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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian Infantry Bn

FOR

December 191*8*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SOLRE-LE CHATEAU	Dec 1		Fine. Church Parade held. March past Brigades after parade Football match played by Hd Qrs and A Co. won by Hd Qrs. <i>copy</i>	
	2		Dull. Football matches played for Brigade Shields. 6 th team lost to 3 rd Bn 6 th team. 4 th team beat 3 rd Bn 4 th team. 5 th team beat 3 rd Bn 5 th team. <i>copy</i>	
	3		Dull. Major Vernon left for U.K. in charge of Div. party proceeding to Australia. Ing of war matches between companies B Coy beat A Coy. C Co. beat Hd Qrs. Court of Inquiry held on Illegal Absentees. Pte Causser. Pte Gillespie & Pte H. Smith declared illegal absentees. Canteen accounts audited by Audit Board. 150 men attended lecture by Bishop Foodsham Bn attended performance by the "Sentimental Blokes" <i>copy</i>	
	4		Rain. Brigade Football Competition continued. 3 rd team beat 3 rd team 3 rd Bn. 1 st & 2 nd teams lost to 1 st & 2 nd 3 rd Bn teams. <i>copy</i>	
	5		Fine. Route march by companies. Afternoon football match between Hd Qrs & C. Coy. won by C. Coy. <i>copy</i>	

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SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU	6		<p>Fine. Rehearsal of Presentation of Bn Colours. Brigade Competition Continued. Bn beat 3rd Bn at platoon tug-of-war and platoon Quoit Tennis. Lt Hindmarsh returned from wounded. 2/Lt Hawkins joined Bn from reinforcements.</p>	
	7		<p>Fine. Rehearsal of presentation of Bn Colours. B. Coy beat C. Co at Football.</p>	W.F.M.
	8		<p>Fine. Church Parade held. Bn teams beat 1st Bn teams at Quoit Tennis for Bde Competitions. Platoon Tug-of-war team beat 1st Bn platoon for Bde Competition.</p>	W.F.M.
	9		<p>Rain. Coy Tug-of-war Competition held. B. Coy beat Hd Qrs & C Coy beat A. Coy. Football match played against 9th Aust. Bn won by 9th Bn. Routine Order No 24 issued (app. 1).</p>	W.F.M.
	10		<p>Dull. Bn parade held. Bde Competitions Continued. Platoon Quoit Tennis teams beat 4th Bn teams. Platoon Tug-of-war team beat 4th Bn team.</p>	W.F.M.
	11		<p>Rain. Presentation of Colours postponed owing to rain. Tug-of-war B. Co. beat C. Coy.</p>	W.F.M.

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SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU	Dec 12		Rain. Bde Football Competitions. Played 1st Br. lost 1st & 2nd Grades, won 3rd Grade. <i>copy.</i>	
"	13		Rain. Bde Football matches postponed. Br Order No 47 issued (app 2). <i>copy.</i>	
"	14		Dull. Kit Inspection held prior to forward move. Move Order No 47 issued (app 3). <i>copy.</i>	
"	15		Dull. Left billets at 1030 and marched to SOLRE-LE-GERY arrived there at 1515. and billeted for the night. <i>copy.</i>	
"	16		Rain. Left billets at 0800 and marched to THY-LE-CHATEAU arrived there at 1430 and billeted and billeted for the night. <i>copy.</i>	
"	17		Dull & rain. Left billets at 0808 and marched to VILLERS POTERIE arrived there at 1130 and billeted. <i>copy.</i>	
VILLERS POTERIE	18		Rain. Educational classes performed see report by Education Officer. Training etc not carried out owing to the rain. <i>copy.</i>	
"	19		Dull. Training carried out as per syllabus (appendix 4) Prince of Wales visited Br & inspected billets. <i>copy.</i>	

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VILLERS-POTERIE	20		Rain. Training carried out as per Syllabus. Major Vernon returned from U.K. copy	
"	21		Dull. Training carried out during morning. Bde Football Competitions continued, played 12 th Bn and won 5 th grade, lost 4 th grade and played a draw in 6 th grade. Routine orders No. 25 issued (app. 5). copy	
"	22		Dull. Church Parade held. Brigadier attended. Capt Moy M.C. & Lt. Waller left on Paris leave. copy	
"	23		Showery. Brigade Cup competition continued. Platoon Flag race. Result 3 rd Bn first 4 th Bn second 2 nd Bn third 1 st Bn fourth. Jmc.	
"	24		Fine with light fall of snow at night. Bn attended a lecture on "Travels thro' Austria". Preparations for Xmas dinners. Jmc.	
"	25		Fine. Church parade. Coys Xmas dinners a great success. Bn NCOs had Xmas dinner at night followed by dance with the civilians. Routine order No. 26 issued Jmc. Appen. x	
"	26.		Fine. Holiday for troops most of whom visited Charleroi & neighboring villages. Jmc.	

