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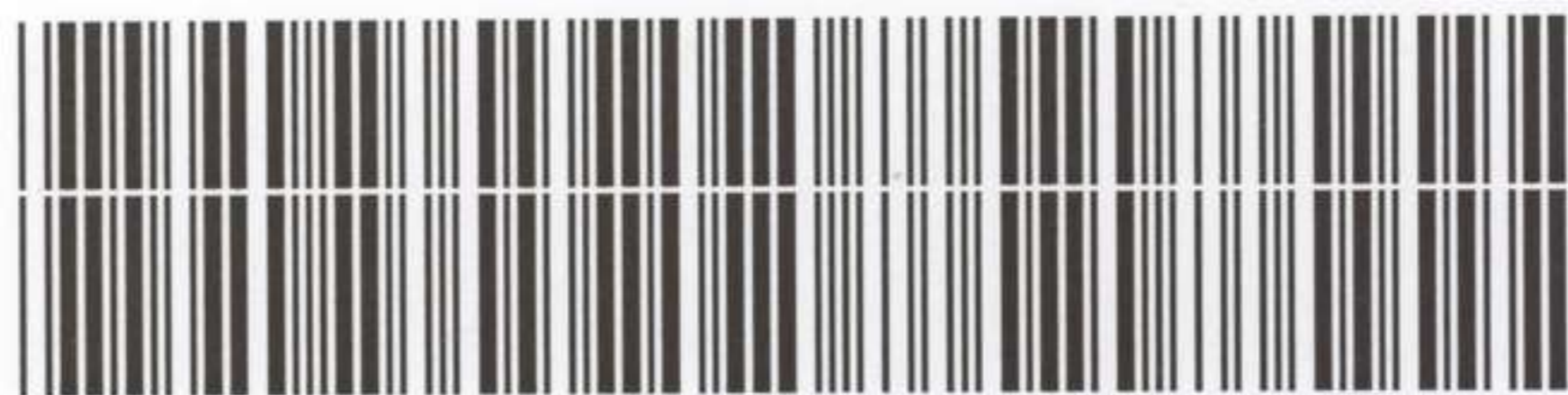
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

28<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION A.I.F

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918



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| Berkeancourt | 7/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Very Fine.</p> <p>Officers - Lieut Col P. Currie D.S.O proceeded to a conference at 4<sup>th</sup> Army School - Subject - Gas</p> <p>Educational Services - In accordance with System laid down by A.I.F. Educational Service - Authorities a meeting was held to discuss the forming of classes within the B<sup>n</sup>.</p> <p>Lieut. A.F. WALTERS was appointed Educational Officer &amp; proceeded at once to Cambridge to undergo a course, and obtain full particulars with regard to the Systems of teaching etc to be adopted.</p> <p>A number of Teachers are available in the Battalion and the scheme shows every prospect of Success</p> |                                      |

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|       |      |      | 17  | 472  |  |      |                          |      | SICK  | 1. | 2.   | SICK        | 1                                    | 4    |
|       |      |      | 12  | 196  | 12   | 196  | 14                       | 392  | WOUNDED   | -  | 8    | TRANSFERS   | -                                    | 2    |
|       |      |      |   |      |  |      |                          |      | REINFTS.  | -  | 4    | A.I.F. HQs  | -                                    | 1    |
|       |      |      |   |      |  |      |                          |      | INJURED   | -  | 1    | BASE PRISON | -                                    | 2    |
|       |      |      | 29  | 668  |  |      |                          |      |   |    | 1.   | 15.         |                                      | 1.   |
|       |      |      |   |      |  |      |                          |      |   |    |      |             |                                      |      |

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| Durhamcourt | 2/11/18 |      | <p>Weather. Crisp &amp; Fine.</p> <p>Baths. During the Day every man in the Battrn Bathed &amp; received a complete set of clean underclothing.</p> <p>Honors &amp; Awards. No 5041. The Ser. D.Y. was awarded the M.M. for conspicuous Gallantry during operations at Mt. St. Quentin.</p> <p>Sports. The Battrn Team played a team from 2nd Pioneer Battrn. Football (Australian Rules). The Game resulted in a Victory for the latter by 22 points.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E. R. Anderson.</p> |                                      |



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| Burtiancourt | 3/11/18 |      | Weather Dull.  |                                      |
|              |         |      | <p>Officers Capt M. Davies rejoined after completing a course of Instruction at Army School Company Commanders Course.</p> <p>Lt M. J. Foster seconded for Duty with 7<sup>th</sup> ALTMB.</p> |                                      |
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| Bertancourt | 4/11/18 |      | <p>Weather Splendid.</p> <p>Honors &amp; Awards No 2022 Pte Morgan R. was awarded a Bar to his M.M. for conspicuous Gallantry during Operations near Beauvois on Oct 1st-4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Innoculation 120 Men were Innoculated during the Afternoon.</p> <p>Officers Lt A.J. Spencer rejoined from Hosp Wounded.</p> |                                      |
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| <i>Bethancourt</i> | <i>3/11/18</i> |      | <p><i>Weather. Showery.</i></p> <p><i>Honors &amp; Awards.</i> <i>1st Col. P. Currie DSO was awarded the French Croix de Guerre.</i></p> |                                      |

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| Benthamcourt | 6/01/18 |      | <p>Weather Cold &amp; Fine.</p> <p>Lecture. A very interesting lecture was delivered by Major Laskey of the Tank Corps.<br/>Subject. Tanks. All available Officers &amp; NCOs attended.</p> <p>Officers Lt Col Pharr D.S.O. rejoined from conference at 4<sup>th</sup> Army School.</p> |                                      |

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| Berkhaucourt       | 7/11/18 |      | <p>Weather Keen &amp; Sunny.</p> <p>A.R.A. Competitions During the morning a Representative Platoon from each company proceeded to Rifle Range &amp; took part in a competition under A.R.A. rules. The winning platoon to represent the Battrn in the forthcoming Brigade &amp; Divisional Competitions. Lt Col Currie J.S.O. acted in capacity of Judge &amp; awarded the prize to No 9 Platoon C. Company.</p> <p>Officers Capt J E Winkley rejoined from leave in the United Kingdom.</p> |                                      |
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| Buteaucourt                  | 8/11/18 |      | <p>Weather Showery Morning Afternoon Fine.</p> <p>Baths Buteaucourt Baths were at the Disposal of the Batta during the Morning.</p> <p>Officers Capt. G. E. Craig proceeded to a course of instructions at 4<sup>th</sup> Army School Company Commanders course.</p> |                                      |
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|  |      |      | 20   | 488  |   |      |                          |      | SICK   |   | 9    | A.I.F. H.Q. | 1                                    | -    |
|  |      |      | 7  | 186  | 7   | 186  | 17                       | 202  | RETS.  |   | 5    | TRANSFERS   |                                      | 1    |
|  |      |      |  |      |   |      |                          |      | WOUNDED  | 1 | 4    | SICK.       |                                      | 10   |
|  |      |      |  |      |   |      |                          |      |  |   |      | SECONDED    | 1                                    | -    |
|  |      |      |  |      |   |      |                          |      |  |   |      | O.C.B.      |                                      | 1    |
|  |      |      | 27   | 674  |   |      |                          |      |  |   | 1    | 18          |                                      | 2    |
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| Birkencourt               | 9/11/18 |      | <p>Weather. Cold &amp; Dull.</p> <p>Sports. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Brigade Sports (Horse Events) were held during the day. The Batta marched to the Sports Ground at 10am. The Batta was successful in a number of events. The Sports meeting passed off very successfully.</p> |                                      |
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| Berkeancourt | 10/11/18 |      | <p>Weather Cold &amp; Dull.</p>  |                                      |
|              |          |      | <p>Church Services were held in the Local Concert Hall. Protestant Nominations at 11.00. Roman Catholic at 10.30 am.</p> |                                      |
|              |          |      | <p>Officers Capt L. S. Allen M.C. rejoined from leave in United Kingdom.</p>   |                                      |
|              |          |      | <p>Capt Genl. Harper M.C. &amp; Lt. J. Shorrocks D.S.O. proceeded to course of instruction at Corps Gas School.</p>      |                                      |
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| Bertincourt | 11/11/18 |      | <p><u>Weather</u> - Crisp &amp; fine.</p> <p><u>Inspection</u> - At 8 pm last night advice was received by telephone that the G.O.C. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Brigade would inspect the Battalion at 10 am today and in spite of the short notice all ranks turned out spick &amp; span. The men are now in splendid condition and during the past few weeks in good billets they have taken advantage of the opportunity of cleaning up their equipment and clothing.</p> <p>A prize of £200 was awarded to the best turned-out Company on this parade, and the judge (7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Brigade Major) declared Headquarters Company the winner.</p> <p><u>Armistice Announcement</u> - At 10.45 the G.O.C.'s Inspection was almost complete when a dispatch rider appeared and handed a message to the General. No man on the parade suspected what the dispatch conveyed, and it was not until the inspection was complete and the General read the following words that anything unusual was expected.</p> <p>The message read:- "Official G.H.Q. reports message from General Foch to Commander in Chief, A.A. Hostilities will cease on the whole front on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1100 Zrench time. The allied troops will not cross until further orders, the line reached on that date, and at that time. - FOCH. 0635."</p> |                                      |

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| Berthencourt | 11/11/18 |      | <p>Armistice - In a suitable speech the General expressed his appreciation of the splendid work done by the Battalion, and although he refrained from saying so before in case his remarks should be regarded as flattery, he would now say how proud he was to command men, who, in his opinion, were equal to any soldiers in the world. His remarks were received with applause.</p> <p>The news of the armistice did not bring with it the relief that might have been expected. Who in a moment could realise that the war was practically over, and that we would never again journey to the line under the cover of darkness, to remain there for days and nights in rain, mud and snow, never again would we go over the top. The whole thing seemed like a pleasant dream.</p> <p>After the parade was dismissed the troops proceeded to celebrate the day. The village was decorated with bunting and resembled an Australian fete. Bands were playing popular airs and parading the streets. The inhabitants of the village rejoiced and generously treated the troops to drinks. A noticeable feature of the occasion was the behaviour of the men, although some little relaxation from the most discipline of military was permissible under such circumstances, no man became unruly and at the proper hour everyone was under cover.</p> |                                      |

