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WAR DIARY

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

FOR

FEBRUARY

1919.

Signature of Officer compiling

*G Harry.*Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.

Signature of Officer Commanding

*B. D. Moore*Captain.
For G.O.C.

7th AUST. INF. BDE.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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1/4th			Fine and Cold. Brigade disposed in Billets as in January, (MARCINELLE, MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE, and MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT, BELGIUM).	
4th.			28th Battalion & 7th T.M.Bty. marched fro ^m MARCINELLE to MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE, where they became amalgamated with the 27th Bn. as one bn.	App I
4/7th			Cold and snowing at intervals.	
7/21st			Bright and Frosty.	
15th.			Brig-General WISDOM terminated his command of the Brigade and left to take over an appointment in the Demob. Dept. in LONDON. Lieut-Colonel CHALMERS took over command.	
21st.			Brigade Sports held at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE.	App 2
22nd.			Brigade paraded en masse in the Square, MARCINELLE, and were inspected and addressed by Mr. W.M. MUGHES, Prime Minister, who outlined in his speech his policy at the XXX Peace Conference and on his return to Australia. He was accorded a great welcome by the troops and cheers were heartily given on his departure.	
22/28th			Fine and Frosty. Demobilisation of the Brigade was proceeded with during the month, personnel as shown in appendix No. being despatched to HAVRE enroute to ENGLAND. The unit equipment of 28th Battalion and 7th A.L.T.M. Battery was packed and returned to Ordnance. Large numbers of men whose applications for Non-military employment, Early Repatriation and Extended Leave, have been approved, were also despatched.	

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			<p>(2)</p> <p>The XXXXX work of classifying all horses of the Brigade was completed and arrangements made for their sale or despatch to Base at HAVRE. Horses and mules sold by Auction to Belgian Inhabitants brought fairly good prices, considering the large number of animals offering. Horses not for sale were despatched to Base and by the end of the month the Brigade had disposed of half its establishment of Horses and Mules.</p> <p>The health of the troops still at a high standard, the epidemic of Influenza which visited different parts of Europe not being experienced by members of the Brigade. The troops still remain comfortably billeted with the Civilian population, and their behaviour is all that could be desired.</p> <p>Leave to United Kingdom, Places of interest in BELGIUM and FRANCE has been freely granted during the month. Visits to Industrial and Commercial Centres in the vicinity of CHARLEROI, and Conducted Tours to BRUSSELS and ANTWERP were arranged as for the previous month. The troops have benefited by the continued opportunities afforded them in this connection.</p> <p>DRAFT TO AUSTRALIA 2/2/19 STRENGTH 28/7/19</p> <p>App 3 App 4</p>	

WAR DIARY

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FOR

February.

1919.**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

No.	Subject.
1	Brigade Order No. 253
2	7th Brigade Letter 112/26
3	7th Brigade Sports Programme and Report.
4	Draft to Australia 2/2/19.
5	Strength as at 28/2/19.

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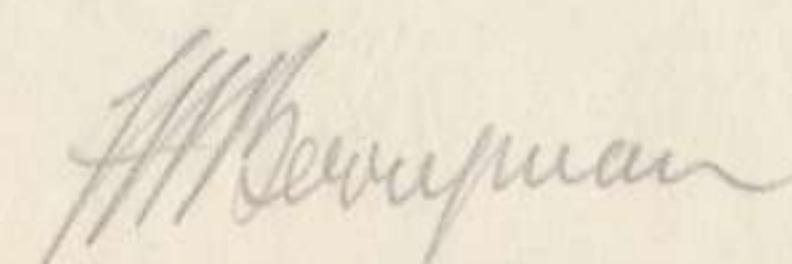
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
4th February 1919.

AMENDMENT TO 7th A.I.Bde. ORDER No. 253.

