

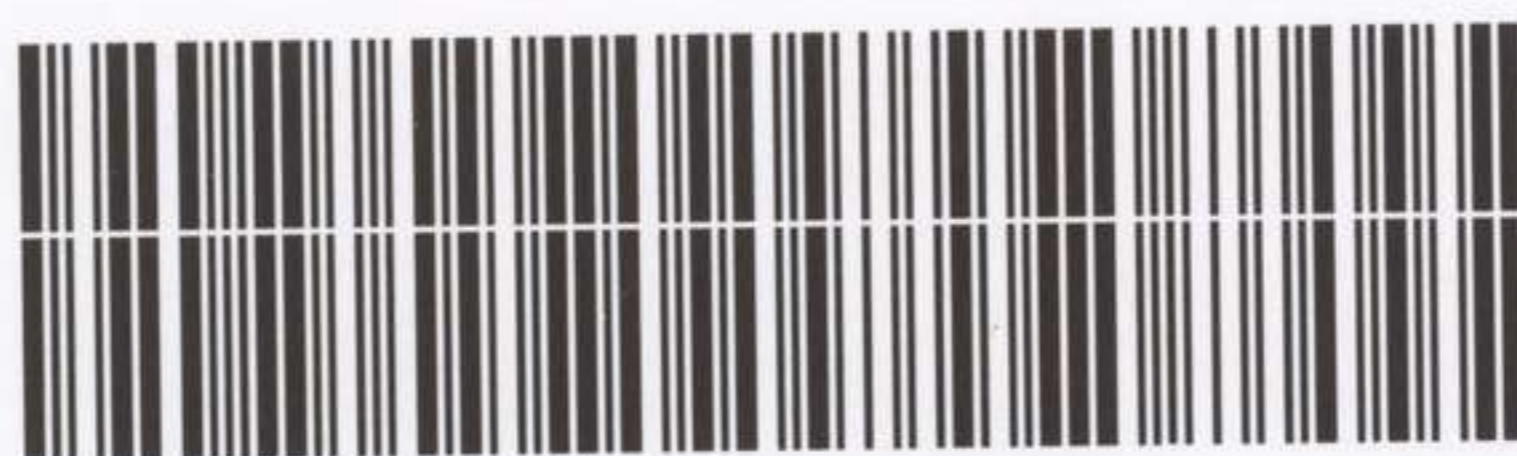
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FOUCAUCOURT.	1st. Jan Wed.	1919	Showery, squally. Wind west 20 to 30 miles per hour. 2 other ranks to United Kingdom on leave. Appendix No. 1:- Returns to be rendered for the month of January.	
"	2nd. Jan. Thurs.		Heavy rain throughout. Wind north west 8 miles per hour. 1 other rank detached to 41st. Bn. for duty. 2 other ranks rejoined from United Kingdom leave. Appendix No. 2:- Company Routine Orders 782 - 783.	
"	Fri. 3rd. Jan.		Showery, cloudy. Wind east and west 10 miles per hour. 1 other rank detached to Audit Section, A.I.F. Hd.Qrs., London, for duty.	
"	Sat. 4th.		Fine, dull, calm. 1 other rank (attached) rejoined from "on detachment." 1 other rank rejoined from U.K. leave. 14 lbs. paper was salvaged and despatched to Base for week ending today. The following comforts were received today and were distributed throughout the unit on a strength basis:- Cocoa & Milk. Cake. Puddings. Sugar. Oxo. Custard Diaries. Milk. Powder. 384 tins. 144 tins. 176 lbs. 144 lbs. 140 lbs. 42 tins. 28 lbs. 400.	
			A football match was played at VILLEROY between Headquarters Section and No. 4 Section (attached 11th Brigade) today and resulted as follows:- Hd.Qrs. 5 goals, 9 behinds. No. 4 Sec. 1 goal, 3 behinds.	

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FOUCAUCOURT.	5th. Jan.	Sun.	Showery and cold. Wind east and north 5 miles per hour.	
			1 other rank to hospital (fever). 1 other rank detached to 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank to United Kingdom on leave.	
			Appendix No. 3:- Company Routine Orders 784 - 786.	
			" " 4:- Correspondence regarding electric torches.	
			" " 5:- " " Organisation for the Signal Service with an Infantry Division.	
"	6th. Jan.	Mon.	Fine generally, mild. Wind east 10 miles per hour.	
			2 other ranks to hospital with Gleet and Diarrhoea respectively. 1 other rank rejoined from U.K. leave.	
			the classes held at 10th. Bde. Hd. Qrs. in connection with the Education Scheme are arousing much interest amongst the personnel of No. 3 Section (attached 10th. Bde.). Good progress is noticeable.	
			Appendix No. 6:- Correspondence regarding organisation of formations and units within an infantry Division.	
			Appendix No. 7:- Company Routine Order 787.	

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FOUCAUCOURT	7th.	Tues.	Fine generally, clear. Wind 10 to 15 miles per hour.	
	Jan.		Honours and rewards:- In Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch of November 8th., 1918, Major R.G. HAMILTON, M.C., O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co., has been mentioned. 18400, Sgt. A.L. TULLY, M.M. of No. 1 Sub-Section (attached 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.) has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for distinguished service in connection with operations during latter six months of 1918.	
			Appendix No. 8:- Company Routine Orders 788 - 791.	
			" 9:- Recommendations for Honours and Rewards - Peace Dispatch.	
"	8th.	Wed.	Fine, cloudy. Wind north west 8 miles per hour.	
	Jan.		1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank to United Kingdom on leave.	
			Appendix No. 10:- Company Routine Order 792.	
"	9th.	Thurs	Fine and clear. Wind west 8 miles per hour.	
	Jan.		1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank rejoined from "on detachment". Lieut. L.J. Jordan, 1 N.C.O. and 4 other ranks struck off strength for return to Australia. 1 N.C.O. rejoined from United Kingdom leave. 1 other rank rejoined from Paris leave.	

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FOUCAUCOURT	10th. Jan.	Fri.	Morning frost, fine, clear. Wind north west 8 miles per hour.	
			1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks detached to Australian Corps Central School, for instruction.	
			1 other rank rejoined from "on detachment". 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank to U.K. on leave.	
			1 N.C.O. to Nice on leave. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank rejoined from Paris leave.	
			The Officer Commanding (Major R.G. HAMILTON, M.C.) left for Australian Corps by motor car.	
			En route a call was made at 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery where personnel of this unit was inspected.	
			The visit to Corps was arranged for purpose of formally handing over command of the unit to	
			Capt. J.L.G. BUCKLAND, M.C., M.M. vice Major Hamilton who departs for Australia at an early date.	
"	11th. Jan.	Sat.	Fine and clear, calm.	
			1 other rank rejoined from "on detachment". 2 other ranks to U.K. on leave. 1 N.C.O. to Nice	
			on leave.	
"	12th. Jan.	Sun.	Fine generally, mild, calm.	
			1 other rank taken on strength from Australian Corps Central School; 1 other rank rejoined from	
			"on detachment". Lieut. J.M. COOK, M.M. and Lieut. H.W. GROVES, M.C. returned to Australia.	
			The following comforts were received in the unit today and were distributed to Sections on a strength	
			basis:-	
			Sardines. Tobacco. Medicine. Cookers. Cooker Refills. Soup. Sox. Scarves. Shirts.	
			250 tins. 480 ozs. 96 bts. 150 150. 9 tins. 384 prs. 120 60.	

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FOUCAUCOURT.	12th. Sun.		The Camera Club which is developing satisfactorily at No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Bde.)	
(continued.)	Jan.		has already a large membership. Lectures on the art of developing prints, etc. are delivered regularly. One of the members is at present on the Somme battlefields taking photographs for the Club.	
			A football match under Rugby rules was played today between No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Bde.) and 11th. Field Co. Engineers. After an interesting contest the result was a draw.	
"	13th. Mon.		Fine generally to cloudy. Wind north east 10 miles per hour.	
	Jan.		1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 2 other ranks to U.K. on leave, and one other rank rejoined from U.K. leave.	
			At a general parade of Artillery Brigade troops at which personnel of Nos. 1 and 2 Sub-Sections cooperated, Brig.-General Grimwade, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Div. inspected the parade after which he delivered an address on Repatriation and Education.	
			3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. closed down VILLEROY, 0830, and reopened GAMACHES 1530. Communication to Divisional Headquarters established through GAMACHES Exchange.	
"	14th. Tues		Fine but cloudy. Wind east 20 to 30 miles per hour.	
	Jan.		Lieuts. J.W. Allan, S. Fountain, D.C.M., and G.T.B. Batty rejoined from U.K. leave.	

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FOUCAUCOURT.	15th. Jan.	Wed.	Showery and boisterous. Wind west 20 to 30 miles per hour.	
			1 other rank taken on strength from 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. 1 other rank to hospital with	
			Influenza. 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks to U.K. on leave.	
"	16th. Jan.	Thurs.	Fine generally. Wind east 5 miles per hour.	
			1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank to Paris on leave.	
			Appendix No. 11:- Company Routine Orders 793 - 796.	
			" " 12:- Correspondence regarding change of command 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.	
"	17th. Jan.	Fri.	Fine, threatening rain, light fall of snow in evening. Wind east 5 miles per hour.	
			2 other ranks to U.K. on leave. 1 N.C.O. rejoined from U.K. leave.	
			Appendix No. 13:- Correspondence regarding Regimental Signallers.	
			" " 14:- Signal instruction No. 15 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Australian Division.	
"	18th. Jan.	Sat.	Fine, cloudy. Wind west 5 miles per hour.	
			1 other rank rejoined from "on detachment". 1 other rank detached to Signal Section, A.I.F.	
			Headquarters, London, for duty. 1 Driver remustered as Sapper at own request. 2 other ranks to	
			U.K. on leave.	
			Authority was sought from the 3rd. Aust. Motor Transport Co. to effect an exchange of Engines	
			in the two motor lorries on charge to this unit. The engine in the electric lighting lorry is	

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FOUCAUCOURT.	18th. Sat. Jan.		practically new and in excellent condition by reason of the fact that it remains idle except when	
(continued.)			the unit moves, whereas the other lorry which is always on the road has an inferior engine, well worn, but in sufficiently good condition for the electric lighting lorry. The Transport Company concurred in the suggestion and the exchange of engines was today satisfactorily effected.	
			Appendix No.15:- Company Routine Orders 797 - 799.	
"	19th. Sun. Jan.		Morning frost, fine and clear. Wind east 8 miles per hour. 1 other rank to hospital (N.Y.D.) 1 other rank to FRANVILLERS on special leave.	
"	20th. Mon. Jan.		Fine generally to cloudy. Wind west 10 miles per hour. 1 other rank rejoined from "on detachment". 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks to U.K. on leave. 1 other rank rejoined from U.K. leave.	
"	21st. Tues. Jan.		Fine generally, wind east 5 miles per hour. 1 other rank (attached) rejoined from hospital. 1 N.C.O. and 1 other rank left for return to Australia. 1 other rank to U.K. on leave. 1 other rank rejoined from FRANVILLERS leave.	

