

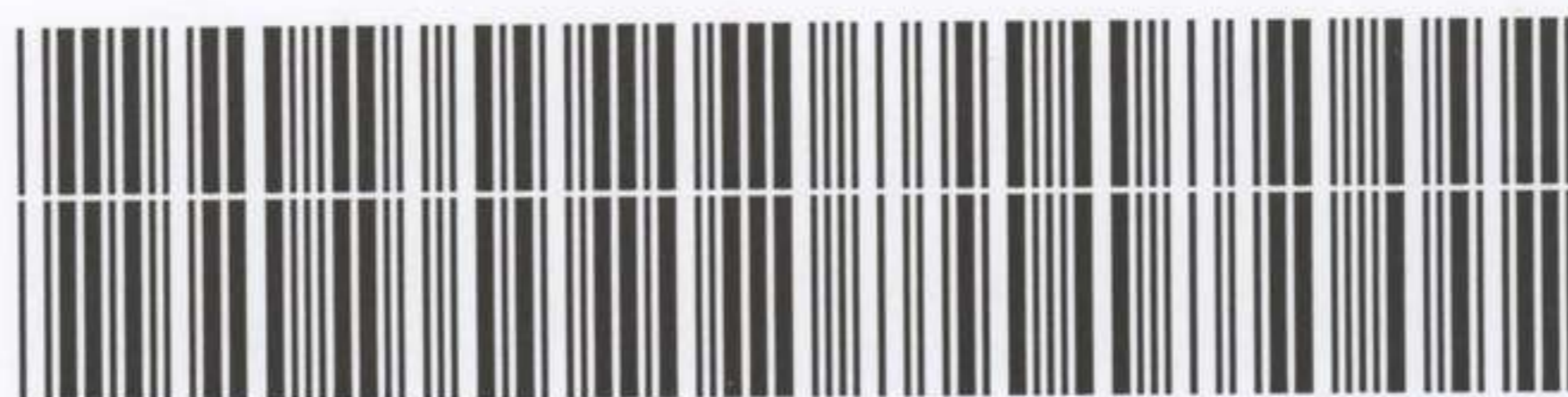
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hacquin court	Dec 1 st		<p><u>Batt Strength.</u> 40 off. 113 NCO. 454 men. <u>off strength</u> 4 men sick. Weather dull. Church service held in Y.M.C.A. tent. Chaplain Padre G. Hind. R.C. Parade in Village Church.</p>	
Ltko	Dec 2 nd		<p><u>Batt Strength.</u> 40 off. 113 NCO. 456 men. <u>on strength</u> 2 men. Capt Anderson on leave to Pozieres. Lt Walker returned from English leave. Weather good. Range Practice at Grand Sart. B Coy 1st 6 Coy 2nd B Coy 3rd. Synopsis of Batt. History commenced by Committee (Lt James + Shew Lt Colman + Parisol).</p>	
Ltko	Dec 3 rd		<p><u>Batt Strength.</u> 43 off. 114 NCO. 501 men. <u>on strength</u> 3 off. 1 NCO. 45 men (Lt Broome + Lt Fenzie + 2 Lt Painter)</p>	
Ltko	Dec 4 th		<p>Weather good. <u>Batt Strength</u> 43 off. 113 NCO. 498 men <u>off strength</u> 1 NCO. sick 3 men transp. to 3rd Coy. Traffic post. 2nd Lt Painter to 10th A.L.T.M. BATTERY. Usual training.</p>	

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<u>Hocquincourt</u>	<u>Dec 5th</u>		<p><u>Batt Strength</u>. 44 off. 113 N60. 496 men. on strength. Lt Cantwell from hospital. off strength. 2 men sick. Weather Good. Batt route March via Lutome, Merel Court, Hallencourt, & Hocquincourt. Dress Fighting Order. Lt Brisp Education off. 38th Batt. lectured officers on "Outlines of Education Scheme."</p>	
<u>Letto</u>	<u>Dec 6th</u>		<p><u>Batt Strength</u>. 44 off. 113 N60. 496 men. Weather Good. Physical training, ceremonial & Pathing Parade. Well attended Shortland & Benches classes held in school room during the evening.</p>	
<u>Letto</u>	<u>Dec 7th</u>		<p><u>Batt Strength</u>. 45 off. 112 N60. 496 men. on strength Lt Stobart in hospital. off strength 1 N60 sick. 2nd Lt Danks returned from 10th A.I.T. M.B. Weather fine. Usual training. 39th v 38th 39th won by 5 goals. Football match. 39th Equal with 40th Batt. Capt Alloop & Lt Mason returned from Paris leave. Capt Webster returned to 10th 3rd Amb.</p>	
<u>Letto</u>	<u>Dec 8th</u>		<p><u>Batt Strength</u>. 45 off. 112 N60. 496 men</p>	<u>AS</u>

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dec 9 th	Boquencourt		<p>Batt Strength 45 off. 112 NCO: 496 men</p> <p>Weather fine. Committee still at work on the compilation of the Synopsis of the History of Batt. Lt A.D. Cartwell lectured to Batt. on the Education scheme. During the afternoon Education committee met. Educational classes held during evening.</p>	
Dec 10 th	Left		<p>Batt Strength 45 off. 112 NCO: 496 men</p> <p>Weather part & inclement. Preparation for march. During evening "After Dinner" speech night was held. Batt. strength unchanged. at 9 am</p>	
Dec 11 th	Left		<p>Weather dull & damp. Batt. by route march thro Boisement to Bouillancourt. Road very muddy. Total distance 12 miles. Batt. billeted in Bouillancourt & Busse manured.</p>	
Dec 12 th	Bouillancourt		<p>Batt Strength 45 off. 112 NCO: 492 men</p> <p>4 off strength 4 men sick.</p> <p>Capt Anderson returned from ^{Paris} English leave. Corp at the disposal of Coy Commanders.</p>	
Dec 13 th	Left		<p>Batt Strength 45 off. 103 NCO: 490 men.</p> <p>9 NCO: + 2 men. Transf. to A.I.F. HQ.</p> <p>Capt Holstenholme returned from <u>English</u> leave.</p>	J.S.P.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le 14 th Pouillancourt			<p>Batt Strength. 45 off. 109 N60. 488 men. off Strength 2 men. Weather dull. Demobilization forms explained by Lt Cantwell. Class started in Elem. Mechanics in school rooms by Capt W. Allen</p>	
Le 15 th Leite			<p>Batt Strength. 45 off 109 N60 487 men on Strength 1 man on Hoop. off Strength 2 men had sick Weather dull, but fairly good. Ab. Parade in village church in Chokan Ground Many French people present. Band played on square during the afternoon.</p>	
Le 16 th Leite			<p>Batt Strength. 45 off. 109 N60. 486 men 1 man transferred to hospital. Weather fairly fine. Usual military training. 9-10.30 am. Remainder Gymnastics filling up demobilization forms.</p>	
Le 17 th Leite			<p>Batt Strength 46 off. 103 N60. 486 men on Strength major Stutton & batmen on Strength 1 man illegal absence. ex Paris off Strength 2 men sick. Major Stutton returned from 38th Batt. A.I.F.</p>	

