of puddles. Returning to his billets with wet feet, he endeavored to explain to the lady of the house that his boots were leaking. After several unsuccessful attempts, he held up one foot, and putting his hand on his boot, said: "Madame, vous compree, de l'eau visite ici." Madame understood, but all the soldiers present burst into laughter, and the sergeant refused to parley further.

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CHRISTMAS, 1918.

THE TROOPS MAKE MERRY.

ENJOYABLE DINNERS.

While the war ran its course for over four years it seemed a mockery to wish anybody a "Merry Christmas," but the 1918 Yuletide brought us back to civilisation, and it was an inexpressible joy to be able to welcome the festive season without the sound of guns and the talk of impending battles. Although still in the field, we were able to appreciate the resurrection of the Christmas spirit of mirth and goodwill. Indeed, who could realise the significance of the change more than the men who had been actors in the theatre of the war's grim drama?

In the quiet Belgian village of Nalinnes we made our preparations for our Christmas festivities under the benediction of peace. The Boche had not left the country overstocked with provisions, but we were able, with the kindly aid of our Belgian friends, to provide ourselves with the necessities for a fitting celebration of the season, and the new year carries us along with the happiest memories of the closing days of the last year of war and the dawn of the new year with its bright outlook.

Each company had its own dinner, managed by its own offices and men, and prepared by its own cooks. There being only one small hall available, the gatherings were spread over a period of about a week.

But the troops are used to inconveniences, and the last dinner had as much of the Xmas atmosphere about it as the first. Perhaps the happiest thought which occupied the minds of all ranks was that this would be the last Christmas they would be obliged to spend in the field. To war weary and homesick men that meant more than even Christmas itself. There was every reason to be happy.

OFFICERS' DINNER.

The officers' Xmas dinner, held on Xmas night in the banquet hall of the Nalinnes chateau, surpassed any previous event of its sort in the history of the Battalion officers' mess—winning by a head perhaps from the famous Le Transloy dinner of July, 1917.

The guests were Major McCall, our "B.M.", and Capt. A. G. Brown, M.C., our "S.C." At 6.30 p.m. 54 officers sat down, and one glance at the artistic and lengthy menu dispelled all doubt—if any doubt there had been—as to the probable quality of the dinner.

At each diner's elbow lay a bon-bon cracker, and those of us who were childishly eager to pull our crackers were soon satisfied. The colonel set the ball rolling by inviting the "Beer Emma" to pull his cracker with him. Immediately there followed a crackle around the table, and each of us donned the paper hats contained in the bon-bons. Then we settled down. Maybe I should say that MOST of us settled down, for the barman had been working like a trojan in the ante-room all the afternoon! Our much respected "Majah," by the way, looked absolutely sweet in his hat, which was of a gentle sky blue color and modelled a là dairymaid, secured by a dainty bow under the chin. "Frankie's" suited the mood he was in admirably, too, being of the "school-dunce" pattern, and set at a rakish angle on his head—symbolic of an "I'm out for a night to-night" feeling in "Frankie's" little heart.

The various courses followed with bewildering rapidity. (We KNOW what they were, because most of us, at any rate, kept our menus.) Amid the general babble of camaraderie which prevailed, we drank each other's health, and also those of many others who unfortunately were not present.

In due course followed the toasts. After "The King" had been drunk in the traditional manner of the Service, cigars and cigarettes were produced. Then, feeling at ease with all the world, we sat back to listen to the remaining toasts on the programme.

"The C.O. and Battalion" was proposed by Capt. A. R. McNeil, M.C., who spoke well and eulogistically of our Colonel's sterling qualities. The C.O. (Lieut-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and bar) responded in his characteristically clever and sincere manner.

Then followed "Our Fallen Comrades," by Capt. F. Sale, M.C. "Fred" spoke a few words and proposed that the toast should be a silent one. This was accordingly drunk in renewed silence, which after all was more eloquent than words could be.

"Ain Folk" was proposed by Capt. E. V. Smythe, M.C. "Moquet" surprised most of us by delivering a very sentimental and eloquent little speech, in which he handled the sacred toast as it has very seldom been handled in our mess.

Now we come to perhaps the star performance! The Major called upon Capt. A. A. Ball, D.C.M., to "tell us off." "Tonto" accordingly hoisted his 8 stone 6lbs on to his

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chair, and then, working methodically (strange for him!) around the table, dealt with every officer individually. He spoke continuously for ninety minutes, and spared no one. "Tonto" had anecdotes to tell of each of us—some embarrassing, some not, but all amusing to the gathering. When one considers that there were 54 officers present, and also that the task imposed upon "Tont" was an entirely impromptu one, the extraordinarily clever and versatile way in which it was carried out is doubly striking—even though the performer WAS "Tonto"!

The rising of our guests was the signal of the conclusion of the dinner, so we adjourned to the ante-room. The barman, having rested in the meantime, renewed his activities, with the result that certain of our usually most reserved officers, together with the remainder, began to do strange things. However, that is another story.

Throughout the evening the band rendered a programme of music.

During the intervals between the band's items Cpl. Loveless rendered some excellent songs in his best style.

The manner in which the whole dinner was arranged, cooked and served reflects the greatest credit on all concerned, especially on Lieuts. Farndon, M.C., Quirk and Forbes, who all worked untiringly in order to make it an unprecedented success and befitting the auspicious occasion of Xmas 1918. And it was all that, and more.

"THE YOB."

A1 COMPANY.

Perhaps the best of the company dinners was that held by A1 Coy. This company was composed of our original Anzacs—men who left Australia with the unit, and who had been drafted from the ordinary companies pending their departure for Australia on furlough.

Certainly no other gathering was so poignant with the spirit of comradeship, for these officers and men had weathered the long campaign together, and had more sacred memories than could be expressed by words. And then the prospect of their early departure for home imbued them with the keenest delight. It was a memorable gathering, with a sentiment best expressed by the veterans who composed it.

The O.C., Capt. A. R. McNeil, M.C., presided, and there were also present the C.O., Lieut.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and Bar, Capt. F. P. Selleck (adjutant), and representatives of all sections of the Battalion—some as members of the company, and some as guests.

The admirable fraternity which exists between officers and men in the A.I.F. was exemplified by the manner in which the officers distributed themselves at the tables among the diggers. Many of the officers there had risen from the ranks, and it was a happy hour, at the close of the campaign to see them, for the time being, diggers at heart again

The dinner was sumptuous and abundant, and its digestion was aided by music discoursed by a small orchestra.

