

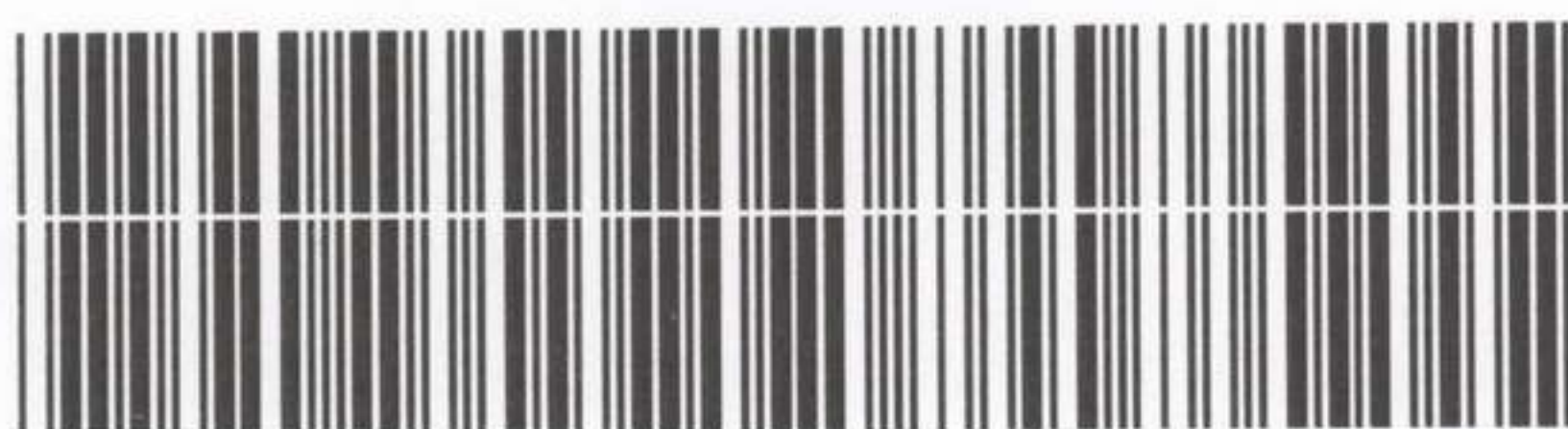
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OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FOR

DECEMBER

1918



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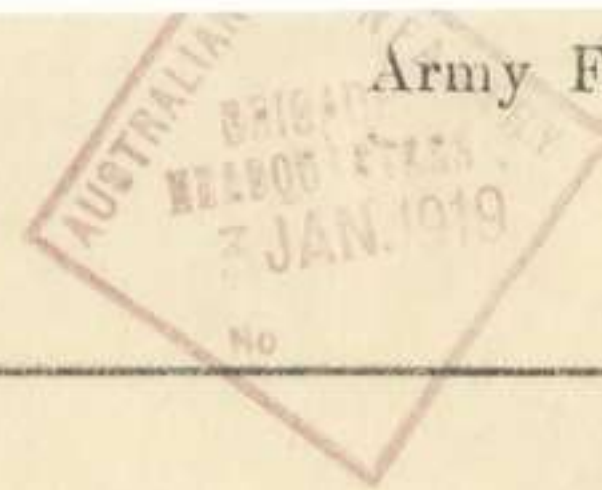
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PRISCHES	1918. Dec. 1st		The Brigade Group formed up in a field off the main MAROILLES - AVESNES Road and was inspected by His Majesty the King, The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert. After walking down the ranks His Majesty was introduced to C.O's. Units and Brigade Staff.	
do	2nd		Weather still misty. Lieut.-Colonel Commanding visited 20th Bn. List of men who embarked from AUSTRALIA prior to 30th June, 1915 was submitted to Division. Captain R.J. DOWDEN'S name was forwarded for selection for School of Instructors at BERKHAMSTEAD. Each Battalion contributed £10 towards the expenses of the Australian representatives at the Boxing Tournament LONDON.	
do	3rd		Raining. Sports Meeting held during the morning. Memo re Brigade Baths being opened at PRISCHES forwarded to units together with allotment.	
do	4th		Lieut.-Colonel Commanding attended a conference at Div. H.Q. at which the proposition of a MONT ST. QUENTIN Memorial was discussed. Notification received that the Corps School was being disbanded.	3
do	5th		Lieut.-Colonel Commanding and Brigade Major inspected the new area to which the Brigade Group will move. Accommodation seems good. Several returns in connection with the Education Scheme were submitted to Division. Weather was much clearer.	
do	6th		Weather sunny. Brigade Major and Lieut. BANFIELD visited and obtained particulars of the 1st Staging area for the new move forward. Instructions No 5 issued. In reply to a Div. Memo, the Brigade asked for 6,000 ft. of War films weekly in order to show same to civilian population in the new area. Captain DOWDEN selected to attend 2nd. Course at BERKHAMSTEAD.	1



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PRISCHE.	1918 Dec. 7th		Very misty and raining. Brigade Major and Lieut. BANFIELD reconnoitred 2nd and 3rd Staging areas for the next move forward. Accommodation for personnel appears good.	
do	8th		Weather fine. Word received from Division that all defensive work could be dismantled also notification that move would not commence before 16th instant.	21
do	9th		Misty and wet during the morning. Cleared up later on. Sunny at intervals. Further returns were received in connection with attachments to work-shops etc., as part of the Education Scheme.	4
do	10th		Wet. Educational returns submitted to Div. on Fitters, Turners etc., Chemistry and German students. Div. I.O. interviewed several men of the Brigade to find out their wishes re instruction etc. in music. Memo sent to Units that Chaplain CLUNE would lecture to all ranks on "Repatriation and Demobilisation."	8
do	11th		Misty. Raining slightly. A Sports meeting was held at Brigade Headquarters to discuss the points raised in a Div. Memo re the form of athletic competitions to be held in the new area. Chaplain CLUNE delivered a fine lecture to 17th Bn. and Brigade Headquarters in the Church on "Educational Advantages". Captain MOORE, 20th Battalion, proceeded to ENGLAND. Lieut. A.E. GARTRELL'S name was submitted to Div. for appointment as Adjutant and Q.M. at Aust. Corps P. & R.T. Training School.	5
do	12th		Raining. Chaplain CLUNE lectured to 18th Bn. and 5th. Field Coy. Div. Commander inspected a number of vehicles of the Brigade in order to secure uniformity throughout the Div. with regard to packing etc..	



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PRISCHES	1918. Dec. 13th		Misty. Raining slightly. Chaplain CLUNE lectured to M.G.Bn., and T.M.Bty. on Education. Div. Education Officer attended the lecture. Further returns on Education were submitted to Division. Memo re Essays on Operations received and forwarded to <del>Division</del> Units.	
do	14th		Chaplain CLUNE M.C. lectured to 20th Battalion on Education at BEAUREPAIRE. G.O.C., Div. held meeting of all Officers of Brigade Group in Church, PRISCHES at which education matters and points regarding the new area were discussed. Acting Brigade Commander held a conference re Essays on Operations. A Brigade Committee of Lt.-Col MURPHY, Lt-Col. BATEMAN and one officer to be nominated by <del>the</del> 20th Battalion was formed.	
do	15th		Weather dull. Admin. Instructions for the move sent to Units. Several educational memos. received and forwarded to Units.	10
do	16th		Dull Raining slightly. 5th Field Coy. marched out to join 6th A.I.Bde. Group. All units held a marching order inspectional parade. Applications of unmatriculated students desirous of returning and undertaking a University course forwarded to Division. Major McDONALD, D.S.O., M.C. nominated for Senior Officers Course ALDERSHOT.	6
do	17th		Wet in Morning but cleared up in afternoon. Brigade Group marched to AVESNELLES Area. Machine Gun Battalion billeted in FLAUMONT.	
AVESNELLES	18th		Very wet and cold weather. Brigade Group moved on to SIVRY, and arrived in billets about 1500.	
SIVRY	19th		Weather still very cold and occasional rain storms. Brigade Group moved on to BARBENCON area. Bde. H.Q. and 20th Bn. was at SOLRE ST. GERY, 17th Bn. were billeted at RENLIES. Recommendations for Lecturers at Corps Central School were forwarded to Division.	



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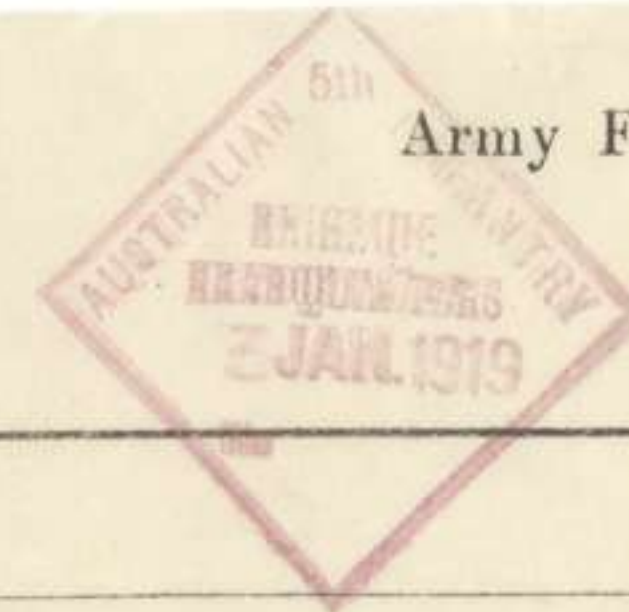
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WALCOURT.	1918. Dec. 20th	20	Weather still very wet and cold. Brigade <del>Group</del> Group reached its final destination in WALCOURT area., 17th Bn. are billeted in SILENRIEUX, 18th Bn., T.M.Bty., 5th. Field Amb., and Brigade H.Q. in WALCOURT, 20th Bn. at DAUSSOIS, 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. at MERTENNE and 2nd. A.M.G. Bn. at YVES GOMEZEE. Admin. Instructions for new area were issued to units.	12
do	21st		Weather cold but brighter. The Brigade Commander and A/Brigade Major visited 20th Bn. and 17th Bn., 17th Bn. were comfortable but 20th Bn. found DAUSSOIS in a very dirty condition, there being a case of foot and mouth disease. Personnel proceeded to Corps Workshops JEUMONT for course.	
do	22nd		Weather cold and raining. During the day inspection parades were held and the work of refitting and arranging units education matters was proceeded with.	
do	23rd		Raining and cold. Mr. G.H. BROWN lectured to 18th Bn. and T.M.Bty. in the morning and 5th. Field Ambulance in the afternoon on "A Tramp thro' Australia". 20th Bn. moved to PRY and CHASTRES into much more comfortable positions and billets. Forwarded lists of photographs of historical interest desired by Units of the Brigade. Green Diamond Concert Party opened at WALCOURT.	
do	24th		The day was fine and sunny and at night a little snow fell in the area. The Prince of Wales presented medals to over 40 other ranks of the Brigade. 18th and M.G.Bns. attended and afterwards marched past. The parade took place near VOGENEE and the day was fine and sunny. Word came through that Lieut. J. MAXWELL, M.C., D.C.M., 18th Bn. had been awarded the V.C.	13
do	25th		Xmas. day. Fine but cold. The Brigade Commander, Brigade Major and Staff Captain rode round all units to see how the troops were faring. Div. Commander called at Brigade Headquarters. Captain BARLOW, M.C, 20th Bn. reported to Corps Reinforcement Wing. Volunteer Church Parades held in the morning.	

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WALCOURT.	Dec. 1918. 26th		Raining slightly. Several educational memos. received and forwarded. Two War films received and shewn at Green Diamonds Cinema. Large numbers of civilians present. Complete pro formas showing numbers of men and subjects in which they desire instruction submitted to Division.	
do	27th		Wet and misty. A meeting of unit sports representatives was held at Brigade H.Q. and fixtures for football (Rugby, Soccer and Australian Rules) and Hockey were arranged. Competitions to commence on 1st January, 1919. Major MIDDLETON attended and several sports matters were discussed. Received map from Division showing the "Battle of 100 Days". First batch of Demobilisation Forms forwarded to Director General, Repatriation and Demobilisation.	15
do	28th		Fine at first but later raining. Forwarded applications to attend Surveyors' Courses in England. Unit Educational Reports were forwarded to Division. Received Notes on Div. Recreational Committee Meeting, and forwarded copies to Units. Personnel for attachment to 353 Electrical and Mechanical Company left today.	
do	29th		Raining slightly. One vacancy allotted this Brigade for Course in Caterpillar Tractor Driving - given to 18th Battalion. Church parades were held as usual.	
do	30th		Dull but fine. Personnel for Tank Corps Central Workshops, TENBUR left today. Forwarded return of officers who have not yet been invested by His Majesty the King. Nominations forwarded for Intensive French Courses at University du Travail, CHARLEROI.	







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5TH BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

DECEMBER 1918.



5<sup>th</sup> Bde Headquarters

Dec. 1918

Moves. On Dec 1<sup>st</sup> the Brigade Group was still stationed at Prisches. During the month the following moves took place.

On 17<sup>th</sup> to Avesnelles Area via Cartignes-Godin - southern portion of Avesnes

On 18<sup>th</sup> to Sivry via Felleries-Clairfays

On 19<sup>th</sup> to Barbenecon Area.

On 20<sup>th</sup> to Walcourt Area its final destination via Boussu-Silenrieux.

Locations. Locations for the various units comprising the Brigade Group for the month are shown as follows:

On 17<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> Am G Coy, 6 Am G Coy & 7<sup>th</sup> Am Coy were stationed at Flaumont.

Bde Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Battalions, 5<sup>th</sup> A L T M Bty, 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance 15<sup>th</sup> Coy AASC / 13<sup>th</sup> SAA sect were stationed at Avesnelles.

On 18<sup>th</sup> the whole of the Bde Group were stationed at Sivry.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Bde Headquarters & 20<sup>th</sup> Bn were at Solre St Gery, and 17<sup>th</sup> Bn were billeted at Renlies.

Places occupied by other units are not recorded in Bde Headquarters diary.

