

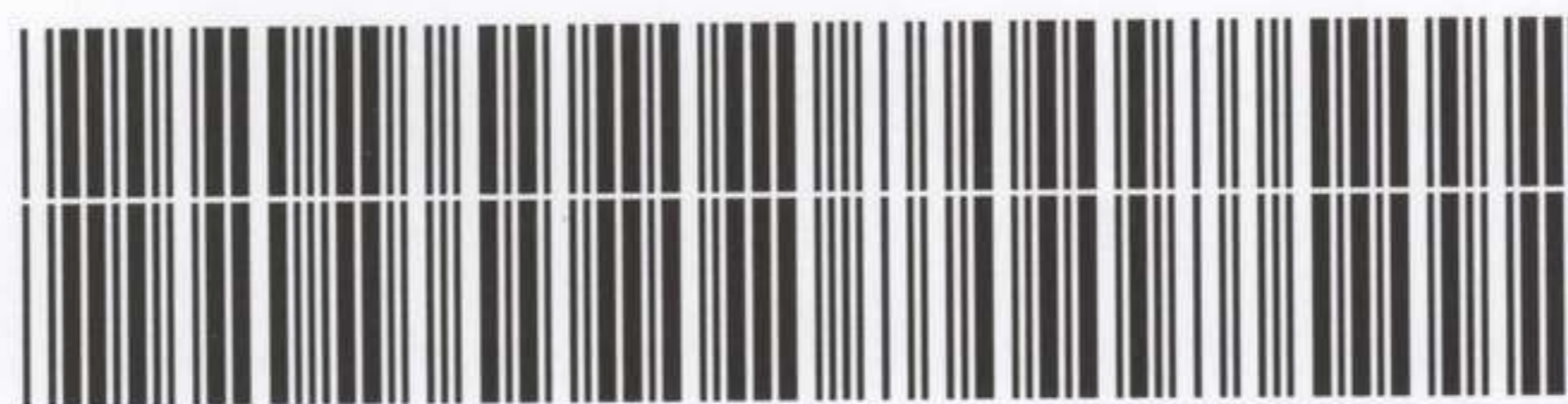
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WAR DIARY

