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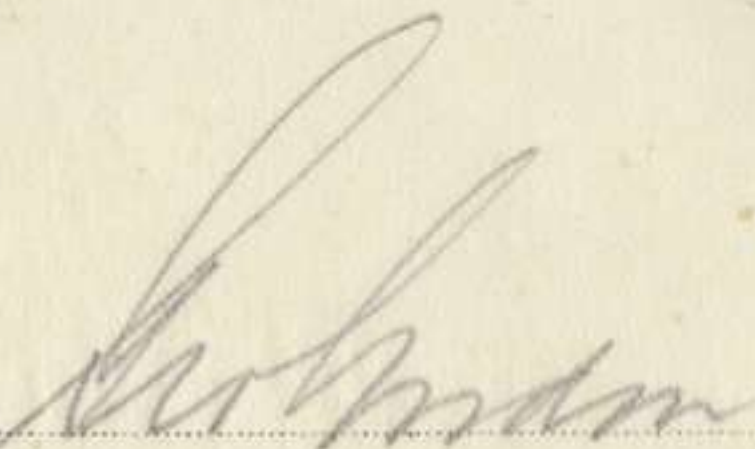
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FOR

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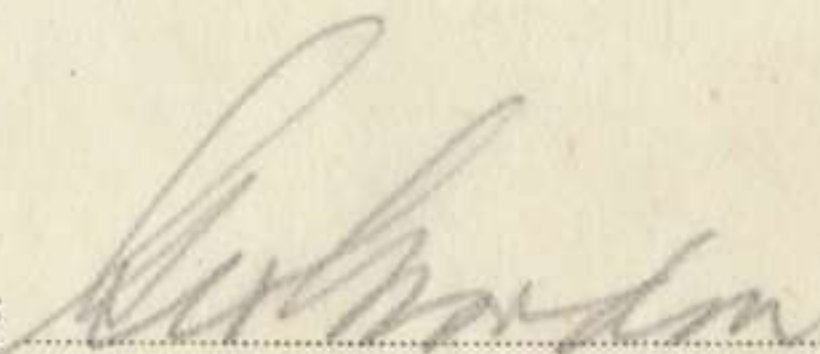
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>1st. Australian Divisional Signal Company</u>	
February	1st		Company still at Presles. Weather wet. Schools in Wireless, Telephony and Telegraphy for Personnel within the Division were commenced, 48 men attending.	
	4th		Weather very cold and wet, communications maintained.	
	7th		2 Officers and 25 Other Ranks proceeded on Brussels leave for 48 hours. Personnel sent to station by lorry and returned via reinforcement wing. Lines patrolled and communications maintained.	
	10th		School for introducing New Signal Procedure commenced, class of 25 attending, consisting of all counter clerks and telegraph operators. System to be introduced down to Brigades. Weather very cold and sunny. Plenty of skating for troops.	
	12th		Weather cold, freezing hard, skating etc. for troops.	
	14th		Weather wet. Messing for troops improved by grant of money weekly from Trust account. Communications maintained.	
	15th		Orders received for next Quota of 100 all ranks to be prepared for Australia. The necessary work in hand. Communications maintained. Weather wet and foggy.	
	16th		School for teaching new procedure finished. Men returned to duty with various sections. School under Educational Scheme extended till 28th. in order to allow telegraphists to get necessary practice to enable them to qualify.	
	17th		37 horses (Y class) sent to base for shipment to England. Communications maintained. weather wet.	
	19th		Departure of Draft of 100 for Australia postponed on account of shipping trouble. Weather wet.	
	21st		All horses and equipment from Artillery Sub-Sections brought into Company Headquarters for packing and safe custody. Communications maintained.	
	23rd		Usual routine work. Weather fine.	
	24th		Communications maintained. Weather dull.	
	26th		Communications maintained. Weather wet.	
	27th		Usual routine work. Weather wet.	
	28th		Usual routine work. Communications maintained. Weather wet.	

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6	Quartermaster's Report" " "
7	Review of Despatch Rider Service" "
8	Div Arty Signal Section. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.
9	No 1 Sub Section. " " " " "
10	No 2 Sub Section. " " " " "
11	Company Routine Orders Nos. 123, 124, 125 and 126.

