

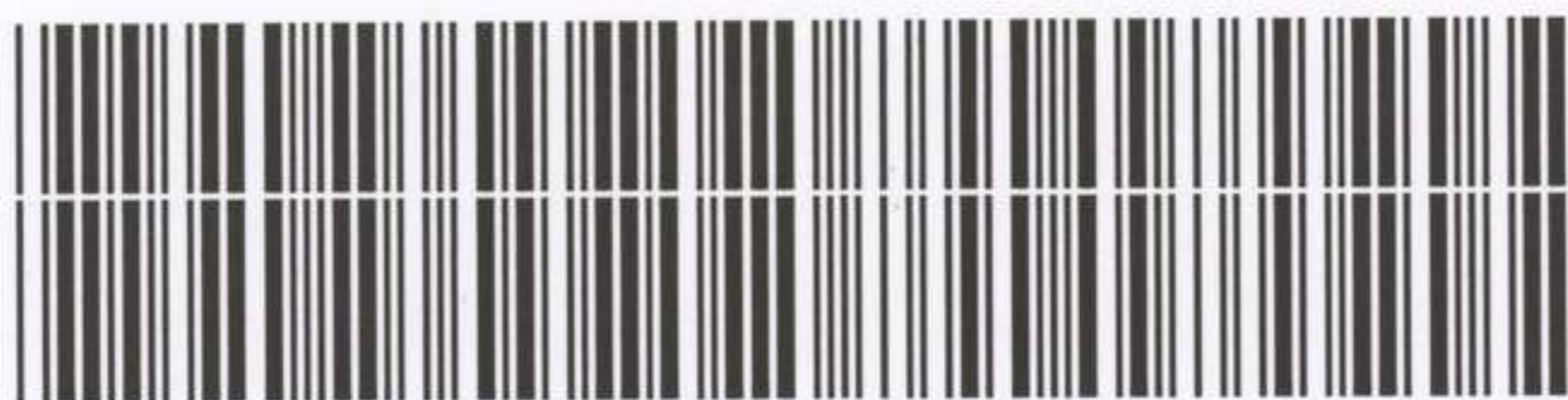
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/59/15

Title: 42nd Infantry Battalion

January 1918



AWM4-23/59/15

18,000-12/1 -8723

CONFIDENTIAL.

ORIGINAL.
DUPLICATE.
TRIPLICATE.



Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

42nd Battalion A.I.F.

FOR

January 1918

Signature of Officer compiling *W. Bonnell 2/pt*

Signature of Officer Commanding *W. Bonnell major*
Adm. Command

WAR DIARY

42nd Bn.
A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

31 JAN 1918

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

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Barracks sheet 28 SW M 29. 26. 9.	Jan 1st	1918 Sun	Strength 44 Officers 964 O.R. Bn. training and recreation. Nth Wind about 15 miles.	Very cold, dull,
"	2nd	Sun	Strength 44 Officers 964 O.R. very cold west wind 15 miles Bn. training.	
"	3rd	Sun	Strength 42 Officers 992 O.R. heavy frost, still, bright day Bn. training. (28 new draft 60% good 40% fair)	
"	4th	Sun	Strength 42 Officers 987 O.R. very heavy frost, West wind 3 miles. 5 O.R. sent to Hospital	
"	5th	Sun	Strength 41 Officers 993 O.R. dull, cold, still. Bn. training. 5 new draft (good) 1 Hospital	
"	6th	Sun	Strength 41 Officers 1000 O.R. very cold, dull, wind Nth 5 miles. 3 O.R. sent to Hospital church services (special Intercession services)	
"	7th	Sun	Strength 41 Officers 1000 O.R. cold, dull, rain towards evening. Nth. wind 4 miles. Bn. training.	
"	8th	Sun	Strength 41 Officers 998 O.R. 1 transferred to Hospital. Very cold. wind NNE. 15 miles. Heavy fall snow interfering with training.	
"	"	"	Lt. Col. Woolcock. D.S.O. returned from leave and resumed command	

