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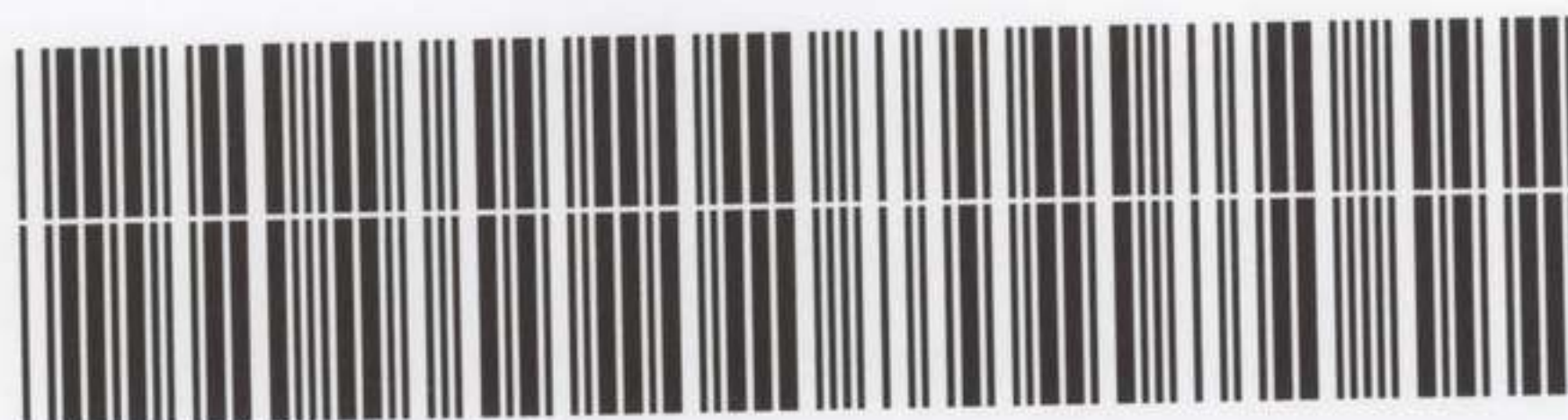
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FAVRIL	1st		<p>This afternoon His Majesty the King visited the Corps area and the Brigade was to line the MARIOLLES, LANDRECIES ROAD as the Royal Party drove through. However, on the march to the road the G.S.O., 2, Australian Corps, (Major R.G.CASEY, D.S.O., M.C.) met the column and stated that the King desired to see the Troops assembled in a field. The Brigade accordingly formed up in a hollow square, with all the personnel of Units who had been awarded decorations in front. The Royal Party arrived three quarters of an hour behind schedule time and the King walked round the parade and chatted with the men. Lieut. R.V.MOON, V.C., 58th Battalion was presented and the King was much interested to know <del>that</del> Lieut. MOON had been home to Australia and returned again since the King had presented him with his medal. As the Royal Party drove away they were given three hearty cheers by the assembled troops. The King was accompanied by General Sir H.S.RAWLINSON, BART., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G. Commanding the Fourth Army. The Acting Corps Commander, (Major General Sir J.TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D.), and the Acting Divisional Commander (Brig.-General E.TIVEY, C.B., D.S.O., V.D.) attended the parade. After the Royal Party had gone the parade marched past the Acting Corps Commander en route for return to Billetting areas. The weather was cold and sharp but altogether good marching weather and the men no doubt appreciated the opportunity of seeing His Majesty.</p> <p>The 15th Field Company A.E. marched into the Brigade Group Area today and are now located at</p>	



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FAVRIL	1st		<p>PETIT BEART.</p> <p>Advice has been received that Lieut.Col. C.V.WATSON, D.S.O. has been selected for duty in LONDON as A.P.M., A.I.F. Lieut.Col. WATSON was sent to LIVERPOOL, N.S.W. in 1916 to clear up trouble experienced there with the troops in Camp. By his tactful handling of the situation order was restored. This has no doubt led to his selection for the new position. It is hoped to postpone his departure for a few weeks to permit of the squaring of certain matters in the Battalion.</p>	
	2nd		<p>Advance parties from 5th Machine Gun Battalion reported today. Battalion Headquarters and two Companies are attached to this group and are due to march in tomorrow.</p> <p>Two French Aviators buried in Brigade Area today. 58th Battalion band attended and 4 Officers from 59th Battalion and 4 N.C.O's from 57th Battalion were supplied as Pall Bearers.</p>	
	3rd		<p>The Acting Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1 (Lieut.Col. McCOLL) each called at Brigade Headquarters during the day and gave information about the move to the new area. Owing to the congested state of the roads forward (all supplies for the forward Corps having to be taken by M.T.) it is proposed to move the Brigade Group by Units separately, the move to take several days.</p> <p>At 4 p.m. the Brigadier held a conference of Unit Commanders at Brigade Headquarters to discuss the question of Recreation and Sport. He pointed out that it seemed as if interest had been</p>	



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FAVRIL	3rd		lacking in the recent Divisional Sports held at HUPPY, where the Brigade did not show up as usual on the Prize Lists. What was wanted was more enthusiasm and interest shown by Senior Officers. It was eventually decided that Major R.J.DIXON, 59th Battalion be appointed Chairman of a Sports Committee and that Representatives be selected from each Unit as members of the Committee, which would have as its object the maintaining of a Strong Sporting Spirit amongst all Units of the Brigade. A Committee Meeting will be held in a few days and details for different events arranged. Lieut D.O.SHIELDS, Brigade Gas Officer returned to Battalion Duty today. Routine Orders attached.	App. 3.
	4th		The Brigade Major today reconnoitred the forward area to which the Brigade will move next. It was found that there was ample room for all Units of the Brigade Group and the troops should be very comfortable when settled down.  1 Officer and 31 Other Ranks left for Railhead en route to Australia on January and February 1915 furlough. Routine Orders attached.	App.. 4.
	5th		One Officer of the Brigade Group was this morning taken forward to look over the new area, and to act as Advance Billetting Officer.  Total Salvage collected 16½ Lorry Loads.	
	6th		Brigade Order No. 213 for the move to the forward area was issued today. The Brigade Major and Staff Captain visited Units who are to move tomorrow to ensure that all arrangements are complete.	App 5.



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FAVRIL	6th		Guard of 1 Officer, 3 N.C.O's. and 20 men supplied for duty at LANDRECIES Railway Station. Baggage and Supply Wagons reported to Units. Two extra G.S.Wagons and one G.S.Limber reported each Battalion from D.A.C. to carry surplus stores to New Area. Weekly Fighting Strength att.	App 6.
	7th		59th Battalion, 15th A.L.T.M.B., and 15th Field Company A.E. moved today to the ST.REMY - AVESNES Area.  Various reports have been received from the inhabitants of GRAND DU BOIS that German soldiers were still in the vicinity of the village hiding in the woods. So persistent did these rumours become, even to the statement that inhabitants had been fired on, that the C.O. 59th Battalion (Lieut.Col. J.J.SCANLAN, D.S.O.), asked permission to organise a search with his Battalion through the BOIS DU TOAILLON. The Brigadier approved of the suggested action and on the 4th inst. the 59th Battalion thoroughly searched the wood in every quarter. A small boy who stated that he knew exactly where the Germans were hiding, was used as a guide but no trace of them could be found. Several "Humpies" were found, however, which showed signs of recent occupation. It is believed that the Germans, if they are about as reported, are in league with some of the Civilians and received warning of the Raid.  The work of the Education Scheme is now developing and men are being sent for attachment to Army various workshops to renew their skill in certain departments. It is intended to develop the	



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FAVRIL	7th		<p>various classes in the New Area to a large extent.</p> <p>Lieut.Col. C.V.WATSON, D.S.O. has received word to report at once for duty as A.P.M., A.I.F., LONDON. The Officers of the 58th Battalion last night held a short informal farewell gathering. Lieut.Col. WATSON leaves for London tomorrow. The Battalion will be commanded temporarily by T/Major, D.B.DOYLE until Major H.D.G.FERRES, D.S.O., M.C. returns from the Senior Officers School.</p>	
DOURLERS	8th		<p>The following Units moved from the FAVRIL AREA today: Brigade Headquarters, 58th Battalion, 15th Field Ambulance, 29th Company A.A.S.C., Headquarters and two Companies 5th Machine Gun Battalion. The move was completed at approximately 1500 all Units marching in fresh despite the long march through fairly congested traffic.</p> <p>Units report that they are comfortably situated and that with bunking and the provision of minor conveniences such as latrines and cookhouses they will all be well off.</p> <p>The Brigadier and Brigade Major were invited to dine with the G.O.C. 50th Division (Major General JACKSON, D.S.O.) and Staff at the DOURLERS CHATEAU and a very pleasant evening was spent. Lieut. F.B.McWHANNELL, Acting Staff Captain, today reported to Divisional Headquarters for duty. Lieut. M.J.MEARA, M.C., 57th Battalion will carry on the duties of Staff Captain for the present. It has been stated that certain stables in the area have been used by the Germans as Mange</p>	

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	9th		57th Battalion and 8th and 14th Companies of the 5th Machine Gun Battalion today marched from the FAVRIL to the ST.REMY - AVESNES area. Moves were completed at approximately 1430. The Brigade Group is now complete in this area and is disposed as follows:  <div style="margin-left: 100px;">           Brigade Headquarters . . . DOURLERS.            15th A.L.T.M.B. . . . ST. AUBIN.            57th Battalion . . . ST. AUBIN.            58th Battalion . . . DOURLERS.            59th Battalion . . . SEMOUSIES.            15th Aust. Field Ambulance . . . LES BODELEX.            15th Field Coy. A.E. . . DOURLERS.            29th Coy. A.A.S.G. . . MONT DOURLERS.            5th M.G. Battalion . . . ST. REMY-CHAUSSEE.            Brigade Y.M.C.A. . . DOURLERS.         </div> <p>During the afternoon the G.S.O. 1 called at Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>The 15th Field Company A.E. today reconnoitred the area with a view to ascertaining the amount of bunking required in billets. It was found that very little bunking would be required as the</p>	

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DOURLERS	9th		great majority of the Billets were quite dry - mostly all the men preferring to sleep on the floor. Routine Orders attached.	App. 7.
	10th		<p>The Acting Divisional Commander (Brig. General E. TIVEY, C.B., D.S.O., V.D.) called at Brigade Headquarters. The D.A.D.V.S. (Lieut. Col. N. HENRY, D.S.O.) and D.A.Q.M.G. (Major H. CUMMING M.C.) called and arrangements were made to have the horses of the Brigade clipped. It was decided to start with the 59th Battalion as there was more possibility of mangle in that area.</p> <p>A conference of Commanding Officers was held today in conjunction with the Brigade Group Recreational Committee. The reason for calling up the Battalion Commanders to this meeting was to stimulate interest and to ensure the support of the Senior Officers. It was decided that a series of contests be started throughout the Brigade. The various events will include football, Tug-of-War, Cross Country Running, Rifle Shooting, Basket Ball and Boxing. As Units were hardly yet settled in the new area it was decided to postpone the actual competitions until, after Christmas, Units meanwhile to carry out inter-platoon and Company Matches.</p> <p>The Brigadier drew attention to the question of Kings and Regimental Colours for Battalions which are shortly to be issued.</p> <p>The undermentioned Officers marched out to A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters for Duty on Transports proceeding to Australia.:</p>	



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	11th		<p>The Brigade Major visited the 57th Battalion and 15th A.L.T.M.B. during the day. Weather fairly cold and showery. Captain C.W. LAY, (Staff Captain) returned from Hospital in the South of France.</p> <p>A supply of Palliasses is anticipated at an early date. Brigade Baths have been established in DOURLERS but building is rather dilapidated and requires renovating. The supply of clean clothing cannot be assured owing to shortage of Motor Transport.</p> <p>Routine Orders issued.</p>	App. 8.
	12th		<p>Weather wet and cold. The Corps Commander has inaugurated a Narrative Competition. In this Competition Officers, N.C.O's. and men are asked to write of their experiences and of the various actions in which their Units have taken part. The Brigade Stories are to form the basis of the competition and to enable this it has been decided to hold competitions within</p>	



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	13th		<p>Battalions carried out Battalion and Ceremonial Drill this morning and this afternoon Football matches were played amongst teams within the various Battalions. The weather continues wet and cold.</p> <p>Arrangements are being made to assist French Civilians in carrying in Beetroot and clearing manure. A detail of G.S.Wagons and limbers is daily being supplied to various civilians requiring such assistance. Routine Orders issued.</p>	App. 10.
	14th		<p>A meeting of the Brigade Group Recreational Committee was held today at which it was decided to hold a Cross Country Run on December 18th to open the Sports Season for the Group in the area. A memo (App. 12 attached) shows the details of the race which is sure to create a lot of</p>	App. 11
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DOURLERS.			14th			<p>interest.</p> <p>In order to keep the men interested during the long evenings debating societies have been formed in some of the Units. Up to now the debates which have been held have been between Companies and these have been of an informal character. Tonight "A" and "D" Companies 58th Battalion held a debate on the subject "Is a League of Nations possible". This created a good deal of interest and there was a good attendance. The Adjudicator decided in favor of the Negative Side.</p> <p>The first weekly education report was submitted to Divisional Headquarters (Copy attached)</p> <p>It is proposed to commence a Brigade Class of Instruction in Woolclassing and application has been made to the Educational Authorities for the necessary appliances. Lieut. J.J.COLCLOUGH, 58th Battalion, an expert woolclasser in Civil Life, will superintend this class. Weather, fine but dull.</p> <p>Order re Brood Mares cancelled as War Office authorities have decided not to select any Brood Mares from Colonial Horses.</p> <p>Application made to Divisional Headquarters for Foden Disinfector to fumigate blankets.</p> <p>Administrative Memorandum No. 36 attached.</p>	<p>265</p> <p>App. 13.</p> <p>App. 14.</p>
			15th			<p>Colonel J.H.BRUCHE, C.M.G., (A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. 5th Australian Division) called during the morning.</p> <p>The Brigade Major, together with members of the Recreational Committee reconnoitred a route</p>	

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DOURLERS	15th		<p>for the Cross Country Run, to be held on Wednesday.</p> <p>The 58th Battalion Band rendered a programme in the Village Square at DOURLERS during the afternoon.</p> <p>Division have emphasised the necessity for keeping up the Military Efficiency even though the Armistice has been signed. We must be prepared for any eventuality. It is proposed to have at least two and a half hours Military Training - or at least refreshed courses - every day. Musketry will be included in the work to be undertaken but this may be disguised in the form of inter-platoon and inter-<del>Company</del> rifle matches. A copy of the Divisional Memo re Training also copies of Battalion Programmes are attached. (Original Only). Unit Commanders are not to be tied down to a hard and fast programme but are expected to exert every effort to make the Training as interesting as possible and keep all ranks efficient and fit.</p> <p>Major R.J.DICKSON, 59th Battalion granted an extension of leave until 18th inst..</p> <p>Division advise that a supply of palliasses will shortly be made available.</p> <p>Engineers are proceeding with the work of erecting bunks in billets. Some of the Brigade Units are opposed to this idea on account of the space in billets being minimised by the erection of bunks. Routine Orders issued.</p>	App. 15.
	16th		<p>The Brigadier today lunched with the Corps Commander, (Lieut.General Sir J.TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D.)</p>	App. 16.



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DOURLERS	16th		<p>at Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>Mr. C.E.W.BEAN, Official Correspondent with the Australian Imperial Forces this afternoon came to spend a few days with the Brigade. He is anxious to get some first hand information regarding the operations round BELLICOURT and will interview Officers and men of the various Units. Weather fine.</p> <p>Rations at present are rather meagre but fluctuate, one days short issue being counteracted by an extra issue the following day. There is nothing to complain of in quality of rations supplied. When transport facilities improve it is anticipated that full ration will be issued. All shortages are of course supplemented by hard rations i.e. bully beef in lieu of fresh meat and biscuits in lieu of bread. Routine Orders issued.</p>	
	17th		<p>A meeting of the Brigade Sports Committee was held today to complete details for the Cross Country Run to be held tomorrow. H.R.H. The Prince Of Wales will attend, also the Divisional Commander.</p> <p>A Meeting of the Brigade Committee was held today to decide whether a Brigade Officers Club House would be formed. Division have advised that in the event of a Club being started they would donate £40.0.0. towards same. All Battalions however decided that present the difficulties in transporting the supplies would mean that no definite supply could be assured and moreover, all Units are at present busy endeavouring to start Battalion Officers Messes, Sergeants</p>	<p>App. 17.</p>

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DOURLERS	17th		Messes etc., and also arranging for Christmas and New Year, dinners for troops. All these unusual demands make the obtaining of supplies a very difficult matter more especially as we are unable to help any Unit with Motor Transport. The Battalion Canteen Officers are in the same predicament and all say that the stores are available but that it is impossible to transport stores from CHARKEROI (one of the nearest buying centres) to Unit Canteens. In view of the above difficulties it was decided to postpone the establishing of a Brigade Officers Club until a definite allotment of Motor Transport could be assured. Routine Orders attached.	App. 18.
	18th		Owing to the inclement weather it was decided early in the morning that the Cross Country Run be postponed. The weather today is most unpleasant - rain and wind predominating. Routine Orders issued.	App. 19.
	19th		A Cinema Hall under the superintendence of the Y.M.C.A. was tonight opened in a large barn at DOURLERS. This has been transformed into quite a nice hall with a seating capacity of 500. Changes of programme will be frequent and a system of ticket distribution to Units will ensure that all men in the Brigade Group are afforded an opportunity of attending at intervals. Arrangements have also been made whereby a series of pictures will be shown depicting various incidents and phases of the war. These pictures are intended mainly for the Civil population (who will be invited to attend) and who having been under German	

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	20th		<p>Brigade Headquarters today moved from the village into DOURLERS CHATEAU, the 50th Division Headquarters having moved out yesterday. This Chateau is a very fine old place. Villagers state that Hindenburg and the Crown Prince have stayed here at various times - remaining on one occasion for several months. Usually they did not stay more than a week but moved from place to place to avoid our air bombing raids. There is good accommodation for Officers and all departments in the Chateau Grounds and Buildings but the difficulty will be the heating of the Buildings.</p> <p>A Meeting of the Brigade Group Recreational Committee was held this morning when the draw for the Group Competitions took place. A copy of the fixtures for the first round is attached.</p> <p>It was also decided that the Cross Country Run be held on the 28th inst. The reason for selecting this date is that Units are until then fully engaged with their own inter-company and inter-platoon matches.</p> <p>The Corps Commander (Lieut. General Sir J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D.) called during the morning</p>	<p>App° 22.</p>

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	20th		<p>and conversed with the Brigadier. He was pleased to find the Brigade so well situated and the men so contented. A visit was also paid to the 57th and 58th Battalions.</p> <p>H.R.H. The Prince of Wales called during the afternoon and was introduced to the Brigade Staff. He afterwards attended a football match between the 57th and 59th Battalion Officers at ST. AUBIN and the Company match on the 58th Battalion Ground near SEMOUSIES. The Prince shook hands with the Competitors at each place and enjoyed the games during the period he was there.</p> <p>The weekly Conference of Educational Officers with the Brigade Major was held during the afternoon when points of interest were fully discussed and arrangements made for co-ordinating the work within the Brigade Group. A copy of the Weekly Education Report is attached.</p> <p>Weekly Fighting Strength attached.</p>	App. 23.
	21st		<p>A suggestion has been made that on New Years Eve the Brigade Officers should have a re-union at some convenient centre which would accommodate all. The suggestion, when put to the Officers of the various Units has been enthusiastically received. A Committee of Unit Representatives has therefore been formed and met this morning at Brigade Headquarters to put in hand the preliminary arrangements. It was decided that the function take the form of a dinner to be held in the hall of the DOURLERS CHATEAU. All old members of the Brigade now with other Units are to be invited. Lieutenants A.G.STALEY and R.D.CHALMERS were appointed as a</p>	

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DOURLERS	21st	December, 1918.	<p>Committee to proceed at once to PARIS and arrange with a good firm to contract for the dinner.</p> <p>As an adjunct to the Educational Scheme now at work within the Brigade, arrangements have been made with the 15th Field Company A.E. to take four men for carpentry and four men for Blacksmithing from Units of the Brigade for attachments to classes being held by the Field Company. These men will start on Monday, 23rd inst..</p> <p>The Divisional Commander called this morning and intimated that he would probably review the Brigade at an early date in company with his H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.</p> <p>A Meeting of the Divisional Sports Committee was held today at Divisional Headquarters. Major G.S.SMITH, M.C. represented this Brigade Group. The matters dealt with will be brought before the next meeting of the Group Committee.</p> <p>Divisional Headquarters is now much nearer, having moved to SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU. The 8th Brigade is at SARS POTERIES and the 14th Brigade is at SIVRY.</p> <p>A wire was received this morning to the effect that 5th Divisional Artillery had reported a delay action mine exploded on the Railway 200 yards EAST of SAINS at 1200 yesterday.</p> <p>The Brigadier has received a letter from Major G.F.WOOTTEN (formerly G.S.O. 2 5th Australian Division) now attached on liaison duty at G.H.Q., asking if he might be supplied with copies of Brigade orders for the recent actions in which the Brigade had been engaged. These were required for Brigadier General DILL of G.H.Q. who was about to proceed to CAMBERLY STAFF</p>	

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	21st		<p>College as an instructor. The orders of this Brigade were especially desired seeing that the Brigade had met with such success during the latter stages of the campaign. Owing to the inclement weather the work of assisting the Civilian Population in bringing in Beetroot etc. is being delayed. All Battalions are, however, making use of all available transport which is being sent to AULNOYE to obtain coal from a large coal dump which was left behind by the retiring enemy. This will enable all billets to be kept well heated during the cold weather and is, of course, supplementary to the ordinary issue of <math>1\frac{1}{2}</math> lbs per man. All Battalions have arranged to store up quite a big reserve. Major H.D.G.FERRES, D.S.O., M.C. marched in from Senior Officers School and took over Command of 58th Battalion from Major D.B.DOYLE. Routine Orders attached.</p>	
	22nd		<p>3 Officers and 17 Other Ranks were this morning despatched by lorry to CORBIE to attend a Tractor Ploughing demonstration. This will mean a two days journey which will be broken at PERONNE both going and coming. A meeting of Musketry Representatives of Sub-Groups was held this morning to arrange the details for the rifle shooting which will be conducted in conjunction with the Brigade Group Competitions. Church Parades were held by the various Units under their own arrangements.</p>	App. 24.



