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Signature of Officer compiling J. Mackenna
Capt.

Signature of Officer Commanding P. Stewart Smith
Major

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FRANCE 57f 1/40,000.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/11/18		Weather: Fine. All Companies were bathed at the Brigade Baths and received a clean change of clothing today. The C.O. and Company Commanders attended a Conference at 5th Aust. Division Headquarters at OISEMONT, held under the auspices of the Inspector General of Training. Two cases of desertion and one case of A.W.L. were presented for trial at a Field General Court Martial today.	<i>Smith Capt</i>
	2/11/18		Weather: fine. A general muster parade was held at 9 am in connection with the round up of deserters throughout the Corps. Picquets provided to search this unit's area failed to apprehend any absentees. The C.O. spoke to themen on the parade of Espirit de Corps. Some ceremonial drill was carried out and the parade dismissed at 11 am. The turn out and drill of Companies was good.	<i>Smith Capt</i>
	3/11/18		Weather: fine. Usual Church parades were held. O.P.D. and C.of E. at 11 am in the Battalion Recreational Tent and R.C. at Parish Church HUCHENNEVILLE at 9.30 am. The C.O. attended a conference at 5th Aust. Division Headquarters, OISEMONT, at 2.30 pm. Tryouts for the Brigade sports were held during the afternoon. The Adjutant, Lieut. F.B. MCWHANNELL, reported to Brigade H.Qrs. to relieve the Staff Captain proceeding on leave to U.K.	<i>Smith Capt</i>

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<p>LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE. Ref. Sheets. 14 FRANCE 57f 1/40,000.</p>	<p>4/11/18</p>		<p>Weather: very fine. The C.O. held a battalion parade at HUCHENNEVILLE this morning. Company Commanders put their Companies through an attack exercise carried out in accordance with the principles of training enunciated at the Divisional Conference of 1/11/18. Company Commanders attended C.O.'s daily conference. Afterwards they accompanied the C.O. to 15th Brigade School, ERCOURT, to inspect a ground relief model of the battlefield of BELLICOURT and ESTREES. Whilst at ERCOURT the C.O. took Company Commanders over the country between that place and BOUILLENCOURT - the scene of a Brigade Advanced Guard Operation on 6th instant. Lieut. C.S. Grice rejoined from Hospital (wounded).</p>	<p><i>Grice</i></p>
	<p>5/11/18</p>		<p>Weather: Raining all day. Companies were employed indoors on half an hour's anti-gas training. Company Commanders explained to their Companies the principles of training enunciated at the Divisional Conference on 1st Novr. 1918. They also explained the Brigade Advanced Guard scheme set down for 6th instant. Training Memorandum No 26A (Appendix No /) was issued. Lieut. Grice reported to Battalion Headquarters and took over the duties of Assistant Adjutant.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 1 <i>Grice</i></p>

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE 1/100,000. 1/40,000.	6/11/18		Weather: Raining steadily. On account of the rain, the Brigade Advanced Guard scheme, (Appendix No /) was postponed until 8th Novr. 1918. Company Commanders put into operation the "Wet Day Programme" they had already prepared for the emergency. Battalion Christmas cards were posted in large numbers. A specimen copy is attached (Appendix No 2).	APPENDIX NO / APPENDIX NO 2
LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE 14 FRANCE 57f Ref. Sheets	7/11/18		Weather: dull, but dry. Marching out parades were held to test the readiness of the battalion to turn out at short notice. (Appendix No 3). The inspection disclosed some small shortages which will be made good immediately. The battalion marched to HUPPY in the afternoon to take part in the 15th Brigade sports. The contests resulted as follows: 57th Battalion 33 Points, 58th Battalion 23 Points, 59th Battalion 9 Points. The C.O. was very pleased with the day's sport and promised the men a free issue of beer tomorrow. The cooks were on the ground and provided the evening meal before the battalion marched back to billets. A detailed account of the sports is given in Appendix No 4 .	APPENDIX NO 3 APPENDIX NO 4

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<p>LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE. 14 Ref: Sheets: 1/100,000. FRANCE 57f 1/40,000.</p>	<p>8/11/18</p>		<p>Weather: dull in morning, wet about midday and during the afternoon. The Brigade Advanced Guard scheme postponed from 6th Nov. was carried out. The C.O. Lt.Col. C.A. DENEHY.DSO. was an umpire and Capt. R.V. LINTON commanded the battalion. The battalion formed the main guard marching along the ERCOURT - TOEUFLES ROAD. The vanguard (59th Bn.) was held up astride the road North of TOEUFLES. The Mainguard was called upon to send one Company to the right and two to the left flank. Before they could get into action however, the "Cease fire" sounded. All officers assembled to hear the Brigadier's remarks on the lessons learnt from the day's work. The principle fault was the failure of the scouts to keep sufficiently far ahead of the parties they were to protect. The battalion halted for the midday meal at Q.S.C.5.9 and then marched back to billets where an issue of rum was made. Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT. DSO. marched out to 4th Army School, Company Commanders Course.</p>	<p><i>met</i></p>
	<p>9/11/18.</p>		<p>Weather: fine. The Divisional Gas Officer delivered a lecture on gas to the assembled battalion. The lecture was followed by a demonstration of the firing of gas projectors. The C.O. attended a conference of Battalion Commanders at Brigade H.Qrs. to discuss proposed platoon Competitions. It was decided that the competitions be abandoned on</p>	<p><i>met</i></p>

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ABBEVILLE. near 14 FRANCE 57f.	10/11/18		<p>account of the present weakness of platoons. The officers of the battalion held their bi-weekly mess dinner, at Battalion H.Qrs tonight. Capt. B. PEACOCK MC. marched out on leave to U.K.</p> <p>Weather: very fine. The usual church parades were held. Afterwards the C.O. accompanied by Capt. W.H.L. McDONALD, inspected the billets of the Battalion. At 15.30 the C.O. inspected the horses paraded for the purpose at Battalion H.Qrs. He was not quite satisfied with the grooming, some of the horses coats showing signs of dirt. Capt. W.H.L. McDONALD, Lieuts. N.B. WHITE and D. McFARLANE marched in from Hospital.</p>	<p><i>Smith Capt</i></p>
LIMERCOURT Ref. Sheets:	11/11/18		<p>Weather: dull. The Companies paraded to the rifle range, ERCOURT, for musketry practice. The results of the shooting were good. Practices were fired at 100 and 300 yards. A ground relief model in course of construction at ERCOURT, was inspected by officers and N.C.Os. A party of officers under the C.O. rode over the ground NORTH of ERCOURT, the scene of a proposed Brigade Outpost scheme. Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE marched in from Aust. Corps schools and Capt. R.V. LINTON marched out to the same school. 2/Lieut. R.S. OWEN reported ^{from} 5th Div. Signal Company.</p>	<p><i>Smith Capt</i></p>

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	12/11/18		Weather: fine, but cold. A muster parade as per Training Memorandum No 28 (Appendix No 6) was held near CAUMONT. An outpost scheme as per Battalion Order No 157 (Appendix No 7) was carried out during the evening. The Brigadier was present in command and personally inspected the outposts. He objected to the general practice of sentries' challenging loudly and requiring the pass-word to be shouted from a distance. The night was very cold so the men enjoyed the march back to billets. Lieut. R.D. MCFARLANE marched out on leave to U.K.
	13/11/18		Weather: fine but cold. Companies paraded for baths at HUPPY, but came away unbathed on account of the watersupply having failed. The usual special weekly dinner was given to the men and thoroughly enjoyed by them. Lieut. W.B. CARNEGIE marched in from Salvage Demonstration ROUEN.
	14/11/18.		Weather: fine but cold. The C.O. held a parade of all officers and N.C.Os this morning. He addressed them on the danger of slackness setting in now that hostilities have ceased. He required a general tightening up of discipline. After the address, several of the officers rehearsed demonstrations with squads of N.C.Os. At Orderly Room the C.O. dealt

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE Ref. Sheets. 14 FRANCE 57f.	15/11/18		with two cases of absence without leave. Weather: very fine, but still cold. Training Memorandum No 30 (Appendix No 8) was followed. The battalion drilled well and the C.O. was very pleased with the morning's work. Pay was made available and issued to Company Commanders. Lieut. J.A. RENA marched in from 4th Army S.O.S. School.	APPENDIX NO 8 <i>Smith</i>
	16/11/18		Weather: fine but cold. The Battalion took part in the Brigade Route March detailed in Training Memorandum No 31 (Appendix No 9). It was an ideal day for marching. During the march Brigade Headquarters decided to increase the distance to be traversed. The route followed was via CAUMONT, MAREUL and VILLERS sur MAREUIL and HUCHENNEVILLE. The officers of the battalion attended the usual Saturday evening mess dinner. Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT. C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M., and the Brigade Major Capt. H.R. GOLLAN MC. attended. After the toast of "the King" had been honoured, the General announced that the Division would shortly move to Germany. He referred to the high honour that had been done to the Division by the Authorities who have selected it as one of 32 Divisions to form part of the Army of Occupation. He announced that cameras and photographs were now permitted and that	APPENDIX NO 9 <i>Smith</i>

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE Ref. Sheets: 14 FRANCE 57f. 1/100,000. 1/40,000.			<p>Censorship regulations had been somewhat modified. "The Brigade" was toasted in honour of the guests of the evening.</p>	<p><i>Smith Capt</i></p>
	17/11/18		<p>Weather: Very cold and dull. Thanksgiving services were held. R.C. at HUCHENNEVILLE at 10.30 h. C.of E. and O.P.D. at HUPPY. The latter was a Brigade Parade and was attended by the Divisional Commander and his Staff. After the service, the G.O.C. Division, addressed the parade on the subject of the allied victory. An issue of rum to the battalion was approved for tonight. The nights are cold and the issue is appreciated. Major G.S. SMITH. MC. marched in from 59th Battalion. Lieut. H. OLVER took over the duties of Assistant Adjutant.</p>	<p><i>Smith Capt</i></p>
	18/11/18		<p>Weather: cold and dull. Companies held muster parades to test the preparedness of the men for marching out at short notice. Divisional sports were held at HUPPY in the afternoon. The battalion marched to the ground but the men returned independently. Warning was received to the effect that the Division would be called upon to entrain at 36 hours notice. 2/Lieut. R.S. OWEN, took over the duties of Signalling Officer.</p>	<p><i>Smith Capt</i></p>