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VILLERS-POTERIE	27		Frost & later rain. Educational classes - cleaning up village - Football. 2 nd Bn v 9 th Bn at CHATELET. result 9 th won 8-6. JMC	
"	28		Rain. Divisional Commander & Brigadier visited Bn - Cleaned equipment Party of 7 1915 men left for Australia. Routine order no 27 issued (Appendix 7.) JMC	
"	29		Rain. Presentation of colors postponed. Training Syllabus issued JMC	Appendix 8
"	30		Fine. Prince of Wales presented color medal to men at 8 th HQ in the morning - Educational classes & military training continued - JMC	
"	31		Fine. Battalion bailed - 3 rd & 20 th left for 3 days leave to BRUSSELS - 16 th OR for 2 days leave to CHARLEROI - Brigadier paid informal visit to Educational classes & transport - Band paraded village at midnight JMC.	
"	1-1-19		Fine. General Glasgow presented colors to Bn - Major Cook returned to unit - L Lee to UK leave - A v B Coy football. A won 6-3 JMC.	
"	2-1-19		Fine. Educational training - HQS v C Coy football HQ won 12-3 BRUSSELS leave party returned. JMC	

*O'Brien C.*SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.
December 31st. 1918.WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1918.

During the month the weather has been very unfavorable for all training, but every opportunity was taken to encourage Recreational Training. Several competitions took place in the Brigade; Football, Tug of War etc., the men attending these well.

On the 15th., the Battalion moved by Route March from SOLRE-le-CHATEAU to VILLERS POTERIE, the march taking 3 days, during which the weather was bad. The march was a good one, very few men falling out.

On the 19th. inst. the PRINCE of Wales visited the Battalion inspected the billets, and spoke to several of the men.

Leave is very plentiful and the men are enjoying visiting CHARLEROI, BRUSSELS and places of interest.

The G. O. C., 1st. Division also visited the Battalion during the latter end of the month.

The health of the troops is good, although recently several cases of diarrhoea have occurred and a few men evacuated.

Christmas was celebrated by Company Dinners, special Xmas fare being provided from the Regimental Funds and helped by the men themselves.

The Battalion is very comfortably billeted in VILLERS POTERIE, and the inhabitants are very friendly disposed.

Several N. C. Os. and men have left the Battalion for return to Australia, being 1914 and 1915 members.

Laybourn

Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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ROUTINE ORDER No. 24.

BY

Lieut-Colonel. H.A. YOUNG, DSO.

Commanding, SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

9th. December. 1918.

DUTY.

ORDINARY OFFICER.	10/12/18.	2/Lieut. A.L. Hawkins.
Next for Duty.	11/12/18.	Lieut. R.E. Hindmarsh.
COMPANY FOR DUTY.	10/12/18.	"A" Company.
Next for Duty.	11/12/18.	"B" "

DISCHARGE IN
ENGLAND.

Extract from 1st. Aust. Div. R. O. 778.

"Each application for discharge in England on demobilisation will be considered on its merits by the Demobilisation Branch.

Applications for such discharge should be made through Units, stating fully reasons for the application, nature of employment available, etc.-----

GERMAN
MONEY.

Extracts from 1st. Aust. Div. R.Os. Nos. 779 and 783.

"The following instructions will be read on parade on two successive occasions :-

There is at the present practically nothing but German money in reoccupied BELGIUM.

This money is subject, commercially, to depreciation of about 50%. Belgian shopkeepers will probably endeavour to induce men to accept this money at pre-war value. Should they accept it, they will find that they will only be able to exchange it later on, at considerable loss.

