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W A R D I A R Y

of

5th INFANTRY BATTALION, A. I. F.

for

APRIL 1919

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WAR DIARY

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will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	APRIL			
	1		Training was carried out in the morning, and the afternoon was devoted to Recreational Training.	
	2		2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. amalgamated under Lieut. Col. J. W. MITCHELL D.S.O. and Battalion moved to new billets, less members of No. 32 Quota. Lieut. C. F. A. HENDERSON attached to 2nd A.I. Bde. Battalion as Assistant Adjutant. Capt. C. McE. LILLIE D.S.O., Capt. A.O. RIGG, Lieut. TWAITS D.R., Lieut. VOLUM W.R., Lieut. C.D. CHAPMAN , Lieut. W.B. GRANTHAM, Lieut. C.E. BOOTH, marched out on Quota No. 32	
	3		Morning was occupied in cleaning of billets and reorganising Platoon accommodations.	
	4		Muster Parade was held and No. 5 Coy (5th Battalion) was reorganised under Capt. S.G. SWIFT GILMOUR. The C.O. held a conference of Company Commanders, 2nd in Command, Q.Ms., and Adjutants also Major SWIFT.	
	5		In morning combined Battalion muster parade was held. Troops were inspected by Lieut. Col. MITCHELL D.S.O. and by General BENNETT. Lecture by Padre IRWIN was attended on "Problems of Bolshevism". Afternoon was half holiday.	
	6		Church Parades were held as usual.	
	7		Special parade held, all available men attending. Morning- inspection by C.O. This was first parade to count for fortnightly prizes as follows- Cookhouse - prize - 100 francs (money) Billets - " - 500 " " Parade (this included : Numbers on parade, steadiness, equipment and general appearance) - prize - 500 francs (money) Recreational Training was the order for the afternoon which took the form of football.	
	8		In morning Battalion Parade as usual and inspection by Major SWIFT 7th Battalion. Lecture on "Downfall of Turkey" by with lantern slides, was attended. Afternoon was occupied in football. 13 O.Rs proceed on BRUSSELS Leave. "Kings Colors" were handed in and receipt obtained for same.	
	9		Bathing Parade was held in the morning and equipment was cleaned. Whole day was allotted for completion and drying of equipment.	

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	10		Battalion parade, inspection and Battalion Drill. Battalion Quota No. 32 marched the Battalion which was formed up in the Square, with the Band attending. In the afternoon Cricket Match was played.	
	11		Battalion Parade, inspection and Battalion Drill also Rifle exercises. Lecture at YMCA was attended.	
	12		Battalion Parade was cancelled and leave given Troops to proceed to CHARLEROI to bid farewell to their comrades proceeding to England en route for Australia, on Quota 32.	
	13		Church parades were held as usual.	
	14		Battalion Parade and inspection by General Bennett. Battalion Drill was also carried out. 5th Battalion Cooks won 500 francs prize for best and cleanest cookhouse.	
	15		Battalion Parade and Inspection. Lecture in Y.M.C.A. was attended. In the afternoon sports were attended.	
	16		Bathing Parade was held in the morning and cleaning of equipment. In the afternoon men were paid.	
	17		Battalion Parade and inspection were held in the morning. In the afternoon football and cricket.	
	18		Church Parade was held being "Good Friday". Afternoon was holiday.	
	19		Battalion Parade, Inspection and Battalion Drill were carried out.	
	20		Church Parades were held as usual.	
	21		The Battalion was reviewed by Gen. HOBBS who addressed the men. Being Easter Monday afternoon was observed as a holiday.	
	22		Battalion Parade and inspection were held, and afterwards Lecture was attended. Afternoon Recreational training was held.	
	23		Bathing Parade was held in the morning.	
	24		Morning was devoted to "Route March". In the afternoon football and Cricket were played	
	25		Being Anzac Day was observed as a holiday. Men were conveyed to Chatelet to compete or watch sports, lunch being proved on the ground. Free beer was issued.	
v	26		Commanding Officer's Parade was held in the morning. Afternoon - half holiday.	
	27		Church Parades were held as usual.	
	28		C.O.s. parade and inspection also Route March were held in the morning. Afternoon Football and Cricket were played.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES

No.	Subject
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2	" Quartermaster's Report

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COMPANY COMMANDER'S REPORT FOR MONTH

DISCIPLINE - for the month under review - good.

HEALTH - excellent.

BILLETS - The billets were kept in good order and the Cookhouse well kept and chosen as best in the Brigade Battalion. The messing quarters well cared for.

TRAINING - as shown in Diary. A fair amount of sport and amusement available for the troops during the month.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL

During the month under review, the Quartermaster's Branch has been taken over by the Quartermaster of the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade Battalion, and the 5th Battalion Store has been carried on as a Company Store practically dealing with rations, which have been up to the standard through^{out} the month.

Surplus supplies of underclothing were returned to Divisional Baths. Supplies of clothing (greatcoats, tunics, boots, pantaloons, etc) were handed over to the Brigade Battalion Q.M.

A clearance has been obtained from D.A.D.O.S. for Mobilisation Stores, and the store was finally cleaned up by a return of miscellaneous articles to Salvage.
