

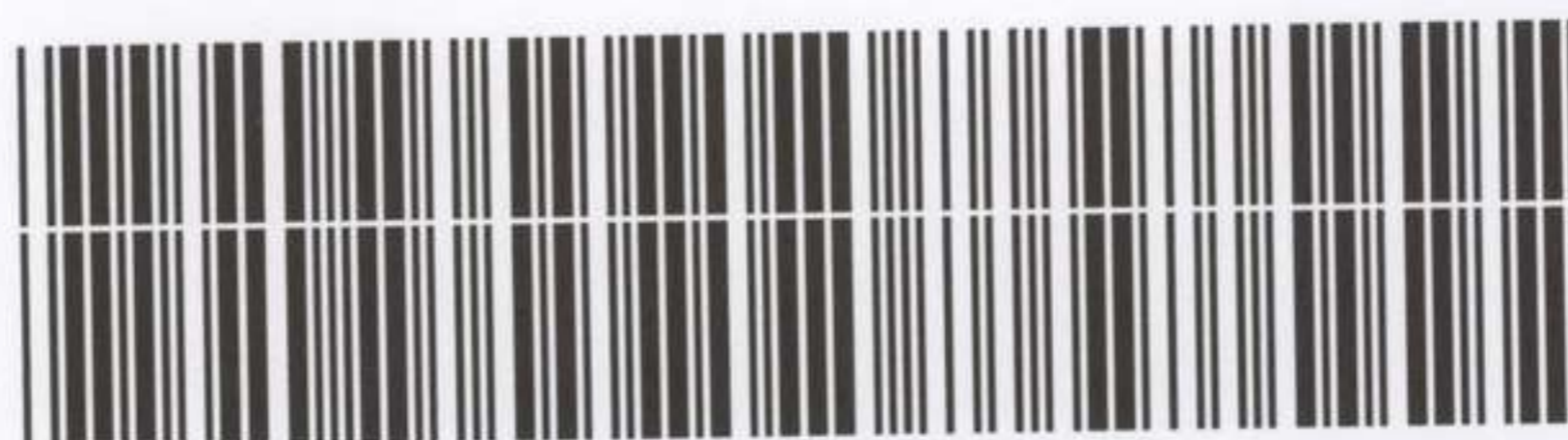
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

DECEMBER 1918.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 Dec.		Reference Map ^S VALENCIENNES N A M U R } 1/100,00. -----	
GRAND FAYT. -----	1.		Brigade Group composed as in Appendix 1. in billets in GRAND FAYT sub-area, CARTIGNIES Area.	App. 1.
			At 3 p.m. the Group was inspected by His Majesty the King, accompanied by the two Princes, General Sir. H.S. RAWLINSON, Bart, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., and others. Fine and mild.	" 1.
	2/9.		Fine and mild.	" 2.
	3.		Scheme of Repatriation outlined in a circular memo and issued to all officers.	
	9.		Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. obtained special English leave owing to the sickness of his wife. Lieut. Colonel F.R. CHALMERS, D.S.O., 27th Battalion took over temporarily the command of 7th A.I. Brigade. Weather fine and mild.	
	17.		Move of the Brigade Group by march route from GRAND FAYT to MARCINELLE area commenced. Group arrived at first stage, BEAUFORT area at 2 p.m. Light rain.	" 3.
	18.		Second stage of move completed at 1 p.m., and group billeted at COUSOLRE area overnight. Light rain.	" 3.
	19.		Third stage completed at 2 p.m. Group billeted in THUIN overnight. Light rain.	" 3.
	20.		Final stage of move completed 1 p.m. Group settled in billets in MARCINELLE area. Disposition of troops as in 'D' March Table, Appendix 3.	" 3.
			At MARCINELLE, the 28th Battalion were received with ceremony by the Burgomaster and civil authorities. The Divisional and Brigade Commanders and Staffs were present, and National Anthems were played by the 28th Battalion Band. Raining.	
	20.		At 10 p.m. . civilian riot occurred in MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT, the victims being store-keepers suspected of being pro-German. Full report by Acting Staff Captain Appendix 4.	" 3.
	20/31.		Group resting. Weather showery and mild.	
	31.		Inspection of Battalions and presentation of Medals by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE. The Corps and Divisional Commanders were present.	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">- 2 -</p> <p>During the period under review, training has been reduced to the minimum, commensurate with the necessity of keeping the troops fit. With this in view, route marching was the principal feature.</p> <p>The turn-out and appearance of the men on each of these marches was very fine.</p> <p>The billets in the GRAND FAYT area left a good deal to be desired, owing to the shortage of accommodation.</p> <p>The Inspection by His Majesty the King on the 3rd December, and by H.R.H. on the 31st were pronounced successes, the troops showing great enthusiasm, and the turn-out though at short notice - has probably not been excelled in the history of this Brigade.</p> <p>The march to the MARCINELLE area, which commenced on the 17th December, passed without incident, except that the weather was wet, and the halts were not sufficiently lengthy to permit of the men getting properly dry and cleaned up.</p> <p>The settlement of the Group in the MARCINELLE area was very satisfactorily carried out; not only were the billets invariably good as a result of the prosperous neighbourhood, but the welcome accorded by the civilians could not have been surpassed, everyone doing their utmost for the comfort of the troops. In fact the Staff Captain's experience is that a great number of civilians were most disappointed at not having officers or men billeted with them.</p> <p>Liberal leave was granted for all ranks to visit CHARLEROI, and here again the kindly reception by the civilians rendered the establishment of Blue Light Depots advisable. These depots were so successful that no evacuations from V.D. have occurred, except in the case of the advanced parties who arrived before these establishments were set up. An average of 50 cases daily has been recently passed through one of our Battalion Depots, and the result speaks well for the efficacy of the treatment.</p> <p>The behaviour and deportment of the troops in this area has been much better than was expected, considering the facilities existing for misconduct.</p> <p>Throughout the period Educational Officers have been very busy arranging lectures for their units, and visits of inspection were organised to various factories and works in the neighbourhood. Arrangements were made for the attachment of skilled tradesmen to their respective trades, locally, in order to make them fit to resume work as soon as they return to Australia.</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">- 3 -</p> <p>Salvage Collected in the GRAND FAYT Area - Appendix 5. Report of Meeting of 7th A.I. Brigade Group Sports Committee Meeting Appendix 6.</p> <p>Number of Officers and o/ranks who left the Brigade to return to AUSTRALIA, during the month of December - 2 Officers 25 other ranks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>J. R. Chalmers</i> Lieut. Colonel, Tempy Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade. </p> <p>January 5th 1919.</p>	<p>App. 5. " 6.</p>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

