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OF

12TH BATTALION.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHATELET	Feb.	1st	<p>Strength - 40 Officers, 516 Other Ranks Battalion attended Lecture by Lieut-Col. A.M. ROSS, C.M.G., D.S.O. on "Life at "Anzac" Weather rather cold.</p>	
		3rd	Battalion carried on training in accordance with syllabus, although ground was very hard and training hampered on this account. Attended lecture at 1015 by Rev. Studdard KENNEDY.	
		2nd	Heavy fall of snow. Roman Catholic Church Parade held, but no Church of England as no Padre available in Brigade.	
		4th	Preparations in hand for amalgamation of 11th and 12th Battalions, which is ordered to be complete by noon 6th inst.	
		5th	Battalion training carried out in accordance with Syllabus. Thaw setting in and ground very sloppy. Skating Carnival held at night.	
		6th	2/Lieut. E.C. BRIGGS joined Battalion from O.C.B. Amalgamation of 11th and 12th Battalions completed today and command of combined Battalion taken over by Lieut-Col. R.A. RAFFERTY, D.S.O. as from noon.	
		8th	Weather fair, although a snow storm is expected. Battalion Route march held and ground and roads very difficult for marching owing to frost.	
		9th	Education Classes visited by G.O.C. Brigade.	
		10th	Battalion attended Church Parade this morning - Weather very cold.	
		11th	Battalion bathed this morning and clean clothes issued to all.	
		12th	Weather fine. Companies were given lectures by C.O. and other Officers of Battalion on various subjects connected with pre-war occupations etc. Lieut. R.D. RADFORD rejoined Battalion from Hospital.	
		13th	Battalion Parade was held, at which the men turned out very well.. Recreational training carried out and a walking match held. Lectures were also given by Officers on Sport and Business Training, which kept the troops interested for a few hours.	
		14th	Battalion attended lecture by a Mr. BERRY on "Sex, Home and Reconstruction" in Brigade Hall. Recreational Training was carried out in the afternoon.	
			Strength - 41 Officers, 539 Other Ranks Battalion Parade held and Companies dismissed to lecture halls where Officers lectured to men on various subjects. Men are taking a keen interest in these talks which tends to occupy their minds which is a vital necessity during the present period.	

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CHATELET	Feb.	15th	<p>Battalion attended lecture in Brigade Hall by Captain PRIESTLY G.F. on "Woolen Manufacture".</p> <p>During the afternoon, inter-platoon football matches were played.</p> <p>Lieut. L.K. BRIDGE evacuated to Hospital.</p>	
		16th	<p>Church Parades held at Divisional Cinema Hall for C. of E. and R.C. Parade held in local Church.</p>	
		17th	<p>Battalion bathed today and clean clothes issued to men at Baths. Recreational Training carried out during afternoon.</p>	
		18th	<p>Battalion parade held, and turn-out of men was very good.</p> <p>Educational Training and Recreational training carried out during the day.</p> <p>Lieut. S.V. GIBSON marched out to Auditors Branch, LONDON.</p>	
		19th	<p>Weather rather dull and training carried out in accordance with syllabus of work.</p> <p>Recreational training carried out during afternoon.</p>	
		20th	<p>Major E.W. TULLOCH, M.C. and Lieut. G.T. GANDY, M.C. marched out for Investiture.</p> <p>Battalion parade held in morning and training carried out. Football Matches and other sports carried out during afternoon.</p>	
		21st	<p>Weather dull and Companies carry on with training during the morning.</p> <p>Recreational training during the afternoon.</p>	
		22nd	<p>Battalion attended Brigade Parade today and were spoken to by Right Hon. W.M. HUGHES</p> <p>During the afternoon, Sports and Football carried out and Match played between 10th and 11th/12th Battalion resulting in a win for 10th Battalion.</p> <p>Lieut. E.M. ROWE and Lieut. H.G. HARRIS joined Battalion from General Reinforcements</p> <p>2/Lieut J. DAVIS joined from O.C.B.</p>	
		23rd	<p>Lieut. L.K. BRIDGE, rejoined from Hospital.</p> <p>Church Parade held in Divisional Cinema Hall at 0930 for Church of England.</p> <p>R.Cs attended Church in Local Church.</p>	
		24th	<p>Lieut. M. BENSLEY xxxxxxxxx marched out for duty with Education Branch LONDON.</p> <p>11th Battalion portion of combined Battalion bathed today and clothes issued to the men.</p> <p>Remainder of Battalion attended a lecture with Lantern Slides on "Poultry Farming" etc</p>	
		25th	<p>12th Battalion portion of Unit bathed today and clean clothes issued to all.</p> <p>All others attended a continuation lecture on "Poultry Farming".</p>	
		26th	<p>Weather fine. Battalion Parade and Route March held during the morning.</p> <p>Recreational training carried out during afternoon and inter-company matches played</p>	