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DOURLERS	22nd		<p>Copies of Recommendations for Honours submitted to Division for the undermentioned; attached</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L/Cpl. BLOMLEY                      57th Battalion. Pte. BRYANT                            57th Battalion.</p> <p>Allotment of Honours and Mentions for Peace Despatch received from Division. Honours 2 Off. 10 Other Ranks. Mentions 2 Officers 3 Other Ranks. Copies of Recommendations submitted are attached.</p> <p>Special issue of Rum made for purpose of making sauce for Christmas Puddings.</p> <p>Routine Orders attached.</p>	<p>App. 25.</p> <p>App. 26.</p> <p>App. 27.</p>
	23rd		<p>The Demonstration Platoon at Divisional Headquarters has been selected for duty at Corps Headquarters during the period that H.R.H., The Prince of Wales is attached to the Corps. This means that a new platoon has to be formed for Divisional Headquarters and the quota to be supplied by this Brigade will be 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 9 privates. Men from the Battalions were inspected today by the Brigade Major and a smart section of men was selected. The Units today were at the disposal of Battalion Commanders. The day was decidedly unpleasant being wet and cold.</p> <p>2/Lieut. C.E.ISAAC, who at various times has made excellent relief models of the ground over which operations have taken place, has returned from leave to England. While there he came in touch with the Australian War Records Section and gave the Officials details of work he</p>	



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DOURLERS	23rd		<p>hade done. Specimens of this work are already with the Section and have created quite a lot of interest. The result of Lieut. ISAAC's interview will probably be that he will be attached to the War Records Section and will be detailed to make a series of models representative of the ground and locality of all the most important Battles in which Units of the Australian Imperial Force have been engaged. Orders to despatch Lieut. ISAAC are expected to arrive any day. His work has been so good and has been of such assistance that it merits notice with the records of the Brigade.</p> <p>1,500 palliasses drawn By Brigade from D.A.D.O.S. These have been distributed in accordance with strength of Units and whilst not quite sufficient to enable every man to be issued with one they will enable all men at present occupying billets with stone floors etc, to be more comfortable. A further issue to complete to one per man is anticipated at an early date.</p> <p>In spite of all efforts it is anticipated that the issue of Comforts to men will not be available in time for Christmas Day. This rather regrettable fact is on account of the difficulties in transport. Division advise that the goods are stored at HAVRE and have been there for some time awaiting transport but owing to congestion no trucks have been available.</p> <p>The 59th Battalion have, since arrival in this area, salvaged 65 Lewis Machine Guns complete with panniers, carriers etc. These have been returned to D.A.D.O.S.</p> <p>Captain. R.V.LINTON, 57th Battalion, Town Major of ST.REMY AREA proceeded on leave and was</p>	

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	23rd		relieved by Lieut. D.W.FAIR, 59th Battalion. Routine Orders issued.	App. 28.
	24th		<p>A Meeting of the Brigade Group Recreational Committee was held at 10 a.m. this morning, when details for the Cross Country Run were arranged. The 15th Australian Field Ambulance Team was selected to represent the Brigade Group in the Finals for the Rugby Championship in connection with the HUPPY Competitions. The Group will not compete in the Soccer Contest. Weather keeps fine. Snow commenced to fall in the evening.</p> <p>Units today have been working under their own arrangements and have been principally occupied in preparing for the Men's Christmas Celebrations to take place tomorrow.</p> <p>The Christmas Boxes of Australian Comforts Fund came to hand today. In addition a certain amount of Christmas Fare purchased by Brigade Units was made available by E.F.C. and drawn today. These will help to Supplement the Christmas meal arranged and should help matters considerably. All Battalions have managed to secure beer for the men. Routine Orders issued.</p>	App. 29.
			<p>Christmas Day. Fine and clear. Several Battalions held Church Parades this morning under their own arrangements and a combined R.C.Parade was held in the village Church at DOURLERS. At midday the men's dinners were held and proved an unqualified success. Battalion Commanders report that never before have the men seemed so contented and comfortable.</p> <p>All Battalion Commanders this afternoon called upon the Brigadier to wish him the compliments</p>	



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DOURLERS	25th		of the Season and stayed throughout the afternoon. Officers and N.C.O's. dinners were held at night in the Units. Christmas Day passed off quietly and all ranks enjoyed themselves very well. A dinner was given to all Headquarters details as per attached Menu.	App. 30.
	26th		Various schemes for the entertainment of the men were conducted today throughout the Units. The 57th Battalion held a Novelty Sports Meeting which created a great deal of interest. The 59th Battalion held a Concert. This would normally have been held in the evening but for the fact that no lighting facilities exist for lighting the place at night. Weather fine. Arrangements have been made for all personnel bathing at Brigade Baths, DOURLERS to obtain free distribution of Cocoa. This is being supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund. Advice was received from 5th Australian Division that Lieut.Col. C.C.MASON, D.S.O. now commanding the 5th Machine Gun Battalion would take over Command of 58th Battalion from Major H.D.G.FERRES, D.S.O., M.C. at present commanding. Routine Orders issued.	App. 31.
	27th		A Meeting of the Committee arranging for the Re-Union of Officers of the Brigade on New Years Eve was held today. It was stated that Lieut. STALEY had returned from PARIS and had reported the arrangements to be well in hand. Minor details were discussed and arrangements finalised. The Weekly conference of Education Officers was held today when matters apertaining to the Educational Scheme were discussed, the principal of which are dealt with in the Weekly	

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DOURLERS	27th		Education Report attached.  Notification received from 5th Australian Division that next draft of personnel for Furlough to Australia would hold them selves in readiness to proceed overseas on 28th inst. The draft from this Brigade included: <table><tr><td>Lieut. C.G.FORREST,</td><td>M.C.</td><td>57th Battalion.</td></tr><tr><td>Lieut. G.LAING</td><td>M.C.</td><td>58th Battalion.</td></tr><tr><td>Lieut. W.HAMMOND</td><td></td><td>59th Battalion and 60 Other Ranks.</td></tr></table> Routine Orders issued. Weekly Fighting Strength attached.	Lieut. C.G.FORREST,	M.C.	57th Battalion.	Lieut. G.LAING	M.C.	58th Battalion.	Lieut. W.HAMMOND		59th Battalion and 60 Other Ranks.	App. 32.
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	28th		A series of War films depicting life in the various departments of the Army have been received by the Brigade from Divisional Headquarters. These have been forwarded primarily for exhibition to the Civil Population to enable them to see what has been going on behind the British Lines while they have been on this side under the rule of the Germans. Unfortunately these pictures have arrived too late to enable them to be put to the full use for which they were intended. The Cinema is due to leave the Brigade Area tomorrow so the pictures will be useless without a Machine to show them. However, they were shown to a large audience of men tonight Canon MASTERMAN was advertised to lecture at Divisional Headquarters today on "Democracy, its Ideals, Difficulties and Dangers". Two lorries were placed at the disposal of the Brigade to take men to the lecture but just before they left word was received that the lecturer had failed to report at the appointed place. The men were accordingly returned to their Units.	Apps. 33 34.									

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DOURLERS	28th	December, 1918.	<p>This is the fourth time now that arrangements for lectures to the Brigade Group have failed at the last moment causing considerable inconvenience. Unless there is an improvement in this respect the faith of the men will be sorely tried and all interest will be lost in the object for which these lectures are organised.</p> <p>Weather continues rough and wet. The Cross Country Run was postponed on account of the visit of the Prince of Wales.</p> <p>H.R.H., The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Corps and Divisional Commanders called at Brigade Headquarters today and presented medals to the undermentioned N.C.O's. and men:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>57th Battalion:</td> <td>3921 Cpl. Shuttleworth</td> <td>H.</td> <td>59th Battalion:</td> <td>3171 Sgt. LITTLE</td> <td>P.L.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>4623 Pte. WILLIS</td> <td>H.</td> <td></td> <td>1942 Pte. HIBBERT</td> <td>D.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3914 Cpl. PATTEN</td> <td>W.</td> <td></td> <td>1994 Pte. McRAE</td> <td>E.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3252 Pte. WAYCOTT</td> <td>G.</td> <td></td> <td>6069 L/c. RASMUSSEN</td> <td>O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1294 Sgt. WALLIS</td> <td>A.</td> <td></td> <td>5333 Sgt. ATKIN</td> <td>J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6534 Cpl. MARR</td> <td>J.</td> <td></td> <td>1938 Cpl. MURTAGH</td> <td>J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>4473 Sgt. DOWNING</td> <td>W.H.</td> <td></td> <td>2213 L/c McDONALD</td> <td>D.H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58th Battalion:</td> <td>2863 Pte. BENOIT</td> <td>T.</td> <td></td> <td>4447 Pte. BUGG</td> <td>L.W.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3645a Pte. STOKES</td> <td>J.</td> <td></td> <td>2888 Pte. CAMERON</td> <td>J.A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1910 Cpl. BAKER</td> <td>S.</td> <td></td> <td>2055 Pte. DUMONT</td> <td>S.L.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2692 Pte. SMEE</td> <td>A.</td> <td></td> <td>6104 Pte. TRAILL</td> <td>R.G.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Owing to the inclement weather it was impossible to hold a parade out of doors and the ceremony took place in the main hall of the Chateau. Battalions were represented by C.O's. 2nd in Command and Company Commanders who were seated round the hall. H.R.H., The Prince of Wales</p>	57th Battalion:	3921 Cpl. Shuttleworth	H.	59th Battalion:	3171 Sgt. LITTLE	P.L.		4623 Pte. WILLIS	H.		1942 Pte. HIBBERT	D.C.		3914 Cpl. PATTEN	W.		1994 Pte. McRAE	E.		3252 Pte. WAYCOTT	G.		6069 L/c. RASMUSSEN	O.		1294 Sgt. WALLIS	A.		5333 Sgt. ATKIN	J.		6534 Cpl. MARR	J.		1938 Cpl. MURTAGH	J.		4473 Sgt. DOWNING	W.H.		2213 L/c McDONALD	D.H.	58th Battalion:	2863 Pte. BENOIT	T.		4447 Pte. BUGG	L.W.		3645a Pte. STOKES	J.		2888 Pte. CAMERON	J.A.		1910 Cpl. BAKER	S.		2055 Pte. DUMONT	S.L.		2692 Pte. SMEE	A.		6104 Pte. TRAILL	R.G.	
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	29th		The programme of fixtures for the first round in the Brigade Competitions was issued today. (copy attached). The first matches take place on New Years Day.  Units are now busily compiling their Demobilisation Forms (Form 534). The 57th Battalion Supply has not yet come to hand. These were expeditied today from Division. Supplies of Educational Stationery were today received and issued to Units. Sporting material was also received. Major R.J.DICKSON represented the Group at a Meeting of the Divisional Committee.  An early treatment Scabies Room has been established at the Brigade Baths. Great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a regular supply of clean clothing from Division and it is understood that this is owing to transport difficulties.  The Cinema which has been showing in DOURLERS since the 29th inst. is to move to another Brigade tomorrow. This takes away practically the only attraction in the Brigade Area and with the long winter evenings it is essential to have something in the way of amusement for the men. Efforts are being made to establish a Brigade Concert Party but so far the main	App. 36.

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	30th		The Brigade Group Cross Country Run which has now been postponed several times on account of bad weather and other causes was held today under very favorable conditions. There was a good attendance including the Divisional Commander (Major.-General E.TIVEY, C.B., D.S.O., V.D.) and Staff. The following are the results of the run:																																																									
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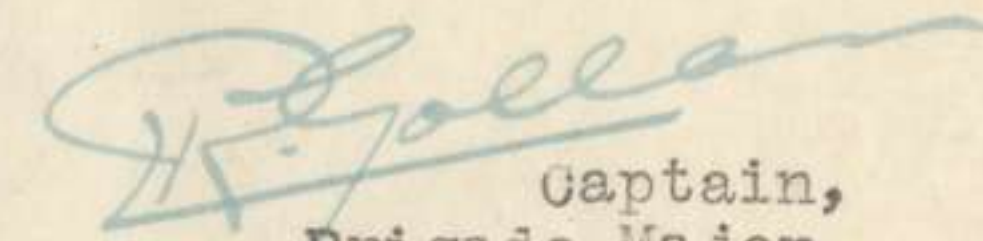
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	31st		<p>Tonight, being New Years Eve, a Brigade Officers Re-union had been arranged but owing to the necessary crockery and other requisites for the dinner not having arrived from PARIS the function unfortunately had to be postponed.</p> <p>War Diary of 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery attached as Appendix 39.</p> <p>31.12.18.</p>	App. 38.
			<p style="text-align: right;">             Captain,            Brigade Major,            15th Australian Infantry Brigade.         </p>	



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Notes on the Country from the Belgian frontier to the Rhine (from BONN to DUSSELDORF), including the WESTERWALD and SAUERLAND on the right bank of the Rhine.

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1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTRY.LEFT BANK OF THE RHINE.EIFEL.

Commencing from the South and working down the course of the Rhine, on the left bank, North of the MOSELLE is the EIFEL Country. The soil is largely volcanic and consists of shale and clay. The country consists of rolling uplands, reaching by gentle slopes to a maximum height of about 700 M. It is cut up by many steep valleys and ravines.

It is well supplied with main roads, the general direction being from S.W. to N.E. following the general line of the hills and leading towards the Rhine Valley. East and West routes are not plentiful, the most important being that from ST VITH to COBLENZ via PRUM.

The secondary roads are poor and unsuitable for heavy traffic owing to the boggy nature of the soil. Movement off the roads is difficult with the exception of the MAYFELD PLAINS, N.W. of COBLENZ, where the slopes are gradual and the country is open.

Many scattered woods exist, but few are of any size. The forest DAUN is about the largest. The trees found are mainly Beech and Pine.

The population is not dense, except on the East near the RHINE. Villages average 100 to 200 inhabitants, and isolated farms and dwellings are rare. The buildings are generally strongly built of stone but the poorer cottages are often of sundried bricks.

The country is mainly agricultural, cereals, corn and potatoes being grown. On the East the prosperity of the land is chiefly due to the exploitation of basaltic rocks, and is much more densely populated.

HOHE VENN and RHINE PLAINS.

North of the EIFEL the country gradually falls to the plains of the Rhineland in the neighbourhood of COLOGNE, but on the west lies the region known as the "HOHE VENN", which extends across the Belgian Frontier south of AIX LA CHAPELLE and joins on to the uplands of the ARGONNE. In this area there are large tracts of boggy uplands and the ridges and hills are irregular and bare. The country is desolate and has few trees or wood, consisting mainly of moors covered with heather, and is very cold in winter, when heavy falls of snow occur.

The HOHE VENN is only traversed by five large roads, two through HAUTES - FAGNES, the MARNEDY and WEISLES - EUPEN - VERVIERS Road, The MONTMOLE - EUPEN Road and the MONTJOIE - AIX, WITZRATH - STOLBERG and ZULPION - ESCHWEILER Roads. Secondary

Roads/



roads are unsuitable for heavy traffic and are made with poor metal. Movement off the roads is dangerous, and impossible in winter when the ground is very boggy.

The population is not dense. Villages are compact, and isolated houses are rare. Buildings are generally well built of brick and slate roofs.

#### Rhine Plain.

East of the HOHE BVENN, where the EIFEL country slopes down to the Rhine, the population becomes denser and the land more fertile.

The AAR River, flowing into the Rhine in an East and West direction cuts sharply through the high wooded plateau-land South of the Rhineland plains and flows in a very fertile and densely populated valley. In this are many important pre-war tourist resorts and vineyards and mineral springs. (APOLLINARIS water among others).

The Rhineland plain itself is not absolutely flat, but small ridges and hills, rising to a height of 50 to 90 m., break it up.

Roads are plentiful. In the neighbourhood of COLOGNE, DUREN, and JULICH and as far north as the approximate line RUHRORT-~~KEMPER~~ chiefly cultivated. It can, in consequence, be crossed anywhere by all arms, except during wet weather when the clayey nature of the soil makes it impassable. North of KEMPER numerous small canals and streams make movement off the roads difficult. The population is large and was increasing rapidly before the war. The country is chiefly agricultural in the south and industrial in the north, e.g., AACHEN, GLADBACH, DUSSELDORF. Extensive coal-fields also begin in this country with deposits of mineral and iron ores. Villages are large and scattered with many isolated houses. The buildings are nearly always of brick with mud built barns.

#### RIGHT BANK OF THE RHINE

##### WESTERWALD

North of COBLENZ the "WESTERWALD" corresponds to the EIFEL country; the soil is chiefly sandstone and clay. Rich mineral iron ores and coal are also found. The plateau is cut up by many valleys these are however, as a rule neither very deep or steep. This area is well supplied with main roads coming from the Rhine valley.

Further to the north between LINZ and BONN, the Rhine valley is dominated by the SIEBENGEBIRGE heights, a series of volcanic hills with steep sides covered with superb oak and beech woods. Vines also are found on the sunny slopes above the Rhine. The highest points reached are of an elevation of 400 to 460 m.

##### SAUERLAND

North of the SIEBENGEBIRGE comes the country known as the SAUERLAND. Here the higher plateau country falls gradually towards the north, being cut up by a large number of small valleys leading towards the Rhine.

The SIEG, the AGGER and the WUPPER rivers flow through/



through a very broken country covered with small copses. The hills rise about 200 to 300 m. above the valleys. The extensive forests covering the southern portion of this area decrease as the ground falls to the north.

The road system is very good and complete. Movement off the roads would not be easy for large bodies of troops except near the valley of the WIEB, where the country is open and sloped gentle.

Population: the country is fairly thickly populated, particularly in the north, where the chief industrial centres exist and where it is densely populated.

Villages are compact in the SIEG Valley, but in the AARGER valley they are more scattered, and elsewhere many scattered single buildings are to be found all over the country. Buildings are almost invariably of brick with mud walled barns.

#### CLIMATE

The temperature and climate varies very much with the elevation. As an example, at Cologne the average temperature is 2.5 deg.(cent.) higher than neighbouring localities situated at about 400 metres height above sea level.

In the valley of the Rhine, 46 days of frost is the annual average and 153 on the high ground at and above the 400 metre level, where continuous frosts lasting a month or more are to be expected.

In the Eifel and HOHEVENN where the altitude rises to 600 metres the climate is still more severe.

The rainfall is also much heavier and in the spring the contrast is very marked, the high ground being covered with snow and subject to thick fogs, while the valleys are full of flowers and budding fruit trees.

The prevailing wind is from the south-west and this wind also brings rain and snow on the Eifel and HOHE VENN.