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			<u>APPENDIX No. 2</u>	
			<u>No 2 Section. 1st. Aust Div Signal Company. Attached 1st Aust Inf. Brigade</u>	
<u>February 1919</u>				
February	1st		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Billet inspection 1000. Afternoon sports	
	2nd		Voluntary Church Parade.	
	3rd - 8th		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Billet inspection 1000. Afternoon sports	
	9th		Voluntary Church Parade.	
	10th		Kit inspection 0930. Afternoon sports.	
	11th - 15th		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Billet inspection 1000. Afternoon sports.	
	16th		Voluntary Church Parade.	
	17th - 19th		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Billet inspection 1000. Afternoon sports.	
	20th		Kit inspection 0930. Afternoon sports.	
	21st - 22nd		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Billet inspection 1000. Afternoon sports	
	23rd		Voluntary Church Parade.	
	24th		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Afternoon sports.	
	25th		Rifle inspection 0930. Billet inspection 1000.	
	26th		Section paraded with Brigade Headquarters for medical inspection.	
	27th - 28th		Rifle inspection 0930 followed by 1 hours route march. Billet inspection 1000. Afternoon sports	

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Quartermaster's Report

1st Aust. Div. Signal Company.

January 1919.

FODDER The ration of hay has been 8½ lbs. per horse; Oats 10 lbs per horse during the month of February 1919.

BOOTS The total number of boots repaired by the Company Bootmaker during the month of February 1919 was 85 pairs.

MEALS Sample diet sheet of men's meals for one day in the month of February 1919;

<u>Breakfast</u>	Bacon or Machonochie and porridge	Tea
<u>Dinner</u>	Corned beef and potatoes or stew	Tea
<u>Tea</u>	Rice and raisins	Tea

Summary of Rations issued

<u>Components</u>	<u>Days issued</u>	<u>Components</u>	<u>Days issued</u>
Meat, fresh	27	Meat, corned	28
Meat & Vegetables	3	Bread, 3 men per loaf	27
Butter 6 men per lb.	18	Jam, 6 men per lb.	27
Vegetables	1	Condensed milk	28
Potatoes	18	Onions	5
Pickles	9	Cigarettes, 2 pkts per man	5
Tobacco	5	Matches, 1 box per man	4
Mutton	1		

COMFORTS FUND

Cocoa and milk	1 day	Condensed milk	1 day
Soup powder	1 "	Tobacco	1 "

Petrol, Oils &c issued during month

Petrol	624 gallons
Lubricating oil	120 "
Methylated spirits	30 "
Carbide	56 lbs
Creosol	5 gallons

Motorcyclist stores apparatus etc.

<u>Articles</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Articles</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
Covers 26" x 2 3/8"	6	6	Repair Outfits	4	4
Footrest hangers	6	6	Rear wheel spokes W/ nipples	24	24
Petrol Pipe	1	1	Kickstart pawls	6	6

Technical Phones Etc.

<u>Articles</u>	<u>Inward</u>	<u>Outward</u>
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Articles	Technical		Miscellaneous. Articles	In	Out
	In	Out			
Handles. Gen. P.O. 44	6	6	Lamps, Electric 110V. 25c.p.	24	24
Lamp Holders, snitch	12	12	do	24	24
Lamp holders, plain	12	12			

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Clothing and Equipment

Tunics	32	30	Greatcoats	M.S.	3	1
Greatcoats D.S.	6	4	Boots		57	20
Tins, mess M.S.	24	7	Tins, Mess	D.S.	30	13
Puttees	60	26	Hats		8	11
Jackets, cardigan	6	6	Housewives		12	6
Braces	30	26	Soles, half	pairs	100	100
Pantaloon	14	20	Trousers W.O.		6	1
Jackets W.O.	6	1	Overalls D. R.		1	1
Map case	1	1	Brooms, bass		6	2
Axes, felling	1	1	Shoes, horse	pairs	38	38
Soap, soft	lbs 112	56	Soap, yellow	bars	14	14
Nosebags	36	36	Rugs, horse		30	30
Paint, green	lbs 112	112	Soda crystals	lbs	40	40
Collars, head	4	4	Rasps, farriers		4	4
Clippers, horse	3	3	Brushes, dandy		2	5
Rubbers, horse	-	6	Brushes, paint		12	12

Salvage returned to D. A. D. O. S.

