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WAR DIARY

OF

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FOR

FEBRUARY 1919.

R. Rankin

Captain.
Brigade Major.

Signature of Officer compiling Tenth Australian Inf. Brigade.

Brigadier-General.
10th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
MARTAINNE-VILLE.	February 1 st		The freeze still continues & slight fall of snow occurred. Ground too hard for any football or cross country runs.	R ₂	
	2 nd		No thaw yet. News received that departure of first draft would be delayed three weeks. Lt Gen. Sir J. J. Hobbs (Corps Comdr) visited Bde Hqrs & saw seniors officers of the Bns. at 38 th & 40 th Bn. Hqrs.	R ₂	
	3 rd		Nothing to report	R ₂	
	4 th		Partial thaw occurred but re-froze during the night & p.m. Verbal information from Dwn. Hqrs. that the marching order for first draft was cancelled	R ₂	
	5 th		Fairly heavy snow during morning.	R ₂	
	6 th		Fine day: quick thaw. roads very sloppy and Brigade Route March cancelled.	R ₂	
	7 th		Cold: Snow fell during night.	R ₂	
	8 th		} Cold: day cloudless. Snow still lying.	R ₂	
	9 th			R ₂	
	10 th		} As above. Arts & Crafts Exhibition of work done by members of the Division held in large shed at MARTAINNEVILLE Sugar factory. Very good work in metal, wood leather & also crayons, oil & water colour sketches.	R ₂	
	11 th			} News Date of entrainment at BLANGY of first quota for home fixed for 17 th inst.	
	12 th				

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MARTAINVILLE	February 13 th		Fine bright day: snow still lying. Medical inspections etc of first quota being carried out.	R ₂
	14 th		Thaw set in: ground very wet. as above.	R ₂
	15 th		Thaw continues. Divisional Commander visited units and said farewell to members returning home. Military medals which were available for men departing were presented.	R ₂
	16 th		Very cold day. Brigade Commander visited all units to bid farewell to members of quota for home. 40 th Bn. 10 th Hld Coy. 10 th Hld Amb. & 3 rd Pioneer detachments moved to BLANGY	R ₂
	17 th		Fine bright day: roads very bad owing to thaw. Full quota entrained at BLANGY en route for HAVRE; departing 09.30. Many realized the break in leaving their old units & some expressed the hope that some organizations might keep alive the associations made in France. All arrangements worked well troops went away well supplied with comforts provided by Y.M.C.A. & Comforts Fund.	R ₂
	18 th 19 th 20 th		Fine weather. Battalions reorganising after departure first Quota	J.H.G.

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MARTAINVILLE	February 21 st		Dull day with light showers. 38 th Battalion (less Cadre and Stores) moved to BOUILLANCOURT and BUSMENARD where they are concentrated with the 39 th Battalion.	G.M.B.
	22 nd		Dull day. 10 th Field Ambulance moved from TOEUFLES to billets vacated by 38 th Batta in VISMES-AU-VAL.	G.M.B.
	23 rd		Dull day. Nothing to report.	G.M.B.
	24 th		Fine day. Brig-Genl W.R. McNICOLL (Inspector-General Education) visited Bde Hqs. He will visit Battalions tomorrow.	G.M.B.
	25 th		Fine day. Inspector-General Education visited each Battalion Hqs. The Corps Commander visited Bde Hqs en route from England to Corps Hqs.	G.M.B.
	26 th		Dull day with some light showers. General BIRDWOOD visited Bde Hqs at 09.15 and was met by the Brigadier and Staff also the Commanding Officers, Seconds in Command and Adjutants of each Battalion. Before leaving he presented two Military Medals and one Bar to M.M., the recipients were members of the 39 th Battalion. - This afternoon all complete boxes of SAA carried by battalions in their Mobile reserve, were returned to N ^o 20 Ordnance Depot SAIGNEVILLE.	G.M.B.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARTAINNEVILLE	February 27 th		Dull day with some showers. Preliminary instructions received regarding disposal of Mobilisation Stores, vehicles and animals of 38 th Battalion. All Grenades on charge to units withdrawn today.	J.H.G.
	28 th		Dull cold day. Final instructions issued with regard to despatch of "X" and "Y" Class horses to N° 3 Remount Depot, DIEPPE. Remainder of SAA, with the exception of training requirements for next three months, withdrawn from units today.	A.W.
	March 1 st		Fine clear day. "X" and "Y" Class horses, with exception of those suffering from Ophthalmia, or unable to travel, despatched today en route to Base. Brigade Major returned from England duty at Records in England.	A.W.

