

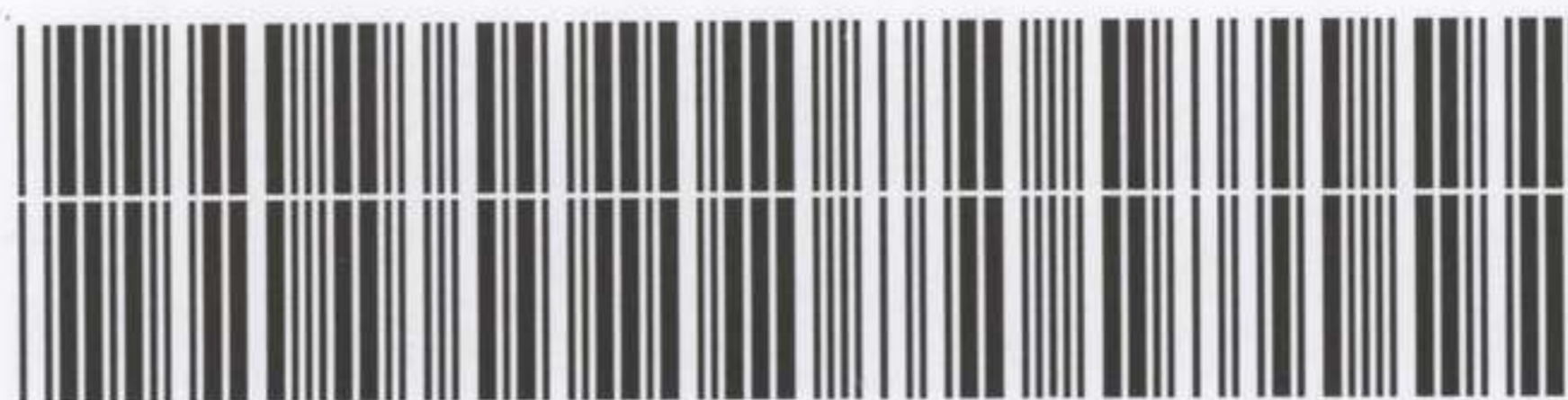
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OF

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FOR

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SAINS	1/14/18		<p>MORNING - Church Parades - Protestant Denominations in Theatre near Battalion H.Q.s at 10.30 a.m. - Roman Catholics at SAINS Church at 9 - a.m. Weather dry & cold.</p>	
- " -	2/12/18		<p>Morning Battalion Route March - 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Treatment of feet 11.30 to 12.30 p.m. Afternoon Recreational Training 2 - 3.30 p.m. Weather dry & cold. dull.</p>	<p>App. No 1 App. No 2</p>
- " -	3/12/18		<p>MORNING: Battalion Drill: 9.30 - 11.30. N.C.O.'s Instruction Class under R.S.M. Town Cleaning & Salvage work - Lecture by Capt T.A. WHITE from 11.30 - 12.30 P.M. 12 - 1915 men left for Australia. AFTERNOON: Recreational Training - Baseball &c 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. - Dull weather.</p>	
- " -	4-12-18		<p>MORNING: On account of wet weather Route March set was cancelled. Tidying & cleaning of billets. AFTERNOON Recreational Training. Debate in Y.M.C.A. 16th Br. & 13th Br. Subject: That the maximum prices of food should be fixed by Government.</p>	
- " -	5-12-18		<p>No. 5 Battalion Paper The "Two Blues" published (APP 3) MORNING: Battalion Drill - Cleaning up of area & Salvage work. - Large amount of war material salvaged (APP 4). AFTERNOON: Recreational Training - Weather dull & mild.</p>	<p>APP. No 3. APP. No 4.</p>

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SAINS DU NORD	6-12-18		<p><u>MORNING</u>: Bn. Route March - Treatment of Feet.</p> <p><u>AFTERNOON</u>: Recreational Training 2-3.30 P.M. Weather clear & sunny.</p>	
— . —	7-12-18		<p><u>MORNING</u>: Bn. drill & Coy. drill - 9.30 - 11.30. Lecture by Capt White on French & English History: - Weather dull & cool.</p>	
— . —	8-12-18		<p><u>MORNING</u>: Church Parades - Protestant Denominations in Theatre near Bn H.Q. at 10.30 a.m. Roman Catholics at SAINS Church at 9 a.m. - Sunny weather.</p>	
— . —	9-12-18		<p><u>MORNING</u>: Parade cancelled owing to wet weather. Lecture by Capt. J. A. White. News received that VC had been awarded to Sgt G. Sexton for his gallantry in operations on 18th Sept.</p>	
— . —	10-12-18		<p><u>AFTERNOON</u>: Organised Games.</p>	
— . —			<p><u>MORNING</u>: Battalion Parade - NCOs Instruction class.</p> <p><u>AFTERNOON</u>: Rugby match between H.Q. 'A' & 'B' Coys & 'C' & 'D' Coys. resulting in win for H.Q. & Co 6 to nil. Weather - wet.</p>	
— . —	11-12-18		<p><u>MORNING</u>: Route March - 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Treatment of feet. Weather still wet.</p> <p><u>AFTERNOON</u>: Recreational Training. Rugby Football match between C & D Coys. Result - a draw - 3 all.</p>	

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SAINS-DU-NORD	11-12-18		AFTERNOON Competition Debate between 13 th & 14 th Pn in Y.M.C.A. Subject: Amateuism versus Professionalism	
— " —	12-12-18		MORNING Bn. Parade 9.30 a.m. Lecture by R.M.O. in Theatre, SAINS at 11.30 a.m.	
— " —	13-12-18		AFTERNOON - Recreational Training - Weather wet.	
— " —	13-12-18		MORNING: At disposal of Coy. Commanders. Bn. preparing to move forward to MEUSE area. Bulleing party left for SIVRY.	
— " —	14-12-18		Battalion moved off at 7.15 a.m. on march to Meuse area, passing through RAMOUSIES LESSIES - WILLIES to Sivry where the Bn arrived at 11.50 a.m. The roads were heavy & several long hills were encountered. Weather dull + mild The Belgian frontier was crossed about 10.20 a.m. Weather dull + mild	APP No 5
SIVRY (Belgium)	15-12-18		The march was resumed at 7.55 a.m. the route being RENLIES - VERGNIES - ERPION - BANSSA to SILENRIEUX. A halt was made just outside ERPION at 11.50 for midday meal. The march being resumed at 1 p.m. SILENRIEUX being reached at 2.30 p.m. - Weather, dull + med	APP No 6
SILENRIEUX (Belgium)	16-12-18		The march was resumed at 8.40 a.m. weather very wet & stormy & roads heavy, but only 4 fell out with sore feet. Bn passed through PHILLIPVILLE to destination FLORENNES which was reached at 1.10 p.m.	APP. No 7

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FLORENNES	17-12-18.		Bn employed in thoroughly cleaning up Billets + adjacent areas, cleaning equipment & H.R.H. The Prince of Wales visited FLORENNES at 10.30 a.m. + made a tour of inspection of the Bn. Billets & He expressed himself as highly pleased with everything + the splendid appearance of the men of the Bn. + how he greatly appreciated the good work which the Australians had done.	APP. No 8.
— " —	18-12-18		Day spent in cleaning up billets + adjacent areas. Baths were in working order + the larger part of the Bn. had baths + clean change - 70 per hour capacity. The weather was very wet + stormy during the day.	
— " —	19-12-18		Baths for remainder of Bn. — Bn. Parade on Parade Ground (NAMUR 1/100,000 3 H. 09.30) at 9.30 a.m. Lecture on "Sea Power in English History" by Capt T.A. White at 11-15 a.m. A meeting of Instructors of various Subjects in connection with the Bn. Educational Scheme was held at 2 pm + it was decided to restart various classes such as Carpentry, Tailoring, Shorthand + typewriting, English, Mathematics, &c. which were discontinued when Bn. left Picquigny.	
— " —	20-12-18.		Bn. Route March at 9.30 a.m. - Weather very wet + cold. Educational classes were re-commenced in French Algebra, Typewriting, Tailoring + Keen interest was displayed by the students. A Lecture was given by Capt T.A. White on the "Sea Power of England" - The afternoon was devoted to Sports + recreational training.	

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FLORENNES	21-12-18		Battalion Parade at 9.30 a.m.: A very interesting Lecture was given by Chaplain FINIGAN of the 4 th Aust. M.G. Bn. on "With the Aust. Light Horse in Egypt & Palestine". - from 11-15 - 12-15 p.m.	
—	22-12-18	10.30 a.m.	Church Parades - R. Co at St Aubin Church at 11 a.m. Church of England & at Theatre, FLORENNES - General Hobbs ^{Corp Comdr.} was present.	APPN ^o 9. #16
—			Football (Soccer) 15 th & 13 th won by former 3-0.	App. No 10
—	23-12-18		Morning: Bn Route March to Jusame & return 9.30 - 11 a.m. Lecture by Chaplain Finigan of 4 th M.G. Bn on 'Egypt its peoples, its customs, its religions. - a very interesting lecture; Educational Classes were also held 11-15 - 12-30 p.m. All ranks were paid in afternoon. Continued wet & stormy weather.	
—	24-12-18		Bn Parade at 9.30 a.m.; Educational Classes 11-15 a.m. - 12.30. Afternoon: Recreational Training. No 6 of "Two Blues" Journal published.	App. No 11.
—	25-12-18		Christmas Day: There was a slight fall of snow in the night & the morning	

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FLORENNES	25-12-18		dawned bright cold + sunny giving everyone a keen appetite for the Dinner. Each boy made its own arrangements for Dinner in the local School & the Tables & walls were very prettily decorated & excellently cooked meals supplied. Copies of Menus & as per Appendix No 12.	APP. 12
— " —	26-12-18		Boxing Day. A Football Match was played between H.Q. Co. & B Company against A.C. & D. Coys resulting after a good game in a draw - 3-3. Necessary arrangements were made for each man to complete	
— " —	27-12-18		A.D.F. Form 534 - (Demobilisation Form) Battalion Route March 9-15 - 11-10 a.m. Weather cold & bleak. An interesting Lecture on "Wheat growing" was delivered to the Officers & men of 13 th Bn by Lt Cpl HUGHES, 16 th Bn. Educational Classes were also held from 11-15 - 12.30 - Afternoon devoted to Recreational Training.	
— " —	28-12-18		Bn Parade arranged for this morning cancelled on account of very wet weather. Training carried on in billets. Lecture by RMO at 11-15 a.m. & Educational classes held.	

9. 1915 men left for Australia

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FLORENNES	29-12-18.		Church Parade at 10.30 a.m. in Pietrot Hall Florennes for Church of England and other Protestant denominations - Chaplain Rev. G. PATON. Weather very wet & exceptionally mild.	
— —	30-12-18		In view of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales' intended visit to present Medals to members of the Brigade tomorrow a practice Parade was held today as per APPENDIX 13. Battalion classes were held as usual.	APP. 13.
— —	31-12-18.		A Rugby Match was played in the afternoon (13 th & 4 th Coy F. Engineers). It was a very keenly contested match & resulted in a draw, 3 all. A Parade for presentation of Medals by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales was held in the Monastery Courtyard, the Brigade being formed up about 11 a.m. in 3 sides of a square, the recipients in front of the centre side formed. H.R.H. arrived about noon & was greatly welcomed. All the local school children bearing the flags of Allied Nations & wearing National colours gave H.R.H. a rousing reception with cheering & waving of flags. The Australian Corps, Divisional & Brigade Commanders were also present & after an inspection by H.R.H. medals were presented - about 14 members of the Battalion being among the recipients. After the presentation there was a march past the Saluting Base by all troops present, with firing of guns. The day was clear & cold.	APP. 14.

G. S. Allen
Commanding 13th Bn AIF
Lieut Col

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FOR

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Battalion Route March.
2	Syllabus of Training for week ending 7.12.18 (one copy only)
3	"TWO BLUES" Bn. Fortnightly Journal (one copy only)
4.	Salvage Return for week ending 5.12.18 do
5.	Battalion Order No. 5.
6.	Battalion Order No. 6.
7	Battalion Order No. 7.
8	Memo with reference to H.R.H. Prince of Wales' visit. (one copy only)
9	Order for Church Parades 22.12.18.
10	Memo from 4th A.I. Bde re Church Parades 22.12.18.
11	"TWO BLUES" Bn. Fortnightly Journal (one copy only)
12	Report on Christmas Dinner.
13	Order - Practice Medal Parade. (one copy only)
14	Order - Parade for presentation of medals by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. (one copy only)
15	Poster - 13th Bn. Band with "SMART SET" at AMIENS. (one copy only)
16	Syllabus of Training for fortnight ending 28.12.18 do
17	Do Do 11. 1.19. do
18	Extract from "TIMES" re Sgt. SEXTON, V.C., D.C.M.
19.	Copy of letter from Mrs L. HENLEY.
20.	Battalion Routine Orders issued for month of December.
21	Weekly Strength Returns for month of December.
22	Statement of Joined, Gone, Sick evacuations etc. for December.

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Headquarters,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.
1st December, 1918.

All Companies and H.Q. Units.

BATTALION ROUTE MARCH - 2-2-18.

Dress: Fighting Order less Greatcoat. Waterproof sheet to be carried under flap of haversack.

Officers' Dress: All Officers will wear hats, service tunics, web belt and braces. Dismounted Officers, fighting Order.

Battalion to be formed up in column of route in the following order in front of B.O.R. at 9.25 a.m.:-

- H.Q. Qrs.,
- Band,
- "A" Company,
- "B" "
- "C" "
- "D" "

ROUTE Rue la Haut - Zorées - Cross Roads L.5.75.20 - SAINS.

Pass the Starting point Bend in Road (Sheet 57A Q.11.d.6.4.) at 9.30 a.m.

Transport Officer to arrange for delivery of following hacks:-

C.O.'s and groom mounted, 2nd in Command, all Company Commanders. Adjutant.

DUTIES: Duty Company will arrange for Guard, mounting to-morrow to be handed over to the H.S.M. at B.O.R. at 9.30 a.m.

After Route March, on return to billets immediate attention will be given to treatment of feet.

DUTIES: Duty Company "D" Company.
Orderly Officer -
Orderly Sgt - Sgt. PARRY.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. BARTON.

GUARD and PICQUET. Usual guard and picquet to be supplied to mount at usual times.

Duty Company will also supply 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to report to Orderly Officer at 9.30. dress clean fatigue.

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS. Each Company will detail two men to report to Sanitary Sgt. at B.O.R. at 9 a.m. daily (one of these men will be the Company Sanitary man). They will be under the direct supervision of the Sanitary Sgt. and will not return to their Companies until the allotment of work for the day has been completed.

KING'S AND REGIMENTAL COLOURS. The following additional amounts have been subscribed to-day:-

H.Q. Qrs - 4. 8. 2.
D. Coy 29. 6. 6.

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To-day's Total - £33.14.8. Progressive Total - £86.11.4.

For information it is advised that the original subscription lists when finally returned to B.O.R. will be forwarded as a War Museum Exhibit.

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Adjutant, 13th Batt. A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 7. 12. 18.

Map Reference: VALENCIENNES & NAMOUR 1/100,000.

