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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000 ST. AUBIN.	1/2/19		<p>Weather: snowing rather heavily. Companies set out independently on route marches but on account of the snow were compelled to return. Two Officers and sixteen other ranks left for CHARLEROI in the lorry placed at our disposal by Brigade Headquarters for today and tomorrow. Educational classes were held in English, Arithmetic and French. Leave to the United Kingdom and Paris, closed for a reason not given, has been re-opened. Preparations for the departure of Embarkation Quota No 8 are well in hand. The quota leaves on the 4th instant and includes men who embarked on or before 29th December 1915. This battalion's allotment for the quota is:- 4 Sergeants and 470 other ranks. The Sergeants are: - 2564 C.Q.M.S. W. CURRIE, 2864 Sgt H.A. LEE, 2652 L/Sgt N.F. HAINES, 2808 Sgt G.W. TAYLOR. Word was received of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to 4521 R.Q.M.S. F.V. HUGHES and 1171 C.Q.M.S. S.B. McDONOUGH. Both are at present absent from the battalion.</p>	<p><i>Smith Cart.</i></p>
	2/2/19		<p>Weather: cold, no snow fell today but the snow of the last week still lies on the ground. The usual Church parades were held. All such parades are now voluntary in accordance with Divisional Orders. The result is a very poor attendance. The R.C. parade accounted for three officers, one sergeant and three privates. Similar numbers attended the C.of E. parade.</p>	

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<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. ST. AUBIN.</p>	<p>3/2/19</p>		<p>Officers and other ranks attended a very interesting lecture on "The League of Nations" delivered by Professor the Rev. MARTIN at Brigade Headquarters this afternoon. The same gentleman lectured on "The Navy" in our Battalion Concert Hall this afternoon. The lecture was illustrated with lantern views.</p> <p>Weather: cold, snow still on the ground, but signs of a thaw apparent. The battalion, accompanied by the band, carried out a route march via ST. REMY and LES BODELEX, taking two hours to cover the distance. Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT.D.S.O., the A/C.O., attended, as a member, a Court of Enquiry sitting at SEMOUSIES today to enquire into the circumstances surrounding a fire in a billet of the 59th Battalion. Numbers of the men enjoyed themselves skating on a sheet of ice near the local mill. Lt.Col. G.A. DENEHY D.S.O. visited the battalion and remained for mess. One of our attached officers, Lieut. J.J. SCARFFE, 59th Battalion, is leaving for Australia tomorrow and was tendered a hearty send off by the mess.</p>	<p><i>Good Cant.</i></p>
	<p>4/2/19</p>		<p>Weather: cold and snowing lightly. Four Sergeants and 47 Other ranks, our contribution to Embarkation Quota No 8 marched out at 0830 h. The band played them to DOURLERS where motor</p>	<p><i>Good Cant.</i></p>

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000 ST. AUBIN.	5/2/19		<p>lorries were waiting to take them to the 5th Australian Divisional Reinforcement wing at BEAUMONT. The Adjutant reported to Brigade Headquarters at 1100 h and received preliminary instructions for the amalgamation of the 57th and 58th Battalions at DOURLERS. Successive drafts have so depleted both Battalions that this course is necessary in the interests of economy. Although amalgamated, Battalions will keep their identity. Records will in all cases will be kept separate. A party went to DOURLERS this afternoon to arrange details of the billeting. It is expected that we shall move on the 6th instant. Information regarding the projected amalgamation was communicated to all concerned at the Conference this afternoon. Companies visited the Brigade Classes this morning. Recent reinforcements were bathed at DOURLERS at 1000 h.</p> <p>Weather: cold: snowing heavily all day. Companies and Headquarters were bathed at DOURLERS and received a clean change of clothing. As there appeared to be some mis-understanding regarding the necessity for and the object of the move to DOURLERS. Battalion Circular Memorandum No 123 (Appendix No 1) was issued. Lieut. DUNCAN continued his work billeting the battalion in DOURLERS. He reported tonight that he experienced difficulty in arranging billets for the whole battalion. The move has consequently been postponed.</p>	<p><i>Small Capt.</i></p> <p>APPENDIX NO 1.</p>

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<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000 ST. AUBIN.</p>	<p>6/2/19</p>		<p>The Education Officer (2/Lt. FRYER) has commenced classes in Magnetism and Electricity, Poultry Farming and Commercial Law. The Class in Business Correspondence has been resuscitated. Chaplain ROGERS has offered his assistance in the formation of Study circles. The Education Officer is therefore arranging a discussion on "France and the French" for one evening this week. A small supply of text books has come to hand and is being distributed to students. The French grammars and manuals have all been sold. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure text books on Bookkeeping, a subject very popular with members of the battalion.</p> <p>Weather: cold: snow thick on ground. Companies were placed at the disposal of Company Commanders for attention to details of interior economy. Preparations were also made for the forthcoming move to DOURLERS. Advantage was taken of the thickness of the snow to organise inter-company snow fights which were hotly contested and thoroughly enjoyed. The weather does not permit indulgence in any other outdoor past-time. Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT.D.S.O. marched out on duty to United Kingdom for the purpose of attending an investiture at Buckingham Palace.</p>	<p><i>March Capt</i></p> <p><i>March Capt</i></p>

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	7/2/19		<p>Weather: very cold: snow still thick on the ground. Companies went for route marches of 4 or 5 miles commencing at 1000 h. The Acting Brigadier (Lt.Col.C.A.DENEHY.D.S.O.) visited the battalion this afternoon.</p>	<p><i>med Capt</i></p>
<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. ST AUBIN.</p>	8/2/19		<p>Weather: sun shining brilliantly: snow still on the ground. Companies carried out rifle practice on the battalion range at St.AUBIN. The Adjutant, Q.M., and Company Commanders reported to Brigade Headquarters at 0945 h and inspected billets into which this battalion is to move tomorrow. There is no trouble regarding the billeting of the men but some difficulty is being experienced regarding Officers' billets. The transport lines will remain at St.AUBIN for the present. 57TH/58TH Battalion Order No 1 (Appendix No 2 was issued.)</p>	<p><i>med Capt</i> APPENDIX NO 2.</p>
<p>DOURLERS</p>	9/2/19		<p>Weather: cold, sky clear and sun bright, snow still on ground. The usual R.C. Church parade was held in the St.AUBIN Church at 1000 h, the local Curé officiating. At midnight on 8/9th February the 57th Battalion theoretically ceased to exist as a separate unit. The actual combination with the 58th Battalion was not effected, however, until 1500 h today when the 57th Battalion headed by the band marched into DOURLERS and settled down amongst</p>	

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. DOURLERS			<p>the men of the 58th Battalion. Neither officers N.C.O's nor men liked the change but the reasons for the move had been fully explained to them in Battalion Circular Memorandum No 123 (Appendix No 1) and all recognised the necessity for the move.</p> <p>Weather: fine; but cold. The C.O. (Lt.Col.DENEHY.D.S.O.) held a muster parade on the ground south of DOURLERS at 4.L.31.08. All except essential duties were present. The men were standing in several inches of snow and on account of the cold, the C.O. kept the parade only a few minutes. He complimented them upon the efficiency and good spirit which had marked the change effected yesterday. The battalion then marched past the C.O. and Companies proceeded to private parade grounds and dismissed. The rest of the morning and the whole of the afternoon were spent in settling down in the new billets and making some slight adjustments found necessary. The Divisional Commander visited the area at 11 am and noted the flags of the combined battalions flying from Battalion Headquarters.</p>	<p><i>Good Capt</i></p>
	11/2/19		<p>Weather: Cold but sky clear and sun shining brightly. Companies were to be bathed at the local baths but on account of a shortage in underclothing the N.C.O. in charge assumed responsibility for deciding not to heat the water. This battalion was not notified and two</p>	<p><i>Good Capt</i></p>

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000 DOURLERS.	12/2/19		Companies paraded before the orders for bathing could be cancelled. It appears that a number of men have been using the baths on days other than those on which the baths have been allotted to their battalions. A shortage in clean clothing has occurred in consequence. Lieut. A.G. STALEY and Capt. G.O. ROBERTSON (R.M.O. 57TH) returned from Paris and England respectively.	<i>gone Capt</i>
			Weather: cold, but sun shining. The roads, where the sun shone on them, thawed somewhat, but they are freezing again tonight. Company Commanders held a thorough kit inspection this morning for the purpose of submitting a shortage return tomorrow. At the invitation of Brigade Headquarters a number of officers N.C.O's and men proceeded to the DOURLERS Chateau grounds and enjoyed themselves skating on the frozen pond.	<i>gone Capt</i>
	13/2/19		Weather: fine, but cold: snow still on the ground. In accordance with the syllabus, Companies were placed at the disposal of Company Commanders for the morning. The usual platoon inspections were held. Companies were then employed in improving their billets, digging latrines and repairing damaged floors and walls. The Battalion Educational Classes, interrupted by the move from ST. AUBIN, are again in full swing. Lieut. FRYER is now working in conjunction with Lieut. CAMPBELL (Education Officer, 58th Bn.) and it has been found possible to assist the 59th Battalion	