R. Lambert Captain
Bde Major 10th A.W.B.

[Signature] Brig. Gen.
Commanding 10th A.W.B.

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OF

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FOR

FEBRUARY 1919.**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

No.	Subject.
1.	Brigade Routine orders Nos. 209, 210 and 211.
2.	Brigade Group Order No. 1. re Demobilisation of No. 12 Quota.
3.	Daily Strength Return.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 209.

BY

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.H. JESS, C.M.G., D.S.O. -

COMMANDING 10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters
4th February 1919.

ADMINISTRATION.

COMLND. 656.

Major C. R. HUTTON, 39th Battalion is posted to command the 38th Battalion, vice Lieut-Colonel G. HURRY, D.S.O. to A.G.B.D. Havre dated 24th January 1919.

R. LAIBLE Captain.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Inf. Brigade.

NOTICES.

An Australian Officers' Club opened in BRUSSELS at the Hotel du Grand Miror, Rue de la Montagne on 1st February.

The Club is conveniently situated near the General Post Office and is very comfortable and well found.

Major BOOTHILL is in charge of the Club. Officers can obtain bed, breakfast and lunch at the Club at -

- 8 francs for bed and breakfast.
- 5 francs for lunch.

This notice should be repeated in Battalion orders and brought to the notice of all officers at once.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO 210.

BY

BRIGADIER - GENERAL C.H. JESS., G.H.C., D.S.O.

COMMANDING 10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters
16th February 1919.

ADMINISTRATION.

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.
(Promulgation of sentence).

657. The following proceedings of a Field General Court-Martial assembled in the field on the eighth day of February 1919, are promulgated. They will be promulgated in Battalion Routine orders and will be read out on parade on the day that they appear in such orders.

The accused No. 52307 Private Henry TAYLOR, 40th Battalion, A.I.F. a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on active service within the meaning of the Army Act, is charged with :-

CHARGE.
A.A. 808.15 (1a).

ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE FROM 22.00 11-1-19 until 24.00 14-1-19.

FINDING.

Guilty.

SENTENCE.

Fifty days P. F. No. 2.

The aforesaid finding and sentence of the Court have been confirmed by Major-General J. GILLIBRAND, G.H.C., D.S.O., Commanding 3rd Australian Division.

COMMAND.

658.

Major L.H. SIBLIN 'T.S.O.', 'I.C.', 40th Battalion is posted to command the 40th Battalion, vice Major L.H. SIBLIN 'D.S.O.' to AUSTRALIA dated 23-1-19.

R. LINDLE, Captain.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 211.

BY

BRIGADIER - GENERAL C.H. JESS., C.M.G., D.S.O.

COMMANDING 10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.
23rd February 1919.

ADMINISTRATION.

CONVENING OF 659.
FIELD GENERAL
COURT MARTIAL.

The detail of officers mentioned below will assemble at 40th Battalion Headquarters TOURS at 11.00 on Tuesday 25/2/19, to try such persons as may be brought before them.

PRESIDENT.

Major. L.F. GIBLIN 'DSC' 'MC' - 40th Battalion.

MEMBERS.

Captain. J.D.W. CHISHOLM - 40th Battalion.
Lieut. G. HAY - 39th "
Lieut. A.E. LEWIS - 3rd Div. Headqrs.

WAITING MEMBER.

Lieut. C.H. CANE - 40th Battalion.

Adjutants will be Prosecutors in their own Battalion cases.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.

The 40th Battalion will provide Court Room, Bible, Stationery, and Court orderly.

The Proceedings will be forwarded to G.O.C. 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

G.H. CROWTHER, Captain.
for Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No.

14th. February 1919.

DEMOBILISATION.No. 12 QUOTA. - GROUP ORDER NO. 1.

1. With reference to Divisional Demobilisation Circular Memorandum No. 17 of 11th February 1919 in connection with embarkation quota No. 12 the following detailed arrangements are promulgated for information and action of all concerned.

