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# WAR DIARY

OF  
*18<sup>th</sup> Battalion*

FOR

*March* 191*9*

Signature of Officer compiling

*R. Williamson Lt. Adj.*  
*18<sup>th</sup> Bn.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*C. Walkeley Capt.*  
*Commanding 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.*



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| MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL<br>(BELGIUM) | 1/3/19. | 0900 | Weather Bright and sunny.<br>Battalion strength as at 1/3/19 - 47 officers, 498 Other ranks.   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1200 | Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. D.C. RAVELL (formerly 19th Bn) marched in from O.C. Bn. ex Base.   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1800 | Routine Order No. <del>205</del> 25 by Captain C.G. Walklate, M.C. (T/C.O) issued.   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 2300 | Summer time comes in - Clocks put forward one hour.  |                                      |
|                                    | 2/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and misty.   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1100 | Pay drawn for the first time in Belgian money.   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1200 | No. 7 Edition of the "DEESWEET DESPATCH" published.  | /M/19.                               |
|                                    |         | 1400 | Soccer match against 2nd Australian Pioneer Bn. at CHARLEROI abandoned owing to the non-appearance of the Pioneer Bn. team.  |                                      |
|                                    |         | 2400 | CHARLEROI placed out of bounds to all troops of Australian Corps in order to enable the A.P.M. to clear up the town.   |                                      |
|                                    | 3/3/19. | 0700 | 2/Lieut. C.L. SUTTON with four other ranks proceeded to report to the A.P.M. CHARLEROI to assist in clearing up the town.  |                                      |
|                                    |         | 0900 | Weather: Bright but chilly.  |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1030 | Lecture given by Captain DENNY, M.C. on "Demobilisation of the A.I.F."   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1100 | Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON, M.C. returned from F.G.C.M. at BERTEAUCOURT.   |                                      |
|                                    | 4/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Drizzling rain.   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1000 | F.G.C.M. held at 17th Bn. Hd. Qrs. - 2023 Pte. TAYLOR, J. 18th Bn. tried.  |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1030 | Lecture given by Lieut. SAUNDERSON, 20th Bn. - Subject: "Child psychology"   |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1400 | Rugger match played between 2nd Australian Division and Corps Troops (in Corps Competition)<br>Match played on 5th Brigade ground - 5 Battalion representatives in team - Match won by 2nd Aust. Division by 34 points to nil. |                                      |
|                                    |         | 1800 | Routine Order No. 26 by Major W.R.C. Robertson, M.C. issued.   |                                      |



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| MONTIGNIES-1e-TILLEUL. | 5/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull.   |                                      |
|                        |         | 1100 | 2/Lieut. C.L.SUTTON returned from duty with D.A.P.M. CHARLEROI.  |                                      |
|                        |         | 1400 | Captain J.B.LANE D.S.O. returned from England after leave and Investiture.   |                                      |
|                        |         | 1600 | Lieuts. W.C.C.SATCHELL, M.C. and S.J.MURRAY, M.C. proceeded to England for Investiture.  |                                      |
|                        |         | 1700 | 2/Lieut. R.C.WILLIAMSON returned from special leave in England.  |                                      |
|                        | 6/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and wet.   |                                      |
|                        |         | 1200 | 2/Lieut. C.L.SUTTON proceeded to BRUSSELS in charge of leave party from 5th. Brigade.<br>Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. A.HARRISON and 2/Lieut. R.DE SAXE "MM", marched in from Officer Cadet Bn. OXFORD - ex Base 4/3/19.<br>Lieut. G.F.FOOTE, M.C. proceeded on leave to U.K. |                                      |
|                        | 7/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull, cold and windy.   |                                      |
|                        |         | 1000 | 2/Lieut. A.DICKINSON, D.C.M., M.M. proceeded to BRUSSELS in charge of party for Educational tour.  |                                      |
|                        |         | 1400 | Lieut. C.J.BROSSOIS and 30 other ranks returned from detached duty with 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.<br>Lieut. L.M.REDGRAVE returned from Convalescent Leave to ST. MARTIN, South of France,   |                                      |
|                        |         | 1500 | Lieut. E.BELCHER, M.C. returned from duty as Town Major at WALCOURT.<br>Rugger match. 2nd. Aust. Div. versus 5th. Aust. Div. (in Corps Competition) played on 2nd. Div. Ground MONTIGNIES-1e-TILLEUL. Four Bn. representatives in team. - Won by 2nd. Div. 14 - 0.             |                                      |
|                        |         | 2000 | Routine Order No. 27 by Major W.R.C. Robertson, M.C. issued.   |                                      |
|                        | 8/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and cold.  |                                      |
|                        |         | 1700 | Changes in Officers: Lt.-Col. G.F.MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O. returned from leave to England for Investiture of "C.M.G." and "Bar to D.S.O."<br>Captain S.BEDDIE, M.C. returned from leave to England for Investiture.<br>Lieut. J.C.COSTAIN returned from leave to U.K.            |                                      |
|                        |         | 1800 | Weekly Education Report furnished to 2nd. Aust. Div.   | /M/19                                |



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| MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL. | 9/3/19.  | 0900 | Weather: Dull and cold.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1000 | Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. A.T.C. CLARKE proceeded to relieve Lieut. M.L. WOODYATT as officer in charge of 5th. Brigade Guard at CHARLEROI Railway Station. Lieut. M.L. WOODYATT proceeded on special leave to England. 2/Lieut. C.L. SUTTON returned from leave to BRUSSELS. |                                      |
|                        |          | 1030 | Divine Services held. Church of England and Other Protestant Denominations Service in Cinema Hall MONTIGNY - Chaplains Tugwell & Crawford.   |                                      |
|                        |          | 1045 | Roman Catholic Service in the Village Church MONTIGNY - Chaplain Clune, M.C.   |                                      |
|                        |          | 1200 | No. 8 Edition of Regimental Paper "DEESWEET DESPATCH" published.   | /M/19.                               |
|                        | 10/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and cloudy.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1000 | 2/Lieut. S.S. MATTICK proceeded on leave to BRUSSELS in charge of 5th. Brigade party.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1030 | Lt-Col. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O. and Adjutant attended conference at Brigade Hd. Qrs. to discuss the amalgamation of 17/18th. Bn. with 20th. Bn. - Amalgamation to start from 14th. inst.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1030 | Lecture given by Captain HEATH, 26th. Bn. on "Philosophy of German Culture".   |                                      |
|                        | 11/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull, cloudy and cold.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1500 | Rugger match, 2nd. Aust. Div. versus 4th. Aust. Div. (in Corps Competition) played on 2nd. Aust. Div. Ground MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL. - Five (5) Bn. representatives in team. Won by 2nd. Division by 17 points to nil.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 2000 | Battalion Routine Order No. 28 by Lt-Col. G.F. MURPHY, CMG, DSO, issued. - Court of Enquiry convened for 16th. inst. - Number of A.I.F. who have embarked for Australia published for information.   |                                      |
|                        | 12/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and cloudy.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1500 | 2/Lieut. A. DICKINSON, D.C.M., M.M. returned from Educational tour to BRUSSELS.  |                                      |
|                        |          | 1700 | Lieut. J. MAXWELL, V.C., M.O., D.C.M. returned from leave to England for Investiture.  |                                      |



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|-------------------------------------|----------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL.<br>(BELGIUM) | 13/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Bright and sharp.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. S.S. MATTICK returned from leave to BRUSSELS and Lieut. L.M. REDGRAVE proceeded on leave to U.K.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1000 | Lecture by Lt.-Col. F.W.D. FORBES, D.S.O. on "A journey to the Rhineland".   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1500 | Rugger match, 2nd.Div. versus 3rd.Div. (in Corps Competition) played on 2nd.Divisional Ground at Montignies-le-Tilleul - Four battalion representatives in the team. Match won by 2nd.Div. by 14 points to 3.  |                                      |
|                                     | 14/3/19. | 1800 | Special Order issued by Lt.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O. detailing personnel of Cadre "B" of 18th.Bn.  | 1m/19                                |
|                                     |          | 0900 | Weather Dull and cold.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1000 | Field General Court Martial held at 18th.Bn.H.Q. - Major W.R.C. Robertson, M.C. President. Pte. Digby, 18th.Bn. tried.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. D.C. RAVELL proceeded to England as member of Australian Imperial Forces Rowing crew in England. - Lieut. W.E. SANSOM returned from leave to England.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 2000 | Dance given by Officers of 17th. & 18th.Bns. held at Cafe du Casino, Montignies-le-Tilleul. Brig. Genl. Martin and Staff attended. (Invitation card appended)  | 1m/19                                |
|                                     | 15/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and misty.<br>Special parade of 5th. Brigade Battalion in the Square, Montignies-le-Tilleul. Address by Brigadier General E.F. MARTIN, CMG, DSO on "Demobilisation".<br>18th. Battalion ceased to function as a Battalion for Admin. purposes and merged into 5th. Brigade Battalion as the 18th. Company, under the Command of Lt.-Col. F.W.D. FORBES, DSO.<br>The 5th. Brigade Battalion being formed by 17th., 18th. & 20th. Coys. and 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. |                                      |
|                                     | 16/3/19. | 0900 | Weather Dull and cold.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | No. 9 Edition of Regimental Paper published.   |                                      |
|                                     | 17/3/19. | 0900 | Weather dull and cold.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1030 | Lecture given by Sapper Mitcham-Hall, 5th. Field Coy. Aust. Engrs. at the Cinema Hall, Montigny Subject "Nationality of Europe".   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1430 | Rugger match, 2nd.Div. versus 1st.Div. (in Corps Competition) played on 2nd.Div. Ground at Montignies-le-Tilleul - Four battalion reps. innteam. - Won by 2nd.Div. by 11 points to nil..<br>2nd.Div. therefore won the Corps Championship.   | 1m/19                                |

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| MONTIGNIES-LE-TILLEUL.<br>(BELGIUM) | 18/3/19  | 0900 | Weather: Cold and dull.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1030 | Lecture given by Lieut. Fortescue, 2nd Aust. Div. Train at the Cinema Hall MONTIGNY, subject - "Co-operation and Land settlement".<br>F.G.C.M. held at 18th. Bn. H.Q. - Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON, M.C. President and Capt. C.G. WALKLATE, M.C. member. - No. 6071. Pte. Frauenfelder, L.J. 18th. Bn. tried. |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: Capt. J.B. LANE, DSO. proceeded on educational tour to BRUSSELS.<br>2/Lieut. S.S. MATTICK detached for duty as Town Major, Montignies-le-Tilleul.  |                                      |
|                                     | 19/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Bright and sunny.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 2000 | 18th. Battalion Dance held in Cafe-due Casino, Montignies-le-Tilleul. About 120 attended.   | /M/19.                               |
|                                     | 20/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and cold and snowing.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1030 | Lecture by J.S. CORMACK, Esq. (N.S.W) on "Work of Repatriation Department in Australia, from personal experience". Lecture given in Cinema Hall, Montigny.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1430 | Changes in Officers: Lt.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. W.S. MOORS, M.C. and Lieut. F.J. BROWN, M.C. proceeded to England for Transport duties.<br>Lieut. S.J. MURRAY, M.C. returned from leave to England for Investiture.   |                                      |
|                                     | 21/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Bright and sunny.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1030 | Lecture by J.S. CORMACK, Esq. (N.S.W) Subject: "Land settlement in N.S.W." Lecture given in Cinema Hall Montignies-le-Tilleul.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: Lieut. F. WILKINS proceeded on leave to U.K.   |                                      |
|                                     | 22/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Dull and cold.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: Lieut. W.C.C. SATCHELL, M.C. returned from leave to England for Investiture.<br>2/Lieut. S.S. MATTICK returned from duty as Town Major Montignies-le-Tilleul.  |                                      |
|                                     | 23/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Bright and sunny.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: Lieut. G.F. FOOTE, M.C. returned from leave to England. Capt. J.B. LANE, DSO. returned from Educational tour to BRUSSELS. -  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1400 | No. 10 Edition of Regimental Paper published.   | /M/19.                               |

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| MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL.<br>(BELGIUM) | 24/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Cold and raining.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1000 | Capt. J.B. LANE, D.S.O. departed as Manager of Corps Football Team playing at COLOGNE.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1030 | Lecture given in Cinema Hall MONTIGNY-le-TILLEUL by Sapper Mitcham-Hall, 7th. Fld. Coy. Aust. Engrs.<br>Subject "Panama Canal".   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1100 | Lieut. P.D. JONES, M.C., D.C.M. proceeded to 5th. Brigade for duty as Brigade Major.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1500 | Lieut. C.J. BROSSOIS with 10 Other ranks proceeded to join detachment detailed by Corps to locate and record Australian Graves.<br>2/Lieut. R.C. WILLIAMSON proceeded on leave to BRUSSELS. |                                      |
|                                     | 25/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Cold and snowing.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1045 | Parade of 5th. Brigade Battalion in Grande Place, Montigny for presentation by G.O.C. Brigade of medals to Brigade personnel, of Divisional team.- winners of Corps Championship.           |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1300 | Lieut. D.L.O. SULLIVAN, M.M. marched out for administrative duty with Educational Service of A.I.F. Depots in U.K.  |                                      |
|                                     | 26/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Cold and dull.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 2000 | 18th. Battalion dance held at Cafe du Casino, Montignies-le-Tilleul - About 150 present.  |                                      |
|                                     | 27/3/19  | 0900 | Weather. Cold.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1000 | Captain C.G. WALKLATE, M.C. attended as member of F.G.C.M. sitting at CHARLEROI.  |                                      |
|                                     | 28/3/19  | 0900 | Weather, Cold and heavy fall of snow.   |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1000 | F.G.C.M. at 18th. Bn. H.Q. - 5942. Pte. Jones, N.F. 18th. Bn. tried.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1700 | Captain N.H. HOBBS, M.C. returned <del>from</del> for duty from Aust. Base Depots HAVRE.<br>2/Lieut. R.C. WILLIAMSON returned from leave to BRUSSELS.                                       |                                      |
|                                     | 29/3/19. | 0900 | Weather: Heavy fall of snow.  |                                      |
|                                     |          | 1200 | Changes in Officers: 2/Lt. R. DE SAXE, M.M. marched out in charge of leave party to ENGLAND.  |                                      |

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| MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL.<br>(BELGIUM) | 30/3/19. | 0900<br>1200 | <p>Weather: Heavy fall of snow. Bright and cold.</p> <p>Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. A. DICKINSON, D.C.M., M.M. and 2/Lieut. C. L. SUTTON proceeded on leave to COLOGNE to witness Aust. Corps Rugby match versus 2nd. Army.</p> <p>Major W. R. C. ROBERTSON, M.C., CAPT. S. BEDDIE, M.C., Lieut. W. C. C. SATCHELL, M.C., Lieut. S. J. MURRAY, M.C., Lieut. D. BOLGER and Lieut. W. E. SANSOM marched out with embarkation quota No. 23 for return to Australia.</p> <p>96 other ranks also marched out with Embarkation Quota No. 23 for return to Australia.</p> <p>Quota No. 23 paraded in the Square, Montignies-le-Tilleul at 1200 and marched out to "B" Divl. Reinft. Wing, CHARLEROI, from where they were despatched on 31st. inst. to England via Aust. Base Depot HAVRE. Lt.-Col. R. M. SADLER, M.C. 17th. Bn. was in charge of No. 23 Quota.</p> |  |
|                                     | 31/3/19. | 0900         | <p>Weather: Cold and sunny.</p> <p>Congratulatory card sent by the C.O. to all members of the Battalion who have been awarded decorations or mentioned in despatches. In the case of those now deceased, the card has been sent to the next-of-kin. (Specimen card attached)</p> <p>18th. Battalion strength as at 31/3/19 32 officers, 344 other ranks.</p> <p>Quartermaster's Diary for Month appended.</p> <p>Transport Officers Diary for month appended.</p> <p>Medical Officer's Diary for month appended.</p>   | <p>/M/19.</p> <p>/M/19</p> <p>/M/19.</p> <p>/M/19.</p> |



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FOR

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# DESWERT DESPATCH

No. 7.

