

AWM4

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

Infantry

Item number: 23/45/45

Title: 28th Infantry Battalion

December 1918



AWM4-23/45/45

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE GRAND FAYT	Decr. 1st.		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine, but cold.</p> <p><u>DIVINE SERVICES</u> The following Church Parades were held :-</p> <p>Roman Catholic - In the Village Church Other Prot. Denominations. - "Under the canopy of Heaven"</p> <p><u>REVIEW BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING.</u></p> <p>Word was received that the Brigade would be reviewed by His Majesty THE KING at 3 p.m. As we had some 4 kilos to march to get to the ground, an early dinner was prepared and the Battalion formed up and moved out in its place in the Brigade column at 12.30 p.m. It was arranged that the various Battalions would line the road along which the KING was to pass, but at the last moment, this arrangement was cancelled and it was announced that HIS MAJESTY would "Review" the Brigade. After a very cold spell of an hour on the Road, we were formed up on a plot of ground near "MARCILLES", as a Brigade "In mass". At 2.45 p.m. the Royal Party arrived and were received by the Royal Salute, the National Anthem being played by the Bands.</p> <p>HIS MAJESTY then inspected the Brigade, passing along each rank in turn. He was accompanied by the two Princes, General Rawlinson, and others. HIS MAJESTY was very favorably impressed with the parade.</p> <p>After the inspection he personally interviewed all Commanding Officers, and at the conclusion, General Wisdom called for 3 cheers for HIS MAJESTY, these being given in true hearty "Australian" style. HIS MAJESTY then drove away.</p> <p>With Bands playing their best, and Colors flying the Battalions moved off to their respective areas, all being glad of a good brisk march home, after standing still for so long.</p>	

E. M. Anderson

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE GRAND FAYT	Decr. 2nd		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> During the morning, the Battalion was engaged in "Salvaging" its allotted area. It is evident from the little Salvage obtained, and the unbroken nature of the country that very little actual fighting occurred around the village.</p> <p><u>SPORTS</u> During the afternoon, Football matches (Inter-company), both "Soccer" and Australian Rules were played.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS</u> Lieut J. Blair returned from leave in PARIS.</p>	

J. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE Gd. FAYT	Decr. 3rd		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Dull and showery.</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> The Battalion, with Band, carried out a route march in the morning, through PRISCHES and back to starting point. The fact of it coming on to rain when we were only half way and the roads being very "Sloppy", somewhat detracted from the "pleasure" of the march.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS</u> Captain BOARE arrived, and relieved Capt. NOWLAND, as R.M.O., the latter being recalled to his Ambulance.</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. FAYT	Decr. 4th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> The morning was spent in cleaning up equipment etc. it being too wet for parade work.</p> <p><u>LECTURE</u> Lieut A. WALTERS, Battalion Educational Officer outlined, in a lecture given in the local Church, the general scheme of Repatriation, being adopted. He gave a very interesting and apprehensive talk, and advantage was freely taken of the opportunity of asking questions. Educational work has now taken a definite form, and promises well.</p> <p><u>SPORTS</u> A match, Australian rules, was played with our old rivals, the 27th Battalion. After a good hard game, we were victorious the scores being 4.1 to 2.9 It is difficult to single out the best players, all of the team playing very well, Bryant, however, may be put down as playing the best game on the field.</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. FAYT	Decr 5th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> In the morning, the Battalion Route marched, the route taken being B.O.R. - PETIT FAYT - MARBAIX - and back to starting point. - distance - 5 miles.</p> <p><u>LECTURE</u> In the afternoon, a very fine interesting and humorous lecture was given, in the local Church, by Lt-Col. CURRIE D.S.O., (our Commanding Officer) on "LIFE IN THE FAR EAST" Having spent some years in China and Japan, the C.O. told us many of his experiences, and enlightened us as to a number of the Eastern customs and ceremonies. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.</p>	

E. J. Anderson

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd FAYT	Decr 6th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> During the morning, usual training was carried out by the Companies.</p> <p>An unexpected and unofficial visit was paid to "C" Coy's Cooked by General HOBBS, G.O.C., Corps. He complimented the cooks, both on their Cooker and Cook-house.</p> <p><u>LECTURE</u> A very instructive and interesting lecture was delivered by Capt. M. DAVIES, on "The Economic treatment of Auriferous Ores" These lectures are becoming a feature of the Battalion and are thoroughly enjoyed by all.</p>	

E. R. Anderson

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form O. 2116.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information								Remarks and references to Appendices			
			<u>28th BATTALION A.I.F.</u>											
			<u>Weekly Fighting Strength</u>											
			<u>W. E. 6-12-18.</u>											
			A		B		C		D					
			Fighting Strength in accordance with Army Instructions		Included in Col A but not actually with Unit		Actual Fighting Strength		Explanation of Discrepancy between this and previous Return					
			0	O.R.	0	O.R.	0	O.R.	Arrivals	0	O.R.	Departures	0	O.R.
			28	562	6	136	25	320	Sick	1	11	Sick		6
			6	136					wounded	2	24	A.I.F. H.Q.		1
									Reverts		6	wounded		1
									O.T.B.		1	Base Prisoner		2
									O.C.B.		1	Transfers		1
									Education		1	O.T.B.		2
									Illegal Absentee		1			
			34	698						5	43		1	13

E. R. Anderson

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A500) Wt. W1:71/M2031 750,00 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2. 0/14

WAR DIARY

Army Form C 210.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. FAYT	Decr 7th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> Usual parades were carried out during the morning</p> <p><u>BATHS</u> Companies were allotted baths during the day.</p> <p><u>CORPS GUARD</u> The Guard, under 2/Lieut Emery, which has been doing duty at Aust. Corps. Headquarters, marched in, looking very fit and well.</p> <p><u>BILLETING PARTY</u> Major A. BROWN D. S.O. M.C.,, our Interpreter, and Cpl. Lund went forward as Advance Party, to the CHARLEROI area, to which the Battalion is shortly moving.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS</u> Capt. R.W.G. HARDWICK returned from English Leave</p> <p><u>FOOTBALL</u> During the afternoon, the Battalion "Soccer" team met a team from Brigade Headquarters, defeating them by 7 goals to Nil.</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. FAYT	Decr 8th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine and sunny</p> <p><u>DIVINE SERVICES</u> Church Parades were conducted as usual., Roman Catholic in Church., O.P.D., On 26th Bn. Parade Ground</p> <p><u>OFFICERS</u> Lieut J. LUNNON M.C. went forward to new area in CHARLEROI to act as Town Major. Lieut H. RIDLEY returned from leave in PARIS</p> <p><u>FOOTBALL</u> "Scratch" matches were played during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>CONFERENCE</u> A Conference of Company Commanders was held, the C.O. outlining the route of the march forward. He also gave details of a Brigade Competition, for which the General is giving a Cup. Other matters, re training, Rations etc., were also discussed.</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd, FAYT	Decr 9th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>LECTURE</u> In the afternoon, a lecture was delivered by Lieut W. ELLIS on "IRRIGATION". The attendance was good, and the Lecturer gave a very instructive lecture on his subject.</p> <p><u>FOOTBALL</u> In the afternoon also, the Battalion "Soccer" team went over to MAREBAIX, and played a team from the ROYAL HORSE GUARDS. After a very good game the latter won by 2 goals to 1.</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Grand FAYT	Dec 10th.		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> Parades, indoors, were carried out during the morning. Educational classes, as usual, were held during the day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> As we are going forward through the "Reclaimed" territory, we are told many tales, humorous, and otherwise, of the treatment the "Bosch" meted out to the french civilians. One incident, worthy of record is that of an old "Madame" when requested by the Interpreter if she could supply linen for the bed in her billet, replied that she could do so, but requested that the Officer using the bed would refrain from "Going to bed with his boots on". This is evidently a form of culture indulged in by the Hun.</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. FAYT	Decr. 11th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> It being too wet for Parade ground work, the morning was spent in cleaning up equipment, and Educational classes. In the afternoon, Lieut ELLIS continued and completed his lecture on "IRRIGATION" dealing with Fruit trees.</p> <p><u>INSPECTION</u> With a view to having a uniform method of "turnout" for the Transport of the Division, the G.O.C. Division inspected the Transport of the Brigade group, each Unit supplying some vehicle - our quota being a "Cocker" and a Limber. The "turnout" was favorably commented on by the G.O.C.</p> <p><u>FOOTBALL</u> A Return match was played, on our ground, with the ROYAL HORSE GUARDS. The ground was very muddy and wet, and after a good, but "sloppy" game, our visitors won by 7 goals to Nil.</p>	

E.R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Grand FAYT	Decr. 12th		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u></p> <p>Parades.</p> <p>Apart from a very interesting lecture given by Lieut HANSEN-KNARHOI on "LIFE IN THE NORTH WEST OF AUSTRALIA" there is nothing of interest to report</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. Fgt	Decr 13th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> Orders had been issued for a Route March, but owing to the state of the weather, these were cancelled.</p> <p><u>LECTURE</u> In the afternoon, a lecture on "JAPAN" was given by Col. CURRIE D.S.O. which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.</p> <p><u>FOOTBALL</u> As usual, inter-company football matches were played during the afternoon.</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>Weekly Fighting Strength</u>				
			<u>Week ending 13.12.18</u>				
			A	B	C	D	
			Fighting Strength in accordance with Army Instructions.	Included in COL A but not actually with Unit.	Actual Fighting Strength	Explanation of Discrepancy between this and previous Return	
			0	0		Arrivals	0
			0	0		0	0
			31 3	583 106	3	28	341
						Sick - 1	Sick - 10
						Transfer - 1	Prison 1
			34	689			- 11
						- 2	

ER Anderson Lt.

