

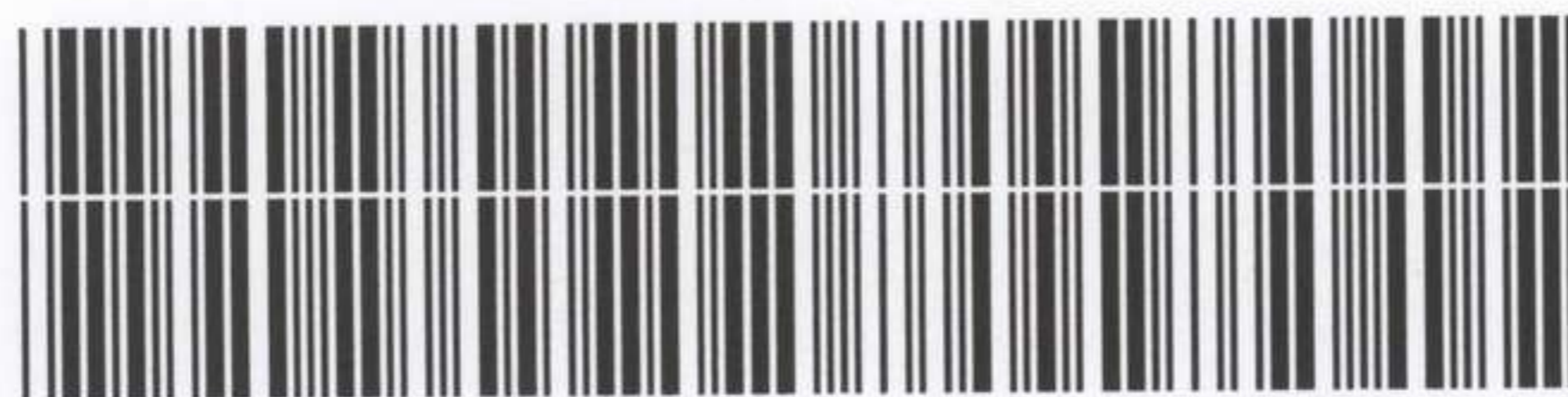
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WAR DIARY

OF

3rd Australian Infantry Battalion

FOR

February 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
METEREN AREA.	17 July		<p>Battalion situated in the METEREN area in billets</p> <p>1. In. Hqs in METEREN. Day devoted to cleaning up parades and 3 companies went through the divisional baths. Strength 32 Officers 685 O.Rs.</p> <p>2. Remaining company baked. - 100 men supplied as a working party to build Bde Rifle range. Cleaning up parades: Lt BURRETT C.L. reported back to Bn from leave to UK and Lt PRESCOTT from detached duty. Strength 33 Officers 732 O.Rs.</p> <p>3. Battalion attended Bde Church Parade - Major B.C. WILSON officiated. Lt BUTLER and 48 O.Rs. ranks reported to A.P.M. BAILLEUL for duty. Lt LITTLE JOHN. M.C. reported to 10th Corp Gas School. - Lt BURRETT C.L.L. reported to 32nd Inf. Div. - attached as a Staff trainee. - Lt CLIFTON C.J. reported back to Bn from 2nd Army School and proceeded to England to the training of Battalion for duty.</p>	<p>1</p>

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METEREN AREA.	July 3		Strength 31 Officers and 719 other ranks.	
	July 4		Training carried out as per syllabus. Working party of 50 other ranks and 14 other ranks supplied to Bde and Area commandant respectively. Strength 30 Officers and 669 other ranks - 30 other ranks supplied as CORPS GUARD.	
	"	5	Training as per syllabus and recreational training during the afternoon. Working parties of 20 Officers and 50 other ranks and 14 other ranks supplied. Strength 29 Officers 647 other ranks.	
	"	6	Training as per syllabus. Working parties supplied. Lt STANGER left unit and proceeded to PIGEON School. BAILLEUL. Lt CROLL reported to unit from wounded and was posted to 'D' Coy. Strength 29 Officers 647 other ranks.	
	"	7	Training as per syllabus. Battalion went through the baths etc. BAILLEUL with the exception of a working party of 50 other ranks supplied to Bde. Lt TAYLOR F.W.I reported back to unit from AEROPLANE CLASS. BAILLEUL.	J.M.

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METEREN AREA	July	7	<p>Lt Col. DT. MOORE. D.S.O. reported back to unit from leave U.K. Strength 29 Officers and 648 other ranks.</p>	
		8	<p>Training as per syllabus: Battalion Route March for 1 hour then company parades during which a competition was held to determine the best platoon of each company. Results A Coy - No 1 Platoon. B Coy - No 7 platoon. C Coy - No 9 Platoon. D Coy - No 15 platoon. Recreational drawing during the afternoon. Battalion was paid. - Proquet of 1 Op and 20 other ranks was furnished for METEREN. Lt H.H. FERGUSSON reported back to unit from 1st Training Battalion England. R.M.O. Capt NORTH H.M. promoted MAJOR. Sgt WELLS. M.E. awarded Belgian Croix de Guerre. Strength 31 Officers and 648 other ranks.</p>	
		9	<p>Training as per syllabus. Best platoon par each company on Bde Rifle Range carrying out competition practice. 10 Officers + 30 other ranks as working party to STRAZELLE. Applied working party to Area Command. Strength 29 Officers to 651 other ranks.</p>	J.M.

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METEREN AREA.	17 July 10.		Carried out Church Parades - different denominations attended at different places of worship. CAPT. A.G. CORMACK left unit for 4th Army Gas School - Lt A. LITTLE JOHN. MC. reported back to unit from 10th Corps Gas School. Lt. LWS. LOVEDAY. MC. reported back to unit from seconded, invalided and was posted to 'A' Coy. Strengths 30 Officers 660 other ranks.	
"	11		An carried out programme of training as per attached syllabus. - Besides standing working party with Area Commandant, METEREN. 1 Officer and 30 other ranks were supplied by the Bn for work at STRAZEELE. A Town request for METEREN consisting of 1 Officer and 20 other ranks was provided - Headquarters Officers attended at lecture given by General White at BAILLEUL on "Organisation of the Staff" - Lt J.H. STANGER reported back from 9th Course Corp Regior School - Platoon competition was carried out on Brigade Rifle Range to determine the best platoon in the Battalion won by No 15 Platoon 'D' Coy. Results attached.	Jym

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METEREN AREA	July	11.	A team picked from the Bn played the 15th Aust Inf Bn Rugby was defeated 8 to 2. Strength 31 Offs 669 o/r ranks	
	July	12.	Carried out Training as per Bn syllabus. - 8 Officers and 30 NCOs attended a lecture in Bde School Hall. METEREN Subject "Germans in Africa". Lt CE CLAYTON to UK leave. Lt L.N. LORD joined from Reinforcement and posted to 6 th Coy. Usual working party provided. Strength 32 Officers and 662 o/r ranks.	
		13	Carried out Training as per Bn syllabus. - Standing fatigue party provided. 2 Officers and 65 o/r ranks proceeded to Railway siding beyond BAILLEUL work unloading material. A team representing the Bn played the 2nd Aust Inf Bn Rugby League and defeated them 6 - Nil. Hon Capt + Q.M. D.G. OAKLEY. MC. returned from UK leave. Lt D. ROSS to UK leave. Strength 32 Offs 675 o/r ranks.	
	"	14	Training as per syllabus: a photograph was taken by the Official photographers of NCOs at and above the ranks of	S.M.