MONTIGNY - Sunday, 2nd. March 1919.

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## IN GERMANY.

An opportunity readily availed of, recently presented itself of a trip to the Rhine. There were four in the party, including George Body, the Chauffeur. Owing to a late start, we were content to rest the night at LIEGE. The town itself showed little signs of damage, but a number of bridges across the Meuse have been destroyed. The Meuse is about 150 to 200 yards wide, with magnificent scenery. The chief attraction in Liege was a cinema show. We paid 4 francs, to see an old fool of 52 take 'rough on rats' or a No. 9 because he had fallen in love with a girl of 7 who refused to grow up.

Next morning we cut a stick from the fortifications of Liege, hoisted the Aussie flag, and Body then made his first remark, "Shut the gate Mother, the Aussies are coming". Body, being English, probably preferred the Union Jack, but he searched round for a big stick in case anyone objected to the "Next best" as he put it.

We crossed the Belgian frontier at noon, leaving behind us villages upon which the Hun had wrecked his rage in the first days of the war. The boundary line runs through the middle of a town and Belgian soldiers were busy every 20 yards or so examining permits of those who wished to cross the street. A sentry came out of a box with a fixed bayonet - Heavens only knows what he was going to do with it - but seeing we were only officers he put his rifle down, and turning to the wall, engaged in the national pastime.

Aix la Chapelle is a very fine city, about as difficult to get out of as Amiens - I wonder why so many Frenchmen fail to understand 'their own lingo'. The French were there, but now the Belgian Headquarters has been established in the town. The road through Duren to Cologne is a splendid one, better even than the old Bapaume Road, so we sailed into Cologne about 3 p.m., flag flying, entirely ignorant of an Army Order forbidding the carrying of flags on cars. The populace be excited. Personally, I think the Huns were glad to see the flag - Three policemen (huns) whom we met casually, were delighted when we told them what it was, and saluted it with alacrity. Then the deputation who had waited on them got into the car again and we went on to our billets, in a very fine hotel 'en face' the Cathedral. It costs nothing for billets - Berlin entertained us. Since I do not desire to turn the "Despatch" into a guide book. I'll not attempt to more than mention a few of the sights, rather utilising remaining space allotted, for a few comments on the Hun.

The Cathedral alone is worth the trip to see. The 25 ton bell was removed last year for cannon fodder. Cafe life is much the same as elsewhere - the type of song I heard sung would grace the "Wazza". All the principal places in Cologne are guarded by British soldiers and the three gun boats on the Rhine look very business like. I saw about 60 miles of the Rhine. It is too good for the Hun - One of our flying squadrons is at Cologne. The Aerodrome there accommodates 11 squadrons, - the Aust. Major is in command. Space does not permit a description of hun machines there but one queer trench 'strafing' plane was made of galvanised iron.

The Squadron is billeted in a fine hotel in Cologne. In front of the hotel is a magnificent equestrian statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I. One morning the hun was astounded to find that Kaiser Wilhelm was held in esteem by others also. He had been crowned with a bedroom utensil. Thousands stood, bareheaded and fascinated, whilst the local fire brigade removed the - er - article. A leading citizen, who lived for some years in Australia, told me that -  
(a) the huns did not believe that atrocities had been committed by the Huns.  
(b) they knew women and children had been shot, but they did not know by whom, and, anyhow, that was four years ago so it did not matter now.  
(c) that he thought the exploits of the Wolf and Emden proved the might of the Hun fleet, and it was wrong for the British Navy to treat them with such contempt.

I mentioned the Belgian Prince and Lusitania, but I fancy he scented trouble so kept quiet. Iron Grosses are sold openly for 2 to 13 francs, and also are postcards of the British entering Cologne. I came out of Germany



regretting the war has stopped and wondering whether the Hun ever did possess a soul.

"SAPPHIRE"

ROUND THE BRAZIER.

(By "J. Edward M.")

"Yairs" said Legs Eleven, as he lit the butt end of a fag with a piece of coal. "a fellow" does have some surprisin' escapes at times. Nearest I ever had though was in the gully there near Billy on the Somme. Was just coming out of the line one night when Fritz sent along one of them there "skid and skid" kind of shells. It lumped a stone pretty near me, and the next thing I knew, me tin lid was gone. The blasted shell had taken it off without explodin', and when I looked at the lid, so-help-me-Madam if there wasn't a grove right across the top, curved and all, where the shed had skid along it. Pretty close, wasn't it? But it wasn't much closer than the one----" But Paddy (of "B" Coy) had already started to give his guts. "By crives! and it meself that had a hell of a narrer squeak at Zonnebake. Shrap cut the ----c in two and never even put the blanky thing out."

For a while no one spoke, as they all knew that Paddy's tale was the dinkum oil. Outside, the soft flakes of snow were making a thick white quilt for the cold, rain-sodden earth. Surly Jim made a pretence of stirring up the fire, and edged his way in closer to the brazier. "Hell of a night to be in the trenches" he growled. Paddy woke up again "Shure and it's not a bit worse than we had for the 4th. of October stunt. Did I ever tell yer of the day we reided the pill-box?" (He had, hundreds of times, but no one said so) P--T--- he came to me, and 'Paddy' he sez 'It's going to raid yonder pill-box we are. You'll be one of the covering party' We was too, for we were covered in mud in two ticks. 'Righte' sez I and over with 'em I goes. Then Fritz got his glimmers on us and the bullets were thicker than the red tabs on that Staff Captain who pulled me up for not salutin' him yesterday. 'Take cover' says someone - but I was up to me neck in mud in a shell hole afore I heard 'im say it, and I wasn't looking round to see who give the order either. 'Retire' says some other bloke - but Gor blime! a Fritz with eyes as big as saucers was watchin' me through a slit in the pill-box. Every time I lifted my head out of the mud to take a breath that there Fritz chipped mud off me tin lid with his machine gun. "Retire be damned" I yelled, "I'm ----if I came over here to be a boomerang soldier" But the rest of the party hadn't any guts at all. for when I took a screw round, the last of 'em was hoppin' back into the trench we started from. And there I was alone, fightin' the hun on me nat, like that there bloke what kept a bridge or somethin' as the story books tell yer. Mother of Moses! I was that close to the pill-box that I could hear the ----inside changin' their mind. And cold! If that mud in that shell hole was a C.O. it would have had a man up for not drinking his rum issue. Lord! I didn't know which was me feet and which was the mud, and when night came and I tried to get away - Gor damme! I was that cold I couldn't even think and maybe I'd be there yet trying to find out whether it was me right or me left hand that had dropped off, only along come one of our patrols. 'Paddy' sez the officer "what are yer doin' here?" "Dammed if I know" sez I, spittin' out bits of ice, for me spit had frozen. "ask me feet, for the ---have got such a swelled head that they're too --- proud to carry a man" So the Sgt. he got hold of me.---- "Boys" said the C.O. at the door. "it being a cold night, the Sgt. Major says you need the backshee rum mor. than he does, so here's a double issue for you Gently, those round the fire swayed forward - then fell on the floor in a deep swoon. Pityingly, the C.O. sprinkled the prostrate forms with rum, and the strong fumes revived them. Then they crept silently to bed, saying "No, sir! we refuse the rum. We could never accept such a wonderful generosity. Give it to the Sergeants, for their need is greater than ours". Then a deep silence fell upon the billet and the diggers slept, dreaming of beautiful churches, and the reward of self-sacrifice.

PARLIAMENT.

On Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Cinema Hall, the third sitting of the first session of the Dinkum Parliament was held. The Stranger's Gallery was well filled at an early hour and all were eager to hear details of the resolution to be proposed by the Government, with the object of having the Aliens Restriction Act amended, in order to introduce coolie labour into N.S.W. Prior to the introduction of the resolution, on the motion of the Premier (Lieut. Perryman) the seats of those members who had not attended three sittings of the House were declared vacant.



At 7'15 p.m. the Minister for Works (Cpl. Roughley) rose to introduce a resolution to amend the Aliens Restriction Act. He spoke of the vast success of the Govt., the empty coffers left by the last Govt., and the need for new legislation to provide means of introducing and developing industries. The Govt. proposed to introduce coolie labour to do the menial work in certain industries. Japanese and Indians had fought and died with Australians and now we had to admit their equality and right to live with them. "White Australia" as it was, could be seen in any of the big cities - that was not the "White Australia" that was wanted. Immigration had failed to populate the country and it was still largely undeveloped.

The Leader of the Opposition (Cpl. Murray) stated that the past 18 years had proved the value of the "White Australia" Policy. If black labor was introduced, there would soon be more blacks than whites, and, as the blacks must be given citizens rights they would soon rule the white men. This would happen in America some day. Then again either the black man must adopt the white man's ways or vice-versa. The black man was inferior to the white man, and his introduction would mark the commercial and financial ruin of Australia. The "Chows" now in the Northern Territory and other parts should not be there. As soon as black labor was abolished in Australia, the number of unemployed whites decreased considerably, and exports rose from £10 per head of population to £15 per annum. Talk of the "brotherhood of man" after just finishing the world's greatest war was rot! However, he would rather take the hand of a Hun than that of a slit-eyed Asiatic, whose history was as black as his skin. All civilisation had come from the white races.

The Hon. Member for Glen Innes (Lieut. Saunderson) referred to the jungle talk, lack of originality, and multitudinous quotations from the year book in the Hon. Mr. Murray's speech. It was only intended to modify the Act, and the need for this was the changed condition of the world. In the past, political institutions had not kept pace with the progress of the world. More co-operative action was needed amongst the nations and it was absurd to refuse the help of others. One-third of Australia was in the tropics, and only half of the population of the Northern Territory was white. The old cry of cheap labour, had, of course, been raised, but the Govt. was unafraid of that, because more, and better work would result. Japan was recognised as an equal because of her enlightenment and political progress, and her educational system was second to none. If Australia was prepared to accept the trade and commerce of black nations, she had no right to refuse to admit them into the country. Why not try to foster confidence amongst nations, and not breed mistrust. He urged members not to be carried away by the dingo talk of the Opposition.

The Hon. Member for Potas Point said the last speaker should be a Peace Conference delegate. He could not accept the beautiful picture that, if only the Aliens Act was modified and any black allowed in, all cause for war would be removed. The Govt. displayed an appalling ignorance of the real facts of the situation. Had any member of the Govt. ever been in Northern Australia? Since the withdrawal of black labour the Sugar industry had flourished, and the physique of the Queenslanders in the A.I.F. proved that the sugar country was a white man's country. The Govt. were evidently suburban explorers who knew little of Australia. He did not object to the Jap or Chow (provided they stayed in their own country) but he did object to half-castes. Mongrels were no good to anyone. If the men of the A.I.F. had all been mongrels, would its record have been the same? The right kind of population was wanted. The Govt. hoped to smash unionism, and put white men out of work. Australians would develop the country themselves or not at all. Purity of race was a great privilege, worth fighting for. America had not had sufficient foresight to turn the blacks out, and now had a population roughly one-fifth black, which was increasing more rapidly than the white.

The Premier said that the resolution was being introduced merely in an attempt to better conditions for the working man. Black men would do black men's work. The Govt. was going to introduce a policy of decentralisation, open up new ports and railways, and import 100,000 coolies to do the work. The Govt. was not going to be dictated to by Trades Unions, because what they were doing was for the benefit of the Unionists. Japs and Hindoos were admitted into the League of Nations, and Hindoos were of the same stock as Australians. Good wages and cheap living would be the result of this policy. It was intended to make Australia white in intellect, not colour.

Hon. Member for "oolloomooloo said the Govt. was mercenary, and inquired what they had done with the revenue from the Bachelors Tax. That was going to do all the wonderful work they now proposed importing coolies to do. The Govt's admission that coolies were only to do menial work, showed in what esteem the Govt. held them. He referred to the low morals of even educated



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 blacks, as seen in English University towns, and characterised all blacks as "dirty, low, degraded peoples." It was impossible to force black men to adopt white men's customs. Black men, if given a white man's wage would live on rice for 14 days, save the rest, and take it back to their own countries, resulting in a dead loss of hard cash to Australia. He refuted the argument that all Hindoos were of the same race as Australians - merely such high caste as the Brahmins were. He contradicted the Govt's figures, and advised them to study them more carefully in the future. He said the Northern Territory was a white man's paradise, but the Govt. had not told the people it was so - perhaps the Govt. didn't know it was. Chinese picked the eyes out of many gold fields in the Northern Territory, and made them useless to white men, who could handle big, low-grade propositions. Everyone had seen the Chinese Labor Corps, and knew how much work they did in a day - fourteen chows doing the work of only four white men. If there was a high rate of infantile mortality in the territories, that was the fault of the Govt. - they had promised to stop that sort of thing with the revenue from the Bachelor's Tax. Blacks of any shade were no good, and he hoped they would never be brought into Australia.

Hon. Mr. Crawford said that if Chinese were menaced by Australians, they would do better work. He knew now what Japs. could do and we should ask the Commonwealth Government to get them to join with us.

The Minister for Agriculture urged members to use their commonsense. The Opposition cried the measure down only because it emanated from the Govt. benches. It was no good sticking to old, worn-out ways. Black labor was necessary for many parts. There were poor specimens of every nation.

Several persons in the Stranger's Gallery spoke in opposition to the motion.

The Leader of the Opposition said the black peoples fought only for their own countries during the war and had gained no right by doing so to enter Australia. Facts were superior to originality, and like beautiful women needed no paint. He advised the Govt. to read "We of the Never-Never" and they would see the Northern Territory was fit for the white man and woman. People who went there might get more sun-burnt than suburban explorers in Sydney or Melbourne. Fever in the tropics could be wined out as in the Panama Canal Zone. Capitalists were the only people who wanted black labor. He spoke of the menace of Japan to Australia's national security, and said that the importation of Japanese labour was peaceful penetration. Australians were equal to anyone, and could do all their own work. To say Australia was behind in anything was all rot. If Hindoos were educated, no doubt the man who imported one to clean his boots and do other menial work, would be very gratified to be addressed by his servant in French or German. Very fine! Japan had no right to dictate to Australia, which would make its own legislation as it pleased. Any industry not paying should be stopped.