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| Dorkeancourt | 2/1/18 |      | <p>Weather - Very fine</p> <p>Draining - Commencing at 9.00 the Battalion accompanied by the Band carried out a Route march returning at 1.30 after completing nine miles; the men are in good condition and did not suffer any ill effects.</p> <p>The days draining now comprises three hours in the morning which is mainly devoted to physical exercises etc., to keep the men fit. Afternoons are devoted to sports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>E. T. Anderson</i></p> |                                      |



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| <i>Berleaucourt</i> | <i>3/11/19</i> |      | <i>Weather - Raining<br/>Nothing unusual occurred.</i> |                                      |

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| Berkeaucourt | 14<br>11<br>18 |      | <p>Weather - Fine.</p> <p>Inter-company Football matches were played.</p> |                                      |

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| Berteauxville | 15<br>/11<br>/18 |      | <p>Weather - Raining</p> <p>Training. On account of bad weather - raining was carried out, during morning, in Billets.</p> |                                      |

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|       |      |      | 7  | 167  | 7  | 167  |                           |      | WOUNDED   | 1 | 7                                    | SICK         |   | 3    |
|       |      |      |  |      |  |      |                           |      | Rft.  | 1 | 5                                    | BASE PRISON. |   | 1    |
|       |      |      |  |      |  |      |                           |      | INJURED   |   | 1                                    |              |   |      |
|       |      |      |  |      |  |      |                           |      | TRANSFERS   |   | 1                                    |              |   |      |
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| Berkancourt                  | 16/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Fair</p> <p>General - Warming Order received for "Advance to the Rhine" - During the morning troops were engaged cleaning up equipment, clothing etc. new issues being made where necessary. A supply of Boot Polish and 'Brasso' has been obtained by the bawken, and is being supplied to troops.</p> |                                      |
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| Berkaucourt | 17/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Good.</p> <p>Divine Services. Church Parades were held as usual in the Court Hall. for Protestant Denominations and in the Berkaucourt Church for R.C's.</p> |                                      |

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| Berkeancourt       | 18/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Fine - but cold.</p> <p>Nothing unusual to report.</p> |                                      |
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| Berkeancourt | 19/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Fine</p> <p>General - In view of the removal of restriction on the use of cameras, the local Photographer was requisitioned - many interesting pictures being taken.</p> <p>A board of Enquiry sat to enquire into deficiencies in Mobilisation Stores of B<sup>nde</sup> Units. Major Brown D.S.O.M.C. was President.</p> |

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| Berkaucourt | 20/11/18 |      | <p>Weather. Misty and cold.</p> <p>Nothing unusual to Report.</p> |                                      |

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| Berteauxcamp | 21/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Cold but Fine.</p> <p>Routine - Parades were carried on as usual during the morning - nothing unusual occurring.</p> <p>Officers - Lt. Blair proceeded on Leave to Paris.</p> |                                      |

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| Bertancourt | 27/11/18 |      | <p><u>Weather</u> - Cold &amp; Frosty.</p> <p><u>Routine</u> - During the day, companies were all busily engaged - cleaning up Equipment etc preparatory to moving out next day. Everyone is looking forward to a visit to the Rhine - knowing that there is very little chance of any fighting to be done.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E. R. Anderson</p> |                                      |



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WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH.

WEEK ENDED 22-11-18

| A.  |      | B.   |      | C.                        |      | D.   |   |      |            |   |      |
|---|------|--|------|---------------------------|------|--|---|------|------------|---|------|
| Fighting Strength in accordance with Army Instructions. |      | Included in Column "A" but not actually with Unit. |      | Actual Fighting Strength. |      | Explanation of Discrepancy between this and previous Returns |   |      |            |   |      |
| O   | O.R. | O  | O.R. | O                         | O.R. | Arrivals   | O | O.R. | Departures | O | O.R. |
| 23  | 532  |  |      |                           |      | TRANSFERS  | - | 1    | SICK       |   | 10   |
| 7   | 148  | 7  | 148  | 20                        | 290  | SECONDED   | 1 | -    | TRANSFERS  |   | 1    |
|   |      |  |      |                           |      | SICK   |   | 1    | O.T.B.     |   | 1    |
| 30  | 680  |  |      |                           |      |  | 1 | 2    |            |   | 12   |

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| Bertheaucourt | 23/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Fine and Sunny.</p> <p>Move - As per Orders from Brigade the Battalion was ready to move out - at 9 am. The time however was altered to 12 noon - and so the men were able to say their "Goodbyes" to the many friends they had made in the Village. The Battalion certainly had a good time during the 6 weeks it was at BERTEAUCOURT - and, that the people were sorry we were going - was shown by the fact that not a few tears we shed by the more tender-hearted of the fair "Demoselles".</p> <p>The Battalion - headed by Major A BROWN D.S.O M.C. moved out of the Village at 12 noon - less the Transport, who had moved out at 11 am. The Battalion looked remarkably well - and marched in Fine Style to HANGEST-SUR-SOMME. (through ST OVEN - BETTENCOURT - and FLIXECOURT -) where we were to entrain.</p> <p>An Entaining Party had been sent on ahead and when the Battalion arrived all arrangements had been completed.</p> <p>The Transport arrived first - about 2 pm - and the work of loading on to the train was proceeded with.</p> <p>The Remainder of the Battalion arrived about 2.30 pm and were straight away allocated to their Trucks - there being plenty of Room for all. They were then given.</p> | <p>E. J. Anderson</p>                |



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| Borkencourt.<br>(August) | 23/11/18 |      | <p>a cup of tea - issued by the YMCA with chocolate - and Rations by the P.M. - Everyone was feeling in good spirits and preparing for a few "cold" hours in the train - braziers being in evidence in every truck.</p> <p>At 4.35 pm we started - for BERTRY - where we were to detain. We passed through AMIENS - PERONNE (where we were delayed about 3 hours) CAMBRAI - <del>CAUDRY</del> CAUDRY - eventually arriving at BERTRY - about 12 noon.</p> <p>The trip was a very cold one - and everyone was pleased to be out of the train -</p> |                                      |

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| BERTRY  | 24/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Fine. - but misty.</p> <p>Routine - Having detoured and Had a cup of cocoa at the expense of the Y.M.C.A. we formed up - at 1 pm - ready to march to our Billeting Area at BUSIGNY.</p> <p>At 1.15 pm the Battalion (less "B" Coy under Capt. Davies - which was left behind as Brigade Unloading Party) moved out and marched in good style through BERTRY - and MARITZ - to BUSIGNY - arriving there about 2.30 pm.</p> <p>We were all interested in the fact that we were marching through territory which had only just been evacuated by the Bosche. - The Inhabitants, by their appearance showed that the treatment they had received at the hands of the HUN. Had not been too kindly.</p> | <p>REFCE SHEET</p> <p>VALENCIENNES</p> <p>1/100 000</p> |
| BUSIGNY |          |      | <p>The Battalion was soon "established" in good Billets and everyone took the opportunity of Having a rest - and a feed - the troops Having had very little of either during the preceding 24 Hours.</p> <p>We also received word that some few Hours after we had passed through CAMBRAI - a delayed Action mine had exploded in the Station yard</p>  |   |

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| BUSIGNY | 25<br>11<br>18 |      | <p>Weather - Raining all day</p> <p>Routine - Everyone took full advantage of the opportunity for a Rest.</p> <p>Many of the troops were very interested in listening to the tales of the local inhabitants, re their treatment by the Boche.</p> <p>Orders were received and issued in the evening for an early move next morning.</p> <p><u>BANNERS</u></p> <p>Two Banners, with the Battalion Colours raised, were received from Mrs. Beauvolly, wife of the Agent General for West Aust., on behalf of the Women of Australia. These will in future be carried at the Head of the column, whenever the Battalion is on the move.</p> <p>A suitable letter of thanks was forwarded to Mrs. Beauvolly</p> |                                      |
|         |                |      | <p><i>E. R. Anderson</i></p>  |                                      |



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| <p><del>26</del><br/>BUSIGNY</p> | <p>26<br/>11/18</p> |      | <p>Weather - Misty in morning but fine during the day.</p> <p>Routine - The Battalion, with transport moved out of Busigny at 7.50 am and marched to Brigade starting point - arriving there at 8.20 am. March was then resumed - we passing through HAIE-MENNERESSE ST SOUPLLET - and L'ARBRE DE GUISE - arriving at RIBEQUVILLE at about 11 am -</p> <p>Here we went into Billets - The village had been considerably knocked about by shell fire - consequently our Billets were a little "open" -</p> <p>A Distribution was also made here of the Xmas parcels which had arrived from Australia the previous day.</p> <p>"B" Coy - rejoined the Battalion - from unloading work at BERTRY - about 3 pm.</p> <p>Orders for our move next day were received about 10 pm - everyone retiring early in anticipation of a long march.</p> | <p>TRECE SHEET<br/>VALENCIENNES<br/>1/00000</p> |
| <p>RIBEQUVILLE.</p>              |                     |      | <p>Officers - Lieut Ridley proceeded on Paris leave.</p>   |   |

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| RIBEDEVILLE | 27/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Misty and showery - but fine in Afternoons.</p> <p>Routine - The Battalion, headed by the Band, moved out from RIBEDEVILLE at 8.20 am - accompanied for the first time - by the Regimental colors lately received from Australia. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. W.E. PIGGOTT acted as Standard Bearer - with SERGTS. McLEAN and PARNELL as escort. - The presence of our Banner flying at the Head of the Battalion - made everyone step the lighter, and made us proud to let the world know we were the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</p> <p>We proceeded to the Brigade starting point - on the outskirts of MAZINGHIEN. - As we were passing through the village - a mounted orderly came from Brigade and handed us over an AUSTRALIAN flag. - This, was put in place on the right of the Battalion colors. with LIEUT. FLANAGAN acting as Standard Bearer. - The two flags - flying in the breeze - with the Battalion following certainly made one feel proud to be an Australian.</p> <p>The march was then proceeded with, the Battalion Having taken its place in the Brigade column. - we passed through MAZINGHIEN - CATILLON - LA GROISE - FAVRIL - to our destination LE GO FAYT. - which was reached about 3pm.</p> <p>A Halt. for lunch was made just before reaching FAVRIL. - There was, before leaving RIBEDEVILLE some</p> | <p>REFUGE SHEET</p> <p>VALENCIENNES</p> <p>1/100 000</p> |

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RIBSEUVILLE  
LE GO FAYT.

