

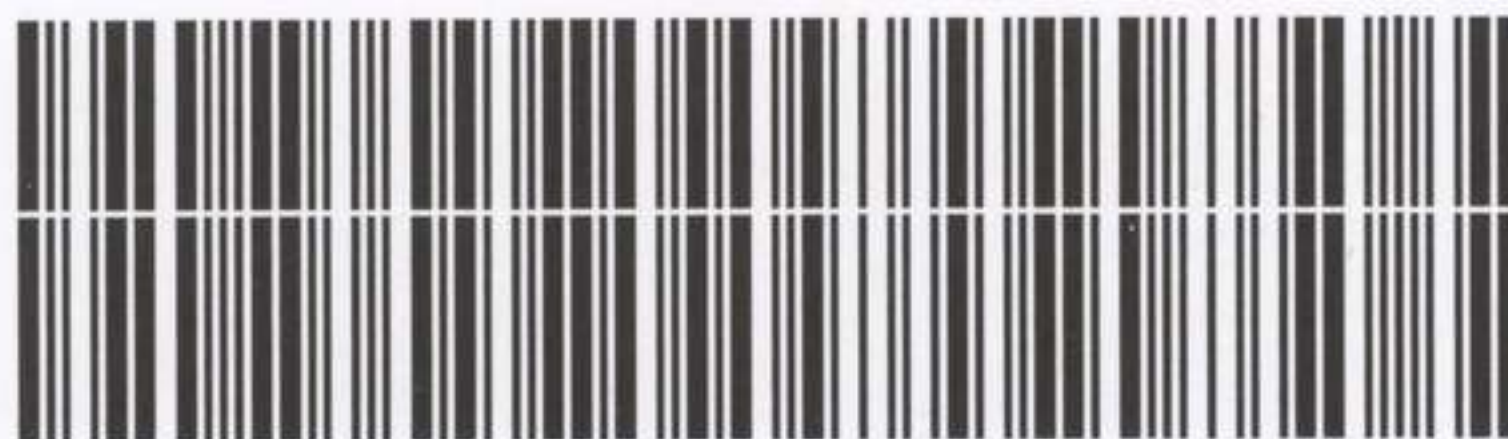
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# WAR DIARY

OF

~~5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL CO.~~

FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY 1919

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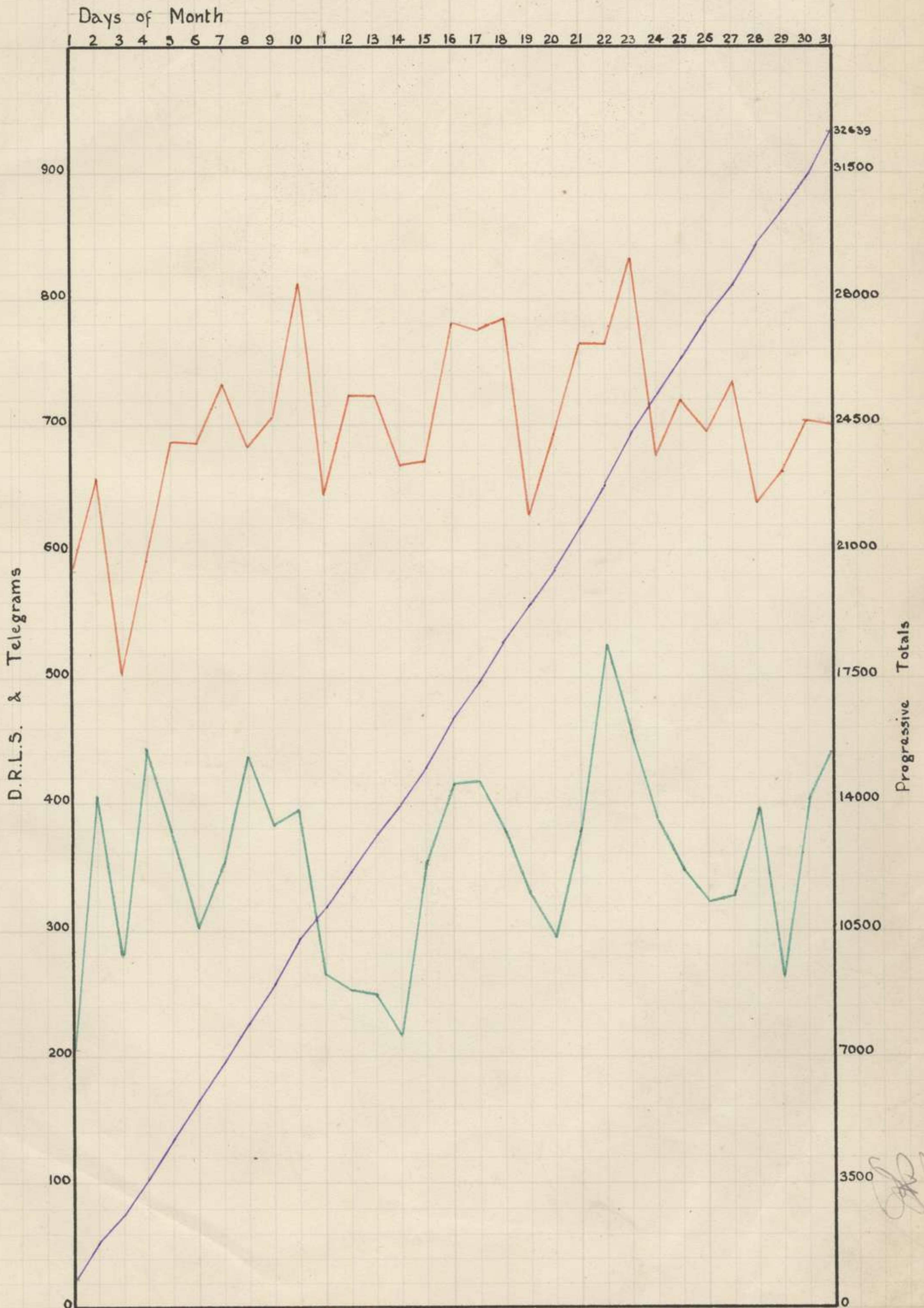
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# TRAFFIC CHART OF D.R.L.S. & TELEGRAMS.