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A'001) Wt. W171/M2031 750/00 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2..0/14

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Grand FAYT	Decr 14th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> Parades, as usual were carried out during the morning</p> <p><u>LECTURE</u> In the afternoon, the G.O.C. 2nd. Division lectured all Officers in the Brigade Group, in the Le Gd Fayt Church, giving a general outline of the move forward and impressing on all his desires as regards "turnout" etc., He also touched on the Educational scheme and outlined briefly what the intentions of the Educational Branch were as regards the new area.</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE GD. FAYT	Decr 15TH		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>CHURCH PARADES</u></p> <p>Church parades were held as usual, O.P.D. on the 26th Battalions Parade ground, and the Roman Catholics in the Le Gd. Fayt Church.</p> <p><u>CONFERENCE</u></p> <p>A conference of all Officers was held in the afternoon when the C.O., outlined his requirements, as regards the move.</p> <p>Opportunity was also taken to elect a Mess Committee as it is intended to begin the Battalion Mess again when we reach the new area.</p> <p>Lieut J.O. STEVENSON was elected as Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>The Committee elected was as under -</p> <p>President - Major A. Brown D.S.O. M.C.</p> <p>Members Capt. C. Craig.</p> <p> Capt. M. Davies</p> <p> Lieut J. Blair</p> <p> Lieut Flanagan</p> <p>All details were discussed, and it was decided to send the Secretary forward in advance, to prepare the Mess. We are all looking forward to having a good time in the new area, reports from the "Front" being distinctly favorable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>E. R. Anderson</i></p>	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. Fayt	Decr 16th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>ROUTINE</u> Orders having been received for the move on the morrow, to our First Staging "Area", everyone was busy putting the finishing touches on equipment etc., A prize of 100 Fcs., given by the C.O., has made everyone keen on winning. The prize is for the best turned out Company, The competition is to last until we arrive in Charleroi, cleanliness of Billets March Discipline etc., en route, being taken into account.</p> <p><u>ADVANCE</u> Lieut E.R. Anderson, left with an advance party, for BEAUFORT, our first staging village.</p>	

E.R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

OF
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Gd. FAYT	Decr. 17th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Showery</p> <p><u>MOVE</u></p> <p>At 7.30 a.m., the Battalion moved out from Billets and marched to CARTIGNIES and took up its place in the Brigade column. The Battalion looked very well. All companies were excellently turned out, and the marching was excellent. Our destination was BEAUFORT, about 14 miles away. During the first hour's march it rained, but cleared up for the remainder of the journey.</p> <p>A halt was made for lunch at 11 a.m., this being a very welcome "diversion" as we had had breakfast at an unusually early hour.</p> <p>The march was resumed at 12 noon, and the Battalion arrived at BEAUFORT at about 1.30 p.m. Although the roads were in a very wet and muddy condition, the troops marched exceptionally well, there being very few "stragglers".</p> <p>The Battalion was very soon in its billets, and as usual "explored" the village. It was round this area that the Bosch made his last stand. The local civilians had some very interesting tales to tell and, as in the case of all other places we have passed through, were very glad to be well rid of the Hun.</p> <p>In view of the early move next morning everybody retired early, in good spirits.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ER Anderson</i></p>	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUFORT	Decr 18th		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Raining</p> <p><u>MOVE</u></p> <p>"Zero" hour for our march was 9 am., and in consequence the Battalion was "astir" pretty early. The fact of it raining very hard did not promise very well for our 10 mile trip, but still, at 9 a.m the march was commenced, and was carried out, without unusual incident we reaching our destination COUSOLRE at about 12.30 p.m. The billeting party, under Lieut LEAVER M.C.M.M. soon had the men "tucked" away, and everyone was looking for somewhere to dry their clothes, it having rained during the whole time of the march.</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
COUSOLRE	Decr 19th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>MOVE</u> The march forward was re-commenced at 8.30 a.m., this time our destination being THUIN. It rained during the whole time, so it cannot be said that it was a very enjoyable trip. We arrived at THUIN at 1 p.m., (distance 10 miles).</p> <p>There is nothing unusual to report</p>	

E. R. Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form U. 2118.

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THUIN	Decr 20th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>MOVE</u></p> <p>The march was again resumed at 9.15 a.m., but all had lighter hearts inasmuch as this was our last "lap". As during the previous days, it rained all the time. We arrived at MARCINELLE, a suburb of CHARLEROI at about 1 p.m., A halt was made at the entrance of the village and packs were "dumped". We were to wait for the G.O.C., and during that time, the "Mademoiselles" produced and insisted on the troops partaking of coffee. We were here for about half an hour, and when the G.O.C. arrived, the battalion was fallen in and we marched to the Grand Place, where we were given a hearty reception by the Civil Authorities, The Maire addressing the troops. National Anthems were played by the Band, and the Battalion was then marched off to its Billets.</p> <p>The Advance Party give distinctly favorable reports of this "Front", and judging from appearances, we are in for a good time.</p>	

E.R. Anderson

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A5001) Wt. W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 82 Forms/C2.18/14

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2110.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>Weekly Fighting Strength</u>							
<u>Week Ending 20.12.18</u>							
A		B		C		D	
Fighting Strength in accordance with Army Instructions		Included in Col A but not actually with Unit.		Actual Fighting Strength		Explanation of Discrepancy between this and previous Return	
0	OR	0	OR	0	OR	Arrivals 0 OR Departures 0 OR	
29	556	5	112	26	314	Sick - 3 A.I.F. H.Q. - 4 Transfers - 2 Sick - 14 Base Prison - 4	
34	668					- 24	

ET Anderson

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A500) Wt. W1171/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2.10/14

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 21st		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p>The day was spent resting, there being no parades. There is nothing of interest to report</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>E. T. Anderson</i></p>	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr. 22rd		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>Routine</u> The day was spent in cleaning up equipment, and readjustment of Billets.</p> <p>Noting of interest to report</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 23rd		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining:</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> A hall for training in sport has been obtained and actual training is to begin almost at once.</p> <p>Lieut W.A. LEAVER MC MM has been appointed Sports Officer</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
MARCINELLE	Decr 24th		<u>WEATHER</u> <u>BATHS</u> <u>INSPECTION</u> <u>GENERAL</u>	<p>Raining</p> <p>The Battalion had the use of the Marcinelle Baths and Companies were sent off to a time table. The Baths are very fine, being part of the Coal Mine.</p> <p>A special parade was held, for the purpose of review by the Prince of Wales, who is at present with Australian Corps Headquarters. At the conclusion of the inspection, He presented several Decorations to various members of the Battalion. He also personally interviewed the Officers, shaking hands with each one in turn.</p> <p>German "Marks" are still in circulation in the town but are all being recalled</p> <p>A Battalion Harriers team has been formed, and is being taken advantage of by a number of the Officers and men of the Battalion.</p>	

ER Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 25th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> This is the Fourth Xmas day that the Battalion has been away from Australia, and now that we can celebrate with the knowledge it is unlikely we shall spend another Xmas in France, full advantage was taken of the opportunity of giving as good a time to the troops as we possibly can.</p> <p>An excellent Xmas Dinner was provided, consisting of the Usual and necessary Turkey and Xmas Pudding. There was also a good supply of the also very necessary Beer. and, from the point of view of a "Dinner" the day was a great success.</p> <p>Now that the strain of war has been lifted all felt that they would liked to have been in Sunny Australia for Xmas, but seeing that was not possible, full advantage was made of the occasion.</p> <p>We all sincerely hope that everyone will be home in dear old Australia long ere another Xmas comes round.</p>	
<p><i>ER Anderson</i></p>				