German currency - Rate of Exchange. "The rate of exchange temporarily fixed by Allied Headquarters between Marks and French Francs, is one Mark equals 70 Centimes. This rate has been temporarily sanctioned for British Armies. It is understood that the Belgian Government are buying Marks at a higher rate to assist Belgian civilians, therefore any contracts in BELGIUM must be arranged for payment in Francs, not in Marks"

GOVERNMENT
HORSES.

1st. A.I. Regt. Memo. 12/4470.

Government Horses will not be used except on duty. Officers proceeding or returning from leave will not be allowed to use horses, the property of the Government.

ACCIDENTAL
INJURIES.

Extract from G.O.C. 270/2737.

Reporting of Injuries sustained during recreation, on A.f. W. 3428.

In all cases where an injury is sustained by an Officer or other Rank during any recreational game or sport, full particulars of the circumstances of the injury, and the nature of the game or sport will be shown in Para 3 of the A.f. W. 3428, and the Commanding Officer will state in answer to Para 4 (a) whether or not the injured man was taking part in a "properly organised game or sport" military game or sport". For this purpose the definition of a properly organised military game or sport is "any game or sport organised and supervised by an officer, in which officers and soldiers only take part."

DRUGGING OF
MEMBERS
IN LONDON.Extract from 1st. Div. R.O. No. 731.

The following memorandum received from Administrative H. Q., A.I.F., London, embodying report furnished by A.P.M., A.I.F., London, is promulgated for information. It is desired that this report be read out to all men on parade:-

"I respectfully beg to report that there is a strong suspicion that many undesirable characters, both male and female, of the class that endeavour to cultivate acquaintance with members of the A.I.F. on leave in LONDON, are at the present moment employing for the purpose of drugging and subsequent robbery, small tablets of the appearance of saccharine, which these individuals prefer for the use of any of our men in whose company they may be eating.

The action of whatever drug is contained in the above tablet is to produce almost immediate drowsiness followed by complete stupor. On revival, a slight loss of memory frequently results and the victim has usually a confused recollection of the person with whom he has been in company, and of the circumstances of their meeting, and in fact, is incapable of giving any detailed account of what has transpired.

There is abundant cause to believe that several members of the A.I.F. in this city, who have recently been robbed of their wallets and paybooks, etc., and have been able to furnish practically no information as to the occurrence, have been victims to persons using the above tablets. I therefore respectfully beg to suggest that all members of the A.I.F. may be warned through the medium of A.I.F. Orders as to the advisability of accepting any so called Saccharine tablets proffered for their use by comparative strangers, in whose company they may happen to be."

REPORT.Extract from G.R.O. 4773 - 5336 - 2650.

The following is present scale of equipment and clothing allowed to all groups, per 100 men per month :-

Greatcoats.	2
Tunics.	12
Breeches.	14
Pantaloon.	20
Boots.	12 pairs.
Hats.	7
Ground Sheets.	3
Kess Tins.	4
Water bottles.	2
<i>Pallesc</i>	7

ORDER OF
COURT.

x 1100

A Court of Enquiry constituted as under, will assemble at "N" Coy's H.Q. at 6.30, 10/12/19 for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon certain matters which will be brought before it.

All witnesses will be duly warned to attend.

PRESIDENT.

Captain. H. R. Hockway.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. C. A. Purdon. 2/Lieut. R.A.R. Pope.

Second Australian Battalion.Routine Order No. 24.PART II.PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS.

The C. O. has approved of the following promotions and appointments to date from 9/12/13 :-

7088	Pte. Wright.	E.R.	to be T/Dvr.	vice Chrichton reverted to Pte.	
733a	" Chambers.	"	"	"	is to complete establishment.
7066	" Goring.	F.L.	"	"	do.
4323	" Walker.	S.A.	"	"	do.
5700	" Savill.	S.R.	"	"	do.
5064	" Cox.	E.V.	"	"	do.

REVERSION.

7327 Dvr. Chrichton. A.A. Reverts to Private at his own request on 1/12/13.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

James
Captain.

SECRET.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

ORDER No. 47.

