

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

Infantry

Item number: 23/35/40

Title: 18th Infantry Battalion

November 1918



AWM4-23/35/40

CONFIDENTIAL.

ORIGINAL.
DUPLICATE.
TRIPLICATE.



Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

18th BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918



Signature of Officer compiling

H. Wilson

Signature of Officer Commanding

Geo. B. Murphy

WAR DIARY

or

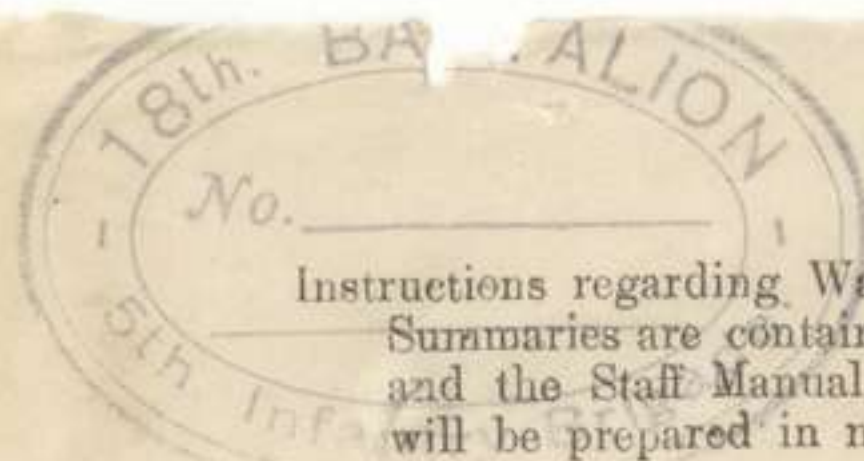
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT.	(Map sheet 57 E. 1/40000)			
	1/11/18.			
		0900	Weather dull. - Battalion strength as at 1/11/18 - 36 officers, 700 Other ranks.	
		1600	Battalion training at the Aerodrome ground during the day.	
			Changes in Officers: Lieut.C.E.Etheridge returned from English leave.	
		2000	Routine Order No.79 issued, republishing G.R.O's 5396 and 5397.	
			The following are reports on personnel of this unit who attended schools as shewn hereunder :-	
			FOURTH ARMY MUSKETRY SCHOOL, PONT REMY.	
			No.4265.Sgt.Wallace, J. - Knowledge "Good" - Ability "Good"	
			Application "Very keen and worked well throughout the course"	
			No.5845.Cpl.Lattimore, A.D. - Knowledge "Very Good" - Ability "Very Good"	
			Application "Has worked very well"	
			FOURTH ARMY S.O.S.SCHOOL, BOUCHON.	
			No.394.Sgt.Pierce, H.S. "MM" - "A very keen and capable N.C.O. He has gained a good	
			"knowledge of the subjects taught and should make a good	
			"scout Sgt. He is a very good shot."	
			The following decorations have been awarded by the Corps Commander to members of this unit :-	
			THE MILITARY MEDAL.	
			6034. Pte. Blackburn, W.J. - 5837. Pte. Mansbridge, H.W.	
			4206. " McWhirter, K.L. - 708. Sgt. Edwards, J.J.	
			3759. " Baker, J.F. - 281. Pte. Cassidy, W.L.	
			4788. " Wyndoe, E. - 4803.L/Cpl.Passlow, D.F.	
			4692. " Hepenstall, H.J. - 6374. Pte. Orr, A.	
			6438. " Spindler, N.C. - 2920. " Hone, W.J.	
			5139.L/Sgt.Knox, E.	
	2/11/18.			
		1200	Battalion training during the morning.	
			Half holiday in the afternoon. - Hockey and football teams training.	
			2/Lieut.R.Hendy, Sports Officer, gone to Corps H.Q. to attend Conference.	
		1600	Changes in Officers: Capt.S.Beddie, M.C. and Lieut.L.C.Robson, M.C. proceeded on leave to	
			NICE. Chaplain Rev.A.J.B.King returned from leave in PARIS and Lieut.R.E.Dryden,D.C.M.	
			returned from leave in ENGLAND.	
	3/11/18.		SUNDAY.	
			Divine Services were - Church of England at the Aerodrome at 1000. Capt.Chaplain Tugwell,17th.Bn.	
			O.P.D.Service at Y.M.C.A.Hall at 1000. Capt.Chaplain Crawford, 20th.Bn.	
			Roman Catholic at VIGNACOURT Church at 0915. Chaplain Clune, M.C.,18th.Bn.	



Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

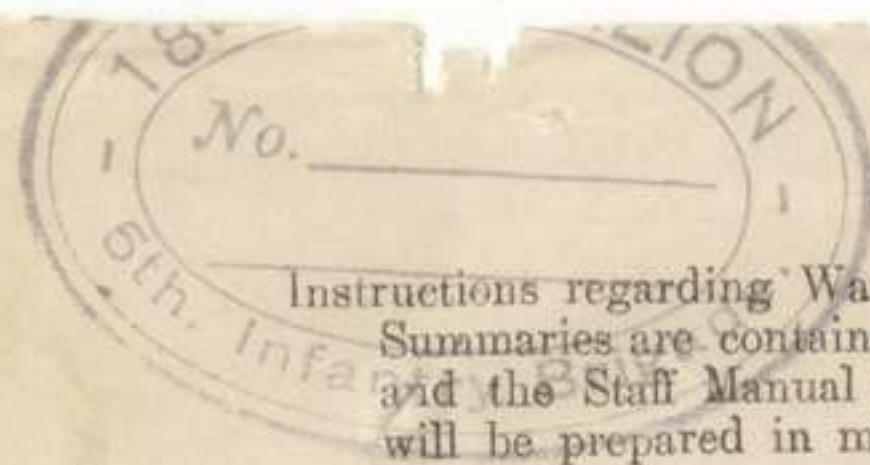
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

82

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT.	3/11/18		<p><i>Middle Weight Division</i></p> <p>Opening of Battalion stadium <i>in</i> Pte. Arnold, S. "C" Coy. versus Pte. Brown, W. "D" Coy. resulting in a win for the former. Several spars took place, many visitors from other units taking part.</p> <p>Changes in Officers: Capt. J. N. Doyle, Lieut. H. S. Williams, Lieut. W. J. S. O'Grady rejoined unit from Base. - Capt. W. H. Cullen rejoined from 4th Army Infantry School - Lieut. S. M. Clark, M.C. proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School.</p> <p>Routine Order No. 80 issued in which Army R.O. 2646 was republished for information - allowing officers and other ranks to enter AMIENS on pass.</p>	
	4/11/18.		<p>0900 Battalion (minus demonstration platoon) on route march in lieu of Syllabus of training.</p> <p>1000 Divisional Conference (General GUGGISBURG) at the Aerodrome throughout the day. The C.O. and all Company Commanders attended, also 2/Lieut. G. F. FOOTE, M.C. with demonstration platoon.</p> <p>1600 Changes in Officers: Nil.</p>	
	5/11/18.		<p>0900 Inspection of rifles by the Armourer Sgt. in billets. "A" "B" & "D" Coy's during the morning parade hours.</p> <p>1300 H.Q. and "C" Coy's rifles were inspected.</p> <p>2000 Routine Order No. 81 issued. - Following school reports were published for information :- FOURTH ARMY S.O.S. SCHOOL, BOUCHON. Course concluded 23/10/18. Lieut. P. D. Jones, M.C., D.C.M. - "Very Good" AUSTRALIAN CORPS GAS SCHOOL. Course from 14/10/18 to 19/10/18. 2/Lieut. G. F. Foote, M.C. - "Very Good". 1272. L/Cpl. Shanlank, W.G. - Notebook "Very fair". Exam. 67%.. "Pass". Weather has been wet all day.</p>	
	6/11/18.		<p>0900 Battalion training in accordance with syllabus of training, in Aerodrome. Armourer Sgt. inspecting Lewis guns. Two per Company and H.Q.</p> <p>1400 Lecture on Tanks given by Major Lasky at the Y.M.C.A.</p> <p>1800 Weather showery during the day.</p> <p>2000 Routine Order No. 82 issued - Para. 1 of R.O. 72 (27/10/18) republished, also G.R.O. 5095 re Postal Censorship. - The following decorations, awarded by Corps Commander were published in R.O. 82. <i>THE MILITARY MEDAL.</i> 2425. Pte. McIntyre, G. - 2011. Cpl. Sharpe A.H. 6439. Cpl. Mackay, B.S. - 5815. Pte. Jones, W.M. D. B. & L., London, E.C.</p>	1/2/18

(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.



WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

8
2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	6/11/18.		Decorations cont'd. <div>1346.L/Cpl.Cox, W.S. - 206. CSM. Dickinson, A. 4823. Pte. Downie, D.R. - 6802. Pte. McGlynn, H. 2930a. " Kelley, W.J.T. - 2425. " Jones, D. 282.T/CSM.Morgan, R.J.</div> <u>THE MILITARY MEDAL.</u>	
	7/11/18.	1100	Brigade Sports, set down for to-day, have, owing to weather conditions, been postponed until Tuesday, 12th.inst.	
		1200	Battalion carrying on with training at Aerodrome during the morning.	
		1400	Baths at VIGNACOURT have been allotted this Battalion from 1300 to 1500.	
		2000	Routine Order No.83 issued - Battalion on rifle range at Q.32 & 33 to-morrow.	
	8/11/18.	0800	"A" "B" & "C" Coys. on the range. All platoons are being put through a course for the A.R.A. Competition.	
		0830	C.O. and Lieut. E.B.W. Daniel proceeded to the range.	
		1000	"B" & "C" Coys. kitchens sent to the range and will supply mid-day meal for all Coys.	
			"D" Company (duty company) mounted a Guard at Brigade Compound - 1 Off. 3 N.C.O. & 18 O.R.	
		1200	Remainder of "D" Company training at the aerodrome during the morning.	
		1300	"D" Company proceeded to the range to carry out Battalion scheme at 1400, under the C.O.	
		1500	"A" "B" & "C" Coys. returned from the range.	
		1530	Battalion Boxing Tournament.	
		2000	Routine Order No.84 issued.	
	9/11/18.	0900	"D" Company proceeded to the range at Q.32 & 33. - training over assault course under conditions for A.R.A.Competition.	
			"A" & "B" Coys. training at the Aerodrome.	
			"C" Company at the Baths.	
		1500	Football match (competition) 18th.Bn. v 5th.A.L.T.M.B. resulting in win for 18th.Bn. by 8 to 3.	
		1600	Changes in Officers: Capt.J.B.Lane, D.S.O. and 2/Lieut.W.E.Greenwood rejoined from Base.	
		2000	Routine Order No.85 issued -	
			Following are school reports on personnel of this unit :-	
			AUSTRALIAN CORPS GAS SCHOOL.	
			5845.Cpl.Lattimore, A.D.	
			S.B.R.Drill - Written Exam. - Notebook - Nature of pass.	
			90 90 "Good" "Very Good"	
			S.B.R.inspection "90"	

(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 758,000 2/18 Sch. 82 Forms/C2118/16.

2/2/18
7/11/18

No. _____
 5th. Inf. Brigade.
 Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
 Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
 and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
 will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
 or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
 (Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

82

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT.	9/11/18.	2000	<p>School reports (Cont'd) AUSTRALIAN CORPS GAS SCHOOL. - 4777.L/Cpl.Bland, G.D. S.B.R.Inspection 96. - S.B.R.Drill 95. - Written exam.95 - Notebook "Good" Nature of pass - "Excellent"</p> <p>The following amounts have been transferred from the 19th.Battalion and placed to the credit of the Regimental Trust Account of 18th.Battalion :- From 19th.Bn.Regl.Trust A/C. £ 126- 7- 4. " " Comforst Fund A/c.£ 22- 5- 1.</p> <p>The following list of sporting gear has been donated by the Y.M.C.A. (5th.Brigade) for the use of this unit :- 1 set Boxing gloves, 18 Football Jerseys 2 Rugby Footballs, 18 " Knickers, 1 Soccer "</p>	
	10/11/18.	0900	<p>SUNDAY. Church services for this morning - Church of England - At the Aerodrome at 1000. Capt.Chaplains Tugwell and King. O.P.D. - At the Y.M.C.A.Hall at 1000,Capt.Chaplain Crawford. Roman Catholic - At VIGNACOURT Church at 0930 - Chaplain Clune, M.C. Weather Fine and clear.</p>	
	11/11/18.	0900 1130 1600	<p>Battalion training in accordance with syllabus of training for week ending 16/11/18. Wire through Brigade reads - "Message from General Foch to Commander in Chief, B.E.F. reads - Hostilities will cease on whole front on 11th.November at 11 o'clock French time AAA The Allied troops will not cross until further orders the line reached on that date at that time, Signed FOCH, 6'35 a.m." from 2nd.Aust.Div. All Companies paraded at the B.O.R.. The C.O. read the wire to the Battalion. The Australian, French, and British flags were hoisted on the Church. Bands of 18th. and 20th.Bns. played the Marseillaise on the General Salute. A photograph was taken by the village photographer. The remainder of the afternoon was declared a holiday. Changes in Officers: Lieut.J.J.Owen, M.C. and 2/Lieut.W.Philpot returned from schools. Lieut.S.J.Murray, M.C. rejoined from hospital.</p>	<p>3/N/18 14/11/18 5/N/18</p>

D. B. & L., London, E.C.
 (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.

18th
No. _____
5th. Inf.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

8
2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	11/11/18.	1600	Capt.C.G.Walklate, M.C. and Capt.N.H.Hobbs, M.C., two of the Battalion officers detached for duty at the Australian Corps School, arrived on a 24 24 hours visit, and helped us to celebrate the good news received to-day.	
		2000	Routine Order No.86 issued.	
	12/11/18.	1000	To-day has been set aside for the Brigade Sports. Battalion paraded at 1000 and headed by the Battalion Band marched to VIGNACOURT Church for service of Thanksgiving. The Church was thrown open to all denominations by the Cure for a General Thanksgiving Service. The service opened by the singing of the "Te Deum" by the church choir followed by a short address by Chaplain Clunne, M.C., who in a few well chosen words passed over the events of the past four years and the many fine deeds of the 5th.Aust. Infantry Brigade, and of all those who had made the supreme sacrifice and were unable to be with us in body to give thanks for what looked like an immediate peace. The service closed by the playing of the Marseillaise and the singing of "God save the King" by the Congregation. After the service the battalion formed up on the square and marched to the Aerodrome Ground where the Brigade Sports Meeting was held. The C.O., Padre Clunne, M.C. and Padre King, were the guests of the Mairie after the service. Notwithstanding the blackness of the day, large numbers attended the Sports including many of the villagers. "Toby", who carried off the honours in the Mule Race at the Divisional Sports held in September at ECLUSIER maintained his reputation and so scored a mention for the Battalion for the day.	
		2000	Routine Order No.87 issued.	
	13/11/18.	0900	Battalion training according to syllabus.	
		1000	The C.O. attending G.O.C's Conference at Brigade H.Q.. - H.Q., "B" & "C" Coys. allotted baths from 1300 to 1500 to-day.	
		1230	Meeting of all officers at Battalion Headquarters. Under instructions from Brigade the afternoon training will be discontinued, afternoons to be devoted to Sports, Games etc.	
		1500	Football match played between 18th.Battalion and 15th.Coy.A.A.S.C. resulting in a win for the 18th.Bn. by 8 points to 5.	

6/12/18

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

(Erase heading not required.)