In the valleys, however, the direction of the wind is influenced by the configuration of the ground, and at COLOGNE south-easterly winds are more common than west winds.

A bitterly cold north wind (Noorrauch or Hohorrauch) sometimes blows in the spring and is dreaded on account of the blighting effect it has on budding fruit trees, etc.

In the spring, after a hard winter, a considerable amount of ice in large blocks comes down the Rhine and is a danger to shipping.

#### FORESTS

The forests are mainly confined to the high ground and are very extensive in the HUNDSBUCK and Eifel.

In the district around COLOGNE about 30% of the country is wooded.

The forests are not all of great value. The State only owns a comparatively small proportion of the forests (e.g. 9% in the COBLENZ province) and although these have been well looked after, the remainder has been managed on haphazard lines.

Latterly/



Latterly, pines have been largely planted in the EIFEL, HOHE VEHN and WESTERWALD.

The best forests are in the south in the HUNDSBRUCK. The majority of the trees are beeches, with oak and ash also in the lower and less exposed slopes, and on the higher ground pines and resinous trees.

#### THE RHINE FROM BONN TO DUSSELDORF

At BONN the Rhine plains commence and the high ground on both banks recedes from the river and finally disappears altogether.

The course of the river becomes tortuous and many ancient loops, where the river formerly ran, are found. At these places the ground is wet and subject to floods.

Dimensions of the river are as follows:-

Place	1000 m.	Normal.	Flood.	Normal.	Flood
BONN		4.50 m.	13.10 m.	381 m.	710 m.
WESSERLING	0.25 m.	3.0	12.20	397	506
COLOGNE	0.22	4.50	12.80	305	681
HITTDORF	0.18				
WARRINGEN	0.20	4.50	12.50	362	760
HIMMELGEIST	0.19	6.00	15.10	255	1330
HAHN	0.09			315	708
DUSSELDORF	0.14	9.8	17.50	205	554

#### Ports.

The larger towns, e.g. COLOGNE and BONN, on the banks of the Rhine have been furnished with ports, comprising generally quays along the river bank, and one or more basins formed along the fore-shore of the river, or excavated in the adjacent low-lying land.

These basins, regulated in number and dimensions according to the importance of the port, are surrounded by quays which are equipped with cranes, sidings, and sheds or warehouses. The basins, besides serving, with the river quays, for the unloading and loading of vessels, provide a refuge for the vessels in the winter from floods and floating ice coming down the river, for which reason their open entrances are always placed at the downstream end.

#### Traffic on the Rhine and at its ports.

The traffic along the Rhine is conducted by seagoing boats, by large barges towed in trains by tugs, and by sailing vessels. The smallest sea-going steamboat navigating the Rhine has a length of 117 feet, a beam of 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet, a draught of 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  feet, and a carrying capacity of 342 tons; and the

largest/



largest is 233 feet long, 33 1/5 feet beam, 14 feet draught, and can carry 1770 tons. The tugs constitute two-thirds of all the steamboats navigating the Rhine; and the most powerful ones are between 1250 h.p. and 1400 h.p. About half of the Rhine fleet of barges and sailing vessels have been built of wood; but the tonnage of the iron vessels which are larger, amounts to four times that of the wooden vessels.

The flatbottomed average size barges towed on the Rhine have the following dimensions: length 265', beam 53' depth in hull 10' and a capacity of 1,200 tons.

Large barges up to 328 feet long and 3241 tons cap. are also used.

#### Floods

Floods take place in the winter and in the spring, January to March. In the winter, also during the frosts, accumulations of ice occur. The ice forms in the elbows of the twists of the river, where the depth is least, and sometimes accumulates sufficiently to form a dam, which may form a dam, which may form a local flood on twisting.

#### BRIDGES

Number & Place	Carrying	Type	Navigable openings in feet, reading from L. - R.	Remarks.
1. BONN-BEUEL	road	Braced stool arch designed to carry a live load of 80 lbs per sq.foot. The floor system is designed for heavier concentrated loads.	Left 289; 610 279 Right.	The width of the bridge varies from 14 m. (46') to 18 m. (60') between railings. The roadway in bridge proper is 7.15 m. with 3.42 m. footpaths on each side. Bridge carries two sets of trauelines.
2. COLOGNE (South)	South COLOGNE-BONNERTOR - KALK South Railway.	Main spans: tied braced arches. Short spans: two hinged arches. Approaches: masonry arches.		Clear width of bridge between main girders 27'. Carries two railway tracks and the space between the rails is decked. Two footways each about 5' 6" wide.



3.	COLOGNE - DEUTZ COLOGNE road	Stiffened suspension bridge in nickel steel.	276: 573: 236.	This bridge was completed in 1914 to replace a non- toon Br. which has now been removed. Width roadway 37' with two footways each 10' wide.	
4.	COLOGNE - DEUTZ railway & road bridge. (Hohen- zollern)	braced arches.	353: 515: 312.	This consists of 5 adjacent structures on common piers. The 3 downstream bridges are rail'y (doubletrack) bridges, and the up- stream bridge is a road bridge carry- ing two tramtracks and two footpaths. Width road bridge 27 ft. clear. Dis- tance centre to cen- tre of main girders of railway bridge is 9m. (29.6 ft.)	
5.	MULHEIM (Cologne North).	COLOGNE - MULHEIM road.	Ponton Bridge.	Timber pontoons a- bout 53' ft. long 17' wide, & 6' deep. There are 34 pon- toons braced in pairs. Total width of river about 1200 met.	
6.	DUSSEL- DORT.	HAAR - DUS SELDORF railway.	4 braced arch spans	120: 540: 340: 213.	Approaches are on masonry arches. There are 2 bridges each carrying two railway tracks. Each bridge has two footways for pedestrians.
7.	DUSSEL- DORT.	DUSSEL- DORT - GLADBACH road.	Arched steel bridge de- signed to carry a live load of 80 lbs. per sq. foot.	541; 567.	The bridge has 2 main spans & 4 steel arch approach spans. Width between r'l'ings 14.20 m. (46') width roadway 26.5' width pathways 9.3'. Takes 2 light r'l'y tracks.

FERRIES/



FERRIES OVER THE RHINEBOON TO DUSSELDORF

No.	Place	Remarks
1.	OBERCASSEL (R.B.) (South of Bonn).	2 Steam ferries manipulated by means of steel cables. Length 65 m. Capacity 6 waggons. Electric cranes are provided at each end. The crossing takes 5 mins.
2.	MONDORF (R.B.)	Motor ferry boat service to GRAUPHEINDORF.
3.	RHEIDT (R.B.)	Row boat ferry to WIDDIG.
4.	URFELD (L.B.)	Row boat ferry to NEDERCASSEL.
5.	WESSELING (L.B.)	2 Motor Ferry boats to LULSDORF.
6.	SURTH (L.B.)	Row boat ferry to LANGEL
7.	WEISS (L.B.)	Motor boat ferry to ZUNDORF.
8.	NIEHL (L.B.)	Ferry to STA. HEIL. by means of a cable across the river ("Flying bridge")
9.	LEVERKUSEN (R.B.)	Motor boat ferry.
10.	WIESDORF (R.B.)	2 Motor boat ferries to LIEBKENICH.
11.	KASSELBERG (L.B.)	Motor & row boat ferry to RHEINDORF.
12.	LANGEL (L.B.)	Row boat ferry to HITTDORF.
13.	WOPRINGEN (L.B.)	Ferry to OEDSTEIN.
14.	HONNHEIM (R.B.)	Row boat ferry to PIWIPP.
15.	DAULBERG (R.B.)	Row boat ferry.
16.	ZONZ (L.B.)	Motor boat ferry.
17.	DEIRATH (R.B.)	Row boat ferry.
18.	DUSSELDORF-REIS -HOLZ (R.B.)	Row boat ferry.
19.	UEDESHEIM (L.B.)	"Flying bridge" ferry to HILFELGEIST.
20.	GRIMLINGSHAUSEN (L.B.)	"Flying bridge" ferry to VOLKERSWERTH.
21.	NEUSZ (L.B.)	-do- to HALL.
DUSSELDORF		



RIVERS. Left Bank of the RHINE

1. The ERFIT

Rises in the EIFEL and flows into the RHINE (left bank). Above EUSKIRCHEN it follows a general N. and S. course in a valley 200 to 300 m. wide, the width of the stream being 5 to 8 m.

Below EUSKIRCHEN the stream enters the RHINE plain, flowing N.W., and the valley widens; the dimensions of the river are: width 10 to 15 m.; depth 2 to 2.50 m.

It is dominated on the right bank as far as GROVENBROICH by the wooded ridge of "VILLE or VORGEIRGE", which rises abruptly over the stream a height of 40 to 50 m.

2. The ROER (or RUHR).

Rises in the HOHE VENN at MONT RIGI. It flows in a valley with steep wooded sides. Below MONTJOIE it takes a N.W.E. direction with a winding course. It has a rocky bed and a swift current.

The stream enters the RHINE plain at KREUZAU (south of DUREN) and the valley opens out to 1,000 yards or more in width. At DUREN its breadth is about 40 m. and at JULICH 70 metres.

Many small channels run into it; these are overgrown, muddy and deep and are serious obstacles to movement. Willows and poplars usually line the banks of these channels.

The ROER is subject to floods; it is a tributary of the MEUSE (R.B.)

3. The URFT.

Rises in the EIFEL and flows into the ROER (L.B.) It has a tortuous course and is much shut in and overgrown, which makes access to the stream difficult.

Dimensions near the source; width 4 metres, widening to 10 m. near its junction with the ROER; average depth 50 cms.

Below GEMUND there is a reservoir, capacity 45 million cubic m. of water. Length 12 km., depth 52.50 m. This is an artificial reservoir with dykes 50.50 m. wide at the base and 5.50 m. at the top.

RIVERS. Right Bank of the RHINE

1. AGGER.

Rises in WESTPHALIA and flows into the SIEG (R.B.); below SIEGBURG it has a narrow valley. Dimensions:

Place	Width	Depth
EGELKIRCHEN to AGGERHOF	30 to 50 m.	50 cms.
AGGERHOF to KLEK	15 to 25 m.	30 cms.
OBERRATH to HONRATH	50 to 60 m.	Below HONRATH 1 to 2 m.



The river is not subject to floods.

## 2. SIEG

Rises in WESTPHALIA and flows into the Rhine (R.B.) 2 kms. below BONN.

At SIEGDURG the AGGER and PLEIS flow into it.

Its dimensions near SIEGDURG are: width 30 to 35 m. Depth 1 m. to 1.5 m., and at its junction with the RHINE about 2 m.

It is subject to floods after several days' rain.

## 3. WUPPER

Rises in the SAUELLAND and flows in a general line from E. to W. into the RHINE (R.B.)

Its valley is tortuous and enclosed.

In its lower reaches there are many manufactories and several large reservoirs.

The WUPPER is navigable for small boats as far as BURG, at which place it is about 200 m. wide.

## TOWNS

### BONN (pop. 58,000).

The town is situated on the left bank of the RHINE and has metal works, potteries, brickyards and chemical works.

A bridge crosses the Rhine at BONN, connecting BONN to BEUEL and POPPELSDORF.

This is a road bridge only, and carries 2 sets of tram lines. Width of roadway 7.15 m. width 3.425 metre, foot paths on either side.

### COLOGNE (pop. 516,527).

The largest town in Rhinish Prussia. It had a garrison of 3,000 and was classed as a first class fortress.

It owes its importance to the Rhine by which means all its raw materials are imported. It is a manufacturing centre of great importance, the chief industries being collected in the suburbs along the banks of the Rhine.

Important works are:

at NIPPES Electric cable manufactory;

at PORZ Glass manufactory, chemical works and cement works, having extensive quays on the RHINE.

MULHEIM and DEUTZ (on the right bank of the Rhine).

Large boat building works, locksmiths, very large machine and wagon manufactories mills and pottery works.

Coal and pig iron are imported from the RUHR valley.

The town has a large number of big hotels, a racecourse cycling, football grounds, etc.

Bridges. There are three bridges across the RHINE in COLOGNE itself and one at MULHEIM.



DUREN (pop. 50,000).

The town is situated on the ROER river in a fertile plain. It has manufactories of cloth, paper and iron, also copper works and carpet factories.

SOLINGEN (pop. 40,845).

Situated on the right bank of the Rhine on the WUPPER river.

The town is a centre of large steel works. Manufactories of swords, cutlery, scissors, razors, etc. Foundries, metal works and brick yards also exist. It has also its own electricity, gas and water works.

RAILWAYS

The general trend of the main railways is from N.E. to S.W.

A double line of railway runs along each bank of the Rhine, which flowing from S.E. to N.W., gives a main lateral communication.

North of AACHEN and COLOGNE, where the country becomes of great industrial importance, a network of double and single lines spreads over the whole of the Rhine plains.

South of this, where the country rises to the EIFEL, HUNDSBUCK and WESTERWALD countries, the industries decrease and the ground becomes more difficult and in consequence the railway system is less elaborate.

In the EIFEL, however, lines have been built for strategic purposes.

The most important East and West routes are :-

- (a) DUSSELDORF - GLADDAKE - AACHEN } Thence on to VISE and LIEGE.
- (b) COLOGNE - DUREN - AACHEN.

(c) The COLOGNE - EUSKIRCHEN - STALKYLL - WEISSES line which continues via LUXEMBOURG into BELGIUM.

(d) The SINSIG - GEROLSTEIN - PRUM line, which joins up via VITH and GOUVY to the Belgian and French Systems.

(e) The COBLENZ - TRIER (or TREVES) - LUKEBOURG line along the North bank of the MOSELLE, and further South the main lines joining MAINZ to METZ.

The chief lateral lines are:

(1) On the right bank of the RHINE DORTMUND - WIEDENAU -

(2) The double lines on both banks of the Rhine. These are joined by bridges across the Rhine at DUSSELDORF (2 bridges), COLOGNE (2 bridges) - BONN - ERPEL (this is a new bridge built during the war north of SINZIG) - ANDEINACH - ENGERS (now bridge built during the war) - COBLENZ - BINGEN and MAINZ.

(3) The DUSSELDORF - DUREN - EUSKIRCHEN - GEROLSTEIN - TRIER line.

(4) The AACHEN - WEISSES - GOUVY - LUXEMBOURG, line.

The EIFEL country is crossed by a North and South single line, WITTLICH - DAUN - GEROLSTEIN and by a line to the Rhine from DAUN to COBLENZ.

North of GEROLSTEIN the railway connections in each direction have been made very good for strategic purposes.



New connections from BONN to VIELSALM and St. VITH to COUVY have been built during the war to improve the railway communications from Germany into Belgium.

#### LIGHT RAILWAYS

On the left Bank of the Rhine the only light railways which exist are in the Rhine valley, chiefly in the neighbourhood of the large towns and are of no great importance.

On the right bank of the Rhine several light lines have been built, the most important being that from BONN to WALD-BROEL.

#### LAWS and ADMINISTRATION

The German Empire consisted of a federation of 26 states and was governed by two houses of parliament (a) The Bundesrath representing the federated governments, (b) The REICHSTAG representing the German people.

#### Brief description of the Administrative Organisations of Prussia.

The executive power was exercised by the Emperor and 2 Houses of Parliament:

(a) HERRENHAUS (House of Lords).

(b) HAUS der ABGEORDNETEN (House of Deputies).

These exercise power through the following stages:-

(1) The Province (Regierung).

(2) The Parish (Kreis).

(3) The Commune (Gemeinde).

(1) There are 12 provinces subdivided into districts. They are run by an "Oberpräsident" assisted by a provincial council.

The "Oberpräsident" is a very high official, has the title of "Excellency" and was appointed by the Kaiser.

(2) A Kreis may be of two kinds, (a) Rural, (b) Town.

(a) The Rural Kreis (Landkreis) consists of a group of Communes. It is run by a "Landrat" appointed by the Government and corresponding to a Prefet or a Sous-Prefet in France, with an elected council. The council has considerable powers in determining local rates and taxes. The taxes imposed are usually indirect, e.g., fees on the sale of land, licences to public houses etc.

(b) Any town of 25,000 inhabitants or over constitutes a "Stadtkreis".

The powers of the "Landrat" are vested in the Oberbürgermeister assisted by a Town Council.

(3) The Commune may also be either (a) Rural, or (b) Town.

Generally a town of 10,000 inhabitants constitutes a Town

Commune and is administered by a Bürgermeister with a Town Council.

The rural communes also elect a council (Gemeinderat or Gemeindeversammlung) whose president is the "Gemeindevorsteher". Communes can levy taxes (within limits fixed by the State) on meat, flour and foodstuffs generally.

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There are also feudal domains which do not come under the jurisdiction of the Communes but are administered directly by the Government.

In addition to the subdivisions detailed above, there is another known as the "Amtsbezirk" or "Canton". Small towns of less than 25,000 inhabitants are not large enough to be a Kreis, but of 10,000 inhabitants or more, may constitute a "Stadtburgemeisterei" or Town Canton.

But the Canton is generally a rural division and is run by an Amtversorger or Amtmann (or Landburgormeister). This official exercises most of the powers nominally in the hands of the Communes and he also controls the local police. He is assisted by a committee formed from representatives of the rural communes.

#### POLICE

The Police was a State service, but special "Polizeidirektoren" and (less important) "Polizeikommissare" were only appointed in the larger towns, e.g., at COLOGNE (2 presidents) - DUSSELDORF (3 commissioners). Elsewhere the powers of the police are controlled by the municipal councils and Burgomasters.

In addition there is the Gendarmerie organised into brigades and patrols.



## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 2nd December 1918

## GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

## ADMINISTRATION

## 800. OFFICERS

The B.G.C. has approved of the undermentioned officers being attached from 59th Battalion to units as shown below to complete establishment to 33 Officers per Battalion:-

Lieut. J.H. DAY	}	57th Bn.
Lieut. G.H. GRIESE		
2/Lieut. J.J. SOARFPE		
Lieut. F.W. GRIBBLE	}	58th Bn.
" C.R. BUCHANAN		
" S.T. HERRIOT		
2/Lieut. F.B. MURN		
" W.H. CRAWFORD		

These Officers, with the exception of 2/Lieuts. Murn and Crawford, will report to Battalions as shown tomorrow, 3rd inst.  
 2/Lieuts. Murn and Crawford will report to 58th Battalion from School and Hospital respectively.

## 801. STRAYING ANIMALS

It has been brought to notice that horses and mules are allowed to stray in the Brigade Area.

All units must ensure that the straying of animals is not permitted in any circumstances.

## 802. PAY

Pay will be available for units at 5th Divisional Paymaster's Office FAVRIL between hours of 0900 and 1700 tomorrow 3rd inst.

## 803. JANUARY AND FEBRUARY "1918" FURLOUGH

Units will arrange for to hold in readiness to proceed to concentration point at very short notice all other ranks nominated for January and February 1918 furlough to Australia.

## 804. CORPS COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Corps Commander's message to troops of this Division has been issued down to Companies today and is to be read on parade - Units will notify this office as soon as this message has been read as directed above.

## 805. ORDERS

Special attention is directed to G.R.O.'s 236 - 239  
 G.R.O. 5699 "Fuel and Light"

## 806. DISCIPLINE

The Divisional Commander has noticed a considerable amount of slackness in the matter of saluting among troops in the Brigade Area.

The Brigadier regrets that it should again be necessary to draw attention to this matter and directs that Units Commanders impress upon all ranks under their Command the necessity for smart and soldierly bearing at all times.

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## 807. F.G.C.M.

The undermentioned detail of officers will assemble at 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q. at 1000 on Wednesday 4th inst. to try by F.G.C.M. the persons mentioned in the margin and such other person or persons as may be brought before it:

## 15th A.L.T.M.B.

4082 Pte. D.COONAN  
 1780 " S.WILSON

## President

Major D.B.DOYLE

58th Bn.

## Members

## 57th Battalion

1974 Pte. M.O'HAGAN  
 4873 " H.G.NORRIS  
 2217 " E.MORRIS

Capt. B.PEACOCK, M.C.

57th Bn.

Lieut. J.C.CHRESTIAN, M.C.

59th Bn.

The accused will be warned and witnesses required to attend.

## 58th Battalion

4773 Pte. J.DOWLING

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

## 59th Battalion

5748 Pte. J.PAGE  
 1915 " N.A.WITTEN

*J.B. Williams*  
 Lieutenant.  
 for Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brig.General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 4th December 1918

## GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

## ADMINISTRATION

## 808. CONGRATULATORY

The Commander-in-Chief has awarded the following decorations:-

## MILITARY MEDAL

No. 3635 L/Cpl. W.H.WATERMAN 57th Battalion

No. 35 Cpl. J.A.HIGGETT 59th Battalion

The Corps, Divisional, and Brigade Commanders wish their congratulations to be conveyed to the recipients.

