

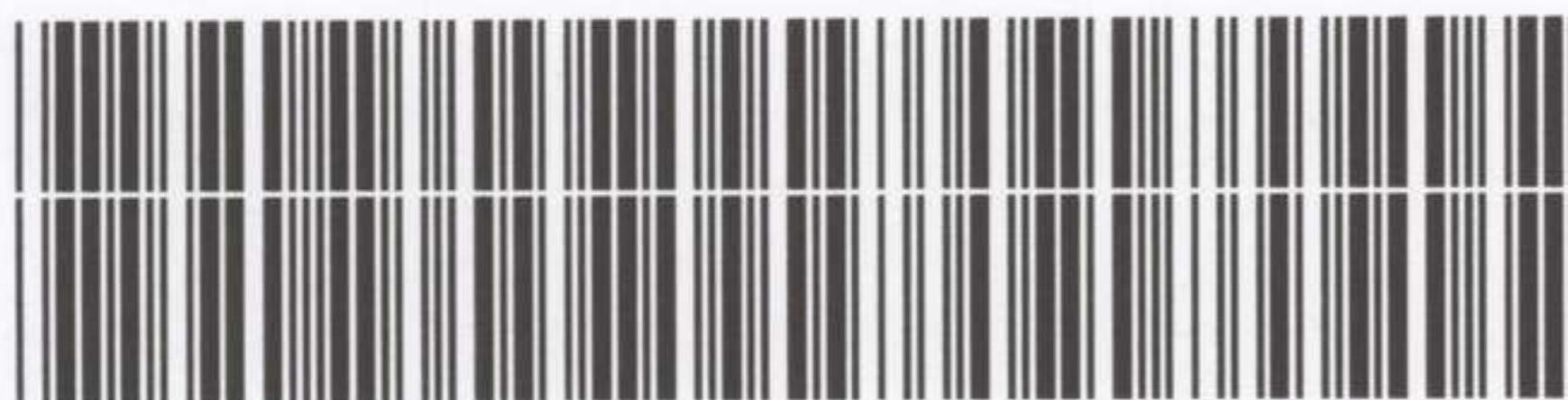
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FRANCE. MAURGOIS	1/15/18		At the close of last month's Diary the Company was occupying billets at MAURGOIS, but today the Company moved out at 0900 h. for new Area, - LE PETIT CAMBRAESIS. These billets were reached by noon, but as the Company expects to be here for one night only, not much has been done in the way of making things comfortable. Light showers have fallen throughout the day.	
LE PETIT CAMBRAESIS	1/15/18		At 1000 h. the Company vacated billets that were occupied for the night & proceeded to New Area at PETIT BEART, arriving at 1400 h. Rains fell during the march and this made road conditions somewhat unpleasant. The billets are not of the best but it is not expected that the stay here will be lengthy.	

W. Holmes Capt.
O.C. 25th Aust. Inf. Coy.

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PETIT BEART.	3/12/18		Company resting in billets at PETIT BEART. Only necessary camp fatigues and duties are being done. On the 4 th inst. Capt. W.A. Barker D.C.M. returned to Australia on furlough.	
	7/12/18		During the week 4 of Ranko proceeded on sick leave and one of Ranko to Paris. Eleven rejoined from sick leave; two of Ranko proceeded to Educational classes, and Lieut. Phillips and 2 of Ranko returned from Wagon School at Camiers. Thirty-six Casuals & Reinforcements taken on Strength. Weather cold & showery.	
As above	9/12/18		At 0830h. this morning the company moved by march route from PETIT BEART to ST. REMY CHAUSSEE, arriving here at 1530h. A halt was made on the march, for dinner, when hot tea and a meal was provided. The billets here are excellent and everyone was soon comfortably settled. There is a plentiful supply of water, & convenient bathing arrangements exist.	

W.A. Barker Capt. D.C. 25th Aug. Wagon Co.

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FRANCE			<u>CONTINUED.</u>	
ST REMY CHAUSSEE	15/12/18 to 21/12/18		the Company's command. Three of Ranks have been transferred to Administ. H. Qrs. Horseferry Road London for duty as clerks. Five men proceeded on U.K. Leave & one rejoined. One of Ranks evacuated to Hospital and one rejoined. Company Strength 12 Officers 201 of Ranks.	
As above.	21/12/18 to 24/12/18.		With the exception of the following evacuations and rejoinings there is nothing of interest to report. Lieut. G. Puffell, M.C. admitted to Hospital. Two of Ranks proceeded on U.K. Leave & one rejoined. Two of Ranks to Austr. Corps Workshops, TEUMONT. The C. J. Raftery marched out en-route for Australia. Lieut. G. W. Rooney and two of Ranks have returned after purchasing goods etc. for Thomas Chees.	
				<p style="text-align: right;">The Colonel Capt. O.C. 25th Austr. Inf. Bn. Coy.</p>

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ST. REMY CHAUSSEE	28/12/18 10 31/12/18		<p>A good Sports Programme had been arranged for the week, and although weather conditions interfered somewhat with the arrangements, several Football matches were played.</p> <p>Christmas Day passed off very well, - a good dinner was provided, and everyone agreed that everything possible had been done to make the day a success.</p> <p>Two of Rankes marched in from Mt. Leave and bpl. Dutke from P.T. School. Lieut Ludvigsen & one of Rankes have been transferred to Battr. H.Qrs. and three of Rankes to Battr. Concert Party. Two men evacuated to Hospital, and two 1915 men marched out en-route to Australia.</p> <p>Company strength 10 Officers 192 of Rankes.</p>	

John Tolson Capt.
O.C. 25th Aust. H.Q. Coy.