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	14/11/18.	0900	Divisional Officers Gymkhana. Battalion paraded for roll-call.	
		1100	Mid-day meal issued.	
		1130	Battalion moved off to the Sports Ground at V.29.b. & d.	
		1500	During the afternoon the Y.M.C.A. had light refreshments served gratis to the troops.	
		1700	The following events were won by the 18th. Battalion :- Mile Trot - "Miss Betty", ridden by Capt. S. Beddie, M.C. - 1st. Limber driving Competition, team driven by Dvr. L. Comerford - 1st. Lemon Cutting on horseback, Lieut. L. M. Redgrave, - 1st.	
	15/11/18.	0900	All Companies on the Range at ST. VAAST WOOD. Final of the Battalion A.R.A. Competition resulted in a win for Lieut. P. D. Jones, M.C., D.C.M. platoon, "D" Company. This platoon will compete in the Divisional A.R.A. Competition at a later date.	7/11/18
		1430	Lecture given by Colonel Sir Francis YOUNGHUSBAND, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E. in the Aerodrome - subject "Where three Empires Meet"	
		1600	Changes in Officers: Major S. A. Middleton evacuated from Corps H.Q. to hospital.	
		2000	Routine Order No. 89 issued.	
	16/11/18.	1100	Colonel Sir Francis YOUNGHUSBAND continued his lecture of yesterday.	
		1800	The weather has been wet and foggy throughout the day - Otherwise the day has been uneventful.	
	17/11/18.		Sunday - Weather: wet. - Divine Services.	
		1045	United Service of all protestant denominations held in the Aerodrome. Preacher-Chap. Capt. Crawford of 20th. Bn.	
		0930	Roman Catholic Service - Mass was said in the Village Church. Chaplain Clunne, M.C., 18th. Bn.	
		1600	Changes in Officers: Lieut. W. S. Moors, M.C. rejoined from hospital. Capt. W. H. Cullen and Lieut. J. J. Owen M.C. proceeded on leave to U.K.	
		1830	Song Service held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.	
	18/11/18.	1400	Weather wet throughout the day. Companies engaged in general clearing up of gear etc.	
		1500	C.O. attending Conference at Brigade H.Q.	
		1900	Brigade Order No. 8/135 "Advance to the Rhine" and 2nd. Aust. Div. Admin. Memo. 232 received. Units to be prepared to move by train to LE-CATEAU area any time after 19th. inst.	

18th. BATTALION
No. _____
5th. Inf.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

8
2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	19/11/18.	1100	C.O's Conference with Company Commanders on the anticipated move forward.	8/N/18 9/N/18
		1900	Battalion Preliminary instructions issued.	
			Battalion Standing Instructions on "Advance to the Rhine" issued.	
		2330	Brigade Warning Order No.8/139 and Administrative Instructions 83/19, No.1 received. The battalion will move by train to the FRESNOY Area on 21st.inst. Advance party of Lieut.L.M.Redgrave and 3 O.R. instructed to report to Brigade H.Q. at 0800 on 20th.inst.	
	20/11/18.	1100	Amendment No.1 to Div.Admin.Memo.No.233 received - 18th.Battalion will move in nuber 3 train leaveing VIGNACOURT at 2000 on 21st.inst.	
		1200	Coys. engaged in preparing for the move to-morrow: all S.A.A. over and above 60 rounds per man returned to the Q.M.Store. A.A.Lewis guns to the Divisional Dump.	
		1615	Administrative Memo. No.215 received. Battalion Transport gill move by the same train as the battalion. Lieut.W.S.Moors, M.C. detailed to remain behind to adjust all claims against the Brigade.	
		1930	C.O's conference with Company Commanders.	19/N/18
		2000	Battalion Order No.52 issued.	
		2030	Brigade Order No.223 and Administrative Memo. No.216 received. Capt.J.B.Lane, D.S.O. detailed to proceed by the first train leaving VIGNACOURT at 1311 and act as Brigade Detraining Officer at BUSIGNY (Map: VALENCIENNES & ST.QUENTIN 1/100000) Lieut.P.D.Jones, M.C.,D.C.M. detailed as Battalion Entraining Officer.	
	21/11/18.	1000	All billets were clear and ready for inspection. All other ranks will travel with full marching order and one blanket. Officers Kits and second blanket per man ready for transport. All justified claims have been paid and the battalion is leaving the area in a better condition if anything, than when they coming into it.	
		1400	Word received that No.1 train had not arrived and that it was probable that our departure would be later than set down. Battalion is all ready to move to entraining station; tea has been ordered for 1730 and if definite news is received that No.3 train will be later than time-table, cocoa will be served to the troops at 2000.	
		2000	No word of No.3 train yet. Battalion instructed to be ready to move at half an hour's notice Transport due at the station at 2010 is being held pending word from Lieut.Jones as to when the train is expected.	

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(Aro266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.

No. _____
Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

8
27

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT.	2210 21/11/18	2210	Message received from Lieut. Jones that the train had arrived. & kitchens Transport/instructed to move at once and commence entraining. Battalion will move to the station in order of H.Q., "A" "B" "C" "D" Coys. at 5 minutes interval, H.Q. to pass the Battalion Orderly Room at 2240.	
		2305	Entraining of personnel commenced and by 2330 all hands were accommodated - men are in closed trucks, averaging 35 men in a truck. One coach for officers.	
	22/11/18.		Some considerable trouble was experienced in the entraining of the Transport and the train did not get away until 0130, 22/11/18.	
BERTRY.		1210	The train journey forward was particularly cold and no one was sorry when the train arrived at BERTRY at 1210 and found we were to detrain there instead of BUSIGNY as was originally intended. Lieut. Redgrave, of the advance party reported to the C.O. on arrival of the train. The battalion will march from here to BOHAIN, about 14 kilometres and be billeted in the town. Troops were detrained within 15 minutes of arrival, arrangements were made for the packs of the bandsmen to be carried on the motor lorry, which had reported for the transport of the extra blankets. Kitchens and Mess cart were ready to move with the battalion.	
		1240	The battalion, headed by the band, marched out of the station yard and whenclear of the village halted for midday meal at 1305.	
		1400	The march to BOHAIN was continued. Marching was not altogether good owing to the conditions of the roads and the heavy motor transport traffic. A few men "cracked up" owing to sore feet towards the end of the journey but only two men were reported as not having marched in with the battalion, when BOHAIN was finally reached at 1805. Owing to the congestion of troops in the town the billeting of the battalion is rather scattered, but all were comfortable, billeted in houses. Battalion Headquarters is established at No. 9 Rue Dieu Leve. A hot meal was served to the troops on arrival, kitchens, after the midday meal having pushed on ahead of the battalion. X	
BOHAIN		2200	The battalion is all settled down. Coys. have been instructed that after a foot inspection the men shall take all possible rest and be prepared to move forward again at an early date. BOHAIN, prior to the war, had been a manufacturing centre - the town has not been under continuous shell fire from either side, but many of the larger buildings have been demolished by bombs and mines. Many of the civilian population still remain and varied are the stories of the German occupation.	

(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.