The awards will be announced in the London Gazette in due course.

## 809. TRANSPORT FOR SALVAGE

The Brigade Transport Officer will arrange to supply three limbered G.S.Waggons to report to Divisional Salvage Officer at the Church FAVRIL at 0800 daily until further notice. Midday meal for driver and horses should be carried.

## 810. ORDERS

Attention is directed to G.R.O. 5716 "Pires".

*J.B. Williams*  
 Lieutenant.  
 for Staff Capt.  
 Australian Infantry Brigade.





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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 213.

Ref: VALENCIENNES.

Sheet 12, 1/100,000.

8th December, 1918.

1. The concentration of the 5th Australian Division with other Divisions of the Corps is to proceed forthwith.
2. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move to the AVESNES - ST. REMY Area during the period 7th to 12th December, 1918.  
(b) All moves will take place in accordance with the Move Table issued herewith.
3. Completion of moves will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.
4. Brigade Headquarters will close at FAVRIL at 09.00 on the 8th inst. and will re-open at DOURLERS on arrival.
5. Acknowledge.

*G. J. Jollan*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 9am through Signals to:

Copy No.

57th Battalion	1.	Brigade Quartermaster	13.
58th Battalion	2.	5th Aust. Div. "G"	14.
59th Battalion	3.	5th Aust. Div. "AQ"	15.
15th A.L.T.H.B.	4.	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	16.
No. 4 Signal Section	5.	14th Aust. Inf. Bde.	17.
5th M.G. Battalion	6.	A.D.H.S. 5th Aust. Div.	18.
29th A.A.S.C.	7.	C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div.	19.
15th Field Coy. A.E.	8.	A.P.R. 5th Aust. Div.	20.
15th Aust. Field Ambulance	9.	Area Comdnt. FAVRIL	21.
		Bde. Fwd. Bill. Off.	22.
		Brigade Supply Off.	23.
		Filo	24.
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Staff Captain	11.		
Brigade Transport Officer	12.		



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to accompany

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 213.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Starting Point		Route.
					Place	Pass at	
1.	7.12.18.	59th Battalion	RUE DU BOIS	SEMOUSIES	CROSSROADS 5.I.65-26.	08.00	FAUB DE FRANCE - MARIOLLES - HARBAIX - AVEYNES - BAS - LIEU - SEMOUSIES.
2.	-do-	15th A.L.T.M.B.	FAVRIL	ST. AUBIN	Leave present billets at 0830		FAUB DE FRANCE - MARIOLLES - HARBAIX - CROSSROADS 5.K.35-53 - DOUPIERRE - LES BODELEX - ST. AUBIN.
3.	-do-	15th Field Coy. A.E.	PETIT BEART	DOURLERS	To be arranged by C.O. 15th Field Company A.E.		
4.	8.12.18.	58th Battalion	FAVRIL	DOURLERS	CROSSROADS 5.I.65-26.	0800	FAUB DE FRANCE - MARIOLLES - HARBAIX - CROSSROADS 5.K.35-53. - DOUPIERRE - LES BODELEX - ST. AUBIN - DOURLERS.
5.	-do-	15th Aust. Field Amb.	FAVRIL	LES BODELEX	-do-	0830	-do-
6.	-do-	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Qrs.	FAVRIL	DOURLERS	Leave present billets at 0900.		-do-
7.	-do-	5th Aust. M.G. Bn. (less 2 companies).	PETIT BEART	ST. FEY CHAUSSE.	To be arranged by C.O. 5th Machine Gun Battalion.		

P.T.O.



Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Starting Point		Route.
					Place	Pass at	
8.	8.12.18.	29th Company A.A.S.C.	FAVRIL	DOUFLERS	To be arranged by C.O. 29th Company A.A.S.C.		
9.	9.12.18.	57th Battalion	GRAND BEART	ST.AUBIN	Crossroads 5.I.65-26.	0800	FAUB DE FRANCE - MAPIOLLES - MARBAIX - CROSSROADS 5.K.35-53. - DOUPIERRE - LES BODELEX - ST. AUBIN.
10.	-do-	2 Companies 5th M.G.Bn.	PETIT DEART	ST. RELY CHAUSEE.	To be arranged by C.O. 5th Machine Gun Battalion.		

- NOTES:
- (a) Distances: 200 yards between companies, 500 yards between Units; and 100 yards between every six vehicles will be maintained while on the LANDRECIES - AVESNES ROAD. Distances will be increased and companies divided should the state of traffic demand.
  - (b) Cookers will be sent in advance in charge of a responsible Officer or E.C.O. Units will halt for the midday meal between Crossroads at 5.K.35-53. and DOUPIERRE.
  - (c) Baggage and Supply Wagons will report to Units on the afternoon prior to the move.
  - (d) Instructions re extra transport and surplus stores will be issued by the Staff Captain.
  - (e) Present Billets will be taken over by 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Units.
  - (f) Billets vacated on the 8th inst. by Headquarters and 2 Companies 5th M.G.Battalion will be taken over by 8th and 14th Machine Gun Companies until the 9th inst.
  - (g) All Units must be clear of the LANDRECIES - AVESNES ROAD before 12.30.



ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONSto accompany15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.215

6.12.18.

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 Supply arrangements during next few days will be  
 as follows:

For units moving on 7th inst.

Carry unexpired portion for consumption on 7th  
 on the man.

Draw for consumption on 8th at the dump FAVRIL.  
 (Supply waggons to be used to carry forward to  
 new area). Draw for consumption on 9th at the  
 Dump DOURLERS.

For units moving on 8th inst.

Carry unexpired portion for consumption on 8th  
 on the man.

Draw for consumption on 8th at the dump FAVRIL.  
 Draw for consumption on 9th at the dump FAVRIL.  
 (Supply waggons to be used to carry forward to  
 new area).

For units moving on 9th inst.

Carry unexpired portion for consumption on 9th  
 on the man.

Draw for consumption on 10th at the dump  
 DOURLERS on arrival.

*W. J. McLean*

Lieutenant.

For Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients  
 of Brigade Order No.215



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ADDENDUM No.1 to ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

issued in connection with

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.213

6.12.18

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AMMUNITION

Units will move forward with echelons full.

SURPLUS KIT AND STORES

When moving forward, units will arrange to take all surplus kit and stores with them into new area. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining sufficient transport, it may be necessary for some units to arrange double trips with the extra transport allotted to them.

BILLETS

Units will be responsible that all billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

CLAIMS

All legitimate claims against units must be settled before moving forward. Disputed claims, with necessary reports, should be forwarded to this office for reference to Divisional Claims Officer.

ADVANCE PARTIES

5th Australian Infantry Brigade are arranging to send advance parties forward to take over billeting accommodation in this area. Units will arrange to afford these parties every facility.

*J. J. R. Schumann*

Lieutenant.

for Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to:-

57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
15th A.L.T.H.E.  
15th Field.Amb.  
15th Field.Co.,A.E.  
29th A.A.S.C.  
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Strength made up to Noon.265<sup>6th</sup> December, 1918.

Unit	Strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.Gs. Instrs.		Increase during week due to drafts etc Taken on Strength Unit.		Totals from 1 and 2.		Decrease during week cas. etc. deducted from strength of Unit.		Strength excluding attached.		Not present with Unit and not at disposal of C.O. included in Column A.		Available fighting strength inc. personnel of Battalion Transport and Q.M.Store.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Bn.	34	619	2	37	36	656	2	27	34	629	5	105	29	524
58th Bn.	30	564	2	84	32	648	2	18	30	630	4	92	26	538
59th Bn.	60	906	4	47	64	953	1	50	63	903	25	154	38	749
Total	124	2089	8	168	132	2257	5	95	127	2162	34	351	93	1811

Details of Column "B".

Unit	"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"		On Command		Total		Remarks.
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
57th Bn.	1	55	1	6	1	2	1	-	1	35	-	-	-	7	5	105	Detention 7.
58th Bn.	2	42	1	6	-	2	-	-	1	30	-	-	-	12	4	92	Detention 10 AWL 2
59th Bn.	3	47	4	8	1	2	-	-	17	83	-	-	-	14	25	154	Deten. 6 A.W.L. 8
Total	6	144	6	20	2	6	1	-	19	148	-	-	-	33	34	351	

*W. J. Mearns*  
for  
Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



# CHANGES IN NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i.e. explanation of Increase and Decrease).

Unit	Joined	Struck Off.	Cause.
57th Battalion	2/Lieut. C.L. Moon 2/2/Lt. C.T. Fryer	H. Major C.B. Taylor M.C. to 75 days leave U.K. Lieut. J.G. McCallum	Ex Reinforcements. Ex Education Dept. Purlough Australia.
58th Battalion	2/Lieut. Hon Lt. F.R. Jolley Capt. W.C. Scurry MC, DCM.	Lieut. A.T. Craigie Lieut. W. Morrison	Transferred ex 4th Bn. Ex seconded List. seconded 15th ALMB 75 days Leave U.K.
59th Battalion	Lieut. D.W. Fair Lieut. R. Dunkley Lieut. D.O. Shields 2/Lieut. A.B. Rolfe	H.M. Lieut. L.R. Stillman M.C. seconded.	Ex seconded List. Ex seconded List. Ex Seconded List. Ex Reinforcements.



ATTACHMENT TO WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH.Details of Column 2.Increase during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion	1 1	-36 37	Education Dept. Reinforcement. Ex Hospital.
58th Battalion	1 1	1 34 49v	Transferred. Seconded. Reinforcements. ex Hospital.
59th Battalion	3 1	47	ex Seconded. Reinforcements.
Total	8	168	

Details of Column 4.Decrease during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion	1 1	6 1 2 18	S.O.S. 75 days leave U.K. S.O.S. Leave Australia. Transferred. O.T.B. Evacuated.
58th Battalion	1 1	2 8 1 7	S.O.S. 75 days leave U.K. Seconded. Transferred. S.O.S. Furlough Australia. O.T.B. Evacuated.
59th Battalion	1	1 18 4 27	Seconded. Transferred. S.O.S. Furlough Australia. O.T.B. Evacuated.
Total	5	95	



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 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 9th December 1918



## GENERAL STAFF

## 811. SPORTS

A Brigade Recreational Committee is to be formed at once. The Committee will have for its object the entertainment of the men while in the present area by means of organized games and sports, visits to places of interest, concerts, cinemas, and various descriptions of competitions. A meeting of this Committee will be held at Brigade Headquarters at 1500 on the 10th inst. to set the scheme in motion. Each Unit will detail a representative to attend. It is desirable that as far as possible senior officers form this committee in order that the object may receive the full support which it merits. Suggestions are invited from similar committees which should be formed in each unit.

## 812. PHYSICAL &amp; RECREATIONAL TRAINING

1. Units will forward to this office before noon on the 11th inst. a nominal roll of all N.C.O's and men who hold Aldershot certificates in Physical and Recreational Training.
2. The Corps P. and R.T. School require a N.C.O. for duty as School Sergeant Major. This N.C.O. must be a smart capable man. Knowledge of P. & R.T. is not essential. Nominations will be forwarded before noon on the 11th inst.

## 813. DEMOBILIZATION

Owing to the fact that the Demobilization, Repatriation and Education Schemes are now being re-organised as one under Director General of Demobilization (Lieut.-General Sir John MORRIS, KCB., VD.), it is desirable that all applications for (1) University Courses in English Universities and (2) "Farming out" to factories etc., in England etc. be held back until the special regulations dealing with same are promulgated.

It is expected that these will permit extensive use of above facilities for training and experience.

## 814. TRAINING AND DEMOBILIZATION

1. In the present situation it is essential that nothing should be done which may reduce the agricultural production of FRANCE during the coming year. All military training on cultivated land or pasture in FRANCE and BELGIUM will, therefore, in future be discontinued, and such training will be restricted to uncultivated land except as stated in para. 8. Existing manoeuvre areas will cease to be available.
2. It is recognized that some ground will be required for purposes of ceremonial parades, games etc. Small areas, up to 250,000 square yards, may therefore be hired locally for this purpose.

## 815. DISMANTLING OF DEFENSIVE WORKS

The following has been received from Fourth Army:-

"All defensive works can now be dismantled wherever situated. Farmers will be given free access to fields with permission to fill in trenches or remove entanglements".

*R. J. G. Gollan*  
 Captain.  
 Brigade Major.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



ADMINISTRATION816. WATER - FOR DRINKING PURPOSES

In view of the fact that all streams in this area are likely to be infected with organisms of the Colon-Typhoid group; all ranks must be warned of this danger of using any water from these streams for cooking or drinking purposes.

817. MOBILISATION EQUIPMENT, CHECKING OF.

Units will at once carefully check their mobilization equipment, and ensure that all stores deficient are demanded from ordnance not later than 15th inst. Immediately all stores required to complete establishment have been indented for a certificate to this effect will be rendered to Brigade Headquarters.

818. BLANKETS - ISSUE OF.

Reference G.R.O. 5743 units will not demand blankets to complete the issue of 3 per man.

819. COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S DESPATCH

Reference G.R.O. 5735 C.in C's Despatch for the period 8th December 1917 to 30th April 1918. Units should indent direct on the Publication Department, Army Printing and Stationary Services BOWLING for number of copies required.

820. ORDERS

Attention is directed to:-

- G.R.O. 5737 - Injuries sustained during Recreation - Reporting of, on A.P. W. 3422.
- G.R.O. 5739 - Poisoning by Castor Beans.
- G.R.O. 5761 - Lewis Guns .303" - Amended Scale of Issue of Certain Spare Parts.
- G.R.O. 5762 - Grenade Carriers.

821. CONCERT PARTY

It is proposed to establish at once a Brigade Concert Party. Units will forward to Brigade Headquarters before noon on 15th inst. applications for membership, stating special qualifications. A good organiser for this party is also required - officer or man.

*W. J. McEwan*

Lieutenant.  
for Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brig. Gen. H. E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

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GENERAL STAFF822. TRAINING

It is essential that Unit Commanders maintain their commands in a state of efficiency and with this object in view daily training will be undertaken to keep the men fit and to maintain weapons and stores in good order.

The difficulty of carrying out this training without it becoming irksome to the men is fully recognised but it is here that the initiative and personal power of the officers will come in. It is obvious that a great deal of the work to be undertaken must consist of ceremonial and this will be practised a good deal, commencing with the most elementary movements.

The daily platoon commanders' parades and inspections will be held regularly as heretofore and Battalion parades held whenever possible. The education scheme will proceed as Unit Commanders arrange and those employed in connection with this scheme will be excused from parades where necessary. Other interesting means of training will suggest themselves and commanders are urged to put these into operation.

Units will forward their suggested programmes for two hours daily training (excluding Sunday) for the period December 12th to December 18th inclusive, to reach this office before 2000 on the 12th inst.

823. LECTURE

Under the scheme for the exchange of lecturers between the Australian and the Canadian Corps it has been arranged for Capt. J. A. H. OZANNE of the Canadian Corps to deliver a series of lectures throughout the 5th Divisional Area. Captain OZANNE will lecture to this Brigade at Brigade Headquarters (DOUILLERS CHATEAU) at 14.30 on the 16th inst. on the subject "The America of Today". Seating accommodation will permit of the following attending: Each Battalion (including M.G. Bn.) 40; 15th P. Ambulance, 15th Pld. Co. and 15th A.L.T.M.S. 10 each.

824. EDUCATION

1. Unit Commanders will render a report, to reach Brigade Headquarters before 2200 on Friday of each week, showing the progress made with classes of instruction and education generally.
2. The report should be short and should include any points which may have come to notice during the period, notes on any particular difficulties or requirements, together with any suggestions as to future improvements or possibilities.

825. GERMAN PHRASE BOOK

It is proposed to print a GERMAN phrase book. The book will be in pamphlet form about the size of an ordinary paybook, and will be of about 14 pages. Arrangements are now in hand for printing a large number. It is anticipated the cost will be about 20 francs per thousand.

Units will notify Brigade Headquarters the approximate number they will require to reach this office by noon 14th inst.

*H. J. G. G. G.*  
 Captain.

Brigade Major.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O.







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Headquarters,  
18th Australian Inf. Brigade  
13th December 1918

57th Battalion }  
13th A.L.F. M.B. }  
58th Battalion }  
Brigade H.Qrs. }  
  
59th Battalion }  
22th A.A.S.C. }

Narratives of Operations

1. The attached 5th Aust. Div. Memo. 414/3328 is forwarded for information.
2. The Brigadier wishes that Unit Commanders take up this matter with the fullest enthusiasm. The personal narratives which have been written by officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Brigade on the operations which have been engaged in have shown a good deal of talent and there is no doubt that the competition now inaugurated by the Corps Commander will prove both interesting and instructive.
3. Unit Commanders will explain the scheme to all ranks and set the unit competitions going at once. Unit Committees and the award of prizes will be as Unit Commanders may arrange. For the purpose of this competition the Brigade Group will be divided into Sub-Groups as shown at the head of this letter.
4. The following will be the dates for submission of narratives and general procedure to be adopted:

1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period
January 10th 1st and 2nd Prize narratives due at Bde. H.Q. from each sub- group.	February 1st 1st and 2nd Prize narratives due Bde. H.Q. from each sub- group.	February 10th 1st and 2nd Prize narratives due at Bde. H.Q. from each sub-group.
January 14th Copies of all narra- tives for the Brigade Group having been typed will be for- warded to sub-groups for use of competit- ors in compiling the narrative of Brigade doings.	February 5th Copies of all narra- tives for the Bde. Group having been typed will be for- warded to sub-groups for use of competit- itors in compiling the narrative of Brigade doings.	February 15th Copies of all narra- tives for the Brigade Group having been typed will be for- warded to sub-groups for use of competit- itors in compiling the narrative of Brigade doings.
January 22nd Narratives(2) due at Brigade H.Q.	February 13th Narratives(w) due at Brigade H.Q.	March 5th Narratives(2) due at Brigade H.Q.
January 31st Winning Brigade Narrative due at Corps H.Q.	February 22nd Winning Brigade Narrative due at Corps H.Q.	March 15th Winning Brigade Narrative due at Corps H.Q.

5. The Brigade Committee will consist of one member to be elected by each sub-committee with the Brigadier as Chairman.







## by

12th December 1918

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11.

Brigade Baths are established at DOUMERS (near Church).  
They are allotted to units as follows:-

December 13th - 58th Battalion  
 " 14th - 57th Battalion  
 " 15th - 59th Battalion  
 " 16th  
 (0900 - 1000)-(Brigade H.Q.  
 (2 15th A.L.T.M.B.  
 (1000 - 1200)-15th Field.Co.A.E.  
 (1330 - 1500)-15th Field.Amb.  
 (29th A.A.S.C.

Baths are open at following hours:-

0900 to 1200  
1330 to 1600

Units will arrange for 50 men to report at baths each half-hour commencing at 0900 on day allotted them. In the event of units not requiring baths this office will be wired to that effect as soon as possible.

Clean clothing is not available at present, but it is anticipated that it will be on hand within a few days.

69th Battalion will detail picket of 1 Officer, 3 N.C.O's and 17 men to report to Town Major AVESNES at 1500 on 14th inst. They will relieve the present picket at AVESNES on that day.

Dress - full marching order.

Billets will be arranged by Town Major AVERNES.

Rations - 59th Battalion will arrange to ration the  
picquet.

Tour of duty will be one week.

W. Breacott  
per Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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by

Brig. Gen. H. E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.

Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

13th December 1918

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GENERAL STAFF829. PHYSICAL TRAINING

Units who may desire the services of the P. and R.T. Staff Instructor (attached to Brigade H.Q.) will apply to Brigade H.Q. This N.C.O. is available at all times for instructional duties.

830. GROUP RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Brigade Group Recreational Committee at Brigade Headquarters at 1500 tomorrow, 14th inst.

831. EDUCATION

Re Brigade Order No. 824 "Weekly Education Report". This report will in future be brought by the Battalion Education Officer to Brigade Headquarters at 3 p.m. each Friday when a Conference of Battalion Education Officers will be held.



Captain.

Brigade Major.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION832. F.G.C.M.

The undermentioned detail of Officers will assemble at 15th Brigade Headquarters, DOURLERS, at 1000 on Monday 16th inst. to try by F.G.C.M. the persons mentioned in the margin and such other persons or person as may be brought before it:

## 59th Battalion

## President

5103 Cpl. GRAHAM G.A.

Major G.S. SMITH, M.C.