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CHATELET.	Feb.	26th	In the evening a dinner was held to celebrate the amalgamation of the 11th and 12th Battalions, which came off very successfully, and an enjoyable evening was spent.	
		27th	Rev. E.S. YEO joined Battalion as Rxxxx C. of E. Chaplain 2/Lieut. N. RANSON, M.M. joined Battalion from O.C.B. Weather very threatening during the morning, but later cleared up and turned out a fine day.	
		28th	Companies training in accordance with syllabus, and Educational classes continued. Strength - 44 Officers, 515 Other Ranks. Day rather dull, showers of rain occurring and at intervals during the day. Battalion Parade was held during morning although ground was difficult for working. During the afternoon, C.O. lectured all Officers of the Battalion.	
<u>GENERAL REMARKS.</u>				
During the past month, weather conditions have hampered training of troops considerably. The health of the men has been indifferent owing to the prevalence of influenza in the Area and the changeable weather which caused various ailments Rations have been rather good although same has been supplemented by the purchase of vegetables etc.				

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	11th/12th Battalion Amalgamation Order dated 5th February
2.	Officers' Seniority Roll, 12th Battalion.
3.	Battalion Sports Report for week ending 15/2/19
4.	" " " " " 21/2/19
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6.	Syllabus of Training for week ending 1/2/19
7.	" " " " " 8/2/19
8.	" " " " " 15/2/19
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12TH BATTALION ORDER NO. 54.

Battalion Headquarters,

5th February, 1919.

1. The 12th Battalion will amalgamate forthwith with the 11th Battalion, to take effect from noon tomorrow 6th inst.
2. The personnel of the Battalion will remain as at present, but will be known as "Y" & "Z" Coys of the 11th/12th Battalion.
3. The command of the amalgamated Battalion will be assumed by Lieut-Col. R.A. RAFFERTY, "DSO" as from noon tomorrow.
4. The Administration of the Battalion will remain as at present.
5. Officers are posted to companies and duties of the Battalion on amalgamation as under:-

Major E.W. TULLOCH,	"MC"	2nd i/c Amalg. Battalion
Lieut. F.E. PRIDDEY	"MM"	Adjutant " "
" E.A. SHEPHERD		Demobilization Officer
2/" L.K. BRIDGE		Asst. Adjutant - 12th Companies
Lieut. R.G. WALDUCK	"MC"	R.Q.M. 12th Companies
" C.H. MACKAY		T.O. " "
" W.J. KELLY		O.C. " " H.Qrs. Details
" G.T. GANDY	"MC"	Sports Officer 12th Companies

"Y" COY.

Capt. G.F. GOULD	"MC"	O.C.
Lieut. G.W. MUIR		2nd i/c Command
" E.C. STEPHENS		Platoon Commander
2/" A.V. CHADWICK	"	" "
" E.J. NICHOLLS	"MM"	" "
" E.C. BRIGGS	"	" "

"Z" COY.

Capt. P.F. SELICK	O.C.
Lieut. A.S. WEBB	2nd i/c
" C.H. JOHNSON	Platoon Commander
" W. CULLEN	" "
2/" T. ORR	" "
" G.W. GIBSON	" "

Officers as under will remain attached to the companies with which they are at present serving:-

"Y" COY.

Lieut.	W.C.	PRIEST
"	M.R.	GLOZIER
"	S.V.	GIBSON
"	E.R.	FACY
2/"	W.H.	HALLIDAY

"Z" COY.

Lieut.	A.D.	TYNAN	"MC"
"	W.C.B.	DALY	
"	F.D.	NICHOLAS	
"	P.S.	STOTT	"DCM"
"	T.	McCREIDIE	

.....Lt-Col.
Commanding 12th Battalion.