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METEREN AREA	July	14	<p>Corporal. A photograph was also taken of the Officers of the Battalion - Major A.F. BURRETT proceeded to TILQUES to take charge of a mustering party from each Battalion of the Brigade. - 8 Officers and 155 other ranks marched out from the Br with Capt G.E. BLAKE to proceed to TILQUES to carry out a General Mustering Course. - Lt. ACS. MASON proceeded on Lt leave. Strength 24 Officers. 510 other ranks.</p>	
"	"	15	<p>Training as per syllabus. - Working party provided for Area Commandant. Strength 23 Officers. 519 other ranks.</p>	
"	"	16	<p>Training as per syllabus. - Party of 2 Officers (Lts. Croll & Lallyjohn) and 50 other ranks left the Br as a working party for SEULE DUMP. Party of 20 other ranks under Lt STANGER left the Br for work at Kennebar Dump. - Lt A.W. BUTLER and his party from duty until 4 P.M. BAILLEUL reported back to unit. Strength 21 Officers 499 other ranks.</p>	<p>APM</p>

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METEREN AREA	July	17	Church services held. - Denominations attending different places of worship. - Lt C. J. McDonald left for H.K. leave. Lt. A. B. Symonds returned from Engineer School Baulent. - Capt A. G. CORMACK rejoined Bn from Corps Anti Gas School. Strength. 21 Officers. 499 other ranks.	
	"	18	Training as per syllabus. Field operations. Usual recreational training. - Lt. J. J. JARVIS rejoined unit from invalided - recorded. Strength. 22 Officers 498 other ranks.	
	"	19	Training as per syllabus. Battalion was packed at Bde Rifle range - into Coy competitions being carried out. Dr Sean departed Bn of 400 B by 31.5 N.I. Strength 23 Officers. 505 other ranks. Lt. L. M. LORD evacuated to hospital. Lt MAISEY rejoined unit from 1st A.D. Bde.	
	"	20	Training. Training as per syllabus - Field operations. Strength 24 Officers 514 other ranks.	

J.M.

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METEREN AREA	1918 July 21		<p>Training as per syllabus - Ofr ords work. - Working party for Area Commandant provided. 1 Ofr rank proceeded to Ingeon School Dullent. - the Q.M. and the second in command attended lecture in Bde School Hacc METEREN on "Economy in Government Stores". 2/Lt N.C. LE GGETT rejoined unit from Bde Signal School. Strength 24 Officers 514 Ofr ranks. -</p>	
	" 22		<p>Training as per syllabus - same working parties provided. Signalling personnel on Div Hqs increased. - Lt A.H. BUCKLEY rejoined unit from Aust Corps School. Strength 25 Officers 521 Ofr ranks. - Weather fine.</p>	
	" 23		<p>Weather fine. - Training. Companies were put through Brevet and bayonet training on Bde Rifle Range. Each company carrying out a technical scheme when moving to the range. MAJOR W.B. CARTER granted leave to AMIENS. Strength 25 Officers 525 Ofr ranks.</p>	
	" 24		<p>Weather fine. Bde Church parade held on 'B' Coy Brevet. Div marched past Brigades. -</p>	Lym

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METEREN AREA	1918 July 24		Personnel rejoined from Musketry Course at TILQUES with the exception of Lt. L.S. LOVE DRY. M.C. Strength. 25 Officers 219 other ranks.	
	" 25		Weather. Day wet. cold. Company inspection held. Gas training carried out. 10 Officers + 45 NCOs attended lecture in Bde school Hall delivered by Capt. Bles. on 'VERDUN' Lt. G. HAWKSHAW and personnel left unit for 2nd Army Musketry School, LUMBRES. MAJOR. W.B. CARTER reported to unit from here to AMIENS. - Strength. 31 Officers 669 other ranks	
	" 26		Parade held. Musters parade 2nd marching order held on 'B' Coy's parade ground. Lt. A. BOILEAU. M.C. reported back to unit from Bde school for duty. Lt. W. ELLIOTT posted to Bde school for duty. Order for move forward issued (Op. Order No 63 - 3 copies attached). Strength 31 Officers 653 other ranks.	

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ON MOVE	Feb 27	9 18	Battalion moved to MURRUMBIDGE CAMP De ZON Area today (2 copies of operation attached) Fine day. CAPT. C. HOWIE. Major A.F. BURRETT to PARIS on leave. after attending Council. Martial. Strength. 29. Off. 634 OR. LT AN BUCKLEY + 50 OR. Proceed to SPOIL BANK. in forward area forward under Area Commandant. Transport marched brigaded to N16 C19. LT. W. FELLIOTT to 1 st Brigade School for Instructional duty. (Sheet 28 SW)	
RIDGE WOOD CAMP RESERVE	Feb 28		Battalion moved from MURRUMBIDGE Camp to RIDGE WOOD CAMP. (N 5 a 99. Sheet 28 SW) and relieved 50 th Australian Infantry Battalion in Reserve. ^{in Northern SUB-SECTOR of COFFS FRONT.} Fine day. LT. LWS. LOVEDAY rejoined from huskery Party TILQUES. Strength. 25 Off 624 OR. Parties sent forward to reconnoitre route to front line. Battalion Ordered to be ready to move at 20 minutes notice.	Bm

Symore
Lt Colonel
Commanding

WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian Infantry Battalion

FOR

11
February 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Training Syllabus for period under 1 st Feb 1918 to 9 th Feb 1918 inclusive.
2	Training Syllabus for week ending 9 th Feb 1918.
3	Results of Galoon Competition (Batter).
4	Training Order No 1.
5	Training Syllabus for period 11/2/18 to 16/2/18 inclusive.
6	Training Order No 5
7	DO No 6.
8	DO No 7.
9	DO No 8.
10	Operation Order No 65.
11	Addenda ^{No 1} to above.
12	Operation Order No 64.
13	Annual General Musketry Exercise Syllabus
14	Syllabus of training for week ending 28/2/18
15	Ditto for week ending 2/3/18
16	Operation ^{Order} No 60
17	DO No 61
18	Addenda ^{No 1} to O.D. No 61.
19	Operation Order No 62.
20	Quartermasters Report for Feb 1918
21	Regt. Medical Officers <i>ditto.</i>



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3rd AUSTRALIAN BATTALION - TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD
1st FEBRUARY to 9th FEBRUARY 1917 INCLUSIVE.

