

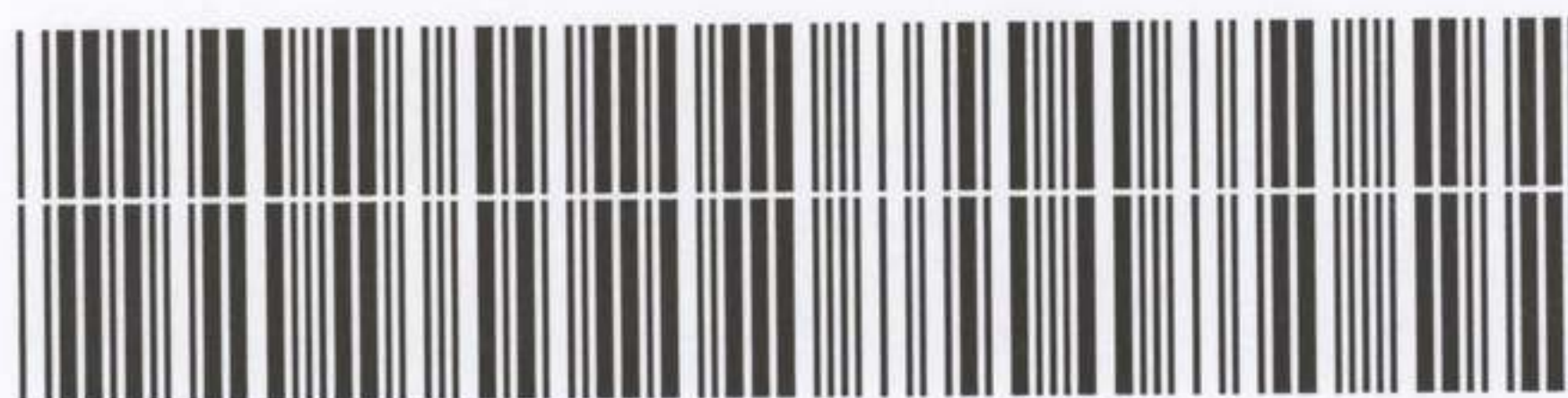
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October 1st to 31st 1918
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Major
39th Battalion A.I.F.

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Firda 9522 Mancourt	10/1	39th Batt Strength	32 officers 83 NCO 360 men Major A.T. Jackson PIC in strength 1 NCO in Hosp.	
		Weakness		
		Knock off	2 men killed in action 1 NCO & 5 men wounded 2 men missing in action 1 NCO transferred to Overseas Training Bde. UK.	
			Major Watson rejoined from leave on 10/1	
			Lieut Ashbrook to English leave 30/9/18	
			" Nelson " " " 1/10/18	
			At daylight on 1st there were signs that the enemy had evacuated the Bay position of Hundenburg line whereupon patrols from all Coy were sent out and meeting no opposition pushed on, entering Bay at 9.30 am & Quarry at 9.35 am. The remainder of Coy then pushed on, Coy moving to Bay, B Coy toward Quarry, whilst C Coy moved between B & D with B Coy in support.	

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Fisa 9522	Oct 1st		<p>The Canal line was reached about 11 am by Coy with covering patrols operating in front; one patrol consisting of Sgt Foster & 5 men reached the outskirts of Lebaklet but were heavily engaged with MG fire suffering 2 casualties Sgt + one man killed.</p> <p>Patrols were then withdrawn & Canal line consolidated as follows A9d 890 to A9d 900. This line is 50' east of Canal tunnel and astride a light railway leading into Lebaklet.</p> <p>Dispositions: left to right B46D with 37th on left + 38th on right</p> <p>Forward B490 at Quarry A16 9990 + rear B490 at A13 a 50 20. Communication between forward + rear B490 was established early in the afternoon by means of telephone thus maintaining touch with Pde.</p> <p>Throughout the day Bombs + vicinity were heavily shelled. When dusk came it was decided to push out posts so as to cover dead ground & give us control of Lebaklet posts were established as follows.</p>	

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A1305070 Brancoed	Oct 1st		<p>Booy A10C 30-80 37th A10C 70-70 Booy A10C 55-50 33rd Bn A10C 70-30</p> <p>It was decided to hold the canal line as the main line of resistance. Word was received on the morning of 2nd Oct that the battalion would be relieved by a company of the 1st Bn of KOYLI on the night of 3rd Oct.</p>	
Ditto	Oct 2nd		<p>Batt strength 32 off 81 NCOs 300 men Struck off 1 NCO + 3 men KIA 1 NCO + 4 men evacuated wounded. 6 men missing in action.</p> <p>Weather Good. Nothing special to note during the day except that the enemy showed signs of further retreat. Relief was carried out without hitch, and was complete by 9.15 pm. Capt Giles, Lieut Shaw & 6 NCOs remained behind to assist the 1st Bn KOYLI, whilst 34th moved back to former bivouac area F15A. After putting the KOYLI on jumping off line Capt Giles & party reported back at 10 am 3rd Oct.</p>	

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F25a near Hemle	October 3rd		<p>Batt Strength. 31 off. 81 No. 347 men One man on strength in No. 10. Off strength. Lt Hepburn evac. sick one man wounded. Lt McDonald on leave.</p>	
D22 b-55-95 near Hemle	October 4th		<p>Day fine. Batt moved about midday to new bivouac area 022 b-55-95. Lt McCaul acted as billeting officer. Batt rested.</p>	
D22 b-55-95 near Hemle	October 5th		<p>Batt Strength 31 off 83 No. 366 men on strength 2 No. 18 men including 1 man in No. 10. Lt Powell + 1 No. to school. Capt Stewart + Lt Boase from school.</p>	
D22 b 5595	October 5th		<p>Weather fine. Batt rested. Billeting Party under Lt McCaul left by motor bus for area near Attville. Batt Strength 31 off 83 No. 366 men Batt moved at midday to D20 a 2-8, by light Railway to Peronne thence at 6.30pm by less certain transport, which proceeded by road left Peronne by Rail for Port Royal</p>	

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Port Remy	Oct 6th		<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 31 offrs. 83 NCO. 767 men on strength one man on wing. Batt arrived at Port Remy at 4 am. After breakfast the batt moved off at 5 am & marched to Hocquincourt, the billeting area, arriving at 9 am. The Coy were led by guides to billets which were scattered. Not too numerous; however everything was finally fixed up.</p>	
Hocquincourt	Oct 7th		<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 32 offrs 83 NCO. 766 men on strength Lt Mitchell off strength 1 man evaced sick Lt Boase on leave. Weather good. Batt resting & refitting.</p>	
Lillo	Oct 8th		<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 32 offrs 85 NCO. 374 men. on strength 2 NCO. 19 men on wing off strength one man sick Chaplain Moore transferred to AF Hocquincourt Landing</p>	

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<u>Hooquincant</u>	<u>Oct 8th</u>		<p>Weather only fair. Training 8.30 am - noon of letting up drill of art arms + equipment of afternoon Recreational training. Pay distributed. Clock put back one hour. Major Jackson (MC) took charge of batt. Lt Major Walker Time of news mails notified; latest Oct 25th</p>	
<u>Left</u>	<u>Oct 9th</u>		<p>Batt Strength 32 off. 85 No. 374 men Lt Lindsay returned from leave.</p>	
<u>Left</u>	<u>Oct 10th</u>		<p>Weather Good. Elementary training in all branches during the morning. On supplied request for Hellen cant.</p>	
<u>Left</u>	<u>Oct 10th</u>		<p>Batt Strength 32 off. 85 No. 371 men off strength 1 man sick 1 " to Mil. Prison 1 " " 38th Div.</p> <p>Weather good. Usual morning training 88 Sgt Robowan awarded DCM for Gallantry at La Plaque on 10/11 Aug 1918</p>	<p>MS</p>

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Noonquinn	Oct 10th		<p>Eds School started at the Baillieu Chateau. Instructors: CSM Davidson Sgt Looney. Cpl William.</p>	<p>Leaflets given an attached circular.</p>
Lotto	Oct 11th		<p>Weather dull. Training elementary work. Medical inspection of batt. held. Promotions: Cpl Kohler to be Sgt Cook. Batt Strength: 32 off. 86 NCO 376 men in strength 1 NCO + 18 men at DW! wing. Off " 3 men sick. Canteen Audit Board Sat. Capt Giles Capt Anderson Capt Stewart.</p>	
Lotto	Oct 12th		<p>Batt Strength: 40 officers 108 NCO 452 men in strength 1 man at wing 8 off. 22 NCO + 75 men at 37th Capt Allen Capt Neselnie Lt Brewer, Simpson, Davidson Bean, Anderson + Rank.</p>	

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Nocquincourt	Oct 12 th		Weather wet. 20% leave to Abbeville granted. Promotions See attached sheet. Usual training in morning. Recreational in afternoon.	
Leth	Oct 13 th		Bath strength. 40 off. 108 MCO. 451 men off strength 1 man sick. Capt Allsop on leave, relieved by Capt Bridge 1st Lt. Grant Lt. Cross + Stark back from leave. Lt. Walker to Gas School. Holiday. No Church Parade.	
Leth	Oct 14 th		Weather fine. Bath strength. 40 off 115 MCO. 452 men off strength 1 man sick 1 man illegal absence Promotions 7 men promoted MCO. Lt. Mason back from leave. Lt. Ellis to be Lt.	[Signature]

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Wageningen	Oct 14th		Setting up Ditch. Bathing Parade to Hallencourt. afternoon organized games	
Letho	Oct 15th		<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 41 off 119 M.B. 445 men on strength 1 off 1st Greenholes 4 M.B. 17 men off 1 man sick 3 men to 3rd Bn Capt Stewart on leave. weather good. As per syllabus attached. few. Gun, Musketry & Gas. Paths at Hallencourt. Chevrons for Overseas Service issued; see Routine Order of same date.</p>	
Letho	Oct 16th		<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 41 off 119 M.B. 444 men off strength one man sick. weather Good. Batt Inspection by CO very Good hunt. Highly satisfactory all round. See attached memo for instructions.</p>	

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Wocomin	Oct 17th		<p><u>Batt. Strength</u> 41 off. 119 NCO. 446 men on strength One man ex NCO. 3 men at Coy. wing. 2 men sick. Lt Holmes returned from school. Capt Beauchamp on leave. Lt Rushbrook + Nelson returned from leave.</p> <p>Weather excellent. Bde Route March. Rendezvous about 1000' Bn Rendezvous Grandcourt; Bde Rendezvous about 1000' Ave. north of Bn. Batt formed up in one Corp. Coy. and arrived at Bde Rend. at 10.30 am. according to orders the battns of Bde marched past both certain known mistakes + then returned with mistakes rectified. Done to show the effect of march discipline. Very good turn out. Genl. very pleased. After lunch Batt returned at 1.30 pm.</p>	
Ltho	Oct 18th		<p><u>Batt Strength.</u> 41 off. 119 NCO. 446 men. Weather very fine for the Brigade inspection</p>	

