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WAR DIARY

OF

31st. BATTALION. A. I. F.

FOR

FEBRUARY 1919.

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SIGNATURE OF OFFICER COMMANDING.

L. H. Smith

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FEBRUARY? 1919.

Army Form C. 2118.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FELLERIES.	1		Bathing parades.	
	2		Voluntary Church parades.	
	3		Bathing p arades.	
	4		Ordinary inspection of platoons by Company arrangement.	
	5		Usual routine. Weather keeping fine but cold.	
	6		Route march. In the afternoon most of the men went to see the Brigade Soccer match.	
	7		Rugby match against the 32nd. Battalion.	
	8		Bathing parades were held. Inspection of billets w hich were found to be in very good order.	
	9		Parades held when men were informed as to what is going on regarding demobilisation etc.	
	10		31st. Bn. V. 30th. Bn. at rugby.	
	11		Ordinary routine followed. Snow still thick on the ground. Weather generally cold.	
	12		31st. & 32nd Bns. came to terms as to their football abilities and had a joint route march.	
	13		Inspection of billets under battalion arrangements. Bathing parades.	
	14		Ordinary parades.	
	15		Ordinary parades. The weather remains very cold.	
	16		Voluntary Church parades. In order to bring battalion closer and to facilitate better administration, the billets have been re-arranged.	
	17		Usual routine and rifle and equipment inspection.	
	18		Ordinary parades. The weather comp aratively dry and mild.	
	19		Usual parades. Promulgation of orders regarding Repatriation.	
	20		The whole battalion went into action once more, w hen the Div. photographer came along armed with a panoramic camera and "got the lot".	
	21		Except for the discomforture caused by wet roads, the route march arranged for today was heartily enjoyed by all concerned.	
	22		Ordinary parades weere carried out during the morning with ins pection of arms clothing and equipment. The afternoon was spent in recreation.	
	23		Church parades (voluntary) were held and fairly well attended. Raining most of the day. At night the usual dance was held in the dancehall and was very s uccessful, some 35 couples participating. Coffee and light refreshments were handed round at 11 p.m. and was enjoyed.	
	24		Company parades in the morning with inspection of S.B.R's. Weather still wet & uncomfortable.	
	25		Bathing p arades and clean change of underclothing. The afternoon was sp ent in recreation.	
	2 6		Educational classes during the morning. Dance was held at night, being just as successful as previous ones. Several couples appeared in mask and fancy dress, causing a little more excitement amongst the troops.	

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	27. 28		<p>Ordinary routine carried out during the day. Weather keeping fine but very cold. Bathing parade during the morning. Afternoon devoted to sport and recreation.</p> <p>-----</p> <table> <tr> <td>Effective Strength.</td> <td>43</td> <td>514</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attached</td> <td>4</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total strength</td> <td>47</td> <td>521</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>22</td> <td>202</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>25</td> <td>319</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">=====</td> </tr> </table> <p>Died of illness. 2 other ranks.</p> <p>Reinforcements Nil.</p> <p>Orderley Room cases 4.</p> <p>Courts Martials. 2.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>L. Morisset</i> Captain. T/Commanding 31st. Battalion A.I.F.</p>	Effective Strength.	43	514	Attached	4	7	-----			Total strength	47	521	Detached	22	202	-----				25	319	=====			
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FOR

MONTH of FEBRUARY 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

SUBJECT.

No.

A. Quartermaster's Monthly Report.

f. Transport Officer's Report.

WAR DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 1919.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

The usual routine of work was carried on during the month.
Ration supplies were good, and a fair quantity of comforts came to hand.
The weather keeps very cold, and at intervals wet making things rather uncomfortable.

28.2.1919.

Captain.
Q.M. 31st. Battalion A.I.F.

WAR DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 1919.

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

The weather has been very wet and cold but horses are in good condition.
Three men of the transport section returned to Australia during the month.
Usual routine of work has been carried out during the month.
Ten horses have been despatched for demobilisation.

28.2.1919.

J. L. Seale
Lieut.
Transport Officer 31st. Battalion A.I.F.