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| CERISY-<br>BOLEUX | NOV  |   |  |                                      |
|                   | 1    | JHA.  | A Symons returned from Paris and took over from R. Barnshaw. <del>He</del> who ret. to Ambulance.<br>Lt Knuckey returned from Paris leave.   |                                      |
|                   | 2.   | JHA.  | Battn officers dinner held at St. Chateau. Brig Gen Fook (CE Aust Corps) and Major Greenaway (actg CRE 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div) being the guests of the evening. 33 officers sat down and a most enjoyable evening was passed.  |                                      |
|                   | 3.   | JHA.  | Special CE services at Oisement for all souls Day. Maj Gen Hobbs attended our Bn Church Parade at Cerisy. Battn being bathed today and winter issues of underclothing issued. Practice football Aust Rules A and B teams. B team won. Lt. PROBERT has taken over the training and managing of the teams. (Aust rules). Lt ENGLAND from Army School. Lt. Palmer from leave. |                                      |
|                   | 4    | JHA   | Good weather still continuing. Lt. KNUCKEY left for UK leave. Band playing at 5 <sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battn Sports. We won 3 grades in the 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde group Boxing Comp.   |                                      |
|                   | 5    | JHA   | Weather broken and raining. Lt GUEST left for 75 days leave (1914). Meeting of Coy Commanders & Hdq officers and it was decided to hold a Bn Assault at Arons on 16/11/16. Maj Wilkinson president of executive committee. Lt DUKE returned from Transport School.   |                                      |
| 6                 | JHA  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde group Sports in which we were competing were postponed indefinitely owing to very inclement weather. Capt KERR left for Army School. |  |                                      |

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| CERIST-<br>BULEUX | NOV<br>17 <sup>th</sup> | J.H.B. | <p>Fine drying day. Maj-Gen HOBBS - Divisional Commandant paid a surprise visit during the morning and inspected the companies training. Theft of many prizes in C. Coy's examination, no certain offenders captured.</p>  |                                      |
|                   | 18 <sup>th</sup>        | J.H.B. | <p>Football Aust Rules. HQ details &amp; HQ signallers. Semi-finals of Divisional Boxing tournament. Warning notice received for move on night of 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Fine drying day. Raining in the evening. HQ officers gave Col Baker a dinner from 10 hrs going on 7<sup>th</sup> days leave during the next 10 days.</p>  |                                      |
|                   | 19 <sup>th</sup>        | J.H.B. | <p>Fine sunny day. 40 men reported back from 14<sup>th</sup> Bde School.</p>   |                                      |
|                   | 20 <sup>th</sup>        | J.H.B. | <p>Fine day. Men rejoined 14<sup>th</sup> Bde School. Move of Battr. tomorrow postponed for 24 hours. Maj Wilkinson promoted captain.</p>  | ST WHITFIELD                         |
|                   | 21 <sup>st</sup>        | J.H.B. | <p>Fine day. News of the signing of the Armistice by Germany came through 10.30 AM. All training was suspended for the day. Co. had a meeting of officers at 12.00 and spoke on the probable coming events and thanked all the officers for their loyal support during the war. The band played patriotic and other airs during the afternoon at P.H.Q. A big attendance of N.C.O.s and men. It was decided to leave here. 3 days leave and 1914 leave officers and Group sports representatives under the charge of Capt Pattinson.</p> |                                      |

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| CERISY-<br>BOULEVARD | 12.              | JHD  | More orders definitely cancelled. Lt BROWN returned from Aust boys school. Lovely fine day. First frost of the winter. Lt ANDERSON returned from UK leave. Group sports. Our Baths won majority of events and are thus eligible for the Bowl sports.   |                                      |
|                      | 13 <sup>th</sup> | JHD  | Lovely day. C and D corps played soccer, won by D Coy. Kookoolunas gave concert at Oisement. Big attendance of all ranks. Parades now reduced to 2 hours every morning - mainly PT and ceremonial.   |                                      |
|                      | 14 <sup>th</sup> | JHA  | Lovely day. Major F. S. McLEAN O.S.O. left today to take command of 4th Pioneer Battalion with the rank of Lt Colonel. Maj WILKINSON took over duties of 2nd in command. Battalion being bathed at ST. MAXENT. B Coy officers gave   |                                      |
|                      | 15 <sup>th</sup> | JHA  | Lovely day & Colonel H.G. CARTER O.S.O. a farewell dinner. Capt HELSHAM and Major WILKINSON also being present. Capt L.T.C. JACKSON returned from 4th Army School as it was broken up.   |                                      |
|                      | 16 <sup>th</sup> | JHA  | Lovely day. Baths soccer team played 14 Field Ambulance and we won 7 points to nil.  |                                      |
|                      | 17 <sup>th</sup> | JHD  | Lovely day though cold out of the sun. Rugby football played between officers and N.C.O.s and won by NCOs by 8 points to nil. The Aust Rules team won on a forfeit from 53rd Bn who could not raise a team. Preliminary orders received re the move to the Rhine. Col CARTER and Capt HELSHAM guests of A Coy officers at a farewell dinner. |                                      |

