

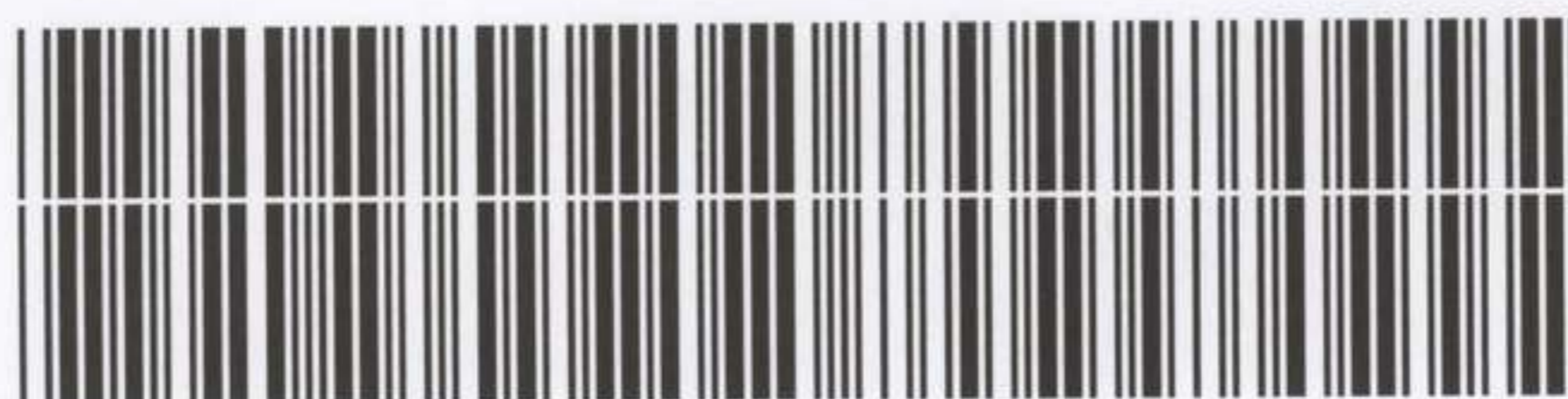
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/11/28

Title: 11th Infantry Brigade

March 1919



AWM4-23/11/28

C O N F I D E N T I A L .

ORIGINAL.

153

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY.

OF

11th. INFANTRY BRIGADE., A. I. F.

FOR

MARCH, 19 19.

Signature of Officer compiling.....*P. J. Smith*.....

Signature of Officer Commanding.....

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 11th. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

(Erase heading not required.)

153

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rambures.	1st.		Dull.	
	2nd.		Clocks advanced an hour, summer time. Col. HERON returned ex leave, and resumed duties as Brigadier. Col. FARRELL returned to 43rd. Battalion. Lieut. MCKENNA to England. 540.	
	3rd.		Raining.	
	4th.	Major	Major CRUIKSHANK, Paris leave.	
	5th.		Dull.	
	6th.		Raining.	
	7th.		General returned from Division. Lieut. WOODS (41st. Battalion.) Div. Sports Officer arrives.	
	8th.		Conference, General and Battalion Commanders.	
	9th.		General left on Cologne trip.	
	10th.		Fine. Educational Classes. Capt O'BRYEN returned ex leave.	
	11th.		Fine. Educational Classes.	
	12th.		Cloudy. Educational Classes. Committee inspected proposed site for memorial.	
	13th.		Cloudy. Major CRUICKSHANK returns from Paris leave.	
	14th.		Educational Classes. Lecture by Sapper INGRAM, Labour Unionism, what it is, and what it is not.	
	15th.		Fine. Conference of C.Os.	
	16th.		Church Parades.	

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 11th. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

(Erase heading not required.)