- 1st FEBRUARY.) To be at disposal of Company Commanders for cleaning
2nd ") up - re-organisation - and Gas Helmet inspection.
Baths - if available.
- SUNDAY.
3rd FEBRUARY - Church Parade - time and place to be notified later.
- MONDAY.
4th FEBRUARY. - 9 a.m. Battalion Parade - C.O.'s inspection.
9.30 - 10.30 - Route March by Companies - drill
Order.
10.30 - 12.30 - Section - Platoon Close Order Drill
and Rifle Exercises.
2 p.m. - 3.30 - Recreational Training.
- TUESDAY.
5th FEBRUARY. - a.m.
9 - 10. - Route March by Coys. - Drill Order.
10 - 11. - Close Order Drill - Platoon and
Company to include Gas Helmet Drill.
11 - 12.30 - Bayonet Exercises - Dummy Bomb
Throwing.
p.m.
2 - 3.30 - Recreational Training.
- WEDNESDAY.
6th FEBRUARY. - a.m.
9 - 10 - Route March by Coys - Drill Order.
10 - 11 - Section and Platoon close order Drill
and Rifle Exercises.
11 - 12.30 - Musketry Exercise - Dummy ammunition
loading practice - L.M.G. training.
Afternoon. - Half holiday.
- THURSDAY.
7th FEBRUARY. - a.m.
9 - 10 - Company Close Order Drill.
10 - 10.30 - Bayonet Fighting.
10.30 - 11.30 - Battalion Drill.
11.30 - 12.30 - Route March by Coys - Drill Order.
p.m.
2 - 3.30 - Recreational Training.
- FRIDAY.
8th FEBRUARY. - a.m.
9 - 10 - Route March by Coys - Drill Order.
10 - 12.30 - Bomb Throwing.
Musketry practice.
Rapid loading (dummy)
Muscle Exercises.
L.M.G. Training.
p.m.
2 - 3.30 - Recreational Training.
- SATURDAY.
9th FEBRUARY. - a.m.
9 - 10 - Route March by Coys - Drill Order.
10 - 11.30 - Section - platoon and Company Close
Order Drill - to include Gas Helmet
Drill.
11.30 - 12.30 - C.O.'s inspection and Battalion Drill.
p.m.
2 - 3.30 - Recreational Training.

SIGNALLERS. - Commencing on Wednesday 6th February
all Company Signallers will report
to Battalion Signalling Officer at
a place to be arranged, and carry
out a Syllabus of Training.

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3rd Aust. Battalion - Training Syllabus for period 1st to 9th Feb. 1918.

INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS.

- All Intelligence Sections will report to Battalion Intelligence Officer commencing 6th February at a place to be arranged and carry out a Syllabus of Training.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING.

- The aim of recreational training is to induce every man to take part and not allow recreation to become the entertainment of the crowd by a few specialist Athletes. To secure this - men not taking part in recreational training during the afternoon, except on special occasions, will be detailed to carry on ordinary military training. The object of recreational training is
 1st - To improve the men's physical and mental condition.
 2nd - To entertain the troops.
 Footballs and Football Jerseys will be issued to each Company and Headquarters, and this sport will take a prominent place in training - Cross country runs will also be included.

LECTURES.

- Company and Platoon Commanders will deliver Lectures on Divisional Standing Orders and Trench Standing Orders to their Companies. Lectures by Senior Officers will be notified later.

ROUTINE.

- REVEILLE. 7 a.m. - BREAKFAST. 7.30. - DINNER. 12.45 p.m. - FIRST POST. 8.30p.m. TATTOO. 9.p.m. - LIGHTS OUT. 9.15 p.m. - SICK PARADE will be notified later.

B. Howie
 Capt. & Adjutant.
 3rd Australian Battalion.

ISSUED TO -

- Copy No. 1 - Brigade Hd.Q's.
- 2 - "A" Coy.
- 3 - "B" "
- 4 - "C" "
- 5 - "D" "
- 6 - C.O. "
- 7.8. & 9. - War Diary.
- 10 - Sig. Officer.
- 11 - Intelligence Officer.
- 12 - M.O.
- 13. - File.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS for week ending - 9th February 1918.
-----Battalion Headquarters,
3rd February 1918.

Cancel previous Syllabus in the following detail, and substitute -

Hours of Training will remain unaltered -

MORNING - 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
AFTERNOON - 2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. or as long
as desired.WEDNESDAY afternoon will be a half
holiday.(a) General.

Platoons are to be at the disposal of Platoon Commanders for the special training of Sections and Section Commanders in the following subjects:-

- (i) Rifle exercises and squad drill.
- (ii) Elementary Musketry (vide Musketry Regs. Part I, Chapter III and Chapter IV).
- (iii) Bayonet Fighting.
- (iv) Lewis Gun, Bombs and Rifle Grenades, ensuring that every man has working knowledge of each of these weapons.
- (v) Night Training. To take place for a short period on two nights - Firstly, simple night exercise on stars and in seeing and locating of parties. Secondly, counter patrolling work, making the latter as interesting as possible.
- (vi) Gas Drill.
- (vii) Lectures on Divisional Standing Orders and Trench Standing Orders.

(b) Special.

(1) The whole Company will Parade under Company Commander for a few minutes at 9. a.m. and again for a few minutes brisk close order drill prior to dismissal at 12.30 p.m.

(ii) There will be a Battalion Route March in full marching order on February 8th - route and times to be notified later.

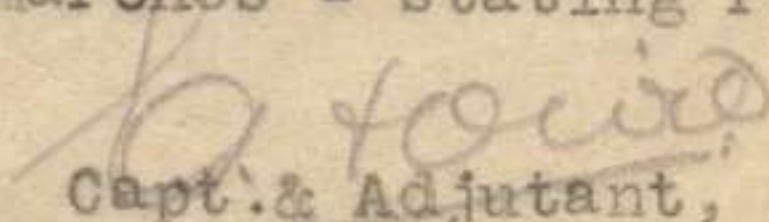
Short, brisk marches, not exceeding 3 miles, in drill order, will be carried out by Companies every alternate day commencing 4th February.

(iii) Physical training will be interspersed throughout each morning's work.

(iv) The Battalion will parade on Battalion Parade Ground ("A" Company's billet X. H. D. 9.1) at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 6th inst.

MODEL PLATOON - ^{Platoon} ~~Company~~ Commanders will select by 8th inst its best Platoon. From these 4 Platoons the Battalion Model Platoon will be selected on 9th inst.RIFLE RANGE. - Will be available on 9th inst - particulars later.

Company Commanders will forward to reach Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on 4th inst their Training programme, using the above Syllabus as a basis. Company Commanders will also furnish a Syllabus as regards Route Marches - stating routes, times etc.


 Capt. & Adjutant,
 3rd Australian Battalion.
DISTRIBUTION- No. 1 - Bde. H. Qrs. - No. 2. "A" Coy. - No. 3. - "B" Coy.
No. 4. - "C" Coy. - No. 5 - "D" Coy. - No. 6 - C.O. - Nos. 7. 8. & 9 - War Diary.
"10. - Sig. Off. - No. 11 - Intell. Off. - No. 12. - M.O. - No. 13 - File.

Appendix 2.

*War diary*BATTALION. COMPETITION.③ APPENDIX 2
12/2/1918.

WINNING PLATOON

- No. 15 Platoon, "D" Company,
Lieut. NIXON.

2nd. Place.

- No. 9 Platoon, "C" Company,
Lieut. ELLIOTT.

3rd. Place.

- No. 7 Platoon, "B" Company,
Lieut. DESBOIS.

4th. Place.

- No. 1 Platoon, "A" Company,
Lieut. LEGGETT.-----
R E S U L T S.

	"A".	"B".	"C".	"D".
Hits.	140.	170.	209.	215.
Reductions for firing after cease fire.	<u>2.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>4.</u>
	138.	158.	207.	211.
Bayonet Discs.	88.	92.	84.	88.
Appearance, Style in advance and bayonet work.	<u>41.</u>	<u>34.</u>	<u>37.</u>	<u>45.</u>
TOTALS.	<u><u>267.</u></u>	<u><u>284.</u></u>	<u><u>328.</u></u>	<u><u>344.</u></u>

*Browne*Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

Appendix 4

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION TRAINING ORDER NO. 1. APPENDIX 4

Battalion Headquarters,
15th. February, 1918.