After the loyal toast, Cpl. A. E. Dean proposed "Our Fallen Comrades," which was reverently honored in silence. Indeed, to that assemblage this toast was full of pathos, for out of the original battalion a comparatively small percentage remained.

Sgt. J. Crammin proposed the health of the C.O. (Lieut.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and Bar).

The C.O. had a flattering reception when he rose to respond, and he must have felt proud of such a genuine and enthusiastic expression of esteem from those men who best knew his career and his worth. After expressing his admiration for the old hands who had carried on so gallantly and faithfully, he wished them all a speedy and happy reunion with their kith and kin in Australia.

The toast of "Our V.C." (Lieut. G. Ingram, V.C., M.M.) was given by Cpl. Wood. Lieut. Ingram was accorded a genuine ovation. His response was modest, but his reference to the never-dying associations formed in the unit at the front had an echo in every heart.

Capt. A. A. Ball, D.C.M., undertook the difficult task of doing justice to the toast of "The Cooks," and he drew from the gathering not three, but four cheers, loud and long, for the heroes of the day.

Then there was a period of impromptu speechmaking, and many of the old hands—officers, N.C.O's. and men—were elevated to stools and chairs and obliged to talk. There were many happy reminiscences in their speeches. It was a foretaste of the pleasure reunions in the homeland will have for the troops in the future years. Songs and recitations added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The proceedings concluded with cheers for everybody the men could think of, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

A COMPANY.

The wet, cheerless weather of December 27th served only as a foil to the scene of

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activity and merriment in the communal hall on the occasion of A Coy's Christmas dinner.

The limited accommodation which the hall provided was taxed to the full, some 200 officers and men being seated at the tables.

A good dinner was enjoyed by all to the accompaniment of a continual exchange of pleasantry, and a liberal supply of the cup that cheers.

The tax upon accommodation rendered it impracticable for the band to be present, but musical entertainment was not lacking, M. Wardavior (violinist) kindly consenting to favor us with his services.

After the toast of "The King" had been honored, Lieut. P. A. Jenkin, in a few words, called upon the company to honor the memory of "Our Fallen Comrades." The toast was drunk in silence. We all felt proud of those splendid heroes whose faces we so sadly missed.

The toast of "The 24th Battalion" was proposed by Capt. E. V. Smythe, M.C. In a few well-chosen remarks Capt. Smythe referred in terms of high eulogy to the long and popular association of Lieut.-Col. James with this unit and the record of the Battalion under his control.

Lieut. J. L. Scales, D.S.O., M.M., added his appreciation to that of Capt. Smythe.

Responding on behalf of the C.O., who unfortunately was unable to be present, Major W. H. Ellwood, M.C., dwelt on his own long association (in the days of his callow subalternship) with No. 4 platoon, which he used to think "some gravy." Not forgetting the old D Company, the Major referred in glowing terms to their glorious fighting record, instancing in particular the memorable advance and stand which they made in the final objective at Bullecourt, when, after being forced to retreat in the face of overwhelming odds and a withering fire, only about 20 men returned to O.G. 2.

Asking permission to be allowed to address a few words to the company, Capt. McNeil, M.C. (late 21st Battalion), thanked the members of the 24th, on behalf of his old Battalion, for the hearty and sympathetic welcome which the 21st had received when they were attached to the 24th. Instead of a fear of losing their home, they had, he said, come to regard the 24th as their home — than which perhaps no greater compliment could be paid us.

Lieut. McLean proposed "Our Ain Folk," voicing a common sentiment when he said that at this stage our principal thought and hope was to be back as soon as possible with those we loved, to whom we would return with the satisfaction of knowing that we had "done our job."

The toast of "A Coy" was proposed by Pte. Roberts, M.M., and supported by Cpl. McColough, in language clear and to the point, the former remarking that although appreciation of the efficiency and comradeship of the Company might not go down in history, "it would go down in his history at any rate."

During the evening the "Christmas Lyric," composed by "Blighter" was sung vociferously to the tune of "John Peel," and a pleasant gathering dispersed with the strain of "Auld Lang Syne" still ringing in their ears.

B COMPANY.

B Coy. held their dinner on Dec. 27th. A splendid menu, the preparation of which reflected great credit on the Company cooks, was well served, and ample justice was done to it by the 180 men who participated.

The function was honored by the presence of Brig.-Gen. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and he expressed his delight with the arrangements. Other guests included the C.O. (Lieut.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and Bar), Major W. H. Ellwood, M.C., Major D. D. Coutts, D.S.O., Capt. F. P. Selleck (adjutant), and representatives from the other companies.

The toast of "The King" was submitted by Lieut. W. E. Considine, and loyally honored.

A pleasing incident of the evening was the toast of the health of Lieut. G. Ingram, V.C., M.M. This was proposed by General Robertson, who made stirring reference to the gallantry of Lieut. Ingram and his splendid services to the 24th Battalion. Our V.C. was accorded an ovation, the whole assemblage responding with hearty cheers and singing "He's a jolly good fellow." B Coy. is particularly pleased that the honor of which the battalion is so proud was won by that company.

The health of the C.O. was proposed by Lieut. W. West, M.C., M.M., whose references to the long and capable services rendered by Col. James since the formation of the battalion were heartily cheered. The Colonel, on rising to respond, was received with ringing cheers, and feelingly referred to his associations with the unit, and particularly the original members.

"Our Fallen Comrades", was proposed by Cpl. Collins and honored in silence.

"Our Ain Folk" was ably proposed by Pte.

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Shroeder. He said the digger had proved himself the best soldier in the world, and they all considered that the digger's mother, sister or sweetheart were the best in the world. (Loud cheers.). They all looked forward with joy to the re-union with their loved ones during the coming year. The whole audience sang "Our Ain Folk."

"B Coy." was proposed by Major Ellwood, M.C., who, in an eloquent speech, recalled many incidents of service and the honor and pride that he had in leading the company in action at Bullecourt and Broodseinde Ridge—two of the stiffest engagements in which the Battalion had participated. The Major was heartily received, and the toast was honored with enthusiasm. Capt. T. Seabrook responded.

During the evening a 24th Xmas song, composed by the Major, was sung, and the proceedings concluded with a dance, which proved very enjoyable.

C COMPANY.

A very pleasant function was held in the school room on the night of December 30th, when members of C Company held their Xmas dinner.

"Honored Guests" were Lieut.-Col. James, D.S.O. and Bar, and old officers, N.C.O's. and men of the former B and C Companies of the 21st Bn; together with officers commanding other companies of the 24th Bn.

