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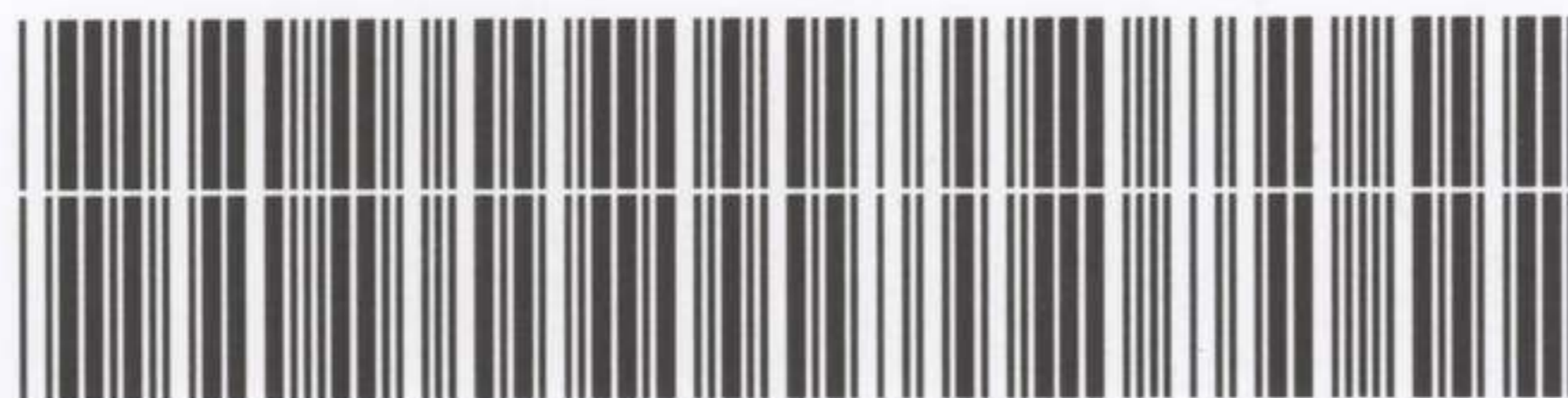
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1-100-000 VALENCIENNES	1919 Mar.	10-30	The Battalion Paraded near Pw H.Q's, where an Official Photograph was taken.	
ST. REMY - CHAUSEE	1 <sup>st</sup>		In the afternoon shooting practice was carried out.	
			Weather 6 men per day for 4 days are being boarded in readiness for Draft Quotas. Advanced Billiting Party of 1 NCO & 1 Pte reported to Pw Billiting Officer and proceeded to new area. Official time was advanced 1 hour.	
			Weather Fine	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		2 Ladders were supplied to Battalion <sup>H.Q.</sup> to assist in transporting Guns & Tripods to Ordnance. These ladders will return on the 4 <sup>th</sup> inst. All Belt Boys, Belts and ammunition, along with other spare gear, were transported in advance to the new Billiting area. Lt Hansens from this Coy was in charge.	
			Church Parades were cancelled. The Battalion Rifle Team left in order to compete in the Divisional Rifle Matches. 3 of the Team came from this Company. Weather - Showery - otherwise mild.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-30	Company paraded to the Battalion Baths. A clean change was obtained. Quota N <sup>o</sup> 14 warned to proceed on the 6 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
			Weather Showery throughout the day and night.	

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1-100 000 VALENCIENNES	1919 MAR.			
STREMY CHAUSEE	4 <sup>th</sup>		Revised Repatriation Roll was commenced as per Instructions from the Director General of Repatriation. Owing to the inclemency of the weather no rifle shooting practice took place. <u>Weather</u> Raining throughout the day and night.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Revised Repatriation Precedence Roll was completed. The Coy is still supplying every third day - 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl & 4 Ptes as a Battalion Guard. A concert was given by the Bn Concert Party. <u>Weather</u> - afternoon morning Showery - afternoon and evening - fine.	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	8-30 am	Quota N <sup>o</sup> 14 concentrated at St REMY Church and embussed for BEAUMONT. O. C. Coy Capt Winn returned from England. No rifle shooting practice took place. <u>Weather</u> Raining all day - more settled at night.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Coy paraded and cleaned limbers. 12-X and Y class <sup>animals</sup> horses were selected and inspected by the Veterinary Officer. <u>Weather</u> - Fine - cold winds at night.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Coy paraded and cleaned limbers.	
		8-30 am	12 X and Y class animals joined the other Coys Quotas and proceeded via Divisional HQ to BEAUMONT - en route to HAVRE. Capt Winn in charge.	
			<u>Weather</u> Showery	