On 20<sup>th</sup> Bde Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> A L T M Bty, 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, & 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion were stationed at Walcourt.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion / 13<sup>th</sup> SAA sect, ~~13<sup>th</sup> SAA sect~~ were at Silenrieux.

15<sup>th</sup> AASC were at Mertennes while the 2<sup>nd</sup> Am G Bn was billeted at Yves-Gomezee.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn found it necessary to move to more comfortable billets at Puy & Chastres because those at Haussois where they had been billeted were found in a very dirty condition.



Training. ~~Training~~ Little attention was paid to actual training until the ~~end~~<sup>middle</sup> of the month when a syllabus was made out, the troops having settled down pending orders for a further move. (On 30<sup>th</sup> a memo was received. The following training consisted in Ceremonial drill Educational classes, Route marches recreational training & lectures.

General on Dec<sup>r</sup> while ~~the Bde was~~ at Prisches the Bde Group was inspected by His Majesty the King, The Prince of Wales & Prince Albert. For this inspection the Bde Group was formed up in a field off the main Maroilles - Ruesnes Rd. On the 24<sup>th</sup> the ~~Prince of Wales~~<sup>the Prince of Wales</sup> while the Bde was at Walcourt, presented medals as under.

M.S.Ms to. 782 Sgt J.R. Mackie 17<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1 Sgt J. Chapman  
 B.F. Dumer  
 18<sup>th</sup> Bn 340 Sgt E.A. Chisholm ~~18<sup>th</sup> Bn~~  
 424 Sgt E. Brockel 20<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 4447 Pte G. Hathaway 6<sup>th</sup> Lt M.B. G.

DCMs to. 2867 L/Cpl W.H. Kates 18<sup>th</sup> Bn, 5000 Sgt E.A. Chisholm, 659 Sgt C.A. Ross, 3631 L/Cpl G. Thomas, 6374 Cpl W. Macey 20<sup>th</sup> Bn.

MMs & Bars to. 5683 Sgt C.H. Piddington 20<sup>th</sup> Bn, 2876 Sgt C.O. Power 5<sup>th</sup> Ad Amb, 2435 Pte C. Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> Am G Bn.

MMs 270 Pte G.S. Lowe, 862 Sgt A. Gibbs, ~~2227~~  
 322 L/Cpl J.C. Clarke, 6241 Pte H.C. Murrell 17<sup>th</sup> Bn.

2285 Sgt J.J. Luck, 2360 Cpl J.S. Dixon  
 5360 Pte G. Mullaikin, 1887 Cpl R.V. Wild  
 1968 Dvr<sup>A.E.</sup> Metcalfe, 24 Pte P. Turley  
 2920 L/Cpl W. Benson, 3814 Pte W.H. Colless  
 2033 Pte H. Gow, 6537 Pte E. Dunkinson  
 3966 Pte 2A Wise 3844 Pte G. Faddy, 4644 Pte A. Speerin 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.

4744 Pte H.G. McKenzie 4695 Pte W.A. Hooper  
 100a Pte H.J. Dwyer, 6171 Pte C.C. Wilson, 991 Cpl C.J. Shuttlewood, 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. T.T.O



MMS No. 2892 Sgt S. G. Jeffes, 4383 T/Sgt H W Franks  
3842 T/Cpl H J. Frankland, 2928 Dvr  
R. E. Haywood 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance.  
289 Pte A J Phillips, 4286 Pte E H Taylor  
4410 Pte W. H. Coull, 531 Sgt D. J. Martin  
1247 Pte G. R. McCubbin, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. G. Bn.

Educational returns were made during  
the month, and arrangements were  
made for the despatch of the men to  
the various centres to take up studies &

work under the Education scheme.  
On 26<sup>th</sup> nominations were forwarded for intensive French  
courses at University du Bravaire, Charleroi.

Sports were held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and later  
while at Walcourt arrangements were  
for an elaborate sports programme <sup>& football competition</sup> for the  
following month.

The weather generally was wet, except  
for a few fine days although cold.

Leave was granted to places outside  
the Willethuy area, for the day only.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> The Green Diamond Concert party  
opened at Walcourt. On the 26<sup>th</sup> two war films  
were shown at the Green Diamond Cinema,  
where large numbers of ~~the~~ civilians  
were present.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> a memo was received from Div  
stating that no Australian troops were to be used  
for Garrison Duty in Germany & that the probable  
period in the Walcourt area would be 2½ months.

On 24<sup>th</sup> word was received that Lt J Maxwell  
M.C. D.C.M. was awarded the V.C.

Strength of Bde on 31<sup>st</sup> was Off. 143. ORS 1888.

Departures for month. 11 Off. 124 ORS.



## 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

The moves of the battalion and its location during the month, are shown under the heading of Bde Headquarters.

**Training.** Training was in accordance with syllabus laid down by Brigade.

**Subjects.** The Education syllabus comprised the following subjects Arithmetic Algebra French, shorthand, English Geography, Book Keeping Commercial Correspondence and Essay writing.

**Officers.** Rejoined from Hospital Lt. I. J. Sullivan, <sup>MC</sup> ~~WR~~.

McCourt, R. E. Massey MM, RN Pettit MC  
A. R. Booth

Rejoined from OC. B 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. W. D. Rabej D.C.M., L. Buhl.

Joined from Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. A. S. Stephenson.

Lt. Col. R. M. Sadler MC. returned from

England to the command of the Battalion

Departures. Lieut. L. Layton-Smith M.C., <sup>J. T. Toohy</sup> proceeded

to England for Demobilisation Duties.

Battalion Officers' Mess celebrated the Anniversary of the Victoria Cross by Lieut. J. Maxwell M.C. D.C.M. of the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Lieut. A. F. Gilbert was appointed a adjutant on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**General.** Christmas Day was happily spent the Battalion doing justice to a sumptuous spread.

While on the march special <sup>stress</sup> attention <sup>was laid on the importance</sup> was paid to a clean & neat appearance of all transport & personnel.

When at rest, either in or out of billets all ranks were ordered to pay particular attention to their appearance.

Rations were continuously short, and while at Silencieux meat, vegetables & fuel were obtained by purchase.

Transport animals were well housed & plenty of fodder was obtainable.

Strength of Battalion on 27<sup>th</sup> 44<sup>th</sup> 470 ORs



## 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Moves. Moves & locations are dealt with under Bde Headquarters heading.

Officers. Departures. Lieut H. Robson M.C. (Adjutant) left for Oxford for the continuation of his studies, being N.S.W. Rhodes Scholar for 1916.

Lt. C. J. Brossois to Div HQ for duties as <sup>adjutant</sup> ~~adjutant~~ in Walcourt town major. These duties were taken of by Lt. D. K. O'Sullivan MM on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lt Belcher relieved Lt O'Sullivan on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Rejoined. Capt C. H. Kaepfel M.C. from seconded list & took over duties as Adjutant.

Major S. A. Middleton reported from hospital & was attached to Div HQ.

Sports & Training. Training was carried out according to Brigade syllabus.

Inter company competitions were arranged & committees for Rugby, Soccer & Hockey were elected. £5.6.6 for the purchase of sporting material was obtained from the Regimental Funds.

Under the Education scheme a Battalion

Parliament was formed.

General. While on the march, <sup>to Walcourt on 18<sup>th</sup></sup> the Battalion was inspected by G.O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div. (Major Gen. C. Rosenthal) on 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Corps Commander (Lieut General Sir J. J. Salbot Hobbs K.C.B. V.D.) visited the Battalion. 1450 francs were donated by this unit towards the erection of a memorial of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div at Mont St Quentin.

Throughout the month rations were light - particularly vegetables. During the march to Walcourt rations were drawn from Avesnelles & Suvry. Assistance was given to the transport section by the supply of 6 men & 12 mules & ~~3~~ <sup>vehicles</sup> ~~substitutes~~ from Divisional S.A.A. section. Horses were comfortably stabled & fodder was plentiful.



General

~~but~~ but great difficulty was experienced in getting it (as also rations) to the Battalion owing to the railway being disorganised by the destructive work of delayed action mines set by the Germans.

At Walcourt seating accommodation was scanty, a vast quantity having been removed by the Germans. From a truck load of lumber which, <sup>the Germans</sup> had failed to remove, many forms & stables were made, by the Battalion pioneers.

The country through which the Battalion marched showed little sign of the German occupation, except for the exploded dump & munition train at Arneselles siding.

Shell holes were rare & the land was ~~undevastated~~ <sup>but</sup> a few houses in each village were gutted. These were burnt by the Germans in the 1914 advance. The country was most picturesque, being undulating, dotted with farms & crossed with hedges. The well lined roads presented a <sup>pleasant</sup> ~~pretty~~ aspect in spite of the inclement weather.

Award. Lt. J. Maxwell M.C. D.C.M. was awarded the r.c., for personal bravery, excellent judgement & aggressive decision, & for fine leadership in a most involved situation, during operations on the Beauvoir - Fonsomme line, on Oct 3. 1918.

Strength. Strength of Battalion on 31<sup>st</sup> 490 off & 715 O.P.s.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Moves. & Locations: The moves of the Battalion are shown in the Precis of the 5<sup>th</sup> Bde Headquarters Diary. Until 17<sup>th</sup> of this month the Battalion was stationed at Beaurépaire. Subsequent locations are recorded in Headquarters Diary.

Training & work. During the stay at Beaurépaire training consisted in close order drill route marches & recreational training. Educational classes were started under Lt W. Sanderson on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Salvaging was carried on in the area & all salvage was dumped at 5<sup>th</sup> Bde salvage dump at Prisches. For the remainder of the month training was carried out according to syllabus laid down by Brigade beginning on 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Officers.

#### Promotions.

2/Lt N.A. Smith	to be Lieutenant
" A.W. J. Owens	"
" J.H. McKenzie	"
" G.G. Richardson	"
K.E. Webb	"
F.A. Gilholme	"
J. Hainey	"
H. Barnes	"
P.C. Bennett	"
W.F. Paterson RSM	"

Arrivals. Lt W. Sanderson, from Hospital.

Departures Lt J.G. Vickers M.C. to Hospital

Lt C.C. Price Invalided to Australia

Secondings Lt L.C. Balmano, A.B. Keech  
to 5<sup>th</sup> T.B.

General. On 24<sup>th</sup> all men were issued with an express parcel from 20<sup>th</sup> Bn



comforts fund. Other gifts were received from Aust. Comfort fund & Overseas Club.

London. Wednesday was spent quietly at Pny. The Battalion Band rendered several programmes <sup>which were</sup> ~~of which~~ <sup>greatly appreciated by the civilian population</sup> ~~of which~~ were

On arrival at billets at Daussois, <sup>on 25<sup>th</sup></sup> accommodation was found to be most unsatisfactory & the village was in an insanitary condition.

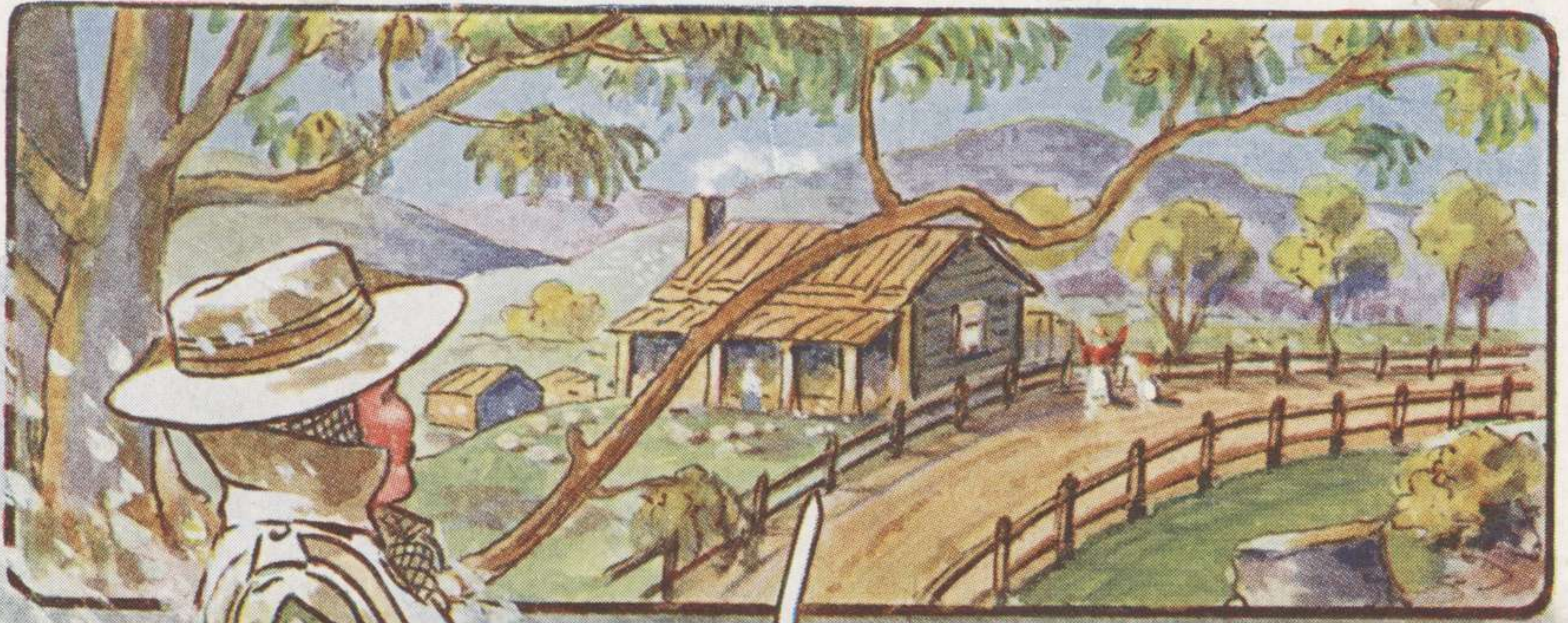
On the 25<sup>th</sup> the Battalion moved Pny & Kilos away, B Coy only being billeted in Charkes.

Despite the wet weather horses & mules stood the 4 days journey well. Good stabling was secured at each village for the stay overnight.