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 26th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> Boxing Day was spent in very quiet style everyone being more or less Unfinancial after the supreme effort of Xmas Eve and Xmas Day.</p>	

ET Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 27th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> FINE</p> <p>There is nothing of interest to report.</p>	

ET Anderson

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A°001) Wt. W1-71/M2031 750,000 5/17 Ech. 52 Forms C2.10/14

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>Weekly Fighting Strength</u>				
			<u>Week Ending 27-12-18</u>				
			A	B	C	D	
			Fighting strength in accordance with Army Instructions	Included in total A - but not actually with Unit.	Actual Fighting Strength	Explanation of Discrepancy between this and previous Return	
			0	0	0	Arrivals	Departures
			OR	OR	OR	OTB.	Sick
			31	3	28	1 -	- 11
			563	100	343	Sick - 7	Transfers 1 1
			3	3	3	Wounded - 1	Injured - 1
			34	34	34	1-8	1-13
			663	100	343		

E. P. Anderson Lt.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 28th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Raining</p> <p><u>CHURCH PARADES</u> Divine Services, as usual were held, Roman Catholic at XXXXXX 9.0 a.m. and O.P.D. at 10.30 am</p> <p><u>FOOTBALL</u> InterCompany football matches were played during the afternoon.</p> <p> Considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable grounds for Sports, the one we have now being very "rough" and unsuitable.</p> <p> It is hoped that we shall succeed in obtaining a better ground very shortly</p>	

ET Anderson

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCI NELLE	DECR 29th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p> <p>There is nothing of interest to report, usual training being carried out, also Educational classes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ER Anderson</i></p>	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 30th		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine but cloudy</p> <p>Usual training was carried during the morning, and in the afternoon a number of Officers and men went for a cross country Run.</p> <p>There is nothing unusual to report</p>	<p><i>E. R. Anderson</i></p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	Decr 31st		<p><u>WEATHER</u> FINE</p> <p><u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u></p> <p>The passing of 1918, and the welcoming in of the year 1919 was carried out by most of the Battalion in the good old style. Things were very quiet during the day, but in the evening, they were considerably more lively. The civilian populace were one and all out for an enjoyable time on the "peace" New Year's Eve, and invited the men to celebrate with them in their Homes. For those who were not so fortunate as to receive a private invitation, there were several "dances" in the village, and the "Diggers" certainly did their part in making the show lively.</p> <p>One and all enjoyed themselves, and most, if not all, retired at an early hour having duly paid their respects to the New Year 1919.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ER Anderson</i></p>	

WAR DIARY

OF

~~28TH BATTALION A.I.F.~~

FOR

~~DECEMBER~~ 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | MISCELLANEOUS |
| 2 | OPERATION ORDERS |
| 3 | ROUTINE ORDERS |

99

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1918

MISCELLANEOUS

Commanding Officer's appreciation

Quartermaster's "

Transport Officer's "

Medical Officers "

Salvage Return Nil

~~xxxx~~ Quarterly Balance Sheet of
Regimental Trust Fund Account.

Sketches by Private W. Saville, 28th Battalion.

attached to
the Diary

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

29

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information <u>APPRECIATION BY COMMANDING OFFICER.</u>	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>1. <u>DISCIPLINE.</u> The discipline of the Battalion is very good indeed. Only three cases have been before Orderly Room during the Month.</p> <p>2. <u>MORALE.</u> Excellent. The tales of suffering under German Rule, related by FRENCH and BELGIAN Civilians to our troops, have aroused a desire for a relentlessly just but stern Peace.</p> <p>3. <u>CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.</u> Very good indeed.</p> <p>4. <u>HEALTH.</u> The general health of the troops is very good.</p> <p>5. <u>GENERAL.</u> Since arriving at MARCINELLE, the troops the troops have the most comfortable Billets they have had in the Field. Excellent relations have been established with the civilians.</p> <p>Field. 1.1.1919.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> Lieut-Col. Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.</p>	

55

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

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 5118.

(Events recorded not reduplicated.)

Summary of Events and Information

References to Remarks and

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1918

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

RATIONS

Rations for the month were very good, both in quality and quantity.

ORDNANCE

Supply has been regular and satisfactory.

James L. O'Connell

(A 500) War Diary, 200,000 21/3 20/3 20/3 20/3 20/3
D. D. W. L. London, E.C.

89

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1918

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

ESTABLISHMENT

As per previous report

GENERAL

Several moves were carried out.

The condition of the horses is improving. due to good stabling.

There has been very little sickness

One Mule was kicked badly and was sold to a civilian butcher.

J. Brown Lieut
Transport Officer
28th Battalion

References to
Abbreviations
Remarks and

Summary of Events and Information

(Dates preceding not required)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

OR
WAR DIARY

ARMY FORM C 5118

(M. 000) H.M. Stationery Co. Ltd. 25, Abchurch Lane, London E.C. 4, D. D. # 1. London E.C.

Place Date Hour

will be prepared in manuscript and the Staff Manual rechecked. This loges Summaries are contained in L. 2. Books. Part II Instructions regarding M. 0. Diaries and Intelligence

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND.

CASH BOOK FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

99

1918.

Nov 1.	To Balance Forward	897. 6. 1
Oct 21	To Bank of Adelaide Donation	25. 0. 0
Oct 14	To 2nd Div Fat Proceeds	12. 4

1918.

Nov 10	By Aust Com Hd Sports Material		9. 8. 9
Nov 13	By Bde Sports Committee propertion Cash Prizes		5.15. 0
Nov 14	By Hqs Coy Competition		3.16. 8
Nov 30	By "B" Service Boxing Competition Donation		10. 0 0
Nov 30	By Dumpruz	Wood	64.50
	Fayrol	Organ Std	15.00
	Chevalier	Window	13.00
	Delplangue	Rent	50.00
	7th Hd Amb	Comforts	23.50
	Boxing Compn. prop Exes	100.00	100.00
	Roger	Paint	30.20
	Freres	F'wood	12.00
	Gevart	Potatoes	75.00
	Roger	Paint	50.00
			<u>433.20</u>
			16.12. 1
Nov 30	By Sports Material		6. 2.0
Nov 30	By Balance Forward		871. 3.11

£ 922.18. 5.

£ 922.18. 5

In the Field.
1st December 1918.

.....Lieut-Col,
commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

99
28TH BATTALION A. I. F.

WAR DIARY - DECEMBER, 1918

OPERATION ORDERS

BRIGADE MOVE ORDERS

No. 237 - December, 15th 1918

BATTALION MOVE ORDERS

No. 105 -
106

SECRET.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No. 3

Order No. 237.

Headquarters,
December 15th 1918.

Reference Maps VALENCIENNES 1/100,000
NAMUR 1/100,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to MARCINELLE AREA in accordance with attached march tables 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'. The move will commence on the 17th inst. and be completed on the 20th instant.
2. For purpose of the move, the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will consist of :-
 7th A.I. Brigade
 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion,
 H.Q. Section 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Coy.
 H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. Train,
 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
 1/3rd S.A.A. Section, D.A.C.
 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
 7th Aust. Field Ambulance.
3. The Headquarters of 2nd Aust. Div. Train and 1/3rd S.A.A. Section 2nd D.A.C. will be attached to 17th Coy A.A.S.C. for purposes of the move.
4. The 7th Aust. Field Coy, A.E. will move to AVESNELLES Area on the 16th instant and come under the orders of the 6th A.I. Brigade Group.
5. The 7th A.M.G. Coy will join the 5th A.I. Brigade Group during the march on the 17th instant.
6. The 26th Battalion will detail one platoon to act as Rear Party.
 The 7th Field Ambulance will detail a Medical Officer and 3 horse ambulances to accompany the Rear Party during each day's march.
7. Administrative Instructions are issued herewith.
8. The Brigade Signal Office will arrange to synchronise watches at 18.00 daily prior to each day's march.
9. Distances as under will be maintained between units on the march, except where stated otherwise in the 'A' March Table attached :-
 Between Battalions 200 yards
 Between other units - Companies - Units and their transport, and every section of 12 vehicles -
 100 yards.
10. The 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters will close down -
 at LE GRAND FAYT at 07.30 on 17th instant
 at BEAUFORT at 08.00 on 18th "
 at COUSOLRE at 08.00 on 19th "
 at THUIN at 08.00 on 20th "
 and will re-open each day on arrival in the next billeting area.