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| CERISY-BULFUX | 1918<br>6 NOV.<br>18 | JNA. | Lovely frosty day thawing towards the evening. COL CARTER and CAPT. HELSHAM guests of C and D Coy officers at dinner a farewell dinner.   |                                      |
|               | 19                   | JNA. | Lovely day warmer and not so frosty. Lt Col CARTER, D.S.O inspected all the Companies and HQ details in turn and spoke to them and left at 10.30 AM on his 75 days leave. Major WILKINSON M.C. took over duties of Commanding officer. Capt HELSHAM owing to medical reasons is not moving forward with us so the following appointments were made in the HQ staff - ADJ. Lt CRDOKE - asst adj Lt STEVENSON. Catering, sports and training officer Lt DART. Signals and forward billeting officer Lt SH. DAVIDSON. CO had meeting of all officers at 12 noon and gave preliminary orders about our move to the Rhine. Inspection by the BMO of all men recommended by the company commanders as being unfit long marching and perhaps a few hardships. War diary handed over to Lt STEVENSON. |                                      |

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| CERISY<br>-BULEUX | NOV.<br>20 <sup>th</sup> | 2 P.M. | Bn held assault-at-arms. Gen. Hobbs present. Col. Bruche acted as judge for Coy turn-outs & drill. "C" Coy came out on top as the best all round Coy. Very good show. Weather dull & cold.  |                                      |
| "                 | 21 <sup>st</sup>         | 2 P.M. | Football teams played off two semi-finals in the Div. competition. Aus. Rules & Soccer rules. Lieut. Knecht returned from U.K. leave.   |                                      |
| "                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup>         | 2 P.M. | The Bn is to be included in the <del>11<sup>th</sup></del> 8 <sup>th</sup> Bde group for a review by Gen. Hobbs. C.O. & Coy Commanders attended a rehearsal of the review today.  |                                      |
| "                 | 23 <sup>rd</sup>         | 2 P.M. | Gen. Hobbs reviewed the <del>11<sup>th</sup></del> 8 <sup>th</sup> Bde group today. Everything went off well under perfect weather conditions. Lieut. Duke returned from special U.K. leave.  |                                      |
| "                 | 24 <sup>th</sup>         | 2 P.M. | More orders to the Rhine received. Bn. to entrain on Thursday. Weather dull & raining.  |                                      |
| "                 | 25 <sup>th</sup>         | 2 P.M. | C.O. presented cards to the men of "D" Coy who have been mentioned in both Routine Orders for work done during the recent operations. Football match between "C" & "D" boys. "B" Coy moved to PONT. REMY. H.Q. officers mess game baseball dinner to Capt. Titcham. |                                      |

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| CERISY<br>-BULEUX. | NOV.<br>26 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>PM</sup>  | Departure of Train postponed twelve hours. B. O. unshipped. "A" boy. Bright sunny day.  |                                      |
| "                  | 27 <sup>th</sup>         | 10 <sup>PM</sup> | Weather completely broken down for the moment. Trains still running 12 hrs late.  |                                      |
| "                  | 28 <sup>th</sup>         | 10 <sup>PM</sup> | Transport & cookers leaving today & staying tonight at Port-Remy. Weather still bad. Very few claims lodged against the unit during the stay here.  |                                      |
| "                  | 29 <sup>th</sup>         | 10 <sup>PM</sup> | Trains running about seven hours late. Bn reached Port-Remy at 2-0 <sup>PM</sup> . raining all the way. <del>Train did not get into the siding</del> Men mostly under cover of some description. "B" & "D" boys having a hard time loading. |                                      |
| POINT<br>-REMY.    | 30 <sup>th</sup>         | 10 <sup>PM</sup> | Train got into the siding at 2-30 <sup>PM</sup> . This meant a wait of over 12 hours in Port-Remy. Loading completed by four o'clock. but for some unknown reason we didn't get away till 8 <sup>PM</sup> .                                 |                                      |



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to

WAR                      DIARY

for

NOVEMBER 1918.

5th. Aust. PIONEER BATTALION,

1.         REPORTS-BY -  
           Commanding Officer.  
           Quartermaster.  
           Medical Officer,  
           Transport Officer.
2.         TRAINING PROGRAMME w/e 9/11/18.
3.         PROGRAMME OF ASSUALT-AT-ARMS.
4.         JUDGES for ASSUALT-AT-ARMS.
5.         5th. Aust. DIV., ORDER re REVIEW OF 8th. BRIGADE.  
  *(with original only)*.
6.         5th. Aust. PIONEER BATT., ORDER No. 81.

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C.O.'s REPORT.

The past month has been perhaps the most eventful month in the history of the Battalion, owing to the signing of the Armistice by Germany, making necessary many changes as regards Training etc.,

The Battalion as a whole can hardly realise that the war is practically over.