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FOUCAUCOURT.	22nd. Jan.	Wed.	Frosty, clear. Wind east and north 10 miles per hour.	
			1 other rank (attached) detached to Aust. Corps Signal Co. on completion of duty. 1 N.C.O.	
			transferred to A.I.F. Hd.Qrs., London, for duty. 3 other ranks to UK. on leave. 1 other rank	
			rejoined from U.K. leave.	
			Several faults have occurred on Battalion lines of 9th. Bde. owing to farmers inadvertently cutting lines whilst cultivating fields. On each occasion repairs have been effected quickly	
			by linemen from No. 2 Section (attached 9th. Bde.)	
			No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Bde.) played a football match against 11th. Field Co. Engineers	
			at BERNAPRE. The scores were as follow:- No. 4 Sec. 7 goals, 7 behinds, opponents 1 point.	
"	23rd. Jan.	Thurs	Frosty, cloudy. Wind north west 5 miles per hour.	
			2 other ranks to CORBIE and SYLVESTRE CAPPEL respectively on special leave.	
"	24th. Jan.	Fri.	Frosty, clear, calm.	
			3 other ranks detached to Aust. Corps Workshops, Jeumont, for course of instruction.	
			The Repatriation Precedence Roll of the unit was compiled today and posted for the information	
			of all ranks. An allotment of 1 officer and 11 other ranks was made to this unit for inclusion in	
			the first embarkation quota (No. 12.) This was subsequently cancelled in favour of a more substantial	
			allotment. Further particulars respecting this quota will be seen under dates in February.	
			Appendix No. 16:- Company Routine Orders 800	

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FOUCAUCOURT.	25th. Jan.	Sat.	Frosty, cloudy. Wind south west 10 miles per hour.	
			1 other rank (attached) to hospital with influenza. 3 other ranks left for return to Australia.	
			1 other rank rejoined from Paris leave.	
			8 lbs. and 10 lbs. cardboard which has been salvaged in the unit was dispatched to Base for week ending today.	
			Appendix No. 17:- Company Routine Orders 803 - 805.	
			" " 18:- Copies of recommendations Honours and Rewards - Peace Dispatch.	
"	26th. Jan.	Sun.	Snowing. Wind east and north 5 miles per hour.	
			Lines as follows were laid today by No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Bde.)	
			From 11th. Bde. Hd. Qrs., RAMBURES, to 3rd. Divl. Train Hd. Qrs., RAMBURES.	
			" " " " " " " to 43rd. Bn., RAMBURELLES.	
			Major R.G. HAMILTON, M.C., 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks to U.K. on leave. Capt. J.L.G. BUCKLAND, M.C., M.M. to command.	
"	27th. Jan.	Mon.	Snowing. Wind north and east 5 miles per hour.	
			8 other ranks to AMIENS on leave. 1 other rank to hospital whilst on leave in U.K.	
			Line laid from 10th. Brigade at MARTAINNEVILLE to 41st. Battalion.	
"	28th. Jan.	Tues.	Fine, misty. Wind east 5 miles per hour.	
			1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks proceeded to Paris for escort duty, 1 other rank who has been arrested for absence without leave.	
			1 N.C.O. rejoined from U.K. leave. 1 N.C.O. & 1 other rank rejoined from Paris leave.	

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FOUGAUCOURT.	29th. Jan.	Wed.	Fine, dull. Wind north east 10 miles per hour.	
			1 other rank (attached) rejoined his unit (Aust. Corps Signal Co.). 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. Lieut. H.R. Evans posted to Company Hd. Qrs. from No. 5 Section (attached 3rd. M. G. Bn.)	
			8 other ranks rejoined from AMIENS leave.	
"	30th. Jan.	Thurs	Sleet falling. Wind west and north 5 miles per hour.	
			1 N.C.O. to hospital with influenza. 1 N.C.O. reported from 9th. Field Amb. for duty. 1 N.C.O. rejoined from Paris leave.	
			Leave to United Kingdom has been cancelled vide notification from Divl. Hd. Qrs. received today.	
"	31st. Jan.	Fri.	Light fall snow, cloudy, calm.	
			2nd. Lieut. W.D. MAY, M.M. joined unit from ex Cadet Course, England. Escort returned from Paris with 1 other rank.	
			The unit's motor lorry proceeded to DIEPPE to purchase Canteen stores.	
			22 lbs. paper and 10 lbs. cardboard were despatched to Base from this unit for month ending today.	
			Strength of unit as at today:- Actually with unit 11 officers, 300 other ranks; effective strength 13 officers, 344 other ranks. Horses:- strength today 42 rides, 75 light draughts.	
			Appendix No. 19:- Company Routine Orders 806 - 807.	
			" " 20:- C.Q.M.S. report.	
			" " 21:- O.C.'s report.	
			" " 22:- Transport Officer's report.	
			" " 23:- Details of strength of unit.	
			" " 24:- Graph shewing message traffic for January.	
			" " 25:- " " D.R.L.S. (sealed packets) traffic for January.	
			" " 26:- Return of paper, cardboard etc. salvaged and despatched to Base for January.	
			" " 27:- Nominal Roll - Embarkation Quota No. 12.	

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12. Correspondence regarding change of command 3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.
13. " " " Regimental Signallers.
14. Signal Instruction No.15 by Officer i/c.Signals, Third Aust. Div.
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19. Company Routine Orders 806-807.
20. C.Q.M.S. report.
21. O.C.'s report.
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24. Graph shewing message traffic for January.
25. " " " D.R.L.S. (sealed packets) traffic for January.
26. Return of paper, cardboard, etc. salved and despatched to Base for January.
27. Nominal roll - Embarkation Quota No.12.

Returns to be rendered for the month of January, 1919.

1st.	Casualty Return Nominal roll unit and attached personnel Strength Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. Aust. Base Post Office. Divl. Hd. Qrs.	1630. 1600. 1600.
2nd.	Nominal roll of deserters Trench and Area Stores Cable and Telephone Return	" " " " " " Chief Sig. Offr.	1800 1800 0900, 3rd.
3rd.	Regtl. Trust Funds A/c. Absentees and C.M. Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs. D.A.P.M. Divl. Hd. Qrs. 3rd. M.T. Co.	1800. 1600. 1800. ----
4th.	A.F. B. 213 and A.F. B. 2069 Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard and Paper to Base Strength Return and Absentees	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " "	0900, 5th. 1800. NOON. NOON. 1600.
5th.	Nil.		
6th.	Nominal roll of Officers Anti-gas Return	Chief Signal Offr. Divl. Hd. Qrs.	2100. 1800.
7th.	Nil.		
8th.	Strength Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	1600.
9th.	Cable and Telephone return	Chief Sig. Offr.	0900, 10th.
10th.	Absentees and C.M. Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return	D.A.P.M. Divl. Hd. Qrs. 3rd. M.T. Co.	1600. 1800. ----
11th.	A.F. B. 213 and A.F. B. 2069 Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard and Paper to Base Strength Return and Absentees	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " "	0900 12th. 1800. Noon. Noon. 1600.
13th.	Anti-gas return	" " "	1800.
14th.	Nil. Certify all cars to Wkshops.	" " "	0900, 14th.
15th.	Strength Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	1600.
16th.	Cable and Telephone return	Chief Sig. Offr.	0900, 17th.
17th.	Absentees and C.M. Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and petrol return	D.A.P.M. Divl. Hd. Qrs. 3rd. M.T. Co.	1600. 1800. ---
18th.	A.F. B. 213 and A.F. B. 2069 Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard and Paper to Base Strength Return and Absentees	Divl. Hd. Qrs. " " " " " " " " " " " "	0900, 19th. 1800. Noon. Noon. 1600.
19th.	Nil.		
20th.	Anti-gas return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	1800.
22nd.	Strength Return	" " "	1600.
23rd.	Cable and Telephone return	Chief Sig. Offr.	0900, 24th.
24th.	Absentees and C.M. Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return	D.A.P.M. Divl. Hd. Qrs. 3rd. M.T. Co.	1600. 1800. ---

25th.	A.F.B.213 and A.F.B.2069 Small Box Respirator Changes in Officers Cardboard and Paper to Base Strength Return and Absentees	Divl.Hd.Qrs. 0900, 26th. " " " 1800. " " " Noon. " " " Noon. " " " 1600.
26th.	Monthly Check of Deficiencies (M.T.) Inoculation Return	Srd.M.T.Co. --- A.D.M.S. 1300.
27th.	Anti-gas Return S.A.A. on charge at noon	Divl.Hd.Qrs. 1800. " " " 1800.
28th.	Men in France 12 mths.without leave, etc. Packsaddlery on charge at noon	" " " 1800. " " " 1200.
29th.	Strength Return	" " " 1600.
30th.	Cable and Telephone return Cert. all cars to Workshops	Chief Sig.Offr. 0900 31st Divl.Hd.Qrs. 0900 31st
31st.	Absentees and C.M.Prisoners Fats to Base Mileage and Petrol return Certificate re Iron Rations Census of Horses A.F.B.158 Nominal Roll of Officers (in trip.) A.F.W.3156 Motor Cars and Cycles History of Field Officers and Captains Return of Accumulators " " Main Wireless Equipment Cert.re leakage of information through P.O.W.	D.A.P.M. 1600. Divl.Hd.Qrs. 1300. Srd.M.T.Co. --- Divl.Hd.Qrs. 1800. " " " 1800. " " " 1800. " " " 1800. " " " 1800. " " " 1800. Corps W/T. Officer. Divl.Hd.Qrs, 1800.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, France,
2nd. January, 1919.782. POSTAL CENSORSHIP. (Ref. G.R.O. 5941.)