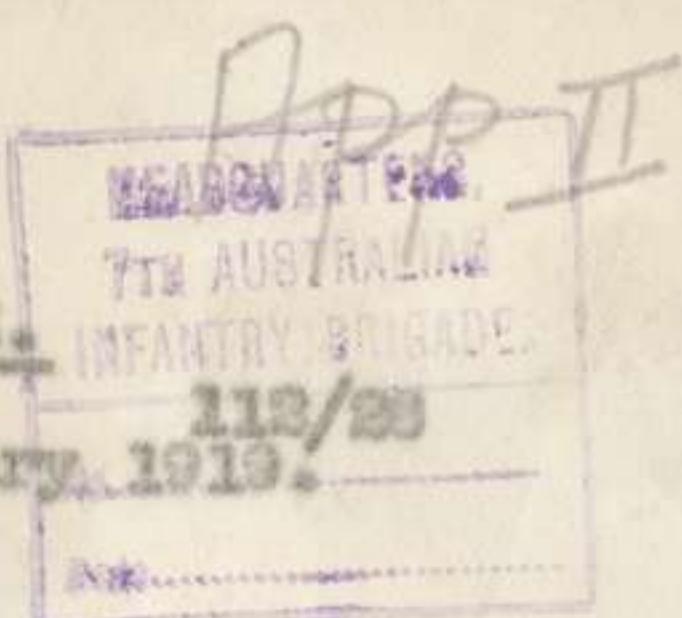
Paras. 4, 5 and 6 of 7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 253 are cancelled.

The instructions contained in Repatriation & Demobilization General Instructions No. 6. Annexure 'A' paras. 2, 3 and 4 will be adhered to.



Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Inf. Bde.

Copy to all recipients
Order No. 253.



Headquarters,
26th, 27th/28th Bns... 21st Bty.
7th Field Amb. 17th AAC.
2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

The Right Hon. W.M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of
AUSTRALIA will visit the 2nd Aust. Division on the 22nd inst.

Units as above will parade in the Square, MARCINELLE
at 1300 hours on the 22nd inst.

Captain J. ROYDHOUSE, MC. will be in the Square,
MARCINELLE and will form up the parade.

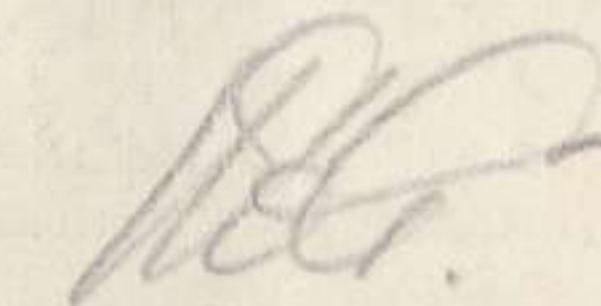
The 7th Field Amb. and 17th AAC. will parade with
the 27th/28th Battalion. An officer from these units will
report to 27th/28th Bn. H.Q., by 1000 hours on the 22nd inst.,
for instructions.

Bde. H.Q., details will parade with 26th Battalion.

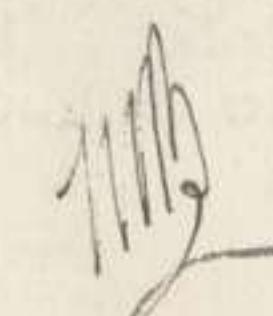
DRESS :- Walking out dress (No sidearms)
Instructions re Great Coats will be
issued later.

The Brigade Commander (Lieut. Colonel F.R. CHALMERS, DSO.)
will be in command of Bde. Group parade.

It is desired that as many men as possible be
present on this parade.



Captain, Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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COPY NO. 157th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 253.

Reference Paper MM UP 1/100, 100.

Headquarters,
February 3rd, 1919.

