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of

51st. BATTALION.

for

FEBRUARY, 1919.*R Christie*Lieut. Col Colonel,

Commanding, 51st. Battalion.



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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
February BOUVIGNES.	1919 1st	"	By the end of January 1919, owing to the reduction in strength of the Battalion due to numbers marching out to Australia for Repatriation & Demobilization, it was necessary to amalgamate Companies. From 1st February 1919, A & B Companies were joined under command of Capt R. EARL, M.C. & called "A.B. Company." & C & D Companies under Command Capt J. R. CHANTER, & called "C.D. Company". The Battalion Band were also reduced in numbers it was not possible for it to continue as a Band the instruments are stored under the care of the Band Sgt & the remaining members posted for duty with the Battalion, "Runners", "Pioneers" & "Transport". Weather cold & frosty, working party of 2 officers & 100 men employed clearing snow from the roads in vicinity of DINANT.	RC
"	2nd	"	Weather cold & freezing, Battalion Church parade.	RC
"	3rd	"	Weather cold & freezing, Educational classes, working party of 2 officers & 100 men clearing snow from roads as on previous day.	
"	4th	"	Weather cold & dull, Educational Classes, Inspection of Arms, Physical Exercises & Recreational training for 2 hours.	
"	5th	"	Very heavy fall of snow during the previous night which continued until midday. Educational classes being the only work on this day.	
"	6th	"	Weather fine & very cold, Educational classes, Inspection of Arms, Close order drill & Recreational training for 2 hours.	
"	7th	"	Weather cold & frosty, Kit inspection held, Copy of Education Report for week ending 8-2-1919 is attached & marked I.	I
"	8th	"	Cold clear day, Battalion Church parade.	
"	9th	"	Educational Classes, Inspection of Arms & Equipment, Close order drill.	
"	10th	"	Physical exercises & Recreational training carried out for 2 hours each day, weather fine & clear but very cold.	RC
"	11th	"		
"	12th	"		



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# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
February 1919				
BOUVIGNES	13 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather cold & clear, ground covered with snow work carried out on both days	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	"	was same as for 12 <sup>th</sup> , A Tactical Reconnaissance of a portion of the Area at present occupied by the 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Divn was ordered. Order received from 13 <sup>th</sup> Aust Infantry. Bde with map attached showing area to be reconnoitred is attached to the report of the officers detailed to make the reconnaissance, both of which are attached & marked II, MAJOR N.P. OWEN.M.C. with three other Officers whose names are on the Report carried out the work.	Re II
"	15	"	Copy of Daily Strength Returns for 14-2-1919 is attached & marked III	III re
"	16 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather cold & cloudy. Recreational training for 2 hours. Copy of Education Report for 15-2-1919 is attached & marked IV	IV
"	17 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather dull & cold. Battalion Church parade.	
"	18 <sup>th</sup>	"	Educational Classes, & Recreational training weather cold & clear.	
"	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather fine & cold. Educational Classes, & Recreational training. The 50 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Battalion having been called upon to hand in all their unit equipment. 2 travelling Kitchens (company cookers) & 1 water Cart were handed over for that unit's use, from this Battalion.	re
"	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather dull & showery. Educational Classes, Rifle <del>comp</del> Shooting Competitions between Companies & Platoons were commenced. Copy of the matches to be fired & the conditions are attached & marked V	V re
"	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	weather fine. Educational Classes Rifle shooting competitions continued	
"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	very wet day. Educational classes.	
"		"	weather fine & clear Rifle shooting competitions continued some very good shooting. Kit inspection, Copy of Education Report for week ending 22-2-1919 is attached & marked VI	VI re



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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOUVIGNES	February 1919 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Weather showery Battalion Church Parade.	Re
"	24 <sup>th</sup>	"	Educational Classes, Recreational training, weather showery.	Re
"	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	Rifle shooting Competitions continued, Educational classes, weather fine	Re
"	26 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather showery, Educational Classes, Close order drill, Recreational	Re
"	27 <sup>th</sup>	"	training for 2 hours each day.	
"	28 <sup>th</sup>	"	very wet day Educational classes, → Cleaning of Arms & Equipment. Copy of Daily Strength Return is attached & marked List of Salvage material removed to NEFFE Siding from 1-1-1919 to 28-2-1919 is attached & marked VIII	VII Re VIII Re
			List of Sick evacuations for month also number of Officers & ranks joined & left unit during the month is attached marked IX	IX Re
			Quartermaster's Report for month ending 28/2/19 attached & marked X	X
			Transport Officer's Report do do do X1	X1 Re
			Copy of Education Report for week ending 1-3-1919 is attached marked X11	X11 Re
			During the month the most popular form of amusement <del>the</del> the evening was dancing <del>the</del> dances were arranged for three nights. each week & on night of 16 <sup>th</sup> a fancy dress dance was held & was largely attended by the troops & civilians in numerous fancy costumes	