2. STAFF. The staff of the Quota and Officers Commanding Companies are as detailed hereunder:-

Commanding Officer.	Lieut-Colonel H.F. WHITE, "DSO"	35th Battn.
2nd. in Command	Major C.R. HUTTON	39th Battn.
Adjutant	Captain L.L. BEAUCHAMP "MC"	39th Battn.
Quartermaster	Lieut. A.A.W. DOWNIE	40th Battn.
R.S.M.	No. 832 R.S.M. H. GILLAM	40th Battn.
R.Q.M.S.	No. 996 C.Q.M.S. J.H. SPANION	39th Battn.
Orderly Room Sgt.	No. 714 Sgt. F.W.P. MARETT	38th Battn.
O.C. "A" Coy.	Captain F.C. HEBBLES "MC"	38th Battn.
O.C. "B" Coy.	Lieut. N.W.W. SANDIFORD	38th Battn.
O.C. "C" Coy.	Lieut. V.J. CROTTY	39th Battn.
O.C. "D" Coy.	Lieut. A.J.B. LEE	39th Battn.
O.C. "E" Coy.	Captain W.C.G. RUDDOCK	40th Battn.
O.C. "F" Coy.	Lieut. C.W. GAIN	40th Battn.
O.C. "G" Coy.	Lieut. B.T. SADLER	40th Battn.
O.C. "H" Coy.		

3. CONCENTRATION. Attention is drawn to Divisional Circular Memo No. 18 issued to day.

(a). UNITS TO CONCENTRATE.

The following Units and detachments of the quota will concentrate at the hatted camp BLANCY (near Saw Mill) before 16.00 on SUNDAY, 16th. inst.

Unit.	Officers.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O. Rs.	Total.
40th Battalion.	9.	14.	180.	203.
10th Field Amb.	1.	2.	30.	33.
10th Field Engrs.	1.	2.	40.	43.
3rd Div. Train.	-	-	10.	10.
3rd Pioneer Bn.	4.	8.	100.	112.
TOTALS:	15.	26.	360.	401.

(b). CAMP STAFF.

The Adjutant, Quartermaster, R.S.M., R.Q.M.S. and O.R.S. of the Quota Staff will proceed to BLANCY Camp by 16.00 on 16th. inst.

The 39th Battalion will detail 1 Sgt. and 10 Men to report with the R.Q.M.S. of the quota to "Q" Office, D.H.Q., BLANCY at 10.00 on the 16th. inst. to take over the Camp and take delivery of the blankets from D.A.D.O.S. on arrival.

(c). RATIONS AND COOKING.

The 40th and Pioneer Battalions will each send one cooker with their party to the Camp on 16th inst. for the evening meal, and breakfast on 17th. inst.

The personnel of 40th Battalion will use the cooker of that Battalion, and the one supplied by Pioneer Battalion will cook for the Pioneers, Train, Engineers, Ambulance and

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(c). RATIONS AND COOKING.(continued).

Camp Personnel; these units making arrangements regarding rations direct with pioneer Battalion beforehand.

(d). BLANKETS.

An extra blanket per man will be issued to personnel at Concentration Camp for the night. These blankets must be collected and handed over to camp party (1 Sgt. and 10 men) which has been detailed by 39th Battalion, on morning of 17th inst.

(e). COMMAND.

The Adjutant of the Quota, Captain L.L.BEAUCHAMP, "MC" will be in command of the troops in the camp, and will issue necessary instructions regarding discipline etc. He will also allot the accommodation to the troops as they arrive.

(f). ENTRAINMENT.

Captain BEAUCHAMP will arrange for all the troops in the camp to be ready to move to the entraining station at 07.45. He will then despatch an officer and two guides, to report to the entraining officer at the station. These guides will bring back word when the troops are required to move from the Camp to the train.

4. PICQUET.

The C.O. 39th Battalion will detail a picquet of 1 officer 2 Sgts. 2 Cpls. and 12 men to report to the D.A.P.M. BLANCY at 14.00 on the 16th. inst. for picquet duty until after departure of draft. Accommodation to be arranged by the D.A.P.M.

5. ENTRAINMENT.

The units and detachments of the quota not concentrated, i.e. 38th. and 39th. Battalions, M.C. Battalion, Div. Sig. Coy., and Div. Headquarters, will proceed independently to the entraining station in sufficient time to arrive there by 08.00 on morning of 17th inst. An officer or M.C.O. from each unit or detachment will report to the entraining officer immediately on arrival at the station. All necessary papers will be handed to the O.C. quota by O.C. of each detachment prior to entrainment.

6. ENTRAINING OFFICER.

An officer from Divisional Headquarters staff will act as entraining officer at BLANCY station.

7. SUPPLIES.

Supplies for the 17th. inst. will be issued to units by A.S.C. on 16th. inst.. Every officer, M.C.O. and man of the quota must be in possession of rations up to and including night of 17th. inst. when they arrive at the train. Supplies for 18th. and 19th. will be delivered to the train in bulk by Divisional train and will be taken over and signed for by O.C. Train.

