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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOULOGNE -sur- Helpe.	1/12/18		Company inspected, together with representatives of 6th A.I. Brigade Group by H.M., King George.V., The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert on the main AVESNES - MARBAIX Road.	Ref Maps:- VALENCIENNES. 12 NAMUR 8
"	13 <sup>th</sup> to 16/12/18.		Company Educational Scheme was continued on the same scale as in the latter part of November. Under A.I.F. Educational Scheme, arrangements were made for detachments to special units and workshops in France and Belgium, of men desiring the experience, and on 7th Dec, Sapper G.KINNIBURGH was detached for 1 month to 1st. Heavy Repair Shop PARIS for experience in Fitting & Turning. On 10th Dec, Sapper W.H.RIDPATH, was detached to A.E.M.M. & B.Co for 1 months experience in Electrical Engineering. Major HARRIS proceeded to CHARLEROI from 12th to 14th Dec, with a representative Officer of 5th. Brigade and arrangements were made for attachments to Factories and Universite du Travail CHARLEROI of men of 2nd Aust Div so desiring.	
"	13/12/18.		Lieut ELSUM and L/Cpl. WHITE proceeded by motor lorry to THY-LE-CHATEAU to arrange billets for the Company.	

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BOULOGNE - sur-Helpe	15/12/18		Major HARRIS proceeded on leave to Britain and Captain FEWTRELLI, assumed command of the Company.	Ref. Maps - VALENCIENNES 12 NAMUR. 8.
BOULOGNE - sur-Helpe - SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU.	17/12/18		Company moved off with 6th A.I. Brigade Group at 8.30.a.m. for SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU, arriving there at about 1.p.m.	
SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU - BARBENCON	18/12/18		Company moved on with 6th.A.I. Brigade Group to BARBENCON.	
BARBENCON - THY-LE-CHATEAU	19/12/18.		Forward move continued, and our destination, (THY-LE-CHATEAU) which was allotted as billeting area of H.Q.D.E., 5th, 6th, & 7th Field Companies, was reached at about 1.p.m. Billets of this Company were very scattered and the area occupied, extended over that part of the village North of the Railway.	
THY-LE-CHATEAU.	20/12/18.		As Adjutant to C.R.E. was proceeding on leave to Britain, Lieut. RENSHAW was attached to H.Q.D.E. as Acting Adjutant during absence of the Adjt.	



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THY-LE-CHATEAU	20/12/18 15 31/12/18		<p>Company improving billets etc.                      Leave on a 25% basis was granted to men desiring to visit CHARLEROI.                      The sum of 1090 Francs was supplied from Regimental Funds to purchase Christmas Comforts for the Company, and a first class Xmas Dinner was provided for all ranks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>During DECEMBER 1918: -</u></p> <p>Lieut F.G.THORPE.,M.C. proceeded on 1 months leave to Britain.5/12/18.                      Lieut J.M.NOONE.,M.M. was evacuated to hospital sick.on 6/12/18.                      Lieut R.GILLESPIE transferred to Education Service and posted as Educational Officer to 2nd.Aust Div.Engineers dated 30/10/18.                      Major N.C.HARRIS.,D.S.O.,M.C. proceeded on leave to Britain 15/12/18.                      Lieut H.C.RENSHAW.,M.C. detached as A/Adjt H.Q.D.E. during the absence of the Adjutant on leave 20/12/18.                      2Lieut J.M.NOONE.,M.M. was promoted to Lieut.Dated 1/9/18.                      2.o/ranks rejoined from hospital.                      9.o/ranks were evacuated to hospital sick.                      5.o/ranks were returned to Australia (Early 1915 men).                      1.o/rank was transferred to A.I.F.,H.Q.LONDON for clerical duties.                      Strength of Company on 31/12/18 :-9.Officers, 211.Other Ranks.</p>	<p>Ref Map:-                      NAMUR. 8.</p>
	31/12/18			

*H.C. Renshaw*