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Hoguenicourt	Oct 18th		<p>Inspection was held in the Bois de Breuille, which is situated about a mile due north of Hoguenicourt. The turnout & march past was excellent, and was very favorably commented on by the Brigadier. The inspection was a credit to the Batt. See details see attached circular.</p> <p>Lecture attended by Officer + NCOs at Bailleul Ymca in "Aeroplanes" by Lieut Garrett. 3rd Squadron AIF.</p>	
Ditto	Oct 19th	Batt Strength	<p>441 officers, 119 NCOs, 447 men in strength. 1 man at Wing Payeries.</p> <p>Capt Anderson on leave to Payeries.</p> <p>Weather fine. Lecture "Aeroplanes" at Bailleul.</p> <p>Evening held. Afternoon. Battalion Sports. Good contest. Evening contested. Prize winner as shown attached.</p> <p>Held on Bois de Breuille.</p>	

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<i>Recap</i>	<i>Oct 20th</i>		<p><i>Batt strength. 44 off 120 No. 454 men on strength 3 off. 1 No. 454 men at wing (Lts August Brown + Robinson) one man loc Megil absent</i></p> <p><i>Off strength Nil.</i></p> <p><i>2 corps Gas School. Lieut Greenholz Returned from " " Lieut Walker. Lieut Price from " " School, England. Lt Rushbrook to Bde School.</i></p> <p><i>Church Parade in Bois de Treville, conducted by Mr. Hanton Y.M.C.A. at 11 am. Rb in Village Church at 10.30 am.</i></p> <p><i>Pay books recalled for issue of new pay books. Particulars of classes under Educational Scheme published see attached R.O. of evundato.</i></p> <p><i>Leave Lorry to Abbeville at 10.30 am; 1 Off. 30 or?</i></p>	

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	Oct. 21st		<p>Battalion strength. 44 off. 117 privs 457 other ranks. 1 other rank taken on strength. 1 OR transferred from 37th Bn and one from 42nd Bn. Lieut. Anderson, returned from 14 days English leave. Battalion supplied, officers picquets, for the village of Hallencourt. Training miniature Range and testing of Gas masks, in Gas chamber, at Etatminal.</p>	
	22nd		<p>Battalion strength. 45 off. 117 privs 454 OR. Major L. L. Pollard, taken on strength from 38th Bn A.I.F. 2 men transferred from Bn. to Australian Army Postal Corps. Lieut. N. Price, transferred to Brigade Signal School as instructor. Training - Route march. Left Hocquincourt at 10 am. Route from Hocquincourt to Etatminal thence Freucourt, to Hocquincourt, returning at 12.30 pm. Afternoon - Half Holiday. Weather. Cloudy.</p>	

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	23rd Oct.		<p>Battalion strength. 45 off. 117 hco. 454 O.P. Lieut. J. H. Boase, returned from 14 days English leave. Lieut. Holmes, left for Corps Gas School. Training - Route march. Weather - cold and cloudy.</p>	
	24th Oct.		<p>12 men for Gallencough picquet. b.o. at Brigade Conference. Battalion strength. 45 off. 117 hcos 452 O.P. Struck off strength, 3 hcos + 3 O.P. evacuated sick. Capt. Allen, proceeded on English leave. Capt. P. H. Anderson, returned from 4 days Special Leave. Lieut. Harmer, to school. Training - Brigade Route march. Battalion fell in at 5.8.09. at 09.50 and marched to Brigade Assembly Point, arriving at 09.26. object of march. To ascertain best marching and turned out Battalion. Brigade moved off at 09.45 in the following order Brigade School, 38th Battalion, 39th Battalion, and 40th Battalion, and marched.</p>	

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			<p>at a distance of 7,000. Brigade Staff, adjudicated. On conclusion of the march, Lt. Col. J. E. Lord, acting Brigadier, awarded decision to the 39th Bn. M. F. and commented, that this was the only unit, with its medical officer on parade. Battalion returned to Dillies at 17-30.</p> <p>25th Oct. 1918. Battalion strength, 415 off. 113 hrs. 430 O.P. Lieut. Powell, returned from Officers Cadet Det. England. Training - Company in attack.</p> <p>Battalion paraded at 10-00 at Ross Junction X. 17. C. B. Z. Dress Fighting Order. 2 Lewis Guns per Company carried.</p> <p>Lieut. J. M. Shaw delivered an interesting and instructive lecture to the officers of the Battalion, on the Service Pneumatic Compass.</p> <p>Battalion supplied, officers picquet for Hallen Court.</p>	

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	Oct 15 26		<p>Battalion strength. 44 off. 113 privs 450 O.Ranks. Struck off strength. Capt. H. Heseltine, evacuated sick. Lt. J. W. Shaw. proceeded on indulgence leave to Paris - 10 days. Lt. G. Robinson to Aust. Corps Gas School. Lt. Trenbhalgh to Aust. Corps Gas School. Lt. Davidson, reported from Aust Corps Gas School. Pligade Sports were held this afternoon at 8.8.c.2.9. Battalion gained 19 Points, and obtained places in the following events: - 100 Yards officers race, Capt R. Wolstenholme, 1st. High jump. 947 Corp. H. G. Macwell, 2nd. Long jump - 947 Corp. H. G. Macwell, 2nd. 120 Yards Hurdles 2078 Sgt. J. W. Gardner 3rd. Relay Race Capt. R. Wolstenholme Corp. H. Macwell, 1st. Position Sgt. O. War, 39th Battalion, 1st. 39th Battalion secured 29 Points - in the sports.</p>	

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			<p>Sack Race. 35 25 Pls. Goyon, Ch. 3rd. Pls. Siamese Race. 916 Pls. Negabowan + Brog Pls. ellig. 1st. Obstacle Race. 922 Pls. Keeyan. 2nd. Mule Race. 1809 Pls. Boeen, 1st. Showing competition Limber and horses 1808 Pls. Boeen, 1st. Competition Limber and Mule Pls. Harris, 1st. Lattn. strength. 44 off. 112 hrs. 44 men. Lack off strength. 1 hrs. and 3 men. evacuation sick. Lieut. J. Collins, returned from 14 days absence. Weather. cloudy. Combined Representative Church Parade held at 10 am. conducted by Mr. Haulier of m.c. R.C. Church parade at 10 am. in village Church. Dillect very Good. and C.O. satisfied</p>	

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	28th Oct.		<p>Battalion strength. 44 off. 112 NCOs 437 men. Taken on strength. Lieut. W. McDonald from Hospital. Struck off strength Lieut. A. McEwan. and 11 men evacuated and hospital returned from 4th Army Musketry. Lt. Holmes from 9th Course. Weather. Sunny day, fine. Battalion Training. Musketry on Musketry Range. Grouping Practice and Application delivered by Lieut. Lewis to the officers of the 7th and 3rd Battalions. Lecture was very instructive, and appreciated by all officers.</p>	
	29th Oct.		<p>Batt. strength. 45 off. 114 NCOs 448 men. Taken on strength Capt. Emery from 3rd Bn. Capt. L. T. Ross returned from 14 days engaged leave. Weather. Fine, with little sunshine. Battalion Training. Setting up Drill. Close order drill, and COP inspection. Divisional Commanders visited parade ground, and after inspection,</p>	

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	30th Oct		<p>The Battalion marched past. Afternoon, half holiday.</p> <p>Battalion strength, 45 of 114 NCO 451 men.</p> <p>Capt. J. Stewart returned from 14 days English leave.</p> <p>Weather - Breeze and Cloudy.</p> <p>Battalion Training, under Senior Company officer -</p> <p>B.O. 2nd in command, and company commanders attended conference at Divisional Headquarters.</p> <p>Afternoon, Recreational Training.</p>	
	31st Oct		<p>Battalion strength. 44 of 113 NCO 446 O.P.</p> <p>Struck off strength. Lieut. G. Hilder, seconded to 10th A.L.T. Coy.</p> <p>1 NCO and 6 men evacuated sick.</p> <p>Capt. Stewart to Brigade NCO School. etc.</p> <p>Lieut. A.H. O'Dee, proceeded on 14 days English leave.</p>	

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	30 Oct.	1st	<p>Battalion Training - [unclear] [unclear] Adema. [unclear] [unclear] Gun and [unclear] up [unclear]. Afternoon. Recreational training.</p>	<p>[unclear] [unclear] Musketry, Lewis</p>
	3rd Oct.		<p>Dr. Wright. Off. 44. No. 113. O.R. 446. Weather. Breezy with light shower. Battalion Training - Advance Guard scheme. Btm. as Advance Guard. See scheme attached.</p>	
			<p>Afternoon Half Holiday. Captain Hurst, Chaplain attached, delivered a lecture to the men of the Battalion, in the village school room, entitled "A Day in the Australian Bush."</p>	

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			<p>Before and after the lecture, several artists rendered vocal items. Capt. Hurst recited "The Man from Snowy River" and "The Man from Ironbark". The evening was drawn to a close, the audience singing "Auld Lang Syne".</p> <p>Battalion Transport. Look tank in ^{Brigade.} Transport</p> <p>Transport, Enumerations.</p> <p>Field kitchen. Pair of Horses. 48. Limbs and pair of mules. Pack animal. (Mule.)</p> <p>In the foregoing events, the Battalion Transport gained first prize, which permits of participation in the Divisional Show, to be held on 5th Oct. prox. <u>JA</u></p>	

by

Major A.T. Paterson, M.C., Commanding.

1. Duties. Mounting Retreat 8.10.18.
Orderly Officer Lieut G. Hay.
do Sergeant 1428 Sgt W.H. Williams.
do Corporal 2110 Cpl M. Malone.
Company for duty D. Coy.
2. Training. 8.30.am - 12.30.pm. Setting up Drill without Arms & Equipment.
Afternoon. Recreational Training & Organised Games.
3. Puttees. It is noticed that in many cases Puttees are still being rolled from knee to ankle.
This is to cease at once.
4. Pay. Pay will be available at these Headquarters at 12. noon tomorrow 8th Inst.
5. Sick Parade. Sick Parade will be at 8.30.am daily at A.M.C.
6. Tattoo Reports. Tattoo Reports to be rendered to this office nightly.
7. Winter Time. At 12 midnight to-night time will be retarded one hour so as to conform with Continental time.
8. Re Orders. N.C.O's in charge of Details will call at this office 7.30.am every morning to read Battalion Routine Orders which will be posted up in suitable position.
9. Precautions The following orders will be read out on parade once a month, and will be posted up in prominent positions in billets, huts, tents etc.
1. Fires, stoves, braziers, naked lights and smoking, are forbidden in any room or barn which contains hay, straw or other inflammable material.
 2. When stoves and braziers are allowed in billets or huts, they must be placed on sheet iron or an earth or brick floor, and definite precautions must be taken to prevent ashes or bits of burning coal from falling out of the stove or brazier.
 3. No open lighted brazier or naked light is to be left unattended in any hut or billet.
 4. Cook houses, Field Cookers, Forges or Incinerators, will not be placed against the walls of any buildings or in the vicinity of ricks or stacks of inflammable materials. Their precise position will be fixed by an Officer.
 5. Tent lanterns, when available, will always be used in billets huts or tents, when these are not available and candles are used, they must be fixed in an empty tin to protect them on three sides and bottom and top, and placed as far as possible from any canvas or tarred material in the billet.
 6. Petrol must not be used in any heating or cooking stove. Petrol, paraffin, oil and candles, must not be stored near any stove, fireplace or lamp.
 7. Buckets or tins containing water, sand or dry earth, will be kept ready to hand in every billet or hut or tent for use in case of fire.
 8. The greatest care must be used in throwing away matches or cigarette ends, knocking out pipes, or handling lighted candles. It is the duty of every man to realize the danger of life and property caused by carelessness in such matters.

