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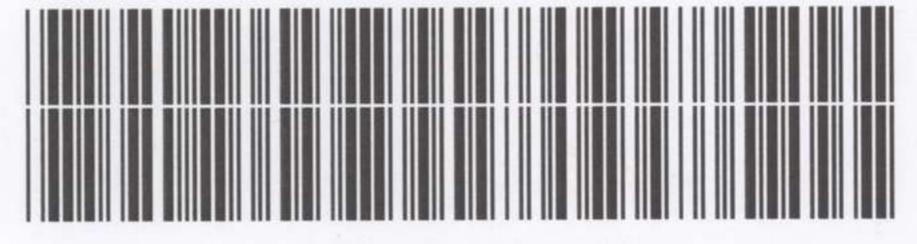
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| SOLRE-le- BINCHIS- | 1.12. | 18. | LOCATION OF COMPANY SOLRE-le-CHATEAU. Sheet. NAMUR 8. | |
| CHATEAU. | | | DISPOSITION OF COMPANY. With Unit. 7 Officers 164 O.R. Attached from 1st Field Ambulance 2 O.R. | |
| | | | do. do. lst Div. Train 10.R. Detached Div. Engrs 1st Aus. Div. 40.R. | Rab |
| | | | D.H.Q.1st Aus. Div. Aust. Corps R.E. Yards. Div. Kit Store 2 | nub |
| | | | R.E.School Rouen. Furlough 2 Off 8 " | |
| | | | STRENGTH OF COMPANY 9 Officers. 188 O.R. 58 horses. 16 mules. | |
| | | 0910 | Company Parade and move off to Square at 0920 for Church parade. Weather: - Fine. | |
| do. | 2.12.1 | | 915 Sections parade for inspection. 0925 General parade. 0930 to 1030 Route March. 1030-1130 Washing of equipment by Nos. 1 & 2 Sections. 1400-1530 Recreational Training was carried out. Weather: Fine. 1 0.R. to Australia on furlough. 1 0.R. to furlough Eng. from Aus. Corps Yards, Major R.V. CUTLER "MC", "MRE"., taken on strength as supernumerary. | Rab |
| do. | 3.12.1 | | 0915 Sections parade. 0925 General parade for inspection of equipment, rifles etc. 0945-1030 Route March. 1030-1130 Guards and Sentries. 1400-1530. Recreational Training. Weather: Showery. 1 0 R. detached to C.R.E. | Ras |
| do. | 4.12.1 | | 0915 Sections parade. 0925 General parade for inspection of rifles, equipment etc. 0945-1130 Route March. 1400-1530. Recreational Training. Weather: Showery. 1 O.R. from Hospital. 2 O.R. to Field Ambulance. 1 O.R. from Eng. ex wounded. | Rac |
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| do. | 6.12 | 18. | 0915 Sectionsparade. 0925 General parade. 0945-1130 Route March. 1400-1530 Recreational Training. Weather: Fine. 3 O.R. to furlough. 3 O.R. from furlough. 1 O.R. from Hospital. | Ral. | | | | | | |
| do. | 7.12 | 1.8. | 0915 Sections parade. 0925 General parade for inspection of rifles, equipment etc. Guards and Sentry duty. 1400-1530 Recreational Training. Weather: Fine. | Rab | | | | | | |
| do. | 8.12 | 18. | 9915 Scetions parade. 0925 General parade for inspection of rifles, equipment etc. 0945-1130 Route March. Guards and Sentry Duty. Weather: Fine. 1 Off. from Eng. ex wounded. | Rab | | | | | | |
| do. | 9.12 | | 0915 Sections parade for inspection of rifles, equipment etc., after which the assembling of bedding and equipment was demonstrated by Section Officers. 1400-1530 Recreational Training. Guards and Sentries, Weather := Fine. 1 O.R. t'ferred to Admin. Hors. 1 O.R. detached to D.H.C. 1 O.R. from R.E. School Rouen. | Rab | | | | | | |
| do | 10.12 | 18 . | 0915 Sections parade. 0925 General parade for inspection of rifles, equipment etc. 14 0945-1130 Route March. 1400-1530. Recreational Training, Guards and Sentries. Weather: Wet. 7 O.R. struck off. 1 Off. from furlough Paris. | Ral | | | | | | |
| do. | 11.12 | .18. | 0915 Sections stand to bedding etc. for inspection. 0945 General parade for inspection of rifles, etc. 1000-1130 Route march. 1400-1530 Recreational Training. Weather: - Wet. 1 0.R. from furlough. | Rab | | | | | | |
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| SOLRE-ST- GERY. to THY-LE- CHATEAU. | 18.12 | | Sections paraded at 0700 for the loading of limbers etc. General parade at 0730 Full Marching Order. At 0745 The Company with Transport moved off for SOLRE Thy-Le- CHATEAU arrivibg there about 1330. (Movement orders attached). Weather: - Wet. | Rab |
