

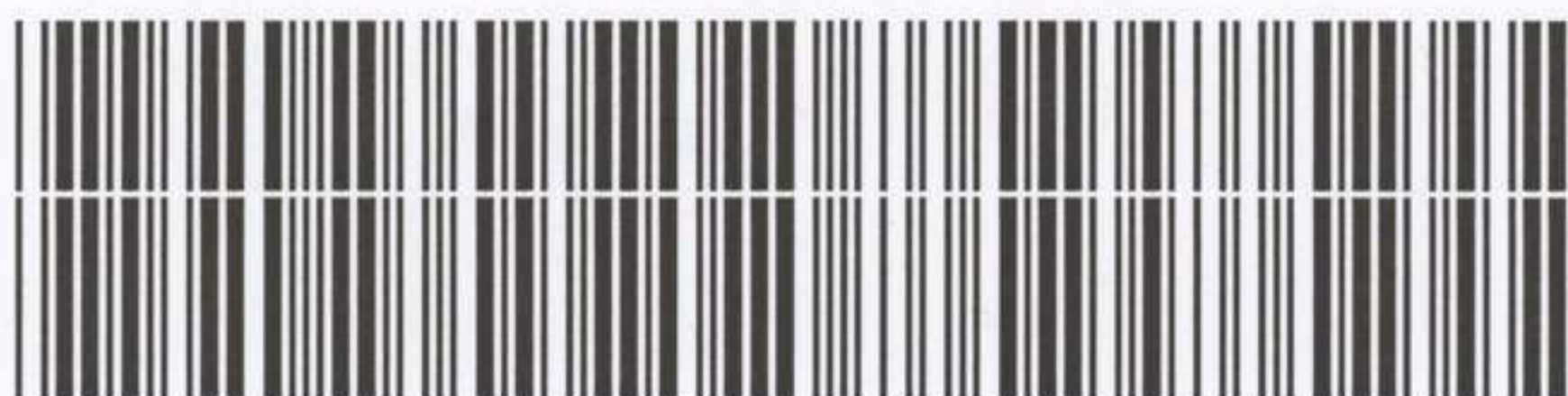
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NALINNES	1/2/19.		Weather. Very Cold. Another fall of snow all personnel proceeding to England for return to Australia paraded for inspection by C.O.	
	2/2/19		Weather very cold. snow lay on the ground. A Quota consisting of 3 off + 89 ops. entrained at Nalannes for Charleroi where they will stay the night then proceed to England for return to Australia. Church services were held as usual.	
	3/2/19.		A.I. Coy was disbanded & the Battalion formed into 2 Coys. A Coy consisting of men who enlisted in 1915 & 1916. "B" Coy consisted of 1917 & 1918 men.	
	4/2/19.		Weather is still very cold. Inspection parades & Educational classes as usual. The C.O. gave a lecture to "B" Coy on the importance of carrying on & asked for men to volunteer to fill the places of men due for return to Australia.	
	5/2/19.		Cold but fine. Inspection parades were held, the afternoon was devoted to sport. Educational classes were held as usual.	
	6/2/19.		Weather. frosty cold. Company parades. Educational classes were held at Cinema Hall. Baths were allotted to men during the morning.	

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NALINNES	7/2/19.		Very cold + windy. Companies paraded for inspection at 10 am. Educational classes were held as usual.	
	8/2/19.		Cold but fine. Company parades & educational classes were held as usual.	
			A Company parade usually consists of rifle inspection followed by a short route march for recreational training.	
	9/2/19		Slight thaw commenced. Parades & classes as usual. Billeting parties left for Marcinelle. Warning order for move received from Brigade.	
	10/2/19.		Fine but cold. snow is thawing. Parades & classes as usual.	
	11/2/19.		Cold but fine. The Battalion moved by road to the new area at Marcinelle. The troops were all sorry to leave Nalannes, the inhabitants had made their stay so comfortable & enjoyable.	
MARCINELLE	12/2/19		Cold but fine. The day was spent in settling down. The A.O.C. & B.M. visited the billets & saw that the men were comfortable.	
	13/2/19.		Cold but fine. Bde cinema opened at Marcinelle. Company parades were held.	

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MARGINELLE	14/2/19		Cold but fine. Bde Educational classes were formed all men attending these classes were exempted from other duties.	
	15/2/19		Cold but fine. Parades were held as usual. Baths were allotted to the Battalion, all men had a hot bath & a clean change of clothes.	
	16/2/19		Still cold. Church services were held. Protestant at Protestant church. Rue de Temple & R.C. at Parish church Marginelle	
	17/2/19		Major General Sir A.A. Montgomery K.C.M.G. C.B. P.S.C. M.G.S.S. 4 th Army delivered a lecture to Officers & N.C.O.s of the unit at Cinema Hall Marginelle on "Waterloo"	
	18/2/19		Cold but fine. Parades & classes as usual.	
	19/2/19		Cold. Parades & classes as usual. Lt Col. W.E. James D.S.O. lectured on Fruit growing.	
	20/2/19		Capt Poulson of 12 th Army Bde A.F.A. delivered a lecture on "Co-operative Societies" which was very interesting & well received.	
	21/2/19		usual classes & parades were held. men parade at 1000 every morning, dress, waist belts & rifles after inspection they are free for the day unless detailed for any special duty.	

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MARCINELLE	22/2/19		Mr W. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia visited the Division. The troops were drawn up in a hollow square at Marcinelle & Mr Hughes gave an interesting address which was well received. Unfortunately rain spoiled the parade.	
	23/2/19		Brigade Church parade held at Cinema Hall Marcinelle was attended by Gen Birdwood & the Divisional Commander. R.C. church parade as usual.	
	24/2/19		Weather improving a little. Owing to an epidemic of influenza all cinema & concert halls were put out of bounds to troops. Brigade cinema was also closed.	
	25/2/19		Several of our horses & mules were sold at Marchienne au Pont. at an average price of 550 francs each for mules & 1200 francs each for horses.	
	26/2/19		all officers ^{attended a dinner} gathered together to bid farewell to Lt Col W.C. James, D.S.O. who departed to England on duty. Lt Col. Wiltshire was present. Capt Smythe was appointed Major & to temporarily command the Bn.	

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MARCINELLE	27/1/19		<p>Weather wet. The final football match between 6th & 7th Brigades took place at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE 7th Bde. winning rather easily. Several of our Bn players were in the Bde team.</p> <p>Lt Col. W.B. James D.S.O. left for England to take command of a convalescent depot.</p>	