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.
4.-Col.	G.H. ELLIOTT, CMG, DSO.		1/ 3/16	12th Battalion.
Com-Major	E.W. TULLOCH, M.C.		8/10/18	2nd i/c 11th/12th Batt
"	B.J. ANDREW		25/10/18	Senior Off. School Alder-
Captain	L.E. BURT		22/ 5/15	Wounded 18/9/18 Sec. shot
"	E.Y. BUTLER		20/ 2/16	75 Days Furlough U.K.
"	R.A.L. McELWEE		1/3 /16	1st Trng. Brig. Seconded
"	S.R. HOUGHTON, D.S.O. MC		19/ 9/16	Wounded 18/9/18 "
"	G. PETERS,		16/ 5/17	Aus. Corps Sal.Off. "
"	I.N. HOLYMAN, M.C.		16/ 5/17	75 Days Leave U.K.
"	R.M.W. THIRKELL		28/ 5/17	1st Trng. Battalion Sec.
1/Capt.	G.F. GOULD, M.C.		7/10/18	O.C. "Y" Company
"	P.F. SELICK		"	O.C. "Z" "
"	E.A. SHEPHERD		28/4/1	Demob. Officer
10n/Capt	F.A. TEAKLE		31/ 5/17	1st Trng. Brigade Seconded
"	H.E. SPOTSWOOD, M.C.		29/12/17	75 Days Furlough U.K.
Lieut.	G.T. GANDY M.C.		31/ 7/16	Sports Officer
"	C. VAUGHAN M.C.		5/11/16	75 Days Leave U.K.
"	B.W. MITCHELL		5/11/16	1st Trng. Brigade, Sec.
"	A.D. TYNAN M.C.		"	2nd i/c "Z" Company
"	L.T. BUTLER		24/12/16	Rhodes Scholar Oxford
"	A.S. WEBB		"	2nd i/c "Y" Company
"	R.D. RADFORD		7/ 4/17	P.C. "Y" Company
"	B.W.L. LINKS		"	Attd. Demob & Repat. Dpt.
"	A.L. WARDLAW		"	Wounded 23/8/16 Seconded
"	F.E. PRIDDEY M.M.		20/6/17	Adjutant 11th/12th Batt.
"	W.J. KELLY		"	Intelligence Officer
"	M. BENSLEY		"	Retached for duty with Education Staff Eng.
"	L.H.B. McLEOD		22/7/17	Wounded 10/8/18 Sec.
"	J.R. TAYLOR		16/8/17	Evac. Hos. from Base 4/3/17
"	J.S. MORRISON		16/8/17	Div. Gas Officer, Sec.
"	W.A. LAMBERT M.C. D.C.M.		16/8/17	Wounded 18/9/18 "
"	R.B. JAMES		19/9/17	Training with A.F.C."
"	R.G. WALDUCK M.C.		19/9/17	Acting R.Q.M.
"	W.C. PRIEST		"	P.C. "Y" Company
"	H.M. SANDY M.C.		"	O.T.B.
"	S.V. GIBSON		17/10/17	Detached for Duty with Aud.
"	R.L.S. DAVEY M.C. M.M.		7/11/17	A.I.F. Ad. H.Qrs. London
"	T.A. LAY		"	1st Trng Bde Seconded
"	W.C.B. DALY		"	3rd A.L.T.M.B. Seconded
"	E.R. PACY		16/12/17	P.C. "Z" Company
"	R.B. GOBDE M.C.		8/4/18	P.C. "Y" Company
"	C.W. COOKE		"	6 month Leave U.K. Sec.
"	G.W. MUIR		"	3rd A.L.T.M.B. Seconded
"	H.R. GLOZIER		19/6/18	P.C. "Y" Company
"	B.M. ROWE		1/7/18	" "Z" "
"	H.G. HARRIS		"	" "Y" "
"	W.R. HODGSON		1/10/18	Demob. Staff HAVRE
"	T. McGREDIE		1/12/18	P.C. "Z" Company
"	C.H. JOHNSON		"	P.C. "Z" Company
"	E.C. STEPHENS		"	" "Y" "
"	P.F. STOTT D.C.M.		"	" "Z" "
"	F.D. NICHOLAS		"	" " " "
"	W. CULLEN		"	" " " "
"	L.K. BRIDGE		27/1/19	Asst. Adjutant
2/ "	T. ORR		29/2/18	P.C. "Z" Company
"	E.C. BRIGGS		2/1/19	" "Y" "
"	J. DAVIS		"	" "Z" "

SENIORITY ROLL (Continued)

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Rank	Name		Date of Appointment		How employed.
End Lieut.	G.W. GIBSON		4/1/19	P.C.	"Z" Company
"	E.J. NICHOLLS	M.M.	5/1/19	"	"Y" "
"	A.V. CHADWICK		6/1/19	"	" "
"	W.H. HALLIDAY		"	"	" "

A T T A C H E D.

