

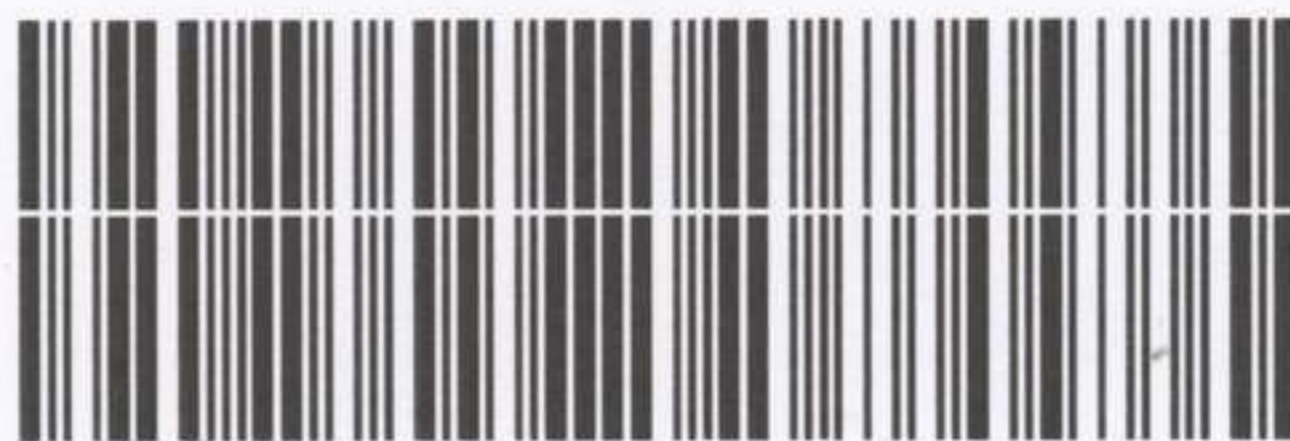
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PERNOIS	10.7.18.		Discussed the re-establishment of a Leave Depot with the A.G.M.G. Australian Corps, who, later in the day called with reference to the unsatisfactory way in which men were being returned to 3rd Aust.Divn.Rft.Wing from C.C.Stations.	
	12.7.18.		Second Course of the P.T.&.B.F.School assembled. 120 American Signallers camped in BERTEAUCOURT-les-DAMES. 15th Inf.Bde Nucleus moved to VAUX-en-AMIENNOIS.	
	16.7.18.		Leave Depot to accommodate 35 Officers 100 Other Ranks and supply them with evening meal and breakfast established at Australian Corps D epot. Corps D.A.& Q.M.G. (Brigadier General R.A.CARRUTHERS., CB., CMG.) inspected the Command. See appendix "A"	
	17.7.18.		Corps Personnel for FOURTH ARMY REST CAMP, 30 Officers 750 Other Ranks, assembled at PERNOIS. Hot tea was provided by Corps Depot and 5th Divn.Rft.Wing.	
	18.7.18.		Paris Platoon, representing AUSTRALIAN CORPS on July 14th at Dembnstration in PARIS, returned and were despatched by rail and busses to rejoin Units.	
	26.7.18.		Corps Personnel from FOURTH ARMY REST CAMP arrived at Noon. Corps Personnel for FOURTH ARMY REST CAMP, 31 Officers and 878 Other Ranks, and for FOURTH ARMY School, 36 Officers 77 Other Ranks, arrived by busses. All were despatched to destinations.	
	28.7.18.		25 Officers 169 Other Ranks for Australian Corps School arrived by bus, and were despatched to destination.	
	29.7.18.		14th Inf Bde Nucleus and 15th Inf Bde Nucleus marched out to Division. 27 Officers 180 Other Ranks arrived from Corps School and left on following day to rejoin Units.	
	31.7.18.		Total marched in for the month:- 441 Officers 8390 Other Ranks Total marched out for the month:- 554 " 9413 " "	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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<u>Appendix "A"</u>	<p><u>Routine Order 192 of 16.7.18. INSPECTION of the COMMAND.</u></p> <p>The CORPS D.A.& Q.M.G., Brigadier-General R.A.CARRUTHERS, CB., CMG., inspected the Command today.</p> <p>The following were brought to notice :-</p> <p>The general organisation and billeting of men was satisfactory.</p> <p>The cooking arrangements were deemed capable of great improvement, except the 5th Aust.Divn.Rft.Wing. Aldershot Ovens are to be constructed forthwith to give greater variety in menu. Wasteful open fires are to be abolished, the cooking places are to be close to mens's quarters to avoid long marches to and fro, especially in wet weather. Only two cooks had a copy of "Cooking in the Field" which should be studied and acted upon. Supplies of this book will be obtained and issued from this Office.</p> <p>Provision of messing rooms was approved.</p> <p>O,s C. Units should submit their recommendations for suitable buildings or convertable spaces with due regard to economy. Tables and Stools in small quantities may be requisitioned for, through this office.</p> <p>It was definitely laid down that the Reinforcement Camp is not a Convalescent Depot or Rest Camp.</p> <p>A pleasing feature during the inspection was the almost total absence of unemployed men.</p>