1. The Battalion will parade on "A" Company's ^{PARADE} ground tomorrow, Saturday 16th. inst., at 9.30 a.m.
2. The Battalion will be organised for instructional purposes in One Company.
 Company Commander - Capt. L.R.H. HIGGINBOTHAM.
 2nd. in Command - S.P.P. WHITE.
 Each Company will organise their commands into a platoon. The senior Officer to Command, and remainder allotted to sections.
3. DRESS. Drill order. Whistles, field glasses, compasses, and message books to be carried by Officers and N.C.Os.
 Leather Jerkins and gloves to be worn. Waterproof sheets to be carried.
 Officers to whom chargers are issued will be mounted.
4. As this organisation will be maintained for training next week

"A"	Company	will form	No.1	Platoon.
"B"	"	"	" 2	"
"C"	"	"	" 3	"
"D"	"	"	" 4	"

 Platoons will be named in Training Orders instead of Companies.
5. Each platoon will carry one Lewis Gun unless otherwise ordered.
6. Stretcher bearers will parade with platoons, with stretchers and medical equipment, and will receive special training.
7. Companies will send their signallers to report to Battalion Signal Officer as usual.
8. Each Company will detail 2 observers to report to Battalion Intelligence Officer at Battalion Headquarters at 9 a.m. tomorrow Saturday 16th. inst.
9. The work tomorrow will be Advanced Guards.
 The Company will form the Van Guard to a Battalion.
10. Companies will hand in a state on Parade Ground showing duty of all ranks borne on ration strength.

J. Taylor
Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Australian Battalion.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION - TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD MONDAY 11th. FEBRUARY - 16th. FEBRUARY, 1918, INCLUSIVE.

Appendix 5

HOURS OF TRAINING.

9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Recreational Training will be carried out from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. with the exception of WEDNESDAY, which is a half-holiday.

- MONDAY. PLATOON TRAINING. Platoon in attack and patrolling.
- TUESDAY. Competition for best platoon in Battalion, and demonstration by winning platoon. NIGHT TRAINING.
- WEDNESDAY. Battalion Route March.
- THURSDAY. Platoon training. Protection on the move. NIGHT TRAINING.
- FRIDAY. Platoon training. Protection on the move.
- SATURDAY. Demonstration by Model Platoon.
- SPECIAL. The whole Company will parade under Company Commander for a few minutes at 9 a.m., and again for a few minutes brisk close order drill prior to dismissal at 12.30 p.m.

Short brisk marches, not exceeding 3 miles, will be carried out by companies on TUESDAY and THURSDAY

Physical training will be interspersed throughout every morning's work.

OBSERVERS. 2 observers per Company will report to Intelligence Corporal at Battalion Headquarters at 9.20 a.m. daily and carry out a syllabus of training.

SIGNALLERS. All Company Signallers and Supernumerary Signallers will report to Battalion Signal Officer at Battalion Headquarters at 9.20 a.m. daily and carry out a syllabus of training.

LECTURES. Company and Platoon Commanders will deliver lectures on Divisional Standing Orders and Trench Standing Orders to their companies and platoons. Lectures by Senior Officers will be notified.

<u>ROUTINE</u> -	REVEILLE -	7 a.m.
	BREAKFAST -	7.30 a.m.
	DINNER -	12.45 p.m.
	FIRST POST -	8.30 p.m.
	TATTOO -	9 p.m.
	LIGHTS OUT -	9.15 p.m.
	SICK PARADE -	as notified.

D. Howie
Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

ISSUED TO.

No. 1	Copy	-	Brigade.	No. 10	Copy	-	Sig. Officer.
" 2	"	-	"A" Company.	" 11	"	-	Intell. Officer.
" 3	"	-	"B" "	" 12	"	-	M.O.
" 4	"	-	"C" "	" 13	"	-	File.
" 5	"	-	"D" "				
" 6	"	-	C.O.				
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3rd. BATTALION A.I.F. TRAINING ORDER NO. 5.

APPENDIX 6

Battalion Headquarters,
19th. February, 1918.

1. A tactical scheme in attack and defence will be carried out tomorrow, 20th. inst., near Brigade Rifle Range.
2. "A", "B", & "D" Companies will pass starting point - Cross Roads METEREN (near Church) at 0915.
Route - METEREN - 1a MANCHE Road.
"C" Company will parade at Battalion Q.M.Store at 0930. O.C.
"C" Company will report to Major CARTER on arrival.
3. No ball ammunition will be carried. A certificate that rifles and pouches have been examined by an Officer will be rendered with parade state.
4. All available dummy ammunition will be carried on this parade. Parade to be as strong as possible.
5. Companies will arrange for a supply of hot water to be available on return of Companies to billets, and that rifles are cleaned, and the water run through the barrels.

Browne
Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION TRAINING ORDER NO.6.

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REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 27 S.E.Battalion Headquarters,
20th. February, 1918.

1. Battalion Route March will take place tomorrow the 21st. inst.
2. STARTING POINT. Cross Roads at "D" Company's Headquarters (X.22.a.15.15. then past "D" Company's mess billet (X.22.c.30.45.)
3. TIME. To pass starting point at 9.30 a.m.
4. DRESS. Full marching order - 120 rounds S.A.A. Lewis Guns will not be carried. Tin hats will not be worn.
- CLASSES. Special classes will be continued as usual under Battalion Intelligence Officer and Signalling Officer.
- 4 Lewis Gunners per Company will report to Sgt. LOIT at Battalion Orderly Room at 9 a.m. tomorrow for instruction in S.A.A. Lewis Gunnery.
- Stretcher bearers will parade with stretchers & medical equipment at "B" Company at 9.30 a.m.

B. H. W. G.
Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Australian Battalion.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION TRAINING ORDER NO. 7.

APPENDIX 8

Battalion Headquarters,
22nd. February, 1918.

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Training in the use of the rifle will be continued on Brigade Rifle Range, tomorrow 23rd. inst.

- 2. "D" Company ~~xxx~~ to be on Range at 9 a.m.
- 3. "A", "B", and "C" Companies will each carry out a short tactical scheme on their way to the Range arriving in order

"B" Company	-	10 a.m.
"C" "	-	10.30 a.m.
"A" "	-	11 a.m.

A copy of the scheme to be carried out will be sent to Battalion Headquarters by ~~1900~~ to-day.

"D" Company will carry out similar training on return march from Range and will also submit scheme as above.

- 4. SPECIALISTS. All specialist training will be suspended for the day, and specialists will parade with their Companies (i.e. A.A. Gunners, Stretcher bearers, and Company Signallers)

H.Q. Signal Section, and Battalion Intelligence personnel will parade with "A" Company - Dress - Drill Order.

- 5. BAND. Band will continue to practice, but will parade with drill order and rifle on Brigade Rifle Range at 11 a.m.

G. Towse
Capt. & Adjutant.

3rd. Australian Battalion.

APPENDIX 9

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION TRAINING ORDER NO. 8.

Battalion Headquarters,
24th. February, 1918.

Reference Syllabus of Training for week ending, 2/3/1918.
Date 25th. Route march.

"STARTING POINT" - "Delete Baths, MOOLENACKER" and substitute
Companies will parade at "B" Company's billet at 9.25 a.m.
Dress - Full marching order. Tin hat to be carried.
Blankets will not be carried.

Signallers will parade as usual adhering to their training
programme. All other specialists will be on route march.

Parades to be as strong as possible.

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Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. Australian Battalion.

The Commanding Officer desires to meet all Officers at
"A" Company's H.Q. at 7.30 p.m. tomorrow night the 25th.
inst.