Naturally every one wants to know how soon they can get back to Australia, and many applications have been received asking for early return to Australia, I personally saw every man, who put in such an application, and either recommended it or informed the man why it could not be recommended.

The Battalion Assault-at-Arms was a complete success, everyone entered keenly into all the competitions, which were not completed until 4.30. p.m. - Our Band being on leave, Major Murray, D.S.O., C.O. 53rd B Battalion kindly loaned us his band, they played selections all through the day, and put the finishing touch to a good show. Gen. Sir J. Talbot Hobbs the Divisional Commander was present from 10.45 until 12.45 and congratulated Officers and men on their splendid show, as each event finished, the points were marked on a board so that everyone could see how each Company fared. "C" Company by winning both "Turnout" and drill obtained a lead over other Companies that took a lot of pulling up, but all were triers right to the end.

A Review which took place on the 23rd inst., was also a great success, and showed that the Australian soldier could be a parade ground soldier as well as a fighting soldier. The units concerned were the whole of the 8th. B Brigade. Div. R.E., Pioneer Battalion, 5th. M.G. Battalion, and 8th. Field Ambulance, only a portion of the transport attended owing to the restricted area. The day was, fortunately, fine and the men entered into the spirit of the show, looking what they were "very fine soldiers"

On the 26th. we received notification of the following immediate awards for the recent operations:-

- Major F.S. McClean, D.S.O. Awarded Bar to D.S.O.
- Capt. N.H. Whitfield, M.C. Awarded Bar to M.C.
- Capt. I.T.C. Jackson Awarded M.C.
- lieut. W. Cunninghame Awarded M.C.
- lieut. R.J. McGowan Awarded M.C.

The move of the Battalion from CERISY to PONT REMY by route march took place on the 29th, It was raining throughout the whole of the day march, the cookers had been sent ahead and a hot meal was ready for the Battalion on its arrival there at 2 p.m.

The Battalion did not entrain until 2.30 a.m. on the 30th. and had to stand about in the mud and rain, there being very little cover available. The train was loaded and ready to move at 4 a.m. but for some unknown reason did not move until 8 a.m. The journey ought to have taken 8 hours instead of that took 20 hours. This is the worst move the Battalion had done since its formation.

We have now plenty of footballs, Xmas cheer is beginning to arrive and our Padre has received a grant from the Salvation Army for Comforts for the Battalion. He has so far purchased a gramophone and records for each Company, and is doing splendid work cheering up the men, the amount of ground the Padre covers each day is wonderful and the men are always pleased to see him.

The Battalion Staff had to be re-organised owing to Major McClean and Capt Helsham leaving the Battalion, but everything is going U.K. at present. The Education Scheme under lieut. R.R. Knuckey as Battalion Education Officer is going ahead fast. At present I am working without a 2nd. in Command owing to the fact that "D" Coy which the senior Officer Capt. E.S.W.S. Vidal, M.C. commands is rather short of officers and I consider that he serves the Battalion best by staying with his Company at present.

The problem of maintaining discipline I do not consider serious as all Officers have the confidence of their men, and although we are losing officers almost daily, am confident that the spirit that has carried the Battalion through many an anxious day in the past will be maintained.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Account with D.A.D.O.S.