The toasts of "The King," "The C.O." and "Our Guests" were proposed and drunk enthusiastically, and were ably responded to.

Capt. F. J. C. Sale, M.C., was in the chair, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

The repast was a sumptuous one, and highly appreciated. Those responsible for its preparation are to be heartily congratulated. The menu, which was very tastefully designed, forms a most interesting souvenir.

The success of the evening was very largely contributed to by the band, which provided a very excellent programme of appropriate selections, and which was ably seconded by "Scotty Muter," who gave one of his well-known vocal selections.

The proceedings reached a happy conclusion with "Auld Lang Syne."

D COMPANY.

D Company held their dinner on the evening of December 24th, and the occasion proved an enjoyable and memorable one.

Capt. M. B. Kelly, Croix de Guerre, presided, and those present included Lieut.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and Bar, Major W. Ellwood, M.C., Capt. A. R. McNeil, M.C., Capt. F. J. C. Sale, M.C., Capt. T. Seabrook, Capt. E. V. Smythe, M.C., and the ex-members of D Coy. who are of the "January-June 1915" category.

This was the first gathering of its kind held since the forming of the company, and its success is a happy omen for the re-unions which will be held in the future. A spirit of joviality and good fellowship prevailed, which showed that the vital force of the Company is still what it always has been — that spirit of soldierly comradeship which has materially assisted the A.I.F. to attain its present position in the eyes of the world.

Capt. Kelly, in proposing the health of the commanding officer, spoke of the esteem in which Lieut.-Col. James is held by D Coy., and wished him an early and safe return to Australia. The toast was honored with the greatest enthusiasm.

Lieut.-Col. James, in a characteristic reply, thanked the Company for the way in which his health had been drunk, and said that his efforts were always directed for the benefit of the Battalion, and he was proud to have such men as those present on this occasion. He congratulated the Company on its many achievements, and wished all a speedy return home.

The proceedings were interspersed with music by the band, which was greatly appreciated.

H.Q. COMPANY.

The Headquarters Company held their dinner in the school hall on the night of 26th December. Lieut. S. G. Thompson presided, and was supported by the adjutant and other officers

The dinner itself was one of the best, and it reflected the utmost credit on the H.Q. cooks. The Battalion band was in attendance, and rendered lively airs during the repast. Toasts and speeches were omitted from the proceedings, but a hearty vote of thanks to the cooks was carried with acclamation.

Lieut. Cunningham conveyed the C.O's. greetings to the assemblage.

TRANSPORT SECTION.

The Battalion Transport Section held their Christmas dinner on the 26th December. The gathering, including guests, numbered about

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70 persons. Lieut. C. H. Miller presided. The C.O. and the adjutant were in attendance, also representatives of the infantry, 2nd D.A.C.,and other units. M. Urbain Allard, who had proved a friend to the troops, was present by special invitation. The interior of the building was artistically decorated with holly branches and sheaves of hay, and the tables were tastefully laid and heavily burdened with edibles. The dinner was sumptuous and exceedingly substantial. After a hearty meal, during the course of which the band rendered a programme of music, the King's health, proposed by L/Cpl. E. O'Neill, was loyally drunk.

Lieut. Miller proposed the toast of "The 24th Battalion," coupled with the name of the C.O. The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Lieut.-Col. James, who was greeted with loud and prolonged applause, said it was a particular pleasure for him to attend the Xmas dinner of his transport section. During the long period that he had commanded the Battalion the transport section had never occasioned him a moments anxiety. He could always depend upon them to do their job, and do it well. The success of the Battalion as a fighting unit had been due in no small measure to the splendid and gallant services of the transport men in getting up rations, ammunition and other supplies to the lines, however hot the job had been. For smartness and neatness of turnout, too, the 24th transport section had always been to the fore. He had every reason to be proud of this section of the battalion. He tendered his best wishes for the future to the old hands of the transport who were about to depart for Australia. They could go home conscious that they had done their full share in the long campaign. (Loud applause).

The health of "The Adjutant" (Capt. F. P. Selleck) was proposed by Lieut. Miller, and was drunk to the accompaniment of loud cheers.

Capt. Selleck, acknowledging the toast, paid a tribute to the transport as an efficient and highly creditable section of the Battalion. He said the transport could hold their heads high as soldiers, for their work demanded courage and extreme coolness under fire, and the manner in which the 24th Battalion transport had got their supplies forward at all times proved the sterling qualities of the men.

Farrier McCarthy proposed the toast of "Fallen Comrades," which was drunk in silence with affectionate memory.

Sgt. Connell proposed "Our Absent Friends," and Lieut. G. Francis gave the toast of "Departing Comrades." On behalf of the section, he wished the old boys a speedy and pleasant trip to Australia and plenty of happiness and prosperity after their prolonged absence from their homeland.

A hearty vote of thanks to the cooks and waiters was carried with cheers.

Songs, recitations and instrumental music added to the pleasure of a most enjoyable evening.

HOSPITALITY.—M. Daubresse, proprietor of the premises in which our No. 8 platoon and some of H.Q. details are billeted, gave a dinner to his guests on New Year's Eve. About 40 men sat down to a savoury meal of baked rabbit and vegetables, followed by baked apples and cakes and sweets. Lieut. E. G. Robertson, who was present by invitation, presented to M. Daubresse, on behalf of the gathering, an illuminated address, which bore testimony to the high esteem in which the host was held by his guests and of the good friendship their brief association had established. The success of the dinner and the very evident enjoyment which the soldiers derived from the pleasant function were a source of keen delight to the host and his household. The boys had not the slightest objection to singing "He's a jolly good fellow," And, indeed, that is their honest opinion of M. Daubresse.

BUCKSHEESH TRAMS.—When the troops leave this locality one of the impressions they will carry away will be the pleasure of travelling to and from Charleroi in the fast? steam tram which connects Nalinnes with the world. The best feature of the tram service is that it is free to soldiers. The troops appreciate that concession on the part of their Belgian friends. If the soldiers were paying passengers, the trams would be a gold mine, for the cars are invariably crammed inside and out. The "digger" traffic on these trams reminds us of the good old days in Cairo, where the trams were also free to most of the Aussies—not through the generosity of the company, but because the troops were not disposed to pay. If you want to make the inhabitants of Nalinnes or Charleroi laugh, or perhaps arouse their ire, ask them if the Boche always paid his tram fare while he was imposing his unwelcome presence on this country. Perhaps the Hun's bill for tram fares could be added to the war indemnity!