57th Bn.

174 Pte. DWYER J.M.

2986 " TAYLOR D.F.D.H.

## Members

5354 " CALLOW A.L.

Capt. E.K. KEYS

57th Bn.

5516 " MCCOLLEY T.E.

Lieut. R.V. MOON, V.C.

58th Bn.

Accused will be warned and witnesses duly required to attend. Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

833. MOBILISATION STORE TABLES

All units will take immediate steps to ensure that Mobilisation Store Tables at present in possession are amended to date immediately.

Copies of amended Mobilisation Store Tables may be obtained at D.A.D.O.S.

A report to the effect that M.S.T's are up to date will be forwarded to this office by 1000 16th inst.

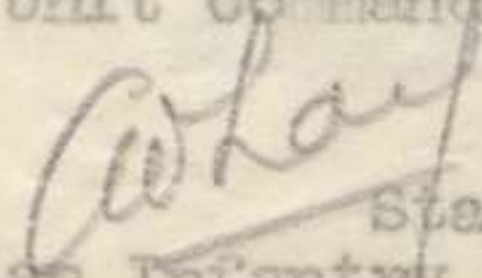
834. BROOD MARES

Reference this office 111/937 and subsequent correspondence - "Branding of Brood Mares". The above is cancelled in consequence of a ruling from the War Office that no mares from Colonial Units are to be selected as Brood Mares.

835. UNOCCUPIED HOUSES

Owing to the fact that there are a large number of unoccupied residences containing furniture and effects in the new Divisional Area, all ranks are forbidden to enter any unoccupied houses. Instructions have been issued to Military Police and Picquets to arrest and report all troops entering or attempting to enter such premises.

The above order is to be communicated by Unit Commanders to all ranks under their command.



Captain.

Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Strength made up to noon.13th December, 1918.

Unit.	Strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.Gs. Instrs.		Increased during week due to drafts etc. Taken on Strength Unit.		Totals from 1 and 2.		Decrease during week cas. etc. deducted from Strength of Unit.		Strength excluding attached.		Not present. with Unit and not at disposal of C.O. included in Column A.		Available fighting strength inc. personnel of Battalion Transport and Q.M. Store.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Bn.	34	629	-	8	34	637	1	12	33	625	7	87	26	538
58th Bn.	30	630	2	3	32	633	-	14	32	619	8	103	24	516
59th Bn.	63	903	1	7	64	910	-	11	64	899	30	170	34	729
Total	127	2162	3	18	130	2180	1	37	129	2143	45	360	84	1783

Details of Column "B"

Unit	"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"		On Command		Total		Remarks
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
57th Bn.	3	34	1	5	2	7	-	-	1	35	-	-	-	6	7	87	Detn. 6
58th Bn.	3	42	1	13	-	2	-	-	4	32	-	-	-	14	8	103	Detn. 8
59th Bn.	5	49	4	11	2	3	-	-	17	92	2	-	-	15	30	170	Education 6. Detn. 7 AWL 8
Total	11	125	6	29	4	12	-	-	22	159	2	-	-	35	45	360	

*H. J. Meaurio*  
 Brig-General,  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



(i.e. explanation of Increase and Decrease)

W. H. Green



ATTACHMENT TO WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH.Details of Column 2.Increase during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion		8	Ex Hospital.
58th Battalion	1 1	1 2	Reinforcements. Ex Cadet Bn. Ex Seconded. Transferred. Ex Hospital.
59th Battalion	1	7	Ex Seconded. Reinforcements.
Total	3	18	

Details of Column 4.Decrease during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion	1	12	Seconded. Evacuated.
58th Battalion		1 2 2 2 6 1	S.O.S. Furlough to Australia. Transferred. Declared Illegal Absentees. Committed to prison. Evacuated. Died of Disease.
59th Battalion		1 10	Transferred. Evacuated.
Total	1	37	



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1. At a meeting of the Brigade Group Recreational Committee held on the 14th inst. it was decided to hold a Group Cross-Country Race in the vicinity of DOURLERS on Wednesday 13th inst. commencing at 14.30.

2. For this race the following will compete:

57th Battalion four company teams	(30 men)
58th Battalion " " "	
59th Battalion " " "	
15th H.G.Bn. " " "	
15th Field.Ambulance and	
15th A.L.T.M.B. one team of	20 men
15th Field.Co.A.E. and	
29th A.A.S.C. one team of	20 men
Brigade Headquarters one team of	<u>20 men</u>

Total of 19 teams-380 men

3. A trophy valued at 400 francs will be awarded to the winning team. Length of Race - three miles across country. To be run in service boots; no other restrictions regarding dress. Men must run in the team for the company to which they belong.

4. Each man on passing the winning post will be given a ticket corresponding with the order in which he finishes -i.e. the first man in will be given a ticket showing the figure 1. and so on. The winning team will be that which has the lowest aggregate when the total of the tickets for the whole team is added. Each man who does not finish will add to the score of his team the number of the last man who does finish i.e. if 370 men finish then 370 will be added to the score.

5. Details of the course, also finishing and starting points will be duly notified.

6. Names of teams to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters before noon on 17th inst.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No.36

14th December 1918

1. SUPPLIES Railhead for the new Divisional area will be BEAUMONT.
2. R.E.STORES Small distributing centres will be arranged for at the Headquarters of each Field Company from which units will draw latrine seats etc. and other small stores.
3. REINFORCEMENTS
  - (a) RAILHEAD When the Division moves into the new area railhead will be CHARLEROI and the 5th Aust.Div.Reinf't Wing will be at BEAUMONT.
  - (b) Corps Reinforcement Camp will take over all reinforcements at CHARLEROI and despatch personnel for this Division by local rail to BEAUMONT.
4. LEAVE Leave trains will run from CHARLEROI commencing on a date to be notified later. Personnel will report to the 5th Aust.Div.Reinforcement Wing, BEAUMONT, where they will be despatched to the Corps Reinforcement Camp and be sent off in one party.
5. SANITATION
  - (a) Before any billeting area is occupied Units will arrange for the Water Supplies to be examined and the good and bad sources clearly marked. All water will be Chlorinated.
  - (b) Arrangements will also be made for the disposal of Manure, if the farmers will not remove same it will be close packed.
6. BATHS are established at DOUJERS and St.REMY.
7. CANTEEN Divisional Canteen will be established at SOIRE-le-CHATEAU. Divisional Canteen Officer will arrange to supply the 15th Aust.Inf.Brigade and 5th Aust.II.G.Bn. every alternate day.
8. ANIMALS Reports have been received to the effect that there has been rather obscure mortality amongst Army horses in the Area to which the Division is proceeding. Any case of sudden death of an animal without obvious cause is to be reported at once to this office.
9. ROADS Arrangements will be made by units for the removal of Snow from roads and keeping the roadside drains clear in their billeting areas.

P.T.O.



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*W. L. A.*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:

57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
15th A.L.T.H.E.  
15th Field Amb.  
15th Fld.Co.A.E.  
29th A.A.S.C.

Copies to

5th Aust.Div.  
Ede.Q.H.  
Ede.T.O.  
Ede.S.O.  
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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
27th December, 1918.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
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TRAINING PROGRAMME.

Forwarded herewith is the proposed Training Programme for the Brigade for the period January, 2nd to January 14th, 1919.:

Date.	Nature of Training.	Place	Time.
Jan. 2nd.	(a) 57th Battalion: Bn. Ceremonial Parade.	4.L.05-10. Bn. Parade Ground.	0930 - 1130.
	(b) 58th Battalion: Range Practices Inter-Company Competitions.	Range at 4.L.35-15.	0930 - 1130.
	(c) 59th Battalion: One Company Range practices	Bn. Range SEMOUSIES	0930 - 1130.
Jan. 3rd	(a) 58th Battalion: Ceremonial Drill	Bn. Parade Ground 4.L.50-07.	0930 - 1130.
Jan. 5th	Church Parades under Unit Arrangements.		
Jan. 6th.	(a) 57th Battalion: Inspection of personnel and transport. Ceremonial drill as a Bn.	per-Bn. Parade Ground. 4.L.05-10.	0930 - 1130.
Jan. 7th.	(a) 57th Battalion: Route March.	Route: ST. AUBIN - ST REMY - POT. DEVIN - ST. AUBIN.	
Jan. 8th	(b) 58th Battalion: Route March.	Route: DOURLERS - ECLAIRES Main AVESNES - MAUBEUGE - ROAD - MONT DOURLERS - DOURLERS.	
Jan. 9th	(a) 57th Battalion: Musketry Competitions.	Range at DOURLERS. 4.L.35-15.	
Jan. 11th	Brigade Route March (less 1st Line Transport).	Route: DOURLERS - ECLAIRES - along AVESNES - MAUBEUGE ROAD - MONT DOURLERS.	

NOTE: (a) Sporting events will be as indicated on programme of fixtures already issued.  
(b) Baths, Company Parades, and Minor Battalion fixtures are held on the days not included in the above.

Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



57th BATTALION. A.I.F.TRAINING PROGRAMME1918.

Dec. 27th.

Route March: Route:- St AUBIN - St REMY - POT de VIN  
- St AUBIN.~~28th~~

Brigade Ceremonial Parade.

~~30th~~

Brigade Group Cross Country Run.

~~31st~~

Baths.

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New Year's Day.

~~2nd~~

Muster Parade. Ceremonial Drill.

~~3rd~~Muster Parade. Physical Exercises and Games. Company  
and Battalion Drill~~4th~~Companies at disposal of company commanders for  
overhaul of equipment.~~6th~~Muster parade. Inspection of Personnel and Transport.  
Ceremonial Drill.~~7th~~

Route March.

~~8th~~

Baths.

~~9th~~

Musketty Competitions.

*Charles Dench* LT.COL.  
Commanding 57th Battalion.A.I.F.



58th BATTALION A.I.F.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.30/12/18 to 14/1/19

Date	Times	Work	Remarks.
<del>30/12/18</del> <del>MONDAY</del>	1000 - 1200	Specialist Training and paths.	P. & R.T.
<del>31/12/18</del> <del>TUESDAY</del>		5 mile Route March	
<del>1/1/19</del> <del>WEDNESDAY</del>			New Year's Day.
<del>2/1/19</del> <del>THURSDAY</del>	1000 - 1200	Range Practices	Inter-Company Competition.
<del>3/1/19</del> <del>FRIDAY</del>	1000 - 1200	Ceremonial Parade	March past in column of companies and in close column of coys.
<del>4/1/19</del> <del>SATURDAY</del>	1000 - 1200	Specialist Training	P. & R.T. and cleaning of equipment.
<del>5/1/19</del> <del>SUNDAY</del>	1000 -	Church Parade	
<del>6/1/19</del> <del>MONDAY</del>	1000 - 1200	Baths	
<del>7/1/19</del> <del>TUESDAY</del>		5 mile route march	
<del>8/1/19</del> <del>WEDNESDAY</del>		Musketry instruction	Recapitulation
<del>9/1/19</del> <del>THURSDAY</del>		Platoon Ceremonial	"Entry Co", slow marching and balance steps.
<del>10/1/19</del> <del>FRIDAY</del>		Battalion Parade	Movements in line; march past in column
<del>11/1/19</del> <del>SATURDAY</del>		Interior Economy	company parades, cleaning of Arms & Equipment.



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

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Date	Times	Work	Remarks
12/1/19 SUNDAY		Church Parade	
13/1/19 MONDAY		Specialist Training	P. & R.T.
14/1/19 TUESDAY		5 mile route march	

Temp/Commanding

58th Battalion

Major.  
A.I.F.



59th BATTALION A.I.F.  
-----SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD FROM 30th DECEMBER 1918 TO  
14th January 1919.  
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1918 Dec. 30th	"A" Coy. Range Practice Other Companies - Specialist Training	0930 to 1200
" 31st	Battalion Parade	0930 to 1200
Jan. 1st	NEW YEAR'S DAY - HOLIDAY.	
" 2nd	"B" Coy. - Range Practice Other Companies - Company Drill, Guards & Sentries	0930 to 1200.
" 3rd	Battalion Bathe	
" 4th	"C" Coy - Range Practice Other Companies - Interior Economy	0930 to 1200
" 5th	Church Parade	
" 6th	"D" Coy. Range Practice Other Companies - As for 30th December	0930 to 1200
" 7th	Battalion Parade	0930 to 1200
" 8th	"A" Coy. Range Practice Other Companies - Route March	0930 to 1200
" 9th	"A" Coy. - Route March Other Companies - Specialist Training	0930 to 1200
" 10th	"B" Coy. - Range Practice Other Companies - As for 2nd January	0930 to 1200
" 11th	Company Parade - Ceremonial, Guards and Sentries	0930 to 1200
" 12th	Church Parade.	
" 13th	Battalion Bathe	
" 14th	"C" Coy. - Range Practice Other Companies - Specialist Training.	

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15<sup>th</sup> Co. L. T. M. B.Syllabus.

30.12.'18 - 11.1.'19.

Date.	9 - 9.15	9.15 - 9.45.	9.45 - 10.	10. - 10.30.	10.30 - 11.	Remarks.
Monday, 30.12.'18.	Inspection of Arms & Equipment including Students	P.T. and Organized Games (Arms Piled)	Rifle Exercises.	Ceremonial Drill.	Battery Drill.	Lectures and Instruction
Tuesday, 31.12.'18.	Do.	B.F. and Organized Games.	Smartening-up Drill.	Close order Drill.	Cleaning and Inspection of mortars etc.	on Stokes mortars will be carried on during wet periods
Thursday, 2.1.'19. <del>Wednesday</del>	Do.	P.T. and Ditto.	Rifle Exercises.	Musketry Inspection.	Battery Drill.	Musketry Instruction to be
Friday, 3.1.'19.	Do.	B.F. and Ditto.	Extended order Drill.	Ceremonial Drill.	Bayonet Fighting	by ear and eye. (Demonstration
Saturday, 4.1.'19.	Do.	Battery	Route March.		Cleaning and Overhauling mortars and gear.	Musketry on Range when Range is available.
Monday, 6.1.19.	Do.	B.F. and Organized Games.	Rifle Exercises.	Musketry Instruction.	Battery Drill.	
Tuesday, 7.1.'19.	Do.	P.T. and Ditto	Smartening-up Drill.	Ceremonial Drill.	Musketry.	
Wednesday, 8.1.'19.	Do.	B.F. and Ditto.	Rifle Exercises.	Musketry.	Battery Drill.	
Thursday, 9.1.'19.	Do.	P.T. and Ditto	Squad Drill.	Musketry on Range.		
Friday, 10.1.'19.	Do.	B.F. and Ditto.	Rifle Exercises.	Ditto.		
Saturday, 11.1.'19.	Do.	Battery	Route March.			

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15th A. L. T. M. B. Training Programme. 13.1.19 - 25-1-19.

Inspection of Arms & Equipment & P. T. daily.  
Rifle Exercises, Ceremonial, Close Order Drill,  
Battery and Musketry as per Battery  
Syllabets.

Wed. 15th Route March. Start: 10.00. Dress: Drill Order.

Waterproof. Sheets and midday meal carried.

Starting Point: St Aubin, L. 4.10.08. X Rds

43.11., X roads 43.14. Mont Doulers,

Floursies, Bois de Beugnies. Halt.

Return via Doulers - St Aubin.

Fri. 17th

Route March. Dress as above.

Starting Point: L 4.10.08. Time 10 am.

Route: St Remy X roads K 4.44.08.

X roads 30.36. Halt. Return via

Pot de Vin, St Aubin.

Wed. 22nd

Route March to place of interest.

Ditto.

Fri. 24th

Information will be looked up re any  
place of interest visited.

Owing to Educational Classes parades  
for these marches will be very small.

Saturdays: Cleaning of Mortars & Equipment



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O. C. 15th A. L. T. M. B.





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Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
15th December 1918

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GENERAL STAFF

844. LECTURE

Reference Brigade Order No. 823 of 10th inst. the lecture "America of Today" which was to have taken place tomorrow 16th inst. at DOURLERS CHATEAU has been cancelled.

*H. E. Elliott*

Brig. General.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION

845. ORDERS

Report in accordance with G.R.O. 5809 will be forwarded to reach this office by 1800 on 18th inst. by any units who have had any experience with Guards referred to in abovequoted G.R.O.

*W. L. O'Leary*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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GENERAL STAFF846. LECTURE.

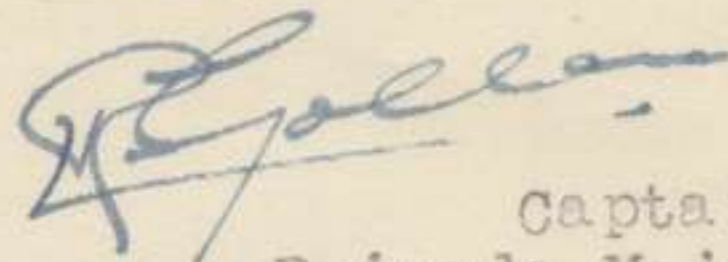
Capt. W.S. DANN will visit the Division on 23rd and 24th inst. He will lecture to units of this Brigade Group on the 24th inst. at 1030 on the subject -

"League of Nations historically treated".

This lecture will be held at the DOURLERS CHATEAU. The following vacancies are allotted: each Battalion (including M.G. Battalion) 50 all ranks; 15th Field Company, A.E., 15th A.L.T.M.B., 15th Field Ambulance, 10 each.

847. EDUCATION.

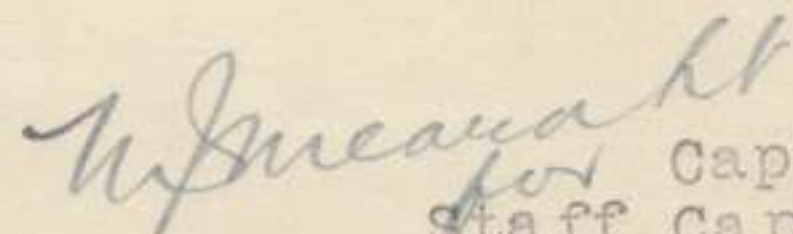
It has been found impossible to examine at the Army Reception Camp all candidates for courses of attachment to various workshops in this country. Units will therefore, before forwarding nominations, have all their candidates examined by a competent officer where possible. Should this not be possible the candidate's written statement that he is a skilled tradesman will be accepted.



Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION.848. OFFICERS CLUB.

A meeting of the Brigade Committee will be held at Brigade Headquarters at 1400 on 17th inst. to discuss the question of establishing a Brigade Officers Club.



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Staff Captain,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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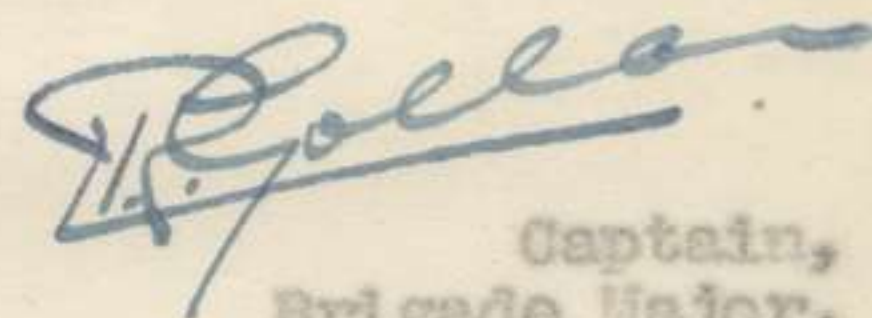
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GENERAL STAFF849. PLOUGHING DEMONSTRATION.

There will be a demonstration in tractor ploughing at the G.H.Q. farm, CORRIE on Monday, December 23rd in order to compare the relative values of tractors and horses in farming and also to illustrate the various types of tractors in use. The demonstration will be preceded by a short lecture. Units will report before 2200 on 18th inst. the numbers of officers and other ranks they desire to send to this demonstration. It is expected that M.T. will be available. Only those intending to take up agricultural work on discharge should be sent.



Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION.850. REVOLVERS.

Reports have been received that some personnel are still in possession of unauthorized revolvers contrary to Brigade Orders 705, 27/10/18 and 662, 13/10/18.

Immediate steps are to be taken that these orders are strictly enforced.

851. S.A.A.

To enable an accurate check to be made a return will be furnished by all units to reach this office by noon 22nd inst. stating quantity of S.A.A. held, as at noon 22nd inst. in ammunition echelons and on the man.

S.A.A. practice, Tracer and A.P. should be shown separately.