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Dec 15th	Poullanant		<p><u>Batt Strength</u></p> <p>45 off. 102 NCOs 480 men on strength 1 man transf. from Traffic Fwd. Co. off strength 1 NCO & 7 men to AIBD Sgt Cantwell transf. to General Ser.</p> <p><u>Weather wet & dull.</u> Paths available at Blangy Sawmills by kind permission of Major Mells. Also filling up of Demobilization forms.</p>	
Dec 19th	LHA		<p><u>Batt Strength</u></p> <p>45 off. 102 NCOs 498 men off strength 2 men.</p> <p><u>Weather dull.</u> Paths at Blangy Sawmills & completing Demobilization forms.</p>	
Dec 20th	LHA		<p><u>Classes held.</u> Book keeping, Bookkeeping & mechanics.</p> <p><u>Batt Strength</u> 45 off. 102 NCOs 475 men <u>Weather wet.</u> off strength 3 men to AIBD</p> <p><u>Historical Committee met.</u> Ft August Oscar to go to England to records.</p> <p><u>Paths available.</u> classes held. poultry farming, English, mathematics. C.O. Parade of officers re Education</p>	

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Dullancourt	21 st		<p>Pat Strength 45 off. 102 M60 475 men. Wet day. Keeping gunnery forms. Football during afternoon between M60 & men. Won by men.</p>	
Leth	22 nd		<p>Pat Strength 47 off. 102 M60: 476 men on strength for Porton & Longueville. 1 man from 10th A.I.T.M. Lt Holmes on English leave. Wet day.</p>	
Leth	23 rd		<p>kept service in Yucca kept under Chap Capt Hurd. R.C. Parade in village church. Pat Strength 48 off. 102 M60: 480 men on strength of G. Lewis. Day very wet. Park March of inspection by the a G.O.B. Post opened. Parks at Blangy Saw Mills. The following classes held Book keeping English, Book keeping (Shorthand), French Geography.</p>	

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Lez 24 th Brullencourt			<p><u>Batt Strength</u> Batt Strength 48 off 102 N60: 480 men Day very damp Preparation for Xmas. Naval education lectures</p>	
Lez 25 th			<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 48 off. 102 N60: 480 men Weather dull; moist, some snow fell. Xmas dinner including P.K. & M. provided by gifts from the A.C.F. Regt. Fund. Whilst padding supper by A.C.F. 6.30pm Batt off. Dinner in school room. Very good turnout. 45 I present some very good topical verses.</p>	
Lez 26 th			<p><u>Batt Strength</u> 47 off. 102 N60: 476 men 11 strength Lt A.B. Cantwell. 2 men sick 1 man signf. back to Australia 1 man illegal absentee Lt Barrow to school Lt Davidson to Paris on leave.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bonillan court	Dec 16 th		<p>Being Lay. Weather damp. Lay observed as a holiday. Nothing particular of interest.</p>	
Lej	Dec 17 th		<p>Batt Strength 47 off. 102 NCO. 475 men off strength one man to A.A.M.C. Lay damp. Fodens Reinsector at work on bath blankets Education Mechanics, English, Bookkeeping Mathematics, Band, Rope Splicing. also tutorial class "Maths".</p>	
Lej	Dec 18 th		<p>Batt. Strength 47 off. 102 NCO. 475 men Weather still unsettled. Education, Shop hand & mechanics Rope Splicing. Mathematics, Poultry Raising, & Bookkeeping. General lecture on "The Marine Engine". 17 officers to 300 A.G.H. Abberville for a dance. Lena Schwelt's concert party gave a highly interesting concert in the gymcs. Lay of brave Powell.</p>	

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Bullancourt	Dec 29th		<p>Pass Strength. 47 off. 102 M.P. 475 men.</p> <p>Sunday. Going to Padre being on English leave no Church Parade.</p> <p>R. B. Parade in Village church.</p> <p>Weather very wet.</p>	
Leth	Dec 30th		<p>Pass Strength 47 off. 102 M.P. 475 men</p> <p>1 man to Aus Corps Working Corp.</p> <p>Lt Gray had returned from Paris leave.</p> <p>Weather wet.</p> <p>Education: Mechanics English & Beekeeping</p> <p>Mathematics French Rope Splicing</p> <p>Lt Maguire lectured on "Frozen Meat Trade"</p>	<p>A. J. Peterson Co. 99 1st Col in front</p>
Leth	Dec 31st		<p>Pass Strength. 47 off. 102 M.P. 474 men</p> <p>Weather wet. Park Beach cancelled. Education lectures held.</p> <p>Rich of officers + Band by car to Le Preport for dance at No 2 Canadian Hosp. Great preparation for Village Christmas tree.</p> <p>Boys held a reunion dinner of all old Coy officers.</p> <p>Choral Party gave lectures at night in front of Chateau.</p>	<p>A. J. Peterson Co. 99 1st Col in front</p>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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- 3 Special Order of Major General Gellibrand
- 4 Conditions of Battle History
- 5 Copy of Congratulation from Gallant Citizens.

Frank McShaw

A. V. Peterson
39th Battalion

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 284

1:12:13.

by

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

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 2:12:13.
 Orderly Officer : Lt. R. A. Johnston.
 do do Next for Duty : Lt. T. J. Collins.
 do Sergeant: 359 Sgt. J. P. Cossins.
 do do Next for Duty : 2189 Sgt. E. A. Pagels, M.I..
 do Corporal: ~~647~~ ~~Sgt. H. S. Maxwell~~ 587a Cpl. H. J. P. Tyson.
 do do Next for Duty : 1253 Cpl. S. Crosthwaite.
 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. TRAINING: Musketry Range Practice. The Battalion will assemble at
 Brigade Range at 10.00. Dress : Fighting Order less Mess tins.
 Waterproof sheet and 30 rounds S.A.A. will be carried.
 Midday meal will not be carried.

(Sgd) L. L. BRUCKNER, Captain.
 Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

by
Major A. T. Paterson, R.S., Commanding.

DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 3:13:18.
Orderly Officer : Lieut. T. J. Collins.
do do Next for Duty : Lieut. W. J. O'Neil.
do Sergeant: 2189 Sgt. E. A. Pagels, R.S.
do do Next for Duty : 1951 Sgt. F. Moriarty.
do Corporal: 1255 Spl. S. Crosthwaite.
do do Next for Duty : 313 Spl. F. Rathgeber.
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.F.S. at 17.30.

MUSKERY : Results of today's Range Practice were as follows :

<u>Detail No.</u>	<u>Company.</u>	<u>Rifles.</u>	<u>Score.</u>	<u>Average.</u>
8.	B.	15.	198.	13.2
6.	C.	18.	230.	12.8
3.	B.H.Q.	18.	219.	12.2
2.	A.	18.	200.	11.1
1.	A.	18.	189.	11.1
7.	B.	18.	161.	10.
4.	D.	16.	160.	10.
9.	B.	17.	143.	8.4
5.	D.	16.	120.	7.5

3. FITTING OF EQUIPMENT. In order to have uniformity throughout the Battalion, the following points are re-issued in regard to the Fitting of Equipment -

BRACES : In all orders of dress, braces will be crossed at back with brace leading over left shoulder, outside the other.

SUPPORTING STRAPS : In Marching Order, the Supporting Straps are to be crossed above and below steel helmet - the Right Supporting Strap crossing over Left above helmet, and under Left below helmet.

WATERPROOF SHIRTS : To be folded the width of pack, bottom edge touching pack buckles, small side flaps of pack over sheet.

MESS TINS : In cover on top of pack, round side up, bottom outwards, supporting straps to pass through leather loops or through opening in case of a two-buttoned cover.

FILLED PACK : To be worn as high as possible consistent with comfort.

HATS : To be worn tilted to Right side.

BOX RESPIRATOR : Strap to pass over Right shoulder with Respirator on the Left side. Both straps to cross chest and to come under peaks of collar so that collar badges are not hidden.

IDENTITY DISCS : To be suspended round neck.

PAY BOOK : In Right top pocket of tunic.

FIELD DRESSING : In special pocket of tunic.

POCKETS : Pockets of tunics not to be filled with books, etc.

BUCKLE : Buckle of Waist Belt to be in centre of body.

" D " on braces to be about 1 inch below shoulder straps of tunic.