8. COMFORTS.

(a). The Australian Comforts Fund have promised to supply 1,000 Tommy Cookers and a quantity of cigarettes, socks, etc. for the train journey. These will be delivered to the O.C. at the train.

8. COMFORTS. (continued)

(b). The Y.M.C.A. Representative attached to this Brigade is arranging for hot cocoa, biscuits and cigarettes to be available on the station prior to embarkment.

9. COMFORTS ON TROOPSHIP.

At a Conference of Battalion Commanders this morning it was decided that each Battalion should hand over to O.C. Quota Five shillings (5/-) for each member of their Quota from Regimental Funds for the purchase of comforts on the Troopship.

10. SHORTAGES IN EQUIPMENT.

In cases where men are short of articles of equipment which have been indented for, and which it has not been possible to replace, the company or detachment Commander should hold a certificate, signed by the C.O. of the Unit, to that effect. On arrival at the Base, the C.O. of the Quota will then be able to discriminate between the men who have wilfully or negligently lost portion of their equipment, and those who are short through no fault of their own.

11. PREPARATION OF PAPERS.

The Senior Officer or H.C.O. of each unit detachment of the Quota will hand to O.C. Quota prior to embarkment a certificate, signed by the C.O. of his unit, stating that each member of his detachment has a "Movement Card" and his pay book in his possession, and that the nominal rolls (3 copies), conduct sheets and medical reports are in order.

(Reference Div. Circular Memo No. 11, para. 3 of 29-1-19).

12. PAY.

Units may draw pay on imprest for personnel detailed for this Quota from the office of Divisional Paymaster or this Brigade Headquarters on SATURDAY 15th. inst. at 15.30.

13. BLANKETS.

Each member of the Quota will carry three blankets, except in any cases where two blankets only have been issued.

14. Instructions regarding concentration of Units of the Brigade after departure of Quota will be issued later.

Geo. H. Crockett
 Captain,
 Staff Captain,
 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1.	G.O.C.	14.	10th F. Coy Engrs.
2.	B.M.	15.	3rd Aust Div Train.
3.	S.C.	16.	3rd Div. Pioneers.
4.)		17.	3rd M.G. Bttn.
5.)	D.H.Q.	18.	3rd Div Sig. Coy.
6.	O.C. Quota.	19.	Camp Commandant D.H.Q.
7.	2nd i/c Quota	20.)	
8.	Adjutant, Quota.	21.)	War Diary.
9.	Q.M., Quota.	22.)	
10.	38th Bttn.	23.)	
11.	39th Bttn.	24.	File.
12.	40th Bttn.	25.)	
13.	10th Field Amb.	26.)	
		27.)	Spare.
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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919

Date.	Previous days Strength.	Drafts Received.		Casualties.				Todays Strength						
		Rejoin- ing ex Hosp.	Refts.	Sick.	Wounded.	Tfirs.	D.of W.							
Feb. 1.	164 1943	-	2	-	7	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	164 1947
2.	164 1947	-	22	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	164 1966
3.	164 1966	-	1	6	3	-	2	-	-	2	8	-	-	168 1960
4.	168 1960	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	11	-	-	168 1948
5.	168 1948	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11	-	-	168 1936
6.	168 1936	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	168 1932
7.	168 1932	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	-	168 1924
8.	168 1924	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	168 1922
9.	168 1922	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	168 1914
10.	168 1914	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	167 1914
11.	167 1914	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	166 1914
12.	166 1914	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	7	-	-	166 1903
13.	166 1903	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	4	-	-	165 1897
14.	165 1897	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	4	-	-	163 1892
15.	163 1892	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	163 1894
16.	163 1894	1	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	191	-	-	154 1702
17.	154 1702	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	24	485	-	-	130 1217
18.	130 1217.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	-	-	128 1208
19.	128 1208	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	-	128 1199
20.	128 1199	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	126 1199
21.	126 1199	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	4	-	-	121 1194
22.	121 1194	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	125 1193
23.	125 1193	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	123 1194
24.	123 1194	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	122 1197
25.	122 1197	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	122 1191
26.	122 1191	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	121 1193
27.	121 1193	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	5	-	-	119 1185
28.	119 1185	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	5	-	-	118 1178

A Whitehead
 Staff Captain.
 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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 APW/ACC.