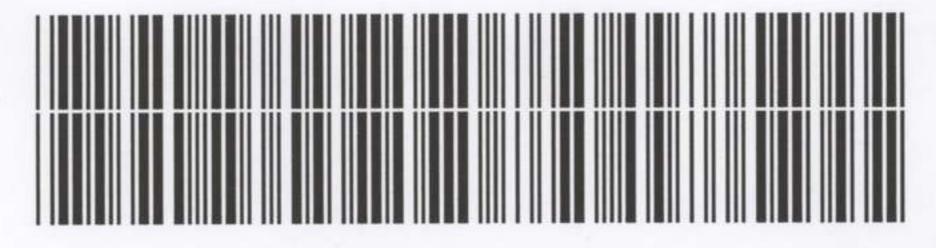
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PEP SHEET	in!	gold.	march. Following educational classes were held 10 17 my Shorthand.	
NAMUR	11		11 AM. Book-keeping, 5PM English, 6PM Arithmetic, An RAF	
			hangar was erected as a kinema hall. Afternoon: The brigade soccer final between 22nd and 24th battalions was played on a	
			neutral ground, resulting in a drawn game, each side scoring	
	7/1/19	984	I goal. Brigade cinema show ofened at 5.30PM and y. 45 PM.	
	111		proceeded on route whench plassing through THY-LE-CHATEAU,	
			league football by 35 points to 1. Educational classes in	
			Book-keeping, shoothand, arithmetic geography were held at	
	8/1/19	GHAL	Very fine day. Companies parkeded at g. 15-Am for inspection.	
	111		and at 10 AM fall available nen proceeded on a soute march.	
			Educational classes in Shorthand, book-keeping, arithmetic, history, and agriculture were held at 10 and 11 AM, land 5 6, and y PM	
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Pla	ice	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information .	Remarks and references to Appendices
OURD F SH	HEET	8/1/19	GBH	respectively. Afternoon - League football Broy v c coy, A very	
PMUR	100000			exciting contest in which Beory school 40 points to 39. Remarking	
			n	companies carried on with hotkery practice.	
		9/1/19	304	Very wet, raining nearly all day. Owing to the rain companies	
		111		paraded in their billets. The brigade baths were allotted	
				to the 22nd Battalion from 12 noon until 2 PM during which	
				time 150 men (so each from D, C, and HQ Coys) were bathed.	
				Educational classes were held in English, Blistory Geography and	
			_	Book-keeping.	
		10/1/19	APP	Weather gold and wet , 9-15 AM. companies paraded in vicinity of	
		111		billets for inspection. At 10 AM all available men paraded in	
				the square for fatigue work under the Town Major. Brigade baths	
				at NALINES were again allotted to this battalion and 50 men from	
				Acong, 50 from B, and I 100 from Idages were bathed. Authority was	
				published for the grant of the 1914-1915 star. Educational classes	
				were held ih Shorthand, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, English and	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ref Sheet	13/1/19	GBU	Instructions (Gen. instructions No.6. Annexure C) were issued regarding	AHL
NAMUR YOUR	20 1	Om	pay allowances, leave ett during and after return to Australia	
	14/1/19	AP#	Fine day Companies held lifte inspection in the vicinity of their	
			billets at 19 RM and all available men paraded at 9-30 PM hin the	
			square for fatigues under Town Major. In the afternoon the	
			battalion league premiership was contested between HQ Coy and & Coy.	
		0	the former hvinning by 62 points to y.	
	15/1/19	AM.	Weather dull and showery. Rifle inspection was held by companies	
	.1.		at 9.15 AM. At 10.15 AM. all available officers and men phraded in	
			the square to bid good leve to the 1915 personnel marching out for	
			return to Australia. I officer and 73 0 R's marched out. Hollowing	
			educational classes were held 10 pm. English, 11 pm Book-keeping, 1	
			5 PM Mathematics, 6 PM Geography. From 1 PM. 15/19 "A" +B" and	
			"c" and "p" companies were ashalgamated and adminstered as Nos!	
		0.		Ah. 2.
	16/1/19	488	Pull and overcast but rain Held off. Companies haraded for inspection.	11/
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OURPINNE 16	11/19	964.	in the vicinity of their billets at gam, and at q.30 am all available men	
NAMUR 100000			reported to Town Major for fatigue work. Educational classes were held	
			in Shorthand, book keeping mathematics and English. The Brigade	
			batter at NALINES were allotted to this battalion and between I and	
	4		3 PM 180 men (boeach from HQ, I and 2 coys) were battled.	
17	11/19	964.	Intermittent showers throughout the day. Companies held rifle	
			inspection at gam and all available when reported to the Town Major	
			at q.30 pm. Educational classes were held in History, English,	
			Geography, and Agriculture. During the afternoon kompanies took	
			part in hockey practice.	*
18/	1 119	Gebb	Showery in the morning but finer during the day. Companies	
	1 1		paraded at gam for rifle inspection and reported to Town MAJOR at	
			9.30 AM. Following educational classes were held 11 AM. Book-keeping,	
			Fra Mathematics, 6 PM English.	
19	11/19	464	Dull and cold. Mass was helebrated in the painsh church at 9:30 PM.	
			Voluntary services were held in the reading room at 10 Fm and y PM.	
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			Appendices
19/1/19	Godd.	Holy Communion was also held in the reading room at 7:30 PM. At 2:45	Appendices
		The inhabitants of GOVRTINNE. The battalion band delivered a programme	
lig	AND.	Frosty morning. Fine but rold during day. At gam rifle inspection	
		men reported to Town Major for fatigue work, During the afternoon	
1.1.	0	English 10 PM Book-keeping, 11 PM Geography, 5 PM Mathematics, 6 PM	
119		men proceeded to NALINES to attend a Recture on demobilization by	
		educational classes during the day were cancelled to allow men	
1/19	368	Weather again frosty and rold, Companies held rifle inspection at  (A7883) Wt. W809/M1072 350,000 4/17 80h. 528 Forms/C/2118/14	
		1/9	the inhabitants of GOURPINNE. The battalion band delivered a programme of music.  The inhabitants of GOURPINNE. The battalion band delivered a programme of music.  The inhabitants of GOURPINNE. The battalion band delivered a programme of music.  The inhabitants of GOURPINNE. The battalion band delivered a programme of music.  The inhabitants of GOURPINNE. The battalion all available men reported to four Major for fatigue work. Turing the afternoon the battalion band played in the Square. Following educational classes were held 10 pm Book keeping, 11 pm Geography, 5 tm Mathematics, 6 PM English.  Thoolig morning. Fine and rold during day. At 9:30 pm all available men proceeded to NALINES to attend a fecture on demolilization by BRIG-GEN. WR MCNICOL, C. B., CMG, 750. Remainder of parades and the educational classes during the day were cancelled to allow men to visit the Tivisional race meeting at BOMEREE.

