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WAR DIARY

OF

12TH AUS. INF. BATTALION.

FOR

JANUARY 1918.

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12th Battalion

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Lt-Col.

Commanding 12th Battalion, A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHATELET	Jan.	1	Strength, 38 Officers, 637 Other Ranks. New Years Holiday.	
		3	Showery - Battalion Bathing Parade and change of clothing	
		4	General ^{Sir} W.R. BIRDWOOD, inspected the Divisional Area. 12th Battalion supplied a Guard of Honor of 1 Officer and 50 Other Ranks.	
		7	Lieut. I.F. BUTLER left Unit to report to A.I.F. Headquarters on Educational Scheme Lieut. E.A. SHEPHERD rejoined Unit from O.T.B. England	
		10	Fine weather - Battalion Bathing Parade. Major B.J. ANDREW selected to attend Senior Officers' School ALDERSHOTT, left for England. Captain G.F. GOULD, MC, Temporarily in Command of the Battalion.	
		11	Battalion attended a Brigade parade.	
		12	Fine weather continues - Draft of 34 Other Ranks marched out en route to AUSTRALIA	
		14	Major E.W. TULLOCH, "MC", returned from United Kingdom Leave and resumed command of the Battalion.	
		15	Weather turned extremely cold. Strength 39 Officers, 609 Other Ranks.	
		16	The Battalion Band proceeded to BRUSSELS to play at a Military Concert.	
		17	Dull weather - Battalion Parade and inspection held by Acting Brigadier. Divisional Commander was also present. Men turned out very well. Battalion formed into two Companies, A. & B. Companies and C. & D. Companies amalgamated amalgamated. Companies now called "Y" and "Z" Companies respectively.	
		18	Battalion attended Brigade Parade.	
		21	Battalion Bathing Parade and clean clothes issued to all men.	
		22	Beautiful weather. Corps Commander visited the Battalion and inspected billets etc. He expressed great pleasure with arrangements made for feeding and billeting the men. Rations which for the past week have been very poor have improved considerably. Meat ration however is still short. The issue of jam which for some time has been issued at the rate of 1 tin for 25 men has now improved, and today's issue panned out at 1 tin to three men.	
		23	Weather turned very cold, and a little fall of snow. Football Teams and Cross Country Running Teams commenced training for Divisional Competition.	
		24	Chaplain W.K. DOUGLAS, "MC" left Unit to report to Divisional Reinforcement Camp	
		25	The Battalion attended a lecture by Brigadier-General W.R. McNICOLL, CB CMG, DSO.	
		27	2/Lieuts. W.H. HALLIDAY, and A.V. CHADWICK joined Unit from Cadet Battalion.	
		28	2/Lieuts. E.J. NICHOLLS and G.W. GIBSON joined Unit from Cadet Battalion. 2/Lieut T. ORR joined from Reinforcements.	

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CHATELET	Jan.	29	<p>Lieut-Col. C.H. ELLIOTT, "CMG", DSO" rejoined Unit from Hospital and resumed command of the Battalion.</p> <p>Draft of 3 Officers and 102 Other Ranks marched out for return to AUSTRALIA. (Officers Lieut. A.E. POTTS, "MM", and Lieut. W. MORRIS, and 2/Lieut. J.J. WALSH)</p> <p>31 Strength 40 Officers, and 525 Other Ranks. Draft of 19 Other Ranks joined Unit from General Reinforcements.</p> <p>During the month, the general conditions have been as follows:-</p> <p>The weather has interfered with Training considerably, and the Sports that had been arranged have in most cases had to be cancelled.</p> <p>Rations on the whole have been rather bad, no doubt due to the shortage of Rolling Stock and Transport. This has caused a little uneasiness among the troops but the ration was greatly improved by the purchase of vegetables and other necessities from Regimental Funds.</p> <p>The health of the troops has been good throughout the month, and very few cases have had to be evacuated.</p> <p>The health of the troops has been good throughout the month, and very few cases have had to be evacuated.</p>	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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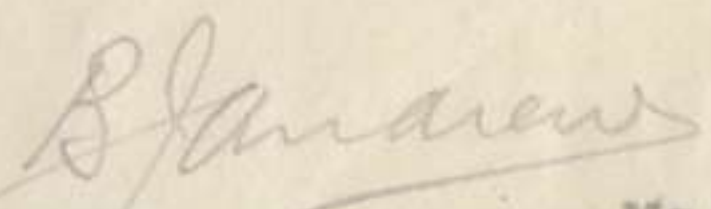
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| 1. | Syllabus of Training week ending 4th January |
| 2. | " " " " 11th " |
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| 5. | Seniority Roll of Officers, 12th Battalion. |

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, 12TH BATTALION - for week ending 4th January.