Date	Time	Time	Time
	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.	11.30 to 12.30 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.
MONDAY, 2.12.18	Bn. Route March Starting point, bend in road - Sheet 57a Q.11.d.6.4. - 9.30 a.m. Route Rue la Haut - Zorees - X roads L.5 75.20-SAINS.	Treatment of Feet	Sports & Recreation al Training.
TUESDAY, 3.12.18.	Bn. Drill. Guards and Sentries. Rifle exercises	Educational Train- ing	Sports and Recrea- tional Training.
WEDNESDAY, 4.12.18.	Bn. Route March. Dress Fighting Order. Starting point-Statue opposite billets 9.30 a.m. Order of March H.Q., Band, "B" "C" "D" & "A" Companies. Route: SEMERIES Stn. XL.5.75.20 -SAINS	Treatment of feet	Sports & Recreati- onal Training.
THURSDAY, 5.12.18.	Bn. Drill. Coy. Drill	Educational Trng.	Sports & Recreati- onal Training.
FRIDAY 6.12.18.	Bn. Route March. Dress Full m. order. Starting point-Sheet 57a.Q.11.d.6.4. Bend in road 9.30 a.m. Order of march, H.Q. Band. "C" "D" "A" & "B" Coys. Route: Main road to FOURMANOU-ZOREES- SAINS.	Treatment of feet	Sports and Re- creational trng.
SATURDAY 7.12.18.	Bn. Drill Guards & Sentries Coy. drill	Educational trng.	Sports & Re- creational Trng.

- All parades will terminate with a March Past.
- On all parades other than Route marches dress will be drill order.
Battalion to be formed up on Parade Ground at 9.30 a.m.
- S. OKO - 10 minutes every hour from ten minutes to clock hour. until clock hour.
Bugle will be blown.

Lieut.
Adjutant. 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

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THE "TWO BLUES"

SAINS, December 5th 1918.

EDITORIAL:

"In the year 1 - 9 - 2 - 3
Just try and picture me - IN AUSSIE".

Is it going to be as hard to demobilize as it was to beat Fritz? We all recognise the difficulties and will cheerfully wait our turn, but nevertheless the Southern Cross is calling us, we feel, more strongly than ever. We want to see it shining brightly above us as we smoke our pipes in our gardens on our great wide plains, or our mountains or near our surf. The General, in his address, placed before us, in as 'Dinkum' a way as possible, the difficulties to be overcome and the measures proposed to be taken. We all appreciated his address and trust to receive any other 'Dinkum Oil' he may get, in a similar way. It is better than having it read in orders.

The march from PRESSNOY to SOUPLLET wasn't too bad - not as solid as that night march from PICQUIGNY when the Sigs thought they would miss the train if they didn't set a pace. But the march from SOUPLLET to PRISCHES was solid - mainly on account of the muddy roads. The Band is good for marching but a muddy road is 'No bon' for the Band. The two days' rest at PRISCHES with the Condy's and Methylated Spirits on our 'tootsies' made the march to SAINS quite a joy walk. You don't think? We noticed that Fritz didn't leave many bridges in these parts or many cross-roads un-mined. SAINS used to have an arched Railway Bridge.

CONGRATS. to Sergt. SHEPPARD and Runner DENNY on their D. C. M's. War to Jimmy LINO's D.C.M. has also come out in addition to his M.C. He was killed on 18th September. One of our most popular and efficient M.C.'s was "Smiling Jimmy" and a marvel with his Lewis Gun, especially when firing it from the hip.

CONGRATS also to Lieut. Harry BAKER on his D.S.O. and Lieuts. John EAST and Hugh CURTIS on their M.C's.

PERSONAL PARS. Send some in about your ABSENT FRIENDS.

Request. Keep your literary contributions going. Send anything in for our approval. Paper is very scarce but we hope things will improve.

MACONOCHIE ITEMS.

Why this burst of enthusiastic activity on the part of the B.O.O. on 3rd inst? It has been suggested that such activity keeps his thoughts off the little demoiselle he left behind in the Shop with the "Room for Officer" at PICQUIGNY.

Oh that funny rum issue - 100 to a S.R.D.! Who said "SOON RUNS DRY"?

The Doc. seems happier lately. Is it because the Spanish flu' is dis-

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appearing or that he has rubbed his feet with "Tommy Cookers"?

Our contemporary "ORTS" complains of not receiving copies of the "TWO BLUES". Don't they know there's a war on?

A certain body of Diggers often hear themselves smiling at the "NOW MEN" If they stand properly to attention (vide Infantry Training 1914) they don't see the speaker either. Must be a PERP.

On our long march from PRISCHES to SAINS "old DAD" was singing "I'm fifty nine and in the ARMY".

Is the Hun cleaner in his FATHERLAND than he was at SAINS? He certainly left his billets and hospitals in a filthy condition. Perhaps he was hurried!

At SAINS cows are used as hacks and as dray horses!

A Battalion Sub. once received the order C.B.S. but did not feel honoured. Perhaps he is going to be some day.

Lieut. Sunrise was badly treated during a "rough house under ANZAC rules". Dud Lee also got his share. Since then they have had the "wind up".

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SUPERSTITIONS OF DIGGERS.

It is unlucky to be killed on a Friday.

If the sun rises in the East it is a sure sign that there will be STEW for dinner. Even the least superstitious believe this.

To hear a lecture on the glorious traditions of your Battalion indicates a coming 'hop-over'.

To meet a Fritz with a watch or ring is a sign that there's no Digger in front of you, or that you are in front of a certain Officer.

The French always refer to the Huns as "les sales Bosches", (the dirty Bosches). Since we arrived here at SAINS we can appreciate the "dirty". We have never before seen such filth as our friend Fritz left behind.

The no-read issue on 2nd inst. brought the GUERRE back to us just when we were forgetting about it. It recalled the winter of 1916-1917 when, on several occasions, near FLERS and GUEUDECOURT the issue was one loaf to a Platoon.

Sgt. SPARROW seemed the happiest man in the Battalion with his fifty Fritz prisoners cleaning up things generally at FRESNOY. He had some cleaning the cookers and dixies, some chopping wood and burying rubbish. It is rumoured that they were particularly stinky

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It is rumored that they were particularly struck with Sgt. SPARROW's famous designs.

The *beaucoup* WHISTLING on our Route March from FRESNOY to the source of the SOMME had many of us wondering, but we soon got used to it. The "Two Minutes to go" whistle saves us lighting and wasting a fag.

Our new C.O. is one of ourselves. He transferred to the 45th - our sister Battalion - when it was formed from the 13th in Egypt.

On our Route March Captain M'++++ (We don't mention any name) passed a TANK along the road near CATILLON without trying to carry it with him as a SOUVENIR!!

A certain rear guard instead of finding any stragglers, lost one of its own members unconsciously!!

You look crook Bob. Long march knocked you up? Yes, Jim. I'm almost dead but I'll pull through. Sorry to hear it old chap.

Gone are the days when we had "beaucoup" In times gone by we'd five men to two, Very often the issue was two to one Even when chasing the wily Hun.

Unless things alter in this here place Starvation seems staring us in the face.

Our issue of grub can scarce be seen, Unless you've a microscope I mean. Nations are things that we used to eat

During the time of the 'great Retreat' And now the war's over the Heads all think Inflated by vict'ry we don't eat or drink Live on wafers and air and tea, See, that's their idea of victory.

But every cloud has a silver line, Roll on the day when we hit the Rhine, Even old Fritz has bread galore. And always had a few loaves in store. Damn it we'll sting him for three or four.

"Careless Cass".

"FORPHIES".

There are 30 German warships at HAVRE waiting to take us to Australia. We are to have Fritzes on board as Mess orderlies and batmen. These 30 warships are to be presented to Australia together with 70 submarines to form part of the Australian Navy.

The "Old Brig." or "Steve" was seen at PERONNE last week looking for the Brigades. He returned from New York when he heard we were off to Germany.

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"FURPHIES" (Continued.)

Stretcher bearer "BURKE" of "C" Company once refused a Rum issue.

"C" Company's Q.M. has at last found a Service tunic to fit the

There was a young Anzac from Whitby,
Who was most infernally 'bit-be'
Those nasty wee things,
Without any wings,
That make it unpleasant to 'sit-be'!

WITH NO REFERENCE TO OUR COMPANY Q. M.

"I didn't get these things for nothing"
The Q.M. said with a frown,
Pointing a bony finger
Towards his three stripes and crown.
They weren't got for crawling,
Or swigging the Company's rum,
Nor selling the buckshee rations,
Or kissing the O.C.'s thumb!

"No, that's true what you've just said, Quarter,"
A Digger then said with a grin,
'Cause if you had got stripes for all these things
You'd be stripes from your heels to your chin".

"Careless Cass"

Big L's have been sent in to our Canteen to cover our probable Xmas requirements.

"A" Company's salvage yesterday included 150 cabbages, 1 cwt. turnip, also carrots, parsnips, beetroot etc. all planted by the Hun or his prisoners, for the Hun. Quite good eating too.

"SOLANO" COURTSHIP.

Dedicated to the Signal Section, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

(Letters in Block to be read phonetically)

A Signaller on leave one day was out on pleasure bent
And I will try and illustrate what sort of time he spent.

He started off by drinking in a Horizontal Bar,
Then after a refreshing B he hailed a passing car.
He was off to meet his M whose station call he knew
Arriving at her place he sent a whispering R Q.

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ALMA MATER N. 3151

RETURN No. 10.

Headquarters,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.
5th December, 1918.

APPENDIX No 4.

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Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

Army Form W. 31

SALVAGE RETURN.

- 22,000 S.A.A. in boxes.
- 64,000 do loose (estimated)
- 9 boxes 1" flares.
- 5 Lewis Gun magazines.
- 6 do Loading handles.
- 2,910 Hessian bags in bundles of 30.
- 2 Gas rattles.
- 8 boxes P. Bombs.
- 4 " S.O.S.
- 717 boxes Bombs (Mills)
- 165 " Stokes T.Ms.
- 230 loose Bombs (Mills)
- 24 boxes blank S.A.A.

Recommended
by

Honour
or
Reward

A. S. Allen Major

C.O., 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDER No. 5.

Reference: ¹⁹⁹ NAMUR 1/100,000 Headquarters,
13th December, 1918.

1. The 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group will move by march route to the MEUSE area between 14th and 16th December, 1918 inclusive.
2. The 13th Battalion will be formed up in column of route - in 3's instead of 4's - at 7.15 a.m. on the 14.12.18, ready to move in the following order:-
 - H.Q. units
 - Band,
 - "D" Company.
 - "A" Company
 - "C" Company
 - "B" Company
 - Transport.
 with the head of the Battalion opposite Camp Commandant's Office.
3. The Battalion will pass the Starting Point - the Southern entrance to RAMOUSIES at 8.23 a.m.
4. ROUTINE - Reveille - 5a.m.
Breakfast - 5.30 a.m.
5. ROUTE - RAMOUSIES - LESSIES - WILLIES - SIVRY.
where the Battalion will stage until the following ~~night~~ day.
6. DRESS - Marching Order less blankets. Officers wear hats and service tunics.
7. MARCH DISCIPLINE. To comply with road restrictions no interval between Companies will be observed. Disciplinary action will be taken against any man falling out without permission whilst on the march.
8. MIDDAY MEAL. Q.M. will arrange for midday meal on arrival at SIVRY.
9. BLANKETS. will be rolled in bundles of 20 ONLY, properly labelled and dumped, together with Officers' valises at Q.M. Store at 6 a.m. 14.12.18. Duty Company to detail loading party of One N.C.O. and six men to report to Q.M. at 6 a.m. 14.12.18. Company mess boxes will be carried on Cookers.
10. BILLETING PARTY. will report at SIVRY Church at 10 a.m. on 14th inst. Capt. L.W.H. CLELAND, M.C. will report to Brigade Headquarters at 1 p.m. 13.12.18 to proceed by motor ambulance to SIVRY reporting at Church, SIVRY at 4 p.m. to-day. After completing billeting at SIVRY he will report immediately to Brigade Headquarters in connection with the billeting in next area. Billeting party to be in possession of 48 hours rations.
11. COOKS. One Cook from each Company will march with the brakesman of each Cooker. Remainder of Cooks will march in rear of last Cooker under charge of Sgt. Cook. Cooks must be uniformly dressed (fighting order).
12. HACKS. Transport Officer will arrange for the delivery of hacks as follows at 7.5 a.m.:- C.O. with groom mounted, Capt McKILLOP, Adjutant, R.M.O. and four Company Commanders.

(p.t.o.)

13. REAR PARTY. O.C. "C" Company will detail Rear party of One Officer and 8 o/ranks who will march in rear of the Transport and be responsible that any men who fall out get to their destination. To be in possession of a map with route properly marked.
14. The Pioneer Sgt. will arrange for the collection of Fire Orders now posted up in all billets, Notice boards, 13th Bn. H.Q. sign all to be delivered at Battalion Orderly Room by 4 p.m. to-day.
15. ARMS & EQUIPMENT. All arms and equipment etc. must be free from billets by 6.45 a.m. when Os- C. Coys and H.Q. units will personally supervise cleaning up billets and adjacent area to ensure of them being left in a clean and tidy condition.
16. STATES. Os. C. Coys. and H.Q. units also Transport Officer will prepare marching out states which will be collected by the Bn. Orderly Officer before moving off. Marching in states from units mentioned above will be rendered to B.O.R. on arrival at destination together with remarks on condition of billets and accommodation.
17. CERTIFICATES. Certificates as follows will be rendered by Company Commanders and O.C. H.Q. units on arrival at destination:-
 (a) Certificate that Billets vacated by their units were left in a clean and tidy condition.
 (b) Certificate that no ammunition was left lying about billets.
 (c) Foot inspection reports one hour after arrival at destination.
18. SICK PARADE. will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day. Immediately after arrival at SIVRY attention will be given to treatment of feet and all men requiring treatment to be paraded to R.M.U.
 Companies will tell off parties on arrival to collect blankets from waggons, to be delivered under supervision of Q.M.
19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER Lieut.
 Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters,
14th December, 1918.

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All Companies and H.Q.

1. The second stage of the move, (4th Brigade group) to SILENRIEUX area will be carried out to-morrow.
2. ROUTINE. Reveille - 5.30 a.m.
Breakfast 6.0. a.m.
3. The 13th Bn. will be formed up in column of threes at 7.55 a.m. (15.12.18) ready to move and in the following order:.

