

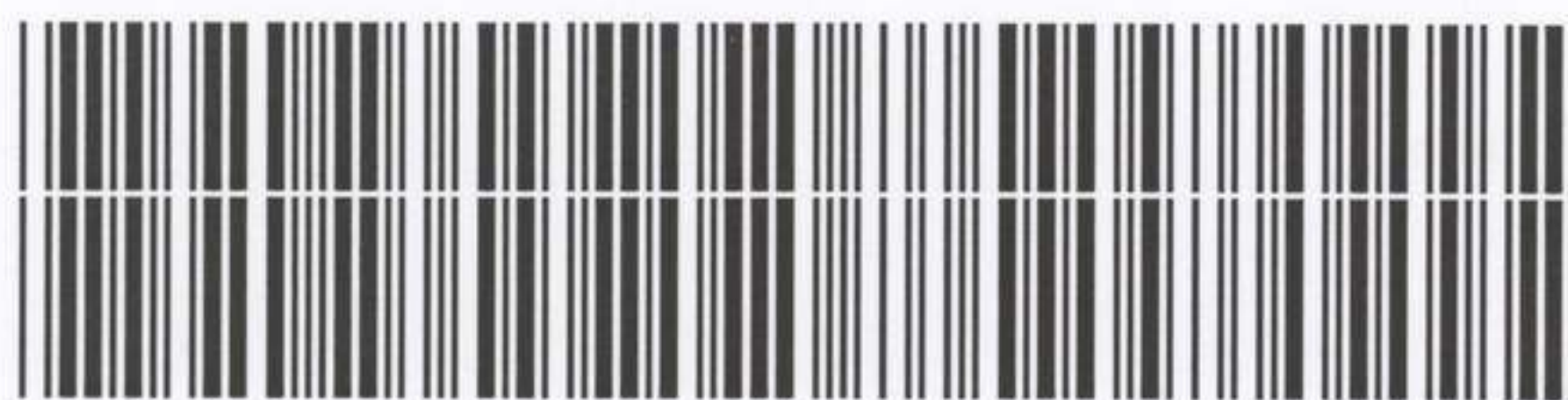
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*25<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Battalion*

FOR

*January* 1918

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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January 1918.

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*at* **C/O 25th. A.I. Battalion.**  
 Army Form C. 2118  
**Lieut. Col.**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
.	Jan. 1st		Strength 43 Officers, 755 O/Ranks including detached but effective 11 Officers, 168 O/Ranks. Detached includes 4 Officers and 57 O/Ranks training for raiding purposes. Battalion was in the line in front of WARNETON sector. "A" COY. in Support, "B" Coy. in reserve, "C" Coy. in Front Line (Right Sector) "D" Coy. in Left Sector. The Coys. in front Line improving and strengthening front line by wiring and linking up the posts.	
"	2nd		Relieved by 27th Battn. Relief complete by 6.20p.m. the Battn. moved back into Dugouts at RED LODGE as Support Battn. Operation Order attached. Platoon of 1 Officer and 51 O/Ranks with Staff of 1 Officer and 6 men detached at EMU Camp near NEUVE EGLISE for Special Training.	Operation Order No A attached
"	3rd)		Battalion at RED LODGE supplied working parties to forward area as per Works Reports attached.	
	4th)			
	5th)			
	6th)			
	7th)			
	8th)			
"	9th		Battalion relieved the 27th in front line. The Battn. moved off at 3.45p.m., "B" Coy. leading then "D", "A" & "C" Coys. Relief complete by 7.5p.m. "D" & "A" Coys. worked the Left Sector together. "B" & "C" Coys. the right. Left Sector Coys. relief every night. Dispositions "D" & "B" in front Line "A" in Support, "C" in Reserve.	Operation Order 29 attached
"	10th		In front line. Patrolled No Man's Land during the night but things were very quiet.	
"	11th		In front line. A large Minnenwerfer got a direct hit on No 6 Post in "A" Coys. sector; 1 Officer, 6 O/Ranks killed as per report attached.	
"	12th		In front line. Very quiet; Coys. in front line working on posts.	
"	13th		Relieved by 22 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion. Relief complete by 8.5p.m. The Battn. moved back to KORTEPYP CAMP No. 2 by train, entraining at RACINE DUMP and detraining at CONNAUGHT SIDING as per operation order attached.	Operation Order No 30 attached.
"	14th		Battalion in a Hutted Camp at KORTEPYP.	







# WAR DIARY

OF

25<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Battalion

FOR

January 1918

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*[Signature]* 2nd Lt  
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# WORKS REPORT.