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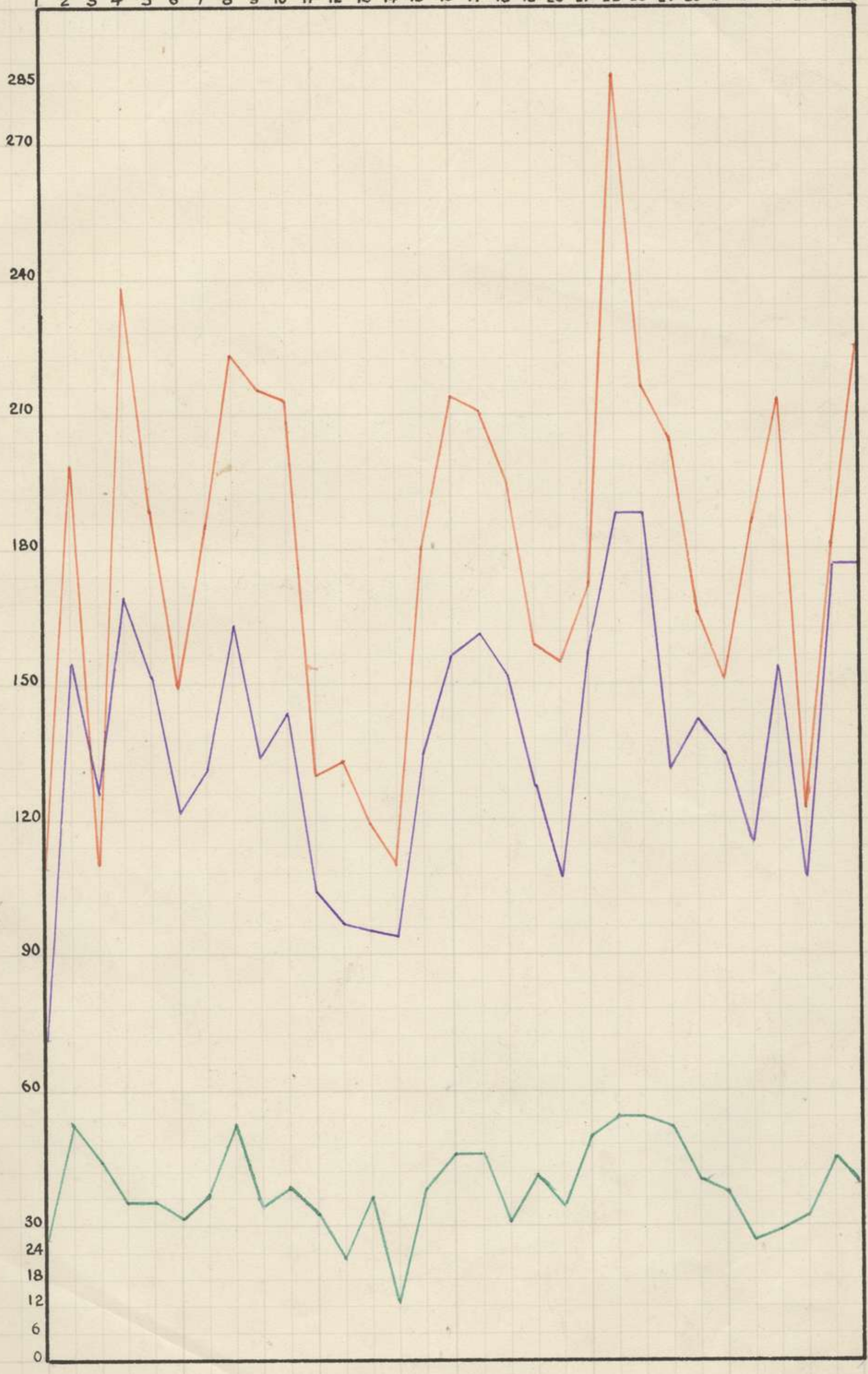
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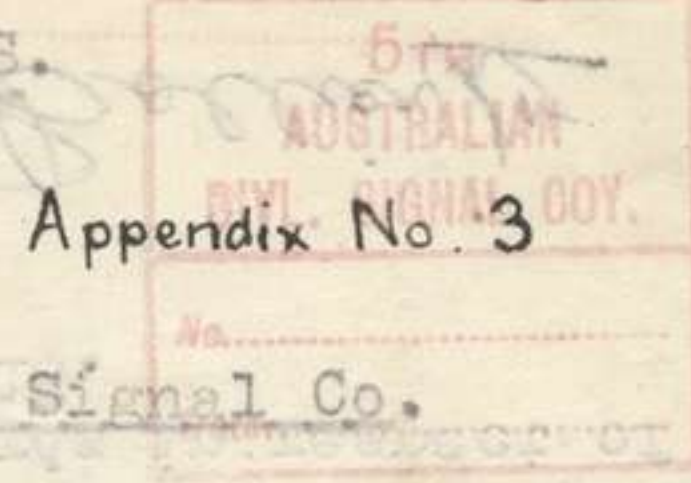


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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.



by

Capt. A. Sladdin, M.C. Commanding 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

25th January, 1919.