The Hon. Member for Glen Innes, after indulging in several sarcastic personalities, said at least one member of the Govt. had visited the North, and the present Govt. had at least enough commonsense to oust the last. The Govt. got their 'faked' figures out of the same "Testament" as the Opposition. It was not intended to allow Asiatics to over-run the country, but some regulated system would be introduced. The resolution did not mention the word "Chink" "Chow" or Chinese. It was not intended to turn Australia into anything else but what it now was - the most beautiful country in the world.

A vote of the Stranger's Gallery was then taken but the Govt. failed to find a single supporter. In consequence they lost the reins of Govt. and handed them over to the Opposition. At 8:45 p.m. the House was adjourned until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th. May.

#### THE 16th. BATTALION. (Continued from last edition)

May 3rd. saw the opening of the great battle which raged for 11 days on a 15 mile front, and, although once forced to retire, the 16th. Battalion secured the two main trenches of the Line. This was the only portion of the Hindenberg Line captured and held, on the whole front, in that attack. Of the 12 officers, 88 V.C.O.'s and 587 men who were in the attacking or carrying parties, 3 officers were K.I.A., 1 D.O., and 5 were wounded; 51 V.C.O.'s were killed or wounded, and 320 men were killed or wounded, a total of 393 casualties for 2 days fighting. After a long swell near and in ARQUES the Bn. participated, on September 20th, in the attack at YPRES on Anzeo Ridge. Rather short was 11st Connaught Camp, near Renninghelst, and the Bn. went in again to Broodseinde Ridge (near Zonnebek) and there carried out an audacious daylight raid, which resulted in the capture of 14 prisoners and a machine gun, others being killed and wounded. In later operations on Broodseinde Ridge the



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Battalion hurried off the tower 10 minutes before a battalion of Prussian Guardsmen, met them in the open, and completely routed them, taking many prisoners.

After a short rest near HAZEBROUCK a move was made to De Seule Camp, near STEENWERCK. About the middle of December the Bn. went into the line on the right of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, and were soon busily engaged in preparing stronger defences to meet the expected Hun attack. The month of February was spent resting near LUMBRES and at the beginning of March the Bn. took over at MESSINES, and here, as at Ploegsteert, a complete mastery of No Mans Land was gained by our patrols.

Then the storm of March 21st. broke, and the Bn. was hurried south to VILLERS BRETONNEUX to stop the Hun advance. The avowed object of the Hun was to separate the French and British Armies and he delivered his strongest blows at the point where the armies joined, at Villers Bretonneux. The 18th. was put in the line to hold on at this point, being on the extreme right wing of the British Army, and actually manning posts with the French. Doubtless our Higher Command knew that, as long as there were any 18th. left, the line would not be broken. After a most trying and critical period - during a portion of which only 2 out of the 42 guns covering the Brigade front were in action, the rest having been knocked out - the Hun advance was finally stopped, and the Bn. moved across to GARGARD WOOD.

For three months the only offensive operations carried out by the British Army were on the Australian's front. A series of raids (both by day and by night) small attacks, and a policy of "peaceful penetration" continuously kept the Hun "standing to", which eventually lowered his morale, resulted in the capture of a whole Hun Division's territory to a depth of 2000 yards, and made the brilliant and glorious attack of August 8th. a possibility. During this period the attacks at MORLANCOURT (May 19th.) and GARGARD WOOD (April 1st.) were the biggest operations in which the Bn. took part: but many minor stunts could be mentioned in a bigger history.

After practice with the tanks on 2-3 August, the Bn. moved up to Villers Bretonneux, and, on the night of 7th/8th. August lined up on the tank ready to do their share in what proved to be the greatest big victory of the War. Owing to dense fog the Bn. was only got into position quarter of an hour before Zero (3.45 a.m.) but, as soon as the barrage dropped, they dashed forward over the old French trenches, and, despite the fog, which made it almost impossible for either troops or tanks to keep direction, captured WARFUSEE and 8 guns. The total casualties for the day were only 5 K.I.A. and 35 wounded. The next day (August 9th.) the Bn. again attacked at 4.30 a.m. moving off as if on parade and successfully gaining their objective. Immediately after, however, heavy shell fire and machine gun fire directed from the village of PROYART on the left, began to mow down the line of men busily digging in, and, in less than 15 minutes, 10 officers and 130 other ranks were casualties. The Bn. captured a dump here (by means of a small patrol) which was defended by 1 officer and 22 men (who surrendered) and 2 machine guns, containing stores and munitions to the value of about £350,000.

On August 12th. the Bn. moved back to CORBIE for a week's spell, then moved up by bus to CAPPY. In 2 days (Aug. 28/29th) the whole of the ground from FRISE to the bend in the SOMME River near OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY was "mopped up" and the Bn. moved to the opposite side of the river to CLERY, where it remained in support whilst the 17th., 19th. & 20th. Bns. stormed MONT ST. QUENTIN on August 31st. After the successful seizure of these heights, the Brigade position was repeatedly attacked by the enemy, and the 18th. Bn. was hurried up to support the thinly held front line. The Bn. was moved 5 times in one day and night to protect threatened positions and the hill was finally held, the 6th. Brigade completing its capture by a further advance on Sept. 1st. When the Bn. moved out to FRISE for a rest, 5 officers and 115 other ranks were left of the 16 officers and 350 other ranks who went in. A few weeks were spent in re-organising and resting and the Bn. moved, by three night marches, to the Bellicourt Canal. On the night of 1st/2nd. October a frontage of 1100 yards, between JONCOURT and ESTREES was taken over by the Bn. Only 4 officers and 61 other ranks could be spared to hold the actual front line, the remainder being held in close support. On October 3rd. at 6.5 a.m. perhaps the most daring and successful attack in the history of the war was carried out. The total strength of the Bn. was only 200 but these few penetrated 4, and in some places 6 belts of thick wire, absolutely uncut, and in places 25 feet broad - captured nearly 350 prisoners, and killed or wounded as many more. Men were extended to 15 yards and had to wriggle through the wire as best they could. Four machine guns were captured on a front of 100 yards, despite the strenuous resistance of their crews. It was in this stunt that Lieut. L. MAXWELL, M.C., D.C.M. gained his V.C. - and he earned it!



Two days later, "B" & "C" Companies (total strength 3 Officers and 25 men) were sent up to reinforce the 6th Brigade at MONTBREHAIN, where the Hun, after having been driven from the village, was counter-attacking with considerable strength and determination. The arrival of the two companies, however, restored the position, and that night, they were relieved by AMERICAN troops and moved back to supports. This was the last action in which the Bn. participated. Soon after, the entire Brigade was moved back to VIGNACOURT (near AMIENS) and in November returned to BELGIUM by easy stages.

Command of the Battalion has not been subject to many changes. Lt.-Col. Chapman who brought the Battalion from Australia was previously mentioned. Lt.-Col. Wisdom brought the Battalion over to France and commanded it until early November 1916 when he was transferred to a higher command. He is now Brigadier-General WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. the popular G.O.C. of the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade. Major MURPHY was then given command, and the value of his services since, may be judged by the fact, that he is now Lt.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O. (and Bar) and has been mentioned in Despatches on seven occasions. From August onwards to the Armistice, during the absence of Col. Murphy (Acting G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde. and in hospital) Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON, M.C. commanded the Bn. and during the period of his command, the remarkably successful attacks on Aug. 8th. & 9th. Aug. 29/31st. and October 3rd. were carried out.

Since leaving Australia the following honours have been won by members of the Battalion:-

|                   |                                |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| V.C. 1.           | M.C. 35 (5 Bars)               | M.S.M. 6.         |
| C.M.G. 1.         | D.C.M. 21 (1 Bar)              | M.M. 145 (8 Bars) |
| D.S.O. 5. (1 Bar) |                                |                   |
|                   | French Croix de Guerre - 2.    |                   |
|                   | Belgian " " " - 3.             |                   |
|                   | French Medaille Militaire - 2. |                   |
|                   | Italian Bronze Medal - 1.      |                   |
|                   | Mentions in Despatches - 22.   |                   |

This is a total of 249 distinctions.

Brief as this history has been, it is hoped that some points of interest have been mentioned, and that, as we return home, all will do their bit to "Hand on the torch of the Legion".

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A few regrettable errors were made by the writer in the above history, which he corrects here:-

Brigadier-General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. does not hold V.D. Decoration.  
 The 18th Bn. trained at Gallipoli after arrival in Egypt, not Alexandria.  
 The Hun raid at Bois Grenier was on May 5th., not May 15th.  
 Capt. Kirke and Lieut. Lane were on Plugge's Plateau and not in front line on the night of the evacuation of Gallipoli.  
 The 18th Bn. was relieved by the 13th Bn. at Bois Grenier, not 16th Bn.  
 For "Battalion" (1st word top of page 5) read 24th Bn.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - EDUCATION SERVICE



Return for week ending 8th. March 1919.

Unit: 18th. Battalion A.I.F. Education Officer: Lieut. P.D. JONES, MC. DCM

Classes in operation during week. Enrolt. Avge. Attidce No. of students in :-

|                 |   |    |               |    |
|-----------------|---|----|---------------|----|
| ARITHMETIC.     | 4 | 4  | No. 1. Class: | 56 |
| FRENCH          | 2 | 2  |               |    |
|                 |   |    | 2. Classes:   | 52 |
|                 |   |    | 3. do.        | 6  |
|                 |   |    | 4. do.        | 4  |
| LECTURES:       |   |    |               |    |
| Demobilisation  | - | 52 |               |    |
| Books.          | - | 38 |               |    |
| Parliament      | - | 56 |               |    |
| Slovak Republic | - | 41 |               |    |

No. of men visiting works etc. CHARLEROI. -  
 Men attending Universite-du-Travail. 19.  
 I.C.S. students in unit. 2.  
 At Corps Central School. 5.

| At Army Schools etc.:-<br>Name of school or unit. | Instruction being<br>given in. | No. of students<br>attending. |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Corps Workshops JEUMONT.                          | Carpentry &<br>Blacksmithing.  | 6                             |
| 2nd. Aust. Div. M.T. Workshops.                   | Fitters Mechanics.             | 3.                            |

E.O.'s personal report, - Increase or decrease, factors assisting or retarding work etc.

The improvement shown in attendances last week has been maintained and there is every hope of still further improvement in the coming weeks. Lieut. G.F. FOOTL M.C. (Education Officer) proceeded on leave to U.K. on 6th. inst. and duties have temporarily been taken over by Lieut. P.D. JONES, M.C., D.C.M.

P.D. Jones. Lieut.  
 Education Officer,  
 18th Battalion A.I.F.



# DEESWILL DESPATCH

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SUNDAY, 9th. March 1919. - MONTIGNY.

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## "SECOND HAND GOODS"

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### CHAPTER I.

Dorothy Hollins sat motionless in a battered old wicker chair and on the front verandah. The smell of the frangipani - over powering and somewhat sickly - the drone of the cicadas, the distant murmur of the sea, and that close, breathless summer heat, common in Queensland just before the cool night winds begin to blow, fitted admirably with her present mood. Neither the vigorous bounding of the piano which was her sister May's usual evening amusement, nor the fat, green, solemn-eyed frogs which occasionally flopped into her lap during their sportive revels, disturbed her. The nearby, loud protests of a Collie, who longed to be let off his chain, were unheeded. In her cool, white, muslin dress, open at the throat, short-skirted, and simple in design, she presented a charming picture of young Australian womanhood. So thought Harold Hood, as, hot in hand, he furtively peeped round the corner of the house. His eyes dwelt long on her graceful ankles, sweet, well-rounded bosom, and bare, dainty arms. Just for one moment he glanced at her face, then again directed his gaze upon her womanly form, which, in the imagined privacy of her father's lonely homestead verandah, and owing to the free, careless abandon with which she had thrown herself into the chair, was more exposed than her mother would approve of. Dorothy's sweet, brown eyes wand red, casually and lazily, from the banana plantation in front to the white breakers beyond the mangroves on the left. The strains of "Pale hands I held" floated out through the opened French windows. How she hated that piece! It reminded her always of that evening, two summers ago, when George Roberts had sung it, just before he rode away to catch the Sydney boat and go off to the war with the 18th. Bn. Slowly she opened a letter from him, and read "7/11/17. My Dearest Doe,

Just at present we are up to our necks in mud, and wishing to goodness we were back in Aussie. My fingers are too cold to write much now, but when we get back to billets for a rest, I will write you a decent letter. Forgive me dear, but it is impossible to write much now. It is cold, wet and miserable, the shelling is heavy and the fatigues heartbreaking, but I know that you, my sweet, loving little brown eyes, are waiting for me in dear old Aussie, so I don't mind the rough times. Do you remember that night on the verandah, when you first let me kiss you dear? ---"

Ah! yes, she remembered! But was it worth while! He had been away over two years now and it seemed that he would never return. He might be killed, or worse, maimed for life. That was awful to think of. Still, there was no one in the world like George, so she would wait for him.

Harold Hood moved silently from his shelter, and suddenly appeared, bowing low before her. Quickly, and with a little blush tinging her sun-burnt cheeks, she scrambled to her feet, and extended her hand in greeting.

"Oh! Good evening Mr. Hood, I didn't notice you. Have you ridden over? I thought the bank would not be able to spare you for some days." Hood held her hand rather longer than convention demanded, and requested her to resume her seat. He drew up a deck-chair, and smilingly said "Well, Miss Hollins, despite the call of duty, I could not resist the attractions of a gallon thro' the scrub, especially when I knew that possibly you might permit me to see you for a few seconds. I have only just this minute arrived." She did not like his soft, almost feminine voice, but he was undeniably handsome, and knew how to be very charming. Anyrate there were no other men about - they had all, long-since gone to the Front. Hood was of course an "indispensable".

"How delightfully charming you look this evening" said Hood, looking, almost staring into her eyes, in a way that made her shrink - it was so masterful - "in fact" he pursued, "you always are charming". The evening was warm, the air heavily scented, the flattery, bold and direct, was sweet. She hated herself for allowing this man to come and annoy her so but made no real protest when he suddenly seized her hand, and pressed it firmly with his long white fingers



"Dorothy" he said, "why do you always address me as 'Mr. Hood', my name is Harold. Surely between old friends such formality is absurd."

Dorothy tried to wriggle her hand away as she replied "Really I don't know whether I ought to or not. True, we are friends, but, oh! I don't know" she finished lamely, hypnotised by his burning, piercing eyes. "Ah! sweet lovely Dorothy" he said softly "if we cannot be friends, let us be lovers, for I love you my dearest Queen". Swiftly bending forward, and before she could turn her face away, he kissed her wildly and passionately - full on her warm soft lips. Then she forgot all about George.