153

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rambures.	17th.		Weather changeable. Lecture by Sapper Ingram. "Bolshevism." 1st. Draft, 9th. Brigade leave GAMACHES.	
	18th.		Cloudy. 1st. Draft 11th. Brigade concentrate at GAMACHES. 43rd. Battalion to CERISY and amalgamate with 44th. Battalion. 43rd. Battalion to administrate.	
	19th.		Snow fell during early morning. Heavy thaw during day.	
	20th.		Cloudy and cold. Educational Classes.	
	21st.		Cloudy and cold. Educational Classes. 11th. Brigade ceased to exist at midnight 21/22 March, will now be known as "11th. Demobilisation Regiment.	
	22nd.		Cloudy and cold. Educational Classes. English and Paris leave suspended.	
	23rd.		Cloudy.	
	24th.		Colonel to AMIENS re Div. Monument. Brigade Headquarters re-union dinner. Heavy snow during day.	
	25th.		Mr LLOYD returned ex leave. Leave reopened.	
	26th.		Capt. O'BRYEN and Lieut. SMITH to England, War Records.	
	27th.		General CANNAN returned from COLOGNE.	
	28th.		General CANNAN to England, leave.	
	29th.		Col. HERON to Amiens to finalise monument scheme.	
	30th.		Snow fell.	
	31st.		Dull and cloudy.	

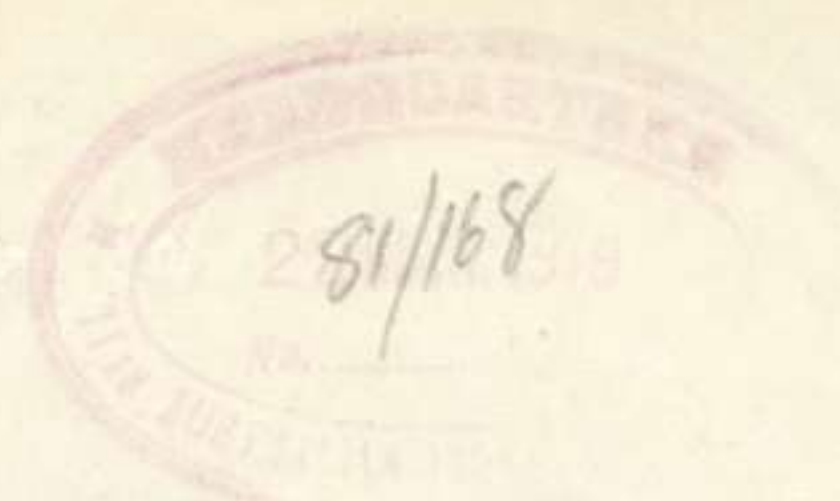
153

Appendix 1

Weekly Report on

EDUCATION

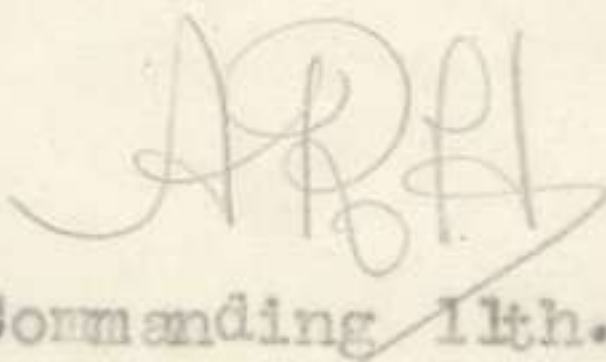
153
Headquarters,
Third Australian Division.



WEEKLY EDUCATION REPORT.

1. Classes generally throughout the Brigade have become disorganised owing to Instructors and personnel having gone to Concentration Camp at GAMACHES for first Quota. However, through the amalgamation of the 43rd. and 44th. Battalion, fresh Instructors have become available and new classes are being formed.
2. During the week Sapper INGRAM of 11th. Field Coy has been lecturing at Brigade Headquarters on subjects as under:-
UNIONISM, BOLSHEVISM, AUSTRALIAN PROBLEMS.

Attendances were good and keen interest was maintained in the Lectures.
This Lecturer is now with the 41st. Battalion.
3. The FRESNE School is continuing to do good work, but progress is slow, owing to the students not having had previous experience, but all are very keen.
An Instructor is giving an hour on "Bookkeeping" every afternoon, chiefly on Farming Accounts etc.
4. The Brigade Commercial School at TRANSLAY has suffered through loss of Instructors and some of the students, but another Instructor has been obtained and satisfactory progress is being made. It is hoped to obtain further students from the 11th. Field Amb.
5. The Brigade Elementary School at RAMBURES is making good progress. An assistant Instructor has been obtained for the Shorthand class in which keen interest is being maintained.
6. A Unit Educational Library received from Division is now available to the members of the Brigade School and is already being available of by members.
7. The Brigade Telegraphy School is progressing satisfactorily and students are obtaining good passes.


Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding 11th. Demobilisation Regt.

A.J.M.
22/3/19.

War Diary

Headquarters,
3rd. Australian Division.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

1. Attendances at Unit Schools and Classes have greatly decreased. This is entirely owing to Demobilisation of personnel including Instructors. The loss of the latter accentuates the normal decrease of enrolment.
2. Brigade Schools also are suffering from similar effects.
3. The Brigade Agricultural School at FRESNE will terminate on 30/3/19. Six students are being sent to 3rd. Aust. Div. Agricultural School for further instruction, by arrangement with the O.C. School.
4. The Brigade Schools at ST MAXENT, TRANSLAY, and RAMBURES, are still able to carry on satisfactorily.
5. Libraries, and lectures, in the decline of other facilities, are doing good work in all units.

29/3/19.
JH.

Sgd. A.R. HERON, Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 11th. Demob. Regiment. A.I.F.

153

Handwritten

Headquarters,
Third Australian Division.



EDUCATION REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 15/3/19.

Attendances at all Battalion classes continue to be good although the numbers are decreasing as men go to England for Early Repatriation and Non-Military Employment.

Interest is still being maintained in Lectures given by various speakers both from Units of the Division and those arranged for from other sources.

The Brigade Commercial School at TRANSLAY is losing its two present instructors and some of the class who are first Quota members, but another Instructor from the 41st. Battalion has been arranged for.

The attendance at this School from 17th. instant will be 14.

The Agricultural School at FRESNE with a membership of 26 is still continuing and it is hoped that it will be continued after the formation of the proposed Divisional class if suitable Instructors can be obtained.

The Telegraphy School is continuing to make good progress.

The Library which has been formed by the 43rd. Battalion now consists of over 300 books which cater for many varied tastes. This Library will be taken over to CERISY on the amalgamation of the 43rd. and 44th. Battalions.

The concentration of the First Quota during the coming week will deplete many Battalion classes, but as soon as the re-organisation of the Units is completed fresh classes will take their place.

Classes in Shorthand and Geography are now included in the Syllabus of the brigade Elementary School, and take the place of the Lectures and Debates which have been the custom up to the present time.

Handwritten signature

Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.M.
14/3/19.

153

Appendix 2
Gde Orders

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 145.

Reference Map - VIGNACOURT
1/100,000.

Brigade Headquarters.
15th. March, 1919.

1. No. 94 Embarkation Quota will concentrate at GA AGHES on 13th. instant as under:-

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.C. & Sgts.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
41st. Battalion.	14	15	293	312
43rd. Battalion.	14	16	160	190
44th. Battalion.	10	10	135	155
11th. Field Amb.	1	3	48	52
S.A.A. Section.	-	1	32	34
11th. Field Coy.	1	1	57	59
3rd. M.G. Bn.	5	4	104	113
Divisional H/Co.	1	1	2	4
3rd. Divl. Sig. Coy.	-	1	21	22
Divl. Train.	1	3	16	20
	<u>47</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>352</u>
3rd. Pioneer Battalion	-	1	39	39 will
join the Quota at LE HAVRE at a later date.				

No.	<u>Depart.</u>	<u>Starting Point.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
41st. Battalion.	10.00	Cross Roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W of S in ST. MAXENT.	TRANSLAY TILLOY-FLOREVILLE.
43rd. Battalion.	09.30	Road Junction 1200 yds W of First R in RA'BURELLES.	Do.
44th. Battalion.	09.30	Cross Roads 300 yds of Q in CERISY.	Do.
11th. Field Amb.	09.30	Cross Roads 300 yards W of B in BLIGNOCOURT.	Do.
11th. Field Coy.	Under arrangements of O.C. Coy.		
3rd. Divl. Train.	Under arrangements of O.C., Train.		
Divisional Headquarters.	Under arrangements of Camp Comdt.		
3rd. Divl. Sig. Coy.	Under arrangements of O.C. Company.		