99

30

10687
48.7
135.6
94
775-60.180
1560

1900

99

Copy to

1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

- 2 -

Order No. 257

- 11. On the march, reports to the head of the column.
- 12. Acknowledge. *Done*

F. H. Berryman

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6.30 p.m.

Copies to :-

- 1. 26th Bn.
- 2. 27th Bn.
- 3. 28th Bn.
- 4. 7th A.L.T.L.B.
- 5. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
- 6. HQ, 2nd Div. Sig. Coy
- 7. HQ, 2nd Div. Train.
- 8. 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
- 9. 1/3rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.
- 10. 2nd D.A.C.
- 11. 7th Field Ambulance.
- 12. 7th Field Coy.
- 13. 7th A.L.G. Coy.
- 14. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
- 15. " " " 'A.Q'
- 16. 5th A.I. Bde.
- 17. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 18. 2nd Div. Arty.
- 19. Town Major, LE GRANT FAYT
- 20. " " BEAUFORT,
- 21. " " COUSOLRE,
- 22. " " THUIN,
- 23. G.O.C.
- 24. B.L.
- 25. S.C.
- 26. B.T.O.
- 27. Bde Sig. Officer
- 28. Bde Traffic Officer.
- 29. File
- 30/32. War Diary.
- 33/40. Spares.

'A' MARCH TABLE for 17th instant.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 237.

Serial No.	Unit	Starting Point.	Time.	Route	To	Remarks.
1.	7th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	of the "A" in CARTIGNIES. Cross Roads 600 yards North	08.00	CARTIGNIES -	BEAUFORT.	Distances as under will be maintained up till halt at, 09.50 - Between Battalions - 50 yds. Between other units, companies, units & their transport - 10 yds. All units must be clear of road junction immediately N. of the bridge S. of the second "E" in AUTREPPE by 09.50. After 10.00 normal distances will be maintained between units.
2.	7th A.L.T.L. Battery		08.01	DOMPIERRE -	"	
3.	26th Bn (less 1 Platoon)		08.02	DOURLERS -	"	
4.	27th Battalion		08.10	ECLAIBES.	"	
5.	28th "		08.17		"	
6.	2nd Pioneer Battalion.		08.25		LIMONT-FONTAINE.	
7.	7th Field Ambulance (less 3 horse amb.)		08.31		ECLAIBES.	
8.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.		08.35		"	
9.	H.Q. Sec. 2nd Div. Sig. Coy				LIMONT-FONTAINE	
10.	Rear Party, 1 Platoon 26th Bn. & 3 horse ambulances.					

NOTES : 1. H.Q. of 2nd Aust. Div. Train will join 17th Coy A.A.S.C., and H.Q. Section, 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy will join the column as it passes the AUTREPPE - LE DESSUS DU MOULIN Road.

2. Halts at ten minutes to the clock hour and from 10.50 till 12.00.

99

'B' March Table for 18th instant.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 237.

Serial No.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	To.
1.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Cross Roads 100 yards	09.00	DAMOUSIES - OBRECHIES -	COUSOLRE.
2.	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	^W East of the "R" in	09.01	QUIEVELON - ALBES -	"
3.	26th Bn. (less 1 platoon)	<u>R O P S I E S.</u>	09.02	COUSOLRE.	BERSILLIES -)
4.	27th Battalion		09.16		L'ABBAYE)
5.	28th "		09.28		COUSOLRE.
6.	2nd Pioneer Bn.		09.41		"
7.	H.Q. Sec. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.		10.04		"
8.	7th Field Ambulance (less 3 horse amb)		10.06.		"
9.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.		10.11		"
10.	Rear Party (1 platoon 26th Bn.)		10.13		Rejoin units

Halts at ten minutes to each hour, and from 11.50 to 13.00.

'G' March Table for 19th inst.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 237.

99

Serial No.	Unit	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	To
1.	7th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	Cross Roads 200 yards S.W.	09.00	BOUSIGNIES -	THUIN.
2.	7th A.L.T.L. Battery	of the 'E' in BERSILLIES -	09.01	LEERS-et-FOSTEAU -	"
3.	26th Bn. (less 1 platoon)	L'ABBAYE.	09.02	THUIN.	"
4.	27th Battalion	"	09.16	"	"
5.	28th Battalion	"	09.28	"	"
6.	2nd Pioneer Bn.	"	09.41	"	"
7.	H.Q. Sec. 2nd Div. Sig. Coy	"	10.04	"	"
8.	7th Field Amb. (less 3 horse ambulances)	"	10.06.	"	"
9.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.	"	10.11.	"	"
10.	Rear Party (1 platoon 26th Bn)	"	10.13	"	"

Halts at ten minutes to each hour, and from 11.50 to 13.00.

99

'D' March Table for 20th inst.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 23⁷

Serial No.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	To
1.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Road junction South of the 'N' in THUIN on THUIN - GOZEE Road.	09.00	GOZEE.	MARCHIENNE-au-PONT via MONTIGNIE.
2.	7th A.L.T.L. Bty		09.01	"	MARCINELLE, via Ste BARBE.
3.	26th Battalion (less 1 platoon)		09.02	"	MARCHIENNE-au-PONT, via MONTIGNIE
4.	27th Battalion		09.16	"	MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE, via BOMEREE tn
5.	28th Battalion		09.28	"	MARCINELLE, via Ste BARBE.
6.	2nd Pioneer Bn.		09.41	"	MONTIGNIES - la - TILLEUL.
7.	H.Q. 2nd Div. Sig. Coy		10.04	"	MARCINELLE, via Ste BARBE.
8.	7th Field Ambulance (less 3 horse amb)		10.06	"	MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE, via BOMEREE S. 1
9.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.		10.11	"	ditto
10.	Rear Party (1 platoon 26th Bn.)		10.13	"	Rejoin unit

Halts at ten minutes to each hour, and from 11.50 to 13.00

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
December 14th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I. Bde Order No.237.

1. SUPPLIES. The supply arrangements during the move to the CHARLEROI AREA will be as per 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Memo No.236 issued to units.
The 17th Coy A.A.S.C. will arrange for guide to meet supply motor lorries on 'D' day at the Church MONT SUR MARCHIENNE.
Refilling Point - On 'A', 'B' and 'C' days at the Church in BEAUFORT, COUSOLRE and THUIN respectively. On 'D' day and thereafter at the "Square" MONT SUR MARCHIENNE.
2. TRANSPORT. Transport will move with units. Recent instructions regarding transport must be strictly complied with.
3. BAGGAGE & BLANKET WAGONS. Baggage wagons have been allotted units by the 17th Coy A.A.S.C. Blanket wagons as under are allotted units for the move :-

Bde H.Q. and T.L.Bty	2 limbers	1 motor lorry
26th Battalion,	2 G.S.Wagons,	1 limber, 1 m.lorry
27th "	3 G.S. Wagons	
28th "	3 G.S. Wagons	
2nd Pioneer Bn.	2 G.S. Wagons	
1/3rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.	3 G.S.Wagons,	1 G.S. limber.
4. MOBILE ECHELON. Mobile echelon less authorised reduction will be carried.
5. BILLETING & CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES. All units will ensure that billeting certificates have been completed, and that clearance certificates have been obtained, for the FAYT AREA before moving out.
Advanced parties will, at the same time as disposition of troops is being arranged, keep a record of the names of owners of billets and the number of troops occupying each billet for the staging areas of BEAUFORT, CONSOLRE, and THUIN, in order that billeting certificates may be rendered at the earliest opportunity. Interpreters will not be available for this work.
6. SANITATION. FAYT AREA and the staging areas must be left in a sanitary condition. Advanced billeting parties in each area must reconnoitre latrine accommodation before the units arrive.
On arrival in the CHARLEROI area, immediate steps must be taken to erect latrines on the sites selected by the advanced parties now in that area. Improvised accommodation must be arranged pending supply of proper fly-proof seats. Civilian conveniences are not to be used by the troops.
The strictest control must be exercised in all matters of sanitation in the CHARLEROI area.
7. INCINERATORS. Incinerators will be erected at the earliest opportunity on suitable sites selected. All rubbish must be taken to incinerators.

8. MANURE. Stable manure will be stacked in one dump on a suitable site in each unit's area. See Fourth Army S.O's para 949 (b)
9. WATER SUPPLIES. The greatest care must be taken that only water which has been tested, and sources marked "Fit for use" are used. All water used for drinking and cooking must be chlorinated.
10. BATHS. Sites are being selected for baths. Immediately baths are in working order, an allotment to units will be arranged.
11. COOK-HOUSES. As soon as possible after arrival in the CHARLEROI area, units will have cook-houses with fly-proof safes erected.
12. DIVISIONAL CANTEEN. The Divisional Canteen is at 67 Rue de BEAUMONT, MARCINELLE.
13. DETACHED PERSONNEL. All detached personnel will be withdrawn by units before leaving the FAYT area.

