

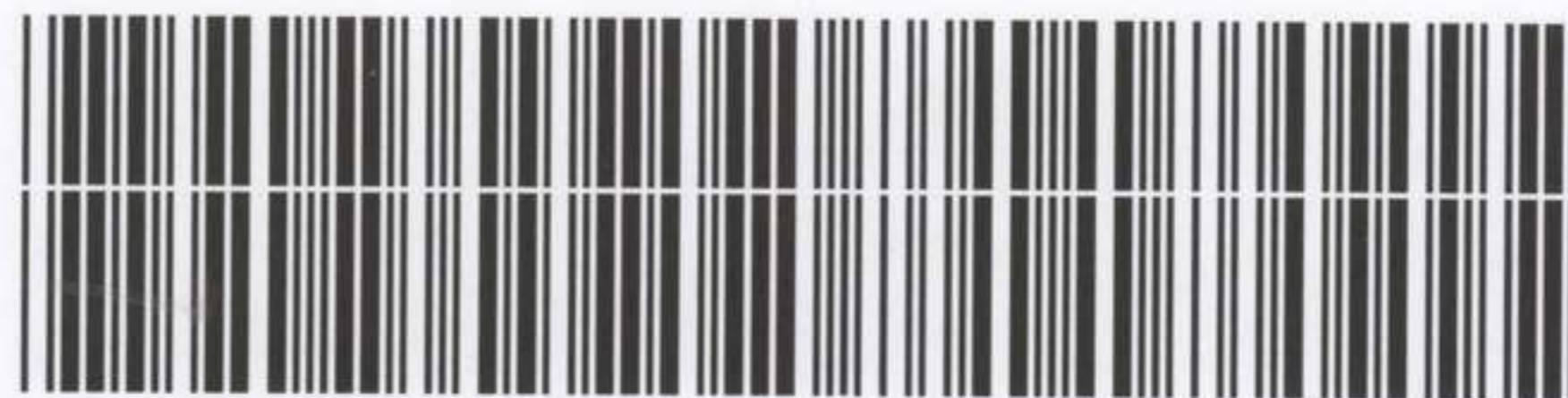
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CLAIRY. Saulchoix.	1/10/18.		Weather fine. 9.am.) to.) Training as per Syllabus. 12noon 2.pm, to) Organised Games and Sports. 4.pm.) <u>GENERAL:-</u> (1) In the evening the Literary and Debating Society held its first meeting .The C.O. Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G., D.S.O. attended. (2) Two Officers and 1 Other Rank returned from duty with the 2nd American Army Corps. (3) Transport drew Rations from Rail-head AILLY-sur SOMME and dumped same at A.A.S.C. refilling point where delivery was taken by the various Battalions. Canteen goods drawn from the bulk store BOVELLES.	
" "	2/10/18.		Weather fine and warm. Battalion Route March of about 6 miles, route and time as under:- 9.15am. Moved off from St Point at cross Road of AMIENS-POIX & CLAIRY-VERS, thence by AMIENS-POIX Road to cross Road of REVELLES -CREUSE Road, through CREUSE to cross Roads near Railway Station, to cross Roads CLAIRY-VERS by Vers Road back to CLAIRY. 2.45pm) Sports- ^{Rugby} Football match Battalion V 13th Battalion -good game -won by Battalion -3pts to Nil. to.) 4.30pm) <u>GENERAL.</u> (1) Transport drew Rations from Rail-head as on 1st . (2) " " one ton of straw for billets, from PICQUIGNY using French vehicles drawn by our own teams.	
" "	3/10/18.		Weather fine and sunny. 8.30am. Two Officers and two Other Ranks left unit to proceed on special leave to Australia for 1914 personnel. 9-12noon Training as per Syllabus.	

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CLAIRY. Saulchoix.	3/10/18	(con'td)	<p>C.O saw a/ Company Commanders -conference re tactical schemes.</p> <p>2.pm.</p> <p>6.30pm. A talk by the C.O., in the school room, on the growth of the Australian Military System. All present greatly interested.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) Y.M.C.A. hut opened near square in the village. Troops supplied with writing material A free library established.</p> <p>(2) Message G.7/54 received from Bde advising the Lieut Col. J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G., D.S.O. was to take T/Command of the 4th A.I. Bde during the temporary absence on leave of Lieut-Col DRAKE-BROCKMAN.</p> <p>(3) Transport drew Rations from Rail-head as on preceeding days.</p> <p>(4) " " Timber from POULAINVILLE.</p>	
"	4/10/18.		<p>Weather fine but bleak.</p> <p>9.am. to 12 noon. Battalion in training as per weekly syllabus.</p> <p>2.pm. to 5.pm. Battalion sports, -wrestling on horse back, mule races etc, inter Company Tug of War- "A" Company winning. Band was present throughout the afternoon and played selections at intervals. Much interest displayed by all ranks who had a fine days sport and outing.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) The 4th Division A.D.M.S. accompanied by R.M.O. inspected Battalion area. The report on his inspection stated that the health of the unit was good also the sanitary condition of the billets reflected great credit on all ranks.</p> <p>(2) Transport drew Rations from Rail head as on preceeding days. " " Canteen goods from the bulk store BOVELLES.</p>	