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Bound for Aussie.

ANZACS START FOR HOME.

On 28th December the first party of original 24th Battalion troops and a few 1914 men left the unit for Australia. The personnel of the group was as follows:—Lieut. C R. Boyd, 791, C.S.M. W. E. Rankin; 1224, C.Q.M.S. E. V. Rattle; 5, Sgt. P. Dunham; 21/252, Sgt. L. F. Nielson; 21/993, L/Cpl. H. J. Warburton, M.M.; 893, L/Cpl. G. W. Bailey; 21/48, Pte. J. O'Neil; 21/267, Pte. N. A. Parr; 21/397, Pte. C. W. Hannan; 536, Pte. R. N. Williams; 564, Pte. G. Stanford; 647, Pte. J. A. Jones; 21/812, Pte. C. J. Campbell; 1539, Pte. W. Rogers; 21/417, Pte. G. S. Lacey; 21/689, Pte. G. D. McDonald; 969, Pte. P. F. Walker; 1038, Pte. R. Johns; 1027, Pte. G. W. Bibby; 21/183, Pte. L. V. Smith.

On the evening of 24th December the party was tendered a farewell dinner in the Nalinnes school hall. A number of guests sat down with the happy group, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Capt. A. R. McNeil, M.C., presided, and the officers present included the C.O. (Lieut.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and Bar), and Major W. H. Ellwood, M.C. (second in command).

After a good meal, during which the band played a programme of music, the health of the King was loyally toasted.

Capt. McNeil proposed the toast of "Our Departing Guests," and wished the party a pleasant and safe journey home. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and followed by loud cheers.

C.Q.M.S. Rattle responded on behalf of the party.

The toast of "The 24th Battalion," coupled with the name of the C.O., was proposed by C.S.M. Rankin, who referred to the high esteem in which Lieut.-Col. James was held by all ranks. The toast was received with cheers and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Lieut.-Col. James had an enthusiastic reception when he rose to respond. He said he was pleased with the manner in which the toast had been received, because it indicated that what he set out to accomplish in respect to the members of the 21st Battalion who had come over to the 24th had been achieved. He had tried to act towards them as he thought their own C.O. would have done. He felt very much in sympathy with the men whose units had been temporarily disbanded, and he was glad to have the opportunity of sending a party of the 21st Battalion home as members of their own unit with their own colors. (Applause). It had been a distinct pleasure to him to be so closely associated with the officers and men of the 21st Battalion, and to know that as their C.O. he had gained their confidence. It was also a pleasure to know that as the C.O. of his own battalion he had the esteem of his men. A C.O. had at times to make judgments which were not agreeable, and if he studied the feelings of the men he would probably fail in his duty. There had been and were faces in the Battalion which he had grown to love, and when at times they had lost some of these faces it taught them to realise that in spite of losses they must carry on. So in sending this party of old hands away to Australia, they welcomed the opportunity, knowing that the Battalion would go on just the same. They had all embarked on a great venture, and during the long campaign a strong bond of friendship had been created. For nearly four years the only home they had known had been the old Battalion with its familiar faces. He felt sure they would all regret having to sever these old associations. Nevertheless, it was an honor to go back to Australia as the first representatives of the Battalion. No man need hang his head because of anything the 24th Battalion had done. On the other hand, they could afford to hold up their heads because of the Battalion's achievements on active service. He wished the party had been big enough to take back the regimental colors—those colors they had learned to love. There could be no better demonstration of this love for the colors than the manner in which the different units strove to retain their colors when the breaking up of some battalions was first attempted. The battalions represented there that night were second to none in the A.I.F. He hoped the next party to depart would be much larger, and that they would be able to take their colors home and plant them in the best hall of the municipality in which their regiment would have its headquarters. The colors at present held by the Battalions had been presented by Mrs. Wm. Hughes and Lady McBride, and he understood it was the wish of these ladies that these flags should be sent home and perhaps smaller flags supplied by the units' lady supporters for use abroad till they all arrived back home. When the returning men arrived in Australia they would perhaps be surprised to find how quickly the glamor of the whole thing would pass off. But it was in their own homes and the family circle that they would find the truest appreciation of

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their services abroad. In his own case it was the power behind the throne — a loyal and uncomplaining wife—that enabled him to carry on at his job in the field. He could not understand how some fellows could shelter for so long in depôts in England and other places when they knew they were needed at the front. It made him feel that such men could not have home ties sufficiently strong to make them come out and do their duty. It had been a hard and long struggle, and many times the strain had been well nigh to breaking point. But now the job was done they had the sweet satisfaction of knowing they had stuck it right through, and success was all the more gratifying in consequence. He asked the departing troops to convey the Battalion's greetings to the people at home, and assure them that all the rest would be back as soon as duty would permit. He wished them a pleasant voyage and all the happiness they deserved for their services to their country. (Loud applause.)

Several of the guests made short speeches, wishing the members of the party bon voyage, and after a pleasant interval in the form of a conversazione, the gathering joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

The parties from the various units in the Brigade assembled in the square at Nalinnes on the day of departure and were addressed by the Brigadier, who eulogised the services of these Anzacs and wished them a safe and happy return to Australia.

The 24th Battalion band led the contingent to Charleroi and gave them a cheery send-off.

Vive la Belgique!

CHILDREN'S FETE.

24TH BATTALION OFFICERS ENTERTAIN THE JUVENILES.

On the 4th inst. there was a unique and delightful scene at the Nalinnes School Hall, when the Belgian children of the village were entertained by the officers and men of the 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

The fete was arranged by the officers' mess committee, and the children, to the number of about 230, were given a memorable treat.

In the afternoon the children sat down to a tempting feast of sandwiches, trifle, jelly and custard, pastry, fruit, nuts, plenty of sweets, and tea and lime juice.

The tables, brightly decorated and stocked with delicacies, must have made the youngsters' mouths water as they filed in and took their places around the festive board. A bon-bon on each plate was a great temptation for the itching fingers of those who got in early and waited for the last of the large company to be seated.

The band was in attendance, and from the start the little guests must have felt that they were in for a good time.

A number of ladies attended to assist the committee in the management of the exceedingly large family, which included a number of mere toddlers. The officers and men, however, were as fatherly as if they had all reared large families, and the bachelors proved experts in chaperoning the infants. The children conducted themselves with excellent manners, and their happy faces and delightful chatter demonstrated how keen their enjoyment was.

