

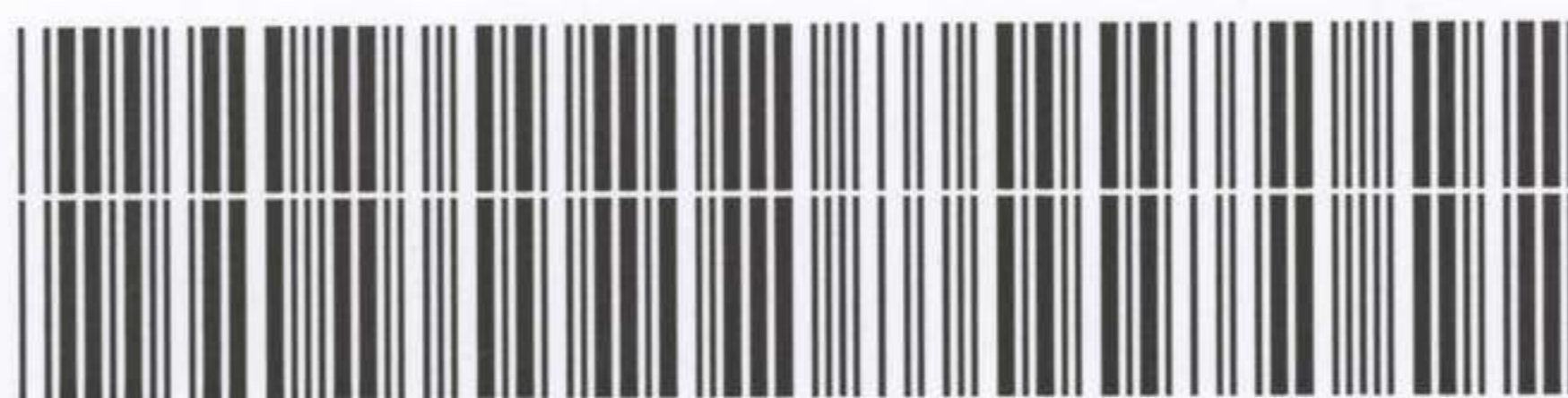
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HENNEVEUX From
AREA 1/2/18
to
10/2/18.

The Battalion was spread over a very large area. H.Qs. and Details at 4.D.4.8. 'A' Coy at Cross Roads, 4.D.2.9. 'B', 'D' and 'C' Coys in and around CREMAREST. Each Coy carried on individual training under the supervision of Coy Commanders. The weather considering the time of the year, was excellent.

HENNEVEUX 11/2/18.
AREA.

Bn Sports

The weather was not as pleasant as could have been desired. A fairly strong breeze made it rather unpleasant, and the sky was overcast all day. All Companies were on the ground by 9.15 a.m. A start was made at 9.30 a.m. and a long and varied programme made it necessary for each event to be on time. At 12 noon, an interval for luncheon was called. The men drew lunch from their respective cookers which were assembled at 'A' Coy's billet. The Band rendered selections throughout the day, adding much to the enjoyment of the day's outing. The Band played splendidly. The ground was in very good condition and the Sports Committee are to be congratulated upon the way in which the sports were carried out.

R E S U L T S

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

100 yds Championship:	Sgt. J. Churchett)	Dead
	Pte. C.T. Wilson)	Heat.
	L/C. Thompson.	
220 yds Championship:	Sgt. J. Churchett	1st.
	Pte. C.T. Wilson	2nd.
	L/C. Thompson	3rd.
440 yds Handicap:	Sgt. J. Churchett	1st.
	Col. Slocombe	2nd.
	L/C. Thompson	3rd.
Running Long Jump	L/C. Thompson	1st.
	Pte. Lake	2nd.
High Jump	Lieut. A.M. Moore)	Dead
	L/C. Thompson)	Heat.
	Pte. Brand	3rd.
Sack Race.	L/C. Williams,	1st.
	Sgt. Smith	2nd.