852. TRANSFER TO No. 5 M.T. COMPANY.

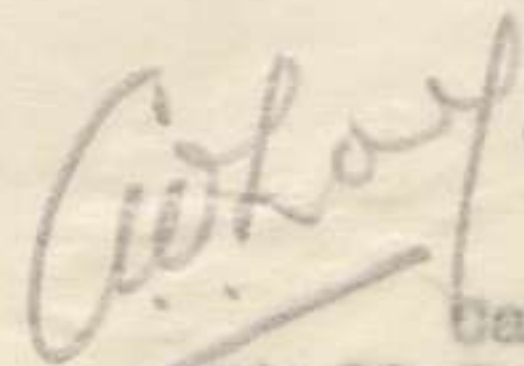
The Div. M.T. Coys., attached to the Corps are at present short of drivers and other personnel.

Authority has been given for a certain number of suitable men to be transferred to No. 5 M.T. Company.

Applications from men desirous of being transferred as above and who are recommended should be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 1800 21st inst. Full particulars of qualifications should be submitted in each application.

Applicants will be tested under arrangements to be made by the S.M.T.O. and units will be advised when and where men selected are to report.

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 Staff Captain,  
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GENERAL STAFF

853. EDUCATION.

With reference to the various tradesmen's classes now being held, it will be noticed that units are asked to submit their requirements for the second series of attachments.

In many cases, some trade classes, such as blacksmiths, fitters and turners, are held at several workshops. When submitting requirements for future courses care must be taken to prevent duplication and no man who has already been included in the numbers submitted for the second course at one workshop should be included in the numbers submitted for the same trade at another workshop.

For instance, if a unit has asked for vacancies for 4 blacksmiths for the second series of attachments to the Heavy Repair Shops, PARIS, these four will not be included when submitting vacancies required for blacksmiths at the Locomotive Works, St. ETIENNE.

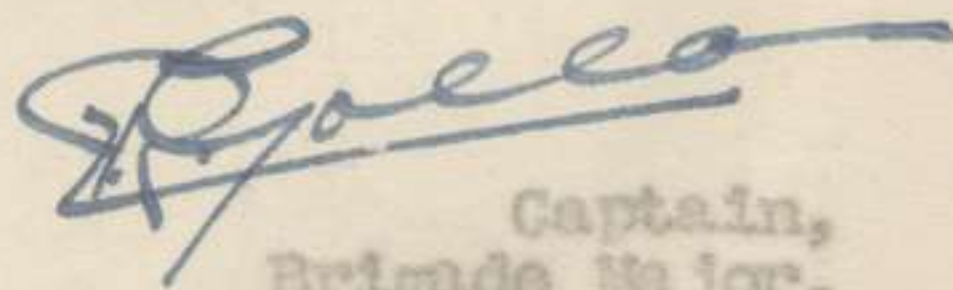
Otherwise, when the vacancies for the second series are finally allotted, units will receive a much larger allotment than they can possibly fill.

This cancels any previous instructions on this subject.

In any case where such duplication has already occurred units will notify this office in order that the necessary adjustments may be made.

854. RECREATION.

1. Units will report before noon on the 20th inst. the number of tug-of-war ropes they require.
2. A limited number of running shorts are also available. Requirements of these will also be stated.



Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 37

19th December, 1918.

1. CORPS REINFORCEMENT CAMP.

(a) The Corps Reinforcement Camp opens 18.12.18 at USINE DU LAIT MARCINELLE.

(b) Corps Reinforcement Camp will meet all reinforcements and details at CHARLEROI SUD station, and take them to the Reinforcement Camp.

(c) Those for 5th Division will be accommodated in the Corps Reinforcement Camp until despatched later to 5th Aust. Div. Wing at BEAUMONT by the bus service referred to in para. 3 below.

(d) To deal with personnel who will continue to arrive for some days at railheads in that area, Commandant Corps Reinforcement camp will leave a depot at CATILLON.

2. LEAVE.

(a) Commencing 19th December 1918, leave men will be despatched by the daily bus service to the Corps Reinforcement Camp, who will arrange for their despatch to the Base Port by the following leave train, commencing running on the 19th inst.

CHARLEROI SUD	dep. 2139
BOULOGNE	arr. 1442

and personnel embark following day.

(b) Personnel returning from leave will travel by the following train:-

BOULOGNE	dep. 0908
CHARLEROI	arr. 0304

Corps Reinforcement Camp will meet personnel at CHARLEROI, accommodate them at the Corps Reinforcement Camp, and despatch them by the bus service to rejoin their units.

3. PERSONNEL BUS SERVICE.

The following personnel bus services, for conveying leave men, men for schools, details etc. to Corps Reinforcement Camp, and leave men, reinforcements, and details to units from the Corps Reinforcement Camp, will commence running on 19.12.18.



CENSE A LONGE Road	
junction S. of	
SELOUSIES	dep. 0800
BEUGHIES	" 0845
SOLRE LE CHATEAU	" 0915
GRANDRIEU	" 1010
BEAUMONT	" 1115
STREE	" 1210
MARCINELLE (Corps	
Reinforcement Camp	arr. 1400
"	dep. 1100
STREE	" 1250
BEAUMONT	" 1350
GRANDRIEU	" 1435
SOLRE LE CHATEAU	" 1520
BEUGHIES	" 1550
CENSE A LONGE	" 1635

Halting place at each of the above points will be marked by a sign "BUS SERVICE HALT".

4. Personnel going on leave using the bus service will produce their leave pass. Personnel going to schools, etc. will be marched to embussing point under the senior officer or H.C.O. who will carry with him a nominal roll which will serve as a pass. Any other person or persons using the bus service must be in possession of a pass issued from Divisional Headquarters as at present, owing to the limited accommodation only very special cases other than leave and school personnel will be allowed to travel on the busses.

59th Battalion will detail two Sergeants for duty as conductors. They will report at 0730 each morning at Western Terminus (CENSE A LONGE Road Junction S. of SELOUSIES) and travel on busses to and from Corps Reinforcement Camp. Their duties will be to see that only authorized personnel travel on the busses.

These H.C.O's. will billet with their Battalion.

*W. J. McArthur*  
 Staff Captain,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade



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GENERAL STAFF.855. ATTACHMENTS TO WORKSHOPS.

1. In future every N.C.O. or man proceeding on a course of attachment will be provided with written instructions which will clearly indicate:

- (a) Where he will report to for transport.
- (b) Place and unit to which he is to proceed.
- (c) The course he is to attend.
- (d) The date and time he is to report.
- (e) Authority for move.

2. He will also be provided with a statement to present to the unit on arrival showing:

- (a) His trade, and his formation and unit.
- (b) The workshop or course to which he is proceeding.
- (c) The date on which he is to report.

856. ARMY SCHOOL, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

The following instructors are required for the Army School of Electrical Engineering, HAMUR, which opens at an early date. Units will submit nominations before 1300 on the 21st inst.:

QUALIFICATIONS.

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 6 Officers     | A.M.I.E.E. or similar standard (Practical and Theory).  |
| 17 Other ranks | 2 who have been on test bed of large electrical works, capable of isolating losses and ascertaining efficiencies by all the usual methods.  |
|                | 2 who have been foremen or skilled winders capable of explaining armature stator and rotor windings.  |
|                | 2 employees in instrument makers works who are conversant with construction and theory of electrical measuring instruments.   |
|                | 3 who have been foreman fitters in erecting shops accustomed to handling and constructing oil switches, transformers and A.C. and D.C. machinery - skill on electrical side rather than mechanical is required. |
|                | 2 Engine room assistants.   |
|                | 2 Fitters.  |
|                | 2 Electrical Instrument repairers (Ammeters and Voltmeters).  |
|                | 2 Test Bed assistants.  |

857. RECREATION.

1. A meeting of the Brigade Group Sports Committee will be held at Brigade Headquarters at 1130 tomorrow, 20th inst.  
 Business:

- (a) To decide on a date for holding the Group Cross-country run.
- (b) To discuss general recreational matters and instruct the Group Delegate to the Divisional Committee accordingly.
- (c) To go into the matter of the Group competitions and fix the date of starting.

2. The Divisional Commander has made a grant of 200 francs from the Divisional Trust Fund towards the prize money for the Group Cross-country run.

*[Signature]*

Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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ADMINISTRATION

858. LEAVE.

Authority has been received from Australian Corps for C.O's. to issue passes ~~in~~ up to 10% for personnel to visit any place within the Corps Area. Care will be taken to see that men wear belts and are properly dressed.

Personnel who are granted this leave will not be permitted to travel on Corps Leave Busses.

*W. J. McEachern*  
for Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

## SPORTS FIXTURES FOR FIRST ROUND.

Sub-Groups are as follows:

No. 1 Sub-Group: Brigade H.Qrs.  
15th Field Amb.No. 4 Sub-Group: 58th Battalion.  
291k AASC.No. 2 Sub-Group: 15th Field Coy.  
15th A.L.T.M.B.

No. 5 Sub-Group: 59th Battalion.

No. 3 Sub-Group: 57th Battalion

No. 6 Sub-Group: 5th M.G. Battalion.

Date	Matches	Umpire.
<u>AUSTRALIAN GAME AND TUG-OF-WAR.</u>		
Wednesday Jan. 1st.	No. 1 Sub-Group V No. 2 Sub-Group. No. 3 " V No. 4 " No. 5 " V No. 3 "	Wollington 59th Bn. Williamson 5th M.G. Hodgkinson Bde. H.Q.
<u>RUGBY.</u>		
Friday Jan. 3rd	No. 1 Sub-Group V No. 2 Sub-Group. No. 3 " V No. 4 " No. 5 " V No. 6 "	Turner 5th M.G. Bn. Hill "
<u>AUSTRALIAN GAME AND TUG-OF-WAR.</u>		
Saturday Jan 4th	No. 2 Sub-Group V No. 3 Sub-Group No. 4 " V No. 5 " No. 6 " V No. 1 "	Martin 59th Bn. Poulson 5th M.G. Bn. Johnston 59th Bn.
<u>RUGBY.</u>		
Sunday Jan 6th	No. 2 Sub-Group V No. 3 Sub-Group No. 4 " V No. 5 " No. 6 " V No. 1 "	
<u>AUSTRALIAN GAME AND TUG-OF-WAR.</u>		
Wednesday Jan. 7th	No. 4 Sub-Group V No. 1 Sub-Group. No. 2 " V No. 6 " No. 3 " V No. 5 "	Levy 59th Bn. O'Malley 58th Bn. Murray 59th Bn.
<u>RIFLE SHOOTING</u>		
Wednesday Jan 8th (morning) (afternoon)	No. 1 Sub-Group V No. 2 Sub-Group. No. 3 " V "	
<u>RUGBY.</u>		
Thursday Jan 9th	No. 4 Sub-Group V No. 1 Sub-Group. No. 2 " V No. 6 " No. 3 " V No. 5 "	



Date.	Matches				Umpire
<u>AUSTRALIAN GAME AND TUG-OF-WAR.</u>					
Friday Jan 10th	No. 1 Sub-Group	V	No. 3 Sub-Group.		Loughnan 58th Bn. Wellington 59th Bn Wilkinson 51st Bn.
	No. 6 "	V	"		
	No. 5 "	V	"		
<u>RIFLE SHOOTING</u>					
Saturday Jan 11th (morning)	No. 1 Sub-Group	V	No. 3 Sub-Group		
(afternoon)	No. 5 "	V	No. 6 "		
<u>RUGBY.</u>					
Monday 15th	No. 1 Sub-Group	V	No. 5 Sub-Group.		
	No. 8 "	V	No. 4 "		
	No. 5 "	V	No. 2 "		
<u>AUSTRALIAN GAME AND TUG-OF-WAR.</u>					
Tuesday Jan 14th	No. 5 Sub-Group	V	No. 1 Sub-Group.		
	No. 2 "	V	No. 4 "		
	No. 3 "	V	No. 6 "		
<u>RIFLE SHOOTING.</u>					
Tuesday Jan 14th (morning)	No. 5 Sub-Group	V	No. 4 Sub-Group.		
(afternoon)	No. 1 "	V	No. 5 "		
<u>RUGBY.</u>					
Thursday Jan 15th	No. 5 Sub-Group	V	No. 1 Sub-Group.		
	No. 2 "	V	No. 4 "		
	No. 3 "		No. 6 "		
<u>RIFLE SHOOTING</u>					
Friday Jan 17th	No. 2 Sub-Group	V	No. 5 Sub-Group.		
	No. 4 "	V	No. 6 "		
<u>RIFLE SHOOTING</u>					
Monday Jan 20th (morning)	No. 1 Sub-Group	V	No. 4 Sub-Group.		
(afternoon)	No. 2 "	V	No. 5 "		
<u>RIFLE SHOOTING</u>					
Tuesday Jan 23rd (morning)	No. 3 Sub-Group	V	No. 5 Sub-Group.		
(afternoon)	No. 2 "	V	No. 6 "		



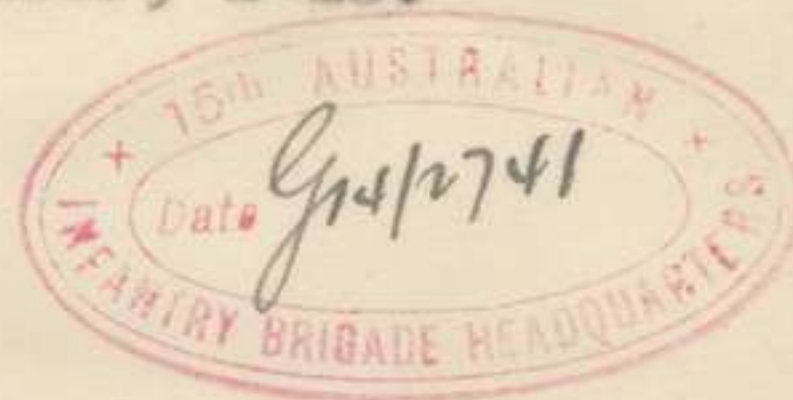
Date	Matches	Umpire.
Monday Jan 27th (morning) (afternoon)	<u>RIFLE SHOOTING.</u> No. 4 Sub-Group V No. 5 Sub-Group. No. 3 " V No. 3 "	
Wednesday Jan. 29th (afternoon)	<u>RIFLE SHOOTING</u> No. 1 Sub-Group V No. 3 Sub-Group.	
Tuesday Feb. 4th	RIFLE SHOOTING FINAL MATCH.	

1. Australian Rules Football matches will be played on the ground of the first named sub-group.
2. Rugby matches will be played on the ground of the last named sub-group.
3. Tug-of-War events will take place during the half-time interval of Australian Rules Football matches.
4. Scoring for football: Win: 3 points = Draw: 2 points. The four leading teams in first round to play in second round.



Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
20th December, 1918.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.



WEEKLY EDUCATION REPORT.

1. CLASSES. Since last week's report the attendance at the various classes has increased considerably and now that the organisation is becoming complete the general interest in the scheme is very noticeable.

(a) In the 57th Battalion the following classes are in full swing:

Arithmetic	..	..	51 students.
Shorthand	..	..	26 "
Book-keeping	..	..	58 "
French	..	..	28 "
English	..	..	28 "
Fruitgrowing	..	..	19 "

Total 210 students.

(b) The 58th Battalion have classes in operation as follows:

French	..	..	50 students.
Book-keeping	..	..	34 "
Shorthand	..	..	16 "

(c) Classes for English, French, German, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, and Shorthand, are held in the 59th Battalion, and the attendance at these classes has increased from 89 to 136 during the week.

(d) Seven men have marched out for periods of attachment to Army Workshops.

2. LECTURES. Lectures on various subjects of educational interest have been held, especially in the 58th Battalion where the subjects included:

- (a) History of English Criminal Trials.
- (b) Medical Sidelights.

Several inter-company debates in this Battalion on the subject - "Is a League of Nations possible?" were very largely attended.

3. ACCOMMODATION. Some students attend classes in more than one subject and for some of the subjects the classrooms have not been large enough to accommodate those desirous of attending. This difficulty has been overcome by arranging two classes - senior and junior, at different hours.

The large classroom in the 59th Battalion area is not yet completed; meanwhile classes are being held in the Officers Mess.

Lighting difficulties have yet to be overcome; the long evenings necessitate the use of a lot of candles and good lighting is necessary for the classrooms, also for the "quiet" or "study" rooms which each Battalion has established. It is anticipated that the lighting difficulty will be solved by the lighting sets which have been promised.

The accommodation generally has yet to be improved and this is being expedited in so far as the limited supply of material will allow. A supply of "oiled paper" for covering broken windows would be appreciated.

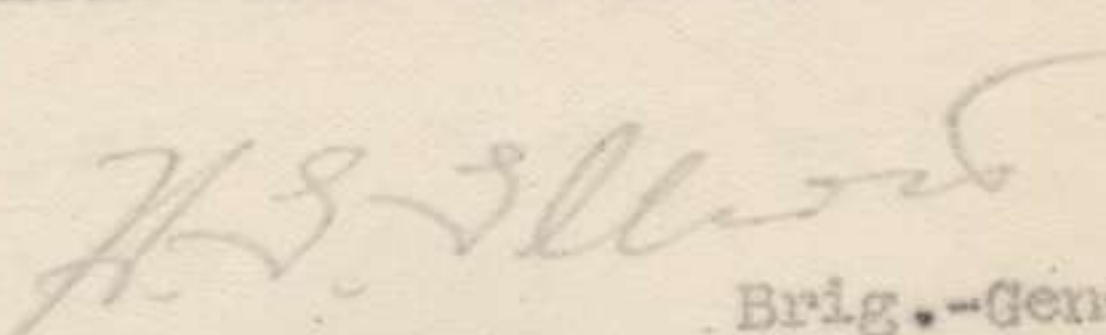


3. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED. Difficulties, as follows, have been met with during the week:-

(a) The lack of stationery and text books is still severely felt. The articles most in demand are Army Books 129, A.B.153, Scribbling pads or paper of any description.

(b) Chalk has been indented for but not yet received.

4. SUGGESTIONS. A suggestion which may be of use to other units is the provision of a separate billet for the instructors. This not only gives them a certain standing among the men of the Battalion but permits of undisturbed preparation for their classes and facilitates the exchange of ideas which would not otherwise be possible.

  
Brig.-General  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

Copies to:

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59th Battalion.  
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## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APP 23

Strength made up to Noon.20th December, 1918.

Unit.	Strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.Gs. Instrs.		Increase during week due to drafts etc. Taken on Strength Unit.		Totals from 1 and 2.		Decrease during week cas. etc. deducted from Strength of Unit.		Strength excluding attached.		Not present with Unit and not at disposal of C.O. included in Col. A		Available fighting strength inc. personnel of Bn. Transport and Q.M. Store.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Bn.	33	625	3	7	35	632	1	14	35	618	6	96	29	522
58th Bn.	32	619	1	7	33	626	1	26	32	600	8	109	24	491
59th Bn.	64	899	2	9	66	908	1	16	65	892	28	194	37	698
Total	129	2143	6	23	134	2166	3	56	132	2110	42	399	90	1711

Details of Column "B"

Unit.	"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"		On command		Total		Remarks.
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
57th Bn.	1	35	2	13	2	10	-	-	1	34	-	-	-	4	6	96	Detn 4.
58th Bn.	2	53	2	1	-	2	-	-	4	48	-	-	-	5	8	109	Detn 5.
59th Bn.	3	66	4	13	2	9	-	-	15	95	2	-	-	11	28	194	Detn 4.
																	AWL 7.
Total	8	154	8	27	4	21	-	-	20	177	2	-	-	20	42	399	

*Whayatt*  
 Brig.-General,  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



# CHANGES IN NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS

(i.e., explanation of Increase and Decrease).

Unit	Joined	Struck off	Cause
57th Battalion	2/Lieut. J.M. Mackie, MM Lieut. R. Dautreband, MC <i>Capt. R. Vinton</i>	<i>Capt. R. Vinton</i>	<i>Seconded</i> Ex Reinforcements (Cadet Battalion). Ex Seconded List. <i>26 Seconded List.</i>
58th Battalion	2/Lieut. R.D. Hollins, <i>al</i>	Lieut. J.L.M. Campbell	Trans. to Education Service.
59th Battalion	Lieut. T.J.C. Garmon, Lieut. C.H. Browne, <i>al</i>	Lieut. A.H. MacRoberts	Ex Seconded List. Ex Supernumerary List. Transferred to Education Service.

