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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SARS POTERIES	1		<p>Fine.</p> <p>The Brigade lined the MAUBERGE/AVESNES road this morning to view the passing through of H.M. THE KING, H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES and H.R.H. PRINCE ALBERT. In the afternoon football practice took place.</p> <p>ARRIVALS - NIL DEPARTURES - NIL STRENGTH 3 OFFS 35 ORANKS.</p>	
" "	2/14		<p>Weather - Generally Fine</p> <p>During this period light military parades were held of a morning. The Education scheme was given a considerable amount of attention and classes of an elementary nature were started in Book-keeping, Shorthand, Arithmetic, English and Motor Engineering. The Battery worked in conjunction with the 7th Inf Battalion and much interest was taken in the work. A Football competition was started in the Brigade, matches being played every afternoon. The Battery joined with Brigade Headquarters and formed three teams. We were not successful in winning games but some very enjoyable sport was obtained.</p> <p>ARRIVALS - From Kit Guard 1 drunk DEPARTURES - Do Aush 3 drunks From Base 5 -- Paris Leave 1 off 1 -- From Paris leave 1 -- 2 Hot Sick 1 -- Strength 14th 2 off 37 ORANKS</p>	
" "	15		<p>Weather - Fine.</p> <p>Orders were received today for a move to CHARLEROI area tomorrow and the day was spent in making all preparations.</p> <p>arrivals - NIL DEPARTURES - NIL STRENGTH 2 OFF 37 ORANKS</p>	
SARS POTERIES SOLRE ST GERY	16		<p>WEATHER - DULL</p> <p>Moved away from SARS POTERIES at 9 AM with 7th Battⁿ and proceeded by march route to SOLRE ST GERY passing through Soble le Chateau, and Doctind. The roads were in a very bad condition and most of the march was done in light rain after passing through Soble - le Chateau we were reviewed on the march by H. R. H. Prince of Wales.</p> <p>ARRIVALS - NIL DEPARTURES - 2. Full Stop 1 ORANK STRENGTH 2 OFF 36 ORANKS</p>	

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SOLRE ST. GERY	17		<p>WEATHER - WET. moved away from SOLRE ST GERY at 8 PM and proceeded by march route to THY LE CHATEAU passing through Barbencan, Leastillon Fontenelles and Walcourt. This march was a very long one and the roads in a bad condition ARRIVALS - NIL DEPARTURES - NIL STRENGTH 2 OFF 36 ORANKS</p>	
THY LE CHATEAU	18		<p>WEATHER - WET. moved away from THY LE CHATEAU at 9 AM and proceeded by march route to LOVERVAL (near Charleroi) passing through Nallins. The Battery became detached from the 7th Battⁿ today and carried out the march independently. It rained all day and the journey was thus made very disagreeable. ARRIVALS - NIL DEPARTURES - NIL STRENGTH as on 17th</p>	
LOVERVAL	19/24		<p>WEATHER - GENERALLY FINE. As it is expected that the Brigade will be stationed in this area for some considerable time, these few days were spent in arranging and making comfortable the billets which are very good. Preparations were also made for a fitting celebration of Christmas day. ARRIVALS. From Base 1 OR From Paris leave 1 OFF 1 ORANK From UK leave 1 ORANK From Kit Board 1 -- DEPARTURES. UK Leave 1 OFF ORANK STRENGTH 2 OFF 40 OR 24-12-18</p>	
---	25		<p>WEATHER - FINE A Church parade was held in the morning. At 5 PM the Battery's Christmas dinner was partaken of. Officers and men sat down to an excellent repast. Special fare was provided for out of the regimental funds and by the most comforts fund. The mess room was decorated with greenery and flags. After the dinner a small dance was held and with the assistance of the canteen was very enjoyable. ARRIVALS - NIL DEPARTURES. UK leave 3 ORANKS STRENGTH 2 OFF 37 ORANKS</p>	

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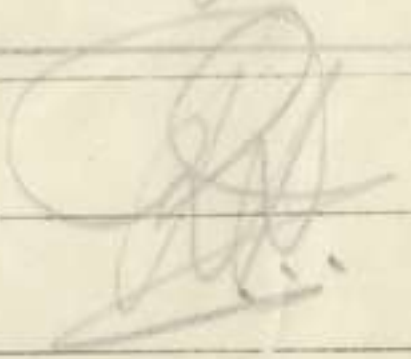
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LOVERYAL	26/31		<p>WEATHER - FINE.</p> <p>This period was spent in a festive manner by all and the old year was seen out in a manner typical of previous years. Leave to Brussels was commenced & the Battery receiving a few quita.</p> <p>ARRIVALS - NIL DEPARTURES Paris leave 2, dranks 1 OFF STRENGTH 1 OFF 35 O'R.</p>	
<u>ADDENDUM</u>			<p>HEALTH:- The health of the Battery was good, 2 dranks being evacuated to field hospital with minor colds.</p> <p>BILLETS:- The Billeting accommodation obtained at Loverval is excellent and the troops are all very comfortable.</p> <p>LEAVE:- A good allotment of leave was received. 3 dranks to Australia, 4 passes to PARIS and 5 to UK.</p> <p>RATIONS:- Rations were up to the usual standard. A good supply of vegetables were obtained locally.</p> <p>SALVAGE:- Very little opportunity presented itself for collecting salvage, but on arrival at the new area a start was made.</p>	
				
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