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000 DOURLERS	14/2/19		to re-form classes which had been abandoned owing to the withdrawal of instructors.	<i>Smith Capt</i>
	15/2/19		<p>Weather: light rain fell and melted a considerable portion of the snow. Arrangements were made for rifle shooting on the SEMOUSIES range, but the weather was unfavourable and the practice did not take place. Working parties and limbers proceed every day to AULNOYE for coal and to the forest west of St AUBIN for wood. Coal is still plentiful but the supply of suitable wood is likely to run out. The C.O. (Lt.Col.C.A.DENEHY.D.S.O.) held a conference of Headquarters Officers and Company Commanders after lunch. The 58th Battalion transport with the exception of cookers and water carts has been withdrawn for cleaning and return to the Base. The 57th Battalion transport has therefore to do the work required by the double battalion. The horses of the 58th Battalion Transport are, however, available for use.</p> <p>Weather: misty and damp: snow gradually disappearing. A medical board visited the battalion and examined about 100 men for the next Embarkation Quota. An A.I.F. Form 536 must be made out for every member of the quota. The preparation entails considerable work especially as our Medical Officer is called upon to examine men from neighbouring units. A dance was held at the Y.M.C.A. hall this evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies of the village as</p>	<i>Smith Capt</i>

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. DOUJERS DOUJERS DOUJERS DOUJERS DOUJERS			<p>well as by the men of the battalion.</p>	<p><i>Good Capt</i></p>
	16/2/19		<p>Weather: milder: snow disappearing. The usual voluntary church parades were held. Attendance was poor. The C.O. (Lt.Col. DENEHY.) made an inspection of the billets of the battalion. All were found in excellent condition. It was noticed that the tendency was to have too many fires in billets. The C.O. directed that greater economy be exercised in view of the shortage threatened by difficulties of transport during the bad weather. A guard was mounted at the request of the Maire, DOUJERS, on a hayshed belonging to the Commune.</p>	<p><i>Good Capt</i></p>
17/2/19		<p>Weather: thaw has set in. The usual Educational Classes were held and were well attended. Lieut. J.L.M. CAMPBELL, 58th Battalion Education Officer, lectured on "The Law of Property" to an audience of 140 Officers, N.C.O's and men. Lt.Col. DENEHY. had proposed to attend and address the men before he handed over to Lt.Col. H.D.G. FERRES, D.S.O., M.C. who had returned from a visit on duty to the U.K. He was prevented by an engagement, so Lt.Col. FERRES spoke briefly. He told the men how affairs stood in England as regards the demobilisation of the Australian troops waiting there. On account of strikes, and shipping</p>	<p><i>Good Capt</i></p>	

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<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. DOURLERS</p>	<p>18/2/19</p>		<p>troubles delays had occurred and men were being detained in large numbers in camp in England. He said that at present a man was much better off with his battalion. Thaw precautions are now in force and will remain so for three days. Heavy traffic ceases for this period. The object is to avoid the danger of damage to the roads. Those in the vicinity of DOURLERS remain good, but the wisdom of taking precautions is made manifest by the frightful state of some of the roads in the vicinity of AULNOYE. These whilst still soft have been used for heavy traffic and are now almost impassable in consequence. Lieut. H. OLVER, Asst. Adjutant, marched out to A.I.F. Headquarters, LONDON, for duty as pay Officer on board a transport bound for Australia. At Mess last night, the C.O. (Lt.Col. DENEHY) paid a tribute to the fine soldierly qualities of the departing officer.</p> <p>Weather: wet. Companies were bathed today, but only two-thirds of the men secured clean changes of underclothing. An alteration was made in the time at which the Battalion Orderly Officer mounted. Hitherto, he has mounted after the C.O.'s conference at 1330 h. As the A/C.O. has decided not to hold conferences ^{he} has directed that the Battalion Orderly Officer mount at Reveille. The A/C.O. has also decided that junior officers are to be employed on</p>	<p><i>mount</i></p>

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<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. D O U R L E R S</p>	<p>19/2/19</p>		<p>inspectional duties as Battalion Orderly Officers.</p> <p>Weather: dull and threatening, no rain. Working to a time table, Companies carried out range practice at SEMOUSIES. The range is a small one, but it is possible to obtain safe shooting at 200 yards. Good results were obtained. Now that the show has gone, football is possible and Company teams are busy practicing for the coming Battalion competitions. The ground is yet too bad, but we are looking forward to a spell of good weather when field sports may be enjoyed. 2/Lieut. H. ST TRANGMAR marched out on leave to MESSINES where he hoped to find the grave of his brother killed there in 1917. Lieut. D. MCFARLANE marched in from Paris leave.</p>	<p><i>med cap</i></p>
	<p>20/2/19</p>		<p>Weather: still dull. The battalion went for a route march for two miles along the road to MAUBEUGE. Men were in fatigue dress and all officers were dismounted. Lt. Col. FERRES was in command. Just before reaching the two-mile mark the C.O. gave the command for a double march. Companies swung along at this pace for 400 yards. The C.O. then called a halt. On the return journey, the 58th Battalion band came out to meet us. The C.O. halted the</p>	<p><i>med cap</i></p>

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	21/2/19		<p>battalion on the road and ordered Companies to march past their Commanders by sections at 20 paces distance. This was done and the battalion again formed up on the road. Officers were fallen out, the R.S.M. took charge of the Battalion and Companies were placed under their Company Sergeants-Major. All officers assembled at the saluting base and the Companies marched past under their non-commissioned officers. An invitation has been extended by the War Office to officers of the A.I.F. to submit their names for consideration in connection with the Russian Expeditionary Force. Several officers have signified their intention of making application. The date of the departure of No 14 Embarkation quota is still uncertain. It was expected that the men would leave on 23rd instant, but it is now certain that the date will be much later. Several men included in the quota are absent on leave, so that their papers are not yet complete. Otherwise, documents are well on their way towards completion.</p> <p>Weather: rain fell freely in the morning. Afternoon dull. The day was devoted to the weekly kit inspection and to the completion of the papers to accompany Embarkation quota No 14. The documents that a man must take with him to the Base are steadily on the increase. Up to the present he is required to have a movement card, a four-page Medical Report officially</p>	

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VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. DOUJERS	22/2/19		<p>designated A.I.F. Form 536, and a Q1 Form - a lengthy document for recording the clothing, necessaries and equipment on issue to him. The 5th Divisional Football team played and won a practice match against a team from the 15th B brigade. The guard mounted on the hayshed for the Maire has now been dismantled as all the hay has been removed by the civilians. The promotion of 2/Lieut. C.H. GRANT to the rank of Lieutenant was notified in A.I.F. Orders received today.</p> <p>Weather: dull and rainy. Companies assembled in the Concert Hall for the purpose of hearing a lecture on "Australia: its opportunities for returned soldiers." by Lieut. SEWARD, 59th Battalion. The lecturer pleaded with his hearers not to remain in town on their return to civil life but to take up outdoor^{work} farming for preference. At the conclusion of an excellent lecture he was accorded the applause of his audience. Influenza has made its appearance in the battalion. At present there is no cause for alarm, but great care has to be taken to prevent the consequences that followed upon its appearance in other places. Lieut. E.K. HATFIELD marched in from U.K. Leave.</p>	266 <i>and</i>

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	23/2/19		<p>Weather: a decided improvement has manifested itself. The sun appeared for a few hours today. The usual voluntary church parades were held. The A/C.O. informed officers that although the parades were voluntary, he expected them attended and that he would judge an officer's hold on his men by the number he could turn out on parade. Excellent attendances were secured. Cpl. PATTEN M.M., the Battalion's photographic expert is going to England shortly. The Battalion has been notified that he will purchase in England any photographic supplies required. 2563 Sgt. J.S. Lyon died of illness (Influenza and pneumonia) on 23/2/19 at No 6 Canadian General Hospital.</p>	<p><i>med Capt</i></p>
	24/2/19		<p>Weather:- An improvement on recent climatic conditions. Companies were taken in fatigue dress by their commanders for short route marches. After marching for twenty minutes or half an hour they were turned about and taken home at a run across country. This form of training is very popular with the men. A party of ten officers, commanded by Lieut. A.G. STALEY, visited the Australian Corps workshops, JEUMONT. They returned this afternoon and reported that their visit had been a very interesting and instructive one. Preparations for elaborate courses are still in their initial stages, but all officers were impressed</p>	

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<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000 D O U R L E R S.</p>	<p>25/2/19</p>		<p>with the possibilities of the workshops. Lieut. E.K. HATFIELD marched out to 5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters to take up duty as Supervisor Physical and Recreational Training.</p> <p>Weather: wet, but not cold. Officers who visited the Corps workshops yesterday lectured to their N.C.O's and men on what they had seen there. It is hoped by this means to interest the men in the activities of the workshops. The A/C.O. called a meeting of officers in the Concert Hall and complained of slackness in saluting on the part of the men of the battalion. He desired every officer to take up the matter with his men and point out to them that the good name of the Battalion would suffer if slackness in this respect were allowed to creep in. He also reminded officers and especially Junior Officers of their duties towards their seniors. Lieut. A. DAVIS and Lieut. J.H. DAY were evacuated to hospital suffering from influenza.</p>	<p><i>Handwritten notes</i></p>
	<p>26/2/19.</p>		<p>Weather:- wet, but not cold. 57th and 58th Battalions paraded separately at Brigade Headquarters to be photographed for War Record purposes, by an official photographer. Every available man was present. A party of 1 Officer (2/Lieut.H.F. RANSOM) and 23 Other ranks marched out to JEUMONT, to form part of a detachment to be used in the collection of the</p>	