TABS : Tabs on top of pack to be fastened well up to " D " on brace.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 235
by
Major A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

2:12:18.
(Continuation.)

4. TRAINING : 09.00 - 10.00 Physical Training.
At 11.00 the Battalion will assemble on Battalion Parade
Ground. Dress : Fighting Order less steel helmets and box
respirators. Waterproof sheet will be carried under flap
of haversack.
Markers will report to R.S.M. on Battalion Parade Ground
at 10.30. Advance 10.55. Parade States to be handed to
R.S.M. on Parade Ground.

(Sgt) L. L. BROWN, Captain.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

by

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

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1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 5:12:18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. N. J. Rushbrook.
 do do Next for Duty : Lieut. H.N.R. McDonald.
 do Sergeant: 2078 Sgt. I. W. Gardiner.
 do do Next for Duty : 3065 Sgt. A. R. George.
 do Corporal: 622 Cpl. T. D. White.
 do do Next for Duty : 1849 Cpl. R. F. Haslem.
 Company for Duty: B. Coy.. Next for Duty : C. 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 Route March. Battalion will assemble at Church,
 HOCQUINCOURT, at 09.30. Dress : Fighting Order all ranks.
 Lewis Guns will not be carried.
 Three Officers per Company (including O.C.) will attend Route
 March. Remainder will attend Education Lecture at B.H.Q..
3. SICK : Os.C.Companies, Officers & N.C.Os in charge of Details will
PARADE. please ensure that men report punctually at 08.30. Several
 cases of men reporting as late as 09.00 have occurred recently.
4. SALVAGE : The amount of cardboard, paper & jam cartons salvaged is far
 from satisfactory. Os.C.Coys. will take steps to ensure that
 greater efforts in this direction are made.
5. FIRES. : Where stoves or braziers are allowed in billets or huts, they
 must be placed on sheet iron or on a non-inflammable floor,
 such as earth, cement, brick, &c.. Where they are placed on
 sheet iron an air space of at least half an inch must be pro-
 vided between the iron and the floor, and such sheet iron should
 be turned up at its edges to form a fender at least one inch
 deep. (G.R.O.2717, para 11 amended.)

(Sgd) L. L. BRAUCHAMP, Captain.
 Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

LECTURE will be delivered by Lieut. R. CRISP at 10.00 tomorrow
 in Hqrs. Officers' Mess. Subject - "Outlines of Education
 Scheme."

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 288

6:12:18.

by

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

1. DUTIES

: Mounting 09.00 6:12:18.

Orderly Officer : Lieut. H. N. R. McDonald.

do do Next for Duty : Lieut. J. A. Simpson.

do Sergeant: 3065 Sgt. A. H. George.

do do Next for Duty : 1988 Sgt. H. Warland.

do Corporal: 1849 Cpl. R. F. Haslem.

do do Next for Duty : 2784 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. TRAINING

: Physical Training.)

Ceremonial.) Under Company Commanders.

Bathing Parade.)

Baths are allotted as under -

Hqrs. (including T.M.B.) 09.30-10.30 D. Company 10.30-12.00

C. Company : 13.30-14.30 B. " 14.30-15.30

A. " : 15.30-16.00

An Officer must be in charge of each party.

(Sgd) L. L. BEAUCHAMP, Captain.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 290.

7:12:18.

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

DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 8:12:18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. F. J. B. Annear.
 do do Next for Duty : Lieut. A. H. J. O'Dee.
 do Sergeant : 2181 Sgt. C. Loxton.
 do do Next for Duty : 504 Sgt. O. J. Looney.
 do Corporal : 1787 Cpl. W. G. Brereton.
 do do Next for Duty : 2056 a Cpl. T. Cody.
 Company for Duty : A. Coy.. Next for Duty : B. 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.

9.45

CHURCH
PARADE.

Combined Parade at ~~10.30~~ in Y.M.C.A. Tent, HOCQUINCOURT, conducted by Chaplain Rev. G. Hirst. Markers report to R.S.M. in front of B.H.Q. at ~~10.20~~.35. Advance on Markers - ~~10.25~~9.40.
Holy Communion - ~~11.30~~ 10.30.
Short Evening Service in School Hall - 18.30.

R.C. PARADE. Village Church, HOCQUINCOURT, at 11.30, conducted by Chaplain Howse. Fall in at B.H.Q. - 11.20.
 Senior Officer present will march parade to Church - 11.25.

PROMOTIONS : To be Lieutenants -
 2/Lieut. G. ROBINSON, dated 19:11:18.
 2/Lieut. K. McM. DAVIDSON, dated 19:11:18.
 2/Lieut. W. R. POWELL, (M.M.) dated 19:11:18.
 2/Lieut. A. GREENHALGH, dated 29:11:18.
 (Authority A.I.F. List No. 416 dated 3:12:18.)

RESUME OF WORK. During the week Companies furnished Guards in the following order of merit : 1. B. Coy.. 2. A. Coy.. 3. D. Coy.. 4. C. Coy..

INSPECTION BY C.O.. After Church Parade, the C.O. will inspect billets in the following order : B., A., D., C..

(Sgd) L. L. BEAUCHAMP, Captain.
 Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F..

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

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 9:12:18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. A. H. J. O'Dee.
 do do Next for Duty : Lieut. G. Hay..
 do Sergeant : 504 Sgt. O. J. Looney.
 do do Next for Duty : 100 Sgt. H. R. Wicks.
 do Corporal : 2036a Cpl. T. Cody.
 do do Next for Duty : 2422 Cpl. H. J. Bussell.
 Company for Duty : B. Coy.. Next for Duty : C. 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. As per Syllabus. Physical Training & Setting Up Drill.
3. EDUCATION The following Committee has been appointed to draw up a Scheme
SCHEME. for the immediate starting of instructional classes in as many
 subjects as possible -
Educational Officer : 2nd. Lieut. A. R. Cantwell.
Committee :-
 Chaplain Hirst ; Mgrs. - Lieut. F. M. Shaw ;
 A. Coy. - Lieut. G. Hay; B. Coy. - Lieut. Mason ;
 C. Coy. - Lieut. Davidson; D. Coy. - Lt. McKenzie.
4. CLASSES : FRENCH & SHORTHAND.
 Instruction in these subjects will be given in the School Room
 Hocquincourt, tomorrow evening at 19.00.
5. War Records Competition. Divisional
 attention is again drawn to the following competition -
 Essays on Incidents of Interest.
 Facts are required and not literary style particularly.
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|--|------------|------|----------|
| 1. Description of a Company Operation : | 1st. Prize | L10, | 2nd. L5. |
| 2. Description of a Platoon Operation : | " " | L5 | " L2. |
| 3. Description of a Section or Lewis
Gun Team Operation : | " " | L5. | " L1. |
| 4. Description of a typical day in the
Life of any individual of any Unit
of this Division. : | " " | L2. | " L1. |
- Conditions :
 Open to all ranks, collaboration is permitted
 in order to ensure completeness of detail.
 Intending competitors can obtain detailed conditions on applic-
 ation to Company Offices. Competition closes on 31:12:1918.
 Completed Essays should be addressed to General Staff, 3rd.
 Australian Division, A.I.F., France.

(Sgt) L. L. BRANCHAMP, Captain's
 Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

by

T/Lieut-Col. A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 08.50 11:13:18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. N. E. Hesse.
 do do Next for Duty : Lieut. G. Robinson.
 Company for Duty: D. Coy.. Next for Duty : A. Coy..

Ref. B.C.83 para 1.

B. C. C. must be a Sergeant.

Loading parties must be men who are not capable of marching.

2. Special Sick Parade.

Special Sick Parade will be at 07.00.