WAR DIARY



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

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

42nd Bn. A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIRR BARRACKS Hutments LOCIFE. Sheet 28. S.W. M. 29.2.6.9	9/1/18	Sub B	<p>Strength Officers 43. ^{Here} Collier } joined from } O.R. 1046. } 2/Lt Shaw } reinforcements } New Draft 48. trans to 3rd Pioneers</p> <p>about 60% of new draft were up to standards of original men at least 7 men of this draft were quite unfit for service in the field. One man was 62 years of age another 49 and one 46. 40% of this draft were below standards of original men.</p> <p>Weather. wet - cold - wet slushy full of snow - interfered with training</p>	
	10/1/18	Sub B	<p>Strength Officers 43 O.R. 1045 - 1 transferred Pioneers. Btw. training. Snow laying on ground from previous day.</p> <p>Weather. cold & dry. wind 4 miles.</p>	
	11/1/18	Sub B	<p>Strength Officers 43 O.R. 1046 - 1 man returned from Hospital. Btw. Route march. cold &</p> <p>Weather. cold, snow set in.</p>	
	12/1/18	Sub B	<p>Strength Officers 46 } Capt Yelland & Lt. Beaky returned from Tug Bw. } 2/Lt Savage from Officers training school.</p> <p>O. R. 1056. - } 9 men returned to Btw from Hospital } 1 man transferred from 41st Btw.</p> <p>Weather wet & cold. training interfered with.</p>	
	13/1/18	Sub B		

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)



III
42nd Bn A.I.F.

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIARRARRACKS Instruments LOCRE Sheet 28.S.W. M29 a.b.g.	13/1/18	Am P	<u>Strength</u> . Officers 46 O.R. 1050. - 6 men sent to base, unfit for active service, out of 14 men who were boarded, the remaining 8 being left with the Bn, to be used as storemen etc, where there is no marching, this will cause trouble when the Bn. is moving, as no transport is available in the Bn. to carry them. <u>Weather</u> cold. Heavy fall of snow. - Bn. church parades.	
	14/1/18	Am P	<u>Strength</u> Officers 46 O.R. 1053. - 3 old Bn men returned from base. - Bn. training. <u>Weather</u> . very cold after heavy fall of snow during previous night.	
	15/1/18	Am P	<u>Strength</u> . Officers 46 O.R. 1050 - 3 men sent to Hospital. <u>Weather</u> . raining & very cold. raining interfered with.	
	16/1/18	Am P	<u>Strength</u> Officers 46 O.R. 1050. <u>WEATHER</u> dull, very heavy wind. Bn. training.	
	17/1/18	Am P	<u>Strength</u> Officers 46 O.R. 1057. - 7 men returned to Bn. from Hospital. <u>WEATHER</u> . cold, heavy fall rain which interfered with training.	

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

42nd Bn. A.I.F.

31 JAN 1918
Army Form C. 2118.

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIRRBARRACKS Hutments. LOCRE	18/1/18	18	<u>Strength</u> . Officers 46. O.R. 1055 - 2 sent to Hospital. <u>Weather</u> fine & mild. Roads muddy. Bn. route march.	
Sheet 28 SW M 29 a b. g.	19/1/18	18	<u>Strength</u> . Officers 46 O.R. 1055, <u>Weather</u> Bright day, mild. Bn. training.	
	20/1/18	18	<u>Strength</u> . Officers 46 O.R. 1054 - 1 man transferred to 15th Bn. A.I.F. <u>Weather</u> fine & mild. Church parades. Bn. Photographed by Official Photographer. - 1	
	21/1/18	18	<u>Strength</u> . Officers 46 O.R. 1053. 1 transferred sent to Hospital. <u>Weather</u> Misty and mild. - Drill competitions carried out, ^{results} showed an improvement in training generally. - In the absence of Lieut Col ^{A.R.} Waleock D.S.O. administering command of Brigade, Major J. Savell is administering command of the Bn.	
	22/1/18	18	<u>Strength</u> Officers 46 O.R. 1048 - 2 men returned from hospital, 7 men sent to Hospital. <u>Weather</u> mild, Bn. training.	
	23/1/18	18	<u>Strength</u> Officers 46 O.R. 1049 - 1 returned and strength from hospital. <u>Weather</u> . very mild, Bn training & competitions	