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GOURPINNE REF SHEET NAMUR	22/1/19	PH	9.15 MM and all available men reported to Town Major at 9.30 MM for Jatique work. Following educational classes were held Book-keeping To AM	
100,000	23/1/19	944.	Shorthand 11 am, Mathematics 5PM, Geography 6 PM Agriculture 7FM.  Time lent very cold. Snow fell during the day, Companies held	
			all available men reported to the Jown Major for fatigue work. At 10.30 pm the draft for Australia paraded in the square for final	
			inspection. Following educational classes were held 10 AM English, 11 AM Shorthand, 5 PM Mathematics, 6 PM History, 7 PM book-keeping. The lengade baths at Valines were allotted to the 22nd Bn from 1 PM to 3 PM.	
	24/1/10	ABH.	Full in the morning but finer during the day. Companies paraded for rifle inspection at 9.15AM and at 10.15 PM all available officers and	
			men besembled in Square to bid forewell to the third 1915 draft returning to Australia. 60 0 k's marked out with this draft. The usual educational classes were held at 10 and 11 Am, 5,6, and 9 PM.	
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GOURPINN REF SHEET	E 25/18	SBH.	bold day, snow fell throughout the day. Companies held rifle	
NAMUR	0		inspection in the vicinity of their billets at 9.15 AM. At 10.15 AM	
		4	all available men were handed over to Town Major. Educational	
			classes were held in Shorthand, Book-keeping, Mathematics, and	
			Geography.	
	26/1/18	SHI	Fine but cold. Mass was celebrated in the panish church at	
•			9.30 AM. The battalion rested throughout the day.	
	27/18	984	Fine but cold Companies paraded hear their bollets at 9.15 AM for	
	111		inspection and at 9:30 pm all available men were engaged in	
			cleaning out a barn and preparing it as a concert hall Educational	
			classes were held in Sholthand, Adistory, Nathernatics, English and	
			Book keeping. In the afternoon boxing was sheld in the gymnasium.	
	28/1/8	884	Fine and Surry, Coys paraded in vicinity of Bullets atogis for	
	11		Refle Fas pection. Education clames were teld in Adortand,	
			Mathematics & Book-Keeping . afternoon Boring in gymnasium	
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GOURDINNE	29/1/19	Selfa	Cold but fine Coysheld Rifle inspection in the occurring of Their	
NAMUR			Bellet at 0915. Banking lectures were delivered at 1100 x 1700	
100,000			Educational clames were held in Stockland, Mathematics &	
			Book. Kuping. The afternoon was devoted to aposts under	
	21.	2011	Coy aua gements	
	1/19	0100	Fine & Punny. Corps paraded at og15 for Rifle inspection, all	
			available men were læken for a short hoale maint during	
			The morning. Classes were held in Shortkand, Mathematics, Geography & agreething. Buthe at NALINES were allotted	
			to the Buttalion . During the day 250 men were given a	
	31/1/1	264	hot bath & a change of clothing boys held the usual uple	
	-		inspection. Educational classes were held in History;	
			Phorthand, English, English, Mathematics, Book Keeping.	
			Buth were again allasted to the Ballahon. Num, the	
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COURDINNE	31/1/19	Down	The month has been a very quiet one for the Battation.	
NAMUR	, ,	0	Full advantage was taken of what hill fine weather	
100000			prevailed, in arranging onthe Coy. Youthall competition. The	
		1	matèhe were keenly contested & some very fine eschibitions	
			were afforded opectators, resulting finally in a win	
			for Head quarter Coy. The final match of the Brigade	
		- 8	soccer competition, the premieralip of which resto hetween	
			The 22 W & 24th Buttation, has been played hvice, resulting each	
			Time in a draw. The result is as yet underdid.	
			During the lutter half of the month, being to heavy	
			Yalls of snow & the ground freezing, football had to	
			he discontinued. Down-pylling, Boding & Atten sports have	
			laken its place & Kept the buen in trim & their much	
			en jaged!	
			Heclares on repatriation, clemobiles ation, The history of the Bullation & the surrounding Country were delivered to the	-
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OF

