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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*3rd no B Battalion*

FOR

*OCTOBER 1918*

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Reference Map 62<sup>B</sup> 1/40000 (Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ETRICOURT 8	1918			
JONCOURT	1		Battalions relieved in front lines by 17 <sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF	
near ROISEL	2		Battalion arrived in rest area about 2 kilometres north of ROISEL - rested	
	3		} Battalion rested and cleaned up generally.	Strength Off 37 OR 521
	4/7			
	8		Left ROISEL 13.30 marched to PERONNE arrived PERONNE 16.45 - YMCA provided hot tea for all ranks - Entained at PERONNE station and moved off at 18.15	
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OISEMONT	9		Arrived at OISEMONT 4.45 Battalion route marched to FRAMICOURT and TRANSLAY the billeting area allotted - billets poor and dirty.	
FRAMICOURT	10		} cleaned billets and took steps to make men comfortable and snug. Battalion rested	Strength Off 37 OR 526
TRANSLAY	11			
	12		Amalgamation of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion with 29 <sup>th</sup> Battalion with Lieut Col. C.S. DAVIES D.S.O. and 32 <sup>nd</sup> Head Quarters in charge. Battalion retained name of 32 <sup>nd</sup>	
RAMBURELLES	13		Head Quarters moved to RAMBURELLES and occupied old 29 <sup>th</sup> Bn H.Q. Reorganisation commenced Companies spent day in cleaning up generally - scrubbing equipment and organising for forthcoming Brigade Contest for Cup.	
	14		Football, Cross Country, Athletic and Jug of war teams working enthusiastically	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMBURELLES	1918 Oct 15		Training carried out for Sports meeting, Sites selected for Bayonet Fighting Lewis Gun and Bombing practises - men bathed Preparation made for inspection by Major Genl J.T. HOBBS who is	
	16		Inspection by G.O.C. 5 <sup>th</sup> DIV who spoke in most complimentary terms	
	17/22		Parades from 0900 - 1200 for reorganisation of companies and teams for sports carried on with training including boxing teams	Strength Off 74 Pr. 1070
	23		Training carried out during morning 32 <sup>nd</sup> beat 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn at Football - Aust Rules	
	24		do do 32 <sup>nd</sup> beaten by 31 <sup>st</sup> Bn at Soccer	
	25		do do	
	26		won platoon Race. 32 <sup>nd</sup> beat 31 <sup>st</sup> Bn Aust. Football rules	Strength Off 70 Pr. 1073
	27		do	
	28		won Drill Competition 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Transport 2 <sup>nd</sup> for Cookers.	
	29		do Beat 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn at Rugby	
	30		do	
	31		do	

Mark Wagon  
also 32nd Bn



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APPENDIX

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32nd. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

ORDER NO. 41.

Ref. Sheets, 62c and Dieppe Sheet 16. 1/100,000. 6th. October 1918.

