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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Coullet	1.4.19		Fine warm day. Amalgamation of Battalion with 5 th , 6 th & 8 th Battalions, the combined unit being called 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Battalion, under command of Lieut-Col J. W. Mitchell "D.S.O." 8 th Div with Major A. R. Baughley 6 th Div as second in command.	
	2.4.19		Fine sunny day. Battalion parade, training in nature of Ceremonial & Company Drill being carried out. Educational classes. Capt. Chap. Smith M.G. proceeded on leave to Lourdes.	
	3.4.19		Fine weather. Battalion parade and inspection in Place Communale. Route march & Educational classes. Recreational training in the afternoon. Battalion Dance in Educational Hall was well attended.	
	4.4.19		Battalion parade held, the nature of same being a bathing parade. In the afternoon Recreational training was carried out. Lieut. Wisewould "M.C." A.E. proceeded on leave to England.	

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Cailliet	5.4.19		<p>Fine day. Battalion parade in Place Communale. C.O.'s inspection and Company drill. Lieut. Col. Herrod E.C. "C.M.G.;" "D.S.O." marched out to England for Duty. Lieut. Woods F.R., Lieut. Grigsby J.E. & Lieut. Brooksbanks "M.M." W.H. proceeded on leave to Paris. Major Billard "M.C." R.D. returned from leave Germany.</p>	
	6.4.19.		<p>Fine sunny day. Parade for Church in Place Communale. R.C.'s marched to church, Cailliet and other denominations to Y.C.B. C.A. Hall.</p>	
	7.4.19.		<p>Foggy morning but fine day afterwards. Battalion parade & inspection in Place Communale followed by 2 hours Battalion Drill on parade ground, under Lt. Col. Mitchell & Major Baughey. In the afternoon a football match was played between 7th & 8th Bns resulting in a win for the latter by 7-8 to 5-10.</p>	
	8.4.19		<p>Fine sunny weather. Battalion parade and inspection</p>	

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	9.4.19		<p>After which the troops were marched to Y.M.C.A. Hall where a very interesting lecture, interspersed with lantern slides, was given on the subject "Downfall of Turkish Empire". In the afternoon a cricket match between 7th & 8th Bns resulted in a win for the former by 18 runs.</p> <p>Fine day. Battalion parade & inspection. Quota of 32 P left for Charleroi and was played past the parade by the Brigade Bn band. A lecture was given to C.O's and Adjutants at Chatelet by the Corps Records Officer on "Records in connection with Finalisation." At night 7th & 8th Bns held combined dance which was well attended.</p>	
	10.4.19		<p>Fine sunny day. Battalion parade in Place Communale after C.O's inspection troops were marched to lecture in Y.M.C.A. Hall. Football match between 6th & 7th Bns resulted in a win for the latter.</p>	
	11.4.19		<p>Fine warm day. Battalion parade and inspection. Training in nature of Bn drill was carried out after inspection. A cricket match between teams selected.</p>	

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	12.4.19		<p>Game of Billiards was played in afternoon, resulting in a win by 6 runs for the former. Lieut. Brooksbanks "M.M." W.H. returned from leave Paris.</p> <p>This day was treated partially as a whole holiday, permission being given to all ranks to visit Charleroi to bid good-bye to Quota Co. 32. The Brigade Bill band attended at Charleroi Station to play train out. The following Officers of this Bill left with this Quota:- Lieuts O'Neill H.S., Hansen C.T., Waters A.J., Jarvis K.F., Anderson C.R., Donaldson J.H. and Brooksbanks "M.M." W.H.</p>	
	13.4.19		<p>Weather cold and showery. Battalion Church parade at Y.M.C.A. Hall Couillet. Lieut Carnegie C.R. marched out to England for Sports Competitions.</p>	
	14.4.19		<p>Frequent showers of rain falling. Battalion Parade and C.O.'s inspection in Place Communale after which troops were marched to the recreation ground where G.O.C.'s parade was held. Football match between teams representing 2nd & 15th Brigades was postponed on account</p>	

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Coullet	15.4.19		Of inclement weather. Capt. Wright H.I. to leave England. Weather showery and windy. Battalion parade and inspection in Place Communale and lecture afterwards in Educational Hall.	
	16.4.19		Parade on this day was in nature of a bath parade. Recreational training in afternoon.	
	17.4.19		A special check parade of the Bde Battalion was held in Place Communale and after inspection by C.O. men were marched to a lecture in Educational Hall.	
	18.4.19		Cool weather. The day being Good Friday a church parade was held in the morning. The afternoon was observed as a holiday. Lieut. J. C. Grigsby returned from Paris leave.	
	19.4.19		Battalion parade in Place Communale. After inspection by C.O. Battalion drill was carried out.	
	20.4.19		Major C. H. Swift marched out for Repatriation. Cold; unsettled weather. Battalion church parade at Y. M. C. A. Hall.	
	21.4.19		Cool; windy day. The Battalion assembled in Square, Place Communale and after inspection by C.O. the troops were	Ji.


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Coullet	22.4.19.		marched to parade ground for Review & Inspection by G.C.C. Aust. Corps. After review and march past a Port address was given to the troops by the G.C.C. Lt. G.A. Jardine to leave Paris. Fine warm day; Battalion parade as usual in Place Communale. After inspection troops were marched to lecture by the Y.M.C.A. Representative on the subject "The work of the Y.M.C.A. Hospitality League. 2/Lieut Campbell F.C. evacuated to hospital. Capt. Bay. Smith M.J. returned from leave Lourdes.	
	23.4.19.		Cool day. Morning parade was in nature of bath parade. Football match in the afternoon between 7 th & 8 th Bns resulted in a victory for the latter by 15 goals 3. to 2 goals 5. Lieut. Woods F.R. returned from leave Paris.	
	24.4.19.		Fine warm day. Battalion parade and C.O.'s inspection after which troops were taken out for a route march. Cricket match in afternoon between 7 th & 8 th Bns resulted in a win for 8 th Bn by 26 runs. Lt. Wiswold m.c. A.C. from leave England.	
	25.4.19.		Cool unsettled weather. The day being Anzac Day the troops were motored to Clatelet where a very enjoyable day was spent at the Corps Sports meeting.	

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Cauillet	26.4.19		Fine day. Day was regarded as a whole holiday for the troops.	
	27.4.19		Fine cool day. Battalion church parade at Y.M.C.A. Hall Cauillet.	
	28.4.19		Battalion parade in Place Communale and inspection by C.O. after which troops were taken on a route march. In the afternoon a football match between 6th & 7th Bns resulted in a win for the former, the scores being 5-10 to 2-3.	
	29.4.19		Fine day. Battalion parade and inspection in Place Communale. Lecture in Y.M.C.A. Hall.	
	30.4.19		Cold wet day. The parade was in the nature of a bath parade.	