Halts from 10 minutes to clock hour to clock hour.

3rd. Machine Gun Battalion to reach Camp by 10.30.
S.A.A. Section to reach Camp by 11.00.

5. The following moves will take place after the departure of Unit Quota and at discretion of C.Os. concerned.

43rd. Battalion (less Quota) to CERISY on 13th. inst.
11th. Field Coy. (less Quota) to RA'BURELLES on 13th. inst.
Companies of 41st. Battalion from DOUDELAINVILLE to ST. MAXENT on 13th. instant.

C.P.T.O.

153

(3)

4. C.Os. Units will arrange for cooks to be sent to GAACHES CAMP together with one third unexpired portion of the day's ration for the Unit Quota in time for a hot evening meal to be served to the troops.

5. G.S. Wagons for blankets and valises will report to Units from 3rd. Aust. Div. Train at 09.00 on 13th. inst. as under:-

41st. Battalion.	3
43rd. Battalion.	2
44th. Battalion.	2

6. Units will submit A.F.B55 up to and including 13th. instant for the whole of the commands showing the number of troops which will move to GAACHES on 13th. inst. separately from those remaining.

On and from 13th. inst Brigade Quota will submit indents for Quota supplies.

Arrangements have been made for supplies to be delivered at GAACHES CAMP on 13th. inst for consumption on 14th. inst.

7. C.Os. Units will ensure that personnel are complete as regards clothing and equipment as laid down before marching out from unit, and will supply C.O., Quota with:- Marching in State, Nominal Roll in triplicate, and (for every member) Form Q. L., Form 536, Form 541, Form B122 and a supply of stationery.

8. With reference to Para. 3 above, C.O. 11th. Field Company will send an advance party to RAIBURELLES to take over the billets and area stores from 43rd. Battalion at 10.00 on 13th. inst.

43rd. Battalion will obtain receipts from 11th. Field Company for stores and also Certificates as to cleanliness of billets, in triplicate, forwarding one copy to 11th. Brigade and one to Area Commandant.

41st. Battalion hand over to Area Commandant any Area Stores at present in use at DOUDELAINVILLE which are not required to be taken to ST. BAKENT, forwarding a duplicate receipt to 11th. Brigade.

A guard is to be maintained over huts, tables and forms left at DOUDELAINVILLE until they are removed under Brigade arrangements.

A certificate as to cleanliness of billets at DOUDELAINVILLE to be obtained from Area Commandant and a copy of such to be sent to 11th. Brigade.

Maj. R. R. R. R.

a/ Brigade Major 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F. MAJOR,

A.J. .

DISTRIBUTION.

3rd. Aust. Divn.	1/2	S. A. A. Section,	17
G.O.C. 11th. BCo.	3	3rd. G. Battalion,	14
B. : do.	4	3rd. Pioneer Battalion,	15
S.C. do.	5	3rd. Divl. Sig. Coy.	16
41st. Battalion,	6	G.O. Quota,	17
43rd. Battalion,	7	Area Comdt. TRANSLAN,	18
44th. Battalion,	8	Brigade Sig. Section,	19
11th. Field Amb,	9	C.R.E.	20
11th. Field Coy,	10	A.D.C.S.	21
3rd. Divl. Train,	11	9th. A.I. Brigade,	22
Supply Officer	12	10th. A.I. Brigade,	23
		11th. L.T. Battery,	24
		War Diary,	25/26
		File,	27.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 143.Brigade Headquarters,
19th. March, 1919.

Reference Map.

VIGNACOURT 1/100,000.

1. Consequent on the concentration of the 1st. Quota from the Brigade, the following changes in Command and organisation have taken place as from 18th. instant.

- (a) Major E.J.DIBDIN, D.S.O., to Command 41st. Battalion.
- (b) 44th. Battalion will be organised as a Company and attached for Administration to the 43rd. Battalion under the Command of Major W.H.ROCKLIFF, MC, 44th. Battalion until the return of Lieut. Colonel J. FARRELL, D.S.O., when this Officer will assume Command and Major W.H.ROCKLIFF, MC., will report to GAMACHES CAMP.