1. Regimental censorship of letters will be discontinued forthwith. Correspondence will still be liable to examination at the Base and all ranks are reminded that the Censorship Orders are still in force. If the examination at the Base shows that breaches of the Censorship Orders are common in any unit it will be necessary to reimpose regimental censorship on those units.
2. All letters and postcards must bear a censor stamp before being handed to Field Post Offices.
3. All letters and postcards will bear in the bottom left hand corner of the address side, the name and rank, if any, of the writer. They will be handed closed for posting in the usual manner and will not be opened except for the purpose of identifying writers who have failed to comply with this order.
4. The issue of green envelopes will be discontinued forthwith.
5. Regimental censorship of parcels and telegrams will be maintained as heretofore.
6. The term "franking" will be taken to mean the endorsement of the name of the writer as indicated in para. 3. except as regards parcels and telegrams.

783. PHOTOGRAPHY. (Extract G.R.O. 5940.)

"The publication of any photographs taken in the zone occupied by the British Armies (except those taken by the recognised official photographers) is forbidden."

R.G. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

NOTICE.ENGRAVING.

The engravers at D.A.D.O.S. will engrave monograms, etc., on watches and various metal articles.
Further particulars may be obtained from the Company Orderly Room.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France.
5th. January, 1919.

784. SCHOOLS.

The following report has been received from the Divisional Cookery School upon 19770, Sapper T. GIBLETT who attended a course:-

" He made no attempt to benefit by instruction imparted to "other members of the class, being generally lazy and indolent."

785. CURRENCY. (Extract G.R.O.5955.)

"All ranks are cautioned against accepting:-

" (a) Chambre de Commerce notes or Petites Coupures issued by towns which have been in enemy occupation.

" (b) Silver coins of the following denominations:-

" 2 francs, 1 franc, 50 centimes, and 20 centimes, bearing on the obverse the effigy of Napoleon III. with laurel wreaths; these coins are no longer legal tender.

"IN FRANCE.- The currency situation remains as before the armistice. Enemy coin and notes will not be introduced into France.

"IN BELGIUM.- French notes and coins, notes of the Banque Nationale de Belgique, and notes of the Societe Generale de Belgique are legal tender.

" Enemy coin and notes will not be introduced into Belgium.

"IN GERMANY.- German coins and notes will be used.

" Divisional Paymasters will exchange French, Belgian and German currency for British units, individuals and Institutes at the "official rate of exchange."

786. RATE OF EXCHANGE. (FRANCE AND BELGIUM). (Extract G.R.O.5956).

" The rate of exchange for the month of January, 1919, for issue of cash to the troops of the Expeditionary Force, has been fixed as "follows."

" FRANCE AND BELGIUM.- 5 francs equal 3/10d.

R.G. Hamilton

MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

NOTICE.

PARIS LEAVE.- In co-operation with the British and New Zealand Associations, the Australian Y.M.C.A. has extended its operations to the Hotel Windsor, situated at 26 Rue de Petrograd, PARIS, where Hon. Captain F.E. WRIGHT is in charge. Rep. A.E. PATER is associated with the British Y.M.C.A. Rep. (in charge) at the Hotel Florida, Boulevard Malesherbes, and Rep. A.S.N. BARWICK receives troops at the Gare du Nord.

All troops proceeding on PARIS leave are reminded to present themselves at either Hotel Windsor, or Hotel Florida. Assistance in the way of accommodation, meals, hot baths, social rooms, concerts, tours &c. will be gladly given at all hours.

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Appendix No. 4 War Diary.

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Hd. Qrs. 3rd. Aust. Div.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.	
ET. 3482.	
No.	
Date	5. 1.19.

Reference:- Your Q.138/807 of 4.1.19 re G.R.O. 5927.

Subject:- Electric Torches.

In reply to your abovementioned memo. re G.R.O. 5927, it is considered that the existing establishment of Electric Torches as authorised for a Divisional Signal Company should be allowed to remain.

R. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C. THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO., A.E.

COPY.

Headquarters,
 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.
 C.R.E. 3rd. Aust. Div. Signal Coy.
 9th, 10th, 11th Aust Inf. Bdes.
 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn. 3rd Aust. Pion. Bn.
 3rd Aust Divisional Train.
 A.D.M.S. D.A.D.V.A.
 Camp Commandant. - Salvage Company.

Hd. Qrs.
 4th. Jan. 1919.
 "Q" 138/807.
 Third Aust. Div.

Reference G. R. O., 5927.

Recommendations re Units for which Electric Torches
 are considered indispensable should be rendered to reach this
 Office by noon, 6th instant.

(Signed) H. Johnson. Major.
 D.A.Q.M.G.
 Third Australian Division.

4th January, 1919.
 (R. M.)

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Chief Signal Officer,
Australian Corps.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.
N. ES. 3483.
Date 5/1/19

Reference:- Your T.28/17 of 30.12.18.

Subject:- Organisation for the Signal Service with an Infantry Division.

In reply to the following questions of your abovementioned memo., I have to advise:-

(1) DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY WITH A DIVISION.

(a) Yes. As outlined hereunder.

(2) TANK CORPS WITH A DIVISION.

(a) Yes. A tank Signal Section should be formed and to form part of a Divisional Signal Battalion.

(3) SIGNAL SERVICE WITH A DIVISION.

(a) As stated hereunder.

(b) As stated hereunder.

(c) A Chief Signal Officer of a Division as stated hereunder.

(d) Most certainly.- The Signal units attached to Infantry Brigades should form part of the Divisional Signal Battalion for purposes of control, administration, etc. From experience this has proved absolutely necessary.

(e) (i) It is considered that the Signal Service within a Division should be a distinct and separate service, and not part of the Divisional Engineers as heretofore.

(ii) It is considered that all Regimental Signallers within a Division should be absorbed into the Divisional Signal Service irrespective of the units to which they are at present allotted. Signallers of the Field Engineers and Field Ambulances (R.A.M.C.) to be absorbed into the Headquarters of the Divisional Signal Battalion.

(iii) If Pioneer Battalions are to remain as at present, the Regimental Signallers of the Battalion, together with one subaltern, to form a Section (including the Company signallers) corresponding to the Machine Gun Battalion Signal Section, to be called Pioneer Battalion Signal Section and to form part of the Divisional Signal Battalion.

(iv) Regimental Signallers of Batteries, Companies of Infantry, Machine Gun Companies, etc., should not be placed on the establishment of such units but should form part of a Signal Section.

GENERAL.

GENERAL:-

The question of organisation for the Signal Service with an Infantry Division is a very wide subject representing many features of compelling importance and equally problematic.

Throughout the whole period of the war it has been felt that the Signal Service has been limited to a point beyond which it was very essential that, in the interests of the Service generally, it should go. I refer to the distribution of personnel of Divisional Signal Companies, which extends only as far as the Headquarters of Artillery and Infantry Brigades and Machine Gun Battalions. From my experience, I am fully convinced that it should be further extended.

I consider the Signal Service throughout the whole of the Division should embrace all signal personnel, including that of Batteries, Battalions, and of other units who have Regimental Signallers on establishment, and, further, that the control of the Signal units within a Division should be directed by one responsible officer. This, undoubtedly, would lead to greater efficiency and result in more satisfactory work being accomplished.

The suggestions contained in the foregoing paras. are based on the fact that the total signal personnel employed within a Division exceeds that of an Infantry Battalion. The control would differ, of course, very widely from that of the latter, inasmuch that the Signal Service must necessarily consist of Companies and Sections etc., to be detached for duty to various formations and units. No less than 77 units (i.e. from Divisional Headquarters to Companies and Batteries, etc.) require to be served.

At present the powers of Officers Commanding Divisional Signal Companies are very limited except when certain authority is given by Divisional Commanders. Under the present system they are unable to fully and effectively control the communications within Divisions, and direct the work and training of Regimental Signallers of Batteries, Battalions, etc., - work for which, in practically all Divisions, they are held responsible by Divisional Commanders. Under the suggested system the Officer responsible for signals of a Division should be a staff officer with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and the appointment of Chief Signal Officer. He would be the executive Officer directing signals throughout the whole of a Division, with one subaltern to assist him in the various office duties; also, as clerks, one corporal and one sapper, - in this connection a typewriter and accessories together with draughting requisites would be essential.

By a re-arrangement and slight addition to the existing system the Signal Service of a Division would then be as follows:-

Two separate Signals units to be formed - one Signal Company for the Divisional Artillery with its Sections attached, one to each Brigade, and its Sub-Sections attached, one to each Battery, and to include on the Headquarters the Regimental Signallers of Medium Trench Mortar Batteries and the Divisional Ammunition Columns; and one Signal Battalion for the Infantry, with its Companies attached to Infantry Battalions.

The attached diagram illustrates the organisation and chain of control suggested.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY SIGNAL COMPANY.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY SIGNAL COMPANY.

To be composed as follows:-

HEADQUARTERS.

Establishment as at present, and, in addition:-

- 1 Captain (Officer Commanding).
- 1 Subaltern (2nd. in Command).
- 1 Company Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II).
- 1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant.
- 1 Corporal (Orderly Room).
- 1 Sapper (Cook).
- 2 Sappers (Batmen).
- 3 Motor Cyclists.
- 1 Complete Cable Detachment.
- 1 Driver (for a G.S. limbered wagon and horses to be placed on establishment.).
- 1 Sapper (Draughtsman).
- 1 Sapper (Saddler).

Medium Trench Mortar Battery signallers to be included.

WIRELESS SECTION.

- 1 Corporal.
- 1 2nd. Corporal.
- 1 Lance Corporal.
- 15 Sappers.
- 1 Sapper (Mechanic and Accumulator Charging).

TWO ARTILLERY BRIGADE SIGNAL SECTIONS.

each Establishment as at present, and, in addition:-

- 2 Sappers (linemen).
- 1 Sapper (Instrument Repairer).
- 1 Sapper (Motor Cyclist).

BATTERY SIGNAL SUB-SECTIONS.

Establishment as at present, with a Sergeant in charge of each Section.

DIVISIONAL SIGNAL BATTALION.

To be composed as follows:-

HEADQUARTERS.

Establishment as at present, and, in addition:-

- Lieutenant (Adjutant).
- Regimental Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class I).
- Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant (Warrant Officer Class II).
- Farrier Sergeant (from present No. 1. Section.)
- Sergeant (Orderly Room).
- Corporal (Instrument Repairer).
- Corporal (Storeman).
- Lance Corporal (Orderly Room).
- Lance Corporal (Draughtsman).
- Lance Corporal (Signal Office).
- 2 Sappers (Cooks).
- 6 Sappers (Signalmen).
- 2 Sappers (Saddlers).