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Date	Hours Worked.	No of men employed.	Location	Nature of Work and Amount	Remarks.
1- 1-18	3	18	Left of No9 Post Lagoon No6 Post	Wiring 50yards and loose wiring. Strengthening existing wire between Pill-box and railway line near No6 post. 8yards left of post deepened from 4' to 6' and widened from 2' to 3' 3yards duckboarded.	
			No7 Post	New bivouac constructed. 20' of trench deepened from 4' to 6'. 6yards duckboarded.	
	12	24	.U.17d 6.2to U.17c 8.4	Strengthening wire 7 coils used. Closets installed in No. 2, 4, & 5 posts. Deeping saps; constructing fire step & covers for S.A.A. & bombs.	
		30	Support Lines	Cleaning and improving	
3- 1-18	5	25	U.16 C O.4	35 yards completed, revetting and duckboarding.	Work suspended owing to carrying work stopped by gas bombardment.
.	3 1/4	10		Wiring 150 yards. Single Apron wire.	
.	3 1/4	30	.U.10 d central	Draining connecting U10d central with shell holes 170 yards completed.	Work on strong points under Lt. Oldham 7. F. Coy.
.	.4	40	U.11.C.5.3.	120 yards of trench deepened by 18 1/2" & widened to 6' at top & 2 1/2" at base,	
.	4 X4	30	.U.11c.5.6.	constructing bivouacs. 4 incomplete; material not to hand	Parties were shelled with gas from 12 mid-night to 12.45a.m.
.4- 1-18	14 1/8	14	PROUSE Pt.	Working in Ammunition Dumps	
	8	13	" "	Working in ammunition dump.	
	8	3	" "	Engineering working party.	
	6	10	Red Lodge	Baths construction	

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# WORKS REPORT

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Date.	Hours Worked	No of men employed	Location.	Nature of work and amount.	Remarks
<del>4-1-18</del>			Subsidiary		
4-1-18	4	25	Line U.16 b.54	50 yards of trench dug to depth of 5 feet.	Width 6' at top 2' at btm.
	4	25	Support U.18 C	Building bivouacs	4 partially completed.
	5	37		Carrying from Browse Pt to Right & Left Supports	
	5	33		" " " " " " " "	
	4	20		Carrying from Racine Dump to New R.A.P.	
	5	25	Support	Deepening & Revetting Support line	40 yards dug non-completed
	4	24	Support U.11 c53	Completed 2 bivouacs, 2 bivouacs ready to be completed.	Evacuated 3 new bivouacs.
5-1-18	3½	28	U.16 b.24	deepening 30 yards of trench from 3' deep to 6' deep with width of 6' at top and 2'6" at base.	
	4½	25	Accommodation Trench Right Support U.17 c66	completed 30 yards of trench 5' wide 3'6" deep and 24 yards of trench 5' wide and 2'6" deep	
	5	40		Trucking from Racine Dump.	
	5	10		Carrying to revetting party in Right Support.	
	5	10		Carrying to revetting party in Left support.	
	5	6		Carrying for constructing bivouacs	
	5	26		Carrying from railhead to Support Trenches.	

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Date	Hours Worked	No. of men Employed	Location	Nature of work and amount.	Remarks.
5-1-18	5 $3\frac{1}{2}$	<del>15</del> 21	U.16d Cent.	Carrying for R.A.P. Trucking and carrying	
	$3\frac{1}{2}$	11	"	Completed trench 30 yards by 5' deep	
	4	11	"	2 bivouacs completed	
	$3\frac{1}{2}$	6	"	Carrying for M.G. Position	
	$3\frac{1}{2}$	6	"	100yards wiring completed	
	8	10		Red Lodge Baths	
	8	3		Pumping for Eng.	
	8	26		Ammunition Prowse Pt.	
6-1-18	5	20	Right Support Trench	Cleaning out & revetting 160 yards trench	
	6	18	Left Support Trench	Cleaning out & revetting 80 yards trench	
	6	8		Preparing trench for "A" Frames	
	6	16		Trucking and carrying from Racine Dump to Right & Left Supports	
	6	20	Accommodation Trench	Deepen trench from 1' to 1'6" & widen to take "A" Frames	
	4	<del>16</del>			
	4	16	U.16 D.12 to U.16b14	Carrying and trucking	
	4	24		Carrying and trucking from Dump to 200yards from railhead	
	$4\frac{1}{2}$	10	U.17 d.07	Salvage & construct barb wire	
		6	do	Salvage Cupolas and carrying same	