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE Ref. Sheets: 14 France 57f 1/100,000 1/40,000.	19/11/18		<p>Weather; fine but cold. The Battalion carried out a short route march as per Training Memorandum No 32 (Appendix No 10) in preparation for the forthcoming move. The turn-out was good, but it was noticed that a number of steel helmets required covering. It has been suggested to Brigade Headquarters that under present circumstances there is no necessity to cover the helmets. After the route march an inspection was held near CAUMONT. The C.O. (Lt. Col. C.A. DENEHY. D.S.O.) went on 75 day's leave. Major. G. Stewart SMITH M.C. took over the battalion.</p>	APPENDIX NO 10 <i>Smith</i>
	20/11/18		<p>Weather: fine. The battalion carried out a route march as per Training Memorandum No 33 (Appendix No //). The Divisional Commander took the salute on the main ABBEVILLE road near HUPPY, and expressed satisfaction with the turn-out of the men. The band as a whole has been granted leave to the U.K. The absence of the assistance usually supplied by the band was particularly noticeable on the march today. The object aimed at in sending the whole on leave at once is to prevent the weakening that would ^{ensue} ensure if there were always some men away from duty.</p>	APPENDIX NO // <i>Smith</i>

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE. Ref. Sheets: 14 France 57f 1/100,000 1/40,000.	21/11/18		<p>Weather: Fine. The A/C.O. held a parade on the HUCHENNEVILLE parade ground. Ceremonial drill was carried out in preparation for the expected review by the Divisional Commander. The battalion marched past twice in column of companies and afterwards advanced in review order. Again we felt the absence of the band. The marching however was very good, but the rifle exercises were not well performed. The A/C.O. therefore formed the Battalion in line and matched the rear rank against the front rank. Criticisms were varied and effective. Some cameras made their appearance today - a result of the lifting of the ban.</p>	<p><i>made</i></p>
	22/11/18		<p>Weather: fine. The battalion paraded early and proceeded to HUPPY where the G.O.C. 15th Brigade, held a rehearsal for the forthcoming review by the Divisional Commander. Appendix No 12. The General appeared satisfied but remarked that Companies needed more practice at marching in line.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 12 <i>made</i></p>
	23/11/18		<p>Weather: fine, but cold and misty in the afternoon. Opportunity was taken of the fact that there was no Brigade parade to place Companies at the disposal of Company Commanders. A general overhaul of the platoons occupied their Commanders for the morning. The C.O., on leave to England, forwarded some Khaki blanco for the men's equipments. The 2nd in</p>	<p><i>made</i></p>

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE Ref. Sheets: 14 France 57f 1/100,000 1/40,000			Command visited the Companies and watched the platoons at work. Capt. R.V. Linton marched in from Australian Corps School.	<i>med cap</i>
	24/11/18		Weather: Misty and threatening; cold. The usual R.C. Church parade was held at HUCHENNEVILLE. The officiating curé addressed the congregation with much animation and reminded them of the debt they owed to the soldiers who had given them victory and particularly to the Australians who had come such a distance to their aid. Two claims totalling 30 francs were received today. Brigade order 210 containing instructions for our transfer to the BUSIGNY - BOHAIN area (near LE CATEAU) was received. Battalion order No 158 (Appendix No 13) was issued. Capt. R.V. LINTON took over the duties of Battalion second in command and Capt. W.H.L. McDONALD returned to "A" Company.	APPENDIX NO 13 <i>med cap</i>
	25/11/18		Weather: fine. Instructions for entrapment at ABBEVILLE at 04.40 h. on 26/11/18 were issued as Battalion Order No 159 (Appendix No 14). At 18.00 h. Brigade Headquarters advised that our train would be delayed 12 hours. Paliasses were therefore reissued, and the men had retained one blanket apiece. Companies were warned to be ready to move at short notice. At 20.00 h. the 31st Battalion, 8th Brigade, marched into our billeting area.	APPENDIX NO 14 <i>med cap</i>

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LIMERCOURT near ABBEVILLE Ref. Sheets; 14 France 57f 1/40,000.	26/11/18		<p>and we were constrained to share our billets with them for the night.</p> <p>Weather: dull and threatening. The Intelligence Officer was sent into ABBEVILLE and reported that trains were running just 12 hours late and that we might expect to leave ABBEVILLE at 16.40 h. today. Companies were instructed to carry out Battalion Orders Nos. 158 and 159 adding twelve hours to the times set out therein. The Battalion entrained at 15.00 h. Entraining state is attached (Appendix No 15). A hot meal was provided at the station and the train left at 17.10 h. It was not a cold night and the men slept well. They had one greatcoat and one blanket apiece. Advantage was taken of several prolonged stops to obtain boiling water from the engine and provide tea for the battalion.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 15</p> <p><i>Smock Camp</i></p>
VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. BERTRY 5. F. 40. 10. REJET 6. H. 50. 57	27/11/18		<p>Weather: Dull, but not raining. The train travelled via AMIENS, CHAULNES and CAMBRAI and reached the detraining station BERTRY at 14.00 h. Here the Y.M.C.A. provided hot tea and biscuits. Lieut. KENEALY, in charge of our billeting party, met us and directed us to our area REJET, near MAZINGHIEN. We reached billets in the darkness at 17.00 h. Battalion Headquarters was situated at 6.H.50.57. A warning order from Brigade Headquarters was received at 17.30 h. advising that the Brigade would move at 10.30 h. next day to FAVRIL area.</p>	<p><i>Smock Camp</i></p>

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<p>Ref. Map: VALENCIENNES. 1/100,000. WATERLIN 5.H.83.18 5.I.96.11.</p>	<p>28/11/18</p>		<p>Brigade Order No 211 was received at 22.00 h. and Battalion Order No 160 (Appendix No 16) was issued.</p> <p>Weather: light continuous rain. The Brigade commenced its march to the FAVRIL area at 10.30 h. this morning. The march was rendered uncomfortable by the repeated halts necessary to permit other traffic to cross our route. The roads were thick with mud. The battalion reached its billets at WATERLIN at 14.30 h. Battalion Headquarters is situated at 5.H.83.18. The billets are not good. The Germans have stripped the country of horses, cattle and food and have removed many of the beds from the houses.</p> <p>Weather: dull and showery. The day was spent in settling down. Some billets were decided upon as unsuitable and others were occupied in place of them. Battalion Headquarters removed to 5.I.96.11. Something went wrong with the supply trains. As a result the Battalion was on emergency rations (beef and biscuits) for breakfast and lunch. The A/C.O. attended a Conference at Brigade Headquarters (FAVRIL). The Brigadier addressed the meeting on the subject of demobilization.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 16 <i>med cap</i></p> <p><i>med cap</i></p> <p><i>med cap</i></p>

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.	30/11/18		<p>Weather: <i>fine but cold.</i> The day was spent in cleaning up billets and settling down generally. The rations have improved, but are still somewhat light. The C.O. held a Conference of all Officers at Battalion Headquarters at 13.30 h. and explained the scheme for demobilization as made known at the Brigade Conference yesterday. It is anticipated that 12 months will have elapsed between the declaration of peace and the return of the last of the A.I.F. to Australia. Demobilization will not be commenced prior to the declaration of peace. In the meantime, however, the A.I.F. education scheme will be developed as rapidly as possible. Lieut. M.J. MEARA, M.C. marched out to Brigade Headquarters, and Lieut. R.D. MCFARLANE rejoined from leave.</p> <p>The following special appendices are attached:-</p> <table><tr><td>Report on Conditions in HUPPY Area.</td><td>Appendix No 17.</td></tr><tr><td>Report on the move from HUPPY to FAVRIL Area.</td><td>Appendix No 18.</td></tr><tr><td>Report of C.O.</td><td>Appendix No 19.</td></tr><tr><td>Medical Officer's Report for November 1918.</td><td>Appendix No 20.</td></tr><tr><td>Report on the Problem of Intelligence during the period of moving warfare.</td><td>Appendix No 21.</td></tr></table>	Report on Conditions in HUPPY Area.	Appendix No 17.	Report on the move from HUPPY to FAVRIL Area.	Appendix No 18.	Report of C.O.	Appendix No 19.	Medical Officer's Report for November 1918.	Appendix No 20.	Report on the Problem of Intelligence during the period of moving warfare.	Appendix No 21.	<p><i>snatch Call</i></p>
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J. Macdonna
CAPT.
ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 26A.

5th NOVEMBER 1918

" BRIGADE ADVANCED GUARD SCHEME. "
Preliminary Instructions.

57 TH BATTALION, A.I.F.
No.
Date

Ref. Map 57F 1/40,000.

1. The Battalion will pass the starting point LES CROISSETTES en route to ERCOURT at 0845 on 6.11.1918 in the following order: Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies, Company Cookers.
2. A certificate that no ammunition is carried will be furnished to the Adjutant by Company Commanders at the starting point.
3. ROUTE: LES CROISSETTES - ABBEVILLE ROAD to Q 34 C 4.4 - Q 33 Central - Q 31 b 95.75 - thence NORTH to ERCOURT.
4. Lewis Guns will be carried on pack mules marching in rear of each Company. Each Lewis Gun Section will carry a rattle.
5. DRESS. Fighting Order, box respirators. Felt hats will be worn turned up at the side.
6. Headquarters Runners will take bicycles.

J. Archenna

LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

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6. 11. 1918.