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

J AN U A RY,

1919.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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- 5. Education Officer's report " "
- 6. Strength return Jant., 1919.

## PAY, ALLOW ANCES, LEAVE &c continued,

SUBSISTENCE. .

Three shillings each day for leave granted as above for all ranks with over one year's service abroad, except for those who have taken long service furlough abroad, vide sub-pera. (e).

In the case of Officers, Field Allowance will cease as from flate of disembarkation.

6. Soldiers will be discharged from A.I.F. upon expiration of their leave.

7. The District Paymaster in Australia will make available within 4 kaxaux days of disembarkation all balance to the credit of the soldier's pay account to date of discharge, together with 75 per cent of scerued Deferred Pay, also subsistence allowance if payable. Eslance of deferred Pay will be payable as soon as the soldier's Pay account has been finalised.

8. Final Settlement of the soldier's account will be made by the District Paymester in Australia.

9. If a soldier has enlisted in one Military District, but has his home or relatives in another, he will be permitted to discular and be discharged in that other District, on the understanding that the Commonwealth will not subsequently be liable to transfer him to the District of his original enlistment. Any soldier desiring such change of District of Disembarkation can arrange same by application to the Officer commanding the Transport. In all cases where he home or family of the soldier is situated at a distance from the port of disembarkation a free warrant to the railway station nearest such home will be issued from part of disembarkation.

10. All the above provisions apply to the Australian Aursing Service.

11. Cases have occurred of men absenting themselves during the journy from France to England, and during the journey from Depots in United Kingdom to the ship's side, and of men oversteying leave and being therefore absent from embarkation.

Such practices not only very seriously dislocate embarkation procedure, but also involve that the men guilty thereof remain a charge upon the State for longer than necessary.

It is to be clearly understood that any man so offending will become liable to the forfeiture, in whole or in part, of any or all of the privileges or payments prescribed above, both before embarkation, during voyage, and after disembarkation.