Reference Map NAMUR 1/100,000.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. will move to area South of CHARLENOI on 15/16th. December 1918 and will billet for night 15/16th. at SHREVE.
2. 2nd. Aust. Battalion will pass the Starting Point opposite H. G. Details billet at 0002 on 15th. inst.
Order of March - H.Q., "A", "B", "C", and Transport.
Starting Point, Order of March and Time for 16th. will be notified later.
3. MARCH DISCIPLINE. (a) As laid down in G.S. 123 4th. Army Pamphlet will be adhered to.
4. BILLETING PARTIES. Lieut. J. W. Connor MC. will report to H.Q. at 0800 at Charlevoix at 1100 on 15th. inst. One cyclist H.Q.C. per Coy. will report to H.Q.C. one hour before Unit moves each morning to go forward and act as billet guide.
5. DISTANCES. Distances of 10 yds. between Coys. and Unit Transport. 50 yards between Battalions.
6. Synchronisation of Time. Watches will be synchronised at 0700 on 15th. inst., and 0100 on 16th. Dec. for 16th.
7. Rear Party of 1 Officer and 12 Other Ranks will be provided by "C" Company on 15th inst. and "B" Company on 16th inst.

[Signature] Captain.
Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

ADMINISTRATION.

1. ISSUE. Full Marching Order less blankets and Steel Helmets.
2. Blankets rolled in bundles of 10 short ways, steel helmets and Officers' Valises will be handed in to G. H. Stores one and quarter hours and mess gear half an hour before time of starting each day.
3. G. C. Rear Party will render the following report each day at conclusion of march :-
(a) Nominal roll of men who fall out with authority and name of authority.
(b) Nominal roll of men who fall out without authority.
(c) do do and name of rear party.
(d) do do and are carried by Field Amb.

NOTE. Special attention will be paid to rolling of blankets, which should be rolled tightly and tied securely, otherwise they are liable to become loose and cause loads to shift and fall off.

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1. Move will extend over three days. Halting places will be BARBENCON, THY le CHATEAU, and VILLERS POTERIE.
2. On 15th. inst. Battalion will pass Starting Point at 1032. Cookers will march with Companies. Halt will be made for tea, time to be notified later.

[Signature]
Captain.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD 19th. to 28th. DEC. 1918.

Training will be carried out under the following headings :-

- (A) Military Training.
- (B) Educational.
- (C) Recreational.

At times laid down for (B) and (C), any men not taking part will be employed on (A) under Company arrangements.

TIMES.

Hours of Training will be 0900 to 1200 and 1330 to 1600 daily.

TRAINING.

"A" as per attached Syllabus.

"B" under Educational Officer as per attached Timetable.

"C" under Battalion Sports Committee. (Brigade Cup Competition will be included.)

	<u>Thursday.</u>	<u>Friday.</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> ^{G.14} Saturday	<u>Monday.</u>	<u>Tuesday.</u>	<u>Saturday</u> ^{G.14} Wednesday
0900 to 1200	A & B	A.	C	A & B.	A	A & B
1330 to 1600	C	B.	C	B	B	C

NOTE.

1. All parades unless otherwise notified, will be carried out in Drill Order (Physical Training excepted).
2. Smoko for 10 minutes at each clock hour.
3. No part of the Training Syllabus as laid down will be missed. If a Platoon or Company is on duty and unable to carry out training laid down on date specified, it will carry out such training at first subsequent opportunity before proceeding with any other part of the syllabus.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Captain.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

SYLLABUS "A".

DAILY. 0900 to 0930. Platoon and Company Inspection.
 1130 to 1200. Battalion Ceremonial Drill.

SPECIAL TRAINING.

19	<u>1st. DAY.</u>	0930 to 1030	Physical Drill.
		1030 to 1130	Guard Mounting (Double Sentries).
20	<u>2nd. DAY.</u>	0930 to 1000	Physical Drill.
		1000 to 1030	Rifle Exercises.
		1030 to 1100	Platoon Drill.
		1100 to 1130	Guard Mounting (Double Sentries).
21	<u>3rd. DAY.</u>	0930 to 1000	Physical Drill.
		1000 to 1100	Platoon Drill & Rifle Exercises.
		1100 to 1130	Rapid Loading & Musketry Muscle Exercises.
22	<u>4th. DAY.</u>	0930 to 1130	Route March - Strict March Discipline, 120 paces to the minute to be maintained.
23	<u>5th. DAY.</u>	0930 to 1030	Physical Drill.
		1030 to 1100	Rapid Loading.
		1100 to 1130	Company Drill.
	<u>6th. DAY.</u>	0930 to 1000	Physical Drill.
		1000 to 1030	Rapid Loading.
		1030 to 1130	Route March.