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Date	Hours Worked	Location	No of men Employed	Nature of work and amount.	Remarks.
6-1-18	<del>10</del>	U.17 d.07	10	Construct 2 bivies	
			6	Construct 2 M.G. emplacements.	
7-1-18	7	U.17 A.c9	17	42 yards cleaning, widening and deepening trench	
	6	U.16 b.14 to U.16 d.12	30	Carrying	
	7	U.11 c.52	20	Cutting and cleaning 80 yards trench	
	6	U.17 d.c7	16	revetting	
	5	Racine Dump to U.16 d.12	30	Trucking and carrying	
	5	Left Support U.11 c.52	20	100 yards trench cleaning and repairing	
	6	Rt Support U.16 c.68		150 yards trench cleaned and ready for revetting.	
	4½	Racine Dump to Rt. Support	15	Trucking and carrying	
	5	U.17 a.17	20	Digging 2 M.G. positions & bivouacs. 1 bive completed 3 half completed	
	4	"	4	Strong point wired 100 yards.	
8-1-18	4	"	4	Carrying from Dump,	
	4½	U.10 d.63	12	Trucking & Carrying from Racine Dump to job.	
	4½	"	4	Duckboarding	
	5	U.17 a.7.2	23	Constructing bivouacs	

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d date	Hours Worked	No. of men employed	Location.	Nature of work and amount.	Remarks.
8-1-18	4	16		Trucking from Racine Dump to railhead	Carrying to left support
	4½	16	U.16 b.14	Trucking and carrying to accommodation trench	
	6	30	"	Deepening & widening trench for "A" Frames and duckboards	
	5	22	"	Constructing bivouacs & Accommodation trench	
9-1-18	2	12	Au Chasseur Cabt. No 6 Post	Excavating bivouac	
			No 8 Post	10 yards of trench deepened revetted & duckboarded.	10 sheets iron carried from Dump.
			No 9 Post	2 Shelters completed to hold 6 men.	
11-1-18	6	30	Support Lines	5 yards C.T. dug to-wards to No 8 post.	
	6	16	"	Completed 70 yards trench with "A" Frames	
			Garrison	Completed 60 yards cleaning, draining & reduckboarding.	
	4	2	No 1 Post No 2 Post No 3 & 4 Post	Deepening, duckboarding & improving post	
	3	3	No. 3 Post	Deepening & draining trench	
	4	3	No. 4 Post	Carrying duckboards & revetting material.	
	6	14	Left Coy. H' Qts	Draining & improving trench	
			Garrison No 9 Post	Constructing bivouacs. 200 sand-bags used & 5 sheets elephant iron.	
				30' duckboarding completed. 6' trench deepened by 2' & "A" Frames & duckboards fixed 9" gap in left post deepened by 1'	

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Date	Hours Worked	No. of men employed	Location	Nature of work and amount.	Remarks.
			<del>GA</del> Garrison	No 8 Post	9 yards Sap and left post deepened by 1' . 7 Bivouacs strengthened
			"	No 7 Post	Post <del>cleaned</del> and duckboarded on right.
	2	30	U.11 d.38	Improving bivouacs. making them shelterproof.	
12-1-18	4	<del>20</del>	U.17 a.75	Wiring 8 coils 150 yards	
	4	32	Support Line	45 yards cleaned out fixing "A" Frames.	
				Left Suppt. Line 50 yards "A" Frames fixed and trench cleaned.	
	3	13	Old R.E. Dump	to ULTIMO trench Trucking and carrying	
	3	4		Erected 150 yards double apron fence along Lagoon left of No 9 Post	
			No. 9 Post	Placed 3 D.B's. and 6 "A" Frames.	
			No. 7 Post	Cleaning trenches.	
	<del>3</del>	3	No 2 Post	3 yards trench deepened to 3'	
	4	10	3,4,5 Posts	Duckboards laid. Sector in good repair	
17-1-18	<del>1 1/2</del>	50	ANTUN FARM	Digging drain 150 yards long deepened by 6" widened by 1'	
20-1-18	<del>3 1/2</del>	30	Racine Dump	Trucking & carrying duckboards from PROUSE POINT to WARNETON TRACK	
	<del>3 1/2</del>	30	"	Trucking & Carrying light Railway track from PROUSE Pt. to 3 Huns Farm	
21-1-18	5	100	St Ives Avenue	A berm of 18" by 4ft was dug on each side of trench for 200 yards and both sides of trench were battered for the same length.	
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Date	Hours Worked	No. of men employed	Location	Nature of work and amount	Remarks.
22-1-18	4	100	St. Ives Sap	Making 2 berms on both sides of Sap. 35 yards (lower berm 3' x 2' top " 2'6" x 2' 70 yards (lower berm 2' x 1'3" (top " 1'6" x 1'6"	
23-1-18	5½	50	U.10 d. 3. 3½	Trucking and carrying from Racine dump to Sheet 28 U.10 d. 3. 3½	
23-1-18	5	100	St. Ives Avenue	Widening & Improving trench on frontage of 200 yards. digging berm 2'6" x 2' Battered	
24-1-18	4½	4½	do	Side of communication trench cut away & cleared for 66 yards by 3'6" x 1'6" (both sides) & 110 yards 70% complete.	) Further work was stopped by Engineer Officer I/C on account of enemy shelling.
25-1-18	<del>4½</del> 5	100	St. Ives Avenue	St. Ives Avenue improved 220 yards. A berm of 16" and a batter of 4' above it. a berm of 16" the earth being thrown well to the sides.	
26-1-18	3	100	St. Ives Avenue	150 yards of trench ; cutting berm on both sides 3'6" x 1'6"	

*R. W. H.* Lieut.  
for C.O. 25th A.I. Battalion.