To the small guests the supply of good things appeared to be unlimited and inexhaustible, but they made a brave effort to dispose of the luxuries, and more than one appeared to be displeased with the capacity of their stomachs. The small boys, urged by the officers to "keep going," pleaded for mercy, and when they were told to fill their pockets, one petit garcon actually filled his pocket with jelly!

Major-Gen. Sir C. Rosenthal, C.B., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. J. C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lieut.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O. and Bar, visited the hall when the dinner was in full swing, and they were delighted to see the children so royally entertained.

After the banquet, the children marched to the cinema hall, where they were treated to an amusing exhibition of pictures, and where they were able to give unrestrained expression to their delight.

Altogether they had a day of rare enjoyment, and they will doubtless long remember this festive season and their pleasant associations with the Australian soldiers.

The entertainment of the children is only one of many evidences of the good friendship already established between the Belgian inhabitants of Nalinnes and our troops. There will be pleasant memories on both sides of the days of our sojourn in this now peaceful country.

We say again: "Vive la Belgique!"

We want to know if the dinner given by the sergeant cook and A Coy's. babs to their hostesses was a success from every point of view.

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FOOTBALL.

KEEN COMPETITION.

The semi-final and final matches of the 6th Brigade football competition, begun in October last, proved highly exciting.

The semi-final, between the 23rd Bn. and the 24th Bn., was played on the 30th Dec., on the 23rd ground.

With the advantage of the wind, the 24th had the better of the play in the first quarter, but through faulty kicking did not make much use of their opportunities, securing only three goals out of a dozen chances.

The 23rd did better after the change over, and they had a lead of five points at half time.

The red and whites opened up lively after the interval, and kept their opponents' defences hard at it. The ground was too small and the going too heavy for good football, but it was nevertheless a keen struggle.

The third quarter ended with the 24th leading by 24 points.

The red and browns created a surprise in the last quarter. Making repeated rushes and putting in some excellent play, they quickly piled on the goals, and before the final "bell" sounded added no fewer than 7 sixers.

The scores, given below, are a good indication of the play :—

	23rd Bn.		24th Bn.	
	Goals.	Bhds.	Goals.	Bhds.
1st Quarter ...	2	0	3	7
2nd ,, ...	3	3	0	3
3rd ,, ...	0	3	5	2
4th ,, ...	7	3	0	2
Totals ...	12	9	8	14

FINAL.

The teams of the same units met on the 4th inst. for the final. An even battle was anticipated, and the supporters of both teams walked several miles to the 22nd Bn's. ground to see the contest. They were not disappointed, for no more exciting or strenuous match has been played this season. In consequence of the recent wet weather, the ground was heavy, and almost boggy in places, and it was quite a feat at times for a man to pick up the ball. Nevertheless, the play throughout was fast, and often brilliant on both sides. Cpl. Bendle captained the 24th and Lieut. Phillips was skipper of the 23rd. The 24th team was composed of the following players :— Cpl. Bendle, Lieut. Clough, Lieut. Sedgwick, Pte. Sinclair, Sgt. Doyle, Dvr. Hemmons, Dvr. Mitchell, Lieut. Thompson, Dvr. Gainger, Cpl. Bliss, Pte. Prudden, Lieut. Scales, L/Cpl. Savage, Sgt. C. Wilson, Pte. Scott, Lieut. McNaught, Lieut. Silverlock and Cpl. Parker. The umpire came from the 7th Bde.

The 23rd were the first to score, getting a behind. The red and white responded with a dash, and Doyle put on a neat goal. It was apparent that the teams were evenly matched, for although both sides attacked repeatedly there was very little scoring for the rest of the quarter.

The second quarter only further demonstrated the equal merits of the teams. Mitchell secured another goal for the 24th, but the 23rd immediately replied with a sixer, and there was still only 3 points between the scores when half-time sounded. Each side had scored 1 goal 3 bhds. during the second quarter.

After several determined efforts in the third stage, Sedgwick took a mark in front and recorded the 24th's third goal, and a little later a good bit of play by Bendle, Sedgwick and Hemmons notched the fourth sixer, kicked by Hemmons. The red and brown, however, were not behind, and for every successful shot by the red and white they added the equivalent, so that the third quarter ended with the scores relatively the same as at half-time—a difference of 3 points, the 24th having the lead.

Before the ball was bounced for the last quarter, the barrackers let themselves go, and silencing the band by their roars, kept up a continuous barrage, which did not slacken, but only changed by accentuation at exciting or critical periods.

The struggle was intense. From a scrimmage close up to the sticks, Bendle dashed out with the ball, and going cleverly through his opponents, kicked a neat goal. A dash by the 23rd transferred the tussle to the other end, and the red and brown made repeated attempts to score, and eventually succeeded in getting a sixer from a rather difficult angle. They added a behind or two, and the 24th got another.

With only seconds to go, the 24th were winning by one point, while the 23rd were straining every effort to change the honors. Right in front of the sticks a bunch went up for a mark, Scales (24th) brought the ball down, but dropped it, and a 23rd giant caught it. The umpire, in the failing light, gave it a mark to the 23rd man. This was the undoing of the 24th, and the salvation of their

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opponents. It was an easy shot. The ball had barely passed the sticks when time was called. The 23rd won by 5 points.

Following are the scores:—

	23rd Btn.		24th Btn.	
	Goals.	Bhds.	Goals.	Bhds.
1st Quarter ...	0	5	1	2
2nd ,, ...	1	3	1	3
3rd ,, ...	2	1	2	1
4th ,, ...	2	3	1	1
Totals ...	5	12	5	7

Clough, Sinclair, Doyle, Sedgwick, Bendle, Hemmons, Silverlock and Mitchell played a great game for the red and whites. The captain of the winners (Phillips) was one of the best on the ground. and he had some excellent men in his eighteen.

The match will be remembered by the troops as one of the most exciting games in the field.

Major-Gen. Sir C. Rosenthal, K.C.B., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Brig -Gen. J. C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., were among the spectators.

INTER-COMPANY MATCHES.

The company football teams have had some interesting matches recently. The Headquarters team have easily maintained their lead, being still unbeaten, though A Coy. put up a good performance against them. The matches have resulted as follows:—

H.Q. v. A. Coy.—H.Q.: 10 goals 12 bhds. (72 pts.); A Coy.: 11 goals 3 bhds. (69 pts.).

A Coy. v. B Coy.—Won by B Coy. by 1 point.