H. Q. units)	Opposite H.Q. Officers' Mess with head of column opposite H.Q. unit's billets.
Band,)	
"A" Coy.)	
"C" Coy.)	
"B" Coy.)	
"D" Coy.)	
Transport)	

4. ROUTE - RENLIES - VERGNIES - ERPION - BANNSA - to destination SILENRIEUX.
5. Rear Party of 1 Officer and 8 men will be supplied by "D" Coy. O.C. Rear party to keep nominal roll of all men who join him and render same to B.O.R. on arrival.
6. MIDDAY MEAL will be served en route between 11.50 and 1 p.m.
7. BLANKETS & VALISES: (a) "A" Coy "D" Coy and H.Q. units will dump blankets and valises and Band packs (at a point to be indicated by Q.M.) near Bn. H.Q. Officers' Mess at 6.50 a.m.
(b) "B" Coy. and "C" Coy. will establish dumps on main road in a position most convenient to their Companies where blankets and valises will be dumped by 6.30 a.m.
(c) Blankets to be rolled in bundles of 20 and labelled.
8. HACKS. T.O. will arrange for delivery of hacks at 7-15 a.m.
9. All arms and equipment must be free of billets by 6.55 a.m. when Os. c. all units will supervise the general cleaning up.
10. Marching out states will be collected by the Orderly Officer from all Companies, H.Q. units and Transport and handed to Adjutant at S. Point. Marching in states to be rendered to B.O.R. on arrival also stating condition of billets and accommodation.
11. Usual certificates on condition of billets vacated and S.A.A. etc. to be rendered on arrival at destination.
12. Sick parade will be held half an hour after reaching destination.
13. Loading Parties. The following parties for the loading of blankets will be detailed:- (a) "D" Coy. 1 N.C.O. and 6 men reporting at Q.M. Store at 6.30 a.m.
(b) "B" Coy. and "C" Coy. each supply 1 N.C.O. and 4 men reporting to waggons at their respective dumps. "B" Coy. at 6.30 a.m. "C" Coy. at 6.40 a.m.
14. O.C. Rear Party for to-morrow will report to Capt. R.A. McKILLOP M.C. for instructions.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) T.B.WEBSTER Lieut.
Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 6.30 p.m. 14.12.18.

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BATTALION ORDER No. 7.

APPENDIX No. 1

Headquarters,
15th December, 1918.

All Companies and H.Q.

Reference Sheet NAMUR 1/100,000.

1. The Brigade Group complete the move to MEUSE area to-morrow 16th inst.
2. Routine: Reveille 6 a.m.
 Breakfast 6.30 a.m.
3. The 13th Bn. will be formed up in column of threes at 8.40 a.m. 16.12.18 ready to move and in the following order:-

H.Q. Units)	Starting Point 4 F.1.669.
Band)	13th Bn. pass S.P. at 9 a.m.
"C" Coy.)	
"B" Coy.)	
"D" Coy.)	
"A" Coy.)	
- in the main Street - head of column to be at just beyond "A" Coy's Billets.
4. ROUTE: PHILLIPVILLE - Road junction 4 A. 10.50.
5. Rear party of 1 Officer and 8 men will be supplied by "A" Coy. O.C. this party will render Nominal roll of all men who join him and will be responsible they reach the destination. He will report to Capt. R.A. McKILLOP, M.C. at forming-up position for instructions.
6. Q.M. will arrange for mid-day meal to be served on arrival at destination.
7. Blankets and Valises will be dumped at Q.M. Store at 7 a.m. Blankets must be neatly and tightly rolled in bundles of 20 and properly labelled.
8. T.O. will arrange for all hacks by 8.20 a.m.
9. "C" Coy. will supply a Loading party of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to report to Q.M. Store at 7 a.m.
10. Sick parade will be held 3 p.m. 16.12.18.
11. Marching out states will be collected by Bn. Orderly Officer at Bn. forming up position and handed to Adjutant before moving.
Marching in states will be rendered on arrival at destination.
12. Condition of billets taken over and accommodation to be stated.
12. Special treatment will be given to feet on arrival at FLORENNES and all men requiring treatment will be paraded to R.M.O. at sick parade which will be held at 3 p.m.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER Lieut.
Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

APPENDIX No

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
HEADQUARTERS.
17th December 1918.

C. O.,
13 Bn

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will be passing
through PHILIPPEVILLE and FLORENNES about 10.30.a.m. today.

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For Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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4th Unit, 1st Brigade
1st Brigade-Headquarters
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PHILIPPINE MILITARY AIR FORCE
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Headquarters,

13th Battalion. A.I.F.
21st December, 1918.Os. C., ¹⁹⁹ All Companies & H.Qrs.

Company for duty - 22nd Dec. 18

Bn. Orderly Officer
Bn. Orderly Sgt.
Bn. Orderly Cpl.

"B" Company.

Lieut G.M.P. McRAE.
Sgt CANNING.
Cpl. WILLIAMS.

Bn. Orderly Officer will hand in Reveille reports to B.O.R. at 7.30 a.m.

Two men for Sanitary duties will report from each Company to B.O.R. at 9 a.m. as usual.

Duty Company will supply Bn. Guard and Inlying picquet as usual.

"C" Company will supply Brigade Guard and Brigade Orderly Sgt. Bn. and Brigade Guards to report to R.S.M. at 9.30 a.m. for instructions.

ROUTINE: Reveille 7 a.m. Breakfast 8 a.m. Sick parade 9.30 a.m.FITTING OF BREECHES. Each Company and H.Q. will arrange for four men each to report to Cpl tailor at Q.M. Store at the following hours:-
9.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to-morrow.DENTAL. Arrangements to be made to parade all men requiring dental treatment and who have not seen the R.M.O. owing to duties etc. - on to-morrow's sick parade.DIVINE SERVICES. - R. C. MASS. Place: St. AUBIN CHURCH.

Time: 11.30 a.m. - Chaplain Revd. R.D.O'CALLAGHAN.

Companies will arrange to parade all R.C. men to the R.S.M. at the B.O.R. by 10.15 a.m. Lieut T. DWYER, M.C. will take charge of the party and march them to and from the Church: To move off not later than 10.20 a.m. Dress: Belt and side arms.

CHURCH of ENGLAND and OTHER DENOMINATIONS. A Parade at which the Corps Commander and possibly H.R.H. The Prince of Wales will be present will be held to-morrow.

Time: 10.30 a.m. Place: Theatre, FLORENNES. Dress: belt and side arms.

The Battalion will be formed up in column of fours at 10 a.m. ready to move off, in Rue de Calvaire with the head of the column adjacent to the main road, in the following order:-

H.Qrs,

"A" Company.

"B" Company.

"C" Company

"D" Company.

The 13th and 16th Battalion Bands will be massed under the direction of Sgt. McMAHON, 16th Bn.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER Lieut.

Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

NOTICES:- Best Guard supplied by "A" Company.

Best billets - "C" Coy. Best Cookhouse - "B" Company.

For the period ended to-day, since arrival in FLORENNES.

Paper and Cardboard. Figures are not available by Companies but arrangements have been made in order to show such returns by Coys in future

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Recd 6.30pm
21.12.18

APPENDIX No 10

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
HEADQUARTERS,
21st December 1918.

C. O.,

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CHURCH PARADES - PROTESTANT.

Previous arrangements for Church Parades are cancelled.

A parade at which the Corps Commander will be present, and possibly H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, will be held as follows:-

TIME. 10.30.

PLACE. Theatre, FLORENNES.

UNITS. 13th Battalion,
16th "

DRESS. Belt and side arms.

Units will be ready to march into Theatre at 10.10.

Staff Officer for Parade, Capt. W.J.D. LYNAS, D.S.O., M.C.

13th and 16th Battalion Bands will be massed under the Direction of Sgt. McMAHON, 16th Battalion.

Church Parade for 4th Field Ambulance will be as arranged by Chaplain F.H. DURNFORD, M.C., with O.C. of Ambulance.



WJDL

Captain.
Staff-Captain.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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THE "TWO BLUES".

Vol. 1. No. 6. XMAS NUMBER - 24th December, 1918, - Florennes, Belgium.

EDITORIAL.

There is a very strong rumour that the whole of the A.I.F. will be on the "briny" within three months. The Admiralty has given over 800 ships for general purposes and it is expected that Australia will receive enough to carry us all home early.

Congratulations to Sgt. SEXTON, V.C., D.C.M. on receiving the highest honour a soldier can receive. He received it for his work on 18th September last. A D.C.M. and a V.C. within two months !!

We are all grateful to the Belgians of these parts for their hospitality towards us. They have had over four years of Bosche domination but still remain cheerful. The Belgians here are Walloons quite different from the Flemings we met up near POPERINGHE and STEEN-VOORDE. At STIVRY where we spent our first night in South Belgium, the Germans and British were facing each other from the hills East and West of the Town when the Armistice commenced.

On account of the move from SAINS we regret being unable to bring out our Xmas No. as large and bright as we desired, but we extend to all our readers our very warmest greetings and trust that this, our last Christmas in Europe, will be such a truly MERRY and GOOD-FELLOWSHIP one that it will occupy a warm corner in our hearts throughout our lives.

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CONTRIBUTIONS:- We have received some very good articles which we regret having to hold over at present. We cannot at present publish serials.

THE EPICURE.

Ho! menials, clear the Dining Hall,
And get a table there,
Arrayed in choicest napery,
Bedecked with silver ware.

Bring food that's fit for Kings to eat,
And on that alone I'll dine,
And fill a silver chalice up
With sparkling amber wine.

I-m tired of stew and bully beef,
And bread, a loaf to three,
And pork and beans and Yankee ham,
And bad anaemic tea.

Bring forth supplies of food and drink,
And make the table sway,
As in the piping days of peace,
For it is CHRISTMAS DAY.

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CHRISTMAS DAY, 1918. (Contributed)

CHRISTMAS DAY - What memories the words bring freshly to our

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minds, what associations, what conditions we have at times experienced and yet our desire has always been the same - To make Christmas a time to forget our troubles in order that conviviality might reign supreme. There are many who think that Christmas customs are gradually dying out, but this belief is open to question. Feasting has always been popular even with primitive man though he may not have had any day set apart on the Calendar, and with the cannibalistic class, feasts were probably regulated by the supply of missionaries available. Foodstuffs have been scarce and dear for years. Let us hope that no scarcity will be apparent on Wednesday. The Florennes district has been diligently canvassed by Mess Secretaries in search of supplies and heavy casualties may be expected in the next few days amongst the few feathered inhabitants that still remain in the Village.

Christmas is usually a time for reunion and we will miss many fine comrades who have gone to that dark bourne from which no wanderer returns. However, to think that a satisfactory peace is at hand, to know that the heavy toll in the ranks of youth has ceased, enables us to feel light-hearted. What a transformation from the Christmas of the four preceding years! A change as wonderful as that which overtook the old miser in Charles Dicken's well known Carol. Could any words express our feelings of conviviality more appropriately than those of old SCROOGE as he listened to the chiming of the CHRISTMAS bells -

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL THE WORLD. !

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O N G U A R D.

Oh you wash and you scrub, then you polish and rub,
 Till your brasswork is gleaming like gold
 Your bayonet and rifle are merely a trifle
 Compared to your buckles you're told.

That 'trenching tool handle is simply a scandal
 So scrub it the Sergeant will say,
 Your pack must be square like that box over there
 You can fill it with firewood or hay.

When at last we fall in miast a terrible din,
 At sorting and sizing they start us,
 And we try the "unfix" and their fancy bolt "clicks"
 Then off for inspection they cart us.

The O.O. and S.M. are waiting, Lor' bless 'em.
 With a smirk on their faces they're waiting,
 To the rattle of drumsticks, "Very rough on that unfix,
 Just do it without hesitating".

At last when they're finished, with our ardour diminished,
 To the Guard room we go and change over,
 We go off at four, the next evening, Oh! Lor!
 Why, a Guard's just like being in clover!

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FLORENNES. Tacitus, the famous Roman soldier, Historian, in his Annals tells of a Noble of the County of TREVES names FLORUS, who, having formed a party against the Romans, was defeated and obliged to hide in the FOREST of ARDENNES, which then extended from the RHINE to RHEIMS and so included the site of FLORENNES. The Chateau of FLORENNES

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FLORENNES (Continued)

was constructed in 944, a fort against the Normans who every year came from HOLSTEIN to ravage these parts. The Jeguit building where the A.M.C. are billeted, is constructed on the site of the Chateau. It is quite new and was built by French Jesuits when they were excluded from France.

The PRINCE of WALES, "Teddy Woodbine" is attached to the Australian Corps. He is about up to Lieut. MASSEY, our mascot's weight. We trust, for his own sake, that he won't learn too much from the Diggers or he will be shocking his friends in "Blighty", especially if he takes on "our National Sport of tossing two pennies in the air to see if they come down alike". He is not the shy youngster he was in Egypt.

Where are we "Dig"? a chap asked the Traffic Controller last week. "In SAINS" was the F.C.'s reply. "I didn't ask yer wot we was" said the weary one, as he trudged wearily away, muttering something about "Thinks he's h-----h funny I suppose".

"HUGH MORE".

Is this a record? JONES of "B" Company, with 3 years service, struck his first guard on the 20th inst.

What did Lieut. GILDAY say when the R.T.O. mistook him for a Belgian?

Income tax is required from the batman who sold breeches at 100% profit.

We were asked by "Reader" the derivation of the word "Furphy". In our Australian Camps all we now call "Furphies" were called "Latrine Wireless Messages" and later "Latrines". In Victorian Camps, water carts made by FURPHY were used as sanitary carts - hence "Latrines" became "Furphies".

The 13th Bn. Comforts Committee in Sydney is second to none in activity. The ladies have for some time been running an "Old-Clo-Shop" in Paddy's Markets as one of their ways to obtain funds. Mrs PATRICK, one of our keenest workers, has lost three sons at the war.

Contributed by a Belgian Schoolmaster of FLORENNES.

I. Under the Germans-

During the four and a half years of German occupation we lived under a reign of terror. From their arrival in Belgium the Bosches showed themselves true barbarians, advancing into the country with a torch in one hand and a sword in the other, marking their passage by pillage, burning and murder. They made our pretty little Town of DINANT a heap of ashes. Many other towns were burnt and their inhabitants shot under the pretext that they were franc-tireurs. At DINANT 650 people were murdered; among the victims were children of two years who were also undoubtedly 'franc-tireurs'!

Oh! the Bosches, how we hate them! They imagined that by terrorising us they would keep us under their heel. They thought that 1914 would be quickly forgotten, but they knew not the Belgians, and the Belgians have learnt to know them. We smiled, the Bosches were pleased! How little did they know that our smile was a smile of mockery. Our pleasure was to deceive them and our glory was to play

the farce to them in our fashion. On their retreat they were chagrined to see the brass and copper that we had kept hidden from them in spite of their frequent searchings, shining on our doorsteps.

II. A Joke against the Hun:- All newspapers were suppressed by the Germans except those printed under their supervision, and which were issued to cause dissension among the Belgians and a hatred of England. Happily, some had the courage to expose these Bosche plans and many of them suffered terribly for it. However, there appeared each week a little Journal called "FREE BELGIUM", printed and distributed secretly. It was read throughout Belgium and kept up the spirit of the Belgians by showing the Bosche lies and by giving reassuring news of the situation. After reading it we felt comforted, courageous and confident of the future. The Germans were furious but they could not find the printers or distributors. It specially mocked the German Governor to whom a copy was mysteriously delivered each week. He was enraged. Now, one day he received an anonymous letter telling him where to find the press. What good luck!! At last he could punish the printers! All instructions were given for a strong party to visit the place. A long search, much opening of doors, climbing of stairs and ladders, and crawling through dark dirty places at last brought them to the exact spot. They rushed the place, smashed in the door and found that they had been tricked. It was a W.C.!

The Brig. in his speech said:- We all may be home in 18 months from the time peace is actually declared.

