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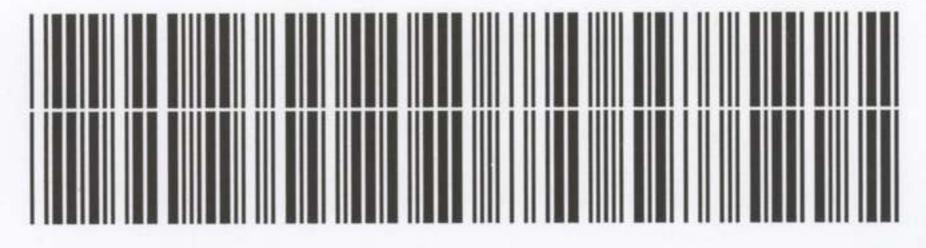
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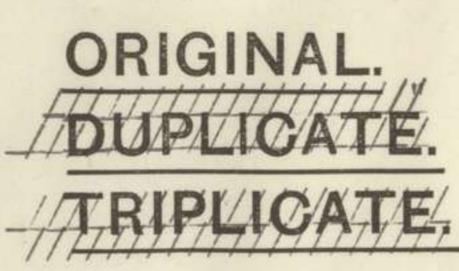
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APRIL 161	0			
		st	All troops rebileted to make room for 2 nd Machine Gun Battalian to move into	
			the villege "eather_ Fine and warm	
	2	nd		
			Education Platoon formed under the direction of the 5 th Brigade Battalion Education Officer. Members of this platoon to be exempt from all regimental duties when practicable. Classes to be held regularly from 16,00 to 12,00 hours daily	
			daily .	
	3	rd	Lecture in Cinema Wall by W.O MC Leod _ Subject_ " Winance and Business Organisation"	
	To a colo		Three O/Rs marched out to Sutton Veny for educational purposes .	
	4t	h	Weather- Cold and wet Everettion Room - 40 Players present .	
			Weather- Cold and wet. Everything very quiet.	
	5	th	Prelimenary orders received for Quota 33 to leave the Unit on or about 13 th Int	
			Orders received for a special Census Return from the Unit of all personnel in France	
			Bettalion Dance - A great success having about 250 Civilians and Soldierspresh present including Brigadier General WARTIN C.M.C. D.S.O. and Staff	
	6	th	Euchre Tourgament in the Recreation Room - 20 Co	
			and the lacoon brogress my setisfactorily .	
	7	th	An Educational Film shown in Cinema Hall entitled " "hatsoever a man Soweth"	
			One Other Rank marched out to U. K. for non-military employment. Everything very quiet, wester improving.	

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Montig	ny Le	Til	luel . BELGIUM.	
APRIL I	919.	8 th	One O/R marched out to U. K. for nonmilitary employment." Whist Drive" in	
			Battelion Recreation Room, about 30 Competitors. From this date the Recreation Room, which formerly has only been a 17th Battalion concern will become a 5th Brig ade Battelion Recreation Room. Since the date of formation the Recreation Room has been entirely under the menagament of Capt. Charlain F. W. Turwell and to the has been greatly appreciated by all ranks as it afforded many happy hours which would have other ise made our time of waiting grag very heavily.	
	9 th		Prelimenary list issued of Officers proceeding on Quota 33. Special order issued referring to reduction of Units to "Cadre B", as land down in General Instructions. This Unit will be reduced to "Cadre B" as from the II hth	
			That. From that date all personnel still remaining with the Unit will be attached to 20 th Battel on and "Codre B" will prepare records in readiness too prodeed on dreft to U.K. on or about 20 th Insteamt.	
	10	th	All leave to U.K. or France not to be granted where Applicant is due for repatriation within one month. Comforts consisting of writing materialreceived from Australian A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D.D.&L. Forms/C./2118/14.	