Ambulance will collect Sick for hospital from Battalions as usual, but before 10.00.

3. Move to New Area.

Distribution of Mtrs. for lunch and evening meal tomorrow will be -

A. Coy. Cooker : A.M.C., Pioneers, Scouts & Observers.

B. " " : Mtrs.M.C.Os, Sanitary & Police, Transport.

C. " " : Sigs., Runners, Band, L.P.M.B..

D. " " : Battalion Orderly Room.

Midday meal will be carried on the man.

States - Usual States to be rendered to this Office at usual hour.

4. Discharge in England.

The following procedure must be adopted in submitting applications for discharge in ENGLAND.

(a) A guarantee of employment upon discharge (address of employer to be stated) or proof that applicant is in a position to maintain himself.

(b) If married in England, name and address of wife.

(c) Dependents, if any, in Australia, and proof of their willingness for discharge in England.

(d) Domicile was outside of Australia prior to the war, and that it would be necessary for applicant to return to the United Kingdom after discharge in Australia.

(e) Signify willingness to release Commonwealth from any obligation to repatriate at any future date.

(f) In cases where it will be necessary for enquiries to be made in Australia through the Defence Department, a statement to the effect that applicant is willing to defray cost of cables is required.

5. EDUCATION : - Nil. -

(Sgd) L. L. DRUGHAN, Captain,
 Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F..

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 204

11:12:18.

by
T/Lieut-Col. A. T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

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1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 12:12:18.
Orderly Officer : Lieut. G. Robinson.
do do Next for Duty : Lieut. W. R. Powell.
do Sergeant: To be detailed by A. Company.
do Corporal: " " " " "
Company for Duty: A. Company. Next for Duty : B. Company.
Guard will mount at a time to be notified later.
 2. TRAINING: Companies at disposal of Company Commanders.
 3. FIRE : Fire Orders to be posted up as in previous area.
 4. ROUTINE: Usual Routine will be observed as in previous area as regards leave, duties, hours of meals, training, etc..
Boundaries of area may be seen at this Office.
 5. PAY : Pay will be available at Mpt. tomorrow afternoon.
 6. EDUCATION - Details will be issued later.

(Sgd) L. L. BRASCHAF, Captain.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion, A.I.F..

by
T/Lieut-Col. A. T. Paterson, M.C., Commanding.

DUTIES

: Mounting 08.00 13:13:18.
Orderly Officer : Lieut. W. R. Powell.
do do Next for Duty : 2nd. Lieut. E. A. Painter.
do Sergeant: 843 1/Sgt. W. M. Coghlan, M.C..
do do Next for Duty : To be supplied by C. Company.
do Corporal: 622 Cpl. T. D. White, M.C..
do do Next for Duty : To be supplied by C. Company.
Duty Company : B. Coy.. Next for Duty : C. Coy..
Quartermaster will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 08.00 - unex-
pended portion of rations to be carried.

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TRAINING

: Demobilization Forms to be filled in.

BOOTS

: Any men in need of boot repairs must be sent to Q.M. Store immedi-
ately.

DISCIPLINE

: The indiscriminate discharge of firearms without necessity con-
stitutes a grave public danger. All ranks are forbidden to
discharge firearms otherwise than in the course of military
duty. Any person disobeying this order will be tried by
Court-Martial.

DISTRICT OF
DISCHARGE.

The Department of Defense advises that, if they so desire, men
who enlisted in one Military District but whose homes ~~are~~ or
relatives are resident in another, may when returned to Austral-
ia, be disembarked and discharged in the Military District in
which their homes are situated or in which their relatives live.
This will be done on the understanding that the Defense Depart-
ment is not liable for the expense of the transfer of the men
later on to the district in which they enlisted.

MEDICAL
BOARD.

The following personnel are to report to the R.M.S. outside the
Y.M.C.A. Hut (Q.M. Store) at 08.00 tomorrow in order to appear
before a Medical Board sitting at 19th. Field Ambulance -

273 R.S. M. Brough	W.N. -	Mgrs.	4026 Pte. Follott	C. -	B. Coy
2730 Pte. Body	W.N. -	"	4371 " Morgan	W.L. -	"
6862 " Harris	M.W. -	A. Coy.	2381 " Tacker	E.H. -	"
1377 " Parkinson	A.C. D.	"	2370 " Hockings	R. -	"
3078 " Hara	M.W. -	B. "	3074 Sig. Hallis	V. -	"
5615 " Allen	F. -	D. "	2342 Pte. Johnson	T. -	"
703 Cpl. Criverton	C. -	C.M.	1261 " Loosren	A.H. -	"

INSPECTION.

Lieut. Cantwell will visit Companies in the following order
starting with B. Coy at 08.30, C., D., A., in connection with
Demobilization Forms which are to be filled in tomorrow.

(Sgd) L. L. BRADSHAW, Captain.
Adjutant: 19th. Battalion, A.I.F..

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39th BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No 296.

13.12.18.

By

T/Lieut Col A.T/PATERSON M.C. Commanding.

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DUTIES Mounting 0900 14.12.18.

Orderly Officer 2Lieut E.A.Painter

" " Next for duty Lieut O.R.Brown.

" Sgt 1266 Sgt W.Riseley

" " Next for duty 2100 Sgt M.Malone

" Cpl 2222 Cpl A.R.Boyd

" " Next for Duty 1726 Cpl U.E.Tyers M.M.

Duty Coy 'C' Coy Next for Duty 'D' Coy.

Guard will mount with duties at 0900 to-morrow morning. Unexpired portion of Days rations to be carried.

TRAINING Continuation of filling of Demobilisation forms.

EDUCATION A Class in Elem Mechanics will commence to-morrow (Saturday) evening in the above subject in the Boy's School Room at 1830 Lecturer Capt W.L.ALLEN.

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

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13th. Battalion Routine Order No. 297

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by
T/Lieut-Col. A.T. Paterson, M.C., Commanding

DUTIES

: Mounting 09.00 13:18:18.

Orderly Officer : Lieut. O.R. Brown,

" " Next for Duty Lieut. McK. Davidson.

" Sergeant : 2119 Sgt. M. Malone,

" " Next for Duty 3231 Sgt. Grant J.S.

" Corporal : 2222 Cpl. A.F. Boyd,

" " Next for Duty Cpl. Noonan W.J. 197

Duty Coy "D" Coy. Next for Duty "A" Coy.

Guard will mount with Duties to-morrow morning at 09.00.

Unexpired portion of rations to be carried.

Guard dismounting at 18.00 daily will not be required to re-mount the following morning.

TRAINING

: Training for week-ending Dec. 2nd. will be as per syllabus issued for week-ending Dec. 15th., except that Coy. Route March will be substituted for Musketry Range Practice. In selecting Coy. parade grounds, location of which will be sent to R.R.C. not later than 13.00 to-morrow, O.C.'s will ensure that site selected is one which is not at present being used for agricultural purposes.

ROUTINE

: The following changes in Meal Times will take place commencing to-morrow :-

DINNER	13.30
TEA	16.30

CHURCH
PARADES: Combined Parade will be held in Chateau Grounds at 10.00

Markers report to R.S.M. at 09.45. Advance 09.55 .

Holy Communion will be held at 11.00.

Evening Service in School Room at 18.45.

R.S. Parade. Mass will be celebrated in Village Church at 09.00

P.T.O.

30th Battalion Routine Order (Continued)

3. BILLETING RETURNS : Billeting Returns will be rendered to reach this Office by 12.00 to-morrow.

(Sgt) L.L. BEAUCHAMP, Captain
Adjutant : 30th Battalion A.I.

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30th Battalion A.I.F. Order No. 200. 15-11-14.