H.Q. v. D Coy.— H.Q., 14 goals 11 bhds. to D Coy. 4 goals 5 bhds.

B Coy. v. C Coy.— C Coy.: 1 goal 17 bhds. (23 pts.); B Coy.: 3 goals 3 bhds. (21 pts.).

A Coy. v. D Coy.-- D Coy: 4 goals 9 bhds. (33 pts.); A Coy.: 4 goals 6 bhds. (30 pts.).

H.Q. v. B Coy.— H.Q.: 12 goals 18 bhds. (90 pts.); B Coy.: 2 goals (12 pts.).

A Coy. beat D Coy. by 3 points.

A Coy. v. B Coy.—A Coy. won by 3 points.

THE 1914-15 STAR.—The services of the war veterans have been acknowledged by His Majesty the King and the War Office, and a decoration in the form of a bronze star has been conferred upon all officers, N.C.O's., men, nursing sisters, nurses and others who "actually served on the establishment of a unit in a theatre of war" up to the end of December, 1915. The ribbon is red, white and blue, similar to the "Mons" colors.

A CHRISTMAS JOKE.

A grand joke was worked off on some of the staff by the Q.M.'s store on Christmas Eve. The Australian Comforts Fund, true to its good name, had a supply of gifts in store for the troops on Christmas Day, and on Christmas Eve the Battalion Q.M. staff reported that the Battalion would receive 12 cases. One of the Q.M.'s fatigue began to talk of 12 cases of whisky! The R.Q.M.S. heard the mention of the "good oil," and asked the corporal whether it was a fact that the gifts included 12 cases of whisky. The corporal, knowing the truth, but thinking the R.Q.M.S. was trying to put up a joke on the rest of his men, replied in the affirmative. Never doubting the intelligence, the R.Q.M S. promptly informed the Q.M., who communicated the good news to the adjutant and the officers' mess. There was great rejoicing, and the Comforts Fund was praised as it had never been praised before. The characteristic business acumen of the adjutant led him to despatch messages to the companies inquiring the number of teetotallers on strength, so that the precious beverage might be put to the best and fairest use. The companies joined in the praises of the Comforts Fund. Then late at night, when the store staff found, to their surprise, how practical the joke had become, the truth had to be told! The Q.M. trembled as he proceeded to explain. The adjutant, the most genial man in the world usually, had quite an angry countenance, and unfortunate runners had to carry cancelling notes to companies at midnight. On Christmas Day 12 cases of innocent sweets and very dry little gifts were unpacked and distributed to the troops. And the strongest thing on issue was Cheddar cheese. But the store staff enjoyed handling those packages more than if they had been the best whisky ever made.

THE TERPSICHOREAN ART.— The fact that most of the Belgian girls are good dancers has helped the diggers to relieve the monotony of these quiet winter evenings. Dances have been frequent and popular, and in most cases highly enjoyable. A "hop" on a rough floor in heavy boots, a long walk home, a tin of bully-beef for supper, and a very elastic imagination are all that one needs to acquire the feeling that he has been to a first-class ball.

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Lieut. J.T.POCKNELL.M.C.

Lieut. W.O.SILVERLOCK.

W. B. Jarvis - Lt-Col.
C.O., 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF OTHER RANKS PROCEEDING TO AUSTRALIA. 24/1/19.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Embarkation.
21/ 860.	Pte.	HALFORD. Stanley Gordon	8/5/15.
21/ 772.	"	MULDOON. William John	"
699.	Dvr.	SADGROVE. Jack Edward William	"
36.	"	McINTYRE. George	9/7/15.
1012.	"	PARKER, Albert Carl	"
39.	"	WUCHATSCH. Raymond Royal	"
1782.	Pte.	BAKER. Alexander George	16/7/15.
21/1658.	Dvr.	BRITTON. William	"
1662.	Pte.	BISHOP. Edward Leslie	"
1680.	Cpl.	COTTER. John William	"
1665.	Pte.	DURANT. Ernest	"
21/1667.	"	DUNN. Mitchell	"
1692.	L/C.	DRAKE. Thomas	"
1709.	Pte.	GLENNY. George Thomas	"
21/1689.	Cpl.	HOMEL. William	"
21/1682.	Pte.	HARPER. Robert Stanley	"
1748.	"	McFARLANE. Frank	"
1798.	L/C.	MADDEN. Frank	"
21/1709.	Cpl.	McNEILLY. Thomas Haxton	"
1728.	L/C.	MURRELL. Frederick	"
1769.	Pte.	McDONALD. Stanley	"
1706.	L/C.	MUNRO. Thomas Alexander	"
1729.	Pte.	MOORE. William Andrew	"
1723.	Cpl.	RADFORD. Arthur Ernest	"
21/1742.	"	TORNEY. George William	"
21/1744.	Pte.	TREZISE. Francis Henry	"
959.	"	DWYER. Thomas Alphonso	21/8/15.
2362.	"	GRIFFEN. John	27/7/15.
21/1889.	"	BROWM. Henry	26/8/15.
21/1898.	"	COOKE. William Charles	"
21/1901.	"	CUNNINGTON. Percival Herbert	"
1900.	L/C.	DUGGAN. John Bernard	"
2053.	Pte.	McELROY. Lewis Roy	"
2074.	Cpl.	HALSTEAD. Henry Gilbert	"
21/1953.	"	JOCHINKE. Paul Frederick	"
2058.	"	McCOLOUGH. Ernest Hugo	"
2051.	Pte.	MANN. Frederick John	"
21/1968.	"	MANUELL. William Henry	"
21/2034.	"	PIGOTT. Frank	"
21/2033.	"	PEGG. Robert	"
2004.	"	STEWART. Robert Turnbull	"
21/2005.	L/C.	SMITH. George	"
21/2017.	Pte.	MITCHELL. Arthur	"
21/2018.	"	WHITSON. William Douglass	"
2070.	"	WRIGHT. Arthur Edward	"
2022.	"	YATES. James	"
2062.	"	O'NEILL. Joseph Jeffery	28/8/15.
1955.	"	JENKINS. Oliver	1/9/15.
2108.	"	ALBRECHT. William Paul	27/9/15.
2115.	"	BADDOCK. Alfred Paul	"
2338.	"	BULLOCK. Harry	"
2122.	"	BENNETT. Herbert George	"
21/2117.	Cpl.	BLACKMORE. Clarence	"
2123.	Pte.	CUDDON. Leslie Ernest	"
21/2139.	"	CUNNINGTON. Leonard Alfred	"
21/2165.	"	EVANS. James Ernest	"
21/2191.	"	HILLIARD. Alexander	"
2180.	"	HOLLOWAY. Reuben	"
2153.	"	HAMILTON. Frank Hepburn	"
2156.	"	HILDEBRAND. Henry Arthur	"
2164.	"	HESELDIN. John Silvester	"
2154.	L/C.	HAHN. William	"
2187.	Pte.	JOHNSON. Henry Sydney	"
2190.	"	JEFFERY. Alexander Claud	"
2174.	Dvr.	JONES. Robert Alfred	"
2178.	Pte.	JUKES. George William	"
2281.	"	JONES. Thomas	"