No. _____
 18th DIVISION
 Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
 Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
 and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
 will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
 or
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
 (Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

8
2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOHAIN?	22/11/18.		The Church is a very fine building and not seriously damaged. It was completed about 18 months before the war. The town just now is well supplied with evening amusements, the First Australian Divisional Concert Troupe "The Sentimental Blokes" being a big attraction. The E.F.C. has a big canteen and the demand is greater than the supply.	
	23/11/18.	1600	Companies carried out an equipment inspection during the day. All gear than can be possibly done without is being returned to the Q.M.Store and will be dumped at the Divisional Dump Store which will be established here. The C.O. visited all the companies during the day. By permission of the C.O. the Battalion band will play at the performance of the "Sentimental Blokes" during the unit's stay in BOHAIN.	
	24/11/18.	1630	Routine Order No.91 issued.	
		1030	Sunday. Divine Services. Combined Protestant denomination parade in the 1st.Aust.Divl.Concert Hall. Chaplain King, 18th.Bn., and Chaplain Crawford, 20th.Bn.	
		1100	Roman Catholic Mass was said in the Church BOHAIN - Chaplain Clunne, M.C. Otherwise the day was uneventful. Probably the next move forward will take place on 25th.inst.	
		1400	Brigade Order No.225 and Administrative Memo. 224 received. - Brigade will be moving by route march to MAZINGHIEN (Sheet VALENTIENNES & ST.QUENTIN 1/100000) on 25th.inst. Route - BOHAIN - VAUX ANDIGNY - MOLAIN - ST.MARTIN - Lieut.E.B.W.Daniel and Capt.S.Beddie, M.C., with 2 O.R. detailed to proceed with the Staff Captain as advance party for the battalion, at 0900 on 25th.inst. Motor Transport is not available for the carriage of blankets on this move but 2 G.S.Wagons are being attached to the battalion for this purpose.	
	25/11/18.	1430	Battalion Order No.53 issued.	"/N/18
		0700	Battalion breakfasted.	
		0913	Head of column passed starting point.	
		0930	Battalion and Transport all clear of BOHAIN. The march to MAZINGHIEN proved heavy going: the roads were in very bad condition and owing to the rain overcoats had to be worn. This of course impeded the men somewhat and in addition <i>there</i> was heavy traffic on the road. Guides met the Battalion at ST.MARTIN and guided to billets.	

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

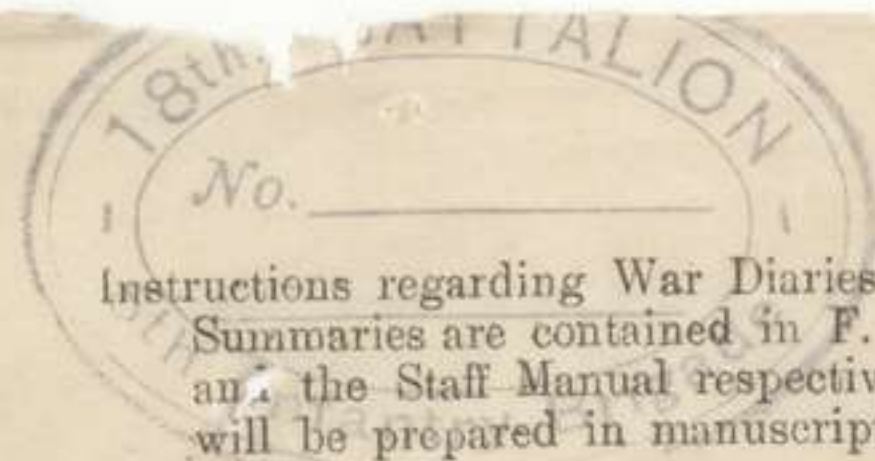
Army Form C. 2118.

87

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAZINGHIEN.	25/11/18.	0930	The whole battalion is billeted in two large farm houses just out of the village. H.Q., "A" & "C" Coys, and Transport in the Ferme du Bois Rebaucourt - "B" & "D" Coys. at the Ferme Verin.	
		1500	The battalion marched in at 1340 and mid-day meal was served on arrival. Very little of any value has been left behind at these farms by the Germans - the buildings have been considerably damaged by shell fire and the owners have been left with practically nothing in the way of furniture. Both farmers before the war must have been considerably wealthy but it would seem now that they have to make a fresh start.	
		1600	The C.O. attended a conference at Brigade Headquarters, Changes in Officers: Lieut. W.J.S.O'Grady and 2/Lieut. R. Hendy who have been at ABBEVILLE in connection with the Boxing Tournament returned.	
		1700	C.O.'s conference with Company Commanders to discuss the subjects brought up over the day's move at the Brigade Conference. On future moves officers will not carry packs etc. so as to <i>as to this will</i> enable them to move more freely along the column and ensure better march discipline.	
		1900	March will be in column of threes instead of fours which will give more room and ensure the men not being forced over too far by passing motor lorries etc. Brigade Order No. 225 received - The 5th. Brigade Group will move by route march to PRISCHES to-morrow, 26th. inst. Verbal instructions were issued to Company Commanders at 2000. The Battalion will be formed up in column of threes on the road leading to LA LOUVIERE at 0900. head of the column 200 yards along the road from MAZINGHIEN - Order of march for the Battalion, "D" Coy. H.Q., "A" "B" "C" Coys. - 40 yards between Companies. Lieut. E.B.W. Daniel with advance party instructed to report to Staff Captain at 0800.	
	26/11/18.	0845	Companies fallen in and ready to move.	
		0850	Battalion moving.	
		0900	Battalion on main road.	
		0905	Head of column passing starting point on march to PRISCHES - Route to LA LOUVIERE - CATILLON - BOIS de TOAILLON - PRISCHES. The march was done in excellent time and owing to the greater part of the journey being off the main roads, very little other traffic was met with.	
PRISCHES.		1210	Battalion arrived at PRISCHES and were soon settled down in the most comfortable billets we have been in for some time. The village has been practically out of the battle area from the early days of the war until the beginning of the month and is practically undamaged by shell fire. Most of the inhabitants still remain and seem pleased to welcome the Australian Troops.	

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.



WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

87

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PRISCHES.	26/11/18.	1300	H.Q., "A" "B" & "C" Coys. are billeted in houses in the Rue d'Avesnes, "D" Company in two farm houses in the Rue Peaurepaire. Mid-day meal was served shortly after arrival, followed by a foot inspection after which the Battalion settled down to rest for the balance of the day. It is expected that a few days will be spent here prior to the next move.	
	27/11/18.	0900	Sanitary arrangements in the village are bad and the sanitary staff has been engaged during the day improving this very important item towards the welfare of the troops.	
		1800	Companies have been engaged in a general square up, cleaning of equipment etc. throughout the day...	
		2000	Routine Order No 92 issued - The following decorations have been awarded to members of this unit by Field Marshal Commanding in Chief, under authority granted by His Majestys the King :- 2/Lt. G.F.Foote, M.C. - Bar to the M.C. Lieut. R.E.Dryden, D.C.M. - The M.C. 1980. C.S.M. R.Mackenzie, D.C.M. - Bar to the D.C.M. 1953. Sgt. F.W.Jones, M.M. - The D.C.M. 716. Sgt. A.Mooney, - The D.C.M. 1049. Pte. Hookway, E.R. - The D.C.M. 4777. " G.D.Bland, - The D.C.M. 2981. " A.P.Schofield, - The D.C.M. The following routine is to be observed while the battalion is in the PRISCHES Area:- Breakfast - 0745 - Parade - 0930 - 1130. Sick parade - 0830. - Tattoo - 2130. From the 28th.inst. the Canteen will be taken over by a Committee composed as follows :- President - Major W.R.C.Robertson, M.C. Members - Lieut. W.S.Moors, M.C. - Lieut. F.J.Brown, M.C. A Board of Audit will assemble at 1100 to-morrow 28th.inst. to audit accounts etc. of the Regimental Canteen to 27th.inst.(incl.) - Capt. S.Beddie, M.C., President. Lieut. E.Belcher, M.C. & Lieut. R.H.Willis, Members.	