27/11/18

Routine  
(cont)

little doubt as to whether we would have any lunch to eat when we did halt - as up to the time of leaving - no Rations had arrived. Happily however the A.S.C wagons caught us up - and a hasty issue was made - everyone enjoying our rough but welcome meal, by the wayside.

After an hours spell. the march was resumed - and we arrived at our destination about 3 pm - very little - if any - the worse for our 14 mile march over rough sloppy roads.

The Battalion was very soon under cover - and, as usual - everyone "explored" the village - which has not been damaged to any great extent.

Accident

Unfortunately a slight accident occurred during the afternoon - whilst sitting round a Brazier. 5 of "D" Coy's men were slightly wounded by a Bomb, which had evidently found its way into the coal, exploding luckily all wounds were very slight, not any of the 5 men being evacuated.

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| LE. GO FAYT | 28/11/18 |      | <p>WEATHER TRAINING</p> <p>Routine The morning was devoted to general cleaning up -<br/>Nothing of interest happened.</p> |                                      |

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| LE G <sup>D</sup> FAYT | 29/11/18 |      | <p>Weather<br/>Routine</p> <p>Fine - but Showery.</p> <p>Short parades were carried out, under the supervision of company commanders, during the morning.</p> <p>In the afternoon - the Battalion was paraded, and Major BROWN DSO outlined the general scheme of Repatriation. which is being adopted.</p> <p>Officers<br/>Lt-col. Currie D.S.O returned from Paris.</p> |                                      |

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|       |      |      | WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH                                 |     |  |     |                          |     |  |   |    |            |                                      |    |
|       |      |      | WEEK ENDED 29-11-18                                      |     |  |     |                          |     |  |   |    |            |                                      |    |
|       |      |      | A  |     | B  |     | C                        |     | D.   |   |    |            |                                      |    |
|       |      |      | Fighting Strength, in accordance with Army Instructions. |     | Included in column "A" but not actually with Unit. |     | Actual Fighting Strength |     | Explanation of Discrepancy between this and previous Return. |   |    |            |                                      |    |
|       |      |      | O  | OR  | O  | OR  | O                        | OR  | Arrivals   | O | OR | Departures | O                                    | OR |
|       |      |      | 23   | 530 |  |     |                          |     | WOUNDED  |   | 2  | SICK       |                                      | 15 |
|       |      |      | 7  | 138 | 7  | 138 | 20                       | 288 | SICK<br>O.T.B  |   | 1  | INJURED    |                                      | 1  |
|       |      |      | 30   | 668 |  |     |                          |     |  |   | 4  |            |                                      | 16 |

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| LE GRAND FAYT | 30/11/18 |      | <p>Weather - Fine - but misty.</p> <p>Routine - A Battalion Route March was carried out during the morning - Route LE GD FAYT - LENIERES - LE PETIT FAYT - and Return Home. - approx. 5 1/2 miles. - The nature of the weather made the march appreciable by all.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS</u></p> <p>CAPT. J.C.M. HARPER M.C. TRMO marched out for duty at N°1 A.G.H. ROUEN.</p> <p>CAPT R.E. NOWLAND M.C. arrived to Relieve Capt Harper</p> <p>The following Officers marched in from U.K.</p> <p>Lieut. W.A. LEAVER M.C.M.M</p> <p>" J. TOZER M.C.M.M</p> <p>" J.O. STEVENSON</p> <p>" A. WALTERS</p> <p>2/Lieut. R. FRANKLIN.</p> | <p>Refce Sheet VALENCIENNES 12</p> <p>1/100000</p> |

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78<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918

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28<sup>th</sup> BATTALION A.I.F. APPENDIX

No 1

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ORIGINALMISCELLANEOUS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S APPRECIATION.

QUARTER MASTER'S REPORT.

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

COPY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR  
VICTORIA CROSS - AWARDED TO LATE  
LIEUT. A. E. GABYE. R. Anderson Lieut



28th BATTALION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER, 1918

COMMANDING OFFICER'S APPRECIATION

STRENGTH

With the return of "Details", the Battalion is gradually becoming strong again.

MORALE

The fact that the war has been fought and won has given intense satisfaction to everyone. The troops are in excellent spirits.

DISCIPLINE

The discipline of the Unit is very good and there is little, or ~~no~~ trouble. The feeling of confidence among Officers, N.C.O's and men is, as usual, excellent.

HEALTH

Very good. Apart from a few cases of "Barber's Rash" contracted at BERTEAUCOURT. There is very little sickness in the Unit.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, AND TRANSPORT

Very Good, The spell out of the line has enabled a thorough overhaul to be made.

GENERAL

By the deaths in action of Lieuts. T.B. KEILLOR M.C. & Bar, AND J.C. BIRT M.C., the A.I.F. has lost two of its finest Officers

*P. Currie* Lieut-Col.  
Commanding 28th Bn.  
A. I. F.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Place

Date

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Reasons.  
Ordnance.  
General.

Despite unfavourable conditions the A.S.C. have not failed to supply daily. Quality and quantity have been up to usual standard. Supply of Clothing and Equipment has been equal to Command. A Dump for surplus equipment for all Units of the Division has been established at Factory, RUE JACQUART, BOHAIN.

*Jones*  
.....Lieut.  
Quartermaster 28th Battalion A.I.F.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

On the 1st of November, Details from the Field Ambulance reported to take the place of Regimental Duties .  
 The epidemic of Influenza has been gradually decreasing and the health of the Battalion generally has been good.  
 Considering the distance the Battalion has marched there have been very few cases of Sore Feet.  
 A fact worthy of note is that there has only been one case of Diarrhoea during the Month.

..... J. Brown .....  
 For R.M.O., 28th Battalion A.I.F.

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Place Date Hour



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88th Battalion A.I.F.

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Lieut Alfred Edward GABY. Awarded VICTORIA CROSS  
(Posthumous).

During the Attack east of Villers Bretonneux, near AMIENS, on the morning of the 8th August 1918, this Officer led his Company with great dash, being well in front.

On reaching the wire in front of the enemy trench, strong opposition was encountered. The enemy was holding a Strong Point in force, about 40 yards beyond the wire, and commanded the gap with four machine guns and rifles.

The advance was at once checked. Lieut GABY found another gap in the wire, and entirely by himself approached the Strong Post, while machine guns and rifles were still being fired from it. Running along the Parapet, still alone, and at Point blank range, he emptied his revolver into the Garrison, drove the crew from the guns and compelled the surrender of 50 of the enemy, with four machine guns.

He then quickly reorganised his men and led them on to his final objective, which he captured and consolidated.

On the morning of the 11th August 1918, during an attack East of FRAMERVILLE, near AMIENS, Lieut GABY again led his Company with great dash on to the objective. The enemy brought heavy rifle and Machine Gun fire to bear upon the Line, but in face of this heavy fire Lieut GABY walked along his line of Posts, encouraging his men to quickly consolidate the Line. While engaged on this duty he was killed by an enemy sniper.

(Signed) C. ROSENTHALL  
Major General  
Commanding 2nd Australian Division.



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| WEEK ENDED | Nov. 9. | 1918  |
| "          | 16      | 1918  |
| "          | 23      | 1918. |

SUNDRY TRAINING ORDERS. -

*E. R. Anderson Lieut*



Training Programs

|                        |   |  |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 4.11.18.               | 8.0 a.m.<br>9.15<br>10.0<br>10.30   | Inspection<br>Company<br>Schools   | Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Gas Drill    | Physical Training<br>Gas Drill<br>Sentry Drill                    | Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Gas Drill                    |
|                        | 11.-11.30<br>2.0 p.m.<br>3 to 4.0   | Orga.<br>Basketry<br>Boxing Fighting   | Organized games                                   | Organized games   | Organized games   |
| 5.11.18                | 8.0 a.m.<br>9.15<br>10.00<br>10.00-30<br>11 - 11.30<br>2.0 p.m.<br>3 - 4.0 p.m. | Inspection<br>Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Gas Drill<br>Organized games<br>Basketry<br>Boxing Fighting | Company<br>Schools                                | Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Gas Drill<br>Organized games | Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Gas Drill<br>Organized games |
| 6.11.18                | 8.0 a.m.<br>9.15<br>10.00<br>10.30<br>11 - 11.30                                | Inspection<br>Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Company School of Company commanders.<br>Organized games    |   | <i>Company Drill</i>  | <i>Sentry Drill</i>   |
| H A L Y H O L I D A Y. |   |  |   |   |   |
| 7.11.18                | 8.0 a.m.<br>9.15<br>10.00<br>10.30<br>11 - 11.30<br>2.0 p.m.<br>3.0 p.m.        | Inspection<br>Physical Training<br>Sentry Drill<br>Gas Drill<br>Organized games<br>Basketry<br>Boxing Fighting | Sentry Drill<br>Company School<br>Organized games | Company School  | Gas Drill<br>Sentry Drill<br>Organized games                      |
| 8.11.18                | 8.0 a.m.<br>9.15<br>10.00<br>10.30<br>11 - 11.30<br>2.0 p.m.<br>3 - 4.0         | Inspection<br>Physical Training<br>Gas Drill<br>Sentry Drill<br>Organized games<br>Basketry<br>Boxing Fighting |   | Company School  |   |
| 9.11.18                |   |  |   |   |   |

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The training of Grenadiers, Scouts and Observers, Stretcher bearers is carried out separately under Specialist Officers.  
 Marksmanship instruction will be progressive and will include firing postive one, loading, trigger pressing, aiming, firing, muscle exercises, fire orders and indication of targets.  
 The Miniature Range is open daily for Rifle and Lewis gun firing. Marksmanship Officer will arrange with Company Commanders as a number of men to go on the Range.  
 RANGES will be from Ten minutes to the clock hour.