P.T.O.

Notice.

Christmas Mails. Christmas Mails for Australia should be posted not later than the following dates :-

Parcels	10th October 1918.
Letters etc.	25th October 1918.

(Sgt) L.L. Beauchamp Capt.
Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

1. No open lighted fires or lamps shall be used in any room or part of any building or in the vicinity of tanks or stocks of inflammable materials. Their precise position will be fixed by the Officer.

2. Tent lanterns, when available, will always be used in place of lamps or candles, when these are not available and candles are used, they must be fixed in an upright position and the flame must be protected by a glass chimney and a metal cage. The cage must be fixed in an upright position and the flame must be protected by a glass chimney and a metal cage. The cage must be fixed in an upright position and the flame must be protected by a glass chimney and a metal cage.

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39TH BATTALION A. I. F.

8th October 1918

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No.10

- 1. Reorganisation.** Each Unit will at once be reorganised so that in each Battalion there is a skeleton of four Companies each of 4 platoons with H. Co Details told off although in some cases the latter may not be active at present. For the purpose of training, weak platoons must be combined so that the platoon is of at least a minimum strength of 1 double Lewis Gun Section of 11 and 2 Rifle Sections of 7 men each. If Companies are not of sufficient strength to comply with the above, the L.G. Section must be maintained & 1 strong Rifle Section. Officers & Platoon H.C.O's must be detailed to a definite Platoon even if it is non-existent at present, so that when reinforcements arrive the organisation may be ready for their reception. A Return must be submitted weekly to reach this office by 8.30. on Thursdays showing which platoon Officers & Platoon H.C.O's are in charge of and alterations if any. When the Coys are out for Battalion Training, Ceremonial Parades, Brigade Inspections etc, the Companies will be known as No.1, 2, 3, & 4 Coys, if it requires the 4 Coys to make up the strength of one then it will be known as No.1 Coy and in the case of this amalgamation all the Officers & H.C.O's of the various Units involved will take part in the above.
- 2. Equipment.** Re-equipment is to be completed as soon as possible. O's.C. Coys, Officers & H.C.O's in charge of Details will render a complete list of shortages to the G.H. by 8.30. to-morrow night 9th Inst.
- 3. Color Patches.** Special attention must be paid to color patches, it is essential that every man wears his colors both on his tunic and his overcoat.
- 4. Routine.** The following alterations will come into force on the 9th Instant :-
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| Reveille | 7.00 |
| Breakfast | 7.30 |
| Parades | 8.30 to 12.30 |
| | 14.30 to 15.30 Organised Games & Sports. |
| Half Holidays:- Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays. | |
| Sunday:- Church Parades & C.O's Inspection only. | |
| Lunch | 12.30 |
| Tea | 17.00 |
| Retreat | 18.00 |
| 1st Post | 20.45 |
| Last Post | 21.15 |
| Lights Out | 21.30 |
- 5. Inspection.** Each Unit will be inspected by the Brigade Commander in every detail, organisation, administration and training before 21st Inst.
- 6. Guards & Duties.** Guards & Duties will mount daily at 9.00 and will work as a Guard between the hours of 9.00 & 18.00 and as a Picquet between 18.00 & 9.00.

P.F.O.

Administration Instructions (contd)

7. Reg. Police. Regimental Police will patrol the village.
8. Leave. No man is to proceed outside the Battalion Area (which is the immediate precincts of the village) without a pass stamped & signed at this office.
20% leave will be granted to proceed outside the Battalion Area within the Brigade Area (boundaries may be seen at this office).
All applications to reach this office by 12 noon.
This leave is available on the half holidays from 13.00 to 21.00.
Applications for leave outside the Battalion or Brigade Area at other times than above must be submitted to this office by 9.30. on the day before they are required.
All men going on leave outside the Battalion Area must wear Stripped Belts & must have color patches. They will parade at 13.45. to the Orderly Officer outside B.H.Q. for inspection and passes will then be issued. Any man not complying with above instructions will be refused leave. Leave will also be granted to ABBEVILLE of which special instructions will be issued later.
9. Saluting. It must be impressed on all ranks the necessity of proper saluting of Officers at all times.

W. Beanehan
Capt.

Adjutant 39th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

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| 1 | "A" Coy |
| 2 | "B" Coy |
| 3 | "C" Coy |
| 4 | "D" Coy |
| 5 | Q.M. |
| 6 | F.O. |
| 7 | B.O. |
| 8 | Sig. Officer. |
| 9 | I.O. |
| 10 | H.O. |
| 11 | File |
| 12 | Details. |

39th Battalion Routine Order No. 232

by

Lieut. A.T. Paterson M.C., Commanding.

8th October 1918.

1. Duties. Mounting Retreat 9.10.18.
Orderly Officer Lieut F.R. Mitchell.
do Sergeant 1248 Sgt E.G. Culliver.
do Corporal 197 Cpl W.F. Noonan.
Company for duty A. Coy.
2. Training. 1/2 Hour Platoon & Coy Inspection.
1/2 Hour Squad & Section Drill. Sects 1 - 29 I.T.
1/2 Hour Rifle Exercises.
1/2 Hour Squad Drill Sect. 30146 I.T.
1/2 Hour Musketry-Elementary.
1/2 Hour Demonstration of Inspection, Telling off & proving
a platoon Sect. 78 I.T.
1/2 Hour Rifle exercises.
2 Snaps 15 minutes each to be included in above training.
Dress for Training :- Drill Order.
3. Picquets. Duty Coy will provide nightly a Picquet of 1 Sgt & 14 Other
Ranks for duty in HALLMANS COURT. They will parade at B.M.C. at
19.30 and will be under the orders of the Orderly Officer.
Dress :- Stripped Belt & halve handles.

(Sgd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt.
Adjut. 39th Battalion A.I.F.

9th October 1918.

by
Major A.T. Paterson M.C., Commanding.

1. Duties. Mounting ~~at~~ 9.00 11.10.18.
Orderly Officer 2/Lt F.J.B. Annear.
do Sergeant 2078 Sgt Gardiner I.W.
do Corporal 391 Cpl Smith G.D.
Company for duty B. Coy
2. Training. As per Syllabus.
1 N.C.O. & 4 Lewis Gunners per Coy to remain in billets to
clean Lewis Guns under supervision of Sgt Cook Battrn L.G. Sgt.
3. Saluting. The left-hand salute by Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned
Officers and men is abolished. The salute will be given by
all ranks with the right hand. When saluting to the side the
head will be turned towards the person saluted. In cases where
from physical incapacity a right-hand salute is impossible, the
salute will be given with the left-hand. The necessary amend-
ments to the various regulations and training ~~manuale~~ Manuals will be
issued shortly.
4. Picquets. Duty Coy will provide nightly a Picquet of ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{1st} & ¹¹
Other Ranks for duty from 18.00 to 22.00 o'clock daily ^{MALLENCOUR}
They will ~~parade~~ ^{at} B.H.Q. at 17.30 and will be under the orders
of the Orderly Officer.
The Officer in Charge of Picquet to report to D.A.P.M. nightly
before commencing duty.
Dress:- Stripped Belt & Helve Handles.
5. Court of Enquiry. The following Officers are constituted a Court of Enquiry for
the purpose of determining the illegal absence of 6115 Pte
Bloumfield P. assembling ^{at} 10.00 at "A" Coys Hdqrs, 10th October '18
Company concerned will arrange for evidence as to the absence
and deficiency of kit to be produced.
Proceedings in Triplicate will be returned to this office.
President Capt J. Stewart.
Members Lieut A.C. McCaul.
2/ - H.J. Walker.
6. Honors & Awards. Under authority granted by His Majesty the King the Field-
Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the following decoration.

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 88 Sergeant D.B. COWAN.

For great gallantry and resourcefulness on the night 10th/11th
August 1918 at LA FLAQUE. When his platoon was held up, he took
command of the situation, and, in spite of all obstacles, he
took them forward to their objectives, and arranged for the safe
evacuation of the wounded.

(Sgd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt.
Adjt. 39th Battalion A.I.F.

To, O's.C.Coys &
S.Officer & Q.M.

Headquarters.
39th Battalion A.I.F.
9th October 1918.

The following Brigade Classes of Instruction will assemble
at 3.30 pm tomorrow Thursday 10th Inst at the Chateau COCQUEREL X.11.a.

Quota from this Battalion will be as follows :-

Infantry Class.

Sergeant Major	-192	C.S.M. Davidson. <i>b. S</i>	C. Coy
Sgt Instructor	-124	Sgt Looney. <i>Musketry</i>	B. Coy.
Sig Instructor	-2173	Cpl Williams. <i>J. F</i>	B. Coy

Infantry Class.

May be Junior N.C.O's or Privates.

A. Coy	3	Other Ranks
B. Coy	3	Other Ranks
C. Coy	3	Other Ranks
D. Coy	3	Other Ranks

Intelligence Class, Scouting etc.

2/Lieut	T.J. Holmes
A. Coy	1 Other Rank
B. Coy	1 Other Rank
D. Coy	1 Other Rank

Sig. School.

A. Coy	2	Other Ranks
B. Coy	2	Other Ranks
C. Coy	3	Other Ranks
D. Coy	2	Other Ranks

Sig Officer will arrange to send with the quota :-

- 1 Flag per Signaller.
- 1 B Ill Phone.
- 1 Lucas Lamp.
- 1 Louvre Shutter.
- Any dummy keys available.

Q.M. will arrange for 1 Cook & 2 Dixies to accompany the quota.

All Ranks will take with them unexpired portion of the day's rations
together with an additional 24 hours rations.

Officers will take valises and mess gear and batman.

Nominal Roll of candidates to be forwarded to this office by 6.30 pm
sharp to-night 9th Inst.

Candidates will take ~~xixx~~ ~~xxxx~~ Note Books, Pencils & all text books and
protractors available.

Instructors C.S.M. Davidson, Sgt Looney & Cpl Williams will parade at these
Hqrs at 8 am tomorrow morning and report to C.I. of the School (Capt
S.H. Meseltine) **at 10 am at the above address.**

The candidates will parade at B.H.Q. at 1.30 pm sharp tomorrow. Transport
will be arranged for them.

Dress :- Full Marching Order.

The above candidates must be carefully selected and have all kit &
equipment complete. Certificate to the effect that candidates are complete
in clothing equipment etc must be forwarded to this office
not later than 12 noon tomorrow 10th Inst.

L.L.B.M.30

Robert A. Hamp
Capt.
Adj. 39th Battalion A.I.F.

by

10th October 1918²⁹

Major A.T. Paterson M.C., Commanding.

