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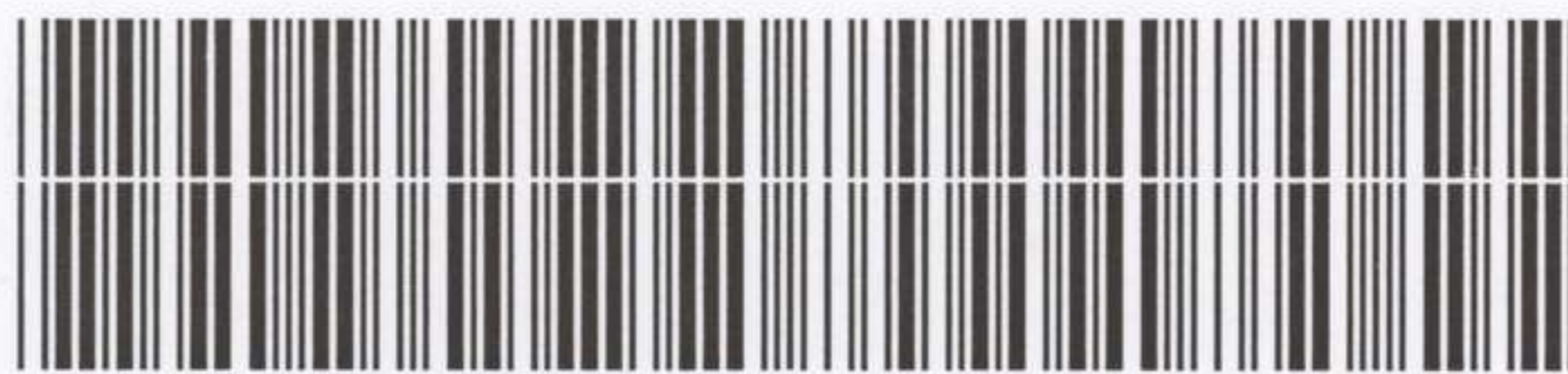
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Item number: 13/126/30

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Battery

December 1918



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15th Dec 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Laurie Dec 1 st /2 nd	1918	0600	<p>Ref Valenciennes 12</p> <p>Sunday. Weather fine but cold. News was received that H. H. George V. would be passing through the area in the afternoon. In order to be met by him the 15th Bde was formed up on a 3 sided square. At about 3pm the King, Prince of Wales & Prince Albert arrived per motor and inspected the Bde. Units marched home independently.</p> <p>Marched out on U.K. leave.</p> <p>1535 Pk Donnisson A. 2128 bpl Bush R.H.</p>	<p>[Signature]</p>
Laurie Dec 2/3 rd	1918	0600	<p>Unit still billeted in Laurie area. The time was spent in salvage work after the usual morning inspection.</p> <p>Marched out on Paris leave.</p> <p>Rejoined from Base.</p> <p>3364 L-Sgt Myers V.G. 2662 Pk Griffiths G.</p>	<p>[Signature]</p>

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15th Coy Bk.

Place	Date	Hour	Ref. Valenciennes. '12.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Favril. 1918 Dec 3/4 th	1918	0600	Weather frosty but fine. A short run was held in place of P.T. and usual morning inspection took place at 1000. The remainder of the morning was spent in salvaging the locality. The afternoons was devoted to recreation.	<p>Marched in from U.K. Leave: 2163 Pk Dawson 10.S. 4555 . Hollows 8.S. 1980 . Phelps 10.S.</p> <p>Marched in from Paris Leave 1978 Cpl Roseman O.V. 5792 Pte Rushbrook W.B.</p>	T.O.F.
Favril. 1918 Dec 4/5 th	1918	0600	Usual morning inspection. Mortars were cleaned and inspected. Salvage work was carried out. Evacuated to C. G. I. suffering from Antritis	<p>78 2550 Pk Tracy N.J.</p>	T.O.F.
Favril. 1918 Dec 5/6 th	1918	0600	Damp misty weather. Usual parade followed by salvage work.		T.O.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Favril Dec 6/18	1918	0600	Usual morning inspection at 1000. Preparation was made for move to take place on 7 th inst. Marched on from UK leave: 2992 Pk Travers P.	G.F.
Favril Dec 7/18	1918	0600	Unit left Favril, marching out at 08.30. Transport left at 0800 and prepared a midday meal near Dompierre. The unit reached the new area - St Aubin - at 12.30 and were put in billets. Weather was misty but good for marching. Marched out to 5 th Div P.O. No 2280 Pk Hunter O. (38 th) Marched on from UK leave. Tent to J. James.	W.F.
St Aubin Dec 8/18	1918	0600	Sunday. Day was spent in improving the billets and general cleaning up.	W.F.

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15th L.I.B. (Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Aubin Dec 9/10.	1918	0600	Ref Valenciennes 12. Weather, wet and miserable. Two ladders went to an old dump & procured fuel & building material. Work round the billets was done by all hands. Inspection parade held at 1000.	L.J.
Dec 10/11	1918	0600	Still wet & miserable. Inspection was made at 1100, and muster parade was held for promulgation of sentence of Court Martial on Ptes Coonan D. & Wilson. More material was procured from dumps. Work was commenced on a new cook house. Mortars were cleaned and inspected.	L.J.
Dec 11/12	1918	0600	Very wet. No inspection held owing to inclement weather. Cook house was finished. Marched out to Adjutant's School Cambridge. L. J. A. Underwood (att'd 59th Bn)	L.J.