Owing to congestion of traffic rations were delivered irregularly particularly during the latter end of the month. There were serious shortages of vegetables, margarine & oatmeal, & during the latter half of the month there was no daily issue of fuel.

The general health of the men was good but odd cases of influenza, <sup>of which there was</sup> an outbreak of which occurred <sup>in</sup> during the beginning of the month, <sup>still</sup> occurred ~~during~~ the ~~month~~.

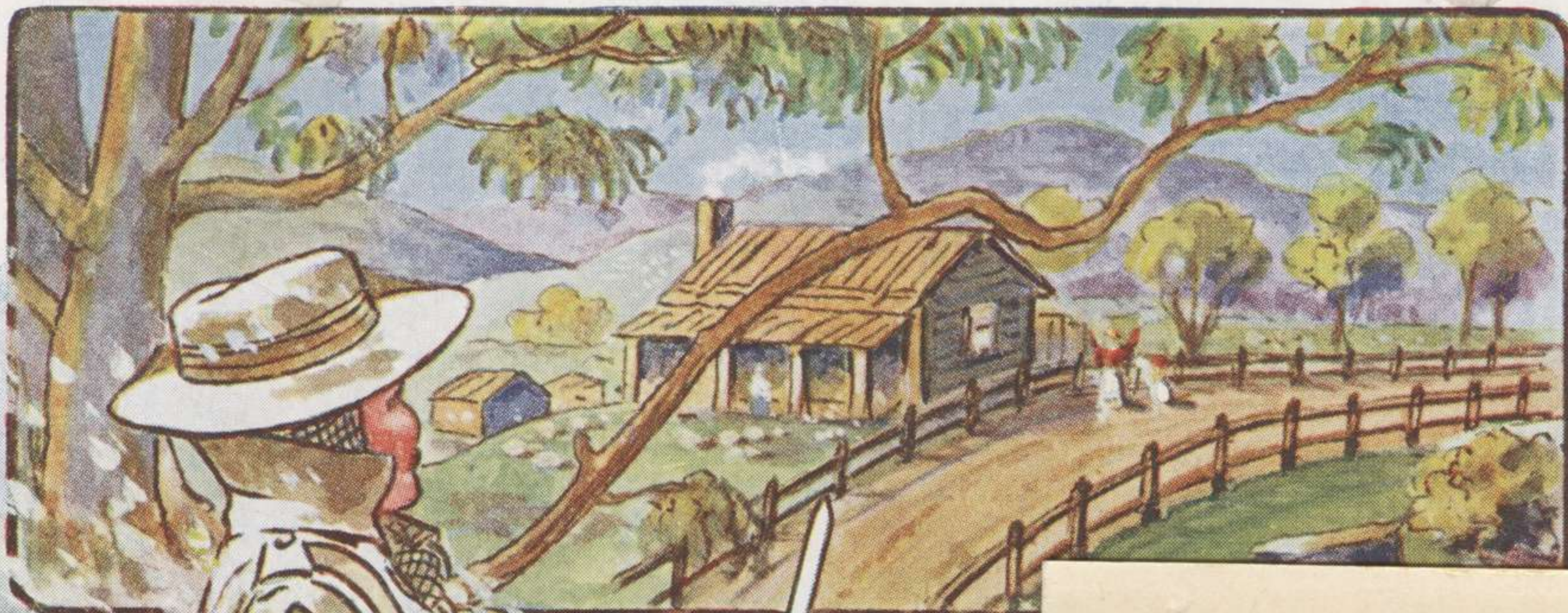




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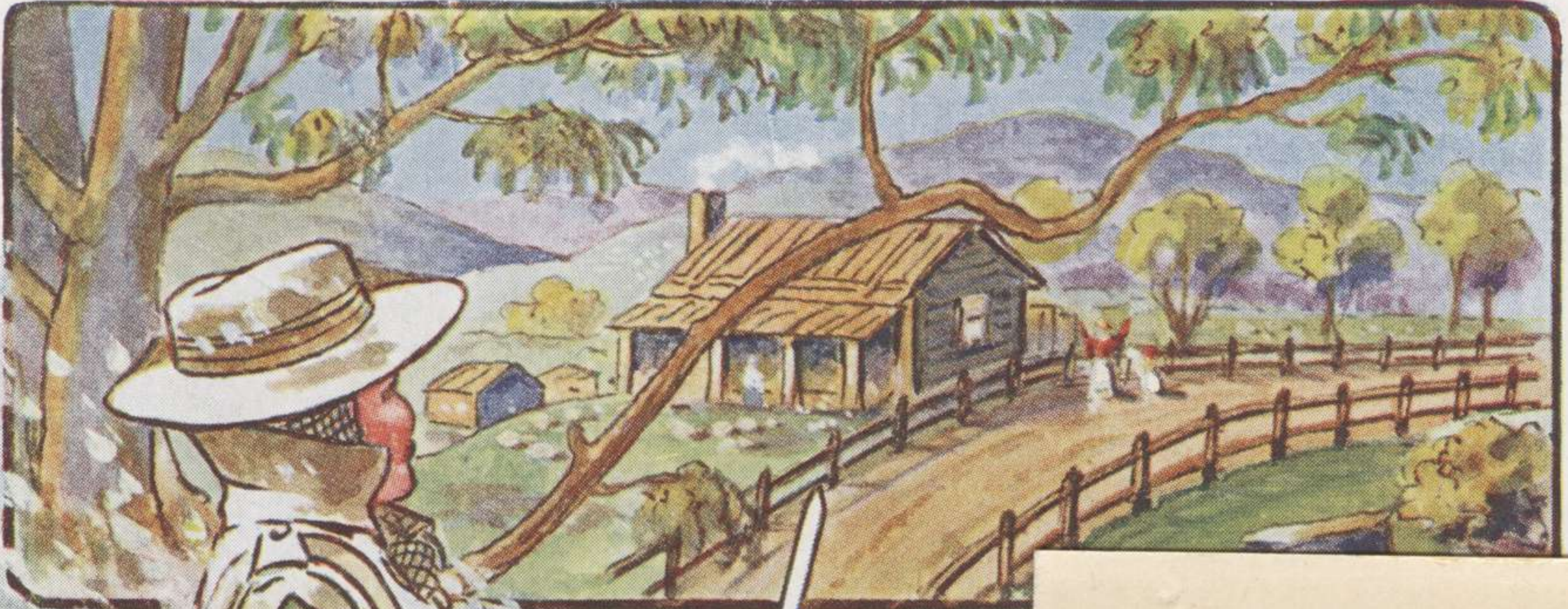
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**JANUARY.**

Sun.	-	5	12	19	26
Mon.	-	6	13	20	27
Tues.	-	7	14	21	28
Wed.	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs.	2	9	16	23	30
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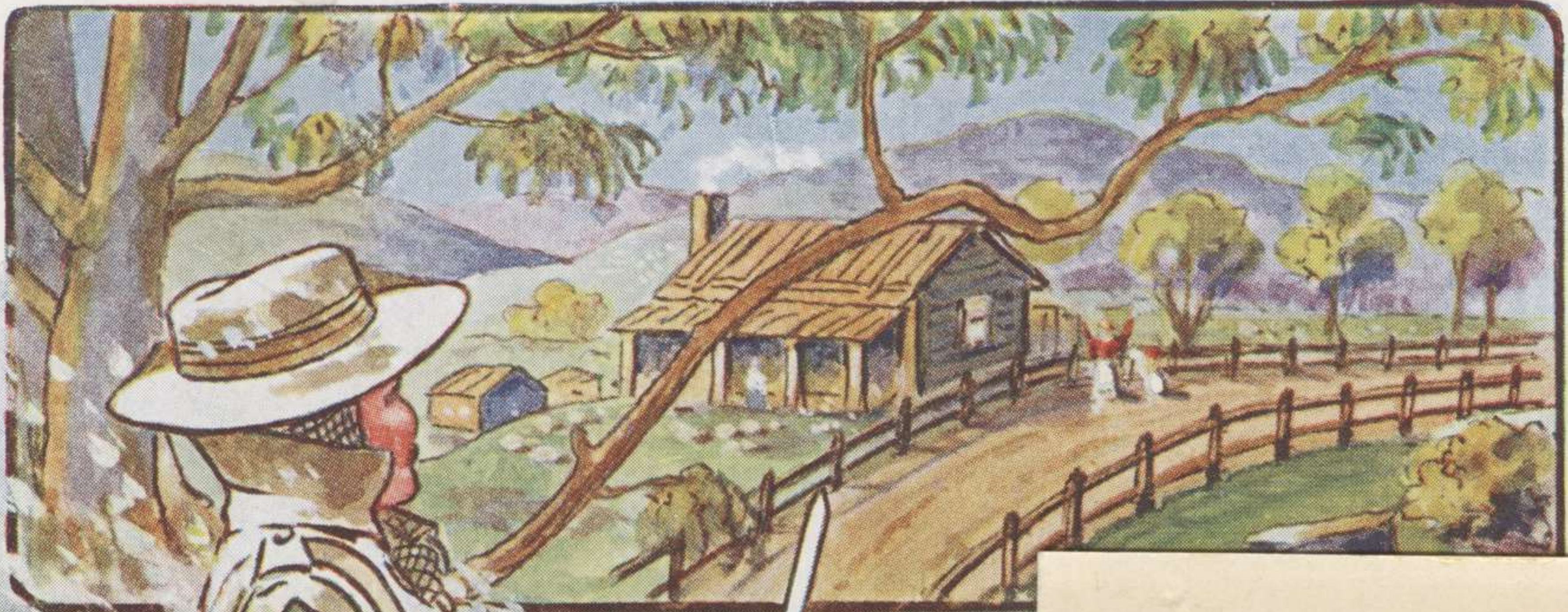


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**FEBRUARY.**

Sun.	-	2	9	16	23
Mon.	-	3	10	17	24
Tues.	-	4	11	18	25
Wed.	-	5	12	19	26
Thurs.	-	6	13	20	27
Fri.	-	7	14	21	28
Sat.		1	8	15	22 -





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**MARCH.**

Sun.	2	9	16	23	30
Mon.	3	10	17	24	31
Tues.	4	11	18	25	-
Wed.	5	12	19	26	-
Thurs.	6	13	20	27	-
Fri.	7	14	21	28	-
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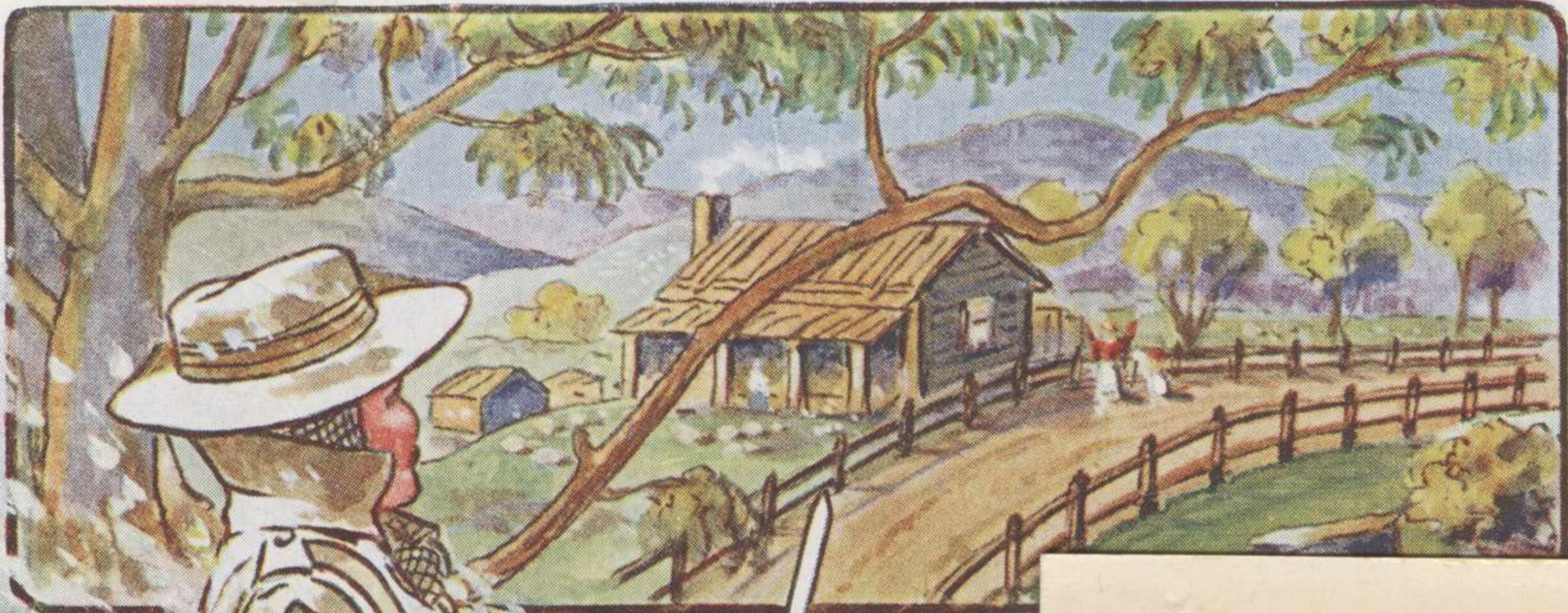


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**APRIL.**

Sun.	-	6	13	20	27
Mon.	-	7	14	21	28
Tues.	1	8	15	22	29
Wed.	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs.	3	10	17	24	-
Fri.	4	11	18	25	-
Sat.	5	12	19	26	-