1. For purposes of administration the 7th A.I.Brigade will be amalgamated into two Battalions by the amalgamation of the 27th and 28th Battalions and 7th T.I.Bty. into one Battalion under the Command of Lt.Col.F.R.CHALLANS, DSO.
2. The 28th Battalion and 7th T.I.Bty. will march out of MARCINELLE at 1000 on the 4th February and join the 27th Battalion on that date at LONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE.
3. Units amalgamated will retain their own cadres and will not lose their identity.
4. The regimental and canteen funds of the 7th T.I.Bty. and 28th Battalion will be audited and handed over to Brigade H.Q.
5. The mobilisation stores of the 7th T.I.Bty. and 28th Bn. will be checked and clearance receipts will be given to the C.O.s. of 7th T.I.Bty. and 28th Bn. by Lieut.Colonel F.R.CHALLANS DSO, 27th Battalion.
6. Transport of the 28th Battalion will move with the Bn. and be taken over by the 27th Bn.. C.O. 28th Bn. will obtain a clearance receipt from Lt.Col.F.R.CHALLANS, D.S.O.
7. The personnel ⁿ transport attached to the 7th T.I.Bty. will be returned to their units by 4th instant.
8. The Guards on Abandoned material at present supplied by the 28th Battalion will not be withdrawn until further orders. A complete list of Guards mounted by 28th Bn. giving location and strength will be forwarded in duplicate to reach this office by 4th instant.
9. 28th Battalion & 7th T.I.Bty. will send in certificates signed by Town Major, Marcinelle to reach this office by 6th instant stating all claims have been settled and that the area was left in a clean and sanitary condition.
10. Acknowledge.

*W. Berryman*Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Sigs. at 1900

Copies to :-

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. 26th Bn. | 9. 8th A.I.Bde. |
| 2. 27th Bn. | 10. 2nd Aust.Div. |
| 3. 28th Bn. | 11. 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. |
| 4. 7th T.I.Bty. | 12. Town Major, Lont-Sur-Marchienne. |
| 5. G.O.C. | 13. Do. Marcenelle. |
| 6. B.H. | 14/16. War Diary. |
| 7. S.C. | 17. File. |
| 8. 5th A.I.Bde. | 18/21. Spares. |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ATHLETIC SPORTS on 27th BATTALION GROUND - 7th Feb. 1919.PROGRAMME.OFFICIALS.PATRON :- Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,JUDGES :- Lieut. Col. F.R. CHALMERS, D.S.O., 27th Bn.
Lieut. Col. W.M. DAVIS, I.C., 36th Bn.
Major. J.F. DONNELLY, D.S.O., 2nd Pioneer Bn.
Major. F.H. BERRYMAN, D.S.O., 7th A.I.Bdo.
Major. A. BROWN, D.S.O., M.C., 28th Bn.
Major. E.E. KING, 2nd Pioneer Bn.
Captain J.L. FLETCHER, D.S.O., M.S., 26th Bn.GROUND STEWARDS :- Lieut. H.J.H. TOZER, M.I., 28th Bn.
Lieut. W.S. ACKWORTH, 26th Bn.GROUND MARSHAL :- Lieut. J.H. KERR, 26th Bn.STARTERS :- Lieut. A.H. BROWN, 26th Bn.
Lieut. W.A. LEAVER, N.C., M.H., 28th Bn.RECORDERS :- Lieut. G. HARRY, M.C., M.M., 26th Bn.
(& two Sergeants to be detailed by 28th Bn.)GROUND COMMITTEE :- All Members of Group Sports Committee.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - First Event at 1230.

1. 100 Yards Championship. (heats)
2. Broad Jump.
3. Throwing at Wicket.
4. 100 Yards Championship (Final)
5. Tug - o' - War (heats)
6. High Jump.
7. 220 Yards Championship.
8. Kicking Football.
9. Driving Hockey Ball.
10. Sack Race (heats)
11. Polo Vault.
12. 330 Yards Relay.
13. Hop, Step and Jump.
14. Putting the Shot.
15. Wheel-barrow race (heats)
16. Potato Race. (heats)
17. Tug - o' - War (2nd round)
18. Sack race (final)
19. 440 Yards Championship.
20. 120 " Hurdles (heats)
21. Three Legged race (heats)
22. Potato Race. (final)
23. Three Legged Race (final)
24. Wheel barrow race (final)
25. Tug - o' - War. (final)
26. Pillow Fight.
27. 120 yards Hurdle race (final).
28. Bandsman Race.
29. Obstacle Race.
30. Cross Country Race (3 Miles)

FIRST EVENT 95

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100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP :- 1st and 2nd in each heat to start in final.

First Heat.

1. Pte. Rankin, 26th Bn.
2. Lieut. NICHOLSON, 26th Bn.
3. Sgt. Churchett, 27th Bn.
4. Pte. Hutman, 28th Bn.
5. " Hansen, 2nd A.Pion.
6. Spr. Poart, 2nd Tunn Coy.
7. Lieut. LeComb, 26th Bn.