R. Christie, Lt Col.  
Commanding 51st Battalion  
Aust Imp Force.



WAR DIARY.51st. BATTALION.

for

FEBRUARY, 1919.LIST OF APPENDICES.

1. Education Report. 8/2/19.
2. Reconnaissance Report.
3. Daily Strength Return 14/2/19.
4. Education Report 15/2/19.
5. Rifles Competitions and Conditions.
6. Education Report 22/2/19.
7. Daily Strength Return. 28/2/19.
8. List of Salvage for period 1/1/19 to 28/2/19.
9. Sick evacuations, Reinforcements, joined and numbers marched out for month ending 28/2/19.
10. Quartermasters Report.
11. Transport Officers Report.
12. Education Report 1/3/19.



51st. Battalion. A.I.F.

A.I.F. EDUCATION SERVICE.  
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 8/2/1919-FORWARDED 8/2/1919-  
EDUCATION OFFICER. LT. R.A. JOHNSTONE.

AVERAGE RATION STRENGTH FOR WEEK 360... TOTAL ENROLMENT IN CLASSES... 132...

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE... 62...

TOTAL ENROLMENT HAS DECREASED BY -63- DURING WEEK.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE HAS INCREASED BY -Nil-

NEW CLASSES FORMED DURING WEEK -Nil-

Classes DISBANDED -SCIENCE- No Students Available.

.WORKSHOP ARITHMETIC- TECHNICAL WING.

CLASSES IN OPERATION	ENROL MENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PER CENT	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS	CLASSES CONTEMPLATED	ENROL MENT	REMARKS
ARITHMETIC	18	6	33%	LT. L.R. CHARLTON. b	FRUITGROWING	3	( 13th, BRIGADE CLASSES
ALGEBRA	4	3	75%	" M.C. CROCKER. M.C.	PIGRAISING	2	
FRENCH	44	15	34%	" F.M. WHARMOND.	BEEKEEPING	1	
FRENCH (ADVANCED)	6	6	100%	" " "	DAIRYING	3	
ENGLISH	9	5	55%	" M.C. CROCKER M.C.	WOOLCLASSING	12	
BOOKKEEPING	15	8	53%	" R.A. WOOD.	CARE & BREEDING OF		
SPECIAL CLASS	2	2	100%	" L.R. CHARLTON.	STOCK	2	
SHORTHAND	6	4	66%	SGT. J. FOX.	WHEAT & CEREAL		
CORRESPONDENCE	9	4	44%	" " "	FARMING	2	
BOOTMAKING	8	4	50%	Pte A.C. MARTIN.			
LOCO CLASS	10	8	80%	" R.M. MORE.			
FARRIERY	No Classes (Instructor Ill)			Dvr. J. MCCROREY.			
CARPENTRY	13	9	79%	(			
FITTING & TURNING	4	3	75%	( TECHNICAL WING			
MECHANICAL DRAWING	2	1	50%	( 13th, Coy F.E.			
APPLIED MECHANICS	15	8	54%	(			
MOTOR ENGINEERING	15	8	54%	(			

R.A. Charlton

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Education Officer,  
51st Battalion, A.I.F.

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RECONNAISSANCE. of area marked 51st. Battalion on attached map.

DATE. February, 13th. & 14th. 1919.

WEATHER. Fine and frosty.

GROUND CONDITION. Frozen.- 4 to 8 inches snow with numerous snow drifts.

RELIEF. The country as a whole is very hilly. It consists of a series of ridges running East & West. and S.E. & N.W., with undulating ground between.

From JUSAIN the land falls away, rising again before ANTHER; from that village it slopes slightly towards GERIN.