- 1. Duties.** Mounting ~~XXXXXX~~ 9.00 11.10.18
 Orderly Officer 2/Lt F.J.B. Annear.
 do Sergeant 2078 Sgt I.W. Gardiner.
 do Corporal 591 Cpl G.D. Smith.
 Company for duty B. Coy.
 Mounting ~~XXXXX~~ 9.00 12.10.18
 Orderly Officer 2/Lt H.J. Walker.
 do Sergeant 947 Cpl H.G. Maxwell.
 do Corporal 970 Cpl W.G. Downing.
 Company for duty C. Coy
- 2. Training.** As per Syllabus.
- 3. Audit Board.** The following Officers will constitute an Audit Board and will meet at B.H.Q. at 19.30 tomorrow evening 11th Inst, to audit Canteens/a/es for quarter ending 30th September 1918.
 Capt G.L. Giles.
 - R.G.M. Anderson.
 - J. Stewart.
- 4. Medical Inspection.** There will be a Medical Inspection of the Whole Battalion tomorrow 11th Inst at A. Coy's billet at following times :-
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| H.Qrs Details | } | 10.30 |
| Transport | | |
| Q.M. Staff | | |
| Canteen | | |
| Post Office | | |
| Pay Corps | } | 16.00 |
| A. Coy | | |
| B. " | | |
| C. " | | |
| D. " | | |
- Every man is to attend. Officers & N.C.O's in charge of details will ensure that all are present.
- 5. Appointment.** No. 494 Pte R.S. Kehler to be Temporary Sergeant.

(Sgd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt.
 Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

39th Battalion Routine Order No. 330

by

13th October 1918.

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Major A.T. Paterson M.C. Commanding.

1. Duties. Mounting 9.00 13.10.18.
 Orderly Officer Lieut G. Hay.
 A. Coy will supply Guard & will be duty Coy.
 " " " Orderly Sgt 3851 Sgt J.S. Grant.
 " " " do Cpl 197 Cpl W.J. Noonan.
 Tomorrow 13th Inst B. Coy will supply Piquet of 1 Sgt
 & 11 men to be paraded under Coy arrangements at their Coy
 H.Q. and move direct to HALLINGBURY meeting Batta Orderly
 Officer at 17.30 at Park Road 8.30.e.40.30.
 Mounting 9.00 14.10.18.
 Orderly Officer Lieut F.R. Mitchell.
 do Sergeant 3138 Sgt D.A. Ross.
 do Corporal 3033 Cpl F. Cassidy.
 Company for duty B. Coy.
2. Church
 Parade. There will be no church parade tomorrow.
3. Inspection. C.O.'s Inspection will commence at 10.30 at B. Coy.
4. Special
 Payment. Approval is given for members of the Australian Imperial Force
 Christmas Gifts. who so desire, and who have sufficient credit in their Pay Books,
 to draw accounts of pay not exceeding a total of Five Pounds (5)
 of the prescribed scales for pay issue, for the purpose of
 purchasing Christmas Gifts.
5. Pay Day. Pay will be available on Wednesday 16th Inst.
 Accounts required by men for the above special payment, will be
 included in requisitions for 16th Inst.
6. Leave. Applications to be forwarded as usual to-morrow.
7. Promotions. 2074 Temporary Corporal Forbes R.A. to be Corporal 10.10.18
 3138 " " Packham R.C. " " " 10.10.18

(Sgd) L.L. Benchurch Capt.
 Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

39th Battalion Routine Order No.237

by

13th October 1918.

Major A.T.Paterson M.C., Commanding.

1.Duties. Mounting 9.00 14.10.18.
 Orderly Officer Lieut F.R.Mitchell.
 do do next for duty 2/Lt F.J.B.Annear.
 do Sergeant 2138 Sgt D.A.Ross.
 do do next for duty 3207 Sgt P.J.McIntyre.
 do Corporal 2063 Cpl F.Cassidy.
 do do next for duty. 1812 Cpl F.H.Bascombe.
 Company for duty B.Coy, next for duty C.Coy.

2.Training. As per Syllabus, with the exception of C.Coy.
 C.Coy - Cleaning of Equipment, Shortages etc.

3.Promotion. 442 Pte F.J.Ellis to be Lance Corporal.

(Sgd) L.L.Beauchamp Capt.
 Adjnt 39th Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX

39th Battalion Routine Order No. 238

by

Major A.T. Paterson M.C., Commanding.

1. Duties.

Mounting 9.00 15.10.18.

Orderly Officer 2/Lt F.J.B. Annear.

do do next for duty Lieut D.B. Cross "DCM"

do Sergeant (to be detailed by D.Coy)

do do next for duty 3207 Sgt P.J. McIntyre.

do Corporal (to be detailed by D.Coy)

do do next for duty 1312 Cpl F.H. Mascambe.

Company for duty D.Coy, next for duty C.Coy.

2. Training.

As per Syllabus.

On Tuesday & Saturday mornings of every week, 1 N.C.O. & 4 other ranks will remain in billets to clean Lewis Guns.

3. Baths.

Following is allotment for tomorrow morning at HALLENCOURT commencing at 9.am.

A, B, C. Coys. All who have not bathed to parade at B.H.Q. at 8.30.am. Officer in charge to be detailed from B.Coy.

H. Qrs Details, Q.M. Store & Transport to parade at B.H.Q. at 10.am. Sgt to be in charge.

Dress for Baths :- Fatigue Dress.

4. Chevrons for Overseas Service.

The above are now available & will be issued to Coys tomorrow morning.

O's.C. Coys will ensure that the undermentioned regulations which are ~~re-published~~ re-published for information are carried out.

Tailors will visit Coys to sew the above on.

- (1) The date for the award of the first chevron will be the date the individual left the United Kingdom in the case of those who proceeded from home; and the 5th August 1914, in the case of those serving abroad on that date. In the case of Overseas Troops the date of leaving their own country, or where employed in local operations, the date of crossing the frontier or that on which they commenced to take part in active operations. Additional chevrons will be awarded for each successive aggregate period of 12 months service outside the United Kingdom; in the case of Overseas Troops, away from their own country or within a sphere of active operations.
- (2) The qualifying service for additional chevrons need not be continuous. It will include periods of leave up to 1 month where the individual returns overseas at the conclusion of such leave. Periods of absence without leave, in prison or detention, in hospital from sickness due to avoidable causes, or in captivity as a prisoner of war, will be excluded when calculating the 12 months required to qualify for an additional chevron. F.P.No. 1 or 2 does not debar a soldier from calculating such periods towards his total service overseas.
- (3) Draft Conducting Officers and other sent overseas on duty of a temporary nature but who are not appointed for duty on the establishment of a unit serving overseas and who return to this country on completion of the temporary duty, are not eligible for the award of chevrons by virtue of their temporary service outside the United Kingdom.

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4. Chevrons
for overseas
service
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- (4) Chevrons of two colours - red and blue - have been approved. The first chevron, if earned on or before 31st December 1914 will be Red, if earned on or after 1st January 1915, it will be Blue, and all additional chevrons after the first will be Blue.
- (5) The date of embarkation of each individual from Australia is shown on page 2 of the soldier's paybook, being the first entry under the heading "Commencing date of each rate".
- (6) The number and class of chevrons to which each officer or man is entitled can, except in the case of men who have returned to Australia since original embarkation, be readily determined from this and the application of paras 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- (7) The first chevron, Red if embarkation took place in 1914, or Blue if it took place on or after 1st January 1915, is due on date of embarkation. Additional Blue chevrons are due for each successive aggregate period of 12 months service outside Australia, less any deduction incurred as per para 1.
- (8) The chevrons to which an individual who returned to Australia since original embarkation is entitled will be determined provisionally by C.O's, and issues will be made accordingly.
- (9) Similarly when doubt exists as to the periods of absence without leave, in prison or detention, in hospital due to avoidable causes, which should be excluded when calculating the 12 months periods required to qualify for additional chevrons, the chevrons will be issued provisionally by the C.O.
- (10) In cases where individuals are entitled to calculate the whole of their service since embarkation from Australia, without deduction, towards the grant of chevrons no entry will be made in the paybook, the date of embarkation shown therein being a sufficient indication.
- (11)
In other cases where deduction of any periods is necessary an entry will be made after necessary verification from Administrative Headquarters A.I.F., at the top of page 1 of the paybook and will be signed by an Officer showing the number and class of chevrons to which the man was entitled on the day of qualification for the last additional chevron, e.g., if a man embarked from Australia on 31.10.14, and served continuously beyond the limits of the Commonwealth since then, but during that period served a sentence of 4 months imprisonment, his qualifying service on 31.1.18 would be 39 months less 4 months - 35 months. He would, therefore, be entitled to one Red Chevron on embarkation in 1914, and two additional Blue Chevrons. The second Blue chevron was due on 31.2.17 (taking into account above-mentioned deduction) and the entry would be :-
"Entitled one Red and two Blue Chevrons as at 31.2.17.
.....Signature of Officer.
- (12) On chevrons being issued all ranks will be warned that the wilful irregular wearing of chevrons is an offence punishable by Court Martial.

5.

Coy Commanders Tactical Scheme.

Coy Commanders will parade mounted at Brigade School CHATEAU COUREL at 2 pm to-morrow Tuesday 15th Inst for tactical scheme arranged by Brigade Commander.

DRESS:- Sam Browne Belt, Step Tunics, Map of Area, Pocket Book, Prismatic Compass, Field Glasses.

(Sgd) L.L. Beauchamp Capt.
Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

15th October 1918.

SPECIAL MEMO - INSPECTIONS.

The Battalion will be inspected by the Brigade Commander on Friday the 18th October at 9.am.

After inspection of personnel, equipment etc of Battalion and its Transport, Company Commanders will in turn put their commands through a few drill movements; Battalion will then march past.

Billets will be inspected.

Careful and accurate Parade States to be rendered showing exact number of men on parade, and details of men absent from parade. Pro Forma will be issued later.

Dress. Marching Order, Felt Hat worn; W.P. Sheet, Greatcoat in pack, no ammunition, Iron Rations (less Biscuits), Box Respirators.

Officers will be dressed the same as the men (walking sticks will not be carried).

Mounted Officers will be mounted with proper equipment on saddles.

Attached memo is a list of what is to be worn on the man and carried in the pack.

In order to have complete uniformity throughout the Battalion, the following points are published for guidance in the turn out for the inspection.

In all orders of dress the braces will be crossed at back, with the brace which leads over the left shoulder outside the other one. In marching order, the supporting straps are to be crossed above & below the steel helmets. Waterproof sheets folded to width of the pack, bottom edge touching the pack buckles, small side flaps of pack over the sheet. Mess Tin in cover on top of pack, round side up, bottom outwards. Supporting Straps passed through leather loops, or through openings in the case of two buttoned covers. Filled Pack to be worn as high as possible, consistent with comfort.

- (1) Hats to be worn with a tilt to the right.
- (2) Box Respirator Strap over right shoulder & Respirator at left side. Both Straps to cross chest and be without twists and to come under the peaks of the collar so that collar badges are not hidden.
- (3) Both Identity Discs to be suspended by cord around the neck.
- (4) Pay Book in breast pocket of tunic.
- (5) Field Dressing to be carried in special pocket on the inner side of tunic.
- (6) Pockets of tunics not to be filled with books etc so that they will not bulge.
- (7) Buckle of waistbelt to be in the centre of the body.
- (8) D on braces to be about one inch below shoulder strap of tunic.
- (9) Tabs on top of Pack to be fastened well up to the D.
- (10) Supporting Straps to cross above & below steel helmet.
- (11) Right Supporting Strap crossing over left one above helmet and under left one below helmet.
- (12) All buttons to be properly fastened.
- (13) Hair to be cut short. (14) Boots properly cleaned.
- (15) Clothing to be clean, special attention to be paid to the collar which must be washed where sweat marks show.
- (16) Colour Patches to be on Tunics and Greatcoats.
- (17) Equipment to be thoroughly cleaned & blanced.
- (18) Brass work to be cleaned. (19) Chin Strap to be worn on the point of the chin.