Article	No.	Article	No.
Jerkins, leather	44	Sheets, ground	15
Rifles, S.M.L.E.	13	Breeches, cyclist	30
Brassards, B and W	380	Puttees	33
Hats	5	Tins, mess M.S.	6
Tins, mess D.S.	2	Braces	8
W. B. Carriers	2	Boots	21
Clippers Horse	1	Belts, web	6
W. B. Carriers, web	5	Pouches, ammunition. Left	3
Haversacks, web	12	do Right	3
Tools entrenching & carriers	2	Bayonets and Scabbard	2
Packs, web	2	Greatcoats, M.S.	2
Greatcoats D.S.	4	Pantaloon	17
Tunics	24	Collars head	2
Bottles, water	2	Blankets G.S.	1
Rugs, horse	3	Rasps, farriers	4
Jam Cartoons	bags 2		

Technical, Wireless

Articles	In	Out.
Electrolyte	glns 2	glns 3
Valves W/T Type R	18	18



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			<u>APPENDIX No. 7</u>	
			<u>Motor Cyclist Despatch Rider Service. 1st Australian Divisional Signal Company</u>	
<u>February 1919</u>			<p>The total number of machines on charge to the Company during the month was 23, the average distance travelled daily by each machine was 16 kilometres, making a total of 9000 Kilos for the month. The average number of kilometres travelled per gallon of petrol consumed was 80.</p>	
			<p>In this area the roads are very bad and the general weather conditions for the month was bad.</p>	
			<p>One machine was evacuated during the month and three Triumphs were received.</p>	

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			<u>APPENDIX No 9</u>	
			<u>No 1 Sub Section.</u>	
			<u>1st. Australian Divisional Signal Company</u>	
February	1st		Section in Billets at METTET, Belgium. Usual routine work carried on, holding one parade daily at 0915.	
	5th		Three sappers reported to D.A. Section for duty.	
	12th		One "D" class horse evacuated to 1st A.D.V.S. under demobilisation.	
	15th		One Driver reported to Company Headquarters for duty with two "Y" class horses.	
	21st		One Driver and Two Sappers for duty, and all waggons and horses returned to Company Headquarters.	

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

COMPANY ORDER No 123.

by.

Major. G. G. S. Gordon. D. S. O.
Commanding.1st
AUSTRALIAN DIVL.
SIGNAL COMPANY.

No.....

Date.....

3rd. February 1919.

Administrative.

The following Officers returned to Australia on 29th January 1919. :-

Lieut. O. M. Neale.
2/Lieut. F. P. Boyce. M. M.,

Strength.

Arrivals.

No 14202 Dvr Cocker. P. T. was taken on strength from Hospital on 31/1/19.

Casualties.

The following were evacuated sick on the dates set opposite their respective names:-

20332	Spr	Shearer. J.	17/1/19.
3029	"	Bower. P. H.	23/11/18.
21112	"	Howard. J. H.	19/1/19.

No 5772 Spr Leech. L. V. was evacuated sick while on furlough in the United Kingdom on 26/1/19.

The following were evacuated injured on 19/1/19.

8331 L/Cpl Brown. E. L.
14202 Dvr Cocker. P. T.

Transfers.

The following N. C. O. and men were transferred from Aust Corps Cyclist Bn on 24/1/19. :-

1523	Cpl	Spicer. E.
109	Spr	Breheney. W.
4735	"	Blundell. T. C.
2010	"	Davey. T. R.
4133	"	Guscott. H. G. J.
4897	"	Spicer. H. W.
598	"	Woolvett. L. R.
492	"	Whitworth. A. J.

No 5236 Spr Pitt. G. was transferred from 2nd A. I. Bn on 24/1/19.

Musters.

The following men were mustered Drivers under A. I. F. O. 785 on the dates set opposite their respective names:-

20058	Spr	Smith. A. H. V.	8/1/19.
5236	"	Pitt. G.	24/1/19.
21040	"	Currey. N. B.	23/12/18.

Desertion.