We are leaving Sunny France in '21
 With apologies to Fritz for what we've done,
 Leaving Bonnie Belgium too with its mud (or is it glue?)
 For old Aussie we'll be heading on what jun!
 No more with Flanders mud our boots will ooze,
 No more we'll swig "Point Blank" or Bad "Vin Ruche"
 But we'll shape a "Fout Suite" course for the good-old
 Teeth "White Horse"
 Which is reckoned by all hands to be THE BOOZE.
 Never more we'll hold our lids out for our stew,
 Bread won't trouble us when it is "ten to two".
 Anzac Wafers! oh Lor lummy, Never more shall fill our "tummy"
 Steak and kidney pie for us will have to do.
 Never more we'll wander round for half the night
 Till at last the Village pig-sty comes in sight
 Till the O.C. says "Now then, that's your billet No. Ten
 Just chase those grunters out and you'll be right.
 Never more we'll ask for twenty "frogs" per week,
 Never more we'll hear that Paying Sgt. shriek
 "Forty francs, you'd like to get! You're only ninety quid in
 debt."
 "I'll give you five for having such a cheek".
 So in '21 we hope our homes to see,
 "Sunny Aussie", yes I guess she'll do for me
 And I guess we'll all be wiser, and the next time Bill
 the Kaiser
 Wants to see us, let him come to Syd n ey.

"CARELESS CASS"

Lieut-Colonel MARKS D.S.O. cables from SYDNEY XMAS GREETINGS
 to All.

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It is up to us to keep up the good name of our Country in these parts. Some "rotters" - we are pleased to be able to think they don't belong to us - on Saturday stole sixteen fowls from these people who have just experienced over four years of Bosche thieving. The A.I.F. will long be remembered in these parts. Let it be remembered with honour. To make the matter worse the person from whom these fowls were stolen, presented all the straw we have in our billets and refused to accept a penny for it.

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B I L L E T S. (Contributed)

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Billets are places, or suppositious places where we hang out between parades. There are two kinds of billets in France - some are poor the others are worse. They are generally rectangular in shape with a big liquid smell in the centre near which our cooks stand. Sometimes the former occupants have to be removed before we can enter, but generally they are so many in number, so small and lively that they cannot be removed except when we take them on our clothes to the Div. Baths and get new clean homes for those we left behind. They are kept down a little in this way. (These Billets, of course, being quite chatty, speak for themselves.) Once in Flanders, the farmer had to turn his pigs out before we entered which was hard on them as there was plenty of room for all of us. There is generally an old burnt post near a billet. After we go the farmer says this post is all we left of a beautiful gate, for which he claims 100 francs. Some of these gates are burnt over and over again. Billets may also be classified as (1) Clean (2) Very dirty. Class 2 are those generally most attractive to our billeting officer and Party and so may be said to be those generally entered by the 13th Bn. Class 1 are those entered by the successors of the 13th Bn.

Billets geographically speaking, are placed at the end of a series of long muddy roads. They are always well ventilated - towards the sky as well as towards all the winds. But the principal use of Billets is to give Seconds-in-Command a puzzle every morning trying to find out where a very small piece of old bread is hidden, or why one aixie is half-an-inch ahead of the others in the line.

Everything in the army has its use.

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Bandicooting Spuds - Confessions of a Cook's Mate.

"Bandicooting Spuds" said the Cook's mate is a triumph in the art of camoufage and Red Mick was a pastmaster at it. Mick had learnt his earth-burrowing propensities straight from the rabbit in times when the fur of the industrious little animal was used for making civvy and not Military hats. We were near Ribemont and it was apparent that our stores needed replenishing with stuff not available via Rainead. Mick was having a cup of "buckshee" tea at the cooker when he heard of the scarcity of spuds. Give me two baggers to-night and leave the rest to me said Mick. "I hope there are no thousand franc claims attached to it" said the cook dubiously as he called for volunteers. At 10 p.m. that night we set out with the necessary sacks and Mick as our guide and we were soon alongside the potato patch. The clouds sped by the half moon and for half an hour we were subjected to a barrage different from any we had previously experienced. Our bags were soon full and we returned to billets without further incident. Two days afterwards we were passing the spud patch and noticed the Frenchman was busy "digging the tops" for Mick had covered up his track with the ingenuity of a bower bird. "Partie pomme de terre, pas bon pomme de terre maiaide" said the farmer holding aloft one of the tops. "Seems worse than the blight" said Mick sympathetically, at the same time advising the Frenchman to send a sample to the Rasteur Institute for diagnosis.

F I N I S.

CHRISTMAS (1918) DINNER."A" Company 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Early in December a Christmas Dinner Committee was formed. It consisted of an Officer - Lieut. McRAE - C.Q.M.S., a Sergeant and four o/r. The men voluntarily agreed to pay five francs, Sergeants ten francs and Officers 25 francs or more if required.

Eleven geese were bought immediately on our arrival at FLORENNES, 1 cwt. potatoes, 50 lbs cabbages also carrots, onions and parsnips. Our meat issue for the day was a sheep.

The Hall was part of a Jesuit Monastery built on the site of the first FLORENNES Chateau which dates from 944. As the Company sat at the Tables, which, like the room, had quite a festive appearance, each man received his Xmas box from the 13th and 45th Bn. Comforts Fund and great pleasure was exhibited at the splendid assortment of contents.

Soup was served in large Belgian basins. This was followed by a large helping of roast goose - a goose averaged enough for eight men - and vegetables. Then the Australian Plum Pudding with custard made from eggs which cost 14d. each. On the table there were cakes, chocolates, lollies, cigars, cigarettes etc. in galore while beer was issued as asked for. There was more than plenty of everything that one desired.

The Officers and Committee acted as efficient carvers and waiters. The whole was a decided success, thanks to the splendid work of Lt. McRAE and Committee, who not only arranged the catering but arranged the hire of crockery and the decorating of the Hall and tables. Music was provided by the Battalion Band.

That there was plenty for all was evident from what remained, for after even the Belgian children, who had assembled nearby, had been provided with some of the good things, there still remained for later meals, a goose, the whole sheep and about four gallons of vegetables.

M E N U.

Celery Soup,
Roast Goose.
Roast Mutton.
Boiled potatoes, Cabbage Carrots
Plum Pudding and Custard.
Nuts. Chocolate Plum cake.
Beer. Rum.
Cigars. Cigarettes.

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"D" Company.13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Dinner was served at 12.30, the Officers waiting on the men and doing the carving etc.

It had been decided to put all the available funds into "tucker" so there was nothing particularly flash in the way of decorations, but the food was well-cooked and the cooks deserve the highest credit for the meal that was served. The Menu was:-

Tomato Soup,
Roast Turkey. Roast Pork.
Boiled potatoes. Carrots. Cabbage. Onion Sauce.
Plum Pudding.
Dessert.

In the way of drinks we had a big barrel of beer into which was poured the rum issue for the day, which gave the beer a decided stiff-

fening. Everybody seemed well pleased with the whole affair and Lieut. GILDAY, D.C.M. and his Committee are to be congratulated upon their effort.

The appearance of the Band on the scene was most welcome and added the final touch to the festivities.

The C.O. and H.Q. Officers paid us a visit and the C.O. read out the G.O.C's good wishes for the season, and, of course added his own to them. So ended the most enjoyable Xmas we have had in Belgium, one we can look back upon with pleasure next year when we are enjoying ourselves at home, and those of us who were unfortunate enough to strike Battalion or Brigade Guard on Christmas Day, 1918 will know that in 1919 they need not anticipate such an unwelcome ending. Still the Guard turned out in great fettle and looking up to "D" Coy's usual standard - 'nuff. said!

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"B" Company.

13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Owing to the opportunities that offered for a successful Dinner - opportunities that had not previously presented themselves in France - and also on account of the fact that this will probably be the last Christmas this unit will be spending away from home, "B" Company decided to mark the occasion by something special in the way of a Christmas Dinner.

An energetic Committee headed by Lieut. DWYER, and composed of L/Cpl. SHORT and Ptes. DEMPSEY and FIELD at once got to work with the preparations, and collecting of poultry and scouring the countryside for vegetables etc. went merrily on for a busy week or ten days.

The Company were lucky in securing the Schoolroom at FLORENNES for the occasion, kindly lent them by the Maire of FLORENNES.

The Committee went to a lot of pains in decorating the Hall and the tables, and the result was very much admired by all who looked in, these including our Brigadier and C.O.

After the good things provided had been duly despatched, the toast of the KING was honoured.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Committee and cooks carried by acclamation, brought a very happy little reunion to an end amid wishes that our next Christmas Dinner would be held among our own people in Australia.

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"C" Company.

13th Battalion. A.I.F.

XMAS DAY, 1918 was celebrated at FLORENNES in a most fitting style and under the most favourable circumstances we have experienced during the past four years. A light fall of snow during the preceding night gave the ground a "dressy" effect and added a crispness to the air that was appreciated by all. The morning dawned bright and fair and a pale sun shone down on the preparations that had been made by all hands for the day's enjoyment. After the customary and time-honoured salutations had been exchanged, amongst a lot of good humoured banter and chaffing, the boys of the Company adjourned to a large room in an empty Convent adjacent to the billets, which had been set aside and tastefully decorated with garlands of red white and blue and festoons of innumerable other colours decking the walls and two tables with seating accommodation for the Company, arrayed

with a mauve and white table cover, decked with a glistening array of jack knives, forks and real china ware. The Officers of the Company, under the capable directorship of Lieut. Merifield, proved themselves efficient and willing waiters, and it was most amusing to hear Jack, the Private ordering an extra and to see Lieut. Jim. hastening to execute the order. The carving of the excellent joints provided was done by our Second-in-command of the Coy. who handled the knife so well that one wonders if Walkers in Park Street had him on their pre-war strength.

The Dinner was excellent in both quality and quantity and was cooked to a turn under the supervision of that King of Battalion cooks, Fred. Gilbert.

Healths to absent comrades and the loved ones at home were drunk in rum and French beer, the latter making up in quantity what it lacked in quality. Throughout the Dinner hour the Band discoursed numerous Carols and airs suitable for the occasion, and which were much appreciated. When the last of the diners had finished their meal (though the food was not nearly all consumed) a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Lieut MERIFIELD and his fellow Officers for their magnificent efforts in making the day (as several chaps I heard say) "the jolliest one we've experienced leaving the dear old homeland" and amidst a chorus of sighs (which spoke more eloquently than words of a full "tummy") the boys dispersed contenting themselves for the remainder of the day, by 'taking things easy'.

So ended a most memorable and wholly delightful day.

(Sgd). "Careless Cass".

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Headquarters.

13th Battalion. A.I.F.

The various units comprising Headquarters partook of their respective CHRISTMAS Dinners separately. This was a mutual agreement consequent upon the fact that we were all somewhat scattered in billets. Everyone appeared to enjoy their first joint Xmas under far better conditions than those which have characterised our previous Xmas's, and most minds dwelt more upon our next Xmas which it is hoped will witness our re-union with all that we hold most dear.

A noticeable feature was the keen desire on the part of our Belgian neighbours to assist us in every way possible and one and all are indebted to those good people for the kind thought and generous disposition exhibited by them towards us. 1918 XMAS will be well remembered by us if only on account of the altruism prevalent amongst the inhabitants of FLORENNES, which has assured for them a warm corner in our hearts.

The RUNNERS enjoyed an excellent repast in their billets in the Rue de Mettel, and did justice to the following Menu:-

J o i n t s.

Baked rabbit Roast Fowl.

V e g e t a b l e s .

Roast potatoes. cabbage. carrots.

S w e e t s.

Plum Pudding & Custard. Prunes and cream.

Beer Vins Tea. Cigars and cigarettes.

The Toasts were for Absent Friends and The Home Folk.

The evening was devoted to a convivial sing-song. Thanks were conveyed to the various kind neighbours for the loan of culinary and ~~mix~~ other utensils.

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The A. M. C. also resident in the Rue de Mettel provided the following attractive Menu:-

Sardines on Toast.
J o i n t s.
Roast Mutton Roast ~~Pork~~ avec walnuts.
V e g e t a b l e s.
Baked and boiled potatoes, cabbage, carrots,
turnips.
S w e e t s.
Fruit custard. Plum pudding. Tart a la Florennes.
Cheese. nuts. tea. beer. cigars & cigarettes.

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Toasts were similar also thanks conveyed to Madame opposite for the loan of chairs etc.
Remainder of the day was devoted to congenial conviviality.

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The BAND had an excellent repast and at 4 o'clock twenty-six of them did justice to the following:-

Hors d'oeuvres.
Consomme Paysaume.
J o i n t s.
Roast Pork. Stuffed roast lamb and mint sauce.
Cold Yorkshire Ham.
V e g e t a b l e s.
Roast potatoes. Green peas. cabbage. carrots.
S w e e t s.
Xmas Pudding and brandy sauce. Vanilla custard.
Mixed ~~nuts~~ nuts.
Vins. La Maire, La Cloitre, Kummel - Tea, Coffee,
and beer. cigars and cigarettes.

Toasts:- The KING, the C.O. and Officers of Battalion. Home Folk and Bandmasters.

Thanks were expressed and conveyed for civilian assistance.

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The PIONEERS appeased their gastronomic desires with an attractive Menu, provided by them in their Billets in the Rue Buisseau des Forges:-

Hors d-oeuvres.
Lamb and Vegetables.
Joints.
Roast Chicken.
Vegetables.
Roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, cabbage, onions.
Sweets,
Xmas pudding and custard. Prunes and cream.

Nuts. lollies. cigars and cigarettes. Vins. liqueurs etc.
Toasts:- Re-union 1919 Xmas at Bellfield's. Home Folk.
Musical items and anecdotes occupied the remainder of the day.

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The **SIGNALLERS** were fortunate in securing the services of a good lady in the Rue Buisseau des Forges who prepared an excellent repast calculated to satisfy the most epicurean taste, and later in the day were further recipients of Belgian kindness in the form of a room and piano placed at our disposal by another good lady in the Rue de Mettel.

The following was the Menu:-

Table d'Hôte
 Potage Julienne.
 Entree
 Mouton bouilli.
 Rotis
 Porc. Mouton l'assaisonnement
 Legumes.
 le chou, les carottes. pommes de terre bouillis
 Une puree des pommes de terre.
 Dessert.
 Une l'artuir à abricôt. Pouding Noel.
 Cafe noire. The

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All H. Q. units decorated their respective dining rooms with bunting and flags of the Allied Nations.

The **SCOUTS** and **BATMEN** partook of their Xmas Dinner at 3 o'clock and were assisted in a most hospitable manner by the Madame who kindly lent what they required in order to make things more homelike and cheery. The Menu was as follows:-

Roast Pork.
 Roast Turkey. Roast fowl. roast pheasant.
 Roast potatoes. mashed potatoes. cabbage. turnips. carrots.
 Plum pudding with rum sauce
 Chocolates, lollies nuts, cigars, cigarettes.
 Rum. beer. coffee. tea.

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Xmas Dinner 1918

B. Coy

13th. Batt. A. I. F.

Florennes.