WAR DIARY

V



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

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

42nd Bn A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BARR BARRACKS	24/1/18		<u>Strength</u> Officers ⁴⁷ 46 O.R. 1048 - 1 Officer from Hospital. 2 men from hospital from Hospital. <u>Weather</u> . mild. Bn training.	
Hutments LOURE	25/1/18	0800	<u>Strength</u> Officers +7 O.R. 1053 - 3 men of new draft increase <u>Weather</u> . mild, foggy till 10 AM. remainder of day bright & clear. Bn training.	
Sheet 28 S.W. M 29. a b. 9	26/1/18	0800	<u>Strength</u> Officers +7 O.R. 1053 Increase nil, off 1 to hospital, on 1 in hospital. <u>Weather</u> . Cold and foggy, clear from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. Battalion route march from 9.30 a.m. to noon.	
Kortepye Camp Hutments	27/1/18	0800	<u>Strength</u> Officers +7 O.R. 1054 Increase of 1, off 1 transferred to 2nd Batt, on 2 in hospital. Battalion shifted camp from Soer to Kortepye. <u>Weather</u> dull and foggy.	
Sheet 28 S.W. T. 20d 50.00	28/1/18	0800	<u>Strength</u> Officers 47 O.R. 1041. 13 off strength 12 to hospital (transfer) - and to 4th Batt. Battalion shifted from Kortepye to Ingersoll camp. <u>Weather</u> clear & cold. Battalion on working parties.	
Ingersoll Camp Hutments	29/1/18	0800	<u>Strength</u> Officers 47 O.R. 1041. <u>Weather</u> . Frost, very clear day. Battalion on working parties	
Sheet 36 N.W. Hutments B10 27. 85			<u>Battalion dispositions</u> A + D Companies. 1 platoon B Coy Ingersoll Camp 1 platoon B Coy Le Biset ^{sh. at 10.15} Company C. 14. 2. 50. 70 working party with 1st Fl Coy Engineers.	

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

VI



42nd Batt A.I.F

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ingersoll Camp Hutments Sh 36 N.W. B 102.75.86	29/1/18	0800	<p><u>Continued</u></p> <p>2 Platoons "B" Coy billeted at Nippe, training and working parties.</p> <p>"C" Company acting as reserve company to "B" battalion left battalion front. Map Ref: Sh 28. S.W. U. 27. b. 35. 10. men quartered Fusilier Terrace</p> <p><u>Working Parties</u> A. Coy effecting repairs to support line Empire Row - Empire support Map Ref: - Sh 28. S.W. U. 22. d. 38. 38 to Brigade Northern Boundary Map Ref: Sh 28. S.W. U. 23. e. 17. 84. "C" Company effecting repairs to support line Suffolk Avenue, new support - and support Map Ref Sh. 36. N.W. C. 3. b. 78. 48 to Sh. 28. S.W. U. 22. d. 38. 38.</p> <p>"D" Company repairs to support line via Barkenham - Dorkan avenues to long avenue thence along Monmouth Trench to Suffolk Avenue. Map Refs Sh 36. N.W. C. 3. d. 60. 35 to Sh 36. N.W. C. 4. a. 0. 50 C. 4. a. 0. 50</p> <p>"B" Company 1 platoon wiring between U. 23 b. 20. 75 - U 22. b 40. 80</p> <p>Men from Ingersoll camp and Nippe taken to and from line by train.</p>	
Ingersoll Camp Hutments Sh 36. N.W. B. 102.75.86	30/1/18	0800	<p><u>Strength</u></p> <p>Officers 46 G.R. 1045. 1 Officer S.O.S. to T.B. 3 G.R. to hospital increase of 8 new draft. 1 Casualty G.R. wounded</p> <p><u>Battalion disposition</u> A & B Companies w/ 1 platoon B Coy Ingersoll Camp 1 platoon B Coy to Bigot Convent M.R. Sh. 36 N.W. C. 192. 50. 70 working party with 2nd Child Coy Engineers.</p> <p>2 Platoons B Coy billeted Nippe training - working parties</p> <p>"C" Company acting as reserve company to "B" battalion, left battalion front M.R. Sh. 28. S.W. U. 27. b. 35. 10. men quartered Fusilier Terrace</p>	

D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A8004) Wt. W1771/M2-31 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/14

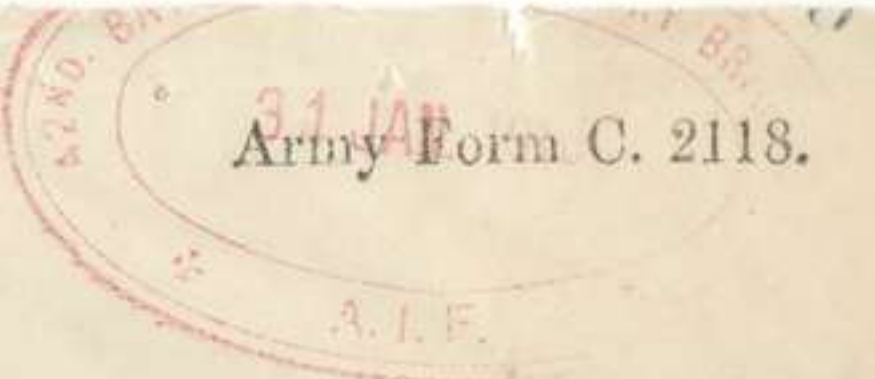
Continued

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

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

VII
42nd Batt A.I.F.



Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ingersoll Camp Hutments Sh 36 N.W. B 10 a. 7.5.85	30/1/18	ENG	<p><u>Continued</u></p> <p><u>Working parties</u> A. Coy on repair work support line. M.R. Sh. 28.5W. U. 22 d. 38.38 to U. 23. c. 17.84. "C" Company between M.R. Sh 36 N.W. C. 3. b. 78.48. to Sh. 28.5W. U 22. d. 38.38. D. Coy between M.R. Sh. 36 N.W. C. 9. d. 80.35. to C. 4. a. 0.50. "B" Coy 1 platoon wiring between U. 23. b. 20.75 - U. 22. b. 40.80</p> <p>men from Ingersoll Camp and Nippe taken to work by train.</p>	
Ingersoll Camp Hutments Sh 36 N.W. B. 10. a. 7.5.85	30/1/18	ENG	<p><u>Strength</u> Officers 46 G.R. 1042. 3 G.R. to hospitals. 1 casualty G.R.</p> <p><u>Battalion disposition</u> A-D Companies with 1 platoon of "B" Coy Ingersoll Camp. 1 Platoon "B" Coy Le Bizet Convent M.R. Sh 36 N.W. C. 19. a. 50.70 working party w/ 1st Coy Engineers.</p> <p>2 Platoons "B" Company bulletted Nippe. Training - working parties</p> <p>"C" Company acting as reserve company to "B" battalion left battalion front M.R. Sh 28.5W. U. 27. b. 35.10 men quartered in Fuschel Terraces.</p> <p><u>Working parties</u> A. Coy repairs to support line between M.R. Sh 28.5W. U. 22 d. 38.38. - U. 23. c. 17.84. "C" Company between M.R. Sh 36. N.W. C. 3. b. 78.48. + Sh 28.5W. U. 22. d. 38.38.</p> <p>"D" Coy between M.R. Sh. 36. N.W. C. 9. d. 80.35 + C. 4. a. 0.50</p> <p>"B" Coy 1 platoon wiring between U. 23 b. 20.75 + U. 22 b. 40.80</p>	

Stanley Myers
Adm. Command

18,000-12/17 8723

WAR DIARY

OF

42nd Battalion

FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
|-----|--|
| I | Syllabus of training whilst acting as Corp Reserve. |
| II | Local defence scheme M.R. Sh 28 S.W. M 29 a 6.9. |
| III | Sanitary report. |
| IV | Health Report |
| V | Defence scheme area Pout Range M.R. sheet 36 N.W. Sh 28 S.W. |
| VI | Reports from Quartermaster & Transport Officers |



PROGRAMME OF WORK"AN IL"

Coy.	M.	T.	W.	Th.	F.	Sat.	Sun.
"A"	S.	P.	S.	J.	R.	C.	1 hour.
"B"	J.	S.	P.	C.	R.	S.	Btn. Parades
"C"	P.	J.	S.	C.	R.	S.	and
"D"	S.	C.	S.	P.	R.	J.	Church parades.
Btn. Hdqrs.	C.	S.	J.	P.	R.	S.	

Reference (S) Skill at arms. (J) Judging Platoons. (R) Route March
(P) Platoon work (C) Company work.

Platoon and Company work will include :-
Wiring, Platoon and Company in attack, Gas Training,
Extended order etc.

Skill at Arms for two days a week, each Company based as follows. :-

1 hour.	(1/2 hour a day for everyone.	Musketry.
	(1/2 " " "	P.T. and B.F.
	1/2 hour day extra musketry	Nos. 1,5,9,13 sections
	1/2 " " " P.T. and B.F.	Btn. and Coy. Hdqrs.
1 hour	(Lewis Gun	Nos. 4,8,12, 16 section
	(Rifle Grenades.	" 2,6,10, 14 "
	(& Bombing.	" 3,7,11, 15 "
1/2 hour	(Scouting and Sniping.	Nos. 1,5,9,13 Sections.
	(Lewis Gun.	" 3,7,11,15 "
	(EXTRA LEWIS GUN	" 4,8,12,13 "
1/2 hour	(Teaching to throw bombs.	Nos. Btn. and Coy Hdqrs
	(" " "	" 1,5,9,13 Section.
	(" " "	" 4,8,12,16 "
	(" to load and fire L.G.	" 2,6,10,14 "
	(EXTRA LEWIS GUN.	" 3,7,11,15 "
1/2 hour	(Teaching to load and fire L.G.	" Btn. and Coy. Hd
	(Teaching to throw bombs.	" 1,5,9,13 Section
	(" " "	" 2,6,10,14 "
	(" " "	" 3,7,11,15 "
	(LEWIS GUN.	" 4,8,12,16 "

To include throwing live bombs & Grenades



The requirements in each subject for the week ending 26th. Jan. will be as under :-

MUSKETRY. will include.