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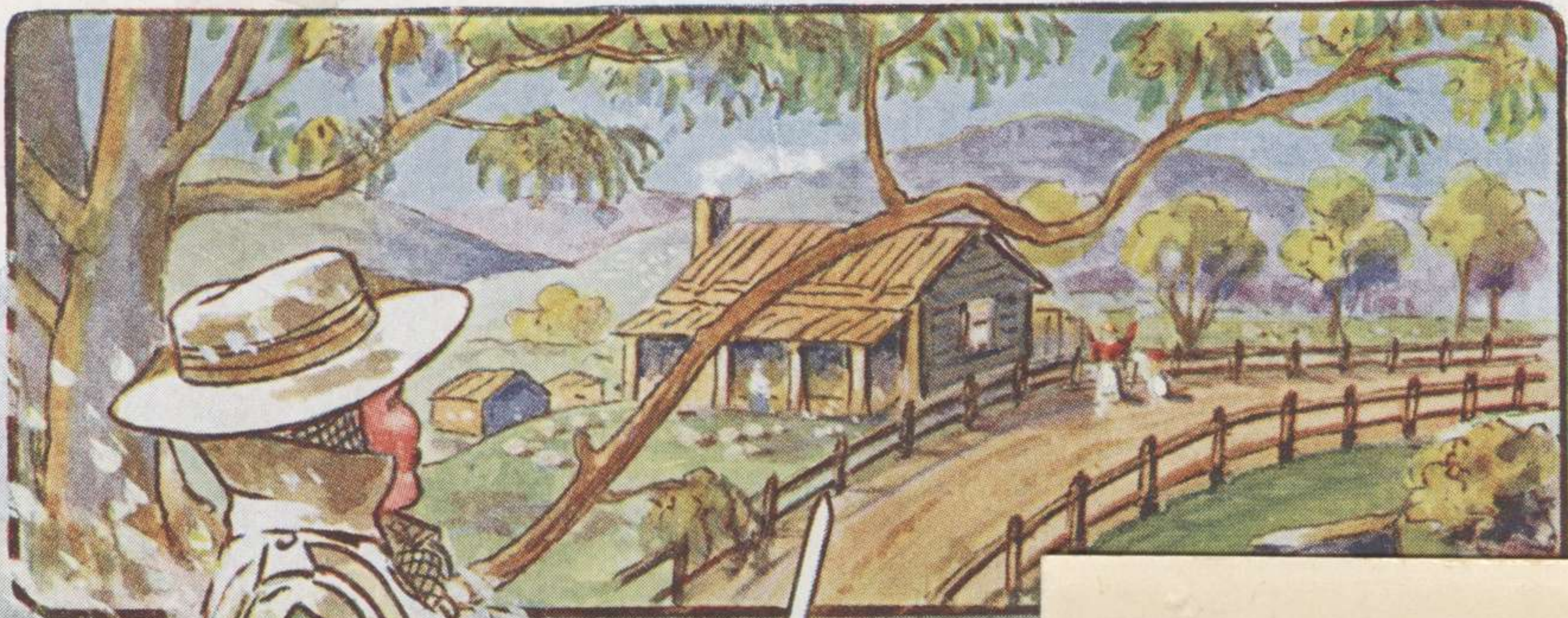



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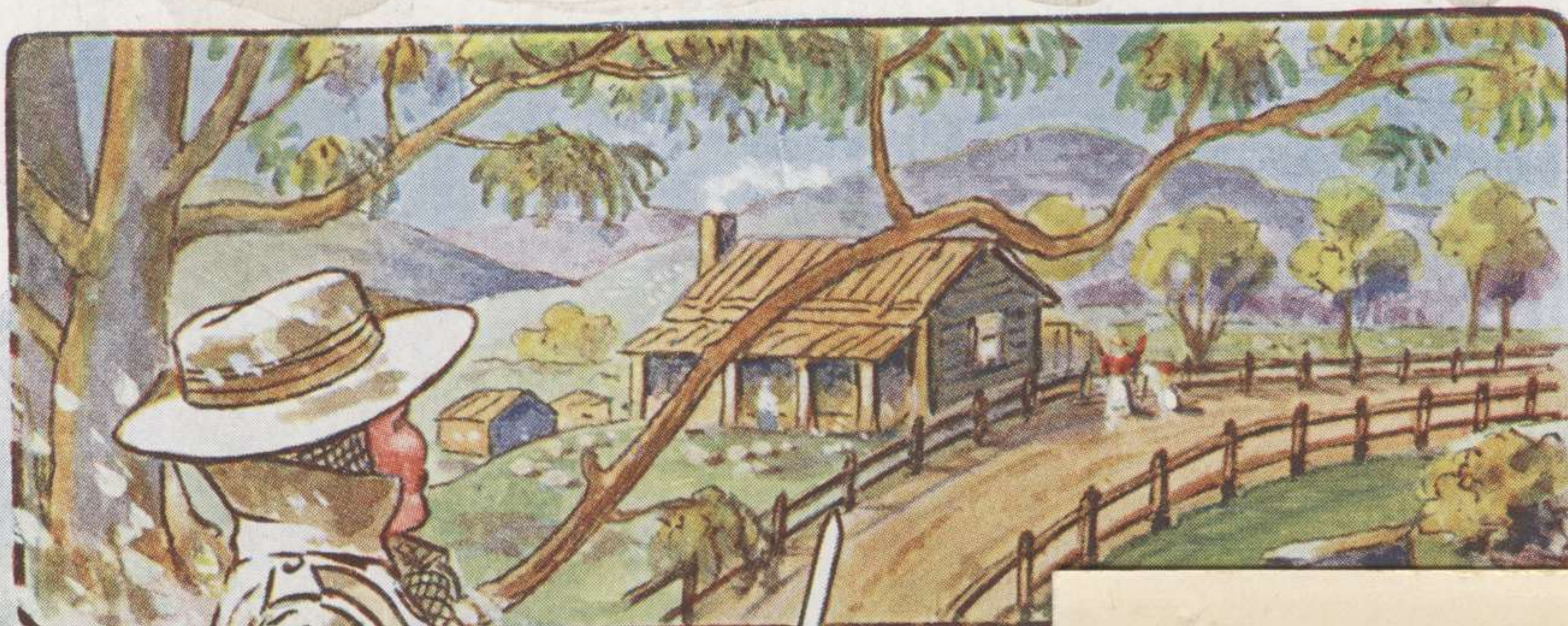
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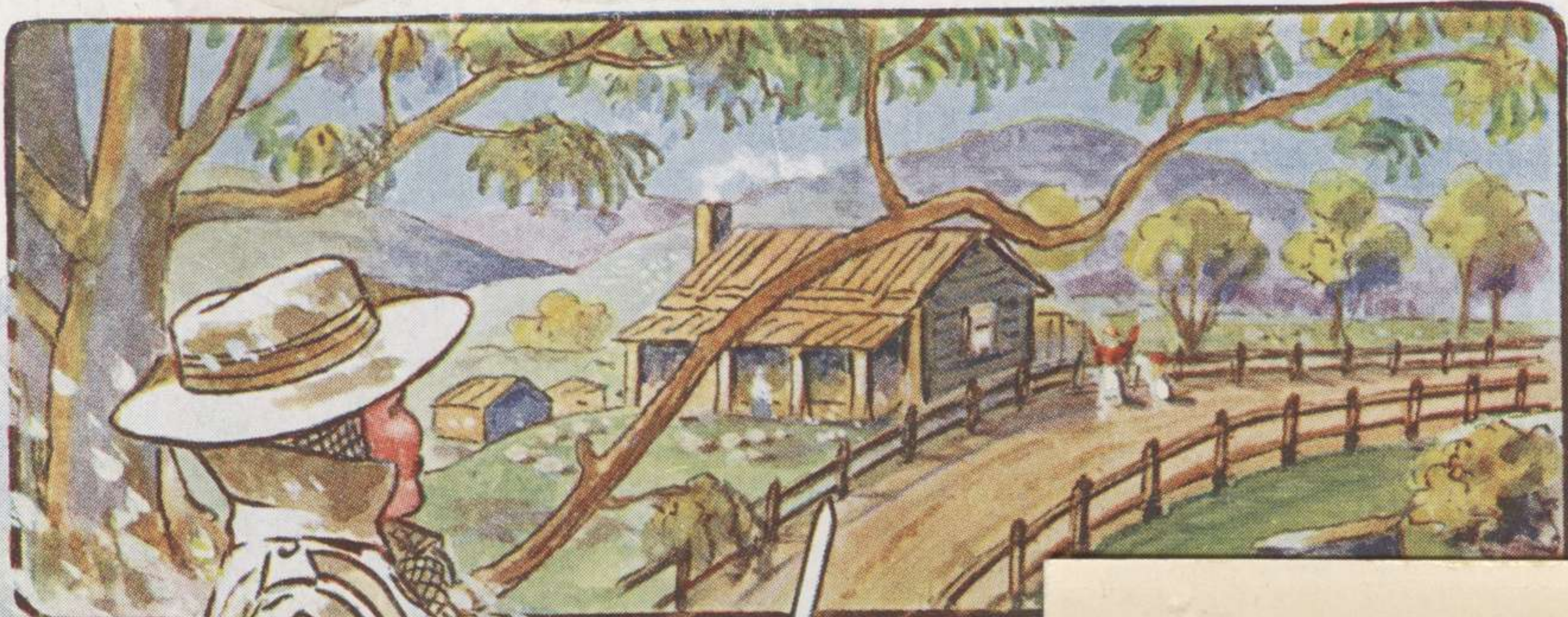
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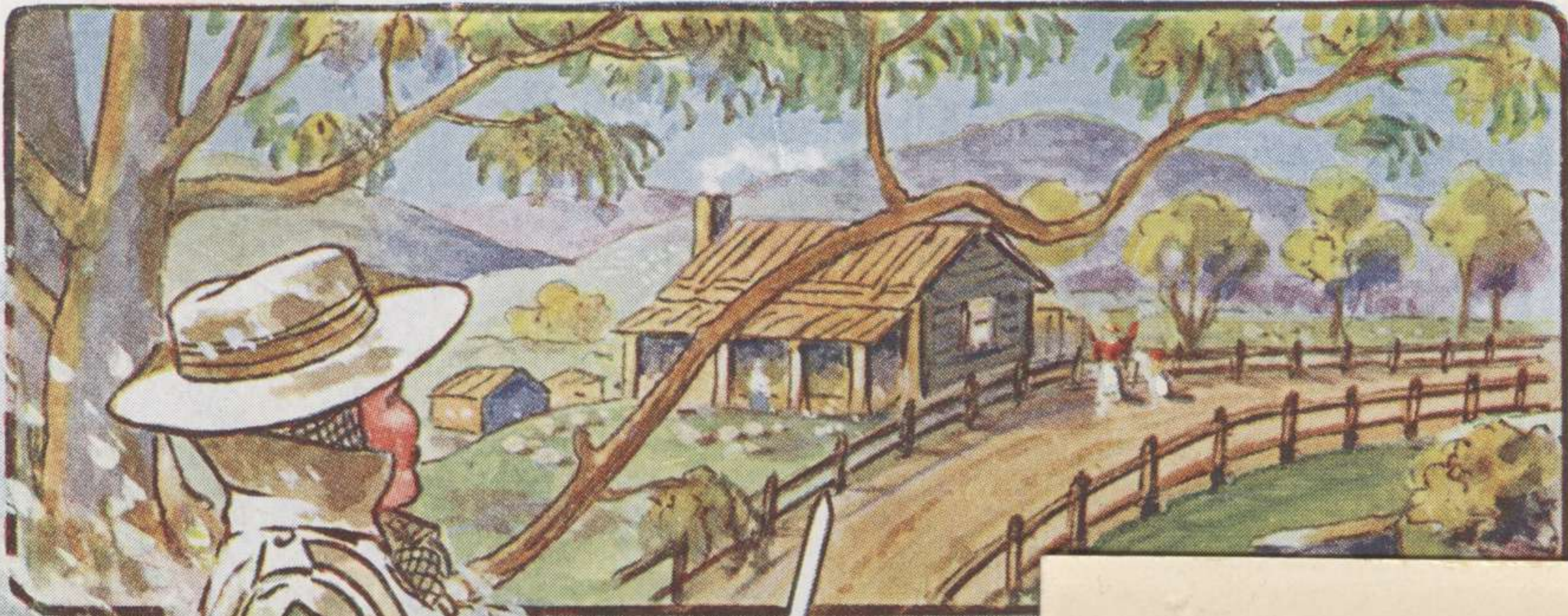
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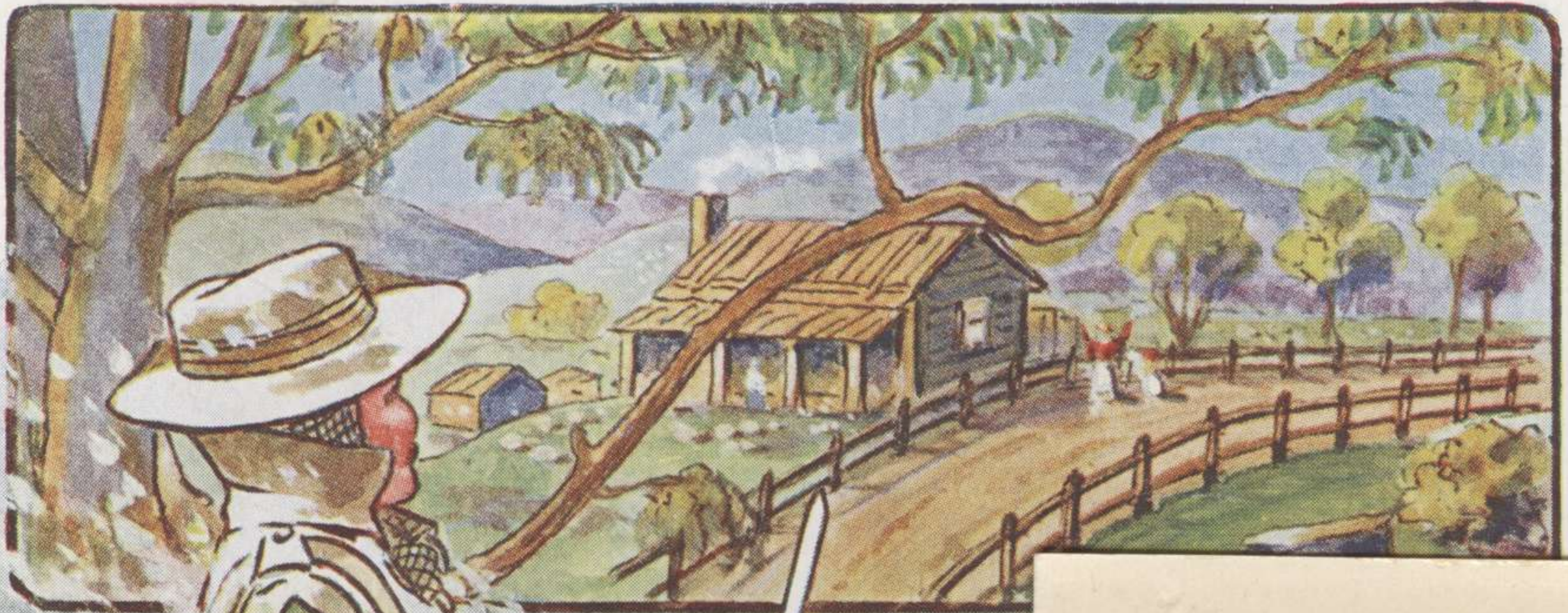