|                                   | Debit | Credit.   |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Axes Felling C.H.                 | 17    | 5         |
| Axes Pick Head                    | 263   | -         |
| Axles G.S.                        | -     | 1         |
| Aprons Moleskin                   | 2     | -         |
| Boards, Foot W.I.G.S.             | 6     | -         |
| Bicycle B.B.Nut Cotters           | 6     | -         |
| do Brake pads                     | 12    | -         |
| do Chains                         | 2     | -         |
| Bolts Int. Nuts C.S.H. 5/8 x 2    | 43    | -         |
| Boots, Ankle                      | 228   | 112       |
| Batteries, lucas lamp             | 4     | 1.        |
| Bags, spare parts, filled         | 1     | 4         |
| Brushes Dandy                     | 72    | -         |
| Brushes Tooth                     | 68    | -         |
| Brushes Shaving                   | 25    | -         |
| Blankets G.S.                     | 25    | 4         |
| Buckets, Canvas Water             | 20    | 2         |
| Braces                            | 155   | 4         |
| Brooms bass W.H.                  | 10    | ±         |
| Breeches D.S.                     | -     | 36        |
| Breeches M.S.                     | -     | 38        |
| Bicycle parts                     | -     | Quantity. |
| Bucket Web Magazine               | -     | 48        |
| Braces Magz. Carrier              | -     | 24        |
| Bags, Nose                        | -     | 21        |
| Chevrons Red. O.S.                | 50    | -         |
| do Blue do                        | 1700  | -         |
| do Bar 1                          | 20    | -         |
| do Bar 2                          | 20    | -         |
| do Bar 3                          | 20    | -         |
| Cases Pistol                      | 2     | -         |
| do S.A.A.                         | -     | 2000      |
| do Shoe                           | -     | 9         |
| Covers Mess tin                   | 30    | -         |
| do Mess Cart                      | 1     | 1         |
| do Breech                         | 50    | -         |
| Containers S.B.R.                 | 3     | 14        |
| Chains Tailboard                  | 3     | -         |
| Cogs, Frost 3/8                   | 65    | -         |
| Cogs, Frost 1/2                   | 230   | -         |
| Combs <del>Every</del> Hair       | 88    | -         |
| Cells elctl.                      | 20    | 8         |
| Coats, Great D.S.                 | -     | 6         |
| Coats Great M.S.                  | -     | 8         |
| Chests Mgz. Small                 | -     | 11        |
| Dubbin                            | 50    | -         |
| Dischargers R.G. No. 1.M.1.       | 64    | -         |
| Dischargers No. 36 Base           | 6     | -         |
| Forks                             | 30    | -         |
| Gloves leather special prs.       | 12    | -         |
| Gloves Worsted prs.               | 730   | -         |
| Fingers Fingerless                | -     | 7         |
| Gun lewis <del>repair</del> Repr. | 1     | 6         |
| Helves Pick                       | 300   | -         |
| Housewives                        | 70    | -         |
| Hats felt                         | -     | 33        |
| Jackets P.W. Cooks                | 6     | -         |
| Jackets S.D.                      | -     | 91        |
| Knives Table                      | 18    | -         |
| Kettles Camp                      | -     | 2         |
| laces leather prs.                | 150   | -         |
| Magazines I.G.                    | -     | 221.      |
| Nets Hay                          | 50    | -         |
| Puttees                           | -     | 205       |

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## QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT (Contd.)

## Account with D.A.D.O.S. (contd.)

|                               | Debit | Credit |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|
| PALLIASSES                    |       | 29     |
| Razors                        | 20    |        |
| Rivets lbs.                   | 42    |        |
| Respirator S.B.               | 12    | 18     |
| Sheets Ground                 |       | 16     |
| Saddle S.H.                   |       | 1      |
| Shoes Horse F 6               | 35    |        |
| do do F 8                     | 10    |        |
| do do F 4                     | 30    |        |
| do do H 8                     | 13    |        |
| do Mule No. 15                | 40    |        |
| do do 16                      | 40    |        |
| Shovels 7 G.S.                | 14    |        |
| Spoons Table                  | 30    |        |
| Straps Chin                   | 200   |        |
| Soles Billed $\frac{1}{2}$    | 250   |        |
| Soap Yellow lbs.              | 112   |        |
| Soda Crystals "               | 56    |        |
| Tab's Frost Cog $\frac{3}{8}$ | 20    |        |
| do do $\frac{1}{2}$           | 4     |        |
| Trousers K.D.                 | 16    |        |
| Tips Heel Boot prs            | 32    |        |
| Valises Horse Shoe            | 13    |        |
| Vices, Standing 36"           |       | 1      |
| Wax, black Ozs.               | 16    |        |
| Wrenches                      | 20    |        |
| Wheels, 2nd. Class            | 1     | 1      |

Bootmakers Report.

During the month of November the following repairs and additions were effected:-

- 169 Boots repaired
- 14 prs. Boots renewed with clump soles.

Tailor's Report

During the month of November the following repairs were effected:-

- 70 Tunics
- 35 Breeches.

In addition to the above 133 sets of colour patches and chevrons were sewn on tunics.

Fat Return.

During the month ~~2000~~ 200 lbs of fat ~~was returned~~ was forwarded to A.A.S.C. Dump

Rations.

Rations drawn from A.A.S.C. for the month have been good as regards quantity and quality.

Comforts.

29 Cases and 10 Packages were received from the ~~A.A.S.C.~~ A.C.F. and distributed to the Battalion pro-rata.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

General Health During the past month the men have been in rest billets, and the general health has been good. In the earlier part of the month there were cases of influenza but as the month progressed the cases almost disappeared. During the past fortnight a good number of men have reported with bad feet, chilblains and excoriations.

Recreation. Football, boxing and other athletic games have been indulged in, and plenty of amusement was provided for the troops.

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## MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT (Contd)

The Sanitary Conditions were good, the boys always kept their billets very clean and looked after themselves, Baths and change of underclothing were provided almost weekly, Considering the conditions very few cases of venereal disease were reported.

Decorations. In the recent fighting around BELLICOURT on Septr. 29th 1918, the stretcher bearers did excellent work and were warmly recommended by the Battalion Officers, and several of them received Military decorations, viz:-

No. 3087 Pte. Chas. Walter Bulmer. "during the operations of the 29th, September 1918, "B" Company and 1 Platoon of U.S. Engineers were assembling in trenches near VILLERET, when a heavy barrage was placed on the locality killing 4 of the part and wounded 14 - Pte. Bulmer responded immediately to calls for help, and for over half an hour, despite heavy shell fire worked in the open, rendering first aid to the wounded, absolutely regardless of his own safety - On the afternoon of the same day after a trying time on the road and in the village, Bulmer volunteered to go and rescue a wounded officer in BELLICOURT, which was then under severe shell fire. Pte. Bulmer has always displayed similar courage and keenness under difficult conditions, being ever ready to go anywhere and do any thing to assist wounded comrades.