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

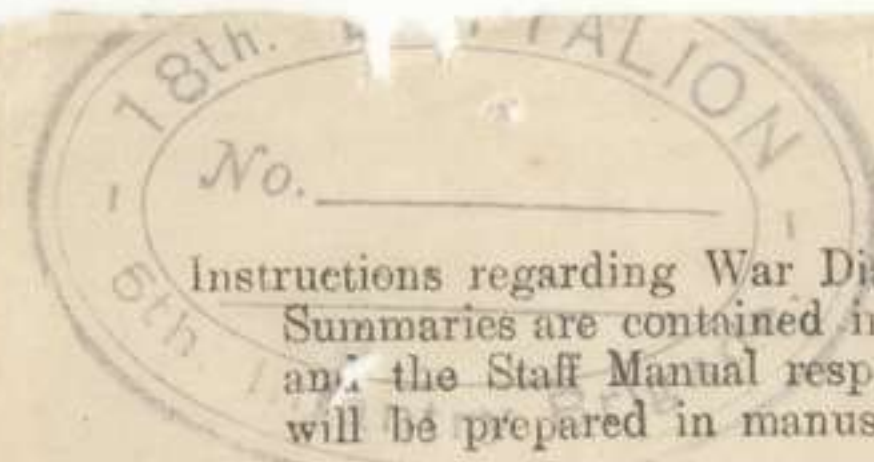
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PRISCHE.	27/11/18.	2000	A meeting of the Sports Committee is being arranged for 1430 to-day, consisting of the following :- Capt. S. Beddie, M.C. - President. MEMBERS :- One officer per company. and 1225. CQMS. McMahon, F.W. - 2285. Sgt. Luck, J.J. (DCM, MM) 422. L/Cpl. Draper, E.D. - 4644. Pte. Speerin, A. (MM) 3877. Pte. Jefferies, V.J. - 4406. Pte. Finneran, J.P. 2139. Pte. Dudgeon, D.M.	
	28/11/18.	0900	Parades as set down in Routine Order No. 91 are cancelled for this morning - The C.O. and all officers attended a lecture by Lt-Col. F.W.D. Forbes, D.S.O. in the Church Army Hut on the Repatriation Scheme.	
		1600	During the afternoon the subject was discussed by Company and Platoon Commanders and explained as far as possible to their platoons. A meeting of the Sports Committee, as above, was held at 1430 to discuss the purchase of further sporting gear. The Regimental Canteen was taken over from to-day by a management committee composed of three officers as already shown. At 1100 a Board of Audit assembled to audit accounts of the Canteen prior to the Committee taken over, as per Routine Order No. 92.	
		1600	Changes in Officers: Lieut. F. Wilkins rejoined from Seconded List, ex wounded. 2/Lieut. F.P. Quirk joined the Bn. from O.C. Bn.	
	29/11/18.	1100	The C.O. called a meeting of all officers to discuss the advisability of forming a Regimental Institute. It was decided to do so and the following management committee was elected :- PRESIDENT: Lt-Col. G.F. Murphy, C.M.G., D.S.O. Major W.R.C. Robertson, M.C. - Lieut. E. Belcher, M.C. 2/Lt. R. Hendy, (Secretary) - Lieut. L.M. Redgrave, 1225. CQMS. McMahon, F.W. (A/Secretary) - Lieut. W.E. Sansom. Capt. A. Paine, - Lieut. G.F. Foote, M.C. Capt. J.N. Doyle, - 2505. RSM. Wright, H.C. (MM) Capt. J.B. Lane, D.S.O. - 2285. Sgt. Luck, J.J. (DCM, MM) Capt. G.L. Sadler, - 4644. Pte. Speerin, A. (MM) Lieut. R.H. Willis, - 422. L/Cpl. Draper, E.D. 4406. Pte. Finneran, J.P. - 2139. Pte. Dudgeon, D.M.	12/12/18

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 756,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.



WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.1

8
2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PRISCHES.	29/11/18.		<i>Copy of letter received from Major H. H. Nugent. D.S.O.</i> The Canteen, Sports, and Education to come under the supervision of the Regimental Institute. The Management Committee to elect sub-committees for each branch of the institute. There is nothing further of importance to record to-day.	12/12/18
	30/11/18.	2000		
		1130	Companies paraded during the morning from 0930 to 1130.	
		1430	A meeting of all officers of the battalion was held to discuss the forming of a Battalion Mess. On the proposal of <i>Major Robertson</i> seconded by <i>Capt. J. Doyle</i> it was unanimously decided to form a Battalion Officers Mess as soon as the battalion was settled down after the next move forward to the RHINE, and the following Committee was elected :- President: Major W.R.C. Robertson, M.C. Secretary: Lieut. F.J. Brown, M.C. Treasurer: Lieut. W.S. Moors, M.C. Members : Capt. S. Beddie, M.C. Lieut. P.D. Jones, M.C., D.C.M.	
		1600	Changes in Officers: Lieut. F.J. Brown, M.C. returned from PARIS PLAGE. Lieut. D. Bolger rejoined from Seconded List, ex wounded. 2/Lt. D.G. Buchanan, joined Battalion from No. 4 O.C. Bn.	
			Strength of Battalion as at 30/11/18 - 45 officers, 703 O.R.	

WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OF

18th BATTALION, A.I.F.

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

- | | |
|----------|---|
| 1/N/18. | Training Syllabus. |
| 2/N/18. | Results of Boxing Tournament. |
| 3/N/18. | Training Syllabus. |
| 4/N/18. | Copy of General FOCH's wire. ✓ |
| 5/N/18. | Photo. Hoisting of Flag
on Armistice Day. |
| 6/N/18. | Brigade Sports Programme. |
| 7/N/18. | Battalion A.R.A. Competition. |
| 8/N/18. | "Advance to the Rhine" -
Preliminary Instructions. |
| 9/N/18. | "Advance to the Rhine"
Standing Instructions. |
| 10/N/18. | Battalion Order No. 52. |
| 11/N/18. | Battalion Order No. 53. |
| 12/N/18. | Re Regimental Institute. |
| 13/N/18. | Letter from Major Nugent, D.S.O. |

18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

1/11/18

Week ending 9th. November 1918.

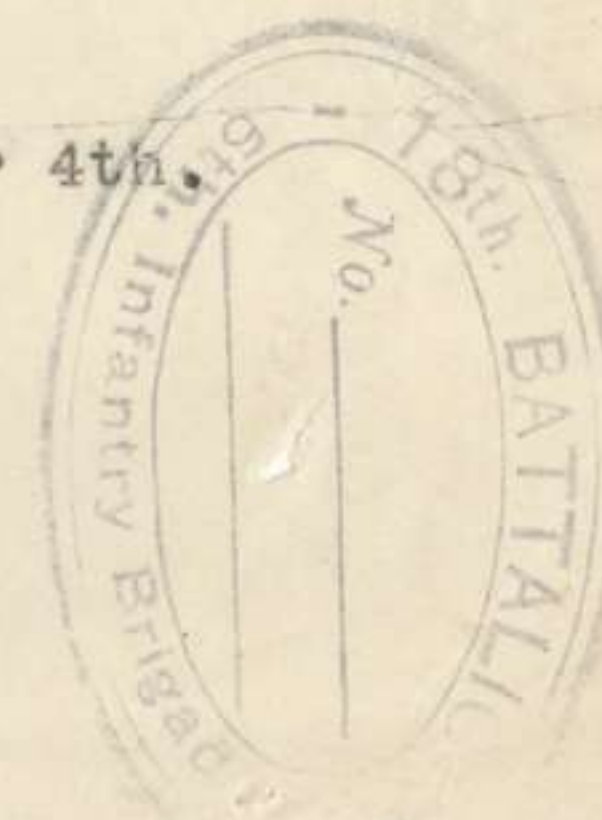
APPENDIX

Day & date	0900 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1030 - 1130	1300 - 1400	1400 - 1500	REMARKS
MONDAY 4/11/18	P. & B.T.	Musketry training.	Formations on lines of Training Leaflet No.4.	Close and extended Order.	Instruction in Lewis gun.	
TUESDAY 5/11/18.	COMPANY	SCHEME.	Recreational training.	Short route march.	SPORTS.	
WEDNESDAY 6/11/18.	P. & B.T.	Formations vide Training Leaflet No.4.	Instruction in Lewis gun.	Musketry. Gas drill.	Recreational training.	
THURSDAY 7/11/18.	B R I G A D E		S P O R T S			
FRIDAY 8/11/18	M U S K E T R Y on Ranges Nos. 4 & 5 (situated in W.32. & W.33)					
SATURDAY. 9/11/18.	Fuller arrangements will be notified later.					

AERODROME GROUND.

AERODROME GROUND.