SYLLABUS "B".

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

0900 to 1000	Mathematics.	History.
1000 to 1100	English.	Geography.
1100 to 1200	Bookkeeping.	French.

Tuesday and Friday.

1330 to 1430	Bookkeeping.	French.
1430 to 1515	English.	Geography.
1515 to 1600	Mathematics.	History.

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Far East

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ROUTINE ORDER No. 25.BYLieut-Colonel. E. A. YOUNG. DSO.Commanding. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.21st. December 1918.DUTIES.ORDERLY OFFICER.
Next for Duty.22nd. Dec
23rd. "Lieut. Matthews. H.N.
Edie. J.C.COMPANY FOR DUTY.
Next for Duty.22nd. Dec.
23rd. ""A" Company.
"B" "

CHURCH
PARADES.
22/12/18.Roman Catholic.

In VILLERS POTERIES Church.

Company Parties will report to

Lieut. W.J. Waller at Battalion Orderly Room at 1015.

Other Denominations.On Battalion Parade Ground, 2.6.49.23,
at 1030.Markers will report, with parade states,
to R.S.M. on Ground at 1015. Companies will be in position
at 1025.DRESS.

belts outside, hats looped up.

Other Ranks. - Great Coats,

Officers. - Great Coats

(Trench). Dismounted Officers, puttees and R.F. boots.

Mounted Officers, leggings or field boots and spurs.

DIVISIONAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

The 1st. Australian Divisional Concert Party is located
at CHATELET. Performances commence 8.30 p.m. nightly.
Units not within walking distance of Concert Party will be
provided in turn with lorries to convey troops to and from
this entertainment.

No. 1 Divisional Cinema is located at CHATELET, show
commences 3 p.m. daily.

No. 2 Divisional Cinema is located at BOUFFICOURT,
shows at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Y.M.C.A. Cinema is allotted to 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
This Cinema will in turn visit all Brigades.

R.C. CHURCH SERVICE.

Mass will be held at Church VILLERS POTERIES at
1730 tonight (21/12/18.)

John
Captain.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO 26.

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BY

Lieut-Colonel. H.A. YODEN. DSO.

Commanding SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

25th December. 1918.

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DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER	25th. Dec.	2/Lieut T. Uren.
Next for Duty.	26th "	Lieut. R.O.Boese.
COMPANY FOR DUTY	25th. Dec.	"
Next for Duty.	26th. "	"

CHURCH
PARADE.

25/12/18.

Roman Catholic. MASS (Voluntary) at 0700 in Church Villers
Poterie.
R.C. Parade in Village Church at 1030. Parties will report at
B.O.R. at 1015 to R.S.M.
Other Denominations On Battalion Parade Ground at 1000.
Markers will report, with parade states, to R.S.M. on ground
at 0945. Companies will be in position at 0955.
Company Commanders will ensure that all protestants attend
this parade.

DRESS Other Ranks.- Great Coats, belts and side-arms
outside, hats leaped up.
Officers.- Great-Coats (Trench). Dismounted
Officers, puttees and R.P. boots. Mounted Officers, leggings
or Field boots and spurs.

WATER

Owing to the prevalence of Diarrhoea amongst the troops of t
this Unit the following precautions will be taken by Coy. Comdres
(1) A Notice Board will be placed on all pumps and wells that
the water is unfit for drinking.
(2) Water for use in water bottles, drinking, and for
cleansing of teeth must be obtained from water-carts.

ESTAMINET
HOURS

The following hours for the opening and closing of estaminets
will be strictly adhered to whilst in this area.
1100 to 1330 and 1730 to 2100.
The sale of alcohol is strictly forbidden

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

All educational classes will assemble at the school
at 0930 on the morning of 27th December, for enrolment.
Enrolment is voluntary but once enrolled attendance
is compulsory.
All men not enrolled will carry out military training

J.M. Connell

A/Adjutant.
Second Australian Battalion.

Lieut.

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ROUTINE ORDER No. 88.

BY

Light-Colonel. H. A. YOUNG. DSO.

Commanding, SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. -

21st. December 1918.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.
Next for Duty.