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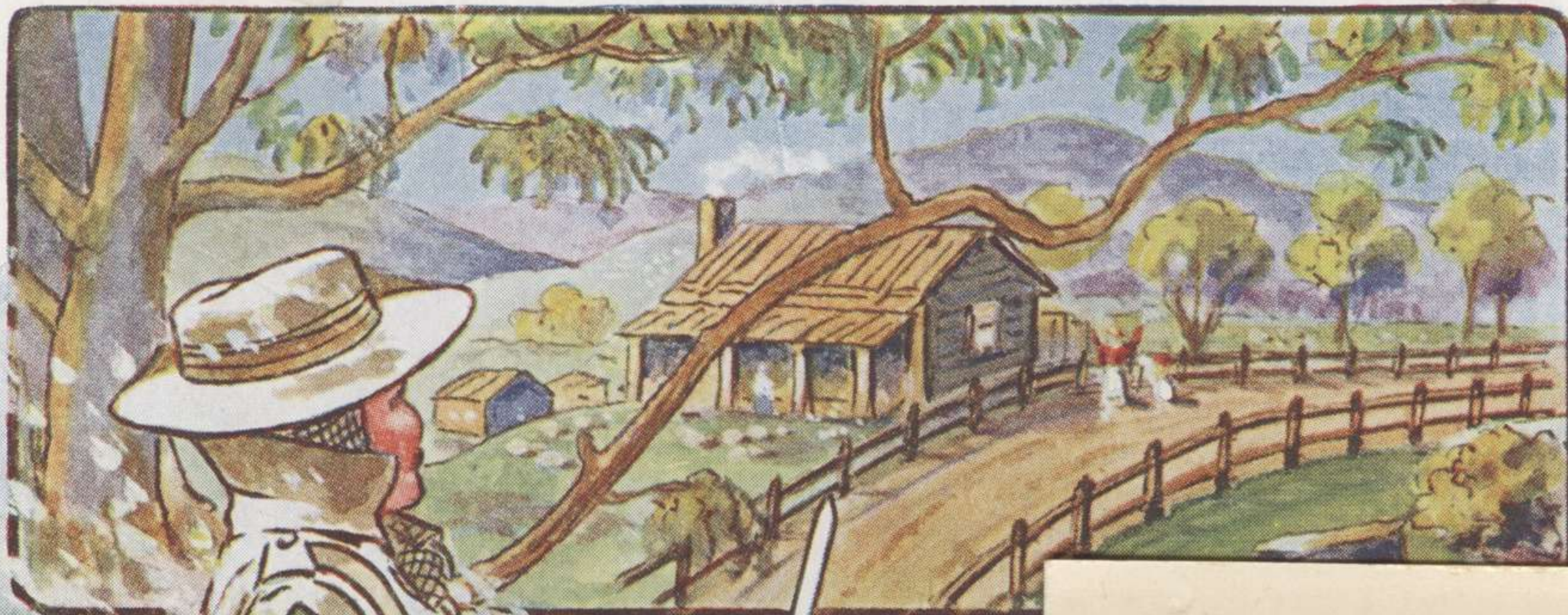
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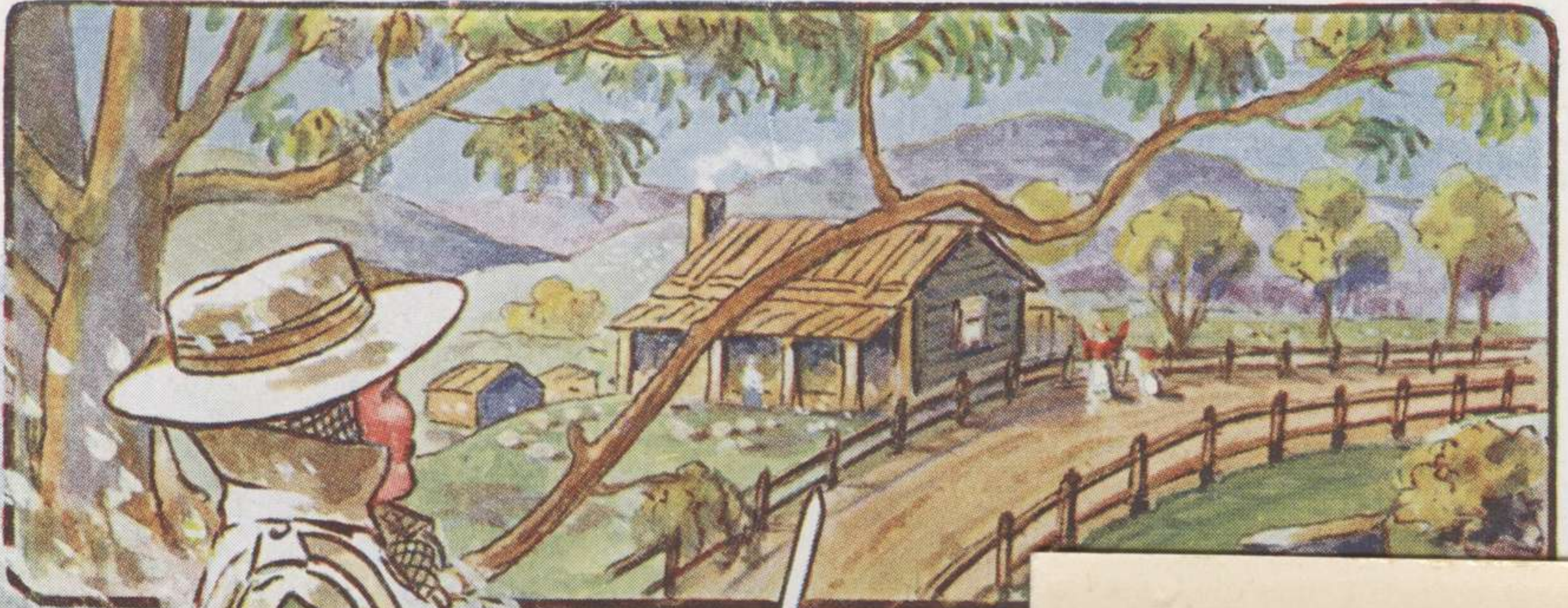


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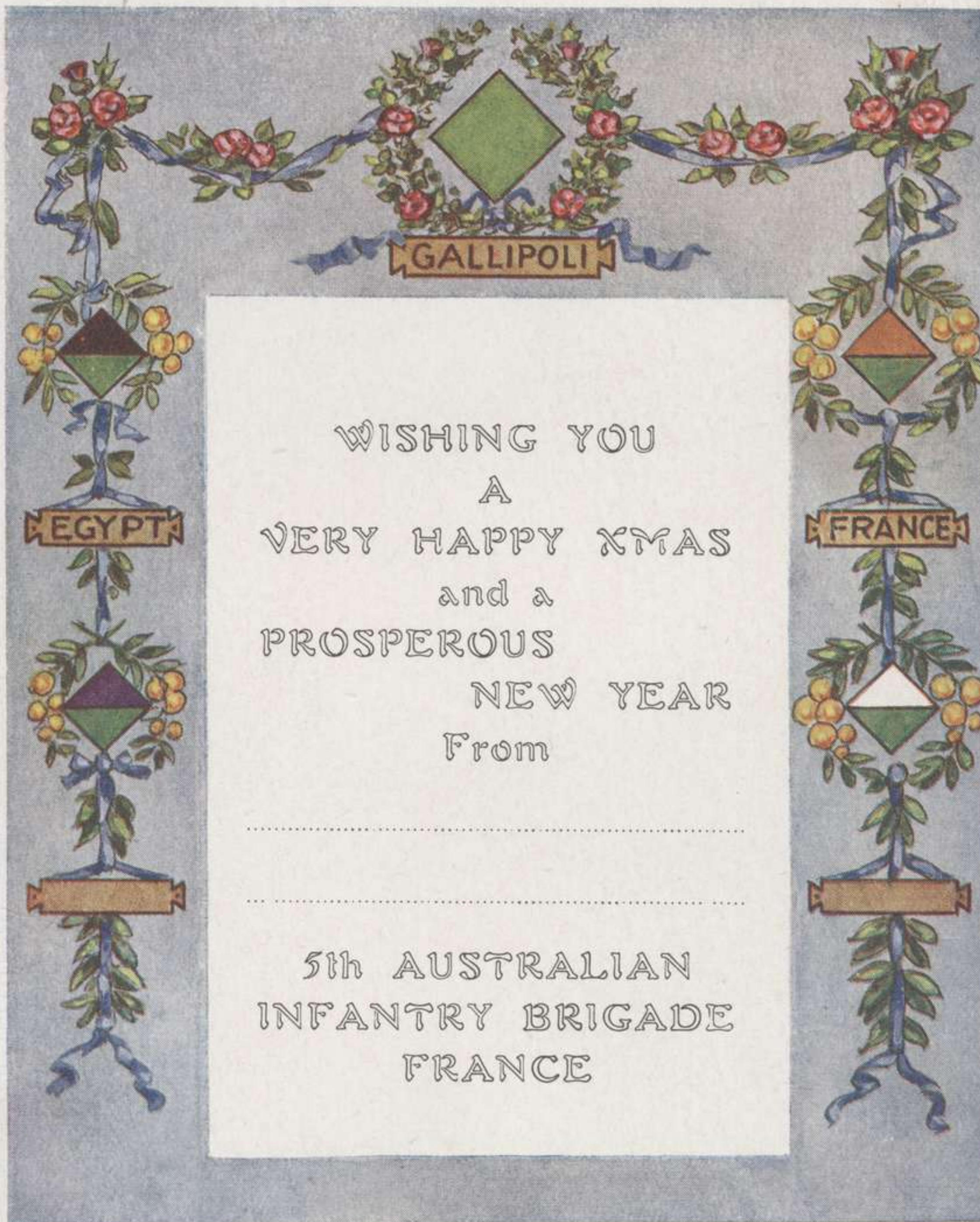
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MEDALS FOR PRESENTATION.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Award</u>
732	Sgt.	J.R. MACKIE	17th Bn.	M.S.M. ✓
270	Ptc.	G.S. LOWE	"	M.M.
332	Sgt.	A. GIBBS	"	M.M.
322	L/Cpl.	J.C. CLARKE	"	M.M.
6541	Ptc.	H.C. MURRELL	" (attd 2nd Div.H.Q.)	
2367	L/Cpl.	W.H. KATES	15th Bn.	M.M. D.C.M. ✓
2227	Sgt.	J.J. LUCK	"	M.M.
2360	Cpl.	J.S. DIXON	"	M.M.
5360	Ptc.	G. WILLIAMS	"	M.M.
1887	Cpl.	R.V. WILD	"	M.M.
1938	Dvr.	A.E. METCALFE	"	M.M.
24	Ptc.	P. FURLEY	"	M.M.
2020	L/Cpl.	W. BENSON	"	M.M.
3814	Ptc.	W.H. COLLESS	"	M.M.
2033	Ptc.	H. GOW	"	M.M.
6537	Ptc.	E. DUNKINSON	"	M.M.
3966	Ptc.	E.A. WISE	"	M.M.
3044	Ptc.	G. PADDY	"	M.M.
4644	Ptc.	A. SPEERIN	"	M.M.
1	Sgt.	J. CHAPMAN	"	M.S.M. ✓
340	Sgt.	B.J. TURNER	"	M.S.M. ✓
5000	Sgt.	E.A. CHISHOLM	20th Bn.	D.C.M.
659	Sgt.	O.A. ROSS	"	D.C.M.
3331	L/Cpl.	G. THOMAS	"	D.C.M.
6374	Cpl.	W.J. MAGEY	"	D.C.M.
424	Sgt.	E. BROCKETT	"	M.S.M. ✓
4744	Ptc.	H.G. McKENZIE	"	M.M.
4605	Ptc.	W.A. HOOPER	"	M.M.
5603	Sgt.	G.H. PIDDINGTON	"	M.M. & Bar. ✓
100a	Ptc.	H.J. DRYER	"	M.M.
8171	Ptc.	C.C. WILSON	"	M.M.
991	Cpl.	C.J. SHUTTLEWOOD	"	M.M.
4447	Ptc.	G. HATHAWAY	5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	M.S.M. ✓
2079	Sgt.	C.O. POWER	5th Field Arb.	Bar to M.M. ✓
2892	Sgt.	S.G. JEFFES	"	M.M.
4303	T/Sgt.	H.W. FRANKS	"	M.M.
2342	T/Cpl.	H.J. FRANKLAND	"	M.M.
2928	Dvb.	R.E. HAYWOOD	"	M.M.
289	Ptc.	A.J. PHILLIPS	2nd A.F.G. Bn.	M.M.
4280	Ptc.	E.H. TAYLOR	"	M.M.
4410	Ptc.	W.H. COULL	"	M.M.
331	Sgt.	D.G. MARTIN	"	M.M.
1247	Ptc.	G.R. McCURBIN	"	M.M.
2435	Ptc.	C. WOOD	"	M.M. & Bar. ✓



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6th December 1918.Instructions No. 5

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	8/146
Date	

1. Para 2 of Instructions No. 4 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

The composition and locations in the new area of the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will be as under :-

Brigade H.Q.	}	...	WALCOURT
5th Field Amb.			
18th Battalion			
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.)			
17th Battalion	}	...	SILENRIEUX
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
1/3rd Section, D.A.C.)			
20th Battalion	...	DAUSSOIS	
2nd A.M.G. Bn.	...	YVES-GOMEZEE	

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. Chapman*  
Major,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5th Field Amb.  
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1/3rd SAA Sect. D.A.C.