1st and 2nd Coy will carry out a Platoon Scheme on the Field Firing Range on Thursday prior to commencing firing. Range is allotted to 1st Coy in the morning and 2nd Coy in the afternoon.  
 A Course of instruction in Map Reading for R.C.O.'s will be held daily from 11.0 to 11.30 a.m.  
 Sgt. HENRY will take one Coy up per day for one hour on Mountain Fighting during the afternoon as under:  
 1st Coy MONDAY, 2nd Coy TUESDAY, 3rd Coy WEDNESDAY and 4th Coy THURSDAY.  
 Orders for company schemes to be at Battalion Headquarters at 12 noon on day prior to machine taking place.

Training of Officers.  
 Tuesday 6.15 p.m.  
 Thursday 00  
 Friday 00

Lectures - Organization for Attack Captain G.C. CRAIG  
 Principles of Defense  
 Depth  
 Excitation  
 Lieut J.E. JONES MC  
 Capt. J.C. HARPER MC

Training of R.C.O.'s.  
 Tuesday 10.30 - 11.30  
 Thursday  
 Friday

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 Principles of Defense in Depth Lieut J.E. JONES MC  
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.....Major  
 T/Commanding 1st Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field,  
 1.11.18.

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PROGRAMME OF WORK

|           | "A"  | "B"   | "C"   | "D"  |
|-----------|--|---|---|--|
| 11/11/18. | 0900 Inspection<br>0915 Platoon Schemes<br>1000 do<br>1030 do<br>1045 Disposal of Coy. Cdr<br>1100 do<br>1130 - 1200 do      | Inspection<br>Disposal of Coy. Cdr.<br>do<br>do<br>Platoon Schemes<br>do<br>do          | Inspection<br>P. T.<br>Bombing<br>do<br>do<br>Gas Drill<br>Sentry Drill                 | Inspection<br>P. T.<br>Gas Drill<br>Sentry Drill<br>do<br>Bombing<br>do.           |
| 12/11/18. | 0900 - 1300  | B A T T A L I O N R O U T E M A R C H   |   |  |
| 13/11/18. | 0900 Inspection<br>0915 P. T.<br>1000 Platoon Drill<br>1030 Bayonet Fighting<br>1100 Musketry<br>1130 - 1200 Organised Games | Inspection<br>P. T.<br>Platoon Drill<br>Bayonet Fighting<br>Musketry<br>Organised Games | Inspection<br>P. T.<br>Platoon Drill<br>Bayonet Fighting<br>Musketry<br>Organised Games | Range<br>practice<br>on Rifle<br>Range   |
| 14/11/18. | D I V I S I O N A L S P O R T S.   |   |   |  |
| 15/11/18  | B A T T A L I O N A L L DAY ROUTE  |   | M A R C H.  |  |
| 16/11/18  | 0900 Inspection<br>0915 P. T.<br>1000 Bombing<br>1030 do<br>1045 do<br>1100 Gas Drill<br>1130 - 1200 Sentry Drill            | Inspection<br>P. T.<br>Gas Drill<br>Sentry Drill<br>do<br>do<br>Bombing<br>do           | Inspection<br>Platoon Scheme<br>do<br>do<br>Disposal of Coy Cdr.<br>do<br>do<br>do      | Inspection.<br>Disposal of Coy. Cdr.<br>do<br>do<br>Platoon Schemes.<br>do.<br>do. |

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NOTE - Orders for BATTALION ROUTE MARCH will be issued later.  
 The training of Signallers, Scouts & Observers, Stretcher Bearers is carried out separately under spec. officers.  
 Musketry Instruction will be progressive, and will include firing position, loading, trigger pressing, aiming, firing, muscle exercises, fire orders and indication of targets. The VIKATURE RANGE is open daily for girls and Lewis Gun firing. Musketry Officer will arrange with Coy. Commanders as to number of men to go on the Range.  
 A course of instruction in MAP READING for N.C.O.s. will be held daily from 1100 to 1130.  
 Orders for PLATOON SCHEMES to be at Battn Hqs. at 1200 on day prior to exercise taking place.  
 PHYSICAL and R. F. Instructor (Sgt. McLean) will be at the disposal of Coy Commanders as required.  
 S M O K E - G H S will be at TEN M I N U T E S to the clock hour.

APPENDIX

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Training Off Officers

MONDAY  
TUESDAY  
FRIDAY

1600 - 1700  
do  
do

Prevention against Gas  
Advance Guards  
Trench Feet

Lieut-Col. P. CURRIE DSO.  
Major A. BROWN DSO MC.  
Capt. J. C. M. HARPER MC.

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Training of N.C.Os.

MONDAY  
FRIDAY  
do.

1400 - 1530  
1430 - 1500  
1500 - 1530

Advance Guards  
Trench Feet  
Prevention against Gas

Major A. BROWN DSO MC.  
Capt. J. C. M. HARPER MC.  
Lieut-Col. P. CURRIE DSO ✓

.....

Field

6/11/18.

..... Lieut..Col.  
Commanding 28th. Battalion A I F.

JRO.

APPENDIX

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Notes.

- 1. Orders for Battalion Muster March will be issued later
- 2. The Training of Signallers, Scouts and Carriers, and stretcher Bearers is carried out separately under Specialist Officers.

3.4.

- A. The rifle range is open daily for Rifle and Pistol gun firing. For those not actually firing on the Range Marksmanship Instruction will be carried out. This will be progressive and will include Fire Positions, Loading, Trigger Pressing, Aiming, Firing, Visual Aids, Fire Orders and Indication of Targets. Marksmanship Officer will arrange a program of instruction as to the number of men to be sent on the Range.
- B. The Marksmanship Officer will arrange for use of the Marksmanship Range on the allotted day.
- 4. A course of instruction in the Marksmanship for N.C.O.'s will be held daily from 11.30 till 1.00.
- 5. Physical Training and P.T. Instructor ( Sgt Wilson) will be in charge of physical training as required.
- 6. MARCHES will be at 10 and from 10 minutes to each clock hour.

In 10 11.14  
1.11.18

*L. J. Allen*

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All Battalion Units.

DIVISIONAL PLATOON COMPETITION.

1. The Divisional Platoon Competition will be carried out on Wednesday 20th November 1918 .
2. The Best Platoon in each Battalion will compete ( Infantry and Pioneer )
3. The Competition will be carried out on a Range that is being constructed at E.15. Central ( N.W St VAST on Chaussee)
4. All competing Platoons will report to the C.S.O 2 on the Ground at 1045. They will then draw for places. Mid-day meal to be taken.
5. Lieut H.R. NEALE MC will supervise the construction of the Range and will see that all arrangements for the Competition are complete. He will be in charge of the Butt party which will be provided by the 22nd Batta.
6. The A.I.F P and B.T Inspect-rs attached to Units will report for duty to Lieut HANLON on the ground at 1045.
7. The following will be the supervising officers -
  - To judge style and to deduct points for Bayonet Work  
Lieut W.T. HANLON MC  
Supervising Officer P and B.T A I.F
  - To supervise Fire Control and Fire Discipline Lt-Col CGN Miles CMG
  - To inspect Platoons and judge turnout. Major E.H. Bushell
  - Scorer Lieut M.E. DENING
  - Timekeeper Capt E.T. BAZELBY MC
  - To Count hits on Targets Lieut H.R. NEALE MC
  - To check pierced discs Lieut W.T. HANLON MC

(Signed) I.G. ALLEN Captain  
Adjutant.

In the Field,  
18.11.18.



28th Battalion A.I.F.

O's C.  
All Companies.

The Corps Chemical Adviser will lecture at 1430  
today the 6th inst in the Blue Diamond Concert Hall -  
BERTEAUCOURT.

As many Officers and N.C.Os as can be spared with-  
out unduly interfering with training, will attend.

In the Field

8.11.1918

(Signed) J.V. PASCOE Lieut.  
A/ADJUTANT.

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WAR DIARY  
(NOVEMBER, 1918.)

ORIGINAL

OPERATION      ORDERS

BATTALION OPERATIONS

|                    |    |                |
|--------------------|----|----------------|
| N <sup>o</sup> 101 | -  | Nov. 22 - 1918 |
| - 102              | .. | - 25 - 1918    |
| - 103              | -  | - 26 - 1918    |

BRIGADE OPERATIONS

SUNDRY

E. R. Anderson Lieut



MOVE ORDER No. 101.APPENDIX 3

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

1. The 7th. A. I. Brigade Group will move from present area to FRESNOY area commencing 23rd. November, 1918.
2. The 28th. Battalion will entrain at HANGEST at 13.27 on 23rd. November, and will arrive at the entraining station one hour before that time. Detraining Station EERTRY.
3. Starting Point (Battalion Headquarters) will be passed by Leading Company at 09.00.

Order of March.- -Headquarters,

"A" Company.  
 "B" "  
 "C" "  
 "D" "

Transport will move off independently and report at entraining Station by 10.27.

The Battalion will form up on road in front of Battalion Headquarters, ready to move, at 09.00.

4. Lieut. E.R. ANDERSON will act as entraining Officer for the Battalion and will report to Brigade entraining Officer (Capt. OLEARY) at Entraining Station 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours prior to departure of train. He will be in possession of an entraining State.
5. On arrival at detraining Station O.C. "B" & "D" Companies will each detail 50 O.R. with a proportion of Officers and N.C.Os to report to Brigade Detraining Officer to act as unloading party for "A" Group. "B" Company Cooker will remain behind with this party.
6. Strict March Discipline must be maintained throughout - particular attention must be paid to this by Officers and N.C.Os. (See "Notes on March Discipline" Fourth Army No.G.S. 126, issued to Companies).
7. Administrative Instructions are issued separately.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

15.00, 23/11/1918.  
 Issued at ~~ORIGNA~~,  
 In the Field,

*L.P. Allen*  
 ..... Captain,  
 Adjutant.

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| H.Q.            |  |
| 28th BATTALION, |  |
| AUSTRALIAN I.F. |  |
| No. ....        |  |
| Date. ....      |  |

Distribution.- Normal.



VALENCENNES  
1/100,000.

ORDER No. 102.