Battalion will be inspected by the C.O. on Wednesday next the 16th Inst at 10.30 on the lines & regulations as laid down for the Brigade Inspection. Instructions as to place of parade & formation will be issued later.

W. R. Bear Champ
Capt.

Adj. 39th Battalion A.I.F.

P.T.O.

REGIMENTAL - DISTRIBUTION

Distribution :

- 1. "A" Coy.
- 2. "B" "
- 3. "C" "
- 4. "D" "
- 5. "S.O."
- 6. "T.O."
- 7. "B.O."
- 8. "S.O."
- 9. Sec.in Command.
- 10. "L.O."
- 11. "R.M.O."
- 12. File.

The following will be inspected by the Brigade Major at 9.00 a.m. on the 15th. The inspection of personnel, equipment etc. The Brigade Major will inspect a few drill movements. Details will be inspected. Details of men on parade, and details of men on duty will be inspected later. The following will be inspected: 1. "L.O." 2. "R.M.O." 3. File.

Inspection will be held with proper equipment on parade. Attached were in a list of what is to be worn on the men and covered in the book.

In order to have complete uniformity throughout the Battalion, the following points are published for guidance in the turn out for the inspection:

In all orders of dress the dress will be crossed at back, with the front which folds over the left shoulder outside the other arm. In marching order, the supporting straps are to be crossed above & below the armpits. Supporter straps should be worn at the back, bottom edge facing the back, with the right side up, bottom edge up, bottom edge up, bottom edge up. Supporting straps in cover on top of boot, round side up, bottom edge up, bottom edge up. Supporting straps passed through leather loops, or through openings in the case of two buttoned covers. Filled top to be worn as high as possible, consistent with comfort.

- (1) The top of the cap to be filled with wool or hair.
- (2) The cap to be worn on the head and to be filled with wool or hair.
- (3) The cap to be worn on the head and to be filled with wool or hair.
- (4) The cap to be worn on the head and to be filled with wool or hair.
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 Major
 15th Battalion A.I.F.

39th Battn H.Qrs.
15.10.18.

Special Memo - Battalion Inspection, 16.10.18

Battalion will form up in mass on Battn Parade Ground and will be in position by 10.20.

Coys will organise as one complete platoon of 1 double Lewis Gun Section & 1 rifle section of minimum strength. If Coys are stronger than the minimum strength by a few men only, then the rifle section will be increased or make two rifle sections. Lewis Gun Section will not be increased unless Coys are of sufficient strength to make two complete platoons of minimum strength. Coys H.Qrs will be formed up in rear of platoons.

All Coy stretcher bearers will report to the M.O. on the parade ground. Markers will report to R.S.M. on the parade ground at 10.10. Headquarters will parade as one unit with the exception of the MC and QM Store. Parade States as Pre Forma will be rendered to this office tomorrow by 08.45 sharp. Transport will not parade.

Capt.
Adj. 39th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

Same as special memo Brigade Inspection.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 240

16th. Oct. 18.

by

Major A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. Duties : Mounting 17.30. 17-10-18.

Orderly Officer Lieut. C. T. Mason.

do do next for duty Lieut. R.A. Johnston.

do do Sergeant 88 Sgt. D.B. Cowan, DCM.,

do do next for duty 7934 L/Sgt. Edwards S.H..

do do Corporal 194 Cpl. G.A.A. Newman.

do do next for duty 947 Cpl. Maxwell H.C..

Company for Duty : " A " Coy. Next for duty : " B " Coy..

2. Training: Brigade Route March.

3. Promotion: 2634 Cpl. G. J. Saleeba to be Temporary Sergeant.

(Sgd) L.L. Beauchamp. CAPTAIN.
Adjutant: 39th. Battalion. A.I.F.

by

Major A. T. Paterson "10" Commanding.

1. DUITIES : Mounting 09.00 19/10/19. Orderly Officer : Lieut. H. J. Rushbrook.
do do Next for Duty : S/Lt. T. J. Holmes.
do Sergeant: 3038 Sgt. R. A. George.
do do Next for Duty : 3374 Sgt. R. G. Ironsong.
do Corporal: 708 Cpl. R. V. Wilkin.
do do Next for Duty : 2784 Cpl. P. H. Hubbard.
Company for Duty : "C" Coy. Next for Duty: "D" Coy.
Duty Company to find party of one officer, 3 N.C.O's and 30 men for work on Rifle Range at S.S.B. reporting at 9.30am. 25 shovels and 10 picks to be taken.
Piquet: Usual Town Piquet mounting 1811. at 17.30.
2. TRAINING : As per Syllabus.
3. Pay Books. : All Pay Books are to be collected and returned to Pay Sergeant at once. New books will be issued in lieu of these.
4. Leave. : To enable leave personnel to catch the boat train from Victoria on the following morning. The following is the list of last trains which will be the last available. Those having equipment to collect in London must make other arrangements.
- (a) Via East Coast Route to arrive Kings Cross 03.10
Aberdeen depart12.40 } On day provisions to
Dunfermline (Tay Bridge) depart14.40 } return to
Edinburgh (Aberdy) depart16.00 } France.
- (b) Via West Coast Route to arrive Ruxton 03.30.
Inverness depart09.10 } do.
Forth depart13.00 }
Stirling depart15.00 }
- (c) Special Military Leave train to arrive Ruxton 03.30
Glasgow (Central) depart 20.45. do.
5. Inspection : The G.O.C. 10th. A.I. Brigade expressed his pleasure at the good turn out by all ranks of the Battalion at the inspection today. The G.O.C. desires to express his appreciation to Officers and other ranks for the success achieved.
6. Lecture : Corps Lecture Y.N.C., E. HILLMAN, at 11am. tomorrow Saturday. All officers and N.C.O's not on duty to attend.
7. Promotion : No. 402 Sergeant Geddes R. "10" to be C.S.M. (S.O.11).
(P/034.20.11) 29:9:13.
- (Sgt) P. WILSON, Lieut.
Adjutant: 39th. Battalion A. I. F.
- NOTICE : Battalion Sports will be held on the Parade Ground tomorrow afternoon commencing at 13.00 o'clock. All Competitors may be excused from morning parade.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 20/10/18.
 Orderly Officer: 2/Lt. T. J. Holmes.
 do do Next for Duty: Lieut. J. A. Simpson.
 do Sergeant: 2574 Sgt. H. C. Ironmenger.
 do do Next for Duty: 3351 Sgt. J. S. Grant.
 do Corporal: 2784 Cpl. F. H. Hubbard.
 do do Next for Duty: 194 Cpl. C. A. Newman.
 Company for Duty: "D" Coy. Next for Duty: XXX "A" Coy.
 Duty Company to supply Guard of 1 N.C.O. & 4 men to
 report to A.P.M. 3rd. Aust. Div. at 08.00 tomorrow, also
 Town Picquet of 1 Sgt. & 12 men mounting at BHQ. at
 17.30.
2. CHURCH PARADE : Combined Church Parade on Battalion Parade Ground at
 11.00, conducted by Mr. Haulin, Y.M.C.A. representative.
 Markers report to the R.S.M. on the Ground at 10.50.
 R.C. : Mass will be celebrated in Village Church at
 10.50. Parade will fall in at BHQ. at 10.20 and be
 marched off by senior Officers present.
3. PAY BOOKS : B. Coy. will nominate 2 men and each other Company 1 man
 with Banking or Accountancy experience to assist Pay
 Sergeant in preparing and issuing new pay books. Names
 to be submitted to this office by 14.00 tomorrow.
4. SCHOOLS. : In connection with the Scheme of Civil Training, the
 following schools have been established.
 (a) A school will be established at ALLERY commencing
 about the 1st. November for the purpose of giving instruction
 in the following subjects :
 Care and Management of horses and cattle.
 Horseshoeing.
 Repair of vehicles and harness.
 Agricultural Science.
 Farm Accounts.
 The Course will last about 5 weeks and as far as
 possible will include practical work.
 (b) A Course of Instruction will commence on or about the
 25th. October at Ordnance Workshops, CALAIS.
 The Course will be for two or three weeks and will include
 the following. It is intended for men who have had experience
 in the following trades :
 OPTICAL INSTRUMENT MAKERS, CYCLE MECHANICS,
 CARPENTERS, WATCHMAKERS, FITTERS & TURNERS,
 GUNSMITHS, WHEEL- WRIGHTS, BOOTMAKERS,
 BLACKSMITHS, SADDLE & HARNESS MAKERS.
 Those desiring to attend will leave their names at BHQ.
 where further particulars may be obtained.
5. Brigade & Schools. : The following Candidates will report at BHQ. at 14.00 and
 proceed to School at BAILLEUL.
 Lieut. H. J. Rushbrook (and batman).
 2701 Pte. J. T. Mitchell. 1857 PTE. H. A. Mulgrave.
 2110 Pte. P. G. Kerwan 3374 Pte. G. W. Rattray.
 3091 Pte. S. J. Kincaid. 3869 L/Cpl. G. L. Potter.
 3384 Pte. J. E. Scriven. 1363 Cpl. J. McKenry.
 3347 Pte. L. A. Meyer. 1283 Cpl. F. Francis.
6. Sanitation: The following N.C.O.'s will report at BHQ. at 14.00 and
 School. proceed to school at AIRAINES :
 2693 L/Cpl. P. C. L. Champion. 2595 L/Cpl. P. W. Lally.
7. Gas School: MONTIERS CONVENT. 2/Lt. A. Greenhalgh and 665 L/Cpl. W. A. Dixon
 to report at BHQ. at 08.00. Officer will take batman and
 valise.

- 8. Leave to : Each Company will detail 6 other ranks and 6 from
Abbeville. H.Q. will be nominated by Lt. James. This party
will report to BHC for leave passes at 10.00.
Lorry will leave at 10.30 and returning leave park
in de Larpont des Pres Abbeville at 20.50.
Lieut. Cross will be in charge of lorry.
- 9. Decoration : A Return will be submitted to this office by 18.00
of all Officers and other ranks who have been awarded
a decoration but have not been presented with ribbon
the decoration to be stated.
- 10. Inspection : The C.O. will inspect Billets at conclusion of
Church Service.

(Sgd) P. NEILSON, Lieut.