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2nd Aust. Division  
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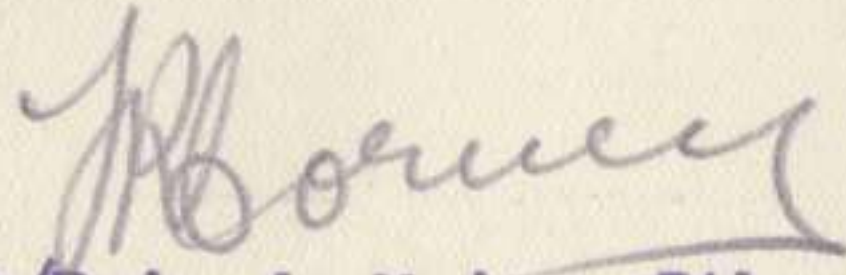
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Captain,  
A/Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



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17th, 18th, 20th Bns.,  
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 5th Field Coy. A.E.  
 15th A.A.S.C.  
 SAA. Section, D.A.C.  
 Bde. Signal Officer  
 Lieut. LITTLE, MC.MM.  
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Headquarters 5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.
No. 8/147
Date.

It is not expected that the move will commence  
 before 16th instant.

*Eric Spina* Major,  
 Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

C.R.A. *bandicary* Headquarters,  
 C.R.E. 4th December 1918.  
 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.  
 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 6th do  
 7th do  
 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn A.D.M.S. Camp Commandant  
 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn. 2nd Aust. Mob. Vet Section  
 2nd Aust. Div. Train 2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.

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In connection with the operations of the 2nd Aust. Division from 8th August 1918 at VILLERS BRETONNEUX, to 4th September at MONT ST. QUENTIN, I feel some effort should be made to ensure the erection of a lasting memorial at MONT ST. QUENTIN worthy of the exploits referred to and of the troops that took part.

While recently in England I conferred with the leading Australian Sculptor and obtained sketch model and estimate for such a memorial. The cost will run into a £1,000. Today I have met the Generals of the Division and discussed the matter fully with them. They agree with my suggestions and a Committee has been formed consisting of the Infantry Brigadiers, C.R.A., C.R.E., A.D.M.S., O.C. M.G. Battalion, O.C. Pioneers, O.C. Train, with myself to arrange the necessary details.

A site 100 feet square on MONT ST. QUENTIN has been given to us by the Mayor and Council of MONT ST. QUENTIN. It is desired that every member of the 2nd Aust. Division shall contribute in defraying the necessary expenses and I am sure all ranks will deem it not only a pleasure but a privilege to be intimately associated with the erection of a memorial which in addition to commemorating the battles referred to will also be a lasting recognition of the valor of those who laid down their lives in this fighting. It is proposed that the minimum subscriptions be as follows :-

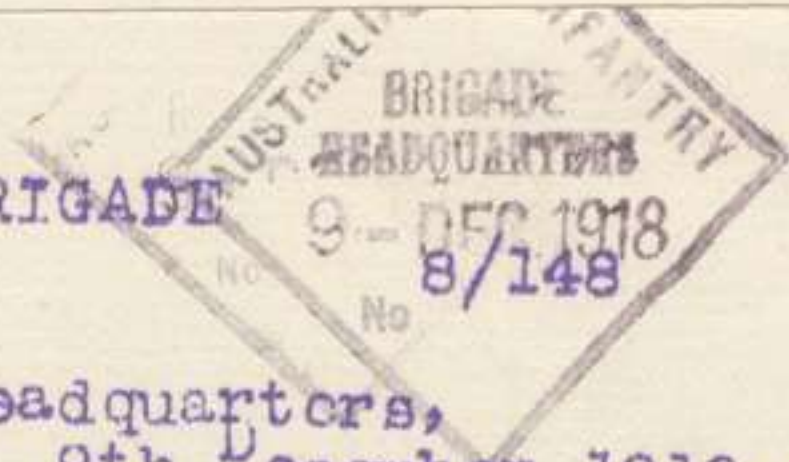
Generals	...	100	Francs
Lieut-Cols.	...	50	"
Majors Capts. & Subalterns	...	10	"
W.O's. and Sgts.	...	5	"
Rank and file	...	2	"

I shall be glad therefore if the members of the Committee and Commanding Officers will call a Meeting of the Officers N.C.Os. and representative men of their commands and lay this matter fully before them with a view to at once collecting the necessary money and depositing it in trust till the monument is ready for erection. I am sure there will be a ready response from all ranks.

(sgd) Charles ROSENTHAL,  
 Major General,  
Commanding Second Australian Division.



6/25/18  
 FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE



Headquarters,  
 9th December 1918.

2nd Australian Division.

After a reconnaissance of the area allotted to this Brigade Group, the following is the proposed routes and billeting arrangements for the stages during the next moves :-

Stage	Route	Billeting
1st	Via CARTIGNIES	M.G. Bn. in FAAUMONT Remainder of group in AVESNELLES.
2nd	Via FELLERIES & CLAIRFAYTS	All Group in SIVRY
3rd	Via SIVRY Station. 17th Bn. and T.M.Bty. to move to RENLIES. Remainder to SOLRE - St.GERY, & BARBENCON.	Bde.H.Q., 15th Coy. AASC., & M.G. Bn. BARBENCON.  18th Bn., 20th Bn., 5th Fld. Amb. and 1/3rd Section, D.A.C. in SOLRE St.GERY.  17th Bn. & T.M.Bty. in RENLIES.
4th	Via Main road to SILENRIEUX.	To WALCOURT AREA.

*W. G. ...*  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 T/Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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 1/3rd Sect. D.A.C.  
 5th Field Ambulance  
 Staff Captain,  
 Lieut. BANFIELD, 20th Bn



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DIVISIONAL SPORTS MEETING

12.12.18.

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Under instructions from the Acting Brigadier, Lieut.-Col. F.W.D. FORBES, D.S.O., and by selection of the Brigade Sports Committee, I attended the above meeting at Div. H.Q.

The Chairman, Major, S.A. MIDDLETON, 2nd. Div. Rep. on Corps, explained the reasons for the meeting which briefly were as follows:-

GENERAL - The Australian Corps, through the recently appointed Officer i/c Recreational Training - Lt.-Col. MASSIE - intended in the near future to launch a Sports Programme, complete in every detail, consideration being given to Companies as well as to the intermediary formations to Divisions.

Upon the completion of inter-company competitions, battalions, then brigades, divisions and so on will compete, culminating in Army contests.

The Divisional Meeting was to give its representative suggestions for the Corps Meeting tomorrow, so that the Corps Representatives to the Army Committee on the next day would have the benefit of suggestions from all formations.

SPORTS - The Meeting agreed upon the following sports :-

(a)

Army Championships -

- 1 Boxing - Weights as per - S.S. 137
- 2 Wrestling " " "
- 3 Rugby - Formations yet to be decided whether Division or Corps Teams.
- 4 Soccer - do do
- 5 Hockey - do do
- 6 Woodchopping.
- 7 All athletic events.

(b)

Corps Championships -

- 1 Australian Rules Football.
- 2 Lacrosse.

OLYMPIC GAMES IN PARIS -

The Chairman stated that there was a probability of a mammoth games in PARIS.

The Meeting decided that its representative would advocate the representation of the A.I.F. direct to the games and not through the 4th Army.

RUGBY FOOTBALL IN PARIS -

Corps had confirmed a fixture - FRANCE v. AUSTRALIA - to be held in PARIS on 19th January, 1919. The Div. Rep. had received several instructions in regard to this fixture, the last of which was that Corps required by 15th instant the names of the best 15 players in each Division. It is of course impossible to do this, but it was agreed that each Brigade Rep. forward by wire tomorrow to Div. Rep. the names of first class players, giving rank, name, unit and position on the field and approximate weight. Though not altogether a satisfactory procedure it is the best offering, as it is the intention of Corps to put 15 players from each Division into immediate training, a Corps team being selected therefrom, to proceed to PARIS on 15th January, 1919.

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CHAMPIONS -

Though the policy is not to provide only for champions, still it is necessary to know our champions so that, should the A.I.F. be entered for any international gathering - the task of selection will be simplified by having a knowledge of our best performers. Accordingly each Brigade is called upon to supply as soon as possible names of any first class exponents of the following sports :-

- (a) Swimming.
- (b) Rowing.
- (c) Tennis.

Please let me have names as soon as possible, giving if possible a short history of the career of each man.

The next meeting of the Divisional Committee will be held when the Div. Rep. returns from the Meeting of the 4th Army Sports Committee, of which body he is a member.

*Robson*

12/12/18.

2nd/Licut.  
5th.A.I.Bde. Representative.

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- Major J.A. CHAPMAN.
- Lieut. MIMLER 17th Bn.
- Lieut. ELKINGTON 20th Bn.
- Lieut. WALSH 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
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5th AUSTRALIAN  
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HEADQUARTERS.

SECRET

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 228.

No. *22*

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Reference Maps -  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
14th December, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will move from present area to the WALCOURT area between the 17th. and 20th December, 1918, in accordance with the Tables "A", "B", "C" and "D" attached.  
(b) For the purpose of the move the Brigade Group will be as shown in Instructions No. 5.
2. The 6th and 7th Aust. M.G. Coys. will join the Brigade group in FLAUMONT on 17th (See March Table).

3. The 5th Field Coy. A.E. will move to AVESNELLES on 16th instant. Billets to be cleared by 0930. An Officer will be sent ahead to arrange billeting. Further orders for continuation of march on 17th instant are being issued by 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.

4. Stragglers' party will be detailed as under :-

<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
17th	1 Off. 20 O.R.	20th Bn	To move behind Serial No. 8
18th	do	17th Bn	do do
19th	do	18th Bn	To move behind Serial No. 7 17th Bn. to arrange for its own party.
20th	do	18th Bn	To move behind Serial No. 4
20th	do	17th Bn	To move behind Serial No. 8 20th Bn. and A.M.G. Bn. will arrange for their own parties after leaving the column.

5. O.C. Brigade Signal Section will arrange to synchronise time at 1800 on the day prior to each march.

6. Administrative Instructions are being issued by the Staff Captain.

7. Location of Brigade Headquarters during march :-

<u>Bde.H.Q. will close at</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reopens on arrival at -</u>
PRISCHES	0830	17th	AVESNELLES
AVESNELLES	0815	18th	SIVRY (Main Square)
SIVRY	0845	19th	BARBENCON (Chateau)
BARBENCON	0830	20th	WALCOURT

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Neil Chapman* Major,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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- 5 O.C. Bde. Signal Section
- 6 2nd A.M.G. Bn
- 7 6th A.M.G.Coy. (c/o 6th A.I.Bde.)
- 8 7th A.M.G.Coy. (c/o 7th A.I.Bde.)
- 9 5th Field Ambulance
- 10 5th Field Coy. A.E.
- 11 15th Coy. A.A.S.C.
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at 1800 on the day prior to each match.

O.C. Brigade Signal Section will arrange to synchronize time

Administrative instructions are being issued by the Staff

Location of Brigade Headquarters during match to

Program	Date	Time	Bde. S.C. will close at
WALCOURT	17th	0830	
HARRISON (Chaparral)	18th	0815	
HARRISON (Chaparral)	19th	0845	
WALCOURT	20th	0830	

Major

Brigade Major, 50th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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MARCH TABLE "A" To accompany Brigade Order No. 113

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time of passing S.P.	Route	To.	Remarks	
1	17th	Bdo. Headquarters	Cross Roads where Road from BEAURE-PAIRE meets Road PRISCHES - CARTIGNIES	0920	CARTIGNIES - GODIN - Southern portion of AVESNES.	AVESNELLES		
2	17th	M.G. Bn. (less 6th and 7th Coys)	do	0924	do	FLAUMONT	The following distances will be maintained on the march throughout the four stages :-	
3	17th	18th Battalion	do	0937	do	AVESNELLES		
4	17th	17th Battalion	do	1000	do	do		Between Units ... 200 yds
5	17th	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	do	1012	do	do		" Coys. ... 100 yds
6	17th	20th Battalion	do	1015	do	do	of 6 Vehicles ... 25 yds	
7	17th	5th Field Amb.	do	1028	do	do		
8	17th	1/3rd SAA. Sect.	do	1033	do	do		
9	17th	18th Coy. AASC.	do	1037	do	do		
10	17th	6th A.M.G. Coy.				FLAUMONT	Moving with 6th A.I. Bde. Group to FLAUMONT.	
11	17th	7th A.M.G. Coy.	Fork roads South of <u>E</u> in CARTIGNIES	1002		FLAUMONT	7th A.M.G. Coy. will join in, in rear of 5th and 22nd M.G. Coys. at forked roads and come under the command of C.O. 2nd A.M.G. Bn.	

Note - Until 7th A.M.G. Coy. join the column there will be a distance of 600 yards between Serials Nos. 1 and 2.