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			<p>Enemy material scattered throughout the Corps Area.</p>	
	27/2/19		<p>Weather: unchanged. Companies carried out their weekly kit inspections this morning. A warning order from Brigade Headquarters advised that the Battalion would move on 11th March in to the WALCOURT Area (NAMUR 1/100,000. 3F). The extra ration of coal issued in cold weather has been discontinued. Fortunately, we have not to depend wholly for our fuel on the coal with which we are issued. The German Coal dump at AULNOYE Station has been a boon to us during the winter months. Three competitors from the Battalion were successful at the Brigade Rifle Meeting held at SEMOUSIES today and seven members of the Battalion have been selected as competitors at the Divisional Rifle Meeting to be held at SIVRY on 3rd or 4th March. The 57th/58th Battalion was defeated by a team from the 59th Battalion at football this afternoon. The scores were:- 59th Battalion, 5 Goals 12 behinds. 57th/58th Battalion 4 Goals 7 Behinds.</p>	<p>286 Smedley Capt</p>
	28/2/19.		<p>Weather: unchanged. A Brigade route march ordered for today was cancelled on account of the inclemency of the weather. Companies were placed at the disposal of Company Commanders for recreational training indoors. Notification was received of the death in hospital of</p>	<p>Smedley Capt</p>

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<p>VALENCIENNES 1/100,000. D O U R L I E R S</p>			<p>Lieut. A. DAVIS. The deceased was a very popular officer. He joined the Battalion in May 1918 and saw fighting at VILLE-SUR-ANCRE, at VILLERS BRETONNEUX on 8th August, and at BELLICOURT (Hindenburg Line).</p> <p>COMPILED BY <i>J. M. Denny</i> CAPT. ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION. A. I. F.</p>	<p><i>J. M. Denny</i></p>

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WAR DIARY

OF

57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

FOR

FEBRUARY 1919

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J. McKenna CAPT.

ADJUTANT 57TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.BATTALION CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO 123" THE MOVE TO DOURLERS. "

The removal of the battalion to DOURLERS has been decided upon and will take place within a few days. At the same time a combination with the 58th Battalion will be carried out.

The move is necessary

- (a) to effect economy in staff and to release more officers, N.C.O's and men for return to Australia instead of retaining them for duty on Unit Cadres.
- (b) to effect economy in mobilisation stores and transport. The greater part of these can then be withdrawn leaving only stores and transport absolutely necessary for working the battalion. Surplus articles can then be disposed of finally long before the battalion is demobilised. Such a course will obviate the retention of staff to dispose of the whole of the mobilisation stores and transport after the personnel of the battalion has been demobilised.

The whole object of this move and of moves that will subsequently take place is to secure for all ranks the speediest demobilisation possible.

The combination with the 58th Battalion does not mean absorption of one battalion by the other. The new unit will be called "57th-58th Battalion". Personnel, records and stores will be kept distinct as far as such a course is found practicable one. Each Battalion, of course, retains its own colours.

It must not be thought that this battalion is going into billets left over by the 58th Battalion. The whole area is being re-organised and the combined battalions billeted as though the area were at present empty. To enable this to be done more readily, "A" Company of the 57th Battalion will combine with "A" Company, 58th Battalion, to form "A" Company 57th-58th Battalion." The remaining Companies will be combined in the same manner. We therefore supply two complete and distinct platoons to each Company of the new battalion.

The contents of this memorandum will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received. In addition, it will be read on parade tomorrow morning.

Battalion H.Qrs.
5th FEBRUARY 1919.

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CAPT.
ADJT. 57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDER NO 1

BY

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

COMMANDING

9TH FEBRUARY 1919

REF. Map: VALENCIENNES
1/100,000.

1. Commencing at midnight 8th/9th Feby. 57th and 58th Battalions will be combined for control and administration as one unit under the command of Lt. Col. C.A. DENNHY, D.S.O.
2. 57th Battalion will move from its present area and occupy billets in DOURLERS. The move will be accomplished in accordance with Brigade Order No 214 a copy of which is attached. 57th Battalion (less transport) will proceed to DOURLERS, passing the starting point 4.L.C6.10 at 1430 h.
3. ORDER OF MARCH: Headquarters, "A" Company, "B" Company, "C" Company, "D" Company, Cookers, baggage wagons.
4. DRESS: Marching order. One blanket per man will be rolled in waterproof sheet and carried horseshoe fashion around the pack. All ranks will wear hats turned up at the side.
5. DISTANCES 10 yards between Companies.
6. Band will parade.
7. BAGGAGE:- Transport Officer will detail 5 G.S. wagons, one per Company and one for Headquarters to report at 1100 h. Blankets, one per man, will be rolled in bundles of ten and stacked at Company Headquarters ready for loading at 1100 h. Portmanteaus will be ready for loading at the same hour.
8. LAMPS: All lamps will be returned to Q.M. store by 1000 h tomorrow? Q.M. will issue receipts.
9. SIGNAL STORES: Signalling Technical stores will be ready for loading at Battalion Headquarters at 1100 h.
10. TIME: Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise watches at 0930 h and 1400 h tomorrow.
11. LOADING PARTIES: Each Company will provide its own loading party.
12. The following is the allotment of officers to companies:-

"A" COMPANY.

Lieut. T.W. MORROW. O.C.
 " F.J. DENNHY
 " J.H. BRUDNALL.
 " M.J. HABBETT.
 2/Lieut. J.M. JACKIE. M.M.
 " J.W. MCINTOSH.
 " H.S. FRANKLIN.
 " L.J. DOWER.

"B" COMPANY.

Lieut. A.L. THORNTON. O.C.
 " J.E. SHIELDS. O.C.
 " C. GRICE.
 2/Lieut. S. OWENS.
 " E.H. MARTIN.
 " G.W. BANFIELD. D.S.O.
 " H. CHEATEL.

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"C" COMPANY.

Lieut.	K. B. WHITE.	O. C.
"	A. DAVIS.	
"	J. H. DAY.	
"	C. R. BUCHANAN.	
"	J. H. GARRETT.	
2/Lieut.	K. G. JILEY.	
"	A. L. CUNNINGHAM.	
"	H. S. GRAHAM.	
"	A. B. J. FREEMAN.	

"D" COMPANY.

Lieut.	R. V. MOON. 7.C.	O.C.
"	J. E. DAVIES. M.C.	
Lieut.	A. D. McPARLANE.	
"	J. A. PENNA.	
"	M. F. LANAHAN. M.C.	
2/Lieut.	R. W. BENDISMAN.	
"	C. H. GRANT.	

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ADJUT. 57TH/58TH BATTALION. A.I.F. CAPT.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO 214.

Ref: VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.

8th February 1919.

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1. Consequent upon reduction of 57th and 58th Battalions to less than 40% of War Establishment it is now necessary, in accordance with A.I.F. Order 1523, "Demobilisation", para 3, for these two Battalions to combine. These Battalions will not lose their identity but for the purpose of economy in Staffs and Transport they will be administered as one Battalion under the Command of Lieut.Colonel C.A. DENEHY.D.S.O. who will also continue to Command the Brigade during the absence of Brigadier-General H.E.ELLIOTT. C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,D.C.M.
 2. This amalgamation will take the place as from midnight 8th February 1919. The 57th Battalion (less transport) will move tomorrow, 9th inst. from ST-AUBIN to DOURLERS, into billets which have been provided.
 3. Administrative details consequent upon this order will be as follows:
 - (a) The Combined Battalion will be administered as one Unit, except as regards promotion, records, (including Part II Orders) War Diaries, returns and finances (including Regimental Funds and Canteens).
 - (b) Separate leave Rosters will be kept but leave to individuals will be granted having due regard to the effective control and Administration of the Battalion.
 - (c) Following personnel will be charged with the Administration:

Commanding Officer :	Lieut.Colonel C.A.DENEHY.D.S.O.	
2nd in Command :	(vacant)	
Adjutant :	Capt. J.J.MCKENNA.	57th Bn.
Assistant Adjts. :	Lieut. H. OLVER.	57th Bn.
	2/Lieut. G. MOUSER.	58th Bn.
Quartermasters :	Capt.A.F. BEST.	58th Bn.
	Lieut.W.B.CARNEGIE.	57th Bn.
Transport Off. :	Lieut.J.W.COLLINS.	58th Bn.
	Lieut.A.M.WILLIAMS.	57th Bn.
Signal Officer :	2/Lieut.R.S.OWEN.	57th Bn.
Medical Officer :	Capt. PARKER.	58th Bn.
R.S.M. :	W.O. H.E.ABBOTT.	57th Bn.
 - (d) The following services will be amalgamated:

A.M.C.: (But not as regards technical stores and material) That of 58th Battalion will be used.

Signalling Service: (but not as regards technical stores and material) That of 58th Battalion will be used.

Pioneers:

Police:
 4. Quartermasters Departments of the two Battalions will be kept quite distinct as far as Ordnance stores are concerned and until further notice as regards supplies. The drawing of supplies will be under the direction of Quartermaster, 58th Battalion.
 5. Bootmakers, Tailors, Armourers and Butchers will be combined as regards personnel but not as regards working tools and material.
 6. Commencing 11th inst. the whole of 58th Battalion Transport vehicles will be withdrawn from service and the personnel will be employed in putting all vehicles, harness and accessories into a fit condition for return to Base. For this purpose the Transport Officer, 58th Battalion, will at once allot a small weatherproof building in which fires may be lighted and the frozen mud thawed from vehicles.
 7. The following will be the procedure for tomorrows move:
 - (a) 57th Battalion with blankets and necessary stores and equipment will arrive at DOURLERS at 1500 on 9th inst.
 - (b) 58th Battalion will hold a marching out parade on morning of 9th inst. in accordance with instructions already issued.
 - (c) Billets of both Battalions will be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.