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 REFERENCE MAP
 SHEET 28 S.W. & SHEET 27 S.E.

Battalion Headquarters,
 26th. February, 1918.

1. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the Northern Sub-Sector of the Corps Front on the night February 28th/March 1st.
2. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Battalion will be in reserve and will move by route march to reserve position as under
 - 27th. inst. - MURRUMBIDGEE Camp. (N.7.a.3.6.)
 - 28th. inst. - RIDGEWOOD Camp.
 Instructions for move on 28th. inst., will be issued later.

3. ORDER OF MARCH. Band, Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" & "D" Companies and Transport. Distances of 100 yards will be maintained between Companies and Transport. A distance of 25 yards will be maintained between each group of 6 vehicles. 500 yards distance between Battalions.

STARTING POINT. Road junction X.4.a.6.6. (Sheet 27 S.E.1-20,000)

TIME. 9.25 a.m.

ROUTE. Cross Roads R.35.c.5.9. (Sheet 27 S.E) thence via LA MANCHE, MONT NOIR, and SCHERPENBERG to destination.

DRESS. Full marching order with steel helmet.

BAGGAGE. Blankets will be neatly rolled in bundles of 10, properly labelled, and will be stacked at each Company's Headquarters by 7.15 a.m. on 27th. inst.

Officers' valises, Company Stationery and Company Mess Boxes will be stacked at same place and time.

SICK. Nominal roll of all sick men unable to march to be sent to Battalion Headquarters by NOON on 26th. inst.

ADVANCE PARTY. O.C. "B" Company will detail 1 Officer, and each Company and Battalion Headquarters 1 N.C.O. to proceed to MURRUMBIDGEE Camp on 26th. inst. To assemble at Battalion Headquarters at NOON on that date.

BILLETS. Billets and horse lines will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. Particular attention to be paid to Cookhouses, latrines, and dumps. A certificate of cleanliness will be obtained from relieving Unit and handed to Adjutant at starting point. Certificate that no claims are outstanding will be handed to Adjutant at same time.

REAR PARTY. Rear party of 2 other ranks will remain in billets to ensure their cleanliness. O.C. "C" Company will detail an Officer to collect this party. Officer to report to Adjutant at NOON to-day for instructions.

4. REPORTS. On march to head of column; Battalion Headquarters, on completion of march.

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 Capt. & Adjutant,
 3rd. Australian Battalion.

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6	"	Headquarters.
7	"	File.
8, 9 & 10	"	War Diary.
11.	"	R.M.O.
12.	"	A.M.
13.	"	Transport Officer.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION - OPERATION ORDER NO. 64.

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 28 S.W. 1-20,000.

Battalion Headquarters,
27th. February, 1918.

1. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Battalion will resume the march to RIDGE WOOD Camp tomorrow, 28th. instant.

2. ORDER OF MARCH. "C", "D", "B", H.Q., and "A".

DISTANCES. Distances of 100 yards to be maintained between Companies and Transport, with 25 yards between each group of 6 vehicles.

STARTING POINT. N.7.a.8.2.

TIME. 9.15 a.m.

ROUTE. Via HALLEBAST CORNER and N.10.b.8.5.

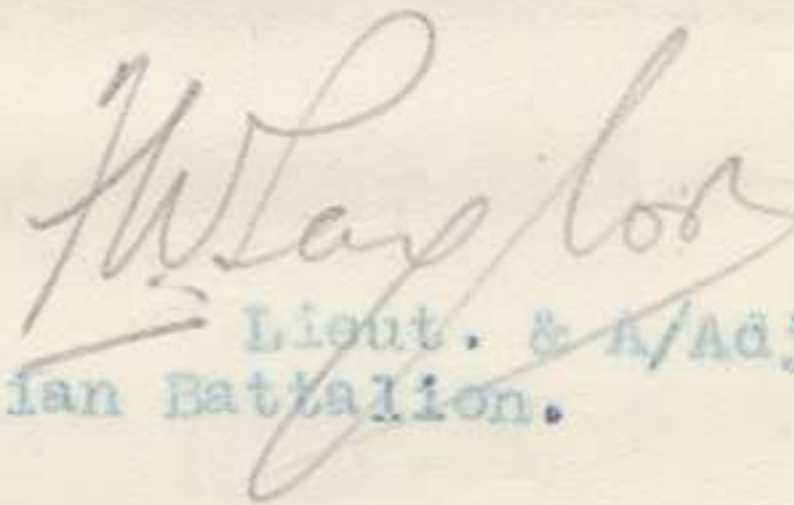
DRESS. Full marching order with steel helmet.

BAGGAGE. Blankets will be neatly rolled in bundles of 10, properly labelled, and will be stacked at junction of duckboard track and road at 7.30 a.m. on 28th. inst. Company stationery and Company mess boxes will be stacked at same time and place. Officers' valises at same place at 8 a.m.

HUTS. Huts and lines will be left in scrupulously clean condition.

REAR PARTY. O.C. "B" Company will detail 1 Officer, and each Company will detail 2 other ranks to remain in camp as rear party to ensure the cleanliness of the lines and obtain a certificate to that effect from incoming unit. O.C. Rear Party will also hand over defence scheme and obtain receipt for same.

3. REPORTS. Reports on march to head of column; Battalion Headquarters on completion of march.



Lieut. & A/Adjutant.
3rd. Australian Battalion.

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6	"	"	File.
7	"	"	Brigade.
8, 9 & 10	"	"	War Diary.
11	"	"	R.M.O.
12	"	"	Q.M.
13.	"	"	Transport Officer.

No.	Target.	Practice. Part I.	Dis- tance.	Rounds.	Instructions.	Standard. (see Note E - 1.)
1. *	2nd. Class Elementary (Bulls-eye.)	Grouping.	100.	5.	Lying. Firing over cover.	4 shots in 12-inch circle.
2. *	2nd. Class Figure.	Application.	200.	5.	Lying. Firing over cover.	5 shots on target or 10 points.
<u>Part III.</u>						
13. *	2nd. Class Figure.	Application.	200.	5	Standing taking cover as in 7.	
14. *	Ditto.	Rapid.	200.	10.	Standing taking cover as in 7. Rifle to be loaded and 4 rounds in magazine and pouch buttoned, before the word "rapid fire" is given, loading from pouch afterwards. Time 45 seconds.	
15. *	Ditto.	Application.	300.	5.	Standing taking cover as in 7.	
16. *	Ditto.	Rapid.	300.	15.	Standing taking cover as in 7. Rifle to be loaded and 4 rounds in magazine, and pouch buttoned, before the word "rapid fire" is given, loading by 5 rounds from the pouch afterwards. Time 1 minute.	
17.	1st. Class Figure.	Application.	400.	5.	Lying. Taking cover behind stones or sandbags and firing round them with the side of the rifle only rested.	
18.	Ditto.	Rapid.	400.	5.	Lying as in 17. Rifle to be loaded and 4 rounds in magazine and pouch buttoned before the word "rapid fire" is given. Time. 50 seconds.	
19. *	Figure 3. (Silhouette.)	Snapshooting.	200.	5.	As in 12. Exposure 4. seconds.	

2. CLASSIFICATION.

All ranks will be classified on scores made in Part III.
as follows :-

Those who obtain 125 points and upwards -	Marksman.
Those who obtain 90 points and less than 125 points	1st. Class shots.
Those who obtain 55 points and less than 90 points	2nd. Class shots.
Those who fail to obtain 55 points	3rd. Class shots.

