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will be prepared in manuscript.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Strength	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE) HAIES.			Offs. O/R.		
	1st.	59	469	Coy. pdes. and inspections. Band performance and Cinema was held in Square at Marcinelle, followed by a dance.	3 O/R evacuated
	2nd.	58	468	Coy pdes. and insp ections.	1 Off. & 1 O/R N.M.E. 1 O/R ttd. A. Corps School.
	3rd.	58	468	Bathing Parades.	
	4th.	58	468	Voluntary Service and Holy Communion Y.M.C.A. Reading Room at 11 am. Quota No.47 consisting of 37 Officers, 20 Sgts., 373 O/R, marched out to Corps Wing Charleroi, ready to entrain tomorrow, 5th. inst. This quota, Commanded by Lieut-Col. F. Street DSO: absorbs all personnel with Btn. with exception of Cadre B. 31st. Btn.	



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WAR DIARY.

of

30th. INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

for

FEBRUARY 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

Number.

Subject.

1. *Battalion Move Order.*
2. *C.O's. Report.*



8th BRIGADE BATTALION ORDER No I.

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1. The 8/15th Bde will move to a new area in MARCINELLE on 2nd & 3rd inst.
2. The 8th Brigade Battalion will move to the new area in two stages on the 2nd and 3rd April.  
On the night of the second instant the Battalion will stay at THY-LE-CHATEAU.
3. Move for first stage will be as follows:-  
Starting point-Bridge on Railway Track to WALCOURT  
(Just South of S in YVES-GOMELLE)  
Time of start-head of column will pass S. P. at 13.30  
Order of march- D.Coy, B.Coy, A.Coy, Hqrs, C.Coy.
4. Strict march discipline will be maintained through out the march.  
Ten paces distance will be maintained between Coys.
5. Dress- Fighting Order, Haversacks to be worn on back, W.P. Sheet carried under flap of Haversack and Mess Tins hung from the straps.  
No surplus gear, mugs ect will be hung from the equipment.  
All gear must be carried in the haversack. Uniformity in dress must be insisted upon.
6. Cookers, Mess Cart and Maltese Cart will move behind the column under orders of transport Officer.
7. Administrative Details are being issued separately.
8. Route will be along railway track to WALCOURT thence by 1st Class road to TOMBAIS - THY-LE-CHATEAU.
9. Detailed Orders for move on 3rd inst will be issued tomorrow.

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Adjutant 8th Bde Bn A.I.F.

Distribution

Copy No 1.	A. Coy
2.	B. Coy
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9.	R. S. M.
10.	Bde Hqrs
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## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Issued in conjunction with 8th Brigade Battalion Order No 1.

TRANSPORT Mechanical Transport is being provided to move all stores etc. of the unit. No wheeled transport beyond that specified in Para 6 of Bn Order No 1.

Four Motor Lorries have been allotted to the unit for the first day of the move and two lorries for the 2nd day. On the 1st day three lorries are allotted to the Q.M. to move the following:- All Q.Ms Stores, Transport Equipment, Palliases, Surplus officers mess gear, all Sgts Mess gear, Orderly Room and Educational room gear and Canteen Goods, and mens packs. One Lorry will be used during the first day for moving the Blankets and officers valises to THY-LE-CHATEAU. On second day two lorries will be used to move these to MARCINELLE.

PALLIASES The Palliases of personnel proceeding on draft also other members of the unit will be emptied of the straw, rolled in bundles of 20 and stacked in the Square in front of Bn Orderly Room by 0800 tomorrow. Each bundle will be labeled with the Coy letter.

BLANKETS Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 20, plainly labeled with No of Platoon and Coy and stacked in the Square in front of Bn Orderly Room as follows:-

A. Coy, B. Coy and Bn Hqrs	0800	
C. Coy, D. Coy	1200	(O.C. C. Coy may arrange to stack his units blankets in his area on a spot convenient to Road)

PACKS Packs of A? B? & D Coys and Bn Hqrs will be stacked in the Square by 1200 tomorrow. C. Coys packs will be stacked with blankets in their area by 1200.

OFFICERS VALISES Officers valises will be stacked at dumps to be arranged by Coy Commanders and will be picked up by Motor Lorry about 1200. Only one dump per Coy will be allowed.

OFFICERS MESS GEAR One box per officers mess only will be carried on mess cart. Only gear necessary for the move will be placed in this box. All other mess gear will be sent to Bn Q.Ms store by 1230.

ORDERLY ROOM GEAR All orderly room and educational gear will be sent to Bn Orderly Room before 1100 tomorrow.

GUARDS Each Coy and Bn Hq will detail personnel to act as guards; N.C.Os in charge of guards will report to R.S.M. for instructions:-

Blanket Guard	A. Coy one N.C.O. each Coy one man
Pack Guard	B. Coy one N.C.O. each Coy one man
Q.Ms Guard	to be detailed by Q.M.

RATIONS Unexpired portion of the days rations will be carried on the man. Hot mid-day meal will be issued before moving off. Rations for 3rd inst will be issued to Coys after arrival in New Area.

SANITATION All billets and Bn Area will be left in a thoroughly clean condition. All refuse pits and latrines will be filled in. Unit commanders will inspect their area before moving off and will render a certificate to this office by 1230 that area has been left in a clean condition.

1-4-19

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Adjutant 8th Bde Bn A.I.F.



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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT.

On the 2nd April Quota No.26 consisting of 12 Off. and 359 O.R's left per Motor lorries. The remainder of the Battalion left per march route to THY- LE- CHATEAU, and continued the move the following day to MARCINELLE-HAIES (CHARLEROI). The billets in the new area are quite good and there is a penny electric Tram Service to CHARLEROI, which town is in bounds to all ranks.

Company Parades, inspections of Arms Equipment and Billets have been held daily. Baths and clean change of underclothing have been available twice weekly and Bathing Parades held accordingly. The Baths consist of hot showers at a neighboring Coal Mine, each man having a separate cubicle.

On 14th April a farewell dinner was held at MARCINELLE, followed by a Dance. It was attended by all ranks and a most successful evening was resulted.

On 16th April at the invitation of Bde H.Q. all ranks attended a performance by "The Smart Set" the 4th Div, Concert Party at CHARLEROI.

On the 17th April Quota No.36 consisting of 290ffs. and 404 O.R's marched out.

On 18th April "A" and "D" and "B" and "C" Coys were amalgamated and are now known as Nos.1 & 2 Coys respectively.

On 1st May a Band and Cinema entertainment was held in the Square at MARCINELLE, followed by a Dance.

On 4th May Quota No.47 marched out to CHARLEROI, ready to entrain on 5th inst. This quota absorbs all available personnel of the Battalion. Any remaining detached men have been transferred to the Unit to which they are attached.

Up to 11th April the weather was fine and warm and most suitable for all outdoor sports. After this date the weather changed and was showery and cold up to the 2nd May, when it improved considerably.

Health of all ranks has been excellent.

*Sheel*  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
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