OF

12TH BATTALION,

FOR

MARCH. 1919

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3RD AUS. INF BRIGADE,

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHATELET	March	1	Company Parades and Route March, Weather Fine.	
		2	Battalion attended Church Parade on 9th Battalion Parade Ground for Church of England Roman Catholics also attended Church Parade held in the Orphanage.	
		3	Weather fine during morning but cloudy and overcast in the afternoon, which eventually turned to rain. Battalion attended Lecture in Brigade Hall at 1030. During afternoon, Battalion marched to 9th Battalion Football Ground to witness competition match between 1st Division Representative team versus 2nd Division (Soccer). The match resulted in a win for 1st Division Team by 4 to 1. This parade will now take the place of Recreational Training during the period the inter-divisional Contests are being played off.	
		4	Weather showery. Battalion bathed and clean change of underclothing issued. Men not otherwise on Education Classes attended lecture in Brigade Hall. The Corps Commander, General HOBBS met Senior Officers of the Battalion and explained position of demobilisation which is being delayed owing to strikes in England. The brigade held Cross-Country teams race each Battalion in the brigade competing. The 12th Battalion won with 32 points, with 11th Battalion close up with 31.	
		5	Battalion Parade, followed by Educational Training and for those not attending classes a lecture was given on "Economics". During afternoon Battalion paraded to witness inter-divisional Football Match. Weather showery.	
		6	Company Parades and Educational Training. 3rd Series of lecture of "Economics" for men not attending classes. A Lecture was also held for Officers on "Waterloo". Afternoon - Recreational Training by Companies. Weather fine.	
		7	Company Parades and Educational Classes. Afternoon - Recreational Training. Weather wet.	
		8	Company Parades and Educational Classes. Afternoon - Recreational Training Weather wet.	
		9	Church Parade C. of E. was held in Concert Hall. R.C. in Orphanage. Weather wet.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHATELET.	March	10	Companies paraded to Battalion Baths. No change of underclothing available, Weather fine Afternoon - Inter-Company Football Match between "Y" & "Z" Companies, which resulted in a win for "Z" Company.	
		11	Company Parades and Physical Training and Education Classes. Afternoon Football match between "X" Company Officers and Officers, resulting in a win for the Officers. Weather fine and sunny.	
		12	Battalion Parade - Practice of presentation of "Kings Colours". Afternoon - Recreational Training under Company arrangements. Weather fine.	
		13	Battalion Parade and practice of Presentation of Kings Colours. Afternoon. Inter-divisional Rugby Match 1st Division v 5th, resulting in a win for 1st Division. Weather dull and threatening, but cleared during the afternoon.	
		14	Parades under Company arrangements and Education Classes. Afternoon Recreational Training under Company arrangements. Weather Good.	
		15	Battalion Parade and Practice of Presentation of Kings Colours. Afternoon Inter-Divisional (Aus. Rules) Football Match 1st v 5th Division. In this the match, the 5th Division scored a win. Weather dull.	
		16	Church Parade both C. of E. and R.C. Weather Dull.	
		17	Company parades and Education Classes. Afternoon Battalion v Draft Football, in which the Draft scored a win. Weather showery.	
		18	Battalion parade to Baths - Change of new underclothing issued by Aus. Comforts Fund Afternoon Recreational Training under Company arrangements. Weather showery.	
		19	Battalion Parade Route March. Afternoon Draft v Remainder of Battalion Football Match resulting in a win for "Remainder". Weather fine.	
		20	Company Parade, Physical Training and Education Classes. Afternoon Inter Divisional Cross-Country Run. Walk-over for 12th Battalion. Weather cold and a slight snow storm.	
		21	Company Parades Physical Training and Education Classes. Afternoon - Football, Battalion v Machine Gunners, resulting in a win for the Gunners. Weather Fine.	
		22	Battalion Parade and Education Classes. Afternoon - Football Match 1st v 2nd Division 1st Division scoring yet another victory. Weather fine.	
		23	Church Parade for both C. of E. and R.C. Weather fine.	

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3RD A.S. INF. BRIGADE. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHATELET	March	24	Battalion Parade for Baths - Change of clothing available. Afternoon - Football Match cancelled. Weather wet.	
		25	Company Parades and Education Classes. Afternoon. Football Match cancelled on account of the wet weather.	
		26	Company Parade and Education Classes. Afternoon - Recreational Training under Company arrangements. Weather wet.	
		27	What appeared to be prospects of a fine day changed into slight fall of snow and showers during the day. Draft of 13 Officers and 83 Other Ranks marched out en route to ENGLAND for demobilization. Farewell Parade under Brigade arrangements was held and draft moved off directly afterwards for CHARLEROI.	
			New Quota has now assembled in Battalion Area, and the remainder of the Officers and men who are not proceeding with this draft have been absorbed into the 910th Battalion under command of Lieut-Col. M. Wilder NELIGAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M. Some little difficulty occurred in getting the men to march out to this Unit on account no doubt of the friendship ^{made during the period} the men have been billeted here, and to the hospitality hospitality extended by the Belgium civil population. This was however, overcome, and the men marched out in order.	
			This move practically brings to a close the existence of the 12th Battalion as a Unit which has been felt by both Officers and Men who have been service with the Battalion.	

			During the month under review, the health of the men has been good and rations have been very fair. The discipline and bearing of the men has been all that could be desired and has well repaid the work of the officers in their duties of arranging sports and amusements for the welfare of the men and which entailed a considerable amount of work.	
			Everything possible has been done to make the men comfortable and to keep them amused whilst awaiting their demobilization.	

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OF

12TH BATTALION.

FOR

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11TH/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 8TH MARCH, 1919.