WIRELESS SECTION.

* WIRELESS SECTION.

Establishment as at present, and, in addition:-

18 Sappers - Total 1 Subaltern, 36 other ranks.

* Includes Amplifier and Power Buzzer personnel.

CABLE SECTION. 3 complete Detachments (re-arranged from present No. 1 Section.)

2 Subalterns (one to be Lines Officer).

1 Sergeant.

1 Shoeing and Carriage Smith.

2 Sappers (Batmen).

MACHINE GUN BATTALION SIGNAL SECTION.

Establishment as at present, and, in addition:-

1 Lance Corporal.

and Regimental Signallers for Companies as per Companies of Infantry, i.e. 7 other ranks.

THREE BRIGADE SIGNAL COMPANIES.

each Establishment as at present for Brigade Signal Section, and, in addition:-

1 Captain (Officer Commanding).
 1 Corporal (Orderly Room).
 1 2nd. Corporal (Instrument Repairer).
 1 Lance Corporal (Storeman).
 6 Sappers (Linemen).
 3 Sappers (Pigeoneers).
 4 Sappers (Signalmen).
 1 Sapper (Cook).
 1 Sapper (Batman).

and to absorb all the existing Battalion signal personnel including the Battalion Signal Officer (Subaltern).

NINE BATTALION SIGNAL SECTIONS.

each To be formed from Signallers of the Battalion Headquarters and Companies at present on establishment.

R. Hamilton

MAJOR.
 O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICE.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

December 30th, 1918.

O.C.. 1st. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
 " 2nd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
 " 3rd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
 " 4th. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
 " 5th. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
 " Corps Signal Coy.
 Spares.

A. D. SIGNALS.
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
 T. 28/17.
 30.12.18.

Will you please submit your answers to the following questions so as to reach this Office not later than 5th Jany 1919.

- (1) Divisional Artillery with a Division
 (a) Do you consider any allotment of Signal Units for Artillery purposes is required within a Division?
- (2) Tank Corps with a Division.
 If Tanks are required with a Division.
 (a) Do you consider that the tank corps Signals should be absorbed in the Divisional Signal Companies?
- (3) Signal Service with a Division.
 (a) What general organisation do you recommend for the Signal Service with a Division?
 (b) Assuming that you are of the opinion that a Signal Service on a Divisional basis is required, what Units do you consider the Signal Service with a Division should be composed e.g., Wireless Units. Pigeon Service?
 (c) In whom should the immediate control of the Signal Units in a Division be vested?
 (d) Are you in favour of the organisation of separate Signal Units for service with Infantry brigades or do you consider that this should be part of the Divisional Signal Units.
 (e) Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward as to the general organisation or composition of the Signal Service with a Division?

(Signed) T.R. Williams. Lieut. Col..
 Chief Signal Officer.
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

S E C R E T

Hd. Qrs.
3rd. Aust. Div.

ES. 3486.

6. 1. 19.

Reference:- Your SG. 39/84 of 1.1.19.

Subject:- Organisation of Formations and Units within an
Infantry Division.

In reply to your abovementioned memo., attached hereto are replies to the questions which affect the Signal Service.

With regard to the same matter a copy of my ES. 3483 of 5.1.19. which has been forwarded to the Chief Signal Officer, Australian Corps, is forwarded for your information.

R. Hamilton

MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY WITH A DIVISION.

5. Do you consider any allotment of Signal Units for Artillery purposes is required within a Division?

Most certainly,- the present establishment of Signal Units to be absorbed into a Signal Company for the Divisional Artillery - see copy of attached memo. sent to the Chief Signal Officer, Australian Corps, which gives particulars in detail.

6. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to submit regarding the general organisation of the Divisional Artillery?

It is considered that all Regimental Signallers of Batteries, Medium Trench Mortar Batteries and the Divisional Ammunition Column should be absorbed in to the Signal Service as set out in detail in copy of attached memo. sent to the Chief Signal Officer, Australian Corps.

MACHINE GUN UNITS WITH A DIVISION.

6. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward as to the general organisation or composition of the Machine Gun Units with a Division?

It is considered that the Regimental Signallers of Machine Gun Battalions should be absorbed into the Signal Service and that the present establishment be abolished and signallers at the scale of 7 other ranks per Machine Gun Company be authorised (the same as for Companies of Infantry), and to be included in the Machine Gun Battalion Signal Section of Divisional Signal Battalions.

TANK CORPS WITH A DIVISION.

3. If Tanks are required with a Division.-
(a) Do you consider that the Tank Corps Signals should be absorbed in the Divisional Signal Companies?

Yes. If Tank units are to form part of a Division, Tank Signal Sections should be formed and become part of Divisional Signal Battalions.

TRENCH MORTARS UNITS WITH A DIVISION.

7. Have you any further proposals or suggestions to put forward as to the general organisation or composition of Trench Mortar Units with a Division?

It is considered that the Regimental Signallers of Trench Mortar Units should be absorbed in the Signal Service.

Light Trench Mortar Batteries:-

An establishment to be authorised and to be included in Brigade Signal Companies.

Medium Trench Mortar Batteries:-

The establishment of Signallers as at present, to be absorbed into the Headquarters of the Divisional Artillery Signal Company.

Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries:-

If Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries are to form part of a Division the establishment of Signallers, as at present, to be absorbed into the Headquarters of the Divisional Artillery Signal Company.

ENGINEER UNITS WITH A DIVISION.

5. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward as to the general organisation or composition of the Engineer Units with a Division?

(i) It is considered that the Signal Service within a Division should be a distinct and separate service, and not part of the Divisional Engineers as heretofore.

(ii) That the Signallers of Field Companies on establishment, as at present, be absorbed in the Signal Service and to be included in Divisional Signal Battalions.

SIGNAL SERVICE WITHIN A DIVISION.

1. What general organisation do you recommend for the Signal Service with a Division?

2. Assuming that you are of the opinion that a Signal Service on a Divisional basis is required, of what units do you consider the Signal Service with a Division should be composed, e.g. Wireless Units, Pigeon Service?

3. In whom should the immediate control of the Signal Units in a Division be vested?

4. Are you in favour of the organisation of separate Signal Units for service with Infantry Brigades, or do you consider that this should be part of the Divisional Signal Unit?

5. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward as to the general organisation or composition of the Signal Service with a Division?

Replies to these questions are set out fully in the copy of attached memo. sent to the Chief Signal Officer, Australian Corps.

R.A.S.C. WITH A DIVISION.

4. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward with regard to the general organisation and composition of R.A.S.C. Units with a Division?

It is considered that the personnel provided for inter-communication purposes, on establishment, as at present, be absorbed into the Signal Service and to be included in the Headquarters of Divisional Signal Battalions.

R.A.M.C. WITH A DIVISION.

4. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward with regard to the general organisation and composition of R.A.M.C. units with a Division?

That the Signallers of Field Ambulances on establishment, as at present, be absorbed in the Signal Service and to be included in Divisional Signal Battalions.

HEADQUARTER UNITS WITH A DIVISION.

HEADQUARTER UNITS WITH A DIVISION.1. Divisional Headquarters:

(a) Do you consider that the Commanders of the Divisional Artillery, Divisional R.E. and Divisional Signal Service should be included in Divisional Headquarters?

Yes. An Officer responsible for the Signal Service within a Division should be included in Divisional Headquarters, to be a Staff Officer with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and the appointment of Chief Signal Officer. He would be the executive Officer, co-ordinating, controlling and directing communications and also the training of Signal personnel.

6.1.19.

R. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS,
by
Major R.G. Hamilton., M.C.,
O.C., Third Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,
6th. January, 1919.

787. "1914-15 STAR". (Extract A.I.F., Order 1495.)

" Extract from Army Order XX., dated 23rd December, 1918, is
"published for information."

" British Expeditionary Forces, 1914-15 - Grant of "1914-15 Star".

" 1. His Majesty the King, having been graciously pleased to
"recognize by the grant of a distinctive decoration the services
"rendered by His Majesty's military forces in France and Belgium during
"the earlier phase of the war in 1914, His Majesty has been further
"pleased to recognize likewise the services rendered by others of His
"military forces who served in theatres of war between the 5th August,
"1914, and the 31st December, 1915, both dates inclusive."

" 2. The decoration will be a Star in bronze.

" 3. No clasp will be issued with the Star.

" 4. The riband will be red, white and blue, shaded and watered.

" 5. Provided the claims are approved by the Army Council the
"Star will be granted to all Officers, Warrant Officers, non-
"commissioned officers and men of the British, Dominion, Colonial
"and Indian Forces, including civilian medical practitioners, nursing
"sisters, nurses and others employed with military hospitals, who
"actually served on the establishment of a unit in a theatre of war
"as defined in Appendix "A". Individuals in possession of the "1914
"Star" will not be eligible for the award of this decoration."

APPENDIX "A".

" For the purpose of this Army Order the definition "Theatres of
"War" will be as follows:-

" 1. WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATRE.- To include all operations in
"France and Belgium from midnight, 22/23 November, 1914.

" 2. BALKAN THEATRE.- To include all operations in:-
"Gallipoli and islands of Aegean Sea from 25th April, 1915.

" 3. EGYPTIAN THEATRE.- To include all operations against
"Turco-German forces from 5th November, 1914; also operations against
"Senussite forces in Western Egypt and on the borders of Cyrenaica from
"3rd November, 1915, but excluding operations for which the Sultan's
"Sudan Medal has been awarded."

" 4. AFRICAN THEATRE.- To include all operations set forth
"below, but excluding local military operations against native tribes
"or rebels:-

" In British East Africa, German East Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasaland,
"and Uganda from 20th August, 1914.

Sheet (2), COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS, dated 6th January, 1919.

787. "1914-15 STAR". (Extract A.I.F., Order 1495.) (Continued.)

APPENDIX "A".

6. AUSTRALASIAN THEATRE.- To include all operations in:-

"(a) German New Guinea and Bismarck Archipelago as follows:-

- " (1) New Britain from 11th September, 1914, to 21st September, 1914.
- " (II) New Ireland from 16th September, 1914, to 18th October, 1914.
- " (III) Kaiser Wilhelm Land on 24th September, 1914.
- " (IV) Admiralty Islands on 21st November, 1914.