		0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530
MONDAY	30TH	Bgde Parades	Bgde. Parades	Recreational Training.
TUESDAY	31ST	Coy. and Batt Parades - Pre- sentation of Colours	Educational Training	do.
WEDNESDAY	1st	do.	do.	"
THURSDAY	2ND	"	"	"
FRIDAY	3RD	Coy & Specialist Training	"	"
SATURDAY	4TH	do.	"	"

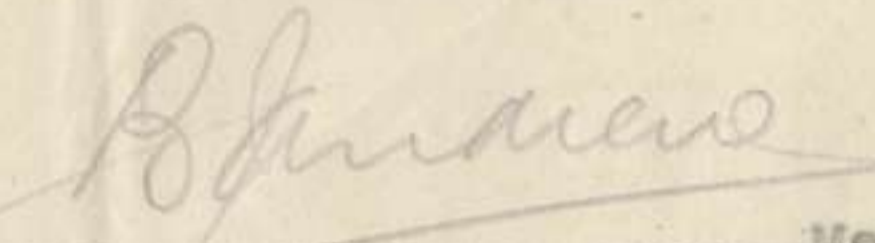
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, 12TH BATTALION - for week ending 11th January.

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		0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530
MONDAY	5TH	Batt & Coy Parade	Educational Training	Recreational Training
TUESDAY	7TH	<i>P.T. and</i> Specialist Training	do.	do.
WEDNESDAY	8TH	<i>Route march</i> Battalion Parade <i>platoon</i>	"	"
THURSDAY	9TH	Company Parades - P.T. and Specialist Trng.	"	"
FRIDAY	10TH	Battalion Parade	"	"
SATURDAY	11TH	<i>Route march</i> Company Parades and Specialist Training <i>out</i>	"	"


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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, 12th BATTALION - week ending 18/1/19.

0900 - 1000

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		0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530
MONDAY	13TH	Batt & Coy Pde.	Ed. Training	Rec. Training.
TUESDAY	14TH	Phys. & Specialist Trng.	do.	do.
WEDNESDAY	15TH	Batt. Parade & Route March	"	"
THURSDAY	16TH	Com. Parades - P.T. & Spec. Trng.	"	"
FRIDAY	17TH	Battalion Parade	"	"
SATURDAY	18TH	Com. Parades & Route March	"	"

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, 12TH BATTALION - week ending 25/1/19.

0900 - 1000

1000 - 1200

1330 - 1530

		0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530
MONDAY	20TH	Batt. & Coy Parade	Ed. Training	Rec. Training.
TUESDAY	21ST	Phys. & Specialist Training	do.	do.
WEDNESDAY	22ND	Battalion Parade & Route March	"	"
THURSDAY	23RD	Com. Parades - P.T. & Spec. Trngs.	"	"
FRIDAY	24TH	Battalion Parade	"	"
SATURDAY	25TH	Com. Parades and Route March	"	"

.....Capt.
T/Commanding 12th Battalion, A.I.F.

S E N I O R I T Y R O L L .

OF OFFICERS OF 12TH BATTALION, 3RD AUS. INF. BRIGADE.

