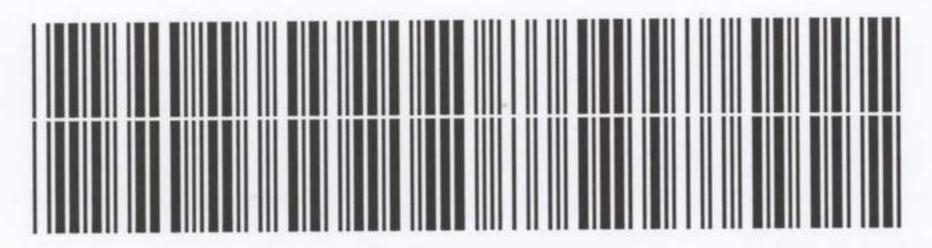
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(2) INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

General routine carried out during the period which the Battalion existed. Good supply of comforts came to hand. The battalion ceased to exist as from noon on 21.3.1919, having amalgamated with the 30th. Battalion.

21.3.1919.

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

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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

Usual routine carried out during the month.

Balance of animals handed over to 8th. Bde. Battn on 20.3.1919.

Battalion amalgamated with 30th. Battalion as from noon on 21.3.1919.

21.3.1919.

Transport Officer 31st. Battalion A.I.F.