Awarded Military Medal 28/10/18.

No. 2117 Pte. H.A. GRIX BIn the operations near BELLICOURT on the 29th. September 1918, Pte. Grix showed conspicuous courage in his attention to the wounded under heavy shell fire of both gas and H.E. - throughout the day he attended to casualties with utter disregard to his personal safety, Awarded Military Medal 28/10/18.

Several other Stretcher Bearers were mentioned in Corps despatches,

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### TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

|   |       |            |
|---|-------|------------|
| No. of Vehicles turned out during month | ----- | 90         |
| Total Hours worked                      | - - - | 480        |
| Average                                 |       | 5 1/3 hrs. |

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General Health During the past month the general health of the troops has been good. The weather was very good and the troops were well supplied with food and clothing. There were no cases of influenza or other communicable diseases reported. The medical stores were well stocked and the medical personnel were well trained and equipped. The medical services were rendered in a most efficient manner and the patients were well cared for. The medical services were well organized and the patients were well cared for. The medical services were well organized and the patients were well cared for.

# Training Programme week ending Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

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| Day  | 9-9.30   | 9.30-10                              | 10-10.30  | 10.30-11          | 11-1   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Inspection and intensive Arms drill of ceremonial nature | March discipline                     | Musketry exercises<br>Rapid Loading and Aiming                      | Physical Training | Platoon in attack sgr<br>Diamond formations<br>Fire Control. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | do.  | Platoon drill with Anti-gas practice | Musketry exercises to include muscle exercises + anti gas           | Bayonet Fighting  | Platoon in Attack<br>Small scheme to be carried out.         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | do.  | March discipline                     | Musketry exercises + Rapid Loading + Aiming                         | Physical Trng     | At disposal of Coy Comdrs.                                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | do.  | Platoon Drill with Anti-gas practice | Musketry exercises with box Respirators on.                         | Bayonet Fighting  | Specialist Training of all ranks                             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | do.  | March discipline                     | Musketry exercises + rapid Loading + Aiming + Indication of Targets | Physical Trng     | Specialist Training for all ranks.                           |
| <p><u>N.B.</u> On Thursday, Friday, Saturday specialist Classes will be started in each Coy.</p> <p>(A) Lewis Guns</p> <p>(B) Rifle Grenades</p> <p>(C) Advanced Musketry for snipers + marksmen.</p> <p>(D) Topography for N.C.O.s runners + signallers.</p> <p>All men must be made to attend one of these classes which will be conducted by Specialist Officers + N.C.O.s.</p> |  |                                      |   |                   |  |

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5TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION

PROGRAMME of ASSAULT AT ARMS, on  
 Wednesday, 20th November 1918  
 commencing 0930.

| No. of Event. | PARTICULARS.   | No. of teams per Company | No. of men per team.   | Championship Points. |      |      |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------|------|
|               |  |                          |                        | 1st.                 | 2nd. | 3rd. |
| 1.            | <u>Best Company Turn out.</u><br>Full marching order, all details in as far as possible: S.B.H., steel helmets on pack: Australian Hats to be worn.                        |                          |                        | 25.                  | 20.  | 10   |
| 2.            | <u>Best Drilled Company.</u><br>Movements as notified to Company representatives.  |                          |                        | 25.                  | 20.  | 10   |
| 3.            | <u>Rifle Fighting Competition.</u>   | 2.                       | 1 N.C.O. & 7 men.      | 13.                  | 8.   | 4    |
| 4.            | <u>Fila Match.</u><br>5 rounds per man.  | 2                        | 5.                     | 13.                  | 8.   | -    |
| 5.            | <u>Physical Training Team.</u><br>Table as issued to Company representatives.  | 1.                       | 1 Instructor & 15 men. |                      |      |      |
| 6.            | <u>Best Cooked Meal.</u><br>Rations issued on the ground for number of men on parade. Only rations to be used. Turn out of Cooks and Cocker taken into account for points. |                          | 4 Cooks per Company.   | 20                   | 13.  | 5    |
| 7.            | <u>Lewis Gun Competition.</u>  | 2.                       | 2.                     | 8.                   | 4.   | 3    |
| 8.            | <u>Signallers Competition.</u>   | 2.                       | 2.                     | 8.                   | 4.   | 3    |
| 9.            | <u>Runners Competition.</u>  |                          | 3 men per Company.     | 5.                   | 4.   | 2    |
| 10.           | <u>Wrestling on Horseback.</u>   |                          | 4 men per Company.     | 5.                   | 4.   | 2    |
| 11.           | <u>Alarm &amp; Driving.</u><br>Teams of 2 men, 4 donkeys & 1 G.S. Wagon.   |                          |                        | 8.                   | 4.   | 3    |
| 12.           | <u>Stratford Bakers Race.</u>  |                          |                        | 5.                   | 4.   | 3    |

## Committee :-

Major W.T. Wilkinson, MC.  
 Lieut. A.H. Peckins.  
 " W. Cunningsham.  
 " S.A. Hill, MC.  
 " A.W. Frazer.

