

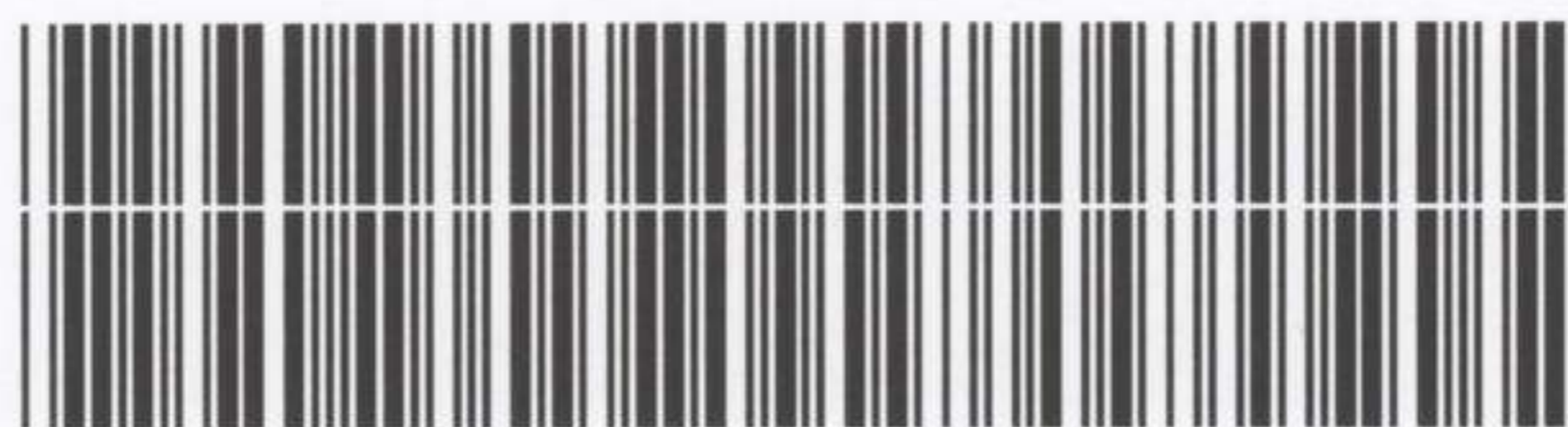
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	1919	May		
	1	May	A.I.F. List 469 shews all 2/Lts and P2/Lts promoted to Lieutenant. Owing to a civilian demonstration the Town of CHARLEROI was placed "out of bounds" for the day. Weather dull and showery.	
	2	"	Lieut. J. Carmichael, Sgt J. H. Ross and Pte. H. G. Dick proceeded to U.K. for non-military employment. Weather continues dull and showery.	
	3	"	Weather fine, nothing of interest to report.	
	4	"	Under instructions from "B" 2 Sub-Group, 2nd M.G. Bn guard at at Vehicle Reception Park was relieved by personnel from 17th, 18th and 20th Battalions. Day fine and warm.	
	5	"	Weather fine and warm.	
	6	"	Divisional Sports at Mont sur MARCHIENNE. 880 and 440 yards won by Sgt Fairless. Long Jump won by Pte F. L. Walker. L/Sgt Bazley second in 100 yds and first in 220 yds. R.T.O. Guard relieved. Instructions received from 6th Brigade Battalion regarding Quota 50 10.4.19	
	7	"	C. Q. M. S. Ramage proceeded on leave to YPRES. Medical Inspection of Quota 50.	
	8	"	Day fine and warm. Muster Parade of Quota 50 held at 1000 to inspect mens' Kits.	
	9	"	Quota 50 marched out to "B" Div Rein Camp. Capt R. A. P. Hamilton M.C., Lt. E. S. Stephens M.M., Lieut W. R. Brown., Lt J. Wells and 75 other ranks. Day sultry rained towards evening.	
	10	"	Quota 50 entrained at 0800 at CHARLEROI Station for LE HAVRE	
	11	"	Nothing of interest to report.	
	12	"	Allotment for Quota 55 received. This Unit's allotment is 1 Officer 2 Sgts., and 50 Other Ranks. Cadre "B" is proceeding with this Quota.	
	13	"	Lt-Col A. W. Ralston C.M.G., D.S.O., returned from PARIS where he has been O.C. Australian Troops	
	14th	"	All available Officers and men proceeded to CHATELET for Corps Commanders Final Parade.	
	15	"	Fire in Station Yard at CHARLEROI. Pte Inglis of this Unit helped to put it out and was slightly burned in the attempt. News received that Pte. H. A. Hanley has been awarded the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (without allowances) for bravery in diving into the MARCHIENNE Canal and rescuing a Soldier who had fallen in and was drowning. Lt-Col. A. W. Ralston C.M.G., D.S.O. proceeded to U.K.	
	16th	"	Formal permission received for Cadre "B" to proceed with Quota 55.	
	17	"	Grand Fete Day in CHARLEROI. 2nd Regiment of Chasseurs took over Cavalry Barracks. Lieut Thomas M. M. Bar notified that he will command "D" Company Quota 55.	
	18	"	Quota 55 concentrated at "B" Div REINF. WING. Remaining with Unit 1 Officer 43 Other Ranks. attached to	5 th Bde Bn.