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Vol 8 Sheet 16.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Hubert Dec 12/13 th	1918	0600	<p>Ref Valenciennes 12. Rain fell for the greater part of the day. Shortages & requirements were taken. Horses were sent to Aulnoye for supplies of coal and timber.</p>	J
Dec. 13 th	1918	0600	<p>Another wet day. Inspection of arms and equipment, was carried out between showers but rain interfered with syllabus. Education officer interviewed the men with a view to enrolment.</p>	J
Dec. 14/15	1918	0600	<p>Training as per syllabus was carried out in the morning. Afternoon - Football. An enter.ainment Committee was formed with a view to cheering up the troops during the winter. Marched in from Paris. Leave. L Sgt Miers, G.</p>	J

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Volume 8 Sheet 19

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Aubrey	Dec. 15/16.	0600	Ref. Valenciennes 17. Sunday. Weather fine. Church parade with 57 th Bn was held at 11 am. this morning.	
do.	Dec. 16/17.	1600	The Brigade baths were closed to our unit for one hour. A good bath & change of clothes was procurable. The battery recreation committee arranged a Cuecue tournament for 16 th . Trophies to the value of 40 for 1 st prize & 20 for 2 nd prize were keenly contested and after a very exciting finish Pte Griffiths defeated Pte Lambert by one point for first prize. A very enjoyable evening's entertainment resulted. Admitted to Hosp. whilst on UK Leave No 2128 Pte Bush RN.	B.P.
do.	Dec 17/18.	0600	Training as per syllabus was carried out in the morning. Afternoon was wet & cold.	B.P.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Auben Dec. 18/19.		0600	Ref Valenciennes 12. A very wet day. Training as per "wet day" syllabus was carried out during the morning. Cross country run was cancelled. Marched out on UK leave. No 454 Pte McBride A.S.	[Signature]
do Dec. 17/20.		0600	Cold & showery weather. Working parties were used in cleaning up tracks & air building an oven to prepare Kinas dinner. Morning inspection & parade as syllabus.	[Signature]
do. Dec. 20/21 1918		0600	Training & inspection as per syllabus. The weather continues to be wet and cold. Lt Bourgie & the C.P. proceeded to Charleroi to purchase Kinas. Cheers. Marched In. From UK leave 1535 Pte Tommison S. 5120 Kavanagh J.W.	[Signature]
Dec. 1918	21/22	0600	Sunday. Voluntary O.P.S. Church Parade at St. B'n. R.C.'s paraded at local church at 9.45 am. Marched out on UK leave. 1978 Cpl O. Riesenman 4578 Lyle Richardson A.S.	[Signature]

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15th A.L.M.B. (Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St. Aubin	1918 Dec. 23/24.	0600.	Preparation was begun for Xmas Day. A working party repaired the roads & tracks around the billets. The usual daily inspection was held at 09.00.	Ref. Sheet Valenciennes. 12. Vol. 8 Sheet 19.
do.	1918 Dec. 24/25.	0600.	The greater part of the day was spent in preparations, cooking and working for Xmas Day. Inspection was held at 09.00. Weather: Fine in the morning. The troops visited the Y.M.C.A. canteen in the evening and enjoyed a good program. Snow fell about 6 p.m.	
do.	1918 Dec. 25/26.	0600.	Xmas Day with fine but cold weather. Parade was held. Xmas dinner took place at 13.00. when the men sat down to an excellent meal. Officers & N.C.O's waited on the tables. The success of the day was greatly due to the splendid work of Cpls Clarke & Nicol. The Program, Derrick.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Aubin (Cont ^d)	25/26 Dec.		<p>Valencennes 14.</p> <p>Pte Lewis & Larkins, Cpl Nicols share of the work - making tables & forms - was greatly appreciated. Pte Hoos was elected President for the evening with Pte Flood as his Vice. Both performed carried out their parts excellently. After the King, Our Fallen Comrades. The Battery had been hoisted the room was cleared and preparation was made for a musical evening, which was greatly appreciated by all present. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to bid her revoir & Bon Voyage to Pte Donnison who leaves for Australia in the near future. A very pleasant afternoon evening was spent.</p>	
St Aubin 1918 Dec 26/27.	Dec		<p>The Parade was held. Weather was fine but cold. Football & Basket Ball were indulged in during the afternoon. At Night a "Whist Drive" was held. After 20 exciting games Pte Womburst turned out winner with 158 pts to his credit & Pte Larkins 2nd with 156. A Comforts fund parcel was distributed by lottery.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Aubin Dec. 27/28	1918	0600	<p>Rep Valenciennes 12. Inspection was held at 0600 and men for classes were moved off. Weather was wet and thus prevented much outdoor work. Equipment was cleaned. Marched out on UK leave. No 3627 Pk Cross. 11h.</p>	<p>WF</p>
do. Dec 28/29	1918	0600	<p>Very wet and miserable. His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales held an investiture at Bde Hq. Dourlers. Recipients & O. C. Battery attended. Marched out on UK leave. No 3417 Pk Jones G. do Transport duty to Australia No 1535 Pk Dorrison H.</p>	<p>WF</p>
do. Dec. 29/30	1918	0600	<p>Sunday Voluntary church parade. Miserable weather.</p>	<p>WF</p>
do Dec 30/31	1918	0600	<p>Inspection as per syllabus. Local residents were assisted in carting manure from their yards</p>	<p>WF</p>

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St. Hubert.	1918 Dec. 31 st	2400.	<p>Inspection as per syllabus. Afternoon was devoted to sport. Evening. The majority of the battery attended a lecture given by Prof. Woodcock at Bde H.Q. The New Year was welcomed with great vim.</p>	