1. 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 236. Inspection by H.M. The King.
2. 7th A.I. Brigade circular No.220/3 - Scheme of Repatriation.
3. 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.237 - Move to MARGINELLE Area.
4. Brigade No.114/486. Report on civilian riot in MARCHIENNE - AU - PONT, 20/12/18.
5. Salvage return.
6. Report of Brigade Group Sports Committee Meetin.

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Order No. 236.

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Reference Map VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.

Headquarters,

November 30th 1918.

1. His Majesty the King is to visit the Australian Corps Area on 1st December 1918. The King is due to arrive at MARBAIX from AVESNES at 14.30 and will travel via MAROILLES.

2. Troops of the 2nd Australian Division will line the road East of MAROILLES.

6th A.I. Brigade Group, Divisional Artillery, 7th A.I. Brigade Group, 5th A.I. Brigade Group - in this order from East to West. MAROILLES will be left clear.

3. Troops will be formed up in single lines on both sides of the road, with Officers in front.

4. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will march to the MARBAIX - MAROILLES road in accordance with attached march table.

Units in the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be formed up along this road in the following order, from East to West :-

7th A.I. Brigade H.Q.
1/5rd S.A.A. Sec. 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
7th Field Coy A.E.
26th Battalion,
27th "
23th "
7th A.L.T.L. Battery,
7th A.L.G. Coy
2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion
7th Aust. Field Ambulance.

5. Each unit in the 7th A.I. Brigade Group except the 1/5rd S.A.A. Section D.A.C., (who will send four markers) will send an Officer and four markers to report to Major F.H. BERRYMAN, Brigade Major, at 13.20 at Cross Roads $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of MARBAIX. Markers will bring parade states.

6. No equipment will be worn beyond belts and side arms. Rifles will not be carried. Greatcoats will not be worn unless raining. If greatcoats are worn, belts and side arms will be worn outside, and coats buttoned up.

Regimental flags will be carried and dipped when the King passes.

Bands will be formed up off the road, and will not play while the King is passing down the line.

7. There will be no ceremony beyond that laid down above.

8. Watches will be synchronised at 09.30 on 1st December.

9. Acknowledge.

F.H. Berryman
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 11 p.m.

Copies to :-

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|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 26th Bn. | 6. 7th Field Amb. | 11. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty |
| 2. 27th Bn. | 7. 7th Field Coy. | 12. 5th A.I. Bde. |
| 3. 23th Bn. | 8. 17th A.A.S.C. | 13. 6th " |
| 4. T.L.B. | 9. 2nd Pioneer Bn. | 14. 2nd Aust. Div. |
| 5. 7th A.L.G. Coy | 10. 1/3rd SAA Sec. DAC. | 15. G.O.C. |
| | 16. B.L. | |
| | 17. File | |
| | 13/20. War Diary. | |

MARCH TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 236.

Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Road Junction at 'R' in PETITE HELPE R on LE GRAND FAYT - TALSNIERES Road.	12.25	Starting Point - Road Junction $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of the last 'E' in PETITE HELPE R - thence West along second class road to LAROILLES AS FAR AS ROAD JUNCTION AT the 'L' in RUE DU LARAIS, from whence Units will be guided to their positions.	7th Brigade Police Section will provide guides to direct units along the route to position of parade.
1/3 SAA Sec.DAC.		12.26		
7th Field Coy		12.27		
26th Battalion		12.28		
27th "	"	12.32		
23th "	"	12.34		
7th T...Bty	"	12.37		
7th A.I.G.Coy	"	12.38		
2nd A.Pioneer Bn	"	12.39		
7th Field Amb.	"	12.43		

DISTANCES :- 50 yards between Battalions. 10 yards between other units.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
3rd Decembor 1918.

To Officers, N.C.Os and Men of the 7th A.I. Brigade /-

SCHEME OF REPATRIATION.

The question largely exercising our minds at present, and rightly so, is that of Repatriation.

Information so far on the matter has not been great, and there has been silence on many aspects of the case, about which our men are naturally very curious. This has created an air of mystery, which might quickly grow into one of distrust. As a matter of fact there is not the slightest mystery about it at all. All the information available has been given freely, and at once. The scheme is however in course of transition from the academic stage to the practical, and an enormous amount of the spade work has and is being done. In order that one may view the work entrusted to those who are responsible for the carrying out of the scheme, with sympathy, and give that willing co-operation which is an essential to its success, one must try to realise the enormity of the task. It may seem comparatively simple to transport 200,000 men from here to Australia. If that were all, it would be simply a matter of transportation; But that is not all - there is a great deal more in it than that.

Let us look first of all at the question from the national standpoint. The War Debt of Australia is over £200,000,000 and at present the expenditure is at the rate of about £80,000,000 per annum, or over 1½ millions per week.

It will be realised therefore that it is in the interests of Australia that repatriation and demobilization should take place at the earliest possible moment, as far as the immediate financial aspect is concerned. But in order that the country may be better able to meet interest charges and reduce the debt with the minimum of hardship, it is necessary to increase production. To ensure such an increase, we must take advantage of the unique opportunity which now presents itself, to send our men back not merely to fall into the places they occupied when they enlisted, but so equipped by added knowledge that they will be able to command better places and forge ahead. This would mean a great increase of economic wealth, and result in greatly increased production.