The following men were found by a Court of Inquiry, to have deserted His Majesty's Service, and struck off strength ~~xxxx~~ of Company on 25/1/19.4064 Spr Lockhart. A. A.
6323 " Russell. H.

Returned from Detachment.

3131 Spr Fitzpatrick. F. H. returned from Corps Central ~~School~~ School on 25/1/19.

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Detachments.

The following men were detached to Corps Workshops, Jeumont, on 27/1/19.:-

7475	Dvr	Booth. S.
19177	Spr	Morris. D. R.
17881	"	Brook. B. A.
17319	"	Wilson. A.

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Honours and Awards.

174 Sgt Fricke. A. P. Awarded the "M. S. M." Authy A. I. F. List 438 dated 24/1/19.
4355 T/Cpl Woods. W. G. " " " " " " " " " " " "

Promotions.

17631 L/Cpl Johnston. W. F. promoted Temp/Cpl vice Rowland, for educational purposes. 25/1/19.
6114 Cpl Rowland. E. promoted Temp/Sgt vice Hughes to Australia 30/1/19.

Appointment.

17631 Spr Johnston. W. F. appointed L/Cpl to complete establishment 24/1/19.

Returned to Australia.

The following N.C.Os and men returned to Australia on 29/1/19.:-

201	CSM	Hughes. H. J.
1380	Sgt	Simmons. J. J.
2487	"	Curtis. E. C.
194	Cpl	Davidson. G.
1296	"	Wallace. F.
3132	L/Cpl	Williams. E.
1298	"	March. H. N.
1697	"	Donaldson. D.
3130	"	Balcke. A. V.
1897	"	Harris. E. W.
4765	Dvr	McDonald. L. A. A.
3017	D"	Hayes. D. L.
1580	Spr	Lancaster. B. C.
1112	"	Phillips. J. D.
2334	"	Brown. A.
3131	"	Fitzpatrick. F. H.
2622a	"	Gedded. L. J.
2890	"	Paterson. J.
3086	"	Mason. F. M.
55	"	Scott. H. L.
109	"	Breheney. W.
2863	"	McCullough. W. F.
6853	"	Williams. D. E.
22656	"	Tribolet. B. H.

19145 Spr Newman. E. B. returned to Australia on 26/1/19.

Postings.

No 2 Section to H. Q.

8517	Spr	Martin. L.	1/2/19.
3977	"	Smith. J. J. M.	"
5989	"	Cox. W. W.	"
18306	"	McClintock. A. R.	"

No 4 Section to H. Q.

2858	Spr	Kerrigan. L. R.	1/2/19.
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Postings.
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No1 Section.

21042	Spr	Dean. J. H. W.	1/2/19.
14202	Dvr	Cocker. P. T.	"

No3 Section to No1 .

4542	Spr	Nicholson. A.	1/2/19.
3145	"	Whittle. R. S.	"
21531	"	Smith. J.	"

No4 Section to No1.

17859	Spr	Haward. M. F.	1/2/19.
20803	"	Leopold. C. G. E.	"

No2 Section.

5236	Dvr	Pitt. G.	24/1/19.
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Punishment.

21898 Dvr Yoxon. L. G. In the Field. 22/1/19.

Charge. :- Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he failed to salute a superior Officer.

Award. :- 7 days F.P.No2 by Major G. G. S. Gordon. D.S.O. on 24/1/19

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Attached Strength.

The following men returned to their units on the dates set opposite their respective names. :-

2811	Pte	Thompson. R. S.	10th Bn.	24/1/19.
2822	"	Palmer. J. A.	9th Bn.	23/1/19.
7324	"	Simpson. W. H.	9th Bn.	28/1/19.
7093	"	Warhurst. H. F.	10th Bn.	"
6333	"	WVikie. C. C.	1st Bn.	"
392	"	Rose. A. J.	3rd Bn.	"
7010	"	Johnson. L. A.	4th Bn.	"
7542	"	Towner. A. F.	4th Bn.	"
3353	"	Hay. W. G.	11th Bn.	"
3978	"	Fitton. W.	5th Bn.	"
5164	"	Morrison. J.	6th Bn.	"
6730	"	Collins. F.	6th Bn.	"
5966	"	Gartley. C. J.	7th Bn.	"

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Parcels. Delivery of. :-

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that parcels arriving for men returned to Australia cannot be sent on to them in Australia. Each man anticipating return should notify the O.C. Aust Base Post Office St Pancras Granary Kings Road N.W. 1, the name of a soldier to whom he would like his parcels delivered after his return. Otherwise such parcels will be dealt with under War Precautions Regulation 64C, which provides that the contents of undeliverable parcels will be handed to the Aust Comforts Fund for distribution amongst Australian troops.