22nd. Dec
23rd. "

Light. Matthews. H.N.
" Edie. J.C.

COMPANY FOR DUTY.
Next for Duty.

22nd. Dec.
23rd. "

"A" Company.
"B" "

CHURCH
SERVICES.
22/12/18.

Roman Catholic.

In VILLERS POTERIES Church.

Company Parties will report to

Light. W.J. Waller at Battalion Orderly Room at 1015.

Other Denominations.

On Battalion Parade Ground, 2.0.49.23,
at 1030.

Markers will report, with parade states,
to R.S.M. on Ground at 1015. Companies will be in position
at 1025.

DRESS.
belts outside, hats looped up.

Other Ranks. - Great Coats,

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Dismounted Officers, puttees and R.F. boots.
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Mass will be held at Church VILLERS POTERIES at
1730 tonight (21/12/18.)

Captain.

Adjutant. SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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postponed to 1.1.19

SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 27...

BY

Lieut-Colonel. H. A. YOUNG, DSO, Comd.

28th. December 1918.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.	29th. Dec.	2/Lieut. L. R. Hawkins.
Next for Duty.	30th. "	Lieut. R. G. Morris.
COMPANY FOR DUTY.	29th. Dec.	"B" Coy.
Next for Duty.	30th. "	"C" "

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

Presentation of Colours will be made on Battalion Parade Ground on 29th. Dec. 1918.

Parade States. Detailed Parade States will be handed in to Battalion Orderly Room at 1115. On Parade Ground, parade state will be handed to R.S.M. at 1120.

Companies will be in position at 1130.

All Coys. to be sized and all men less cooks, to be on parade.

Dress. Mounted Officers - leggings and spurs or Field boots and spurs.
Dismounted Officers - R. P. Boots and puttees.
Gloves will be worn. Waterproof sheets or raincoats will not be worn.
Other ranks - Drill Order with W. P. Sheet with 12" roll and fastened on back of belt with braces, not supporting straps. Hats looped up.

Color Party. The following will report to B. C. R. at 1115 :-

C.Q.M.S.	Armstrong.	H.R.
Sgt.	Dale.	A.
Cpl.	Turner.	W.G.

DISCHARGE IN AUSTRALIA.

Extract from A.I.F. H.Q. Memo. 19/1212. 9/12/18.

The Department of Defence advises that if they so desire, men who enlisted in one Military District but whose homes or relatives are resident in another, may, when returned to Australia be disembarked and discharged in the Military District in which their homes are situated or in which their relatives live.

This will be done on the understanding that the Defence Department is not liable for the expense of the transfer of the men later on to the district in which they enlisted.

POISONING BY CASTOR BEANS.

Extract from G.R.O. 5759.

Several cases of animals being poisoned, have occurred, owing to the presence of Castor Beans in the Oat Ration, in one Unit as many as nine horses having been lost from this cause. Steps will therefore be taken to ensure that

CASOR BEANS.
(Continued)

Cat Rations are free from this poisonous seed.

The bean is easy to recognise, being of oval shape, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " by $\frac{1}{4}$ " in size, brown or buff coloured and mottled with brownish specks or streaks. If only a few are discovered, they should be picked out and burned; if many, the issue of the ration should be suspended and a report made to the Supply Officer, and also to the Administrative Veterinary Officer, of the formation. "

LEAVE.

Extract from 1st. Bdo. R. O. 220.

Owing to an outbreak of enteric fever the village of VODECHE near PHILIPVILLE is placed "out of bounds" to all troops.

LEAVE.

Extract from 1st. Bdo. R. O. 231.

All applications for Special Leave must be accompanied by police verification through A. I. P. Headquarters, London.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD 29/12/1918 to 4/1/1919.

Training will be carried out during the hours of 0900 to 1200 and 1330 to 1600 daily.

All Parades unless otherwise notified, will be carried out in Drill Order (Physical Training excepted).

Smoke for 10 minutes at each clock hour.