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## 25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

APPENDIX 2

OPERATION ORDER No 28 A

- (1) The 27th A.I.Batt. will relieve the 25th A.I.Battn. in the line on the night of 2nd and 3rd Jany 1918.  
 "A" Coy. 27th Btn. relieving "A" Coy. (L Sector)  
 "D" Coy. do do do "D" Coy. (Support)  
 "B" Coy. do do do "C" Coy. (R. Sector)  
 "C" Coy. do do do "B" Coy. (Reserve)
- (2) The 25th A.I.Battn. on relief will move back to RED LODGE Area.  
 C.Q.M. Sgts will act as billeting N.G.O's and meet their respective Coys. at detraining point.
- (3) All S.A.A., Bombs, Trench Stores, Maps etc. will be handed over to incoming Unit and receipts obtained.  
 Copies of all receipts to be forwarded to Battn. H'Qtrs by noon on 3rd inst.
- (4) All Gum Boots and Wiring Gloves will be brought out and returned to Q.M. by noon on 3rd inst.
- (5) Completion of relief to be wired in code to Battn. H'Qtrs.
- (6) Acknowledge.

(Signed). O.W. Turner Lieut.

Adjutant 25th A.I. Battalion.

## Distribution.

"A" Coy. 1  
 "B" Coy. 2  
 "C" Coy. 3  
 "D" Coy. 4  
 7th Bde. 5  
 27th Battn 6



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Copy No. 7.25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.OPERATION ORDER No. 29.

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Reference - Sheet 28. 1/40,000

1. The 25th. A.I. Battalion will relieve the 27th. A.I. Battalion in the line on the night of 9th.- 10th. Jan. 1918.
2. Companies will take over following dispositions:-
 

"A" Company	Front Line	Left.
"B" Company	Front Line	Right.
"D" Company	Support Company.	
"C" Company	Reserve Company.	
3. Companies will move from RED LODGE in order A, B, D, & C Coys. Time of leaving camp will be notified later.
4. Maps, Trench stores and Area stores will be taken over and a copy of all receipts to be forwarded to Battn. Headquarters by 9am. on the 10th. instant.
5. Men will go into the line in fighting order. One blanket and greatcoat will be carried. Sandbags will be worn in place of puttees.
6. All kits, surplus stores, blankets (rolled in bundles of 10) will be dumped at Regimental Canteen by 11am on the 9th. inst.
7. Completion of relief will be wired to Battn H.Qs. in code.
8. Acknowledge.

*on Turner*

Lieut.,

Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

Issued at :-

Distribution:-

- No. 1 "A" Coy.
- No. 2 "B" "
- No. 3 "C" "
- No. 4 "D" "
- No. 5 27th. A.I. Bn.
- No. 6 7th. A.I. Brigade.
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25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

APPENDIX 4

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To Headquarters,  
7th A.I. Brigade.

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Report on Operations.

At 3.30p.m. on 11th inst. a Minnenwerfer got a direct hit on our No6 post causing the following casualties; -Killed 2nd Lieut. FOOTE O.C. and 5 O/Ranks. Wounded 3 O/Ranks, Missing (b.k.) 1 O/Rank.

Again at about 7.30p.m. just after the nightly Company relief had been completed, the post received two more direct hits from Enemy Minnenwerfer resulting in the following casualties: - Killed 3 O/Ranks, Wounded 1 O/Rank, Missing, believed killed 1 O/R. Casualty List has already been forwarded.

The approximate position of Minnenwerfers suspected of causing the damage are as follows: U.12.0.3.0, U 12 d 85.30 (MARY ANN) and U 12 d 0.3 (approximately 100 X S. of WARNTON TOWER)

The above Minnenwerfers were very active from 3.30p.m. to 3a.m. on No6 post and SUGAR REFINERY and junction of ULTIMO LANE and sap leading to No3 post. The position of these Minnenwerfers were communicated to the Artillery and was shelled by it at frequent intervals during night of 11th/12th. It had the effect of temporarily stopping the activity of the Minnenwerfers but they opened immediately ceased fire. In my opinion heavier Artillery is required to deal effectively with same.

As No6 post was practically thrown out of existence I ordered the remainder of the garrison to be divided between No7 and No5 posts with instructions to link up in case of attack.