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(d) Personnel of 58th Battalion will parade at 1430 on 9th inst. in full marching order when they will be inspected by their present Platoon Commanders. Those who will be required to move into other billets will carry two blankets.

(e) 58th Battalion will detail two limbers to report to present Company Commanders of the 58th Battalion for the transport of plalliasses.

(f) At 1500 the new Company Commanders will allot the men to billets.

8. The times as set out above will be rigidly adhered to. Men must not be kept standing about in the cold.
9. Company Commanders will exercise the necessary foresight in arranging new sites for cookers and allocation of cooking personnel.
10. The Brigade Signal Officer will arrange for telephonic communication between 57th Battalion transport and Brigade Headquarters?
11. Brigade Headquarters will remain at CHATEAU, DOURLERS.
12. Acknowledge.

Sd/ H. R. GOLLAN. Captain.
Brigade Major
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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57TH/58TH BATTALION. A.I.F.LOCALITY REPORT.SEMOUSIES, DOURLERS, ST. AUBIN, LES BODELEZ.REFERENCE MAP: VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.

- (a) RELIEF: The district forms part of the valley of the river SAMBRE towards which there is a slight gradual fall from the East. The country is undulating being broken by valleys of small tributaries of the SAMBRE. There are no steep banks and there are no outstanding hill features.
- (b) STREAMS: The streams in the area (R. de la BRAQUENIERE, R. des MARQUETTES, R. de TARSY) are small and present no great obstacle to infantry. Their presence, however, prevents the movement of transport otherwise than by road.
- (c) FORESTS: The area is almost surrounded by a wood very like a horse-shoe in shape. The majority of the trees are beech. There are also a few oak and a very small number of pââar fir trees. Infantry can pass but only with difficulty. The woods are impassable to other arms.
- (d) There are no marshes in the area. Two special features of military importance are hedges and sunken roads. The hedges are of the thorn variety, are very thick and cover the whole country. They are more numerous close to the villages and along the banks of the streams. The effect of their presence is to confine transport to the roads. sunken roads are plentiful. None of them are more than 10 ft. deep whilst the majority are 5 feet deep. The length of the cutting is generally short, averaging perhaps 50 yards. Gradients: There are few gradients requiring notice. In most cases the roads follow the valleys and are therefore practically level. The AVESNES - MAUBEUGE Road, which bisects the area, runs at right angles to the general course of the valleys and presents a succession of ascents and descents, the steepest being 1/40.
- (e) Strategically: Strategically the area is not of importance except that through it runs the southern approach to the fortress of MAUBEUGE. The nearest railhead is AULNOYE 7 miles to the northwest. Tactically: Good though limited views of the country are obtainable from the AVESNES - MAUBEUGE Road at 4.L.40.27 and 4.L.42.18. Other good views are obtainable from 4.L.25.10 and 4.L.09.17. The enclosed nature of the country renders difficult observation of artillery fire. On the other hand, it affords opportunities for securing surprise effect with machine gun and rifle fire. Behind many of the hedges are still to be seen the fire trenches and machine gun emplacements used by the Germans during the battle of MAUBEUGE in November 1918. Empty cartridges lying on the parapets indicate that the opportunities presented themselves. The enemy had a nest of machine guns admirably sited at 4.K.94.07 to command the road through the wood from ST REMY. Another post at 4.L.09.17 swept the country to the north and commanded the road from AULNOYE. Small defensive positions exist in the area but in nearly every case the field of fire is limited, the attacker having considerable cover from view if not always from fire.

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APPENDIX No 4

WITH THE 15TH BRIGADE ON THE
8TH AUGUST 1918.



News of a coming offensive reached us early in August whilst we were resting in billets in the suburbs of AMIENS. The first indications were visits paid by battalions in turn to the Tank Training Camp at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS where attack practice with the tanks was carried out. On the 2nd August a Conference of Battalion Commanders and officers commanding units attached to the Brigade was held at Brigade Headquarters. Brigadier General ELLIOTT explained the operation and ordered the equipment of the troops to go forward with the greatest despatch. He insisted upon the utmost secrecy being observed. Every effort had been made by the higher authorities to ensure that the attack would be a complete surprise to the enemy. In the YPRES sector preparations had been openly made for an offensive and it was hoped that the enemy, expecting attack in the north, would be unaware of the threatened blow on the SOMME. Severe punishment was to be meted out to anyone responsible for warning the enemy by careless reconnaissance in the forward area or by unnecessary movement behind the lines.

In the course of the next few days we were joined by the Nucleus which had left the brigade on the last occasion of our going into the line. Another Nucleus marched out to take its place. On the 5th August the brigade commenced its forward

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movement from AMIENS. The night was dark and the main road to VILLERS-BRETONNEUX was crowded with traffic. It was nearly daylight when we reached our positions along the railway embankment west of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, and in the BOIS L'ABBE. The 6th August was spent in resting the men and explaining to them the details of the operation. The front line and forward positions were reconnoitred by intelligence staff and Company Commanders. Next day, bombs, ammunition, iron rations, extra water bottles, tools and signal lights were issued. We spent the day resting, waiting for the approach of zero hour which had been fixed at 0420 h on the morrow.

Shortly after midnight of the 7/8th August the battalions left their shelters behind VILLERS BRETONNEUX and moved silently to the lie positions allotted to them. The night was calm and except for the muffled noise made by steadily moving men there were no indications of the coming battle. Frequently lines of men in single file conveyed, moved parallel for a time, and then suddenly separated. The responses to our subdued queries told us that men of the Seventh Brigade were moving too. To the left the Eighth Brigade were preparing and not far away on the right the Canadians were getting ready. Soon, on our left rose the well known ruins of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Lest the enemy should suddenly open one of his frequent bombardments on the town we had kept well to the south, others had chosen routes to the north. As we turned to the left and crossed the railway we

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entered the eastern outskirts of BRETONNEUX and noted the complete destruction wrought by the enemy's guns. He had been vengefully firing on the place almost daily since the night in April when the counter attack by our Brigade threw him back from BRETONNEUX and saved AMIENS. The memory of that victory put the men in greater heart for the work the next few hours were to bring them.

Before we reached our lie positions a fog arose and added to the darkness of the night. The guides moved on unfalteringly but zero hour was approaching and those behind were becoming anxious. It was with intense relief therefore that, on mounting a slight rise, we saw shining out of the darkness the number of our Battalion. There was nothing supernatural about it. A candle burning inside a perforated petrol tin was all the magic that was used. We were destined to use the device on many subsequent occasions but never afterwards did we so heartily bless the brain that had conceived the idea.

In the lie positions,

The 57th Battalion on the right and the 59th Battalion on the left formed the front line of the Brigade. They were supported respectively by the 60th and 58th Battalions. Our line extended from the BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES railway northwards for nearly two thousand yards, the right and left battalions joining hands just south of the well known EAST-WEST Road. Distributed over the thousand yards in front of us lay the men of the 2nd Division confidently awaiting the approach of zero hour. No sooner did we

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reach our lie position than the enemy opened a brisk bombardment. There is no doubt that he had heard the tanks moving into position. Also, the shouting of the tank personnel could be heard for a considerable distance and may possibly have reached the ears of his sentries. The barrage though not violent was heavy and continued for an hour. It showed no signs of abating as zero hour approached. What was even more disquieting was the fact that as zero approached it was still doubtful if all troops were in position and ready. There was then sufficient light to permit the recognition of comrades, but the light enabled us to see only more clearly how dense was the fog. Twenty yards was the limit of vision. Away in front envelopped in the fog the Companies should be in position. Runners, Intelligence staff, signallers were out in the barrage groping in the mist, searching. Now and again one of our guns would speak. We waited in suspense, continually looking at our watches. Punctually at twenty minutes past four our barrage opened with a roar. The bursting of enemy shells could scarcely be heard above the din. Gradually the German guns ceased firing. The Second Division by this time was attacking, but we were not to move until zero plus one hour.

The cheery messages "All ready" came in almost together, and before we moved we knew that our comrades of the Brigade were ready also and would advance the moment we did.

We left our trenches at twenty minutes past five and moved slowly forward. On the right the Companies of the 57th

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Battalion had the VILLERS BRETOCHNEUX - CHAULNES railway line to guide them. Running parallel to the railway and about five hundred yards north of it was a well defined track which was a very useful aid to keeping direction. At the point where the track ceased to run parallel with the line, a light railway took up the rôle of guide and served the purpose until the first objective of the day was reached. By that time daylight had penetrated the fog and it was possible to keep direction without difficulty.

On the left the 59th Battalion was not so fortunate. The only well defined landmark was the East-West Road which ran off at an angle from the line of advance. Direction was kept almost solely by the aid of compass bearings which with admirable foresight the intelligence officer had notified to all platoon commanders. In some cases in both battalions small parties lost direction but it was quickly regained.