Adjt.: 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

... on the ground at 10.10.
... in Village Church at
... at 10.30 and to
... by senior Officers present.
... will nominate 3 men and each other Company 1 man
with banking or accountancy experience to assist pay
... in preparing and issuing new pay books. Names
to be submitted to this office by 18.00 tomorrow.
In connection with the scheme of Civil Training, the
following schools have been established.
(a) A school will be established at ALBANY concerning
about the 1st. November for the purpose of giving instruction
in the following subjects :

... of vehicles and harness.
... science.
...
The course will last about 5 weeks and as far as
possible will include practical work.
(b) A course of instruction will commence on or about the
15th. October at Brisbane Workshops, CALBIE.
The course will be for two or three weeks and will include
the following. It is intended for men who have had experi-
ence in the following trades :
OPTICAL INSTRUMENT MAKING, CYCLE REPAIRING,
CARRIAGES, FURNITURE, FITTING & TURNING,
GUN SMITHY, SHOE & BOOT MAKING,
BLACKSMITHY, BAKING & BREAD MAKING.
Men desiring to attend will leave their names at BHC
where further particulars may be obtained.
The following Companies will report at BHC at 14.00 and
proceed to school at B-HILL.
1st Lt. J. Lambrook (and others).
2nd Lt. J. T. Mitchell.
2nd Lt. J. G. Keenan.
2nd Lt. J. G. W. Hattery.
2nd Lt. J. G. L. Ender.
2nd Lt. J. H. Corry.
2nd Lt. J. A. Boyer.
The following N.C.O.'s will report at BHC at 14.00 and
proceed to school at B-HILL :
2nd Lt. J. G. L. Ender.
2nd Lt. J. G. W. Hattery.
2nd Lt. J. G. L. Ender.
2nd Lt. J. H. Corry.
2nd Lt. J. A. Boyer.
The following N.C.O.'s will report at BHC at 14.00 and
proceed to school at B-HILL :
2nd Lt. J. G. L. Ender.
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2nd Lt. J. G. L. Ender.
2nd Lt. J. H. Corry.
2nd Lt. J. A. Boyer.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 20th. 1918.

MONDAY	October. 14th.	08.30-09.30	Setting Up Drill.
		09.30-12.30	Bathing Parade to HALLENGOURT.
		14.30-15.30	Organised Games.
TUESDAY	15th.	08.30-09.00	Platoon & Company Inspection.
		09.00-10.00	Setting Up Drill.
		10.00-10.15	Smoke-O.
		10.15-10.45	Gas Training.
		10.45-11.15	Musketry Instruction.
		11.15-11.30	Smoke-O.
		11.30-12.30	Lewis Gun Instruction.
		Half Holiday.	
WEDNESDAY	16th.	08.30-12.30	Coy. Tactical Scheme. Detailed Instructions later.
		14.30-15.30	Organised Games.
			Half-Holiday
THURSDAY	17th.		Brigade Route March. Detailed Instructions later.
			Half Holiday.
FRIDAY	18th.		Inspection by Brigadier. Detailed Instructions later.
		14.30-15.30	Organised Games.
SATURDAY	19th.		Coy. Tactical Scheme. Detailed Instructions later.
			Half Holiday.
SUNDAY	20th.		Church Parade & C.O's. Inspection.

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MAJOR.

C. O., 39th. Battalion, A.I.F..

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 244.

by

Major A. T. Paterson, MC, Commanding.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 - 21:10:18.
 Orderly Officer: Lieut. J. A. Simpson.
 do do Next for Duty: 2/Lt. H. J. Walker.
 do Sergeant : 3251 Sgt. J. S. Grant.
 do do Next for Duty: 1007 Sgt. E. E. Walters.
 do Corporal : 194 Cpl. C. A. A. Newman.
 do do Next for Duty: 881 Cpl. W.F. Foyle.

Company for Duty : A. Coy.. Next for Duty: B. Coy..
 Duty Company to supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Sgt.
 and 12 men mounting at BHQ. at 17.30.

2. TRAINING : A. & B. Coys. to report to Gas Chamber EPALMINAL (Billet
 No. 53) Sheet 57Fx17c. at 9am., and to Miniature Range
 X23b.25.25 at 10.30.
 C. & D. Coys. to report to Miniature Range at 9am. and
 to Gas Chamber at 11.00.
Dress for Training : Drill Order with rifles and Box
 Respirators. *water proof sheet*
 Lieut. Mitchell will be in charge of Range and Sgt.
 Ironmonger will report for duty at 09.00.

Reference to Training Syllabus for week ending October
 27th.:

For Company Tactical Exercises on the 23rd. &
 25th. inst., A. & B. Coys. will combine to form one Coy.
 C. & D. will do likewise. These Coys. to be in pos-
 ition on Battalion Parade Ground ready to move at 09.00
 each day.

DRESS : Fighting Order. Lewis Guns to be carried, but
 no ammunition. All Companies will furnish, to this
 office by 21.00 Monday 21st., scheme for proposed exer-
 cise on both days, giving general idea, Coy order for
 the exercise. Map references to be given.

3. Sick To Hospital. : In future all men going to hospital will take blankets
 with them, none being available at Field Ambulance.

4. SCHOOLS : 4th. Army Gas School. : 2/Lt. T. J. Holmes is detailed
 to attend next Course assembling the 23rd. inst..

He will proceed by the 11.09 train from LONGPRE on that
 date and will obtain movement order from this office.
 Musketry Instructors Course, BISLEY CAMP. : Each Coy.
 will detail one N.C.O. for this Course which assembles
 on the 11th. November. The final selection will be
 made by C.O..

(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.

A/Adjutant: 39th. Battalion A.I.F..

Note :

A revised edition of the "Notes for Commanding Officers"
 (the Confidential book compiled at the Senior Officers'
 School, ALDERSHOT, is now in the press. The cost of
 the publication is 7s.6d.. Any Officer requiring a
 copy will advise this office.

P. T. O.

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Company for Duty :	A. Coy.
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Company for Duty :	F. Coy.
Company for Duty :	G. Coy.
Company for Duty :	H. Coy.
Company for Duty :	I. Coy.
Company for Duty :	J. Coy.
Company for Duty :	K. Coy.
Company for Duty :	L. Coy.

... will be in charge of Range and Sgt. ...

A. TRAINING

Reference to Training syllabus for week ending October 27th:

For Company Tactical Exercises on the 27th & 28th, ... will continue to form one Coy. ...

... will proceed by the 11.00 train from LONGBRIDGE on that date and will obtain movement order from this office. ...

... The final selection will be made by C.O. ...

3. Sick to Hospital.
4. Schools

Adjutant: 25th Battalion A.I.F. (Sgt) P. WILSON

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39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 245

21:10:18. 44

by

Major A. T. Paterson, MC, Commanding.

1. DUTIES.

Mounting 08.00 22:10:18.
 Orderly Officer: 2/Lt. H. J. Walker.
 do do Next for Duty: Lieut. J.C. Anderson.
 do Sergeant: 1007 Sgt. E.E. Walter.
 do do Next for Duty: 409 Sgt. A. Scott.
 do Corporal: 881 Cpl. W. F. Foyle.
 do do Next for Duty: 1115 Cpl. A.A. Bell.
 Company for Duty: B. Coy.. Next for Duty: C. Coy..
 Duty Company to supply the usual Town Picquet of
 1 Sgt. and 12 men mounting at BHQ. at 17.30.

2. TRAINING.

Battalion Route March will be held tomorrow, 22nd. inst.
Dress. : Marching Order, Felt Hats will be worn,
 steel hats will be carried on packs.
 Blankets will not be carried.
Starting Point. : Church in Rocquincourt. Head of
 Battalion will pass starting point at 10.00.
 From 08.30 until moving to starting point, Coys
 will carry on with lecturette " March Discipline " and
 with setting up drill.

Afternoon. : Half Holiday.

3. BOUNDS.

The Village of LIMBUX is placed Out of Bounds to
 all ranks. Company Commanders to make this
 known to all under their command.

(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.
 A/Adjutant : 39th. Battalion.

NOTICE.

Tomorrow afternoon at 15.00 in Y.M.C.A. Tent, Padre
 Gault wishes to introduce his " FUN STUNT " to
 men of this Battalion, and issues a cordial invit-
 ation to all.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 247
by
Major A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

23:10:13.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 24:10:13.
Orderly Officer : 2/Lt. G. Robinson.
do do Next for Duty : Lieut. G. R. Brown.
do Sergeant : 1243 Sgt. W.J.B. Croft.
do do Next for Duty : 88 Sgt. D.B. Cowan, DCM.
do Corporal: 297-Sgt. W.J. Neenan 764 Cpl. Hubbard
do do Next for Duty: 197 Cpl. W.J. Noonan.
Company for Duty: 3D. Coy.. Next for Duty: A. Coy..
Duty Company to supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Sgt.
and 11 men mounting at BHQ. at 17.30.
2. TRAINING. : Brigade Route March will take place tomorrow 24th. inst..
Battalion will assemble at S.S.C.2.9. at 08.30.
Dress: Marching Order. Blankets, steel hats and ammuni-
tion will not be carried.
3. Sports Prizes. : Prizes won at the Brigade Sports held in July at QUERRIEU
and also the prizes won at the Brigade W.C.O.'s School in
June last at LA MOTTE will be presented whilst the Batt-
alions are halted on the Route March tomorrow. Lieut.
James will collect prizes on behalf of men who are absent.
4. Court Martial : The suspended sentences of the undermentioned men have been
remitted by the Competent Military Authority as from 23rd.
October 1918 :
No. 2701 Pte. J.T. Mitchell.
No. 2106 Pte. A.V. Johnson.
5. Court of Enquiry. : The following detail of Officers will constitute a Court
of Enquiry to enquire into the loss of various stores on
charge to the Battalion :
President : Major Pollard.
Members : Lieut. Mason.
Lieut. August.
They will assemble at a place and time to be fixed by the
President.
The Finding will be recorded on the proceedings which are
to be in duplicate.
6. LEAVE. : A Leave Lorry will leave these Headquarters tomorrow at
10.30 to convey party to ABBEVILLE, leaving on return at
20.00.
A., C. & D. Coys. will each detail 5 Other Ranks.
B. Coy & HQ. " " " 7 " "
They will report at BHQ. at 10.00 for passes. The lorry
will be in charge of 2/Lt. Ansar.
7. Blue Light : A Blue Light room has been established in a hut in the
at Place de la PONT des PRES, ABBEVILLE, and same will be
at ABBEVILLE. open day and night.

(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.
A/Adjutant: 39th. Battalion, A.I.F..

by
Major A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

APPENDIX

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 25:10:18.
Orderly Officer : Lieut. O. R. Brown.
do do Next for Duty : Lieut. N. H. Boase.
do Sergeant: 88 Sgt. D. B. Cowan, D.C.M..
do do Next for Duty : 535 Sgt. W. T. McGregor.
do Corporal: 197 Cpl. W. J. Noonan.
do do Next for Duty : 2074 Cpl. R. A. Forbes.
Company for Duty : A. Coy.. Next for Duty : B. Coy.
Duty Company to supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Officer
1 Sgt. and 11 men mounting at B.H. at 17.30.
2. TRAINING. : Syllabus for tomorrow : Company in Attack. Battalion
will parade at 10.00 at Road Junction K.17.C.3.2. (300x
East of ETALMINAL. Dress : Fighting Order. Australian
hats will be worn. 2 Lewis Guns per Company to be car-
ried.
From 08.30 until time of moving to Battalion Parade,
Companies will carry on with Inspection and telling off,
and with setting up drill.
O.C. B.Coy. will detail 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. and 10 men to
report to Captain Giles at Battalion Hqrs. at 08.30.
Dress for this party - Drill Order without rifles.
Steel hats will be worn.
3. LECTURE. : All Officers will attend Lecture by Lieut. F.M. Shaw on
" Use of the Compass " to be held in the Y.M.C.A. tent at
14.30 tomorrow.
4. Brigade Sports : 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade Sports will be held on
Saturday next, 26th. inst., on the 39th. Battalion Parade
Ground. Training will be suspended on that day.
5. Church Service : The R.C. Chaplain will hear Confessions and give Holy
Communion in the Village Church at HOCQUINCOURT tomorrow
at 17.30 o'clock.
6. ROUTINE : The C.O. will hold Orderly Room daily at 14.00 o'clock.
7. PROMOTIONS: No. 1258 Pte. Cameron D.
No. 33 Pte. Birkett A. J.
No. 1852 Pte. Jaggar C.
To be Acting Drivers under provision of A.I.F. Order No.
785.
8. DRESS : O.C. B.Coy. will detail 2 suitable men, and O.C. C.Coy.
one man, for duty as brakesmen in Transport Section.
It is noticed that the practice of wearing hats without
chin straps is becoming prevalent. This practice is to
cease. The chin strap will invariably be worn.
9. GAMBLING : It is notified that the game of " Two-up " is forbidden,
and action will be taken against offenders.

