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of

30th. INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. (8th Bde. Br.)

for

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| YVES-GOMEZEE. | | | Offs. 0/Rs. | | | |
| | 1st | 118 | 1438 | All units carried out Platoon inspections of arms, equipment, clothing and billets. Medical Inspection from 1000 to 1200 for personnel of next embarkation quota. | 1 O.R. Early repat. 1 O.R. N.M. Employ. | |
| | 2nd | 106 | 1072 | Bn. left YVES-GOMEZEE at 13.30 - Route:- Along railway track to WALCOURT, thence by 1st Class road to TOMBAIS, THY-LE-CHATEAU. Packs and blankets were carried by transport assisted by motor lorries. Quota No.26 - 12 Officers, 359 O/Rs. left per Motor Lorry. | 9 O.R. ttd. Burials Det. 13.O.R. ex Graves Unit 4 Offs. retd. Aust. | |
| MARCIN-ELLE-HAIES. | 3rd | 106 | 1073 | Move was continued from THY-LE-CHATEAU to MARCINELLE HAIES which was reached about midday. Billets in new area were good and comfortable. There is a 1d Electric Tram service with CHARLEROI. Bde Cinema showing nightly in School Hall at 19.00 | | |
| | 4th | 105 | 1073 | Coy. Parades were held and inspections of arms, equipment, clothing and billets carried out. Straw was purchased and issued for palisades. CHARLEROI leave to all ranks is granted until 21.30. | 1.Officer N.M. Employ. | |
| | 5th | 102 | 1070 | Coy. Parades held and inspection of arms, equipment, clothing and billets carried out. | 3 Offs. N.M. Employ. 2 O.R. Do. 1 O.R. Evac. | |
| | 6th | 101 | 1067 | Coy. Parades and inspection carried out as for 5th inst. Arrangements have been made for Conducted Tours over the field of WATERLOO on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the total cost being two francs per man. | 1Off. N.M. Employ 3.O.R. " " | |

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| MARCIN- ELLE- HAIES | 6th | Strength Offs. O/Rs. (Contd) | Medical Inspection for every member of the Bn, not already done. | | |
| | 7th | 100 | 1058 Coy. Parades and Inspection as usual. 1 Officer and 9 O/Rs. left on conducted tour to BRUSSELS and ZEEBRUGE. | 1 Off. N.M. Employ. 8 O.R. do. 1 O.R. Evac. | |
| | 8th | 100 | 1056 Coy. Pdes and inspections as usual. Medical inspection for men not already done. Troops allowed in CHARLEROI until 10 p.m. | 2 O.R. Evac. | |
| | 9th | 100 | 1046 Coy Pdes were held at 0930, with Inspection of Clothing , Equipment and Billets. | 1 O.R. Disc. U.K. 9 " Agric. Tng Depot SUTTON VENY | |
| | 10th | 100 | 1045 Coy Parades and Inspections as usual. Arrangements have been made for instruction within the Unit of Bookkeeping, Carpentering, and French for all desirous of attending. Tools and books provided. | 1 O.R. Evac. | |

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| | | | Strength. Officers O/R. | | |
| MARCINELLE HAIES. | 11th. | 100 | 1045 Coy. pdes. and inspections were held. Weather has been fine and warm; ideal conditions prevailing for all kinds of outdoor kinds of sports, which have been actively engaged in. | | |
| | 12th | 100 | 1045 Coy. pdes. and inspections. All ranks attended baths No. 12 Coalmine Marcinelle, and received clean change of underclothing. The baths, which are hot showers, are the best the Bn. have met whilst in this country, each man having a separate cubicle. Considerable change in weather, with heavy rain and strong winds. | | |
| | 13th. | 99 | 1043 Voluntary Church pdes. C.ofE. holy Communion at 11 o'clock. R.C. 0700, 0800 and 0930 at Church, Marcinelle-Haies. | 1 Officer, 2 O/R N.M. Employ. 3 Offs. 13 O/R. XXXX . tfd. A.B.D. Havre. 2 O/R ret'd. Aust. 1 O/R to U.K. on duty. 2 O/R rejoined. | |
| | 14th. | 96 | 1027 Coy. pdes. and inspection. At 1700 a farewell dinner to all ranks was held at 342 Rue de Beaumont, Marcinelle, afterward followed by a dance. The arrangements which were in the hands of Hon. Capt. E.S. Weaver worked splendidly and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Sergts. of the Battalion acted as waiters. | | |
| | 15th | 95 | 1015 Coy. pdes. and inspections. | 2 O/R taken on Strength. 3 O/R. evacuated. 1 Off. 5 O/R N.M. Employ. | |
| | 16th. | 94 | 1012 Coy. pdes. and inspections, bathing pde. At 1100 men for draft were paraded for Medical inspection. <u>Appointment.</u> Approval has been granted for the appointment of Lt. J.J. Cairns as Adj. Sth. Bde. Bn. vice Lt. H.W. Webb, to U.K. on N.M. Employment. 1800. All ranks of the Battalion together with all other ranks of the Bgde. Group attended "The Smart Set" (4th. Div. Concert Pty). At the Theatre Concordia, Charleroi, at the invitation of 8/15 Bde. A very enjoyable evening was spent. | | |