M E N U

HORS D'ŒUVRES

TOMATO SOUP

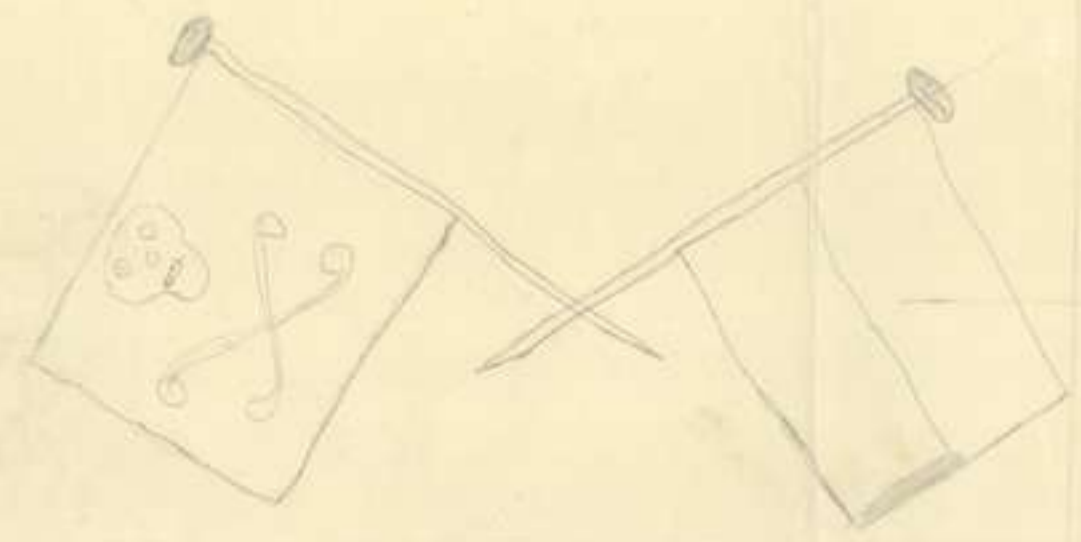
ROAST CHICKEN
ROAST PORK

BAKED & BOILED POTATOES
CABBAGE & GREEN PEAS

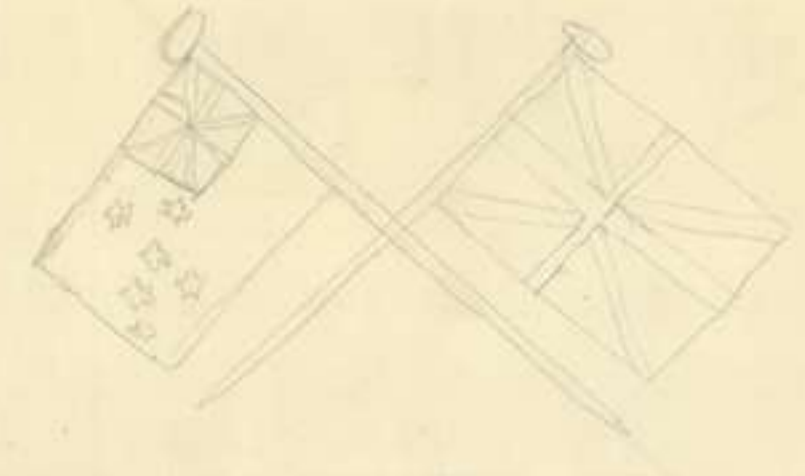
PLUM PUDDING & BRANDY SAUCE

WELSH RAREBIT

CIGARS NUTS CIGARETTES SWEETS DRINKS



1918 FLORENNES XMAS DAY.



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Happy paddock after the serrimony.

Envy man parsing his tin hat up
& mear than 7 helpings of duf
will B possibly removed. (Bk order)

The ambulans wil B in readiness
& awl men inhaperabil of
walking after the meel.

Hts. Blame, & Meat-seller wil act
as weighters & the okayshun, and
the Karve-ing of the jointe wil b
dun bi our ex-chef. Ho-Elas-here, dt

Tho you may be full to day, cheer mind
And you're also feeling gay, cheer mind
Ere to-morrows sun has fled
You'll be feeling damnear dead
When you're dining on dry bread,
But never mind.

Meanw.
Lunshun, 12th Dec 1-30 P.M.

SOOPS → Mock Virel, Tillet, Pee, Ox-tale.

JOINTES → Rooste Mulin + greain Pee, Braused Lam & kapiis,
Boyled Cheval + Poms de Sir, Gild Chien.

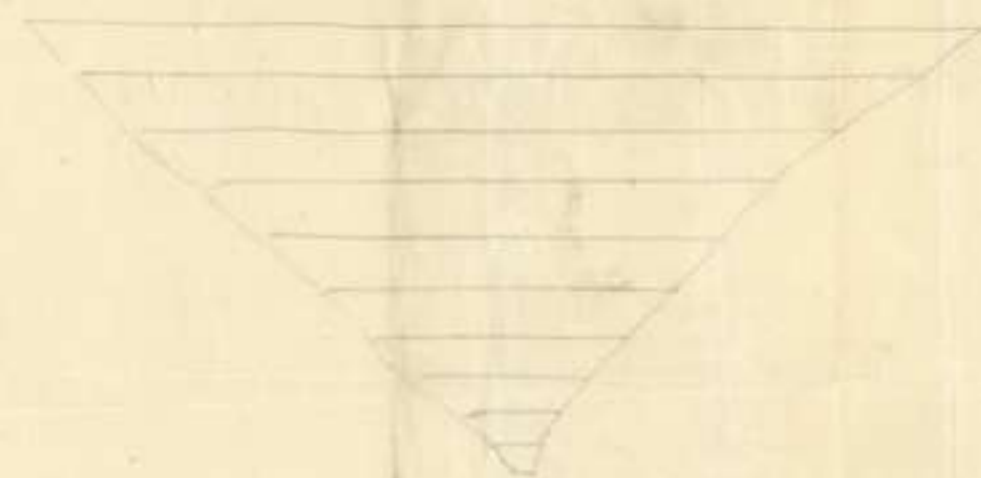
POALTRIE. Rooste Turks-ee, Boyled Fowl, (if the Belgians dont
Currende Chicken, (if the canten have it.)
(mounts a grand on their four-hous)

FISCH. Smoaked Addik, Puncti, Yoaled-fisch a la Florennes.

SWETES. Boyled Rise & Currence, "Daylie Male" Duf,
Lind Froot & Kreem, Saig-eh.

EXTREZ. Kafirs de Anzak, Bullie au naturel, y. Mo. Gaite,
Knuts, Choklit, & asortid jooles.

BEVERIDGES. Eau, Mooya, Wasser, Water, Coughie, Ho-ko, Tea,
Poynle Blank, Vin Rouge, Ko-ne-ack, Rumm.



The band will doo its utmost too
fil u up if the grab durjint.

Imeedyatee the taste too the "Two
Blouse" is perposed, each diner wil
shufil up the remaining 1/2. Pass,
keaping his glass at the hi-Port, &
his eyes on his playfe.

U r awl re-kvestid to bring yore
oan Tak-nifes & Ba-nits, as keut-ehere
is skairse (o-ing to the sover-ear crays

Tho the quere at last is ser, cheer mind
And the time you'll see no more, cheer mind
you will always get your fill
Of good old Chelsea still,
For you're in the army still,
But never mind.

"Careless Cass"
Boy 13th A.I.F. Forwarded
25/12/18. Chetworth

Headquarters,

13th Battalion. A.I.F.

30th December, 1918.

To All Companies & H.Qrs.

Copy for Orderly Officer.

Battalion Orderly Officer - 31.12.18 - Lieut. McRAE.
 Battalion Orderly Sgt. " Sgt. STEWENS,
 Battalion Orderly Cpl. " Cpl. OAKES.
 Company for duty " "C" Company.

Bn. Orderly Officer will hand in Reveille reports to B.O.R. by 7.30 am

SANITARY DUTIES. Two men from each Coy. will report to B.O.R. at 8 a.m. for sanitary duties.

STREET CLEANING. Duty Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to report to Orderly Officer at B.O.R. at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow for the purpose of street cleaning. Work will be allotted by O.O. and supervised by him. Shovels may be obtained from Transport and O.O. will see that these are returned. O.O. will also render a report showing details of work done by his party.

Duty Coy. will also detail 1 N.C.O. and 2 o/rs. to report to O.O. to remove rubbish heap in "D" Coy's area.

Duty Coy. will supply Bn. Guard and Inlying picquets as usual.

BRIGADE GUARD to-morrow will be supplied by "B" Company. It will consist of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls and 21 men to mount at usual time.

"B" Coy. will also supply Brigade Orderly Sgt.

DRESS. N.C.Os and men are still seen in the streets during parade hours without belt or equipment. For the future the Orderly Officer will take names of any men during parade hours not properly dressed, also the Company to which they belong and mention such in his report.

LEAVE. - All men going on leave to Towns in the surrounding district must wear a broad belt. Os. C. Companies will ensure that this is done in future.

Applications for leave must be handed in at B.O.R. at least 24 hours before the time leave is required. Passes will then be returned addressed to Os. C. Companies. Other applications for leave will not be dealt with unless under very special circumstances.

FITTING OF BREECHES. N.C.O's and men who have been reporting to Gpl. tailor at Q.M. Store daily will report again to-morrow at 1 p.m. and four men from each Coy. and H.Qrs will report at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to have breeches fitted.

SALVAGE PARTY will report to Lieut. T. DWYER, M.C. to-morrow as previously arranged.

Companies will salve any war material at present lying in their Coy. areas and will place same on Coy. dumps, and will advise B.O.R. the quantities and nature thereof as soon as this has been done.

PARADE FOR PRESENTATION OF MEDALS by H. R. H. The PRINCE of WALES - Tuesday, December 31st 1918.

The Battalion will be formed up in Rue de Calvaire in column of route ready to move off at 11 a.m.

R.S.M. will collect parade States and hand them to the Adjutant. Every available Officer and other rank MUST attend this Parade, including Company Clerks, C.Q.M.S's & batmen. One orderly N.C.O., Cooks plus one man to guard billets (light duty men if possible) and Battalion duties detailed, will be the only personnel excused from

P.T.O.

APPENDIX N
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this Parade.

The Battalion will be formed up in the following order:-

"A" Coy.
"B" Coy.
"C" Coy.
"D" Coy.

H.Q. units will be attached to "C" Coy. O.C. H.Qrs will see the Adjutant before handing over.
The Band will report to the Staff Captain in Monastery Courtyard at 11 a.m. sharp.

DRESS: Officers will wear open-fronted tunics, S.B. belt, hats and gloves. Trench coats will be worn.
O/rs.- Fighting order over greatcoats - less box Respirators, steel helmets. Waterproof sheets to be carried under flap of Haversack. Bottom of haversack to be in line with top of belt.
Recipients will parade with belt and side arms only.
O.C. H.Qrs will ensure that the Band is uniformly dressed and that they report to time.

RECIPIENTS will parade at B.O.R. at 10.50 a.m. Recipients will parade as a separate body from Companies, and will march at the head of the column. The Brigade will be formed up in the Courtyard in three sides of a square. The recipients will be in front of the centre side formed - 13th Battalion on the right.

The following are the recipients:-

6040	L/Cpl.	HARRIS, J.H.
3773	G.S.M.	GURNEY, F.J.
4290	Sgt.	SETTLE, A.
3532	Pte	ROWE, G.B.
4777	Cpl.	GALE, J.D.
7280	Pte	MORRIS, V.
4253	Pte	McLAUGHLAN, M.E.A.
137	Sgt.	CANNING, L.
2586	Pte	JONES, M.
7111	Sgt.	CARTER, C.H.
3507	Cpl.	WOOLCOCK, F.M.
3529	Pte	PARTRIDGE, C.F.
4273	Pte	POWELL, J.
1669	Pte	WINSOR, B.

Lieut. STRUMEY.

Company Commanders will advise not later than 9 o'clock if any of the above should be unable to attend through some circumstance now unforeseen, as Brigade have to be advised similarly by 9.15 a.m.

After the Salute - if weather permits - a detailed inspection will be made prior to the presentation of medals. At the conclusion of the presentation units will march past in column of route. H.R. Highness will take the salute and officers who have not already been presented to H.R.H., will march with the Battalion until clear of the saluting base, when they will fall out and when the whole of the troops have marched past, will be marched back to saluting base by Second-in-command.

Brigade and Battalion Guaras mounting to-morrow will be present on this Parade.

Special attention will be paid to fitting of equipment and "general turnout of men" by Os. C. Companies.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER Lieut.

Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A. I. F.

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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APPENDIX N^o 13

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To			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO } *all boys & H.Q.*
 B. S. M.

Sender's Number. *68* Day of Month. *30* In reply to Number. *AAA*

Practice Medal Parade

- ① The Battalion Parade for today is cancelled
- ② Companies will be employed under own arrangement until 10.10 A.M.
- ③ The Battalion will be formed up in RVE d Calvaire in column of route at 10.15 am in the following order.
 - H. Q.*
 - A Coy*
 - B Coy*
 - C Coy*
 - D Coy.*
- ④ Heads of column to be clear of ~~road~~ Main road.
- ④ Every available officer & D.P. must be present.

From *present.*
Place
Time

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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- ⑤ No men will report to Gards for fitting of breeches in the morning but the work will continue at 1 P.M. as per previous orders.
- ⑥ Gaud will report to Sgt Captain in Monastery Court yard at 10.15 A.M. of H. Co. to see they are uniformly dressed & instruments polished. That they report in good time.
- ⑦ Dress: Fighting order over great coats. Special attention will be paid to fitting of Gas Equipment. Gas Respirator Shell Helmets NOT to be carried. W/proof sheet to be carried under flap of haversack.

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Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

- ⑧ Recipients: Drillers will parade with belt and side arms only. They will parade at D.O.R. at 9.45 am. today.
- ⑨ A.S.M and 2 markers from H. Co will report to Staff Captain at 10.10 am.
- ⑩ Officer Dress: Open fronted Junic Sam Browne Gtts. Hats. Goggles.
- ⑪ The Parade is a practice one for the Brigade in preparatory for to morrow. The Commanding Officer wishes Co. C. Companies to be particular about "General turn out of men".

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 Place _____
 Time _____
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 17.30 AM

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AU CINÉMA - SKATING

97, RUE DES TROIS-CAILLOUX, 97

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13th BATTALION A. I. F.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING December 28th.

In the Field, 13.12.18.

Date	Time	Time	Time
	9.30	to 11.15 a.m.	11.15 to 12.30 pm. 2 to 3.30 p.m.
Monday 16.12.18	Battalion on the move from SILENRIEUX to FLORENNES.		
Tuesday, 17.12.18	Treatment of feet, Cleaning billets, and billet routine established		Recreational Training & Sports
Wednesday 18.12.18	Battalion Parade Battalion drill Platoon drill	Educational Training	Recreational Training & Sports
Thursday, 19.12.18	Battalion Parade, Musketry Company drill	Educational Training	Recreational Training & Sports
Friday, 20.12.18	Bn. Route March Dress Fighting order S.P. and route will be issued later	Treatment of feet	Recreational Training and Sports
Saturday, 21.12.18	Bn. Parade - Guard & Sentry duties. Rifle exercises	Educational Training	Recreational Training & Sports.
SUNDAY, 22.12.18	C H U R C H P A R A D E.		
Monday, 23.12.18	Bn. Route March. Dress-Fighting order. S.P. 5 route later	Educational Training	Recreational Training & Sports.
Tuesday, 24.12.18	Bn. Parade. - Coy. drill & Musketry	Educational Training	Recreational Training & Sports.
Wednesday, 25.12.18	C H R I S T M A S D A Y - H O L I D A Y.		
Thursday, 26.12.18	Battalion Parade - Recreational Training and Sports - Special Programme.		
Friday, 27.12.18	Battalion Route March Fighting order. S.P. & route later	Education Training & Sports	Recreational Training & Sports.
Saturday, 28.12.18	Battalion Parade Battalion drill Musketry	Educational Training	Recreational Training & Sports

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1. All parades will terminate with a March Past.