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No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Embarkation.
2297.	Pte.	KEYBURN. Arthur Leslie	27/9/15.
2282.	"	KELLY. Reginald John	"
2198.	"	LEPP. James Charles	"
2264.	"	LINDSAY. Alfred	"
1/2209.	Cpl.	MURRAY. Edward John	"
2275.	Pte.	MURRAY. John Thomas	"
2201.	Dvr.	MONG. Albert	"
2260.	"	MOORE. Francis Arthur	"
1/2213.	Pte.	McNAUGHTON. John Archie	"
2267.	"	OCTIGAN. Herbert	"
2244.	"	REID. Alexander Ernest	"
1/2266.	L/Cpl.	SPRAGG. James	"
2246.	Pte.	SMITH. Frank	"
2209.	L/C.	STAGG. Patrick James	"
2459.	Pte.	FIDDES. John Albert	29/9/15.
2469.	"	MULGRAVE. John George	"
2439.	Dvr.	WILSON. Andrew Campbell	"
1/2040.	Pte.	SHRUBSOLE Herbert Frederick	26/8/15.
21/57.	L/C.	SHEATHER Bertie	9/7/15.
1/1221.	Cpl.	CAUDWELL Eric Joseph	8/5/15.
1/2459.	Pte.	FLETCHER Robert	29/9/15.
2376.	"	HUNT Clifford Holmes	"
2435.	Cpl.	PARKER James Hogg	"
1/2375.	Pte	REBECCA Charles Frederick	"
2445.	L/C.	SETTER William Francis	"
1/2387.	Pte.	SMITH Charles William	"
2483.	"	WILSON John Elliott	"
1/2442.	"	WOOD Joseph	"
751.	"	BROWN Richard Caufield	8/5/15.

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ORIGINAL ROLL OF N.C.O'S. PROCEEDING TO AUSTRALIA. 24/1/19.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Embarkation.
21/384.	RSM.	GRIGG John Willoughby	8/8/15.
21/788.	CSM.	ANDERSON William Leslie Victor	"
1524.	CQMS.	GIBSON John Hopwood	25/8/15.
21/393.	Sgt.	CREWIS John Francis	8/8/15.
21/149.	"	EVERETT Edward	"
1543.	"	FRITSCH Berthold	"
21/420.	"	MORTIMER Percy	"
21/835.	"	McFARLANE Hector	"
21/522.	"	TURNBULL Herbert	"
350.	"	McLEOD James	28/8/15.
486.	"	PIGGERTON William John	8/8/15.
21/49.	"	PRUDLANE Alfred William	"
21/719.	"	PLAYDALL Charles James	"
758.	"	STEWART James	"
554.	"	WALKER Henry	"
1/1510a	"	BOWEN Walter Edward Ringmer	16/7/15.
1813.	"	DARLING Ernest Lincoln Hyde	"
1/2406.	"	HIBLETT Richard Horton	"
38.	"	PARKER John Richard	9/7/15.
1/1736.	"	THOMPSON Leslie Wilson	16/7/15.
1774.	"	PERRY Francis Ernest	"
1/2023.	"	DAKIN Augustine	28/8/15.
2/2024.	"	HAYES Robert Walter	"
21/765.	"	WHITAKER Joseph	8/8/15.
1945.	"	O'REILLY Charles Ray	28/8/15.
1/2481.	"	TRIMMELLA John Thomas	27/8/15.
1977	-	Robinson John	26.8.15

W. M. Jarvis. Lt-Col.
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No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Embarkation.
21/186.	CSM.	✓IRWIN Joseph William	8/5/15.
527.	CQMS.	✓TOUGH Stuart	"
827.	Sgt.	✓BOYLE Albert Ernest William	"
96.	"	✓KEITH Archibald Robert	"
21/450.	"	✓McMAHON John Charles	"
21/286.	"	✓SEMPLE John Sidney Herbert	"
21/533.	"	✓WATT James C[illegible]	"
21/615.	Cpl.	✓EDWARDS Victor John	"
/1521.	Pte	✓BRIGGS Robert George	28/6/15.
764.	"	✓BLANCH Andrew	8/5/15.
~~755.~~	~~"~~	~~†BRYCE William David~~	"
1003.	"	✓BALL Matthew Frank	"
93.	"	✓BEEBY Samuel Henry	"
~~1512.~~	~~Cpl~~	~~†BENDLE Albert Martin~~	25/6/15.
29.	"	✓BAMFIELD Henry James Erwin	9/7/15.
21/813.	Pte	✓CAMPBELL Percy Stewart Carrington	8/5/15.
21/343.	Cpl	✓CARMICHAEL Robert	28/6/15.
21/346.	Pte	✓CORRIGAN Thomas Norman	8/5/15.
384.	"	✓CHAUNDY George	"
605.	"	✓CROUCH Ernest John	"
127.	L/C	✓CAMPBELL Duncan	"
60.	Pte	✓CAVANAGH William	"
82.	Cpl	✓CALCUTT Joseph Fitzgerald	"
~~393.~~	~~Dvr~~	~~†CHAPMAN Andrew Brown~~	"
1519.	"	✓CALLANDER Stanley Charles	25/6/15.
385.	Pte	✓CLEELAND Francis David	8/5/15.
110.	"	✓COCKING Joseph	"
356.	"	✓CLEMENS Clarence William	"
285.	"	✓CHADWICK Howard	"
842.	Cpl	✓CARINE Henry Daniel	"
1/1682.	Pte	✓DONOHUE John Thomas	28/6/15.
1575.	"	✓DEAN Herbert John	"
1522a.	Cpl	✓DEAN Albert Edward	8/5/15.
21/366.	L/C	✓DAFTER James	"
1694.	Pte	✓DAWSON Edward George	16/7/15.
1/1543.	Cpl	✓EAREY George	28/6/15.
1669.	Pte	✓FIRTH Allan George	16/7/15.
1671.	"	✓FAHEY Edward Joseph	"
1767.	"	✓FLETT William	"
1581.	L/C	✓FINNIS Henry Charles	28/6/15.
740.	Cpl	✓GRAHAM George Arthur	8/5/15.
92.	Pte	✓GAMBETTA Archibald Leonard	"
1154.	Dvr	✓GREENWAY Robert	"
1046.	"	✓GAINGER Melvin Alvre	"
200.	L/C	✓GELL Edward	"
27.	Pte	✓GEISLER Fredrick James	"
1514.	"	✓GREENWELL Ralph Henderson	"
204.	Cpl	✓HEWITT Leslie Ernest	"
1518a.	Pte	✓HALLAM Frank	"
429.	L/C	✓HANSEN Phillip James	"
1874.	Cpl	✓HODKINSON Cyril	13/4/15.
739.	Pte	✓HARRINGTON Joseph	8/5/15.
/1539.	L/C.	✓HOGAN Cecil Joseph	"
579.	Dvr	✓HEMMONS Henry Cokeley	"
424.	Pte	✓HANKEY John	"
1681.	"	✓HARGREAVES Victor Richard	16/7/15.
1674.	"	✓HARRIS Leonard	"
645.	"	✓ISSELL Reginald Cripps	8/5/15.
740.	"	✓ISHERWOOD Stanley	"
21/401.	Dvr	✓IRVINE Robert Angus	"
21/405.	Pte	✓JAMES Fredrick Charles	"
21/885.	L/C	~~†JOHNSON George Anthony Prideaux~~	"
898.	Pte	✓JOY George Edward	"
329.	Cpl	✓JONES John Dyson	"
215.	Pte	✓JACKSON George	"
1510.	"	✓KIELY Harold William	25/6/15.
/662.	"	✓KING Henry John Ballance	8/5/15.