During the first phase of the attack - the advance to the first objective, the "Green Line" - we merely followed in the wake of the 7th Brigade which was one hour in advance of us. At first the enemy shell fire was severe and inflicted some casualties upon us, but its gradually dying away coincided with the advance of the 7th Brigade, the capture of the enemy field pieces and the withdrawal of the heavier guns. Around us we could see evidences of the fight that had occurred only an hour before. In front of the enemy trenches lay our dead. They were not many
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and had evidently been killed by machine gun fire. As we crossed the trenches we noted with grim satisfaction that all the gunners had not escaped unhurt. Some had fallen by their guns, but the equipment scattered in and behind the trenches told of others, who took sudden dislike to steel as the bayonets came close. In the fields around us we saw pieces of white rag fluttering from the butts of rifles which had been reversed and thrust into the ground by the bayonet. This was the signal that indicated the presence of a wounded man, friend or foe, waiting for the stretcher-bearers that were to take him to the rear. As we passed, those not badly wounded raised themselves to see who we were. Many called to us but there was work ahead, we could not wait and they dropped back again.

By this time, 7 am., the fog had lifted to a considerable extent. Away on the other side of the line we could see the advanced troops of the Canadian Infantry mounting the slopes in artillery formation. We recognised MARCHELCAVE and noted its shell-torn chimney. We could see one of our tanks moving through the town and saw the enemy shells bursting amongst the buildings. MARCHELCAVE was ours. At a quarter to eight we came in contact with the support line of the 7th Brigade and learned of the complete success of their troops. The green line had been taken, they were hard at work consolidating the position and everything was ready for our passage onwards. We were well ahead of time and took the opportunity to complete our reorganisation before advance-

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ing into the void. The green line that marked the first objective cut the railway about five hundred yards east of MARCELOAVE and ran North East around the eastern outskirts of LAMOTTE a village on the main road from BRETONNEUX. As it happened, the line was drawn behind most of the 77 cm guns the enemy had on the sector and these fell to our comrades of the 7th Brigade. Heavier guns were to fall to us and unfortunately some of us were to fall to them.

At zero plus four hours we were through the green line and our turn had come.

Visibility was good, BAYONVILLERS was in sight and we could see our barrage playing in and around it. Our planes were well on time with their smoke bombs which they dropped on the town shortly after we crossed the green line. Several enemy planes appeared, flying very low. They passed over us and flew well to our rear. They had evidently been sent out to discover the magnitude of the attack. Close to the railway line the 57th Battalion found themselves almost upon a battery of 5.9 guns. The gunners fired over the sights and many of us experienced for the first time the sensation of being under direct artillery fire. As the shells tore past, each one of us imagined they were passing within a foot of him. They struck the hillside behind us and caused several casualties in the battalion, spread out in artillery formation. Lewis guns and rifles quickly engaged the battery and it was finally silenced by a tank which had worked around to the rear.

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This, however, was too late to save another tank which, attacking from the front, was destroyed by a direct hit at 100 yards range. On the left, the 59th Battalion, had a similar experience. It was clear that we were then upon the enemy's second line of guns. In the centre, however, the fighting took shape as a series of contests between the enemy's isolated machine gun posts and our companies supported by tanks. With such assistance the infantry had no difficulty in clearing their way.

Thus far all had gone well with us. Just at this point, however, two or perhaps three of our guns began to shoot short and despite repeated complaints continued to endanger our men for an hour. It was apparent also, that things were not running smoothly for the Canadians on our right. PLEURET WOOD, well known to our artillery as a screen for enemy guns, ran at right angles to the line of the Canadian advance. It was strongly held by the enemy who was endeavouring to cover the withdrawal of his guns through WIENCOURT. The right Company of the 57th Battalion and two platoons of the 60th Battalion took up positions along the railway line and by bringing flanking fire to bear upon the enemy assisted the Canadians in rushing the wood and continuing the advance.

After passing WIENCOURT, our right battalion came upon a large dump of engineering material which had been set on fire in places and abandoned. The dump marked the point where the enemy's double railways terminated and where started the single-line light railways that fed his front line. While the 57th Battalion was

passing the captured dump, the 59th Bn was

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moving around the southern outskirts of BAYONVILLERS the clearing of which was a duty allotted to the 58th Battalion following in rear. This task proved an easy one. The battalion met with no resistance and without interruption followed on after the 59th Battalion.

It was at this time, about 0930 h , that the cavalry came through. It was a magnificent thing to see this fine body of men ride through accompanied by field artillery. The sun shone out and the weather was pleasantly warm. The fact that the cavalry had been ordered through told us that the enemy's resistance had been completely broken and that our comrades on the flanks had also been successful. Unfortunately one of our guns was still shooting short and one of its shells, bursting close to a formed body of cavalry, emptied four or five saddles. Our stretcher bearers hastened on and attended to the wounded men.

Following the horsemen, we pressed on to the second objective of the day, the red line, which ran from the railway in a north easterly direction past the western borders of HARBONNIERES. Except for the capture by the right battalion of 40 Germans in the small part of GUILLAUCOURT north of the railway, the advance to the red line was without incident. Just as we reached the red line the cavalry in front charged up the valley south of HARBONNIERES and rounded up about twenty prisoners. These were sent back under escort of one trooper and the horsemen spreading over the country rode out beyond the old AMIENS Defence

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line, but were finally driven in with loss by heavy machine gun fire. They fell back behind the 57th Battalion which by this time had reached its next objective, the blue line, and was consolidating from the railway to the south-eastern edge of HARBONNIERES.

On the left, the 59th Battalion had further to go to reach the blue line which on this sector swept out to encircle HARBONNIERES. With the assistance of the 58th Battalion, the 59th Battalion had no difficulty in clearing the town of the enemy. The 58th Battalion then returned to the red line and consolidated there whilst the 59th Battalion pressed on to its final objective. This, the blue line, was taken with the exception of a small portion on the right which was commanded by enemy machine guns just beyond it. These guns also caused considerable annoyance to the 57th Battalion.

By this time the troops were feeling the effects of the advance. No rations could be expected before night, and we sat down to deal sparingly with what little we had carried with us. We had finished and had just settled down to rest when the sentries called our attention to a white light descending rapidly from the sky well over the enemy's country. Fatigue was forgotten and everyone was galvanised into action; for the light we had seen was a signal from our aeroplanes to warn us of an impending counter attack.

The cavalry dismounted and went into the trenches alongside our men. Their machine gun section took up a position from which our front could be swept with fire.

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The Brigade Exploiting Detachment, which was to have assisted in gaining the blue line but which accompanied by tanks had only just arrived, was distributed over our frontage. We waited impatiently, but no enemy appeared. An hour and a half elapsed and it became evident that the counter-attack, if there was a counter attack at all, had fizzled out. It is probable that the reported counter attack was in reality a movement forward of enemy reserves intended to bar further advance rather than to undertake definite measures to expell us from the positions we held. The retiring enemy artillery again came into action and commenced to shell the vicinity of our front line and supports. The Cavalry Commander fearing for the safety of his horses which were in an exposed position decided to withdraw. Our right line battalion was anxious to push out to the old AMIENS line eight hundred yards in front. This line was very thinly held by the enemy and afforded a magnificent field of fire an advantage not possessed by the position we occupied. The Canadians, however, declined to cooperate and the left battalion was unable to cooperate advance without assistance from tanks, none of which could be made available.

So stood things when darkness fell on the 8th August 1918 - a date that will be recorded not only in Australian History but also in the histories of the world. It marks the commencement of these "sledge-hammer blows" that broke the German resistance in the west, forced the invader into full retreat and finally threatened him with a complete disaster which he averted only by suing for peace.

57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.EDUCATIONAL REPORT WEEK ENDING 9.2.1919.

Once again the classes have been considerably affected by the drafts which have been leaving for Australia. In spite of the fact that three new classes have been formed and 27 new enrolments have taken place, the total present enrolments are 157 in the Unit classes and 30 in the Brigade classes - a total of 187 as against 207 for the previous week.

The Technical Classes have also suffered for the same reason, and also from the fact that some of the students have gone to courses at workshops &c.

Although the total present enrolments are lower, the percentage of ration strength enrolled has gradually increased from 33% to 48%.

The classes now in operation are English, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, shorthand, Business Correspondence, salesmanship, Commercial Law, French, Magnetism and Electricity and Poultry Farming (theory). There are also evening classes in French for students who cannot attend day classes and a class for beginners in Bookkeeping.

Chaplain C.W.T. ROGERS is to lecture this evening. He has also agreed to help in the formation of Study and Discussion Circles.

for J. J. McKenna
CAPT.
Temp. C.O. 57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

57TH/58TH BATTALION.A.I.F.EDUCATION REPORT WEEK ENDING 14.2.19.

Class work was somewhat interrupted owing to the move of the 57th Battalion from ST. AUBIN to DOUMLERS. Now that the men have settled down work is going on normally, and enrolments show a slight increase.

It was decided to endeavour to secure a more suitable class-room and this attempt proved successful. An arrangement was made with the Engineers for the use of one of their class-rooms when not required by them. Another room in the same billet was also secured. This is not furnished but has been supplied with tables and forms and a stove is being installed. Several lamps have been obtained on loan.

Arrangements have been made for a new educational activity in the shape of lectures. Two series have been arranged, one on the law in respect of rights and duties connected with personal property; the other on various subjects relating to Australia. Lieut. SEWARD of the 59th Battalion has consented to deliver the first lecture in this series, and 2/Lt. TULLOCH of the 58th Battalion will give several lectures.

It is intended to have one lecture in each series once a week, the first lecture in the Law series will be delivered on Saturday.

14. 2. 1919.

J. McKenna
CAPT.
for C.O. 57TH/58TH BATTALION.A.I.F

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57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.EDUCATION REPORT TO 24. 2. 1919.