| | 19.12 | | Sections parade at 0730 for loading of limbers etc. General parade at 0910. At 0820 the Company with Transport moved off. It was previously arranged for the Company to be billeted in SART-EUSTACHE, but as sufficient accomodation was not available there, an officer was sent on in advance and arranged for accomodation at BINCHE which place was reached about 1330. Weather: Wet. 1 O.R. from furlough Eng. 1 O.R. from furlough Paris. 1 O.R. from Field Ambulance 1 O.R. to special furlough Eng. | |
| BINCHE. | 20.12 | 1.00 | Guards and Sentries. There were no parades. Weather: - Wet. 1 O.R. to loco workshops ST. ETIENNE. 1 O.R. to Field "mbulance. 4 O.R. Struck off Strength. 1 O.R. rejoined from 3rd Squadron A.F.C. 1 O.R. from furlough. | Rab |
| do. | 21.12 | .18. | The sections being very much below sterngth it was decided to combine Nos 1 & 2 Sections and Nos 3 & 4 Sections, the first two forming the Right Falf Company, and the latter two the Left Half Company. Company parade at 0930. for inspection of rifles, equipment etc. 1 Off & 1 O.R. to loco workshops ST. ETIENNE. 1 O.R. from 1st M.T.Coy. 3 O.R. struck off strengt Weather: Wet. Guards and Sentry. | Ral |
| do. | 22.12 | .18. | section check parade at 0930 for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Weather :- Wet. 3 O.R. to Aust. Corps. 2 O.R. to furlough Eng. 1 O.R. to furlough Paris. 1 O.R. struck off. | Rab |
| do. | 23.12 | | 0915 Billet inspection. 0945 General parade for inspection of rifles etc. Guards and Sentry. Weather: Wet. | Rab |
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| BINCHE. | 24.12 | 18. | 0915 Billet inspection all ranks standing to their bedding & equipment.Parades. Dismounted personnel at 0945 Mounted personnel at 1015 when the Educational Officer, 1st Divisional Engine explained and discussed the proposed Educational scheme. Guards and Sentry. Weather: - Fine. | eers Rab |
| do. | 25.12 | 18. | Being Christmas Day no parades were held Guards and Sentry. Weather: -Wet. 1 O.R. from Gurlough. | Ral |
| do. | 26.12 | | Boxing Day. Was observed as a holiday as far as parades were concerned. Guards and entry. 1 O.R. to C.R.E. Dump. 2 O.R. to furlough Eng. 1 O.R. attached from 1st Div. Train returned to Uni Weather: - Wet. | . Ras |
| do. | 27.12 | .18. | Sections parade for inspection at 0915. General parade at 0945. Guards and Sentry. Weather:- Wet. | Rab: |
| do. | 28.12 | .18. | 0915 Sections parade. 0945 Ceremonial parade. Guards And Sentry. 1 O.R. to Tanks Corps Central workshops TENEUR, 1 O.R. from Div. Kit. Store., 2 O.R. to Australia on furlough. Weather: Wet. | Ral |
| do. | 29.12 | .18. | Sunday. No parades. Guards and Sentry. Weather P- Wet. | |
| do. | 50.12 | .18. | Section parade at 0915. Assembly 0945. Ceremonial parade at 1000. Guards and Sentry. 1 Off. & 3 O.R. to 2nd Brigade Carpentry Class, CHATELET. Weather: - Wet. | Rab |
| do. | 31.12 | .18. | Sections parade at 0915. General parade at 0945 for inspection of rifles etc. Guards and Sentry. 1 O.R. to field Ambulance. 2 O.R. from furlough. 1 O.R. to furlough Eng. Weather: - Wet. | Rab |
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2nd FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS.