Four months later, they were married in her father's home. Dorothy, made for love and happiness, young, inexperienced, unversed in the ways of Life, thought now that she no longer cared for George Roberts. Her life had been narrow, dull and monotonous, and marriage seemed the only way of relief. True to the mating instinct strong in every woman, young or old, and led away by a passion she had no means of knowing was not the real thing, she thought that she was happy, and that at last real life and love was hers. It was not without a little pang that she wrote to Roberts telling him of her marriage. "Oh! well" she said to herself "he can easily get someone else if he gets bored. He won't want me. Perhaps even now he is in love with some English girl. All our boys seem to do that". Five days later she read in the weekly illustrated that he had been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery at YPRES and promoted to commissioned rank.

## CHAPTER II.

The train rolled and jolted along, past mile after mile of beautiful Australian bush. To Lieut. G. Roberts, M.C., D.C.M. who sat alone in a first class smoker, the journey was a misery. He longed to be with his sweetheart. What a girl she was! How good, sweet and lovely. After all it was worth the years of fatigue, fighting and hardships to be rewarded by the love of a girl such as Dorothy. Roberts thanked his lucky stars that he had got out of it all "with no greater injury than a bullet through his foot."

The train stopped at the little siding of Boondaballa, and Roberts sprang out and made all haste to the 'pub' of one Denny Holger, where he procured and quickly mounted a horse. He swung out of the yard and turned down a dusty bush track at an easy canter. The 22 miles before him would soon be covered and perhaps he would reach Dorothy's home before a thunderstorm, which even then was threatening, should break. On rounding a bend at the 20-mile peg, Roberts espied a horseman trotting down the track ahead of him. Warned by the big drops of rain which were just beginning to fall, and keen to have a little company for the last couple of miles, Roberts pushed his strong little mare ahead, and quickly began to overtake the stranger. Suddenly, a terrific clap of thunder so startled his mare that Roberts was almost thrown. White flashes of lightning ran down the tree trunks, a terrific wind began to blow, and the rain fell in torrents. Bending low, Roberts pushed on, when suddenly his mare shied at an object on the road. Glancing round, Roberts was horrified to see a man, evidently the stranger, lying - a burnt, blackened mass - on the road. He quickly dismounted, and saw at a glance, that the man had been struck by lightning and was dead. Somehow, the face seemed familiar, but Roberts was unable to recall the dead man's identity to his memory. Well, he was dead, and nothing could be done but to lay him gently on the ferns by the roadside and ride on. Soon the homestead was reached, and Roberts, after placing his horse in a stable, ran up the front steps, and entered the drawing room. He glanced at a table and saw thereon a photograph, surely not of Dorothy and - yes, it was the dead man. Written across it, in a man's bold handwriting was "Dorothy and Harold on their wedding day - 14/4/18" - So she was married and had never told him! Married to a cold-footed stay-at-home, and on the very day that he was fighting for his life in Hangard Wood.

Dorothy entered the room. Turning fiercely he confronted her. She was more beautiful than ever, and Roberts felt his blood surge, hot and fiery, through his veins. "So you are married" he said, in a hoarse, strained voice, "you might have informed me". "I did" she murmured faintly "I wrote to you in March". Evidently the letter had been lost or had failed to reach him. Dorothy looked steadily at him and he could have sworn he saw the love light for him in her eyes. But how could that be? Should he tell her her husband was lying, a distorted, blackened corpse, two miles down the rutted bush track? But no, let her find out - she was nothing to him now! That very thought showed him how strongly he still loved her. Her husband was dead now, and they could soon marry. The silence deepened. Each was busy with their own thoughts.



Suddenly, Dorothy swung forward, burst into a storm of tears, flung her soft, rounded arms about his neck and passionately kissed him. "Oh! George, George, it has all been a mistake. I love you and only you." she wailed. Now she saw how she despised her snake-like husband, and realised for the first time, what a strong and true love she had for George Roberts. "Oh! oh! what shall I do" she sobbed weakly "I want you George". Again she kissed him and the veins stood out like whipcords on his forehead, so hard was the struggle to master his passion. "Speak to me George, do say something" breathed Dorothy, straining him to her.

Then he wrenched himself from her hold and roughly flung her from him. Without a word he strode out of the room, out to the stable, mounted his horse and, hatless, rode off into the storm. Perhaps some merciful flash of lightning would do for him too. Damn the girl - she had failed him, but he had no time for second hand goods. The End.

#### A MYSTERY.

A mysterious occurrence startled the residents of Rue de Marchienne on Wednesday morning about 1000, and caused many of them to think deeply. At that hour, a lady, evidently greatly distraught by some dreadful happening, dashed wildly from a house near the B.O.R. and across to 5th. A.I. Bde. H.Q. There she hastily deposited her sabots outside, and rushed into the house. Our special reporter, immediately scenting a mystery, began to follow proceedings with interest. In a moment, the lady flew out again, and, minus sabots, ran across to the house next door to her own. Shortly after she emerged therefrom, accompanied by -----, said to be a member of the 18th. Bn. He entered the house originally left by the excited lady, followed by our reporter. There lying apparently unconscious, he beheld a lady as fair as Venus. Her lips moved slightly, and the silent watcher is prepared to swear that she murmured the word "Percy" or "Merci". Our religious editor is making further investigations of this strange happening.

#### CHARLEROI.

The history of CHARLEROI prior to the Australian occupation in December 1918, although perhaps not so interesting as since that date, is nevertheless worthy of passing notice. Charleroi, one of the biggest Walloon cities, and the centre of the Belgian iron industry was founded in 1666. The site at that time was occupied by a little village named CHARNOY and Belgium was under Spanish rule. In honour of Charles II of Spain, the name of the village was changed to CHARLEROI, and it is since then that it has come into prominence amongst European cities. In 1667, Louis XIV of France conquered it from the Spanish and the famous French military engineer VAUBAN, constructed fortifications, which were re-constructed in 1816, but have since been converted into promenades. Belgium, as a result of the war between Louis XIV and the Spanish was conquered by the French as far north as BRUSSELS, and Charleroi was definitely handed over to the French by the Treaty signed on 2nd. May 1668 at Aix-la-Chapelle. In 1672, the Prince of Orange, who, with a Dutch Army was fighting against the French besieged CHARLEROI for 3 weeks, just before Xmas of that year, but owing to the bad weather he had to withdraw. Six years later a big war, the Spanish & Dutch against the French resulted in the recapture of CHARLEROI by the Spanish on January 12th. 1679. In 1692, the French hooped in again and burnt the place down. This scrapping was stopped soon after, and by a Treaty between the Spanish and French, signed at RYSWICK, the town was handed over to the Spaniards again. In 1701, however, the French again burnt CHARLEROI and held the town. In 1713, once more the fortunes of war caused a change over, and it passed the Netherlands Federated States. Just about this time however, the Austrians were making big military efforts in Belgium, and they seized CHARLEROI in 1714 and held it until 1794. During this period, CHARLEROI prospered in trade and commerce, and became known as a manufacturing centre. Then the great French Revolutionary Armies began their conquests, and in 1794 there was much fighting in the vicinity of CHARLEROI. The French besieged the town 4 times, and on May 23rd. suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of the Austrians, who, led by General KAUNITZ, captured 25 guns and 1300 prisoners. On 25th. Jun., the French, under General CHARBONNIER, recaptured the town. Next day, the Austrians attacked the French at FLEURUS and drove them back to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT, but, owing to some misunderstanding, the Austrian leader, the Prince of COBURG ordered his troops to retire. The Peace Treaty of Paris, 1814, gave CHARLEROI to Belgium and it has remained Belgian ever since (except for the German & Australian occupations).



The environs of CHARLEROI are remarkable for their picturesque scenery and industrial activity. Woods, fields and villages, and the lofty chimneys of mines, furnaces, glass works and foundries are seen in every direction. There are over 70 seams of coal in the vicinity, extending to an average depth of 3000 to 4000 feet. The busy scenes on the canal add much life to the city and the trams are remarkable for their discomfort, overcrowding and reckless speed. There is plenty of life about. Should one become tired of the exciting and thrilling pastime of being nearly run over by trams, a visit to the Archaeological Museum, Boulevard de l'Ouest, will prove a welcome 'cooler'. Here may be found a splendid collection of prehistoric, Roman and Frankish antiquities found in the district, well worthy of inspection.

Whilst one is naturally proud of the great Australian conquest of the fair sex in Charleroi, personal considerations of safety lead one to regret the fact that this has resulted in such a large amount of gun-play by disappointed and frenzied Belgian swains. However the whole history of CHARLEROI has been largely one of war, so "sanfairym".

#### PARLIAMENT.

On Wednesday 5th inst. at 7 p.m. in the Cinema Hall, the sixth sitting of the first session of the DINKUM PARLIAMENT was attended by a large number of the troops. The Deputy Speaker (Pedre Turwell) was in the chair.

A Bill introduced by Pedro Crawford (Hon. Member for Parramatta) to enable railways to be owned by private concerns was fiercely attacked by the Premier (Hon. Mr. Murray). The Hon. Member for Armidale very ably drew attention to the financial side of the question. The Bill, as a whole was rejected.

A Bill to extend the Continental system of beerhouses to Australia was introduced by the Premier at 8.15 p.m. He drew attention to the overcrowding in hotel bars, and the danger of hastily swallowing a pint of beer. After much discussion for and against, the Bill was passed by a large majority.

At 9.15 p.m. the House adjourned its sitting until 7 p.m. on Saturday night.

#### S P O R T

By (Pindonjay)

There is very little to report this week, there only being the two Divisional Rugby matches played since our last issue. The soccer team are meeting the Belgians to-day on the Rugby ground and the Divisional Australian Rules team are meeting the 5th Division in the Comp., but am afraid the latter game has interest for very few of us in this Brigade. Our first match in the Corps Competition on Tuesday last versus the Corps Troops team resulted in an easy victory for us by 34 points to nil. Owing to the weakness of the opposing team little can be said of our team. The one redeeming feature to me was the very fine unselfish play and combination of our backs. Our forwards too, showed great combination and in the loose were excellent. Tries were scored by the following :- Sanders 3, Paterson 2, Dykes 1, Lt. Brown 1, Bonner 1, Francis 1, Chaffey 1. Two tries were converted by Sanders and Dykes respectively. Talking of goals, that is one thing our team is very weak in - a good kick in a tight game - this has often proved a big asset to a team and is not to be linked at in the present one.

Our last game on Friday versus the 5th Division proved as good a game as one could wish to see and the result, a win to us by 14 points to nil, does not really denote the small difference between the two teams as more than once the visiting team looked dangerous, especially half way through the second half. When the situation was prettily saved by Smith and one of his short punts, as usual he was brilliant but there are scarcely any complaints to make of anyone. The whole team proved by sheer determination and combination that they are the right stuff to represent the good old Diamond. Bonner, as usual, never failed to get the ball out for us and although very greasy the backs handled the ball well. Brennan was inclined to hang on rather too long during the first half, but being a good sport, after being told improved very much towards the end. Capt. Trennery, although not brilliant was very sound and safe, and after all, that is all that is required of a full back. Owing to going on draft, Lt. Brown was replaced by Sgt. Russell in the three quarters and Johns replaced Francis in the second row. In my opinion we cannot change any of our forwards but I will not say the same of the backs. Tries were got by :- Lt. McFadden, Smith, Dykes, & Col. Paterson. - Sanders converted.

Our next game is versus the 4th Division on Monday 10th., which should prove another good hard game. The team selected to represent the Diamonds is shown on next page.



Cant. Trennery (17) Cpl. Paterson (18)  
 Dukes (17) Cpl. Wilson (TM) Sanders (A)  
 Smith (TM)  
 Beaumont (17)  
 Donnelly, (18) Bonner, (17) Jefferies (18)  
 Chaffey (MG) Johns (A)  
 Lt. McFadden (17), Earnshaw (TM), Dick (M.G)

Match to be played on our own ground - Kick-off 2'45 p.m.

#### PLACES OF INTEREST.

Long before 'la guerre' was even thought of, we had read and lingered over descriptions on the progress of civilisation and art in the countries of the old world. Now we are in the midst of this "old world", and the writer hopes to give all 'deeswections' a brief idea of some of the most famous old towns of Belgium.

Belgium is, indeed, one of the most interesting countries of Europe, a fact which is testified to by the increasing popularity of the country amongst all classes of tourists. To the artist, Belgium is an El Dorado; to the poet a stirring theme of verse; to the lover of history a revel of glorious fact and romantic legend. And yet, with all its beauty, with all its legend and romance of the past, Belgium had up to the outbreak of war even greater claims upon the world's consideration - its stupendous commercial and industrial eminence, which held its own even against Great Britain and America.

BRUSSELS - Well Brussels is Brussels and what else? Most of us have been there - or ought to have been - so that we will exclude it from our places of interest.

GHEENT - Ghent or Gend lies on the Scheldt and the Lys. Ghent is mentioned in history as early as the 7th century. At the beginning of the 13th century when the County of Artois was united to France, Ghent became the capital of Flanders and the usual residence of the Counts. At a very early period a spirit of independence developed itself among the inhabitants, more especially the weavers, and they succeeded in obtaining from their sovereigns those concessions which form the foundations of constitutional liberty. At one period the citizens had become so powerful and warlike that they succeeded in repulsing an English Army of 24000 men under Edward I in 1297. Their subjection to the Counts of Flanders and the Dukes of Burgundy appears to have been little more than nominal: for whenever these Princes attempted to levy a tax which was unpopular with the citizens, the latter sounded their alarm bell, flew to arms and expelled the obnoxious officials appointed to exact payment. Up to about the 15th century revolutions seem to have been almost the order of the day at Ghent. The turbulent spirit of the Ghenters ultimately proved their ruin. In 1448 when Philip of Burgundy imposed a heavy tax on salt, they openly declared war on him: and the best proof of the vastness of their resources is that they succeeded in carrying on the war for a period of five years. The day of retribution and humiliation, however, at length arrived, and the burghers, brave but undisciplined, were compelled to succumb. In the deciding battle at GAVRE, further up the Scheldt, they lost no less than 16000 men. Philip now levied enormous taxes on the city: the corporation and principal citizens were compelled to march out at the gate with halters round their necks and to kiss the dust at the feet of their conqueror; and the most valuable privileges of the city were suspended. An old Flemish inscription on the outside of the City Gate records the bravery of the guilds which fought during that five years struggle. Near the end of the 15th century, the wealthy Netherlands were brought under the power of Austria by marriage, and it was in Ghent that the first general constitution of the Netherlands was promulgated. From the 16th century onwards Ghent was subject to much humiliation and a great decline in trade was the outcome, but the fine arts which so characterise Belgium flourished as of old. After its subjection to Austrian rule Ghent went over to the French and about the end of the 18th century trade had increased enormously, and the city acquired an untroubled prosperity. Cotton spinning was introduced in 1800 and its importance in Ghent to-day is of no mean order. The same may be said of flax spinning, weaving and machine building.



In all, Ghent has 7050 factories, whilst the flour mills previous to the outbreak of the present war produced about 2,000,000 bags of flour a year.