239. RATE OF EXCHANGE - Marks.

Until further order the rate of Exchange of the Mark will be as follows:-  
5 Marks = 2/7 = 3.35 Francs.

240. DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF A.I.F. in U.K. (A.I.F. Order 1500).

A.I.F. Order No. 1470 regarding the conditions of discharge in the United Kingdom of members of the A.I.F. is cancelled. Regulations covering the grant of discharges elsewhere than in Australia have now been promulgated in General Instructions No.2, issued by the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation.

241. ALLOTMENTS PAYABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - Cancellation or Transfer on Return of Members or Allottee to Australia. (A.I.F. Order 1494.)

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

1. If the member is still abroad and his allottee is proceeding to Australia and advance will be made to the allottee covering allotment and separation allowance (if any) for a period of 60 days from the estimated date of the allottee's embarkation, and an authority for the continuance of the allotment (if any) will be forwarded to the Military District in Australia to which the allottee is proceeding. The address in Australia must be furnished by the allottee before embarkation.
2. Where the member embarks for Australia but the Allottee is remaining in the United Kingdom the allotment and separation allowance (if any) will continue to be paid to the allottee for 100 days from the date of the member's embarkation and will then be cancelled. Provision should be made by members for the support of their dependants beyond this period immediately on disembarkation in Australia.
3. Members who have allotments payable in the United Kingdom to banks or non-dependants must clearly understand that unless they arrange to cancel their allotments before embarkation to Australia, payments will be continued for 100 days from embarkation, and the amount payable to them on arrival in Australia will be correspondingly reduced.
4. The above provisions are to be brought to the notice of the members of all drafts selected for embarkation to Australia.

242. KILLING OF GAME (Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1996).

As cases still occur of officers and other ranks pursuing and killing game, it is notified for information that the hunting, shooting, or killing game (which includes hares and rabbits) by nets, snares or other methods is strictly prohibited.

The dangerous practice of shooting at game is still persisted in throughout the Army Area, and casualties have been caused both to soldiers and civilians.

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243. PROMOTIONS.

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1. Officers and Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers who, having held temporary or E R Rank prior to 11/11/18 still hold such ranks when they leave their Units or relinquish their appointments for return to Australia for demobilisation, will retain such ranks not-with-standing any provisions to the contrary contained in the Rules for promotion of Officers and Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers.

2. Temporary Rank granted since 11/11/18 will be dealt with in accordance with existing rules.

3. These conditions also apply to the appointment of Drivers.

244. PROMOTIONS.

- 9020 L/Cpl. A.J. Fletcher, Promoted Temporary Sergeant 21/12/18, under A.I.F. Order 1492 to complete establishment.
- 1865a Spr. A.C. Lickiss, Promoted Temporary Corporal 21/12/18, under A.I.F. Order 1492 to complete establishment.
- 14808 L/Cpl. O.R. Hanson, Promoted Temporary Corporal 30/9/18, vice Jarvis.
- 6869 Cpl. A.V. Browne, MM, Promoted Temporary Sergeant 5/11/18, vice Owen.
- 15559 L/Cpl. J. Ford, Promoted Temporary Sergeant 11/1/19, vice Voce.
- 16394 Spr. A.P. Davoren, Promoted Temporary Corporal 15/1/19, vice Roberts.
- 16373 T2/Cpl. G. Baker, Promoted Second Corporal 25/12/18, vice Matheson.
- 14152 T2/Cpl. E. Davies, Promoted Second Corporal, 9/1/19, vice Sloan.
- 14152 2/Cpl. E. DAVIES, Promoted Temporary Corporal, 9/1/19, vice Savage.
- 16388 Spr. W.K. Birks, Promoted Temporary Second Corporal 19/1/19, vice Davies.
- 16387 L/Cpl. A.C. Birks, Promoted Temporary Corporal, 11/1/19, vice Williams.
- 2890 T2/Cpl. A.W. Green, MM, Promoted Second Corporal, 27/11/18, vice Matheson.

245. APPOINTMENTS.

- 3679 Spr. A.V. Peters, Appointed Driver 11/1/19, vice Tarren.
- 19007 Spr. N.T. Callow, Appointed Driver 1/1/19, vice Gerald.
- 16376 Spr. A.W. Harding, Appointed Driver, 30/11/18 vice Aspinall.
- 21744 Spr. R.L. Douglass, Appointed Shoemsmith 17/12/18 vice Sykes.

246. REVERSIONS.

- 1865a T/Cpl. A.C. Lickiss, Reverts to Sapper 20/1/19 on marching out to duty in U.K.
- 1071 Sgt. J.E. McAllister Reverted to Corporal 17/1/19 by sentence of F.G.C.M.