- (a) Rapid Loading.
- (b) Indication and recognition of targets
- (c) Fire orders
- (d) Fire discipline and control
- (e) J.D. up to 600 yards.
- (f) Firing on 50 yards range.

PLATOON work will include.

- (a) Close order drill and ceremonial.
- (b) Platoon practice for Rifle competition
- (c) Gas instruction.
- (d) Trench duties. - Trench and standing orders

COMPANY work will include.

- (a) Close order drill and ceremonial.
- (b) Gas instruction.
- (c) Wiring.
- (d) Trench duties - Trench and standing orders.

SUBJECTS for competition are :-

Points.

(a) Turn-Out (marching order)	50
(b) Close order drill	30
(c) Extended order	20
(d) Marching and march discipline.	50
(e) Skill at arms.	100
(f) Platoon <i>in Rifle Competition practice</i> →	50
(g) Fire direction and Fire discipline discipline	30
(h) Demonstration of game and P.T.	20
(j) Discipline and crime.	20
(k) Strength	30
(l) Organization.	30
(m) Individual saluting.	20
(n) Cleanliness of Huts- Sanitation.	30

	490



Diary"ARVIE" BATTALION.DEFENCE SCHEME - LOCHE.

Map Reference Sheet 23 SW 1/20000.

1. a. The Corps front extends from N. Lys on SCUTS to HOLLERBEKE on NORTH and is held by two Divisions in the forward areas with one Division in support distributed on the length of the whole Corps frontage.
 - b. Each forward Division has two Brigades in line with one in Reserve. Each Brigade is on a two Battalion frontage except the left Brigade, left Division, which has a four Battalion frontage.
 - c. The Area held by left Division is practically the battlefield of HESSINES offensive, - tactical features for command and observation are HOLLERBEKE and COSTAVELLE Spurs; and ridges of hills of which Mt. ARVIE is the principal height.
 - d. Defensive scheme is being developed on disposition in depth in three Zones, viz :- Forward, Second and Third.
2. Brigade may be employed in :-
 1. Counter attack on confirming success.
 2. Aid in defence Second Zone.
 3. Hold Third Zone.
3. Action in case of attack :-
 - a. In event of attack on the Corps front, the Units composing the Brigade will, when ordered, be assembled on their positions of assembly, which are their respective Parade Grounds, and move to their positions of readiness in rear of the Third Zone as shown in attached sketch.
 - b. Nucleus Garrisons. Each Battalion will, on the order to occupy positions of readiness being given, immediately send 1 Company into ^{the} portion of the line for which that Battalion is responsible. The 11th. Machine Gun Co. will send forward 1 Machine Gun and four men to each of the positions shown on attached sketch.
 - c. In event of the Brigade being employed in advance of the Third Zone, each Battalion will withdraw the Company referred to in (b) above, less four Lewis Gun Sections which will remain as Nucleus Garrisons for the line.
4. The position of readiness for this Battalion is Battalion Parade Ground.
 - b. Battalion will fall in on this place 15 minutes after the warning has been given.
 - c. The Ind. in Command will at some time report to Brigade, mounted, for orders.
 - d. On the order to occupy positions of readiness, Battalion will move via N 30 a & b, road junction at N 30 b 2 7, N 24 a 45 75, N 19 c 8 0 to N 19 b 4 0 as shown on sketch.
Order of March :- "A", "B", "C", "D" Coy's and Bde.
"A" Coy. will at once, on arrival, occupy the Battalion section of trenches as per sketch.
Reports to N 19 d 95 10.



Page 2.

5. Dress and Equipment. As per S.S. 135 para. XXXI, less 1 bomb, Dumps of S.A.A., Bombs, and other stores, will be established at each Coy. Hdqrs. in B.I. BARRACKS and arrangements made for quick issue. Battalion must be fallen in, fully equipped, 20 minutes after receipt of warning at Battalion Hdqrs.
6. Transport. will harness up and make ready to move, but will not hook in until ordered.
7. Anti-aircraft. At position of assembly, "D" Coy. will detail two Lewis Gun teams for Anti-aircraft duty.
8. At position of readiness "C" Coy. will detail 2 Lewis Guns for similar purpose.
Lewis Gun officer will select sites at once for these Guns and communicate to Coy's. concerned.
9. Reconnaissance.
 - a. Coy's. and Battalion Headquarters will reconnoitre route to position of readiness and the position itself. "A" Coy. will thoroughly reconnoitre the Battalion Section of the 3rd. Line.
 - b. Reconnaissance will also at once be carried out of the country, routes, etc. as far forward as the subsidiary line and to include the whole front area.