STREAMS. These are numerous but insignificant. R de FERON runs through a ravine 100yds. at the bottom with thickly wooded hills rising to about 150 feet on either side. The stream is 8 feet wide near MAURENNE, and about 3 feet wide at 4. I. 86.62. Depth 4 to 10 inches.

TROU de CORONNE )  
R. St. MICHAEL ) Small streams varying from 5 feet to 2 feet wide  
R. de ROSEE ) and from 3 inches to 2 feet deep.

R de FLAVION. About 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep. At 4.J. 01.94. The stream is 12 feet wide and 2 feet deep, but immediately narrows again. At OSTERMEREE by damming the stream, 3 small about 80yds. by 30 yds. each are formed. Depth could not be gauged owing to frozen condition. All streams are easily fordable by troops and transport.

BRIDGES. The bridge at SERVILE, 3.J. 39.10. is iron on stone supports 30 feet by 6 feet and is suitable for 1st. line transport only. With this exception all bridges are solidly built and would carry any transport. ( traffic)

FORESTS. BOIS du ROI, BOIS de DAVE, BOIS de ROSEE:- These woods are dense and consist of FIRS, BIRCH, ELM and ASH; except for the Firs which are up to 30 to 40 feet high and 18 inches in diameter, the timber is small and of little military or commercial value. The undergrowth is thick, but the woods could be penetrated by troops in skirmishing order though lateral communication would be difficult.

The roads through the woods are in poor condition with the exception of the RODEE-AGIMONT Road.

ROADS. The PHILIPPEVILLE-ROSEE-ANTHER-ONHAYE Road:- 1st. Class, in very good condition, suitable for any traffic, no steep gradients. at 4.I.10.77. and 4.I. 45.87. the road passes across hollows for a distance of about 250 yds. and at these places could be easily blown up, especially at 4.I.45.87. where a small stream passes underneath.

The road is exposed to observation at many points from neighbouring ridges.

CORONNE-ROSEE-GOCHENEE:- 1st. Class, good condition, no steep gradient. Observation screened between CORONNE & ROSEE by undulating nature of ground, and from ROSEE to GOCHENEE by woods on either side.

ROSEE-FLAVION:- 2nd. Class, poor condition,

ERMETON-SUR-BIERT-ANTHER:- 1st. Class, good condition, suitable for all transport, fairly steep gradient.

ANTHER-HASTIERE:- 1st. Class, suitable for heavy transport, runs through valley, screened from observation.

MORVILLE- 4.I.75.42. 2nd..Class, well screened by woods, steep gradient. (1 in 10 for 500 yds. either side of R de FERON.



ROADS.

ANTHEE-SERVILLE-GERIN:- 2nd..Class, condition difficult to estimate owing to deep snow and ice. At SERVILLE very narrow, winding and steep. Other roads are 3rd. Class and unsuitable for transport.

LIGHT RAILWAY. Track runs from FLORENNES to E. of JUSAINNE along main road through ROSEE, thence ROSEE-FLAVION Road joining main road again at 4.E.63.87. along which it runs through ANTHEE. The rails have all been taken away except in vicinity of ROSEE & ANTHEE. The metal ballast to a depth of 1 foot remains.

MARSHES. N I L.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION. The country bristles with tactical possibilities. The forward slopes of many ridges would form good defensive positions, owing however to the numerous succession of ridges visibility is sometimes limited, but good fields of fire could be obtained. In some cases false crests would prevent the occupation of the highest ground, in others the ground falls away in rear of the ridges= crests, making it advisable for supports and reserves to remain close behind the crests throughout.

Ridges are continuous and on that account there would be little to fear from the flanks, conformity throughout being possible. The soil is of a marly nature and easy to dig.

The ground between JUSAINNE & CORONNE across which a 2nd. Class road runs is very high and commands a view of the surrounding country, including the villages of JUSAINNE, CORENNE, FLAVION, ANTHEE, MORVILLE and ROSEE. The undulating ground EAST affords ample Artillery positions.

From cross roads at 4.I.02.75., ROSEE is visible, looking N.E. 3 ridges discernable the furthestmost approx. 3 miles distant covered with thick wood. CORENNE is also visible.

From hill S.W. of MORVILLE, (4.I.95.78.) Good view of undulating country in front, and of wooded hills on either side. ROSEE-ONHAYE Road under observation as far as ONHAYE. GERIN also visible.