The instruction is to be made known widely among all ranks.

## ADDERAGE A. Vide Para. 16.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PREPARATION OF REPATRIATION FRACEDERCH

6. It must be clearly explained to all ranks throughout the A.I.F. that any soldier of whatever rank required "for duty" must continue to serve, whether in Europe, Australia, or elsewhere, until his services are no longer required, or until he can be released, even though he may under these rules have become entitled to repatriation and discharge in priority of others who are repatriated before him. Buch "duty" personnel will be of the following natures:-

(a) Unit Cadres - who must remain with their Units to the last in order to close up its zzzzzzzz sfizirs.

(b) "Demobilizers," i.e., personnel employed in connection with the demobilization, such as Staffs of the Demobilization Service, Ordnance duties, embarkation duties, transport duties, caretakers of animals and equipment and the like.

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#### OPERATION ORDER: No. 74/19

Ref. Sheet 8, NAMUR, 1/100.000

- (1) From 1 p.m on the 15.1.19, "A" &"B" and "C" & "D" Companies will be administered as Nos. 1 & 2 Companies respectively.

  O. C. No. 1 Company: Major E. A. DAVIS, M. C.

  O. C. No. 2 Company: Capt. L. A. KENNEDY
- (2) The boundary between the Company Billetting Areas will be the CHASTRES-GOURDINNE-NALINES Road; No. 1 Company being East of this road and No 2 Company West of same.
- (3) O's. C. Nos. 1 & 2 Companies are responsible for the satisfactory billetting of their Company Areas and will report completion of arrangements to Battalion H. Q. by 9 a.m. 15.19.19.
- (4) The present Area occupied by "A" Company will be vacated by 1.30 p.m., 15.1.19 and all troops transferred to within No. 1 Company Area.
- (5) Evening meal will be prepared under new Company arrangements.
- (6) "A" Company Cooker will report to the Transport by 1.30 p.m., 15.1.19
- (7) Within 24 hours of arrival in new billets, O's. C. Companies will forward a note of all damage, by billets, existing in billets occupied by their troops. One copy of this will be retained at Company Headquarters.

GOURDINNE, 13.1.19

22nd. Battalion, A. I. F.

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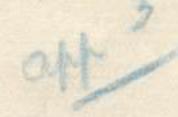
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6. O. C. "H.Q"

7. Transport Officer.

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION A.I.F.



#### QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT - MONTH ENDING 31st JANY., 1919.

During the month, no change was made in the Battalion's billeting area.

Rations were drawn from first line transport from A.S.C. dump at THY-le-CHATEAU, and delivered to Q.M. Store, where they were cut up, and delivered to C.Q.M.S.'s.

Vegetable ration was light, but this was supplemented by purchases from the villagers, the articles purchased being paid for out of Regimental funds, and issued to Companies according to their ration strength.

Bread ration was good, and meat ration was as usual.

During the month, a good supply of Hats, Tunics, Freeches, and Boots was drawn from Ordnance, and issued to the men.