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Cigarettes.

G.H.Q. advise as follows. :- "Bases have been instructed to pack tobacco and cigarettes in excess of normal loadings to make good quantities short packed last two weeks, provided stocks admit".

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Entertainments.

The Australian Y.M.C.A. Paris has affiliated with the Overseas French Home League. Officers and men of the A.I.F. when on leave in Paris may have hospitality with English speaking families, and entertainments arranged for them, by applying to the Australian Y.M.C.A. Hotel Windsor, 26 Rue de Petrograd, Paris

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Photography.

D.R.O. 848 is republished for information of all ranks. :-
"The right of taking photographs can be exercised freely in the whole of the Belgian territory, save the exceptions hereafter
(a) It is forbidden to take photographs of work, material and military installation, which may interest the national defence
(b) The access to camps, barracks, and military buildings on Belgian territory is forbidden to photographers who have no special authority, granted to them by the military authority which can grant it."

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Rations.

4th Army Routine Order 2811 is republished for information of all ranks. :-

"It has occasionally been necessary lately to vary and at times even to reduce the normal ration. This necessity has been caused by:-

- (a) Difficulty in obtaining certain supplies from Contractors
 - (b) Delayed shipments from England, consequent on the long spell of bad weather in the channel.
 - (c) Shortage of Trucks.
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Mentions in Despatches.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the issue of a Certificate to all those who are mentioned in Despatches during the present war for distinguished services. This Certificate will convey to the recipient, His Majesty's appreciation of the services rendered.

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Killing of Game.

4th Army Routine Order 1996 is republished for information. :-
"As cases still occur of Officers and other ranks pursuing and killing game, it is notified that the hunting, shooting or killing of game (which includes hares and rabbits) by nets or other method is strictly prohibited."

The dangerous practice of shooting at game is still persisted in throughout the Army Area, and casualties have been caused both to Soldiers and civilians.

From this date, severe disciplinary action will be taken against anyone contravening this order.

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Demobilization.

For demobilization purposes the Company has been attached to the 3rd Brigade Group.

The next Draft will leave on 28th February. Names of personnel proceeding and full particulars will be issued when available. The following extracts from General Instructions NO 3 are promulgated for information of all concerned. :-

"Every Unit Commander will have the task of deciding the order of precedence of repatriation for every individual man under his command, in accordance with definite principles which have been approved by the Commonwealth Government."

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-----the A.I.F. that any soldier of whatever rank required "for duty" must continue to serve whether in Europe, Australia or elsewhere until his services are no longer required, or until he can be released, even though he may under these rules have become entitled to repatriation and discharge in priority of others who are repatriated before him. Such "duty" personnel will be of the following natures:-

- (a) Unit Cadres- who must remain with their units to the last in order to close up its affairs.
- (b) Demobilisers, i.e., personnel employed in connection with the demobilization, such as transport duties, caretakers of animals and the like."

The names of personnel who will form the Cadre of Company will be issued as soon as completed.

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(Signed) G.G.S. Gordon. Major.

O.C. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.

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COMPANY ORDER No. 124
by
Major G. S. S. Gordon. D. S. O.
Commanding.

February 11th 1919.

Strength
Arrivals

The following N.C.O. was taken on strength ex hospital sick on 9/2/1919:-

6291 L/Cpl Hall M.

The following men were taken on strength from reinforcements on 4/2/1919:-

21093	Spr	Blizzard	J. T.
21708	"	Branch	F. A. E.
57677	"	Blackley	R. P.
54391	"	Briggs	H. R.
51505	"	Boyle	V. B.
22020	"	Calvert	A. C.
22231	"	Doelan	F. J.
51565	"	Knight	L. V.
5805	"	McKinley	W. E.
50099	"	Mullins	J. M.
22117	"	Mulligan	F.
19946	"	Need	P. G.
22129	"	O'Brien	A. D.
21866	"	Sparre	R. A.