1st.....
2nd.....

Second Heat.

1. Pte. Stoeloy, 26th Bn.
2. Lieut. Mathison, "
3. Pte. Brunt, "
4. Capt. Pollew, 27th Bn.
5. Pte. Hampson, 28th Bn.
6. " Killeen, 2nd Pion Bn.
7. Spr. Lunny, 2nd Tunn Coy.

1st.....
2nd.....

Third Heat

1. Pte. Birch, 26th Bn.
2. Lieut. Jonyns, "
3. Cpl. Ruge, "
4. Pte. Wilson, 27th Bn.
5. " Denning, 23th Bn.
6. " Zegonhagen, 2nd Pion.
7. Sgt. Green, 2nd Tunn.

1st.....
2nd.....

Fourth Heat.

1. Lieut. McPhillips, 26th Bn.
2. Lieut. Jorgenson, "
3. Cpl. Whitkopp, "
4. Pte. Jones, "
5. " Clarke, "
6. Spr. Fitzgerald, 2nd Tunn Coy.
7. " Gillam, "

1st.....
2nd.....

SECOND EVENTBroad Jump (3 Jumps)

1. Pte. Rankin, 26th Bn.
2. Lieut. Jonyns, "
3. Lieut. Jorgenson, "
4. Lieut. Watson, "
5. Cpl. Whitkoff, "
6. Pte. Buchanan, "
7. Pte. Brown, 26th Bn.
8. " Brand, 27th Bn.
9. Sgt. Smith, 27th Bn.
10. Pte. Wilson, 27th Bn.
11. Spr. Purcell, 2nd Tunn. Coy.
12. " Faulkiner, "

1st.....
2nd.....

THIRD EVENT - THROWING AT WICKET.

1st.....

FOURTH EVENT - 100 CHAMPIONSHIP (Final)

1st.....
2nd.....

FIFTH EVENT - HEATS - TUG o' WAR.

1st Heat - 28th Battalion V 2nd Pionnor Bn. 1st.....

2nd Heat - 26th Battalion V 2nd Tunnellers. 1st.....

27th Battalion - A Bye.

SIXTH EVENT - HIGH JUMP.

1. Pte. Watson, 26th Bn.
2. " Brown, "
3. Sgt. Churchett, 27th Bn.
4. Pte. Brand,
5. Pte. Killeen, 2nd Pion Bn.
6. " Purcell, 2nd Tunn Coy.
7. " Faulkiner, "

1st.....
2nd.....

SEVENTH EVENT - 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Pte. Rankin,	26th Bn.	10. Pte. Olson,	26th Bn.
2. " Birch,	"	11. " Jones,	"
3. Lieut. Ackworth,	"	12. " Clarke,	"
4. Lieut. Mathison,	"	13. L/Cpl. Newley,	"
5. Lieut. McPhillips,	"	14. Capt. Pollew,	27th Bn.
6. Lieut. McComb,	"	15. Sgt. Churchott,	"
7. Lieut. Jorgenson,	"	16. Pte. Wilson,	"
8. Opl. Ruge,	"	17. " Hutman,	28th Bn.
9. Cpl. Whitkoff,	"	" Willis,	"
19. Pte. Hampson,	28th Bn.		
20. " Hanson,	2nd Pion. Bn.		
21. " Gommil,	"		
22. Spr. Peart,	2nd Tunn. Coy.		
23. " Munchy,	"		
24. " Fitzgerald,	"		
25. " Gillam,	"		
26. Sgt. Green,	"		

1st..... 2nd.....

EIGHTH EVENT - KICKING FOOTBALL. (2 kicks)

1st.....

NINTH EVENT - DRIVING HOCKEY BALL (2 drives)

1st.....

TENTH EVENT - SACK RACE - Heats.1st Heat.2nd Heat.3rd Heat.1st..... 1st..... 1st.....
2nd..... 2nd..... 2nd.....ELEVENTH EVENT - POLE VAULT.

1st.....

2nd.....