V/Lt Colonel A.C. Patterson, R.E., Commanding

: Standing 08.30 15-11-14.
 : orderly officer : Lieut Col. Davidson.
 : " " : Lieut Col. Duty : Lieut A. Greenhalgh.
 : " Sergeant : 2011 Sgt. J.F. Grant.
 : " " : Lieut Col. Duty : 2011 Sgt. W.J. Lane.
 : " Corporal : 177 Cpl. W.J. Brown.
 : " " : Lieut Col. Duty : 2011 Cpl. J.F. Doyle.
 : Lieut Coy " " Coy. : Lieut Col. Duty " " Coy.

Order will march with Pikes to-norrow morning at 06.30
inspected portion of Battalion to be carried.

TRAINING : Training for to-norrow :- 08.00 - 08.30 Physical Training
 08.30 - 10.30 Setting-up trail.

ATTACHED : 4 per 22000.

(Sgt) L.E. ... Captain.
 Adjutant: 30th Battalion A.I.F.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 299. 16-12-'18

by
T/Lieut. Colonel A.T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 17-12-'18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. A. Greenhalgh.
 " " Next for Duty : Lieut J.C. Anderson.
 " Sergeant : 914 Sgt. W.J. Hume.
 " " Next for Duty : 2709 Sgt. G.E. Westley.
 " Corporal : 881 Cpl. W.F. Foyle.
 " " Next for Duty : 434 Cpl. A.H. Watson.
 Duty Coy. "B" Coy. Next for Duty "C" Coy.
 Guard will mount with duties to-morrow morning at 09.00.
 Unexpired portion of Rations to be carried.
2. TRAINING : Filling up of Demobilisation Forms.
3. EDUCATION: As per Syllabus.

(Sgd) L.L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.
Adjutant: 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

will be broken in immediately and the Staff printed respectively in the 39th Battalion War Diary at the 39th Battalion War Office

39th Battalion War Office (39th Bn)

39th. Battalion Routine Order No. 300. 17-12-18.

by

T/Lieut Colonel A.F. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

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1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 18-12-18.
Orderly Officer : Lieut J.C. Anderson.
" " Next for Duty : Lieut C.W.H. Chonhall.
" Sergeant : 2709 Sgt. G.E. Westley.
" " Next for Duty : 3253 Sgt. F.A.K. Voight.
" Corporal : 434 Cpl. A.H. Watson.
" " Next for Duty : 2874 L/Cpl F.C. Pearce.
Duty Coy. "C" Coy. Next for Duty "D" Coy.
Guard will mount with duties to-morrow morning at 09.00.
Unexpired portion of Rations to be carried.
2. TRAINING : Continuance of filling in of Demobilisation Forms.
(A certificate is to be rendered to this Office by all Coys. &
Details on completion of the above).
3. BATHS : Baths are available at BLANGY SAW MILLS; the allotment for to-
morrow will be "D" Coy. to be at Baths by 09.00 sharp.
"A" Coy. by 10.30. Dress - Fatigue Dress.
Clean clothing is not available. Men must take their own soap &
towels. Sufficient Officers must be in charge to supervise Baths
etc., as they have been lent to this Battalion by Major Miles, C.O
of the Saw Mills. Officer-in-charge of party will report to
Major Miles on arrival.
4. EDUCATION : As per Syllabus.

(Sgd) L.L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.
Adjutant: 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

39TH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 302 (Cont)

18/12/18.

NOTICES : DEBATE. A debate on the question "Is a League of Nations desirable" will be held in the school room on Monday next 23rd; instant at 06. Anyone desiring to take part in the debate will see Pte Mitchell with regard to it, at the R.A.E.

FOOTBALL MATCH."C" Coy. & Band versus "B" Coy.

The above football match will be played tomorrow on the Battalion Football Ground.

Present
or
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Recommend

Date of Recommendation

V. W. L. 18/12/18

by
T/Lieut. Colonel A.T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

DUTIES

: Mounting 09.00 20-12-18.

Orderly Officer	:	Lieut. T.J. Holmes.
"	"	Next for Duty : Lieut. R.A. Johnston.
" Sergeant	:	224 Sgt. R.H. Simons.
"	"	Next for Duty : 393 Sgt. H.A. Armfield.
" Corporal	:	6111 Cpl. W.J. Noonan.
"	"	Next for Duty : 6111 Cpl. J.A. Weir.

Duty Coy. "A" Coy. Next for Duty "B" Coy.
Guard will mount with Duties to-morrow morning at 09.00.

Unexpired portion of rations to be carried.

2. TRAINING : As per Syllabus.

3. PROMOTIONS

3065 T/Sgt George A.R.	to be Sergeant as from 12/10/18.
2422 T/Cpl Bussell J.	" Corporal " "
439 T/Cpl Watson A.H.	" " " "
1627 T/Sgt Dunstan J.H.C.	" Sergeant " "
2222 T/Cpl Boyd A.E.	" Corporal " "
3068 T/Cpl Giles A.F.	" " " "
6596 T/Cpl Spruzen C.	" " " "

(Authority - D.A.G.A.I.F. & 3 R.A. 9984/12/2.)

4. BATHS

: Baths are available at BLANGY SAW MILLS; the allotment for to-morrow will be "C" Coy. to be at Baths by 09.00 sharp. "B" Coy. by 10.30. Dress - Fatigue Dress. Clean clothing is not available. Men must take their own soap & towels. Sufficient Officers must be in charge to supervise Baths etc., as they have been lent to this Battalion by Major Miles C.O. Saw Mills. Officer-in-Charge will report to Major Miles on arrival.

5. TRANSFERS

: 2nd. Lieut Cantwell A.F. - Transferred to General List & posted to 39th. Battalion for Duty (Education Service). Dated 3rd. October '18. (Authority A.I.F. List No 921 13/12/18.)

6. FIRE ORDERS

: On inspection to-day Fire Orders were not posted on many of the billets. These must be posted up immediately in conspicuous places copies of which have been issued to all Companies. Where it is necessary for a number of copies to be exposed owing to scattered billets, they must be made out by the Companies concerned.

7. REPATRIATION.

: Undergraduates who are desirous of taking up an interrupted course at their University in Australia at the beginning of the Academic Year in March 1919 should apply to this Office at once for early repatriation on these grounds. Applicants should embody full particulars in a letter of Application without delay, addressed to the C.O., giving as much evidence as possible of a bona-fide case. The reservation as to whether an applicant is considered Militarily indispensable is left to the C.O.

8. EDUCATION

10.30 - 11.30	Poultry Farming.
11.30 - 12.30	English.
18.45 - 20.00	Mathmetics.

There will be a meeting of all Officers of this Battalion at B.H.Q. Officers Mess at 12.15 to-morrow 20th. inst.

(Sgd) L.L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

NOTICES.

The Historical Records Committee will meet at 10.00 to-morrow 20th. inst. in B.H.Q. Officers. Mess.

FOOTBALL MATCH N.C.O.'s versus MEN.

The above football match will be played on the Battalion football ground to-morrow.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
WATER DIVISION

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will be prepared in accordance with the Staff Manual...
Duties to be performed in accordance with the Staff Manual...
Duties to be performed in accordance with the Staff Manual...

but should refer to...
Duties to be performed in accordance with the Staff Manual...

(Printed) All Messages...
D. E. & J. L. ...

R DIARY

WEEKLY SUMMARY

(not to be written)

Number of Events and Information

39th. Battalion Routine Order No 304

21-12-18

by

Lieut Colonel A.T. Peterson, C., Commanding.

1. DUTY

Mounting 08.00 21-1-18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut T.J. Collins.
 " " Next for Duty : Lieut H.J. Walker.
 " Sergeant : 355 Sgt. T. Cassins.
 " " Next for Duty : 1512 Sgt. V.P. Haines DSM.
 " Corporal : 3350 L/Cpl Broadhurst.
 " " Next for Duty : 3364 L/Cpl G.E. Potter.