I wish to bring under notice the excellent work done by No 1014 Cpl. WHITE H.H. Disregarding all danger he worked unceasingly throughout the night digging out casualties from the debris and attending to the wounded.

Signed. F.L. Dawson Lieut. Col.  
C.O. 25th A.I. Battalion.

Jany. 31st 1918.



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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 30

Jan. 11th. 1918.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W.1/20000.

- (1) The 25th A.I. Battn. will be relieved in the line by the 22nd A.I. Battn. on the night of the 13th inst.
- (2) Guides as follows will meet 22nd Battn. on 13th inst. from "C" Coy. 1 N.C.O. per company of the 22nd Battn., under an Officer who will meet train at RACINE DUMP (Time to be notified later). These guides will conduct Front Line and Support Coys. to IRON GATE. Front Line Coys. will detail 1 guide per post, Support Coy. 1 guide per platoon and 1 Officer per Company, to meet relieving companies at IRON GATE.
- (3) Order of relief will be; -
- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Left Front Line  | "D" Coy. 22nd Battn. |
| Right Front Line | "B" Coy. 22nd Battn. |
| Support Coy.     | "A" Coy. 22nd Battn. |
| Reserve Coy.     | "C" Coy. 22nd Battn. |
- (4) All Maps, trench and area stores will be handed over on relief. Duplicate receipts to be forwarded to Battn. H'Qtrs by 8a.m. on 14th. "D" Coy. will be responsible for handing over Barrage Rations as follows:
- 750 Iron Rations at U.16 b.33
  - 750 Iron Rations at U.16 b.55
- Receipts for these will be obtained separately and forwarded as above.
- (5) All Gum boots will be sent out to Reserve Coy. by noon on 13th inst. O.C. Reserve Coy. to forward them to Gum Boot Store CATACOMBS obtaining receipt.
- (6) Transport lines & Q.M. Stores will move to CROMLIN LINES T.27 a.45.95 under their own arrangements.
- ~~(7)~~
- (7) On relief the 25th Battn. will move back to No.2 Camp KORTEPYP. T.28. b.85. Battalion will entrain at RACINE DUMP. Table of trains to be notified later.
- (8) All C.Q.M.S. will report to Lieut. Barlow at Transport Lines ROMARIN by 9a.m. 13th inst, will proceed to No.2 Camp KORTEPYP and act as billeting party under Lieut. BARLOW. They will meet the Battn. at CONNAUGHT SIDING on arrival of trains.
- (9) Completion of relief will be wired in code to Battn. H'Qtrs
- (10) Acknowledge.

(Signed) O.W. Turner Lieut.,  
Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

Distribution.

1. "A" Coy.
2. "B" Coy.
3. "C" Coy.
4. "D" Coy.
5. 22nd Battn.
6. ~~7th~~ Brigade
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8. Transport Officer & Q.M.
- 9-11 War Diary
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## SALVAGE REPORT.

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-The following have been salvaged and dumped:-

1-1-18	1. S.B.Respirator 3 shovels 1 Plum Pudding Bomb 1 Screw Wrench 1 Bayonet 1 rope 1 Coil Sig. wire 28 bags 18pndrs cases 1 Gas Rattle 256 18pndr Shells 20.601lb bombs 7 Coils Barbed Wire	1 Rum Jar 6 Picks 1 Wire Cutter 7 Steel Hats 1 Water-bottle 3 Bundles pickets 2 Field Bags 2 L.G.Magazines 1 Entrenching tool 1 Rifle Grenade 63 bags How. Charge cases
5-1-18	80 rounds 18pndr Shells	
6-1-18	24 18pndr Shells 1 Stretcher 20 Nose Caps 45 Brass Cartridge Cases 6 Sandbags of Brass Cartridge Cases	1 Stokes Bomb. 1 1/2 sandbags Nose Cap parts 1 4.5 Shell. 113. 18pndr Shell Cases
7-1-18	416 18pndr Shell cases 3 rolls wire netting 1 greatcoat 1 Pick 2 Hot Food containers- 2 Water-bottles 3 Rum Jars	68 4.5 How. shells 1 Box Respirator 1 Buff recoil spring 171 18pndr Shells 2 Steel Helmets 23 How.Cartridge Cases 3 Coils Barbed Wire
10-1-18	70 Sandbags 6 Duckboards	12 "A" Frames 9 Sheets Iron
12-1-18	42 Duckboards 12 Rifles 1 Expanded metal 5 Picks 60 18pndr Cartridge Case 2 Plates Sniper 3 Coils plain Wire 2 Rubber shell bases & cap bags 7 Flying pigs 3 Rum jars 1 4.5 Shell unexploded <del>Used in R.Coy Lines</del> 1 18pndr Gun spring Placed in R.Coy.Dump 4000 rounds S.A.A.	6 Sheets Iron 10 coils Barbed Wire 12 Wire Pickets 8 Shovels 5 Plate Elephant Iron 1 Roll Wire Netting 1 coil wire cable 1 Revetting frame 100 18pndr Shell(unexploded) 30 do do do complete with case. 1 bag 18pndr Shell base clips Used in R.Coy Lines
13-1-18	3 Flying Pigs 1 Bag Rubber Caps 1 Pair Boots(ankle) 3 77C.M.(GermanShells) 16 18pndrs shell cases 2 Picks	1 Coil Concertina Wire 15 4.5 How.Caps 4 18pndrs complete 2 77C.M.(High E. Shrapnel) 1 5.9 Shell 3 Screw Pickets