To-day Ghent shows signs of the Hun occupation, and a repetition of the humility the citizens were subjected to in the middle ages. The fine Gare du Nord is a mass of ruin and the main boulevard is used for a temporary station. A few of the factories and mills are in working order and the citizens have already set to work to renovate the scattered ruins of the once busy hives of industry.

The main buildings of interest to a visitor are the Cathedral of St. Bavon, and the Castle of the Counts. The Cathedral of St. Bavon, externally a plain and unattractive Gothic structure, is, in the interior, one of the most richly decorated churches in Belgium. The building was commenced in the 10th. century and completed in 1300. On the walls of the Nave are the names and armorial bearings of the Knights of the Golden Fleece. Among the numerous paintings which adorn the various chapels, the writer had the privilege of viewing what is considered the best production of the Flemish School of Art, - the Adoration of the Lamb, painted by Van Eyck about 1420. The whole of the figures - of which there are about 300 - command prolonged attention from the variety of the attitudes and expressions, the stern resolution of some, the eager glances of others, the pious resignation and contemplative serenity of the remainder. There is not to be found in the whole Flemish school, a picture in which human figures are grouped, designed, or painted with so much perfection as in this - even two days growth of beard can be seen on one figure.

On one side of the Square stands the massive Castle of the Counts dating back to somewhere about 868. A subterranean passage,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length, leading to a point outside the city, is said to have existed and to have been employed for admitting soldiers to the castle in case of an emergency. From the top of this old castle one can distinguish the old baronial city with its picturesque houses, all shapes and sizes, giving a pleasing outline against the sky, to the stereotyped new buildings of the modern city.

Ghent abounds in churches, old antiquities, and Beguinages - much similar to our convents - whilst its harbour on the Scheldt shows a visitor that as much can be accomplished, and as much trade commanded in the country as on the coast.

Ghent is a wonder to the traveller, and an opportunity once offered should readily be availed of.

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#### WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

1. Who was the officer who attempted to fascinate a lady last Wednesday night on the tram to MONTIGNY, unaware of the fact ~~that she was accompanied~~ by her husband? And what happened?
2. Why certain residents of "ALCOURT" moved to MONTIGNY?
3. Why it costs more in BRUSSELS than ANTWERP?
4. Who is the N.O.O. who couldn't manage a "ticklish" situation? And who is the N.O.O. who threatened him with violence and why?
5. What unit has better claims to Rugger Championship of the A.I.F. than this Battalion.
6. Why some 'diggers' object to paying the paltry "deux sous" on the local trams?
7. Why the spirit of Australian comradeship is so conspicuous by its absence at various unit entertainments of late?
8. What Captain HOBBS found in the south of France to make him cut his moustache off?
9. Why a woman said to an officer of this Battalion "I'll bel-cher out of Walcourt" and why was he in such a hurry to leave?

#### NOTICES.

CORPS BOXING TOURNAMENT - This tournament will be held in the Universite-du-Travail, CHARLEROI at 1430 daily from 10th. to 14th. March inclusive.  
Admission: Officers 2 francs. Other ranks Free.

#### SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL RACE MEETING.

The 2nd. March meeting will be held at CHATELET on Sunday, 23rd. March 1919  
First race commences 1230. ADMISSION - FREE.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
13th March 1919.

SPECIAL ORDER

By,

LIEUT.-COLONEL G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O.

COMMANDING 18th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Reference General Instructions No. 6, Para. 25, Annexure "A"

The following personnel have been detailed and will constitute Cadre "B" of 18th Battalion, A.I.F. :-

2/Lieut. R.C. WILLIAMSON,  
3687. Cpl. S.E. YARROLL,  
4131. Cpl. A. GOODE,  
6781. Pte. L.J.G. FORD,  
4487. Pte. H.G. MILLER.

Captain,  
Adjutant 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Copy to  
20th Battalion  
(for information)



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES  
18<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION

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QUI AURA LIEU LE 19 Mars 1919 A 19,45 HEURES  
AU SALON DU CASINO MONTIGNY-LE-TILLEUL  
SOUS LE PATRONAGE DU L<sup>T</sup> COL. G. F. MURPHY. C. M. G. D. S. O.

MUSIQUE: SYMPHONIE  
R. S. V. P. DE MONTIGNY.

SEC. HON.  
LT. C. J. BROSSOIS.  
81, ROUTE DE GOZÉE

LES DEMOISELLES POURRONT ÊTRE CHAPERONNÉES.

Montigny-le-Tilleul, le

Messieurs les Officiers du 17<sup>e</sup> et 18<sup>e</sup> bataillon Australien  
ont l'honneur d'inviter M<sup>lle</sup>  
au Bal qu'ils offriront, au Salon du Casino, le Vendredi  
14 Mars à 8 1/2 heures.

Les demoiselles pourront être chaperonnées.

R. S. V. P. au Lieutenant Moors  
chez M. Eugène Philippe  
85, Rue de Marchiennes.



# DEESWEEP DISPATCH

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No. 9.

MONTIGNY, SUNDAY, 16th. March 1919.

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(transmission by post.)

LIEUT. J. MAXWELL, V.C., M.C., D.C.M.

## "His V.C. Speech"

On 3rd. October 1918 he took part as a Platoon Commander in an attack on the BEUREVOIR-FONSOMME LINE near ESTREES, North of ST. QUENTIN. His Company Commander was severely wounded soon after the jump-off and Lieut. MAXWELL at once took charge of the company. When the enemy wire was reached they were met by a hail of machine gun fire and suffered considerable casualties, including all other officers of the company. The wire at this point was 6 belts thick, each belt being 20 to 25 feet wide. Lieut. MAXWELL rushed forward singlehanded through the wire and attacked a most dangerous machine gun. His company followed him through the wire and captured the trenches forming their objective. Later it was noticed that the company on his left was held up in the wire by a very strong force on the left flank of the Battalion. He at once organised a party and moved to the left to endeavour to attack the enemy from the rear. Heavy machine gun fire met them. Lieut. MAXWELL again dashed forward singlehanded at the foremost machine gun and with his revolver shot five of the crew, so silencing the gun. Owing to the work of this party the left company was then able to work a small force through the wire and eventually to occupy the objective and mop up the trenches. In the fighting prior to the mopping up an English-speaking prisoner who was captured stated that the remainder of the enemy were willing to surrender. Lieut. MAXWELL and two men with this prisoner walked to a post containing more than 20 Germans: the latter at once seized them and disarmed them. Lieut. MAXWELL waited his chance, and then, with an automatic pistol which he had concealed in his small box respirator shot two of the enemy and with the 2 men escaped. They were pursued by rifle fire and one man wounded. However Lieut. MAXWELL organised a small party, and at once attacked it and captured the post. Throughout the day this young officer set a most remarkable example of personal bravery, tempered with excellent judgment and aggressive decision. There is no doubt that had it not been for his personal dash the operation could not have succeeded as quickly as it did. He handled a most involved situation with very fine leadership.

Lieut. MAXWELL, V.C., M.C., D.C.M. has just returned from England after having been invested by His Majesty King George V.

## DEMOBILISATION.

What will happen to us on arrival at WEYMOUTH. --

1. A breakfast meal is provided for all troops on arrival, and a further ration is provided for consumption during the train journey.
2. Troops will be disembarked in 2 separate parties, consisting of :-  
Party "A"
  - (1) The second senior officer.
  - (2) One-half the complement of officers.
  - (3) Other ranks to the number given by the Embarkation Staff Officer, who will form the first train party. Where possible this number should be composed of complete unit contributions to the quota.  
Party "B"
  - (1) The Officer Commanding troops.
  - (2) The remainder of officers and other ranks.
3. A white breakfast ticket will be issued to each individual at the foot of the gangway as he disembarks.
4. Each party will be supplied with a guide, and will be marched to ALEXANDRA GARDENS. Breakfast will there be issued to each individual on presentation of his ticket.
5. After breakfast the party will be formed up, and each individual will be issued with a green ticket entitling him to a train ration.
6. The party, led by its guide will then be marched to the entraining point.
7. Each individual will then be issued with a train ration on



presentation of his green ticket.

8.---Entraining will then take place. Eight other ranks will be allotted to each compartment.

9.---The first train, containing Party "A" will proceed to final destination. The second train, containing Party "B" and surplus stores and baggage will stop at intermediate stations to permit the disentraining of Special Drafts and Details at the points nearest to their camps.

10.---Immediately upon arrival at WEYMOUTH, a medical officer will be in attendance - to render such attention as is necessary and to take charge of such cases as require hospital treatment.

#### PLACES OF INTEREST.

#### "BRUGES"

In the ancient town of BRUGES:  
In the quaint old Flemish city,  
As the evening shades descended  
Low and loud and sweetly blended;  
Low at times and loud at times,  
And changing like a poet's rhymes,  
Rang the beautiful wild chimes  
From the Belfry, in the market  
Of the ancient town of BRUGES.

Longfellow.

BRUGES is connected with the North Sea by 2 deep canals navigable for sea-going vessels of considerable tonnage. The broad streets, and numerous old houses chiefly of Gothic architecture recall its ancient glory, and of all the old cities of Belgium, has best preserved its mediæval characteristics. The old houses have lost nothing of their character and dignity by contact with the newer buildings which have sprung up in their midst.

In the 14th. century BRUGES, (which in Flemish means "bridges" a name due to the numerous bridges crossing the canals) was the great commercial centre of Europe. Early in the 13th. century BRUGES became one of the great marts of the Hanseatic League and of the English wool trade. Lombards and Venetians conveyed the products of India and Italy, and returned home with the manufactures of England and Germany. Richly laden vessels from Venice, Genoa and Constantinople might be seen simultaneously discharging their cargoes there, and BRUGES abounded in English wool, Flemish linen, and Persian silk.

BRUGES was long the residence of the Counts of Flanders. It attained the culminating point to its prosperity during the first half of the 15th. century when the Dukes of Burgundy held their Court there. During that period the brilliant bevy of artists were kept in constant employment; and their works still shed a lustre on the name of the city. The Order of the Golden Fleece - the armorial bearings of which are to be found both here and Ghent - was founded at BRUGES by Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in 1429 on the occasion of his marriage with the daughter of the King of Portugal.

A fraternity which still exists is that of the "Broederscan der Ween" i.e. brotherhood of suffering, supposed to have been found by the son of Maximilian I about 1500. The street from the station to the town passes a small open space planted with trees and adorned with a statue of Simon Stevin the inventor of the decimal system.

The belfry, or Tour des Halles begun in 1291 and finished about the end of the 14th. century stands on one side of the market square from the summit of which one obtains a very extensive view. The chimes, dating from about 1750 can be heard day and night, and they would probably disturb an uneasy conscience: perhaps Longfellow fell into a day dream listening to them and thus his poem. Readers of Hereward the Wake and the Cloister on the Hearth, must have a regard for BRUGES: for there Hereward, the last of the English rode back from his feat of gaining the mare "Swallow": and where Jan van Eyck flourished, a statue standing in the city to his memory.

It is said that "Brussels rejoices in noble men, Antwerp in money, Ghent in holsters, Bruges in pretty girls, Louvain in learned men, and Malines in fools". From the writer's impression of BRUGES, the above characteristic exists to the present day.

The principal artistic attractions of BRUGES are the Cathedral, Hospital of St. John, Notre Dame, Chapelle of St. Sang (a church of two storeys) Palais de Justice, Museum, Hotel de Ville, and the Belfry. BRUGES seems to have been the home of the Old Flemish School of Art and it was here that many of the old masters, such as the brothers Van Eyck, Memling, and many contemporaries first commenced painting.

To-day the commercial prosperity of BRUGES is practically a thing



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of the past but its artistic treasures, and the old ancient splendour which still remain, constitute its chief charm and attraction.

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#### PARLIAMENT.

On "Wednesday 12th March at 7 p.m. the eighth session of the "DINKUM PARLIAMENT" sat in the Cinema Hall. Through the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, Lieut. REDGRAVE occupied the Chair. The meeting was very poorly attended, there being only 4 ministers present.

The Bill under discussion was "That the Mandatory system as proposed by the Peace Conference is against the interests of the belligerent Powers". The Premier (Col. MURRAY) in his usual vigorous manner ably spoke against the system. He pointed out how unsatisfactory such a system is to the nations concerned, mentioning chiefly the relationship of Australia to German New Guinea.

The Leader of the Opposition (Pte. SHEEHAN) in his quiet way, pulled the Premier to pieces, and spoke equally well in favour of the system. The Hon. Member for "Wagga" (Col. CRAWFORD) and the Hon. Member for Cooma (Pte. BREVILL) spoke for and against the Bill respectively.

Summing up the debate, one was led to believe that the whole mandatory system hinged on Australia and New Guinea: other nations, though admittedly not so important as Australia did not get a hearing. At 8.30 p.m. the House divided and the Government won by the small majority of 4. The House then adjourned until 7 p.m. on Saturday the 15th March.

It is a pity to see the attendance at these meetings falling off: apparently perpendicular refreshments in the nature of debates, are not so popular as other kinds of refreshments in the nature of ----- other things.

#### WALLOONS WAIL OF WOE.

Nous voici arrivé que la guerre est d'avord fini  
Les Boches sont parties, nous avons les alliés,  
C'est une bonne affaire, c'est tout de même une autre vie.  
On est déjà un peu grossi  
Mais nos peines ne font pas finies.  
Il y a encore des misères à avoir.  
Surtout avec nos jeunes filles  
Car nous sommes encore mieux remballé  
Elles ont des Australiens, des Anglais, des Français  
Des Serbes, des Italiens et des Sénégalais.

#### REFRAIN

Nous qui pensions ne plus être gêné de femmes  
Croyant bien que dans six mois nous serions mairés  
Vous l'avouez c'est tout de même une misère  
De toujours se voir rebuté  
Quand vous demandez à votre ancienne amie  
Se motif pourquoi elle vous a remballé.  
Elle vous répond en faisant une risée  
Il faut tout de même recevoir nous Alliés.

2. C'est à Walcourt, il faut voir qu'elle affaire  
Depuis un mois nous avons des Australiens  
De beaux hommes, il faudrait voir quels soldats  
Bien habillé et le chapeau sur le côté  
Mais ils ont pris toutes nos femmes  
Les vieilles, les jeunes et les mariées  
Ils ont tous une fiancée  
Et sans compter qu'elles sont choyées  
Elles ont du chocolat, des biscuits, du nougat  
Quand on a bien mangé on va au cinéma.

(Refrain)



3. Un de nos jeunes gens qui portant de bonne famille  
 Il y a deux ans qu'ils est fiancée  
 Ils s'aimaient bien, on disait que c'était pour la vie  
 On les rencontraient partout  
 Mais voici arrivé l'armistice  
 Elle a rencontré un Australien  
 Qui lui a donné comme "souvenir"  
 La médaille qu'il a à son chapeau  
 En la prenant sous le bras  
 Il lui aura dit tout bas:  
 Voulez-vous mademoiselle promenade avec moi

#### Dernier refrain

Mais ça ne fait rien, un jour viendra la vengeance  
 Dans un petit temps ils seront tous partis  
 Elles pleureront tout être un petit peu leurs anges  
 Qui seront retournés dans leur pays  
 Et quand reviendront les bals, et les soirées  
 La Grande Fête la Trinité.  
 Nous ne les regarderons pas plus que des vieilles grands mères  
 Nous ferons revenir des femmes de Charleroi !