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21/296.	Pte.	KRAUSE Bruno Godfrey	8/5/15.
1/1573.	"	KNIGHT Alfred	28/6/15.
1534.	"	KEMP John Harold	25/5/15.
754.	"	KERR Thomas Hunter	8/5/15.
21/40.	"	KELL James Campbell	9/7/15.
21/900.	"	LEONARD Les	8/5/15.
1/1586.	L/C	LOCKE Harry Arnold	28/6/15.
499.	Pte	LUSH Charles William	8/5/15.
21/211.	Cpl	LUDLOW Percy Alfred	"
1506.	Dvr	LEITH Percy Idrus	"
1546.	Pte	LEONARD Alfred	20/8/15.
21/937.	"	MYERSCOUGH Edward	8/5/15.
21/911.	L/C	McLAREN John James Charles	"
787.	Pte	MARKLAND George Brooke	"
21/953.	L/C	MURRAY Fredrick Augustus	"
21/916.	Pte	MANGER Joseph Richard	"
224.	"	MACKWOOD Robert	"
1544.	Cpl	McEVOY James Anthony	25/6/15.
1028.	L/C	MILLS Reginald Smeaton	8/5/15.
45.	"	MASON William George	"
/1555a.	Pte	McNAMARA Frank Thomas	28/6/15.
21/3384.	"	MACAULEY Allan Angus	4/6/15.
21/921.	"	MANGER John	8/5/15.
673.	Cpl	MARSHALL Arthur	"
21/922.	Pte	MEAKIN William Vincent	"
467.	Dvr	MOWAT Clifford Sinclair	"
21/428.	Pte	MILES Gordan Clifford	"
670.	"	McKENZIE Edward John	"
21/249.	"	MOYES William George	"
47.	"	MATTHEWS William	9/7/15.
21/456.	L/C	NEATE William	8/5/15.
21/460.	Cpl	OLGAITI Thomas	"
480.	Pte	O'DONOHUE Michael Thomas	"
21/1025.	"	PENGLASE Albert Ernest	"
21/1562.	"	PIPPIN Edward Bailey	28/6/15.
1802.	"	PATERSON Gordan Stanley	13/4/15.
21/263.	L/C	PARKER Frank Valantine	8/5/15.
760.	"	PRIMROSE George Samuel	"
21/1016.	Dvr	PERKINS Ralph Henry	"
21/479.	Pte	PAGE Arthur Leo	"
21/950.	"	POLINELLI Lawrence	"
265.	"	RIGLEY Arthur William	"
21/275.	"	REYNOLDS Arthur	"
21/172.	L/C	RUMPFF Alfred James August	"
996.	Pte	RAMSAY Alexander Brown	"
1551.	Dvr	RUSSELL George	"
99.	Pte	RICHARDS William Arnold	"
21/724.	"	ROBINS William	"
712.	"	SACKLOVE Herbert	"
21/1127.	"	SMITH William Norman	"
21/965.	"	SCOTT Fridtgof Snedrup	"
21/892.	"	SULLIVAN Thomas Hugh Mickle	"
21/314.	"	SNELL Alexander	"
1123.	"	SIMPSON Jack	"
327.	"	SMITH Sidney Boswall	"
511.	"	STEPHENSON Winslow	"
1346.	"	STEWART Francis Joseph	"
21/979.	"	STEELE Edward Charles	"
1734.	"	STEWART James Harold	16/7/15.
528.	"	TUCHIN Charles John	8/5/15.
726.	"	TRAYFORD Levi Raeyn	"
44.	"	TOGNOLINI Andrew	"
1166.	"	THOMPSON Thomas Fredrick	"
50.	"	VICKERY Ernest Alfred	"
87.	"	VERITY Lindley	"
966.	"	VINE William John	"
734.	"	VIDLER Dugald Charles	"
21/1001.	"	WHITE John William	"
807.	Cpl	WOOD Neil	"
21/1134.	Pte	WHARTON John Edward	"
21/988.	"	WAGSTAFF George Edward	"
21/543.	"	WILLETT William John	"

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1568.	Pte	✓WHEELER Jack	28/6/15.
376.	"	✓WILSON William Cuthbert Ross	8/5/15.
1353.	"	✓WILLIAMS Charles John	"
305.	Dvr	✓WILLIAMS Oliver Henry	"
21/994.	L/C	✓WATSON Edward Albert	"
1745.	Pte	✓WALLACE Wilson	16/7/15.
40.	"	✓YEAMAN William	8/5/15.
1004.	"	✓WHYTE Alexander	"
960.	"	✓TREWARTHA Harold Henry	"
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