NOTE: Same arrangements for march to the Parade Ground will hold good.
Attention is drawn to memo. of 24th. October, re Divisional Conference to be held on November 4th.



1/11/15
J. B. Boy

2/11/18



Results of Battalion Boxing Tournament held on 8/11/18.

Referee. LIEUT O'GRADY.

Timekeeper. LIEUT JONES.

Middle weight division.

S. Arnold.	"C" Company.	1st.	recieved	30	Francs.
W. Brown.	"D" Company.	2nd.	"	10	"

Light-weight division.

P. Head.	"D" Company.) Fought a draw & divided prize- money.	20	"
H. Garth.	Band.		20	"

Feather weight division.

G. R. Putland.	"D" Company.	1st.	recieved	30	"
A. J. Clark.	Band.	2nd.	"	10	"

120 Francs.

APPENDIX

2

18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

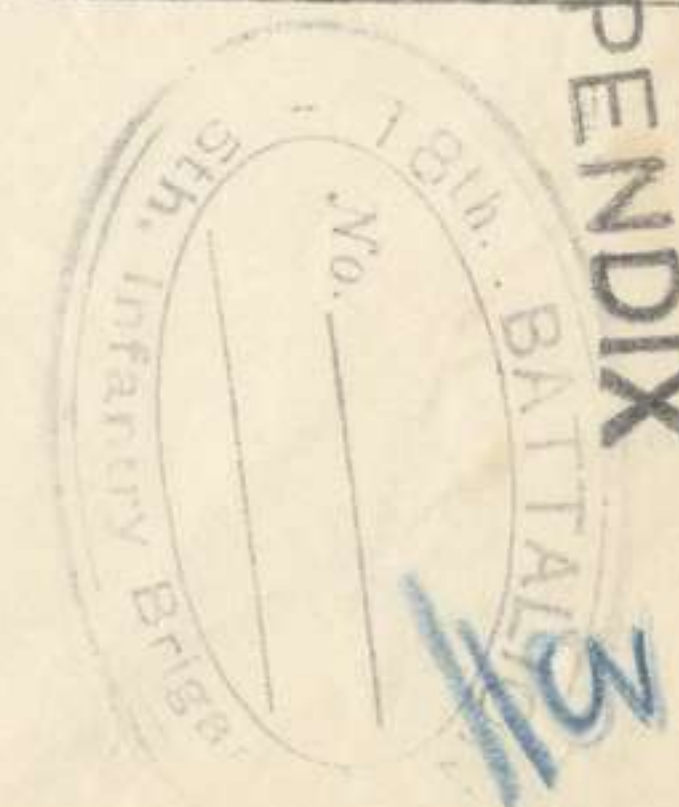
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

3/11/18

Weekending November 15th. 1918.

Day and Date	0900 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1030 - 1130	1300 - 1400	1400 - 1500	Remarks.
Monday 10/11/18.	P. & B.T.	30 Mins. Musketry Exercises, (Rapid loading) 30 Mins. Recreational training.	Platoon formations. Training Leaflet No. 4 (No. 2)	Instruction in Lewis gun 40 mins. Gas drill 20 mins.	Close Order drill.	87
Tuesday 11/11/18.		B R I G A D E		S P O R T S		
Wednesday 12/11/18.	P. & B.T.	COMPANY SCHEME Employing formations as in Training Leaflet No. 4 (No. 3)		ROUTE	MARCH	
Thursday 13/11/18.	Recreational training.	LEWIS GUN : 30 mins. Instruction 30 mins. Drill.	Company Formations : as in Training Leaflet No. 4. (No. 5)	P. & B.T. 30 mins. S.B.R. Drill 30 min.	Musketry (Rapid loading) 30 mins. Close order drill 30 mins.	
Friday 14/11/18.		MUSKETRY and LEWIS GUN.		Battalion Scheme. Training Leaflet No. 4 (No. 6)		
Saturday 15/11/18.		MUSKETRY and LEWIS GUN	(Ranges No. 1, 2, & 3.)			

NOTE: Staff Ride on Wednesday afternoon, 12th. November.
Officers will be worked without troops over the ground selected for Battalion Scheme on Friday afternoon, 14th. November.



APPENDIX

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

Week ending November 15th, 1918.

18th Battalion, A.I.F.

3/4/18
Bloor

Day and Date	0900 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1030 - 1130	1130 - 1200	1200 - 1300	1300 - 1500	Remarks
Monday 10/11/18.	P. & B.T.	30 Mins. Musketry Exercises. (Rapid loading) 30 Mins. Recreat- -ional training.	Training leaflet No. 4 (No. 2).	Platoon formations.	Lewis gun 40 mins. Gas drill 20 mins.	Instruction in Close Order drill.	
Tuesday 11/11/18.							
Wednesday 12/11/18.	P. & B.T.	Employing formations as in Training leaflet No. 4 (No. 2).			ROUTE MARCH		
Thursday 13/11/18.	Recreational training.	30 mins. Drill. 30 mins. Instruction as in training leaflet No. 4 (No. 2).	Company formations: P. & B.T. 30 mins. Musketry (Rapid loading) 30 mins. Close order drill 30 mins.				
Friday 14/11/18.		MUSKETRY and LEWIS GUN		Training leaflet No. 4 (No. 2).	Battalion Scheme.		
Saturday 15/11/18.		MUSKETRY and LEWIS GUN	(Ranges No. 1, 2, & 3.)				

NOTE: Staff Ride on Wednesday afternoon, 13th November.
Officers will be worked without troops over the ground selected for Battalion Scheme
on Friday afternoon, 14th November.



APPENDIX



RECORDS SECTION

4

Army
(In books of 100.)

"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
			From.....	At.....m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO *To All Concerned* *4/2/18*

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A
------------------	--------------	--------------------	-------

Message	from	Gen	Lock
to	Commander in	Chief	
	B. C. I. reads		
Hostilities will cease	on	11 th Nov	
whole front	11 o'clock	lunch time	
The allied troops	will	reach	
not cross	until	further	
orders	the	line	
on	that	date	
that	line		
	Signed		
	Lock		
			6.35 am

FROM *2nd Aus Div.*

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required.

C. A. E. 7200 Wt. W14825/M1526 100,000 2/17 (E930) Form C/2125

18 Bn
Nov 18
~~A~~ App 4.



APPENDIX

5/

To be held on THURSDAY, 7th. November 1918 at AERODROME GROUND.

Programme to commence at 1100.

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Race.	Conditions.	Prizes.		
		1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1. Heats 100 yards, Champ.	3 men per Unit.	--	--	-
2. Tug-o'-War, semi-final	1 team of 8 and Coach per Unit.	-	-	-
3. Heats, 220 yards Champ.	3 men per Unit.	-	-	-
4. Four-legged Race.	2 teams per Unit.	20 fcs.	10 fcs.	-
5. Relay Race, each 100 yds.	1 team of 4 men per Unit.	40 fcs.	-	-
6. Final, 100 yds. Champ.		30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs
7. Sack Race,	3 men per Unit.	15 fcs.	10 fcs.	5 fs
8. Long Jump,	Post entries,	30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs
9. Officers' 100 yds. Champ.	All comers.	-	-	-
10. Boat race, 50 yds. each way,	1 team per Unit, 8 men and cox.	45 fcs.	-	-
11. Final, 220 yds. Champ.		30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs
12. High Jump.	Post entries,	30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs
13. Band Race.	Handicap.	15 fcs.	-	-
14. 440 yds. Champ.	3 men per Unit.	30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs
15. Tug-o'-War, final		90 fcs.	-	-
16. 1 mile walk.	Post entries.	30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs
17. 880 yds. Champ.	Post entries.	30 fcs.	15 fcs.	10 fs

CIVILIAN EVENTS.

1. 100 yds. race for children, Boys under 14,	10 fcs.	5 fcs.	-
2. 100 yds. race for children, Girls under 14,	10 fcs.	5 fcs.	-

HORSE EVENTS.