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- Event 1 & 2 Col. J.H.BRUBHE, C.M.G.  
Capt. C.H.HEEHAM.
- Event 3 Lieut. W.CAMPBELL.  
Lieut. T.D.STEVENSON, M.C.  
Lieut. R.J.DART  
Capt. W.BUCHAN. M.C.
- Event 4 Capt. E.S.W.S.VIDAL, M.C.  
Capt. L.T.C.JACKSON  
Capt. J.WALKER.  
Capt. W.BUCHAN. M.C.
- Event 5 Sgt. JEPSON P.T.Staff.
- Event 6 Chaplain E.J.HAREWOOD.
- Event 7 Lieut. R.J.DART.
- Event 8 & 9 Lieut. J.H.DAVIDSON.
- Event 10. Lieut, W, CAMPBELL.
- Event 11. Lieut. -Colonel. M.HENRY, D.S.O. A.A.V.C.
- Event 12. Capt. H. Symonds.

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- Lieut. A.H.PERKINS.
- Lieut. W.A.F.CUNNINGHAME.
- Lieut. S.A.HILL, M.C.
- Lieut. A.WFRAZER.

ORDER OF EVENTS.

|       |       |              |
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| Event | 1,    | 1000         |
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| "     | 11    | 1130         |
| "     | 3     | 1200         |
| "     | 4     | 1220         |
| "     | 5     | 1240         |
| "     | 6     | 1300         |
| "     | 7     | 1345         |
| "     | 8 & 9 | as arranged, |
| "     | 10    | 1430         |
| "     | 12    | 1600,        |



| Event.  | RESULT OF ASSUALT - AT-ARMS HELD ON 20.11. 19. |                   |                   |                   |
|---------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         | A. Coy<br>Points,                              | B. Coy<br>Points. | C. Coy<br>Points. | D. Coy<br>Points. |
| 1.      | -  | 10                | 35                | 20.               |
| 2.      | 10   | -                 | 35                | 20.               |
| 3.      | -  | 16                | 12                | -                 |
| 4.      | -  | -                 | 6                 | 12.               |
| 5.      | 8  | 4                 | -                 | 16.               |
| 6.      | 12   | 20                | 6                 | -                 |
| 7.      | 4  | -                 | 6                 | 2.                |
| 8.      | -  | -                 | 6                 | 4.                |
| 9.      | 6  | -                 | 4                 | 2.                |
| 11.     | -  | 6                 | 4                 | 2.                |
| 12.     | 48   | 4                 | 1                 | 1.                |
| Totals, | 86   | 62                | 119               | 72.               |

Best all-round Company - "C" Company.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION91/4329  
Headquarters  
21st November 1918.REVIEW OF 8th BRIGADE GROUP1. COMMAND

The group will be under the command of the Brigade Commander, 8th A.I. Brigade, who will issue the necessary orders for the assembly of the troops.

2. PLACE

RAMBURELLES-TRANSLAY road, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile W. of RAMBURELLES.

3. (i) FORMATION FOR REVIEW.

The troops will be drawn up in two lines. The 1st line will consist of the dismounted troops in line of quarter columns with leading companies dressed on a flagged line, in the following order right to left, viz:-

1st Line

5th Divisional Engineers  
8th A.I. Brigade (in order of battalions)  
8th L.T.M. Battery (in column of sections)  
5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion  
5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion  
8th Field Ambulance

The band will take post 10 paces in rear of the centre of the line.

2nd Line

Transport in column of sections (i.e. four vehicles abreast) in rear of their respective units and at 40 paces distance.

Bayonets will be fixed by each battalion as it arrives on its alignment.

On the order of the Brigadier, officers will take post in review order.

(ii) SALUTE

The Divisional Commander will ride on to the saluting point at 2.45 p.m. and on arrival at that point the flag will be broken and the general salute will be given on the command

of the Brigade Commander. The band will play the general salute after which the Brigade Commander will, on instructions from the Divisional Commander, order the troops to Order arms and Stand-at-ease. The Brigade Commander will then take post on the right of the line.

(iii) INSPECTION.

The Divisional Commander will move to the right of the line and commence his inspection, each battalion being called up to attention and Slope Arms in sufficient time. After inspection each battalion will order arms and stand easy. On the conclusion of the inspection the Divisional Commander will give the necessary instructions to the Brigade Commander for the march past and will take post at the saluting point. The Brigade Commander will give the order, "Officers take post", when officers resume their normal positions in their battalions.