Casualties

No. 7564 Spr. Illey J. died in 55th C.C.S. on 4/2/19
No. 21052 " Kenny R. B. was evacuated sick while on furlough in the U. K. 5/2/19.

The following men were evacuated sick on the dates set opposite their respective names:-

20442	Dvr.	Albrecht	J.	1/2/19
7358	Spr.	Pearce	V. C.	"
17633	"	Durham	C. D. B.	2/2/19
20080	"	Forrest	H. B.	3/2/19
6396	"	Bowden	J. M.	5/2/19
5206	"	Cahill	C. C.	19/1/19

Struck off strength

69 Spr Butler A. C. C. detained at Administrative Headquarters, London for duty 3/1/19.

Transfer

21785 Spr. Hodgson N. I. transferred to No. 8 Unit of Supply on 11/2/19.

Promotion

6114 T/Sgt. Rowlands E. promoted T/C. S. M. (W.O. Class 11) vice Hughes to Australia 1/2/19.

Returned from Detachment.

No. 7475 Dvr. Booth S. returned from detachment with Corps Workshops, Jeumont on 10/2/19

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Postings

To H. Q. Section

57677	Spr.	Blackley	P.R.	7/1/19
21778	"	Branch	P.A.E.	"
51565	"	Knight	L.V.	"
5805	"	McKinley	W. R.	"
50099	"	Mullins	J.M.	"
22129	"	O'Brien	A.D.	"
21866	"	Sparre	R.I.	"

To No. 1 Section

21093	Spr.	Blizzard	J. T.	"
51505	"	Boyle	V. D.	"
54391	"	Briggs	H.R.	"
22020	"	Calvert	A.C.	"
22117	"	Mulligan	F.	"
22231	"	Doolan	P.J.	"
19946	"	Need	P.G.	"

No. 4 Section to H. Qra.

21519 Spr. O'Connor A.I. 6/2/19

Demobilization

It is advised that demobilization and leave trains are often delayed through troops travelling in brake vans. As French Guards will not take over in these cases, travelling in brake vans is strictly prohibited, and any cases of such will be treated as disobedience of orders.

DemobilizationStatistics

'Demobaust' advise embarkation to 6th February 26860 A.I.P. and 1958 others, families etc. February shipping to date 19000 A.I.P. and 2730 others. Shipping delayed by strikes in dockyards and railways but hoped to adhere to programme. Shipping Ministry have been asked to provide shipping for 30,000 for March.

Articles purchasedin Canteens.

Para 1 of G.R.O. 1414 is republished herewith and made applicable to Belgian civilians;--

"It has come to notice that soldiers are selling goods purchased from Canteens and Regimental Institutes to French and Belgian civilians. This practice will cease forthwith. It is pointed out that Canteens have been established solely for the use and benefit of the British Army in the Field, all goods sold therein being through the courtesy of the French Government imported into this Country duty free, and articles are therefore saleable at a cheaper rate than is possible in French or Belgian shops.

Draft for Australia.

The Company will supply the following quota for the next draft to Australia leaving approximately 7th March;--

3 Off. 6 Sgts. 91 G/R's.

(Sgd) V. D. Bowen Capt.

for O.C. 1st A.I. Coy.

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY

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COMPANY ORDER NO. 125

by

Major. G.G.S. Gordon, D. S. O.,

Commanding.

No. D.S.C. 4543

Date 21-2-19

February 18th 1919.Strength

Arrivals. The following man was taken on strength ex hospital sick on 17.2.19

6958 Spr. Bates E.J.

Casualties No. 20080 Spr. Forrest H.B. died in 20th C.C.S. on 11.2.19.

No. 16827 Spr. Haineswood H.R.E. evacuated to 3rd A.A.H. Dartford while on furlough in U.K. 8.2.19

The following men were evacuated sick on the dates set opposite their respective names;--

22126 Dvr. Nelson C.S. 14.2.19

6923 " Carter R.H. 6.2.19

15182 Spr. Gibson J.L. 16.2.19

Struck off strength No. 139 Spr. Cook T.P. detained at 1st. Training Brigade, Sutton Veny, for early repatriation. 11.2.19

The following men left for duty at Administrative Headquarters, London, on 17.2.19.