MONDAY	3RD	"X" Company Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES "Z" " versus Officers - Football Match "Y" " under Company arrangements.
TUESDAY	4TH	"Z" Company Hall "X" versus "Y" Coy - Football Match
WEDNESDAY	5TH	"Y" Company Hall
THURSDAY	6TH	Skating - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Officers versus "Y" Company - Football Match
FRIDAY	7TH	"X" versus "Z" - Football Match "Y" Coy under Company arrangements.
SATURDAY	8TH	Battalion versus another (to be arranged) Training in Hall under supervision of Sgt. BARNARD 12th and Sgt. REEVE 11th Batt. P.&T. Instruction.

Geo. GANDY, Lieut.
Sports Officer.

11th/12th Australian Infantry Battalion.

PROGRAMME OF RECREATIONAL TRAINING
for week ending 15/3/19.

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MONDAY	10TH	"X" Company - Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES "Y" v "Z" - Football

TUESDAY	11TH	"Y" Company - Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES "X" Coy v Officers - Football "Z" " Under Company arrangements.

WEDNESDAY	12TH	"Z" Company - Hall Rue de GRAVELLES "X" & "Y" Coys - Under Company arrangements

THURSDAY	13TH	Football Match - 1st v 5th Division

FRIDAY	14TH	"Y" Company - Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES "X" " - Under Company Arrangements "Z" v Officers - Football

SATURDAY	15TH	1st v 5th Division Football Match (Aus. Rules)

(Signed) Geo. T. GANDY,
Sports Officer, 11th/12th Batt.

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SYLLABUS OF SPORTS TRAINING.

11th/12th Battalion e for week ending 22/3/19.

MONDAY 17TH "X" Company - Football - Draft v Remainder
12th Coys. - " "

TUESDAY 18TH 1st v 2nd Division Football Match
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WEDNESDAY 19TH Draft vx Remainder - Football Match 9th Ground.

THURSDAY 20TH Cross-Country Championship and Skating

FRIDAY 21ST Battalion v Machine Gun Battalion - Football

SATURDAY 22ND Under Company Arrangements

15th March, 1919.

Geo GANDY, Lie ut.
Sports Officer, 11th/12th Batt.

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11th/12th Australian Infantry Battalion.

SYLLABUS OF SPORTS TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 29/3/19.

MONDAY 24TH FOOTBALL - Combined Battalion v 6th & 13th Battery
Artillery, on 9th Battalion Ground.

TUESDAY 25TH FOOTBALL - Officers 9/10th v Officers 11/12th Batts.
Companies under Company arrangements.

WEDNESDAY 26TH CRICKET - Practise on 9th Battalion Ground
and Constructing Wickets.

THURSDAY 27TH SKATING - In Hall

FRIDAY 28TH CRICKET - Inter-Company Matches Practise.

SATURDAY 29TH FOOTBALL - Battalion v Another (To be arranged)

22/3/19.

(Signed) GEO.T.GANDY, Lieut.
Sports Officer, 11th/12th Batt.

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11TH/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

C H A T E L E T.

27th February, 1919.

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SPORTS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 28/2/19.

FOOTBALL
AUS RULES.

During the week there have been some good games. On Saturday 22nd inst, the 11th/12th Team met the 10th Battalion in a friendly game. The conditions were against a really good exhibition, but nevertheless, there were some really fine rushes by both teams. The final scores were 10th Battalion 11 goals 15 behinds against 3 goals 9 behinds.

On Monday afternoon "X" Coy (11th Batt) met and defeated "Z" Coy (12th Batt). This game was very fast right through-out and during it, there were some brilliant bits of play. The final scores were "X" Coy 7 goals 5 behinds, "Z" Coy 3 goals 6 behinds.

On Wednesday 11th played 12th. This was a really good exhibition of the game and the issue was in doubt right up to the final bell. At three quarter time, the 12th wanted 14 points to win. Scores being 11th 32 points, 12th 19 points and with a fairly stiff but very tricky breeze, it looked very easy for the 12th. Soon after the bounce, 12th rushed a goal, then another rush gave them a point. Shortly afterwards they scored a goal, making the scores level with a quarter of an hour to play. After a very hard fight about the centre line and along the top wing, a point was rushed by the 12th, just before the bell, the last score of the match. Final Scores 12th 5 Goals 3 behinds (33 points) 11th 4 goals 6 behinds (32 points)

SOCCER.