Coy for Duty "C" Coy Next for Duty "B" Coy.
 Guard will mount with duties to-morrow morning at 08.00.

2. CHURCH PARADE

: Combined Parade will be held in Y.M.C.A. Tent at 10.00 tomorrow.
 Markers to report to R.S.M. at tent at 08.50 - Advance 09.55.
R.C. Parade Mass will be celebrated in Village Church at 09.00.
 The R.C. Chaplain will hold Devotions, Confessions and Holy Communion in Village Chapel, BOULL-SICOURT at 11.30.

3. PROMOTIONS

: No 1374 T/Sgt Potter W.J. to be Sergeant.

4. BILLETING RETURNS.

: Billeting Returns will be rendered to reach this Office by 12.00 to-morrow (Sunday)

(Sgt) L.L. BRADSHAW Captain.
 Adjutant 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

FOOTBALL

A football match will be played to-morrow afternoon commencing at 11.30 sharp, between teams picked from H.C.O's and I.S.M. of the Battalion. MARKERS:- Lieut G.R. Brown.
 Men's Team will play in guernseys & H.C.O's in Cardigan Jackets.

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by

T/Lieut Colonel A.F. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

DUTIES

:Mounting 09.00 23/12/18.

Orderly Officer : Lieut. N. J. Rushbrook.

" " Next for Duty : Lieut. F. J. B. Amear.

" Sergeant : 1951 Sgt. F. Moriarty.

" " Next for Duty : 213 Cpl. F. Rathgeber.

Coy. for Duty "A" Coy. Next for Duty "B" Coy.

Guard will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 09.00

Duty Company will supply Town Picquet to Blangy, consisting of

1 Officer, 1 Sgt. and 11 men, to mount at B.H.Q. at 16.15.

Officer in Charge will report to Adjutant for instructions before moving off. Picquet will be exempt from duty the following morning.

: Baths are available at BLANGY SAW MILLS; the allotment for tomorrow is as follows:-

"A" Coy to be at Baths by 09.00 sharp.

"B" Coy " " 10.30

"C" Coy " " 14.00

"D" Coy " " 15.30

Clean clothing is not available. Men must take their own soap & towels. Sufficient Officers must be in charge to supervise Baths etc., as they have been lent to this Battalion by Major Miles C.O. of the Saw mills. Officers-in-charge of parties will report to Major Miles on arrival.

: A Court of Enquiry will assemble at "C" Coy's Headquarters tomorrow 24th. instant at 14.00 to enquire into and record a finding on the Illegal absence of No. 6113 Pte. HUDLESTON F.

President - Captain W. L. Allen

Members - 1 Officer to be supplied by "C" Coy.
1 " " " " "D" Coy.

O.C. "A" Coy. will take steps to warn all necessary witnesses.

: R.C. Church Services. Masses will be said in Village Church at 08.30 and 10.30 on Christmas Day.

The attention of all Members of the A.I.F. is drawn to the fact that Amendment of the Commonwealth Defence Act was assented to on 19th. June 1918, proving that in lieu of the arrangement that the period of Service lasts for "the duration of war and four months after" the Governor-General may declare by proclamation that the forces "may be maintained after the time of war and ~~four months after~~ so long that the proclamation remains in force". The effect of the amendment is that any person now serving in the A.I.F. has no claim or right to discharge under the terms of his original enlistment. The intention of the amendment is entirely favorable to the members of the A.I.F. since it empowers the Commonwealth Government to pay, feed, and clothe them as soldiers until such time as Repatriation is completed.

6. EDUCATION

: Educational Training for tomorrow is as follows irrespective of baths :-

10.30 - 11.30 Book-keeping Y.M.C.A. Hut

English " "

Bee-keeping "A" Coy. H'Qrs.

11.30 - 12.30 Shorthand Y.M.C.A. Hut

French " "

Geography "A" Coy. H'Qrs.

Lecture in Y.M.C.A. Tent.

(Sgd) L. L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.

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

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3. BATHS

3. COURT OF ENQUIRY (ILLEGAL ABSENTEE)

4. CHURCH SERVICES

5. REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION

6. EDUCATION

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30th. Battalion Routine Order No 307 25/12/18.

by
1/Lieut. Colonel A.E. Paterson, C., Commanding.

WAR DIARY
of
30th BATTALION
INFANTRY
A.I.F.
DAILY SUMMARY

Summary of Events and Information

1. Mounting at 07.00 25/12/18.
 * Officer : Lieut. F.J.S. Anwar.
 " " Next for duty : Lieut. A.J.M. O'Keefe.
 " Sergeant : 204 Sgt. H.J. Cliff.
 " " Next for duty : 408 Sgt. A. Scott.
 " Corporal : 247 Cpl. H.C. Maxwell.
 " " Next for duty : 1112 Cpl. A. Bell.
 Coy. for duty "B" Coy. Next for duty "C" Coy.
 "A" Coy. will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 08.00
 Duty Company will supply Town Plaque for BLANCY, consisting of
 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, and 11 men, mounting at 5.30. at 10.15.
 Officer in Charge will report to Adjutant for instructions
 before moving off. Plaque will be exempt from duty the
 following morning.

1. CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS
1. PROMOTION
1. MENTION

: Tomorrow will be observed as a holiday.
 : To be Lieutenant :- 2/Lieut. A.R. Cantrell 19/11/18.
 (Authority) A.I.F. Order 422 25/12/18.
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(Sgd) J.L. MURPHY Captain.
 Adjutant : 30th. Battalion A.I.F.

NOTICE
 HISTORY OF BATTALION COMPETITION. Reminding that news should be
 handed in by intending competitors by 15th Dec., and that every
 facility will be given to place information in the hands of
 intending competitors.

Appendices
references to
documents and

Army Form G 2112

39th. Battalion Routine Order No 308. 25/12/18.

by
T/Lieut. Colonel A.T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. DUTIES : Mounting 09.00 26/12/18.

Orderly Officer	: Lieut. A.J.H. O'Dee.
"	Next for Duty : Lieut. N.H. Boase.
" Sergeant	: 409 Sgt. A. Scott.
"	Next for Duty : 2189 Sgt. E.A. Pagels.
" Corporal	: 1115 Cpl. A. Bell.
"	Next for Duty : 2388 Cpl. R.J. Worthington.

Coy for Duty "C" Coy. Next for Duty "D" Coy.
 Guard will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 09.00.
 Duty Company will supply Town Picquet for BLANGY, consisting of
 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant and 11 Men, mounting at B.H.Q. at 16.15.
 Officer in Charge of Picquet will report to Adjutant for instructions before moving off. Picquet will be exempt from Duty the following morning.

2. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS : Tomorrow will be observed as a holiday.

3. EDUCATION : N I L

(Sgd) L.L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.
Adjutant : 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

Instructions regarding Mt. Picquet and Picquet will be included in tomorrow's morning orders. The Staff Mess will be closed on 26/12/18. The Mess will be closed on 26/12/18. The Mess will be closed on 26/12/18.

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38th. inst. 27/12/18

by Lieut. Colonel A.T. Paterson, MC., Commanding.

1. DUTY

Date	Mounting at 08.00 27/12/18.
Officer	: Lieut. N.H. Pease.
"	Next for Duty : Lieut. G. Robinson.
Sergeant	: 2189 Sgt. E.A. Pagels.
"	Next for Duty : 2181 Sgt. C. Dexton.
Corporal	: 3388 Cpl. R.J. Worthington.
Coy. for Duty "D"	Next for Duty "A" Coy.

