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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Reference Map VIGNACOURT 1/100,000 (Evening heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Cerisy-Buleux.	1/4/19		Capt O'Sullivan (RMO) left the Battalion to rejoin 11th Field Ambulance. A pleasant day with little work, as most of the Battalion was on fatigue at OISEMONT loading a train. Transport moved from FRESNE to CERISY-BULEUX.	
"	2/4/19		Foggy morning. Fatigues again required for OISEMONT, consequently no parade or classes were held. 16 other ranks left on Non-military Employment. Medical examination was carried out.	
"	3/4/19		March in the morning, followed by classes and normal work. Lieut C.A. Stevens joined the Battalion day was fine.	
"	4/4/19		March and classes as usual. 44th Bn beat 43rd Bn at Football. In the evening a mock Court Martial was held. Day Fine.	
"	5/4/19		Baths in the morning, no classes held, but those not on duty were allowed to attend a French wedding. Cricket 43rd Bn 'v' 44th Bn. Won easily by 44th Bn. Beautiful day.	
"	6/4/19		Sunday. Fine day. Church service at 10.00. No other events for the day.	
"	7/4/19		March held as usual in the morning, afterwards normal classes were attended. 11th Bde Pierrots gave a concert in the open in the afternoon. Day fine.	
"	8/4/19		March in the morning. Big fatigue on sports ground levelling it off. Day Pleasant. 43rd Bn played 41st Bn Cricket and lost, 41st were then entertained to tea. Light shower of rain in the afternoon.	
"	9/4/19		Day cool, March as usual. Medical inspection for the draft at 13.00. Sports held in the afternoon. Some Australian nurses from Abbeville Hospital were entertained to dinner by the Officers.	
"	10/4/19		Morning spent on march and normal routine, rain fell from 14.00 onwards spoiling a cricket match. No 1 Team v No 2 Team. Very successful Battalion Dance with W.A.A.C.'s held at ST-MAXENT. Dinner was provided for the dancers.	
"	11/4/19		Windy dull day with a little rain, normal work in the morning followed by a parade at 13.30. for photographs and distribution of prizes for the sports held on 9/4/19. Football match 43rd Bn v 44th Bn but not finished owing to rain. Rain fell from 16.00 onwards.	

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CERISY- -BULEUX.	12/4/19		Dull wet morning, Battalion went to baths at RAMBURELLES in the afternoon.		
	13/4/19		Dull morning and fine afternoon, day spent quietly. Church parade in morning.		
	14/4/19		Wet windy day, normal parades, preparations made for departure of 2nd Draft.		
	15/4/19		Very dull day, no parades were held, preparations for departure of No 39 Quota and cleaning up of village and salvage were carried out.		
	16/4/19		Wet morning making it very muddy under foot. Final preparations made in connection with draft.		
	17/4/19		43rd and 44th Bn Quota's moved out to GAMACHES to join No 39 Quota under Major Donaldson, 11th Field Coy Engineers. 13 Offrs 16 Sgts & 131 other ranks moved out. The day was fine and conditions ideal for the 15 kilometre march.		
	18/4/19		The morning was fine and sunny and was spent in collecting and returning R.E. Material.		
	19/4/19		No parades held owing to low strength of the Bn. The fine weather prevailed & no rain fell.		
	20/4/19		Day fine and clear and being Sunday was observed as a holiday.		
	21/4/19		All Mob Stores were returned to D.A.D.O.S. and clearance certificate obtained. Weather fine.		
	22/4/19		Preparations begun for final Quota to leave Battalion including Cadre "B".		
	23/4/19		Final preparations made and the village cleared of salvage. Weather still clear and bright.		
	24/4/19		The last of the Battalion moved out by rail to GAMACHES at 10.00. The weather was inclined to be showery. By 12.00 everyone was settled comfortably in the Concentration Camp at GAMACHES.		
	GAMACHES.	25/4/19.		No work done in the morning apart from making the men comfortable. A memorial service was held in the afternoon and was well attended (ANZAC DAY). In the afternoon the Division held a sports meeting. This Battalion scoring 3 firsts, 4 seconds and 1 fourth place in the events. Fine day, no rain fell.	
		26/4/19		Church parade in the morning, rain fell throughout the day making everything wet and miserable.	
27/4/19			Owing to rain, Race Meeting arranged for to-day was postponed, weather being wet no parades held.		
28/4/19			Finalising of Quota rolls commenced and arrangements made to collect detached men. Rain fell nearly all day.		
29/4/19			Weather still wet. Preparations for completing of Quota Rolls, papers etc proceeded with.		
30/4/19			Dull day. Now that Quota rolls are completed "B" Cadre are all that remain of the Battalion. "B" Cadre attached to No 45 Quota for Demobilisation. It is anticipated that the Quota will leave GAMACHES for the Base on 3/5/19. After that date with the exception of 5 Offrs and 4 O.R's the whole of the battalion will have left for concentration camps en route for ENGLAND and AUSTRALIA.		
			During the month the battalion strength was as follows:-		
			1/4/19 Officers 46 O. R' S&. 461		
			30/4/19 16 66		
			To hospital 8		
			Non Military Employment 2 20		

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