(iv) MARCH PAST

The Brigade Commander will give the order "Brigade will march past in column"; on this order each battalion in succession will move to the right in fours and changing direction at Point 1 will form up in quarter column with the right of the leading company at Point 2 and will be dressed preparatory to marching past. After dressing has been completed each battalion commander will give the command "Advance in Column by the right" when the leading Company Commander will give the order "No.1 Company, by the right, quick march", the remaining companies following in succession at the proper distance. On reaching point "A" each Company Commander will give the command "EYES RIGHT" when all except the right section Commander will turn the head well to the right and look the inspecting officer in the face, the Company Commander saluting. On reaching point "B" the command "EYES FRONT" will be given.

On reaching point No.3, each company will be ordered to move to the left in fours and on reaching point No.4 to wheel to the left and take up its original position in line of quarter columns.

The band will take up its position opposite the saluting point on the Brigade Commander's caution "MARCH PAST" and will play for each battalion etc., passing the saluting point. Transport will not march past, except the 3 horse ambulance wagons of 8th Field Ambulance.

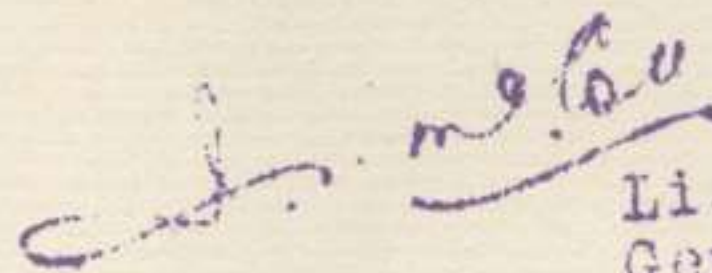
When the whole have passed the saluting point the band will resume its original position in rear of the centre of the line of quarter columns.

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(v) ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER.

The Brigade Commander will give the order "Officers take Post in Review Order" and will then give the order to advance.

At a suitable distance from the reviewing officer the brigade will halt and give a general salute after which it will be directed to "Order Arms" and will await orders.