On the same day Wednesday, the 11th Soccer Team played the 9th team on the 9th ground. After a fairly good game, the 9th won by 4 goals to 1 goal.

The other afternoons were spent on basket ball, Skating etc, in Hall, Rue de GRAVELLES.

H.V. FEUTRILL,

Sports Officer.

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11th/12th Australian Infantry Battalion.

Sports Report for week ending 8/3/19.

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Football Soccer.

A Match was played with a Civilian Team on the 2nd and after a good game the Battalion scored a win by 4 goals to 1.

Australian Rules.

A visit was made to the Machine Gun Battalion area on the 2nd for the purpose of playing a match under the above rules.

The day was fine and the ground in good condition and both teams were at full strength.

An interesting and hard game was the result, the final scores being 4 goals 14 behinds to 2 Goals 12 behinds in our favor.

Good form was shown by Lieut. Feutrill, Sgt. Brooks Brown, Lever and Watts.

Cross Country Run.

The Battalion was represented by two teams in the Brigade Championship run on the 4th, one from the 11th and one from the 12th, the weather conditions were bad, heavy rain falling before and while the race was in progress.

After a close go the 12th team gained first place and the 11th second.

Pte. Callegan, Vincent, Newton and Lt. McInerney ran exceptionally well.

The winning team are in good form and are confident of putting up a good run in the Divisional Championship to be run on the 10th.

Skating.

Skating was carried on as usual in the Hall on two afternoons and evenings during the week.

Geo. GANDY, Lieut.
Sports Officer,

7/3/19

FOOTBALL.

Soccer. A Match was played with the Civilians on Sunday last, and a good game resulted in a win for the Battalion.

Aus. Rules.

The most important match of the week was one between the Officers of the Battalion and "X" Company. The game was played on the 9th Batt. Ground on Tuesday in beautiful weather and in the presence of a great number of spectators.

The "Diggers" got into their stride first, and it looked for a time as if they were going to score a runaway victory, but in the second half "Bully Beef" and "Biscuits" told their tale and the Officers lasting better, won a well earned victory by 4 points.

The usual inter-company competitions ~~xxx~~ were held during the week and some good games resulted.

Skating has been carried on as usual in the Hall, and interest maintained.

CROSS-COUNTRY:-

The Battalion team has been training hard and are looking forward with confidence to winning the Divisional Championship.

Geo. GANDY, Lieut.
Sports Officer, 11/12th Batt.

16th March, 1919.

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11th/12th Australian Infantry Battalion.

S P O R T S R E P O R T. week ending 22/3/19.

FOOTBALL.
us. Rules.

Some good games were played during the week between the Draft which is leaving the Battalion shortly and those remaining behind.

Inter-Company Matches were played first, followed by the whole Battalion.

The Draft were successful in the former, but the Remainder won the big match by 15 points.

Soccer

A game was played with the 9th Battalion on Saturday last, and a scrambling game resulted in a further draw.

The usual weekly match against the Civilians, resulted in a 5 to 1 victory.

RUNNING:-

After many postponements, the Divisional Cross Country Race set down for the 20th, resulted in a fiasco only the 12th Battalion Team starting. Great disappointment was felt that the other Brigades did not turn up.

BOXING:-

Two of our Battalion Representatives visited a Tournament at COUILLET held by the 2nd Brigade, and Private AYLETT gave his opponent a beating.

(Signed) GEO. T. GANDY, Lieut.
Sports Officer, 11th/12th Batt.

22/3/19

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11TH/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - FOR WEEK ENDING 1ST MARCH.