247. FIELD GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.

- 1071. Sgt. J.E. McAllister was tried by F.G.C.M. on 17/1/19 on a charge of "When on Active Service, Drunkenness". He was found guilty and reverted to the rank of Corporal.
- 5789 Spr. G. Saunders - Sentence of 6 months Impt. H.L. awarded by F.G.C.M. on 15/12/18 has been commuted to 90 Days F.P. No. 2 by Fourth Army Commander.

248. REMISSION OF FORFEITURE.

G.O.C. A.I.F. has, by an order dated 3/1/19, remitted the forfeiture of 20 Days pay incurred by No. 6017 Dvr. M.L. Edwards in respect of a sentence of 20 days F.P. No. 2 awarded on 15/10/18.

*Dr. Bollier*  
for G. 5TH AUST. DIV'L SIGNAL CO



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by  
Lieut. T. R. COLLIER, M.C. Commanding 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

6th January 1919.

228. POSTAL CENSORSHIP. (G.R.O. 5941)

Regimental censorship of letters will be discontinued forthwith. Correspondence will still be liable to examination at the Base and all ranks are reminded that the censorship orders are still in force except as regards those orders previously cancelled. If the examination at the Base shews that breaches of the censorship orders are common in any Units it will be necessary to re-impose regimental censorship on those Units.

All letters and postcards must bear a censor stamp except those posted in accordance with the latter portion of censorship orders para. 30.

All letters and postcards will bear in the left hand bottom corner of the address side the name and rank, if any, of the writer. They will be handed closed to the Officer in charge of the censor stamp and will not be opened by him except for the purpose of identifying writers who have failed to comply with this order.

The issue of Green Envelopes will be discontinued forthwith.

Regimental censorship of parcels and telegrams will be maintained as heretofore.

For the purpose of interpreting "Censorship Orders for Troops in the Field" the term "franking" will be taken to mean the endorsement of the name and rank of the writer as indicated above, except as regards parcels.

229. GERMAN BOMBS.

The practice of exploding German bombs in streams and elsewhere must cease. Any man disregarding this order will be severely punished.

230. CURRENCY NOTES AND RATE OF EXCHANGE.

The following currencies will be accepted for all purposes:-

- France - As at present.
- Belgium - French notes and coins, notes of the Banque Nationale de Belgique and of the Societe Generale de Belgique (German currency must not be introduced into Belgium.)
- Germany - German mark notes and German coin.

In France, Belgium, and Germany, Field Cashiers will exchange French, Belgian and German currency for British Units, individuals or institutes in the respective countries named.

231. RATE OF EXCHANGE - MARKS.

From January 1st 1919, and until further orders, the rate of exchange of the mark will be as follows:- 5 marks = 2/4 = 3 francs.

232. COMMUNAL NOTES OF VALUE 5 FRANCS & UPWARDS.

It is advised that notes of this nature will, within a short period, become invalid and same will be exchanged at the Divisional Paymaster's office for their full value, not later than the evening of the 10th inst.

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233. VISIT TO LOURDES.

The scheme is now in operation whereby facilities are provided to enable Roman Catholic soldiers of the English-speaking Armies in France to visit LOURDES should they wish to do so.

A hostel, capable of accommodating 150 men, and a Soldiers' Club, have been opened at the Hotel Heins. The inclusive charge for board-residence is 8 francs a day. The return journey between PARIS and LOURDES costs 30 francs.

R.C. Chaplains have been issued with leaflets giving particulars regarding arrangements etc., and members are advised to consult a R.C. Chaplain before applying for leave to visit LOURDES.

Arrangements are being made by Chaplain the Rev. A.C. GOODMAN 53rd Battalion, for a party to proceed to LOURDES on the 20th inst.

234. CADET TRAINING UNIT (ENGINEERS - SIGNAL SERVICE.)

The undermentioned Cadet, having qualified for a commission in the Signal Service, is appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the A.I.F. and posted to Engineers, Signal Service Reinforcements.

1858 C.O.M.S. William Edward JENNINGS.

235. PROMOTIONS.

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236. APPOINTMENT.

No. 15559 Spr. FORD J. Appointed Lance Corporal 8/11/18.

237. HONOURS AND REWARDS.

The following decorations have been awarded:-

MILITARY MEDAL

No. 1104 Corporal H.H. ROBERTS 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

No. 3381 Sapper N.S.C. JENNINGS -do-

238. MENTIONS IN DESPACHES. (Ext. L.G.S. No. 31077 dated 20th Dec. 1918)

War office, 20th December 1918.

The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for War from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., C.-in-C. the British Armies in France.

General Headquarters,  
8th November 1918.

"My Lord,

"I have the honour to submit a list of names of those Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men serving, or who have served, under my command during the period 25th February 1918 to midnight 16th/17th September 1918 whose distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty I consider deserving of special mention."

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Major R.A. STANLEY, D.S.O. 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

Lieut. W. FORREST

No. 1856 2nd Corporal F.J. HOLLEN

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LIST OF TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS - 31/1/19.

1. "G" Staff
2. "Q" Branch
3. G.O.C.
4. 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery
5. Australian Corps
6. C.R.E.
7. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade
8. Signals Mess
9. A.P.M.
10. 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade (2 rings)  
5th Pioneer Battalion (3 rings)
11. Camp Commandant
12. 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
13. Signals Orderly Room
14. A.D.M.S.
15. 3rd Aust. M.T. Co.
16. "A" Mess
17. Education Officer
18. "C" Company 5th Pioneer Battalion
19. Message 'phone
20. Divisional Sports Officer.