Then there is the question of Absorption, which is closely bound up with those of Material and Shipping.

It is obvious that even if it were possible, the sudden dumping of our men in Australia would be little short of a disaster, both from the national point of view and that of the men themselves. It is necessary therefore that men should be returned in the way and time in which they can be best absorbed. Much as Australia wants her men, she also wants material - which she has had to do without during the war - before she can fully employ the men, and to carry both men and material, she will want much tonnage. As is well known, tonnage /

is very scarce, and is likely to be so for a long time, and the problem to be settled by the Government and the Repatriation Board is how to best balance the various considerations so as to make for an orderly and economical absorption, having regard also to the individual interests of the men.

The Shipping question is the most important factor in deciding how quickly repatriation can be carried out. As far as can be foreseen, with the shipping which is likely to be available, it will take at least twelve months from the time Peace is signed, to complete repatriation. It is estimated that on March 1st 1919 we shall still have 150,000 men to repatriate, and on 1st June 1919 100,000; and here I might digress to point out that the war is emphatically not over, and will not be over until Peace is signed. It is necessary to emphasize this point, as there is undoubtedly a growing feeling that the war is over and shouting. This feeling is most pernicious, and will, if allowed to increase, have a most enervating effect. Such a psychological condition was, and is looked for by the enemy as being one which would materially weaken the Allies in insisting on the only terms of Peace which can ensure the fruits of our great victory. The idea then that the war is over should be combatted most strongly, and we should all realise that we may yet have to resume hostilities in order to compel such terms as shall ensure a just and lasting peace.

"A revonir a nos moutons" - The problem which arose was how to most profitably employ the time pending return and absorption. The solution arrived at was that the time should be employed in increasing by education, theoretical and practical, the economic efficiency of the individual. It must be admitted that this policy is wise and statesmanlike, and shows a keen desire to ensure that we who have borne the brunt of the fight for the national honour and liberty, will be given every possible chance to return to Australia fitted to take up the duties of citizenship to the best advantage to ourselves and to the country. It is impossible as yet to state what has been accomplished, and is being done, but you can be assured that a great deal has been done. The scheme is a most wide and comprehensive one, and will give opportunity to every Officer, N.C.O. and man to follow the line of study or the vocation he wishes.

From the individual point of view, we have the feeling that after having been absorbed in our fighting job for four years, to be suddenly plunged into our former civil state will place us at a distinct disadvantage. We have got rusty, and it will take some time for us to settle down and do our work, even as well as we did it before the war. In the meantime, the men who have taken our places, have gained by the last four years experience, and are ready to take advanced positions as soon as the increased industrial activity caused by the resumption of peace conditions and the return of our men, make such positions available.

The Government of Australia has to face, as I said before, the necessity for an increased production to meet the financial burdens left by the war, and

have in project the establishment of numbers of industrial and commercial concerns such as shipping, ship-building, stool and iron manufacturing, engine construction, Public Services such as trams, lighting, and of course railways, manufacture of electrical apparatus, tin plates, etc. - which will no doubt give opportunities for good men in these branches of industry, as well as by increasing industrial activity generally, provide more employment in all directions.

There will also be favourable opportunities for going on the land for returned men, and all this means together with the assurance that returned soldiers will be favourably treated with regard to all sort of available employment which they are fitted to undertake, that every man who seizes the great opportunity now being given him to improve, will have a chance to obtain positions much better than those he left. The Repatriation Policy of the Government is intended to give everyone the fullest opportunities to so fit himself that he will be able to take the fullest personal advantage of the increased opportunity for advancement in his vocation, which will arise.

Most of you know in a general way, the scope of the Educational Scheme. It is however being widened almost daily as negotiations with manufacturers in England become finalised. Mr. HUGHES, Archbishop LONG, and their helpers are working energetically on the arrangements for the absorption of our men into establishments where they will gain practical experience of their vocations and become up-to-date. Great difficulties are being experienced with the Trade Unions, but it is hoped they will be got over.

As you know, arrangements have already been made with Universities for men who wish to complete a course left unfinished in Australia, and for others.

Lieut. General Sir John MONASH, K.C.B., V.D. has been selected by the Australian Government, and has been given full powers to carry out the whole scheme. His appointment will be known as the Director General of Repatriation. He will be assisted by a Board consisting of one other Military Member and two Civil Members, with Sir John MONASH as President. His department will necessarily be a large one, and will be divided into the following branches :-

Administration,	Personnel,	Ordnance
Transport & Quarters,		Medical,
Veterinary,	Flying Corps,	Finance & Pay,
Employment.		

A large staff will be necessary, and personnel is now being drawn from various formations for that purpose. This personnel will of course be required to stay until the last, and those having claims under the priority rules will have to forego them.

All "B" and "C" Class men are being returned to Australia forthwith. The return of these classes is not really part of the repatriation scheme proper.

In order that Sir John MONASH may have only to deal with the five Divisions, and that the classification for priority of return may be simplified and fairer, all reinforcements in Depots, as also all details, Instructional Staffs etc. are to be returned to units at once.

It has been decided not to send the men back in vocational categories as was foreshadowed some time ago, but that the principle on which priority will be decided, will be as follows :-

Married and with children,
Length of Service,
Guaranteed Employment.

The changes will be rung on these qualifications. For instance :- A married man with children with the longest service, and having a guaranteed job to go back to, would be in the first class. It follows that a single man with the shortest service and having no job to go back to, would be in the last class. There will of course be a number of classes in between.

It has also been decided to send the men back by half units. It was desired that whole units should be sent at a time, but it is obvious that if that were done, men in the lowest class of priority in the first unit would get preference over men in the highest class in the less favored one. In order to avoid this as far as possible, and at the same time preserve the unit as much as possible, half units will be sent.