From 4.I.58.64. ( ROSEE-GOCHENEE Road) Good view along valley of R de FERON, farm at 4.J.42.58. visible. From road junction 4.I. 75.42. good view of country for about 3 miles. S.E. SOULME, GOCHENEE plainly visible also church spire at VODELEE.

OBSTACLES. The woods form great natural obstacles and the deep ravines through which the rivers ~~run~~ FERON and FLAVION run might possibly present difficulty.

The only strategical feature in the Sector is the main ROSEE-ONHAYE Road.



Major,

51st. Battalion.

Reconnaissance was carried out by:-

Major, N.P. Owen"MC"  
Lieut. A.H. Castles"MC"  
" J. Salter.  
2/LT. F.A.H. Arnold.



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## Daily Strength Return.

14/2/19.

14/2/19.

Actually with Unit.		Attached.		In Hospital		Tempy. detached.						Other duties		Total.	
						Leave		School		Brigade duties					
Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R.
32	345	1	3	1	16	5	42	1	2	2	20	3	76	45	504

ARRIVALS.

1 Officer (Lieut. A.G. Baker) from U.K. Leave 12/2/19.  
 1 O/rank from U.K. Leave.

DEPARTURES.

1 Officer (Capt. M.Aurousseau, "MC") Transferred to 1st. Aust. Div. H.Q.  
 (Educ. Officer) 31/1/19.  
 1 " (Lieut. R.A. Johnstone) to U.K. Leave 14/2/19.  
 2 O/ranks to D/Duty. (Namur Guard)  
 2 " " Bde. H.Q. (Batman & Orderly)  
 2 " " (4th. A.M.T. Coy.)  
 5 " " BRUSSELS leave.

*R. Christie*  
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 Commanding, 51st. Battalion.



51st Battalion ,

A.I.F. EDUCATION .  
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 15-2-1919.

FORWARDED 15-2-1919-

ACTING E/O Lt. R.L.CHARLTON.

AVERAGE RATION STRENGTH FOR WEEK 390 . TOTAL ENROLMENT IN CLASSES 186.  
% OF RATION STRENGTH 47%.AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 107.  
% OF RATION STRENGTH 27%.

TOTAL ENROLMENT HAS INCREASED BY-54-DURING WEEK.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE HAS INCREASED BY -45-.

NEW CLASSES FORMED DURING WEEK. FRUITGROWING, WOOLCLASSING, CARE & BREEDING OF STOCK, WHEAT & CEREAL CULTURE.  
CLASSES DISBANDED NIL.

CLASSES IN OPERATION.	ENROL MENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PER CENT	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS.	CLASSES CONTEMPLATED	ENROL MENT	REMARKS.
ARITHMETIC	14	6	43%	Lieut. L.R.CHARLTON.	Pig raising	2	<del>425th</del>
Algebra.	4	3	75%	" M.C. CROCKER "MC"	Beekeeping	1	(13th. Bde
FRENCH.	40	16	40%	" F.M. WHAMOND.	Dairying	3	(Classes )
FRENCH ADVANCED.	6	6	100%	" "			
ENGLISH.	9	5	55%	" M.C. CROCKER "MC"			
BOOKKEEPING.	No class instructor on leave			" R.A. WOOD.			
SPECIAL CLASS	2	2	100%	" L.R. CHARLTON.			
SHORTHAND.	6	5	82%	Sgt. J. FOX.			
CORRESPONDENCE.	7	5	71%	" "			
BOOTMAKING	5	3	60%	Pte. A.C. Martin.			
LOCO CLASS	20	8	80%	" R.M. MORE.			
FARRIERY.	16	8	50%	Dvr. J. MCCROREY.			
CARPENTRY.	13	8	61%	(			
FITTING & TURNING.	3	3	100%	( TECHNICAL WING			
MECHANICAL DRAWING.	2	1	50%	( 13th. Field Eng.			
APPLIED MECHANICS.	15	7.5	50%	( Coy.			
MOTOR ENGINEERING.	15	9.5	63%	(			
FRUIT GROWING.	4	2	50%	(			
WOOL CLASSING	10	7.5	75%	( 13th. Bde .			
CARE & BREEDING OF STOCK	3	1	33 1/2%	( Classes.			
WHEAT & CEREAL FARMING.	2	1	50%	(			

*R. Charlton Lieut*  
act/ Education  
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RIFLE COMPETITIONS.