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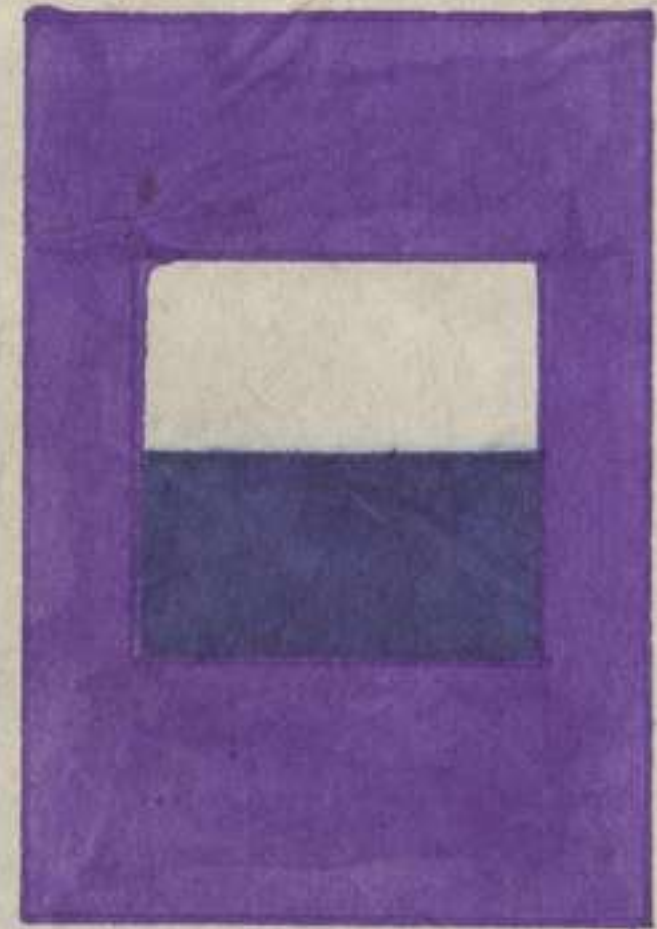


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Signature of Officer compiling

*H. Collier Jr*

Signature of Officer Commanding

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	29th	Jan.	The Divisional Commander, Major General E. Tivey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., inspected Headquarters, No.1 and Wireless Sections, and afterwards presented Corporal Pitchford with the Croix de Guerre. He expressed himself as being very pleased with the parade and spoke very highly of the work the Company has done since the formation.																									
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# WAR DIARY

OF

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL CO.

FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY 1919

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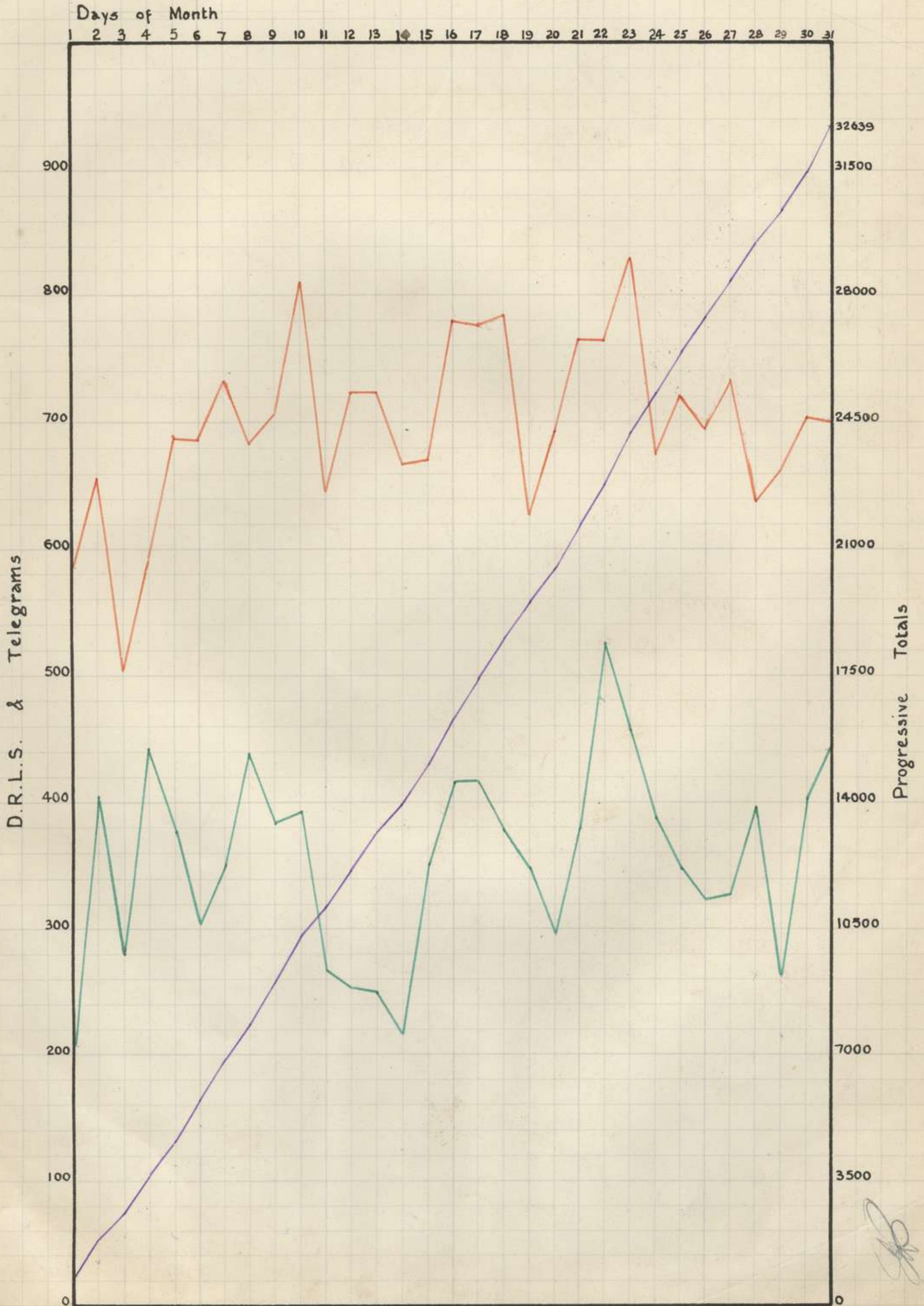