3. DRESS.

The course will be fired in marching order without packs.

* Bayonet fixed.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK
23rd. FEBRUARY, 1918.

ENDING

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HOURS OF TRAINING.

9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Recreational Training will be carried out from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. with the exception of WEDNESDAY, which is a half-holiday.

The Battalion will form up at 9.30 a.m. as follows :-

<u>MONDAY 18/2/18.</u>	"A" Company's Parade Ground.
<u>Tuesday 19/2/18.</u>	"B" " " "
<u>WEDNESDAY 20/2/18.</u>	"C" " " "
<u>THURSDAY 21/2/18.</u>	"D" " " "

<u>MONDAY.</u>	Advanced Guards.
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	Company in defence - patrolling.
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>	Company in defence and counter attacks. NIGHT OPERATIONS.
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	Company in attack.
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	Route march. NIGHT OPERATIONS.
<u>SATURDAY.</u>	Inspection and march past.
<u>SPECIAL.</u>	Physical training will be interspersed throughout every morning's work.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION. Intelligence personnel of Companies will receive special instruction by Battalion Intelligence Officer daily. These men will parade with Companies at Battalion Parade.

SIGNALLERS. All Company Signallers and Supernumerary Signallers will report to Battalion Signal Officer at Battalion Headquarters at 9.20 a.m. daily and carry out a syllabus of training.

STRETCHER BEARERS. Stretcher bearers will parade daily at Battalion parade with stretchers and medical equipment complete.

<u>ROUTINE.</u>	REVELLE	-	7 a.m.
	BREAKFAST	-	7.30 a.m.
	DINNER	-	12.45 p.m.
	FIRST POST	-	8.30 p.m.
	TATTOO	-	9 p.m.
	LIGHTS OUT	-	9.15 p.m.
	SICK PARADE	-	as notified.

B. Howard
Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

ISSUED TO.

No. 1	Copy	- "A" Company.	No. 8	Copy	- Brigade.
2	"	- "B" "	9	"	- Sign Officer.
3	"	- "C" "	10, 11 & 12		- War Diary.
4.	"	- "D" "	13.		- Intell. Officer.
5.	"	- C.O.	14.		- File.
6.	"	- M.O.			
7.	"	- Major Garter.			

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION - FOR WEEK ENDING 2.3.1918.

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 REFERENCE MAPS - Parts of Sheets
 27 S.E. - 36a N.E. - 1-20,000.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
25th.	9.30 a.m.	3rd. Battalion.	-	March discipline - Route march.	Starting point - Baths, MOOLENACKER. Route
	12-12.30.		Billets.	Training in the use of the rifle (rapid loading)	Dress - Full marching order. Dummy ammunition.
26th.	9.30 a.m.	3rd. Bn.	"A" Company's parade ground, thence to selected ground for exercise.	Company in defence - the counter attack. Fire effect and fire discipline.	Rapid fire with dummy ammunition will form a feature of this tactical exercise.
27th.	9.30 a.m.	3rd. Bn.	"B" Company's parade ground, thence to selected ground.	Company in attack. Training in use of rifle.	Dummy ammunition. Night operations.
28th.	9.30 a.m.	3rd. Bn.		Route march.	
1st.	9.30 a.m.	3rd. Bn.	Brigade Rifle Range.	Demonstration by model platoon, and practice by remaining platoons.	To illustrate the value of the weapon of the infantryman - the rifle and bayonet.

P.T.O.

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DEFENCE AGAINST GAS.

Training in Gas Defence Measures will be interspersed between other training.

Special classes will be continued as follows :-

- (1) Signallers at Battalion Headquarters.
- (2) Intelligence personnel at Baths, MOOLENACKER. H.Qrs. Section and 6 O/R. per Company.
- (3) Lewis Gunners for A.A. Instruction - 4 O/R per Company.
- (4) Stretcher bearers - 6 per Company.
- (5) Raiders.

Dummy ammunition will be carried on all parades.

Afternoons will be devoted to Recreational Training.

Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Australian Battalion.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN BATTALION - OPERATION ORDER NO. 60.

Battalion Headquarters,
11th. February, 1918.

1. BATTALION COMPETITION.

The Competition to decide the best platoon will be carried out tomorrow, 12th. inst., at Brigade Rifle Range at 10 a. m.

The teams to be on range and O.C. to report to Adjutant by 10 a.m.

2. The remainder of Battalion will carry out a brisk march and form up on Rifle Range at 10.15 a.m. Markers to report to Adjutant as Companies move on to the Range.

3. Signallers and Observers will report for special instruction as usual.

4. All stretcher bearers will report to Cp. SARKY at "B" Company's Orderly Room at 9.30 a.m. Stretchers and medical haversacks to be carried.

5. All Officers and W.C.Os., of the Battalion will be on the Brigade Rifle Range at 11.15 a.m. tomorrow to be photographed by the Official Photographer.

6. SICK PARADE.

"A" Company & H.Q.	at Aid Post at	8.15 a.m.
"B" & "D" Coys.	at "D" Company at	9.45 a.m.
"C" Company	at "C" Company at	12 Noon.

W. Layton
Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

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	6,7&8	"	-	War Diary.
	9	"	-	C.O.
	10.	"	-	Q.M.
	11.	"	-	Transport Officer.
	12.	"	-	File.

Battalion Headquarters,
 12th. February, 1918.

War diary
PERSONNEL.

Parties as detailed herewith will proceed under Capt. G.E. BLAKE to TIHQUES to carry out a general musketry course on 14th. inst.

Companies will detail the following personnel:-

Capt. G.E. BLAKE

Lieut. L.W.S. LOVEDAY M.C.

" - H.H. FERGUSSON

" - J.S. NIXON

2nd. Lieut. D.R. DESBOIS

"B" company - 1 Officer

"C" - " - 1 "

"A" Company 37 Other ranks and 1 cook.

"B" " 37 " " (including 1 runner) and 1 cook.

"C" " 37 " " and 1 cook.

"D" " 37 " " (including No. 15 Platoon) and 1 cook.

H.Qrs. 3 " " (including 1 runner & bicycle) and 1 pioneer.

Each Company will include three competent musketry instructors.

All personnel, except those chosen for instructional purposes, should be indifferent shots.

2. STARTING POINT. Estaminet at Cross Roads ("D" Company's H.Qrs.) Personnel from each Company and Headquarters will be at this point at 11 a.m. on 14th. inst.

3. ADVANCE PARTY. The cooks and 1 pioneer as detailed and the Q.M.'s (Lieut. L.W.S. LOVEDAY, M.C.) batman will report to B.O.R. at 6.15 a.m. ^{13th inst} to proceed on lorries leaving at 6.30 a.m. ^{13th inst} Dress - Full marching order.

4. DRESS, BAGGAGE. Full marching order, plus one blanket. Extra blanket will be neatly rolled in bundles of 10 at each company's H.Qrs., by 3 p.m. 13th. inst., properly labelled and will be called for by Transport.

Officers' valises to be ready at same place and same time.

Transport Officer will arrange that these are stored at Battalion Q.M. Store by 5 p.m. on 13th. inst.

Q.M. will arrange that sufficient dixies for cooking purposes, and 300 rounds of dummy ammunition be stored at Battalion Q.M. Store by 5 p.m. on 13th. inst.

5. TRANSPORT OF BAGGAGE. Transport Officer will arrange that sufficient limbers be sent to Battalion Q.M. Store to transport blankets, dixies, and Officers' kit to Brigade Headquarters by 6.15 a.m. on 14th. inst.