J. Bracken
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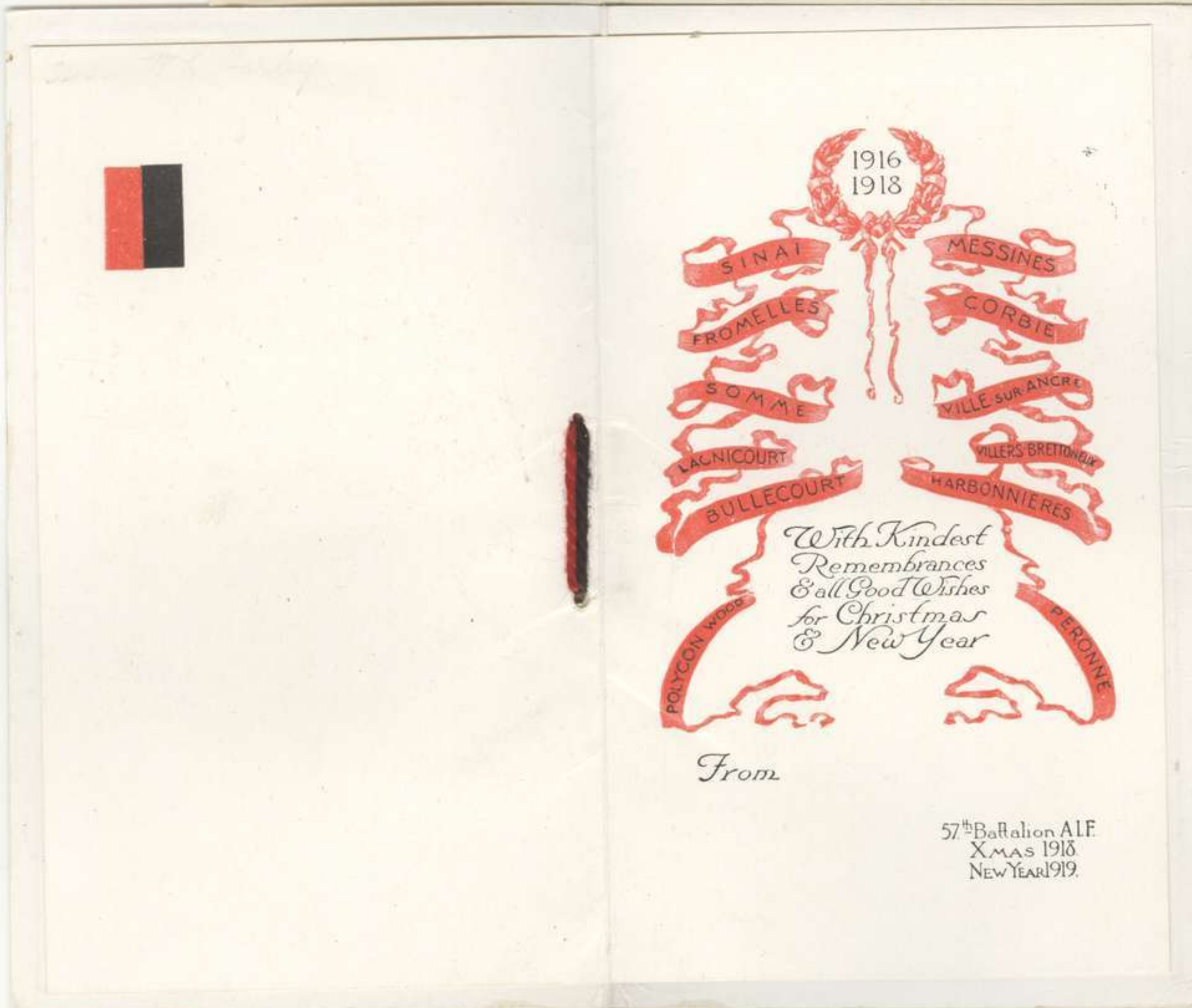
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57th BATTALION CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARD 1918 - 1919.



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57th BATTALION A.I.F.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 27

57TH
BATTALION
A.I.F.

6th NOVEMBER 1918

Ref: Map 57F 1/40,000.

Training for tomorrow will be as follows:-

08.30. Inspectional parade.

09.00 to 10.30. Companies will hold marching out parades to test the readiness of the battalion to turn out at short notice. Every man except essential duties (Battalion Routine Order 2046) must be on parade.
DRESS. Marching Order, box respirators, steel helmets. Ammunition will be checked in billets by C.S.M. whilst the men are on parade.

"A" and "B" Companies will parade on "A" Company's ground at CAUMONT, "C" and "D" Companies on the Battalion parade ground, HUCHENNEVILLE.

The C.O. will visit the parades.

Company Commanders will submit by noon tomorrow a report on the inspection, stating what shortages are disclosed and what repairs are necessary.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING.

Brigade sports will be held at HUPPY commencing at 13.30 tomorrow. The battalion will proceed to the Sports ground by march route in the following order: Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies, Company Cookers, passing the starting point Q 29 C 4.4 on the ABBVILLE ROAD at 13.00.

DRESS: Belt and haversack slung over right shoulder. Parade states to be handed to R.S.M. at starting point.

All except essential duties (B.R.O. 2046) will attend, but competitors may proceed independently. Cookers will accompany the battalion. Men will carry their dry rations and will have their evening meal on the ground. No one is permitted to leave the ground without the permission of his Company Commander. The R.S.M. will detail a bugler to report to the Adjutant at the conclusion of the sports, when the "Fall in" will be sounded preceded by the Regimental call. The battalion will then march back to billets.

J. J. McIsaac

LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION A.I.F.

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BATTALION SPORTS MEETING HELD AT

CAUMONT

NEAR ABBEVILLE. FRANCE. 27.10.18.



The Battalion Sports usually held whenever the Battalion is in rest took place at CAUMONT (near ABBEVILLE) in 27.10.18.

The winners of the different events were :-

100 YARDS.	1st. 2/ Lieut J.W.L. RODGERS.	
	2nd 4584 CQMS. ROSS.	A.J.W.
	3rd 2691 Pte MASSEY.	F.J.
220 YARDS.	1st 2/Lieut. J.W.L. RODGERS.	
	2nd 4584 CQMS ROSS.	A.J.W.
	3rd 2366 L/C GOFF.	A.G.
440 YARDS.	1st 2691 Pte MASSEY.	F.J.
	2nd 1962 Cpl RYAN.	W.J.A.
	3rd 3715 Cpl MARTIN.	J.A.
880 YARDS.	1st. 2691 Pte MASSEY.	F.J.
	2nd 1962 Cpl RYAN.	W.J.A.
	3rd 5205 Pte SPARKS.	G.T.
1 MILE.	1st 2691 Pte MASSEY.	F.J.
	2nd 2634 " ARGUELLA.	D.
BROAD JUMP.	1st 3715 Cpl MARTIN.	J.A.
	2nd 4584 CQMS ROSS.	A.J.W.
	3rd 2/Lieut. J.W.L. RODGERS.	
RELAY RACE.	1st. "C" Company's Team.	
	2nd. "B" " "	
MULE RACE.	1st 2794 Dvr. ROUSE.	A.A.
	2nd 2680 Pte LYNCH.	E.W.
KICKING THE FOOTBALL.	1st. Lieut. W.J. TANNER.	
	2nd 4521 T/RQMS HUGHES.	F.V.
	3rd 2/Lieut. J.W.L. RODGERS.	
3 LEGGED RACE.	1st Ptes. Sparks & O'Brien.	
	2nd CQMS Ross & 2/Lt. Rodgers.	

The entries were very evenly distributed over the various events and afforded a good deal of inter-company competition.

Great interest was evinced over the Company championship which as the results show, was very hotly contested.

"B" Company won the championship from "C" Company by one (1) point. All races were scratch races

SPORTS COMMITTEE. Lieut. N.J. MCCAY.
2/Lieut. L. COCKRAM.
Lieut. J.A. RENA.
2/Lieut. J.W.L. RODGERS.

CAUMONT.
28/10/1918.

N.J. McCay LIEUT.
BATTALION SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE.

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57th BATTALION A.I.F.TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 2C.Ref: Map 57F 1/40,000.Work for 12th November:-

09.00 Inspectional parade.

09.30 Muster parade at R.25b9.9. A marker with parade station
tc from each Coy. will report to R.S.M. on the ground at10.00 09.15. All except essential duties (B.R.O. 8046) will
attend.

Dress: Fighting Order.

Q.M. and all available staff will attend.

No leave will be granted to Abbeville tomorrow.

10.00 Explanation of the night outpost scheme by platoon
commanders.

Sentry groups etc will be told off on this parade.

Orders for the night outpost scheme will be issued later.

*W. G. McKenna*LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION A.I.F.

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57th BATTALION ORDER No. 157

Ref. Sheet: 57 F. France.
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BATTALION
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1. (a) The enemy has been driven out of TOEUFLES and holds a rear guard position astride the TOEUFLES-MIANNAY road, about 1000 yards N. of TOEUFLES.
(b) 15th Infantry Brigade hold TOEUFLES.
(c) 59th Bn. is on our right and 20th Bn. is on our left.
(d) The main body is at ERCOURT.
2. (a) The Division is to halt for the night. The 57th Bn. will immediately on receipt of this order establish an outpost line from cross roads Q108-1 (exclusive) to cross roads P608-5 (exclusive)
(b) The picquet line, which will be the line of resistance, will be sited running approximately EAST and WEST from 100 to 500 yards from the northern edge of the village of TOEUFLES.
3. In case of attack the outpost line will be held and will if necessary be reinforced from the main body.
4. The 57th Battalion will be disposed as follows:
 - (a) Picquet Line: "A" Company. Right.
"B" " " Centre
"C" " " Left.
 - (b) Supports: "D" Company, in sunken road Q 7 a Q.9.
 - (c) Battalion Headquarters at Supports with report centre at fork road P 6 d 9.1.
5. Reconnoitring patrols will be furnished from Supports.
6. The outposts will not be relieved till 3 am.
7. After receipt of this order no lights or fires will be used except that the location of Battalion Headquarters will be marked by the regimental lantern. Visual signalling by Lucas lamp will however be used where practicable.
3. R.A.P. at house 100 yards north of Battalion Headquarters.

Issued verbally to Company
Commanders at 5.15 pm.

J. J. Maderna
LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Confirmed in writing at 6 pm.

Copy No 1. "A" Coy. 2. "B" Coy. 3 "C" Coy. 4. "D" Coy. 5. H.Qrs.
6. 15th Bde. 7. File. 8-10 War Diary. 10. 59th BN. 11. 20th BN.

57TH BATTALION A.I.F.SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO
ACCOMPANY
BATTALION ORDER NO 157

57TH BATTALION A.I.F.	
No.
Date

MARCH:-

Starting Point: Cross Roads at LES CROISETTES.
 Starting Time: 14.25 on 12/11/18.
ROUTE: Cross Roads at Q 16 b 8.8, cross roads at Q 15 b 4.9,
 Q 9 c 7.4, Q 7 c 9.7 thence N. to outposts.
Order of March: Headquarters, "A", "B", "C", "D" Companies.
DRESS: Fighting Order, greatcoats. Mess tins to be carried.
Parade Staves: to be handed to R.S.M. at Starting Point.

MEALS:

A halt for the evening meal will be made at 15.30 at Q 8 C 4.4.
 Q. M. to arrange.

- (a) Crops are to be avoided as much as possible.
 (b) S.A.A. must be left in billets. R.S.M. will collect from
 Companies at starting point certificates that no S.A.A. is
 carried.

THE RETURN.

On sound of bugle or other signal, the Battalion will reform
 on the road in which the support Company is located and return
 to billets.

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BATTALION TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 30."WORK FOR 15/11/18."