TRAFFIC CHART OF D.R.L.S. & TELEGRAMS.

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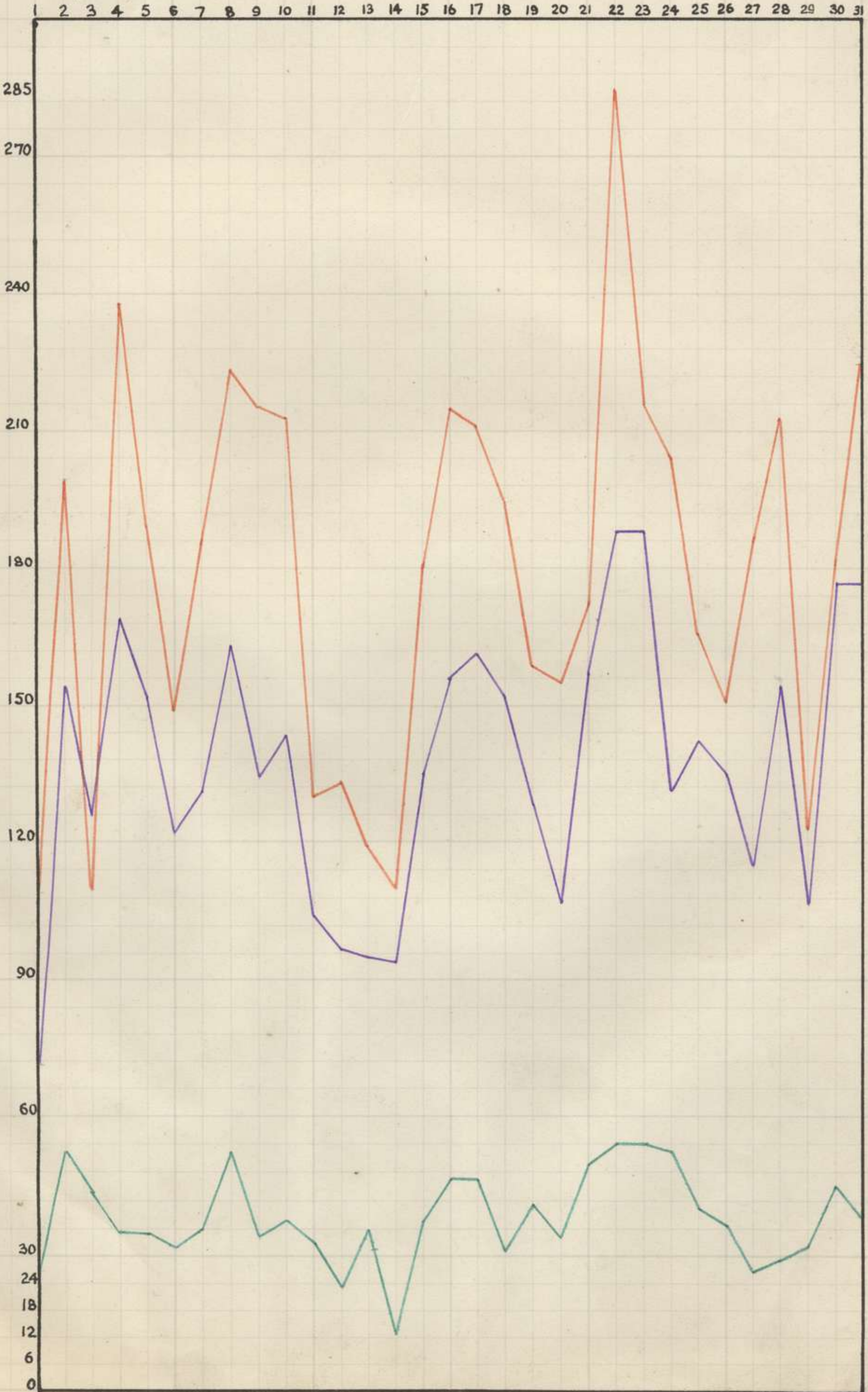
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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

Lieut. F.P. COLLIER, M.C. Commanding 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

6th January 1919.