MILITARY EVENTS.

Best turned out and drilled	No. 10 Pl., 'C' Coy	1st.
Platoon:	No. 16 Pl. 'D' "	2nd.
Best turned out Guard	'A' Coy.	
Best Lewis Gun Team:	No. 13 Pl., 'D' Coy.	
Best Stretcher Bearer Team.	'D' Coy.	
Best Bomber:	L/Col. Agars	1st.
	Pte. Boothey	2nd.
Best Rifle Grenadier	L/Col. Ebbs	1st.
	Col. Excelby	2nd.
Best Cooker:	'D' Coy.	

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WAR DIARY



HENNEVEUX AREA.

12/2/18.

Rain fell during the night and made the roads muddy, but later during the day it was fairly fine.

The Battalion was present at a Gas Demonstration to-day, given by the Div. and Bde Gas Officers, which included an attack by "Flammen werfer".

Lieut. W.L.DAVIES, M.C. and Lieut. A.M.MOORE marched out on English Leave.

Capt. MATHESON, (R.M.O.) and Lieut. J.H.LAPTHORNE, M.C. from English Leave.

HENNEVEUX AREA.

13/2/18.

Raining steadily all the morning. Route March postponed until Thursday. We played the 28th Bn. at Football at Le WAAST, the players being taken over by the leave lorry.

The 27th Bn. won easily.

14/2/18.

Dull and cloudy day, slight misty rain towards evening.

Capt. PIGGOTT (R.M.O.) relieving Capt. MATHESON, on English Leave, returned to 7th Field Ambulance. Bde Sports postponed indefinitely owing to rain.

15/2/18.

Bright and sunny day. Bath parade for all Coys at new baths at BELLEBRUNE. Pay Day.

16/2/18.

Lieut. J.O.JULGE to Aust Corps School.

17/2/18.

Frosty during the night. Sun quite warm to-day. 'A' Coy played 'D' Coy football, 'A' Coy winning easily.

2/Lieut. R.H.HUGHES from School.

Church Parade at BELLEBRUNE for 'A' Coy and H.Q. followed by another service at CREMAREST for 'B', 'C' and 'D' Coys.

Lieut. S.S.WOODS, M.C. from Corps School.

18/2/18.

Very fine day.

2/Lieut. STEWART, A.H. from School.

Lieut. J.E.GATLEY to school.

19/2/18.

Very fine day. The Battalion marched to Bde. Sports grounds leaving BELLEBRUNE at 8.45 a.m. The Battalion won the aggregate of these sports.

20/2/18.

Dull morning. A misty rain commenced to fall about noon, lasting most of the afternoon.

During the morning the G.O.C., Gen. Sir W.BIRDWOOD inspected the Guard of Honour composed of the Model Platoons of the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th Bns.

The G.O.C. afterwards presented the following Officer and O/Ranks with Ribands -

	Lieut.	S.S.WOODS	M.C.
3116	Sgt.	GALWAY, J.	Croix de Guerre.
B2483	Sgt.	SMITH, W.M.	M.Medal.
2234	Cpl.	TOMICH, J.	M.Medal.
93	Pte.	HARRISON, M.B.	M.Medal.

Lieuts. E. HOLLOWAY and V.A.W.RIGGS from 10th Corps School.

J.R. Chalmers

Commanding 27th Bn., Infy A. I. F.

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HENNEVEUX
AREA.


21/2/18.

Fine morning, sharp wind.

The Battalion was inspected this morning by the
Brigadier on 'B' Coy's parade ground at 10 a.m.

HENNEVEUX
AREA.

From 21/2/18. The Battalion continued training under supervision
of respective Coy Commanders. Change in the weather,
to very windy and light rain which interfered slightly
28/2/18. with syllabus of training.


J R Chalmers J R L

Commanding 27th. Battn. Infly A. I. F.