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0830 Inspectional parade.

0930 Muster Parade on HUCHANNEVILLE parade ground. DRESS. Drill Order. All except essential duties (B.R.O. 2046) will attend. A marker with parade state from each Company will report to R.S.M. on ground at 0915. Band will attend.

On the muster parade the following demonstrations will be given under the direction of the officers mentioned:-

- I. Military Bearing and Smartness of a Runner
(Lieut. N.B. WHITE.)
 - II. Challenging on Outposts. (Lieut. C.G. FORREST. MC.)
- After the demonstrations, men will break off for 10 minutes' Smoke - oh.

INTER-COMPANY COMPETITION.

Companies will fall-in on private parade grounds and send a marker to the R.S.M. Companies will be sized for ceremonial and then divided into platoons. Platoon inspection will be carried out and Companies will march on to Battalion parade.

The following programme will then be followed:-

- (I) Marching past by Companies in line.
 - (II) Turning about and marching past as a battalion in column of Companies.
 - (III) Marching past as a battalion in column of route.
- Details of the movements will be communicated later. Points will be awarded for all movements. The Company judged the best will be notified in orders.

DEMONSTRATION BY N.C.Os.

After ceremonial, each Company will march back to billets under the C.S.M. Officers and N.C.Os. will remain for rehearsal of further demonstrations.

Battalion Headquarters
14th November 1918.

J. J. MCKENNA. LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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" MOVEMENTS IN CEREMONIAL EXERCISE "

1. From "Spell-O" on sound of "Fall in" on bugle Companies fall in on "private parades", size, and send marker to R.S.M.
2. Companies march on to markers to form Battalion in line.
3. Slope and present in line.

4. Fix bayonets, Slope and form close column of Companies.
5. Move to right, wheel, halt, left turn.
6. March past by Companies in line.
7. Halt in close column. About turn.
8. Order arms, Left dress.
8. March past in close column.

10. Battalion form fours - Right.
11. Change direction right.
12. At the halt facing right form line.
13. Order Arms.
14. Slope arms and advance in review order.

100 points are allotted to each Company and points will be deducted for faults.

Company Commanders will dismount for the ceremonial. Officers will, from above outline, work out details of positions &c. for themselves.

Battalion H.Qrs.
14th November 1918.

J. J. MCKENNA. LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.BATTALION TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 31.Ref: Map. France Sheet 57F 1/40,000.

57TH BATTALION A.I.F.	

1. The Battalion will take part in a Brigade route march tomorrow.
The following is the order of the march:-
Brigade Headquarters, 57th BN., 15th A.L.T.M.B., 59th BN., 58th BN.,
STARTING POINT. for 57th BN., Road junction R 31 a 2.9.
TIME OF STARTING. 09.35 h.
ORDER OF MARCH: Headquarters "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
DRESS. All Ranks: Fighting Order.
ROUTE: R.31.C.9.6 - R.32.b.8.1 - CAUMONT -
HUCHENNEVILLE - VILLERS-sur-MOREUL -
R.8.a.4.1. - LES CROISETTES.
2. Strictest attention will be paid to march discipline. In each Company there must be no more than one incomplete four. No man is permitted to fall out without the written authority of his platoon Commander.
10 yards distance between Companies to be maintained.
3. Companies must turn out with every man available. A parade state will be furnished to reach Battalion Headquarters by 08.45 tomorrow, accounting for every man.
4. Since the Battalion must fit into its place in the Brigade column exactly at the time required Companies must ensure that they reach the Battalion starting point precisely at the time specified. The strictest preliminary inspection of platoons and Companies must be made.
5. Lewis Guns will be carried by Company pack mules marching in rear of each Company.
6. The Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise watches at 0800.
7. Reports to Battalion Headquarters at the head of the column.
8. Acknowledge by telephone.

Battalion. H.Qrs.
15. 11. 1918.

J. J. McHenry
LIEUT.
A./DJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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57th BATTALION A.I.F.

BATTALION TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 32

Work for 19/II/1918.

Reference Map: ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.



The battalion will carry out a short route march tomorrow morning.

Starting point: Road junction at the foot of the Q in LIMERCOURT.

Starting time: 09.30.

Route: To road junction immediately above the I in LIMOUX, to CAUMONT, thence to parade ground near MARQUEE.

Dress: Marching order, felt hats, steel helmets, box respirators and one blanket per man will be carried.

Officers: Same but no blankets.

Order of March: H.Q. and Band (without instruments), "D" "C" "B" "A" Coys.

Parade States: Parade states will be handed to R.S.M. at starting point.

Coys are expected to be at the starting point at the time specified, neither early nor late. A halt at the starting point should be unnecessary. The Sig. Officer will arrange for the synchronisation of watches at 08.00.

Lewis Guns: Lewis Guns will be carried on pack mules marching in rear of each Coy.

Inspection: Coys will ensure that a thorough inspection of platoons is made before men leave billets. Platoon Commanders must carefully watch that only the authorised articles are carried by their men.

On the parade ground platoon Commanders will be given 15 minutes to inspect their platoons, and to adjust any equipment that may need it after the march.

A. Macdonna

Battalion H.Q.
18. II. 1918

CAPT.
A/ADJT. 57th BATTALION A.I.F.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

BATTALION TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 33

"WORK FOR 20/11/1918."



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Reference Map: ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.

1. The battalion will take part in a Brigade Route March tomorrow. The Divisional Commander will inspect the column on route. 1st Line Transport will parade.
2. STARTING POINT. The junction of the drive from Battalion Headquarters with the LIMERECOURT - LES CROISSETTE ROAD.
3. STARTING TIME: 09.20 h.
4. ORDER OF MARCH: H.Qrs. and Band (without instruments) "A", "B", "C", "D" Companies.
5. ROUTE: Starting point - LES CROISSETTES - Cross roads 6.I.96.25 - cross roads 6.J.55.38 - LIMERECOURT.
6. DRESS: Full marching order, felt hats, steel helmets, Box respirators and one blanket per man will be carried. Officers same, but no blankets.
7. TIME: Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise watches at 08.00 h. tomorrow.
8. LEWIS GUNS: Lewis Gun Officer will arrange to pack guns on limbers before 08.00 h. tomorrow.
9. MARCH DISCIPLINE: No man will fall out without written permission of Platoon Commander. A platoon commander permitting a man to fall out must have special reasons for his action.
10. PARADE STATES: Parade states accounting for every man on the company strength will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 09.00 h. tomorrow.
11. DISTANCES: 10 yards between Companies and 20 yards between Battalions.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Battalion Headquarters
19th NOVEMBER 1918.

J. J. MCKENNA. CAPT.
A/ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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57th BATTALION. A. I. F.BATTALION TRAINING MEMORANDUM NOWORK FOR 22.11.1918.Reference Map: ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.

57th BATTALION.	
34. A.I.F.	
No.
Date

1. The Brigade will rehearse Divisional Commander's review tomorrow on 59th Battalion parade ground HUPPY.
2. The battalion will proceed to the ground by march route. Company Commanders will be dismounted. Lewis Guns will not be taken.
STARTING POINT. 6.J.23.48.
STARTING TIME. 09.00 h.
DRESS. All ranks: fighting order and felt hats turned up at the side. Waterproof sheets folded under the flap of the haversack.
3. Every available man will parade. Companies will hand to R.S.M. at the starting point a parade state accounting for every man. Accurate states will be wired to Battalion Headquarters tonight.
4. Transport will not parade.
5. The Battalion will be sized at starting point. An officer must command every platoon. Only men with rifles will be in front rank.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E tonight.

Battalion Headquarters
21st November 1918.

J. J. McKenna
CAPTAIN.
A/ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.



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57TH BATTALION A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDER NO 158

Reference Map: ABBEVILLE
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24th November 1918.

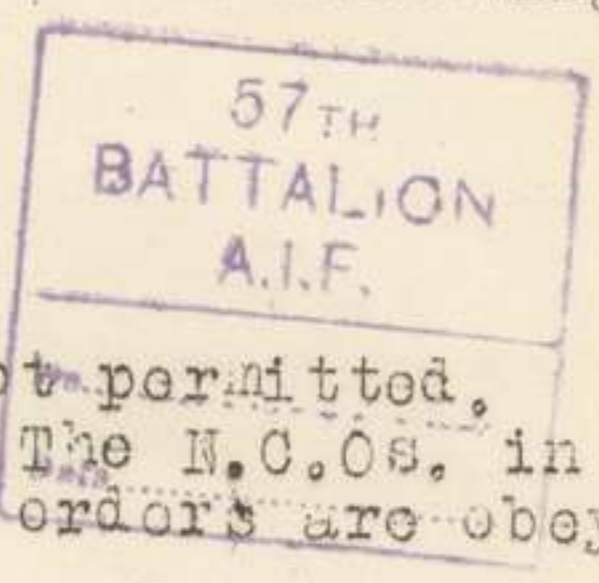
1. The 15th Infantry Brigade commences entraining for the BUSIGNY - BOHAIN Area tomorrow.
2. The 57th Battalion has been allotted to Train No 5, leaving ABBEVILLE at 04.40 h. on 26th instant. The 8th Brigade will take over our present area.
3. Lieut. M.J. MERR, M.C. is detailed as Battalion Entraining Officer. He will obtain a marching out state from Battalion Headquarters and will report with it to the Brigade Entraining Officer (Capt. J.H. STEELE) at ABBEVILLE by 01.10 h. on 26th instant.
4. The Billoting Party detailed in Battalion Routine Order 2714 will report to Battalion Headquarters at 10.00 h. tomorrow. Lieut. KENEALY will arrange with the Signal Officer for the use of bicycles. Dress for party: as per para. 6. Lieut. KENEALY will report to Battalion Headquarters at 09.30 for instructions.
5. The ABBEVILLE Picquet will be relieved at noon tomorrow. The O.C. with his picquet will remain in ABBEVILLE and join the battalion at the train.
6. DRESS: Full marching order. One blanket will be carried in water-proof sheet rolled horse-shoe fashion on the pack. 60 rounds S.A.M. per man will be carried. Company Commanders will be mounted.
7. VALISES. Officers valises will be stacked at Company Headquarters by noon tomorrow.
8. BLANKETS. Blankets not carried by the men will be rolled in bundles of twenty, labelled and stacked at Company Headquarters at 09.00 h. Blankets carried on the man will be rolled similarly at the detraining station, labelled and stacked by Companies. Companies will take with them material for binding and labelling.
9. PALISSSES. Palissades will be stacked at Company Headquarters by 09.00 h tomorrow. The straw will NOT be removed. The palissades will there be handed over to a representative of the 8th Brigade and a receipt in duplicate obtained. Receipts (in duplicate) will be forwarded by special runner to Battalion Headquarters immediately they are obtained.
10. All petrol tins and all picks and shovels (except 2 per Company for filling in latrines) will be stacked at Company Headquarters by 09.00h
11. Signalling stores will be ready at Battalion Headquarters at 13.00 h. tomorrow. The Transport Officer will arrange transport to Q.M. Store.
12. Transport will move independently and will report to the R.T.O. at the entraining station at 01.40 on 26th instant.
13. Company Commanders are held personally responsible that their area is left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect will be obtained from the relieving unit of the 8th Brigade and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
14. Latrines will in every case be filled in. The seats will be lifted off and left on the ground.