The following competitions will take place on the Battalion Rifle Range, situated in the valley approx 500 yds W of church, BOUVIGNES, commencing on Wednesday, 19th Feby 1919, at 10am.

The competition will consist of Company, Platoon & Team matches, composed as follows:-

- (1) Company team of 50, and will include one Officer, who will fire.
- (2) Platoon team of 1 Officer & 20 O/Ranks. Officer to fire.
- (3) Teams matches of 10, to included 1 Sgt or Cpl, who will fire.

PRACTICES TO BE FIRED & CONDITIONS.

No 1. Application. 30 yds. Target - Bulls eye. 6 rounds. First to be a sighting shot and must be cut out.

No 2. Application. 100 yds. Target - Bulls eye. 6 rounds. First 5 to count as per 1st practice.

No 3. Snapshotting. 100 yds. Figure Targets. 5 rounds, all to count.

No 4. Application. 150 yds. Figure Targets. 6 rounds, 5 to count, as per 1st practice.

SCORING. On Bulls eye Target:-

Bull	- 5 points.
Inner	- 4 "
Magpie	- 3 "
Outer	- 2 "

On Figure Targets. All hits on Figure to counts 2 points.

CONDITIONS FOR TEAMS.

1 Coy team, 2 platoon teams & 4 teams of 10 from each Coy must fire. Platoon teams & teams of 10 may be selected from the best shots in the Coy and not necessarily of the same platoon.

Officers other than the number stated, may be a shooting member of the team, but must be included in the numbers.

PRIZES.

Winners of Company & Platoon Matches:- Silver Cup. Donated by Lieutenant-Colonel R. Christie, "DSO"

Silver Medal to each member of winning team in Teams Match.

Gold Medal to highest individual score in each of the Company, Platoon, & Teams matches.

Timetable for matches will be issued the day before shooting commences. The 30 yds Range ~~will~~ is available daily for practice when details are ~~not~~ not firing in competition matches.

Lieut &  
Adjutant, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.





AVERAGE RATION STRENGTH FOR WEEK ENDING 22/2/1919-335-TOTAL ENROLMENT IN CLASSES-168- AVERAGE ATTENDANCE-87-  
% of RATION STRENGTH-47%- % OF RATION STRENGTH-24%-

TOTAL ENROLMENT HAS DECREASED BY -18-DURING WEEK.  
NEW CLASSES FORMED DURING WEEK .Nil,  
CLASSES DISBANDED DURING WEEK .Nil.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE HAS DECREASED BY-20-

CLASSES IN OPERATION.	ENROL MENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PER CENT	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS	CLASSES CONTEMPLATED	ENROL MENT	REMARKS
ARITHMETIC	7	4:5	64%	LT.L.R.CHARLTON	BEEKEEPING	1	SHOULD HAVE STARTED THIS WEEK BUT STUDENTS CONCERNED WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND
ALGEBRA	4	3	75%	B.M.C.CROCKER	PIGRAISING	2	
FRENCH	30	14	46%	"F.M.WHAMOND.	DARYING	3	
FRENCH (ADVANCED)	5	5	100%	"			
ENGLISH	8	4	50%	"M.C.CROCKER,"M.C."			
BOOKKEEPING	13	No class		"R.A.WOOD.			
SPECIAL CLASS	2	Q 1-8	90%	"L.R.CHARLTON			
SHORTHAND	6	5	83%	Sgt.J.FOX,			
CORRESPONDENCE	7	5	61%	"			
BOOTMAKING	5	3	60%	Pte.A.C.MARTIN			
LOCO CLASS	10	7	75%	"R.M.MORE.			
FARRIERY	No class	(Inst.on Leave)		Dvr.J.MCCROREY			
CARPENTRY	12	7	62%	(			
FITTING & TURNING	2	2	100%	( 13th.F.Coy F.E.			
MECHANICAL DRAWING	2	1	50%	(			
APPLIED MECHANICS	13	6	50%	( TECHNICAL WING			
MOTOR ENGINEERING	13	8	65%	(			
FRUITGROWING	3	1	33%	(			
WOOLCLASSING	9	6	72%	( 13th,BDE CLASSES			
CARE & BREEDING OF STOCK	4	2	50%	(			
WHEAT&CEREAL CULTURE	No Students,						

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## Daily Strength Return.