Distribution.

File, Hdqrs., "A", "B", "C", "D" Coy's, T.O., Q.M.



155

I beg to make the following report for the month ended Jan. 24th, 1918. = *

During the month the Battalion has been in the following areas:
IN LINE - Dec. 24th, to 28th.
WATERLANDS CAMP " 27th, 31st. Sheet 36 NH - B 21 c 0 8
BIRM BARRACKS - LOOSE Jan. 1st, to Jan. 24th, - Sheet 28 SW
M 20 a 8 8

1. GENERAL HEALTH. Sick parades have been larger than in preceding (a) month and in my opinion this is due to the weather conditions which have been very trying and unsuitable for infantry training. Mild epidemics of influenza and laryngitis have been noted.
- (b) PHYSIQUE Taken generally the physique of the Battalion is up to standard but during the month two reinforcements arrived the men belonging to these units were of poor physique, many being over age and physically unfit for active service. These have been sent before Medical Board.
2. BILLETTS In both camps huts were provided and at BIRM BARRACKS fire places were provided in each hut, ample accommodation and no cases of overcrowding.
3. The entire Unit has bathed during the stay at BIRM BARRACKS
 - (a)
 - (b) Ablution benches provided and a supply of hot water is available at the Divisional Baths.
 - (c) Clean changes of underclothing is issued to each man at the Divisional Baths.
 - (d) No provision has been made for a drying room at this camp.
 - (e) During the cold weather no complaints of infestation ^{by} vermin have come under notice.
 - (f) Cooking shelters provided for the cooking arrangements. The appearance and cleanliness of the travelling kitchens has maintained the high standard of the previous month.
 - b. Quantity and quality of the food has been up to the standard, no complaints.
 - c. Variations in shape of extra vegetables and sweets supplied through Comforts Fund and Regimental Funds.
- (6) WATER At all times drawn from recognised filling points and treated according to instructions. The remaining water cart has been overhauled and painted during the past month.
- (7) EXCRETION Fly proof box type provided in all camps. All excreta buried in deep pits. In line seats and buckets provided for latrines - contents buried at night.
- (8) Cases of V.D. in men returning from leave have greatly diminished. All men going on leave are warned of the dangers of infection.

GENERAL During the month an inspection of the whole Unit was made. The following cases of disease was detected -

Scabies	6 cases.
V.D.	nil,
Gingivitis	2 cases.

The scabies cases were evacuated to Field Ambulance and the dental cases sent to a Dental Officer for treatment. During the month an average of 350 lbs. of fats per week has been saved and forwarded to the A.S.G. Waste paper is also being kept and forwarded to the same Unit. The efficiency of the Sanitary Squad is up to standard and the camp is in a clean, sanitary and orderly state.

Thomas Capt.
R.M.O. 42nd, Battalion A.I.F.

Jan. 24th. 1918.

- (A) During the past month the Battalion has been at rest occupying billets at BIRR BARRACKS - LOCRE (Sheet 28 SW N 29 a 8 B)
- (b) 1. FITNESS The weather conditions for the early part of the month were severe and a mild epidemic of influenza broke out. This epidemic is now under control. Recent reinforcements included numbers of men of poor physique and coverage. These men, in my opinion, will not be able to undergo the summer with the Unit.
- 2. GENERAL HEALTH Taken generally - good, no cases of infectious disease. Several cases of V D seen in men returning from leave.
- 3. FOOD Quality and quantity up to normal. Additions to daily menu provided from Regimental and Australian Comforts Funds.
- b. COOKING FACILITIES good. Great improvement in the appearance and cleanliness of the travelling kitchens which have reached a high standard of efficiency.
- c. WASHING Each man has bathed weekly at the Divisional baths which are quite close to this camp. Ablution benches provided and hot water ~~was~~ drawn from the baths.
- d. CLOTHING The Unit is looking much better in matter of turnout ~~and~~ during the past 6 months; this is in my opinion ~~is~~ due to the increase in allotment of leave and facilities afforded to men whilst in London of getting a new outfit.
- e. BOOTS More attention should be given to this question by Coy. Commanders. Many men are seen at the Aid Post suffering from abrasions of the feet caused by badly fitting boots.
- f. DISINFECTIO Blankets have been disinfected during the month
- 4. FITNESS FOR MARCHING Several men sent for Medical board have been classified as Class B - Unfit to March. With these exceptions no man has fallen out from the route marches held whilst the Battalion has been in this area.
- 5. During the month a special inspection of the Unit was made and the following conditions detected:-