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Company Commanders will detail beforehand the N.C.O.s. to command trucks. They must be given written instructions on the following points:

- 1. Keeping right hand doors closed.
- II. Fires.
- III. Men leaving train.



16. FIRES: Braziers and naked lights in trucks are not permitted. Smoking in railway trucks is prohibited. The N.C.O.s. in charge of trucks are responsible that the orders are obeyed.

17. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

- I. Troops will not leave the train without permission.
- II. Troops are not allowed in the brake vans nor on the roofs of the trucks.
- III. Truck and carriage doors on the right hand side of the train must be kept closed.
- IV. Strictest discipline must be maintained throughout the journey.

18. Orders for the march will be issued later.

19. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. J. [Signature]

A/ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION, A.I.F. CAPT.

Distribution:

O.C. "A" Company.	1.
"B" "	2
"C" "	3
"D" "	4
Headquarters	5
Q.M.	6
T.O.	7
C.O.	8
2nd in Command.	9
Adjutant	10
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Reference Map: ABBEVILLE
1/100,000.

25th November 1918.

57th
BATTALION
A.I.F.
Companies.

1. The B attalion will entrain at ABBEVILLE on the night 25th/26th Novr. proceeding from its present position by march route.
2. STARTING POINT. windmill at 6.L.55.72.
- STARTING TIME. 01.00 h. 26/11/1918.
- ORDER OF MARCH: Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
- ROUTE: Main road to ABBEVILLE.
- DRESS: All ranks:- Full marching order, felt hats: steel helmets, box respirators and one blanket per man. 60 rounds S.A.A. per man.
3. Marching out states will be handed to the R.S.M. at the starting point.
4. Halts will be observed at 5 minutes to the half hour and at 10 minutes to the clock hour.
5. Distances between companies: 10 yards.
6. The Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise watches at 17.00 h. on 25th.
7. Transport will move independently reporting to R.T.O., ABBEVILLE, before 01.40 h. on 26th.
8. Guard will mount as usual but will be increased to 1 N.C.O. and 4 men tomorrow. It will march with Battalion Headquarters and will be responsible for the prisoners en route.
9. O.C. "D" Company will detail a rearguard of 1 sergeant and 6 men, to march 30 yards in rear of the Battalion.
10. No man will be permitted to fall out of the column for any reason without the written permission of his platoon Commander. A Platoon Commander granting permission must have special reasons for his action.
11. The Q.M. will arrange a drink of hot tea for the men immediately before entraining.
12. Battalion Headquarters will close at LIMER COURT at midnight 25th/26th and re-open at the new area on arrival.
13. Reports to the head of the Column.
14. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. McDonald

CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Distribution

O.C. "A" Company.	1		
"B" "	2		
"C" "	3		
"D" "	4	O.C.	9
Headquarters	5	T.O.	10
C.O.	6	War Diary	11-13
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ENTRAINING STATE:

ABBEVILLE 26.11.18.

57TH
BATTALION
A.I.F.
No.....
Date.....

PERSONNEL:

	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>O.RKS.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Headquarters (Including Q.M. Store and Transport.)	10	151	161
"A" Company.	5	101	106
"B" Company.	5	84	89
"C" Company.	5	82	87
"D" Company.	4	59	63
TOTALS.	29	477	506

<u>HORSES.</u>		<u>VEHICLES.</u>		<u>AXLES.</u>
<u>Heavy Draught</u>	<u>Light Draught.</u>	<u>2 Wheels</u>	<u>4 Wheels.</u>	
17	46	4	19	42
TOTAL 63		TOTAL 23		

In the Field
25.11.1918.

J. M. McKenna
CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDER NO 160.

Ref: Map: VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.

1. The 15th Brigade resumes its march today to Corps Billeting Area. 57th Battalion will move as follows:-
2. STARTING POINT. Road Junction immediately NORTH of J in REJET - BEAULIEU.
3. STARTING TIME: 10.30 h. As these are also Brigade starting time and point respectively, Companies must arrive on time.
4. ORDER OF MARCH: 57th Battalion: Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies, 1st Line Transport.
5. ROUTE: CATILLON - thence due EAST to Road junction a quarter mile NORTH EAST of E in LA GROISE - Road junction a quarter mile SOUTH WEST of D in BOIS du TOAILLON - Road junction SOUTH of O in BOIS de TOAILLON - thence due NORTH to billeting area.
6. 1st Line Transport will accompany the Battalion.
7. Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise Company's watches at 08.30 h.
8. Lieut. KENEALY will report to Battalion Headquarters at 08.00 h. for instructions. Marching Order.
9. Billeting N.C.Os. will report to Battalion Headquarters at 09.15 h. DRESS: Marching order and bicycles.
10. O.C. "D" Company will detail a rearguard of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 4 men.
11. Battalion will be billeted at GRAND DEBOUT WATERLIN.
12. Battalion Headquarters will close at REJET at 10.15 h. & Re-open in new area on arrival.
13. Reports to head of column.

07.30 h.
28/11/1918.

J. Macdonald
CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION A.I.F.

REPORT ON CONDITIONS IN THE HUPPY AREA.

The battalion marched into rest billets in the HUPPY Area on 8th October. We had been preceded by English and Indian troops, but we were the first Australians to be billeted in the area.

BILLETS: - Difficulty was experienced in securing good billets because the harvest had not been threshed and the barns were full. As the threshing proceeded this difficulty became less acute until finally there was plenty of room for all Companies. "D" Company's billets at HUCHENNEVILLE were not as good as those secured by other Companies. Everything possible was done by the officers of the Company to increase the comfort of the men. Walls were lined with hessian and fires were provided in every billet.

RATIONS: - Rations were good and plentiful and the addition of vegetables purchased locally was very much appreciated. The Canteen was fairly well stocked throughout our stay, notwithstanding the difficulty of securing supplies through the Divisional Canteen. The wet canteen was well patronised particularly as the liquor sold in the estaminets was of poor quality. Assisted by grants from Regimental funds the Quartermaster supplied the men with a special dinner weekly.

WATER: - Deep wells were the only sources from which water could be obtained. The drawing was effected on the windlass system and was laborious in the extreme. There were notices in all the villages indicating the way to a water point at HUPPY. Our watercarts, however, discovered that it was not in working order, and despite the efforts of our engineers it remained in that condition throughout our stay. At length we tired of the tedious process of filling watercarts by buckets from wells 150 feet deep and preferred to send the carts a distance of 3 miles to VILLERS - sur - MAREUIL where there was a well with a pumping attachment.

The physical well-being of the men did not escape attention. Football uniforms were obtained with some difficulty and used in the inter-Company matches. Battalion, Brigade and Divisional sports were held. The battalion easily won the Championship of the Brigade Group on Sports Day, but was defeated on the football field by Brigade H.Qrs., 58th and 59th Battalions.

A large Marquee was obtained from the Y.M.C.A. and erected in a central position near CAUMONT. The Canteen was established alongside it. Tables and chairs and a piano formed part of the furnishings of the tent. A small circulating library was available and was used to a considerable extent by the men.

Shortly after our arrival, leave to ABBEVILLE was made available. Ten per cent of the men visited the town daily.

The civilian inhabitants were friendly but had already learnt only too well that they had a right to claim for any damage done. Every trifling injury resulted in the receipt of a "réclamation" from the Mairie. In many instances, however, it must be admitted that the attitude of our allies was the very essence of friendliness.

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Two Companies had the good fortune to be billeted in HUCHENNEVILLE where there happened to be an Army Signal Station staffed mainly by personnel of the Q.M.W.A.A. Corps. At first the ladies were rather timid but they soon discovered that the men were not the wild bushmen they had expected to meet. As a consequence several social evenings mutually enjoyed were arranged with the authorities at the station.

On the whole, the rest, coming as it did after months of strenuous campaigning, proved very refreshing and was thoroughly enjoyed by officers, N.C.Os., and men. Though sorry to leave, all ranks are in high spirits and are eagerly looking forward to the projected move towards Germany.

Battalion Headquarters
28. 11. 1918.

J. Anderson

CAPTAIN.
A/ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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To Headquarters
15th A. I. Brigade.Report on the move from HUPPY TO FAVRIL AREA.

The battalion left billets shortly after noon on 26/11/1918. The cookers provided a hot meal of meat and tea at 11.00 h. and then went on to overtake the 1st Line Transport which had already started.

The cookers also provided a meal of rissoles and tea at the station before the battalion entrained. The men carried one blanket apiece to the train. They had therefore for use during the journey one blanket and one greatcoat each.

The Q.M. took advantage of the frequent halts to secure hot water from the engine. As a result every man had one and some men two hot drinks during the journey.

Blankets were rolled in bundles in the trucks and were ready for stacking at the detraining station. They were then carried by the transport to MAZINGHEIN. The men were therefore not encumbered with blankets during their march.

The cooker fires had been lighted on the journey and a hot meal was ready shortly after the battalion reached billets at REJET. Here two blankets each were issued for the night. These were collected again next morning and carried by waggon to the new billets in the FAVRIL Area. Hot meals were provided an hour before starting and an hour after our arrival in the present area.

Battalion Headquarters
29. 11. 1918.

J. J. J. J. J.
for
MAJOR.
A/C.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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C. O.'s. Report for the month of November 1918.

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During the whole period under review the Battalion has been in rest billets - for the greater part of the month in the LIMERCOURT - HUCHENNEVILLE Area near ABBEVILLE. The last week was spent in moving eastwards towards Germany - Staging in the MAIZINGHEM and FAVRIL Areas.

The outstanding event of the month was the signing of the Armistice which practically brought the war to a victorious conclusion. Up to this date a syllabus of active training was being carried out dealing chiefly with the principles of open warfare. Outposts, Advanced Flank and Rear Guards were practised both within the Battalion and afterwards co-operating in Brigade Schemes.