1. The 28th Battalion will move from present area to RIBEAUVILLE tomorrow, 26th inst. Companies will be fallen in at Coy Billets ready to move at 07.500 and will pass Starting Point ( Junction Roads at "Y" in B. de Busigny) at 0828.
2. The Order of the March will be Headquarters  
"A" Company  
"C" "  
"D" "  
Transport will accompany the Battalion on the March.
3. BLANKETS. and Officers Valises. Blankets ( two per man) and Officers Valises will be stacked at Q.M Store at 0630. Blankets should be rolled in bundles of Ten and clearly marked.
4. ADVANCE PARTY. One N.C.O per Company will be detailed for Advance Party and will report to Lieut J.H.LUNNON MC at B.O.R at 0700.
5. The following points will be observed.-
  - (1) Uniformity of Dress , all ranks to wear Hats.
  - (2) Equipment to be worn Uniformly.
  - (3) On halting Road to be kept clear
  - (4) No Kit or odd articles to be hung on Transport.
  - (5) No unauthorised men to ride on Transport.
  - (6) No one to ride or march out of the Column.
6. Sick Parade will be at 6.0 a.m.
7. MESS GEAR must be at Q.M. Store by 0715.

Issued at 2045 25 .11.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.

Distribution. NORMAL. Adjutant.

28th Battalion A.I.F

All Units.

SANITATION.

Billets and Area being vacated tomorrow must be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.  
A Certificate that this has been done will be forwarded to B.O.R by 7.30 a.m.

In the Field.  
25 .11.18.(signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.  
Adjutant.



ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS  
To accompany ORDER No. 101 - ADVANCE TO THE RHINE.

S.A.A.

The S.A.A. to be carried on the man will be reduced to 60 rounds. Specialists will carry 50 rounds as previously.

BLANKETS.

One Blanket will be carried on the man. One Blanket per man will be carried on the transport. These will be rolled in bundles of 10, clearly marked, and dumped near "C" Company's Billet not later than 07.30 on 23rd. November. Steps will be taken to see that blankets are rolled tightly and neatly.

OFFICERS VALISES.

Officers Valises will be stacked in front of "G" Company's Billet not later than 07.00 tomorrow.

MESS GEAR.

Mess Gear must be ready for loading not later than 08.30 tomorrow.

SANITATION.

Billets and Area must be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition. All pits will be filled in. O.C. Companies will report compliance to S.O.R. at 08.45 sharp.

STEEL HELMETS & S.B. Respirators.

These will be carried forward on the man.

In the Field,  
22/11/1918.

*L. J. M.*  
..... Captain.  
Adjutant.

Distribution.- Normal.

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|-----------------|-------|
| H.Q.            |       |
| 28TH-BATTALION, |       |
| AUSTRALIAN I.F. |       |
| No.             | ..... |
| Date            | ..... |



Reference Sheet. VALENCENNES 1/100,000

APPENDIX 3

1. The 28th Battalion will move from present area to FAYT AREA by route march tomorrow 27th inst.
2. ROUTE. CATILLON - Direct Road to FAVRIL-FAYT
3. Companies will be fallen in at Coy Billets and ready to move 0805 and will pass Starting Point (B.O.R) at 0820
4. Order of March. will be Headquarters
  - "A" Coy
  - "B" Coy
  - "E" Coy
  - "D" Coy
 Transport will accompany Battalion on the March.
5. BLANKETS and Officers VALISES. Blankets and Officers Valises will be stacked at the Q.M. Store 0630 sharp. Care should be taken to see that Blankets are neatly and tightly rolled in bundles of TEN and clearly marked.
6. ADVANCE PARTY. One N.C.O per Company will be detailed for Advance Party and will report to Lieut J.H. LUNNON MC at B.O.R at 0645. Lieut LUNNON will report with Advance Party to Lieut R.C. BATHER MC MM as GROUP Billetting Officer, at LE GRAND FAYET Church at 0800 tomorrow.
7. STRAGGLERS. O.C. "C" Coy will detail one Platoon which will march in rear of Brigade Group to collect Stragglers.
8. The following points will be observed.
  1. Uniformity of DRESS. ALL RANKS to wear HATS
  2. Equipment to be worn uniformly.
  3. On Halting road to be kept clear.
  4. No KIT or odd articles to be hung on the Transport. O.C.'s Coys will pay special attention to the turn out of Cookers.
  5. No unauthorised men to ride on Transport.
  6. No one to ride or march out of the Column.
9. STANDARD BEARERS. Lieuts A.J. FLANAGAN  
2/Lieut W.C. PIGGOTT. MM  
will act as Standard Bearers and Sgt McLEAM and Sgt FARNELL as Escort, during march.
10. PACKS. All OFFICERS other than those mounted will wear FULL MARCHING ORDER. (To include Packs.)
11. SICK PARADE will be at 06 15.
12. MESS GEAR, Mess Gear to be at Q.M. Store at 0715
13. SANITATION. Billets and area being vacated tomorrow should be left in a clean and Sanitary condition.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.  
Adjutant.Distribution NORMAL  
Issued at 2215. 26 .11.18.



SECRET.

Copy No. 3

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,  
November 25th 1913.ORDER No. 233.Reference Map Sheet VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.

- See Amendment*
1. Units of the 7th A.I. Brigade Group which have reached BUSIGNY ~~by noon today 25th instant~~, will move by march route to LEZINGHEIN on the 26th instant.
  2. *See Amendment* The units which arrive at the detraining station ~~after noon on the 25th instant~~, will receive orders from the Staff Captain at BERTRY Station.
  3. Surplus kit and stores will be dumped by unit transport at the Divisional Dump in Factory at corner of Rue BOSSE and Rue JACQUART, BOHAIN (Ordnance Store).
  4. Units will leave a guard with kits.
  5. Bomb echelons will be dumped on the BOHAIN - BUSIGNY Road at dump at northern entrance to BOHAIN.
  6. All personnel except Kit Guards will march.
  7. The wagons of the 1/3rd S.A.A. Section D.A.C. will be distributed amongst units to carry blankets. Allotment will be notified later.
  8. Starting point, times and roads will be notified later.
  9. Acknowledge.

*Harry Capel*  
Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade,

Issued through Signals at 10 a.m.

Copies to :-

- |                       |                    |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. 28th Bn,           | 3. 7th Field Amb,  | 15. B.T.O.       |
| 2. 27th Bn,           | 9. 17th A.A.S.C,   | 16. Filo.        |
| 3. 28th Bn,           | 10. 2nd Aust. Div, | 17/19. War Diary |
| 4. T.I. Bty.          | 11. G.O.C.         | 20/24. Spares,   |
| 5. 7th I.G.Coy.       | 12. S.C.           |                  |
| 6. 2nd Pioneer Bn,    | 13. B.I.           |                  |
| 7. 7th Field Coy A.E. | 14. Bde Sig. Off,  |                  |



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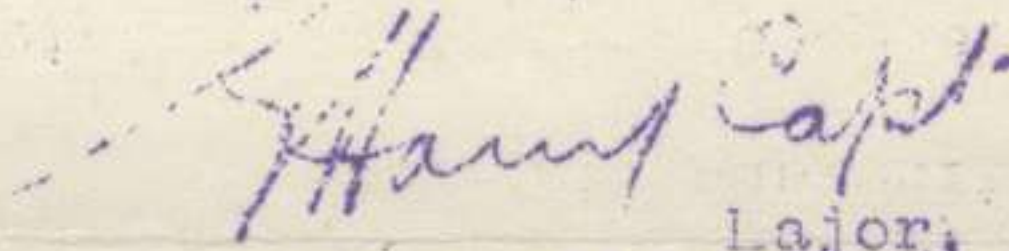
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,  
November 25th 18.AMENDMENT to 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 233.

Para 1 - second line. For "noon today 25th inst." read  
"midnight 25/26th inst."

Para 2 - second line. For "after noon on 25th inst" read  
"After midnight 25th/26th inst."

Acknowledge.



Lajor, Brigade Lajor,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copy to all recipients of Brigade Order No. 233  
(less) 2nd Pioneer Bn.  
7th Field Coy  
2nd Aust. Div. Train.



HEADQUARTERS,  
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
25/1/54

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
November 22nd 1913.

Headquarters,  
26th, 27th, 28th Battalions,  
7th A.L.T.L. Battery,  
5th, 6th, 7th Field Coys,  
7th Field Ambulance,  
2nd Pioneer Battalion,  
2nd A.L.G. Bn.  
C.R.E.

Before leaving present billeting areas a certificate will be obtained from the Area Commandant or Town Major certifying that the area has been left in a satisfactory condition.

An officer and 20 other ranks will remain until this certificate is obtained, in order to make good any omissions.

Units not in the 7th A.I. Brigade Group for the move by train, will send a copy of this certificate to 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters before departure.

Units in the 7th A.I. Brigade Train Group will hand these certificates to the Brigade Entraining Officer.

*W. C. Evans*

Captain, for Staff Captain,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Copy No 3Warning Order.

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Reference Maps : LENS, 1/100,000.  
 St QUENTIN, 1/100,000.  
 VALENCIENNES, 1/100,000.

19th November 1918.

1. The 2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery) will move by strategical train from YZEUX area to FRESNOY area.

2. The 5th A.I.Bde. Group and 6th A.I.Bde. Group will entrain at VIGNACOURT commencing on the 21st and 22nd instant respectively.

3. The 7th A.I.Bde. Group for purposes of move by train is composed of the following units :-

7th A.I.Bde.  
 2nd Aust.Div. H.Qrs.,  
 6th, 7th and 22nd A.M.G. Coys.  
 H.Qrs., and 7th Coy Engineers.  
 6th and 7th Field Ambulances.  
 1/3 S.A.A., Section, D.A.C.  
 17th Coy A.A.S.C.

The 7th A.I.Bde Group will entrain at HANGEST-sur-SOMME commencing 23rd November. Approx. time for the first train to leave is 12.00 23rd November, and from then trains leave at four hour intervals.

4. Detraining station for all groups is BUSIGNY and the approximate time of the train journey is eight hours.

5. Orders have been issued to units of 'A' Group for billeting parties to proceed on 20th instant.  
 Units will be billeted in FRESNOY.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*F. Berryman*

Major, Brigade Major.  
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Sigs at  
 08.00 - 20.11.18.  
 For Distribution  
 see other side.



ORIGINAL.

