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MAOROIS	1/17/18		Coy in billets at Maurois near Le Cateau. The weather is frosty & fine	
	2/17/18		Billet at Maurois were evacuated at 0900 & the unit marched to Regt de Beaumont which was reached at midday. This village has been the scene of severe fighting in consequence very few civilians remained. Throughout all this area there is plenty of fine wood which is a welcome contrast to the blasted area we have recently vacated near the coast	
	3/17/18		At 1000 the Coy marched out at Regt de Beaumont & after a journey of 1 1/2 hours arrived at occupied billets in St Pierre. This village is composed of from 8 to 12 ^{small} houses & does not give the impression of	

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			<p>being a cheerful place particularly when rain is falling rather heavily as it is to day. One of the most pleasing features of this march is the entire absence of sore feet. There has not been a single case of men falling out during the journey. The unit remained in this village until the 8th inst being engaged daily in salvage work. Ammunition chiefly German Grenades & Shells is to be found in considerable heaps in every field. This is being collected & placed in dumps near roads.</p> <p>Soldiers at St. Pierre were evacuated this morning others were occupied at Petite Bear at 1130</p>	

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			<p>The weather is still Showery & many of the 3rd class roads over which we have been travelling are in a very boggy condition</p>	
	10.17.18		<p>The boy left billets at Petite Dour at 0900 & marched to St Remy near Arras. This place was reached about midday. The weather continues Showery.</p>	
	11.17.18		<p>It is anticipated that the unit will be billeted here in St Remy for a considerable period. So arrangements are already on foot for the carrying out of concerts Sports competitions etc</p>	
	12.17.18		<p>The unit has settled down comfortably in its new billets, which are a class above the general type of billets met with.</p>	

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	14.12.18		<p>a rugby football match was played this afternoon between teams from the Scottish Horse & this battalion. Our team had an easy victory winning by 37 - nil from the 16th till the end of the month very little parade work has been done. The weather has been extremely wet with the exception of a few fine mornings, when physical exercises have been carried out. The men's time has been taken up with ordinary fatigue, & the attending of battalion concerts, debates etc. Xmas passed without accident. We are rather unfortunate in being billeted in an area which is far from any main lines of communication & it has been a matter of almost</p>	

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			<p>difficulties in obtaining the necessary supplies for Christmas. The last few days preceding the close of the year although believed to be showery have been particularly mild, and so far, this winter has been less severe than any experienced since the unit came to France.</p>	