2. On all Parades other than Route Marches dress will be drill order Battalion to be formed up on Parade Ground at 9.30 a.m.

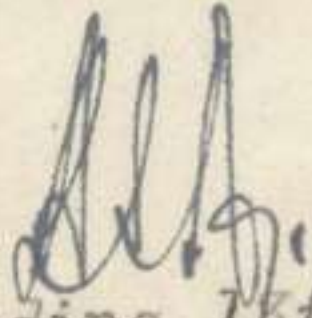
3. SMOKO - 10 minutes every hour from ten minutes to clock hour until clock hour. Bugle will be blown.

Recreational Training & Sports	Treatment of feet, Cleaning billets, and Billet routine established	Battalion Parade	Monday 10.12.18
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training	Battalion drill Platoon drill	Tuesday 11.12.18
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training	Battalion Parade Company drill Musketry	Wednesday 12.12.18
Recreational Training and Sports	Treatment of feet	Bn. Route March Dress Fighting order S.P. and route will be issued later	Thursday 13.12.18
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training	Bn. Parade - Guard & Sentry duties. Rifle exercises	Friday 14.12.18
SUNDAY 15.12.18			
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training	Bn. Route March Dress-Fighting order S.P. & route later	Monday 16.12.18
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training	Bn. Parade. - Coy. drill & Musketry	Tuesday 17.12.18
WEDNESDAY 18.12.18			
CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLIDAY			
Battalion Parade - Recreational Training and Sports - Special Programme			Thursday 19.12.18
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training & Sports	Battalion Route March Fighting order. S.P. & route later	Friday 20.12.18
Recreational Training & Sports	Educational Training	Battalion Parade Battalion drill Musketry	Saturday 21.12.18

SYLLABUS of TRAINING for fortnight ending 11th January, 1919.

Date	9.15 a.m. - 11.15. a.m.	11.15.a.m.-12.30 p.m.	2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.
Monday. 30.12.18.	Battalion Parade Musketry.-Coy. drill.	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports
Tuesday, 31.12.18	Bn. Route March, Dress fighting order. S.P. 9.15.a.m. Route issued later	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports.
Wednesday 1.1919	NEW YEAR'S DAY - BATTALION SPORTS.		
Thursday, 2.1.1919	Bn. Parade - Bn. drill Musketry	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports.
Friday, 3.1.1919	Bn. Route March - Full marching order- S.P. 9.15 a. m. Route issued later	Educational Training	Recreational Tng.
Saturday, 4.1.1919	Bn. Parade- Guards & Sentries - Rifle exer- cises	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports.
Sunday, 5.1.1919	CHURCH PARADE.		
Monday 6.1.1919	Bn. Parade -Musketry Rapid deployments	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports.
Tuesday, 7.1.1919	Bn. Route March -Fighting order. S.P. 9.15-route issued later	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports.
Wednesday 8.1.1919	Bn. Parade -Bn. drill Guards and Sentries	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports
Thursday, 9.1.1919	Bn. Parade.- At Coy. Commanders disposal Syllabus of work to be carried out to reach B.O.R. by 2.p.m. Wed. 8.1.19.	Educational Tng	Recreational Tng & Sports
Friday, 10.1.1919	Bn. Route March - Full m. order-S.P. 9.15 a.m. Route issued later	Educational Training	Recreational Tng
Saturday, 11.1.1919	Bn. Parade -Bn.drill Rifle exercises	Educational Training	Recreational Tng & Sports

- NOTES.
1. Educational Training Syllabus attached.
 2. All Parades will terminate with a March past.
 3. On all parades other than Route Marches dress will be drill order. Bn. to be formed up on Parade Ground at 9.30 a.m.
 4. SMOKO- 10 minutes every hour from ten minutes to clock hour until clock hour. Bugle will be blown.


Lieut-Colonel
Commanding 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

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13th BATTALION A.I.F. EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

T I M E T A B L E.

Date	11.15 - 11.50 a.m.	11.50 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Monday, 30.12.18	Algebra; French: Tailoring: Typewriting Shorthand	Algebra: French: Tailoring. Typewriting. Shorthand
Tuesday, 31.12.18	History: Geogrphay: Arithmetic Signwriting.	History: Geography: Arith. metic.
Wednesday, 1.1.19.	NEW YEAR'S	DAY.
Thursday, 2.1.1919	French; Tailoring; Typewriting Shorthand; Bootmaking.	French; Signwriting; Tailoring; Shorthand
Friday, 3.1.1919	English; Shorthand; Workshop drawing	Algebra; French; Tailoring.
Saturday, 4.1.1919	History; Geography; Typewriting Workshop drawing	French; Shorthand.
Monday, 8.1.1919	Arithmetic; French; Typing.	Bootmaking; Typing; French; Arithmetic.
Tuesday, 7.1.1919	Tailoring; History; Geography, French.	Algebra; French.
Wednesday, 8.1.1919.	Workshop drawing; Tailoring; Shorthand	Workshop drawing; Tailoring. Shorthand.
Thursday, 9.1.1919.	French; Tailoring; Typewriting; Shorthand; Bootmaking;	French; Signwriting; Tailoring; Shorthand.
Friday, 10.1.1919.	English; Workshop drawing;	Algebra; French; Tailoring.
Saturday, 11.1.1919	History; Geography; Typewriting; Workshop drawing.	French; Shorthand. Workshop drawing.

EXTRACT from "THE TIMES" Monday, 16th Dec. 1918.

No. 6594 Sgt. Gerald Sexton, 13th Bn., A.I.F.

For most conspicuous bravery during the attack near La Verguier, north-west of St. Quentin on September 18, 1918.

During the whole period of the advance, which was very seriously opposed, Sgt. Sexton was to the fore dealing with enemy machine guns, rushing enemy posts, and performing great feats of bravery and endurance without faltering or for a moment taking cover.

When the advance had passed the ridge at La Verguier, Sgt. Sexton's attention was directed to a party of the enemy manning a bank, and to a field gun causing casualties and holding up a company. Without hesitation, calling to his section to follow, he rushed down the bank and killed the gunners of the field gun. Regardless of machine-gun fire, he returned to the bank, and after firing down some dugouts induced about 30 of the enemy to surrender. When the advance was continued from the first to the second objective the company was again held up by machine guns on the flanks. Supported by another platoon, he disposed of the enemy guns, displaying boldness which inspired all.

Later, he again showed the most conspicuous initiative in the capture of hostile posts and machine guns, and rendered invaluable support to his company digging in.



*4th Divisional and Brigade Commanders
and Staff Officers.
Taken at PICQUIGNY - Armistice Day.*

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Taken at PICQUIGNY - Armistice Day.

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Group of 13th Bn. and 16th Bn. Officers.
Taken at PICQUIGNY - Armistice Day.

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*Brig. General E.A. DRAKE BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O.
and members of 13th Bn. etc. at PICQUIGNY
Armistice Day.*

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Group of Officers of 13th
Battalion. A.I.F. - taken at PICQUIGNY -
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R.A.P. 13TH BN A.I.F. IN RAILWAY CUTTING - BEFORE ATTACK ON LE VERGUIER. 18/9/18.

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13TH BN. H.Q. AT VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

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C/o Aust. Comforts Fund,
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Dear Major Wells,

No doubt you have heard of the Australian ladies in London presenting flags to the various Battalions. I found great pleasure in providing two flags for the 13th and 45th Battalions feeling the keenest possible interest in the abovementioned for two reasons, which I will give, the first being that as you know my gallant son belonged to the 13th Battn. and secondly that I am still the President of the 13th and 45th Comfort Funds Committee Manning Chambers, Sydney.

I hope they will reach you safely, and that you will accept them with my kindest regards and profound admiration of your chivalry during the war which has now ended in a great victory.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) Lottie Henley.

(Mrs L. Henley)

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 89.

by

Major A.S. ALLEN, D.S.O.,

Commanding 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters,
3rd December, 1918.

- DUTIES:** Company for duty - 4.12.18 - "B" Company.
 (a) Next for duty - "C" Company.
 Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut. C.J. KELAHER.
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt. CANNING.
 Battalion Orderly Corporal Cpl EMBREY.
 Field Officer for the Day Capt. T.A. WHITE.
 Orderly Quartermaster Lieut. B.G. BRADNEY, M.M.
- (3) "B" Company will supply Brigade Guard - 1 Sgt - 1 Cpl and 15 men to mount at Brigade H.Qrs. at 4 p.m. "B" Coy. will also supply Brigade Orderly Sergeant.
 "D" Company to supply Battalion Guard as usual.

EXTRACTS: The following extract from Routine Orders No. 2352 dated 21st November is published for information:-

HONOURS AND AWARDS. Under authority granted by His Majesty the KING, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the following decoration:-

THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. H. W. CURTIS, M.M.

The following extract from A.I.F. List No. 414 is published for information:-

The undermentioned Officer embarked for AUSTRALIA per A.T. MARATHON and is struck off strength of Unit - dated 6th November, 1918.
Invalid Officer. - Lieut. A. B. LILLEY.

The following extract from Routine Orders dated 19th Nov. 18 is published for information:-

2678 GERMAN DELAY ACTION MINES. The following is said to be one of the methods adopted by the enemy in arranging delay-action mines:- A crater is blown, previous to retirement and a delay-action mine is buried at the bottom of the crater and carefully covered over; the crater is filled in by our troops and on the expiration of the delay period the mine explodes and the crater is re-opened.

The following extract from R.O. dated 25th Nov. is published for information and necessary action:-

2685-REQUISITIONS IN RECONQUERED TERRITORY. (a) Crops. Crops left in the ground are the property of the owner of the ground. If taken they must be purchased or requisitioned in the usual way. If the owner's name cannot be ascertained, exact map references and other particulars to assist identification must be given on the requisition note. (b) Supplies- When requisitioning or purchasing supplies, careful investigation will first be made as to their ownership. Should it be ascertained that the supplies were enemy property, payment need not be made, but if they are found to belong to the inhabitants, the usual rules as to purchasing and requisitioning will apply.

The following extracts from D.R.O.'s are published for information and necessary action - dated 1st Dec., 1918.

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2. EXTRACTS :
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2369-GERMAN MONEY. There is at the present time practically nothing but German money in reoccupied Belgium. This money is subject commercially to depreciation of about 50%. The troops should be warned that the Belgian Shop-keepers will endeavour to induce them to accept this money at pre-war value and if they do so, they will be accepting at their own risk, money which they will only be able to exchange later at considerable loss.

2373 - DELAYED MAILS. It is notified that owing to truck shortage at the Base Ports the receipt of Unit Mails in the Field has been very irregular of late and it is not expected that the position will improve in the immediate future.

3. MAP REFERENCES. Until further orders all map references in Orders, location lists etc. will be given by co-ordinates on 1/100,000 scale using the co-ordinate cards already issued. The old method of describing a point by reference to other points or names will, as far as possible, be discontinued.

4. REJOINED. The following having rejoined on dates shewn have been posted to Companies as under:-

<u>"A" Company.</u>			
1.12.18	No. 2612	Pte MALLINAM, R.	4163 Cpl COOPER, T.
2.12.18	3047	Pte GLENNIE, A.	
<u>"B" Company.</u>			
1.12.18	No. 2202	Pte MARY, G.	7143 Pte OLSEN, J.P.
	6218	" BOSDEN, O.W.	
2.12.18	6636	" TOBIN, J.	
<u>"C" Company.</u>			
1.12.18	No. 7110	Cpl CARTER, A.J.	
	7367	Pte O'NEILL, F.J.	6790 Pte PATERSON, W.H.
	6132	" CROSSLEY, A.L.	1230 " STANFORD, G.
	1938	" DICKERSON, B.	
2.12.18	2892	L/Cpl. OAKLEY, H.G.	6985 Pte FERRIS, A.L.M.
	3516	Pte WARDLAW, J.E.	

<u>"D" Company.</u>			
1.12.18	No. 1449	Pte STACK, E.J.	2355 Pte McGALLUM, A.
	3732	" WAITE, W.	1727 " FARISH, J.A.
2.12.18	7205	" BRAINES, C.G.	1870 L/Cpl. WILLIAMS, F.

<u>H.Q.</u>			
1.12.18	No. 3197	Pte PATISON, A.L.	

5. REINFORCEMENTS: The following reinforcements having marched in on 2.12.18 have been posted to Companies as under:-

<u>"B" Company.</u>			
	No. 3915	Pte STONE, R.M.	
<u>"C" Company.</u>			
No. 2217	Pte RYLE, C.S.	7027	Pte MEEHAN, J.P.
7830	" TAYLOR, A.W.	7307	" STITZ, G.
2852	" McLARAN, J.W.		

6. PUNISHMENTS. The following punishments have been awarded:-

No. 6769 Pte LETTIE, A. "A" Company; Falling out on line of march without permission; forfeits one day's pay. (total forfeiture 5/-).

No. 3073 Pte JORDAN, J.B. "A" Company; a.w.l. from 8 a.m. 24.11.18 till 8 a.m. 27.11.18; Forfeits six days' pay; (total forfeiture of pay 45/-).

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER, Lieut.
Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

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The undermentioned gifts have been issued to the Units of the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade during the month of November, 1918:-

		<u>13th Bn. proportion.</u>
Cocoa and milk	912 lbs	240 lbs.
Cakes	176 "	
Soup (Pea flour)	294 "	2 cases
Soup (Tomato)	162 "	-
Tanko Cookers	250 "	4 cases
Meats	432 "	2 "
Tobacco	180 "	1 case.
Cigarettes	32,000 "	1 case 1,000
Tommy Cookers	36 dozen.	2 cases
Sauce	4 bottles	-
Shirts	450	65
Cases of Post Office oddments	4	-
Cases addressed to Units	22	-

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- BILLETS.** Best kept billets for period from 26th Nov. to 2nd December. - "A" Company.
- COOKER.** Best kept Cooker during above period - "B" Company.
- GUARD.** Best turned out Guard for above period - "D" Company.

VEGETABLES. The following amount has been expended through Regimental Funds in the purchase of vegetables for the month of November:-

270 Francs.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 90
by

Major A. S. ALLEN, D. S. O.,
Commanding 13th Battalion. A. I. F.

Headquarters,
6th December, 1918.

DUTIES. Company for duty - 7.12.18.
Next for duty
Battalion Orderly Officer
Battalion Orderly Sgt.
Battalion Orderly Corporal

"A" Company.
"B" Company.
Lieut McRAE
Sgt. MCGILVRAY.
Cpl. McINNES.

EXTRACTS. The following extract from G.R.O No. 275 is published for information:-
Dated 28th November, 1918
2376-CLAIMS.

The French Mission have drawn attention to the serious claims which are being received for wood removed by troops from billets etc. for use as fuel. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 1036. O.C. units will take immediate steps to prevent further pilfering.