#### TRANSLATION

The war has at last finished ! the Boche has departed and we now have the Allies - the Australians, English, French, Servians, Italians and the Senegalese. Life is altogether different and at last we have been able to let out our belts: but, sorry to relate, troubles still linger, and we have to put up with rebuffs from the Allies. We all thought that there would be no more trouble with our girls, and that ere six months had passed we would all be married and living happily. Instead, our girls turn us down and when we ask them why they readily reply with a broad grin "It's absolutely necessary to welcome the Allies"

At Walcourt we have had the Australians a month - fine lads, well dressed, with hat brims turned up on one side - we can see that they are soldiers. Here they have "winched" all our girls, our old women, the young and the married and these souls of innocent virtue listening to the tales of the Australians are carried away by their cuddles, by chocolate and biscuits: then when they have eaten these (not the cuddles Ed.) they go off to the Cinema. One fine lad of Walcourt had a fiancée for 2 years - they loved a lot and swore 'twas for ever: they were always to be seen together. The Armistice was signed, and the Australian came to Walcourt. She meets an Australian, who gives her the badge off his hat for a souvenir! and softly whispers in her ear "Voulez-vous promenade avec moi". But, san-fairy-ann, these soldiers will soon be far away and perhaps the girls will weep for their angels who have gone back home. Then shall come our revenge - "Vengeance is sweet". Balls and evenings will recommence, La Grand Fete and La Trinite will be held and as gay as ever: but ----- girls of Walcourt will be treated like Grandma's and we shall have the faithful true girls of Charleroi.

The above pathetic poem was written by a heart-broken and love-wrecked youth of a good family residing in Walcourt. He wishes to convey to the world at large, and in particular to the Australians and girls of that town, the injured feelings which are so ever prevalent in the manhood of his community.

A Short and imperfect translation as given above, may prove to mend the ways of all 'diggers': and when the time comes for your departure, sorrowful though it may be, we have no hesitation in saying that the temporary fiancées of Austral's sons will once more be happily and lovingly embraced by the true sons of this famous old country.

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 "Religious Editor"

#### S P O R T

This week we have been able to add more laurels to the dear old Diamond in adding 2 very important wins in the Corns Rugby Competition, although I must say we had a very lucky win on Thursday. I only hope our good luck will stick with us over Monday when we play the 1st Division to see who are to be the Premiers as they are unbeaten.

Our match on Tuesday versus the 4th Division resulted in a win by us



by 17 points to nil: but our lads were not nearly as good as in our previous game with the 5th Division. The combination was good but the ball was hanging in the second row too much: however they bucked up towards the end of the game and our short punt absolutely beat the opposing team. Bonner and Smith were in their usual good form. Landers too, played a splendid game in the three-quarter line and again added a couple of points by his splendid kicking. The team are most ably skippered by none more worthy than SMITH. Tries were scored by Donnelly, Chaffey, Landers, Dykes, and Russell, Landers converted. Our referee - Cpl. Galway, 17th Bn. - was as usual very fair in spite of all the unkind things said of him lately. I do not think we could find a fairer or more able judge of the game as it should be played. The team was the same as played against the 5th Division.

On Thursday our team stood the hardest test they have yet experienced although we won by 14 points to 3. The 3rd Division were unlucky in not scoring more points and I think I am right in saying that many of us on the line had the wind "vertical": on more than one occasion for they are the first team who have crossed our line: when we think that up to within 12 minutes of full time no tries were scored, it goes to prove that they defended as well as attacked, for our forwards broke through several times and were sent back again and again by a most able full-back. Luckily for us Landers was in good form and twice kicked a penalty goal. The visitors have a fairly heavy set of backs, who at times seemed to put the wind up our three-quarter line whose tackling was very poor indeed: our forwards played a splendid game and had to keep at it from the word "go" but they too, did not handle the ball well. Lieut. Revell replaced Lieut. McFadden as breakaway and played a very good game but I think we are quite satisfied with our previous pack, and, as McFadden's knee is better for its rest he will take his place again on Monday. Wilson replaced Russell in the three-quarter line but there is still something lacking here. Captain Trenerry was in good form and was called upon to tackle for the first time in his own twenty-five. Smith, Bonner, Beaumont and Donnelly all played splendid football and all we can do is to hope they will all be in good form on Monday when we meet the senior "Divvy". Tries were scored by Donnelly and Lieut. Revell, Landers converted and kicked two penalty goals.

At Walecourt on the same day the 1st Division beat the 5th. by 9 points to nil, six of the points obtained by penalty goals.

Our Australian Rules team too are so far unbeaten and also our soccer team, so we have good cause to go about with our colours well displayed.

On Friday, Lieut. Revell of this Battalion was sent over to Blighty as a prospective member of the Australian Eight at Henley. Lieut. McGill of the 20th Bn. is already there - good luck to them.

----- "PIPDONJAY"

#### WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

1. Who was the officer of this Battalion who defended his youth and innocence with a well known bedroom article usually found in the front gardens of French houses?
2. Who was the charboniser? and what thickness is the coal dust seam?
3. Who turned a respectable mess into a "Cafe Madrid"?
4. Who was the Anzac in company with a Kiwi, who locked an innocent fraulein in a room?
5. Why the military board goes to so much trouble to find out our ailments, now that the war is over?
6. Why rummy is not included in the games tournament?
7. Why two senior N.C.O's of this battalion were only allowed to wear "Hats, belts, and colour patches" when going on leave to BRUSSELS?
8. The ailments of the web-footed animal on sick parade the other day?
9. Why the stranger's gallery in the DINKUM PARLIAMENT is so poorly attended nowadays?

#### DANCING.

A meeting of 4 representatives per company was held in the Education Office on Wednesday for the purpose of forming a dance committee. The following Committee was elected:-

Lieut. BROUSSOIS, (Sec. & Treas.)

R.S.M. WRIGHT M.M.

Sgt. GEMMILL.

Sig. DOWNIE, M.M.

Sig. HINSON.

It has been decided to hold the initial "hop" on Wednesday night and it now remains for the members of the Battalion to make the venture a huge success. The dance is under the patronage of Lt.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O.



GAMES TOURNAMENTS.

During the week it was decided, and favourably viewed by Lt-Col. G.F. MURPHY, "C.M.G., D.S.O." that tournaments be carried out in the following indoor games :- BRIDGE, WHIST, CHESS, DRAFTS, and PING-PONG: and also that a progressive EUCHRE PARTY be held. The first round of the first five games will commence on Monday as per the draw shown below. All players are requested to strictly adhere to times stated so that no confusion will arise. AUCTION BRIDGE and ordinary WHIST will be played and the best 2 out of 3 games will decide. 1st. & 2nd. Prizes will be given in all tournaments except Bridge and Whist - 1st. pair only. The following is the draw for the week, all matches being played in the Bn. Reading Room opposite "Y" Coy. coker. PING-PONG in the Cinema Hall - best of 3 games, (each 31 up)

| DAY   | TIME      | PLAYERS   | GAME.     |
|-------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Mon.  | 6 p.m.    | Sgts. BULL & ROBERTS v Pte. Sanderson & Passlow.            | BRIDGE    |
|       | "         | Sgts. Carney & Mowkill, v. Sgts. Hunter & Barnett.          | "         |
|       | "         | Sgts. Gammill & Knox, v. Sgt. Hill & Pte. Fall.             | WHIST.    |
|       | "         | Pte. McLean v Col. Milliken.                                | DRAFTS    |
|       | 7 p.m.    | Lt. O'Sullivan v Pte. Walker.                               | PING-PONG |
| Tues. | 6 p.m.    | Sgt. Hill & Pte. Fall, v Ptes. Gorman & McCrae.             | BRIDGE.   |
|       | "         | Col. Milliken & Pte. Gibbons, v. Sigs. Hilder & March.      | "         |
|       | "         | Col. McManus & CSM. Rochester, v. Ptes. Hurstwaite & Gray.  | WHIST.    |
|       | "         | Sgt. Luck, v Pte. Hunt.                                     | DRAFTS.   |
|       | "         | Sg. Roberts v Sgt. Hansen.                                  | CHESS.    |
|       | 7 p.m.    | Sgt. Gammill, v L/Cpl. Burns.                               | PING-PONG |
| Wed.  | 5.30 p.m. | Sgt. Carney v Pte. Redman.                                  | "         |
| Thur. | 6 p.m.    | Sgt. Knox & CSM. Morgan, v. Sgt. Kates & Pte. Begley,       | BRIDGE.   |
|       | 7 p.m.    | Capt. Walklate & Lt. Bolger, v. Ptes. Cason & Tolhurst,     | "         |
|       | 6 p.m.    | Sgts. Carney & Mowkill, v Ptes. Gorman & McCrae.            | WHIST.    |
|       | "         | Pte. Waters v Sgt. Hill,                                    | DRAFTS.   |
|       | "         | Col. Murray v Sgt. Bull,                                    | CHESS.    |
|       | 7 p.m.    | Lt. De Saxe v Sig. Downie.                                  | PING-PONG |
| Fri.  | 7 p.m.    | EUCHRE TOURNAMENT IN CINEMA HALL. (next Church)             |           |
| Sat.  | 6 p.m.    | Ptes. Reid & Speerin v Cpl. McManus & CSM. Rochester.       | BRIDGE    |
|       | "         | Sgt. Gammill, & CQMS. Williams, v Ptes. Redman & McGlynn.   | "         |
|       | "         | Sigs. Hilder & March v Sgts. Flower & Martin.               | WHIST.    |
|       | "         | Pte. Parks, v Pte. Sutton.                                  | PING-PONG |
|       | "         | Ptes. Murphy v Pte. Lunn,                                   | DRAFTS.   |
|       | "         | Sgt. Hill. v Pte. Milligan.                                 | CHESS.    |
| Sun.  | 6 p.m.    | Lts. Belcher & O'Sullivan, v. Ptes. Milligan & Robertson,   | BRIDGE    |
|       | "         | Lts. De Saxe & Ravell, v Sgt. Miller & Sig. Low.            | "         |
|       | "         | Ptes. Sanderson & Passlow, v. Cpl. Milliken & Pte. Gibbons. | WHIST.    |
|       | "         | Pte. Parks, v Pte. Sutton.                                  | CHESS.    |
|       | "         | Sgt. Hansen v Sig. Hilder.                                  | PING-PONG |

Byes. First round - Draughts - Sgt. Bull.

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MORAL STORY. (By a Sunday school teacher)

It happened at VILLERS BRETONNEUX. They had advanced a short distance and a party of linesmen were running the wire to advanced Company H.O. Every hundred yards or so, they twisted the wire around a short iron stake, a supply of which they carried. The job was all but done. "Nother peg" said the buckshoe in charge. "Finis" replied the carrier. The L/Cpl. prepared to blow off "by the bloody hell" - then he spotted a dead hun, whom a shell had killed and half buried. "San-fairy-ann" he remarked "he'll do". Promptly he lapped the wire round the Hun's neck and finished the job.

MORAL - "A dead hun is, of more use than a live one".



# DEESWIRE DESPATCH

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## PLACES OF INTEREST.

## "OSTEND" and "ZEEBRUGGE"

OSTEND is the second sea-port town of Belgium, but it owes its world-wide popularity and importance in the fact that it is the "Manly" of Belgium. - it even can be considered the Queen of European watering places. The town was once strongly fortified. At the beginning of the 17th Century it sustained one of the most remarkable sieges on record, and was only surrendered to the Spanish General in consequence of orders received from the Netherlands General after three years. In the Spanish war of succession, Ostend was occupied by the English under Marlborough; in 1745 Louis XV of France took the fortress after a siege of 18 days; and about 50 years later it was again taken by the French who held it until the year before Waterloo. The fortifications were demolished in 1865 and have been converted into promenades; since then many fine buildings have been erected along the beach. Thus, to-day it is world-famed as a seaside resort and its most valuable acquisitions are the promenades.

The chief promenade is known as the Digue, extending along the coast for a distance of 10 miles to Nieuport. The Digue, being about 30 yards wide is a favourite drive for motors etc. Many of the buildings beautifying the promenades are tasteful structures in the Flemish Venetian style, the most important of which is the Kurseal, standing in about the middle of the important section of the Digue. Previous to the war over a million visitors per annum attended its many entertainments. It contains a vast hall capable of seating 5000 persons, a beautifully decorated ball-room, a reading room with the world's newspapers and periodicals, first-class restaurants, exhibition hall, beside innumerable rooms for writing, conversation, music, billiards; all constructed and decorated with fine taste. Besides the Digue, another very popular promenade is, or rather was the Estacade, an immense wooden pier stretching about 800 yards into the sea. Nowadays the Estacade is a deploring sight and one has difficulty to do the "Blonden Act" walking the one solitary plank. From the Estacade one can obtain a splendid view of the famous Vindictive now moored on one side to allow the entrance and departure of mail steamers, fishers, etc. The navy is at present very diligently employed salvaging the concrete vessels which were placed in the harbour on that memorable night of the raid by the Dever Patrol.

A stroll around the promenades and harbour soon shows even a casual visitor the destructive powers of the Hun. Trenches and concrete gun emplacements are scattered along the Digue whilst the fine Palace Hotel has been turned into a large ammunition store. A railway station completed but six months before the outbreak of war and situated on the Quay was destructively pulled down by large cranes, whilst in one of the few rooms still intact one can see a crude Hun drawing of the sinking of the Lusitania. The King's House where the present Queen's daughter first saw light is also badly damaged.

From Ostend a vicinal tram runs along the sand dunes to Zeebrugge passing on its way the "little Ostend" - Blankenberge - a much quieter seaside resort, but with its quietness it does not lack popularity and comfort. Between Ostend and Blankenberge naval guns and trenches en galore may be seen. Zeebrugge is but a short distance past Blankenberge. It is devoid of a town - the few buildings there being mostly demolished.

The Zeebrugge Mole completed in 1908, with the intention of making it the national harbour extends for about two kilos into the sea and is made of solid concrete except for the first 100 yards which is solid bridge construction; and where the submarine put the famous Mole out of action - the submarine can still be seen with its periscope showing out of the water and seemingly guarding its destruction. The Mole had been strongly fortified by the Hun, who, needless to say made himself very comfortable there. Before leaving he sank the "Brussels" which was captained by Captain FRYATT.

The season at these famous resorts should commence again this summer and a visit there to a person of a large imagination would probably be like a trip to Manly.

"BANFF"



## THE HISTORY OF SPORT.

VIGNACOURTMONTIGNY

Sport throughout this Brigade has always been one of the chief features of training, and to my mind has been not a little to blame for its huge success at all times: but, as everyone knows active service and sport do not blend together very well, and it was not until after the Armistice was signed that we were able to keep definite teams and the results were wonderful.