6. REAR PARTY. "A" Company will detail a party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to be at Battalion Q.M. Store at 5.45 a.m. on 14th. inst., to load limbers and unload into mechanical transport at Brigade Headquarters.

7. NOMINAL ROLLS. Nominal rolls of personnel detailed, including Advance Party, to be sent to Battalion Orderly Room by 12 NOON on 13th. inst.

8. RATIONS. Rations will be taken up to and including 15th. inst. Q.M. will arrange that rations for 15th. inst., will be sent to Brigade Headquarters with cooking gear, etc.

9. RIFLE INSPECTION. The personnel as detailed will report at the following times to Battalion Armourer at Q.M. Store on 15th. inst.
 "A" Coy. - 9 a.m., "B" Coy. - 9.30 a.m., "C" Coy. - 10 a.m.
 "D" Coy. - 10.30 a.m.

Redwood
 Capt. & Adjutant.
 3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

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5	...	Q.M.
6	...	Transport Officer.
7	...	File.
8	...	Major Burrett.
9, 10, & 11	...	War Diary.
12	...	C.O.
13	...	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

Each company will include three competent marksmen...

All personnel, except those chosen for instructional purposes, should be instructed...

Personnel at Cross Roads (Company's B. Co.) Personnel from each company and headquarters will be at this point at 11 a.m. on 15th. Inst.

The code and I. cipher as detailed in the 1st (Inst.) ...

is to be prepared on forms located at 2.30 a.m. on 15th. Inst.

will be ready for use by 3 p.m. on 15th. Inst. and will be packed for transport.

Officers' rifles to be ready at same place and same time.

Transport Officer will arrange that these are stored at Battalion ... store by 5 p.m. on 15th. Inst.

will arrange that sufficient blankets for cooking purposes, and 500 rounds of dummy ammunition be stored at Battalion ... store by 5 p.m. on 15th. Inst.

Transport Officer will arrange that sufficient blankets be sent to Battalion ... store to transport blankets, boxes, and canteens, etc. to Brigade Headquarters by 6.15 a.m. on 16th. Inst.

"A" Company will detail a party of 1 B.C.O. and 10 men to be at Battalion ... store at 5.15 a.m. on 15th. Inst.

to load blankets and packed into mechanical transport at Brigade Headquarters.

Personal notes of personnel detailed, including advances left, to be sent to Battalion Messy Room by 12 noon on 15th. Inst.

Blankets will be taken up to and including 15th. Inst.

will arrange that rations for 15th. Inst. will be sent to Brigade Headquarters with cooking gear, etc.

The personnel as detailed will report at the following times to Battalion Headquarters at ... store on 15th. Inst.

"A" Coy. - 5 a.m. - 100 men ...

"B" Coy. - 5.30 a.m. - 100 men ...

"C" Coy. - 6.00 a.m. - 100 men ...

"D" Coy. - 6.30 a.m. - 100 men ...

Q.M. - 6.45 a.m. - 100 men ...

Transport Officer - 7.00 a.m. - 100 men ...

File - 7.15 a.m. - 100 men ...

Major Burrett - 7.30 a.m. - 100 men ...

War Diary - 7.45 a.m. - 100 men ...

C.O. - 8.00 a.m. - 100 men ...

1st Aust. Inf. Bde. - 8.15 a.m. - 100 men ...

APPENDIX/8

REFERENCE OPERATION ORDER NO. 61. OF 12.2.18.ADDENDA NO. 1.Battalion Headquarters,
12th. February, 1918.

His diary

delete Para. 2. "STARTING POINT" and substitute
STARTING POINT will be X.15.d.66. (Sheet 27 S.E.)

The Crossing of BAILLEUL and OUTERSEINE Roads.

Personnel from each company and Headquarters will
pass this point at 12.25 p.m. on the 14th. inst.

Main body will pass Brigade Starting point (2nd.
Battalion H.Q.) at 12.45 p.m. in the following order, 2nd. Battalion,
1st. Battalion, 3rd. Battalion.

Staff Captain will act as Entraining Officer, BAILLEUL

Main party will detrain at ARQUES and proceed by
route march to THIAUMES.

B. Howie

Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

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REFERENCE SHEET 36 - 1/40,000.
" " 28 - 1/40,000.

Battalion Headquarters,
15th. February, 1918.

1. PERSONNEL.

Working parties detailed as under will relieve similar parties of the 2nd. Battalion as shown, on 16th. instant.
"A" Company will detail 10 O/R. (to include 1 cook)
"C" " " " " Lieut. A. LITTLEJOHN M.C.
and 15 O/R.
"D" " " " " Lieut. A. J. S. CROLL and 25 O/R.
(to include 1 cook)
to form a composite party of 2 Officers and 50 other ranks, with Lieut. A. J. S. CROLL in charge.
"B" Company will detail 1 Officer & 20 O/R. (20 includes 1 Cook)
(Lieut. J. R. STANGER.)

2. RELIEFS.

Lieut. A. J. S. CROLL'S party will relieve 2nd. Battalion party at de SEULE DUMP at B.1.b.3.6. Sheet 36.
Lieut. J. R. STANGER'S party will relieve party of 2nd. Battalion at de KENNEDY R.E. DUMP at T.3.b.2.2. Sheet 28.
Reliefs to be completed by 12 NOON.

Officers in charge of parties will take over work from 2nd. Battalion parties and will ensure that there is no loss of continuity thereof.

3. STARTING POINT.

Lieut. CROLL'S party will assemble at starting point, "D" Company's Headquarters, in time to move off at 10.30 a.m.
Lieut. STANGER'S party will pass same starting point at 9.30 a.m.

4. DRESS.

Lieut. CROLL'S party - full marching order.
Lieut. STANGER'S party - full marching order.

5. BLANKETS.

Blankets of Lieut. CROLL'S party will be rolled in bundles of 10 properly labelled. To be stacked at Headquarters of each Company concerned at 9 a.m. Officers' valises at same time and places.

Blankets of Lieut. STANGER'S party will be rolled in bundles of 10 properly labelled and stacked with Officer's valise at "B" Company's Headquarters at 8 a.m.

6. RATIONS.

Unexpired portion of days ration, plus 24 hours rations, which will be drawn in bulk for each party and placed on respective transport by the Q.M.
Companies will arrange for sufficient cooking gear for their quotas to be dumped with blankets.

7. TRANSPORT.

Transport Officer will arrange to collect rations as above at Q.M. Store, and to collect blankets and kit of each party as in para. 5. Transport will march with the party to which it is allotted, and return immediately after reaching destination.

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Capt. & Adjutant.
3rd. Australian Battalion.

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- No. 7 " - Q.M., " 8 " - Transport Officer, No. 9 Copy - File.
- Nos. 10, 11 & 12 Copies - War Diary, No. 13 Copy - C.O.