TWELFTH EVENT - 380 YARDS RELAY.

One team (4 men) 26th Bn. - 27th Bn. - 28th Bn. - 2nd Tunn. Coy.

THIRTEENTH EVENT - HOP, STEP & JUMP.

1. Pte. Fairbanks,	26th Bn.	7. Pte. Brown,	26th Bn.
2. " Rankin,	"	8. Sgt. Churchett,	27th Bn.
3. Lieut. Jenyns,	"	9. " Smith,	"
4. Lieut. Jorgenson,	"	10. Spr. Purcell,	2 Tunn. Coy.
5. Opl. Whitkoff,	"	11. " Faulkner,	"
6. Pte. Buchanan,	"		

1st.....

2nd.....

FOURTEENTH EVENT - PUTTING THE SHOT.

1st.....

2nd.....

FIFTEENTH EVENT - Heats - WHEEL BARROW RACE.1st Heat.2nd Heat.3rd Heat.1st.....
2nd.....1st.....
2nd.....1st.....
2nd.....

SIXTEENTH EVENT - HEATS - POTATO RACE.

<u>1st Heat.</u>	<u>2nd Heat.</u>	<u>3rd Heat.</u>
1st.....	1st.....	1st.....
2nd.....	2nd.....	2nd.....

SEVENTEENTH EVENT - 2nd ROUND TUG o' WAR.

<u>1st.....</u>

EIGHTEENTH EVENT - SACK RACE (Final)

<u>1st.....</u>	<u>2nd.....</u>
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NINETEENTH EVENT - 440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Pte. Birch,	26th Bn.	11. Sgt. Churchett,	27th Bn.
2. Lieut. Honsley,	"	12. Pte. Willis,	28th Bn.
3. Lieut. Shorrington,	"	13. " Nutman,	"
4. Cpl. Ruge,	"	14. " Syppott,	2nd Pion Bn.
5. Pte. Burrows,	"	15. " Hanson,	"
6. " Watson,	"	16. Spr. Peart,	2nd Tunn Coy.
7. " Olsen,	"	17. " Hunnchy,	"
8. L/Cpl. Newley,	"	18. " Fitzgerald,	"
9. Pte. Shaw,	"	19. " Gillam,	"
10. Capt. Pellow,	27th Bn.	20. Sgt. Green,	"

<u>1st.....</u>	<u>2nd.....</u>
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TWENTIETH EVENT - HEATS - 120 YARDS HURDLES.

<u>1st Heat.</u>	<u>2nd Heat.</u>
1. Pte. Steele, 26th Bn.	1. Lieut. Jorgenson, 26th Bn.
2. Lieut. Jenyns, "	2. Pte. Brunt, "
3. Lieut. McComb, "	3. " Clarko,
4. Pte. Faulkner, 2nd Tunn Coy	4. " Shaw,
5. Capt. Pellow, 27th Bn.	5. " Osborne, 27th Bn.
6. Pte. Killeen, 2nd Pion Bn.	6. Sgt. Green, 2nd Tunn Coy.

<u>1st.....</u>	<u>2nd.....</u>
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TWENTY-FIRST EVENT - THREE LEGGED RACE.

<u>1st Heat.</u>	<u>2nd Heat.</u>	<u>3rd Heat.</u>
1st.....	1st.....	1st.....
2nd.....	2nd.....	2nd.....

TWENTY-SECOND EVENT - POTATO RACE (Final)

<u>1st.....</u>	<u>2nd.....</u>
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TWENTY-THIRD EVENT - THREE LEGGED RACE (Final)

<u>1st.....</u>	<u>2nd.....</u>
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TWENTY-FOURTH EVENT - FINAL - WHEEL BARROW RACE.

<u>1st.....</u>	<u>2nd.....</u>
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TWENTY-FIFTH EVENT. - FINAL - TUG o' WAR.

<u>1st Team</u>

TWENTY-SIXTH EVENT - PILLOW FIGHT.

1st.....

TWENTY-SEVENTH EVENT - FINAL - 120 YARDS HURDLES.

1st..... 2nd.....

TWENTY-EIGHTH EVENT - BANDSMEN RACE.

1st..... 2nd.....