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	5/10/18.	9.am to 12 noon.	<p>Weather cold and dull.</p> <p>Battalion Route March-Route as follows- Reference sheet 62.E. S.E. 1/20,000. Moved off at 9.am. from St.point at W.2.a. 9.8. through VERS and SALNEX via AMIENS - QUEVAUVILLERS Road to Clairiy Saulchoix.</p> <p>After march-Foot inspection held under Company arrangements and all men requiring medical treatment paraded to R.M.O. at 1.30.pm.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) The C.O. Lieut-Col, J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G. D.S.O. left unit to take charge of the 4th A.I. Brigade. <i>Major W. Ansell assumed command of Battalion</i></p> <p>(2) Battalion played "soccer" football against the 13 th Battalion -close contest- Battalion won by 1 goal to nil.</p> <p>(3) Summer time came into force at M/N 5th/6th and all clocks etc put back 1 hour.</p> <p>(4) Transport drew Bn Rations from Rail head as on preceeding days.</p> <p>" " Y.M.C.A. material from POULAINVILLE.</p>	
"	6/10/18.	10.30am. " 6.30pm.	<p>Weather dull and cold.</p> <p><u>CHURCH PARADES.</u></p> <p>C.of.E. parade on ground just off village square.</p> <p>R.C. parade in the church at GUIGNEMICOURT.</p> <p>Holy Communion and evensong.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) News to hand that the Central powers had asked for an armistice. (Not confirmed!)</p> <p>(2) Syllabus of Training for week ending 12/10/18 issued to Companies. - -</p> <p>(3) Transport drew rations from Rail head as on preceeding days.</p> <p>Mess Cart went to AMIENS for mess requisites.</p>	2
"	7/10/18.	9.am to 12 noon. 3.Pm, to 4.pm,	<p>Weather ,dull,windy and raining.</p> <p>Battalion in training as per syllabus.</p> <p>Organised games; developing platoon spirit.</p>	

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	7/10/18	(con'td)	<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) A football match that was to have been played was postponed owing to the wet state of the weather.</p> <p>(2) In the evening a meeting of the literary and debating society was held in the school room, the subject of the debate being "What I do". Some very good speeches made detailing the work in Australia of a Carpenter, Chemist, Farmer, Drover, Wireless Operator etc. Very keen interest displayed by all ranks.</p> <p>(3) Rations drawn from R'head as on preceeding days.</p> <p>(4) Transport drew Canteen goods from the Bulk Store BOVELLES. " " Beer for the wet canteen, from AMIENS.</p>	
"	8/10/18.	9 am to 12 noon.	<p>Weather, dull and showery.</p> <p>Battalion training as per syllabus.</p>	
"		10am.	<p>General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD accompanied by Major Genl S. MACLAGAN and Brig Genl S. HERRING visited Battalion Headquarters</p> <p>Owing to the wet weather prevailing the route march as per syllabus was postponed. Work consisted of Company Training (lectures etc) in Company Billets.</p>	
"	9/10/18.	11 am, to 5 pm.	<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) Rations drawn by Transport from R'head as on preceeding days.</p> <p>Weather, Dull early, fine in the afternoon, cold wind blowing.</p> <p>Brigade Gymkhana held at the Aerodrome BOVELLES, under the patronage of Brig Genl S. HERRING G.O.C. 13th A.I. Bde, Others present were Major Genl S. MACLAGAN, Major Genl T.W. GLASGOW Commanding 1st Aust Div'n, members of the A.A. Nursing service and many French visitors. Sports consisted of athletics and horse and mule racing.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>(1) T'port drew rations from R'head as on preceeding days.</p> <p>(2) 4 cookers and 2 water carts drawn to sports ground, also mess cart.</p> <p>(3) Chesnut Gelding "Ginger" started in the hurdle race but lost his rider at 1st Jump Black Mule "Boxer" also ran in two races but failed to get a place.</p>	

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	9/10/18		<p><u>GENERAL (con'td).</u> (3) Black gelding "NAT" also raced "unplaced". The Mess cart returned at 7.p.m, bearing a joyous lot of sportsmen. Other vehicles returned at the same time.</p>	
"	10/10/18.		<p>Weather ,Dull.</p> <p>9. am to .Battalion in training as per syllabus. 12.moon. 2-2.30pm. Football match (rugby) . Battalion V 45th Battalion -won by the latter.</p> <p>1.30pm. C.O. saw all Company Commanders in his billet.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) Lecture on "My trip to Paris" was given in the School Room by Captain R. TAMBLING MC under the auspices of the literary and debating society. Lecture proved both interesting and instructive. (2) Rations were drawn from R'head as on preceeding days. (3) Canteen goods drawn by T'port from bulk store BOVELLES.</p>	
"	11/10/18.		<p>Weather .Dull and cold.</p> <p>9.am. Battalion parade -careful inspection by of all ranks by Company Commanders.</p> <p>8anto 10. Bath parade. - "A" Company at BOVELLES. " " " " " " " 10-12noon " " " "C" " " " "</p> <p>4.pm. Conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) A miniture rifle range of 16 targets completed(30 yards) (2) A French tuition class held in the evening in the School Room (3) The Hon W.M. HUGHES was expected but was unable to attend. (4) T'port drew rations from R'head as on preceeding days.</p>	

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CLAIRY Saulchoix	12/10/18	9 am 9.15 am	<p>Weather dull in morning, Rain during evening.</p> <p>A message was received from H'Qrs, 13th A.I. Brigade cancelling the projected inspection of 13th A.I. Brigade and 13th A.F.A. by the Divisional Commander.</p> <p>Battalion moved off on a Route March and returned 13.15 hours.</p> <p>G.O.C. Division inspected the Battalion as they marched past between FERRIERS and GUIGNEMICOURT.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Comforts as per appendix ^{Chaplain} b issued to Battalion.</p> <p>Rations drawn from Railhead as on 1st instant.</p> <p>In the evening Major the Rev. D.B.BLACKWOOD, "MC" presided over assembly of his Church Communicants in the School Room. Light refreshments were provided.</p>	.6
"	13/10/18	10.25am 1800 12 noon 2 - 4	<p>Weather dull, slight showers.</p> <p>Church parade of C. of E. on the Square opposite B.O.R.</p> <p>Holy Communion after parade and at School, CLAIRY 0715. Even^x Song 1800 hours.</p> <p>R.C. Church parade in CLAIRY Church.</p> <p>O.P.D. Even Song at Y.M.C.A., GUIGNEMICOURT.</p> <p>C.O. saw all Company Commanders.</p> <p>Football Match. Battalion versus 15th Battalion. Keenly contested - Won by 15th Battalion 8 - Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>(1) Battalion issued with gift cigarettes, 2 pkts per man, the gift of the American Army.</p> <p>(2) Rations drawn from Railhead as per previous day.</p> <p>Drew Canteen Stores from Bulk Store, BOVELLES.</p> <p>(3) Leather Jerkins for winter wear issued. These are of excellent make, well tanned leather with woollen lining and made to enable wearing over a greatcoat.</p> <p>(4) A soccer team of this Battalion played a match against an Imperial A.S.C. Team. A win by 6 goals to nil resulted for the Battalion. The A.S.C. Team was entertained our team to a tea and gave them a good afternoons pleasure.</p> <p>(5) Syllabus of training for week ending 19/10/18 issued.</p>	3.

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	14/10/18.	9 - 12	Weather Fine and Cold early, dull and cloudy later. "A" Coy. on the Battalion Rifle Range. "B" Coy. on the Brigade Rifle Range. "C" and "D" Coys. engaged in platoon training and Close Order work. Remainder of Battalion Training as per Syllabus.	
		2 - 3.30	Inter Coy. Football match (Rugby). "C" v "D" Coy. "C" Coy winning by 16 points to 3.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> (1) The Literary and Debating Society held a debate on "Should Australian Soldiers marry English Girls". There was a large attendance and great interest was taken in the debate. Question was decided in the negative. (2) Battalion informed that the Right Hon. W.M. HUGHES would inspect the troops on the following day. (3) 100 yards range (12 targets) completed. (4) 2nd Line Transport returned from American Mission and drew rations from Railhead. The Battalion Transport drawing from A.S.C., BOVELLES,	
"	15/10/18.	9am to 12 noon.	Weather, dull and cold. Battalion parade: Troops marched to BOVELLES where usual drill was carried out pending the arrival of the Hon W.M. HUGHES. Battalion marched past on his arrival.	
		2-to 3pm.	Organised games. Football practice.	
		4.30pm.	Message issued to Company Commanders re the A.I.F Education scheme about to be commenced. Nominations for instructors called for also information regarding the subjects the men wished to study.	
		6-7pm.	Battalion literary and debating Society, in the school- Instruction in French.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> (1) Bn Transport drew rations from A.A.S.C. BOVELLES. (2) " " " 1 brown mule from the 51st Battalion,	
"	16/10/18.	9 to 12 noon.	Weather fine but cold. Battalion parade cancelled and training carried out as per syllabus for 15th inst.	

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	16/10/18.	(Con'td) 4.pm.	<p>Conference of Commanding Officers and Education Officers at Bde H Qrs re the Education Scheme.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) In the afternoon Chaplain the Rev. GAULT gave an entertainment to the troops under trees near village square. Entertainment consisted of Games, Competitions etc. All ranks highly amused and interested. Prizes were given by the Rev GAULT to winners of the different competitions.</p> <p>(2) Fresh straw for billets issued to troops.</p> <p>(3) Voluntary service by the Rev GAULT in the Y.M.C.A.- largely attended.</p> <p>(4) Rations were drawn from A.A.S.C BOVELLES.</p>	
"	17/10/18.	Weather dull. 9-8.30. Battalion drill. 9.30am to 12. Training as per syllabus xxxxxxxxxx . 2.pm to 4.pm. Organised games, football practice etc.	<p>o.c. 13th Field Coy Engineers (Avst).</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) Bayonet Fighting ^{course} (Shell hole and trench system) completed.</p> <p>(2) Rations drawn by T/Port from A.A.S.C. BOVELLES.</p> <p>(3) In the evening Major CARR delivered an address to the members of the Literary and Debating Society on the "INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE". A large attendance and all keenly interested. Major W.L. ARRELL presided.</p>	
"	18/10/18.	Weather fine. 9.am to 12 noon ^{Chaplain} Battalion Route March of about 18 miles. Major the Rev D.B. BLACKWOOD and party of about 90 other banks of the Communicants Guild marched to AMIENS for a days outing and to view the Cathedral. etc. 2.30pm. Inter Comapny footbal match "B" Company V "D" Company -win by 8.pts to nil for "B" Company.		

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CLAIRY Saulchoix	19/10/18.	9 am to 12 noon.	Weather dull and cold. "A" & "B" Companies at the baths BOVELLES. "C" & "D" " on the Battalion parade ground training as per syllabus.	
		1 pm to 5 pm.	"C" & "D" " at the baths BOVELLES. Clean clothing available. <u>GENERAL</u> (1) Major W.L. ARREL T/Commanding left on leave to PARIS and NICE and Major A.H. ROWE assumed T/Command during his absence. (2) Battalion played Rugby Football against the 13th F.Ambt. at the Aerodrome BOVELLES, which resulted in a win for the Bn by 26 points to 3. (3) Rations drawn by T'port from the A.A.S.C BOVELLES. (4) New system of stabling started (i.e, horses billeted instead of being on horse lines.).	
"	20/10/18.	10.30am.	Weather, showery and cold, later rained steadily. Voluntary Church Parade held in the school room by the Rev D.B. BLACKWOOD MC, who preached his final service before leaving for U.K. en route for Australia on duty.	
		10-12 noon	Battalion Headquarters to the baths BOVELLES	
		1-5pm.	Remainder of the Bn to be bathed went to the Baths BOVELLES. <u>GENERAL</u> (1) All instructors in connection with the A.I.F. Education Scheme proceeded to Brigade to discuss the procedure to be adopted re the taking of classes etc. (2) Transport drew rations from the A.A.S.C at BOVELLES. (3) Syllabus of training for week ending 26/10/18 issued.	4
	21/10/18.	9-12 Noon	Weather dull and cold. Battalion training as per syllabus- "A" & "B" Companies on the Rifle Range.	
		3-4pm.	Battalion training as per syllabus.	
		3.15pm.	C.O. saw all Company Commanders. <u>GENERAL</u> . (1) First meeting of the personnel who were to take tuition in different subjects in the Education scheme. No classes were held but lectures were given by different instructors on the class of work to be adopted.	

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	21/10/18 (con'td)		<p><u>GENERAL.</u> (2) Lieut. W.L. POTT appointed Town Major of CLAIRY Saulchoix. (3) Chaplain the Rev D.B. BLACKWOOD MC left for U.K. His departure deeply felt. The Padre had become quite a factor in the life of the Bn. His exertions on behalf of the welfare of the men were unceasing and his influence was felt throughout the Brigade. (4) Transport drew rations from the A.A.S.C BOVELLES.</p>	
"	22/10/18.		<p>Weather dull and cold.</p> <p>9-12noon Battalion Route March of about 8 miles as per syllabus. 3.4.30pm. Specialists training and organised games. 5.p.m. Battalion Sports Committee held a meeting to discuss sport fixtures for the future.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) Education classes held in the school room in the evening, and syllabus is for is the different classes drawn up. (2) Course for live Bomb throwing erected. (3) Transport drew rations from the A.A.S.C. BOVELLES. (4) The new stabling which was commenced on the 19th inst was completed and all animals were placed under cover. (5) All billet roofs were examined with a view to repair were necessary. (6) Pioneers very busy making forms seats ect, for the school room. Great difficulty in obtaining timber.</p>	
"	23/10/18.		<p>Weather fine, inclined to be cloudy.</p> <p>9-12noon Battalion in training as per syllabus. 2-4 pm. Training of specialists and Organised games. 7.30pm. C.O. saw all officers in the Headquarters Officers mess, to discuss Bn scheme.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) A meeting of all members of the Bn who were interested in Australian Rule Football was held to select a team to represent the Battalion in the Divisional competition. 30 names were enrolled. (2) In an inter-company rugby football match which was played "D" Coy beat "A" Coy by 8.pts to nil.</p>	

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CLAIRY N saulchoix.	23/10/18	(con'td)	<p><u>GENERAL.</u> (3) In the school room lectures were given on the following subjects:- English and Australian History ; Theology. (4) Rations were drawn by the Transport from A.A.S.C BOVELLES.</p>	
"	24/10/18.		<p>Weather, dull but dry.</p> <p>9-12 noon. Battalion in training as per syllabus. "A" & "B" Companies L. Gunners on the Lewis Gun Range for musketry practice. 2-4. Training of specialists and organised games.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) In the afternoon an inter-Company rugby match was held -BxCompanyvxAxCo which resulted in a win for xxxxxx for "B" Coy against Headquarters by 3 points to nil. (2) I.O. and scouts reconnoitred the ground for the "Battalion in Attack" to take place on Saturday. (3) One ton of straw was obtained and issued to troops for billets. (4) In the evening the Brigade Education Officer delivered an address to the Literary and Debating Society on "The Geology of the Earth". Major A.H. ROWE presided. (5) After the lecture the Bde Education Officer inspected the Education Classes at work and expressed satisfaction at the spirit in which the Bn had taken up the new scheme. <i>Capt. Arousseau. M.A.</i> (6) Rations were drawn by Transport from the A.A.S.C. BOVELLES.</p>	
"	25/10/18.		<p>Weather very dull and cold.</p> <p>"A" & "B" Coys carried on Platoon Training. "C" & "D" " musketry on the Bn Rifle Range.</p> <p>All paraded for the afternoon cancelled. All men were allowed to proceed to the boxing contest at the Aerodrome BOVELLES. The Bn representatives were conveyed to the scene in limbers. A very fine spirit was displayed throughout the contests. Amongst the judges present was Spr Arthur Cripps, one time well known in boxing circles in Australia. Results for the Battalion were as follows:- LIGHT WEIGHT. Pte HENRY 49th Bn defeated Pte HENNESY 51st Battalion.</p>	

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CLAIRY Gaulchoix.	25/10/18	(con'td) 2.30pm.	<p>WELTER WEIGHT. Pte HENRY McGREGOR 49th Bn defeated Pte GRIFFIN 49th Bn. <u>LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT.</u> -Sgt BERTHELSEN 49th Bn defeated Cpl COGLAN 49th Battalion, Medals were awarded the winner of each event who will compete in the Divisional Competition to take place in a fortnights time. <u>GENERAL.</u> (1) All Companies issued with paliasses and fresh straw; old straw being burnt and billets disinfected. (2) Rations for Bn drawn by Transport from the A.A.S.C BOVELLES.</p>	
"	26/10/18.		<p>Weather fine ,cold and cloudy.</p> <p>9-12noon Battalion marched to a spot near GUIGNEMICOURT to witness a tactical scheme being carried by the 51st Battalion, 2-4pm. Training of Specialists and organised games. <u>GENERAL.</u> (1) In the afternoon the Bn rugby team defeated the 13th Field Engineers by 16 points to 3. A scratch match between the soccer teams of the 49th Bn and 51st Bn was won by the latter. (2) Rations for the Bn was drawn by the Transport from the A.A.S.C. BOVELLES. (3) A quantity of Comforts Fund condignments came to hand which included Australian Jamas, tomato soup packets, cocoa and milk, writing paper and envelopes and shirts and socks.</p>	
"	27/10/18.		<p>Weather, fine.</p> <p>9.am. Owing to the illness of Chaplain the Rev HALL C.of E. church parades for the day were cancelled. 10.am. A church parade for R.C's was held in the church CLAIRY. 6.30pm. A voluntary C.of E. parade service was held by Chaplain the Rev WALDON in the recreation hall GUIGNEMICOURT. <u>GENERAL.</u> (1) The acting R.S.M. all C.S.M's and 1 other N.C.O per Company attended a lecture at Bde Headquarters on "The distribution of ammunition from Divisional Ammunition Column and Brigade Headquarters". (2) Transport drew rations from the A.A.S.C. B OVELLES.</p>	<p><i>J. L. Whitham</i> 12</p>

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CLAIRY Saulchoiz.	27/10/18		(Con'td). GENERAL. (3) Transport borrowed 2 G.S. Waggon from 27th A.A.S.C. and drew sanitary material from 4th Aust. Div'n Sanitary Section at BRIELLY. (4) Limber sent to bulk store BOVELLES for canteen goods. (5) Syllabus of training for week ending 2/11/18 issued	5
"	28/10/18.	9.12 Noon. 2. pm to 3. pm.	Weather, fine. Battalion in training as per Syllabus. "A" Company on the bombing range. GENERAL. (1) Battalion issued with 2 packets of cigarettes per man; the gift of the American Army. (2) Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM CMG..D.S.O. returned from Brigade and resumed Command of the Battalion; Major A.H. ROWE returned to 51st Battalion. (3) In the afternoon the Bn Rugby team defeated the team of the 13th F.Ambt by 13 points to nil. (4) Old pay-books were returned to 4th Div'n paymaster CAVILLION. (5) Rations for the Bn were drawn by Transport from A.A.S.C. BOVELLES.	
"	29/10/18.	9.-12 noon 2- 3	Weather fine. Battalion route march (with transport) about 6 miles. "B" Company on the range ^{some} range - live throwing. Other Companies carried out training of Specialists and organised games. GENERAL (1) Battalion rugby team defeated the team of the 13th F.Ambt on our ground by 8 points to nil. This match was played in connection with the Div'n competition. (2) The Foden lorry reported to Bn Headquarters and all the Bn blankets were fumigated (3) Rations were drawn by the Bn Transport from A.A.S.C. BOVELLES.	
APPENDIX ATTACHED Sketch shewing the Billeting area of the 49th Bn. A.I.F.				

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CLAIRY Saulchoix.	30/10/18	9.am- 12noon 3.pm.	<p>Weather dull, fine in afternoon</p> <p>The Battalion carried out a tactical scheme near BOVELLES. Umpires appointed by Bde H.Qrs. Scheme proved very instructive.</p> <p>Officers and Sergts attended a lecture at GUIGNEMICOURT by Lieut-Colonel ALLARDICE on "Artillery Co-Operation."</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) Transport spent the day in a general cleaning up of horses vehicles etc. (2) Rations were drawn from A.A.S.C. BOVELLES by Bn Transport.</p>	
"	31/10/18.	9.am - 12 noon. 2-4pm.	<p>Weather fine.</p> <p>Inspection of the Brigade (with 13th A.L.T.M.B. & 13th F. Ambl) by G.O.C. 4th Aust Div'n on ground near CLAIRY, followed by a march past. G.O.C. spoke to Bde and said that they would probably be going into the line in a few days.</p> <p>Training of specialists and organised games and Bombing practice on the Bombing range.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> (1) Mr GOULD of the Y.M.C.A. delivered an address to the Literary and debating Society on the "KAISER" in which he contrasted the laws of Germany with the laws of Britian. Proved a very interesting lecture. Lt Col J.L. WHITHAM CMG. DSO presided.</p>	

J.L. Whitham
Lt Col

WAR DIARY

OF

49th BATTALION. A.I.F.

FOR

MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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4	- " " " " " " " 26/10/18.
5	- " " " " " " " 2/11/18.
6	- List of comforts received
7	- Sketch of Billeting Area occupied by 49th Bn. A.I.F.
8	- Sick evacuations etc for the month.

J. Whitman Lt Col

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 5th OCTOBER 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 9.30.a.m.	9.30.a.m. to 11.0.a.m.	11.0.a.m. to 12. noon.	2 pm to 3.0.p.m.	3.0.p.m. to 4.0.p.m.
MONDAY 30th Sept.	Battalion Drill	Platoon Training Smartening up Drill. Physical Training and B.F.	Coy. Training Artillery Formations.	Special- ists Train- ing	Organized Recreat- ion
TUESDAY 1st October	Battalion Drill	Platoon Training Advanced Guard Formations, patrols and scouts.	Coy. Training Flagged attack. 1st stages of Attack.	-do-	-do-
WED. 2nd October	ROUTE MARCH. BATTALION less (Route will be notified) 6 miles.			-do-	-do-
THURS. 3rd October	Battalion Drill.	Platoon Training Close Order drill. Physical Training and B.F., Gas Training and Musketry.	Company Training, Flagged attack 2nd stages of attack.	-do-	-do-
FRIDAY. 4th October	Battalion Drill.	Platoon Drill Attack of a Strong point.	Company Training Advanced Guard Formations.	-do-	-do-
SAT. 5th October	ROUTE MARCH. Battalion with transport (less cooks)				-do-
	(8 miles.) Route to be notified.				

NOTE :- Specialists training on afternoons will include the training of every man as a Lewis gunner, signaller, Bomber or scout. In addition, on one day of each week the Lewis gunners of a Coy. will be trained by the L.G.O. between hours of 11 am and 12 noon. "A" company on Monday, "B" company on Tuesday, "C" Coy. on Thursday, "D" company on Friday.

Scouts and signallers will report daily to their respective Specialists Officers at conclusion of Platoon Training (at 11 am)

Special training for Officers during first week, 2 tactical Schemes (without troops) to be set by Battalion Headquarters.

Short lectures will be given to all Officers at times to be arranged.

Classes for Non Commissioned Officers will be held daily between 2.0.p.m. and 3.0.p.m.

J. Whitman
Lieut-col.,
Commanding 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

49th BATTALION, A. I. F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 12th OCTOBER 1918.

Date.	9.0.a.m. to 9.30 am	9.30.a.m. to 11.0.a.m.	11.0.a.m. to 12. noon.	2 pm to 3 pm	3 pm to 4 pm.
MONDAY 7th	Battalion Drill	Platoon Training $\frac{1}{2}$ hour close order Drill, 1 hour Musketry Instruction.	Bayonet Fighting	Specialists Training.	Organised Recreation. Developing platoon Spirit.
TUESDAY. 8th	ROUTE MARCH LESS TRANSPORT. (ROUTE NOTIFIED LATER)			-do-	-do-
WEDNESDAY 9th	B R I G A D E S P O R T S.				
THURSDAY 10th	Battalion Drill	Platoon Training 1 hour Musketry Instruction $\frac{1}{2}$ hour close Order Drill.	Platoon scheme (simple lesson to be demonstrated) Scheme to be submitted to B.O.R. by 6.0.p.m on 8th.	-do-	-do-
FRIDAY 11th	Battalion Drill	Platoon Training $\frac{1}{2}$ hour close Order drill, 1 Hour platoon scheme (simple scheme) scheme to be submitted by 6.0 pm, 10th. ("A" COY. MUSKETRY ON RANGE.) 9.0.a.m. to 12. noon.	Training of platoons in combination of Bullet and Bayonet.	-do-	-do-
SATURDAY 12th	ROUTE MARCH, BATTALION AND TRANSPORT (Less cooks) 8 mile Route to be notified later.				

NOTE - specialist training on afternoons will include the training of every man as a Lewis Gunner, Signaller, Bomber, scout.

In addition on one day each week the Lewis gunners of a Coy. will be trained by L.G.O. between hours of 11 am and 12 noon. "A" Coy. on Monday, "B" Coy. on Thursday, "C" and "D" Coys on Friday.

Scouts and Signallers will report daily to their respective specialist officers at conclusion of platoon training. (at 11 am)

special training for officers during first week, one tactical scheme and practical instruction in topography, messages and methods of patrolling. Further interest in Musketry.

Drill to be interspersed with short sharp games of 15 minutes manipulation of the bolt or gas drill at suitable periods.

Every opportunity given for developing control of sections by section commanders or understudy.

P. J. J.

Captain,
Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

49th BATTALION, A. I. F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 19th OCTOBER 1918

DATE	9.0. a.m. to 9.30. a.m.	9.30. am to 11.0. a.m.	11.0. am to 12.0. noon	2.0. p.m. to 3.0. p.m.	3.0. p.m. to 4.0. p.m.
MONDAY 14th	Battalion Parade	platoon Training, $\frac{1}{2}$ Hour close Order drill 1 hour Musketry Instruction	Lewis Gun Instruction	specialist Training	Organised Recreation.
	9.0. a.m. - " "	12 noon - "A" " " - "B"	Coy M'ketry on Bn. Range " " " Bde "		
TUESDAY 15th	Battalion Parade	platoon Scheme (Scheme to be submitted by 6 pm 14th)	Lewis Gun Instruction	-do-	-do-
	9 am to 12 " " "	noon - "C" - "D"	Coy M'ketry on Bn. Range " " " Bde "		
WEDNESDAY 16th	ROUTE MARCH (LESS TRANSPORT) Route to be notified later.			-do-	-do-
THURSDAY 17th	Battalion Parade	platoon Training $\frac{1}{2}$ hour close Order drill 1 hour Gas Drill	Bayonet Fighting	-do-	-do-
FRIDAY 18th	ROUTE MARCH PLUS TRANSPORT (LESS COOKERS) 8 miles. Route to be notified later.			-do-	-do-
SAT 19th	Battalion Parade	platoon Scheme. Scheme to be submitted by 6 pm 18th.	Bayonet Fighting	-do-	-do-

NOTE -

- Specialist training on afternoons will include the training of every man as a L. Gunner, Signaller, Bomber, Scout.
- In addition on one day of each week the L. Gunners of a Coy. will be trained by L.G. officer between the hours of 11 am and 12 noon.
"A" Coy. on Thursday, "B" Coy on Saturday.
- Scouts and signallers will report daily to their respective specialists Officers at conclusion of platoon training (at 11 am)
- during the week the I.O. will deliver a series of lectures on Topography to officers between the hours of 2 pm and 4 pm (. (practical application)
- Drill be intersperced with short sharp games of 5 minutes, manipulation of the bolt or gas drill at suitable periods.
Every opportunity given for developing control of sections by section commanders or understudy.

P. J. J.
Captain,
Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 26th OCTOBER 1918

Date.	9 am to 9.30. am	9.30 am to 11.0. a.m.	11 am to 12 noon.	2 pm to 3 pm	3 pm to 4.0. p.m.
Monday 21st	Battalion Parade	Platoon Training. $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Close Order Drill. platoon Scheme (to be submitted by 6 pm 20th inst.	Bayonet and Bullet course.	Specialist Training	Organised Recreation.
	9 am to 12 noon - "A" Coy, "B" Coy - Musketry on Range.				
Tuesday 22nd	ROUTE MARCH - TRANSPORT (LESS COOKERS)			-do-	-do-
Wednesday 23rd	Battalion Parade	9.30 am to 12 noon Coy. Scheme to be submitted by 6 pm 22nd	-	-do-	-do-
Thursday 24th	ROUTE MARCH (Route to be notified later)			Organised games.	
Friday 25th	<u>MUSKETRY</u> "C" Coy & "D" Coy on Battalion Range.			-do-	-do-
Saturday 26th	BATTALION SCHEME (To be laid down later)			-do-	-do-

NOTE -

1. Specialist Training on afternoons will include the training of every man as a L. Gunner, Signaller, Bomber, Scout.
2. In addition on one day of each week the L. Gunner of a Coy will be trained by the L.G.O. between the hours of 11 am and 12 noon. "A" Coy on Thursday, "B" Coy on Saturday, and "C" Coy on Monday.
3. Scouts and Signallers will report daily to their respective specialist officers at the conclusion of platoon training (at 11 am)
4. During the week lectures will be given to officers on tactical schemes time and place will be notified later.
5. Drill to be interspersed with short sharp games of 5 minutes, manipulation of the bolt or gas drill at suitable periods. Every opportunity given for developing control of sections by section commanders or understudies.

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Captain,
Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd November 1918.

Date.	9 am to 9.30 am	9.30 am to 11.0 a.m.	11 am to 12 noon.	2 pm to 3.0 p.m.	3 pm to 4.0 p.m.
MONDAY 28th	Battalion Parade	Platoon Training.	Coy. Drill	Specialist Training	Organised Games
TUESDAY 29th	ROUTE MARCH, BATTALION WITH TRANSPORT			-do-	-do-
WEDNESDAY 30th	9.0 a.m. to 12 noon "A" and "D" "C" and "B"	coys. Musketry coys "	on Rifle Range. " L.G. "	-do-	-do-
THURSDAY 31st	9.0 a.m. to 12 noon "C" and "D" A" and "B"	coys. Musketry " "	on Rifle Range. " L.G. "	-do-	-do-
FRIDAY 1st	ROUTE MARCH (LESS TRANSPORT)			-do-	-do-
SATURDAY 2nd	COMPANY SCHEME.		Kit Inspection	-do-	-do-

NOTE -

- Specialist training on afternoons will include the training of every man as a L. Gunner, Signaller Bomber scout
- scouts and Signallers will report to their respective specialists Officers as under
 Monday 11.0 a.m.
 Wed. & Thursday 8.45 a.m.
 and at 2.0 p.m. daily.
- specialist training for Officers will be arranged daily and notified Company Commanders.
- Bombing will be carried out on the Bombing Range from 2 pm to 3 pm as under :-
 Monday - "A" Coy : Tuesday - "B" company.
 Wednesday - "C" " Thursday - "D" "
- Drill to be interspersed with short sharp games of 5 minutes duration manipulation of the bolt or gas drill.
- Every opportunity is to be given for developing the power of control of section commanders or understudies.



Captain,
Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

LIST OF COMFORTS RECEIVED FOR MONTH ENDING 31/10/18

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1st Consignment

Cocoa and Milk.	-	2 cases.
Oatmeal.	-	2 "
Milk.	-	1 "
Curry Powder.	-	4. "
Soup.	-	3. "
Sauce.	-	3 "
Shirts.	-	6. Bales
Cardigans.	-	1 Bales.
Wallets.	-	1 Case
Jam.	-	4 "
Battalion Gifts.	-	1 "

2nd Consignment.

Cocoa and Milk.	-	25 Cases.
Sugar.	-	4 " & 1 bag.
Biscuits.	-	1 "
Jam	-	4 "
Milk.	-	8 "
Cigarettes.	-	4 "
Tobacco.	-	4 "
Socks.	-	4 Bales.
Playing Cards.	-	10 doz Packets.
Cricket Bats.	-	1.
Footballs.	-	5.
Boxing Gloves.	-	3 prs.
Pickles.	-	1 case.
Sweets.	-	5 cases.
Tomato Soup.	-	6 "
Papers.	-	2 packages.



Captain.

Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F....

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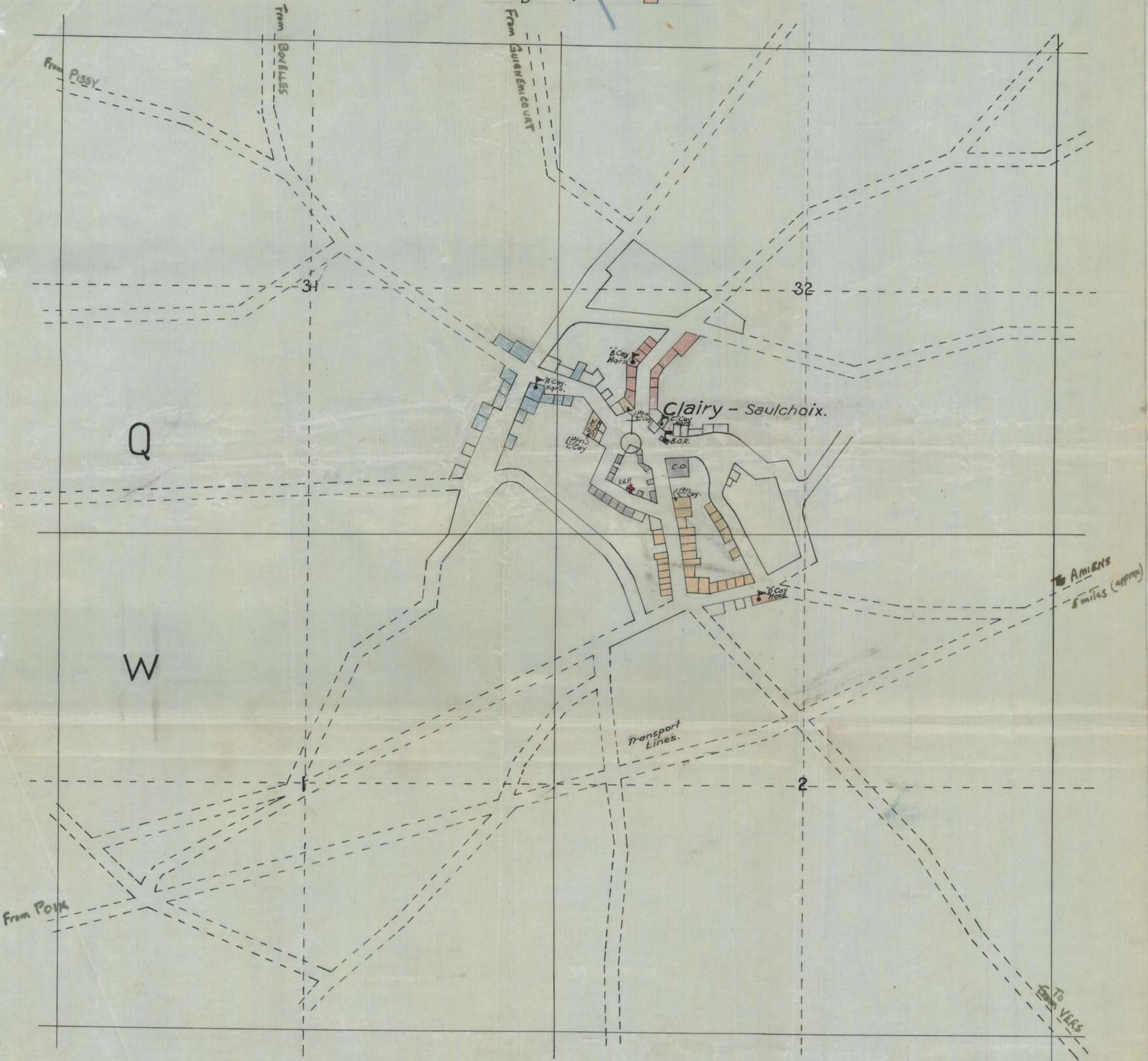
Sketch Showing Area of Billets Occupied by 49th Batt^{ln} 31st Oct. '18.

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Scale: 1 in 5,000.

Legend:-

- C.O & Hqrs Details. [Grey box]
- Aⁿ Company. [Blue box]
- Bⁿ " [Red box]
- Cⁿ " [Orange box]
- Dⁿ " [Yellow box]



LIST OF CASUALTIES FOR MONTH ENDING 31st October 1918.

Date.	SICK.		DIED		D.O.W.		Remarks
	Off.	O/RS.	Off.	O/RS.	Off.	O/RS.	
October							
1		1					
2		3					
3		-					
4		1					
5		2					
6		4					
7		-					
8		1					
9		3					
10		3		1			
11		4					
12		2					
13		7		2			
14		4				1	
15		4					
16		7					
17		4		1			
18		2		1			
19		3		1			
20		3		3			
21		3					
22		7					
23		2					
24		4					
25		1					
26		5					
27		1					
28		2					
29		3					
30		2					
31		1					
		89		9		1	

S U M M A R Y

Sick	89
Died	9
D.O.W.	1

<u>Total</u>	<u>99</u>

Paul
 Captain,
Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F.