"(b) Nauru on 6th November, 1914.

"(c) German Samoa on 29th August, 1914."

O.C. Sections will submit lists of names forthwith to Company Hd. Qrs. of individuals who are entitled to this decoration, stating the date of first entering a theatre of war and the particular theatre of war in which the service was rendered. Nil returns, where necessary, to be furnished.

R.G. Hamilton
 O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL Co.A.E. MAJOR.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, France,
7th. January, 1919.788. OFFICERS EMBARKED FOR AUSTRALIA. (Extract A.I.F. List 426.)

" The undermentioned officer, having embarked for Australia invalided,
" is struck off strength:- 18th. Dec., 1918.
" Lt. J.F. SIMS, D.C.M., M.M. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E."

789. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract A.I.F. List 427.)

" His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the
" undermentioned reward for distinguished service in connection with
" Military Operations with the Armies in France:-

" Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

" 18400, Sgt. A.L. TULLY, M.M., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E."

790. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract A.I.F. List 428.)

" Extract from the "London Gazette" Supplement No. 31089, dated
" 31st. December, 1918."

" War Office,
" 31st. December, 1918.

" The following is a continuation of Sir. D. Haig's despatch of the
" 8th. November, 1918, submitting names deserving of special mention:-

" Engineers.

" Major R.G. HAMILTON, M.C."

791. MODIFICATION OF RULES RE HIGHER PAID APPOINTMENTS HELD BY PRIVATE SOLDIERS. (Ref. A.I.F. Order 1493.)

Drivers, M.T. Drivers and Shoeing Smiths, who, having held their appointments prior to 11.11.18., still hold such appointment when they leave their units for return to Australia for demobilisation, will retain such appointments notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary.

Drivers, M.T. Drivers and Shoeing Smiths who have been or may be made subsequent to 11.11.18. will revert to their permanent grades and cease to draw the higher rates of pay on marching out for return to Australia.

R.G. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.

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THIRD
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
SIGNAL COMPANY,
A.E.

No. HA.3497.

Date 7.1.19.

Hd. Qrs.,
3rd. Aust. Div.
-----Reference: Your Q.74/343 of 12.12.18.Subject: Honours and Rewards - Peace Despatch.

In accordance with your abovementioned memo., the following recommendations are submitted, please:-

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.Lieut. J.M. COOK, M.M.
Lieut. F.W. OSBORNE.
Lieut. H.R. EVANS.
10551, L/Cpl. C.J. WARTON.
10792, Sgt. W.A. KENNEDY.
10678, L/Cpl. G.W. SMITH.DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.11017, Sgt. H. CHADWICK, M.M. & Bar.
10658, Cpl. N.H. RAMSDEN, M.M.MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.10623, Sgt. J. HONAN.
10547, 2/Cpl. W.C. SMITH.
10639, Cpl. F.F. LIGHTWOOD.
11019, 2/Cpl. C.E. CRITCHLEY.

In accordance with para. 9 (a) of your abovementioned memo., I hereby certify that particulars of officers shown above have been verified with the latest available official list.

R.H. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.

3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps. Date of Recommendation. 143

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Australian Divisional Signal Company. A.E.		Lieut. John Malyon <u>COOK, M.M.</u>		M. Hamilton MAJOR. O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	
			Lieut. Frederick William <u>OSBORNE.</u>				
			Lieut. Herbert Roy <u>EVANS.</u>				
		Date recommendation received and passed.					
		Rec'd.	Passed.				
		7.1.19.	7.1.19.				
Unit.	Division.	Corps.	Army.				

3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E. Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)	
	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company. A.E.	10551	Lance Corporal Clifford John <u>WARTON.</u>		<i>R. Hamilton</i> MAJOR. O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.	MENTION IN DESPACHES.		
		10792	Sergeant William Alphonsus <u>KENNEDY.</u>					
		10678	Lance Corporal George William <u>SMITH.</u>					
		Date recommendation received and passed.						
		<u>Rec'd.</u>	<u>Passed.</u>					
	Unit. Division. Corps. Army.	7.1.19.	7.1.19.					

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Brigade.

3rd. Australian Division.

Australian Corps.

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Company. A.E.	11017,	Sergeant Herbert CHADWICK, M.M. and Bar.	<p>For distinctive devotion to duty and gallantry in the Field; from March to November, 1918, Sgt. Chadwick was in charge of cable detachments working in forward areas and very frequently under heavy shell fire.</p> <p>His determination, cheerfulness, and tenacious bravery at all times, inspired the men of his detachments to their best efforts, and largely due to his skill and leadership the communication between Division and Brigade Hd. Qrs. and Brigade Forward Stations has been successfully maintained throughout the fighting along the SOMME.</p> <p>In the fighting near BONY, he took a cable wagon forward - until met by direct enemy machine gun fire and when stopped he detached the line, sent the cable team into a sunken road for cover, and then dragged the cable, under heavy fire, to a trench in the Hindenburg Line, from whence very valuable information was sent back from the Command Post of the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. - several of his party and horses were wounded in this work.</p>	<p>Major. O.C., Third Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.</p> <p><i>R. Hamilton</i></p>	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.	

Recommendation received and passed.

Rec'd. 7.1.19. Passed. 7.1.19.

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Company. A.E.	10658,	Corporal Norman Huber RAMSDEN, M.M.	<p>For conspicuous bravery and unrelenting devotion to duty during fighting between 17th. September and 11th. November, 1918. He was with a Signal Sub-Section and attached to an Artillery Brigade and was N.C.O. in charge of the laying and maintenance of forward telephone lines to Batteries and worked almost incessantly under hostile fire without regard to personal danger, and with a cheerfulness which inspired the other men of his section to continuous splendid work.</p> <p>In the fighting on the SAMBRE CANAL, South of CATILLION on the 4th and 5th of November, 1918, this N.C.O. was in charge of the "forward lines party" and when the Batteries moved into close support of the Infantry, he laid and maintained telephonic communication under extremely hazardous conditions and was continually up and down the line repairing breaks under heavy shell fire, thereby keeping the Batteries in touch with the Brigade, and setting a fine example to the other linesmen.</p>	<p>MAJOR. O.C., Third Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.</p> <p><i>W. Hamilton</i></p>	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.	

Recommendation received and passed.

Rec'd. 7.1.19. Passed. 7.1.19.

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Date of Recommendation.

Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.	10623	Sergeant John <u>HONAN.</u>	<p>For valuable services rendered and devotion to duty, skill, and initiative, during the year 1918. This N.C.O. was senior superintendent in charge of the Divisional Signal Office and in that capacity he handled with marked skill, the heavy signal traffic during the fighting and movement of this year, often averaging two thousand telegrams and sealed packets per day.</p> <p>His organising ability has been responsible for the strictest economy in personnel in the Signal Office, and an absolute minimum of delay to all Signal traffic.</p> <p>He has fostered an amiable disposition of all men working in the signal office, and contributed largely to a high standard of telegraphic and telephonic communication being attained, and the advancement of the Despatch Rider Letter Service throughout the Division.</p>	<p>MAJOR. O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.</p> <p><i>R. Hamilton</i></p>	<p>MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.</p>	
<p>Recommendation received and passed.</p>			<p><u>Rec'd. Passed.</u></p>	<p>7.1.19. 7.1.19.</p>	<p>Unit. Division. Corps. Army.</p>		

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	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.	10547	2nd. Corporal William Cletus <u>SMITH.</u>	<p>For unceasing devotion to duty between March and November, 1918; he has been employed on line work with the Signal Section attached to a Machine Gun Battalion and has been consistently courageous and conscientious in all his work, setting a splendid example to others and engendering a spirit of harmony and unselfishness throughout the Section.</p> <p>His work and influence with the Section have contributed largely to the success of its functions since its formation in March, 1918.</p>	<p><i>W. Hamilton</i></p> <p>MAJOR, O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.</p>	<p>MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.</p>	
Recommendation received and passed.		<p>Rec'd. 7.1.19.</p>	<p>Passed. 7.1.19.</p>				
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	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.	10639	Corporal Frank Frederick LIGHTWOOD.	For devotion to duty, perseverance, and tenacity during this Divisions operations between March and November, 1918. This N.C.O. has been employed as a Motor Cycle Despatch Rider and has unflinchingly carried despatches of all natures to and from units within the Division, working night and day, over strange and rough country, and frequently over shelled roads always reaching his destination with promptness and faithfulness, which has caused him to be regarded as a yeoman of the Despatch Rider Letter Service and responsible for a standard which other men endeavour to emulate. His mechanical knowledge and skill have given long life to his machine, which, in addition to economy, has been a splendid example to others.	MAJOR. <i>R. Hamilton</i> O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.	MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.	
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	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.	11019	2/Corporal Charles Edward <u>CRITCHLEY.</u>	For valuable services rendered and untiring devotion to duty between March and November 1918. This N.C.O. has been employed as a Superintendent in the Divisional Artillery Signal Office and has conducted the business of that office with commendable skill, initiative and tact; under all circumstances he has displayed technical ability and devoted the whole of his time and energy in improving the office to facilitate the passage of signal traffic which at times has constituted a heavy and arduous task.	<i>R. Hamilton</i>	MAJOR, O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.	MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

Recommendation Received and Passed.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,
8th. January, 1919.

792. ALLOTMENTS PAYABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - CANCELLATION OR TRANSFER ON
RETURN OF MEMBER OR ALLOTTEE TO AUSTRALIA.- (Extract A.I.F. Order 1494.)

" All ranks are informed that the following procedure will be
" followed with respect to cancellation or transfer of allotments being
" paid in the United Kingdom by the Chief Paymaster on behalf of members
" of the A.I.F. in the event of the allottee or member embarking for
" Australia:-

" (1) If the member is still abroad and his allottee
" is proceeding to Australia an advance will be made to the allottee
" covering allotment and separation allowance (if any) for a period of
" 60 days from the estimated date of the allottee's embarkation, and
" an authority for the continuance of the allotment and separation
" allowance (if any) will be forwarded to the Military District in
" Australia to which the allottee is proceeding. The address in
" Australia must be furnished by the allottee before embarkation.

" (2) Where the member embarks for Australia but the allottee
" is remaining in the United Kingdom the allotment and separation
" allowance (if any) will continue to be paid to the allottee for 100
" days from the date of the member's embarkation and will then be
" cancelled. Provision should be made by members for the support
" of their dependants beyond this period immediately on disembarkation
" in Australia.