2. TRAINING

Guard will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 08.00. Duty company will supply usual Town Picquet for BL MGY mounting at B.H.Q. at 10.15. Officer in Charge of Picquet will report to Adjutant for instructions before moving off. Picquet will be exempt from duty the following morning.

3. PODEN DISINFECTOR

: As per Syllabus of 23rd. instant.

: The Poden Disinfector will visit the Companies tomorrow at the following times to disinfect all blankets :-

- "A" Coy. = 09.00
- "B" " = 10.30
- "C" " = 12.00
- "H' Qrs" = 13.00
- "E" " = 14.30

O.C.'s Companies will have the blankets stacked at a place where the Lorry can be brought to them.

4. EDUCATION

10.30 - 11.30 Mechanics & English in Y.M.C.A. Hut.
 Bee-keeping " "A" Coy. H' Qrs.
 11.30 - 12.30 Mathematics & French " Y.M.C.A. Hut.
 Rope Splicing " "A" Coy. H' Qrs.
 12.00 - 30.00 Tutorial Class - "Wealth"

(Sgt) L.L.E. UCHAMP Captain.
 Adjutant : 36th. Battalion A.I.F.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
 OR
 WAR DIARY

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summary to be prepared in manuscript. All the pages and the Staff Manual respectively.

Summary of Events and Intelligence

(Please heading not advisory.)

Mr. W. H. ...
 D. D. & L. ...
 21st Sep 23

Battalion Routine Order No 310

27/12/18.

by

T/Lieut Colonel A.T. Paterson, C., Commanding.

Mounting 09.00, 28/12/18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. G. Robinson.
 " " Next for Duty : Lieut. Powell W.S. (MB)
 " Sergeant : 2181 Sgt. C. Loxton.
 " " Next for Duty : 804 Sgt. E.R. Davies.
 " Corporal : 194 Cpl. A.A. Newman.
 " " Next for Duty : 460 Cpl. S.L. Gordon.
 Coy. for duty "A" Coy. Next for Duty "B" Coy.

Guard will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 09.00.
 Duty Company will supply usual Town Picquet for BLANGY mounting at R.S.M. at 18.15. Officer in Charge of Picquet will report to Adjutant for instructions before moving off. Picquet will be exempt from duty the following morning.

As per Syllabus.
 10.30 - 11.30 Shorthand & Mechanics in Y.M.C.A. Hut.
 Rope Splicing " "A" Coy. N'Grs.
 11.30 - 12.30 Mathematics & Poultry Farming in Y.M.C.A. Hut.
 Beekeeping " "A" Coy N'Grs.
 11.00 - Lecture in Y.M.C.A. Tent "The Marine Engine"
 by Lieut. D. McKenzie.

(Sgd) L.L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.
 Adjutant: 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

NOTICES

A CONCERT will be given in the Y.M.C.A. Hut: ^{TOMORROW} Saturday night by the "Lena Ashwell" Concert Party, commencing at 18.00.

39th. Battalion Routine Order No 311

28/12/18.

by

T/Lieut Colonel A.T. Paterson, MC., Commanding

1. DUTY Mounting 09.00 29/12/18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. G. Robinson. *W R Powell*
 " " Next for Duty : Lieut. W.R. Powell; MB.
 " Sergeant : 804 Sgt. E.R. Davies. *O R Brown*
 " " Next for Duty : 3068 Sgt. A.R. George.
 " Corporal : 460 Cpl. S.L. Gordon.
 " " Next for Duty : 2222 Copri. A.E. Boyd.
 Coy. for Duty "B" Coy. Next for Duty "C" Coy.

Guard will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 09.00.

2. PICQUET : Commencing with the 28th. instant the BLANGY picquet will be discontinued.
 3. CHURCH PARADES : Combined Parade will be held in Y.M.C.A. Tent tomorrow at 10.00. Markers to report to R.S.M. at Tent at 09.50 - Advance 09.55.
R.C. Parades. Mass will be celebrated in Village Church at 09.00.
 4. EDUCATION : N I L.

(Sgd) L.L. BEAUCHAMP Captain.
 Adjutant : 39th. Battalion A.I.F.

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39th Battalion Routine Order No 313 30/12/18.

by Lieut. Colonel A.T. Paterson, C., Commanding.

WAR DIARY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

- 1. DUTY
- 2. TRAINING
- 3. BRIGADE INSPECTION
- 4. EDUCATION

Counting 09.00 31/12/18.
 Orderly Officer : Lieut. G. Hay.
 " " Next for Duty : Lieut. F. K. Mitchell.
 " Sergeant : 3253 Sgt. F. A. E. Voight.
 " " Next for Duty : 224 Sgt. R. H. Simmons.
 " Corporal : 1726 Cpl. J. M. Tyers, M.I.
 " " Next for Duty : 1787 Cpl. W. G. Brereton.
 Coy. for Duty "D" Coy. Next for Duty "A" Coy.
 Guard will mount with duties tomorrow morning at 09.00.
 Battalion Route March via HILFRAY & TILLOX, STARTING POINT - Road junction about 200 yards North of R.H.Q. Officer's Mess, i.e. where roads from DUBENHARD & "A" Coys. Billets meet the BOULLAN COURT - HILFRAY RD. TIME - 09.30; ORDER OF MARCH - "H" Coys, "A", "B", "C" & "D" Companies. DRESS. Fighting Order less ammunition. Steel helmets, and Box Respirators. PARADE STAFFS to be handed to R.S.M. at Starting Point at 09.20.
 It is proposed to hold a parade for the Brigade about 6th. Jan. 1919 when H.R.H. The Prince of Wales will present medals awarded to members of the Brigade. Full details are not to hand but troops will form 3 sides of a square with recipients in the centre of the square. In preparation for this parade, attention should be paid to ceremonial and to cleaning of uniforms and equipment.
 19.00-20.00 Discussion "BOLSHEVISM", in School Hall.

(Sgd) A. L. BRADSHAW Captain.
Adjutant, 39th Battalion A.I.F.

Form C. 5118

Abstractions of sentences to Remarks and

Appendix 2

Sports Syllabus for fortnight commencing 29th. December 1918

Date	Afternoon	Evening
4. Dec	Football Match (Inter company) Cross Country Run (2 Miles) Vacant	Bridge Tournament " "
5. Jan	Cricket Match (Officers v Bn) Football Match (to be arranged) Cross Country Run (4 Miles) To be arranged Football Match Inter Platoon Contest Inter Company Contest Cricket Match Vacant Cross Country Run (3 Miles) Football Match	Fancy Dress Ball Euchre Tournament Battalion Concert Novelty Night Euchre Tournament Parrotts (If can be arranged) Novelty Night.

(Sgt) A. J. Paterson T/Lieut Col.
Commanding 38th. Battalion A.I.F.

THE DEPARTMENT.

The Repatriation Department undertakes to provide each soldier applying for employment with the opportunity of earning at least a living wage, and until the opportunity is forthcoming, to pay to applicants such amounts as will ensure them incomes ranging from 42/- to 66/- weekly, according to circumstances. When employment involving travelling is obtained through the Department, the removal expenses of the soldier and his family and their household effects may be paid. The Department will also provide tools and personal equipment necessary to follow his trade.

FOR THOSE ILL.

Sufferers from illness or injury due to, or aggravated by military service, are given free medical treatment in their own homes or in hospitals, or special institutions, for so long as treatment may be necessary. Artificial limbs and surgical appliances will be repaired and replaced free and often as necessary. During the period of medical treatment and convalescence, soldiers and their dependents are entitled to sustenance. Fares to and from hospital and travelling expenses are also paid. Those who are unable through disability resultant upon service to pursue their usual avocations will be trained in other occupations to which the disability is no bar. During the period of training soldiers are guaranteed incomes ranging from 42/- to 66/- weekly, together with a travelling allowance of 3/- if they are in training classes; or a minimum wage of the industry in which they are undergoing training if such training is being effected in industrial establishments. Apprentices are guaranteed the adult minimum wage in the trade to which they are apprenticed the moment they resume indentures. Those so disabled as to prevent their return to normal efficiency are guaranteed a living wage, and are provided with opportunities to earn at least part of such wage in employments suited to their temperament and capacity.