(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.
A/Adjutant: 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 26/10/18.
Orderly Officer : Lieut. N. H. Boase.
do do Next for Duty : 2/Lt. W. R. Powell.
do Sergeant : 535 Sgt. W. T. McGregor.
do do Next for Duty: 3207 Sgt. P.J. McIntyre.
do Corporal : 2074 Cpl. R. A. Forbes.
do do Next for Duty: 3068 Cpl. A.F. Giles.
Company for Duty : B. Coy.. Next for Duty: C. Coy..
Duty Company to supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Officer,
1 Sgt. and 11 men mounting at B.H.Q. at 17.30.
2. SCHOOLS : Sanitation. C. & D. Coys. will each detail 1 L/Cpl.
to attend School of Sanitation assembling at AIRAINES on
Sunday 27th. inst.. They will report to this Office at
13.00 on Sunday. Dress: Full marching Order. The unex-
pired portion of day's ration to be carried.
3. BILLETING : Companies will furnish billeting returns for week to reach
Returns. : B.H.Q. by 12.00 tomorrow.
4. APPOINTMENT : No. 1951 Cpl. F. Moriarty to be Lance-Sergeant, dated 25:10:18.

(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.
A/Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP will be held in the
Circus, ABBEVILLE, on November 14th., 15th., & 16th., 1918.

1. Heavy - any weight.
2. Middle - 11 st. 6 lbs. & under.
3. Welter - 10 " 7 " "
4. Light - 9 " 9 " "
5. Feather - 9 " and under.

PRIZES in each event :-

- 1st.....Silver Cup, Silver Medal, 6 War Savings Certificate.
2nd.....Bronze Medal, 4 War Savings Certificate.
Runners-Up 1 War Saving Certificate.

Further particulars may be seen at this Office where entries
must be lodged by 12.00 tomorrow (Saturday).

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 250
by
Major A. T. Paterson, M.C., Commanding.

23:10:18.

1. DUTIES. Mounting 09.00 27:10:18.
Orderly Officer : 2/Lieut. W. R. Powell.
do do Next for Duty : 2/Lt. A. Greenhalgh.
do Sergeant: 3207 Sgt. P. J. McIntyre.
do do Next for Duty : 1988 Sgt. H. Warland.
do Corporal: 3068 Cpl. A. F. Giles.
do do Next for Duty : 2764 Cpl. P.H. Hubbard.
Company for Duty: C. Coy.. Next for Duty : D. Coy..
Duty Company will supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Officer,
1 Sgt. and 11 men mounting at B.H.Q. at 17.30.
2. Church Parades. 27:10:18
Combined. Battalion Parade Ground 10.00 conducted by Y.M.C.A.
Representative, Mr. Hanlin. Markers report to R.S.M. on the
Ground at 09.50. Advance on markers 09.55.
R.O.. : Mass will be celebrated in the Village Church at
10.30. Fall in at B.H.Q. at 10.20. Senior Officer present
will march party to church.
3. Leave to Dieppe, or Treport.
There are vacancies for two Officers for leave to either town
on 29th. inst. returning 30th. inst.. Company Commanders
may each nominate one Officer. C.O. will select those to go.
4. Rigade Schoolx.
No. 1951 L/Sgt. Moriarty will relieve Sgt. Hume as Musketry
Instructor, and will report at the School at 09.00 on Monday
28th. inst..
5. Conference. Brigadier-General Guggisberg, C.M.G., D.S.O., Inspector-Gen-
eral of Training Directorate, G.H.Q., will hold a Conference
at Divisional Hqrs. on 30th. October. Programme commences at
all Officers attending the Conference on 30th. October (10.00..
will attend a preliminary Conference to be held at Divisional
Hqrs. at 14.30 on 27th. October, where views can be put for-
ward and speakers selected to represent those views at the
Conference on 30th. October.
All Coy. Commanders will meet C.O. at B.H.Q. at 13.45 tomorrow
(Sunday).
6. INSPECTION.
C.O. will inspect Billets after Church Parade, in the following
order :- D., A., B., C..
(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.
A/Adjutant : 39th. Battalion.
- Notice.
- Lecture. A. Y.M.C.A. Representative will give a lecture and show lantern
views in the Y.M.C.A. tent at 18.00 tomorrow (Sunday).
- WANTED. WANTED for assault on the Station Master AIRAINES, on the night
of the 23rd. inst., an Australian Soldier, whose description is
as follows :- Height about 6'11", Build, proportionate.
Hair fair. Age - about 23 years. Clean shaven, dressed in Aus-
tralian pattern tunic & trousers, wearing brass "A" on shoulders.
Should be carrying visiting card marked "SHEBL" or "SHEBR".
Probably bruised about face, neck and ears. Supposed to come
from or near LONGPRE.

39th. Battalion . I. F..

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 27th. 1918.

October

MONDAY 21st.: 10.00 - 16.00 Musketry Range Practice.
DRESS : Fighting Order.

TUESDAY 22nd.: Battalion Route March.
DRESS : Marching Order.

WEDNESDAY 23rd.: Coy. as Advance Guard to a Force advancing.
DRESS : Fighting Order.

THURSDAY 24th.: Brigade Route March and Tactical Exercise. Particulars
 later.

FRIDAY 25th.: Coy. in Attack. DRESS: Fighting Order.

SATURDAY 26th.: 09.00 - 12.30 Musketry Range Practice.
DRESS: Fighting Order.

SUNDAY 27th.: Church Parade & C. O's Inspection.

D. I. Peterson

Major.

C.O. 39th. Battalion..

13/10/18.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 251

27:10:18.

by

Major A. T. Paterson; MC., Commanding.

1. **DUTIES.** : Mounting 09.00 28:10:18.
 Orderly Officer : 2/Lt. A. Greenhalgh.
 do do Next for Duty : 2/Lt. K.McM.Davidson.
 do Sergeant: 1988 Sgt. H. Warland.
 do do Next for Duty : 133 Sgt. A. H. Hobba.
 do Corporal: 2764 Cpl. P. H. Hubbard.
 do do Next for Duty : 194 Cpl. G. A. A. Newman.
 Company for Duty: D. Coy.. Next for Duty : A. Coy..
 Duty Company will supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Officer,
 1 Sgt. and 11 men mounting at B.H.Q. at 17.30.
2. **TRAINING.** : Battalion (less D. Coy.) will parade at Rifle Range S.S.b.
 at 09.00 tomorrow for Musketry Practice. D. Coy. will
 report to Lieut. Mitchell on the Range at 08.30. Sgt.
 Dunstan, C.Coy., will also report to Lieut. Mitchell at
 08.30. Dress : Fighting Order including waterpfoof sheet,
 mess tin and 50 rounds S.A.A. per man. Mid-day meal to be
 carried in havensack: felt hats to be worn. Hot cocoa
 will be available at mid-day on the Range. Coys. will
 arrange to keep their own scores.
3. **Lecture to**
N. C. O's. : Owing to Battalion Range practice, lecture to N.C.O's set
 down for tomorrow afternoon is cancelled.
4. **LECTURE.** : Divisional Courts Martial Officer will lecture to Officers
 on preparation of Summaries of Evidence & other matters con-
 nected with Courts Martial; in the Y.M.C.A. tent at 15.00
 tomorrow. All Officers will attend.
5. **Boards of**
Enquiry. : Reference Battalion Order of 23rd.inst., para 5.. This
 Board will reassemble tomorrow for further evidence
 after lecture to Officers.
 The following detail of Officers will constitute a Board of
 Enquiry to inquire into the absence of 2312 Pte. GIBSON P.W..
 President : Capt. R. C. N. Anderson.
 Members : Lieut. J. C. Anderson.
 Lieut. A. H. J. O'Dee.
 They will assemble after lecture to Officers, under arrange-
 ments of President.
6. **IRON RATIONS:** Coy. Commanders & Officers i/c Details will render a Certif-
 icate to reach this Office by 18.00 tomorrow, certifying that
 all men are in possession of their Iron Ration, and that all
 unauthorised shortages have been charged for.
7. **HONOURS**
and
AWARDS. : Under authority granted to him, the Corps Commander
 has awarded the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL and MILITARY
 MEDAL to the following Other Ranks. In publishing their
 names, the Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders, also
 the Battalion Commander, desire that their congratulations
 be extended to the recipients.
 DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL - 1007 Sgt. E. E. WALTER.
 MILITARY MEDAL.
- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2934 Sgt. LOW J.S. | 1811 Pte. McMASTER D. |
| 2087 Cpl. HOGAN E.W. | 2181 Sgt. LOXTON G. |
| 2366 L/Cpl. SHARPIN G.W. | 1649 L/Sgt. EDWARDS F.T.A.(K.I.A.) |
| 2056 a Cpl. CODY T. | 2441 Pte. ROBERTS T.P. |
| 1199 Sgt. STRAFFORD C.W. | 673 L/Cpl. BRADY J.J. |
| 413 Pte. COLAHAN A. | 2116 Pte. MARNER A.J. (K.I.A.) |
| 729 Pte. MARSH D.M.W. | |

(Sgd) P. NEILSON Lieut.

A/Adjutant: 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

by
Major A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. DUTIES. : Mounting 09.00 28:10:18.
Orderly Officer : 2/Lt. E. McN. Davidson.
do do Next for Duty : Lt. R. A. Johnston.
do Sergeant : 135 Sgt. A. H. Hobbs.
do do Next for Duty : 2044 Sgt. W. J. Cliff.
do Corporal : 194 Cpl. G. A. A. Newman.
do do Next for Duty : 270 Cpl. W. G. Downing.
Company for Duty : A. Coy. Next for Duty : B. Coy.
Duty Company will supply the usual Town Piquet of 1 Officer,
1 Sgt and 11 men, mounting at B.H.Q. at 17.30.

2. TRAINING. : Syllabus for tomorrow, 29th. inst., is as follows :
08.30-09.00 Coy. Inspection & move to Battn. Parade.
09.00 Battalion Parade.
09.00-09.45 Betting-up Drill.
09.45-10.00 Smoke.
10.00-10.45 Coy. Close Order Drill.
10.45-11.00 Smoke.
11.00-12.30 Batt. Inspection & Batt. Close Order Drill
Markers report to the R.S.M. on Batt. Parade Ground at 08.50
Coys. to bring footballs for use during Smoke.
Coy. Lewis Gun N.C.O's and 3 men per Coy. to remain in billets
to clean Lewis Guns and ammunition.