14. ADMINISTRATION - CHARLEROI AREA.

Area Commandant - Major H.C. FORD, D.S.O., 26th Bn.
WALCOURT.

Town Majors :-

MARCINELLE - Lt. J.H. LUNNON, MC, 23th Bn.
MARCHIENNE-AJ-PONT - Capt. J. McSKILMING, 26 Bn
MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE - Lt. W.R. COLEMAN, MC, 27 Bn
MONTIGNIES-lo-TILLEUL - Lt. J.H. OLFEN,
2nd Pioneer Bn.

Units will keep Town Majors of their areas informed of all billets occupied, and the number of troops in each billet. Any additional billets or accommodation required must be arranged through the Town Majors.

Unit Commanders will be responsible for the maintenance of discipline in their respective areas.

15. TRAFFIC. During the move forward, Traffic Regulations must be strictly adhered to.

16. ADVANCED BILLETING PARTIES. Units will arrange if possible to include a French speaker in each of their billeting parties for the staging areas, as Interpreters are not available.

Billeting parties will be detailed as under :-

Brigade H.Q.	1 N.C.O.	
T.A. Battery	1 N.C.O.	
7th Field/Amb.	1 Officer	
17th A.A.S.C.)	1 N.C.O. from
1/3rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.)	17th A.A.S.C. to
H.Q. 2nd Div. Train Transport)	arrange billeting
)	for all these units.
26th, 27th, 28th, Bns & 2nd Pioneer Bn.	1 Officer and	
	2 N.C.Os per Bn.	
H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig Coy	1 N.C.O.	

Parties composed as above will report to the A/Staff Captain (Captain W.E. GROSE) or Captain G. HARRY, MC as

99

/as follows :-

- ✓ BEAUFORT Church at 11.00 on 16th inst.
- CONSOLRE Church at 12.00 on 17th inst.
- THUIN (Burgomaster's Office) at 11.00 on 18th inst.

Billeting in the CHARLEROI AREA has been completed.

Parties will leave their units in sufficient time to ensure their arrival at the places appointed, on time. They will travel on bicycles, and rations for the period they will be away from their unit, will be carried.

17. GUIDES. Guides will be sent back from the billeting parties to meet their respective units and guide them to their billets.
- On the 17th inst. guides will meet units on the AVESNES - MAUBEUGE Road at Cross Roads below 'B' in ECLAIBES.
- On the 18th inst. at COUSOLRE STATION on the AIBES - COUSOLRE Road.
- On the 19th inst. on the LOBBES - BEAUMONT Road where that road forks with road to THUIN at HEULEN.
- On the 20th inst. guides will meet units as follows :-
- 2nd Pioneer Bn. On the BEAUMONT - MARCHIENNE-au-PONT Road where that road bends and forks with MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL Road at 'e' in Rue a l'Agace.
 - Brigade Headquarters) On MARCHIENNE-au-PONT - BEAUMONT
 - 26th Battalion) Road where railway line crosses
 - road near 'n' in CORON ST.MARTIN.
 - 27th Battalion)
 - 23th ") At BOMEREE STATION where MONT-sur-
 - 7th A.L.F.L.B.) MARCHIENNE - BEAUMONT Road forks
 - 7th Field Ambulance) with MARCINELLE - BEAUMONT Road.
 - 17th A.A.S.C.)
 - 1/3rd S.A.A. Sec.)

18. ATTENTION is directed to 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Memo No. 236.

Captain, A/Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution as for Brigade Order No.237.

Blankets 6.15.
 Salts 6.35.
 Mess 6.45.
 Breakfast 6.15.
 Sick Room

Stationery and for ... 20.00

... ..

... ..

... ..

... ..

... ..

... ..

... ..

... ..

... ..

... follows :-

- 2 -

99

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	63/58
Date	

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
13th December 1918.

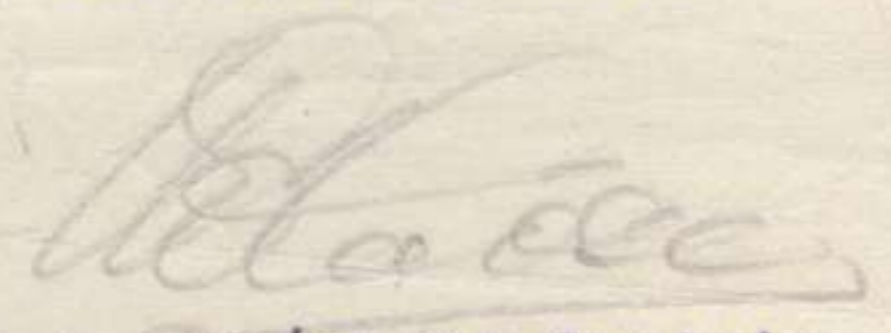
Headquarters,
 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
 7th T.M.Bty. 7th Field Coy A.E.
 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
 7th Field Amb. 17th A.A.S.C.
 7th A.M.G.Coy.
 T/Majors, Pt FAYT & Gd FAYT.

Units will arrange to have Billeting Certificates prepared forthwith and handed to Bde. Interpreter by the 15th instant. These Certificates will be made up to the morning of the 17th instant.

As there will not be an Interpreter available to get particulars for Billeting Certificates in the Staging Areas, it will be necessary for Units' billeting parties to record the names of owners and particulars of numbers billeted in each case, at the same time as they arrange the disposition of the unit. This information will be kept and Billeting Certificates rendered at the earliest opportunity.

Units will obtain clearance certificates from the owners of billets to the effect that all claims have been settled, before leaving this Area.

Town Majors of PETIT FAYT and GRAND FAYT will report to Bde. H.Qrs., any instance where billets have NOT been left in a thoroughly sanitary condition one hour before the first unit leaves the Area.



Captain, A/Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

MOVEMENT ORDER No. 105.

Reference Map Sheet . VALENCIENNES 1/100,000
 NAMUR 1/100,000

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move by Route March to MARCINELLE AREA commencing tomorrow 17th inst. The move will be completed on the 20th inst.
2. For the purpose of the move the 7th A.I. Bde Group will consist of-
 - 7th A.I. Brigade
 - 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion
 - Hqrs 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy.
 - Hqrs 2nd Aust Div Train.
 - 17th Coy A.A.S.C
 - 3rd S.A.A. Section D.A.C.
 - 2th Australian Field Ambulance.
3. The 28th Battalion will move from GRAND FAYT AREA tomorrow Companies will be fallen in on the road in front of Battalion Headquarters ready to move at 0730.
4. ORDER OF MARCH will be -
 - Headquarters Company
 - "A" Company
 - Band
 - "B" Company
 - "C" Company
 - "D" Company.
 - Transport.

Distances as under will be maintained up till halt at 0950.

-Between Battalions	50 Yards
Between Other Units, Companies, Units and Transport	10 yards.

After 1000, NORMAL Distances will be maintained, i.e.,

Between Battalions,	200 yards
Other Units, Companies, Units and their Transport,	
and every Section of 12 vehicles	100 yards.

5. DRESS. Full Marching Order . ALL RANKS will wear Felt Hats.
6. BLANKETS will be rolled neatly and tightly in bundles of TEN, clearly marked and packed in front of Q.M. STORE at 0600.
7. OFFICERS VALISES. Will be dumped at Q.M. Store at 0630.
8. MESS GEAR will be stacked at Q.M. STORE at 0645.
9. TRANSPORT. Transport will move with the Unit. Recent instructions regarding Transport must be strictly complied with.
10. MOBILE ECHELON less authorised reduction will be carried.
11. SANITATION. The area being vacated tomorrow and the Staging Areas en Route to CHARLEROI must be left in a thoroughly sanitary condition. All rubbish must be taken to Incinerators.
12. SICK PARADE at 0600.
13. MARCH TABLE for the march to CHARLEROI issued herewith.
 (Signed) L.G. ALLEN .CAPTAIN Adj. Lt.

MARCH TABLE for 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th insts. To accompany Pat.

No. 105.