" (3) Members who have allotments payable in the United
" Kingdom to banks or non-dependants must clearly understand that
" unless they arrange to cancel their allotments before embarkation
" for Australia, payments will be continued for 100 days from
" embarkation, and the amount payable to them on arrival in Australia
" will be correspondingly reduced."

R.G. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, FRANCE.
16th. January, 1919.793. ENGINEERS, SIGNAL SERVICE. (Extract A.I.F. List 428.)" Major T.C. WILSON ceased to be seconded as Chief Instructor,
"Aust. Corps Signal School. 22nd December, 1918."794. PROMOTIONS.

538, Driver T.D. SHERIDAN to be temporary Farrier Sergeant dated 15/12/18.

795. PUNISHMENT.

6861, Sapper W.G. FISHER was tried on the following charge:-

On 12/1/19, Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military
discipline in that he used obscene and insulting language in the
vicinity of an Officer's billet.

Sentence:- 7 days' F.P. No. 2.

796. DRESS. (Extract A.I.F. Order 1499.)

"WAR OFFICE, 21st December, 1918.

" 1395.- Wearing of Mourning by Non-commissioned Officers and
"Soldiers when in uniform.- With reference to para. 1703 King's
"Regulations, it is notified for information that non-commissioned
"officers and soldiers when in mourning may wear a band of black
"material, 3¼ inches wide, round the left arm above the elbow."

R.G. Hamilton
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

NOTICE.

of members

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.- The wife and dependants of the A.I.F. who
have left for Australia on furlough, and who are themselves desirous of
returning to Australia, are hereby asked to communicate by letter with
the Deputy Director-General, Repatriation and Demobilisation Department,
A.I.F., 54 Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

Replies should give the Regimental Number, Name (in full), and Unit of
the soldier concerned, also date of leaving England or France, if known.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY. A.E.	
ES. 3578.	
No.	
Date.	16. 1. 19.

Hd. Qrs. 3rd. Aust. Div.
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Reference:- Your Q. 32/65 of 15/1/19.
Subject:- Change of Command, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In conformity with 3rd. Aust. Div. Administrative Instruction No. 68 of 11/1/19, and consequent upon the projected change of command due to Major R.G. Hamilton's departure for Australia, I certify that all articles on charge to this unit are in good order and in accordance with Mobilisation Store Table and subsequent amendments to same. They have been checked and there are no deficiencies provided all indents submitted in accordance with Australian Corps Administrative Instruction No. 13 of 2/1/19., up to 12th January, 1919 are passed.

I am satisfied as regards taking over.

(Signed)
R.G. Hamilton, MAJOR.
Outgoing Officer.

(Signed) -
L.G. Buckland, CAPT.
Incoming Officer.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 68.11th January, 1919.-

With reference to Australian Corps Administrative Instruction No. 13 on Mobilization Equipment.

Commanding Officers of units and formations will take steps to ensure that a Stores Book is kept, showing the armament, arms, equipment, saddlery, stores, vehicles (Motor Transport and Horse Transport), Bicycles and Motor Cycles, also horses and mules, on charge to their respective Commands, and how distributed. The totals of equipment, saddlery, etc., to be taken from the Mobilization Store Table and subsequent amendments by G.R.O. This Stores Book should show the total amounts on charge under the various headings, and their distribution to Companies, etc., and receipts obtained from Company, and other Commanders for all stores etc., they have on charge.

Similarly, Company and other Commanders should keep a book showing all stores and equipment, etc., on charge, with the distribution, and which should contain the signature of the individual in whose charge the arms, equipment, stores, vehicles, horses or animals are.- In the case of officers, the equipment on charge, whether issued direct, or purchased from an Allowance-Grant in lieu of issue, will be signed for by each individual Officer. In the case of loss of equipment, such as Binoculars, Compasses, saddlery, revolvers, etc., certificates should be obtained, and action taken in accordance with G.R.O.'s.

Before a change of Command takes place, all Stores on charge are to be checked, and a certificate rendered by the incoming Commanding Officer that all articles on charge are in good order, and in accordance with Mobilization Store Table and subsequent amendments to same; that they have been checked, and that there are no deficiencies; also that he is satisfied as regards taking over. This will also be signed by the officer handing

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 68. -Sheet No. 2 -.

over, and a certificate rendered through the usual channels to Divisional Headquarters before the change of Command will be approved.

If, in the case of handing over, any deficiencies are ascertained, a Board will be assembled by the G.O.C., formation concerned to assess the amount of the deficiencies, and fix the responsibility. In dealing with these deficiencies, the Board should keep in mind that Commanding Officers of Units are held personally liable for loss in respect to all articles on charge to their Commands, unless satisfactory evidence is produced to the Board, that:-

- (a) Loss is due to the wrongful act, default, or neglect on the part of some person definitely ascertained.
- (b) That, although no other person can be definitely ascertained as responsible for the loss, all necessary instructions and supervision have been given and exercised by the Commanding Officer, such as may reasonably have been required of him under the circumstances.
- (c) Or, that the loss was due to some cause over which he had no control.

Boards should state definitely in their report whether the evidence produced is sufficiently satisfactory to relieve the Commanding Officer of personal responsibility, and under what clause of the above paragraph.-

If the evidence produced is not considered such as to relieve the C.O., he should be informed accordingly by the President, and an opportunity given, if desired by him, of furnishing further evidence.-

(Signed) E. Bruggy. Lieut - Colonel.
A. A. & Q. M. G.
Third Australian Division.

11th January, 1919.
(S.B/R.M).-

COPY.AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters.
5th Jan. 1919.
No. Q. 106/347.
Third Australian Div.

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Headquarters,
2nd January, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 13.MOBILIZATION EQUIPMENT.

It is realised that Units are deficient of stores which were not used, or it was impossible to carry, but, with a view to correct adjustment on Demobilization, all units will immediately hold thorough equipment inspections and submit indents under the following headings for all deficiencies:-

- I. Lost or rendered unserviceable prior to 11-11-1918, which are required.
- II. Lost or rendered unserviceable prior to 11-11-1918, which are not required.
- III. Lost or rendered unserviceable since 11-11-1918, which are required.
- IV. Lost or rendered unserviceable since 11-11-1918, which are not required.

Indents under I and III will be rendered in duplicate; under II and IV in triplicate, and endorsed with the statement of the category under which they come.

Officers Commanding Units will render certificates through the usual channels to reach AUSTRALIAN CORPS by 14-1-1919, on the following pro-forma:-

"I certify that I have held a thorough inspection of the equipment of this Unit and submitted Indents to complete to scale laid down in latest Mobilization Store Table amended by G.R.O's. and Q.M.G. Authorities.

Sgd/
O.C., (Unit). "

This is the last opportunity of completing equipment, and it is essential that great care be taken in the preparation of these indents, as deficiencies on Demobilization will be the responsibility of the Officer Commanding the Unit.

(Signed) H.G. Viney, Lieut-Colonel.
for Brigadier-General,
D. A. & Q. M. G.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

DISTRIBUTION.

All Australian Units administered by Aust. Corps.

3rd. Divl. Signal Coy.

For information and necessary action. Certificates should be forwarded to reach this office by 6 p.m. 10th inst.

4-1-19.

(Signed) H. Johnson, Major.
D.A.Q.M.G.
Third Australian Division.

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Chief Signal Officer,
Australian Corps.

OFFICER i/c SIGNALS THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	ES. 3590.
Date.	17.1.19.

Reference: Your T.28/18 of 8.1.19.

Subject: Regimental Signallers.

In reply to your abovementioned memo., I have to state that, from experience, I consider it very necessary that all Regimental Signallers should come under the direct control of Os. C. Divisional Signal Companies owing to the following reasons:-

- (a) Unity of control of Communications.
- (b) " " " of Signal Stores and Equipment.
- (c) Uniformity of Training.
- (d) To make the Signal Service entirely complete as a separate organisation and thereby more thorough in its functions.
- (e) Co-operation and liaison purposes.

The matter was dealt with in my ES.3483 of 5.1.19. addressed to you and which should be referred to in conjunction with this memo.

R. Hamilton
MAJOR.
OFFICER I/C SIGNALS.
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO. 15.50. SIGNAL SERVICE (FRANCE) - SIGNAL PROCEDURE.

In pursuance of Signal Instruction No. 14 of 14.12.187, copies of Signal Training, Part VI have now been received and have been distributed as follows:-

All Batteries	5 copies each,
All Field Companies	1 copy "
3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.	40 copies.
All Infantry Battalions	10 " each,
3rd. Machine Gun Bn.	10 copies.
3rd. Pioneer Bn.	10 "
All Field Ambulances	1 copy each

Hd. Qrs., 3rd. Aust. Div.	} 1 copy each.
C.R.E. " " "	
Hd. Qrs., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.	
D.T.M.O. " " " "	
D.A.C.	
Each Art. & Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs.	

If required, additional copies may be obtained by direct application to this office.

It is notified that the pads of new message forms referred to have not yet been received.

17.1.19.

R. L. Hamilton MAJOR.
OFFICER I/C. SIGNALS.
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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CO. SIGNAL SERVICE (FRANCE) - SIGNAL PROCEDURES

In accordance of Signal Instruction No. 14 of 14.12.1877
copies of Signal Training Part IV have been received and
have been distributed as follows:

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" " 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
Hd. Qrs., 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
" " 8th. " " "

All Batteries.
C.R.E., 3rd. Aust. Div.
All Field Companies.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.
D.T.M.O., 3rd. Aust. Div.
D.A.C., " " "
Hd. Qrs., 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
" " 10th. " " "
" " 11th. " " "

All Infantry Battalions.
3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
9th. Aust. Field Amb.
10th. " " "
11th. " " "

Chief Signal Officer, Australian Corps.

MAJOR
OFFICER I/C SIGNALS
SIGNAL INSTRUCTION

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, FRANCE.
18th January, 1919.

797. 1914 - 1915 STAR.- (Reference A.I.F. Order 1513.)

The following particulars concerning the wearing of the Riband of the "1914-1915" Star are republished for information:-

(1) The riband of the "1914-1915 Star" may now be worn by Officers and soldiers who are entitled to the award of the Star under the conditions laid down in Company Routine Order 787 of 6/1/19.