COMMUNITY SETTLEMENTS.

The industries in which they are engaged are to be conducted in community settlements formed in each State.

In these settlements there will be national workshops and homes for workers and convalescents, schools, and other social accessories.

Men with the inclination, aptitude and physical capacity for engaging in farming pursuits will be financially assisted on easy, liberal terms to take up land and to acquire the stock and

who prior to enlistment were dependent on businesses which they owned and conducted, will be advanced money to purchase business plant, stock, and live stock, to enable them to establish or re-establish themselves. The necessary fares and freights to their place of business will be paid.

Free passages from the Commonwealth may, on certain conditions, be granted to incapacitated soldiers, their wives and children, and to the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, and the wives and children of soldiers married abroad, and to fiancées of soldiers and Australians who have served in the present war in the military and naval forces in any part of the King's dominions.

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

Widows and children have been subjects of Senator Millen's special care. Widows with children are entitled to gifts of furniture to enable them to re-establish their homes, and to augment their means of livelihood money will be advanced to them to assist in the purchasing of businesses, plant, stock, and live-stock, and their pensions will be supplemented and fees paid where widows with or without children decide to undergo training in any calling. They may also be granted rental allowances, or such other assistance as the Minister thinks proper. The provisions for rental allowances, as also for gifts of furniture, apply equally to totally incapacitated men.

Soldiers not incapacitated will be loaned money to purchase furniture and establish homes.

Towards the care and education of orphans of deceased soldiers and the children of incapacitated soldiers the Minister is empowered to pay such amounts as he deems fit.

The scheme also provides for advances to relieve the burden of oppressive mortgages effected prior to the soldier's enlistment, and for grants towards the funeral expenses of soldiers in indigent circumstances.

THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF THE FALLEN.

Parents have not been forgotten. Mothers and fathers who were dependent on their soldier sons will be assisted.

To carry out this liberal and statesmanlike scheme, Senator Millen is organising local committees from one end of Australia to the other. Wherever the soldier finds himself on his return, he will be in touch with willing workers anxious to repay some measure of the debt they owe.

Within the next few weeks the Minister hopes to place in the hands of every Australian soldier abroad a personal letter explaining the aims and objects of his department.

PLANS FOR DEMOBOLISATION.

Reprinted from the "British Australasian" dated November 21st, 1918.

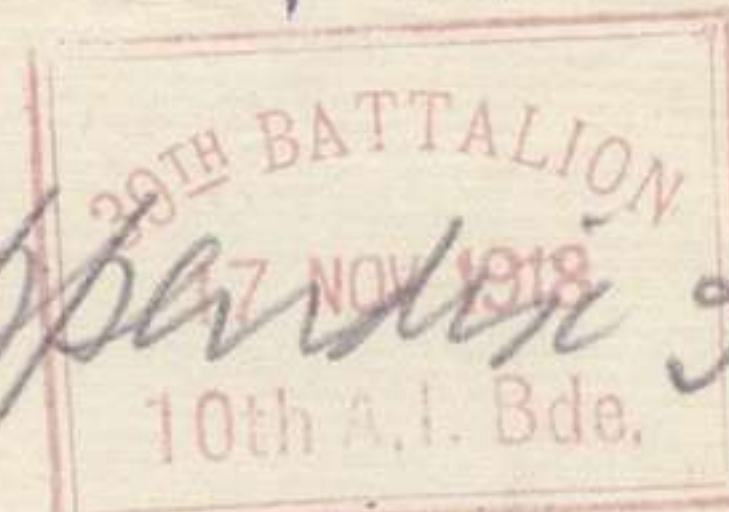
Senator Pearce, Minister for Defence, states that the Government is in communication with the Imperial Government and other Dominions and the military authorities regarding the return of Australian Forces. The Cabinet has requested Mr. Hughes to take up the question of speedy demobilisation with the administrative and military authorities in London, who will take his directions on the main principles. Consultations are proceeding on questions relating to employment for those awaiting embarkation, and a scheme for university education.

The troops will return as units under their own officers. The Battalions, regiments and batteries will be divided into halves, the first-coming half containing as many men as possible meriting preferential treatment according to the priority list, as follows:—

Firstly, married soldiers, with preference according to the number of their children, length of service, and guaranteed employment in Australia; secondly, single soldiers of long service, with guaranteed employment; thirdly, other single men according to length of service.—COMMONWEALTH CABLE.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.SPECIAL ORDER.

Owing to the organization of the Army of Occupation having been fixed at four Divisions for each Corps, it has been necessary to detail the last-formed - the Third Division - to remain in FRANCE when the Australian Corps moves forward.

Though I still hope that the whole of the Australian Corps will be employed on enemy soil, I expect that our part will be restricted to furnishing one Guard Company and Band for Corps Headquarters, the personnel being formed by representatives from each original unit of the Third Division.

I do not doubt that this decision will be a bitter disappointment to all ranks of the Division. During the past two years we have fought, suffered, endured, and yet have to forego the satisfaction of standing as conquerors on German soil. There is this compensation left us:- the opportunity of showing that no matter how hard or unwelcome the task, the more thoroughly and cheerfully will we make good our claim to rank equal to the best. We remain in FRANCE, but it will be as representing the A.I.F., and it will be by our discipline that we can add to the reputation of the whole.

AUSTRALIA has paid full price for her share of the victory and for fighting to a finish wherever we have been engaged. It is for us who survive and who remember to see to it that, one and all, we remain worthy of our fallen comrades to the very end.

Whether we go or whether we stay, I have answered for it that the Third Division will be "in the line" where wanted.

J. Gellibrand

Major-General,
Commanding Third Australian Division.

16th. Nov., 1918.

THIS ORDER IS TO BE READ OUT ON PARADE.

HISTORY OF THE BATTALION.

Appendix

In order to obtain a correct and popular history of the Battalion from the time of its formation to the time of cessation of hostilities, it has been decided to invite all ranks to compete in an Essay Competition. To facilitate the writing of Essays it has been decided to divide the period into 3 parts :

1. From formation to time of arrival in France.
2. Arrival in France to end of October 1917.
3. From Nov. 1st. 1917 to cessation of hostilities - Nov. 11th. 1918. .

A Prize of L4. 4s. will be given to the successful competitor in each period, whilst prizes of L2. 2s. will be given for each of the following -

1. Best collection of humorous incidents.
2. Best narrative of any particular battle.
3. Best collection of photographs.
4. Best collection of sketches

Conditions of Competition.

1. Number of words unlimited .
2. Competition open to all ranks of Battalion.
3. All Essays become property of Battalion, the Committee reserving the right to use extracts from same irrespective of their order of merit.
4. Sketches and photographs will be returned to competitors after the Committee have finished with same.
5. No names of Officers or other ranks must be mentioned when referring to humorous incidents, but names may be used when referring to operations or casualties.
6. Only one side of paper to be used, and writing to be clear.
7. All Essays to be completed and handed in at B.H.Q. by January 31st 1919.
8. Decision of judge will be final.
9. Nom de plumes must be used in Essays. A sealed envelope with No., Rank, Name, and nom de plume must be handed in by all competitors to C.O. of Battalion.
10. Literary ability will only be taken into consideration when two or more competitors are equal.

C. S. Anderson

9/12/18.

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

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