Date	Move From	Rde Grp Start Point. Time	Route	To	Remarks
17th	Le GRAND TAYT	Cross Roads 600 yds 0817 Nth of "A" in CARTIGNIES	CARTIGNIES DOMPIERRE DOUBLERS RECLAINES.	BEAUFORT	Halts at Ten mins to clock hour and from 10 ⁵⁰ till 12 ⁰⁰ 99
18th	BEAUFORT	Cross Roads 100 yds 0928 W of the "R" in ROPSIES.	DAMOUSIES ORRICHIES QUELIVTON ALDES COUSOIRE	COUSOIRE	Halts at Ten mins to each clock hour and from 11 ⁵⁰ to 1 ⁰⁰
19th	COUSOIRE	Cross Roads 200 yds S.E. of the "E" in PERSILLIERES - <u>LA TRAYE</u> 0928	BOUSIGNIES LORRE-PT- ROSTREAU TRUIN	TRUIN	Halts as on the 18th.
20th	TRUIN	Road Junction South of the "W" in TRUIN on the "huin Cozee Road. 0928	COZEE St e PARRH MARCINELLE	MARCINELLE	Halts as on previous day.

Synchronization of Watches at P.O.P 1700 daily.
TRAFFIC. During the Move forward Traffic Regulations must be strictly adhered to.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) F. C. ALLEN Captain
Adjutant.

98th Battalion A.I.F

SECRET.

ORDER No. 106.

Copy No.

Reference Sheet. VALENCIENNES 1/100,000
 NAMUR 1/100,000

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will continue the move by March Route to MARCINELLE Area tomorrow 18th inst.
 The 98th Battalion will move from present area and Companies will be fallen in on the ground in rear of "C" Companies Orderly Room at 0900.
2. ORDER OF MARCH. Headquarters, "A" Company, Band, "B", "C", and "D" Company.
 Transport will accompany the Unit.
3. DISTANCES as under will be maintained throughout.

Between Battalions	200 yards
Between Companies, Unit and Transport	100 yards.
Between each section of 18 vehicles in the Transport	100 yards.
4. ROUTE as per table issued with Battalion Order No. 106.
5. DRESS. Full Marching Order. Felt hats to be worn by all Ranks.
6. BLANKETS will be rolled neatly and tightly in bundles of TEN, clearly marked, and stacked in front of Q.M. Store not later than 0745.
7. OFFICERS VALISES AND MESS GEAR will be stacked at Q.M. Store at 0745.
8. SANITATION. This area must be left in a clean and thoroughly sanitary condition.
9. SICK PARADE will be at 0730.
10. BREAKFAST at 0715.

Acknowledge.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.
 Adjutant.

Distribution. NORMAL.

99

28TH BATTALION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY - DECEMBER, 1918

ROUTINE ORDERS

No. 510	December 2nd.
2	December 8th
3	" 9th
4	" 10th
6	" 12th
7	" 13th
8	" 14th
9	" 20th
20	" 22nd
1	" 23rd
2	" 24th
4	" 27th
5	" 28th
6	" 29th

Printed at the War Office, London, E.C.

References to
Remarks and

Summary of Events and Information

(Where necessary not relevant)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

or

WAR DIARY

Army Form C 3118

All the prepared in manuscript
and the War Office. The
summaries are contained in F. 2. Reg. Part II
Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence

Place Date Hour

By Lieut-Col F. CURRIE DSO Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field.

9.19.18.

Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lt SHORROCK DSO
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Morgan
Duty Company "D" Company.

Crimes

2. 9.18.18.
No. 4934 Pte SUTHERLAND W - 7 days F.P. No. 3
30.11.18. W.O.A.S - Neglect to obey an Order
given by an N.C.O.
Insulting language to an N.C.O.
Total Forfeiture 9 days.

Parade.

3. Battalion Route March.
DRESS. Full Marching Order.
Ground Sheets will be carried neatly
folded under Flap of PACK.
ROUTE. Starting Point (Bn Hqrs) Le-Petit-BAYT-
PRISCHES - PRISCHES MAROILLES Road to
Road Junction at 5 J.15.48 and return to
Starting Point. Distance approx 7 1/2 miles.
ORDER of March. Hqrs. "A", "B", "C", and "D".
Coys will be formed up on Road in front of B.O.R
ready to move at 0915.
Every available man will parade.
PARADE STATES to R.S.M 0845. Sharp.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.
Adjutant.

NOTICE.

LOST.

No. 1175 Driver A KAY, 7th M.G. Coy reports
the loss of three FIFTY Franc Notes in
this Billetting area. Probably near Battalion
Canteen.
If found please report B.O.R.

No. 510

2 12 18

ROUTINE ORDER No. 512

512

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field.

8.12.18.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut W.N. REID
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Thomas A. J
Duty Company "B" Company.

Parades. 3. 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 Inspection.
9.15 to 10.00 Platoon and Coy Drill
10.00 to 11.00 P.T and Games
11.00 to 11.30 Sentry Drill
11.30 to 12.00 Rifle Exercises.

The afternoon will be devoted to Education.
Lieut W.A. ELLIS will lecture in Grand FAYE CHURCH
at 1.00.
Subject - "IRRIGATION."

Strength 4. Captain G.H. FUGH is posted to "B" Company.
Captain R.W.G. HANWICK is posted to "A" Coy to
Command.

Transfers. 5. No. 5886A Pte KING W is transferred from "B" Coy
to Battalion Transport Section. 8.12.18.

EDUCATION. 6. All who wish to join Arithmetic Class will
report to "A" Company Billet, No. 42, at 1.00.
English Class at 1.00.
Students will take writing pad as stationery is
not yet to hand.

512. 8.12. 18.

(S gnd) L.G. ALLEN Captain.
Adjutant

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE Commanding 26th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field. 9.12.18.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut G.T. BRITT
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Walters
Duty Company "O" Company.

Parades. 2. 0800 - 0815 Inspection
0815 - 1000 Platoon and Company Drill
1000 - 1100 P.T and Organised Games.
1100 - 1130 Sentry Drill
1130 - 1200 Rifle Exercises.

The afternoon will be devoted to Education.

1300. Lecture by Lieut J.T. BLAIR
Subject - "FRENCH REVOLUTION".

Education. 3. Students will attend classes as under.
1100. Book Keeping Billet No. 48
1300 Arithmetic do
1400 English do

Postal. 4. IRREGULAR POSTING OF LETTERS.
In areas served by the Army Postal Service,
the posting of letters in Civil Post Offices is
FORBIDDEN.

Transfers. 5. The following inter Company transfers have been
affected.

No.	Rank	Name	Initials	From	To
1000	Sgt	PRICE	S.F	Hq	B Coy
1044		WEBB	A.G	Hq	A "
3000		SHELL	S	Hq	B
9100		NICOL	H.S	Hq	C
2030		TAPPER	N	Hq	C

1744	Pte	LEONARD	R.J	Hq	B
617		DRUMMOND	W	Hq	B
4800		WILLIS	T.W	Hq	B
1032		PIKE	H.J	Hq	B
6000		COX	L.L	Hq	B

The undermentioned N.S.O's previously borne
by Companies are now transferred to Hqs.

3647	Sgt	UDELL	H	from C	to Hq
1900		McLEAH	G.J	B	do
1571		PARNELL	C	A	do

Mail. 6. The last day for posting ENGLISH CHRISTMAS
MAIL from this Unit will be 14th inst.

By Lieut-Col F. BARRIE DSO Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field. 19.12.18.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut H. J. H. TOMES MC MM
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Theiford H
Duty Company. "D" Company.

Warning. 2. The following is published for information and will be read on Parade tomorrow.
" There is at present time practically nothing but German money in re-occupied Belgium. This money is subject commercially to depreciation of about 50%. The troops should be warned that the Belgian shopkeepers will endeavour to induce them to accept this money at its pre-war value, and that if they do so they will be accepting it at their own risk and will only be able to exchange it later at considerable loss.

Suspension. 3. The sentence of No. 557 Sgt THOMAS A.B is suspended as from 1.12.18. (4th Army C.1674)

Reversion. 4. No. 5513A L/C DEX W.W reverts to Private at own request 7.12.18 198445

Interest on Deferred Pay. 5. Extract Military Order No. 419 of 26th Aug 1918 is published hereunder :-
War Financial Reg B is amended by the addition of the following words, to take effect as from the 17th April, 1918 :-

Interest at the Rate of 4% per annum or at such other rate as may be approved by the Minister shall, subject to the following provisions, be paid on Deferred Pay till date of death or discharge of the member concerned.

(a) Interest shall not be calculated in respect of any period prior to 1st Jan 1918.

(b) Interest shall not be payable on Deferred Pay until it has accrued for period of 18 months.