*[Signature]* Lieut.

for C.O.25thA.I.Battalion.



Appendix 7.

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25th BATTALION A.I.F. CONCERT.

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P R O G R A M M E.

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24-1-18.

1. Chorus	A Broken Doll	The Company.
2. Pianoforte Solo.	Selected	L/Cpl. Walker.
3. Song	Because	Pte. J. Cameron.
4. March.	Vedette.	The Band.
5. Recitation.	Selected.	L/Cpl. Kelly.
6. Song	There's a Land	Pte R. Taylor.
7. Monologue.	A Modern Sermon.	Pte. Taylor (Band)
8. Selection	High Jinks.	The Band.
9. Song.	Till the Sands of the Desert grow cold.	Pte G.A. Ward.
10. Recitation	Selected	Pte Richardson.
11. Comic Song.	Selected	L/Cpl. L.G. Davis
12. Bird Imitator.		L/Cpl. Ingram.
13. Cake Walk.	Society	The Band.
14. Song.	The veteran's Song.	Pte Bell.
15. Recitation.	Selected.	Sgt Williamson.
16. Song.	When you and I were young Maggie.	L/Cpl. Jessen.
17. Rag.	The Ghost of the violin.	The Band.
18. Song.	Chesapeake Bay.	Cpl. Hickey.
19. Song.	Selected.	pte Gollan.
20. Song.	Selected.	Pte Lindley.

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25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

APPENDIX 9

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operation Order No. 31.

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26-1-18.

References Map Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will move to the LOCRE AREA by march route on January 27th, 1918  
25th Battalion will be relieved by 18th Battalion.
2. 25th Battalion will take over huts vacated by 42nd Battalion at BIRKS BARRACKS M29.a, 8.9.
3. Transport lines are located at the same place.  
Order of March, H'Quarters, A, B, D, Company and Transport. Head of Column to pass starting point at Road Junction T 14 D5.3 near WHEEL CAMP at 10.35a.m.  
100 yards distance will be maintained between Coys and between rear Company and Transport.  
"C" Coy will move independently to New Camp on completion of relief on 28/1/18.
4. Dress. Full Marching Order. 2 blankets per man to be carried, Felt hats to be worn. Steel helmet to be carried outside of pack.
5. Advance party under Lieut. F.S. ROSENSKJAR consisting of one N.C.O. per Coy will report to H'Quarters 42nd Battalion by 4p.m. on 26/1/18 and will remain the night 26/27th Jany at BIRR BARRACKS and take over all stores etc.
6. Prior to vacating present Camp O.C's. Coys will see that their huts and lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition. A certificate to this effect will be rendered by then to Battn. H'Quarters by 6p.m. on 27/1/18.
7. Officers Kits, Lewis Guns Stores, etc will be dumped at respective Coy. H'Quarters by 7a.m. 27/1/18.
8. Lieut. W.C. McCulloch will hand over Camp to incoming Unit and will obtain a receipt in duplicate for all stores etc. handed over together with a certificate in duplicate as to cleanliness of Camp.
9. Watches will be synchronised with Battn. Sig. Officer at 8a.m. 27/1/18.
10. Acknowledge.

*W.C. McCulloch* Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 25th Battalion.

Distribution.

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1. "A" Coy.
  2. "B" Coy
  3. "C" Coy.
  4. "D" Coy.
  5. Transport Officer
  6. Brigade
  7. 42nd Battalion.
  - 8, 9, 10. War Diary.
  11. File.



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## 25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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## OPERATION ORDER No 32.