28/2/19.

Actually with Unit.		Attached		In Hospital		Tempy. detached.				Brigade duties		Other duties		Total.	
Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.
30	322	1	3	1	9	7	33	1	1	3	24	3	98	46	490

ARRIVALS.

1 O/rank from Prison.  
 1 " " Cookery School  
 4 " Reinforcements.

DEPARTURES.

2 O/Ranks to leave (YPRES)  
 2 " " Hospital.  
 5 " " U.K. Leave.  
 2 " " England (Educational)  
 3 " " " (Industrial)  
 4 " " " (Early Repatriation)  
 1 " Transferred to A.I.F. H.Qrs. LONDON.  
 1 " to D/Duty (Bde. H.Qrs. )

*R Christy*  
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 Commanding, 51st. Battalion.



PERIOD FROM 1st. January 1919. to 28th. February, 1919.

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SALVAGE REMOVED TO NEFFE SIDING FROM 51st. BATTALION AREA.

- 41 German Ammunition  $\frac{1}{2}$  limbers (16 less wheels)
- 12 Steel Girders each 20 feet.
  - 6 Limber wheels.
- 44 Tent poles each 6 feet.
- 28 Tent stays each 7 feet.
  - 2 Coils barbed wire.
  - 3 German iron stretchers.
  - 1 Motor trailer (less tyres)
  - 1 Set rear motor wheels with axle.
  - 1 Light motor lorry.
  - 1 De-louser (French complete)
  - 1 Heavy 4 wheel lorry.
  - 1 Heavy 4 wheel caravan.
  - 1 Iron lorry, Transport of Machinery.
  - 1 Limber load scrap barbed wire.
  - 1 French cooker ( badly damaged)
- 16 Gas cylinders.
  - 8 Springs Spiral.
  - 3 Coal grates.
  - 1 Stove.
  - 1 Motor wheel, (less tyre)
  - 1 Keg.
  - 2 Lorry trailers.
  - 1 Heavy motor lorry.
- 14 Cases telephone insulators.
  - 1 Aeroplane (badly damaged)
  - 2 Steel girders each 4 feet by 6 feet.
  - 1 Gas cylinder (small)
  - 3 Iron stretchers.
- 39 Iron tent poles.
- 24 Wooden tent poles.
  - 2 Cog wheels 4 feet by 6 inches.
- 4 Large Aero Hangars. (calico)
- 1 Acetylene gas drum.
- 33 Planks timber 20 feet by 8 inches by 8 inches.
  - 3 Coal grates.
  - 1 Axle.
  - 1 Lathe (damaged)
  - 1 Wire strainer.
  - 3 Limber loads scrap.
  - 1 Aero engine (damaged)
- 31 Aeroplane parts.
- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  ~~limber~~ Limber loads insulators and parts.

*Dechrist* Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding, 51st. Battalion.



51st. Battalion, A.I.F.SICK EVACUATIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 1919.

Diarrhoea.	3.
Bronchitis.	4.
V.D.	1.
Fractured Right Acromin.	1.
Pleurisy.	1.
Iritis Left Eye	1.
Influenza.	3.
Septic Hand.	1.
Piles	1.
P.U.O.	2.
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Total.	18.
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MARCHED IN DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

3 Officers and 39 O/Ranks.

EVACUATED UNIT FOR ENGLAND FOR:-

A.I.F. Headquarters LONDON.	3.
Non-Military Employment.	1.
Educational.	2.
Industrial.	3.
Early Repatriation.	4.
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Total.	13.
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RATION REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING.- 28th. February, 1919.

rations have been in most cases very good during the month.

Bread has been excellent. Fresh meat, butter, jam, bacon, flour, rice and oatmeal have been up to scale.

fresh vegetables however have been rather scarce, dried vegetables being supplied in lieu.

Clothing has come to hand fairly well, and the Battalion is well clothed. The issue of Flannelette for the cleaning of rifles has been short, none being obtained for three weeks.

A large quantity of comforts were received about mid month, comprising chiefly tobacco, cigarettes, Tommy Cookers, Coffee and milk.

Woodington Lieut. &  
Quartermaster, 51st. Battalion

TRANSPORT REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING. - 28th. February, 1919.