The Unit classes now in operation are as follows:-

Group I.	Poultry Farming.
II.	Magnetism and Electricity.
III.	Shorthand.
	Bookkeeping (two classes)
	salesmanship
	Commercial Law
	Business Correspondence
	Business Practice.
IV.	English
	French (Three classes)
	Arithmetic.
VV.	Discussion Circles and Lecture Series (three)

In addition the following Technical Classes (Brigade) are in operation:- Motor Mechanics, Blacksmithing, signwriting, Carpentry, Plumbing, Surveying and Mechanical Drawing. Altogether there are 21 classes available within the Unit apart from the Discussion Circles and Lecture Series.

The present ration strength of the Battalion, is now 373.

The activities of Demobilisation have naturally affected the enrolments considerably while the movement of the Battalion to a new area during the month to some extent interrupted classes for a few days, but work is going on normally again.

The total enrolments to date since the classes began (11/12/18) have been 463 exclusive of Discussion Circles and Lecture Series. With the latter, the total is 619, as shown in Appendix "A". The total present enrolment exclusive of Discussion Circles and Lecture Series is 206, and including the latter, 336. See Appendix "B".

There are 28 enrolments in the Technical Class (Brigade); 17 students are attending the Divisional school and 22 students are attending various courses away from the unit. The actual present enrolments are shown in Appendix "C". The total number of individual students in Unit and Brigade Classes is 209. Appendix "D" shows the number of subjects taken by these students.

A considerable number of students have made application for Non-military Employment and for the course at the Agricultural Training Depot at Sutton Veny.

"APPENDIX "A"TOTAL ENROLMENTS TO DATE 24.2.19.

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>ENROLMENTS</u>
English	38
Arithmetic	73
French	55
Bookkeeping	69
Commercial Law	11
Business Correspondence	38
Business Practice	11
Salesmanship	11
Shorthand	29
Magnetism & Electricity	10
Poultry Farming	9
Fruit Growing	35
Brigade Classes, Technical.	74
	<u>463</u>
Study and Discussion Circles & Lecture Series	<u>156</u>
TOTAL.	619

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APPENDIX "B"

TOTAL PRESENT ENROLMENTS TO DATE 24.2.1919.

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Total enrolled since 11/12/18</u>	<u>At schools & Courses away from Unit.</u>	<u>No. left Unit.</u>	<u>Left for other reasons.</u>	<u>Courses completed?</u>	<u>Total present enrolment.</u>
English	38	5	9	6		18
Arithmetic	73	9	24	13		27
French	55	8	8	6		33
Bookkeeping	69	13	14	12		30
Commercial Law	11					11
Business Practice	11					11
Business Correspondence	38	14			13	11
Salesmanship	11					11
Shorthand	29	7	8	6		8
Magnetism and Electricity	10					10
Poultry Farming	9		1			8
Fruitgrowing	35	Course Completed			35	
Technical classes Brigade	74	14	11		21	28
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Study & Discussion Circles and Lecture Series	463	70	75	43	69	206
	156					130
TOTAL.	619				TOTAL.	336

APPENDIX "C"

ACTUAL PRESENT ENROLMENTS IN UNIT AND BRIGADE CLASSES AND ALSO STUDENTS ATTENDING EXTRA UNIT COURSES.

	<u>Unit Classes</u>	<u>Brigade Technical Classes</u>	<u>Divisional school</u>	<u>Other schools and Courses.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Actual present Enrolments.	178	28	17	22	245
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					Study & Discussion Circles and Lecture Series
					130
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					TOTAL.
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APPENDIX "D"

INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS ATTENDING BRIGADE AND UNIT CLASSES, SHOWING NUMBER OF SUBJECTS TAKEN.

Number of Students taking	1 subject	60
" " "	2 subjects	23
" " "	3 "	13
" " "	4 or more	13
	Total Individual students	109
Exclusive of students attending Study and Discussion Circles and Lecture series.		

A. J. Dryer 2/LIEUT.
EDUCATION OFFICER 57TH BATTALION. A. I. F

57th/58th BATTALION A. I. F.BATTALION CIRCULAR NO. 8."HONORS and AWARDS"

The following Awards have been notified in the London Gazette and are published in A.I.F. List No. 447 of 18/2/1919.

Awarded DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.Major (Temp/Lieut-Col.) H.D.G. FERRIS MC.58th Battalion AIF.

For conspicuous gallantry in taking the Eastern side of PERONNE on 2nd September 1918. He had to advance to the attack along a narrow causeway swept by enemy fire, and, while personally leading his Battalion was early severely wounded by shell fire. Though suffering much pain from his wound, he reorganised the Battalion, which had suffered severe casualties, and launched the attack. The clearing of the enemy from the ramparts and outskirts of PERONNE was entirely due to his resolute leadership and courage. A large number of prisoners and 50 Machine Guns were captured during this action.

Awarded a BAR to the MILITARY CROSS.Lieut. T.A. SLAUGHTER MC., 58th Battalion A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership in taking the Eastern half of PERONNE on 2nd September 1918.

After his senior Officers had early become casualties, he led the Company brilliantly through very heavy Machine Gun fire, silencing one Machine Gun Post after another and killing or capturing the crew and a large number of prisoners. On reaching the Eastern end of PERONNE he found his flank dangerously exposed, and at once formed a defensive flank. By his courage and able handling of a difficult situation he contributed largely to the success of this Battalion.

(L.C. gazetted 15th May 1918)
-----Awarded the MILITARY CROSS.Lieut. G. LAING -- 58th Battalion AIF.

During the attack on the Eastern end of PERONNE on 2nd September 1918, he was in command of his Company when the enemy were observed massing on his front preparatory to a counter attack. He collected a number of captured Machine Guns, and skilfully disposing them in favourable positions, enabled the line to cope with the attack and also to advance. His personal gallantry under fire, and coolness, were an inspiration to all.

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Awarded MILITARY CROSS

Lieut. H. J. BARKA

-- 57th Battalion A.I.F.

Throughout the operation of forcing the passage of the SOMME from 30th August to 5th September 1918, he commanded his Company with great gallantry under fire, and fine tactical ability. He was untiring in his reconnaissances and patrols, working night and day, and setting a devoted example of devotion to duty to his men that had a great effect. His skilful handling of more than one difficult situation materially helped the success of the operation.

Captain B. PLACOCKE

-- 57th Battalion A.I.F.

During the period 30th August/5th September 1918, he displayed great gallantry and determination in the difficult operation of crossing the SOMME. He led two patrols under heavy fire in unsuccessful attempts to find a passage through the marsh, and again a third time he was driven back by intense machine gun fire. He was in temporary command of a Battalion which had suffered heavy casualties in Officers, and, making a fourth attempt he at last succeeded in working to the eastern edge of the swamp and driving the enemy from his post, thus securing the passage of the river. His gallantry under fire, and persevering energy were worthy of the highest praise.

Battalion H.Q.
 24/3/1919.

J. J. ...
 Capt.
 Adjt., 57th/58th Battalion A. I. F.

57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

HONORS AND AWARDS AWARDED 57TH BATTALION
DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

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ADJUTANT 57TH/58TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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57TH BATTALION A.I.F.

STATEMENT OF PUNISHMENTS AWARDED DURING
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

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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ADJUTANT 57TH/58TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.STATEMENT OF BATTALION STRENGTH DURING
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

	WITH UNIT.		FIELD AMB.		DETACHED		TOTAL.	
	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RK.	OFF.	O.RK.
7th FEBRUARY 1919	25	341	-	1	7	135	32	477
14th FEBRUARY 1919	28	346	-	-	6	137	34	483
21st FEBRUARY 1919	28	343	-	2	7	135	35	480
28th FEBRUARY 1919	27	335	1	5	6	152	34	492

RETURN OF SICK WASTAGE DURING THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

	TO FIELD AMB.		FROM FIELD AMB.		EVACUATED.	
	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.
7th FEBRUARY 1919	-	-	-	-	-	-
14th FEBRUARY 1919	-	-	-	-	-	1
21st FEBRUARY 1919	-	2	-	-	-	-
28th FEBRUARY 1919	1	3				

J. M. Chenna
CAPT.
ADJUTANT 57TH/58TH BATTALION A.I.F.

57TH BATTALION. A. I. F.STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES DURING THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

	<u>OFFICERS?</u>	<u>O. RANKS.</u>
Casualties.	-	-
Died of illness.	1 (Lt. A. DAVIS.)	1
Evacuated Sick.	-	5
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	1	6

STATEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS WHO HAVE JOINED
DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O. RANKS.</u>
From Hospital, FRANCE.		16
Reinforcements.	2 (2/Lt. J. W. MCINTOSH. " W. E. WINTLE.)	14
From O. C. B.	5 (2/Lt. H. S. TRANGMAR. " H. CHITTLE. " H. P. JONES. " E. A. KIRBY. " L. E. FRENCH. MM.)	
Transferred from other Units.		1
From Detached Duties.		16
" Prisons and Compound.		2
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CAPT.
ADJUTANT 57TH/58TH BATTALION A. I. F.

57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS DURING THE MONTH
OF FEBRUARY 1919.MARCHED OUT ON LEAVE.

Lieut. J.A. RENA. To U.K. 11. 2. 1919.

MARCHED IN FROM LEAVE.

Lieut. A.G. STALEY. From Paris. 11. 2. 1919.
" D. McFARLANE. " " 19. 2. 1919.
Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT.DSO. From U.K. (Duty) 19. 2. 1919

MARCHED OUT ON DUTY.