We were at VIGNACOURT, a village about 15 miles west of AMIENS, when the Armistice was signed, and the day following our C.O. Lt-Col. MURPHY, CMG, DSO, called a few of us together and told us what we were to do. Parades were reduced to a minimum and sports of all kinds were organised which were enthusiastically received by all ranks. Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Boxing, and Indoor Sports were commenced but owing to our move on 21st November little was done in the way of competitions until we eventually arrived and settled down at "ALCOURT" Belgium. At PRISCHES however, the ground work of forming the various committees was carried out and by the following reports one is able to judge how thoroughly sport was really organised. On the 28th November '18 a meeting of representatives of Hd.Qrs. and each Company was held in the En. H.Q. Mess - the following were present :-

Lt-Col. Murphy, CMG, DSO (in the Chair); Major Robertson, M.C.; Capt. Paine; Capt. Doyle; Capt. Lane, D.S.O.; Capt. Beddie, M.C.; Lieut. Robson, M.C.; Lieut. Balcher, M.C.; Lieut. Foote, M.C.; Lieut. Jones, M.C., D.C.M.; Lieut. Willis; Lieut. Redgrave; Lieut. Sanson; Lieut. Hendy; R.S.M. Wright, M.M.; M.S.M.; Sgt. Luck, D.C.M.; M.M.; C.Q.M.S. McMahon; L/Cpl. Draper; Pte. Finneran; Pte. Dudgeon. It was resolved that the 18th Battalion Regimental Institute be founded on the following basis :-

OBJECTS - To control within the Battalion -

(1) Sport. (2) Education. (3) Canteen.

MANAGEMENT

- The management to be under a General Management Committee consisting of the Col. as President; O's C. Coys. and Officers and Other ranks. Committees and sub-committees to be formed as under :-

(a) SPORT - To consist of Chairman and one representative per Company whilst sub-committees for Rugby, Soccer and Hockey were to be constituted likewise.

(b) EDUCATION - Committee to consist of Chairman and one representative per Company.

(c) CANTEEN - Committee - Major Robertson, M.C.  
Lieut. Moors, M.C., Lieut. Brown, M.C.

APPOINTMENTS

- The following appointments were unanimously agreed to :-  
Secretary Lieut. Hendy; Asst. Secretary C.Q.M.S. McMahon;

(To be continued by PIPDONJAY)

VALEDICTORY.

On Thursday the 20th instant Lt.-Col. G.F. MURPHY, C.M.G., D.S.O. left the 18th Battalion to take up Transport Duties. In doing so he finally severed his long and meritorious connection with the Battalion for the remaining period of its service abroad. During his service with the 18th Bn. Col. Murphy was awarded the C.M.G., D.S.O. and Bar, and mentioned in Despatches seven times. These honours in conjunction with the dinkum feelings of regret expressed by all ranks on the day of his departure speak sufficiently of his work as a soldier. All who served in the 18th. look forward now to the day in Aussie when, perhaps it will be possible to get the Battalion "on parade" and again be, if only for a few hours honoured by the privilege and pleasure of serving under his command.

The "Despatch" wishes Col. Murphy the very best of luck and trusts that he will long be spared to preside at the Re-union dinners. With him also went Lieut. W.S. Moors, M.C. and Lieut. F.J. Brown, M.C. We wish them all the best and nicest things possible.

The Editor.

THE DANCE.

Our long dreamt of Battalion dance was held last Wednesday evening in the Casino Hall. The floor was in good condition, thanks to the Committee and their energetic band of helpers (they had to be energetic to get it prepared in so short a time). If a certain polite section had not removed their box, considerably more time could have been spent preparing the floor to everyone's advantage; but of course some people ARE like that. being on the same par as



gentlemen who considered it good etiquette to throw cigarette ends and used matches on the floor.

The attendance was beyond expectation. Ladies, young and old, large and small, were there in dozens, whilst a few marked ones who made an appearance at the door were politely informed that the dance was for select people only - it is a pity these rules were not enforced on the male sex also. The many couples who took the floor were much bewildered during the evening by the unorthodox peculiarities of the conductor of the Belgian Orchestra, who seemed to be amusing himself and his players, certainly not the dancers, by suddenly changing the time of a waltz or a schottische into the Dead March or trying to see how many different times he could work into the one piece. Undoubtedly he wielded his wand in fantastic style during the "rag" and had the exponents of the "light fantastic" extremely doubtful whether to dance to the music or not - however, more experienced dancers considered that it was better to hum a rag of their own.

The evening, despite various discrepancies was very enjoyable, and supper time found all quiet, happy, and secretive; in fact the committee and helpers had no difficulty to dispose of the eatables - especially to small-eyed fidgety dames with children (Bags are useful sometimes). Lt. Col. Murphy C.M.G. D.S.O. was present and the MC, Lieut. McIntyre, M.S.M. very ably mentioned that this would be the last time we would have the Col. with us and called for three hearty cheers for him which were echoed as readily as the first. The Committee must be given all credit for the evening's entertainment and we take this opportunity of thanking them on behalf of the Battalion: however, a word in their ears - Try military music next time.

#### MORAL STORIES. (By a Sunday School teacher)

It was in a "boozie" near Nierpe. Fritz was shelling the area round about. One lobbed outside the backyard and the business shook. "Allemand bookke bombard" murmured Madame doubtfully: "Wee" assented a digger. Then it was up to him, he reckoned to cheer her up - "Say Madame if he lobs the next one on this joint, when we get to Heaven and get our wings, I'll fly you for a couple of bottles of bock" The next minute an H.E. lifted part of the estaminet skywards. Madame came to five minutes afterwards. A dying man lay at her feet. She bent to assist him. He grinned at her - "just got our bet on in time", he gasped - then he went 'west' ---- for his wings.

MORAL - Get your money on why your luck's in.

This happened at Liverpool, N.S.W. It was Sunday. About 3 p.m. the Orderly Officer came round to the Guard room unexpectedly. The sentry at the door saluted; "How many prisoners sentry?", "One sir". The officer stepped inside. The room was empty. "Where's the prisoner sentry?", "Here sir"; "Where?", "I'm the prisoner" "You!" then what the blue blazes are you doing with a rifle and bayonet?", "The sentry wanted a drink sir, so I relieved him". He was guarding himself.

MORAL - (for Tommies only) When dealing with Aussies don't always judge by appearances.

Some diggers were at a curiosity shop in Antwerp. Some were sitting on the kerb, others idly smoking fags with their hands snugly concealed in their pockets. A Corporal had his back half-turned. A Tommy General appeared in the distance. The General arrived in front of the diggers - no movement to be seen. The General left-turned, clicked his heels and came to the salute. A Sergeant casually responded to the compliment. The General right-turned and proceeded on his way.

MORAL -- Even Aussies can be taught things sometimes.

#### LAND FOR AUSSIES.

The Premier of N.S.W. has received a cable from the British Govt. through the Agent-General in London in reference to the emigration of British soldiers to Australia. It is presumably proposed to place emigrants on the land but it should be realised that owing to the vast land monopoly, Australia is unable to place her own soldiers favourably. (Extract from Daily Mail)

The "Despatch" advises soldiers intending "going on the land" who have other occupations to go to, to go to them. A wine beneath the waistcoat is worth two in the bottle.



MONTIGNY TATTS SWEEP.

A sweep organised by Cpl. Holm and Sgt. Johnson, and officially sanctioned by the military authorities through Lt-Col. G.F. Murphy, C.M.G., D.S.O. was set in motion when it was found that the Second Divisional Race Club Meeting was to be held. The consultation to be drawn on the Totalisator Handicap. Tickets were well circulated amongst all Australians in the Charleroi Area and not one went begging.

The draw was made in the Cinema Hall on Saturday night, 22nd. March by Capt. C.G. Walklate, M.C. and Padre Clune, M.C. Four bags, one each containing "hundreds" "tens" "Units" and "Horses" were used, and four volunteers were called to draw from the bags. It was decided that in the event of the same number coming out twice it would not constitute a draw. The prizes for the sweep were

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 1st. Horse | 1000 Francs. |
| 2nd. Horse | 500 Francs.  |
| 3rd. Horse | 200 Francs.  |

Other starters divide 300 Francs and Non-starters 100 Francs. In the event of no non-starters the 100 francs to be pooled amongst other starters.

Twelve horses were entered for the Handicap and the draw resulted as follows :-

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Ticket No. 384 | Quendong II  |
| 593            | Jimmy.       |
| 493            | Mick.        |
| 329            | Blue.        |
| 188            | M/selle.     |
| 497            | Comedy Bill. |
| 277            | Texas Jack   |
| 505            | Bill II      |
| 513            | Leslie.      |
| 316            | Fidgety.     |
| 292            | Scotchman.   |
| 139            | Talkative.   |

LATER:

The race was run at 3 o'clock this afternoon at CHATELET, there being a very large attendance. The result of the Totalisator Handicap on which the sweep was drawn was - (1) Jimmy. (2) Mick. (3) Bill II.

The lucky winners in the sweep were -

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 1st. Horse | - Pte. W. Nixon, 18th. Bn.                         |
| 2nd. Horse | - Ptes. Davis, Lewis, & Stewart, Bde. Post Office. |
| 3rd. Horse | - Sgt. J. J. Luck, D.C.M., M.M., 18th. Bn.         |

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

1. Who was the officer of this Bn. who "pinched" a transport driver's girl ?
2. Who are the "low" boys" and do they like dinners ?
3. How many people noticed the "armed guard" last Wednesday night ?
4. Is a (h)armful knowledge of the local ladies essential for a course of "boerommism" ?
5. Whether plates hurt ones toes more than a football ?
6. Why not a JAZZ band for our next dance ?
7. Who were the seven bees buzzing around three Belgian bints at the concert and why the "loots" failed to connect ?
8. When the sweep-winner is going to shout ?

GAMES TOURNAMENTS

Most of the games played in the first round of the various games were very enthusiastically contested. There were a few forfeits but merely caused through men being sent on non-military employment to the United Kingdom. The draw as shown for this week includes two games in the first round of whist, second and third rounds, semi-finals, and finals. Times as stated this week must be strictly adhered to, otherwise confusion in the various rounds will be the result. All finals will be played in the Cinema Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 29th. instant. Any players not being there ready to commence by the stated time will forfeit.



## GAMES TOURNAMENTS

BATT. FOR WEEK ENDING MON. 29th. 1.19.

| Day  | Time | Players  | Game     |   |
|------|------|--|----------|---|
| Mon. | 6 pm | Jtes. Gorman & McGraw v Jtes. Cason & Murphy   | BRIDGE   | 1 |
|      | 2.30 | Sgt. Bull & Jte. Johnson v Sigs. Hilder & Larch  | "        | 3 |
|      | 6 pm | Jtes. Milligan & Johnson v Sgts. Bull & Roberts  | WHIST    | 4 |
|      | 2.30 | Jtes. Robertson & Steele v Sgt. Miller & Downie  | "        | 5 |
|      | 6 pm | Jte. Mcleen v Jte. Murphy  | DRAUGHTS | 1 |
|      | 6 pm | Sgt. Hansen v W.O. Murray  | Chess    |   |
| Tues | 2.30 | Sgts. Carney & Newkill v Jtes. Reid & Speerin  | BRIDGE   | 2 |
|      | 2.30 | C.S.A. Morgan & Sgt. Knox v Jtes. Milligan & Robertson                                 | "        | 4 |
|      | 6 pm | Sigs. Hilder & Larch v Jtes. Gorman & McGraw   | WHIST    | 1 |
|      | 6 pm | Cpl. Milliken & Gibbons v Winners 5 (Monday)   | "        | 3 |
|      | 6 pm | Sgt. Bull v Jte. Hunt  | Draughts | 2 |
|      |      |  |          |   |
| Wed. | 6 pm | BATTALION MEETING LUNCHEON in CASINO HALL  |          |   |
| Thur | 6 pm | Sgt. Miller & Downie v Sgt. Ginnell & S. Williams                                      |          |   |
|      | 2.30 | Winners 4 (Tuesday) v Winners 1 Monday   | BRIDGE   | 5 |
|      | 2.30 | C.S.A. Williams & S.A. Morgan v Cpl. Rochester & Cpl. Romanus                          | "        | 6 |
|      | 6 pm | Jte. Milligan v Jte. Sutton  | WHIST    | 2 |
|      |      |  | CHESS    |   |
| Fri  | 2.30 | Winners 5 (Thursday) v Winners 3 (Monday)  | BRIDGE   | 7 |
|      | 2.30 | Winners 6 (Thursday) v Winners 2 (Tuesday)   | BRIDGE   |   |
|      | 6.   | Winners 2 (Thursday) v Winners 4 (Monday)  | WHIST    |   |
|      | 2.30 | Sgt. Hill v Winners 2 (Tuesday)  | DRAUGHTS |   |
|      | 6.   | Winners 1 (Tuesday) v Winners 3 (Tuesday)  | WHIST    |   |
|      |      |  |          |   |
| Sat. | 2.30 | FINALS OF BRIDGE, WHIST, DRAUGHTS, and CHESS to be played in the CINEMA HALL, MONTIGNY |          |   |

## EDITORIAL

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Within a week it is expected that another draft will have proceeded to Le Havre for demobilisation, and the Battalion will be practically extinct. Well, we have been expecting this for a long time, and although the final break-up is none the easier to bear on that account, we are consoled by thoughts of Aussie and re-union with our loved ones. Before each man goes, however, he must definitely make up his mind as to what he is going to do for the Battalion in the future. Is the old Battalion going to just cease to exist, and all the old bonds of friendship be forever broken? This will happen unless each man goes away fully determined to hop in as soon as he gets home, and do all he can to assist those who have been selected to form re-union clubs etc., and to keep the old spirit going.

ACTION is necessary, and it must not be left to the other fellow. You don't know yet how proud you will be of the 18th Battalion when you get back. But don't just sit down then, and talk about the Great War; get busy and find out what is being done to keep the Unit together. Good and energetic workers will be endeavouring to do this, but they must have your help.

YOU have the say as to whether the next draft means the finish of everything, or whether we will, when possible, meet again in Aussie. What are you going to do about it? Make up your mind to help all you can. If we all do this, we can form an organisation worth belonging to.

Now then, 18th Battalion, wake up, and see you don't fall asleep again when you get back. See that we have our Re-Union, our Club, our Social Gatherings, Picnics --- and why not an annual parade? You will be able to find out all particulars of what is being from the A.S.A. --- the association WE are going to run. Don't forget.

The "DEERSHIRT" wishes all on draft the very best of luck and health, and thanks our many contributors for their very excellent contributions.

The Editor.



ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Bookworm ---I think the 6th Bde paper much better than the "Despatch". We quote this extract from your letter, but do not quote our remarks on reading it. We are open to fair and honest criticism, but a suggestion that our other A.I.F. paper is better than those of the 5th Brigade ( "Deesweet Despatch" and "Waiting Times"), is nothing but arrant rot.

Anxious ---Suggest that you start in biz when you get back, buying up second-hand agricultural implements. You would be able to buy cheaply, and realise a good price for them as scrap-iron. There will be plenty for sale.