(c) Interest will be calculated under such instructions as may be approved by the Minister. (Stat Rule 514)

2. In preparing final statement of account, interest is calculated by means of a table accompanying accountancy instructions Serial 44, issued with Finance Circular 305, dated 17.3.18 from the Dept of Defence Australia, or according to such instructions as from time to time are proved by the Minister.

3. Interest is not credited or paid before the death or discharge of the member concerned.

4. The following is explanatory .

(a) Interest for month January 1918 is calculated on the amount of Deferred Pay accrued to end of December 1916

do	February 1918	do	January 1917
do	March 1918	do	February 1917
do	April 1918	do	March 1917
do	May 1918	do	April 1917.

and so on.

(b) Due deduction is made for forfeiture and for withdrawals of Deferred Pay under A.I.F. Order 1400 of 22.11.18.

(c) No Interest is payable for the Month in which the member is discharged.

(d) In reckoning principal deferred pay is taken to accrue from the middle of the month of Embarkation. D.A.C. A.I.F 15.11.18.

Parades.

6. Battalion will Route March tomorrow. Coys will be fallen in on the Road in front of B.O.R ready to move at 0915.
 Order of the March. Hqrs, A, B, C, and D Coy s.
 Dress. DRILL ORDER. Oil sheets will be neatly folded and fastened to the waist belt at the back by means of the WFO supporting straps.
 Route. Starting "Datta Hqrs" - ~~SAVIERAS~~ - ~~WISSMERS~~ Road to Road Junction at S.J. 73.86 - MARCILLES - Cross Roads at S.J. 14.87 - Road Junction at S.J. 15.48 - thence return to Starting Point. Distance approx 3 miles Parade Starts to B.O.R not later than 0845.

Education. 7.

Coys will submit by noon, names of any men who wish to study LATIN or GREEK up to Matriculation Standard.

- 1100 FRENCH at B.O.R
- 1100 Book Keeping
- ADVANCED GYLE No. 48 Billet
- 1300 Arithmetic do
- 1400 ENGLISH do
- 1700 SHORTHAND B.O.R
- 1800 Lectures by Lieut W.A. ALLEN = " Insect Pests "

814. 10.12.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain. Adjutant

By Lt-Col P. SMITH DSO Commanding 50th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field. 18.12.19.

Orders.

1. Battalion orderly Officer, Lieut H. J. SPENCER
Battalion orderly Sergeant Sgt Davies R.A.F.
Duty Company 3rd Company.

Promotions.

2. The following confirmations of temporary rank have been approved. Dated 18.12.19.

No. 4205 Sgt 3 (Temp) MORRIS V.B to be Sgt 10000

No. 15 00 Cpl (Temp) MORRIS E to be Cpl 20000

No. 505 Sgt (Temp) BARTON G.H to be Sgt 20000

No. 5100 Cpl (Temp) BARR E to be Cpl 10000

No. 5005 Sgt (Temp) PAXON F.S to be Sgt 90014

No. 1005 Sgt (Temp) PRICH G.F to be Sgt 90100

No. 255 Cpl (Temp) COOK R.J to be Cpl 50047

No. 5545 Cpl (Temp) SMITH W.L to be Cpl 200214

No. 30 00 Cpl (Temp) FURBER P.J to be Cpl 100000

Warnings.

3. The practice of firing flares and burning explosives must cease immediately. All ranks must be warned that strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Parades.

4. 9000 Inspection.
9010 Platoon and Company Drill
1000 Organised Groups and P.F.
1100 Sentry Drill
1150 to 1200 Rifle Exercises.

Education.

5. Lectures in Millet No. 47.
1000 Accountancy
1100 French
1200 Arithmetic
1300 English

1500 Lecture by Lt-Col P. SMITH DSO - "JAPS".
Lecture in Church.

A German Class is being formed. Students will report to Cpl BISHOP at R.O.S at 1000.

Returns.

6. Coy A will render to R.O.S by noon the following returns: nominations.
GRASS DRIVER (SHEAR) for IMPROVEMENT
WARRANT and LICENSING for Island Water Dept.

(Signed) L. S. ALLEN Captain.
Adjutant.

510. 18.12.19.

Armanaco

11.45

1918
27

1891

69
36

83

99

ROUTINE ORDER No. 517

517

By Lt-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

13.12.18.

Duties.

- 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut A.J. FLANNAGAN
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Rafferty T
Duty Company "C" Company.

Discharge in Australia.

- 2. The following is copy of memo received from D.A.G. A.I.F.
"The Department of Defence advises that if any they desire men who enlisted in one Military District but whose homes or relatives are resident in another bay, when returned to Australia, be discharged in the Military District in which their homes are situated or in which their relatives live.

This will be done on the understanding that the Defence Department is not liable for the expense of the transfer of the men later on to the District in which they enlisted."

Please have this memo known to all ranks.

Education.

- 3. The following classes will meet tomorrow.
1000 Shorthand B.O.R.
1100 Book Keeping and Accountancy Classes.
Billet No. 49.

Parades.

- 0800-0815
- 0815-1000
- 1000-1100
- 1100-1130
- 1130--1200

Inspection.

- Platoon and Company Drill
- P.T and Organised Games.
- Sentry Drill
- Rifle Exercises.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.
Adjutant

No. 517 .

13.12.18.

99

By Lieut-Col. R. CURRIE DSO Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field. 14.12.18.

Duties.

- 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut H. A. W. RIDGELY
- Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Fifth
- Duty Company "D" Company.

Church Parades.

- 2. ALL PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS at 0830 on 88th Battalion Parade Ground.

Companies will be fallen on Road in front of B.O.R ready to move at 0810

ROMAN CATHOLIC - Grand Foyt Church at 0900

Companies will parade in front of B.O.R at 0810.

DUTY Company will detail one N.C.O to act as marker. He will report to R.S.M at 0830.

DRESS for all Parades. Belts and Side Arms.

PARADE STARTS to B.O.R by 0830.

Sporting Gear.

- 3. ALL SPORTING GEAR (including football boots) must be handed in to R.S.M by NOON 16.12.18.

Discharge in Australia.

- 4. PARA 2 of Battalion R.O. 517 will be read to all ranks on three successive parades.

Discharge in U.K.

- 5. The following conditions are imposed on members of the A.I.F. desirous of obtaining their discharge in U.K, and no member will be discharged unless they are fulfilled :-

- 1. Next of Kin to reside outside Australia or has no objection to discharge abroad.
- 2. Domicile was ordinarily outside Australia before the War, or would be necessary for person concerned to return to U.K if returned to Australia for discharge.
- 3. Must be able to maintain himself abroad.
- 4. Release the Commonwealth Government from any obligation to repatriate him at any future period.

(D.A.G., A.I.F., 30.11.18.)

(Signed) L.S. ALLEN Captain.
Adjutant.

518. 14.12.18 .

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO.

Commanding 26th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

20.12.16.

Duties.

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

Duty Company will detail each day, Battalion Headquarter Guard, consisting of
 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 L/Cpl, 19 O.R's.
 Guard will mount at B.O.R. for inspection at 1345 each day.

Duty Company, each day, will provide DISCIPLINARY PICQUET of 1 Officer, 20 O.R's.
 This Picquet will Parade at B.O.R. at 1845.
DRESS- Great Coats, Belts, Side-arms.

Duty Company will detail each day FIRE PICQUET consisting of
 1 Officer, 2 N.C.O's, 20 O.R's.
 Parade B.O.R. 1330.
DRESS. Belts.

"C" Company will detail a Guard, for 21st inst consisting of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 2 L/Cpls, 19 O.R's.
 Report B.O.R. 1500. Further Orders for this Guard will be issued later.

Duty Company will detail 1 N.C.O., 8 O.R's to act as Unloading Party at the Baths tomorrow 21st inst.
 They will report to Sgt Barker, Lorry No 32, at Church at 0800.

COMPETITION. The result of the Competition is as under.

"C" Company	400	Possible	500
"B" "	375		
"A" "D" and Hqrs	350		

519.

(Signed) L.G.ALLEN Captain.
 Adjutant.

20.12.16.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 590.

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field.

28.12.18.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut J. SHOFROCK DSO.
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Hockley.
Duty Company "D" Company.

Duty Company will supply the following -
QUARTER GUARD

1 Sgt, 1 SMI, 1 L/CMI and 16 O/Ranks.

DISCIPLINARY PIQUET as per Order No. 518.

Each day the FIRE PIQUET will be as under:-

"A"	Company	will supply	1 W.C.O and 4 O/Ranks.
"B"	do	do	1 W.C.O and 4 O/Ranks
"C"	do	do	5 O/Ranks
"D"	do	do	5 O/Ranks.

Duty Company will supply 1 Officer.