Lieut. H. OLVER. Duty U.K. 17. 2. 1919.
" F.J. KENEALY. 5th Div. H.Qrs. 21. 2. 1919.
" E.K. HATFIELD. " " " 24. 2. 1919.
2/Lieut. W.E. WINTLE. Escort Duty. 25. 2. 1919
Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE. Duty U.K. 26. 2. 1919.

MARCHED OUT ON EXTENDED LEAVE, NON-MILITARY
EMPLOYMENT. ENGLAND.

Lieut. D. FALCONER. 27. 2. 1919.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH DURING THE MONTH.

2/Lieut. L.E. FRENCH. M.M. From O.C.B. 14. 2. 1919.
" J. W. McINTOSH. From 5th M.G.BN. 5. 2. 1919.
" H. S. TRANGMAR. From O.C.B. 6. 2. 1919.
" H. CHETTLE. " " 7. 2. 1919.
" W.E. WINTLE. " " 10. 2. 1919.
" E.A. KIRBY. " " 19. 2. 1919.
" H.P. JONES. " " 19. 2. 1919.

OFFICERS STRUCK OFF STRENGTH DURING MONTH.

Lieut. A. DAVIS. Died of illness. 27. 2. 1919.

CHANGES IN RANKS OF OFFICERS.

To be Lieutenant to date 29.1.19. A.I.F. List No 445, 14.2.19.

2/Lieut. C.M. GRANT.

To be Lieutenant to date 4.2.19. A.I.F. List No 448 21.2.19.

2/Lieut. C.L.G. MOON.
" J.M. MACKIE.M.M.
" R.S. OWEN.

J. Mackie
—LIEUT.
ADJUTANT 57TH/58TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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57TH BATTALION A.I.F.R.M.O.'S MONTHLY REPORT.FEBRUARY 1919.

The 58th Battalion has remained in billets in DOURLERS and on the 9th of February was joined by the 57th Battalion who moved for that purpose from ST.AUBIN.

The combined 57th/58th Battalion share billets in DOURLERS.

Capt. Robertson M.O. of the 57th Battalion was withdrawn and I have remained as M.O.

There have been a few isolated cases of influenza to the complications of which Lieut. A. Davis of the 57th Battalion unfortunately succumbed at No 5 C.C.S. MAUBEUGE, *m 27/2/19*

The general health of the troops has continued to be satisfactory.

R. Power

CAPT.
R.M.O. 57TH/58TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.TRANSPORT OFFICER'S DIARY FOR THE MONTH
OF FEBRUARY 1919.

During the month of February the Transport has carried out a great amount of work. The work carried out comprised a large amount of transport for French civilians; coal, wood, rations and hay being the chief things carted.

The Battalion transport has been exceptionally heavy owing to the amalgamation with the 58th Battalion. Fuel was again supplied to the Battalion. The new men are proving quite satisfactory in the work of the transport.

Animals are in excellent condition. Fodder has been plentiful and stabling warm.

During the month one horse was evacuated. The health of the transport personnel is excellent.

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- Feb'y. 1st. 2 G.S. Wagons for wood, 1 limber for coal, 1 G.S. Wagon to D.A.D.O.S., 3 Teams and 3 men for French, 1 Mail, 2 Water carts, 2 limbers for Company rations.
- 2nd. Company rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1.
- 3rd Company Rations 2; Water carts 2, Mail 1, Hacks 4.
- 4th Company Rations 2 limbers, Water Carts 2, Wagons for wood 2, Coal 1, Mail 1, 2 Teams and Mess Cart for French, Hacks 4.
- 5th Company rations 2; Water carts 2, Mail 1, 4 Teams and 3 drivers for French, Wood 1, To D.A.D.O.S. 2, Hacks 5.
- 6th Company Rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1, Wood 3, Coal 1, Bde. H.Qrs rations 1, 3 Teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 5.
- 7th Company rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1, Coal 2, 3 teams and 2 drivers for French, wood 2, Hacks 4.
- 8th Company rations 2, water carts 2, Mail 1, To Dump 1, Coal 1, 3 Teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 3.
- 9th Battalion moved to DOURLERS from ST. AUBIN. All teams out No French work.
- 10th Company rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1, wood 2, For wood for French 1 G.S., 3 Teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 2.
- 11th Company rations 2, Water cart 1, Mail 1, coal 3, Sergeants' Mess 1, 3 Teams and 1 driver for French, Hacks 2.
- 12th Company rations 2, water carts 2, Coal 3, Wood 2, 4 teams and 3 drivers for French.
- 13th Company rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1, 4 teams and 2 drivers for French, 3 hacks.
- 14th 2 Company ration limbers, Water carts 2, Coal 2, To D.A.D.O.S. 1, Wood 2, Mail 1, 4 teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 2.

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- Feb. 15th Company rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1, Coal 2, 4 Teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 3.
- 16th Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, Hacks 4.
- 17th Company ration 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2; Coal 3, wood 1, Removing forms to Cinema Hall, DOURLERS 1, 2 Teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 6.
- 18th Company rations 2, Water carts 2, Mail 1, Comforts 2, wood 1, Wood for French 1, Coal 2, To rendezvous for rations 1, Hacks 3.
- 19th Company Rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, Wood 1, Coal 2, 1 Team and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 2.
- 20th Company rations 2, wood 1, Water carts 2, Mail 1, Coal 2, 2 Teams and 2 drivers for French.
- 21st Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, Coal 2, wood 1, 2 teams and 2 drivers for French, Hacks 3.
- 22nd Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, wood 2, Coal 2, Mess Cart to MAUBEUGE, Maltese cart to D.A.D.O.S. Hacks 2, 2 Teams and 2 drivers for French.
- 23rd Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2.
- 24th 1 G.S. wagon & 4 Mules and 2 Drivers for French (rations) Rations 1, Water carts 2, Company rations 2, Mail 1, Hacks 2.
- 25th Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, To D.A.D.O.S. 1, 2 teams and 1 driver for French, Hacks 3.
- 26th Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, To JEUMONT (to return on 27th) 1, wood 1, Hacks 3, 2 Teams and 1 driver for French.
- 27th Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, Coal 2, wood 1, 1 team and 1 driver for French, Hacks 3.
- 28th Company rations 2, Mail 1, Water carts 2, wood 1, Coal 2; For Cinema (To AULNOYE and return) 1, 2 Teams and 1 driver for French, wood 1 Hacks 5.

A. G. Williams LIEUT.
Transport Officer 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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- Feb. 1st. ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from Supply Dump at DOURLERS by second line Transport and made up into Company lots and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from supply and issued to Companies. Wood collected by men from Companies with G.S. Wagons and distributed in the Battalion. Comforts drawn from Comforts Fund Depot. Goods drawn from D.A.D.O.S.
- 2nd ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump at DOURLERS by second line Transport and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn and issued to Companies. Comforts distributed. Clothing and equipment issued to Companies.
- 3rd ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump at Dourlers by second line of Transport; made up into Company lots as per ration state and distributed by limber. Coal drawn and issued to Companies. Wood and coal collected by men of Companies and G.S; Wagons and limbers and distributed in the Battalion. Comforts distributed among the troops.
- 4th ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump at DOURLERS by second line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from supply and issued to Companies. Wood and coal collected by men from Companies with G.S. Wagons and limbers and distributed amongst the Companies. Comforts cocoa and miscellaneous goods distributed amongst the troops. also extra vegetables bought by Regimental Funds.
- 5th ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump at DOURLERS by second line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered by limber. Fuel drawn from supply and issued. Comforts cocoa distributed also vegetables bought by Regimental Funds. Portion of Mobilisation Stores returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 6th ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump at DOURLERS by second line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from supply and issued. Fuel collected by troops, G.S. Wagons and limbers and distributed in the Battalion. Extra vegetables bought by Regimental Funds and issued to Companies.
- 7th ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump by second line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Fuel drawn and issued. Vegetables bought by Regimental Funds and issued. Ammunition S.A. supplied for rifle practice. Comforts cocoa and milk from Comforts Fund Depot distributed.
- 8th ST.AUBIN. Rations drawn from supply Dump at DOURLERS by second line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Fuel drawn from supply and issued. All Mobilisation Stores held at store checked. Goods drawn from D.A.D.O.S. and salvage returned. Vegetables bought by Regimental Funds issued. Comforts cocoa and milk distributed.