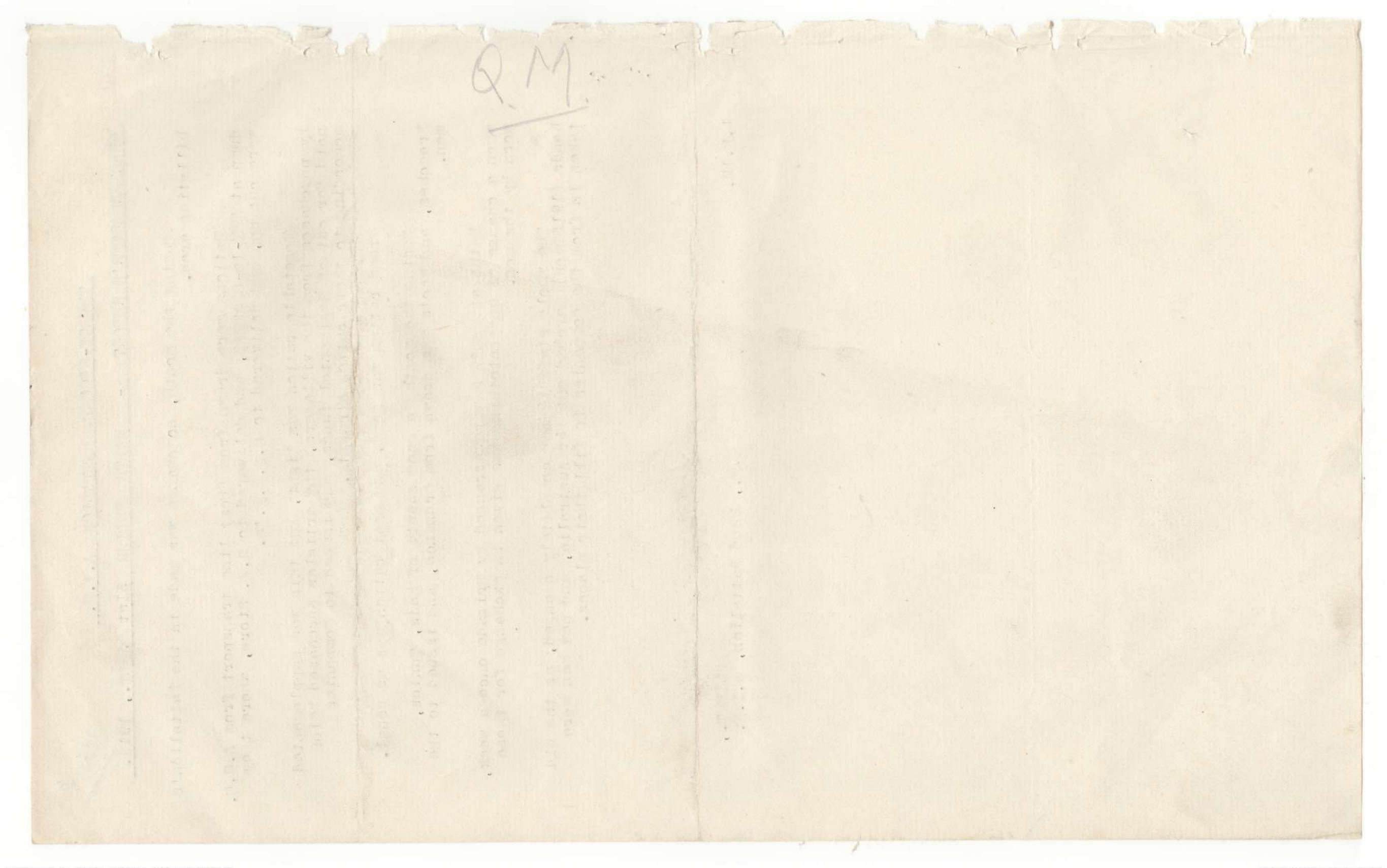
Baths at NALINES were arranged by Brigade once a week, when a change of underclothing was given in exchange for those worn by the men.

The whole staff is now completely changed, as the old hands (1915 men) marched out for Australia, and new men were taken in from the Companies to fill their places.

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Q.M., 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.



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#### TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION A.I.F.

TRANSPORT SECTION - MONTHLY REPORT - MONTH ENDING 31.1.19.

During the month, the transport remained with the Battalion in the village of GOURDINNE.

There were no changes from the ordinary routine of work, this consisting merely of drawing rations from A.S.C. dumps at THY-le-CHATEAU, and delivering to Q.M. Store, the number of limbers required for this purpose being four per day.

A few limbers were used at different times for the purpose of carting shale, to be spread in the streets of the village traversed by Battalion traffic. Owing to them being covered with snow, and the whole surface frozen, they were in a highly dangerous condition, both for foot and horse traffic. With a coating of shale on top, the danger was minimized.