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"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"		"G"		"H"		"I"		"J"		"K"		"L"		"M"		"N"		"O"	
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ATTACHMENT TO WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH.Details of Column 2.Increase during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion	1 <b>2</b>	7	Ex Reinforcements (Cadet Bn.) Ex Seconded. Ex Hospital.
58th Battalion	1	1 6	Ex Reinforcements (Cadet Bn.) Transferred. Ex Hospital
59th Battalion	1 1	9	Ex Seconded. Ex Supernumerary List. Ex Hospital.
Total	<b>6</b>	23	

Details of Column 4.Decrease during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion		8 6	Transferred. Evacuated.
58th Battalion	1	5 1 1 19	<del>Seconded</del> Transferred. S.O.S. Furlough to Australia. Committed to prison. Evacuated.
59th Battalion	1	8 8	Transferred. Evacuated.
Total	<b>3</b>	56	



## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
21st December, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF859. RECREATION.

The Brigade Group Cross-country Run will be held on Saturday, December 28th at 1430.

860. RIFLE SHOOTING.

In connection with the Brigade Group Competitions it is proposed that the first rifle match take place on the 8th January, 1919. A meeting of sub-group rifle shooting representatives will be held at Brigade Headquarters at 1000 tomorrow, 22nd inst. to discuss conditions and arrange details in consultation with the Brigade Musketry Officer.

861. CARPENTRY AND BLACKSMITHING.

Arrangements have now been made with the 15th Field Company, A.E., to attach to them personnel from the units of the Brigade for a period of training in the above classes of work. It must be clearly understood that these classes are not intended for tradesmen or apprentices, but for men who intend to go on the land and desire a working knowledge of blacksmithing and carpentry to assist them.

2. Classes will be held on alternate days from 0900 to 1200. There will be vacancies for two men in each class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and two men in each class on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

3. The following vacancies are allotted:

57th Battalion.	1 man	Carpentry;	1 man	blacksmithing.
58th Battalion.	1 "	"	1 "	"
59th Battalion.	2 men	"	2 men	"
	<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>	

4. Nominal rolls will be submitted to reach 15th Field Company, A.E. before 1800 on the 22nd inst. The men will be instructed to report to 15th Field Company, A.E., DOURIERS, at 0900 on 23rd inst. when they will be allotted to their classes.

862. 353 E. AND M. COMPANY.

Further to this Office G14/2677 dated 17th inst. the following additional vacancies are now allotted to this Brigade:

- (a) Chief Electrical Engineers Department.  
One linesman.
- (b) Machine Shop.  
One Turner.
- (c) Smith's Shop.  
One striker.

2. Complete nominal rolls including those already called for will be forwarded to this office before 1200 on 25th December.

863. DIVISIONAL DEMONSTRATION PLATOON.

1. The Demonstration Platoon as at present organized has been specially selected for duty at Corps Headquarters during the visit of H.R.H., the Prince of Wales. On the conclusion of this duty the men will be returned to their respective units and a new platoon organized. This new platoon will be required to take up duty at Divisional Headquarters shortly after Xmas.

2. Each Battalion will despatch one M.C.O. (Sergeant or



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Corporal) and four privates to report to Brigade Headquarters for selection at 1400 on Monday, 23rd inst.

3. In selecting these H.C.O.'s and men attention should be paid to appearance, physique and general soldierly bearing. As far as possible men with decorations should be chosen also men who are not likely to be called upon for early return to Australia.
4. Those selected and date of reporting will be notified.

864. AUSTRALIAN CORPS WORKSHOPS.

1. Reference this office 614/2696. The following personnel have been selected for duty with the above workshops:

Carpenters:

3628 Private Crichton, J., 57th Bn.  
1945 Private Kift, C.R., 58th Bn.

Engine Fitter:

3756 Private Normington, A.S. (MM), 57th Bn.

2. The above personnel will proceed to the Divisional Reinforcement Wing, BEAUMONT, tomorrow, 22nd inst. carrying full kit 24 hours rations, and written instructions as to their destinations and duty.

*J. Boller*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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865. BRIGADE CLAIMS OFFICER.

1. As it is anticipated that during the winter months the bulk of the Army will be accommodated in billets, it has been decided that in each Infantry Brigade an Officer shall be appointed as Claims Officer.
2. He will act under the orders of the Divisional Claims Officer to bring to notice and investigate at once any claims made by the French, Belgian, or German inhabitants, arising out of the occupation of land or buildings by British troops.
3. The Brigade Claims Officer will be given no powers of payment but will assist the Divisional Claims Officer and Area Commandants in dealing with claims.
4. Officers selected for these appointments will not be granted extra duty pay and they will remain on the strength of their present units.
5. Units will submit the names of any Officers who can be recommended for above appointment. Officers selected should preferably be those with a knowledge of French.
6. Names to reach this office by 1800 on the 23rd inst.

866. ORDERS.

- Attention is directed to the following orders:  
G.R.O. 5834 - Rate of Exchange - Marks.  
G.R.O. 5835 - Fuel.  
4th Army R.O. 2739 - Enteric Fever Inoculation.

867. R.C. CHURCH PARADES.

57th Battalion & )	Parade Mass in the Parish Church,
15th A.L.T.M.B. )	St. AUBIN at 1000, 22nd inst.
58th Battalion & )	Parade Mass in the Parish Church,
15th Pd. Coy. A.E.)	DOULERS at 0915, 22nd inst.
59th Battalion	Parade Mass in the Parish Church,
	SEMOUSIES at 0945, 22nd inst.

*C. L. L.*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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	59th Battalion A.I.F.	1661	Lance Corporal Leopold BLOMELEY	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Headquarters runner from 16/17th September to 11th November, 1918.</p> <p>During the period under review whilst the Battalion was engaged in operations near BELLICOURT the work performed by this man as a Company runner was beyond all praise.</p> <p>In spite of intense artillery and machine gun fire he carried messages to and from Companies without the slightest regard for his personal safety and no matter when called upon was always willing to perform any task allotted him.</p> <p>By his consistent good work and devotion to duty, and absolute fearlessness during this period, he is considered absolutely deserving of the award for which recommended.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award).</p> <p>(Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette).</p> <p>(Recommended in accordance with A.R.O. 2475 of Sep. 8th 1918)</p>	Lieut. Col., Commanding 59th Battalion, A.I.F.	MILITARY MEDAL.	



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	59th Battalion 4444 A.I.F.		Private Sydney Lorraine BRYANT.	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Headquarters Runner from Sept. 15th/17th to November 11th 1918.</p> <p>During the period under review the services rendered by Private BRYANT were beyond praise.</p> <p>On 29th September when the Battalion co-operated in the attack on BELLICOURT the work performed by this man in carrying messages to and from Companies under the most intense Artillery and Machine Gun fire, at all times of the day and night, were absolutely magnificent and beyond all praise.</p> <p>His consistent good work as a runner and the absolute fearlessness which he has displayed at all times make him deserving of the Award for which recommended.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award)</p> <p>(Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette).</p> <p>(Recommended in accordance with A.R.O. 2475 of Sept. 8th 1918)</p>	<p>Lieut.-Col. Commander 59th Battalion A.I.F.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>	MILITARY MEDAL	



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	56th Battalion seconded 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters as Brigade Major.		Captain Herbert Roy <u>GOLLAN</u> MC	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 16th/17th September to 11th November, 1918.</p> <p>During the period under review this Officer in his capacity as Brigade Major had to prepare and issue all orders for the attack launched on HINDENBURG LINE near BELLICOURT on 29th September, 1918.</p> <p>The accurate manner in which he arranged all details for the attack was worthy of the very highest praise.</p> <p>Throughout the operation the forward Brigade Headquarters were established in close proximity to the front line and were subjected to intense artillery fire.</p> <p>In spite of these very trying conditions the work performed by this Officer was of the very highest order and left nothing to be desired. The neat and precise manner in which this Officer at all times carries out his work has been responsible to a very great extent for the efficiency of the Brigade as a whole. His indefatigable <del>energy</del> at all times makes him well deserving of the award for which he is recommended.</p> <p>(Previous award: M.C. gazetted Kings Birthday Gazette 3.6.18.).</p> <p>Recommended for Mention in Despatches in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Brig.-General, Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.</p>	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.	



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	59th Battalion A.I.F.		Quartermaster and Honorary Captain William <u>MAY</u> .	<p>During the period under review he has as Regimental Quartermaster displayed a tireless energy, initiative and resource, and under most trying and difficult circumstances, often close range fire, he always succeeded in getting the rations to the Battalion. It is owing to his efforts that no matter under what conditions the men in the frontline always had at least one hot meal per day.</p> <p>Previous Award: Mentioned in Despatches A.I.F. List 279 = 1.1.18.</p> <p>Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.</p>	<p>J. J. SCANLAN Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.</p> <p>Lieut. Colonel,</p>	MILITARY CROSS.	



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	59th Battalion A.I.F.		Lieut. Col. John Joseph SCANLAN D.S.O. & Bar	(D.S.O. Gazetted Kings Birthday Gazette 5-6-18. Bar to D.S.O. Awarded 18-6-18. Aust. Corps Routine Order 189. Mentioned in Despatches 5-6-18. A.I.F. List 540)  Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.	<i>W B Bell</i> Brig.-General, Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	
	58th Battalion A.I.F.		2/Lieut. William Garnet OCKLOSHAW EGGINGTON	No previous Honour or Award.  Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.	<i>W B Bell</i> Brig.-General, Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	



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	58th BATTALION A.I.F.	2608	C.O.M.S. (Temp. R.Q.M.S.) WALTER THOMAS DICKENSON	<p>For continued service, and devotion to duty during the period 19th Sept. 1918 to cessation of hostilities on 11th Nov. 1918.</p> <p>This N.C.O.'s work was very valuable at BELLICOURT between 27th Sept. 1918 and 1st October 1918. Owing to continual forward movement of the Battalion there was great difficulty in getting supplies forward. In spite of these difficulties the Battalion did not fail to get two hot meals per day. This was largely due to the unflagging efforts of R.Q.M.S. DICKENSON. After 1st Oct. 1918 the Battalion was on the move for several days returning to rear areas.</p> <p>Although faced by many difficulties, this N.C.O. <del>was</del> worked indefatigable in his efforts to keep up a good supply of food to the men.</p> <p>No previous Honour or Award.</p> <p>Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.</p>	<p>J. B. Doyle</p> <p>Major. Temp/Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.</p>	MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.	



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57th Battalion 4790  
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Private ALFRED  
AUSTIN  
GALLAHUE

Runner.

The last days of fighting saw a fitting climax to the record of splendid service of Private GALLAHUE. His bravery and devotion to duty have been conspicuous from the commencement of our victorious advance in August but during the BELLICOURT action his work won him the admiration of his comrades and the commendation of his Officers. Again and again he volunteered to carry messages at times when it was specially important that information should be sent but when the shelling was so severe that it seemed impossible that he could get through. Although he figured in no dramatic exploit his consistently brave and willing work, his self-sacrifice and devotion to duty deserve recognition.

No previous Honour or Award.

Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.

*Thos. A. Burt* Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.

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57th Battalion 4592 Private EDWARD  
A.I.F. McCONNELL.

Stretcher Bearer.

There is no man among the many fine stretcher bearers this Battalion has known whose work has been more consistently excellent than that of Stretcher Bearer McCONNELL. The period covered by this recommendation, the closing phases of the fighting, saw him at his finest. A big, quiet fellow, he became quite a familiar figure on the battle field trudging backwards and forwards with his stretcher, occasionally with a new mate, but carrying on steadily till one wondered how or where he got his reserve of endurance. Day and night he worked and without doubt it may be said that he was the means of saving valuable lives. His record of brave service extends far back in the history of the Battalion and whilst he figured in no brilliant exploit his consistent faithful brave service merits recognition.

No previous Honour or Award.

Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.

*Thos A. Denchey.* Lieut. Col.,  
Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.

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CORPORAL  
WILLIAM  
HOLLIMOND  
HAYES

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty between  
Sept. 19th 1918 and cessation of hostilities on Nov.  
11th 1918.

This N.C.O. took a very prominent part in the attack on  
HINDENBURG LINE near BELLICOURT, on 29th Sept. 1918.

After his company had captured and cleared an enemy  
trench this N.C.O. volunteered to take a message back to  
advanced Battalion Headquarters across country heavily  
shelled and swept by incessant machine gun fire. At  
great personal risk, Cpl. HAYES made four trips to Batt-  
alion Headquarters.

Early in the morning of 30th Sept. 1918 Cpl. HAYES  
volunteered to act as guide to another Battalion  
coming forward to continue the attack. This duty he  
carried out excellently.

No previous Honour or Award.

Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour  
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Temp/Commanding 58th Battalion

Major.  
A.I.F.

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	58th Battalion A.I.F.	2645	L/Cpl. (Driver) Edward Charles <u>GRACE</u>	<p>For conspicuous devotion to duty and most Meritorious Service during the period Sept. 17th 1918 and the cessation of hostilities. During the period L/Cpl. GRACE worked unfalteringly as a Transport Driver, getting the rations up to the troops in the line under most adverse conditions and frequently, during the operations against the HINDENBURG LINE near BELLICOURT, under heavy shell fire. His work involved constant strain but he never failed to get his rations up despite the fact that the Battalion was constantly on the move. This period crowned a long period of constant devotion to duty and Meritorious Service both in and out of the line.</p> <p>No previous honour or award.</p> <p>Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.</p>	H.D.G. FERRES, Major Temp/Commanding 58th Battalion, A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.	265



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	58th Battalion A.I.F.	2864	L/Sgt. Arthur Joseph <u>MISSEN</u>	For conspicuous good and Meritorious Service and devotion to duty during the period Sept. 17th, 1918 to cessation of hostilities. During this period L/Sgt. MISSEN as Company Clerk had extra heavy work, as owing to casualties in operations early in September, 1918 he had to assist the new men in other companies. Since the formation of the Battalion this N.C.O. has shown at all times a fine example of faithful and devoted service, and has by his excellent as a Company Clerk greatly facilitated the smooth working of the Administrative side of the Battalion.	H.D.G. FERRES Temp/Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F. Major.		



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	54 <sup>th</sup> Bn	3131	Private <b>HATHERLEY.</b> Arthur Alfred	This Non Commissioned Officer has been one of the 60 <sup>th</sup> Bn A.M.C. details since the formation of the Battalion. During the whole of this period he has carried out his duties with untiring zeal & energy and most conscientious manner. It was in the line however that he showed up to advantage. On all occasions he displayed a splendid example of courage & coolness under fire whilst tending & clearing the wounded. He is a splendid character and has earned the respect of every Medical Officer with whom he came in contact. This NCO has been with the unit the whole time except for his ordinary leave.	J. G. C. M. L. L.	Meritorious Service Medal.	



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	59th Bn.	5225	PRIVATE Temp/ R.F.M.S. TURNLEY. ALAN. PERCY.	For splendid service and devotion to duty. His work during the period under review in Sept 17th to November 11th was excellent and he carried out his duties with conspicuous success and marked ability during the absence of the Quartermaster. His work for the period mentioned merely covers a long period of meritorious service from Oct. 1916 to the period under review. His work has been carried out with untiring zeal and has greatly contributed to the general welfare of the Battalion.  No previous Honor or Award has been recommended in connection with his past service.	<p>Heanlan</p> <p>Lt. Col. Commandg. 59th. Bn. A.I.F.</p>	Meritorious Service Medal.	



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	59 <sup>th</sup> Bn	3126	Staff Sgt PHILLIPS HIRAM. JAMES LORRICK.	For Meritorious service from the cessation of hostilities to Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 18. This Staff Sgt has displayed the most marked ability worthy of the greatest praise. It is owing to the splendid work of this N.C.O. that the records of the Battalion are in a thorough excellent order. His work for the period mentioned simply covers a long period of splendid service since the formation of the Battalion, and I cannot but highly recommend this Staff Sgt for his untiring zeal and devotion to duty, both in the field & at the base. No previous honours or awards has recommended in connection with New Years Gazette.	 H. L. Col. Commandg. 50th Bn. A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.	



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15th Aust. Infantry B Brigade H.Qrs.	C.Q.M.S. T/R.Q.M.S. 2331 HAROLD LYLE <u>BARBER</u>	No previous Honour or Award. Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.
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59th Battalion 2870 A.I.F. attached 15th Australian Infantry Brigade H.Qrs.	E.R.Opl. <u>BERNARD</u> <u>WILLIAM</u> <u>PATRICK</u> <u>BRAGG</u>	No previous Honour or Award. Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.
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57th Battalion 2306 A.I.F.	Private <u>ALEXANDER</u> <u>McDONALD</u>	No previous Honour or Award. Not recommended in connection with New Years Honour Gazette.
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*H. G. S. L. 1896*

Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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GENERAL STAFF

868. LECTURE.

Re Brigade R.O. No. 846. The lecture by Capt. DANN will now be held at the Brigade Cinema Hall, DOURIERS, at 1030 on the 24th inst. Vacancies allotted to Battalions are increased to 100 all ranks; other units, 10.

869. BRIGADE PARADE.

The Brigade Parade, shown on the syllabus for tomorrow has been cancelled. Units will be at the disposal of Unit Commanders for the morning's work.

870. EDUCATION.

The G.H.Q. pamphlet T/2176 "Active Service Army Schools" is an Imperial pamphlet only, and does not refer to the A.I.F. Units will therefore please destroy all copies which were forwarded to them.

*H. P. C.*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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871. PROPHYLACTIC OUTFITS.

It is notified for information that a supply of V.D. prophylactic outfits have been received and may be obtained by R.N.O's by indent on Field Ambulance.

Blue Light establishments have been established at each R.A.P., each Field Ambulance, and at SOLRE le CHATEAU, AVESNES, and BEAUMONT.

*W. L. H.*

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
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GENERAL STAFF872. LECTURE.

Re Brigade Routine Orders Nos. 846 and 868: Lecture by Capt. DANE. Advice has been received that this officer cannot now attend. The lecture is therefore cancelled.

873. CORPS P. & R.T. SCHOOL.

The Fifth course of instruction at Corps P. & R.T. School BARRINGTON will assemble on the 29th December, 1918, and disperse on 12th January, 1919.

2. Vacancies are allotted as follows:-

57th Battalion	1 N.C.O.
58th Battalion	1 N.C.O.
59th Battalion	2 N.C.O's.

3. One vacancy has also been allotted to the Brigade for one officer to attend this course. Units will submit the names of officers who desire to attend in order that a selection may be made.

4. Nominal Rolls will be forwarded to reach this office before 2000 on the 24th inst.

874. DIVISIONAL DEMONSTRATION PLATOON.

1. Further to Brigade R.O. No. 863 dated 21st inst., the following have been selected to form this Brigade quota for the new Divisional Demonstration Platoon now being formed:

2313	Sergeant	DANIEL,	E.J. (HM),	58th Battalion.
2237	Private	GREEN,	H.T.	"
2664	"	HALL,	F.	"
2719	"	SCHROEDER,	C.W.	"
1990	Corporal	WELSH,	A.D.	59th Battalion.
5139	Private	MOSWENY,	L.J.	"
6510	"	GILLIES,	J.	"
2954	"	McGATH,	S.	"
5771	"	SMITH,	T.H.	"
3806	"	THOMSON,	F.M.	57th Battalion.
5224	"	WAKE,	J.E. (HM)	"

2. The clothing and equipment of the abovenamed personnel will be at once completed and overhauled and they will be held in readiness to proceed soon after December 25th. Details for the move will be issued.

*F. J. Green*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION.875. TRANSFERS TO PAY CORPS.

Approval has been given by the D.A.G., A.I.F., for the periodical transfer to the Chief Pay Office in LONDON, of men with suitable qualifications who are required to fill vacancies in establishments.

C.O's units will arrange for suitable men of their command to be permitted to submit applications for such employment. Applications will be submitted to these Headquarters.



876. BLUE LIGHT DEPOT.

The following is notified for information:-

Location of 1st Aust. Div. prophylactic "Blue Light" depot in CHARLEROI :-

"Moulin de la Sambre  
Rue Desindrain."

(On bank of River near E.F.C.)

2nd Aust. Div. have also prophylactic "Blue Light" depots in CHARLEROI at the following places:-

No. 3 Place du Centre

(On side of the Place

opposite Area Commandants Office

First floor of the Bourses

(At the southern end of the only  
Arcade in the town.)

877. AVRANES PICQUET.

The 80th Battalion will arrange to relieve the picquet at present supplied by the 5th M.C. Battalion on 28th inst., and thereafter every alternate 7 days will supply picquet.

No alteration will be made in the existing arrangements re rationing this picquet.