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MARCH TABLE "B" To accompany Brigade Order No. 228

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time of passing S.P.	Route	To	Remarks
1	18th Decr.	2nd A.M.G. Bn.	Where Rau de BAUVRE crosses road from FLAUMONT to FELLERIES North of <u>A</u> in FLAUMONT	0902	FELLERIES - CLAIRFAYS	SIVRY	Owing to narrow roads from AVESNELLES to FLAUMONT it is important that all units (except M.G. Bn) should march out from the former place in the correct order of march.  The Group will halt for lunch from 1150 to 1500.
2	do	Bdo. Headquarters	do	0918	do	do	
3	do	5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	do	0922	do	do	
4	do	17th Bn	do	0925	do	do	
5	do	18th Bn	do	0937	do	do	
6	do	20th Bn	do	1000	do	do	
7	do	5th Field Amb.	do	1013	do	do	
8	do	1/3rd SAA. Sect.	do	1018	do	do	
9	do	15th A.A.S.C.	do	1022	do	do	



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TABLE "C" - To accompany Brigade Order No. 228

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time of passing	Route	To	Remarks
1	19th Decr.	M.G. Battalion	500 yds. E. along main SIVRY-SIVRY St. Road from point where this road is met by the road from GRAND-RIEU to SIVRY.	0914	Through Bois do MARTINSORT to main road near SIVRY st. along main road LORROIR - SOLRE St.GERY - BARBENCON	BARBENCON	
2	do	Bdo. Headquarters	do	0930	do	do	
3	do	5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	do	0934	do	do	
4	do	20th Battalion	do	0937	do	SOLRE St.GERY	
5	do	18th Battalion	do	1000	do	do	
6	do	5th Field Amb.	do	1013	do	do	
7	do	1/3rd SAA. Sect.	do	1018	do	do	
8	do	15th A.A.S.C.	do	1022	do	BARBENCON	
9	do	17th Battalion	do	1028	See Remarks	RENLIES	17th Bn. leaves the column near SIVRY St. and proceeds direct to RENLIES.



MARCH TABLE "D" - To accompany Brigade Order No. 228

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time of passing S.P.	Route	To	Remarks
1	20th Decr.	2nd A.M.G. Bn.	Road junction N.W. of BARBENCON where road running through 3 of 38 meets Main road	0900	Main road BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX. Column will divide at SILENRIEUX. Serials Nos. 1 to 5 (incl) moving north to WALCOURT.	YVES-GOMEZEE	M.G.Bn. from WALCOURT will proceed to YVES GOMEZEE via VOGENE & will halt from 1250 to 1400 for lunch.
2	do	Bde. Headquarters	do	0916	do	WALCOURT	
3	do	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	do	0920	do	do	
4	do	18th Battalion	do	0923	do	do	
5	do	5th Field Amb.	do	0936	do	do	
6	do	20th Battalion	do	0941	do	DAUSSOIS	
7	do	17th Battalion	do	1004	do	SILENRIEUX	
8	do	1/3rd SAA. Sect.	do	1016	do	do	
9	do	15th A.A.S.C.	do	1020	do	MERTENNE	



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

Date	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1100	1100 - 1200	1400 - 1600	1800 - 1000
December 29th	CHURCH PARADES				
30th	Route March	-	Drill Order	Recreational Training	Lectures.
31st	Coronational Drill		Educational Classes	Recreational Training	Lectures.
January 1st	Holiday				Football Matches.
2nd	Inspection Parade		Educational Classes	Recreational Training	Lectures.
3rd	Coronational Drill		Educational Classes	Recreational Training	Lectures.
4th	Route March	-	Drill Order		Football Matches.
5th	CHURCH PARADES				
6th	Route March	-	Drill Order	Recreational Training	Lectures.
7th	Coronational Drill		Educational Classes	Recreational Training	Lectures.
8th	Holiday				Football Matches.
9th	Inspection Parade		Educational Classes	Recreational Training	Lectures.
10th	Coronational Drill		Educational Classes	Recreational Training	Lectures.
11th	Route March	-	Drill Order		Football Matches.

A 400 yards rifle range is available at WALCOURT for 18th. and 20th Bns. for inter-company competitions.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Headquarters,  
10th December 1918.

17th, 18th, 20th Bns  
2nd Aust. M.G. Bn. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
5th Field Ambulance  
5th Field Coy. A.E.  
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
1/3rd Section, D.A.C.  
O.C. Bde. Sig. Section  
Lieut. LITTLE, MC.MM.  
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5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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Chaplain CLUNE, M.C., will lecture to all ranks of the Brigade Group in the Church, PRISCHES, at 1000 on the dates set out hereunder. Every available man will attend.

The Lecture will deal with Repatriation and Demobilization.

- 11th instant - 17th Bn., 5th Fld. Amb., Bde.H.Q. and Signal Section.
- 12th instant - 18th Bn., 5th Field Coy. A.E.
- 13th instant - M.G.Bn.H.Q. and 2 Coys., 15th A.A.S.C., 1/3rd SAA Sect.DA.C., 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 14th instant - 20th Bn. (to be delivered at BEAUREPAIRE).

*John Chapman* Major,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Headquarters,  
11th December 1918.

REF	IGADE,
NO.	54/75
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17th, 18th, 20th Bns.,  
5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
5th Field Ambulance  
5th Field Coy. A.E.  
2nd A.M.G. Bn.  
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The Divisional Commander is anxious to obtain uniformity as regards transport throughout the whole Division in the forthcoming ~~marches~~ <sup>marches</sup> to the new area, and in order to arrive at a decision, will inspect tomorrow morning at 1000, the following vehicles of the Group :-

- Limber
- Water Cart
- Mess Cart
- G.S. Wagon
- Cooker
- Technical Cart
- Horse Ambulance
- Pack Animal.

The above vehicles are to be packed EXACTLY AS THEY WILL TAKE THE ROAD, Horse nose-bags and haynets complete.

For this inspection units will supply vehicles as under :-

17th Battalion	...	1 Limber, 1 Water Cart
20th Battalion	...	1 G.S. Wagon, and 1 Pack Animal
18th Battalion	...	1 Mess Cart, 1 Cooker
5th Field Ambulance	...	1 Horse Ambulance
5th Field Coy.	...	1 Technical Vehicle
2nd A.M.G. Bn.	...	1 Limber

Commanding Officers and Transport Officers will attend.

All vehicles to be assembled by 0950 in Field in rear of 17th Battalion Headquarters.

*J.R. Brown*

Captain,  
A/Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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INFANTRY BRIGADE  
HEADQUARTERS.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,  
14th December, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM  
(To accompany Brigade Order No 228)

1. SUPPLIES - Railhead LANDRUCIES commencing 18th inst. During the move all supplies will be drawn from Railhead by M.T. Refilling points for this Brigade Group will be as under :-

17th Dec.	for consumption on	18th Dec.	Church,	AVESNELLES.
18th Dec.	"	"	"	20th " " SIVRY.
19th Dec.	"	"	"	21st " " SOLRE St-GERY.
20th Dec.	"	"	"	22nd " " WALCOURT.

After 22nd instant Refilling point will be at Church FONTENELLE whilst Group is in WALCOURT Area, and supplies will be drawn by 1st line transport.

2. TRANSPORT - Two motor lorries are at the disposal of the Brigade for the move to the new area. At 0700 on 17th instant one lorry will report to 20th Bn. and one to 2nd M.G. Bn. These lorries will be loaded with such stores as are not required on the march and will be despatched by 0900. They will make the through trip to the final destination, and return on the same day reporting to 17th Bn. H.Q. and 18th Bn. H.Q. respectively at PRISCHES.

On the 18th instant they will be loaded and despatched by 17th and 18th Bns. by 0900, go through to final destination and report back to Brigade H.Q. at SIVRY on the same day. Each Bn. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 2 men to act as guard and loading party to lorry.

All blankets except surplus will be carried by horse transport.

3. ROADS - C.O.'s. Units will detail working parties and be responsible for removing snow from roads and keeping the roadside drains clear in and about the villages occupied by their troops in the WALCOURT Area.

4. BILLETING - Before leaving present area, units will be responsible that all billeting certificates have been completed and that they hold a clearance certificate from the owner of each billet stating that billets have been left in a clean and good condition.

(a) WALCOURT AREA - Billeting party as under for the WALCOURT AREA will report to Bde.H.Q. at 0900 on 18th inst, and proceed by motor ambulance - only pack or small haversack to be carried :-

17th Bn.	-	1 Off.
18th Bn.	-	1 Off.
20th Bn.	-	1 Off.
5th Field Amb.	-	1 Off.
2nd A.M.G.Bn.	-	1 Off.

Billeting officers will arrange details for billets in conjunction with the Town Majors of their respective villages.

(b) 1st STAGING AREA - Billeting party of 1 Off. and 4 O.R.'s. per Bn. and 1 O.R. per other unit in the Group will report to Lieut. EDMONDSON, Bde.H.Q. at Church AVESNELLES at 1000 on 17th instant for further instructions.

P.T.O. .. /



(c) 2nd. STAGING AREA - Billeting party composed same as above will report to Lieut. BANFIELD, Brigade Billeting Officer at Hall, SIVRY, at 1000 on 18th instant for further instructions.

(d) 3rd. STAGING AREA - Billeting party composed as above will report to Lieut. BANFIELD at Church, SOLRE ST. GERY at 0900 on 19th instant for further instructions.

(e) FINAL AREA - Billeting party composed as above will report to Unit billeting representative at 1000 on 20th instant at Town Major's Office in respective village.

Billeting party mentioned in (b), (c), (d) and (e) should be mounted on horses or bicycles.

5. WATER SUPPLY - Units will arrange to examine the water supply of their respective villages in the staging and WALCOURT areas, and have the good and bad sources clearly marked.

6. SANITATION - Arrangements will be made in the new area for the disposal of manure. If farmers will not remove it, it will be close packed as laid down in 4th Army Standing Orders Para 949 (b).

7. BATHS - Brigade Baths at PRISCHES will be dismantled on 14th instant, and units will be notified when they are in working order in new area.

8. VETERINARY - Units will carry a sufficient quantity of cresol to disinfect dirty and doubtful stables and horse standings prior to occupation to prevent any contagious diseases such as Foot and Mouth disease.

9. CANTEEN - The Divisional Canteen is establishing a wholesale branch in WALCOURT. Date of opening will be notified later.

*J. H. ...*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION - As per Brigade Order No 228.



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Headquarters,  
16th December 1918.

AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM  
accompanying Brigade Order No. 228.

Para. 2 - TRANSPORT.

The two Motor Lorries will carry 20th Bn and 2nd A.M.G. Battalion Stores on 17th instant. They will report back to 17th and 18th Battalions as soon as possible. Then they will make the through trip with 17th and 18th Battalion stores, reporting back to Div. Headquarters on night of 19th instant.

ADDENDA.

Add para. 10 CLAIMS -

G.R.O. 1146 is repeated for action :-

"In conformity with French practice in the case of troops  
"quitting canton ments, arrangements will, wherever possible, be  
"made for an officer to remain behind for at least 5 hours in each  
"Commune to receive and deal with claims for damage, which it was  
"not possible for the inhabitants concerned to submit to the  
"Commanding Officer prior to the departure of the troops."

17th Battalion will detail an officer to remain behind  
and adjust all claims in accordance with above G.R.O. He will leave  
by the 17th Battalion lorry.

*Sup. Halse*

Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Infantry Brigade  
15th December, 1918.

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17th., 18th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. Aust. L.T.C. Bty.

TRAINING.

1. Training in the WALSOURTH Area will be carried out under three main headings - Military, Recreational, Educational. The attached Syllabus is forwarded for the period up to the 26th instant.
2. On arrival in the area ranges will be selected by Brigade and as soon as material is available these will be constructed.
3. While everything possible to stimulate and sustain the interest of the men should be done, a high standard of discipline must be maintained, strict attention being paid to saluting.
4. Attention is directed to the attached G.23/777 from 2nd. Aust. Division.

*W. A. Chapman* Major,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Dats.	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1100	1100 - 1200	1400 - 1600	1800 - 1900
Dec. 17 - 20	STAGING TO NEW AREA.				
21	Organization of billets. Cleaning equipment. transport, etc.				
22	CHURCH PARADES.				
23	Inspectional Parade. Ceremonial Drill	Educational Classes.		Recreational Training.	Popular Lectures.
24	Route March	Fighting Order.		Recreational Tng.	Popular Lectures.
25	Inspectional Parade. Intensive Training. Rifle exercises etc.	<i>Church Parades</i> Educational Classes	<i>Holiday</i>	Recreational Tng.	Popular Lectures.
26	Inspectional Parade. Intensive Training.	Educational Classes	<i>Holiday</i>	Recreational Tng.	Popular Lectures.
27	Route March	Marching Order.		Recreational Tng.	Popular Lectures.
28	Inspectional Parade. Ceremonial Drill.	Educational Classes.		Recreational Tng.	Popular Lectures.

NOTE : Three afternoons in every week are set aside for Inter-Battalion Competitions in Rugby, Soccer and Hockey.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



Headquarters, 20th December, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 219.

PIQUET IN CHARLEROI

1. The following piquet will be detailed to report to D.A.P.M. 2nd. Aust. Div. in CHARLEROI for duty for one week, at 1600 on December 2nd.

- 17th Bn. 1 Lieut. 1 Cpl. 1 Cook. 13 O.R.
- 18th Bn. 1 Sgt.)
- 1 Cpl.) 1 Off. Cook. 13 O.R.
- 20th Bn. 1 Capt. 1 Sgt. 14 O.R.

The Captain in charge will make the necessary arrangements for this party to rendezvous at a place selected by him and will notify the Staff Captain when he is ready for the piquet to be inspected before moving off.

The party will be billeted in CHARLEROI and be rationed by D.A.P.M. Dixies for cooking will be taken by each Battalion detail.

The Officers, N.C.O's. and men must be carefully selected. Transport arrangements for blankets and dixies will be notified later.

LEAVE

2. Leave passes will be issued to all ranks granted leave to places outside billeting areas. such passes to terminate not later than 2200 daily.

Passes will be stamped by A/D.A.P.M., 2nd. Aust. Div. before issue. Arrangements for stamping passes will be notified later.

Leave to places other than CHARLEROI will not be granted until instructions have been received from 2nd. Aust. Div.H.Q.

DRESS

3. All ranks proceeding on leave to adjacent villages or towns will be correctly dressed. WAIST BELTS will be worn.

It is unnecessary at this period to impress upon leave personnel the necessity for care in their personal appearance and behaviour whilst in uniform. Unfortunately, in isolated cases, men forget that the good name of their UNIT and the force to which they belong is in the hands of each individual, and it is expected that there will be no occasion for the withdrawal of any liberties.