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| MARCINELLE HAIES. | 17th | Offs. 0/R. 94 1006 | Quota No. 36, consisting of 29 Officers, 42 W .0 and 362 O/R, marched out under the command of Major B.A.Wark VC.DSO. Coy. pdes. and inspections as usual. | 1 O/Revacuated. 5 O/R tfd.to Corps Cent.Ssh. | |
| | 18th | 65 591 | Amalgamation of Coy's A.and D.(No.1 Coy.)and Band C (No.2 Coy)took place. | 3 O/RM.M.Emplow. 2 O/R ret'd. Aust. | |
| | 19th. | 65 595 | Coy. pdes. and inspections as usual. Bathing pde. was held. | 2 O/R N.M. Emplow. | |
| | 20th. | 64 595 | Voluntary Church pdes. were held. C OF E.-Holy Communion 1100 Y.M.C.A. reading room, 1500, Garrison Church, 1900-Charleroi. R.C.-0700, 0800, 0930, Marcinelle-Haies Church. | 1 Off. N.M.Emplow. | |
| | 21st. | 64 565 | Coy. parades and inspections were held as usual. | 30 O/R trfd. to Base Corps Wk-shops | |
| | 22nd | 64 536 | Coy. pdes. and inspections. | 5 O/R trfd.to M.Prison 12 O/R " Corps Wk-shop 2 O/R to A.I.B.D.Havre. 2 O/R " Corps Wk-shops. 8 O/R evacuated. | |
| | 23rd. | 64 523 | Coy. pdes. and inspections. Bathing parade was held. | 8 O/R to U.K. on duty. 1 O/R " A.I.F. Hd.Qrs. 2 O/R evacuated. 1 O/R N.M.Emplow 1 O/R Extra Regtl. | |
| | 24th. | 60 504 | Coy. pdes. and inspections. | 2 Off.tfd.5th.Div.Trn. 1 Off. " Corps Hd-Qrs. 1 Off. " " Wk-shop 2 Off. " " School 7 Off. evacuated. 9 Off. NM.Emplow | |

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| MARCINELIA HAIES. | | | Offs. O/R | | | |
| | 25th | 59 | 499 | Coy. parades and inspection. | 3 O/R taken on Strength. 1 Off. & 1 O/R tfd. to B. Group Salvage Com pany. 1 O/R to Corps School. | |
| | 26th | 59 | 481 | Coy. parades and inspections. Bathing pde. was held. | 5 O/R tfd. Animal Con. Camp. 4 O/R "to Records London. 3 O/R evacuated 4 O/R ret'd. to Australia. 2 O/R N.M. Employ | |
| | 27th | 59 | 479 | Voluntary Church parades were held as usual Weather from 12th. to 27th. has been unsettled, with continued showers and strong wind. | 2 O/R ret'd. to Aust. | |
| | 28th. | 59 | 472 | Coy. parades and Inspections | | |
| | 29th. | 59 | 472 | Coy. parades and Inspections | 2 O/R tfd. M.T. Coy. 1 O/R " Base 1 O/R " 10th. A.A.S.C. 1 O/R taken on | |
| | 30th. | 59 | 472 | Bathing Parade. Weather- Continued shower. | 1 O/R tfd. A.A.S.C. 1 O/R " A.I.F.H.Q. | |