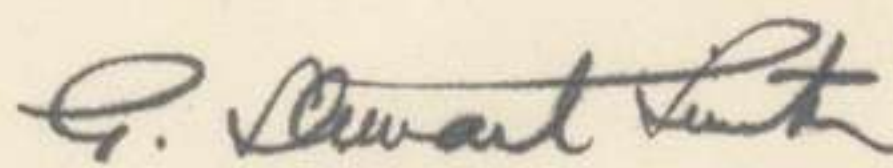
The news that we were to proceed to Germany as part of the Army of Occupation was received with unbounded satisfaction by all ranks. In view of this, particular attention has been paid to close order drill calculated to smarten up all ranks. Frequent inspections have been held and "Ceremonial" is the order of the day.

The clothing and equipment generally is in good condition and a quantity of cleaning and polishing material was provided out of regimental funds.

On the 19th the C.O. proceeded on furlough; Major. G.S. SMITH. M.C. 59th Battalion, being attached temporarily to command. During the latter half of the month the battalion has been deprived of the services of the band owing to nearly all the members being on leave - their loss has been keenly felt especially on ceremonial parades and route marches where the strains of music always help to hearten up tired men at the end of a hard march.

A beginning has been made with the collection of the necessary information in connection with the Education scheme and it is hoped that within a few weeks the scheme will be in working order. Lectures have been given to all ranks explaining the methods of demobilization and repatriation and pointing out the difficulties to be faced and the problems of reconstruction that are before us.

1st December 1918.



 MAJOR.
A/C.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE
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During November the Battalion was in rest in billets in the HUPPY area. Training of Stretcher bearers was carried out as much as possible though it was interfered with a good deal by ceremonial parades. The men of the Battalion were engaged on preparation for ceremonial work during the greater part of the month.

Early in the month the A.M.C. water details were again sent out to the Battalion from the Ambulance and the detail which had been supplied by the Battalion were transferred to Headquarter Stretcher bearers as they were all old regimental bearers.

The men were bathed and received a clean change of clothes about each 8 days and were practically clear of lice. Food was good while we were in the HUPPY area and the rations were always supplemented by vegetables bought with Regimental funds. Beyond the usual meals three special big dinners were given to the men.

Sanitation was good and the latrines were all made by the Battalion pioneers from odd boxes as they came to hand.

We moved from the HUPPY area on 26th November, entraining at ABBEVILLE at 4 pm on 26th. We travelled till 2 pm on 27th when we detrained at BERTRY and marched straight out to REJET a distance of about 17 Kilometres. On the 28th we marched another 14 Kilos. to Billets between FAVRIL and PRISCHES. We did not have a man fall out on either march. All men, who on previous marches had developed blisters on their feet, had their feet strapped or bandaged and this in large measure prevented foot trouble. During the month there were 44 men evacuated sick from the Battalion.

Nine men were evacuated with venereal disease, only one of these men contracted the disease in France, the remainder returned from U.K. Leave with the disease too far advanced for early treatment.

R. M. O. Robertson

CAPTAIN.
R.M.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.REPORT ON THE PROBLEM OF INTELLIGENCE
DURING THE PERIOD OF MOVING WARFARE.

1. OBSERVATION. This was maintained both by Battalion Headquarters and Company Observers which proved very satisfactory. Captured phones were used to get back the information to Battalion Headquarters. Captured telescopic periscopes proved useful as soon as a line was established.
2. EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS. Through medium of a German speaker the Battalion possessed, timely and valuable information was obtained. It is suggested that steps should be taken to train men in German conversation and military terms.
3. EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS. During an advance, two searchers were detailed by the Battalion to enter all dugouts etc. in search of documents, maps etc. These documents were examined by the German speaker and passed on to Brigade Headquarters.
4. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. Communication was maintained by 'phone from front line, Companies to Battalion and Brigade Headquarters, almost continuously. In various short advances, lines were reeled out by the Battalion signallers, moving several hundred yards behind the attacking troops. Identifications were thus sent through very quickly and were received several minutes after they were established.
5. AIR PHOTOGRAPHS. While oblique photos are useful to men who have had little training in the use of photos, the vertical type were found of more general utility, especially the combined ones.
6. ESTABLISHMENT & DISTRIBUTION OF INTELLIGENCE CORPS PERSONNEL. See para. (2) re German speakers, it would be most useful to have a well trained German speaker who was versed in German military terms and organisations, attached to Battalion Headquarters.

19. 11. 1918.

A. Staley LIEUT.
I.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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HONORS AND AWARDS AWARDED 57TH BATTALION
DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

BAR TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

(Brigade R.O. 793. 29th November 1918.)

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LT.COL. C.A. DENEHY. D.S.O.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

(Brigade R.O. 793 29th November 1918.)

3085 Sgt R.H. DRYSDALE.

MEDAILLE D'HONNEUR AVEC GLAIVES en BRONZE.

(Brigade R.O. 750 9th November 1918.)

1564 Pte C. KENNEDY.

J. Maderna

CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS DURING THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER 1918.MARCHED OUT TO SCHOOLS.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>SCHOOL.</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE.</u>
Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT. DSO.	4th Army School.	10. 11. 18.
" R.V. LINTON.	Aust. Corps School.	12. 11. 18.

MARCHED IN FROM SCHOOLS.

Capt. B. PEACOCK. MC.	4th Army Inf. School	5. 11. 18.
" L.W. ELLIOTT. DSO.	4th Army Inf. School.	15. 11. 18.
Lieut. J.A. RENA.	4th Army S.O.S.	16. 11. 18.
" N.H. McCAY.	Aust. Corps S.O.S.	21. 11. 18.
" T.W. MORROW.	5th Div. Signal School.	21. 11. 18.
Capt. R.V. LINTON.	Aust. Corps School	24. 11. 18.

MARCHED OUT ON LEAVE.

Capt. B. PEACOCK. MC.	To U.K. Leave.	11. 11. 18.
Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE.	" " "	12. 11. 18.
Lt. Col. C.A. DENEHY. DSO.	" " "	20. 11. 18.

MARCHED IN FROM LEAVE.

Capt. B. PEACOCK. MC.	From U.K. Leave.	29. 11. 18.
Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE.	" " "	30. 11. 18.

REINFORCEMENT OFFICER.

2/Lieut. R.S. OWEN.	From 5th Div. Sig. Coy.	12. 11. 18.
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REJOINED FROM SECONDED LIST.

Lieut. G.D. DUNCAN.		4. 11. 18.
" C.S. GRICE.		5. 11. 18.
Capt. W.H.L. McDONALD.		11. 11. 18.
Lieut. N.B. WHITE.		11. 11. 18.
" D. McFARLANE.		11. 11. 18.

TRANSFERRED TO 58TH BATTALION;

Lieut. F.B. McWHANNELL.		1. 11. 18.
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MARCHED IN FROM HOSPITAL.

Lieut. W.B. CARNEGIE.		7. 11. 18.
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CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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STATEMENT OF BATTALION STRENGTH DURING
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	WITH UNIT.		FIELD AMB.		DETACHED.		TOTAL.	
	OFF.	O.R.	OFF.	O.R.	OFF.	O.R.	OFF.	O.R.
7th NOVEMBER 1918	24	435	16		9	155	34	624
14th NOVEMBER 1918	25	458	11		11	150	36	632
21st NOVEMBER 1918	28	484	9		8	115	36	622
30th NOVEMBER 1918	29	499	5		7	87	36	607

RETURN OF SICK WASTAGE DURING THE MONTH OF
 NOVEMBER 1918

	TO FIELD AMB.		FROM FIELD AMB.		EVACUATED.	
	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.
7th NOVEMBER 1918		16	1	(Lt. W.B. CARNEGIE)		13
14th NOVEMBER 1918		5		3		7
21st NOVEMBER 1918		10				12
30th NOVEMBER 1918		13				17
		44	1	3		49

IN FIELD AMBULANCE 30.11.18.

OFF. O.RKS.
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J. Macdonald
 CAPT.
 A/ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

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STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER 1918

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	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>O.RANKS.</u>
Killed in Action.	-	-
Died of wounds.	-	-
Wounded in Action.	-	-
Wounded and remaining on duty.	-	-
Evacuated sick.	-	44
	-	44

STATEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS ETC. WHO
JOINED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>O.RANKS.</u>
Sick and wounded from England.	3 (Capt. W. H. L. McDONALD. Lieut. D. McFARLANE. Lieut. C. S. GRICE.)	13
Sick and wounded from France.	3 (Lieut. N. B. WHITE. Lieut. G. D. DUNCAN. Lieut. W. B. CARNEGIE.)	28
Reinforcements.	1 (2/Lieut. R. S. OWEN.)	5
Transferred from other Units.		1
From detached Duties/		1
From Prisons and Compound.		9
	7	57

J. Madonna
CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

STATEMENT OF PUNISHMENTS AWARDED DURING
MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

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ADMONISHED.	UP TO AND INCLUDING 7 DAYS F P No 2.	FROM 8 DAYS UP TO AND INCLUDING 14 DAYS F.P. NO 2.	FROM 15 DAYS UP TO AND INCLUDING 28 DAYS F.P. NO 2.
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F. G. C. Ms.

The following were tried by Field General Court Martial on charges as stated:-

No 2531 Pte RICHARDSON. J.

Date of Trial. 1. 11. 18.
Charge: "When on Active Service absenting himself without Leave."
PRESIDENT. Major. R.J. DICKSON. (59th BN.)
PLEA. GUILTY. FINDING. GUILTY.
SENTENCE 90 Days F.P. No 1.
Finding and sentence confirmed by Brig.Gen. H.E. ELLIOTT Cmdg. 15th A.I. Brigade 1.11.18.

3621 Pte TAYLOR. W.R.

Date of Trial. 1. 11. 18.
Charge:- "When on Active Service deserting His Majesty's Service"
"When on Active Service absenting himself without leave."
PRESIDENT. Major R.J. DICKSON. (59th BN.)
PLEA. 1st Charge. Not Guilty. FINDING Guilty
2nd " Guilty. FINDING Guilty
SENTENCE. 15 Years P.S.
Finding and sentence confirmed but 10 years of sentence remitted by Maj. Gen. J.T. HOBBS. Cmdg. 5th Aust. Div. 13.11.18.