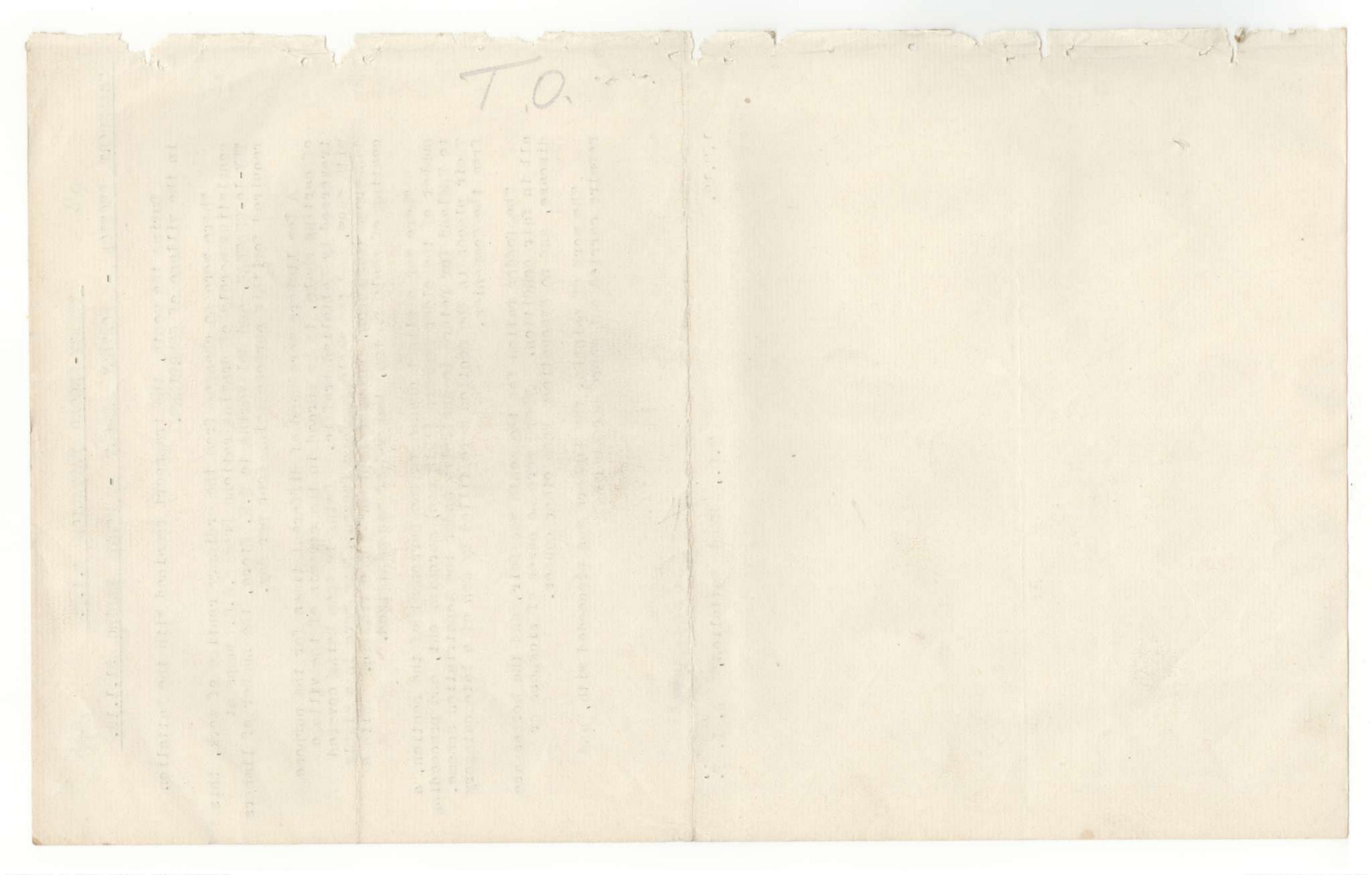
There was a slight change in the personnel of the section, a number of the older members (1915 men) marching out, and proceeding to England for return to Australia under the Repatriation scheme. Their places in the section were filled by men of a late category from the Companies.

The fodder ration for the month was fair, and the horses are all in fair condition. There were no cases of sickness or disease, and no evacuations from other causes.

The work of painting the limbers was proceeded with, and repairs carried out where necessary.

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T.O., 22nd Battalion, A.



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## EDUCATION OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT - MONTH ENDING 31st JANY, 1919.

The nine unit classes formed in December have been in operation during the month, though the enrolment has decreased.

The decrease in enrolment is due to :-

- (a) Repatriation.
- (b) Detachment to schools of various kinds.
- (c) Detachments to military duties.
- (d) The falling out of a few uninterested.

The attendance is low, due chiefly to leave, and visits to factories, etc.

Mext-books for the elemtary classes have arrived.

A small reading library has also been obtained from England.

There are 22 men attending schools outside unit area.

About 50 men have visited works and factories in the Charleroi area.

D. Harron /Lt.

Education Officer,

22nd Battalion A.I.F.

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