Captain J.M. HENDERSON M.C. R.M.O.
 Rev. YEO C.Of B. Chaplain

H. Pidday
 Lt-Col.
 Commanding 11th/12th Battalion.

27th February, 1919.

SPORTS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 15/2/19.TUG-O-WAR:-

Great interest was taken in a tug-o-war Contest held on the 10th inst. The event was held in our Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES.

The conditions were 6 men a side and 1 straight pull.

Two teams per Company were selected and after some great and exciting pulls, "X" Coy No. 1 Team were successful.

FOOTBALL:-

Inter-company Competitions were held on several afternoons but the weather conditions were against good football, the ground being very slippery after the recent frosts.

WALKING:-

A walking match was held on the 12th inst over a course of 7 Kilometres.

Companies were started at 10 minute intervals and the times of the first 6 men of each Company to pass the finishing point taken. The majority of the Battalion finished, and some excellent times were put up, the winners taking 37 minutes 13 seconds.

The successful Company was "Y" Company whose first 6 averaged 39 minutes 38 seconds.

It is our intention to have another of these contests next week over a 10 kilometre Course.

RUNNING:-

A Sports programme of three events consisted of

1. 100 Yards
2. 440 "
3. Flag Race

taking place on Friday 14th inst.

The events were run in platoon heats, and great interest was taken in the various events.

SUMMARY:-

The week has been a very good one from a recreational point of view, and the Sports Officers have been greatly assisted in their work by the undoubted interest that the men have shown in their sports training.

G.T. GANDY } Sports Officers.
H. FEUTRILL }

15th February, 1919.

CHATELET. 20/2/19.

SPORTS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 21/2/19.FOOTBALL
(Soccer)

On Sunday last a return match was played between CHARLEROI Sports Club Soccer Team and Battalion Team on 9th Battalion Ground. The first match was won by Battalion Team, Scores 4 to 1. But on Sunday last, the Belgians succeeded in turning the tables and won easily by 5 to 1. Their combination was undoubtedly superior to ours, which was worst it has ever been.

On Wednesday, a match was played between our Second Team and 1st Tunnelling Coy. The Tunnellers absolutely outclasses our team and won by 9 goals to nil.

FOOTBALL
(Aus Rules)

There were no inter-battalion fixtures for the week, but we have a Battalion Competition going.

The first game was played last Monday between Y & Z Coys, there being, on several occasions during the game, some very good football. Y Coy won this game, the final scores being

Y Coy Z Coy

Friday afternoon, "Y" meet "X" Coy. This should be a hard tussle, and provide a good exhibition of the game.

MINOR SPORTS:- On Tuesday afternoon last, a Battalion Sports Meeting was held, the events being Long Jump, Hop, Skip and Jump, and a Teams Race. The ground was not the best for jumping, but nevertheless, a pretty good performance was put up in both jumping events. Privates Preston and Brady both "X" Coy tied in the ~~jump~~ first place, but in the jump off, Preston won by a few inches. Results:-

<u>Long Jump</u>				<u>Hop, Skip & Jump</u>			
1st -	Pte. Preston	"X" Coy	17'6"	1st -	Pte. Wolfenden	"X" Coy	
2nd -	" Brady	"X" "	17'4"	2nd -	" Preston	"X" "	
3rd -	" Wolfenden	" "	17'	3rd -	Lt. Stewart	"X" "	

TEAMS RACE:- Consisted of 6 men per team, two men to run 100 yards each, two men to run 220 yards each, two men to run 440 yards each. After a very exciting race "X" Coy Team won by 10 yards.

WALKING RACE:- On Thursday the 20th inst, a teams race over a distance of 9 Kilometres was held. Each Company supplied a team of 10. The winning team was "Y", with "Z" a very close second. Points were allotted for the first 6 men of each team home.

