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CAPT
ADJUTANT
1ST AUSTRALIAN PIONEER
BATTALION.

Signature of Officer compiling

Signature of Officer Commanding

J. F. Donnelly Lt Col

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AISEAU BELGIUM	March 1		Batta engaged in physical training running and games varied by sharp route marches with occasional running afternoon Recreational training	Weather Cool Dull
"	2		Batta Church Parade 2 officers 1 other rank marched out for non military employment	Dull
"	3		Educational training. Classes carried out in elementary education shorthand, French, Carpentry, Engine driving, Book Keeping, Mechanical Drawing, Constructional Drawing, Quantity Surveying, Blacksmithing, Tailoring, Motor Engineering, Maths & Arithmetic, electrical work, fitting, turning, Machinists. Non educational men being trained. physical exercises Afternoon: Recreational training	Sunshine
"	4		Same as previous day	Sunshine Showers
"	5		Same as previous day	Cool Showery

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AISEAU BELGIUM	6		4 officers and 108 other ranks marched out for return to Australia. Remainder of Battalion engaged on educational classes Training of non-educational men under platoon commanders Afternoon - Recreational training Evening Lance at Cinema Hall 1 other rank marched out for non military employment UK	Weather Showery
"	7		Educational Classes continued, non educational men training under platoon commanders 30 other ranks marched out for pay duties on boat to Austr Afternoon Recreational training	Heavy Rain
"	8		No educational classes. Recreational training 2 officers 5 other ranks marched out for non mil employment	Fine
"	9		Battalion Church Parade Evening Lancing	Showery
"	10		Educational classes continued. Training of non educational men under platoon commanders. Afternoon Recreational training Corps Boxing competition commences	Fine Cool

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HISEAU BELGIUM	March 11		Educational classes in all subjects continued. Training of non educational men under platoon commander Afternoon Recreational training Corps Boxing continued	Weather Fine
"	12		Same as previous day Corps Boxing continued	Weather Dull
"	13	Morning	Educational classes continued	Fine
		Afternoon	Training of non educational men Recreational training 3 men marched out for non military employment U.K.	
"	14	do	do Corps Boxing concluded Dancing at night	Fine
"	15		No educational classes Recreational training 3 men marched out for non military employment	Fine
"	16		Battn Church Parade Ball held by Battn at Cinema Hall at night	Fine Cold

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AISEAU BELGIUM	March 14		Company parade physical training under platoon Commander Educational classes continued morning Recreational training afternoon	Weather 1st Fair
"	18		Same as above	Fine fine
"	19		"	"
"	20		dancing at night	Snow
"	21		Party of boxes visit Louvain	Cold
"	22		No educational classes Afternoon Recreational training	Fine
"	23		Bath Church Parade Dancing at night 10 other ranks transfer to Corps Detachment	Spring thick
"	24		Educational classes continued in the morning	Wet
"	25		Recreational training afternoons	Cold
"	26		"	Snow
"	27		"	Wet
"	28		Dancing at night	Snow

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AISEAU BELGIUM	March 29		No educational classes morning Evening Cinema Hall Afternoon	Weather Cold
	30		Ball at Church Parade Dancing at night	Snow Cold
	31		Educational classes continued Non educational men physical training under platoon commanders Recreational training in afternoon	Cold

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			<u>1ST AUST PIONEER BN</u>	
			<u>Located at AISEAU BELGIUM</u>	
			Strength as at 1/3/19 25 officers 591 other ranks	
			Strength as at <u>3/3/19</u> <u>14</u> officers <u>439</u> other ranks	
			<u>Marched out for Return to AUSTRALIA</u> : 4 officers 108 other ranks	
			<u>Non-military Employment in United Kingdom</u> : 8 officers 32 other ranks	
			<u>Discharged in United Kingdom</u> : 3 other ranks	
			<u>Evacuated Sick</u> : 13 other ranks	
			<u>Transports + Stores Demobilised</u> : 24/3/19	

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