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DATE	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530	REMARKS
MONDAY 24TH	Baths ("A" Sub-Battalion) "Y" & "Z" Company Parades and Physical Training	Educational Training	Recreational Training	
TUESDAY 25TH	Baths ("B" Sub-Battalion) "X" Coy - XXXXXXXXXX "Y" Company Parades and Physical Training.	(including platoon	"	<u>DRESS:-</u>
WEDNESDAY 26TH	Battalion Parade and Route March	lectures and con-	"	Morning Parades:- Drill Order
THURSDAY 27TH	Company Parades and Physical Training	versational circles	"	Afternoon Parades:- Clean Fatigue
FRIDAY 28TH	Battalion Parade and Physical Training	for men not attending classes.	"	
SATURDAY 1ST 28TH	Company Parades and Route March		"	

22nd February, 1919.

W. J. ...
 Lieut-Col.
 Commanding 11th/12th Battalion

11TH/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - FOR WEEK ENDING 8TH MARCH.

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DATE	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530	REMARKS
MONDAY 3RD	Baths ("A" Sub-Battalion) "Y" & "Z" - Company Parades and Physical Training	Educational Training	Recreational Training	
TUESDAY 4TH	Baths ("B" Sub-Battalion) "X" Coy - Company Parade and Physical Training.	(including platoon	"	<u>DRESS:-</u>
WEDNESDAY 5TH	Battalion Parade and Physical Training	Lectures and conver-	"	Morning Parade:- Drill Order
THURSDAY 6TH	Company Parades and Physical Training	sational circles for	"	
FRIDAY 7TH	Battalion Route March	men not attending	"	Afternoon Parade:- Clean Fatigue
		Classes	"	
SATURDAY 8TH	Company Parades and Physical Training		"	

22nd February, 1919.

.....Lieut-Col.

 Commanding 11th/12th Battalion.

11/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - for week ending 22/3/19

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DATE	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530	Remarks.
MONDAY 17TH	BATHS - ("A" Sub-Battalion) "Y" & "Z" Companies - Coy Parades and Phys. Training.	Educational Training includ- ing Platoon Lectures and Con- versational circles for men not attending classes.	Recreational Training	
TUESDAY 18TH	BATHS - ("B" Sub-Battalion) "X" Company - Company Par- ade and Physical Training.	"	"	<u>DRESS:-</u>
WEDNESDAY 19TH	Battalion Parade	"	"	Morning Parades:- Drill Order
THURSDAY 20TH	Company Parades and Phys- ical Training.	"	"	Afternoon Parades:- Clean Fatigue
FRIDAY 21ST	"	"	"	
SATURDAY 22ND	Battalion Parade and Route March	"	"	

(Signed) A.C. BRODIE, Captain
Adjutant, 11th/12th Battalion.

7th March, 1919

11TH/12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - for week ending 29/3/19.

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DATE	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1530	REMARKS.
MONDAY	24TH	BATHS - ("A" Sub-Battalion) "Y" & "Z" Companies - Coy Parades and Phys. Training.	Educational Training Includ- ing Platoon Lectures and Con- versational Circles for men not attending Classes.	Recreational Training
TUESDAY	25TH	BATHS - ("B" Sub-Battalion) "X" Company - Company Parade and Physical Training	do.	do. <u>DRESS:-</u>
WEDNESDAY	26TH	Company Parades and Physical Training	"	" Morning Parades:- Drill Order
THURSDAY	27TH	Battalion Parade	"	"
FRIDAY	28TH	Company Parades and Physical Training	"	" Afternoon Parades:- Clean Fatigue
SATURDAY	29TH	Battalion Parade and Route March	"	"

20th March, 1919.

H. Johnson Lt Col
Captain
 Adjutant, 11th/12th Battalion, A.I.F.

11th/12th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH
AMALGAMATION OF 910TH and 11TH/12TH BATTALIONS.

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On 27th inst, the following moves will be carried out:-

The draft now ready under Lieut-Col. C.H. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., will march out at a time to be given later.

The remaining personnel of 11th/12th Battalion will be divided into two parts, "A" and "B". "A" will be comprised of 10 Officers and 255 Other Ranks for Quota No. 27. "B" will be comprised of Officers and Other Ranks remaining.

