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| St. Jean | 1/4/19 |      | Dull & cold. - Operating as usual. - Effective strength 180. 3 Other ranks marched out to Agricultural Training Depot Sutton. Viny.       |                                      |
|          | 2/4/19 |      | Weather clearing. - Trial by F. G. C. U. of Gps. Arnott & Barron. at "Waterlo". Today adjourned until 7th.                                |                                      |
|          | 3/4/19 |      | Fine day. - Nothing unusual to report. H. O. R. granted Early repatriation. H. O. R. moved out to Aust. Corps Technical School, Jernment. |                                      |
|          | 4/4/19 |      | Fine day. - Nothing unusual to report. Traffic busy.  |                                      |
|          | 5/4/19 |      | Fine day. - Nothing unusual to report. Traffic busy.  |                                      |
|          | 6/4/19 |      | Fine day. - Nothing unusual to report. Traffic busy.  |                                      |

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| St. Paul. | 7/4/19  |      | Weather fine. - Traffic heavy and shortage of power. Personnel working approx. 12 hours daily. Trial of Sgt's Amott & Barron again adjourned as Barron reporting at appointed place without escort. |                                      |
| "         | 8/4/19  |      | Fine weather. - Case against Sgt Amott disposed of. In case of Barron as L.C. had disposed of this case. F. G. W. had not power to retry him.   |                                      |
|           | 9/4/19  |      | Weather fine. - Nothing unusual to report. Traffic busy.  |                                      |
|           | 10/4/19 |      | Fine weather. - Nothing unusual to report.  |                                      |
|           | 11/4/19 |      | Weather dull. - Nothing unusual. Traffic quiet.   |                                      |
|           | 12/4/19 |      | Dull weather. - Nothing unusual. Traffic quiet.   |                                      |

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| St. Jan. | 13/4/19 |      | Dull weather - Warning order to prepare for Demobilisation received from 3rd Echelon   |                                      |
| "        | 14/4/19 |      | Dull & wet - Preparing forms for Demobilisation. Nothing unusual to report. G. O. R. ex Detachment to Stores Officer's post. Workshops reported for duty.      |                                      |
| "        | 15/4/19 |      | Gale blowing. Traffic busy. Application for suspension of Ops cancelled & Sully applied for.   |                                      |
| "        | 16/4/19 |      | Dull:- Surplus Ordnance Stores returned today.   |                                      |
| "        | 17/4/19 |      | Raining. Arrangements being made to give members of this Company a dinner tomorrow Good Friday. Detached men called in prior to Reporting to A. G. B. D. Base. |                                      |

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| <i>St. Jean.</i> | <i>18/4/19</i> |      | <i>Good Friday. Dull &amp; wet. Work suspended.</i>   |                                      |
|                  | <i>19/4/19</i> |      | <i>Dull &amp; wet: - Traffic suspended</i>  |                                      |
|                  | <i>20/4/19</i> |      | <i>Dull &amp; wet: - Traffic suspended.</i>   |                                      |
|                  | <i>21/4/19</i> |      | <i>Dull &amp; wet: - A detachment from 21<sup>st</sup> L.R. Coy. R.E. reported &amp; took over St. Jean L.R. District all power and supplies handed over. All necessary arrangements made for marching out. - Authority from Gp. Sub Area awaited. A suggestion was made to 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon that we travel in our train via Dunkirk pick up 4<sup>th</sup> Coy. B. G. O. Coy and then proceed to Hasselt; but 5<sup>th</sup> Area would not consent.</i> |                                      |

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| St Jean. | 23/4/19. |      | An engine from Bergues reported & stood under steam overnight to haul train to Harve. Everything ready to move out on 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Great difficulty experienced in getting sound information regarding <del>the</del> exact date of moving out. Sub. Area refused the necessary authority pending instructions from H. Q. 5 <sup>th</sup> Area.   |                                      |
| "        | 23/4/19. |      | <p>Full. - Train pulled out with 55 waggons enroute to Dunkirk &amp; Audenbourg. where train is to be hauled over &amp; is to be dismantled by French Railway Authorities. Journey is to be continued by "Lease Train" ex Audenbourg on 24<sup>th</sup>. Departed St Jean. 11 am. Arrived Bergues 1.30 P.M.</p> <p>Arrived Bergues. Departed Bergues 2.10 P.M.</p> <p>arrived Dunkirk 2.50 P.M. Advantage was taken of stay in Dunkirk to secure hay from field. basket.</p> <p>Due to mismanagement our train pulled out of</p> <p>continued on next page.</p> |                                      |

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|          | 23/11/19 |      | Continued<br>Dunkirk at 6.50 P.M. for Audouque reaching that place at 9 P.M. Several men were left behind due to a notification being received that we would stand in siding until 7 AM on 24 <sup>th</sup> .  |                                      |
| Audouque | 20/11/19 |      | Bill. Blankets rolled & all ranks marched to Audouque where we waited "Leave Train" (R. 6.7) until 12.30 P.M. when we embarked for Harre. 4 Wagons of Ordnance Stores returned to Beaumare's Ordnance Stores, Calais & 1 wagon of Spare Engine parts sent R. 11.21 Depot. Leaving Calais 2 P.M. the journey was continued without incidents of extraordinary nature. |                                      |

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| Havoc. | 27/4/19 |      | Dull + drizzling rain falling arrived Hafslund 9.30 am + marched to cleaning camp, Rouelles. Duties were suspended at this camp for the day on acc of sports meeting being held to celebrate ANZAC DAY. The sports were attended by the majority of Railway boys in camp at this time (- 4 boys -) and appreciated.            |                                      |
| "      | 27/4/19 |      | Dull - No 5 + 6. Boys marched into cleaning camp about 9 am. All ranks paraded at 1.30 P.M. + passed through Medical Coy, bath and clothing parades. 6. O.R. failed to pass pt. 3. Leabie 3. V.D. Late 1. O.R. was admitted to Hospital with Influenza. All boys paraded at 6.30 P.M. and marched in to No 5 camp. A. D. B. D. |                                      |
| "      | 27/4/19 |      | Dull + wet. - Paraded for medical particulars at 11 am + clothing exchange at 2 P.M.   |                                      |
| "      | 27/4/19 |      | Dull + wet. No parades.  |                                      |



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| Harrow. | 29/4/19 |      | Dull & wet. No parades.  |                                      |
|         | 30/4/19 |      | Dull & raining - Muster parade at 7 am. 5.0. R. A. W. L. All ranks warned that we would embark on 1 <sup>st</sup> for Bodford Camp, England. Strength 3 Officers 153. O.R. |                                      |
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