5288 L/Cpl Carroll M.L.

19175 Spr. Evans F.T.

22277 Spr. Sanders W.F.

Promotion

The following Officers to be Lieutenants. Authy.
A.I.F. List No. 443 of 7.2.19

2/Lieut. G. F. Miller 13.10.18

" C. J. Vause 22.10.18

" F. P. Boyce 17.11.18

Leave

The times of departure of returning leave trains are as follows;

Boulogne and Calais Services.

Victoria ther ranks depart 0630

Courses of Instruction

It has been noticed that Unit allotments are seldom filled. It must be clearly explained to all ranks that attendance at courses of instruction will in no way interfere with the Candidate's place on the Demobilization precedence roll. Any candidate due for demobilization will be at once withdrawn from any course of instruction. He will not be obliged to complete the course.

Purchase of meat, bread and flour from civilian shops and bakeries

Owing to the shortage of flour in Belgium, it has been necessary to put civilians upon a ration which is only just sufficient for their needs. In order to prevent wastage, civilian bakers are allowed only the quantity of flour which is required for this ration. In every case therefore, where British soldiers persuade a civilian baker to sell them flour or bread, they are depriving the inhabitants, mostly women and children, of food.

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Purchase of meat etc.
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This also applies to meat, which although not rationed, is difficult to obtain.

The Army Commanders trust to the honour of the troops, not to buy or consume these foodstuffs, which are only barely sufficient for the needs of the families of their comrades of the Belgian Army.

(Sgd) ...V..D.. Bowen...Capt.
for O.C. 1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

22 FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY

COMPANY ORDER NO. 126

by

Major G. G. S. Gordon D.S.O.,

Commanding.



25th February 1919

Strength

Casualties No. 7564 Spr. Thomas W. evacuated to Hospital while on furlough in U.K. 18.2.19.
No. 20077 Spr. Burrows F.H. evacuated to 3rd A.A.H. Dartford while on furlough in U.K. 17.2.19.

The following men were evacuated sick on the dates set opposite their respective names:-

14159	Spr. Guignon	E.G.	18.2.19
18454	Spr. Underhill	F.	17.2.19
20052	Dvr. Cook	S.C.	20.2.19
3483	Spr. Sporle	J.H.	15.2.19

Struck off strength The following men left for early repatriation to Australia on 21.2.19:-

5210	Spr. Heywood	W.C.
17048	Spr. McConnell	A.M.

Detachments

The following N.C.O. and men were detached to DADOS for duty on 21.2.19:-

16831	L/Cpl Stewart	C.G.
21556	Spr. Stubbings	A.E.
19731	Spr. Averis	A.C.
7429	Spr. Hazlett	W.J.
57677	Spr. Blackley	R.P.

Postings

No. 1 Sub-Section to No. 1 Section

29100	Dvr. Judd	W.E.	21.2.19
21040	Dvr. Curry	N.B.	do
20063	Spr. Kornick	H.	do
7249	Spr. Hannan	I.L.	do

No. 2 Sub-Section to No. 1 Section

5957	Dvr. Blanchard	W.F.	do
5779	Dvr. Jennings	J.T.	do
17884	Dvr. Duncan	J.R.	do
6796	Spr. Miller	J.W.	do
20471	Spr. Martin	R.T.F.	do

No. 3 Section to No. 1 Section

22067	Dvr. Godwin	G.R.	do
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No. 5 Section to No. 1 Section

22183	Spr. Omark	N.G.	do
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Attached strength The following men were returned to their Units on the dates set opposite their respective names:-

6778	Pte Moore	H.	9th Bn.	11.2.19
6722	" Cox	G.H.W.	1st Bn	18.2.19

Educational Following received from Division:-

"All applications received to date for admission to the Agricultural Training Depot, Sutton Veny have been forwarded to higher authority"

Transfer

No. 5615 Pte. Thredgold A.W. was transferred from 10th Battalion, Australian Infantry on 12.2.19.

(Sgd) G.G.S. Gordon Major
O.C. 1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.