A new form is being printed and will be available very shortly. This form contains a large number of questions to be answered. As the working of the whole of the Educational Scheme depends largely - and the classification for priority entirely - on how this form is filled up, the greatest care must be exercised in setting down the correct answers. The form must be filled up under the careful supervision of a suitable officer. There is one question which may appear rather impertinent, but in reality is not so. It is - "Are you a Unionist" - This question is asked entirely in the man's own interest. The reason is simple, to guide the Board in sending men who are Unionists to Union shops, and vice versa. As some men may object however to answer it, that question is made optional.

The duty of fixing priority rests with the C.O., who will do so from the data given him by the above mentioned forms. If any man feels aggrieved however, he may refer the matter to the Brigadier, and so on.

When the whole of the Unit has been classified, it will be divided in two - one half-containing all those highest in order of priority, and the other half the remainder, irrespective of what Company or detail they may belong to. Each half will be organised for purpose of embarkation, and on the unit being called on, the senior half will be sent. In this way, all the senior half units in the A.I.F. will go first.

It will be realised that the duty resting on the C.O. is a very hard and onerous one, and men can help materially by answering the questions on the form carefully and fully.

There are a few more points which might be shortly referred to and which may be of interest.

Cadres of units will have to remain to the last. Return before the ordinary turn on compassionate or business grounds will not be granted except for very exceptional reasons.

There is no prospect of dependents of soldiers in England being able to travel with the soldiers, and as it may be some time after the soldier leaves, before they can be sent out, it is advisable to make arrangements now for their passages as early as possible.

No man is compelled to go in his turn. He can forfeit the privilege if he wishes.

Men obtaining employment in England and wishing to stay, may obtain through the usual channels, their discharge in England. Those men however will have no claim to a passage later.

The whole of the foregoing privileges apply to Officers as well as to men. Officers are by no means being overlooked.

It must be understood that the foregoing is only an attempt to give a general idea of what is being done and what is in contemplation. There are many details to settle, but now that Sir John MONASH is in his place in LONDON, we may expect to have these details very soon.

I hope I have been able to give you some idea of the great extent and importance of the task set Sir John and his Staff. It is indeed an enormous one, bristling with difficulties. I am confident however that they, with your help and sympathy, will succeed.

I venture to think, and I am sure you will agree with me, that we are particularly happy in having a man of such ability, breadth of mind, and unconquerable energy, as Sir John, controlling the scheme. We may rest assured that in his hands the interests of the country, as well as of the individual, will be conserved, and that this work, so fraught with possibilities for, and in fact so vital to the future welfare of Australia, will be entirely successful. Sir John MONASH however needs and asks for the sympathetic co-operation of every one of us in his stupendous task, and I am quite sure that every one who has any love for his country - and that I hope includes all of us - will willingly and enthusiastically give him that sympathy and help as far as in our power lies. We are all in this for the good of Australia, and no man has any right to say it isn't his job. It is our job to see the thing through to a successful issue, just as it was our job to see the war through. If Officers, N.C.Os and men only put the same spirit into it that they did into their fighting, the result must be equally successful.

There is no doubt that the pick of the manhood of Australia is in France. We have made the name of our country ring throughout the world as a fighting nation which has played a great and glorious part in the world war for liberty. The war being over, we cannot now rest on our oars. It is our duty to take the lead in Australia in making it as great in industry and commerce as we have proved it to be in war. The same qualities of initiative, pluck, and intelligence, which have enabled us to hoar victory on victory, will enable us to raise Australia to a pitch of prosperity never before attempted provided we learn how to apply these qualities with the maximum efficiency. The opportunity is now with us. It is our duty to our country and to ourselves to grasp it, in order that we may lead in Australia as we have in France.

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Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
December 16th 1918.

AMENDMENT No.1. to 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 237.

Reference Maps - VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.
NAMUR 1/100,000.

Reference 'D' March Table. Serial No.9. The 17th Coy
A.A.S.C. will march direct to LA HOUZEE from THUIN
on 20th instant.

1/3rd S.A.A. Section 2nd D.A.C. will march
with the 27th Battalion, and H.Q., 2nd Aust. Div.
Train will march with the H.Q. Section 2nd Aust.
Div. Signal Company, on 20th inst.

Reference Administrative Instructions - para 17.

On 17th instant guides will meet units
in ECLAIBES and not on the AVESNES - MAUBEUGE
Road.

F.H. Bowman

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Order No. 237.

Reference Maps VALENCIENNES 1/100,000
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Headquarters,
December 15th 1918.

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1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to MARCINELLE AREA in accordance with attached march tables 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'. The move will commence on the 17th inst. and be completed on the 20th instant.
 2. For purpose of the move, the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will consist of :-
 - 7th A.I. Brigade
 - 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion,
 - H.Q. Section 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Coy.
 - H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. Train,
 - 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
 - 1/3rd S.A.A. Section, D.A.C.
 - 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
 - 7th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 3. The Headquarters of 2nd Aust. Div. Train and 1/3rd S.A.A. Section 2nd D.A.C. will be attached to 17th Coy A.A.S.C. for purposes of the move.
 4. The 7th Aust. Field Coy, A.E. will move to AVESNELLES Area on the 16th instant and come under the orders of the 6th A.I. Brigade Group.
 5. The 7th A.M.G. Coy will join the 5th A.I. Brigade Group during the march on the 17th instant.
 6. The 26th Battalion will detail one platoon to act as Rear Party.
The 7th Field Ambulance will detail a Medical Officer and 3 horse ambulances to accompany the Rear Party during each day's march.
 7. Administrative Instructions are issued herewith.
 8. The Brigade Signal Office will arrange to synchronise watches at 18.00 daily prior to each day's march.
 9. Distances as under will be maintained between units on the march, except where stated otherwise in the 'A' March Table attached :-
 - Between Battalions ... 200 yards
 - Between other units - Companies - Units and their transport, and every section of 12 vehicles - ... 100 yards.
 10. The 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters will close down -
 - at LE GRAND FAYT at 07.30 on 17th instant
 - at BEAUFORT at 08.00 on 18th "
 - at COUSOLRE at 08.00 on 19th "
 - at THUIN at 08.00 on 20th "and will re-open each day on arrival in the next billeting area.

