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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*Australian Corps Cyclist Bn*

FOR

*December 1918*

AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
CYCLIST BATTN.  
No. *19/683*  
Date *21 19*

13TH  
LIGHT HORSE REGT.,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
MOUNTED TROOPS  
*58/589*  
*107-12*

Signature of Officer compiling *P. J. Baylis* Lieut

Signature of Officer Commanding *P. H. Perkins* Captain

Place.	Date	Summary of Events.	Remarks & references & appendices.
Map Ref Sheet. 12 IE CHATEAU.	1/12/18.	The Battalion moved from AVESNES to BOUSIGNIES, via SOIRE-le-CHATEAU, halting at COUSOIRE for rest and midday meal. Roads were very hilly and very heavy in places. Distance approx 35 kilos.	
		Battalion strength :- 13. Offs. 367. O.R's Attached :- 2. Offs. & 2 O.R's from 24th Bn. 1. A.S.C. Driver. 1 Armourer 3. A.M.C. Orderlies Total strength :- 15. Offs. 374. O.R's.	
		Weather report :- Fine.	Pg. 13.
NAMUR SHEET . 8	2/12/18	Parties as follows marched out to guard War Material at :- 1. N.C.O & 3. O.R's to BICUI. 2 parties of each 1. N.C.O & 3. O.R's to LOBBES AND THUIN. Weather report :- Fine.	Pg. 13.
WAR DIARY	3/12/18.	The Battalion moved from BOUSIGNIES to HANETES WIHERIES - distance approx 8 kilos. Roads were very heavy. Weather report :- Showery.	Pg. 13.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	4/12/18.	Training :- Cleaning of Arms Cycles & Equipment., cleaning up billets. Weather report :- Showery.	Pg. 13.
	5/12/18.	Training :- Route march dismounted. Capts J.S. Harrison & J.J.S. Scouler proceeded to England for duty with in the Demobilisation Branch. Afternoon :- Football practices. Weather report :- Fine.	Pg. 13.
	6/12/18.	Training :- Route march mounted. Afternoon - cleaning of cycles. Weather report :- Fine.	Pg. 13.
	7/12/18.	Training :- Route march 'dismounted'. Classes held in French and Bookkeeping Afternoon - The Battalion played the 13th, Aust I. Horse a game of Aust Rules Football. Scores :- 13th, A.I.H. 5 gs. 3. Battalion 8 gs 8. Party of 8. O.R's proceeded to LOBBES to increase guard. 6 O.R's to R.E. Workshops JEUMONT. 35 O.R's rejoined from detachment to A.F.M. Aust Corps. Weather Report :- Fine.	Pg. 13.

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Summary of events and Commission (Events recorded in diary)

Appendices references to remarks and

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages  
will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WAR DIARY			<p>Weather report: Fine.</p> <p>to A.I.M. and Corps.</p> <p>13th B.M. 25 O.R.'s rejoined from detachment Innocent Guard. 6 O.R.'s to R.R. Workshop Party of 6 O.R.'s proceeded to LOBBES to Battalion 8 ca 8.</p> <p>Ball. Scores: - 13th, A.I.M. 2 ca. 2.</p> <p>and 1. Horse a Game of War Rules Foot- Afternoon - The Battalion played the 13th, Classes held in French and Bookkeeping.</p> <p>Training: - Route march dismounted.</p> <p>Weather report: - Fine.</p> <p>Afternoon - cleaning of cycles.</p> <p>Training: - Route march mounted.</p> <p>Weather report: Fine.</p> <p>Afternoon: - Football practices. in the Demobilisation Branch. proceeded to England for duty with Capt J.S. Harrison &amp; J.J.S. Goulden.</p> <p>Training: - Route march dismounted.</p> <p>Weather report: - Showery.</p> <p>Equipment: - cleaning up pillars.</p> <p>Training: - Cleaning of Arms Cycles &amp; Weather report: - Showery.</p> <p>8 Miles. Roads were very heavy.</p> <p>to HANLEY WHEELERS - distance approx The Battalion moved from BOURGIGNES</p> <p>Weather report: - Fine.</p> <p>to LOBBES AND THUIW.</p> <p>8 Parties of each J. N.C.O. &amp; 2 O.R.'s I.N.C.O. &amp; 2 O.R.'s to BIQUE.</p> <p>to Guard War Material at:- Parties as follows marched out</p> <p>Weather report: - Fine.</p> <p>Total strength: - 13 O.R's. 24 O.R.'s.</p> <p>2. A.M.C. Ordnance</p> <p>Squadron J. A.S.C. Driver. 1 Armoured Attached: - S.O.R.'s &amp; S.C.R.'s from Battalion strength: - 13 O.R's. 24 O.R.'s</p> <p>in place. Distance approx 32 Miles.</p> <p>Roads were very hilly and very heavy. at COURVILLE for rest and night march. BOURIGNES, via COIRRE-JE-CHATEAU, half day</p> <p>The Battalion moved from VRESNES to</p>	
			<p>Summary of Events.</p> <p>Remarks &amp; references to Appendices.</p>	