TRAIN TIME TABLES

4. The times of daily passenger trains to and from the towns mentioned are as follows:-

MONS - CHARLEROI to NAMUR - LIEGE.

<u>DEPARTURE</u>		<u>ARRIVAL</u>	
<u>MONS.</u>	<u>CHARLEROI.</u>	<u>NAMUR</u>	<u>LIEGE</u>
0208	0534	0755	1145
	0730	0845	
0900	1300	1500	
1200	1500	1730	
1408	1734	1955	2345

LIEGE - NAMUR to CHARLEROI - MONS.

<u>DEPARTURE</u>		<u>ARRIVAL</u>	
<u>LIEGE</u>	<u>NAMUR</u>	<u>CHARLEROI</u>	<u>MONS</u>
	0730	0910	
0415	0805	1024	1352
	1100	1230	
	1400	1600	
1645	2035	2254	0222



CHARLEROI to BRUSSELS

<u>Departure</u>	:	<u>Arrival.</u>
0630	:	0858
1430	:	1656

BRUSSELS to CHARLEROI

<u>Departure</u>	:	<u>Arrival</u>
0630	:	0858
1430	:	1656

HORSES  
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OF

5. G.R.O. 1221 is republished for information:-

" In order to facilitate the identification of Government horses and mules, Commanding Officers will take steps to see that the hair is cut away from the broad arrow on near hindquarter during the winter months."

In cases where the brand is indistinct units will arrange to re-brand them.

PIQUETS

6. A piquet of 1 Off., 2 N.C.O's. and 12 men for each village occupied will be supplied by 17th., 18th., 20th. Bns and 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.

The above piquets will be supplied from 1400 to 2200. Units will make their own arrangements for reliefs.

*Superintendent*

Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

- 17th Battalion.
- 18th Battalion.
- 20th Battalion.
- 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.
- 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
- 5th. Aust. Field Amb.
- 15th A.A.S.C.
- 1/3rd S.A. Sect., D.A.C.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



Headquarters,  
23rd December, 1918.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

1. This office memo 41/109 of 22nd instant re above is cancelled.

2. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will present medals at a parade to be held at 1000 on 24th instant in Field F.4.40.90. Sheet KMUR 1/100,000.

3. Recipients of medals as per nominal roll attached will report to the Staff Captain on the ground at 0930.

4. 18th Battalion and 2nd A.I.C. Bn. only will parade; full attendance from each of these Battalions is required.

5. Adjutants and two markers from each of 18th Bn. and 2nd A.I.C. Bn. will report to Acting Brigade Major on the ground at 0930. These Battalions will be formed up ready by 0945. It is essential that punctuality be strictly observed.

6. 18th Bn. and 2nd A.I.C. Bn. will forward to this office by 1800 on 23rd instant approximate number of Officers and other ranks who will attend.

7. An allotment of officers as below will be formed up to be presented to H.R.H.

18th Bn.	-	20
2nd A.I.C. Bn.	-	20
17th Bn.	-	25
20th Bn.	-	25
5th Field Amb.	-	23
5th Aust. T.M. Bty.	-	2
Brigade H. Q.	-	2

In order that no misunderstanding may exist, these officers will, if necessary, be definitely detailed for the purpose.

8. 18th Bn. and 2nd A.I.C. Bn. will be prepared to march past. 18th Bn. band to be in attendance for the purpose.

9. DRESS - Drill order, greatcoats, equipment outside, Personnel to receive medals will parade without rifles.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

*H. J. Murray*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

- 17th., 18th., 20th. Bns.
- 2nd A.I.C. Bn.
- 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
- 5th Aust. Field Amb.
- 11th Coy. A.I.C.
- 1/3rd S.A.A. Sect. D.A.O.
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*W. H. H.*  
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Headquarters,  
27th December 1918.

1st Australian Division  
2nd do  
3rd do  
4th do  
5th do  
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.  
3rd Squadron, A.F.C.  
Corps Mounted Troops.  
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TUG - OF - WAR

1. The Corps Commandor wishes Tug-of-War Teams to be organised throughout Divisions and Corps Troops as soon as possible.

2. Application has been made for the number of ropes required for all units, and Divisions and Corps Troops will be notified when these are available.

3. The organisation of competitions should be on the following lines :-

- (a) All ranks should take part.
- (b) Competitions will be pulled in three weights :-

HEAVY	...	12 stone and over
MIDDLE	...	10 to 12 stone
LIGHT	...	10 stone and under.

- (c) Teams of 12 should be organised in all three weights from the smallest possible units, such as platoons or at the largest, Companies.
- (d) Competitions to be held within Companies, Battalions, and similar units. The Battalion (or other similar unit) team to be selected from the best men in the battalion and to compete in Brigade and Divisional Competitions.
- (e) The best Battalion (or equivalent unit) team to represent the Division in the Corps Competition.

4. Competitions under the above conditions can be carried out either in the open air, or indoors on wet days and at night.

Divisions will keep Corps Headquarters in touch with the progress of Tug-of-War Competitions in order that a Corps Competition can be organised later.

(sgd) A. BRIDGEFORD, Major,  
for Brig-General,  
General Staff,  
Australian Corps.



Brigade Group -  
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The above is forwarded for information and guidance in conducting Tug-of-War Competitions <sup>within</sup> units.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.,  
Representative, 5th A.I. Bde. Group.

Bde. H. Q.,  
2/1/19.



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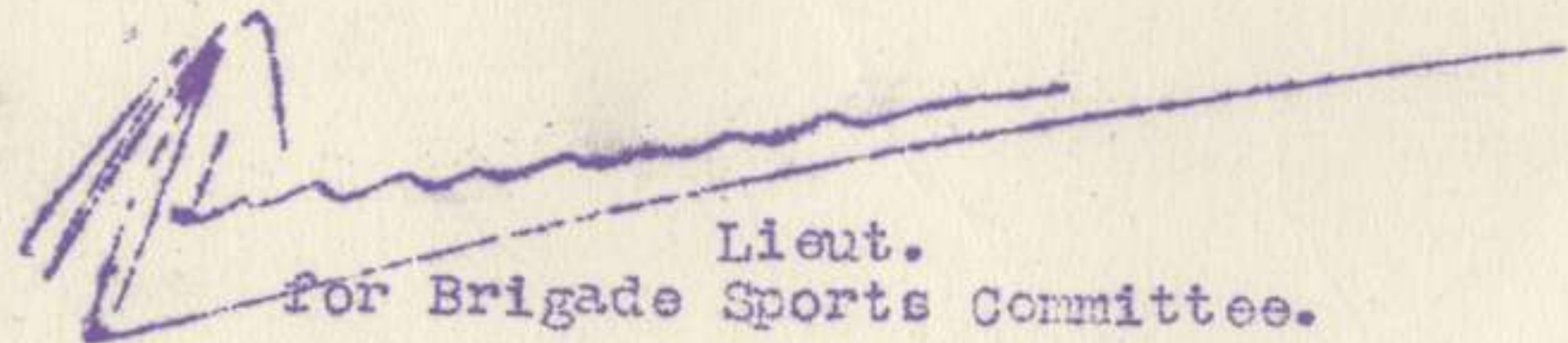
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Headquarters,  
29th December, 1918.

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- 17th., 18th., 20th. Bns.
- 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.
- 5th. Aust. L.T.L. Bty.
- 15th A.A.S.C.
- 5th Field Amb.
- 1/3rd S.A.A. Sect., D.A.C.

Herewith please find Football (Rugby, Soccer and Australian Rules) and Hockey fixtures, for the first round in each competition.



Lieut.  
for Brigade Sports Committee.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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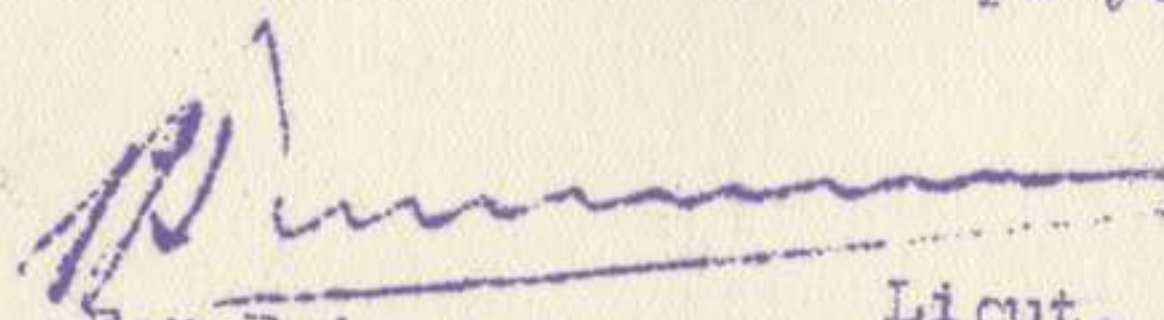
HOCKEY FIXTURES

The Hockey Competition will commence on Sunday, 5th  
January, 1919.

Date	Fixture	Ground.
5.1.19.	20th Bn. V 18th Bn.	20th Bn. Ground PRY.
12.1.19.	17th Bn. V 20th Bn.	17th Bn. Ground SILENRIEUX.
19.1.19.	18th Bn. V 17th Bn.	18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT.

REFEREES - Referees will be supplied by the home team.

GUIDES - A guide will be supplied to meet the visiting  
team at the home Units H.Q., to conduct the players to the  
ground.

  
Licut.  
For Brigade Sports Committee.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES


The Brigade Competitions will commence on Wednesday,  
1st January, 1919.

Date.	Fixturo.	Ground.
1.1.19.	18th Bn. V A.A.S.C. 17th Bn. V A.A.H.C. M.G. Bn. V 20th Bn.	18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT. 17th Bn. Ground SILMIRIEUX. M.G. Bn. Ground YVES COEZIEZ.
8.1.19.	A.A.H.C. V 18th Bn. A.A.S.C. V M.G. Bn. 20th Bn. V 17th Bn.	A.H.C. Ground. A.A.S.C. Ground MERTINNE. 20th Bn. Ground PRY.
15.1.19.	18th Bn. V M.G. Bn. 17th Bn. V A.A.S.C. A.A.H.C. V 20th Bn.	18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT. 17th Bn. Ground SILMIRIEUX. A.H.C. Ground.
22.1.19	17th Bn. V 18th Bn. M.G. Bn. V A.A.H.C. 20th Bn. V A.A.S.C.	17th Bn. Ground SILMIRIEUX. M.G. Bn. Ground YVES COEZIEZ. 20th Bn. Ground PRY.
29.1.19	M.G. Bn. V 17th Bn. 18th Bn. V 20th Bn. A.A.S.C. V A.A.H.C.	M.G. Bn. Ground YVES COEZIEZ. 18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT. A.A.S.C. Ground MERTINNE.

CONDITIONS - Strict rugby rules to be observed. Departures from these rules as practised in recent matches will not be allowed. This ruling is necessary to bring rugby football in line with the game played throughout the Corps.

REFEREES - The referee will be supplied by the home team.

GUIDES - A guide will be supplied to meet the visiting team at the home Units H.Q., to conduct the players to the ground.

  
Lieut.  
For Brigade Sports Committee.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SOCGER FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The Brigade Competition will commence on FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1919.

Date	Fixtures	Ground.
3.1.19.	18th Bn. - Bye. 17th Bn. V A.A.M.C. M.G. Bn. V 20th Bn.	17th Bn. Ground SILENRIEUX. M.G. Bn. Ground YVES GOMEZEE.
10.1.19.	A.A.M.C. V. 18th Bn. M.G. Bn. - Bye. 20th Bn. - 17th Bn.	A.A.M.C. Ground. 20th Bn. Ground PRY.
17.1.19.	18th Bn. V M.G. Bn. 17th Bn. - Bye. A.A.M.C. V 20th Bn.	18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT. A.A.M.C. Ground.
24.1.19.	17th Bn. V 18th Bn. M.G. Bn. V A.A.M.C. 20th Bn. V Bye.	17th Bn. Ground SILENRIEUX. M.G. Bn. Ground. YVES GOMEZEE.
31.1.19.	M.G. Bn. V 17th Bn. 18th Bn. V 20th Bn. A.A.M.C. - Bye.	M.G. Bn. Ground YVES GOMEZEE. 18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT

REFEREES - The referee will be supplied by the home team.

GUIDES - A guide will be supplied to meet the visiting team at the home Units H.Q., to conduct the players to the ground.

  
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For Brigade Sports Committee.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

The Brigade Competition will commence on Saturday,  
4th January, 1919.

Date	Fixture	Ground.
4.1.19.	A.A.M.C. V M.G. Bn. 18th Bn. V D.A.C.	M.G.Bn. Ground YVES GOMEZEE. D.A.C. Ground.
11.1.19	A.A.M.C. V D.A.C. 18th Bn. V M.G. Bn.	A.A.M.C. Ground. 18th Bn. Ground WALCOURT.
18.1.19.	M.G. Bn. V D.A.C. A.A.M.C. V 18th Bn.	M.G.BN. Ground YVES GOMEZEE A.H.C. Ground.

CONDITIONS - League rules will be observed.

REFEREES - The referee will be supplied by the home team.

GUIDES - A guide will be supplied to meet the visiting team at the home units H.Q., to conduct the players to the ground.

Lieut.  
For Brigade Sports Committee.



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Headquarters,  
30th December, 1918.

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- 17th., 18th., 20th. Bns.
  - 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.
  - 3th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
  - 3th Field Amb.
  - 13th A.A.S.C.
  - 1/3rd S.A.A. Sect., D.A.C.
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--- Rugby Football ---

The Divisional Sports Officer has asked Rugby this Brigade Group to play the Corps Representative Team at BARBENCON on 4th January.

Corps will supply motor transport to convey the players to and from BARBENCON.

The Selection Committee have this matter in hand.

Further details will be notified later.

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 For Brigade Sports Committee.



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING  
MONTH  
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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Strength as at 30/11/18	132	1852
Departures during Month	<u>11</u>	<u>124</u>
	121	1728
Arrivals during month	<u>22</u>	<u>160</u>
Strength as at 31/12/18.	<u><u>143</u></u>	<u><u>1888</u></u>