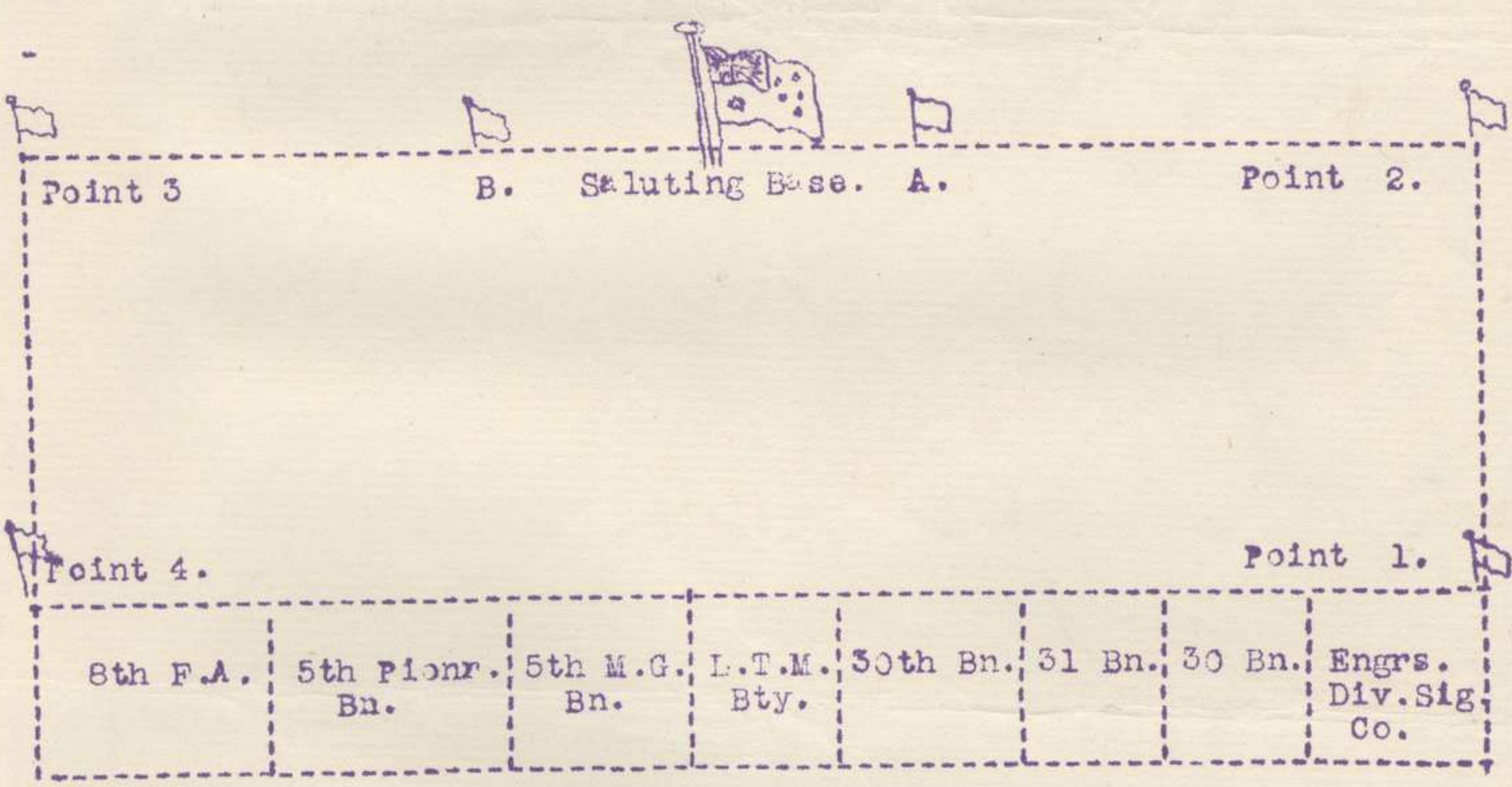


Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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8th Infantry Brigade (5 copies)  
14th Infantry Brigade  
15th Infantry Brigade.  
5th Machine Gun Battalion  
5th Pioneer Battalion  
Divisional Engineers  
Divisional Signal Co.  
8th Field Ambulance  
"AQ"  
A.D.C. to G.O.C.

RAMBURELLES - - - - Road - - - - TRANSLAY



TRANSPORT.

| Event.  | <u>RESULT OF ASSUALT - AT-ARMS HELD ON 20.11. 18.</u> |                           |                           |                           |
|---------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|         | <u>A. Coy<br/>Pionts,</u>                             | <u>B. Coy<br/>Pionts.</u> | <u>C. Coy<br/>Pionts.</u> | <u>D. Coy<br/>Pionts.</u> |
| 1.      | -   | 10                        | 35                        | 20.                       |
| w2.     | 10  | -                         | 35                        | 20.                       |
| 3.      | -   | 16                        | 12                        | -                         |
| 4.      | -   | -                         | 6                         | 12.                       |
| 5.      | 8   | 4                         | -                         | 16.                       |
| 6.      | 12  | 20                        | 6                         | -                         |
| 7.      | 4   | -                         | 8                         | 2.                        |
| 8.      | -   | -                         | 8                         | 4.                        |
| 9.      | 8   | -                         | 4                         | 2.                        |
| 11.     | -   | 8                         | 4                         | 2.                        |
| 12.     | X6  | 4                         | 1                         | 1.                        |
| Totals, | <u>48</u>   | <u>62</u>                 | <u>119</u>                | <u>79.</u>                |

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SECRETH.Q., 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion  
24th November 1918.

APPENDIX

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Copy No. ....

5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion Order No. 61.INTENTION

The Battalion will move on the 28th instant by rail, leaving PONT REMY by Trains Nos. 20 and 21 at 1655 and 2055 as follows:-

(1) Train No. 20, leaving at 1655 - "B" Company plus 4 Cookers and teams.

(2) Train No. 21, leaving at 2055.-Remainder of Battalion.

*Detraining Station - BR BERTRY*

DETAILS

1. "B" Company will move to PONT REMY on Monday, 25th inst., and billet there, to act as loading party for trains 8 to 20 inclusive. Train No. 8 is timed to leave PONT REMY at 1655 on the 26th inst. and loading party will report to R.T.O. at least 3½ hours before that time. Thereafter trains will leave at intervals of 4 hours. O.C. "B" Company will send advance party to arrange for billeting.
2. Dress & Rations. - Full marching order, Australian hats turned up: Steel helmets on backs of packs. Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried on the person.
3. Blankets.- To be rolled in bundles of 10, short way, labelled and collected ready for loading by 1000. Companies to provide own loading parties.
4. Officers' Kits. - To be ready for loading by 1000. Small necessaries to be carried on the person.
5. Transport, less 4 Cookers, must report at PONT REMY not later than 1630. T.O. will arrange for 4 Cookers to arrive at PONT REMY in time to go by Train No. 20 at 1655.
6. H.Q., "A" Coy and "C" Coy. will proceed by route march to PONT REMY in above order. Head of column to leave Battn.H.Q. at 1400.
7. "D" Company will act as loading party for Train No. 21 and will move independently to arrive at PONT REMY 4 Hours before departure of train.
8. Entraining Officer. - lieut. R.J.DART.

*R. J. Dart*

lieut. & Adjt.  
5TH Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

Copies issued as under :-

- No.1. C.O.
- " 2. Adjutant.
- " 3. O.C. "A" Coy.
- " 4. O.C. "B" Coy.
- " 5. O.C. "C" Coy.
- " 6. O.C. "D" Coy.
- " 7. T.O.
- " 8. Q.M.
- " 9. "G" Staff, 5th Aust. Div.
- " 10-13 War Diary.
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