The 44th. Battalion will retain its individuality as a Unit and is in no sense merged or transferred into the 43rd. Battalion.

2. N.C.Os. and men of the 11th. Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery at present attached to Battalions are to be transferred to those Battalions forthwith according to the States in which they enlisted.

Officers seconded to the 11th. A.L.T.M. Battery will be returned to their respective Units.

All the above may continue to wear the distinctive badges of the 11th. A.L.T.M. Battery.

O.C. Battery will advise when clearance has been obtained for stores, Regimental Funds &c., when arrangements will be made for the Cadre to hand over records.

3. Administrative Instructions are attached hereto.

W. H. Rockliff

Major.
Brigade Major, 11th. Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1/6. Third Aust. Divn.
7. G.O.C. 11th. Bdo.
8. B.M.
9. S.C.
10. 41st. Bn.
11. 43rd. Bn.
12. 44th. Bn.
13. Divn. Train.
14. 3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.
15. 11th. Bdo. Quota.
16. 11th. T.M. Bty.
- 17/20. War Diary.
21. File.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 70/20. ISSUED
WITH BRIGADE ORDER No. 146.

Consequent upon the amalgamation the following instructions are issued for information and necessary action:-

(a) 44th. Battalion will cease to render returns to Brigade.

(b) 43rd. Battalion will render all returns as two returns:-

1 for 43rd. Battalion.
1 for 44th. Battalion (att. 43rd. Bn.)

Such returns as salvage will be rendered singly by 43rd. Battalion.

(c) 44th. Battalion will arrange to transfer all animals on strength as under:-

41st. Battalion.	9
43rd. Battalion.	10
11th. Inf. Bde. H/Qs.	3

(This confirms those Headquarters wires 803, 4 & 5 of the 16th. inst.)

(d) Leave allotment will be made to 43rd. Battalion and 44th. Battalion as heretofore.

(e) 44th. Battalion will arrange to obtain a clearance from the Divisional Claims Officer to the effect that there are no claims outstanding against them, and will pay to the 43rd. Battalion the balance of 44th. Battalion Trust Account after closing up Canton and allowing for outstanding liabilities.

W. Bennett

Staff Captain, 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F. Captain.

A.J.P.
19/3/19.

DISTRIBUTION AS PER BRIGADE ORDER.

11TH. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 147.

Brigade Headquarters,
21st. March, 1919.

Reference Map.
VIGNACOURT 1/100,000.

153

1. The Warning Order having been received for No. 24 Embarkation Quota, the allotment is fixed as under:-

UNIT.	Offs.	Co. Sgts.	O.Rs.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
41st. Battalion.	14	15	233	312	
43rd. Battalion.	14	15	160	190	
44th. Battalion.	10	10	135	155	
11th. Fld. Amb.	1	3	49	53	
S.A.A. Section.	1	1	32	34	
11th. Fld. Coy.	1	1	57	59	
3rd. Pioneer Battn.	-	1	38	39	To join at 16 HAVRE.
3rd. A. G. Bn.	5	4	104	113	
3rd. Divl. Train.	1	3	16	20	
3rd. Div. Signal Coy.	-	1	31	32	
Divl. Headquarters.	1	1	2	4	
T O T A L S.	48	56	896	1000	

This cancels the allotment issued in Brigade Order No. 145.

2. The C.O. Quota will arrange for Educational personnel to be obtained from members of the Quota.

W. H. A. Smith
Major,
Brigade Major, 11th, Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

3rd. Aust. Divn.	1/3	3rd. Divl. Sig. Coy.	19
G.O.C. 11th. Bde.	7	C.O. Quota.	20
B. "	3	C.R.E.	31
S.C. "	9	Brigade Sig. Sect.	32
41st. Battalion.	10	A.D.C.S.	33
43rd. Battalion.	11	11th. L.T. Bty.	34
44th. Bn. (for Infmtn)	12	War Diagr.	35/38
11th. Field Amb.	13	File.	39
11th. Field Coy.	14		
3rd. Div. Train.	15		
S.A.A. Section.	16		
3rd. A.G. Battalion.	17		
3rd. Pioneer Bn.	18		

153

11th. DEMOBILISATION REGIMENT ORDER No. 1.