Sgt. Brooks of "Z" Coy was first in, time 47 min. Pte Andrews ~~kika~~ "Z" Coy 2nd, time 47 min. 30. sec. Pte. Pike "Y" Coy, 3rd time 48 minutes. Then came three men of "Y", the 7th man home "Z", 8th and 9th "Y", making their 6 men home, 10, 11 and 12 of "Z" Coy thereby leaving "Y" Coy winners by 6 points. The average times of "Y" and "Z" Coy teams being:-

"Y" Coy	48 mins. 32 Secs.
"Z" "	48 " 51 "

MINOR SPORTS:- The balance of the week being taken up with organised games, and skating in the Battalion Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES.

The week was a good one as far as sport is concerned.

(Sgd) H. Feutrill Lieut.
Sports Officer 11th Bn.

11TH/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

C H A T E L E T.

27th February, 1919.

SPORTS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 28/2/19.FOOTBALL
AUS. RULES.

During the week there have been some good games. On Saturday 22nd last, the 11th/12th Team met the 10th Battalion in a friendly game. The conditions were against a really good exhibition, but nevertheless there were some really fine rushes by both teams. The final scores were 10th Battalion 11 goals 15 behinds against 3 goals 9 behinds.

On Monday afternoon "X" Coy (11th Battalion) met and defeated "Z" Coy (12th Battalion). This game was very fast right throughout and during it, there were some brilliant bits of play. The final scores were "X" Coy 7 goals 5 behinds, "Z" Coy 3 goals 3 behinds.

On Wednesday 11th played 12th. This was a really good exhibition of the game and the issue was in doubt right up to the final bell. At three quarter time the 12th wanted 14 points to win. Scores being 11th 32 points, 12th 19 points and with a fairly stiff but very tricky breeze, it looked very easy for the 12th. Soon after the bounce, 12th rushed a goal, then another rush gave them a point. Shortly afterwards ~~they~~ they scored a goal, making the scores level with a quarter of an hour to play. After a very hard fight about the centre line and along the top wing, a point was rushed by the 12th, just before the bell, the last score of the match. Final Scores 12th 5 Goals 3 behinds 33 points. 11th 4 goals 3 behinds 32 points.

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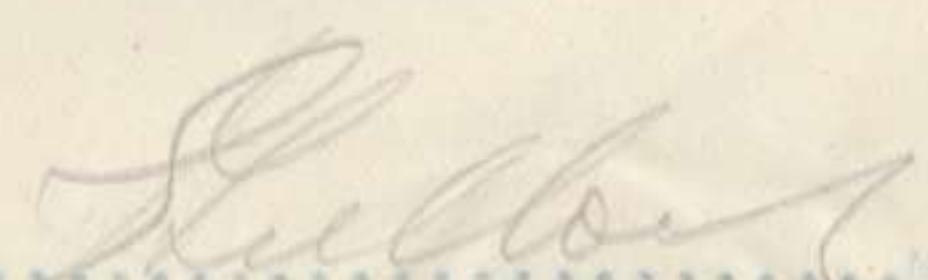
On the same day Wednesday, the 11th Soccer Team played the 9th team on the 9th ground. After a fairly good game, the 9th won by 4 goals to 1 goal.

The other afternoons were spent on basket ball, Skating etc in Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES.

H.V. FEUTRILL Lieut.
Sports Officer

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, 12TH BATTALION - week ending 1st/2/19.

		0900-1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530
MONDAY	27TH	Batt & Coy Pde.	Ed. Training	Rec. Training
TUESDAY	28TH	Phys. & Specialist Trng.	do.	do.
WEDNESDAY	29TH	Batt. Parade & Route March	"	"
THURSDAY	30TH	Com. Parades - P.T. & Spec. Trng.	"	"
FRIDAY	31ST	Battalion Parade	"	"
SATURDAY	1ST	Com. Parades & Route March	"	"


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

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, 12TH BATTALION - week ending 8/2/19.

