

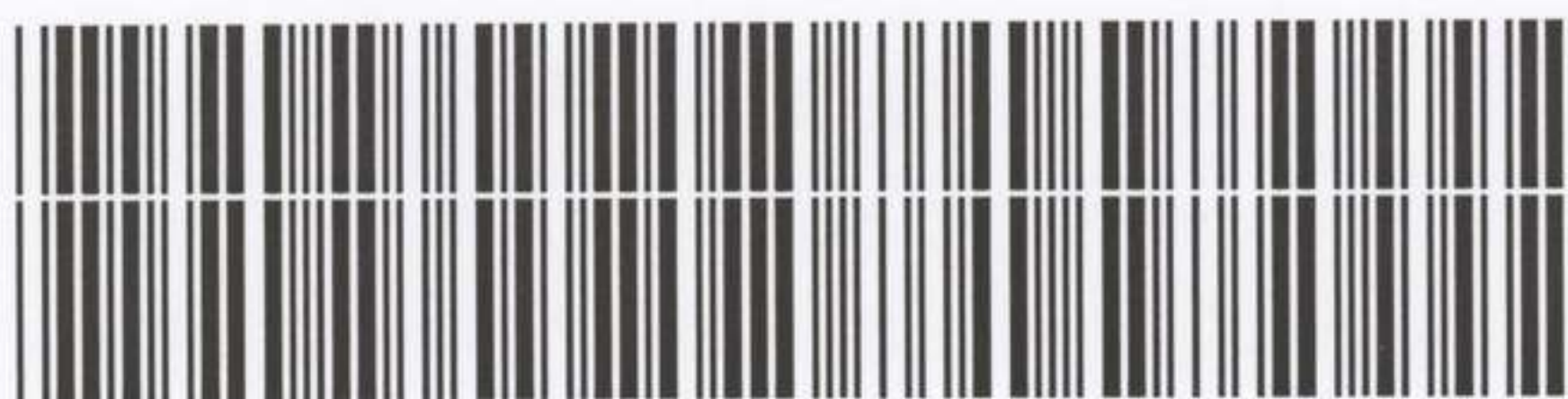
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RAMBURELLES	1919 March		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Morning spent with Baths and classes. Football match No 1 Coy v C. & D. Coy's played in the afternoon and won by No. 1. Pictures again showed at night.2. Quiet day with Church Parade in the morning. A sing song was held at 5 p.m. followed by a Instructional Picture on "Venereal Disease Infection".3. Quiet day with usual march and classes in morning. Meeting of Officers was held at 4.30 p.m. to discuss publication of the "Battalion History". It was decided to have it printed in AUSTRALIA. Fresh programme at the pictures was shown at night.4. As the day was cold and wet no marches were held but classes continued. The Battalion History was practically completed and handed over to Lieut's WILSON & MARTIN. Pictures again showed at night.5. Day wet and gloomy. Classes held as usual during the morning, and the afternoon observed as a holiday. Band Concert and Pictures in the evening.6. Usual morning march cancelled on account of rain which fell throughout the day. Classes were held as usual. Change of programme at pictures in the evening.7. Weather extremely dull and roads very heavy. Parades, Classes and Picture Show as usual.8. Bath Parades and usual Educational classes during the morning. The afternoon was observed as a holiday. Band Concert and Cinema in evening. Weather fine.9. Intermittent rain fell during the day. In the evening Song Service, Church Parade and Cinema were being held in the evening.10. Morning clear and frosty. Educational work and Parades carried out. Pictures in evening.11. Weather cold but fine. Classes, Parades and Pictures as usual.12. Route March and classes during the morning. The afternoon was observed as a holiday. Owing to a breakdown no pictures shown in evening.	

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RAMBURELLES	1919 March	13.	Day fine. Educational Classes and March held during the morning. Cinema repaired and showed in the evening.	
		14.	Weather unpleasant but Route March held as usual. Farewell Dinner given in the Sergeants Mess to those proceeding with the first draft.	
		15.	Day cold but fine. In the afternoon a farewell dinner was given to all ranks proceeding with 1st draft. Was The waiting was undertaken by Officer's and Sgt's. After the meal Capt H. S. HUDD (MC), delivered a farewell speech which was responded to by Capt H. S. COPE, who later presented a CUP to Pte J. F. P. HEINICKE as Champion Athlete of the Division. During the evening a concert party from the Battalion arranged an entertainment. The whole of these events passed off most successfully. Just prior to the concert a farewell dinner was given to the Officer's.	
		16.	Weather fine. Church Parade held at 11 a.m. Service of Song and Cinema show in the Marquee during the evening.	
		17.	Preparations for move of the 1st Quota put well in hand with preliminary inspections, turnouts in full marching order. Miss Lena ASHWELL Concert Party provided an entertainment in the evening.	
		18.	1st demobilisation quota left for GAMACHES to join the Brigade Quota (No. 24). The Battalion Party consisted of 14 Officers and 176 Other Ranks. The remainder of the Battalion moved from RAMBURELLES to CERISY-BULEUX where the remnants of the 44th & 43rd Bn. amalgamated and became the 43rd Battalion. During the absence of Lieut-Col. J. FARRELL (DSO), the Unit was commanded by Major W. H. ROCKLIFF (MC). The move was effected without any hitch and by nightfall all were comfortably settled in the new billets.	
CERISY-BULEUX.		19.	Rain fell practically during the whole day which was spent in improving the billets and in finalising and the position of Canteen, Hairdresser, Tailor and Photographer.	
		20.	Slight rain fell during the day. Arrangements completed for the messing of the Coy's. and Equipment and completion of a double NISSEN HUT for use as a Mess and Recreation Room was effected.	

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CERISY-BELEUX.	March	21.	Day fine. Day spent in reorganising Coy's.	
		22.	Weather cold and bleak. Morning spent in cleaning Camp and equipment. A leave lorry from the Battalion visited ABBEVILLE. Baths allotted at RAMBURELLES.	
		23.	Day fine. Church Parades for both R.C. and Protestants held during the morning. Major EVERETT 44th Battalion returned from leave and assumed command of the Battalion.	
		24.	Heavy weather prevented all parades. Snow fell throughout the day. Educational classes during morning.	
		25.	Day cold and bleak with snow during the morning. No parades held. Picquet for 10 days duty in ABBEVILLE supplied. In the evening a WHIST DRIVE was held in No. 2 NISSEN HUT.	
		26.	Classes held as per Syllabus, but parades cancelled on account of mud. The day throughout was cold and a little rain fell.	
		27.	Short march held in the morning after which classes were continued. The day was wet and cold with sleet showers. Bath allotment at RAMBURELLES for 43rd Bn.	
		28.	Short march of the 43rd during morning with the Bands of the two Battalions, 44th were attending Bath Parades. Day cold but no rain fell.	
		29.	Day wet and cold with several falls of sleet. Short march held in morning, followed by Classes and normal work.	
		30.	Sunday. Weather cold with sleet in the afternoon. Church Parades held in the morning.	
		31.	Day cold with occasional periods of sunshine and several falls of snow. March held as usual in the morning with classes following it. Lieut-Col. FARRELL(DSO) handed over command to Capt R.C. SEXTON and proceeded to the 9th Demobilisation Regiment for duty.	

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