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 and the Staff Minutes respectively. Figures  
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Intelligence Summary  
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Summary of Events and Information  
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 Appendices

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	Remarks, references & appendices.
"	8/12/18.	Church of England Church Parade during morning, also outlining of General Scheme of Repatriation and Demobilisation by Major. R.F.Fitz-Gerald. DSO. Evening - Church of England service. Weather report :- Frost - fine.	P. 9. B.
"	9/12/18.	Training :- Cleaning and overhauling of cycles, cleaning kit and equipment. Classes in Shorthand and Bookkeeping Afternoon :- Recreational training. Weather report :- Dull - light showers.	P. 9. B.
"	10/12/18.	Training :- Instruction in Guard and Sentry's duties. Afternoon :- Recreational training. Weather report :- Dull - showery.	P. 9. B.
"	11/12/18.	Training :- Route march - dismounted. Afternoon :- Football practices. Weather report :- Dull.	P. 9. B.
"	12/12/18.	Training :- Guard and Sentry's duties. Afternoon :- Rugby practices. Afternoon :- light showers.	P. 9. B.
"	13/12/18.	Training :- Instruction in Guard and Sentry's duties. Afternoon :- Recreational training.	P. 9. B.
"	14/12/18.	Education classes held during the morning. Lieut. J.P. Bayliss and batman taken on strength from the 13th, A.I.H. Weather report :- Dull.	P. 9. B.
"	15/12/18.	Cleaning and overhauling of cycles. Lieut. A.R.C. Lord taken on strength from the 13th, A.I.H. Weather report :- Dull, showery.	P. 9. B.
"	16/12/18.	Training :- Guards and Sentries duties. 8. O.R's rejoined from detachment to 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy. Weather report :- Dull.	P. 9. B.
"	17/12/18.	2 N.C.O's and 13 O.R's marched out on detachment with Town Major BEAUMONT. Weather report :- Dull - showery.	P. 9. B.
"	18/12/18.	Nothing to report. Dull - showery.	P. 9. B.
"	19/12/18.	Major. R.F.Fitz-Gerald. DSO., and 4 O.R's marched out on temporary detachment to AUST CORPS H.Qtrs. Major. Fitz-Gerald acting Sports Organiser for Aust Corps Mounted Troops. Weather report :- Dull.	P. 9. B.

  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Weather report :- 6 Dull.</p> <p>Mounted Troops.</p> <p>acting Sports Organizer for Unit Corps</p> <p>MAJOR CORPS H. GERS. Major. Pitts-Gerald</p> <p>marched out on temporary detachment to</p> <p>Major. R. E. Pitts-Gerald. DSO. and A.C.P.'s</p> <p>Dull - showery.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather report :- Dull - showery.</p> <p>detachment with Town Major BRADWENT.</p> <p>S.M.C.O.'s and 12 O.P.'s marched out on</p> <p>Weather report :- Dull</p> <p>Unit Div Sig Coy.</p> <p>G.O.P.'s rejoined from detachment to 2nd.</p> <p>Training :- Guards and Gentry's duties.</p> <p>Weather report :- Dull, showery.</p> <p>the 1st, A.I.H.</p> <p>Lieut. A.E.C. Lord taken on strength from</p> <p>Cleaning and overhauling of cycles.</p> <p>Weather report :- 6 Dull.</p> <p>strength from the 1st, A.I.H.</p> <p>Lieut. J.P. Bayliss and patrol taken on</p> <p>morning.</p> <p>Education classes held during the</p> <p>Afternoon :- Recreational training.</p> <p>Gentry's duties.</p> <p>Training :- Instruction in Guard and</p> <p>Afternoon :- light showers.</p> <p>Afternoon :- Rugby practices.</p> <p>Weather report :- Dull.</p> <p>Training :- Route march - dismounted.</p> <p>Weather report :- Dull - showery.</p> <p>Afternoon :- Recreational training.</p> <p>duties.</p> <p>Training :- Instruction in Guard and Gentry's</p> <p>Weather report :- Dull - light showers.</p> <p>Afternoon :- Recreational training.</p> <p>Glasses in shorthand and bookkeeping.</p> <p>Cycles, cleaning kit and equipment.</p> <p>Training :- Cleaning and overhauling of</p> <p>Weather report :- Front - fine.</p> <p>Evening - Church of England and services.</p> <p>Major. R.E. Pitts-Gerald. DSO.</p> <p>of formation and demobilisation by</p> <p>morning, also outlining of General Scheme</p> <p>Church of England and Church Parade during</p>	
			<p>Summary of Events.</p>	<p>Remarks &amp; references to Appendices.</p>

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	Remarks, references, appendices.
SHEET. 8 NAMUR	20/12/18.	Nothing to report Weather report :- Dull - showery. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	21/12/18.	Nothing to report. Weather report:- Dull. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	22/12/18.	Church Parade during the morning. 2/Lieut B.J.S. Nichol left unit to rejoin his unit the 24th, Bn. AIF. <i>P.g. 13</i> Weather report :- Dull.	
"	23/12/18.	20. O.R's marched out to P. & R.T. School BEAUMONT for one week's work. 4. O.R's reported in from HANZINNE. 9. " " " " MARCHINNE. 12. " " " " CHARLEROI. Weather report :- Dull - showery. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	24/12/18.	1. Off and 58. O.R's marched out on detachment to Aust Corps Workshop JEUMONT. WEATHER REPORT :- Dull. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	25/12/18.	Xmas day. Weather report :- light showers. <i>P.g. 13</i>	Appendix 1.
"	26/12/18.	Lieut. H Raphael rejoined from detachment to Aust Corps as War Trophies Officer Weather report :- Showers. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	27/12/18.	Lieut. H. Thornton proceeded on leave in U.K. Weather report :- Showery. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	28/12/18.	21. O.R's marched in from detachment to P. & R.T. School BEAUMONT. Weather report :- Showers. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	29/12/18.	Church Parade during morning. Weather report :- Dull. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	30/12/18.	Nothing to report. Weather report :- Dull - Showery. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
"	31/12/18.	Nothing to report. Weather report :- Dull. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
		Battalion strength :- 11. Off 351. O.R's. Attached :- 1. Off 1. O.R. 1. A.S.C Driver. 3. A.M.C. Orderlies. Total strength :- 12. Offs. 356. O.R's. Personnel distributed as follows:- Detached 3. Offs 184. O.R's. On Leave. 1. " 23. " Hospital. 1. " 5. " * In camp. 6. " 129. <i>P.g. 13</i>	
		x less attached.	
		<i>C.H. Perkins</i> Captain.	
		AUSTRALIAN CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.	

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.

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OF QUARTERMASTER FOR MONTH ENDING THE 31st, DECEMBER, 1918.

RATIONS :- Have been good but on five occasions owing to the poor train service they have arrived almost 24 hours late. The men had a splendid Xmas Dinner, extras being received from Comfort Funds and purchases from Regimental Funds.

TRANSPORT :- Two horses drawn to replace those evacuated some months ago. All except one vehicle newly painted during month, brass and steel work kept in splendid order. Harness all overhauled and kept well, new headstalls throughout. One cooks carts and water cart (both unserviceable) returned to Ordnance and new ones drawn to replace them.

MOVE :- One during the month carried out without any hitch over a long journey and hilly country.

*CP*

*F. G. Trout*  
Lieut. & A/ Q.M.  
Australian Corps Cyclist Battalion.