FOR

DECEMBER

1918.

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| 5. | Coy. Orders re move SOLRE-ST-GERYto THY-le-CHATEAU. |
| 6. | Coy. Orders re move THY-le-CHATEAU to BINCHE. |
| 7. | "C" Infantry Brigade Orders and March Tables of move SOLRE-le-CHATEAU to BINCHE. |
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| | | | O'.C'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1918. | |
| DISCIPLINE. | | | The discipline throughout the month has been exceptionally good. | |
| MORAL | | | The Moral of the entire Company has also been good. | |
| HEALTH. | | | The number of cases reporting sick during the month have been above the average, twelve being evacuated to Hospital. The greater number of cases were Respiratory, i.e. Influenza, colds etc. most probably due to the cold weather. It has been wet practically the whole of the month, and termed locally a "Green Winter" which the inhabitants consider as very unhealthy weather. | |
| SCHOOLS ATTE | INDED | | Several Schools have been attended by members of the Unit, and the results obtained by those attending generally good. | |
| STRENGTH. | | | The strength at the beginning of the month was 9 Off. and 188 Offer Ranks. and at the end of the month 11 Off. and 175 do. The decrease due to personnel being evacuated through illness. Throughout the month the percentage of personnel on detachment has been high, a large number being sent to various workshops etc for instruction in connection with the Educational Scheme. | |
| FURLOUGH. | | | During the month 1.0ff. and 9 O.R. proceeded on leave to the U.K. & 1 O.R. to Paris. The allotment for the Unit being below the average. | |
| WORKS. | | | The chief works during the month, were repairing roads and cleaning, reconnaissance for enemy ammunition, and destruction of same. | |
| DISPOSITION | OF C | OY. | The Company was in billets at BINCHE, the whole of the month, all billets being clean and all ranks comfortably installed. The animals were all in good stables, a great advantage considering the cold and damp weather which prevailed. | |
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| | | | QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT for DECEMBER 1918. | | |
| RETIONS. | | | The Rations for the month have been well up to standard. | | |
| | | | The Forage Ration for the month has been good, Salt etc has been drawn in sufficient quantities | | |
| PORAGE. | | | to meet requirements. | | |
| CLOTHING. | | | A fair amount of clothing was drawn during the month and issued to the Company. | | |
| | | | me have an house remained by the domnary bootmaker during the month was above the average, | | |
| BOOTS. | | N. N. | due to the considerable amount of marching done. Where necessary all books beyond regular marching | | |
| | | 1 11 10 10 | been replaced. | | |
| ETURNS. | | | Returns of unserviceable have been satisfactory, an article being returned for each one drawn. | | |
| PRANSPORT | | | Transport is in good order, a new G.S. Wagon being drawn and the old one returned. | | |
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| | | 11 | Rabbinton capt. | | |
| | | | for O.C. 2nd Field Coy. Engrs. | | |
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| | | TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT for DECEMBER 1918. | |
| NIMALS HEALTH | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | The health of all animals throughout the month has been good. Three were off duty during the month, two from being kicked and the other through falling. One died through the month from a ruptured spleen, the death being notified. | |
| ONDITION. | | All animals have kept good condition. | |
| HORSE LINES. | | All animals have been in stables, and particular attention paid to keeping them clean and in a Sanitary condition. | |
| ROOMING & FEET | ING. | Grooming and feeding has been carried out at regular intervals. | |
| HOEING. | | Attention was paid to the shoeing of animals, 48 being shod. | |
| ODDER . | | Fooder during the month has been up to scale, the oats of very fair quakity and the hay good. | |
| STRENGTH. | | At the beginning of the month. At the end of the month. During the month 1 Riding & 1 L.D.H. were received from Remounts, the former dying a few days after being received. | |
| HARNESS. | | Harness is in good order, the steel parts have been kept free from rust and the leather is soft and pliable. All necessary repairs have been carrued out by the Coy Saddler. | |
| AGONS. | | Wagons are all in good order, and have been kept clean and axles greased. | |
| NSDECTIONS. | | Regular inspections have been made by the O.C. | |
| | | Rabbinton capt. | |
| | | O.C. 2nd Field Coy. Engrs. | |
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DUTY SECTION. No. 2 Section.

north route to the siles we area. Her. Rep. Habit. 1/100000.

GUARD. A guard of 1 H.J.U. and J men will nount duty at SURE-ST-COMY on completion of move. Four of duty until the Company moves on the following day.

(a) For loading limbers with blankets, steel helmets, cook's gear, Officer's Eits.

Official Life. Spore officer's kits, Lieuts Hill, Clarke and Tincale on 2,35 4 Section limbers respectively.

Canteen and Orderly Room Stores on C.S. Nagon.

General parade at 08jo. Domin. Larching Order (less blankets
(and steel helmets.) less time
will be carried on the straps
under the packs.

ministro. Disnets in a package not larger than 24" x 18" x 6".

Eraal Halants will be carried on the Section Limbers.

Cyclists. Section cyclists will parade under 2/Opl Hewish in rear of the Company and move in rear of the Saplers on route.10 yards distance will be maintained between cyclists and Saplers. (Cyclists will NOT ride.) Disco. Battle Order, packs on rear carrier and in umison.)