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- Feb. 9th ST.AUBIN. Battalion moved from ST.AUBIN at 1430 h. to go into billets in Dourlers and join up with the 58th Battalion and they are now called the 57th/58th Battalion. Most of surplus stores were moved by 57th Transport in moving and balance with assistance of second line Transport in afternoon at rear of Bath. Rations drawn at usual time by second line of Transport and taken to new store at DOURLERS and distributed as above. Extra vegetables bought by Regimental Funds issued. Fuel drawn and issued to Companies.
- 10th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from Supply Dump by second line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per Ration State and delivered to Companies by limber. Fuel drawn from Supply and issued. Wood and Coal gathered by Troops with G.S. Wagons and limbers and distributed in Battalion. Comforts Cocoa Milk and Preserved Fruit distributed amongst the Battalion.
- 11th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from Supply Dump by second line of Transport and delivered to the 58th Q.M. Store where they were made up into Company lots as per ration state by the 58th Battalion Q.M. Staff with the assistance of the staff of the 57th Store and delivered to Companies by limber. It was considered advisable to do the rations up in this way owing to the amalgamation of the two Battalions. Coal drawn from supply and issued. Wood and Coal gathered by men of the 57th/58th Battalion, G.S. wagons and limbers and delivered to all Companies and Messes. Goods drawn from D.A.D.O.S. and Salvage returned.
- 12th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from Supply Dump by second line of Transport and taken to 58th Q.M. Store where they were arranged in Company lots by the Staffs of the 57th/58th Store and issued to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from Supply and issued. Wood and coal collected from AULNOYE by troops of 57/58th Battalion and distributed in Battalion. Comforts cocoa issued to Troops.
- 13th DOURLERS. Rations drawn as above and issued to Companies as per Ration State after being made up into Company lots by the staff of both stores. Coal issued. Wood and coal collected by Troops and issued as above. Comforts Fund Goods issued to Battalion.
- 14th DOURLERS. Rations drawn as above and made up into Company lots as per ration state by both stores and distributed to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from supply and issued. Extra wood and coal gathered by troops G.S. Wagons and limbers and delivered to Companies.
- 15th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from Supply Dump by second line Transport and made up into Company lots as per Ration State by the Staffs of the 57th and 58th Battalions and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from supply and issued. Wood and coal collected by troops G.S. Wagons and limbers and delivered to Companies.
- 16th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from Supply Dump by first line Transport owing to the Battalion getting the order - Take Thaw Precautions. Rations made up and issued as above. They were much later being delivered to the Companies owing to the above Precautions. Approximately 2200 h. Coal drawn from supply and issued.

- Feb. 17th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from supply Dump by first line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per Ration state by both Staffs and delivered by limber. Coal drawn and issued. Wood and coal collected by troops with G.S. Wagons and limbers and distributed through the 57th/58th Battalion. Comforts drawn from Comforts Depot at SOLRE le CHATEAU and distributed to men of the Battalion.
- 18th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from supply Dump by first line of Transport and made up into Company lots as per Ration state by both Staffs and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn and issued. Wood and coal collected by troops and distributed through Battalion. Comforts drawn from Depot at SOLRE le CHATEAU.
- 19th DOURLERS. Rations drawn from supply Dump as above and issued as above. Coal drawn and issued. Coal and wood collected by troops and distributed throughout the Battalion.
- 20th DOURLERS. Thaw precautions off. Therefore rations were drawn by second line of Transport and delivered to 58th Q.M. Store. Made up into Company lots as per ration state by the Staffs of both Stores and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn and issued. Rum drawn and issued by 58th Battalion Q.M.S. Coal and wood collected by troops of 57th/58th Battalion and distributed. Comforts distributed amongst troops.
- 21st DOURLERS. Rations drawn from supply Dump by second line of Transport and taken to the 58th Store and made up into Company lots by both Staffs as per Ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal drawn from Supply and issued. Wood and coal gathered by troops and delivered to the Battalion.
- 22nd DOURLERS. Rations drawn as above and made up into Company lots by both Staffs and delivered to Companies by limber. Coal issued to Companies from supply. Extra wood and coal gathered by troops and G.S. Wagons and distributed throughout the Battalion.
- 23rd DOURLERS. Rations drawn as above and made up into Company lots by both Staffs as per ration state and delivered by limber to Companies. Coal drawn from supply Dump and issued.
- 24th DOURLERS. Rations drawn as above and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered to Companies by limber. Extra coal from AULNOYE gathered by troops and limbers and distributed to the Battalion.
- 25th DOURLERS. Rations drawn and issued as above. Fuel drawn and is issued to Companies. Extra wood and coal gathered by troops and distributed.
- 26th DOURLERS. Rations drawn as above and made up into Company lots as per ration state and delivered by limbers. Coal drawn and distributed. Wood and coal gathered by troops and G.S. Wagons and distributed throughout the Battalion. Goods drawn from D.A.D.O.S. and Salvage returned.
- 27th DOURLERS. Rations drawn and issued as above. Coal drawn from Supply and issued. Extra wood and coal gathered by troops and G.S. Wagons and distributed. Mobilisation stores being checked and packed ready for handing in to D.A.D.O.S.
- 28th DOURLERS. Rations drawn and issued as above. Wood and coal gathered by troops. Mobilisation stores being checked and packed ready for handing in to D.A.D.O.S. tomorrow.

W. J. Carnegie LIEUT.
Q.M. 57th Battalion A.I.F.

57TH BATTALION. A.I.F.DIET SHEET FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.WEEK ENDING 8.2.1919.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>DINNER.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>
2.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Porridge Bread, Jam Tea.	Boiled Meat, Beans, Pickles, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Rice Pudding Bread Jam Tea Cheese
3.2.19.	Rissoles, Bread, Jam Butter, Tea.	Boiled Meat, Potatoes, Beans, Bread, Butter, Tea.	Boiled Rice, Custard prunes Bread Butter, Jam, Tea.
4.2.19.	Rissoles, Bread, Butter Jam, Tea.	Boiled Meat, Potatoes, Beans, Bread, Butter, Tea.	B. Rice Custard Prunes, Bread, Tea Butter, Cheese Jam
5.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, Cheese, Jam, Tea.	Curried Stew, Boiled Rice, Bread, Jam, Tea.	B. Biscuit, pudding Bread, Cheese, Jam, Tea.
6.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, Butter, Cheese, Jam, Tea.	Boiled Meat, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Bread Butter, Tea.	Preserved Meat, Pickles, Meat; Bread, Butter, Jam Cheese Tea.
7.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Porridge, Bread, Cheese, Jam, Tea.	Irish Stew, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Rice & Fruit Pudding, Bread, Jam, Cheese, Cocoa.
8.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	B. Meat, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Rissoles, Bread, Butter, Cheese, Jam, Tea.

WEEK ENDING 15.2.19.

9.2.19.	Porridge, Fried Bacon, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	B. Meat, Potatoes, Beans, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	B. Biscuit pudding Bread, Butter, Jam, Cheese, Tea.
10.2.19.	Rissoles, Bacon; Bread, Jam, Tea.	Irish Stew, Bread, Jam, Tea.	F. Fritters, bread Jam, cheese, Tea.
11.2.19.	Porridge, Cold B. Bacon, bread, butter, Jam, Tea.	Roast & B. Meat, Mashed Pot. Gravy, bread, butter Tea	Pres. Meat, Pickles Bread, butter, tea jam, cheese.
12.2.19.	Porridge, F. Bacon, bread, jam, tea.	Rissoles, bread, jam, tea	B. Meat. Pot. Bread jam, cocoa, cheese.
13.2.19	F. Bacon, bread, jam, cheese, tea.	Dry Hash, bread, jam, cheese, tea.	B. Biscuit, Meat Pudd. Bread, Jam, tea
14.2.19.	Rissoles, bread, jam, tea.	Veg. Stew, bread, butter, jam, tea.	Fruit, Rice Pudd. bread, butter, jam, cheese, tea.
15.2.19.	Porridge, F. Bacon, bread, jam, tea.	B. Meat, Pots. beans, bread, jam, tea.	Cold mutton, jam, bread, cheese, tea.

WEEK ENDING 22.2.19.

DATE.	BREAKFAST	DINNER	TEA
16.2.19	Porridge, F. Bacon, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	B. Meat, Potatoes, Bread, Butter, Tea.	Custard & Rice, Bread Butter, Cheese, Tea.
17.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Vegetables Stew, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Rissoles, Bread, Jam Cheese, Tea.
18.2.19.	Rissoles, Jam, Butter, Bread, Tea.	Curried Stew, & Plain Rice, Bread, Butter, Tea.	Biscuit & Meat Pudd. Bread, Butter, Tea.
19.2.19	Fried Bacon, Bread, Jam, Tea.	B. Meat, Potatoes, Beans, Bread, Jam Tea.	Biscuit Pudd. Custard Sauce, Bread, Jam, Cheese, Tea.
20.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, Jam, Butter, Tea.	Cold Mutton, pot. Pickles, Bread, Butter, Tea.	Rissoles, bread, butter jam, tea.
21.2.19	Rissoles, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Brown, Sauce, Stew, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Cold B. Beef, Pickles, bread, jam, cheese, tea.
22.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, butter, jam, tea:	B. Meat, Potatoes, bread, butter, tea.	Custard, Rice, Jam, Bread, butter, cheese, tea.

WEEK ENDING 1.3.19.

23.2.19.	Fried Bacon, Bread, butter, tea.	B. Meat; Potatoes, Beans, tea, bread, butter.	Preserved Meat, & Pickles, bread, butter cheese, tea.
24/2/19	Cold Meat, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Brown Stew, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Jam Rolls, Bread, Jam Cheese, Tea.
25/2/19	Porridge, F. Bacon, Bread, butter, jam, tea.	Roast meat, Roast potatoes, Bread, butter, tea.	Rissoles, bread, tea butter, jam, cheese?
26.2.19	Wet hash, bread, jam, tea.	B. meat, Potatoes, onions, white sauce, Bread, jam, tea.	Biscuit, & Fruit Pudd. Bread, Jam, Cheese, Tea.
27.2.19.	F. Bacon, bread, butter, jam, tea.	Curried stew, Plain Rice, bread & butter, tea.	Jam rolls, bread, butter, jam, tea.
28.2.19	Porridge, F. Bacon, Bread, jam, tea.	Irish Stew, Bread, Jam, Tea.	Wet hash, bread, jam, cheese, tea.
1/3/19.	F. Bacon, bread, butter, jam, tea.	B. Meat, Potatoes, bread, butter, tea.	Cold mutton, mashed potatoes, bread, jam, cheese, tea.

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