The following extract from G.O.Cs. dated 4th Dec., 1918 is published for information:-

LEAVE:- WARNING TO MEN PROCEEDING ON LEAVE TO LONDON. The following memorandum received from Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. London is promulgated for information. This report is to be published in all unit Orders and read out to all men on parade:-

"I respectfully beg to report that there is a strong suspicion that many undesirable characters, both male and female, of the class that endeavours to cultivate acquaintance with members of the A.I.F. on leave in London, are at the present moment employing for the purpose of drugging and subsequent robbery, small tablets of the appearance of saccharine, which these individuals proffer for the use of any of our men in whose company they may be eating.

The action of whatever drug is contained in the above tablet is to produce almost immediate drowsiness followed by complete stupor. On revival a slight loss of memory frequently results and the victim has usually only a confused recollection of the person with whom he has been in company, and on the circumstances of their meeting, and is in fact incapable of giving any detailed account of what has transpired.

There is abundant cause to believe that several members of the A.I.F. in this city, who have been recently robbed of their wallets and paybooks etc. and have been able to furnish practically no information as to the occurrence, have been victims to persons using the above tablets.

I respectfully beg to suggest that all members of the A.I.F. may be warned through the medium of A.I.F. Orders or by the various Furlough Offices concerned, as to the advisability of accepting any so called saccharine tablets proffered for their use by comparative strangers in whose company they may happen to be."

(DAG.AIF. Cir. Memo No 7/183 of 1.12.18)

The following extract from A.I.F. Orders dated 29th November 1918 is published for information and necessary action:-

1465- REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS' KIT - LOST ON SERVICE.

1. A.I.F. Orders 164 of 24.6.16 1337 of 13.8.18 and 1404 of 15.10.18 are cancelled and the following substituted

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2. EXTRACTS
(Contd)

therefor:-

2. Equipment, clothing and necessaries lost on active service will be replaced by Ordnance issues and monetary compensation in respect of such losses will not be admissible.
3. Replacement of articles of kit which are not ordinarily an Ordnance issue will be made by special purchases by Ordnance Department at a charge against Australian Funds.
4. All claims will be submitted on A.I.F. Form 518 copies of which may be obtained by units direct on demand from Administrative Headquarters A.I.F.
5. Replacement will only be made when:-
 - (a) There is conclusive evidence of loss.
 - (b) The loss was due to the exigencies of the service and not attributable to negligence on the part of the Officer concerned.
 - (c) It is certified by the Divisional or equivalent Commander that for the duties upon which the Officer is employed replacement is necessary.
6. When certifying that replacement is necessary the certifying Officer will take into consideration the number of each articles which the claimant still has in his possession and in the case of articles to which an officer is entitled under A.I.F. Standing Order 129, the number of each articles to be replaced will not exceed the number required to complete the scale of issue authorised by that Order. (continued below)

3. PROMOTIONS. The following promotions have been approved:-

- H. Q.
- To be Sgts - 19.11.18 2916 T/Sgt. TIDEY, H. vice Lane to Super List 18.11.18
- 2156 T/Sgt. FALKNER, R.J. vice Lowe to Super List 18.11.18
- To be Sgt - 6.12.18 3056 T/Sgt. HARRISON, S.G. vice Keele, commissioned 14.10.18.
- To be Cpls. 19.11.18. 2490 T/Cpl. VIVIAN, S.W. vice Tidey promoted 19.11.18
- 4777 T/Cpl. GALE, J.D. vice Ryan to Super List 9.11.18
- To be Cpls - 6.12.18 3033 T/Cpl. DENGATE, R.A. vice Harrison promoted 6.12.18.
- "A" Company.
- To be L/Cpls - 6.12.18 7238 Pte McDONAGH, F.H. 3620 " BARNICOAT, C.P.B. 3753 " BRYANT, T.F.
- "B" Company.
- To be L/Cpls. - 6.12.18 3894 Pte RICE, E.T. 6479 " AMOS, C.H.
- "C" Company.
- To be Cpl. - 6.12.18 3652 T/Cpl HENNIG, T. vice Read to Super List 9.11.18.
- "D" Company.
- To be Cpl. 6.12.18 6467 T/Cpl. BARTON, T. vice Begg to Super List 8.11.18. (DAG)

EXTRACTS 1465 REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS' KIT - LOST ON SERVICE (Contd)

(Continued)

7. Articles enumerated in A.I.F. Standing Order 129 will only be replaced by the service pattern article, and other articles replaced by special purchase by Ordnance Dept. will not exceed in cost the total amount of £15. In the case of Officers of the A.A.M.C. other than those attached to Divisions, the certifying Officer will be the D.M.S., A.I.F.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER Lieut. Adjutant. 13th Battalion A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 91.

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Major A. S. Allen, D. S. O.,
Commanding 13th Battalion. A. I. F.

Headquarters,
10th December, 1918.

DUTIES. Company for duty -11.12.18 -
Next for duty
Battalion Orderly Officer.
Battalion Orderly Sgt.
Battalion Orderly Corporal.

"C" Company.
"D" Company.
Sgt. CARTER, M.M.
Cpl. HENNIG.

EXTRACTS. The following extracts from Divisional Routine Orders are published for information and necessary action:-

2386 HONOURS AND REWARDS. His Majesty the KING has approved of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to the undermentioned N.C.O. The Army, Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders desire their congratulations conveyed to the recipient.

Sgt. G. SEXTON, D. C. M.

2389 - OUT-BREAK OF FEVER. The village of VODECEE near PHILLIPEVILLE is placed "Out-of-Bounds" to all troops owing to an outbreak of Enteric Fever. (Authority G.R.O. No. 2693).

Special attention is drawn to the following Extract from Routine Orders by General Sir H.S. RAWLINSON, Bart. G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding Fourth Army, Dated 1st Dec. 1918.

2689 - DEFENSIVE WORKS. All defensive works can now be dismantled wherever situated. Farmers will be given free access to fields with permission to fill in trenches or remove entanglements. (G.H.Q. No. O.B./2204/11. 18.11.18)

Special attention is drawn to the following extract from G.R.Os by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in FRANCE, dated 4th Dec., 1918.

5757 - INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING RECREATION - REPORTING OF, ON A.F.W. 3428. - In all cases where an injury is sustained by an Officer or other rank during any recreational game or sport, full particulars of the circumstances of the injury and the nature of the game or sport will be shewn in para. 3 of A.F.W. 3428, and the Commanding Officer will state in answer to para 4 (a) whether or not the injured was taking part in a "Properly organised Military game or sport". For this purpose the definition of a properly organised Military game or sport is "any game or sport organised and supervised by an Officer in which Officers and Soldiers only take part".

The following Extracts from "The LONDON GAZETTE" Supplement No. 31043 dated 2nd December, 1918 are published for information

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to the undermentioned Officers in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:-

Awarded the MILITARY CROSS.

Capt. (now Major) S. M. O'RIORDAN, A.A.M.C., attd. 13th Bn.
For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the later/
(p.t.o.)

2. **EXTRACTS.** later stages of an advance, when the infantry were under heavy fire, he established his aid post in an advanced position and dealt very rapidly with the casualties. His initiative and coolness under heavy fire were an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

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Lieut. L. C. WATERFORD. - For conspicuous gallantry and resource When an advance was being considerably impeded by artillery and machine-gun fire, he rushed his gun into action in the open, and in a very short time destroyed the hostile machine gun. Later he was severely wounded in an attempt to assist a wounded man under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

3. **COURT MARTIAL** Promulgation Finding and Sentence. A Field General Court Martial was held on 4.12.18 by order of Brigadier General E.A. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade for the trial of the person mentioned in the margin hereof.

2714 Pte RADBURN, J., 13th Battalion. A.I.F. Confirmation, Finding and Sentence are hereby promulgated:-

Charge: W.O.A.S. a.w.l. from 30.7.18 till 23.11.18.

Pleaded: Guilty. Found: Guilty.

Sentence - 2 years I.H.L.

Confirmation: Confirmed (Sgd) E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Commanding 4th A.I. Bde. 4.12.18.

4. **PUNISHMENTS.** The following punishments have been awarded:-

No. 2609 Pte W. J. COLLINS, "A" Coy.; neglecting to obey an order of an N.C.O.; 14 days F.P. No. 2; (total forfeiture of pay 70/-)

No. 2586 Pte W. JONES, "B" Coy.; a.w.l. from 6 a.m. 28.11.18 until 2 p.m. 3.12.18; Forfeit 10 days' pay; (total forfeiture of pay 80/-).

(Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER Lieut.

Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A. I. F.

NOTICES.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. It is notified by D.A.P.S., B.E.F. that the latest dated of posting for Xmas correspondence are as follows:-

	letters	parcels.
British Isles (except LONDON)	17th Dec.	15th Dec.
LONDON	18th Dec.	16th Dec.

PAPER AND CARDBOARD. The following is the amount of paper and cardboard salvaged by 13th Bn. for week ending 5.12.18:-
Paper - 145 lbs. Cardboard - 112 lbs.

A BRITISH EMPIRE AND AMERICAN SERVICES BOXING TOURNAMENT will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, LONDON on the afternoons and evenings of December 11th and 12th. A number of seats will be reserved for men on leave from Overseas; they can be obtained on the days of the Tournament at the Albert Hall.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to the undermentioned Officers in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:-

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Capt. (now Major) S. M. O'Riordan, A.A.M.C., 4th Bn. 13th Bn. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the

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Lieut-Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D.S.O.,

Commanding 13th Battalion. A. I. F.

Headquarters,

19th December, 1918.

1. **DUTIES.** Company for duty - 20.12.18 "D" Company.
 Next for duty "A" Company.
 Battalion Orderly Officer
 Battalion Orderly Sgt.
 Battalion Orderly Cpl.

2. **EXTRACTS** The following extract from G.R.O. dated 8.12.18 is published for information:-
5777 - Censorship - Green Envelopes (A.F.W.3078). 1. An extra issue of Green Envelopes at the rate of two per man will be made to provide for Christmas and New Year correspondence.
 2. Attention is called to Censorship Orders para 2. (b) by which the sending of letters to the Base Censors for forwarding in outer covers other than the official Green envelope is forbidden, and to para 11 (i) by which the sending of Christmas and other cards bearing pictorial illustrations to enemy or neutral countries is forbidden.

The following extract from G.R.O. dated 8.12.18 is published for information:-
5778 - LEAVE. - Owing to the prevalence of influenza NOTTINGHAM is placed out of bounds to all troops proceeding on leave.

The following extract from A.I.F. List No. 418 is published for information:-
OFFICER EMBARKED FOR AUSTRALIA. The undermentioned Officer having embarked for Australia is struck off strength of Unit
 Dated 4th Dec. 1918.

A.T. "SOMERSET". - SHIP'S STAFF. - Capt. W. PARSONAGE, M.C.

The following extract from Brigade Routine Order No. 113 is published for information and necessary action:-

4. **ROUNDS.** - The Field Officer of the Day together with the Medical Officer and Quartermaster will visit the whole of the Brigade Group Area with the exception of PHILLIPVILLE. The 15th Battalion will only be visited periodically. Field Officers will be notified by Staff Captain when such visits are to take place.

5. **BAND FOR DUTY.** The Band for duty will play in the Town Square from 13.30 to 15.00 daily.

The following copy of Circ. Memo DAG.AIF. No. 19/1212 dated 9th Dec.; 1918 is published for information of all ranks:-

1. The Department of Defence advises that if they so desire men who enlisted in one Military District but whose homes or relatives are resident in another may, when returned to Australia, be disembarked and discharged in the Military District in which their homes are situated or in which their relatives live.

2. 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.

P.T.O.

2. **EXTRACTS** (Continued) The following extract from Brigade Routine Order No. 114 dated 18.12.18 is published for information and necessary action:-

3. **BOUNDS.** Complaints are being received that men of various units are going to the FLORENNE Railway Station and tampering with GERMAN Aeroplanes etc. there. No men are allowed at the Station except on duty, and Officers and N.C.O.'s who may be in charge of parties working there, will see that any material, aeroplanes etc. is left untouched.

The following extract from A.I.F. List No 419 is published for information and necessary action:-

To be Lieutenants:-

Dated 30th Nov. 1918.

2/Lieut. B.G. BRADNEX, M.M.

" C.E. HARRADINE, M.M.

" J.W. WHITE, M.M.

The following extracts from "THE LONDON GAZETTE" Supplement No. 31052 dated 5th Dec. 1918 are published for information:-

HIS MAJESTY the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL to the under-mentioned for gallantry and distinguished service in the field.

3930 L/Cpl. C. FINCH, 13th Bn. - For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At the commencement of the attack he was No. 2 of a Lewis Gun section. Early in the advance the whole crew except this man became casualties. He took charge of the gun and carried it and the spare parts in addition to his panniers to the final objective, several times bringing it into action with great effect, and covering the consolidation by his fire. Finally he rushed out and bombed a machine gun, killing two and capturing five of the crew, bringing them and the gun back with him single-handed.

1389 C.S.M. W. OSWALD, M.M. 13th Bn. - For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance on a village this warrant officer was in charge of his company mopping-up party. Perceiving a gap of about four hundred yards in the attacking line he immediately led his party into it, and bringing fire to bear on the enemy machine guns enabled the battalions to close up again. Later, his company was subjected to galling enfilade fire, but, steadying the men, he led them forward and while they were digging in moved freely about, encouraging them in their work. He was of great assistance to the C.O. in siting the new line and distributing the men.

6594 Sgt. G. SEXTON, 13th Bn. - For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four separate occasions his company was suddenly confronted by enemy machine-gun fire. On each occasion this N.C.O. in charge of a Lewis Gun section brought his gun into action with great promptitude, quickly silencing the opposition. On one occasion, in some tall crops, he stood up in full view of the enemy firing from the hip until he had put the enemy machine gun out of action. Throughout the day he displayed initiative combined with coolness.

3. **PROMOTIONS.** The following promotions have been approved:-

"A" Company.

Dated 18.12.18

To be Sgt. - 2157 T/Sgt FATHERS, E. vice Thompson to Super List. 18.12.18.

7045 T/Sgt. McGILVRAY, J.A. vice Thompson H. to Super List 18.12.18.

"C" Company

Dated 18.12.18.

To be Sgt. 7111 T/Sgt. CARTER, C.H. vice Merritt to Super List 18.12.18.

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3. PROMOTIONS
(Continued)

"C" Company (Contd)

To be Sgt. 2419 T/Sgt. BOURKE, P.J. vice Evans to Super
 List 18.12.18
 To be Cpls. 7084 T/Cpl. SURMAN, W. vice Carter promoted
 18.12.18
 7368 T/Cpl. EDGAR, W.R.B. vice Bourke promoted
 18.12.18.

4. PUNISHMENTS. The following punishments have been awarded:-

No. 7724 Pte KEIGHRAN, C.W.; a.w.l. from 6 a.m. 26.11.18
 to 8.30 p.m. 29.11.18; Forfeits four days' pay; (total
 forfeiture of pay 45/-)
 No. 3130 Pte REYNOLDS, G.A.; Falling out of line of march
 without permission; Forfeit one day's pay (total forfeiture
 5/-)
 No. 6636 Pte TOBIN, J.; Lost by neglect 40 rounds of am-
 munition; Forfeits one day's pay and pay for shortage.
 (total forfeiture 10/-)

(Sgd) T.B.WEBSTER Lieut.

Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

NOTICES.

AUSTRALIAN WAR TROPHIES AND RELICS. The Australian War Records
 Section has opened an Exhibition of Trophies and Relics at Australia
 House. The exhibits have been selected from those contributed by
 members and Units of the A.I.F. for the Australian War Museums.
 The Exhibition will be open daily between the hours of 9.30 a.m.
 and 10 p.m. until further notice.

AUSTRALIA AT WAR.- It is the desire of the G.O.C. that Officers
 Commanding Units should bring prominently under the notice of all
 ranks the publication of a work entitled "Australia at War" by Lieut
 Will DYSON, A.I.F. Official Artist. The book contains a series of
 sketches vividly portraying incidents of the fighting on the Western
 Front in which the Australians have taken such a prominent part, as
 well as some verse by the Author and an introduction by G.K. CHESTER-
 TON. It is the further desire of the G.O.C. that in view of the
 historic value of the work every facility should be afforded to
 those members of the A.I.F. who wish to purchase copies of this book,
 for friends and relatives. There are already indications of a keen
 demand from the general public for the work, but in order to give
 soldiers every opportunity of procuring it the bulk of the first
 edition is being specially reserved for them. The price is 7/6d
 (seven shillings and sixpence) per copy postage free to England or
 Australia and orders may be given to Divisional Paymasters and Pay
 Sergeants of the Army Pay Corps or direct to O.C., A.I.F. Publica-
 tions Section, Australia House, Strand, London.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 93.

Lieut. Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D.S. O.,
Commanding 13th Battalion A. I. F.

Headquarters,
22nd December, 1918.

- 1. DUTIES. Company for duty - 23.12.18.
- Next for duty
- Battalion Orderly Officer
- Battalion Orderly Sgt.
- Battalion Orderly Cpl.
- Field Officer for the Day
- Medical Officer for the Day
- Quartermaster

- "C" Company.
- "D" Company.
- Lieut. T. DWYER, M.C.
- Sgt. H.O. CONNOR.
- Cpl WEST.
- Capt. R.S. SWINBOURNE, M.C.
- Major C.R. MERRILLEES.
- Lieut. B.G. BRADNEY, M.M.

2. REVEILLE Attention is again drawn to the necessity for a strict Reveille & Tattoo Roll calls supervised by an Officer. Reveille Reports to be collected and handed in to B.O.R. within half an hour after Reveille, by Orderly Officer. Tattoo Reports to be taken at Staff Parade at 9.30 p.m. at which the Orderly Officer must be present; the result of Tattoo to be returned by the Orderly Officer and delivered at Brigade H.Q. not later than 9.45 p.m.

3. EXTRACTS. The following extracts from Brigade Routine Order No. 115 dated 19.12.18 is published for information:-

4. CASHING OF POSTAL NOTES ETC. All ranks will be notified immediately that the Civil Postal Authorities may on no account cash Postal Notes, Money Orders etc.

The following extract from A.I.F. Orders by General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. Commanding Australian Imperial Forces is published for information and necessary action:-

1477 - EXTRA-REGIMENTAL AND TEMPORARY RANK - MODIFICATION OF RULES re Officers, Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers who have held temporary or extra-regimental rank prior to 11.11.18 still hold such ranks when they leave their Units or relinquish their appointments for return to Australia for demobilisation will retain such ranks notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the Rules for Promotion of Officers, Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers. Temporary Rank granted since 11.11.18 will be dealt with in accordance with existing rules. (Authority D.A.G., A.I.F., of 7.12.18).

The following extracts from D.R.O's are published for information and necessary action:- Dated 18.12.1918.

2400 - GERMAN HORSE SHOES. Any dumps of German Horse Shoes found in the Area will be utilised as far as possible and balance returned to Base through Salvage Coy. Quantities so returned to be notified to Bn. Headquarters.

2404 - UNAUTHORIZED REVOLVERS. Attention is drawn to D.R.O. 2332. Reports have been received indicating that some personnel are still in possession of unauthorised revolvers. Steps will be taken to ensure that the D.R.O. referred to is strictly enforced.

(P.T.O.)

Noting places at each of the above points will be

3. EXTRACTS- 2405. - APPOINTMENT. Lieut. R.N. JONES to be Asst. Adjutant
(Contd) vice Lieut. J.H. EAST, M.C. to Administrative H.Qrs. A.I.F.

The following copy of Letter from Australian Corps H.Qrs
is published for information and necessary action:-

1. It has been brought to the Notice of the Corps Commander
that the discipline of drafts proceeding to the Base leaves
much to be desired.

2. To effect an improvement each Division will detail a
number of Officers and N.C.O's for duty as draft conducting
parties. Whenever a draft of 25 men or under is despatched
to the Base a draft conducting N.C.O. will be sent in charge
Any draft over 25 men will be in charge of a draft conduct-
ing Officer with an N.C.O. to every 20 men. These draft
conducting officers and N.C.O's will report back to their
units when the draft is handed over at the Australian Base
Depot, and they will then be held responsible for any in-
discipline that has occurred. The Senior Officer will
submit a report on the journey to Divisional Headquarters.

3. In addition to the above a picked guard of 10% will be
told off from each draft sometime before they leave the
Division. This guard will be employed keeping discipline
throughout the journey. On the train they will be posted
at each end and in the centre portion of the train in which
the draft is travelling. The draft conducting N.C.O's
will travel one in each truck or carriage occupied by the
draft.

4. All drafts will be warned before they leave their units
that certain orders will be strictly observed throughout
the journey:-

(a) Men are only to travel in the truck or compart-
ments allotted them - on no account are men to travel on
roofs or buffers.

(b) Men are not to leave the trucks in which they
are travelling without permission, and at a halt will not
go out of the station yard without permission.

(c) No Wine, Beer or other intoxicants are to be
taken into the trucks in which men are travelling.

Men will be warned that any men guilty of disobedience
of these orders will be sent back to their units for trial
by F.G.C.M. and will forfeit their right to early return
to Australia.

The following Administrative Instruction No. 98 is published
for information of all ranks:-

REINFORCEMENTS AND LEAVE & PERSONNEL BUS SERVICE.

The following personnel bus service for conveying leave men
men from schools, Details etc. to Corps Rfct. Camp and leave
men, rfcts, and details to units from the Corps Rfct Camp
will commence running on 19.12.18

DINANT	dep 08.00	MARCINELLE	dep. 11.00
ONHAYE	08.25	(Corps Rfct. Camp)	
ANTHEE	08.50	BERTRANSART	arr. 11.40
ROSEE	09.15	LANEFFE	12.30
FLORENNES	09.45	MORIALME	13.20
MORIALME	10.10.	FLORENNES	13.45
LANEFFE	11.00	ROSEE	14.15
BERTRANSART	12.00	ANTHEE	14.40
MARCINELLE	12.45	ONHAYE	15.05
(Corps Rfct. Camp)		DINANT	15.30

Halting places at each of the above points will be

marked by a sign 'BUS SERVICE HALT' under arrangements made by S.M.T.O. Personnel using the lorries will be provided with a pass signed by D.A.Q.M.G. Passes will be issued with Leave Warrants.

As the accommodation provided daily is sufficient only for men proceeding on leave to U.K. units will notify DIV. H.Qrs 48 hours ahead of any extra accommodation required for men proceeding to Schools or on French Leave. Passes will not be given by units unless this notification has been sent.

LEAVE. 2. (a) Commencing 19th December, 1918 leave men will be despatched by Divisions and Corps Troops by the daily bus service to the Corps Rfct Camp who will arrange for their despatch to the Base Port by the following leave train, commencing running on 19th inst.

CHARLEROI	SUD	dep. 21.39
BOULOGNE		arr. 14.42

and personnel embark following day.

(b) Personnel returning from leave will travel by the following train:-

BOULOGNE	dep. 09.08.
CHARLEROI	arr. 03.04.

Corps Rfct Camp will meet personnel at CHARLEROI accommodate them at the Corps Rfct Camp and despatch them by the Bus Service to rejoin their units.

Amendment to Administrative Instruction No. 98. Accommodation on buses having now been increased, Officers and Men proceeding to Schools may travel on buses without notification being sent to Div. H.Qrs.

Men proceeding on leave will produce their leave warrant as their authority to travel. Other personnel will be provided with a pass showing the duty on which they are proceeding.

4. REJOINED. The following men having rejoined on 22.12.18 have been posted to Companies as under:-

No. 3178	Pte MURRAY, D.	to "B" Company.
7088	" TAYLOR, W.L.	to "D" Company.

5. COURT MARTIAL Promulgation Finding and Sentence. A Field General Court Martial was held on 4.11.18 by order of Brig. General E.A. DRAKE BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade for the trial of the person mentioned in the margin hereof.

3684 Pte. NORTON, S. Confirmation, Finding and Sentence are hereby
13th Battalion. A.I.F. promulgated:-
Charge: When on Active Service Desertion. 8.8.18
to 19.10.18
Pleaded: Not guilty: Found: Guilty.
Sentence: 12 years Penal Servitude.
Confirmation: Confirmed (Sgd) H. RAWLINSON, General
Commanding 4th Army. 3.12.18.

(Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER Lieut.

Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A. I. F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 94.

by Lieut-Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D.S.O.,
Commanding 13th Battalion. A. I. F.
Headquarters,
26th December, 1918.

1. DUTIES.
- Company for duty - 27.12.18. "C" Company.
 - Next for duty - 28.12.18. "D" Company.
 - Bn. Orderly Officer Lieut. GOWING.
 - Bn. Orderly Sgt. Sgt. E. BOURKE, M.M.
 - Bn. Orderly Cpl. Cpl. SURMAN.

EXTRACTS The following extract from A.I.F. List No. 422 is published for information and necessary action:-

OFFICER EMBARKED FOR AUSTRALIA. The undermentioned Officer having embarked for AUSTRALIA is struck off strength of Unit.

H.S. "KAROOLA". - Invalid Officer - Dated 13th Dec. 1918.

Lieut. H. W. CURTIS, M.M.

The following Extract from A.I.F. List No. 423 is published for information:-

Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement No. 31067 dated 14th December, 1918. War Office,
14th December, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer:-

6594 - Sgt. GERALD SEXTON,

For most conspicuous bravery during the attack near LE VERGUIER north west of ST. QUENTIN, on the 18th September, 1918.

During the whole period of the advance, which was very seriously opposed, Sgt. SEXTON was to the fore dealing with enemy machine guns, rushing enemy posts, and performing great feats of bravery and endurance without faltering or for a moment taking cover. When the advance had passed the ridge at LE VERGUIER, Sgt. SEXTON's attention was directed to a party of the enemy manning a bank, and to a field gun causing casualties and holding up a company. Without hesitation, calling to his section to follow he rushed down the bank and killed the gunners of the field gun. Regardless of machine gun fire, he returned to the bank, and after firing down some dug-outs induced about thirty of the enemy to surrender. When the advance was continued from the first to the second objective the company was again held up by machine guns on the flanks. Supported by another Platoon, he disposed of the enemy guns, displaying boldness which inspired all. Later, he again showed the most conspicuous initiative in the capture of hostile posts and machine guns, and rendered invaluable support to his company digging in.

The following extract from Brigade Routine Order No. 119 dated 23rd inst. is published for information and necessary action:-

5. DUMPS OF WOOD. Dumps of wood whether German or otherwise must on no account be used for fuel without authority. Where enemy dumps or scattered timber is located, information as to location etc. will be sent immediately to Brigade Headquarters when steps will be taken to get authority to use same through proper channels.

3. COURT MARTIAL Promulgation Finding and Sentence. A Field General Court Martial was held on 31.10.18 by order of Brig.Gen. E.A. DRAKE

(P.T.O.)

3. COURT MARRIAL **BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O.**, Commanding Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade for the trial of the person mentioned in the margin hereof.

5153 Pte **ATKINSON, W.**, 13th Battalion. A.I.F. Confirmation, Finding and Sentence are hereby promulgated:-
 Charge: When on Active Service Desertion. 18.9.18 to 19.10.18.

Pleaded: Not guilty; Found Guilty.
 Sentence: Penal servitude for life.
 Confirmation: Confirmed (Sgd) **H. RAWLINSON**, General Commanding 4th Army. 3.12.18.

4. LEAVE. Referring to Battalion Routine Orders No. 92 dated 19th Dec. 1918: the restrictions placed on **NOTTINGHAM** are now removed. (G.R.O. 5778).

(Sgd) **T. B. WEBSTER** Lieut. Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

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LECTURES. Further Lectures have been arranged and will be delivered in accordance with table hereunder.

Lecturer and Subject	Unit	Location	Date	Time
<u>Mr SPEARING</u> "CRETE, the earliest of civilization"	13th Bn	Pierrot Hall, FLORENNES	28.12.18	2 p.m.
<u>Mr. BARTHOLOMEW</u> "What Nationality means"	13th Bn.	Pierrot Hall, FLORENNES	3.1.1919	2 p.m.

Headquarters,
13th Battalion. A.I.F.

6th December, 1918.

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RETURN No. 8.

STRENGTH RETURN.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>o/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	34	547	581
Attached	1	4	5.

JOINED.

Reinforcements	1	26	27
From Hospital		2	2
" " (ex U.K. leave)		1	1
From illegal absentee		1	1

	1	30	31
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GONE

To Hospital		7	7
To " (ex absentee)		1	1
To Australia leave		13	13
To Base for Medical Board		9	9
To 1914 Furlough in U.K.	1	-	-

	1	30	31
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Headquarters
13th Battalion. A.I.F.
13th December, 1918.

RETURN No. 8.

STRENGTH RETURN.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>o/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	33	547	580
Attached	2	4	6

JOINED

Reinforcements		3	3
From Aust. Corps School Instructor		1	1
		4	4

GONE

Transferred to Aust. Provost Corps		1	1
" " A.I.F. H.Qrs	1	1	2
To Hospital	-	2	2
	1	4	5

Attached

JOINED

From Paris Leave	1 Off.	-	1
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STRENGTH RETURN.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>o/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	33	541	574
Attached	2	4	6

JOINED

Nil.

GONE

To Hospital	-	5	5
To Prison		1	1
		6	6

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Commanding 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

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RETURN No. 8.

Headquarters,
13th Battalion. A.I.F.
27th December, 1918.

STRENGTH RETURN.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	33	542	575
Attached	2	4	6

GONE

To Hospital		1	1
To Prison		1	1
Illegal absentee		2	2
		<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

JOINED

Reinforcements		2	2
From Hospital		2	2
" Illegal absentee		1	1
		<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

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Strength as at 1.12.18
Ration Strength
Attached

35 Offs. 562 o/rs.
33 " 476 "
2 " 4 "

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	REIN-FORCEMENTS	FROM HOSP.	FROM ILLEGAL ABSENTEE	FROM CORPS SCHOOL	HOSP.	1914 LEAVE IN U.K.	AUSTRALIA LEAVE.	To BASE FOR BOARD	TRANS FERRED	PRISON	ILLEGAL ABSENTEES
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2	9	1									
3			1				12	9			
4		1			1						
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28							9				
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30											
31					1				1		

Strength as at 31.12.18

529 3/4

ATTACHED 2 OFFS 4 1/16.
RATION STRENGTH. 27 OFFS. 436 1/16.