		0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530
MONDAY	3RD	Batt. & Coy Pde.	Ed. Training	Rec. Training
TUESDAY	4TH	Phys. & Specialist Trng.	do.	do.
WEDNESDAY	5TH	Batt. Parade & Route March	"	"
THURSDAY	6TH	Com. Parades - P.T. & Spec. Trng.	"	"
FRIDAY	7TH	Battalion Parade	"	"
SATURDAY	8TH	Com. Parades & Route March	"	"

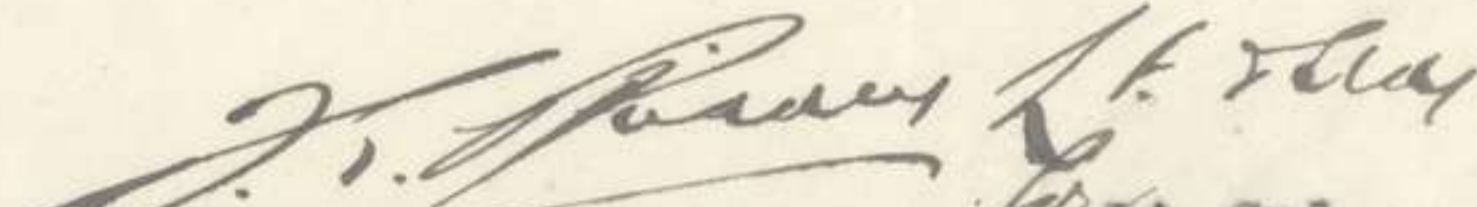
.....*Kelly*.....Major
 T/Commanding 12th Battalion, A.I.F.

11th/12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, - FOR WEEK ENDING 15TH FEBRUARY.

DATE	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530	REMARKS
MONDAY 10TH	B A T H S.	Educational Training	Recreational Training	
TUESDAY 11TH	Company Parades & Physical Training	(including platoon	"	<u>DRESS:-</u>
WEDNESDAY 12TH	Battalion Parade & Physical Training	lectures and con-	"	Morning Parades:- Drill Order.
THURSDAY 13TH	Company Parades and Physical Training	versational circles	"	
FRIDAY 14TH	Battalion Parade	for men not attending	"	Afternoon Parades:- Clean Fatigue
SATURDAY 15TH	Company Parades and Route March	Classes		

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 Lt-Col.
 Commanding 11th/12th Battalion.

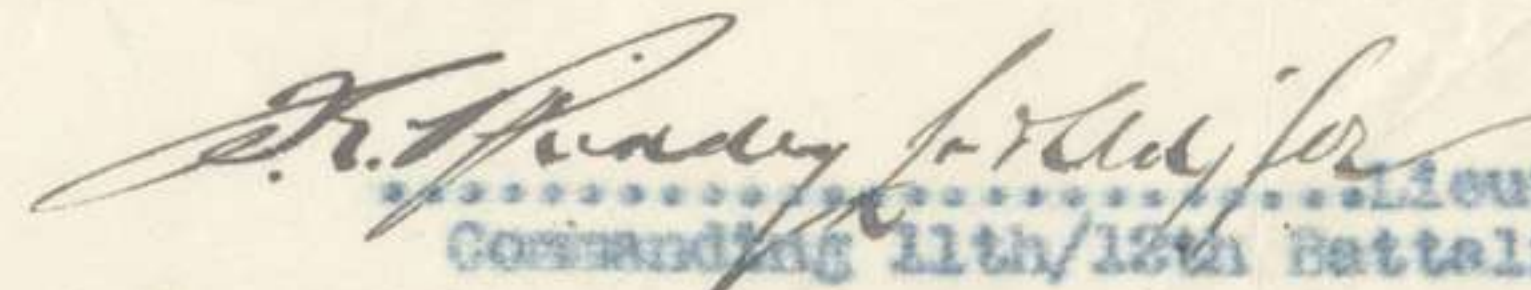
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - FOR WEEK ENDING 22ND FEBRUARY.

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DATE	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530	REMARKS
MONDAY 17TH	B A T H S	Educational Training	Recreational Training	
TUESDAY 18TH	Battalion Parade & Physical Training	(including Platoon	"	DRESS:-
WEDNESDAY 19TH	Company Parades & Physical Training	Lectures and conver-	"	Morning Parade:- Drill Order.
THURSDAY 20TH	do. do.	sational circles for	"	
FRIDAY 21ST	Battalion Parade	men not attending	"	Afternoon Parade:- Clean Fatigue.
SATURDAY 22nd	Company Parades & Route March	classes)	"	

7th February, 1919.


Lieut-Col.
 Commanding 11th/12th Battalion.