999 --- It is impossible to please everyone.

Digger --- Congratulations! On your rapid promotion from Mess-Orderly to acting "Buckshee", and agree with you that it is a shock to discover that many officers smoke "Gold Flake" and "Woodbines". But (keep this quiet though ) have you nipped the L.O. yet?

Corporal J.B. --- Keep out of her way during daytime and shave your moustache off -- it's wonderful what a change that makes!

Private 9712 --- Give her a box of chocolates, and employ the moral suasion, and following phrases at intervals:-

"Voulez vous donner mwa un bays? Vousette tray jee-lea. Zher deseree --( a match, a cup of coffee, the , or whatever it is you want)".

If this fails, write again.

Curious --- We have been unable so far to discover why Capt. Hobbs L.O. shaved his moustache off,. One rumour has it that it is in anticipation of an early entry into the Ministry.

Melle Marie --- On consulting "Who's Who?" we found that Lieut. Bolger is unmarried, and of a shy disposition.

Advise you to proceed with caution, and wish you luck.

READING ROOM.

All members of the Battalion who have books in their possession obtained from the Reading Room, are requested to return them at once, please, in order that they may be checked, and if necessary prepared to hand back to the Y.I.C.A.

The Committee.

CONDUCTED TOURS.

Members of the Battalion are reminded that conducted tours to BRUSSELS, WATERLOO, DINANT, NAMUR, OSTEND, and ZEEBRUGGE are still being carried on. The average cost for each trip is about 20 francs, and all places of interest in the various towns are visited. You are advised to take advantage of these tours, for not only are they of great interest at the time, but will be something to talk about in future years. In addition, much may be learnt, and your outlook broadened. Apply at the Bde. Education Office, 20 th. Battalion.



To

245 Private.  
W. Smith  
18<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F.

**T**O Congratulate  
you ~~on~~ on the  
service for which you  
were awarded the  
*Military Medal*



EIGHTEENTH  
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*Geo. J. Murphy*  
Commanding 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A.I.F.





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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 30TH MARCH 1919.  
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RATIONS :- During the month the rations were drawn from MONT-MARCHIENNE, but from 5th to 30th March 1919 the 20th Battalion handled all rations and the issue was made by the 20th Battn Q.M. to this unit.

ORDINANCE :- All Stores and Transport with the exception of articles in use were returned to Demobilisation Stores at CHARLEROI on March 5th 1919. The completion of the final handing in was delayed owing to horses and the necessary harness etc being enroute for Base and for sale. Receipts and Transport gear were handed in on 17th March and this completed the handing in of the whole of the Stores. 2/Lieut. McIntyre carried out the work of handing in the stores as the Q.M. was on duty in England.

COMFORTS :- Special issues have been made during the month including Food-stuffs and Cigarettes - The regular parcels of SOCKS from Mrs BARR-SMITH Adelaide and 18th Battalion Comforts Fund Sydney arrived and were issued.

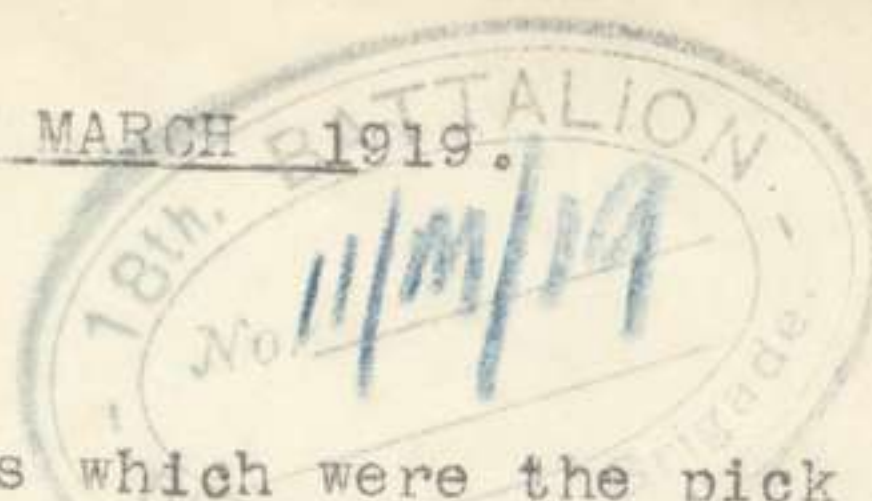
Nearly the whole of the Q.M.Store Staff is due to leave on draft on 30th March 1919 and all working of the 18th Battalion Q.M. Store is completed excepting the issue of rations which will now be made direct to Companies from 20th Battalion.



*St Beadell Capt*  
*Q.M.*  
*30/3/19*



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Early in March the "X" and "Y" class horses which were the pick of the section and comprised chiefly of young horses and many suitable for breeding. They were entrained at Charleroi BELGIUM for LE-Havre France enroute for England.

Amongst the above were the Colonel's mare "POLO" and Major W.R.C Robertson's mare "BESS", the Adjutants horse "JACK" - each of these were AUSTRALIAN HORSES - the former being with the 18th Battalion since EGYPT and the latter two were transferred from the 19th Battalion with which both Jack and Bess had been as "C.O's" and 2nd I/Command from EGYPT. to Vignacourt November 1919.

On the 10th March 1919 the remaining horses and mules left by road on a 50 Kilo-metre trek to Avesnelles France where the animals were offered by ~~ANGLON~~ Public Auction. Much to the surprise and satisfaction to the men of the 18th Battalion Transport Section the whole of the animals were sold at prices averaging about the same as previous sales. The success of the sale was largely due to the energy of the men who had visions of bringing the unsold animals back over that monotonous 50 Kilo's to feed, groom, water and picquet the animals indefinitely.

Among the mules were a few that the drivers regarded as "OUT LAWS" however when intending buyers asked what kind of animals they were - It would be safe to say that mules were never more highly praised by drivers during the war. Those which could not be ridden were led around in the sale ring, the driver riding another mule - these were sold in pairs and sold well. The Maltese Cart Horse "SNOW" a 12 year old, Heavy Draught mare realising the highest price of our horses at the sale :- 1175 Francs the equivalent of about 443/10/- . The mules averaged about 575 Francs the equivalent to about 21/4/-.

In conclusion much credit is due to SGT. J.CHAPMAN M.S.M. for his untiring energy as Transport Sergeant to the Battalion throughout the war, also the drivers who are left, particularly DVR.KEYTE who held the important position of looking after the animals feed.

(SIGNED) H.W.KIRKE Lieut.

18th Battalion Transport, A.I.F.



SANITATION: Sanitary arrangements of camp and billets in a satisfactory condition.

HYGIENE AND HEALTH OF TROOPS:

Men are being fed well although there is a lack of green vegetables in the diet.

The men are bathing at frequent intervals and being provided with clean change of clothing at least once a week.

The health of the troops is good - no prevailing disease - sick parades averaging 6 - 8 per day.

INFECTIVE DISEASES: Scabies inspection was held during the last week. One doubtful case only amongst personnel of Bn. V.D. on the decrease - about 6 cases having reported.

PREVENTION OF DISEASE: Monthly inoculation done during month bringing the number inoculated during the past twelve months up to 100% standard.

Few cases reporting each week for prophylactic treatment for V.D.

Montignies-le-Tilleul  
2/4/19.

(Sgd) C.G. TEMPLEMAN, Capt.  
R.M.O. 5th. Ede. Bn.





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18th BATAILLON

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Nous avons l'honneur de vous inviter au BAL qui aura lieu le  
Mercredi ..... heures au Salon du Casino,  
à Montigny-le-Tilleul.

MUSIQUE MILITAIRE

SEC HON.

2nd. LT. S. S. MATTICK

Les demoiselles pourront être chaperonnées.

*Wm. D. Gray*

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18th. Battalion, A.I.F.  
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 2/LT. A. HARRISON,  
 " A. DICKINSON, D.C.M., M.M.  
 " A. T. C. CLARKE.  
 " C. L. SUTTON.

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| 3794. | L/SGT. | BUTT,      | E.F.   |
| 3789. | CPL.   | DAVIE'S,   | E.H.   |
| 4786. | "      | DENNIS,    | R.     |
| 4219. | PTE.   | PHILLIPS.  | B.J.   |
| 4408. | "      | DAVEY      | A.     |
| 4412. | "      | DONOHOE    | P.A.   |
| 4622. | "      | CHINNOCK,  | T.     |
| 4776. | "      | ALLAN      | H.     |
| 4796. | "      | HOPWOOD    | W.     |
| 4841. | "      | HORTON,    | L.O.S. |
| 4766. | "      | SAYLE      | A.G.   |
| 4808. | "      | RUSSELL,   | G.V.T. |
| 4117. | "      | ENRIGHT,   | J.T.   |
| 3951. | "      | STEVENSON, | W.H.   |
| 4603. | "      | DONOHUE,   | T.A.   |
| 4498. | "      | McKENZIE,  | K.     |
| 5149. | "      | WALKER,    | H.W.G. |
| 5671. | DVR.   | PUTLAND,   | G.R.   |
| 5441. | PTE.   | FLETCHER.  | G.C.   |

6918. PTE. PERKS, F.B. "U" Class.

Emergency. 5849. PTE. OLSEN, E. J.

Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F. Captain



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EMBARKATION QUOTA No. 38.

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LIEUT. E.B.F. DANIEL,

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4131. CPL. A. GOODE,  
3676. PTE. L.J.G. FORD,  
4487. " H.G. MILLER.

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4735a. " W. LEWIS,  
5917. " R.L. HOBDEN,  
5109. " P.J. SLATTERY.

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| 4713.  | SGT.   | MILLER,      | W.B.   |      |
| 5139.  | "      | KNOX,        | V.     | "MM" |
| 4852.  | "      | THOMAS,      | L.     |      |
| 5936.  | "      | CARNEY,      | W.J.   |      |
| 5801.  | "      | HUNTER,      | F.A.   |      |
| 1940b. | L/SGT. | HARDMAN,     | W.     |      |
| 4190.  | PTE.   | NICHOLSON,   | W.A.   |      |
| 4217.  | CPL.   | PATERSON,    | J.     |      |
| 5849.  | PTE.   | OLSEN,       | E.J.   |      |
| 991.   | "      | STAFFORD,    | W.J.   |      |
| 2000.  | "      | SINCLAIR,    | J.     |      |
| 1962.  | "      | LOWE,        | T.     |      |
| 3982.  | "      | ROBERTSON,   | J.S.   |      |
| 4494.  | "      | Mc CARTHY,   | T.J.   |      |
| 4528.  | CPL.   | ROBBIE,      | D.     |      |
| 4507.  | "      | PETERSON,    | O.H.J. |      |
| 2000.  | "      | SIMMONS,     | T.     |      |
| 4827.  | "      | WATERS,      | R.H.   |      |
| 4823.  | PTE.   | DOWNIE,      | D.R.   | "MM" |
| 5037.  | "      | KEIZER,      | N.D.   |      |
| 5413.  | CPL.   | WALKER,      | S.C.   |      |
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| 5865.  | "      | PITTAWAY,    | H.J.   |      |
| 3809.  | "      | COLQUHOUN,   | V.M.   |      |
| 4770.  | CPL.   | SESSLE,      | F.H.   |      |
| 42 94. | PTE.   | PERSSON,     | A.G.   |      |
| 4658.  | "      | BOWRON,      | C.L.   |      |
| 4730.  | "      | STEEL,       | W.G.   |      |
| 4996.  | "      | CASON,       | A.     |      |
| 4783.  | "      | CHIVERS,     | G.M.   |      |
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| 4783.  | L/CPL. | WYNDOE,      | E.     | "MM" |
| 5335.  | PTE.   | GILMOUR,     | F.     |      |
| 5019.  | "      | ELLIOTT,     | A.E.   |      |
| 4803.  | CPL.   | PASSLOW,     | D.F.   | "MM" |
| 4727.  | L/CPL. | SMITH,       | W.J.V. |      |
| 4751.  | PTE.   | DUNN,        | J.     |      |
| 4687.  | "      | GREEN,       | J.     |      |
| 4713.  | "      | GOODING,     | F.     |      |



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| 5378.                  | "            | O'REILLY,           | W.J.            |
| 5471.                  | DVR.         | MADDEN,             | A.J.            |
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| 542 O.                 | "            | WALSH,              | T.F.            |
| 5338.                  | "            | GORMAN,             | O.F.B.          |
| 5394.                  | "            | REDMAN,             | C.J.            |
| 5435.                  | "            | DOLSEN,             | A.E.            |
| 5403.                  | "            | SUTTON,             | J.N.            |
| 5659.                  | "            | JONES,              | J.              |
| 5691.                  | "            | KELLY,              | V.W.            |
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| 5553.                  | "            | BERESFORD,          | W.J.            |
| 5672.                  | "            | THOMPSON,           | A.J.            |
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| 5867.                  | "            | PINKERTON,          | J.S.            |
| 5574.                  | "            | COOMBS,             | B.              |
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| 5786.                  | "            | BENNETT,            | W.J.            |
| 5827.                  | "            | MURPHY,             | R.P.            |
| 5716.                  | "            | GUEST,              | G.W.            |
| 5910.                  | "            | AMOS,               | W.H.            |
| 5847.                  | "            | NEYLON,             | V.T.            |
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| 5828.                  | "            | MANNERS,            | W.              |
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| 6124.                  | "            | MONTGOMERY,         | R.              |
| 5796.                  | "            | FALLON,             | H.B.            |
| 5800.                  | "            | HUTSON,             | W.              |
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| 2886a.               | "      | CRAIG.      | R.      |
| 3118a.               | "      | HARRIS.     | E.G.    |
| 6079.                | "      | GANNON.     | F.A.    |
| 6284.                | "      | CARTWRIGHT. | J.      |
| 6345.                | "      | LAWRENCE.   | J.      |
| 6379.                | "      | PARKER.     | F.B.    |
| 6354.                | "      | MOODIE.     | H.O.Z.  |
| 6423.                | "      | HARDING.    | W.C.    |
| 3056a.               | "      | ABBOTT.     | S.F.    |
| 6149.                | "      | SMITH.      | C.R.L.  |
| 6056.                | "      | DOBBS.      | W.F.    |
| 2975b.               | "      | SHOARD.     | J.      |
| 6652.                | "      | HINSON.     | A.A.    |
| 6640.                | "      | SMITH.      | R.A.    |
| 6371.                | "      | McGRAW.     | W.J.    |
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| 6286.                | "      | CARROLL.    | J.P.    |
| 6213.                | "      | HINKLEY.    | A.C.    |
| 6336.                | "      | JOHNSON.    | E.M.    |
| 6311.                | "      | HARGRAVES.  | H.E.    |
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| 6340.                | "      | JOHNSON.    | J.W.    |
| 6337.                | "      | JOHNSON.    | F.W.    |
| 6370.                | L/CPL. | McLEOD.     | D.C.M.  |
| 6435.                | PTE.   | TURNER.     | E.P.    |
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| 6335.                | "      | IRWIN.      | L.G.    |
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