Scabies	6 cases
V D	nil
Infectious Dis.	nil
Gingivitis	nil 2 cases

A weekly route march (full marching order) has been included in the syllabus of training .
 A camp hospital has been established and cases of minor illness admitted and treated.
 During the past month a notification was received that the ~~the~~ A M C personnel attached for water duties was to be withdrawn 5 members of the Battalion have been selected and trained to take their places .
 Sanitary squad has received instructions in sanitation and their work is up to standard,

Jan 28/18

L. L. Thomson
Captain
R M O - 42nd Battalion, A I F



APPENDIX

Reference Sheet 36 NW 1/20,000 and 28 SW 1/20,000

- (1) STAND TO On the order "Stand To" the Battalion, less Adm. Hdqrs. will fall in on the ground adjoining Y.M.C.A. Tent in full fighting order.
- (a) Capt. E.J.Dibdin, accompanied by a signaller with telephone, will at once move up to "D" Battalion ^{Headqrs.} and will get into communication with Brigade Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters in the line and will obtain all available information.
- (b) Battle Headquarters will be in MAISON 1875 in U 26 c 6.3.

(2) MOVE TO CLOSE SUPPORT

- On the Order "MOVE TO CLOSE SUPPORT" POSITION" :-
- (a) The Battalion will move off in the following order
- | | |
|------------|------|
| "A" | Coy. |
| "D" | " |
| "B" | " |
| "Hdqrs FP" | |
- and will assemble in U 26 d .
- (b) Companies will move to point of assembly in single file with a 100 yards between platoons.
- (c) Companies will form up in line of Platoons in single file - 50 yards interval- and 100 yards between Companies facing EAST .
The LEFT FLANK of each Company will rest on right of road near LANCASHIRE COTTAGE.

(Sgd) S.R.WARRY Lieut
A/Adjutant "ANVIL"

Distribution :-

File	No	1	Copy
C.O.		2	
"A" Coy		3	
"B" "		4	
"C" "		5	"
"D" "		6	
"Hd FP"		7	
11th.Bdg.		8	
"Q.M."		9	
"T.O."		10	
War Diary		11,12,13,	



155

42nd Battalion A.I.F.
 Quarter-Master's Report.
 Month ending 31st January 1918.

Appendix VI

RATIONS.

The rations generally were good in quality and sufficient in quantity. The men on the whole were well-fed.

MEAT. The average meat ration was 60% fresh and consisted mostly of beef of excellent quality, two rations of mutton, and four of rabbits. The remaining 40% meat ration was made up of bully-beef and M.&V. ration.

BACON. The supply was generally good.

BREAD. The bread supply averaged 70% and the bread was of very fair quality; the other 30% being made up of biscuits. Most of these biscuits were ground at a ~~fast~~ French Flour-Mill and the meal made into porridge.

VEGETABLES. About 33% consisting of potatoes, onions, and turnips. The vegetable supply was supplemented by some bought with Regimental Funds.

TEA and SUGAR supply was good.

FUEL. Some difficulty was experienced at the beginning of the month in getting fuel. The coal issue was short and was of poor quality. The wood was scarce and very green and very hard to burn.

CLOTHING.

Generally speaking the clothing in the Battalion is very fair, and as the men were not in the line during the month there was not so much wornout clothing. A difficulty is experienced in getting breeches of good cut and quality, those issued being British ~~type~~ cyclist pattern as a rule. The hats received were also of poor quality. The issue puttees leave much to be desired, it being too wide and of no shape. The men had frequent opportunity of hot baths, when underclothing was changed.

BOOTS.

During the month 64 pairs of new boots (Australian Pattern) were issued, and 390 pairs were repaired. The new boots were of fair quality, and the repair leather was also fair.

SALVAGE.

- As per attached list was recovered and sent to BOULOGNE Dump.

FAT.

During the month 1890 lbs of ~~first~~-class dripping was despatched to Railhead, which at 35 centimes per lb, brought in £26-10-10 to the credit of Regimental Funds.

PAPER.

632 lbs of paper and 99 lbs of cardboard were salvaged and sent in during the month.

CANTEEN.

A good supply was maintained in the Regimental Canteen, the average sales amounting to about 400 Francs daily. 1,000 Francs (£36-13-4) profits from last quarter was paid into Regimental Funds.

COMFORTS.

A fair amount of Comforts were received, including 2 bags (70 lbs) of sugar, 14 cases of Milk & Cocoa, 10 Cases of Tobacco and Cigarettes, and several cases of reading matter. About 50 parcels of goods (including socks, cardigans, shirts) games and gramophone records) were received from the Central Queensland Patriotic Fund and distributed.

LEAVE.