ROUTINE ORDERS

|                |     |                               |
|----------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| N <sup>o</sup> | 492 | 1 <sup>st</sup> November 1918 |
|                | 493 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> " "           |
|                | 495 | 4 <sup>th</sup> " "           |
|                | 496 | 5 <sup>th</sup> " "           |
|                | 497 | 7 <sup>th</sup> " "           |
|                | 498 | 8 <sup>th</sup> " "           |
|                | 499 | 9 <sup>th</sup> " "           |
|                | 500 | 10 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 502 | 16 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 503 | 18 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 504 | 20 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 505 | 27 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 506 | 28 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 507 | 29 <sup>th</sup> " "          |
|                | 508 | 30 <sup>th</sup> " "          |

*E. R. Anderson Lieut.*



By Major A. BROWN DSO MC T/Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field. 1.11.18.

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## Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut C.R. WALSH.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt P. Walter MM.  
Duty Company "G" Company.

## Crimes

## Punishments.

2. F.O.C.M. 3.10.18.

No. 6889A Pte ANDERSON J - 2 years I.M.L.

20.8.18. W.O.A.S. - A.W.L. from 7.30 p.m.

20.8.18 until 8 p.m. 18.8.18.

No. 4247 Pte HERD A - 6 months I.M.L.

10.7.18. W.O.A.S. - A.W.L. from 10.30 p.m. on

10.7.18 until 10 p.m. 1.8.18.

## Schools.

3. The following results were obtained.  
4th Army Observation and Sniping School.  
S/Lieut A. Emery Good.  
Basket ry.  
6888 Cpl Lloyd-Jones. J. V. Good.

## Warning.

4. It has been recently brought to notice by Pilots of low flying aircraft that the enemy infantry have been using tracer ammunition in rifles, and these pilots consider that the moral effect of this is as great if not greater than M.C. Fire. The fact is emphasised by the Air Force that while it is possible for an aeroplane to avoid the zone of M. C. Fire it is extremely difficult for it to get away from concentrated rifle fire. In view of the enemy shortly adopting low flying tactics all ranks are to be informed of the above.

## DUTIES.

5. "D" Company will supply FIRE PICKET tomorrow.

(Signed) J.V. PARSONS S/Lieut  
A/Adjutant.NOTICE.

An invitation has been received from G.O.C 3rd Australian Division, inviting all Officers of the 2nd Division to a HORSE SHOW to be held at HALLINGCOURT (Sheet 68E. A.I. Central) commencing 1900 on 7th November.

No. 499 of 1.11.18.



By Major A. BROWN DSO, MC T/Commanding 28th

## APPENDIX

In the Field.

2.11.18.

## Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut G.H. WALSH  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Fox J.A  
Duty Company "D" Company.

"B" Company will supply Officer for Disciplinary  
Picquet.

"A" Company will detail Fire Picquet ( R.O 487)  
Lieut Ellis "C" Company will take charge.

Honours  
& Awards.

2. The undermentioned soldier has been awarded the  
MILITARY MEDAL.  
No. 5941 Pte G.D. LEE.

## Promotions.

3. The following promotions are published in A.I.F  
List No. 405.

To be Captains. dated 31.10.18.

Lieut I.E. DUNKLEY  
Lt (Temp) Capt K.M.S. McINTYRE  
Lt (Temp Capt) ALLEN L.O. MC.  
Lieut W.B. CROSS.

To be Lieutenants. 1.10.18.

R/Lieut M.J. DO TEE  
" F.A. ELLIS  
" J.S. BRIDGMAN  
" J. REDROCK  
" A.J. FLANNAGAN  
" H.B.W. RIDLEY  
" (N.Lt) W.H. REID  
" P.C. KEMP  
" K.W. STONES  
" J.V. PASCOE

## Baths.

4. BENTRACONNE Baths will be at the disposal of  
the Battalion tomorrow and will be used as under:-

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 0800 - 0845 | "A" Coy                   |
| 0845 - 0930 | "B" Coy                   |
| 0930 - 1015 | "C" Coy                   |
| 1015 - 1100 | "D" Coy                   |
| 1100 - 1130 | Headquarters              |
| 1130 - 1200 | Transport & Q.M. Details. |

Parties will arrive at baths promptly to above  
times and under the charge of an Officer.

- Sick Parade. 5. Sick Parade will be at 10.00 tomorrow morning.

In the Field.

2.11.18

No 493.

(Signed) J.V. PASCOE, Lieut.  
A/Adjutant.



By Major A. BROWN DSO., NO. 1/Commanding 80th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field 4.11.1918

- Duties** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut J. Sherrock DSO.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, S/Sgt Collett L.E.  
Duty Company "B" Company.
- Promotion** 2. No 104 CQMS (Temp) Harrison J. to be CQMS vice  
No 78 CQMS Gibson W. promoted. Dated 3.11.18  
(Auth. M R.O. 631) 80050.
- Discipline.** 3. The village of HALLOX les FENOIS is placed Out  
of Bounds for all troops of the 2nd Australian  
Division.
- Inoculation.** 4. All men inoculated this afternoon are exempt duty  
until 8 p.m. Wednesday. (6.11.18)
- Honours & Awards.** 5. The Corps Commander has awarded the Bar to the  
Military Medal to No 8088 Pte R. MORRAN MM.  
  
The Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders and  
the Commanding Officer wish to congratulate the  
recipient.

In the Field  
4.11.1918  
No 495.

(Signed) J.V. PASCOE Lieut  
A/Adjutant.



By Major A. HOWE BSO., MC.

W/Commanding 56th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

5.11.1918.

## Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut J.F. Blair.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Elfverson W.H.  
Duty Company, "C" Company.

G.R.O. 540.  
Postal  
Censorship.

2. Postal Censorship - 1. GREEN ENVELOPES. (a) The breaches of censorship orders in letters sent in the Green Envelopes have recently been exceedingly numerous. References to Military matters which would be of great value to the enemy are increasingly frequent. Especially is this the case in letters addressed to other parts of the Army, which constitute a great source of danger in the event of these letters coming to the hands of the enemy. Unless the terms of the Certificate on the Green Envelope are better observed the suspension of the issue will be considered.
  - (b) The practice of sending letters in Green Envelopes is strictly prohibited and those which are liable to be destroyed.
2. FIELD SERVICE POST CARDS. (a) Two faults are prevalent in correspondence by means of the Field Service Post Card. Increasing numbers of these cards are found to bear additions other than those permitted by Censorship Orders, para 1 (a), and many cases have occurred of their being used for the purpose of conveying military information by means of code.
  - (d) These cards are despatched in considerable numbers to neutral countries, contrary to Censorship Orders, para 10 (1). Attention is drawn to the fact that in both cases Field Service Postcards are destroyed.
3. CENSORED CORRESPONDENCE - Insufficient attention is paid by Regimental Censors to the following points:
  - (e) The passing of picture postcards which disclose the situation either past or present of the writer's Unit, contrary to Censorship Orders 10 (1).
  - (f) The passing of addresses, either on covers or in the contents of letters, which disclose the higher formation to which the writer's Unit belongs or which give as part of the address an Army Post Office designation unnecessarily.
  - (g) The passing of items of military information in letters addressed to other parts of the front, which are specially liable to capture by the enemy. The faults found in this class of letter are considerably more numerous than in the ordinary mail, the regimental censoring of which is efficiently performed.

The attention of all ranks will be called to the above, and it should be impressed on them that no item of military information is too small to be of potential use to the enemy. The chief object of the postal censorship is to deny to the enemy all information which may be of use to his Intelligence Service, the acquisition of which by him may seriously prejudice our own operations.



- Lectures**
3. Lectures as under will be given at Blue Diamond Concert Hall.
- Tuesday 6th Novbr. at 10.30 "TANK CORPS"  
Major LARNEY Tank Corps.
- Thursday 11th Novbr at 11.30  
"Co-Operation between Infantry and Machine Guns."  
Lt-Col RALSTON C.M.G., D.S.O.  
2nd H.Q. Batta.
- As many Officers and H.Q.Os as can be spared without unduly interfering with training, will attend.
- Engravers.**
4. Engravers capable of engraving names and other particulars on medals will shortly be required for a short term of duty at Corps Headquarters. Names of men possessing necessary qualifications to reach B.O.R. by noon 6.11.1918.
- Honours & Awards.**
5. The following Officer has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre.
- Lt-Col P. CURRIE DSO.
- Dated 5.11.1918
- Promotions & appointments etc.**
6. No 5504 Cpl DAVIES R.A.G. to be 2/Sgt vice No 1206 Sgt Castle A.R. Wtd 3.10.18 20712.
- No 7273 Pte NEARDMAN K.R. to be L/Cpl 600570.
- No 6181 Pte DOYLE J.A. to be L/Cpl 123008.
- Pay Books**
7. A supply of "Keep your mouth shut" gum Leaflets is available. Companies are requested to intent to comply with A I F Order 1, c. 1 leaflet to be pasted in Page 83 of each man's Pay Book.

No 406, 5.11.1918.

(Signed) J.V. PASCOE Lieut  
A/Adjutant.



APPENDIX 4

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO Commanding 28th Bn  
 In the Field 7.11.1918.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut H.C. McKee NO  
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Chamberlain P.  
 Duty Company, A Company.

Baths 2. Beartowncourt Baths are at the disposal of the  
 Battalion tomorrow from 1800 to 1700 and will  
 be used as under:-  
 "A" Coy 1300 - 1400  
 "B" Coy 1400 - 1500  
 "C" Coy 1500 - 1600  
 "D" Coy 1600 - 1700

Parties will arrive at Baths prompt to time.  
 Each party to be under the charge of an Officer.

Reversion 3. No 217 L/Sgt BROWN J.W. reverts to Corporal  
 on own request and is transferred to 7th A.P. Amb

No 497, 7.11.18

(Signed) J.V. PASCOE Lieut  
 A/ADJUTANT.

NOTICES

A. R. A. COMPETITIONS.

The following are the points allotted for today's Competition.

|                      | Max. A Coy | No 1 Plat  | B Coy<br>No 2 Plat | C Coy<br>No 3 Plat | D Coy<br>No 4 Plat |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| HITS                 | 341        | 105        | 114                | 170                | 89                 |
| DINGS                | 78         | 60         | 45                 | 67                 | 67                 |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>419</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>159</b>         | <b>237</b>         | <b>156</b>         |
| Voluntary Inspection |            | 5          | 4                  | 3                  | 4                  |
| Fire Orders Control. |            | 20         | 15                 | 14                 | 15                 |
| Style B.F.           |            | 5          | 3                  | 5                  | 4                  |
| <b>Total</b>         |            | <b>30</b>  | <b>22</b>          | <b>19</b>          | <b>23</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |            | <b>155</b> | <b>134</b>         | <b>256</b>         | <b>179</b>         |



By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 89th Batta

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In the Field

8.11.1918

## Duties

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut H.J. Spencer.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Davies R.A.S.  
Duty Company, "B" Company.

