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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERRIS.			Claims Received.	
	1/4/18		AFFRINGES. Wood removed & burnt. Amt. Claimed 75fr. Action. Being investigated.	Pending
	2/4/18		ARQUES. Damage to Hall used for Cinema. Amt. Claimed 50fr. Paid 50fr.	Settled
			NEUVE EGLISE. Destruction of 3 Houses. 7wds. for a report as to the damage done as it had been caused by other than this Division. Action. Investigated	Investigated
BERTANGLES	8/4/18		LAMOTTE M of PONT d'NIEPPE. Parcel of beer stolen. Amt. Claimed 168 fr. This claim was investigated but no evidence was available to show who the culprits were or to what Unit they belonged.	" referred to Claims Com.
			HOOGGRAPE. Pig killed and taken away. Amt. Claimed 130 francs. This case is being investigated. This difficult to trace the offenders for this occurred during the move from Northern Area.	Pending
			LUMBAE. Plate glass window broken by soldiers. Amt. claimed 200fr.	Pending
			This happened during the move from North, and is being investigated	
			GODEWAERREWELDE. Plate glass window broken. Amt. Claimed 292.79 fr.	Pending.
			This occurred while troops were moving down from North & is being investigated. It is difficult to obtain any evidence in such cases.	

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BEAUCOURT	11/4/18		BEAUCOURT Pig & 2 Geese Stolen. Amount Claimed 550 francs The culprits who stole the pig were discovered & the amount of 408 fr was collected from the men concerned. There was no trace of the geese.	Settled for 430 fr.
BEAUCOURT			Bed Potatoes, Tools, Straw & a cupboard destroyed. Amt. claimed 688 fr This claim was investigated & it was found the damage was done while claimant was away from the village. All the civilians were warned to leave their homes on 27/3/18 & most of them did so, returning when it was found that the enemy had been held up. It appears that troops did not do the looting with the idea of robbing the civilians, but rather to remove the articles, making use of anything to augment their rations, staking straw etc to sleep on, their contention being that it was better to make use of this, than leave it for the Boche. This case was investigated & forwarded to Claims Commission.	Investigated & sent to Claims Com.

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BEAUCOURT	11/4/18		BEAUCOURT. Wheat fields damaged 75 fowls stolen. Amt. Claimed 730fr In this area, any field was used as transport lines & crops eaten off, as the same idea being prevalent, that is was better to make use of any grass than allow the Boche to have it. Also, it appears no precautions were taken ^{by our units} to prevent damage after the enemy had been checked. On arrival of this Division strict instructions were issued & enforced, & very few claims for the period of our occupation of the area, were submitted.	1 st Claims Com
	12/4/18		BEAUCOURT 1 Mattress 1 Table removed from house Amt. Claimed 170fr Investigated & forwarded to Claims Commission.	Investigative
	14/4/18		BEAUCOURT. Damage to Field Amount claimed 282fr. Investigated.	2 nd Pents Off
	"		" Kitchen Utensils Amt. Claimed 199fr. Investigated.	1 st Claims Com
	"		" Straw. Uncracked Oats. Stack of lentils. Amount Claimed 391fr	" "
	"		" Pasture damaged	" "

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Beaucourt	14/5/18		BEAUCOURT Potatoes Buckets Coal Wood Amt Claimed 130fr. Investigated	Claims Com.
"			" Wood Burnt Amount Claimed 25fr. Unresponsible paid ^{for a} portion.	Settled.
"			" Household goods " 171fr. Investigated. Sent to Claims Com.	Investigate
18/4/18			CONTAY Straw taken " 200fr. " "	"
"			BEAUCOURT Pig Stolen " 280fr. " "	"
"			" 5 fowls. 400 bundles straw " 160fr. " "	"
22/4/18			BEHENCOURT 60,000 fr worth of Shares. " 63,391fr Remig investigated. A report by the household goods gendarmes, shows this man to be a doubtful character.	Pending.
27/4/18			BEHENCOURT 59 fowls. Potatoes Hay " 1075fr. Sent to Claims Com.	Investigated.
"			" wood. Damage to field " 640 fr " "	"
"			" 1500 kilos Potatoes " 360fr. " "	"
24/4/18			RAVELINCOURT. Oats. Wheat. Rice. etc. " 4827 fr Pending	Pending.
"			" Fowls Coal wine " 781fr. " "	"
"			BEHENCOURT Straw. Red. Mirror. Garments " 355fr. Investigated. 20	Claims Com.
"			" Sub Crockery. Fowls. Grazing on crop " 1100fr. " "	"
"			" Potatoes etc etc. " 307 " "	"

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Beancourt	24/4/18		BEHEN COURT Clover Hay Straw. Amt. Claimed 1220 ft. to Claim's Commission	Investigation
"			" ^{Potatoes} Oak. Straw Hay " " 505 ft " "	"
"			" ^{Fowls} 3000 bundles Straw. " " 637 ft " "	"
	27/4/18		BEAV COURT Shed. Slabbs pulled down " " 756 ft " "	"
"			" ^{dove. trees. pasture} Pasture grazed. " " 155 ft " "	"
"			" ^{Barb wire. Iron Slabbs} " " 440 ft " "	"
"			" ^{trees cut down} Pasture " " 390 ft " "	"
	26/4/18		" ^{Lucerne Hay} " " 1017 ft " "	"
			" ^{wheat straw. Hen. Potatoes} " " " " " "	"
			BEHEN COURT Household goods " " 1308 ft " "	"
"			" ^{tents. Clover} 1000 bundles Oats. } " " 1075 ft " "	"
"			" ^{straw.} Household goods " " 932 ft " "	"
"			" ^{16 trees Elm} } " " 860 ft " "	"
"			" ^{22 Poplars. Burning Wood} } " " " " " "	"
			BEAV COURT Pasture damaged " " 147 ft " "	"

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Beaucourt	27/4/18		BEAUCOURT. Pastures damaged trees felled. 10 1/2 ft fencing.	Amount claimed. 175 ft.	Being investigated	Pending	
"	"		" 2nd calf. 200 lb. Eggs 1500 bundles Hay. 1800 " Straw.	" 4806 ft.	" "	"	
			MOULLIENS-au-Bois. Pastures	" 870 ft	Investigated - 3 Repts Office	Investigated	
28/4/18			BEHENCOURT. 1000 bundles Oats 500 kilos Potatoes.	" 575 ft	To Claims Commission	"	
			" Pastures	" 1681 ft.	To Repts Office	"	
			BAVELINCOURT. 500 bundles Straw Wheat " " " Oats Fowls. Wood Wheelbarrows	" 445 ft	To Claims Commission	"	
29/4/18			" Household goods	" 1199 ft.	" "	"	
			" Pigs. Coal. Cider Potatoes Fowls. Oats. Wheat. Straw	" 3362 ft.	" "	"	
			" Destruction of barn. Cider. Clothing. Wood	" 1453 ft	Being Investigated	Pending	
			BEAUCOURT. Trees cut down	" 370 ft	To Claims Commission	Investigated	
			BAVELINCOURT. Straw. Potatoes Fowls Cider.	" 1075 ft	" "	"	

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