During January 5 men per day have been going on leave to Great Britain.

(Signed) L.W.C. ANDERSON, Captain,
 Q.M.

155

155

42nd Battalion A.I.F.
Transport Officer's Report.
Month ending 31st January 1918.

- AREA. From 1st to 27th January located in LOCRE area, then in ROMARIN area.
- STABLING. Fairly good shelter, and staddings, after minor repairs, were good. Men were billeted in huts which were dry and comfortable. Stables & standings in present location good. Men in 1st Class Huts
- ANIMALS. There was a slight falling off in condition of the light draughts and mules, mainly through severe weather at the beginning of the month. One light draught evacuated to Mobile Veterinary Section with bad eye. This trouble is prevalent in the area and is rather like cattle blight in Queensland. When the mild weather came towards the end of the month re-clipping was gone on with.
- HARNESS. A few minor repairs were made by saddler and it is now in good order.
- VEHICLES. All were painted during the month and are now in good working order.
- WORK. Heavier than usual. Mainly for "Q" Branch, conveying men to and from Railhead. A large number of vehicles supplied to Brigade Headquarters. On 27th Jan. when the Battalion moved from LOCRE to ROMARIN area a hard day was experienced as there were no mechanical Transports available. Some of the limbers made 3 trips in the one day.
- PERSONNEL. Lieut. SQUIRES, the Transport Officer, left for a month's course at 11th Brigade Officer's School, and was relieved by 2/Lieut. MACKAY. A number of the men went on leave to Great Britain and PARIS.

(Sgd) A.B.MACKAY, 2/Lieut.
Transport Officer.

42nd Battalion A.I.F.
Return of Salvage.
Month ending 31/1/18.

Paper, waste, 854 lbs.
 Cardboard. 133 "

AMMUNITION:-

S.A.A., (live). 3 bags
 Do. empties. 9 "
 Charges and Bandoliers. 2 "
 Grenades, Mills, 12.

CLOTHING:-

Greatcoats. 47.
 Jackets, S.D. 103.
 Breeches. D.S. 63 prs.
 " M.S. 21 "
 Puttees 87 "
 Jackets, Cardigan, 63.
 Hats, Felt, 29.
 Caps, 3.
 Cap Comforter. 137.
 Boots, ankle. 57 prs.
 Vests, Leather. 70.
 Belts, Abdominal. 24.
 Braces. 12.
 Gloves, Woollen. 354 prs.
 " Fingerless. 8 "
 Mittens, 11 "
 Leggings, Driver. 2 "

ARMS & EQUIPMENT.

Carriers, Cartridge. 58.
 Haversacks. 10.
 Bottles Water. 13.
 Carriers, Water Bottle. 12.
 Packs. 14.
 Belts, Waist. 6.
 Carriers, Entrenching Tool Head. 7.
 " "v " Helve. 2. (4)-
 Braces. 9.
 Entrenching Tool Head. 1.
 " " Helve. 1.
 Straps, Supporting. 4.
 Frogs, Bayonet. 4.
 Scabbards Do. 1.
 Helmets, Steel. 6.
 Rifles, S.M.L.E. 12.
 B German, 1.
 Slings Rifle, 7.
 Sheets, Ground, 6.
 Covers, Rifle, Breech. 10.
 Knives, Clasp. 3.
 Covers, Mess Tin. 2.
 Barrels, L. G. '303 1.

GENERAL:-

Respirators, S.B.R. 82.
 Camisters, S.B.R. 16.
 Satchels, S.B.R. 2.
 Carriers, L.G. Magazines, 16.
 Magazines, L.G. 2.
 Buckets, Water, Canvas. 9.
 Bags, Nose. 2.
 Carriers, Bomb, (Bucket Pattern). 1.
 Slings, Stretchers. 7.
 Periscopes, 2.
 Carriers, Periscopes. 3.
 Boiler, T.K. without Tap. 1.
 Jabs, Rum. 24.
 Bars, Pole.

Salvage Return (Continued).GENERAL (Cont'd).

Bars, Pole.	2.
Axles.	1.
Clippers, Horse, Hand.	1.
Boots, Gum.	2.
Caps, wheel, brass.	2.
Horse-shoes.	3 bags.
Cells, Electric -0.	12.
Hand set receiver and microphone.	1.
Capsule Microphone.	1.
Wire, barbed,	42 coils.
Wire, Plain.	1 do.
Screw Pickets, short.	25.
Satchels, P.H. Helmet.	23.
Saddle, bicycle.	1.
Stirrups, iron.	3.
Traces, short.	4.
Extension pieces.	5.
Spanner (Wagon Wheel).	1.