TWENTY-NINTH EVENT - OBSTACLE RACE.

1st..... 2nd.....

THIRTIETH EVENT - CROSS COUNTRY (3 miles)

26th Bn, - 27th Bn, - 28th Bn, - 2nd Pioneer Bn, - -

2nd Tunnelling Coy.

Winning Team.....

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

R.C. EATHER, ~~Major~~, Lieut.
Secretary, 7th A.I.Bde. Sports' Committee.

FOOTBALL

Rugby. Competitions between Units of the 7th A.I.Bde. were completed by 16/2/19. On the 21/2/19 the 7th Brigade played against the 5th Brigade in a Divisional fixture. Following the sequence of Brigade, Division & Corps, several players of the Brigade were selected to represent Division in Corps contests. Lieut. BROWN, Pte. STEELEY, Pte. SHAW, Pte. NIEGEHAGAN, Capt. BRAND, and Pte. OLSEN were Brigade representatives.

In addition to the fixtures the 7th A.I.Brigade played seven(7) matches otherwise arranged. The 26th Bn. and the 2nd Pioneer Bn. being the most successful.

Soccer. The Semi-Final and the Final fixtures eventuated within the Division. The 7th Brigade met and defeated the Artillery Group in the Final which was played on the 26/2/19., thereby securing the Divisional Medal. This victory was noteworthy in as much the team which was defeated had already played 85 matches without suffering defeat.

14 Other matches eventuated during the month and the 2nd Pioneer Bn. and the 26th Bn. were the most successful.

Australian Rules.-- The Div. Final eventuated on the 23/2/19 on the 7th Brigade Ground, Mont-Sur-Marchienne. This was against the 6th Brigade. The 7th A.I.Brigade also won this and secured the Divisional Medals.

The Unit and Brigade Teams otherwise played 14 matches. The 28th and 27th Bn. were the most successful.

It is worthy of special mention that out of three(3) Divisional Final Contests the 7th A.I. Brigade won two competitions.

Boxing.-- Boxing Gyms and training were established in the billets. Punching Balls etc. were provided, although no tournament was held.

Seven (7) men of the Brigade have secured after elementary bouts, their place as Divisional Representatives.

CROSS Country.-- The 7th A.I.Brigade secured 6 Divisional representatives in the Corps Cross Country Run which eventuated at MARCINELLE.

HOCKEY.-- Several matches took place during February against Unit teams. The 26th Bn. were the most successful.

Sports.-- The 7th A.I.Brigade held a ver successful Athletic Sports Meeting on the 21st February 1919 at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE. For shchedule of Events see attached sheet.

The Corps newspaper published an extract in connection therewith. ~~XXX XXXXXXXXX~~

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9. Driving Hockey Ball.
10. Sack Race. (Heats)
11. Pole Vault.
12. 880 Yards Relay.
13. Hop, Step and Jump.
14. Putting the Shot.
15. Wheel-barrow race. (heats)
16. Potato Race (heats)
17. Tug o' War. (2nd round)
18. Sack Race. (final)
19. 440 Yards Championship.
20. 120 Yards Hurdles (heats)
21. Three Legged Race. (heats)
22. Potato Race. (final)
23. Three Legged Race. (final)
24. Wheel barrow race. (final)
25. Tug o' War. (final)
26. Pillow Fight.
27. 120 Yards Hurdle Race. (final)
28. Bansmen Race.
29. Obstacle Race.
30. Cross Country Race. (3 Miles)

Appendix

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
15th March 1919.

Statement showing number of other ranks of 7th A.I. Brigade
who left for Australia during February 1919:-

Unit.	A	B	C	Total	
	Officers	Sgts & above.	Other Ranks.	Off.	O/rs.
Bde. H.Q.	-	-	3	3	
7th T.M. Battery	-	-	4	4	
26th Battalion.	1	4	50	1	54
27th "	4	2	40	4	42
28th "	-	2	43		45

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

STRENGTH AS AT FEBRUARY 28th 1919.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
7th A.L.T.M. Battery	4	29
26th Battalion.	71	561
27th Battalion.	27	292
28th Battalion.	28	450
	130	1332