228. POSTAL CENSORSHIP. (G.R.O. 5941)

Regimental censorship of letters will be discontinued forthwith. Correspondence will still be liable to examination at the Base and all ranks are reminded that the censorship orders are still in force except as regards those orders previously cancelled. If the examination at the Base shows that breaches of the censorship orders are common in any Units it will be necessary to re-impose regimental censorship on those Units.

All letters and postcards must bear a censor stamp except those posted in accordance with the latter portion of censorship orders para. 30.

All letters and postcards will bear in the left hand bottom corner of the address side the name and rank, if any, of the writer. They will be handed closed to the Officer in charge of the censor stamp and will not be opened by him except for the purpose of identifying writers who have failed to comply with this order.

The issue of Green Envelopes will be discontinued forthwith. Regimental censorship of parcels and telegrams will be maintained as heretofore.

For the purpose of interpreting "Censorship Orders for Troops, in the Field" the term "franking" will be taken to mean the endorsement of the name and rank of the writer as indicated above, except as regards parcels.

229. GERMAN BOMBS.

The practice of exploding German bombs in streams and elsewhere must cease. Any man disregarding this order will be severely punished.

230. CURRENCY NOTES AND RATE OF EXCHANGE.

The following currencies will be accepted for all purposes:-  
France - As at present.  
Belgium - French notes and coins, notes of the Banque Nationale de Belgique and of the Societe Generale de Belgique (German currency must not be introduced into Belgium.)  
Germany - German mark notes and German coin.

In France, Belgium, and Germany, Field Cashiers will exchange French, Belgian and German currency for British Units, individuals or institutes in the respective countries named.

231. RATE OF EXCHANGE - MARKS.

From January 1st 1919, and until further orders, the rate of exchange of the mark will be as follows:- 5 marks = 2/4 = 3 francs.

232. COMMUNAL NOTES OF VALUE 5 FRANCS & UPWARDS.

It is advised that notes of this nature will, within a short period, become invalid and same will be exchanged at the Divisional Paymaster's office for their full value, not later than the evening of the 10th inst.



233. VISIT TO LOURDES.

A scheme is now in operation whereby facilities are provided to enable Roman Catholic soldiers of the English-speaking Armies in France to visit LOURDES should they wish to do so.

A hostel, capable of accommodating 150 men, and a Soldiers' Club, have been opened at the Hotel Heins. The inclusive charge for board-residence is 8 francs a day. The return journey between PARIS and LOURDES costs 50 francs.

R.C.Chaplains have been issued with leaflets giving particulars regarding arrangements etc., and members are advised to consult a R.C.Chaplain before applying for leave to visit LOURDES.

Arrangements are being made by Chaplain the Rev. A.C.GOOTMAN 53rd Battalion, for a party to proceed to LOURDES on the 20th inst.

234. CADET TRAINING UNIT (ENGINEERS - SIGNAL SERVICE.)

The undermentioned Cadet, having qualified for a commission in the Signal Service, is appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the A.I.F. and posted to Engineers, Signal Service Reinforcements:-

1858 C.C.M.S. William Edward JENNINGS.

235. PROMOTIONS.

- No. 616 T/Cpl. PATTERSON A. promoted Corporal 29/10/18 to complete establishment.
- No. 5309 T/Cpl. JONES A.R. promoted Corporal 1/11/18 vice Hanley
- No. 459 T/Cpl. SAVAGE L. promoted Corporal 27/12/18 vice Fulwood.
- No. 16373 L/Cpl. PAKER G. promoted Temporary 2nd Corporal 25/9/18 vice Matheson J.

236. APPOINTMENT.

No. 15559 Ser. FORD J. Appointed Lance Corporal 8/11/18.

237. HONOURS AND REWARDS.

The following decorations have been awarded:-

MILITARY MEDAL.

- No. 1104 Corporal H.H. ROBERTS 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.
- No. 3381 Sapper H.S.C. JENNINGS -do-

238. MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES. (Ext. L.C.S. No. 31077 dated 20th Dec. 1918)

The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of State for War from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., C.-in-C. the British Armies in France. "G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., C.-in-C. the British Armies in France."

General Headquarters,  
8th November 1918.

"My Lord,  
" I have the honour to submit a list of names of those "Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men serving, or who have "served, under my command during the period 25th February 1918 to "midnight 16th/17th September 1918 whose distinguished and gallant "services and devotion to duty I consider deserving of special "mention."

- Major R.A. STANLEY, D.S.O. 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.
- Lieut. W. FORREST -do-
- No. 1856 2nd Corporal F.J. HOLDEN -do-

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

No.2.  
CENTRAL  
CIVIL SIGNAL COY.  
Appendix No. 3

by

Capt. A. Sladdin, M.C. Commanding 5th Aust.Div. Signal Co.

25th January, 1919.

239. RATE OF EXCHANGE - Marks.

Until further order the rate of Exchange of the Mark will be as follows:-

5 Marks = 2/7 = 3.35 Francs.

240. DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF A.I.F. in U.K. (A.I.F. Order 1500).

A.I.F. Order No. 1470 regarding the conditions of discharge in the United Kingdom of members of the A.I.F. is cancelled. Regulations covering the grant of discharges elsewhere than in Australia have now been promulgated in General Instructions No.2, issued by the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation.

241. ALLOTMENTS PAYABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - Cancellation or Transfer on Return of Members or Allottee to Australia. (A.I.F. Order 1494.)