2496 Pte THOMAS. A.

Date of Trial. 19.11.18.
Charge: "When on Active Service absenting himself without leave."
PRESIDENT. Major. R.J. DICKSON. (59th BN.)
PLEA. Guilty. FINDING. Guilty.
SENTENCE. 60 Days F.P. No 1.
Finding and sentence confirmed by Brig.Gen. H.E. ELLIOTT. Cmdg. 15th A.I. Brigade. 19.11.18.

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F. G. C. Ms.

No 2613 Pte BARKER. R.C.

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Date of Trial. 1. 11. 18.

Charge: "When on Active Service absenting himself without leave."

PRESIDENT. Major. R.J. DICKSON. (59th BN.)

PLEA. Guilty. FINDING. Guilty.

SENTENCE. 2 Years I.H.L.

Finding and sentence confirmed but sentence remitted to 12 Months I.H.L. by Maj.Gen. J.T. HOBBS. Cmdg. 5th Aust. Div. 13.11.18.

2860 Pte ARMSTRONG. G.

Date of Trial 19. 11. 18.

Charge: "When on Active Service absenting himself without leave."

PRESIDENT. Major. R.J. DICKSON. (59th BN.)

PLEA. Guilty. FINDING. Guilty.

SENTENCE 2 Years I.H.L.

Finding and sentence confirmed by Maj.Gen. J.T. HOBBS. Cmdg. 5th Aust. Division.

J. Mackinnon
CAPT.
A/ADJUTANT 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

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- 1st CAUMONT. Drew rations by first Line Transport at Supply Dump at LES CROISSETTES and made up in Company lots as per Ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Blankets taken to Fumigator. Stores drawn from D.A.D.O.S. at OISEMONT. Rations for ABBEVILLE Picquet taken to Battalion Headquarters.
- 2nd CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Rations taken to ABBEVILLE PICQUET by Mess cart. Stores drawn from D.A.D.O.S. Comforts issued to Companies.
- 3rd CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Straw drawn from OISEMONT Railhead for palliasses and issued to Battalion. Comforts issued to Companies.
- 4th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Stores drawn from D.A.D.O.S. and salvage returned to Divisional salvage Dump, OISEMONT.
- 5th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Vegetables purchased from Regimental funds and issued to Companies.
- 6th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Salvage returned to Divisional salvage Dump, OISEMONT.
- 7th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Comforts issued to Companies.
- 8th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Stores drawn from D.A.D.O.S. salvage returned to Divisional salvage Dump, OISEMONT. Periscopes No 9 returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 9th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Fire boxes drawn from Division H.Qrs., OISEMONT.
- 10th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Salvage returned to Divisional salvage Dump and stores drawn from D.A.D.O.S.
- 11th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Comforts issued to all Companies.
- 12th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Comforts issued to all Companies.
- 13th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Comforts issued to all Companies.
- 14th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Stores drawn from Ordnance, OISEMONT and salvage returned to Divisional salvage Dump.
- 15th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Straw drawn from Dump for palliasses.
- 16th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Magazines, Lewis Gun Boxes returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 17th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above.
- 18th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Stores drawn from Ordnance.

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- 19th CAUMONT. Drew rations by first line Transport at Supply Dump at LES CROISSETTES and made up in Company lots as per Ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump.
- 20th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Drew stores from Ordnance, OISEMONT.
- 21st CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above.
- 22nd CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Salvage returned to Divisional Salvage dump and stores drawn from Ordnance, OISEMONT.
- 23rd CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. All salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump.
- 24th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Extra 24 hours Rations drawn at supply dump. Stores removed from Q.M. Store, CAUMONT, to Railway siding at ABBEVILLE by Motor lorry.
- 25th CAUMONT. Drew rations and issued as above. Stores taken to Railway siding at ABBEVILLE by G.S. Waggon. Q.M. store and Transport standing too ready to move.
- 26th CAUMONT. Rations drawn from Railhead ABBEVILLE and stacked at Railway siding with stores. Transport and Q.M. Store moved out to entrain at ABBEVILLE at 12.15 pm. Rations issued at station before entraining. All stores loaded on the train.
- 27th TRAIN. No Rations drawn. Detrained at BERTRY Station at 1 pm. All stores unloaded off train and stacked at Railway siding, One blanket per man stacked with stores. All stores taken by G.S. Waggon to Billeting area at REJET de BEAULIEU. Drew rations by second line transport at BERTRY. All blankets and valises issued to Companies.
- 28th REJET de BEAULIEU. Rations issued to all Companies at 6.30 am and taken to Companies by limber. All stores loaded on waggons ready to move. All blankets and valises loaded on G.S. Waggons. Q.M. Store and Transport moved off with Column at 10.15 am to FAVRIL.
- 29th Rations drawn from MAZENINGHEM.
FAVRIL. Rations issued to Companies and delivered by limbers to Companies. Surplus stores brought from MAZENINGHEM by G.S. Waggons to FAVRIL. Drew rations by second line Transport at FAVRIL and made up in Company lots as per Ration State and delivered to Companies by limber.
- 30th FAVRIL. Drew rations by second line Transport at FAVRIL and made up in Company lots as per Ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Wood taken to all Companies. All stores stacked at Q.M. Store.

W. Carnegie
Q.M. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S DIARY FOR THE
MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918

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During the month of November we have had very constant work, owing to the fact that we had to draw rations with 1st Line Transport, also the scattered condition of the Battalion. The animals are only in fair condition due to the light oat ration, and the extremely small amount of grazing available in our last rest area; the grazing in the present area is excellent.

The limbers are all in good order and have recently been painted. The harness and steel work are in good condition, and all repairs right up to date. The supply of shoes very good and shoeing well in hand.

We drew several remounts during the month, mostly very poor quality.

J.R. McDonald
LIEUT.
T.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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- 1st Limbers for supply 3, Rations to Companies 3, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Cookers to I.O.M. 2 teams. Vegetables 1 team. Hacks 8. One limber with the A.L.T.M.B. and one with the Div. transport school.
- 2nd. Limbers to supply 4, To Battalion and Companies with rations 3, Battalion Mess 1, Mail 1, Canteen beer etc. 1, water cart 1, to Marquee. Hacks 8 and Packs 3.
- 3rd Limbers to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies with rations 3; Mail 1, D.A.D.O.S. 1, Other jobs 2; water cart 1, Hacks 9, Packs 2.
- 4th Limbers to supply 4, To Battalion and Companies with rations 4, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Hacks 9, Packs 2. Hay supply fairly light all loose stuff, not satisfactory.
- 5th Limbers for supply 4, Rations to Companies 3, Mail 1, Brigade H.Qrs. Engineers 1, water cart 1, Pack mule 2. Hacks .
- 6th Limbers to supply 3, Rations to Companies 3, Mail 1, Mess cart 1, Bde; H.Qrs 1, Rations to Picquet 1, Battalion H.Qrs 1, Hacks 9.
- 7th Limbers to supply 3, Rations 3, Mail 1, Cooker teams 2, water cart and limber to Brigade Sports; Maltese Cart to ABBEVILLE. Hacks 10.
- 8th Limbers to supply 4, To Companies 3, Mail 1, 4 Cooker teams, 1 water cart and 4 Pack Mules on Brigade stunt. D.A.D.O.S. 1, 1 Limber to Div. H.Qrs.
- 9th Limbers to supply 4, Rations to Companies 3, Mail 1, Brigade H.Qrs. 1, Mess cart 1 to St Maxent and 1 limber to ABBEVILLE. Pack mule 1, Hacks 8.
- 10th Limbers to supply 3, Rations 3, Mail 1; Limber to 59th BN. parade ground with gas material, Limber to Abbeville for vegetables, Limber to Brigade H.Qrs for packs and valises. Hacks 9.

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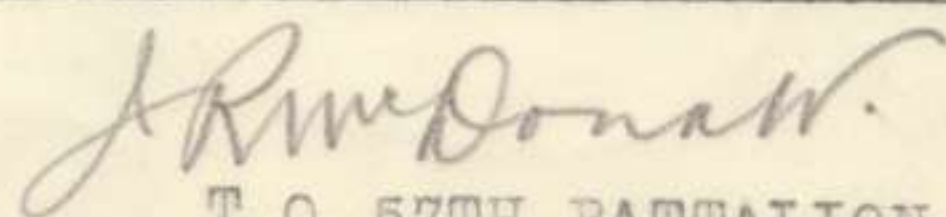
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- 11th Limbers to Supply 4, To Companies 3, Mail 1, Brigade School 1, Cooker team 1, to Brigade School, Y.M.C.A. 1, Pack mule valise to ABBEVILLE.
- 12th Limbers to supply 3, Rations 3, Mail 1, to Abbeville 1, Canteen 1, Brigade H.Q. 1, Hacks 9.
- 13th Limbers to Supply 4, Rations 3, Mail 1, Mess cart to Brigade School and BN. H.Qrs, water cart to Baths, Hacks 9.
- 14th Limbers to supply 3, Rations 3, Mail 1, to Abbeville 1, to Brigade School 1, Mess cart to Battalion, Hacks 9.
- 15th Limbers to supply 3, Rations 3, Mail 1, D.A.D.O.S. 1, Y.M.C.A. 1, Water carts 2, Companies and Baths; Pack mule to Div.H.Qrs.
- 16th Limbers to supply 4, Rations 3, Mail 1, Brigade School 1, wood 1, Mess cart to Battalion 1, Pack mules to Companies 4, Hacks 10.
- 17th Limbers to Supply 4, Rations 3, Mail 1, Canteen 1, wood 1, Brigade H.Qrs 1, Pack mules 2, water cart 2, Hacks 9.
- 18th Limbers to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies with rations 3, Mail 1, Abbeville 1, D.A.D.O.S. 1, wood 1, water carts 1, Hacks 9.
- 19th Limbers to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies 3, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Abbeville with valise 1, H.Qrs Mess to Abbeville 1, D.A.D.O.S. 1, wood from Pont Remy 1, Moving piano from Bn. H.Q. 1. Returning Marquee to HUPPY 1, water carts 2, Packs 2, Hacks 9.
- 20th Inspection and march past by G.O.C. Division. Limber to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies with rations 3, Mail 1, Canteen 1, returning Lewis Guns 1, Packs 3, Hacks 10.
- 21st Limbers to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies with rations 3, Mail 1, Kits to HUCHENNEVILLE 1, wood from Pont Remy 1, Valise from Abbeville 1, water carts 1, Packs 2, Hacks 9.
- 22nd Limbers to Supply 4, to Battalion and Companies with rations 3, Mail 1, Abbeville with rations 1, Brigade job 1, water carts 2, Hacks 10.
- 23rd Limbers to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies 3, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Rations Abbeville 1, Potatoes 1, wood 1, Packs 2, Hacks 10.
- 24th Limbers to supply 4, to Battalion and Companies 3, Mail 1, Canteen 1, D.A.D.O.S. 1, Abbeville 1, Packs 2, Hacks 9.
- 25th Limbers to supply 4, To Bn. and Companies 3, Mail 1, Abbeville 1, Brigade 1, Y.M.C.A. 1, wood 1, Packs 2, Hacks 9.
- 26th Limbers to supply 4, To Bn. and Coys. 3, Mail 1, Moved during afternoon from CAUMONT to ABBEVILLE thence to BERTRY.
- 27th On the train all day, arrived at BERTRY and travelled to REJET at night.
- 28th All transport moving from MAZENINGHEM to FAVRIL. Very hard trip.
- 29th Limbers return journey to REJET 4, and 3 G.S. Waggon, 2 G.S. waggons to supply, 3 limbers for wood, Rations to Coys. 2, Shifting Bn. and 2 Coys. 3, and 2 Cooker teams.
- 30th Limbers supply 3, Rations 3, wood 4, Mail 1, Valise 1, water carts 2, Hacks 4, Packs 2.