11. On the march, reports to the head of the column.
12. Acknowledge.

H. H. Berryman

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6.30 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 26th Bn.
2. 27th Bn.
3. 28th Bn.
4. 7th A.L.T.L.B.
5. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
6. HQ, 2nd Div. Sig. Coy
7. HQ, 2nd Div. Train.
8. 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
9. 1/5rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.
10. 2nd D.A.C.
11. 7th Field Ambulance.
12. 7th Field Coy.
13. 7th A.L.G. Coy.
14. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
15. " " " 'A.Q'
16. 5th A.I. Bde.
17. 6th A.I. Bde.
18. 2nd Div. Arty.
19. Town Major, LE GRANT FAYT
20. " " BEAUFORT,
21. " " COUSOLRE,
22. " " THUIN,
23. G.O.C.
24. B.L.
25. S.C.
26. B.T.O.
27. Bde Sig. Officer
23. Bde Traffic Officer.
29. Filo
- 30/32. War Diary.
- 33/40. Spares.

'A' MARCH TABLE for 17th instant.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 237.

Serial No.	Unit	Starting Point.	Time	Route	To	Remarks.
1.	7th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	Cross Roads 600 yards North of the "A" in CARTIGNIES.	08.00	CARTIGNIES	BEAUFORT.	Distances as under will be maintained up till halt at 09.50 -
2.	7th A.L.T.M. Battery		08.01	DOMPIERRE	"	Between Battalions - 50 yds
3.	26th Bn (less 1 Platoon)		08.02	DOURLERS	"	Between other units, companies, units & their transport - 10 yds.
4.	27th Battalion		08.10	ECLAIBES.	"	All units must be clear of road junction immediately N. of the bridge S. of the second "E" in AUTREPPE by
5.	28th "		08.17		"	09.50.
6.	2nd Pioneer Battalion.		08.25		LIMONT-FONTAINE.	After 10.00 normal distances will be maintained between units.
7.	7th Field Ambulance (less 3 horse amb.)		08.31		ECLAIBES.	
8.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.		08.35		"	
9.	H.Q. Sec. 2nd Div. Sig. Coy				LIMONT-FONTAINE	
10.	Rear Party, 1 Platoon 26th Bn. & 3 horse ambulances.					

NOTES : 1. H.Q. of 2nd Aust. Div. Train will join 17th Coy A.A.S.C., and H.Q. Section, 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy will join the column as it passes the AUTREPPE - LE DESSUS DU MOULIN Road.

2. Halts at ten minutes to the clock hour and from 10.50 till 12.00.

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'B' March Table for 18th instant.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 238.

Serial No.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	To.
1.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Cross Roads 100 yards	09.00	DAMOUSIES - OBRECHIES -	COUSOLRE.
2.	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	East of the "R" in	09.01	QUIEVELON - AIBES -	"
3.	26th Bn. (less 1 platoon)	R O P S I E S.	09.02	COUSOLRE.	BERSILLIES -) L'ABBAYE)
4.	27th Battalion		09.16		COUSOLRE.
5.	28th "		09.28		"
6.	2nd Pioneer Bn.		09.41		"
7.	H.Q. Sec. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.		10.04		"
8.	7th Field Ambulance (less 3 horse amb)		10.06.		"
9.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.		10.11		"
10.	Rear Party (1 platoon 26th Bn.)		10.13		Rejoin units

Halts at ten minutes to each hour, and from 11.50 to 13.00.

'G' March Table for 19th Inst.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 237.

Serial No.	Unit	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	To
1.	7th A.I. Brigade H.Q.	Cross Roads 200 yards S.W.	09.00	BOUSIGNIES	THUIN.
2.	7th A.L.T.L. Battery	of the 'E' in BERSILLIES	09.01	LEERS-et-FOSTEAU	"
3.	26th Bn. (less 1 platoon)	L'ABBAYE.	09.02	THUIN.	"
4.	27th Battalion	"	09.16	"	"
5.	28th Battalion	"	09.28	"	"
6.	2nd Pioneer Bn.	"	09.41	"	"
7.	H.Q. Sec. 2nd Div. Sig. Coy	"	10.04	"	"
8.	7th Field Amb. (less 3 horse ambulances)	"	10.06.	"	"
9.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.	"	10.11.	"	"
10.	Rear Party (1 platoon 26th Bn)	"	10.13	"	"

Halts at ten minutes to each hour, and from 11.50 to 13.00.

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'D' March Table for 20th inst.

To accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 23²

Serial No.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	To
1.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Road junction South of the 'N' in THUIN on THUIN - GOZEE Road.	09.00	GOZEE.	MARCHIENNE-au-PONT via MONTIGNIES.
2.	7th A.L.T.L.Bty		09.01	"	MARCINELLE, via Ste BARBE.
3.	26th Battalion (less 1 platoon)		09.02	"	MARCHIENNE-au-PONT, via MONTIGNIES
4.	27th Battalion		09.16	"	MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE, via BOMEREE Stn
5.	28th Battalion		09.28	"	MARCINELLE, via Ste BARBE.
6.	2nd Pioneer Bn.		09.41	"	MONTIGNIES - le - TILLEUL.
7.	H.Q. 2nd Div.Sig.Coy		10.04	"	MARCINELLE, via Ste BARBE.
8.	7th Field Ambulance (less 3 horse amb)		10.06	"	MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE, via BOMEREE Stn
9.	17th Coy A.A.S.C.		10.11	"	ditto
10.	Rear Party (1 platoon 26th Bn.)		10.13	"	Rejoin unit

Halts at ten minutes to each hour, and from 11.50 to 13.00

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
December 14th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I. Bde Order No.237.