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1-100-000 VALENCIENNES ST REMY CHAVSEE	MAR.			
	9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	all surplus animals above establishment strength sent to AVESNES for disposal by sale. 2 Limbers with stores left for SOLRE ST GERY - after dumping - all belt boxes and stores will be transported in these limbers from SOLRE ST GERY to Ordnance. The Administration Move order was received. The Battalion will move by stages - BUIGNES - SIVRY - SOLRE ST GERY. completing the move by the 14 <sup>th</sup> . <u>Weather Showery</u>	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Coy Comdrs Conference at Bn Hqts. The Company owing to reduced strength was reorganized into 2 Sections. Nos 1 and 3 Sects to be No 1 - Nos 2 + 4 to be No 2. Lt Ewing went on leave. Lt Fullard now acting OC.	
		9-30	Limbers were cleaned. <u>Weather</u> . Showery	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Coy spent morning in thoroughly cleaning Billets and Billet areas. Packing up ready for the first stage of the move. <u>Weather</u> . Fine.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	8-30	Coy and Transport moved off. Bn concentrated <sup>by</sup> at 9am. Head of Column moved past Bn Baths at 9am. Mens packs - blankets and steel helmets were carried on the limbers. The route was via - ST AUBIN - DDULERS - arriving at BEUGNIES at 12-noon. Billeting was satisfactorily carried out.	
			A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14. The Cooker was sent on - ahead to prepare a hot meal in readiness for the arrival of the troops	

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1-100-000 VALENCIENNES also 1-100-000 NAMUR.	1919 MAR. 12 <sup>th</sup> Contd	2pm	Advanced party of 1 officer (Lt Hansen) and 2 ORanks left for SIVRY. 1915 Enlistment Personnel boarded to make up Quota No 20. <u>Weather</u> Showery.	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion moved off at 10 am and marched via SOLRE LE CHATEAU to SIVRY, reaching there at 12-30 am. Billeting was found to be a difficult matter, but eventually good cover was found for all troops. The Cooker had again been sent on ahead so a hot meal awaited the men. The advanced party left during the afternoon for SOLRE - ST. GERY. <u>Weather</u> - Fine	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	Cooker went on ahead. Head of Column left SIVRY. The March was via SIVRY STATION - RENLIES - to SOLRE ST GERY. Arrived there at 12-30 pm. Some difficulty was found in billeting the troops. Billets of all companies have been rather intermingled, but this is due to scarce & scattered accommodation. Personnel for Quota No 20 were boarded. <u>Weather</u> - Fine	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	2pm 9-45	Company arranging sanitary conveniences - cesspits etc. Company Comdis Conference at Pn Mess. Personnel for Quota No 20 paraded to Pn QM to fill in Q 1 Forms. <u>Weather</u> - Fine	

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1-100000 NAMUR. SOLRE STGERY	MAR. 1919 20 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>pm</sup>	All packs addlery and harness passed in to Pw Q. M. Store. Remaining animals from each Coy have been concentrated at Pw and now form a Pw Transport Section. 4 Drivers were supplied from this Coy. Each Coy will requisition to Pw for what transport they require from time to time. <u>Weather</u> Cold - light snow and rain.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Personnel for drafts boarded at Pw R.A.P. The Pw Rifle Team returned from the Divisional Contests. They obtained excellent results. 1 - First. 2 Seconds. and 2 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizes being won. <u>Weather</u> Cold and foggy.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Instructions received from G.H.Q. that owing to threatened strikes no entrainment of troops will take place until further notice. <u>Weather</u> Dull - showery.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Instructions received that Quota N <sup>o</sup> 20 will move off tomorrow. No church parades were held. <u>Weather</u> Cold - otherwise fine and clear.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	9-30 am	Pw Parade held. C.O. addressed all Ranks on the "amalgamation of Companies". It has been decided that owing to the low strengths of Companies the 8 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> will combine and the 15 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> similarly, thus reducing to only two Companies. <u>Weather</u> Dull - cold - light snow and rain.	Action required.
			A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14. 12-30pm. Quota N <sup>o</sup> 20 moved off - route march to BEAUMONT.	

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1-100000 NAMUR	MAR 1919		By amalgamating with the 14 <sup>th</sup> Coy, this Company loses its individuality. It has therefore been decided <del>that</del> this entry will be the last and will close this Diary.	
SOLRE-S <sup>t</sup> .GERY	<del>23</del> 24 <sup>th</sup>		Full Strength (to date) Officers 12 Other Ranks. 117	Litho record H.
			Evacuated during month 2 40	
			on drafts to HAVRE - V. K. - RUST. <sup>LIA</sup>	
			Evacuated	
			sick - nil nil.	
			Educational Instructors in France 4	
			Attending Schools Workshops etc France 4 10	
			Special Duties France 1 18.	
			Hobbin Capt O.C. 8 <sup>th</sup> Australian Machine Gun Coy.	