## Schools

2. The following attended a Course of Instruction at the AUST. CORPS GAS SCHOOL and obtained a "GOOD" Pass.

C/Lieut W.A. WILES.

## Transfers.

3. The following transfers to the 2nd Div Sig Coy have been approved.  
No 5041 Pte FAIRGRIEVE A.S.  
5041 LEE D.S.

Crimes,  
Punishments,  
etc.

4. No 5058 Pte COLLINS P. - ADMONISHED.  
A.F.L. from 0700 25.10.18 until reporting 0800  
26.10.18  
Total Forfeiture - one Day 50536

No 50132 Pte WERNER D.R. - 7 days F.P. No 2.  
Drunkness on Guard Mounting Parade after being  
warned for Duty.  
Total Forfeiture Seven Days. 505517.

No 5051 Pte ANDERSON G. - 20 days F.P. No 2.  
When on Active Service - Drunkness on Parade.  
Total Forfeiture 20 days

Brigade  
Sports.

5. Brigade Sports will be held tomorrow.  
The Battalion will form up on road in front of  
"B" Company's billets in order of  
HQ, "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy  
and be ready to move off at 0800.  
Holiday meals will be had in Camp.  
Men will return from Sports Ground independently.

(Signed) J.V. PASCOE Lieut  
A/Adjutant.

No 498, 8.11.18



ROUTINE ORDER No 499

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APPENDIX 4

Lieut-Col P. CURRIE

Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F.

Duties. 1 Battalion Quarterly Officer Lieut W A HILLIS,  
Sergeant Sgt. Rafferty F.  
Duty Company "G" Coy.

Schools 2 The following attended a course of instruction at the  
Australian Corps. School and obtained a "COAG" Pass.-  
No. 58001 L/C. Enderby G.W.

Sick Parade 3 Sick Parade will be at 1000.

Church

Parade 4 All Protestant Denominations  
Service will be held in BLUE DIAMOND HALL at 1100  
Companies will form up in front of "B" Coy. Billets  
and be ready to move off at 1040.

Roman Catholic

Service will be held in BERTHAUGOURT CHURCH at  
1030. Details will parade at "B" Coy. Billets at  
1015. Senior Officer or N.C.O. on parade will take  
Charge.

(Signed) J.V. PARQUE Lieut.  
A/Adjutant

Field

2/11/38

NOTICE

The 87th. Battalion Sports will be held on Sunday  
10th. Inst. commencing 11 am. (Location of Ground Sheet  
87H.1/40000 - Q.55.b.)

The Commanding Officer (87th. Bn) extends a hearty  
invitation to all members of 88th. Batin. who care to  
attend.



By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 80th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field

10.11.1918.

## Duties

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, S/Lieut H. Hansen - Knarhol.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Ingham H.  
Duty Company, "B" Company.

## Sick Parade

2. Sick Parade will be at 0800 until further notice.

## Promotion.

- Dated 2.11.18.  
3. No 988 Cpl (Temp) BROWN F.R. to be CCL 28302.

G.O.C's  
Inspection

4. The G.O.C. will inspect the Battalion at 1000 tomorrow on the Battalion Parade Ground. Companies will form up on road in front of "B" Company's Billets at 0815 and move by Route March to Battalion Parade Ground. Every available man will parade. Transport will move independently to Parade Ground and will form up at 0830.

DRESS Full Marching Order.

MARKERS. Company Markers will report to R.S.M. on Parade Ground at 0830.

PARADE STATES. Detailed Parade States to be rendered to B.O.R. not later than 0845.

No 500, 10.11.1918

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Capt  
ADJUTANT.



Lieut-Col R. CURRIE DSO Commanding 40th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

16.11.18.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut J. HEDGECOCK DSO.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Payne P.M.  
Duty Company 3rd Company.

2. Sick parade will be at 1000 tomorrow.

3. The following promotions have been approved  
dated 12.11.18.

No. 654 cpl (temp) LATHAN R.J.C to be cpl 166979.

No. 6071 L/S BURNETT J.A to be cpl (Temp) vice no. 4062  
cpl Bigger R.D promoted 21.8.18. 12000

9676 L/S WHEAT W.H to be cpl (temp) vice no. 936 cpl  
Balch W.H wounded 5.10.18. 20099

No. 4219 Pte BURNETT H to be L/cpl. 130454.

4. Australian Corps Signal School.  
6632 L/S Pittendrigh C A.I. certificate  
1099 cpl Fogarty P.J. Co.

5. No. 551 Pte JAMES T.D.W ) P.C.C.W 18.10.18.  
awarded 3 years I.R.L.  
Suspended 4.11.18 Authority 4th Army No. C 1159 4.11.18.

6. All Protestant denominations.  
Y.M.C.A. Bartoncourt. At 11 a.m.  
Companies will form up on road in front of "A" company  
ready to move at 10.40 a.m.  
MUSIC. Balch.  
Holy Communion. After evening service 6 p.m. in Y.M.C.A.  
Bartoncourt.

R.C. Parade.

In BARTONCOURT church at 9 a.m.  
Parade will form up in front of Battalion Orderly Room ready  
to move at 8.40 a.m.

Parade starts for both services to reach Battalion Orderly  
Room not later than 8.30 a.m.

116.11.18

NO 302

(Signed) J.C. AILEY Capt  
Adjutant.



By Major A. BROWN DSO MC T/Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

18.11.18.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut J.H. LAWSON MC  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Harris.  
Duty Company "A" Company.

Duties will be carried out as laid down in  
Special Memo issued to Companies on 17.11.18.

Schools. 2. The undermentioned men attended Aust Div Comb  
Sch sch 27.10.18 and obtained results as shown  
against respective names.

No. 4876 L/C MI HOF. L. Good

3073 Pte Bathgate R.W. "

5332 Pte Cotterill J.H. "

Aust Corps Sig School.

5838 L/Cpl Pittendreich C. Good.

Crimes  
Punishments  
etc.

3. The following punishments have been awarded.

P.G.C.M. 18.11.18.

No. 5488 Pte BURNESS G - 10 years P.S. Commuted to  
5 y ears and confirmed 18.11.18.  
17.7.18. W.O.A.S. DESERTION.

18.11.18. by Commanding Officer.

No. 5488 Pte KING W. - 7 days P.P. No. 2

17.11.18. W.O.A.S. - Conduct to Prejudice of Good  
Order and Military Discipline in that he was  
insolent to an N.C.O. Total Forfeiture 7 days.

No. 5332 Pte HULMER G.A. 14 days P.P. No. 2

18.11.18. - Absent from 0100 Parade. Evaded no  
Duty. Total Forfeiture 14 days.

No. 5332 Pte McLANE J.J. - 14 days P.P. No. 2

17.11.18. - Using abusive language to a superior  
Officer. Total Forfeiture 14 days.

4.11.18. - Overstaying leave in England from

No. 5332 Pte McLANE J.J. - 14 days P.P. No. 2  
Total Forfeiture 14 days.

No. 5334 Pte GARDNER J.S. - 14 days P.P. No. 2

4.11.18 - Overstaying Leave in England from 0600

4.11.18 until 0600 on 8.11.18.

Total Forfeiture 28 days.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Capt In.  
Adjutant.

In the Field.

18.11.18.

No. 403.



By Major A. BROWN, DSO, MC. T/Commanding 20th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

20.11.18.

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- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut H.B.W. RIDLEY  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Pusey V.B  
Duty Company "D" Company.
- Crimes  
Punishments. 2. P.O.C.H. 18.11.18.  
No. 5157 Pte WHITE J. - 12 months I.M.  
20.8.18. A.W.L from 0800 on 20.8.18 until  
1300 on 24.10.18 - 57 days.  
By Commanding Officer. 20.11.18.  
No. 5151 Pte BOSTER A. - 7 days P.P. No. 9  
17.11.18. A.W.L from 0800 on 17.11.18 until  
1700 on 19.11.18 Total 2 days.  
No. 3243 Pte HUBB V.W. - admonished.  
17.11.18. A.W.L from 0800 on 17.11.18 until  
1700 on 19.11.18. Forfeiture 2 days.  
No. 4122 Pte HUGHES G.A. - 28 days P.P. No. 9  
12.11.18. A.W.L from 0800 12.11.18 until  
0100 on 19.11.18. Forfeiture 28 days.
- Appointments. 3. The following Confirmation has been approved.  
Promotions. No. 4224 R.S.M. (Temp) GOSCH R.H. to be R.S.M. and  
P.O. Class 1. 4.10.18. A.I.F. List 410. 2645 P.
- Corps R.O. 4. The following extract from C.R.O.'s to be read  
500. on Parade to all Ranks.  
PRISONERS OF WAR- THURTS FROM  
Complaints have been received alleging cases  
of theft of personal property from freshly cap-  
tured GERMAN Prisoners of War. Such incidents  
are not only discreditable in themselves, but they  
provoke retaliatory measures on the part of the  
enemy against British Officers and men who have  
been captured by them. All ranks are forbidden to  
remove from German Prisoners any personal belong-  
ings, including watches, and other jewelry,  
Iron Crosses, money, Identity Discs, Pay books and  
articles of personal clothing.  
Instances have lately occurred where men have  
broken through an escort in order to search German  
Prisoners of War to obtain personal valuables.  
This is a highly discreditable practice and  
must cease. All ranks should be warned that  
severe disciplinary action will be taken against  
any offenders in future.

(Signed) L.S. ALLEN Captain  
Adjutant.

In the Field.  
20.11.18.

No. 504



MOVING ORDER No. 205

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APPENDIX

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By Major A. NEWS M.B.M.L.

2/2nd Battalion 4th Cavalry A.L.F.

In the Field.

27. 11. 18.

Duties

Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut C. L. WHITE  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Kane  
Duty Company "C" Company.

Parades

Companies will be at disposal of the Company Commanders for cleaning up tomorrow and will parade at 0800 for this purpose.