1. SUPPLIES. The supply arrangements during the move to the CHARLEROI AREA will be as per 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Memo No.236 issued to units.
The 17th Coy A.A.S.C. will arrange for guide to meet supply motor lorries on 'D' day at the Church MONT SUR MARCHIENNE.
Refilling Point - On 'A', 'B' and 'C' days at the Church in BEAUFORT, COUSOLRE and THUIN respectively. On 'D' day and thereafter at the "Square" MONT SUR MARCHIENNE.
2. TRANSPORT. Transport will move with units. Recent instructions regarding transport must be strictly complied with.
3. BAGGAGE & BLANKET WAGONS. Baggage wagons have been allotted units by the 17th Coy A.A.S.C. Blanket wagons as under are allotted units for the move :-
Bde H.Q. and T.M.Bty 2 limbers 1 motor lorry
26th Battalion, 2 G.S.Wagons, 1 limber, 1 m.lorry
27th " 3 G.S. Wagons
28th " 3 G.S. Wagons
2nd Pioneer Bn. 2 G.S. Wagons
1/3rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C. 3 G.S.Wagons, 1 G.S. limber.
4. MOBILE ECHELON. Mobile echelon less authorised reduction will be carried.
5. BILLETING & CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES. All units will ensure that billeting certificates have been completed, and that clearance certificates have been obtained, for the FAYT AREA before moving out.
Advanced parties will, at the same time as disposition of troops is being arranged, keep a record of the names of owners of billets and the number of troops occupying each billet for the staging areas of BEAUFORT, CONSOLRE, and THUIN, in order that billeting certificates may be rendered at the earliest opportunity. Interpreters will not be available for this work.
6. SANITATION. FAYT AREA and the staging areas must be left in a sanitary condition. Advanced billeting parties in each area must reconnoitre latrine accommodation before the units arrive.
On arrival in the CHARLEROI area, immediate steps must be taken to erect latrines on the sites selected by the advanced parties now in that area. Improvised accommodation must be arranged pending supply of proper fly-proof seats. Civilian conveniences are not to be used by the troops.
The strictest control must be exercised in all matters of sanitation in the CHARLEROI area.
7. INCINERATORS. Incinerators will be erected at the earliest opportunity on suitable sites selected. All rubbish must be taken to incinerators.

8. MANURE. Stable manure will be stacked in one dump on a suitable site in each unit's area. See Fourth Army S.O's para 949 (b)

9. WATER SUPPLIES. The greatest care must be taken that only water which has been tested, and sources marked "Fit for use" are used. All water used for drinking and cooking must be chlorinated.

10. BATHS. Sites are being selected for baths. Immediately baths are in working order, an allotment to units will be arranged.

11. COOK-HOUSES. As soon as possible after arrival in the CHARLEROI area, units will have cook-houses with fly-proof safes erected.

12. DIVISIONAL CANTEEN. The Divisional Canteen is at 67 Rue de BEAUMONT, MARCINELLE.

13. DETACHED PERSONNEL. All detached personnel will be withdrawn by units before leaving the FAYT area.

14. ADMINISTRATION - CHARLEROI AREA.

Area Commandant - Major H.C. FORD, D.S.O., 26th Bn. WALS COURT.

Town Majors :-

MARCINELLE - Lt. J.H. LUNNON, MC, 23th Bn.
 MARCHIENNE-AJ-PONT - Capt. J. McKILLING, 26 Bn
 MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE - Lt. W.R. COLEMAN, MC, 27 Bn
 MONTIGNIES-lo-TILLEUL - Lt. J.H. OLSEN,
 2nd Pioneer Bn.

Units will keep Town Majors of their areas informed of all billets occupied, and the number of troops in each billet. Any additional billets or accommodation required must be arranged through the Town Majors.

Unit Commanders will be responsible for the maintenance of discipline in their respective areas.

15. TRAFFIC. During the move forward, Traffic Regulations must be strictly adhered to.

16. ADVANCED BILLETING PARTIES. Units will arrange if possible to include a French speaker in each of their billeting parties for the staging areas, as Interpreters are not available.

Billeting parties will be detailed as under :-

Brigade H.Q.	1 N.C.O.	
T.M. Battery	1 N.C.O.	
7th Field/Amb.	1 Officer	
17th A.A.S.C.)	1 N.C.O. from
1/3rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.)	17th A.A.S.C. to
H.Q. 2nd Div. Train Transport)	arrange billeting
)	for all these units.
26th, 27th, 28th, Bns & 2nd Pioneer Bn.	1 Officer and	
	2 N.C.Os per Bn.	
H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig Coy -	1 N.C.O.	

Parties composed as above will report to the A/Staff Captain (Captain W.E. GROSE) or Captain G. HARRY, MC as

/as follows :-

BEAUFORT Church at 11.00 on 16th inst.

CONSOLRE Church at 12.00 on 17th inst.

THUIN (Burgomaster's Office) at 11.00 on 18th inst.

Billeting in the CHARLEROI AREA has been completed.

Parties will leave their units in sufficient time to ensure their arrival at the places appointed, on time. They will travel on bicycles, and rations for the period they will be away from their unit, will be carried.

17. GUIDES. Guides will be sent back from the billeting parties to meet their respective units and guide them to their billets.

On the 17th inst. guides will meet units on the AVESNES - MAUBEUGE Road at Cross Roads below 'B' in ECLAIBES.

On the 18th inst. at COUSOLRE STATION on the AIBES - COUSOLRE Road.

On the 19th inst. on the LOBBES - BEAUMONT Road where that road forks with road to THUIN at HEULEN.

On the 20th inst. guides will meet units as follows :-

2nd Pioneer Bn. On the BEAUMONT - MARCHIENNE-au-PONT Road where that road bonds and forks with MONTIGNIES-le-TILLEUL Road at 'e' in Rue a l'Agace.