<u>Sunday.</u>	29/12/18.	Morning.	Presentation of colours.	<i>postponed</i>
		Afternoon.	-----	
<u>Monday.</u>	30/ "	Morning.	Brigade Review.	
		Afternoon.	Recreational Training.	
<u>Tuesday.</u>	31/ "	Morning.	Bathing Parade.	
		Afternoon.	Educational & Military Training.	
<u>Wednesday</u>	1/1/19.	<i>Presentation of colors</i>	New Year Day. - Holiday.	<i>A & B 1400</i>
<u>Thursday.</u>	2/1/19.	Morning.	Military & Educational Training.	
		Afternoon.	Recreational Training.	<i>C & H.Q. 1400</i>
<u>Friday.</u>	3/1/19.	Morning.	Musketry, on Range.	
			"A" Coy. from 1000 to 1100.	
			"B" " " 1100 to 1200.	
			"C" and H.Q. Coys. carry out Musketry Instruction and Bayonet Fighting.	
		Afternoon.	Educational & Military Training.	
<u>Saturday.</u>	4/1/19	Morning.	Military & Educational Training.	
		Afternoon.	Recreational Training.	

All men not attending Educational Classes will carry out the following training at Coy. Commander's discretion :-

Rifle Exercises.
Platoon Drill.
Musketry.
Route Marches.

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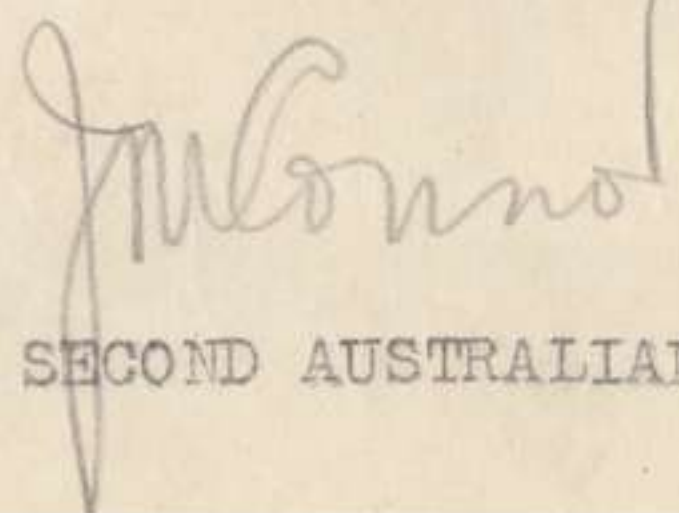
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SYLLABUS OF EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

Monday.)	0900 - 1000	Mathematics.	Tuesday.)	1330 - 1430
Thursday.)	1000 - 1100	French.)	Bookkeeping.
Saturday.)	1100 - 1200	Bookkeeping.	Friday.)	1430 - 1515
)	French.
)	1515 - 1600
						Mathematics.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD 6/1/19 to 11/1/19.

<u>Monday.</u>	6th. Jan.	Morning. Educational & Military Training. Afternoon. Recreational Training.
<u>Tuesday.</u>	7th. "	Morning. Brigade Group Review. Afternoon. Military Training and Educational Classes.
<u>Wednesday.</u>	8th. "	- Recreational Training.
<u>Thursday.</u>	9th. "	Morning. Military & Educational Training. Afternoon. Recreational Training.
<u>Friday.</u>	10th. "	Morning. Range Practice. Afternoon. Educational Training.
<u>Saturday.</u>	11th. "	Morning. Military & Educational Training. Afternoon. Recreational Training.


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December 31st. 1918.

TRANSPORT SECTION - WAR DIARY - DEC. 1918.

1/12/18 to 17/12/18 - SOLRE-le-CHATEAU. Ordinary
Routine, Repairing of limbers and preparing for Brigade Review 4/12/18.

Received ³ remounts from Division 5/12/18. Bde. Review:
march past of Transport.

18/12/18. SOLRE-le-CHATEAU - SOLRE StGERY. Route
march with Battalion; marched past G. O. C. 1st. Division.

19/12/18. SOLRE St.GERY. - THY-le-CHATEAU. Route
march with Battalion.

20/12/18. THY-le-CHATEAU - VILLERS POTERIE. Route
march with Battalion.

20/12/18 - 31/12/18. VILLERS POTERIE. Ordinary
routine, shoeing, cleaning and repairing of harness, etc.

General condition of horses good. Heavy work on Transport
owing to moving spare Q. M. Stores and extra comforts for Xmas and
New Year. Horses all in good stables; harness in good condition;
clothing of personnel good.

31/12/18. Inspection by G. O. C. 1st. A. I. Brigade.



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