Jany. 27th 1945

Reference Maps Sheet 25 S.W. 1/20000  
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1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will be relieved in the IORRE area by 2nd A.I. Brigade.
2. The 7th A.I. Brigade (less portion of transport which will move by road) will move by train to DE KEMERBECK area on 29th inst.
3. Billeting party of one M.C.O. per Coy. and two from Battn. headquarters will report to brigade headquarters at 8 a.m. on 27th inst. to proceed to NEUVES area. This party will be in charge of Lieut. W. HARRISON.
4. The Battalion on completion of move will be billeted at SURQUES and ESCOUILLIES.
5. Transport less 4 cookers, 1 G.S. Waggon, 1 Watercart and Mowcart as per para 7.
6. The Battalion will entrain on 29th inst. as follows:-  
Personnel at DE KEMERBECK by train leaving at 2.30 p.m. detraining at IOTTINGHAM at 6.15 p.m.  
Transport as per para. 5 at BAILLEUL WEST by train leaving at 5.30 p.m. detraining at DESVRES and will report to Lieut. SAEP at entraining station at 2.30 p.m.
7. Transport other than detached mentioned in para. 5 will move to SURQUES by road march on 30th inst. and will be in charge of Lieut. HOLLAND.  
ROUTE:- BAILLEUL (STRAZELLE PAROUILLES) HAZEBROUCK-RENNELIMME-BOISSECHRE-CAUPHAIN BRIDGE via second class road to RAIL AT L. HAZEBROUCK. Thence via BLANDICUM-WIZENNES-LUMBRES-HARLIERES-ESCOUILLIES-SURQUES.  
Head of column to pass starting point map reference HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100000 4.1 67.87 cross roads immediately WEST of BAILLEUL where road to STRAZELLE leaves BAILLEUL (CARRILLI Road) at 11 a.m.  
Transport will halt for the night at STRAZELLE, HAZEBROUCK AND LUMBRES.  
Transport Officer to report arrival at destination to Battn. Headquarters.  
A distance of 100 yards to be maintained between rear of preceding transport and head of column.
8. One Coy will act as loading and unloading party and will report to R.T.O. at BAILLEUL WEST at 2.30 p.m. on 29th inst. and will proceed by train to DESVRES leaving at 5.30 p.m. On completing its task the Coy will report back to the Battn.
9. Order of march of personnel from FINE BARRACKS Headquarters, A.B. and C Coys. Head of column to pass starting point at TRAQUERE Church at 11.46 a.m. reaching DE KEMERBECK at 12.45 p.m. 100 yards distance to be maintained between Coys.  
Battalion will assemble on 29th inst. on Battalion parade ground ready to move off at 11 a.m.
10. Lieut. J. WESTWILLING will act as entraining and detraining Officer and will report to Brigade entraining Officer at DE KEMERBECK at 12.30 p.m. on 29th inst.
11. Special attention is drawn to extracts from Brigade Memorandum on entraining and detraining copy of which is attached.



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11. Special attention is drawn to extracts from Brigade Memorandum No. 1. on entraining and detraining; copy of which is attached.
12. DRESS: full marching order. Water-bottles filled. compressed portion of day's ration plus 24 hours' iron and reserve ration to be carried in haversack, etc. 1 helmet to be carried on outside of pack. Telt hat will be worn. Orders regarding billeting will be issued later.
13. Entraining station to be rendered by C.O.'s Regt. by 11.00 a.m. on 29th inst.
14. Units will be met by their respective guides at detraining station and will be moved to place of assembly clear of station to be pointed out. Hot tea will be available for men at place of assembly. The Battalion will then proceed to billets by route march. Order of march and distance to be maintained as per order.
15. C.O.'s Regt. will report arrival at billets to Battalion H.Q. giving location and will arrange for two runners per Coy to reconnoitre route from Coy H.Q. to Battalion H.Q.
16. Officers' kits will be dropped on side of road in front of Officers' Quarters by 8 a.m. on 29th inst.  
Storerooms will be dropped at C.O.'s Store at same time.  
Lewis guns to be dropped at C.O.'s Store by 8 a.m. on 29th inst.
17. Watches will be synchronised with Battn. Sig. Officer at 9 a.m. on 29th inst.
18. Acknowledge

*[Signature]* Ident.  
A/Adjutant General's Battalion.

1 to 4	Distribution
1 to 4	Company.
5	C.O.
6	Entraining and detraining Officer
7	Brigade
8	Transport Officer
9	Quarter-master
10 to 12	War Diary
13	File.



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## 25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

January 26th 1918

## MEMORANDUM No 1.

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## SUBJECT: Entraining and Detraining.