Brigade Headquarters) On MARCHIENNE-au-PONT - BEAUMONT
26th Battalion) Road where railway line crosses
road near 'n' in CORON ST.MARTIN.

27th Battalion)

23th ")

7th A.L.T.L.B.)

7th Field Ambulance)

17th A.A.S.C.)

1/3rd S.A.A. Sec.)

At BOMEREE STATION where MONT-sur-
MARCHIENNE - BEAUMONT Road forks
with MARCINELLE - BEAUMONT Road.

18. ATTENTION is directed to 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative
Memo No. 236.

M. G. G. G.

Captain, A/Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution as for Brigade Order No.237.

Headquarters,
December 30th 1914

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

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As instructed, I submit a full report on the recent disturbances which occurred amongst the civil population at MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT on the night of the 20th inst. and of the action taken by this Brigade.

At about 20.00 on the night of the 20th inst. the Acting Staff Captain was in the vicinity of the GRAND PLACE where he noticed a large crowd of civilians congregating. Shortly afterwards the crowd moved to the premises of Mme PLAMPAIN in the Rue Neuve, immediately opposite the GRAND PLACE, and tore the shutters from the front of the shop, broke the windows, and entering the premises, proceeded to destroy the fittings and furnishings of the establishment - the articles of furniture in the upper storeys of the house being thrown through the windows into the street. The A/Staff Captain immediately he saw what was happening, despatched a message to myself and the Burgomaster, and posted a picquet to ensure that no troops were permitted to join the rioters. He also ordered other picquets to be ordered to stand to. No action was taken by the A/Staff Captain to interfere with the civilians, pending a request from the civil authorities, as the reason given by the civilians for their action was that the owners of the premises had favoured the Bosch during their occupation.

At about 21.00 the Burgomaster called on me and requested me to supply picquets to stop the disturbance, which in the interests of order, I agreed to do.

In the interval, the crowd which numbered 700 or 800 had divided and began similar attacks on premises in other portions of the town. The picquets very quickly ejected - with little resistance - the rioters from the various establishments, and posted guards over each place, the remainder of the picquets being detailed to patrol the town.

The crowd were considerably incensed at what they termed the "pro Bosch" tendencies of the owners of the premises which they had attacked, but after moving to various quarters of the town, eventually without doing further damage, dispersed at about 22.30 hours.

The following day and evening, at the request of the civil authorities, strong picquets patrolled the town to prevent the crowd which had again congregated, from doing further damage which they had threatened.

No further damage has been done, and the town has since been quiet.

As far as can be ascertained, none of our troops nor the civilians were injured in any way during the riot.

No troops joined the rioters.

(signed) F.R. CHALMERS, Lt. Col.,
Tempy Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters No. 17/109
December 8th 1919.

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Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division,
Div. Salvage Officer.

The following salvage has been collected and dumped in the
Brigade area :-

2nd Pioneer Bn. Dumped near Church in PETIT FAYT :-

M.G. Belts, German	3	Tarpaulin	1
S.A.A. " rds	250	Corr. Iron, German	92 - 6' lengths
Steel Helmets "	9	Cable Drum	1
Water Bottles "	3	Rubber Hose	2 - 10' lengths
Pack "	1	Rope	14 fathoms
Mills Grenades	20	German M.Ws 5"	350 rds (in boxes)
Signal Wire, yds	300	Charge Cases, German	446
Shells, German	314.		

26th Battalion. Dumped near Church, GRAND FAYT,

L.G. M/Gun	1	Light Minenwerfer	1
Wagon German	1	Gun Wheel	1
Limber undercarriage	1	Swinglo Bar	1
Rifles, German	5	Steel Hats, Hun	14
German Tool Bag	1	S.B. Respirators	3
S.B. Containers	2	Waterbottles, Hun	3
M.G. Belts	11	Water buckets	4
Nose Bags	20	Horse Gas Helmets	2
L.G. Mag. (full)	3	L.G. Panniers	2
Brass Cap	1	L.G. Magazine (empty)	1
Web M.G. Cover	1	M.G. Amm. Box	1
Food Container (German)	1	Com. Air Cylinder	1
Hoops	6	Petrol Tins	9
Horse Shoes	27	German Packs	2
Shovel, Hun	1	Cask, explosive	1
Ground Sheet, German	2	Collar Pad	1
Tel. Wire, Hun - reels	6	Complete Tel. Poles, Arms & Cups	1
Shell Baskets (empty)	132	Shells, 18 pdr	2
" cases, 13 pdr	4	" 5.9	53
4.2 shells Hun	335	Chargers 4.2	23
.77 M.M. shells	556	German Bombs	6
Mills Grenade	1		

27th Battalion. Dumped near Church, GRAND FAYT.

Miniature Cork Screws	430	Steel Helmets, Hun	4
Galv. Wire, coils	4	Hun A.A. Shells & cases	16
German M.G. Amm. in belts	1 bx	" .77 mm shells	69
Spring, wagon	1	" A.A. shell cases	12
Wheels, (G.S. Wag. small)	2	Copper	1
Nose Caps .77 mm	19	Hay Rakes	2
How. Charge Cases, brass	246	Hun single line Tel. Cable	2000 yds
Tin bucket	1	Blue Cross Gas Shells	131

The following is a list of material dumped by 27th Battalion at
places shown on attached map, marked 'A', 'B' & 'C' :-