Piquet will parade at B.O.R for inspection
at 1245 daily.

DESS.- BELLS.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.
Adjutant.

NOTICE. The Y.M.C.A have established a Restaurant and
Billiard Saloon at the CAFE du THEATRE - top floor -
MARKET PLACE, CHARLEROI. Concerts are also being
given here.

The 7th A.I. BRIGADE CONCERT PARTY will show nightly
in the CERCLE CATHOLIQUE, MARCINELLE, commencing
1800 Monday 29th inst.

No. 590 28.12.18.

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO.

Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

23.12.1918.

- 99
- Duties 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, S/Lieut A. Emery.
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Armstrong C.F.
Duty Company, "D" Company.
- Return. 2. Companies will forward to B.O.R. by 1000 tomorrow,
Return showing men with Postal experience stating
qualifications.
- Strength. 3. Lieut W.A. Leaver MC., MM is transferred from "A"
Coy to Headquarters and will assume the Duties
of Battalion Sports Officer.
- Billeting. 4. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will Officers or Other Ranks
change from present Billets without first obtain-
ing permission from Battalion Headquarters.
- Parades. 5. In view of PRINCE OF WALES PARADE tomorrow after-
noon, Companies will Parade for Cleaning Up
purposes from 0900 to 1100.
DRESS. For this Parade will be Drill Order.
Further particulars will be forwarded to Companies
later.

No 581.
23.12.18.(Signed) L.G. ALLEN, Capt.
ADJUTANT.

99

ROUTINE ORDER No. 522.

By Lt-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 26th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field.

24.12.18.

Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut H. J. SPENCER
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Hitchcock.
 Duty Company. "B" Company.

Church Parade.

2. PROTESTANT. 1100.
 Companies will be fallen in on Road at B.O.R
 at 1045. 1050
 DRESS. Belts and Side Arms.
 Parade Starts to R.S.M at 1000

HOLY COMMUNION after the service at 1130.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. MARCINELLE CHURCH at 0900.
 Companies will parade B.O.R at 0845. --
 Dress - Belts and Side Arms.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.
 Adjutant.

522, 24.12.18.

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

27.12.18.

Duties

- 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, B/Lieut R.T. Franklin.
- Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Webb A.G.
- Duty Company, "A" Company.

Baths.

- 2. The MARCHELLE Baths, Rue de Courcier, are allotted to this Unit tomorrow, 28th inst.
- Companies will parade as under:-

"C" Company	0800 - 0830
"A" "	0830 - 0900
"B" "	0900 - 0930
Head & Q.M. Details	0930 - 1000
"D" Coy & HQRS	0930 - 1000
Head & Q.M. Details	1000 - 1030
Transport	1030 - 1100

German Money.

- 3. From the 31st December, the German Marks are being withdrawn and all ranks will need to exchange it before that date.
- Exchange can be made at POST OFFICE, Rue de Pont, MARCHELLE.

Greetings.

- 4. The following message from the G.O.C., A.I.F. to all members of the Australian Imperial Force, is notified for information:-
- "I send most hearty greetings and good wishes for Christmas to every member of the A.I.F., for all can indeed look back with satisfaction to the magnificent work that has been accomplished. I trust that all may have many a still happier Christmas and prosperity for many a long year to come when they reach their homes"
- (Sgd) W.R. BIRDWOOD"

Civilians in Billets.

- 5. A soldier has been injured owing to a civilian accidentally discharging a rifle in a billet. Immediate steps are to be taken to ensure that all rifles are unloaded and magazines emptied. Civilians are not to be permitted to enter billets other than private houses where troops are camped.

Duties.

- 6. Duty Company will detail a Fatigue Party of 4 O.R's to Report to Sports Officer at 0900, tomorrow 28th inst.
- 7. All "A" Grade Australian Rules Footballers will parade at Training Rooms at 1000, tomorrow.
- (Signed) L.S. ALLEN Captain Adjutant.

Football.

NOTICES.

A CROSS COUNTRY RUN will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1400.

99

By Lieut-Col F. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

28.12.1918.

Duties.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut W.M. Reid.
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Price S.F.
Duty Company, "B" Company.

Electrical Fittings.

2. On no account will any unauthorized person interfere with Electrical Wiring or Fittings in Billets or Area occupied by this Unit.

Special Order.

3. The following Special Order of the Day by the Commander-in-Chief, is notified for information.
"This Christmas Day sees our united efforts crowned with a glorious victory.
I desire to wish all ranks of the Armies under my command a Very Happy Christmas and a brighter and happier New Year.

(Sgd) D. HAIG., F.R.S.
C in C., British Armies in France."

G.R.O. 2729.

4. A bomb with a delay action fuse, hidden by the Germans in a petrol electric set, exploded recently. All ranks are warned that machinery found in the Army Area, may have been prepared in a similar manner.

Corps R.O. 293.

5. DEMobilIZATION. With regard to applications for the Release of Officers from Military Service, the following ruling has been received from A.G., G.H.Q.
"No releases can be sanctioned prior to General Demobilization except at the request of the Demobilization Authorities in ENGLAND.
Urgent cases can only be dealt with on compassionate grounds, or by the grant of leave as heretofore."
Authority A.G. No AG 7641 (D) dated 29.12.18.
This order will not refer to A.I.F. personnel to whom the following instruction refers:-
"It is notified for the information of all concerned that each application for discharge in ENGLAND on demobilization will be considered on its merits by the Demobilization Authorities."
Any application for such discharges should be made by the men concerned through their Commanding Officers, stating the reasons for their desire to be discharged in ENGLAND, nature of employment available etc.
Such Applications will be forwarded direct to the Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., LONDON by Headquarters of Division.

Church Parade.

6. PROTESTANT. 10.45.
Companies will be fallen in on Road at B.O.R. at 1030.
DESERV. Belts and Side Arms.
Parade Starts to R.S.M. at 1000.
HOLY COMMUNION will be held after evening service.
ROMAN CATHOLIC. MARGINEVILLE CHURCH at 0900.
Companies will parade B.O.R. at 0845.
DESERV. Belts and Side Arms.

99

Corps. 7. Gallant Conduct. The Corps Commander congratulates the following man for his gallant action under the circumstances stated.

No 4425 Pte P.G. POWELL, 26th Battalion A.I.F. On the 11th November, the clothes of a small French child caught fire. Pte POWELL rushed to the house, clasped the child in his arms, and tried to smother the flames with his great coat; finally he succeeded in extinguishing the flames by spraying water from the gutter over the child. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the child's life.

Unauthorized Revolvers

8. Reports have been received indicating that some personnel are still in possession of unauthorised revolvers.

Immediate steps are to be taken to ensure that ALL orders concerning possession of revolvers are strictly enforced. (D R O. No. 1221.)

Sick Parade 9. Sick Parade will be at 0900 tomorrow.

Sports 10 Cross Country Runners will report to Sports Officer at 1000 tomorrow.

No. 525
Page 2.

(Signed) L. S. ALLEN Captain
Adjutant

Field
20/12/16.

N O T I C E

Accommodation
at BRUSSELS--

The Municipal Authorities at Brussels have established an Office at the Hotel de Ville (Salle Gothique), where Officers of the Allied Forces can be given information as to available accommodation in the town. This Office will be open from 1500 to 1700 on week days and from 1000 to 1200 on Sundays.

99

By Lieut Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 26th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

29.12.1918.

Duties.

- 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut G.F. Britt.
- 2. Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Reilly, M.L. Coy.
- 3. Coy. Sergeant.

Pay.

- 2. Pay will be available on 1st JANUARY 1919. All ranks may draw a double pay, providing necessary credit balance exists in Pay Book.

Education

- 3. Classes in the following will be held tomorrow, 30th inst., at times stated.

— SWISS-GERMAN (Elementary)	1000 - 1200.
FRENCH	1200 - 1400.
ENGLISH	1530 - 1830.

 Students will meet at the Concert Hall.

Sporting.

- 4. FOOTBALL. "A" Grade Australian Rules Football Team will play a combined team from "B" & "D" Companies tomorrow afternoon at 1330 on the Battalion Football Ground. The "A" Grade Soccer Team will play a combined team from "A" & "B" Companies at 1330. SHORT COURSE RUNNERS will assemble at Training Room at 1400 tomorrow and take part in a Training Run. BOXING. O's & C Companies are requested to submit by 1800 tomorrow, names and weights of men desirous of training for boxing. Returns to be forwarded to Sports Officers.

Training.

- 5. Training will be carried out as per Syllabus.

No 536.
29.12.18.

(Signed) L.F. ALLEN Capt.
Adjutant.