1. The personnel of the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the HENNEVEUX Sub-area in accordance with 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.153.
2. The Brigade Entraining Officer will be Captain J. ROYHOUSE M.O. 28th Battalion.  
The Brigade Detraining Officer will be Captain C.H. HARRISON, M.O. Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Bde.  
Each Unit will detail an Officer to be the Unit's Entraining and Detraining Officer. He will report to the Brigade Entraining Officer two hours before the scheduled time of departure of each train. He will be provided with an exact entraining state. These Officers will work in conjunction with the Brigade Entraining and Detraining Officers. They will allot and mark off the accommodation on the train, and select positions of assembly at DE KENNEDY. The Brigade detraining officer will select assembly positions at IOTTINGHAM.
3. The senior combatant Officer will command each train.
4. Positions of assembly will be selected at both the entraining and detraining points. Units will ascertain the locations of these positions at the earliest opportunity.  
Units will mount guards at these positions to prevent straggling.  
Units will arrange that latrines are dug and plainly marked near the positions of assembly.  
Troops will report to the assembly positions one hour before the scheduled time of departure of each train.  
No person will be allowed on the entraining assembly position or in the vicinity of the train except those whose duty necessitates their being there.  
When the train is ready for the entrainment, the troops will be marched on parallel with the train and then turned inwards in fours.
5. The train will not be entered before the signal to do is given by the Brigade Entraining Officer. The signal will be two blasts of the whistle. This signal will not be given until the party for each compartment is placed opposite its compartment.
6. Troops will not leave the train without permission.
7. On arrival at IOTTINGHAM the Detraining Officer will be once report to the Brigade Detraining Officer. Troops will be already equipped, ready to detrain on receiving the signal (two blasts of the whistle) from the Brigade Detraining Officer.  
Guides will report to the C.O.'s Units at IOTTINGHAM Station. Troops will move as quickly as possible from the station to the position of assembly. There the troops will be given hot drinks.  
Troops will then move by march route as soon as possible to their destinations.  
Names of Unit's Entraining and Detraining Officers will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon 27th inst.

*R. W. H.* Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 25th A.I. Batten



APPENDIX 11

25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALIONEXTRACTS FROM B.R.O. No 334 of 18-1-18.

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Compliment-  
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The G.O.C. desires to commend the conduct of No. 1014 Cpl. H.H. White, and Stretcher Bearers No. 5055 Pte. D. Devlin, No. 3139 Pte H. Mandall, and No. 4670 Pte. R.C. Bellingham, during the enemy Minenwerfer bombardment on one of our posts on the 11th inst.

(Signed) H.G. Webb      Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 25th A.I. Battalion.



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## 25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

## SYLLABUS OF TRAINING Week Ending 26-1-18.

Tuesday 22-1-18.	9.30.	-	Setting up drill - 140 paces to the minute.
	10.am.		
	10.am.	-	Physical Training & Bayonet Fighting.
	11.am.		
	11.am.	-	Rifle Exercises I.T. Secs 47 to 57.
	11.30.		
	11.30.	-	Inspection of arms, ammunition and accoutrements, - list of shortages to be taken.
	12 noon.		
	1.30.	-	Elementary musketry - Loading positions.
	2.pm.		
	2.pm.	-	Squad Drill I.T. Secs 10 - 30.
	2.30.		
	2.30.	-	Rifle Exercises I.T. Secs 57 - 74.
	3.pm.		
Wednesday 23-1-18.	9.30.	-	Physical Training & Bayonet Fighting.
	10.30.		
	10.30.	-	Rifle Exercises I.T. Secs 47 - 74.
	11.am.		
	11.am.	-	Squad Drill I.T. Secs 31 - 46.
	11.30.		
	11.30.	-	Elementary Musketry - Aiming and firing positions.
	12 noon.		
	Afternoon.		Company Football.
Thursday 24-1-18.	9.30.	-	Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting.
	10.30.		
	10.30.	-	Squad Drill - 140 paces to the minute.
	11.am.		
	11.am.	-	Elementary Musketry - Muscle Exercises.
	11.30.		
	11.30.	-	Instruction in duties of guards and sentries.
	12 noon.		
	1.30.	-	Section Drill.
	2.pm.		
	2.pm.	-	Gas Drill.
	2.30.		
	2.30.	-	Short lecture by O.C. Companies on the prevention of V.I.
	3.pm.		
Friday 25-1-18.	9.30.	-	Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting.
	10.30.		
	10.30.	-	Rifle Exercises.
	11.am.		
	11.am.	-	Sentry Go - Drill.
	11.30.		
	11.30.	-	Manipulation of bolt - Elementary Musketry.
	12 noon.		
	1.30.	-	Inspection of Small Box Respirator Drill.
	2.pm.		
	2.pm.	-	Squad Drill.
	2.30.		
	2.30.	-	Short lecture by Company Officers on Daily Routine and Discipline.
	3.pm.		
Saturday 26-1-18.	9.30.	-	Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting.
	10.30.		
	10.30.	-	Platoon Drill.
	11.am.		
	11.am.	-	Sentry Go Drill.
	11.30.		
	11.30.	-	Musketry - Recapitulation of weeks work.
	12 noon.		

Sgd E.W. Cleary Lieut.  
A/Adjt, 25th A.I. Battalion.