1. Best French Draught pair in Brigade area,	60 fcs.	20 fcs.	-
2. 6 furlong trot,	25 fcs.	10 fcs.	-
3. Wrestling on Mule back, without saddles.	Teams of 4 per Unit.	40 fcs.	-
4. Flag Race on Mules, without saddles,	Conditions on ground.	30 fcs.	-
5. Officers' Horse Race.	3 furlongs.	-	-
6. Mule race, (for men)	3 furlongs.	25 fcs.	10 fcs.

COMIC EVENTS.

1. Most Original character,	20 fcs.	10 fcs.	-
2. Best Sustained character,	20 fcs.	10 fcs.	-
3. Best Sustained Group,	40 fcs.	-	-
4. Best Sustained Couple,	20 fcs.	-	-

Entries close at 1800 on SATURDAY, 2nd. November 1918 and will be handed to Cpl. GOODE at the Recreation Room.

87

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

8/2/18
APPENDIX

SECRET.



ADVANCE ON THE RHINE.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS.

Battalion Headquarters,
19th. November 1918.

(Copy No. 9.)

1. The AUSTRALIAN CORPS is to be concentrated in the LE CATEAU area and is subsequently to move forward to the RHINE.
2. "B" Brigade Group, of which the 18th. Battalion forms part, is to be ~~ready~~ prepared to move by rail to LE CATEAU area at 36 hours notice.
3. The following billeting party will be detailed at once and will be held in readiness to leave at very short notice -
 Lieut. L.M. Redgrave "A" Company.
 1 N.C.O. from each of "A" "C" & "D" Coys. and Bn. H.Q.
 The Sig. Officer will hold one bicycle at the disposal of this party.
4. (a) Henceforward particular attention will be paid to the cleanliness of billets. Any surplus equipment etc. will be at once returned to the Q.M. Store.
 (b) All palliasses will be emptied and stacked at each Company H.Q. by 0730 on 20th. inst. The Q.M. will detail a member of the Q.M. Store to take them over prior to collection by lorry and will obtain receipt.
 (c) Ammunition on the man will be reduced to 60 rounds ~~ammunition~~ per man. This amount will be carried throughout the move. All surplus S.A.A. will be collected, bagged and sent to the Q.M. Store by 1000 on 20th. inst.
5. Attention is drawn to Standing Instructions issued separately. These will be observed throughout the period of the move to the RHINE.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Distribution.

- | | |
|-------|------------------------|
| No. 1 | File. |
| 2 | "A" Company |
| 3 | "B" Company |
| 4 | "C" Company |
| 5 | "D" Company |
| 6 | Q.M. |
| 7 | Lieut. C.E. Etheridge. |
| 8 | T.O. |
| 9/11. | War Diary. |

L. Lobson
 Lieut.
 Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.



Battalion Headquarters,
19th. November 1918.

ADVANCE ON THE RHINE.

STANDING INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instructions are issued for strict observance throughout the move to LE CATEAU and subsequent moves :-

1. TRANSPORT.

Kitchens - will receive careful attention from Company Officers. The only gear to be carried on them on the move will be - Cooking gear, Company mess boxes and Company Orderly Room Boxes, one shovel and one pick (for use of sanitary personnel)

Blankets - one at least will be carried on Transport. In rolling blankets for packing, they will be in bundles of ten (10), tightly packed and bound.

2. DRESS - Steel helmets and box respirators will be carried. It is probable that one blanket will be carried on the man. All possible steps will be taken to ensure that the supply of colours and winter clothing is complete and that socks and boots are kept in good condition.

60 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried.

Officers below the rank of Company Commander will carry packs, revolvers, field glasses and steel helmet.

3. MARCH DISCIPLINE will be rigidly enforced. It is probable that the amount of traffic on the roads will necessitate great care and watchfulness. March will be in "fours" where possible but it may be necessary to march in "threes" in places and practice will be given in assuming this formation and maintaining it. Relief may be afforded by changing the relative positions of the ranks (that is by changing the outside ranks etc.) This will be done at each halt.

No man will be allowed to fall out of the march or to ride in Transport without a written order from the R.M.O. Permission may be given to men by officers to see the R.M.O. but for no other purpose.

4. ROUTINE. Marching in and marching out states will be rendered to Battn. Headquarters within 15 minutes of the commencement and completion of each day's move.

The inspection of boots, feet and socks will be treated as a matter of normal routine and will be carried out by officers at the conclusion of each day's march, at least.

When billets are occupied a return will be forwarded to Battn. H.Q. by each company within 2 hours of taking over billets, shewing the location of each billet and the number of men accommodated.

Watches will be synchronised with the Sig. Officer by 0900 daily.

5. PRECAUTIONS - During the advance all military precautions will be taken. Particular precautions will be taken in the guarding of supplies and food.

Distribution.

No. 1. File.

2. "A" Company

3. "B" Company

4. "C" Company

5. "D" Company

6. Q.M.

7. Sig. Officer.

8. T.O.

9/11. War Diary.

L. L. Lobster
Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

10/11/18

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 52.

(Copy No. 9...)

Reference Maps: VALENCIENNES
ST. QUENTIN1/100000
1/100000Battalion Headquarters,
20th. November 1918.

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion, with Transport, will move by train from VIGNACOURT to the FRESNOY Area, entraining from VIGNACOURT at 2111 on 21st. November 1918, and detraining at BUSIGNY.
(b) Approximate length of journey is 8 hours.

2. Advance party has already gone forward.

3. Attention is drawn to Preliminary Instructions dated 19th. inst., Para. 4 (a) and to Standing Instructions dated 19th. inst. These will be strictly complied with.

Dress for other ranks - Marching order, one blanket rolled round pack and steel helmet on back of pack.

4. The second blanket will be carried - rolls of 10 will be ready for removal by Transport by 1000 on 21st. inst. at each Company Orderly Room. Officers gear will be ready at the same time at Company Orderly Rooms. Kitchens will be ready for removal by 1700 on 21st. inst.

5. (a) Transport Section will move independently to reach the station yard VIGNACOURT by 1810 on 21st. inst. Separate arrangements ~~xxxxxxx~~ have been made for loading parties.

(b) All billets will be clear and ready for inspection by 1900 on 21st. inst.

(c) The Battalion will march to the station according to the following table -

Starting Point - Battalion Orderly Room.				
Battalion H.Q.	pass	starting	point	at 1940
"A" Company	"	"	"	" 1942
"B" Company	"	"	"	" 1944
"C" Company	"	"	"	" 1946
"D" Company	"	"	"	" 1948

100 yards interval between Companies.

Units will not enter station yard until instructed to do so by Battalion Entraining Officer.

6. Lieut. P. D. Jones, M.C., D.C.M. will be Battalion Entraining Officer and will report to Brigade Entraining Officer by 1916, 21st. inst.

7. Marching in states will include location of Company H.Q.

8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued direct to Company Commanders
at 1730 20/11/18.

L. E. Kohler
Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution.

- No. 1. File.
2. "A" Company
3. "B" Company
4. "C" Company
5. "D" Company
6. Q.M.
7. T.O.
8. Lieut. C. E. Etheridge,
9/11. War Diary.

11/11/18



Reference Maps: VALENCIENNES 1/100000
ST. QUENTIN 1/100000

Battalion Headquarters,
24th November 1918.

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion will march to MAZINGHIEN on 25th. inst. in accordance with appended table.
(b) The march will be continued on 26th. inst. to the PRISCHES area. Further orders will be issued later.
2. Billeting party will proceed on the morning of 25th. inst. and will consist of Lieut. E. B. Daniel and 1 N.C.O. per Company and Batta. H.Q. Further details later.
3. Dress - Marching Order, steel helmets and Box respirators will be carried. Unless further orders are received one blanket will be carried on the man.
4. Gear - All officers' gear and blankets will be ready at 0700 on 25th. inst. as follows :-
 "A" Company and Batta. H.Q. - At "A" Company billet.
 "B" "C" "D" Coys.) - At Q.M. Store.
 H.Q. Details)
- Any blankets which are not satisfactorily rolled will be returned to be carried.
5. March discipline will be strictly observed. Attention is called to Fourth Army G.128 "Notes on March Discipline".
In particular, no men whatever will march outside the column. Officers and N.C.O.'s will march in the sections of fours. Cooks will be formed in a four in rear of each kitchen.
6. The Sig. Officer will detail two cyclists to move in rear of Battalion for purposes of communication.
7. Sig. Officer will arrange to synchronise time with Coys. at 0730 on 25th. inst.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 1430, 24/11/18.