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DRIPPING RETURN FOR THE MONTH
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DATE 1918	NO. OF RATIONS DRAWN.	DRIPPING SAVED.			USED FOR COOKING		ISSUED IN LIEU OF BUTTER.	RETURNED TO RAILHEAD.
		1st Class lbs.	2nd Class lbs.	Total lbs.	1st Class lbs.	2nd Class lbs.		
1st	440	6		6				6
2nd	440	8	20	28		20		8
3rd	451	10		10				10
4th	451	12		12				12
5th	450	14		14		10		4
6th	450	3	20	23		20		3
7th	446	7		7				7
8th	447	6		6				6
9th	447	8		8				8
10th	449	4		4				4
11th	447	11		11				11
12th	443	5	20	25		20		5
13th	446	6		6				6
14th	464	6		6				6
15th	464	4		4				4
16th	464	16	20	36		20		16
17th	481	9		9				9
18th	498	3		3				3
19th	498	12		12		10		2
20th	505	4		4				4
21st	523	5		5				5
22nd	523	6		6				6
23rd	522	13		13				13
24th	522	7	20	27		20		7
25th	526	3		3				3
26th	523	10		10				10
27th	507	4		4				4
28th	507	5		5				5
29th	526	7		7				7
30th	540	6		6				6
TOTAL.	14400	220	100	320		100	20	200

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY.	
B'FAST	Porridge Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Rissoles Porridge Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Bacon Rissoles Fried veg. Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	"A" and "B" Companies.
DINNER	Irish stew Cold Mutton Mash Potatoes Onion Sauce Tea	Curry & Rice Plain Stew & Tea	Plain Stew & Tea	Dry Hash Stew & Tea	Dry Hash & Tea	Curried Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	
TEA	Date Rolls Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Meat Roll Rissoles Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Biscuit Pudd & Tea	Bread Milk Plain Pudd Bread & Tea	Veg. Soup Hashmagandie Boiled Beef Roast Pot. Cabbage Mash Pudd. & Sauce	Rissoles Meat Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Rice Jam Bread. & Tea	
B'FAST	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Rissoles Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Hash Bacon & Tea	Rissoles Porridge Bacon & Tea	"C" and "D" Companies.
DINNER	Stew Roast Beef Potatoes Sauce & Tea	Irish Stew Rissoles Onion Sauce	Stew Boiled Beef & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	Dry Hash Rice & Tea	Plain Stew & Tea	Stew Roast Beef Potatoes Cabbage Tea	
TEA	Rissoles Date Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Rice Jam Bread Tea Butter	Mince Meat Dry Hash Bread & Tea	Rissoles Meat Roll Bread & Tea	Soup, Veg. Hashmahandie B. Beef Roast Beef Cabbage Mash Pudd. Sauce	Rissoles Dry Hash Bread & Tea	Dry Hash Rissoles Bread Jam & Tea	

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	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
B'FAST.	Bacon Cocoa Rissoles	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Rissoles Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Porridge Rissoles & Cocoa	Bacon & Tea	Bacon Rissoles Porridge & Tea	"A" and "B" Companies
DINNER	Stew & Tea	Plain Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Meat Pudding & Tea	Curry & Rice & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	
TEA	Rissoles Biscuit & Tea	Raisin Roll Meat Roll Jam & Tea	Biscuit Pudd. Rissoles Tea Bread Jam Tea	Vegetable Soup Rissoles Roast Potatoes Cabbage Tea Plum Pudd. Sauce Beer	Raisin Pudd. Bread Jam & Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam & Tea	Meat Roll Plum Duff. Bread & Tea	
B'FAST.	Bacon Cocoa & Porridge	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Dry Hash Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	"C" and "D" Companies
DINNER	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Curry & Rice & Tea	Hash & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew Curried Hash & Tea	
TEA	Rissoles Bread Jam & Tea	Meat Roll Mashed Pot. Bisc. Pudd. Tea	Rissoles Meat Roll Bread & Tea	Veg. Soup. Beer Fricasee of Beef Roast Pot. Tea Onion Sauce Cabbage Mash Plum Pudding	Raisin Roll Bread Jam & Tea	Hash Rissoles Bread & Tea	Meat Roll Rissoles Bread & Tea	

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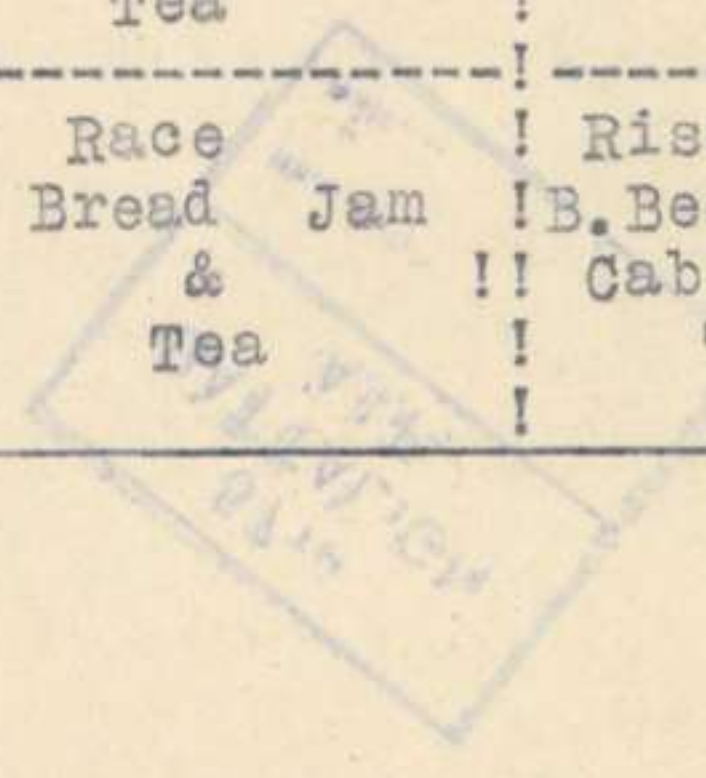
	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY.		
B'FAST	Rissoles Porridge Bacon Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon Rissoles Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Bacon Porridge Rissoles Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	"A" and "B" Companies.	
DINNER	Curry & Rice & Tea	Braised Steak, Pot. Cabbage & Tea	Curried Stew Tea Rice	Braised Steak Mashed Pot & Tea	Stew & Tea	Meat Rolls & Tea	Meat Roll Dry Hash & Tea		
TEA	Meat Roll Plain Pudd. Tea Jam	Fruit Pudd. Bread Jam & Tea	Raisin Roll Meat Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Plain Pudd Bread & Tea	Rissoles Meat Roll Jam & Tea	Soup Veg. Dry Hash Roast B. Pot, Cabbage Mash Pudding & Sauce	Rissoles pudding Bread Jam & Tea		
B'FAST	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea		"C" and "D" Companies.
DINNER	Curry Boiled Beef Cabbage Pot Tea	Stew Pudding Boiled Beef Tea	Curried Stew Dry Hash & Tea	Stew Tea Braised Steak & Onions Tea	Curry & pot Dry Hash & Tea	Meat Roll Dry Hash & Tea	Stew & Tea		
TEA	Rissoles Dry Hash Jam & Tea	Meat Roll Rissoles Jam & Tea	Raisin Roll Rice Jam & Tea	Rice Rissoles Bread & Tea	Boiled B. Roast Pot. Meat Roll Tea	Veg. Soup Dry Hash R. Beef Pot, Cabbage Mash. Pudd. Sauce	Curry pot. Cabbage Rice Tea Bread Jam		

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY.		
B'FAST	Bacon & Tea	Rissoles & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Rissoles & Tea	Tea	Bacon & Tea	"A" and "B" Companies.	
DINNER	Curried Stew & Tea	Stew Dry Hash & Tea	Curry B/ Beef Pot. Cabbage & Tea	Stew & Tea	Boiled Beef Potatoes & Tea	Bread Jam & Tea	Tea		
TEA	Date Roll Bread Jam & Tea	Meat Roll Dundee Pudd. & Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam & Tea	Rissoles Dry Hash & Tea	Rissoles Ham Bread Jam & Tea	Tea Stew	Stew & Tea		
B'FAST	Bacon Boiled B. & Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Porridge Dry Hash & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Bacon Rissoles & Tea	Tea	Bacon & Tea		"C" and "D" Companies.
DINNER	Stew Boiled Beef Potatoes & Tea	Stew Rissoles & Tea	Curry Dry Hash & Tea	Stew & Tea	B. Mutton Potatoes & Tea	Bread Jam & Tea	Tea		
TEA	Rissoles Date Roll Bread Jam & Tea	Rice Bread Jam & Tea	Rissoles B. Beef Pot. Cabbage & Tea	Meat Roll Bread Jam & Tea	Rissoles Dry Hash & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea		



29/11/18, to 30/11/18.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY.	
B'FAST.	Rissoles Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	"A" and "B" Companies.
DINNER	Rissoles Hash & Tea	Stew & Tea	
TEA	Rissoles Curry Bread Jam & Tea	Bread Jam Meat Roll Cheese & Tea	
B'FAST.	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	"C" and "D" Companies.
DINNER	Hash Rissoles & Tea	Stew Rissoles & Tea	
TEA	Corned Beef Hash Tea Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Stew Tea Bread Jam	

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