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Montiany April Is		11u01	, Belgium.	
	IOt	h (e	ontinued) Comforts Fund and 2 c ses of cigarettes from Overseas Club. Both were greatly a preciated. Meeting of "Cadre B" Adjutantsfor purpose of explaining the routine for concluding records while at A.I.F. Headquarters.	
	IIt	h	All personnel, excenting" Cadre B" attached to 20th Battalion, but Men not moved from their present billets. Three O/Rs m/rched/out/to evacuated to hoapital Lieut. W. Moore discharged in U.K. Battalion Dance again a great success. This was fin 1 dance held by this Unit in Montigny -Le-Tilluel. 2 nd Lieut. E.G. Powell who was included on list for Quota 33 made an lication for/bermissin permission to remain for more advanced course of Chemistry at Bonn (Germany) which was granted. Final orders issued for Quota 33.	
	I2 t	th	Lieut F.W.Tindele recalled to U.K. for non -military employment. Church parades as usual. "eather cold and met. Lieut L.Lloyd returned ffrom Paris leave.	
	I3 t	h	Four Prisoners e c ed from the Guard-room. Quata 33 proceeded and were accorded a hearty send-off by the Civil and and remaining Troops. To an Onlooker it would have appeared that many of the easing Civilians were Relatives instead of only being acquaint nees of two months at adding ."ad Lieuts, J.H.Murphy D.C.M. R.P.Ford, L.Lloyd, R.McFadden, proceeded with Quota 33	
	I4 t	h	Weather fine and warm . Nothing unusual occured .	
	ISth		Brigade Y.M.C.A. Canteen closed down. Lieut.W.R? McCourt to relieve 2nd Lieut Barnier as Town Major. One O/R. evacuated to hospital	
	I6th		Prelimenary orders received for Quota 38, to proceed on or about the 20th Inst. An allotment of four Officers, and I34 Other Ranksfor this Unit. It was found necessarty to recall several men from detached jobs in order to fill our allotment. One O/R. proceeded to SuttonVeny for early repatriation. D. D. & L. London, E.C. One O/R. proceeded to SuttonVeny for early repatriation.	

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Montigny-	Le-Ti	lluel	. Pelgium .	
ILIGIA	I 7 t	h	Speci-1 order received fixing May IOth as the date for all A.I.F. Leeve in France to terminate. all men on det ched jobs also have to rejoin their Units by that date. Pte Preddy re-arrested by the Horse Picquet of 22nd Battalion	
	IS t	h	Special order received se Quota 38 . this Units allotment reduced to Four Officers , Four Sergeants , and IOO Other Ranks . Final Quota Order also received . Cant. Chaplain . F.W. Tugwell proceeded on leave to U.K. Weather, cold and windy.	
	I9 t	h	Final parade held of Quota 38 - eve rything correct and ready. All necessary papers referring to members of this Unit still remaining in Belgium, handed over to 20th Battalhon One Other Rank proceeded to U.K. for Non-military employment. Pte. Preddy tried by F.G.C.M. at Marcinelle.	
	20th		Quota 38 merched-out. Officers, Capt. E.T.Harnett, Lieut H.R.Booth, Lieut.".H.B.Palmer, and 2nd Lieut. J.Aitken. Four Sergeants and 100 Other Ranks. The Quota assembled in Village Square and were addressed by Brigadier General Martin C.M.GD.S. before moving off at 1200 hours. This Quota was Practically the last of the 17th Battalian and was commanded by Capt. E.T.Barnett who was the only origin-1 Battalian Officer still with the Unit. Two Other Ranks merched out for duty with Australian Postal Corps. Quota arrived at "B Divisional Wing Camp" at Charleroi, and all Ranks were given general leave untill 7 A.M. on the 21 st.	0.
	21	st	Entraied at 8.30 A.M. with a proxim tely 24 Men to a truck. A lot of comforts were su plied by the Australian Comforts Fund and Australian Y.M.C.A. Troops were supplied with a hot meal at MONS.	
	22	nd	After a very uneventful journey the Tro as detrained at Harfleur and marched to the Recention Cam., Le Havre arriving there at II.30 A.M. Nothing more was doneffor a the remainder of the day	
	23	rd	Troops paraded at 9.30.A.M. and went through the Cam routin e - inspections etc. Moved from Recention Cam to No.3 Cam at 5 P.M. having handed in all equipment and D.D. & L. London, E.C. On the Warring Massure of country to the sounker of the sound warm.	

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Wont gny-I			Belguim All Ranks -ssembled in Cinem- Hell fot a lecture on Repatriation and Proceedure en route to	
	24 t	h	All Ranks "ssembled in Claeme in the a lecture of the Ashwella Australia . Troops lecture by Major Fussel M.C. Concert given by one of Miss Lena Ashwella Parties preceded by Cinema entertainment	
	25 th	n	"ANZAC DAY", celebrated by a Sa orts Meeting during the day and several entertainments at ight including a Ball, Boying and Trestling Tournament, and several Concerts.	
	26 t	h	Orders received for Quote to stand-by at 10?00 hours. Moved out at 16,20 hours and proceeded by moter buses to Havre. Emberked u on the Union Castle Liner "Prince Arthue", sailing at 19,00 hours. The se was very rough and the majority suffered in consequence.	
	27 th		Arrived at Southamaton at 04.30 hrs and disembarked at 08,00 hrs. Breakfast and train ration surlied by the Army and Navy Canteen Board prior to entraining. Topos entained without in dely leaving South maton at 09,30 hrs and arriving at Tarminster about 13,00 hrs. Marched from there to Sutton Veny Camp	
	28 t	h	Innosulation parade held for all ranks against Influenza. No further record can be given from thas d te.	

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