During the month Transport personnel and animals were heavily worked.

Apart from the ordinary routine the quantity of salvage in the Area was collected and taken to a Central Dump, which meant a good deal of haulage. At the latter end of the month Transport was supplied for repairing of roads at BOUVIGNES, owing to the 50th Battalion Transport being withdrawn, on account of Demonilisation, resulting in extra work for this Unit.

On 18/2/19. two travelling kitchens and one water carts  
were handed over to the 50th. Battalion also.

There were no evacuations during the month and animals are in good condition.

The fodder ration has been maintained to scale.

*A. J. W. W. W. W. W.* Lieut. &  
Transport Officer, 51st. Battalion.



AVERAGE RATION STRENGTH FOR WEEK -355- TOTAL ENROLMENT IN CLASSES-152- AVERAGE ATTENDANCE-74-  
% OF RATION STRENGTH-43-

% OF RATION STRENGTH -20%-

TOTAL ENROLMENT HAS DECREASED BY-16-DURING WEEK.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE HAS DECREASED BY -13-

NEW CLASSES FORMED DURING WEEK

CLASSES DISBANDED DURING WEEK --Wheat & Cereal Culture,

CLASSES IN OPERATION	ENROL MENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PER CENT	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS	CLASSES CONTEMPLATED	ENROL MENT	REMARKS
ARITHMETIC	7	) No class	Inst.	LT.L.R.CHARLTON			
ALGEBRA	4	) Available,		LT.L.R.CHARLTON			
FRENCH	25	10	40%	LT.F.WHAMOND			
FRENCH (ADVANCED)	5	5	100%	LT.F.WHAMOND			
ENGLISH	8	Class	Inst. Not available				
BOOKKEEPING	13	4	36%	LT.R.A.WOOD			
SHORTHAND	6	5	100%	LT.L.R.CHARLTON			
SPECIAL CLASS	2	2	83%	SGT.J.FOX			
CORRESPONDENCE	7	5	71%	SGT.J.FOX			
BOOT/MAKING	5	3	60%	L/CPL.R.ROWE			
LOCO CLASS	10	6	60%	DR.J.MCCROREY			
FARRIERY	12	-	Inst. on U.K. Leave				
CARPENTRY	12	8	70%	)			
FITTING & TURNING	2	2	100%	) TECHNICAL WING			
MECHANICAL DRAWING	1	1	100%	) 13th, FIELD COY			
APPLIED MECHANICS	9	6	70%	)			
MOTOR <del>MECHANICS</del>	12	8	66%	)			
ENGINEERING							
FRUITGROWING	3	-	-	)			
WOOLCLASSING	8	7	87%	) 13th, BRIGADE CLASSES			
CARE & BREEDING OF STOCK	3	2	66%	) 1			

*L.R. Charlton*

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51st Battalion, A.I.F.



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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
11th. February, 1919.

O. C.,  
51st. Battalion.

Reference Map Attached.

1. G.H.Q. have asked for a tactical reconnaissance of the Divisional area to be made, and a report furnished giving the following information:-
  - (a) Relief, i.e., general lie of the land.
  - (b) Streams.
  - (c) Forests.
  - (d) Marshes and other special obstacles.
  - (e) A general description from amilitary point of view as affecting strategical and tactical operations, e.g., Natural lines of defence, obstacles, etc.
2. For the purpose of reconnaissance it is to be assumed that we are facing EAST.
3. The Divisional area has been sub-divided into 3 Infantry Brigade areas, and this Brigade area has in turn been divided into 3 Battalion areas, as shown on the map attached.
4. Separate reconnaissances are being made by Artillery and Engineers for the whole Divisional area.
5. Each Battalion will detail a party of Officers to make a detailed report on the Sector allotted. 49th. and 51st. Battalions will detail a Major or a Captain and three Lieutenants and the 50th. Battalion three Lieutenants. Each Officer will be provided with a bicycle under unit arrangements.
6. Arrangements for billeting the parties in the different areas will be decided later.
7. The reconnaissance will commence tomorrow, and detailed reports will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 15th. inst.
8. All parties will assemble at Brigade Headquarters at 0930 tomorrow 12th. inst. and will be conveyed by lorry to ANTHEE.

(signed) T.S. Louch, Capt.

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.