1. The 32nd. Battalion will move by march route from the present area to PERONNE on the 8th. instant and will then move by train to OISEMONT where guides will meet the Battalion and guide it to the billeting area.
2. Starting Point :- Road Corner K 3 a 7 0.  
Time of Start :- 1330.  
Order of March :- H.Q. "A" "B" "C" "D" A.M.C.  
Dress :- Full marching order, Felt Hats, Blanket rolled in W.P. Sheet and fastened round pack, Steel helmet on pack, S.B.R. resting on top of pack, unconsumed ~~man~~ portion of days rations.  
Distances :- 100 Yards between Coys.  
Halts :- Normal halts will be observed.
3. Transport with full echelon will move separately, will leave present area at 1100 and will report to Lieut. Haslam (Battalion entraining Officer) at entraining station by 1530.
4. "C" & "D" Coys. will each supply 1 Officer and 50 O/Rs. (Loading party) to report to Lieut. Pratt at 1400 on 7th. instant. This party with "C" Coys. Cooker and team will report to R.T.O. at entraining Station by 0030 8th. instant. Billets in the vicinity of the station will be arranged by O.C. Party. This party will travel by the same train as the Battalion.
5. Lieut. Haslam will act as Battalion entraining Officer and will report with entraining states to Captain C.H. Read, 29th. Battln. (Brigade entraining Officer) by 1530 on 8th. instant.
6. All Tents and Trench Shelters will be stored at Coy. H.Q. by 0830 8th. instant. Transport Officer will collect these and return them to Area Commandant and obtain receipt.
7. Officers Baggage will be stored at Coy. H.Q. by 0900 on 8th. instant. T.O. will arrange to collect them at that hour.
8. All Company Limbers will be loaded complete by 1600 on 7th. instant.
9. All doors of covered trucks and carriages on the right hand side of the train when on the main line should be kept closed.
10. "A" Company will detail a picquet of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men for duty at the front end of the train at all stops to prevent troops leaving. "B" Company will similarly detail a party for the rear end of the train.
11. No ~~personnel~~ personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake vans or on the roof of trucks.
12. The present area must be left in a clean and sanitary condition.

32ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No. <i>Cr 12/564</i>
Date

*Hardy* Lieutenant.  
Adjutant 32nd. Battalion A.I.F.

P.T.O.



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2. "A" Coy.

3. "B" Coy.

4. "C" Coy.

5. "D" Coy.

6. R.Q.M. & T.O.

7. R.M.O.

8. Lieut. Haslam (Battalion Entraining Officer)

9/10. War Diary.

12. File.

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

ORDER NO. 41

For Sheets 680 and 682 and 684

Will marching order, Lieut. Haslam  
rolled in R.P. Sheet and fastened  
back. Book placed on pack, R.P. resting  
on top of pack, unopened when portion of  
day returns.

100 Yards between Coys.

Normal halts will be observed.

Transport with full complement will leave present  
area at 1100 and will report to Lieut. Haslam (Battalion Entraining  
Officer) at entraining station by 1200.

"A" & "B" Coys. will each supply 1 Officer and 50 O/Ns (loading  
party) to report to Lieut. Haslam at 1400 on 7th instant. This party  
with "C" Coy. Cooker and team will report to R.M.O. at entraining  
station by 0800 8th instant. Officers in the vicinity of the station  
will be arranged by C.O. party. This party will travel by the same  
train as the Battalion.

Lieut. Haslam will act as Battalion Entraining Officer and will  
report with entraining status to Captain G.H. Head, 8th Battalion  
(Battalion Entraining Officer) by 1200 on 8th instant.

All tents and trench shelters will be stored at Coy. H.Q. by 0800  
8th instant. Transport Officer will collect these and return them  
to Area Commandant and obtain receipt.

Officers baggage will be stored at Coy. H.Q. by 0900 on 8th instant.  
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All Company timbers will be loaded complete by 1600 on 7th instant.

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at the front end of the train at all stops to prevent troops leaving.  
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Adjutant 32nd Battalion A.I.F.





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# APPENDIX

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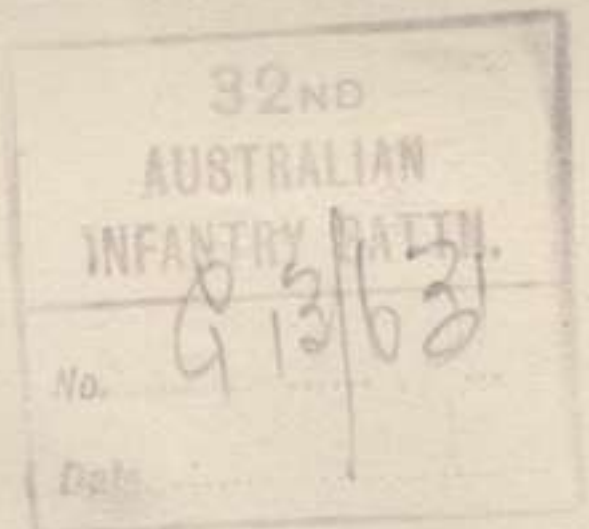
## 32nd. Australian Infantry Battalion.