878. ORDERS.

Attention is directed to the following:-

- G.R.O. 5842 - Kings Leave.
- G.R.O. 5851 - Recreational Kit.
- G.R.O. 5853 - Colours.
- G.R.O. 5859 - Racks for Lewis Guns in Limbered Wagons.
- G.R.O. 5868 - Mobilization Store Table - Infantry Battalion.

*W. L. O'Leary*

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## ROUTINE ORDERS

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Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
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GENERAL STAFF879. RECREATION.

More Rugby Football Umpires are required for the forthcoming Brigade Competitions. Units will please institute enquiries and submit names to this office.

*J. Goller*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major,

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION.880. AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION.

It is notified for information that a subsection of the Aust. War Records Section is now located at No. 1 Rue de ZONE, Mont Sur Marchienne, near CHARLEROI.

881. PAY.

Approval has been given for payment at the next pay, which takes place on 29th inst., of double fortnightly rates provided that the soldier has the necessary credit.

In view of the fact that owing to the present location of units the troops are in many instances not drawing pay at all. Imprest Holders are advised that this concession will not necessitate their drawing larger Imprests than hitherto.

Pay for 15th Brigade Group will be distributed at Brigade Headquarters on 29th inst. at 1130.

882. SECOND DRAFT FOR AUSTRALIA.

Reference this office 57/2791 of 23rd inst.

1. Arrangements are being made by Paymaster, 5th Australian Division to pay all leave and draft conducting parties at the 5th A.D.R.W. on 26th inst.

2. After payment, the paybooks of all officers and other ranks proceeding to Australia will be collected by the A.A.P.C.

*C. W. Lay*

Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

NOTICE.

A Barr & Stroud Rangefinder No. 12239 is at present held at these Headquarters. Any unit having claim to this rangefinder will make early application.



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# CHRISTMAS

DOURLERS

DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 18.

## MENU

### SOUPS

Mullagatany or Mutton Broth

### FISH

Salmon Patties

### JOINTS

Roast Mutton, Roast Turkey, Roast Fowl.

Ham Belgium Rabbit.

### VEGETABLES

Roast Potatoes & Boiled Carrots.

### GRAVIES

Brown

### SWEETS

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

### DESSERT

Nuts and Snap Dragons.

GOD SAVE the KING.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General, H.E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 26th December, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL

ADMINISTRATION883. F.G.C.M.

The undermentioned detail of officers will assemble at 58th Battalion Headquarters, DOURLERS, at 1200 on Saturday, 28th inst. to try by F.G.C.M. the persons mentioned in the margin and such other person or persons as may be brought before it:

57th Battalion.		President.	
2052 Pte. GARNETT, L.A.	Major D.B. BOYLE,		58th Bn.
2678 Pte. LITTLE, A.			
59th Battalion.		Members.	
3503 Pte. DELBRIDGE, A.G.	Capt. W.L. HERON,		59th Bn.
5th M.G. Battalion.	Lieut. W.J. TANNER,		15th ALMB.
524 T/Cpl. RYAN, A.E.			

Accused will be warned and witnesses duly required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

884. KINGS COLOURS.

1. G.R.O. 5734 advised that indents for Silk Union Flags were to be submitted forthwith.
2. G.R.O. 5858 advises that these Union Flags are available and that their issue will commence forthwith.
3. These Union Flags are not to be carried on parade until they have been consecrated and presented to Battalions with all due ceremony and parade.
4. Units will accordingly report to this office as soon as Union Flags are available, and instructions for their consecration and presentation will then be issued.

885. GRAVES REGISTRATION.

An officer is urgently required as A.I.F. representative with the Director of Graves Registration on Architectural work and general layout of all cemeteries in France.

Units will wire by 1800, 27th inst. the name of any officer who can be recommended to fill this position.

886. DRAFTS PROCEEDING TO AUSTRALIA.

Battalions are responsible for all inter-Brigade detachments and will include in their returns personnel detached to Brigade Headquarters and 15th A.L.T.M.B. Personnel detached outside the Brigade are dealt with separately.

887. ORDERS.

Attention is called to the following:

- G.R.O. 5872 - Photography and Sketching.
- G.R.O. 5874 - Boulogne-Cologne Express.

*W. L. Ayl*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
27th December, 1918.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,



WEEKLY EDUCATION REPORT.

Herewith Education Report for the preceding week:

1. CLASSES:

Owing to the departure of men for Australia and evacuations to hospital the attendance at the classes has fluctuated during the week. The Christmas Season has also interrupted the holding of classes but the interest is still maintained. In the coming week classes will be regularly held and fresh classes formed.

It has been arranged for eight men to be attached to the 15th Field Company A.E. for instruction; four in Carpentry and four in Blacksmithing. Until more tools arrive it is not expected that the strength of these classes can be increased. The attachment is primarily intended for men who have not served an apprenticeship at these trades but simply require a working knowledge to assist them in other callings.

2. DIFFICULTIES:

(a) The French and German Classes in the 59th Battalion are likely to be discontinued altogether should Lieut. POLFE be taken away for the Divisional School as has been suggested. This will be a serious handicap to the Educational Scheme of the Unit as these classes are at present fully attended and the work is being enthusiastically taken up by the men. It will be impossible for Units to carry on if their only available source of supply of instructors, i.e. the Unit itself, is drawn upon to send instructors to outside formations.

(b) The absence of books still handicaps the instructors. No chalk has yet come to hand nor the lamps as indented for. Lamps are urgently required to enable study during the long evenings. The ration of Units is not sufficient to allow of supplies being allotted solely for educational purposes.

It is desired to emphasise the fact that unless educational supplies are soon forthcoming interest in the classes is sure to drop and much of the enterprise and energy already expended in overcoming initial difficulties will be wasted.

3. SUGGESTIONS:

The division into Senior and Junior classes has worked satisfactorily. It is now possible for Instructors to devote more time to individuals.

Copies to:  
Div. Education Off.  
57th Bn.  
58th Bn.  
59th Bn.  
War Diary.

Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 27th December, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL.

ADMINISTRATION888. BOULOGNE-COLOGNE EXPRESS.

Reference G.R.O. 5274 of 19.12.18.

A tentative allotment has been made to the Brigade of  
 2 vacancies per day on the above express.

Whilst the privilege of travelling on this Express is  
 intended for senior officers only, any cases of junior officers  
 wishing to proceed overseas urgently may be submitted for con-  
 sideration and, should the vacancies not be absorbed by Senior  
 Officers, they will be furnished with necessary pass.

All applications to travel on express will be submitted  
 to reach this office 48 hours before date required. Nil returns  
 need not be furnished.

889. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition required for training purposes for December  
 will be drawn from echelon. Demands for January will be submitted  
 to this office not later than 0900 on 29th inst.

890. DIVISIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER.

Applications are invited to fill the position of  
 Divisional Photographer, carrying the rank of Corporal.

Applicants must be familiar with use of whole plate  
 camera, Group and General Outdoor work.

Applications giving qualifications to be furnished  
 to reach Brigade Headquarters by 1800 29th inst.

891. TYPIST.

An efficient typist is required for duty at Divisional  
 Headquarters.

Units will forward any applications from those who can  
 be recommended to reach this office by 1800 29th inst.

Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

892. WHITEWASHING OF STABLES.

All units will take immediate steps to see that stables  
 occupied are whitewashed.

A good supply of lime is available at Brigade Dump.

*W. H. Lee*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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Strength made up to Noon.

27th December, 1918.

Unit.	Strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.Gs. Instrs.		Increase during week due to drafts etc. taken on strength unit.		Totals from 1 and 2.		Decrease during week cas. etc. deducted from Strength of Unit.		Strength excluding attached.		Not present with Unit and not at disposal of C.O. included in col. A		Available fighting strength inc. personnel of Bn. Transport and Q.M. Store.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Bn.	35	618	-	1	35	619	1	9	34	610	4	84	30	526
58th Bn.	32	600	1	2	33	602	1	4	32	598	9	98	23	500
59th Bn.	65	892	-	1	65	893	4	7	61	886	27	193	34	693
Total	132	2110	1	4	133	2114	6	20	127	2094	40	375	87	1719

Details of Column "B"

Unit.	"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"		On command		Total		Remarks
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
57th Bn.	1	36	1	4	1	9	-	-	1	33	-	-	-	2	4	84	Detn. 2
58th Bn.	4	48	2	4	-	-	-	-	3	43	-	-	-	3	9	98	Detn. 3
59th Bn.	6	64	3	16	1	6	-	-	17	96	-	-	-	11	27	193	Detn. 6 AWL. 5
Total.	11	148	6	24	2	15	-	-	21	172	-	-	-	16	40	375	

*W. H. L. G. 61*  
 Brig.-General,  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



(i.e., explanation of Increase and Decrease).



ATTACHMENT TO WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH.Details of Column 2.Increase during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion		1	Ex Hospital.
58th Battalion	1	2	Ex Seconded. Ex Hospital.
59th Battalion		1	Ex Hospital.
Total	1	4	

Details of Column 4.Decrease during week.

Unit	Off.	O.R.	Particulars.
57th Battalion	1	2 7	Invalided to Australia. Transferred to Corps H.Q. Evacuated.
58th Battalion	1	1 2 1	Transferred to General List. Transferred to Corps H.Q. Evacuated. Committed to prison.
59th Battalion	1	4 3	Embarked for Australia. Transferred. Evacuated.
Total	3	20	

28th Battalion

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by

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 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 29th December, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL

ADMINISTRATION893. CORPS FIELD PUNISHMENT COMPOUND.

The Australian Corps Field Punishment Compound has now been established at FLORENNES for men awarded 28 days and over. Vacancies allotted are - 1 per Battalion.

894. PARIS PLAGE REST HOUSE.

Units will render to this office by noon on 3rd prox. nominal rolls of officers who desire to proceed to Paris Plage Rest House during the months of January and February.

895. MEDICAL BOARD.

The undermentioned officer appeared before a medical board at Administrative Headquarters on 19.12.18 and as a result his invaliding to Australia is being arranged;

Lieut. S.E. Beach,

58th Battalion.



Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 30th December, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL

ADMINISTRATION896. PALLIASSES.

Hereunder copy of letter received from D.A.D.O.S., 5th Australian Division in reply to query from this office as to when an additional supply of palliasses, to complete one per man, would be available -

I have to advise that additional palliasses were demanded by wire on 24th inst., and are expected to arrive within the next few days.

897. LEAVE TO BRUSSELS.

Commencing 27th December a Leave train will run from CHARLEROI to BRUSSELS leaving CHARLEROI at 1439.

The Brigade allotment at present is 2 other ranks per day, which will be allotted as follows :-

57th Battalion	2	31st.
58th Battalion	2	1st.
59th Battalion	2	2nd.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	1	3rd.
Brigade H.Qrs.	1	3rd.

and thereafter in above order until further notice.

Should any unit be unable to fill vacancies allotted, this office will be notified by wire at earliest.

Officers and men proceeding will report to the R.T.O. CHARLEROI one hour previous to the departure of the train.

Tickets will cost 1 franc 60 Cents. return, and will have the time of leaving BRUSSELS stamped on the back.

Passes may be issued by Brigade Headquarters for leave not exceeding 48 hours on Army Form W. 3105, and all applications for leave in excess of 48 hours must be forwarded to Australian Corps through this office.

On arrival in BRUSSELS officers will report to Commandant, and other ranks will report to D.A.P.M.

898. R.E. MATERIAL.

A limited supply of 6" x 1" and 3" x 2" timber is now available for making latrine seats etc. Units will submit requirements to 15th Field Company, A.E.

899. RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA.

The following officers marched out for return to Australia on 29th inst.

Captain A.E. Keys, 57th Battalion.  
 Lieutenant D.G. Toohy, M.C., 59th Battalion.

900. R.C. CHURCH PARADES FOR NEW YEARS DAY.

Mass will be celebrated as follows :-

57th Battalion & )	at 0800 in the Parish Church, St. AUBIN.
15th A.L.T.M.B. )	
58th Battalion & )	at 0900 in the Parish Church, DOUAIERS.
15th Fd. Coy. A.E. )	
59th Battalion	at 0900 in the Parish Church, SEMOUSIES.
5th M.G. Battalion	at 1100 in the Parish Church, St. SAIX.

Confessions at SEMOUSIES from 1500 to 1730 on 31.12.18.

*C. L. Lay*

Captain,  
 Staff Captain,



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	December,	1918.		
FAVRIL	1st		Sunday. Weather fine but cold. News received that His Majesty, King George V would be passing through the area in the afternoon. In order to be inspected by him the 15th A.L.T.M.B. was formed up with other Units of the Brigade in a 3 sided square. At about 3 p.m. The King, Prince of Wales and Prince Albert arrived per motor and Inspected the Brigade. Units marched home independently.	
	2nd		Unit still in FAVRIL AREA. Time being spent in Salvage work after the usual morning inspection.	
	3rd		Weather frosty but fine. A short run was held in place of P.T. and the usual morning inspection took place at 1000. The remainder of the morning was spent in salving in the locality. Afternoon devoted to Recreation.  Marched in from U.K. Leave: 2163 Pte. DAWSON W.S. 4855 Pte. MALLOWS G.E. 1980 Pte. PHILLIPS W.S. Marched in from Paris Leave: 1978 Cpl. RISSMAN O.V. 5192 Pte. RUSHBROOK W.B.	
	4th		Usual morning inspection. Mortars cleaned and inspected. Salvage work continued.	
	5th		Damp Misty Weather. Usual parade followed by salvage work,	
	6th		Usual morning inspection at 1000. Preparation made for move on 7th inst. 2922 Pte. TRAVERS  P. marched in from U.K. Leave.	
	7th		Unit left FAVRIL marching out at 0830. Transport left at 0800 and prepared a midday meal	

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ST AUBIN	5th		near DOMPIERRE. The Unit reached the new area - ST AUBIN - at 1430 and were put in Billets. Weather was misty but good for marching. Lieut* W.J.TANNER marched in from U.K.Leave.	
	6th		Sunday. Day was spent in improving the billets and general cleaning up.	
	9th		Weather wet and miserable. Two limbers went to an old dump and procured wood and building material. Work round the billets carried on by all hands. Inspection parade held at 1000.	
	10th		Still wet and miserable. Inspection held at 1100 and muster parade was held for promulgation of sentence of Court Martial on Ptes. D.COONAN and S.WILSON. More material procured from Dump. Work commenced on a new cookhouse. Mortars cleaned and inspected.	
	11th		Very wet. No inspection held owing to inclement weather. Cookhouse completed. Lieut* J.A.UNDERWOOD marched out to Adjutants School, CAMBRIDGE.	
	12th		Rain fell for the greater part of the day. Shortages and requirements taken. Limbers sent to AULNOYE for supplies of coal and timber.	
	13th		Another wet day. Arms and Equipment inspected between showers but rain interfered with syllabus. Education Officer interviewed the men with a view to enrolment.	
	14th		Training as per syllabus carried out in the morning. Afternoon - Football. An entertainment Committee was formed with a view to cheering up the troops during the winter.	



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ST AUBIN.	15th		Sunday. Weather fine. Church parade with 57th Battalion held at 1100 this morning.	
	16th		Brigade Baths allotted to Unit for one hour. A good bath and change of clothes was procurable. The Battery Recreation Committee arranged Euchre Tournament for 16th. Trophies to the value of 40 francs 1st prize, 20 francs 2nd prize were keenly contested and after a very exciting finish Pte. Griffiths defeated Pte. Larkins by one point for first prize. A very enjoyable evenings entertainment resulted.	
	17th		Training as per syllabus carried out this morning. Afternoon wet and cold.	
	18th		A very wet day. Training as per "Wet day" syllabus was carried out during the morning. Cross Country run cancelled.	
	19th		Cold and showery weather. Working parties used in cleashing up tracks etc. and building an oven to prepare Christmas Dinner. Morning Inspection and Parade as per syllabus.	
	20th		Training and Inspection as per syllabus. Weather continues wet and cold. Lieut. ATT. CRAIGIE and one Other Rank proceeded to CHARLEROI to purchase Christmas Cheer. Marched in from U.K. Leave 1535 Pte. Donnison A. 5120 Pte. Kavanagh J.W.	
	21st		Sunday. Voluntary O.P.D. Parade at 57th Battalion. R.C.s. paraded at local Church at 9.45 a.m. Marched out on U.K. Leave 1978 Cpl. O.V. Rissman., 4578 L/Cpl. H.T. Richardson.	
	23rd		Preparation begun for Christmas Dinner. Working party improved the Roads and tracks around	
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	December, 1918.				
St. AUBIN	23rd			the billets. Usual daily inspection held.	
	24th			The greater part of the day was spent in preparation for Christmas Day. Inspection held at 0900. Weather fine in the morning. Troops visited Y.M.C.A. Cinema in the evening and enjoyed a good programme. Snow fell about 6 p.m.	
	25th			Christmas Day with fine but cold weather. No parade held. Christmas Dinner took place at 1600 when the men sat down to an excellent meal. Officers and N.C.O's waited on the tables. The success of the function was due to the splendid work and organisation on the part of Cpl. Clarke and Nicol, Ptes. Pagram, Derrick, Lewis and Larkins. Cpl. Nicol's share of the work, making tables and forms, was greatly appreciated. Pte. Moss was elected President for the evening with Pte. Flood as his vice both of whom carried out their Office splendidly. After the King, Our fallen Comrades, and the Battery had been toasted the room was cleared and preparations made for a musical evening which was greatly appreciated by all present. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to bid Au Revoir and Bon Voyage to Pte. Donnison who leaves for Australia in the near future. A very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent.	
	26th			No Parade held. Weather fine but cold. Football and Basket Ball indulged in during the afternoon. At night a "Whist Drive" was held and after 20 exciting games Pte. Winhouse was declared winner with 158 points to his credit and Pte. Larkins second with 156. A Comforts Fund approved by lottery.	

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ST AUBIN	27th		Inspection held at 0900 and men for various classes in connection with Educational Scheme marched off. Weather wet and thus prevented much out door work. Equipment cleaned. Marched out on Leave No. 3627 Pte. H.L.Gross.	
	28th		Very wet and miserable. His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, held an investiture at Brigade Headquarters. Recipients of decorations and O.C.Battery attended. Marched out on U.K.Leave: 3417 Pte. G.Jones. Marched out for Transport Duty to Australia No. 1535 Pte. Donnison.	
	29th		Sunday. Voluntary Church Parades held. Miserable weather.	
	30th		Inspection as per syllabus. Local residents were assisted in carting manure from their yards.	
	31st		Inspection as per syllabus. Afternoon devoted to Sport. In the evening the majority of the Battery personnel attended a lecture given by Prof. NORWOOD at Brigade Headquarters. The New Year was welcomed with great vim.	
	31.12.18.		Signed J.H.McCOLL, Captain, O.C. 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery.	



Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
26th December, 1918.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
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DEMONSTRATION PLATOON

With reference to your A57/4266 dated 21st December,  
the following have been selected to form this Brigade quota to  
the new Divisional Demonstration Platoon:

3803	Private	Thomson,		F.M.,	57th Battalion.
5224	"	Wake,	(MM)	J.E.,	"
2313	Sergeant	Daniel,	(MM)	E.J.,	58th Battalion.
2987	Private	Green,		H.T.,	"
2664	"	Hall,		F.,	"
3171	"	Jensz,		E.M.,	"
1990	Corporal	Welsh,		A.D.,	59th Battalion.
5139	Private	McSweeny,		L.J.,	"
6510	"	Gillies,		J.,	"
2954	"	McGrath,		S.,	"
5771	"	Smith,		T.H.,	"

*G. L. Goode* Capt.

Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
20th December, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,

8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.



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The Demonstration Platoon at present organised has been specially selected for duty at Corps Headquarters during the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. On the conclusion of this duty the men detailed from Brigades, etc. will return to their Units.

The Divisional Commander desires that a new Demonstration Platoon be organised to take up duty afterwards. *Annas*

Brigades and Pioneers will arrange to select suitable men as under :-

8th Infantry Brigade	-	No.1 Sec. 1 Cpl. and 9 O.R's.
14th Infantry Brigade	-	No.2 Sec. 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. and 9 O.R's.
15th Infantry Brigade	-	No.3 Sec. 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. and 9 O.R's.
5th Pioneer Battalion.	-	No.4. Sec. 1 Cpl. and 9 O.R's.

Uniform and equipment should be complete.

In the selection of the N.C.O's and men attention should be paid to the physique and appearance of the man.

Arrangements for transport and date of reporting will be notified later.

COLONEL,  
A.A.&Q.M.G., 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy to Camp Commandant  
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