(2) The "1914-1915 Star" is a war medal and is to be worn as such in accordance with Dress Regulations. The riband will be worn with the red edge to the right, i.e., with the red edge furthest from the left shoulder.

798. ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (Military Division).-(Reference A.I.F., Order 1502.-)

The following extract of Army Orders is republished for information.

" The KING has been graciously pleased to institute a Military ~~Division~~ Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to date from the creation of the Order, i.e., the 4th June, 1917.

" The insignia for both Military and Civil Divisions will be the same, but the ribbon of the Military Division will be distinguished by a vertical red stripe in the centre of the existing ribbon."

799. BADGES OF RANK.- WARRANT OFFICERS.- (Extract A.I.F., Order 1508.)

" The following badges of rank for Warrant Officers of the Australian Imperial Force will be worn, in future, by all concerned:-

" Conductor, A.A.O.C.	Royal Arms and Wreath.
" Warrant Officers, Class 1., A.A.M.C.	Royal Arms and Geneva Cross.
" All other Warrant Officers, Class 1.	Royal Arms.
" Regimental Quartermaster Sergeants)	
" Staff Quartermaster Sergeants)	Crown and Wreath.
" Farrier Quartermaster Sergeants.	Crown and Wreath & Horseshoe.
" Quartermaster Sergeant(W.O., Class II), A.A.M.C.	(Cross. Crown and Wreath and Geneva
" Squadron, Battery, Troop or Company Sergeants Major.	Crown.

" All the above badges are to be worn on the right forearm.

L. Buckland
MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

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by
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,
O.C., 3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.

In the Field, FRANCE.
24th January, 1919.

800. REMUSTER.

4381, Dvr. P.V. THOMAS remustered as Sapper at own request 18/1/19.

801. SCHOOLS.

The following reports have been received from the Commandant, First Army Signal School on the following members of this unit who attended a Course:-

14228, L/Cpl. H.H. FORD.

" The results of the Tests at the termination of the Course
" showed that he is competent to instruct in the new procedure.
" Written paper 75% marks.
" Very keen. Has the makings of a good instructor."

33528, Spr. C. BLAKE.

" The results of the Tests at the termination of the Course
" showed that he is not competent to instruct in the new procedure.
" Written paper 42% marks.
" Attentive but not sufficient ability."

802. MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES - CERTIFICATE IN CONNECTION WITH. - (Extract
G.R.O. 6073.)

" His Majesty the King, has been graciously pleased to
" approve of the issue of a Certificate to all those who are
" mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service during the
" present war. This certificate will convey to the recipient His
" Majesty's appreciation of the services rendered."

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CAPT.
for MAJOR.
O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Capt. J.L.G. Buckland, M.C., M.M.,
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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In the Field, France.
25th January, 1919.

803. LEAVE. (Ref. Divl. Hd. Qrs. Q. 42/476.)

It has been represented that there are in the A.I.F. many men of DANISH and SCANDINAVIAN birth, who desire to visit their native land before returning to AUSTRALIA, on leave without pay.

Applications to this effect will be forwarded to reach Company Hd. Qrs. by 1900, 31st January, 1919.

804. 4th. AUSTRALIAN BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY OPERATING CO. (Ref. D.H.Q. G. 17/6.)

The 4th. Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company is much in need of someone with a knowledge of locomotives, and of German, who could act as interpreter to German crews. This would afford an excellent opportunity for a Locomotive Engineer to gain a knowledge of German engines and practice.

Please submit applications to reach this Hd. Qrs. by 1900 on 26th. January, 1919.

805. CENSORSHIP. (Ref. Divl. Hd. Qrs. G. 14/36.)

The following copy of a letter is repeated for information:-

" With reference to your letters No. 121/Press/1410 (M. 1.7) dated 14.12.18. and No. 121/Overseas/6608 dated 4.1.19., I have the honour to inform you that there is now no necessity for continuing the restrictions previously imposed relating to the mention in the Press of Canada, Australia, or the Press in general of the localities of units, of the names of individual officers and men and events which have occurred since the 11th November, 1918.

L. G. Buckland
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. Capt.

NOTICES.

The following has been received from Fourth Army:-

"G.H.Q. wire Armistice Convention has been prolonged by one month."

LIFE INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS OF A.I.F. (Divl. Hd. Qrs. ED. 52/12/28.)

The question was recently raised as to whether arrangements can now be made for members of the A.I.F. to obtain "Life Insurance" while still in the Field.

In this connection, a representative of the A.M.P. Society in London was interviewed, and he states that the society will accept policies at pre-war prices and to cover all risks of the voyage to AUSTRALIA, provided that if hostilities should be resumed, policies would be cancelled and premiums returned. A.I.F. Medical Officers' certificates will be accepted and one guinea paid for each certificate. Under the articles of the Association the A.M.P. are not prepared to sign contract of insurance in FRANCE, but their representatives will attend all camps in ENGLAND, when desired.

It is possible that other Societies would grant similar terms and also attend the various camps if required.

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10th Aust. Infantry.

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Sapper.

10th Aust.

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Infantry

HOPKINS.

Brigade.)

(Signed) C.H. Jess,
 Brigadier - General.
 Commanding 10th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by
 Capt. J.L.G. Buckland, M.C., M.M.,
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,
 30th January, 1919.

806. BOUNDS. (Ref 11th. Bde. Hd. Qrs. wire SC.82 of 25.1.19.)

The villages of MOUFLIERES and LIGNIERES are placed at the disposal of the French.

807. KILLING OF GAME. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 14.)

" It is notified for information that the hunting, shooting or
 "killing of game (which includes hares and rabbits) by nets, snares
 "or other methods is strictly prohibited.
 " From this date, severe disciplinary action will be taken
 "against anyone contravening this order."

K.L.G. Buckland
 CAPT.
 O.C., THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A.E.

NOTICE.Y.M.C.A.

For Officers and Men in PARIS the Australian Y.M.C.A. has affiliated with the Over-seas French Homes League. Officers and Men of the A.I.F. may have hospitality with English speaking families and entertainments arranged for them by applying to the Australian Y.M.C.A. Hotel Windsor, 26 Rue de Petrograd, PARIS.

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C.Q.M.S.' REPORT.Clothing and Equipment:-

Demands for clothing were met very sparingly; ~~equipment~~ equipment demands were small and well met.

Jackets and Breeches:- All received were of good quality but large sizes were not available.

Boots, ankle: All sizes were available; smaller sizes being of English pattern. Quality good.

Repairs: During the month 50 prs. of boots were repaired. Supplies of leather for the work were not received.

Shoes, horse: Shoes, tapped for frost cogs, were demanded but not supplied.

Comforts: A good supply was received from Australian Comforts Fund during the month, being received in two instalments. Items as follows:-

Cocoa and Milk	384 tins.
Milk	144 "
Cakes.	176.
Puddings	134 tins.
Sugar	144 lbs.
Oxo	42 pkts.
Custard Powder	28 pkts.
Diaries	400.
Sardines	250 tins.
Tobacco	480 ounces.
Cough Medicine	95 bots.
Tommy Cookers	150.
" " Refills	150.
Soup	9 tins.
Shirts	60.
Sox	384 prs.
Scarves	120.

Technical Equipment:-

A quantity of stores was returned to Signal Dump, Abbeville, in accordance with instructions received from Chief Signal Officer, Australian Corps.

31.1.19.

H. A. R. [Signature]
C.Q.M.S.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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O.C.'S REPORT.

- MOVES. No moves occurred during the period.
- DEMOBILIZATION AND REPATRIATION. The Precedence Roll of the unit was compiled, a copy of which was posted for the information of all ranks. No discontent prevailed at method of compilation. A number of men have been posted to Schools in France, others have been successful in procuring non-military employment in England.
- EDUCATION. As far as circumstances will allow, education has proceeded in the unit as in December. In addition, a Camera Club and a Debating Club have received a good stimulus during the month.
- LEAVE. Extra facilities concerning leave for men to visit the battle areas for purpose of locating graves of relatives, have been availed of and greatly appreciated; in addition, the opening of short leave to AMIENS has been in regular demand.
- BATHS. The allotment of days for RAMBURELLES Baths has been availed of and has proved helpful to health of the men.
- COMFORTS. Comforts on a substantial scale have been received and distributed throughout the Sections. In addition, quantities of fresh fish and vegetables have been regularly purchased through Regimental Funds. The supplementing of the ration in this way has resulted in a good variable fare being given the men.
- HEALTH. Throughout the month the general health of the men has been good and all ranks are comfortably billeted.
- DISCIPLINE Has been good throughout.
- COMMAND. Major R.G. HAMILTON, M.C., left unit for ENGLAND on 26th. inst. prior to repatriation to AUSTRALIA and command of Unit taken over by Captain J.L.G. BUCKLAND, M.C., M.M.

31.1.19.

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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

CLIPPING.

During the month clipping machines were received from Blue Cross Society, London, gratis, which has allowed of all horses being clipped about the body.

HEALTH.

Of the few animals which were evacuated the majority of causes were the result of injuries inflicted in the stables. One horse died from a ball in its intestine.

The general health of the animals otherwise was good, which is attributed to a large degree to existing comfortable stabling.

TRANSPORT.

2 new wheels were placed on one of the cable wagons and all transport is now in good order.

HARNESS.

Much attention has been devoted to care of the harness and inspections were held from time to time by the O.C.

GRADING OF HORSES.

In anticipation of the demobilization of horses, the D.A.D.V.S. attended and graded animals according to category.

RATIONS.

Rations have been of good quality and quite up to standard of previous periods.

31.1.19.