### Order No.44.

28th. October 1918.

1. The Battalion will be inspected by the Divisional Commander on Wednesday 30th. instant. on the Brigade Sports Ground.
2. The dress will be as previously advised except that all mounted Officers will wear S.B.Belts and Caps.
3. Coys. and Transport will arrive on the parade ground by 1040.
4. Markers will report to the R.S.M. on the ground at 1030.
5. The only exemptions will be Regimentally employed men and sick men.
6. Parade States to reach Battalion Orderly Room by 2000 29th. instant.

- Copy No. 1. C.O.  
 2. "A"  
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 4. "C"  
 5. "D"  
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 10. File.



*Stanley* Lieutenant.  
 Adjutant 32nd. Battalion A.I.F.



# APPENDIX

Fourth Army No. G.S.2/23.

## Australian Corps.

Since the Australian Corps joined the Fourth Army on the 8th April, 1918, they have passed through a period of hard and uniformly successful fighting of which all ranks have every right to feel proud.

Now that it has been possible to give the Australian Corps a well-earned period of rest I wish to express to them my gratitude for all that they have done. I have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the various stages through which they have passed from the hard times of FLERS and POZIERES to their culminating victories at MONT ST. QUENTIN and the great Hindenburg System at BONY, BELLICOURT Tunnel and MONTBREHAIN.

During the Summer of 1918 the safety of AMIENS has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valour.

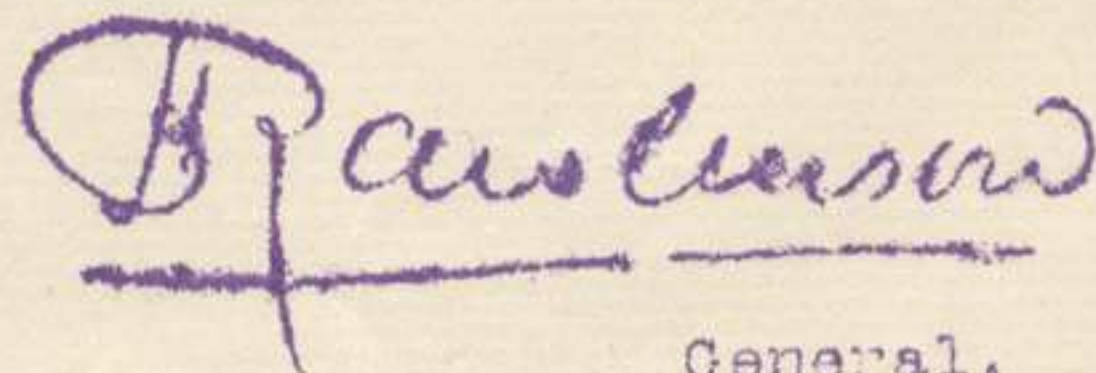
The story of what they have accomplished as a fighting Army Corps, of the diligence, gallantry and skill which they have exhibited, and of the scientific methods which they have so thoroughly learned and so successfully applied, has gained for all Australians a place of honour amongst nations and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

It has been my privilege to lead the Australian Corps in the Fourth Army during the decisive battles since August 8th which bid fair to bring the war to a successful conclusion at no distant date.

No one realises more than I do the very prominent part that they have played, for I have watched from day to day every detail of their fighting, and learned to value beyond measure the prowess and determination of all ranks.

In once more congratulating the Corps on a series of successes unsurpassed in this great war I feel that no mere words of mine can adequately express the renown that they have won for themselves and the position they have established for the Australian nation not only in France but throughout the world.

I wish every officer, N.C.O. and man all possible good fortune in the future and a speedy and safe return to their beloved Australia.



General,  
Commanding Fourth Army.

H.Q., Fourth Army.  
14th October, 1918.

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