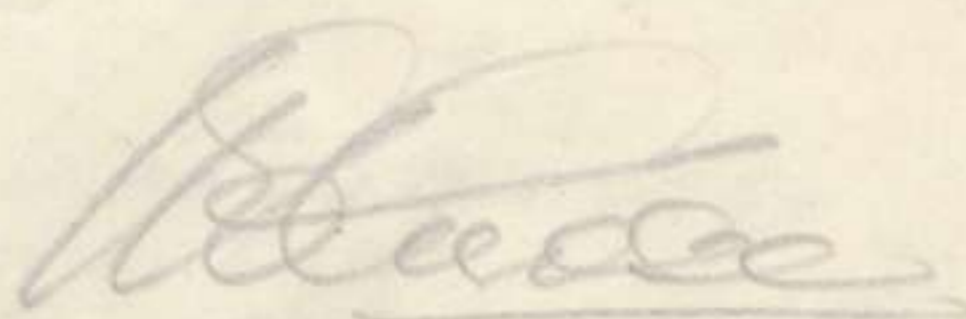
German 6" shells	60	at Dump 'A'
German 9" shells	123	at Dump 'B'
Barb Wire Stakes 5'	200	"
Angle Iron strainers 5'	500	"
ditto 10'	10	"
Cavalry Spikes	150	"
Cartridge Cases, large	50	"
Fencing Wire, coils	2	"
.77 mm Shells, approx	1000	at Dump 'C'
4.2 "	500	"

28th Battalion.

Dumped at GRAND FAYT Church.

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German Amm. Limber Complete	1	Hose Bags, Horse	5
Cycle Frame	1	German Steel Helmets	1
" Wheels	2	Reels telephone wire	1
Swingle Bars	2	Petrol Tins	2
Sheets Camouflage	1	Cordite, tins	4
Amm. .77 mm	75	Magazines L.G.	1
Gas Helmets German	14	Cases, Shell .77 mm	44
Cable telephone, miles	3	Jacks, lifting	1
Rifles	4	Steel Helmets, German	13
Mills Bombs	10	Helmets, Gas "	2
Steel Helmets British	5	Pick	1
Wheelbarrows	2	Horse Shoes, cwt	1 1/2
Shovels	2	Ropes, Coupling	2
S.A.A. German, Loose rds	1880	Haversacks, German	3
Pack	1	Barbed wire, yds	100
Bucket	1	Belts, M.G. German	4
5 Cases M.G.	1	Sledge M.G. broken	1
Tins - Biscuit	2	Shells 6"	1
Filters - water cart	2	" 18 pdr	15
Anchors, light	2	Trench Mortar Base	1
Insulators, cwt	1	Lamp - motor, damaged	1
Rifles German	3	Wheel iron	1
Cylinder Motor Cycle	1	Pole, telephone field	1



Captain, A Staff Captain,
For G.O.C. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
15th December 1918.

Headquarters,
26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th T.M.Bty. 7th Field Coy A.E.
7th Field Amb. 2nd A.Pioneer Bn.
17th Coy A.A.S.C.

Attached is a copy of the resolutions passed by the 7th A.I.Bdo., Sports' Committee meeting held this morning.

It is requested that units give the matter of purchasing the sporting material decided on by the meeting their favourable consideration.

To place the organization of Recreational Training of the Brigade on a sound footing it is essential that units provide themselves with sufficient sporting material.

Organised Recreational Training is one of the chief subjects which now engages our attention and every man must partake in some form of sport.

If you have any remarks or suggestions hereon to make please forward same as soon as possible.

W. G. Carey *lieut*

600 Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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At a Meeting of the 7th A.I.Bde. Sports' Committee held at 10.30 a.m. on 15/12/1918 it was decided :-

That a 7th A.I.Bde. Sports' Union be formed and to be composed of all units within the 7th A.I.Bde Group.

That a Committee to consist of one Officer representative from each of the said units be formed, and this Committee be known as the "7th A.I.Bde. Sports' Committee"

That this Committee appoint its own President and Secretary - the Secretary to be an Officer on Bde. H.Qrs., Lieut. E.W. CLEARY, 26th Bn., was accordingly elected Secretary.

That the objects of the Union are to promote and foster within the Brigade the following sports, and such other sports as may from time to time appear advisable :-

<u>Football</u>	<u>Rugby</u>	<u>Aust. Rules</u>	<u>Soccer</u>
<u>Hockey</u>	<u>Boxing</u>	<u>Lacrosse</u>	
<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Athletics</u>	<u>Tennis</u>	
<u>Skating</u>	<u>Rowing</u>		

That the four Bns be requested to provide themselves with the following sporting material :-

<u>Football</u>	<u>Rugby</u>	2 complete sets of jerseys knickers and stockings.
	<u>Aust. Rules</u>	- do - - do -
	<u>Rugby Balls</u>	- 9
	<u>Soccer "</u>	- 3
	<u>Spare bladder per ball</u>	- 1.

<u>Hockey</u>	<u>Jerseys, knickers & stockings</u>	2 sets
	<u>Sticks</u>	- 4 sets.
	<u>Balls</u>	- 2 per set.

Boxing. Gloves, 8 sets. Skipping ropes - 8.

Lacrosse. Rackets - 1 set. Balls, 6 per set.

Athletics. Purchase of material left to option of unit.

Skating. - ditto - for the present.

Smaller units, viz., 7th Field Amb., 17th Coy A.A.S.C., Bde. H.Q., and 7th T.M.Bty., to provide themselves with quantities proportionate to their strength, and as agreed upon at the meeting.

The cost of all material to be paid in the first instance out of Regimental Funds and material to be the property of units.. In this connection it is understood that the Aust. Government is being requested to make a grant of money to cover these expenses, and if this materialises, reimbursement of units' outlay would take place.

P.T.O.

It was further decided that teams for all sporting events be graded, and that each unit enter as many teams in each grade as possible. The number of grades to be decided on later.

All fixtures and grounds will be arranged by the Committee.

That arrangements be made to ensure that every man in each unit partakes in at least one of the games mentioned, and to effect this that every man be immediately registered by his unit Sports' Committee for the game he is to play.

That each unit appoint its own Sports' Committee.

That Units requirements to make up to establishment agreed upon, be forwarded to the Secretary immediately.

That permission be sought for at least two officers to proceed to England at once to purchase material required.

(Sgd) E.W. CLEARY, Liout.
Secretary, 7th A.I.Bde. Sports' Union.