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
METEREN	14/2/18		<p>The Bⁿ was at Meteren on my rejoining from leave to LtK. The billets were in good condition, but rather scattered. Supplies were drawn at Meteren from No. 2. Coy. A.A.S.C. Ordnance stores were drawn from 1st Div. D.A.D.O.S. situated at 524 C. (Sheet 28). During this time the Bⁿ was re-equipped & all technical stores lost or rendered unserviceable during the last tour in line were replaced. Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining Aust. Pattern clothing especially hats. Generally speaking the rations have been good, in particular the bread ration, vegetables especially potatoes have been scarce but these were supplemented by local purchases from Canteen funds, puddings were made for the men almost daily from ground biscuits and dried fruit etc.</p>	
	21/2/18		<p>I attended a lecture at Meteren on "Economy in Government Stores" and was greatly impressed by the great saving which can be effected through salvage & care of stores on charge to the Bⁿ.</p>	
	22/2/18		<p>The R. Q. M. S. left for Australia.</p>	

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Meteren	22/2/18		The Transport lines were good in this area although the approach to the horse and wagon lines was rather muddy. The horses improved very much during this spell there and the feed was much improved by mixing oats with chaff as a chaff cutter had been purchased on moving into Meteren. The harness and steel work was in excellent condition.	
	27/2/18		The B th marched out from Meteren to Murrumbidgee Camp at N7 A 2.6 (Sheet 28). Blankets were carried by M. T. Wagon. Transport moved out as Brigade Transport under Brigade Transport Officer with the following exceptions moved to N. 17 A (Sheet 28). 4 cookers, 1 watercart, 1 Lewis gun Wagon and 4 guns. 2 supply wagon, 1 baggage wagon, 1 Officer's Mess Cart and all riding horses, these were picked up at LOCRE by the B th en route. Rations were not drawn on this day but the 24 hours rations carried forward by supply wagons were issued for consumption on the 28 th .	

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LACLYTTE	28 th 1/18		<p>The Bⁿ and the transport with us the previous night marched to RIDGE WOOD Camp. (No. 2). N 5 A (Sheet 28)</p> <p>Transport lines at N 16 C 28 where the balance of the transport which marched out from Meteren on 27th joins us. The horse standings there are good but the lines are approx. 3000 yds from Bⁿ camp.</p> <p>Ridge wood camp is a hissen hutted camp with 4 Coy cookhouses, 1 Officers cookhouse and a Sgt's cookhouse. There is an Officers Mess, Sgt's Mess and one large recreation hut. All huts are built up on outside as a protection against aeroplane bombs, and the tarring of huts is in progress. Ovens are being built for roasting meat etc. Supply dump is at N 4 C. (Sheet 28)</p> <p>Ordnance is at M 12 C (Sheet 28). —</p>	<p>Appendix 20</p> <p>36</p>

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RIDGE- WOOD CAMP			<p>Fat returned for month 910 lbs. Paper returned for month 494 lbs. Cardboard returned for month 158 lbs. The salvage returns for this month are low as there were no old stores or clothing in the Meteren area. Herewith diet sheets for two days of this month illustrating the normal diet of the Bⁿ.</p>	
	19/2/18		<p>Breakfast A.B.C. D Coy. Porridge Bacon, tea, bread, butter and jam.</p>	
			<p>Dinner A & C Coy. Fresh beef & Vegetable stew, tea, bread & cheese.</p>	
			<p>" B & D " Curry and rice, tea, bread & cheese.</p>	
			<p>Tea A & D " Boiled Fig puddings and Custard, bread, butter, jam & Tea</p>	
			<p>" B & C " Boiled rice and custard, bread, butter, jam & Tea.</p>	
	26/2/18		<p>Breakfast All Coy. Fried Bacon & Tea, bread, butter & jam.</p>	
			<p>Dinner A & B " Boiled Beef, boiled potatoes in jackets, baked beans, tea, bread & cheese</p>	
			<p>" C. Curry and rice, tea, bread and cheese.</p>	
			<p>" D (2 platoons). Boiled beef, boiled potatoes in jackets, baked beans, bread & cheese</p>	
			<p>" D (2 ") Meat & Vegetable stew, tea, bread & cheese.</p>	
			<p>Tea all Coy. Boiled Rice & custard, tea, bread, butter & jam —</p>	

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METEREN	1.2.18.		<p>The battalion arrived in this area last night & settled in billets, which consist mainly of farmhouses spread over a considerable area the most distant company being closer to MERRIS than to METEREN. Battalion headquarters is in METEREN. The billets generally are good being mostly well-protected from the weather, sufficiently commodious & some of them well supplied with straw. The condition of the men is good considering that they have just completed a long spell in the line, but coughs & colds are beginning to increase there had not been any opportunity for bathing for some weeks and this has caused an increase in the lice infestation. The divisional baths at MOOLFENACKER were placed at the battalion's disposal and bathing at once proceeded with. Flat-irons were also used under company arrangements.</p>	
METEREN	2.2.18.		<p>During this period, training was usually carried out for three hours and a half in the morning & recreational training in the afternoon. A number of men were employed on local fatigues and others were detached from the unit for special fatigues. 150 men were sent to a musketry school in the S^t OMER area for ten days, starting 12.2.18. There were frequent opportunities of bathing at divisional baths and the lice pest was very much reduced. Rations were good, fresh meat and potatoes being generally available.</p>	<p>Appendix 38 H.M.V.</p>

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			<p>Health was generally good & evacuation rate low. The main cause of sickness was an influenzal type of cold which spread rapidly through the battalion. This epidemic started during the last days of January & reached its height in the middle of February. It was frequently ushered in by diarrhoea & more rarely vomiting, headache, pains in the limbs & back, & later the symptoms of coryza & cough with little or no expectoration. The temperature rose from 100° to as high as 104°. The illness generally subsided in two to three days. Few cases required evacuation, & most were treated by rest in their billets until temperature & other symptoms subsided.</p> <p>The condition of the feet was very good for the season of the year, the only troubles being a few cases of chilblains, & a few with neuritic pains in the feet.</p> <p>Trench Fever there was probably only one case with symptoms suggestive of trench fever. Boils were troublesome in several cases & Penicillin incidence appeared slightly above the average. A few cases of Venereal Disease occurred. These were all contracted during leave to the U.K. or to Paris. Scabies incidence was not high, though a few cases occurred. A few men reported with diarrhoea each day. Several of these later developed an influenzal attack, as described above. Lice Infestation showed a marked decline in the second & third weeks.</p>	
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			<p>attributable to the frequent baths & the use of flat-irons</p> <p>Water supply was drawn in the cases of three companies from wells in the farmhouses, to which the billets belonged. The water from these supplies required one measure of chloride of lime per water-cart. Chlorination was carried out by mixing a chloride solution in petrol bins every twenty-four hours and diluting this 50 times for use. The other company was served by water-cart with water drawn from the brewery in METEREN.</p> <p>Sanitation Box - Latrine seats were obtained and placed over deep pits.</p> <p>Sick-Parades were held at 8.15 a.m. in METEREN, but owing to the scattered nature of the billets, two additional inspection rooms had to be installed with outlying companies, and the medical personnel were thus split into three sections.</p> <p>In accordance with G.P.O., the A.A.M.C. personnel attached to the battalion were all sent back to 1st Field Ambulance on 15.2.18, four men who had been learning under them for two weeks previously taking over their duties in conjunction with the medical orderly. Sketcher-beavers were trained in their special duties on certain days and on other days did not general training with their companies.</p>	

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Ridge Wood Camp.	28.2.18.		<p>I took over from Major North as Bn. on Sunday 26.2.18. On 27.2.18 the Bn. moved from the Western Area to Newmound edge camp. La Clytte. A sick parade was held that afternoon most of those on parade complaining of either sore feet or diarrhoea and one or two cases of boils. On 28.2.18. the Bn. moved to Ridge Wood Camp No. 2. a very good camp with ample accommodation in good Messen huts, & well duckboarded. Latrines and ablution places are satisfactory.</p>	
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