On 27th inst, "B" personnel will march out to 910th Battalion and report to C.O. 3rd Brigade Battalion. "A" personnel will remain in present Area.

Personnel from 910th Battalion proceeding on draft Quota No. 27, will march into 11th/12th Battalion Area and will report to C.O. Quota No. 27. The adjutant, 11th/12th Battalion will hand over to C.O. 3rd Brigade Battalion, the Records complete of 11th/12th Battalion, also Nominal Rolls of "B" Personnel.

R.Q.M. will see that equipment of "B" personnel is complete and that Q1 Forms are ready to go over with the men. These will be checked on marching into 910th Battalion.

R.Q.M. will have all equipment ready to hand into Ordnance on date to be given. Any surplus gear will be handed over to 3rd Brigade Battalion.

The disposal of Regimental Funds will be arranged between Lieut-Col. R.A. RAFFERTY, D.S.O., and Lieut-Col. M. Wilder NELIGAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.

Town Major will at once arrange for billeting party to guide "B" personnel to new billets. He will also arrange to receive personnel for Quota No. 27, marching in from 910th Battalion (10 Officers, 160 Other Ranks).

On 27th inst, Regimental Canteen will be closed down and will reopen on 28th inst, as Draft Canteen. Canteen Officer will arrange accordingly.

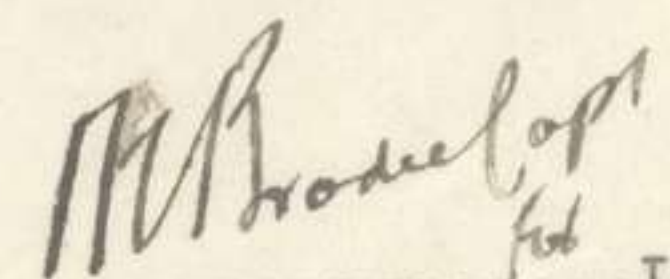
On completion of Amalgamation on 27th inst, the undermentioned changes in Command will take place:-

(a) Lieut-Col. M. Wilder NELIGAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M. will assume Command of 3rd A.I. Brigade Group consisting of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions.

(b) Lieut-Col. R.A. RAFFERTY, D.S.O. assumes Command of Draft Quota No. 27.

(c) G.O.C. 3rd A.I. Brigade becomes G.O.C. 1st Aus. Divisional Group, to be known as "A1 Group).

Draft Quota No. 27 will be organised as two Companies - 910th as one Company, and 11th/12th as one Company.


.....Lieut-Col.
Commanding 11th/12th Battalion.

25th March, 1919.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS PROCEEDING ON DRAFT
TO AUSTRALIA.

12th BATTALION.

Rank	Name	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Embarkation	Port of Disembarkation.	Remarks
Lt-Col.	C.H. ELLIOTT, G.M.G., D.S.O.	24/8/14	20/10/14	Hobart	
Lieut.	G.T. GANDY, M.C.	15/10/15	25/ 2/16	Hobart	
"	A.D. TYNAN, M.C.	28/ 7/15	5/ 1/16	"	
"	R.D. RADFORD,	25/ 8/15	18/ 5/16	Adelaide	
"	F.E. PRIDDEY, M.M.	15/5/15	18/ 6/15	Fremantle	
"	W.J. KELLY,	14/6/15	21/ 9/15	Adelaide	
"	W.G. PRIEST,	11/3/15	23/6/15	Port "	
"	G.W. MUIR,	26/4/15	28/6/15) 22/8/16)	Hobart	
"	M.R. GLOZIER,	20/8/15	24/11/15	Adelaide	
"	E.R. FACY	15/7/15	8/2/16	Hobart	
"	P.S. STOTT, D.C.M.	29/9/14	22/12/14) 8/ 8/16)	Hobart	
"	W.H. HALLIDAY,	27/7/15	13/10/15	Fremantle	
"	C.H. MACKAY,	14/7/15	23/11/15	Melbourne	

16th March, 1919.