Rank	Name	Date of Appointment	How employed.
Lt-Col.	C.H. ELLIOTT, OMC, DSO.	1/ 3/16	Commanding 12th Battalion
Major	R.W. TULLOCH	2/ 7/17	Asst. Q. Sec'd 25/12/17
T/Major	R.W. TULLOCH, MC	8/10/18	2nd i/c 12th Battalion
"	B.J. ANDREW	25/10/18	Senior Offr's Schl Aldershot
Captain	L.R. BURT	22/ 5/15	Wounded 18/9/18. <i>Sec'd</i>
"	E.Y. BUTLER	20/ 2/16	75 Days Furlough U.K.
"	R.A.L. MORRIS	1/ 3/16	1st Training Bde. Sec'd
"	S.R. HOUGHTON, DSO, MC.	19/ 9/16	Wounded 18/9/18. <i>Sec'd</i>
"	G. PETERS	16/ 5/17	Aus. Corps Salv. Off. Sec'd
"	I.H. HOLYMAN MC	18/ 5/17	75 Days Leave U.K.
"	R.M.W. THIRKELL	28/ 5/17	Staff Capt. 1st Trng. Bde <i>Sec'd</i>
T/Capt.	G.F. GOULD MC	7/10/18	O.C. "Y" Company
"	P.F. SELLICK	7/10/18	O.C. "Z" "
Non.Capt.	F.A. TRAPLE	31/ 5/17	1st Trng. Bde Sec'd
"	H.E. SPOTSWOOD MC	29/12/17	75 Days Furlough
Lieut.	E.A. SHEPHERD	28/ 4/18	Desob. Officer
"	G.T. SANDY MC	31/ 7/16	Sports Officer
"	G. VAUGHAN MC	5/11/16	75 Days Leave U.K.
"	B.W. MITCHELL	5/11/16	Sig. Off. 1st Trng. Bde Sec'd
"	A.D. TYRAN M.C.	5/11/16	2nd i/c "Z" Company
"	L.T. BUTLER	24/12/16	Rhodes Scholar, Oxford Un.
"	A.S. WEBB	24/12/16	2nd i/c "Y" Company
"	R.D. RADFORD	7/ 4/17	Hospital while on leave
"	B.W.L. LINES	7/ 4/17	Attached Desob & Rep. Dept
"	A.L. WARDLAW	7/ 4/17	Wounded 23/9/18. <i>Sec'd</i>
"	P.E. PRIDDEY MM	20/ 6/17	Adjutant
"	W.J. KELLY	20/ 6/17	Intelligence Officer
"	M. BRNSLEY	20/ 6/17	Sig. & Education Officer
"	L.H.B. MACLEOD	22/ 7/17	Wounded 10/8/18. <i>Sec'd</i>
"	J.R. TAYLOR	16/ 8/17	Evac. Hospital from 4/8/18
"	J.S. MORRISON	16/ 8/17	Div. Gas Officer Sec'd
"	W.A. LAMBERT M.C. DCM	16/ 8/17	Wounded 18/9/18. <i>Sec'd</i>
"	R.B. JAMES	19/ 9/17	Training with A.P.C. Sec'd.
"	R.G. WALDUCK MC	19/ 9/17	Acting S.O.A.
"	W.C. PRIEST	19/ 9/17	P.C. "Y" Company
"	H.M. SANDY MC	19/ 9/17	O.T.B.
"	G.H. MACKAY	19/ 9/17	Acting Transport Officer
"	S.V. GIBSON	17/10/17	P.C. "Y" Company
"	A.L.S. DAVEY MC MM	7/11/17	1st Trng. Bde. Sec'd
"	T.A. LAY	7/11/17	xxxxxx 3rd ALAMB
"	F.C.B. DALY	7/11/17	P.C. "Z" Company <i>Sec'd</i>
"	R.R. PACY	18/12/17	Town Major <i>Sec'd</i>
"	R.B. GOODE MC	8/4/18	Six months leave in U.K.
"	C.W. COOKE	8/ 4/18	3rd A.L.T.M.B. Sec'd
"	A.H. GORDON	8/ 4/18	O.T.B. <i>Sec'd</i>
"	G.W. SWIR	8/ 4/18	P.C. "Y" Company
"	M.R. GAZIER	19/ 6/18	P.C. "Y" "
"	W.R. HODGSON	1/10/18	Demobilization Staff, HAWK
2/Lieut.	T. McCRUIDE	1/12/18	P.C. "Z" Company
"	C.H. JOHNSON	1/12/17	P.C. "Z" "
"	E.C. STEPHENS	1/12/18	P.C. "Y" "
"	P.F. STOTT DCM	1/12/18	P.C. "Z" & "
"	P.D. NICHOLAS	1/12/18	P.C. "Z" "
"	W. GULLER	1/12/18	P.C. "Z" "
2/Lieut.	T. ORR	29/ 4/18	P.C. "Z" "
"	L.K. BRIDGE	25/10/18	Asst. Adjutant
"	G.W. GIBSON	4/ 1/19	P.C. "Z" Company
"	E.J. NICHOLLS MM	5/ 1/19	P.C. "Y" "
"	A.V. CHADWICK	6/ 1/19	P.C. "Y" "
"	W.H. HALLIDAY	6/ 1/19	P.C. "Y" "
tain	J.M. HENDERSON MC R.M.O.	(Attached)	

C.H. Elliott

Commanding 12th Battalion Lt-Col.

1st January, 1919.