3. Sterilisation of Blankets. Blankets are to be sent to 10th. Field Ambulance
tomorrow for sterilising. They will be stacked in bundles of
10 at Coy. Hqrs. (details at B.H.Q.) at 07.00 tomorrow.
Transport Officer to make arrangements for them to be collect-
ed at that time. C.Q.M. Sgts. to accompany blankets.

4. MEDICAL. : All means of combating the spread of influenza must be taken.
Men are warned that they should not enter houses where civil-
ians are ill. All men must gargle their throats at least
once daily. The Medical Officer will arrange supplies of
the solution to be gargled. Company Officers are respon-
sible that the gargling is done at the billets each morning.

5. LEAVE. : Leave to visit DIEPPE has been granted to Lieut. N. J. Rushbrook
and TRÉPORT to Lt. J. C. Anderson. Train leaves LONGPES at
09.15 tomorrow. They should report to Transport Officer at
07.00 for transport.

A leave lorry will leave these Hqrs. at 10.50 tomorrow for
ARBEVILLE. H.Q. will detail 9 Other Ranks.

B. Coy.	"	3	"	"
D. Coy.	"	3	"	"
A. Coy.	"	3	"	"

This party will report to B.H.Q. at 10.00 for passes. The
lorry will be in charge of Lieut. G. Hay, who will inform
party of time and place to meet lorry on return.

(Sgd) P/BRILSON Lieut.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion.

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by

Major A.T.Paterson M.C., Commanding.

1. Duties.

Mounting 09.00 30.10.18.

- Orderly Officer Lieut R.A. Johnston.
- do do next for duty Lieut T.J. Collins.
- do Sergeant 2044 Sgt M.J. Cliff.
- do do next for duty 555 Sgt J.F. Cossins.
- do Corporal 870 Cpl W.G. Downing.
- do do next for duty 1849 Cpl R.F. Haslem.

Company for duty B. Coy, next for duty C. Coy.

Duty Coy to supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Officer; 1 Sgt

~~Strength~~ and 11 men, mounting at B.H.Q. at 17.30.

2. Training. Syllabus of Training for to-morrow 30th is as under.-

- 08.30 - 09.00 Coy Inspection and move to Battn Parade Ground.
- 09.00 - 09.45 Setting up Drill.
- 09.45 - 10.00 Smoko.
- 10.00 - 10.45 Musketry, particular attention being paid to aiming, trigger pressing, and rapid loading.
- 10.45 - 11.00 Smoko.
- 11.00 - 12.30 Lewis Gun Instruction.

DRESS. Fighting Order.

Coys will bring 2 Lewis Guns per Coy to Parade Ground, also 200 rounds dummy ammunition per Coy. This ammunition will be drawn from Q.M. Store by Coys before moving to Battn Parade Ground.

NOTE. Specialists will train under supervision of specialist Officers.

3. Conference. Coy Commanders will meet C.O. at B.H.Q. at 09.15 to-morrow and proceed to conference at Divisional Headquarters.

4. Promotions. To be Lieutenants.-

- 2/Lieut F.J.B. Annear dated 1.10.18.
 - 2/Lieut T.J. Holmes dated 1.10.18.
 - 2/Lieut H.J. Walker dated 1.10.18.
- (Authority A.I.F. List No. 402 dated 25.10.18)

5. Map Reading School. All Officers who attended with Lieut J.S. August to-day will report similiarly to-morrow (Orderly Officer excepted).

(Sgd) P. Neilson Lieut
A/Adj 39th Battalion A.I.F.

Notice.

Coys & Officers i/c Details will ascertain whether a pianist suitable for attachment to the Bandicoots can be procured.

Intelligence

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 234

30:10:18.

by

Major A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. DUTIES. : Mounting 09.00 31:10:18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. T/J. Collins.
 do do Next for Duty : Lieut. C. T. Mason.
 do Sergeant: 535 Sgt. J. F. Cousins.
 do do Next for Duty : 2189 Sgt. M. A. Pagel, MM.
 do Corporal: 1848 Cpl. R. F. Hasles.
 do do Next for Duty : 1288 L/Cpl. R. P. Conroy.
 Company for Duty: C. Coy.. Next for Duty : D. Coy..
 Duty Company to supply the usual Town Picquet of 1 Officer,
 1 Sgt. and 11 men mounting at B.H.Q. at 17.30.
2. TRAINING. : Syllabus for tomorrow : Battalion as Advance Guard, as per
 Operation Order issued.
Dress : Marching Order less ammunition, steel helmets &
 blankets. Mid-day meal will not be carried.
 Battalion (less A. & D. Coys) will assemble at Church at
 Hocquincourt at 09.00. A. & D. Coys. will assemble at
 road junction X 24 Cent at 09.00.
3. Official
Photographs. It is notified for the information of all ranks that
 British Official photographs taken during the recent
 visit to France of H.M. The King, can now be purchased by
 men on active service. The prices of unmounted copies
 are as follows. Post Free..
 8" x 6" fr.1.00 each; fr.10.00 per doz..
 10" x 8" fr.1.50 each; fr.15.00 per doz..
 12" x 10" fr.2.00 ea.; fr.20.00 per doz..
 15" x 12" fr.3.50 ea.; fr.35.00 per doz..
 Companies will notify this Office of any copies required.
4. Pay Books. Coy. Commanders & Officers 1/c Details will be responsible
 for securing an entry at the top of page 21 of all new
 paybooks No. 3 which are to be and have been issued.
 Each soldier will be asked if employment has been guar-
 anteed to him upon demobilization in Australia. The words
 "Employment guaranteed" or "Employment not guaranteed"
 according to the soldier's reply, is all that the entry
 need consist of.
 This need not interfere with pay on the 3rd. prox.. It may
 be done by keeping books and completing after pay.
5. SCHOOLS. : Reference Bn. Routine Order No. 343 of 19th. Inst., para 4.,
 No. 153 Sgt. Hobbs
 No. 197 Cpl. Noonan
 have been selected to attend this Course. They will
 report to H.Q. 3rd. Div. Train at 12.00 on Friday 1st. Nov.
 In marching Order with unexpired portion of day's ration.
 Note book and wallet to be taken. P. 2. 0..

59th. Battalion Routine Order No. 2
(continued.)

5. SCHOOLS. 4th. Army Company Commanders Course KU assembling 9:15
dispersing 8:15:18.
Captain R. Wolstenholme is detailed to attend this Course.
Particulars may be had at this Office.

6. Decoration. The President of the French Republic has conferred
CROIX DE GUERRE on No. 2378 HAROLD BOLAND.
(Authority A.I.F. List No. 398.)
The C.O. desires to congratulate the recipient.

(Sgd) P. HERRISON. Lieut.
Adjutant : 59th. Battalion.

MEETING.

A Lecture entitled "A Padre in the Australian Bush"
is given in the School Room on Thursday night at 8.30
Chaplain Hirst..

SECRET.

Copy No.

TRAINING OPERATION ORDER, NO. 1.39th. Battalion, A.I.F..

Reference : Map 57 K. 1/40,000 and 57 F 1/40,000 (EASTERN HALF.)

1. INFORMATION.

3rd. Aust. Division is holding line HALLINGCOURT, HOCQUINCOURT, STAMINAL, LISBUX, with 9th. Inf. Bde. on Right and 10th. Inf. Bde. in Centre, 11th. Inf. Bde. on Left.

Enemy having been driven from line now held by 3rd. Aust. Division is reported by our aeroplanes to be retiring in a North-easterly direction and crossing the SOMME at SOCCOURREL, PONT REMY and BAUCOURT - SUR - SOMME.

Our Cavalry patrols report BOIS DE PREVILLE and BOIS DE BAINHUL to be clear of enemy.

Enemy is still holding SOMREL.

2. INTENTION.

3rd. Aust. Division is to move in a North-Easterly direction on the morning of Oct. 31st. and endeavour to cross the SOMME.

Divisions on flanks are co-operating.

10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Groups will cross SOMME at PONT REMY.

39th. Bn. A.I.F. under Major A.T. Paterson, MC., has been detailed as Advance Guard to 10th. Brigade Group, and will march via GRANDGAR, S 2 d, S 33, DUACQ, and secure crossing at PONT REMY.

Head of main body will pass starting point, CHURCH in HOCQUINCOURT, at 10.00 on Oct. 31st..

3. INSTRUCTION.

Vanguard : A. & D. Coys. 39th. Bn. under Major L.L. Pollard, who will also furnish Right flank guard.

Mainguard : 39th. Bn. less A. & D. Coys under Captain Giles.

Head of MAIN GUARD will pass cross-roads at X 24 c 2.8. at 09.30.

4. REPORTS.

all reports to head of main guard.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Wilson Lewis
..... Adjutant.
39th. Battalion, A. I. F..

Distribution : (by Runner.)

- 1/4 Companies.
- 3 Q.M.
- 6 Transport Officer.
- 7 Signalling Officer.
- 8 Medical Officer.
- 9 10th. Inf. Bde. Hqrs.
- 10 War Diary.
- 11 Office Copy.

Intelligence

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 255
by
Major A. T. Paterson, M.C., Commanding.

31:10:18.

1. MESSING. : Mounting 08.30 1:11:10.
Orderly Officer : Lieut. G. T. Mason.
do do Next for Duty : Lieut. R. A. Johnston.
do Sergeant: 2180 Sgt. R. A. Pagola, M.C..
do do Next for Duty : 2181 Sgt. C. Loxton.
do Corporal: 1853 L/Cpl. R. P. Conroy.
do do Next for Duty : 243 Cpl. T. H. Vaughan.
Company for Duty : D. Coy.. Next for Duty : A. Coy..
Duty Company to supply the usual Tom Picquet of 1 Officer,
1 Sgt. and 11 men mounting at B.S.C. at 17.30.

2. Bathing
Parade.

The following is the allotment of Divisional Baths, HALLAM-
COTT, for tomorrow.
Each party will be in charge of an Officer, and will be
marched direct to Baths.

	Leave Billets.	Arrive Baths.
A. Coy. 50 men	08.30	09.00
" " 17)	08.30	10.00
B. " 40	10.30	11.30
" " 40	11.30	12.00
C. " Complete	12.30	13.00
D. " "	13.30	14.00
H.Q. Patmen)		
Signs, Numbers)		
Scouts, Observers)	14.30	15.00
Sanitary Squad)		
Police.)		
A.S.C. Details)		
Pioneers)	16.30	17.00
Transport)		
Band)	17.30	18.00
Officers)		

C. and D. Coys. to make own arrangements for lunch.
Parties on return from Baths will report to H.Q.P. for
throat spraying.

3. TRANSFER. : No. 1187 Pte. WOODLAND R.H. has been selected for employment
with D.S.D.O., ALGERY, as Metal Engraver. He will report
to this Office at 08.30 tomorrow (full kit) for instructions.

4. MEETING. : All H.C.O.'s not on Bathing Parade will attend lecture in the
Sergeant's Mess at 19.00.

(Sgt) P. HILLSON, Lieut.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion.