

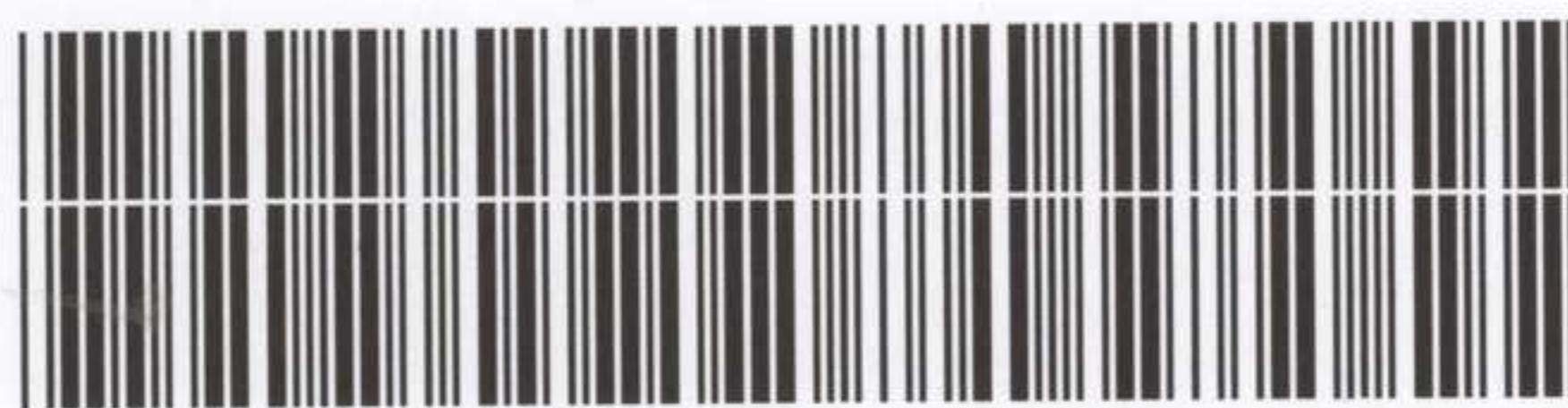
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OF

50th Battalion A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.		Reference sheet NAMUR. 1/100,000	
SIVRY.	Dec.	1st.	<p>The Battalion had the use of the Bde Baths in SIVRY. Owing to the shortage of supplies at the baths, 2 Coys were unable to obtain a change of clean underclothing.</p> <p>The above bathing parade necessitated the cancellation of usual church Parade. Inter-Coy. Football matches were played in the afternoon.</p>	Sketch of Bn. H.Q. attached.
	"	2nd.	<p>The weather continues to be fine though the sky is overcast. Route marches of 4 to 5 miles in fighting order carried out under Coy. arrangements during the morning. In the afternoon "B" and "C" Coys. played an inter-Coy. football match on the Battalion ground. The game was won by the latter.</p> <p>The following cable was received from the Rev. G. H. JOSE on behalf of the 10th. & 50th. Trench Comforts Fund, Adelaide, "Congratulations 50th. splendid record". This was much appreciated as all feel that too much cannot be said for the way in which the members of this Fund have worked for the benefit of the Battalion.</p>	Sketch of H.Q. Mess.
	"	3rd.	<p>In the morning the usual parades were held ^{consisting} of Coy. Drill, Disciplinary and Recreational training. In the afternoon a representative team from the Bn. played a football match (Australian Rules) against the 4th Pioneer Battalion. The game ended in a win for the 50th.</p> <p>At 3 p.m. the Educational Officer, Lieut. J. H. HILL, delivered a lecture to all Officers on the A.I.F. Educational and Demobilization Scheme. This was followed by a conference of Coy. Commanders to discuss various matters in connection with the training and administration within the Battalion. The weather during the whole day was wet.</p>	
	"	4th.	<p>Lieut. J. H. HILL commenced lecturing and interviewing all the men of the Battalion with a view to ascertaining particulars of each individual man in connection with the education scheme. "B" Coy. was completed.</p> <p>Areas were allotted by Brigade to the Battalions for the purpose of salvaging all captured or abandoned material. The 50th. Bn. area was divided into sub-areas, and these were allotted to Coys. It was again very wet.</p>	
	"	5th.	<p>The areas allotted to Coys. were thoroughly salvaged and reported clear, but very little material was found. Wet weather still continues.</p>	

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	1918.		Reference Sheet NAMUR 1/100,000.	
SIVRY.	Dec.	6th.	In the morning a route march of 4 to 5 miles was carried out in fighting order under Coy. arrangements. The Bn. Education Officer completed the interviewing of the members of "C" Coy. Weather dull but fine.	
	"	7th.	"D" Coy. was placed at the disposal of the Education Officer and the particulars of all members of the Coy. were obtained. The remaining Coys. paraded on Company grounds and carried out Company drill and recreational training. An exhibition game of football (Aust. Rules.) was played on the 50th. Bn. ground between 51st. Battalion and 4th. Pioneer Battalion. The game being won by the former. The day was fine.	
	"	8th.	Owing to the fact that the Chaplain was on leave to Paris the usual Church Parades could not be held. The Bn. Band provided a musical programme in the square at SIVRY during the afternoon. The members of "A" Coy. were interviewed by the Education Officer and necessary particulars obtained. Inter-Coy. football matches were played during the afternoon. Weather fine but threatening.	
	"	9th.	The route march laid down in orders was cancelled on account of the rain and Coys. held a kit inspection during the morning. The 1st. Divisional Concert Party (The Sentimental Blokes) gave two concerts in the Hotel Communal, SIVRY. A conference of Coy. Comdrs was held in the evening, when the Education Scheme was fully discussed, it being decided to postpone the commencement of the classes until the Bn. was settled down in the new area. Information was received that the Bde. Group would probably move on the 12th. or 13th. inst. The interviewing of the members of the Bn. was completed by the Education Officer.	
	"	10th.	A Battalion Parade was held on the Bn. Ground in the morning. After half an hours Battalion Drill, the organization within Coys. and Platoons was inspected and checked by the C.O. Weather fine.	
	"	11th.	A cancellation of the Coy. Route marches was ordered and the men were lectured in their billets by the Coy. Comdrs. on such subjects as march discipline, sanitation etc. The inclemency of the weather also necessitated the postponement of the inter-Coy. football matches that had been arranged.	

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	1918.		Reference Sheet NAMUR 1/100,000.	
SIVRY.	Dec.	12th.	In anticipation of tomorrow's move the morning was devoted to fitting of equipment and general cleaning up of billets. A thorough foot and boot inspection was carried out and a special sick parade ordered during the afternoon for those men not considered by Coy. Commanders to be able to stand the march. Billeting party proceeded to BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT. Weather dull.	
BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT.	"	13th.	In consequence of orders that were received yesterday that the Bde. Group would move to DINANT by march, route in four stages, commencing 13th. inst., the Bn. complete with Transport moved to BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT, leaving SIVRY at 0915 and arriving at the destination at 1500. The distance was about 11 miles. The Mid-day meal was had enroute. In spite of heavy rain falling during the march and the inevitable condition of the roads, the Bn. marched very well, and only four men were brought in by the Rear guard. A foot inspection was held on arrival. The billets for all ranks in BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT were very satisfactory. The billeting parties for St. AUBIN and DINANT were sent forward by lorry from SIVRY.	Operation Order No. 98 attached.
St. AUBIN.	"	14th.	The Battalion left BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT at 0915 and moved to St. AUBIN, a distance of 12 miles. Midday meal was had enroute and the march successfully completed by 1515, only 2 men being brought in by the rear guard. The country was more hilly during today's march. The usual foot inspection was held on arrival. Billets were fair. Billeting party left at 1600 for WEILLEN.	Operation Order No. 99 attached.
WEILLEN.	"	15th.	The 3rd. stage of the move was to WEILLEN, this being completed by 1515, the Battalion having left St. AUBIN at 0820. The distance was 12½ miles and in places the roads were exceedingly steep especially towards the latter part of the march, but no difficulty was experienced with the transport. The men were naturally rather tired but marched into WEILLEN very well. 7 men were brought in by the rear guard. The weather was inclined to be wet during the day.	Operation order No. 100 att.
DINANT.	"	16th.	The final stage of the move to DINANT was commenced at 0900, arriving at our destination at 1130. Very heavy rain fell during the morning. The distance of this march was 6 miles. The billets for the Battalion in this town were rather disappointing, and on arrival very filthy. With alteration however, the men can be made very comfortable. 3 Coys., (A, B, & C) are billeted in a large school on the east banks of the MEUSE. D. Coy. is billeted in the Abbey buildings, about 800 yards from the other Coys.	Operation Order No. 101 attached.

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DINANT.	Dec.	16th.	The Officers billets with very few exceptions are <u>only</u> fair and very scattered as well as being some distance from the school. A great deal of cleaning up was necessary before the billets were fit for occupation.	
"	"	17th.	With the exception of generally cleaning up and improving the billets, the men were rested. Lieut. R.G.T.GOODMAN took over Command of "D" Coy. and Lieut. W.R.WILLS returned to "A" Coy. The Battalion Officers' Mess was formed, a mess room having been obtained in the Abbey, & arrangements made for two ante rooms in an adjoining house. The day was wet.	
"	"	18th.	The men were still employed in cleaning up the Battalion area, and cleaning clothes and equipment. The weather was fine. Major A.H.ROWE was promoted to T/Lieut.Colonel whilst commanding the Battalion.	
"	"	19th.	His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales visited the Battalion and inspected the men in their billets. Owing to the limited time at his disposal only "A", "B", and "C" Coys. could be inspected. His Royal Highness showed a great interest in the men and their doings and had a few minutes conversation with quite a number. All officers present were presented by the C.O. The Prince was also very interested in the Coy.Cookers and remarked on the cleanliness of the whole kitchen generally. On his departure the Prince was heartily cheered. It was a very dull day and slight showers fell throughout.	
"	"	20th.	The nucleus of the Brigade Concert Party commenced practising again with a view to the amusement of the men. The Q.M. and 2 O.R.'s proceeded to BRUSSELS to purchase necessities for the Xmas dinner, the arrangements for which are now well in hand. The work for the morning was cancelled on account of the rain and therefore the Officers lectured them on various subjects in the billets.	
"	"	21st.	Lieut. L.B.SMITH on returning from leave to U.K. was posted to "C" Coy and to Command, Lieut. W.B.SIMS remaining as Adjutant. Lieut. J.WAINE M.C., proceeded on Special 1914 leave to U.K. and Lieut. E.G.HODGE took over the duties of Assistant Adjutant. The Bn. had the use of the baths at DINANT but again there was insufficient clothing for all. This means that in some cases there are men who have been unable to procure a clean change of underclothing for as long as six weeks. Those Coys. not actually at the baths had a route march in the morning of 4 to 5 miles.	

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DINANT.	Dec.	21st.	All box respirators, steel helmets and iron rations were collected and stored in bulk, as (Contd) these articles are no longer in use. The special demobilization forms which are required by A.I.F., H.Qrs., were filled in under Coy. arrangements during the afternoon.	
"	"	22nd.	Church Parade at 1100. Those Coys. that had not the use of the baths yesterday had them in the morning. Leave to NAMUR opened for the men and 7 per day are granted leave to proceed by train from DINANT at 0845 returning at 1700. Lieut. AS. HAWKER M.C., detached for duty with Bde. H.Qrs., as an instructor in connection with the Educational Scheme. The men were paid today, each being allowed to draw double on account of Xmas.	
"	"	23rd.	Coy. Route marches of 4 to 5 miles during the morning in fighting order. Lieut. E.A. COOK was sent to NAMUR to complete the purchases for the mens' Xmas dinner. During the evening the Bn. Sports Committee held a meeting to arrange a cross-country run & some walking races. The amusement of the men in the present billeting area is difficult on account of the lack of a Battalion Sports ground.	
"	"	24th.	The morning was devoted to Physical and rifle training and in the afternoon the men entered into the spirit of Xmas and spent the whole time in decorating their billets for Xmas dinner. Arrangements were made and sufficient table accommodation provided for every man to sit down to his dinner tomorrow. The Sergeants have also arranged for a special dinner to be held in the evening.	
"	"	25th.	A voluntary church parade was held at 1100. The mens dinner was arranged for one o'clock. A good deal of money was spent on this dinner and every endeavour made to make the day as enjoyable as possible for them. Extra fresh meat was purchased which enabled the men to be provided with mutton chops for breakfast. At dinner all Officers were with their men and the G.O.C. Brigade with the C.O. inspected all companies. The men were all provided with soup, roast meat, and 3 varieties of vegetables, plum pudding and rum sauce, 150 litres of beer per Coy. & a double issue of rum. The meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Bn. Band played selections during the dinner hour. The Sergeants had their dinner at the Hotel du Nord at 6.30 p.m. which was also very successful. The Officers dinner was held at 7 P.M.	Balance sheet for mens Xmas dinner attached.

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DINANT.	Dec.	26th.	No parades were held on Boxing Day. The band played selections during the afternoon. Preparations were made during the day for the commencement of the Bn. classes in connection with the A.I.F. Educational Scheme. Fine Day.	
"	"	27th.	Actual classes in connection with both Battalion and Brigade Educational Schemes were started today. In all subjects there are about 300 students from the Bn. A Brigade "Engineering Wing" has been instituted for practical instruction in all technical subjects. Those men not attending these classes carried out a route march under Coy. arrangements.	
"	"	28th.	A complete kit inspection was held by Companies in the morning. 12 O.R.'s proceeded to Australia, the commencement of demobilization. These were men who embarked in early 1915 from Australia. Signalling equipment checked with mobilization table by C.O. and Q.M.	
"	"	29th.	Lieut. Colonel A.H. ROWE proceeded on special 1914 leave to U.K. for 75 days, Major W.M. FOWLER M.C., took over temporary Command for the period of his absence. Church Parade at 1100. Chaplain G.T. WALDEN officiated. Rained incessantly during the morning. After Church parade the R.M.O. inspected all Coys. and lectured to the men on venereal disease. A conference of Company Commanders was held at 1330 to discuss the employment of men when not actually attending educational classes.	
"	"	30th.	Disciplinary Training followed by one hours general instruction on any subject by the Platoon Commander, constituted the morning's work. The Lewis Gun gear was checked with the mobilization table and found very satisfactory. There were very few shortages. The Battalion Sports Committee held a meeting in the evening. Wet Day.	Copy of minutes attached.
"	"	31st.	A Parade of all other ranks who had been awarded decorations but had not yet received them was held under Brigade arrangements, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales carried out the investiture. Coy. Route Marches of about 5 miles during the morning. Fine Day. The Officers held a midnight supper at 2330 on New Year's Eve.	

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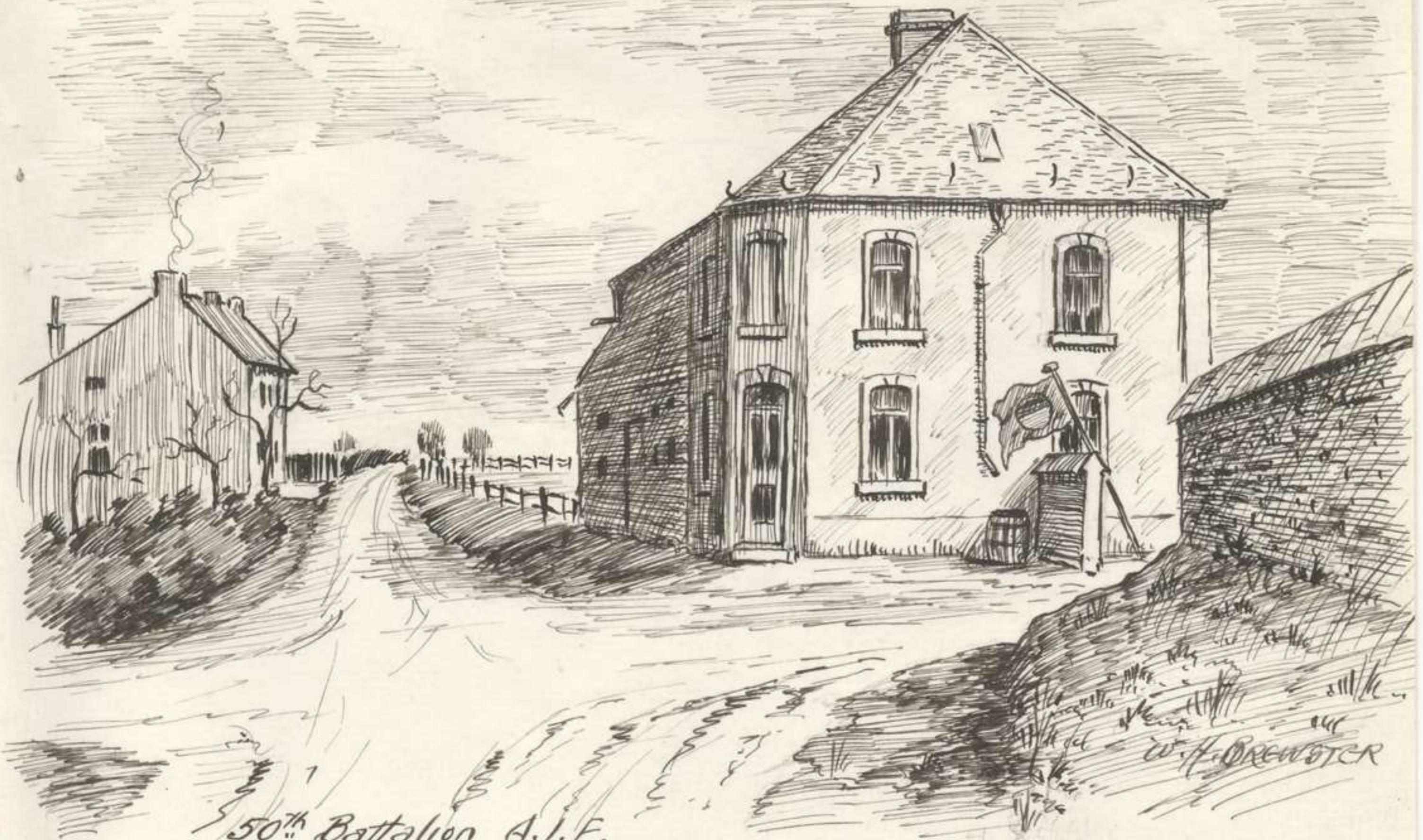
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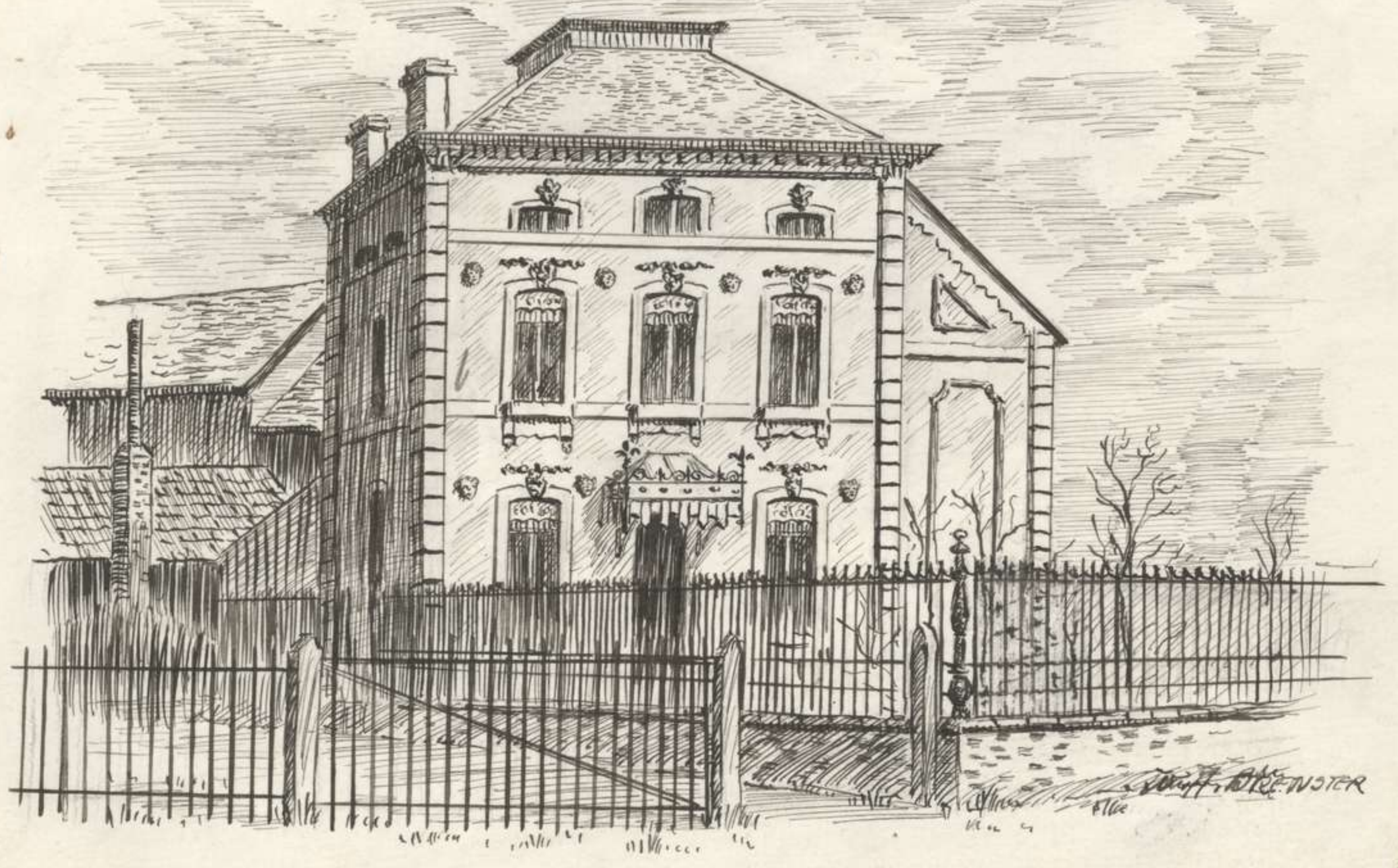
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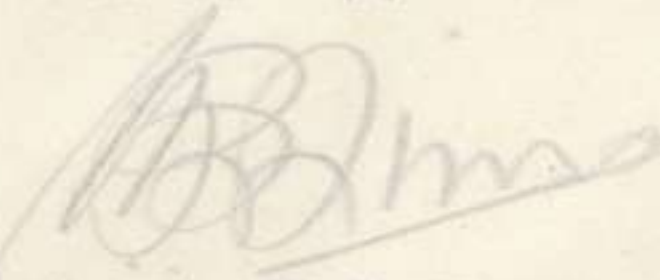
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SIVRY
C.O.'s Billet
50th Battalion
28-11-18



Reference Sheet NAMUR 1/100,000.

In the Field.
12/12/18.MOVE. The 50th Battalion will move to BOUSSU lez WALCOURT tomorrow
15th inst.Starting Point :- On road opposite "B" Coy. H.Qs.Time :- 0945 hours.Prder of March :- Signallers and Runners, Band, "B", "A", "C", "D"
Coys. and Transport. Police prisoners & Guard
will march in rear of "A" Coy.Movement :- 100 Yds. between Coys. and Transport, will be
maintained &Dress :- Marching Order less blankets. W.P. Sheets to be
placed under flap of pack. Leather Jackets to be
folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet.
Felt Hats to be worn. Officers to wear service
tunics.Baggage :- Blankets rolled in bundles of 10 and plainly
marked with wooden or tin labels to be stacked
in "C" Coy. billet at 0800 hours (except "B" Coy.
whose blankets rolled as above will be collected
at 0730 hours.
Officers valises and Mess Boxes will be stacked
at Coy H.Qs. at 0800 hours ready for collection.Rations :- Unconsumed portion of days rations to be carried
on the man.
Midday meal will be had enroute.Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams at 0830 hours.
One Cook per Coy to travel with Cookers.
Remainder under Sgt Cook in rear of "D" Coy.Rear Guard :- Duty Coy. will detail 1 Sgt. and 3 men to act as
Rear Guard to march in rear of Transport.
Lieut. A.B. SPIERS, will be in charge.Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys. to be left clean and
sanitary. Coys. to report to Adjutant at Start-
ing Point that billets were left in satisfactory
condition.Routine for
tomorrow :-
Reveille . . . 0630 hours.
Breakfast. . . 0700 ::
Sick Parade. . . 0730 ::
Lieutenant,
for Adjutant 50th Battalion.

50th, B A T T A L I O N.

OPERATION ORDER No. 99.

In the Field,
13/12/18.

MOVE. The 50th Battalion will move to ST AYUBIN tomorrow 14th inst.

Starting Point :- Opposite C.O's Billet facing North.Time :- 0915 Hours.Order of March :- Signallers, Runners, Band, A.C.D.B. Coys and Transport. Police, Prisoners & Guard will march in rear of C. Coy.Movement :- 100 Yds between Coys and Transport will be maintained.Dress :- Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel HelmetsBaggage :- Officers Valises and Blankets (rolled in bundles of 10 and plainly marked with wooden or tin labels) to be stacked at Q.M's Store at 0730 Hours.

Mess Boxes to be stacked at same place by 0800 Hours.

Rations :- Unconsumed portion of day's ration to be carried on the man.

Mid-day meal will be had en route.

Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams at 0800 Hours.

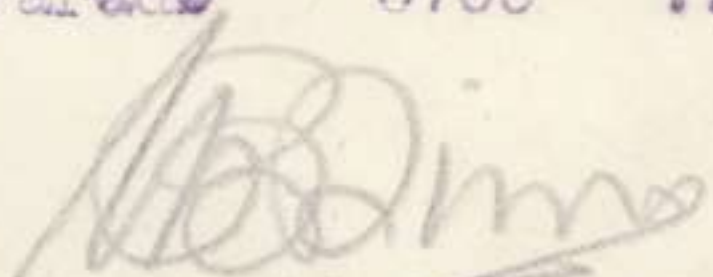
One cook per Coy to travel with Cookers, remainder under Sgt Cook will march in rear of B. Coy.

Rear Guard :- Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt & 8. Men to act as Rear Guard to march in rear of Transport.

Lieut W.R. WILLS will be in charge.

Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean & sanitary. Coys will report to Adjutant at Starting Point that Billets were left in a sanitary condition.Routine for
tomorrow 14/12/18.

Reveille	0600 Hours.
Breakfast	0630 ::
Sick Parade	0700 ::


Lieutenant,
for Adjutant, 50th Battalion A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER, No. 100.

In the Field.
14/12/18.

Reference Sheet NAMUR - 1/100,000.

Move :- The 50th Battalion will move to WEILLEN tomorrow 15th inst.

Starting Point :- Head of Column at Railway facing North.

Time :- 0820 Hours.

Order of March :- Signallers and Runners, Band, C.D.B.A. Coys and Transport, Guard, Police and Prisoners will march in rear of D. Coy.

Movement :- 100 Yds between Coys will be maintained and Transport same distance from rear Coy.

Dress :- Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn. Officers to wear Service Tunics.

Baggage :- Officers valises and blankets (rolled in bundles of 10 and plainly marked with wooden or tin labels) to be stacked at Q.M.'s Store at 0700 hours.

Mess Boxes to be stacked at same place by 0730 hours.

Rations :- Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried on the man.

Mid-day meal will be had enroute.

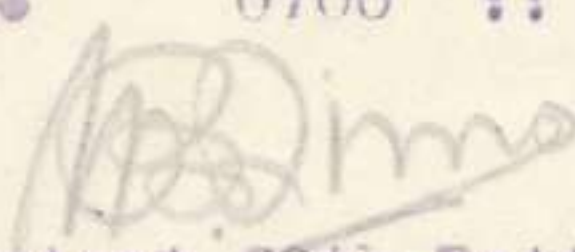
Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams by 0730 hours. One Cook per Coy will travel with Cooker, remainder will march in rear of "A" Coy. Sgt Cook will be in charge.

Rear Guard :- Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt & 8 men to act as Rear Guard to march in rear of Transport. Lieut. G.S.I. QUEALE will be in charge of this party.

Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean and sanitary. Coys will report to Adjutant at Starting Point that Billets were left in a satisfactory condition.

Routine for tomorrow 15/12/18.

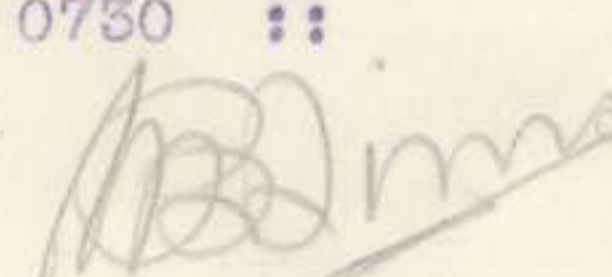
Reveille	0600 Hours.
Breakfast	0630 ::
Sick Parade	0700 ::


Lieutenant,
for Adjutant 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER, No. 101.

In the Field,
15/12/1918.

MOVE. The 50th. Battalion will move to DINANT tomorrow 16th inst.

Starting Point :- 3.J.94.13.Time :- 0930 Hours.Order of March :- Signallers, Runners, Band., D.B.A.C. Coys and Transport, Guard, Police & Prisoners in rear of B. Company.Movement :- 100 Yards interval between Coys and Transport will be maintained.Dress :- Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn. Officers to wear Service Tunics.Baggage :- Blankets (rolled in bundles of 10 and plainly marked with wooden or tin labels) to be stacked at Q.M's Store (in rear of Chateau) at 0730 hours.
Officers valises & Mess Boxes to be stacked at same place at 0800 hours.Rations :- Unconsumed portions of day's ration to be carried on the man.Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams at 0815 Hours.
One cook per Coy. to travel with Cooker, remainder will march in rear of C. Coy. under Sgt. Cook.Rear Guard :- Duty Coy. will detail 1. Sgt & 8 men to act as Rear Guard to march in rear of Transport.
Lieut. W.J. HALL. M.C. will take charge.Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys. to be left clean and Sanitary.
Coy. Commanders will report to Adjutant at Starting Point whether billets were left in satisfactory condition.Routine :-
18/12/18. Reveille 0630 Hours.
 Breakfast 0700 ::
 Sick Parade 0730 ::

Lieutenant,
for Adjutant. 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

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50th. BATTALION A.I.F.

Receipts Expenditure Mess Dinner 1918.

Received from Regimental Comforts Fund.

3,615.50
Fr.

One Bullock.
 200 Kilos Potatoes.
 500 Kilos Carrots.
 1000 Litres Beer.
 175 Kilos Flour.
 Baking Powder }
 Essences. }
 20 metres Muslin.
 600 Kilos Potatoes.
 100 :: Carrots.
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50th, B A T T A L I O N . A . I . F .

R E C R E A T I O N A L C O M M I T T E E .

Minutes of meeting held at DENANT
1930 Hours 30/12/18.

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Present :- Representatives of all Coys, and President - Lieut J.HUNT.

Gross Country Events :- Resolved :-

- (1). That the Bn will hold at 1000 Hours on 4/1/19 three events consisting of Cross Country Running, Walking and Cycling. The distance for each event will be about 5.Miles.
- (2). Entries to be in at Bn Orderly Room before 1800 Hrs on Thursday End, Jany, 1919.
- (3). Arrangements for bicycles will be made by Sig.Off.
- (4). Service Boots to be worn in all events.
- (5). Moved that the C.O's permission be asked for 350 Fr for prize money from the Canteen Funds.
- (6). Decided to give a medal each to the first 3.Men in each event Running & Walking, and a medal to the 4 fastest times in the cycling.

Prizes :-

O F F I C I A L S .

- Judges :- Major.W.M. FOWLER.M.C., Lieuts J. HUNT., L.E.HARDING.
- Starter :- Lieut.F.S. SLEE.
- Timekeeper :- Lieut.W.L. SCARBOROUGH.
- Track :- Lieut. L.B. SMITH., Lieut.G.S.I. QUEALE., Lieut O.C.H.
- Stewards :- FLIGHT., Lieut A.G. ROWE., & 11 other Officers. to be appointed to officiate

Colours :- Colours for competitors will be decided upon at the next meeting.

Officers may compete.

I N D O O R R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G .

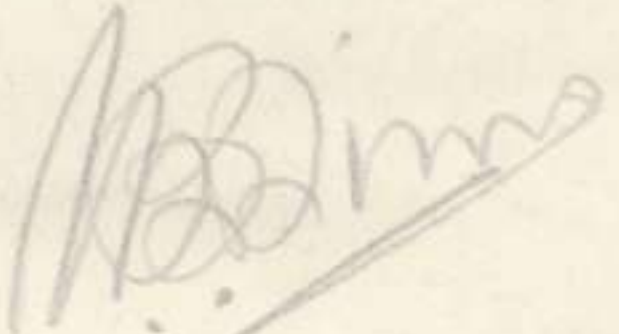
- Gymnasium :- (1). A suitable building will be selected by Lieuts HUNT & SLEE.
- Sport :- (2). Will consist of Boxing., Wrestling., Punching Pads., Punching Balls., Basket Ball., Medicine Balls., and Skipping.
- (3). It was decided to apply to Division for the following :-
 - 9. Basket Balls.
 - 12. Sets Boxing Gloves.
 - 1. Punching Pad & gloves.
 - 4. Punching Balls.
 - 9. Medicine Balls.
 - 12. Skipping Ropes.
 - 5. Soccer Balls.
 - 6. Australian Rules Balls.

Next meeting will be held on Jany, 3rd. 1919. at 1915 Hours.

50th, B A T T A L I O N.

Programme of work for period ending 28th, December, 1918.

Date.	Time.	Work.
Dec 21st.	9.30 - 11.30.	Coy Route March. Dress :- Fighting Order.
:: 22nd.	9.30 - 10.30.	Platoon Training and Close Order Drill.
	10.30. / 11.30.	Company Drill.
:: 23rd.	9.30 - 11.30.	Coy Route March. Dress :- Fighting Order.
:: 24th.	9.30 - 10.30.	P.T.
:: 25th.		C H R I S T M A S D A Y.
:: 26th.		B O X I N G D A Y.
:: 27th.	9.30 - 10.30.	P.T.
:: 28th.	9.30 - 11.30.	Coy Route March. Dress :- Fighting Order.



Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

20/12/18.

50th, BATTALION A.I.F.

STATEMENT showing "INCREASES" and "DECREASES" during month of Decr, 1918.

For period ending 7/12/18 :-

Increases :-	Off.	O.R.	Decreases :-	Off.	O.R.
From Wounded	1.	-	To 3rd.Trng.Bde.	1.	-
:: Hospital.	1.	-	: D.H.Q.	1.	3.
:: Leave.	1.	7.	: Leave.		3.
1: Reinfts.	1.	12.	: Hospital.		13.
:: Det.Duties.		1.	: Australia.		7.
Total.	4.	20.	Total.	2.	26.

For period ending 14/12/18 :-

Increases :-	Off.	O.R.	Decreases :-	Off.	O.R.
From 4th,A.I.Bde H.Qs.	1.	1.	To Schools.	2.	2.
11 Reinfts.	1.	2.	: Leave.	2.	2.
:: Leave.		6.	: Hosptl.		8.
Total.	2.	9.	: A/Killed.		1.
			: Transfd.		5.
			: Det.Duties.		5.
			Total.	4.	23.

For period ending 21/12/18 :-

Increases :-	Off.	O.R.	Decreases :-	Off.	O.R.
From Leave.	2.	-	To Hosptl.		3.
Total.	2.	-	: Det.Duties.		4.
			Total.		7.

For period ending 28/12/18 :-

Increases :-	Off.	O.R.	Decreases :-	Off.	O.R.
From Reinfts.	1.	4.	To Furlough.	2.	2.
:: Schools.	3.	6.	: Leave.	2.	9.
:: Leave.	1.	7.	: Hosptl.	1.	2.
:: A.W.L.		1.	: Det.Duties.	1.	1.
Total.	5.	18.	Total.	6.	12.

For period ending 31/12/18 :-

Increases :-	Off.	O.R.	Decreases :-	Off.	O.R.
From Hosptl.	1.	1.	To Australia		12.
:: Leave.		2.	: Hosptl.	1.	1.
Total.	1.	3.	1 School.		1.
			1 Det.Duties.	1.	8.
			: Furlough.	1.	-
			: Leave.	2.	6.
			Total.	5.	28.

Total Increases during Month :- 13.Offs. 50.O/Rks.
:: Decreases :: :: 17. :: 96. ::

Actually with Unit on 30/11/18 :-

	Offs.	O/Ranks.
	31	648.
Increases	13	50.
Total.	44.	698.
Decreases	17.	96.

Actually with Unit on 31/12/18 :-

Offs.	O/Ranks.
27.	602.

[Signature]
Adjutant 50th. Battalion A.I.F.