L. Lobron
Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

2222222222222222

M A R C H T A B L E (To accompany 18th. Bn. Order No. 53)

Date	Unit	S.P.	Pass S.P.	Route	Remarks.
	Bn. H.Q.	Cross	0913	Via	Distances to be
	"A" Coy.	Roads at	0915	VAUX-ANDIGNY	Maintained :-
25th.	"B" Coy.	HOTEL de	0917	MOLAIN	In rear of Coys. -
Nov.	"C" Coy.	VILLE.	0919	ST. MARTIN	10 yards.
1918.	"D" Coy.		0921		Kitchens will move
	Tpt. Sec.		0923		with Coys.

Distribution.

No. 1. File.	No. 6. Q.M.
2. "A" Coy.	7. T.O.
3. "B" Coy.	8. Sig. Officer.
4. "C" Coy.	9/11. War Diary
5. "D" Coy.	

To: "A" "B" "C" "D" Coys
Lt. Etheridge.



Battalion Headquarters
28th November 1918.

EIGHTEENTH BATTALION REGIMENTAL INSTITUTE.

It has been decided to found a Regimental Institute.

OBJECTS.

To control within the Battalion.

1. Sports.
2. Education (Lectures, Classes, Debating etc.)
3. Canteen.

MANAGEMENT.

The management will be under a General Management Committee.

Lt-Col. G.F. Murphy "M.C." D.S.O. PRESIDENT.

Officers Commanding Companies, and Officers and O/Ranks as mentioned in para 3 of R.O. No 91 D/27.11.18.

Committees and Sub-Committees will be formed as under.

1. Sports.

Sports Committee to consist of Chairman and one representative per H.Q. and each Coy.

Sub-Committee for each

Rugby, Soccer, Hockey,

of one representative per H.Q. and each Coy. other Sub-Committees to be appointed should occasion demand.

2. Education.

Education Committee to consist of Chairman and one representative per H.Q. and each Coy.

3. Canteen.

Special Committee Major R.C. Robertson "M.C."

Lt. W.S. Hoors "M.C.", Lt. F.J. Brown "M.C.", as per para 3
R.O. No. 91 D/27/11/18.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made.

Secretary- Lt. Roy. Hendy.

Assist. Sec. C.C.H.S.F. McMahon.

A meeting of the General Management Committee will be held at H.Q. Mess at 1430 on Friday 28th inst.

Business- Appointment of Committees and Sub-Committees.

Lieut. Willis
(The War Diary)



APPENDIX

10/11/14

84

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

"A" "B" "C" "D" Coys.
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~



Battalion Headquarters,
 29th. November 1918.

Some of the difficulties which have recently been experienced by the A.S.C. in the delivery of rations are already known to Company Commanders. As is known, the rations for 27th. inst. were very seriously delayed owing to circumstances which were quite unable to be foreseen. Only by a very narrow margin was the unit saved from being without fresh rations for a day.

One reason for this was the breaking of the railway line.

The C.O., realising that good work was involved in the eventual delivery of the rations wrote on behalf of the unit to the S.S.O. (Major H.A. Nugent, D.S.O.) He pointed out that we all realised what tremendous difficulties were involved and that we appreciated the excellent work done by all concerned. Major Nugent replied as follows :-

"Dear Colonel Murphy,

I have received your kindly letter for which please accept my sincerest thanks.

It is gratifying to know that your men appreciate what the A.S.C. does for them but we have always felt that while the fighting troops do their part of the job so magnificently, it is at least up to us to see that our side of the administrative service is carried out to the limit of our powers.

I shall take the liberty, if I may, of passing on your letter to the 15th. A.A.S.C. and more particularly to the lorry drivers of the 2nd. A.M.T. Coy., to whose continuous effort - despite almost heartbreaking difficulties, the timely delivery of supplies may be primarily ascribed".

Not once since the unit left AUSTRALIA has it been compelled to depend upon the emergency ration. The C.O. would like this point emphasised to all ranks. The position is by no means such at present that we may not be placed in a position of temporary difficulty.

A realisation of the difficulties involved by long lines of communication by the conditions of road and railway transport and by the impoverishment of the inhabitants, will help all ranks greatly to appreciate the possibilities of the position and to co-operate in tiding over any temporary difficulty which may arise.

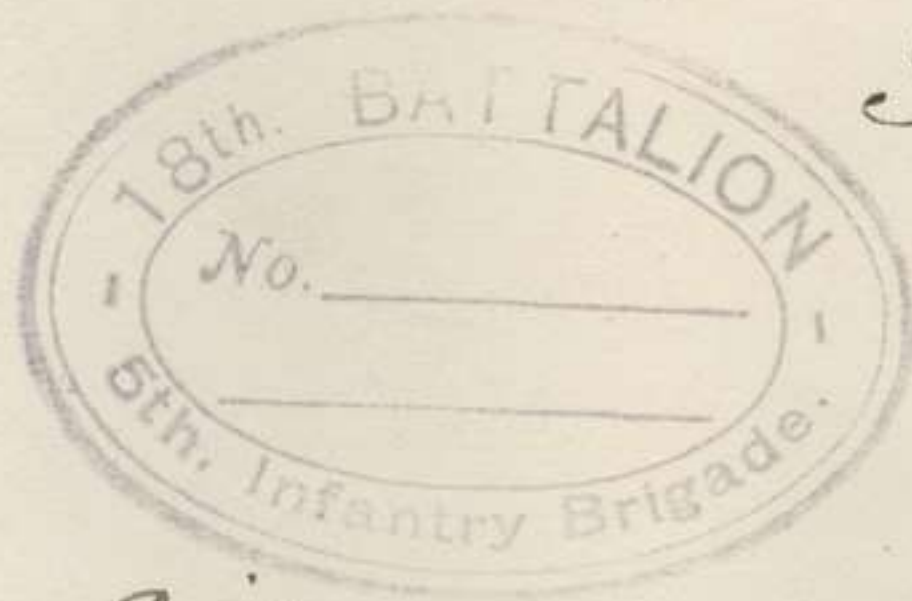
L. L. L. L.
 Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F. Lieut.

APPENDIX

13

APPENDIX

No 207



Department of Printed Books,
British Museum,
London, W.C.

Nov. 23rd 1918

Sir

I beg to acknowledge with thanks
the receipt of

Season's Greetings 1918-19 of the
18th Battalion A.I.F. 3 Copies.

which you have been so good as to
present to the Trustees of the
British Museum.

I am,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

J. F. Barwick

Keeper.

was ready
J.F.B.

28



Season's Greetings

1918
1919

18TH Battalion AIF

COME Let us gather round
the fire,
And we'll forget the snow—
Our hearts are warmed with humour
Though coldest winds may blow.

The old Battalion celebrates
Another Christmas Day,
And echoes every loving wish
From dear ones far away.

A Merry Xmas! God bless you,
This loving wish we send,
The long, long trail is growing short,
There's sunshine at the end.

ERIC FAIREY.

With very hearty
Greetings
for
The New Year,
1919

From.....

18TH BATTALION
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.



LEGIONIS, LAMPADA TRADAMUS

1915

Egypt Sulva Bay
Anzac Sinai

1917

Malt Trench Bapaume
Bullecourt Anzac Redoubt

1916

Bois Grenier Pozieres
Ypres Flers

1918

Hangard Villers Brittonaux
Peronne St. Quentin