J. Rogerson Lt
Transport officer.

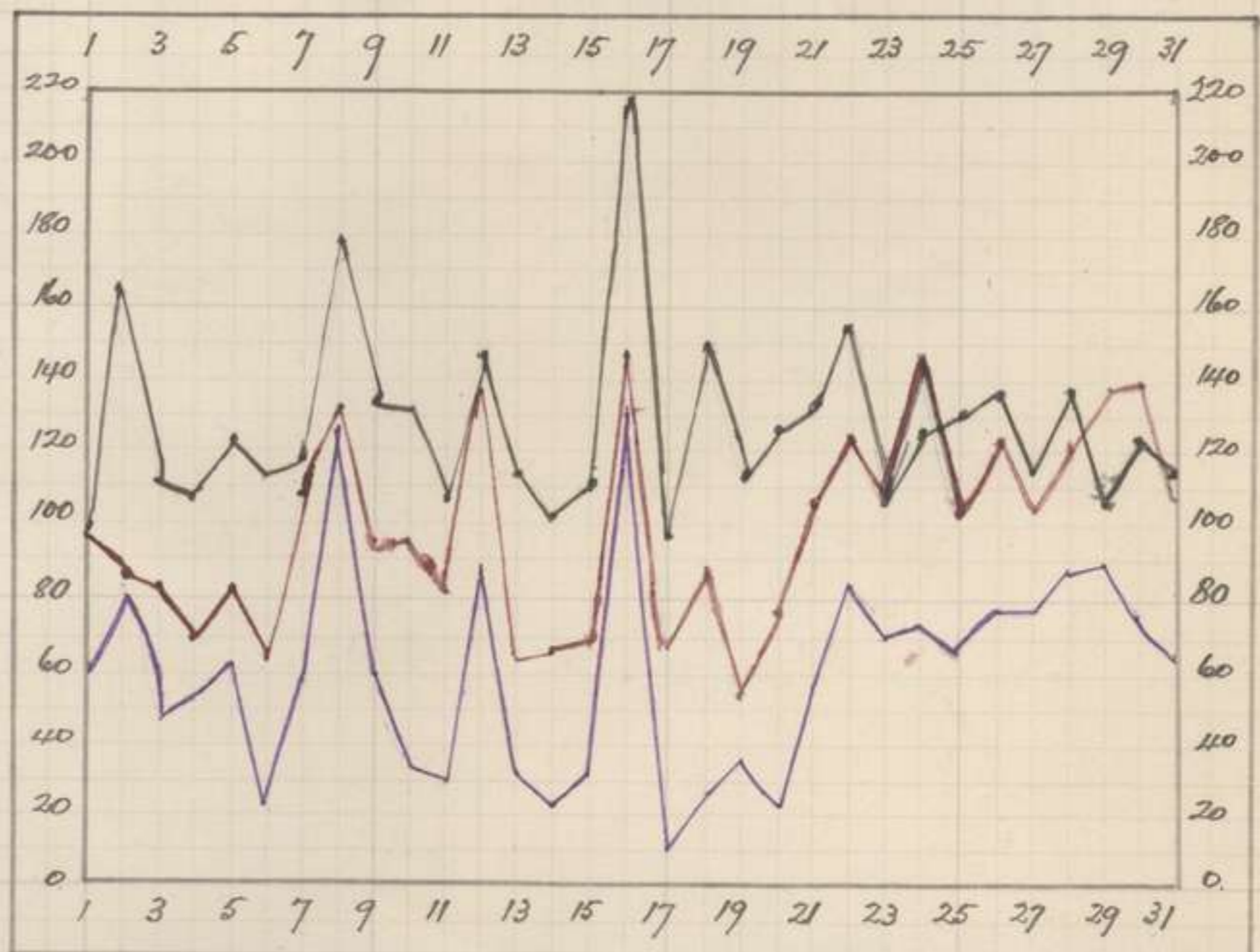
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	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Strength of Unit as on 31.1.19.		
Actually with unit	11	300
Effective Strength	13	344
Total struck off strength during month:-		
Sick and wounded	9	8
Transferred to other units	-	4
Total to hospital during month:-		
Myalgia 1		
P.U.O. 1		
Gleet 1		
N.Y.D. 2		
Fever 1.		
Diarrhoea 1.		
Influenza 1.		
	-	8
Reinforcements during month:-		
On transfer from other units	1	2
Total rejoined unit	-	12
Total sent on leave during month:-		
To United Kingdom	1 Off.	34 O.R.
" Paris		10 "
" Grenvillers		1 "
" Corbie		1 "
" Nice		2 "
		1 48
Attached men sent on leave during month:-		
To U.K.	6	6

H O R S E S.

	<u>R.</u>	<u>L.D.</u>
Strength as on 31.1.19.	42	75
Evacuated during month	2	1

JANUARY 1919
 Graph. Shewing Daily Number of
A B & C Messages.
 3rd Aust Divl. Signal Co AF.

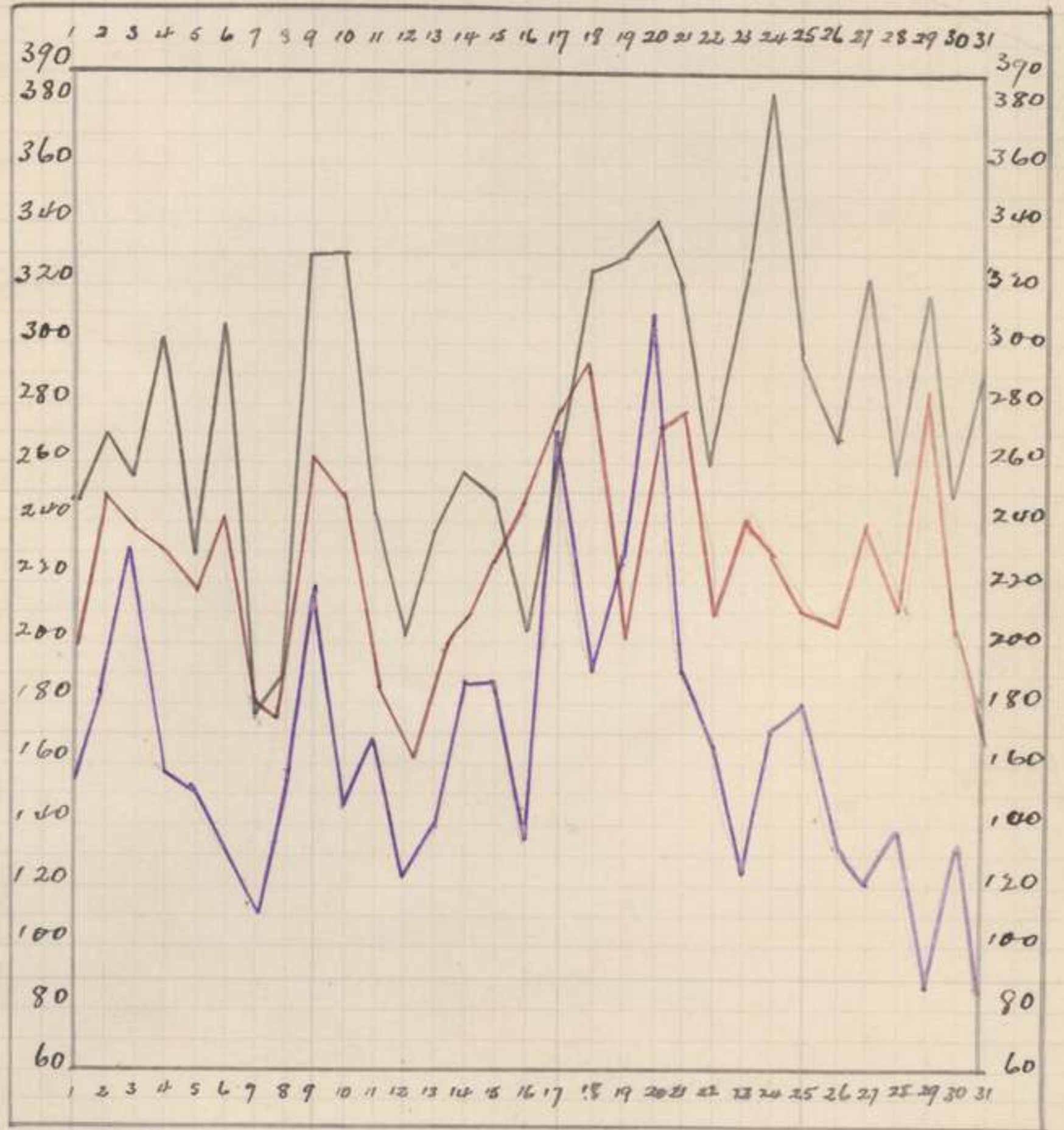


"A" Mess. ——— "B" Mess. ——— "C" Mess. ———
 Totals.

Divl. Hd Qrs.		5302
No 2 Sec. att	9 Inf Bde.	673
No 3 " "	10 " "	958
No 4 " "	11 " "	322
No 5 " "	3 MG Bn.	467
DAHQ.		1368
No 1 Sub Sec "	7 FA Bde.	196
No 2 " " "	8 " " "	

Appendix No 24 War Diary Vol. 27 Total. 9286.

JANUARY 1919
 Graph Showing Daily Number of
A B & C SEALED PACKETS
 3rd Aust. Div. Signal Co. A.F.



"A"SP's — "B"SP's — "C"SP's —
 Totals

DAHQ		9061
Nº2 Sec aft	9 Inf Bde	2749
Nº3 " "	10 " "	2456
Nº4 " "	11 " "	2450
Nº5 " "	3 MGBn	1319
DAHQ		1941
Nº1 SubSec	7 FA Bde	400
Nº2 " "	8 " "	

Appendix No. 28 War Diary Vol. 27 Total: 20376

Return of Fat, Paper and Cardboard salvaged and
despatched to Base from the unit for the month of January.

<u>Week ending.</u>	<u>Fat.</u>	<u>Paper.</u>	<u>Cardboard.</u>
Jan. 4th.	Nil.	4 lbs.	Nil.
" 11th.	Nil.	6 "	4 lbs.
" 18th.	Nil.	8 "	Nil.
" 25th.	Nil.	4 "	6 lbs.

31.1.19.

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CAPT.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.

NOMINAL ROLL - EMBARKATION QUOTA NO.12.

31.1.19.

Regtl. No.	Rank and Name.	Remarks.
	Lieut. B.E. GEORGE.	
6263,	Sgt. F.L. BEVAN.	
10581,	Dvr. A.H. BARTER.	
10598,	Spr. T.F. COOK.	
10605,	L/Cpl. H.P. FARRINGTON.	
10613,	Cpl. D.S. GILMOUR.	
5928,	Dvr. W.A. KENNEDY.	
10646,	Spr. H.F. MILLER.	
10702,	Dvr. A.E. PRICE.	
4295,	Spr. P.L. SMITH.	
10691,	Spr. A.R. YEOMAN.	
1636,	Pte. G.A. McDONALD.	
6867,	Spr. J.H. BROOKS.) Transported
) with 8th. Aust.
16731,	Dvr. W.M. FAIR.) F. Art. Bde. Quota
) No.12. to join
6843,	Spr. L.R. NICHOLSON.) at Base.

R. C. Buckland

CAPT.
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