Reversions

Mr. 305 Cpl (temp) WHITE R.A reverts to L/C on return of 0319 Cpl News J 28.11.18.

FIRE  
ORDERS

It is forbidden to use MATCHES or open fires in billets in which beds are stored.  
FIRE MATCHES must be placed in a metal position in all billets and be kept filled with a clean wick.  
On no account will MATCH lights be used in billets. Particular attention will be paid to above in every detail.

Damage

Any damage to billets will be made a direct charge to Company responsible.

On no account must stores be removed from dumps or other places without written authority from R.O.R.

Sick  
Parade  
Routine

Sick Parades will be held at 0930 tomorrow.

TATTOO will be at 2130 each day and states will be considered to R.O.R. by 2145.

LIGHTS OUT will be at 2145 each day.

(Signed) E. C. NEWS Captain  
Adjutant.

In the Field.  
27. 11. 18.

No. 205.



By Major A. Brown D. S.O MC.

2/Commanding 80th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

26.11.18.

- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer S/Lieut H. Hansen-Narhol.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Hookley J  
Duty Company "D" Company.
- Parades. 2. Companies will be at disposal of Company Commanders tomorrow and will parade at 1000.
- Sick Parade. 3. Sick Parade will be at 0900
- Returns. 4. Each day the Company which is next for Battalion Duty Company will forward with Daily Ration State its Nomination for Battalion Orderly Officer and Orderly Sergeant.
- Congratulatory. 5. The following has been received from the 7th Bde. I am instructed by the G.O.C to say he is very pleased with the manner in which the Company of your Battalion, detailed for unloading at BERREK, carried out their work. It is recognised that they were called upon to do heavy work immediately following a wearying train journey with very little opportunity for rest. The cheerful manner in which they tackled their job is very gratifying.

(Signed) Staff Captain.  
7th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

- Education. 6. All enquiries on Education matters will be made to the Unit Education Officer and not direct to Divisional Educational Officer.

- Crimes. 7. Dated 25.11.18  
No. 3735 Pte BLAKERS S.C - 28 days F.P. No. 2  
25.11.18. Absent from Marching Out Parade. 1130  
25.11.18 until 1000 25.11.18.

Dated 25.11.18  
N. 3045 Pte GATES W.P. - Admonished.  
25.11.18. Absenting himself from working party  
1730 to 2115 on 25.11.18.  
Forfeiture ONE DAY.

No. 1715 Pte KRACKER L.M - 77 days F.P. No. 2  
25.11.18. Absenting himself from working party  
1730 until 2115 on 25.11.18.  
Total Forfeiture 0 days

In the Field.  
26.11.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain Adjutant.

No. 506 .



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By Major A. Brown DSO, MC.

Commanding 30th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

29.11.1918.

## Duties

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut J.H. Jannon MC.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Chamberlain P.  
Duty Company, "A" Company.

Crimes,  
Punishments.

2. 29.11.18  
No 3018 Pte RICHES G.H. - 14 days F.P. No 8.  
No 3721 Pte BERRY J.S. - 14 days F.P. No 8.  
No 5004 Pte CRIPPS G.S. - 7 days F.P. No 8.  
No 5003 Pte VAUGHAN D.J. - 14 days F. . No 8.  
A.F.L. from 1800 until 1600 29.11.18 respectively.

3. No 4747 Pte HEND A. - Awarded 6 Months I.M.L. 20.10.18  
SUSPENDED. Authority. 4th Army C 532 of 16.11.18.

No 807.

29.11.18.

(Signed) L.G. SLIN Capt.  
Adjutant.



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APPENDIX

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By Lieut-Col P. Currie DSO.

Commanding 56th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

30.11.1918

Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut H.J. Spencer.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Davies R.A.S.  
Duty Company, "B" Company.

Reversion.

2. No 6520 L/Cpl ADLAND J.H. reverts to Private at  
own request. 30.11.18 250203.

No 6508 PVT G.A. (Temp) JOWETT H.S. reverts to  
L/Cpl on return of No 314 Cpl Jones H.S. 30.11.18  
213013.

Strength.

3. Lieut W.A. LEAVER MC., RM. Posted to "A" Coy.  
S/Lieut R.T. FRANKLIN do do  
Lieut H.J.H. TOZER MC., RM. do "D" Coy.  
Lieut J. SHORROCK DSO. do "D" Coy.  
Lieut J.O. STEPHENSON do "B" Coy.

Church Parade.

4. All Protestant Denominations on 56th Battalion's  
Parade Ground at 1000.  
Companies will be fallen in on road in front of  
B.O.R. ready to move at 1010.  
Holy Communion Church of England - in Hillet  
No 30 immediately after Church Parade.  
For other Denominations Hillet No 30 at 1730.  
Roman Catholic Service - in GRAND FAYT Church  
at 1900.  
Companies will Parade in front of B.O.R. at 0940.  
Duty Company will detail One N.C.O. to act as  
Battalion Marker. He will report to R.S.M. at  
0930.  
ISSUE Belts and Side-arms.  
PARADE BEATS to R.S.M. at 0930 sharp.

No 508.  
30.11.1918.(Signed) L.G. ALLEN, Capt.  
Adjutant.



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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100.)

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| Prefix.....                               | Code..... | Words   | Charge. | This message is on a/c of :       | Recd. at..... |
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| AYB                                       |           | Sent    |         | 9/11/18                           | Date.....     |
|   |           | At..... |         | ATJU                              | 11/11/18      |
|   |           | To..... |         |                                   | From.....     |
|   |           | By..... |         | (Signature of "Franking Officer") | By.....       |

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| TO | all units |  | H.Q.<br>28TH BATTALION,<br>AUSTRALIAN I.F. |
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Official G.H.Q. reports  
message from Gen FOCH  
to commander-in-chief  
AAA Hostilities will  
cease & on the whole  
front on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
1100 bench time The  
allied troops will not cross  
until further orders the  
line reached on that date

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Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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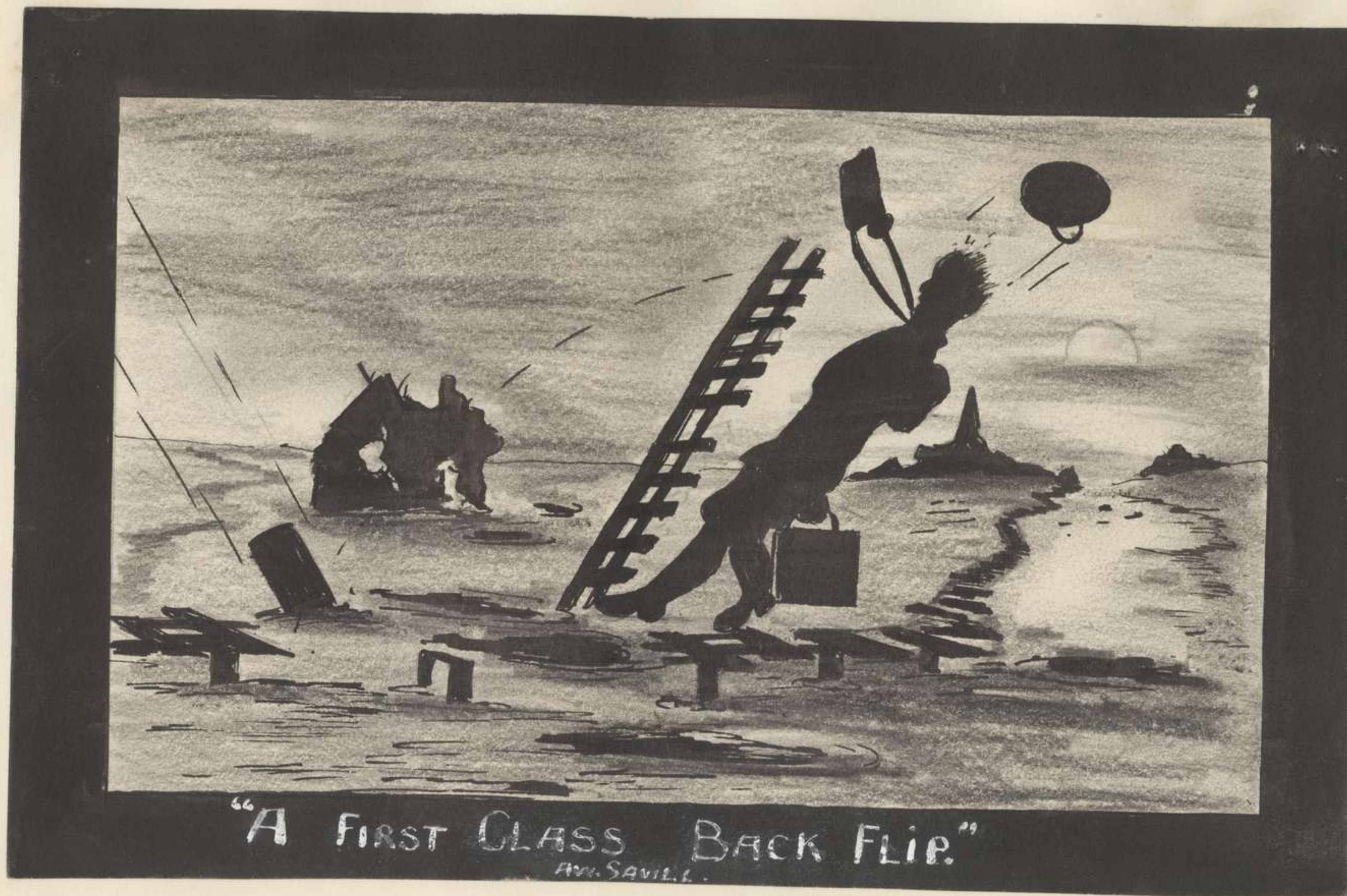
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SHADOWGRAPH OF SURENDERING HUNS. AW Snell 1918





"A FIRST CLASS BACK FLIP."  
BY SAVILL.





YPRES

SEP. 20<sup>TH</sup> 1917.

*H. W. Spence*





"THE BRIDGE OF PETIT FAYT BLOWN UP BY A MINE."

AW. SAVILL





"THE CROSS ROADS Nr GRAND FAYT. BLOWN UP BY A MINE." AWSCHELL 1918





VILLAGE OF PT. FAYT.