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

1. If the member is still abroad and his allottee is proceeding to Australia and advance will be made to the allottee covering allotment and separation allowance (if any) for a period of 60 days from the estimated date of the allottee's embarkation, and an authority for the continuance of the allotment (if any) will be forwarded to the Military District in Australia to which the allottee is proceeding. The address in Australia must be furnished by the allottee before embarkation.
2. Where the member embarks for Australia but the Allottee is remaining in the United Kingdom the allotment and separation allowance (if any) will continue to be paid to the allottee for 100 days from the date of the member's embarkation and will then be cancelled. Provision should be made by members for the support of their dependants beyond this period immediately on disembarkation in Australia.
3. Members who have allotments payable in the United Kingdom to banks or non-dependants must clearly understand that unless they arrange to cancel their allotments before embarkation to Australia, payments will be continued for 100 days from embarkation, and the amount payable to them on arrival in Australia will be correspondingly reduced.
4. The above provisions are to be brought to the notice of the members of all drafts selected for embarkation to Australia.

242. KILLING OF GAME (Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1996).

As cases still occur of officers and other ranks pursuing and killing game, it is notified for information that the hunting, shooting, or killing game (which includes hares and rabbits) by nets, snares or other methods is strictly prohibited.

The dangerous practice of shooting at game is still persisted in throughout the Army Area, and casualties have been caused both to soldiers and civilians.

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243. PROMOTIONS.

1. Officers and Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers who, having held temporary or E R Rank prior to 11/11/18 still hold such ranks when they leave their Units or relinquish their appointments for return to Australia for demobilisation, will retain such ranks not-with-standing any provisions to the contrary contained in the Rules for promotion of Officers and Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers.

2. Temporary Rank granted since 11/11/18 will be dealt with in accordance with existing rules.

3. These conditions also apply to the appointment of Drivers.

244. PROMOTIONS.

- 9020 L/Cpl. A.J. Fletcher, Promoted Temporary Sergeant 21/12/18, under A.I.F. Order 1492 to complete establishment.
- 1865a Spr. A.C. Lickiss, Promoted Temporary Corporal 21/12/18, under A.I.F. Order 1492 to complete establishment.
- 14808 L/Cpl. O.R. Hanson, Promoted Temporary Corporal 30/9/18, vice Jarvis.
- 6869 Gpl. A.V. Browne, MM. Promoted Temporary Sergeant 5/11/18, vice Owen.
- 15559 L/Cpl. J. Ford, Promoted Temporary Sergeant 11/1/19, vice Voce.
- 16394 Spr. A.P. Davoren, Promoted Temporary Corporal 15/1/19, vice Roberts.
- 16373 T2/Cpl. G. Baker, Promoted Second Corporal 25/12/18, vice Matheson.
- 14152 T2/Cpl. E. Davies, Promoted Second Corporal, 9/1/19, vice Sloan.
- 14152 2/Cpl. E. DAVIES, Promoted Temporary Corporal, 9/1/19, vice Savage.
- 16388 Spr. W.K. Birks, Promoted Temporary Second Corporal 9/1/19 vice Davies.
- 16387 L/Cpl. A.C. Birks, Promoted Temporary Corporal, 11/1/19, vice Williams.
- 2890 T2/Cpl. A.W. Green, MM, Promoted Second Corporal, 27/11/18, vice Matheson.

245. APPOINTMENTS.

- 3679 Spr. A.V. Peters, Appointed Driver 11/1/19, vice Farren.
- 19007 Spr. N.T. Callow, Appointed Driver 1/1/19, vice Gerald.
- 16376 Spr. A.W. Harding, Appointed Driver, 30/11/18 vice Aspinall.
- 21744 Spr. R.L. Douglass, Appointed Shoemsmith 17/12/18 vice Sykes.

246. REVERSIONS.

- 1865a T/Cpl. A.C. Lickiss, Reverts to Sapper 20/1/19 on marching out to duty in U.K.
- 1071 Sgt. J.E. McAllister Reverted to Corporal 17/1/19 by sentence of F.G.C.M.

247. FIELD GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.

- 1071. Sgt. J.E. McAllister was tried by F.G.C.M. on 17/1/19 on a charge of "When on Active Service, Drunkenness". He was found guilty and reverted to the rank of Corporal.
- 5789 Spr. G. Saunders - Sentence of 6 months Impt. H.L. awarded by F.G.C.M. on 15/12/18 has been commuted to 90 Days F.P. No. 2 by Fourth Army Commander.

248. REMISSION OF FORFEITURE.

G.O.C. A.I.F. has, by an order dated 3/1/19, remitted the forfeiture of 20 Days pay incurred by No. 6017 Dvr. M.L. Edwards in respect of a sentence of 20 days F.P. No. 2 awarded on 15/10/18.

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C.O. 5TH AUST. DIV. GENERAL CO.



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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.LIST OF TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS - 31/1/19.

1. "G" Staff
2. "Q" Branch
3. G.O.C.
4. 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery
5. Australian Corps
6. C.R.E.
7. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade
8. Signals Mess
9. A.P.M.
10. 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade (2 rings)  
5th Pioneer Battalion (3 rings)
11. Camp Commandant
12. 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
13. Signals Orderly Room
14. A.D.M.S.
15. 3rd Aust. M.T. Co.
16. "A" Mess
17. Education Officer
18. "C" Company 5th Pioneer Battalion
19. Message 'phone
20. Divisional Sports Officer.

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