Regt. Headquarters.
30th. March, 1919.

Reference Map:- VIGNACOURT. (Admin. Map).
1/100,000.

- No. 39 Quota will assemble at Concentration Camp, CALACHES, on 3/4/19.
- The allotment to Units of this Regiment is as follows:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>N.Os. and Sergeants</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>	<u>Total.</u>
44th. Battalion.	1	-	-	-
10th. Field Amb.	2	8	53	63 (includes Cadre B.)
10th. Field Coy. A.E.	1	6	62	69
3rd. Divl. Train.	2	6	48	56
3rd. Divl. Signal Coy.	1	3	42	46

All previous allotments are cancelled.

Draft is to include up to 1916 personnel only. Units will notify these Headquarters before 1917 personnel are included.

The number of N.Os. and Sergeants is the minimum to be sent; any N.Os. or Sergeants in excess of this number are to be included in number of O.Rs.

Units must retain N.C.Os. at the rate of 1 Sergeant per 30 men plus Cadre.

- Staff of No. 39 Quota is as follows, and is included in allotment as per Para. 2:-

C.O.	-	Major R. J. EVERETT, 44th. Battalion.	
2nd. in command.	-	Major M. B. B. HEATINGE, R.C., Pioneer Bn.	
Adjutant.	-	Lieut. H. H. O. WHITTAKER, R.C.	40th. Bn.
Quartermaster.	-	Lieut. P. J. TELFER, R.C.	38th. Bn.
R.S.M.	NO, 462 C.S.M.	R. GEDDES,	39th. Bn.
R.Q.M.S.	No. 814 C.Q.M.S.	J. F. BEAR,	38th. Bn.
Ord. Rm. Sgt.	3569 Corpl.	J. V. MONAGHAN,	40th. Bn.

- The Staff of No. 39 Quota will assemble at CALACHES Concentration Camp on 1/4/19, and the C.O. will take over Camp from C.O. No. 24 Quota on 2/4/19.

The quarters allotted to Camp Staff, Cartoons, Y.M.C.A., etc., are not to be altered.

P.T.O.

5. Quotas from Units will proceed to GAFFACHES as under:-

<u>Quota From.</u>	<u>Starting Point and Time of Passing.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
10th. Field Amb.	Junction road and tracks 1/3 mile S. of 2nd A in TRANSLAY. Pass 09.45.	TILLOY-FLORIVILLE-GAFFACHES.
10th. Field Coy.	Junction of Roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of B in BIENCOURT. Pass 09.45.	TRANSLAY - TILLOY-FLORIVILLE-GAFFACHES.
3rd. Divl. Train.	Fork Roads immediately S of third I in WITHAINE-GLISE. Pass 09.45.	RAMBURELLES-TRANSLAY-TILLOY - GAFFACHES.
3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.	Under arrangements of O.C., 3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.	

Halts from 10 minutes to clock hour to the clock hour.

6. Personnel will carry unexpired portion of the day's rations.
7. Units will arrange direct with 3rd. Divl. Train for baggage wagons to convey blankets and valises, 48 hours prior to move.
8. O.C. each Unit's Quota will hand to C.O. No. 29 Quota on arrival at Concentration Camp, nominal roll in triplicate and marching in state. For each member of the Quota he will hand in Q.1 Form, Form 536, Form 541, A.F.B. 122.
9. Units will ensure that personnel are complete as regards kit and equipment before marching out from Units.
10. Acknowledge.

(Signature)
 Adjutant, 11th. Demobilisation Regiment, A.I.F. Captain.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1/3. 3rd. Aust. Division
 3. C.O.
 4/7. ~~Spare~~
 8. 41st. Battalion.
 9/10. 43rd. Battalion.
 11. Major R. T. EVERETT.
 13/15. C.R.E.
 16/18. A.D.C.S.
 19/23. 3rd. Divl. Train.
 25/24. 3rd. Div. Signal Coy.
 25. C.O., No. 24 Quota.
 26. 9th. Demobilisation Regt.
 27. 10th. Demobilisation Regt.
 28/30. War Diary.
 31. File.