General parade.

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(b) Fransport will parade on the road in front of the Coy parade ground facing H.m. without blo sking Maoud and be ready to have with the Coy at 0845.

(c) Cooker will move in the rear of the cyclists with cooks

between Coy & Francist 25

between Coy & Fransport 25 yards. between each 10 vehicles 20 yards.

order, Rifle elung. Jacks will be out of sight. The remainder of dismounted personnel attached to Transport will move as 1 section in the rear. Dasse. Marching Order.

Midday - Column will halt for mid-day meal from 1200-1300.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 148
by Major R.V. CUTLER "MBE", "MC".
0.C. 2nd Field Co. Engrs.
18.12.18.

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ORDERLY OFFICER. Lieut. Deacon F.J. NEXT FOR DUTY. Lieut. White E.C.

ORDERLY SERGEANT. Sgt. McKenzie E.J. NEXT FOR DUTY. Sgt. Furness W.J.

ORDERLY CORPORAL. L/Cpl McKay J.
NEXT FOR DUTY. L/Cpl Lambert E.T.

DUTY SECTION. No. 3 Section. NEXT FOR DUTY. No. 4 Section.

MOVEMENT. The Company will move with "C" Infantry Brigade Group by march route to the Thy-le-CHATEAU area. Ref. Map. NAMUR. 1/100000.

GUARD. A guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men will mount duty at THY-LE-CHATEAU on completion of move. Tour of duty until the Company moves on the following day.

PARADES. Sections parade at 0700. Squads will be detailed as follows: >

(a) For loading limbers with blankets, steel helmets,

cook's gear, Officer's kits.

(b) Cleaning billets., etc.

OFFICERS KITS. Spare Officer's kits, Lieuts Hill, Clark
and Tindale on 2, 3, & 4 Section Limbers respectively.

Canteen and Orderly Room stores on G.S. Wagon.

General parade at 0730. DRESS. Marching Order (less blankets and steel helmets). Mess tins will be carried on the straps ununder the packs.

BLANKETS.Blankets in a package not larger than 24" x 18" x 6".

STELL HELMETS. will be carried on the section limbers.

CYCLISTS. Section cyclists will parade under 2/Cpl Hewish in rear of the Company and move in rear of Sappers en route. 10 yards distance will be maintained between cyclists and Sappers. Cyclists will not ride. DRESS. Battle Order, packs on rear carrier and in unison. INSPECTION. Section Officers will inspect ballets before the hour of General Parade.

TRANSPORT. (a) Section limbers will report to their respective Sections at 0700 for loading.

(b) Transport will be ready to move with the Company at 0745.

(c) Cooker will move in rear of the Vyclists, with cooks as required.

MARCH DISCIPLINE. Distances between units 50 yards.

between Company and Transport 25 yards.

BRAKESMEN. 1 brakesman per vehicle will be detailed. DRESS. Battle Order, Ritle slung. Packs will be out of sight. The remainder of dismounted personnel attached to transport will move off as one section in the rear. DRESS. Marching Order.

MEALS. Breakfast - 0600.

Mid-day. - Column will halt for mid-day meal from 1100-1200.

Signed. G.J.HILL. Lieut.

for O.C. 2nd Field Co. Engrs.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No.149 by Major R.V.CUTLER MBE", "MC" O.C. 2nd Field Co. Engrs. 19.12.18.

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ORDERLY OFFICER. Lieut. White E.C. NEXT FOR DUTY. Lieut. Tindale G.

ORDERLY SERGEANT. Sgt. Furness W.J. NEXT FOR DUTY. Sgt. Currow W.L.

ORDERLY CORPORAL. L/Cpl Lambert E.T. NEXT FOR DUTY. L/Cpl Murray A.M.

DUTY SECTION. No. 4 Section. NEXT FOR DUTY. No. 1 Section.

MOVEMENT. The Company will move with "C" Infantry Brigade Group to the SART EUSTACHE area, by route march.

GUARD. A gaurd of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men will mount duty at SART EUSTACHE on completion of move.

PARADES. Section parade at 0730 for loading limbers etc. General parade at 0810.

TRANSPORT. Limbers will report to their respective sections for loading at 0730, and transport will be ready to move with the Company at 0820.

MARCH DISCIPLINE &c. Instructions re March Discipline, Loading etc will be as per Company Order No. 148 of 18th Inst.

MEALS. Breakfast - 0645. Midday - 1200-1300.

Signed. R.A.CLINTON. Capt.

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for 0.6. 2nd Field Co. Engrs.

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"C" INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP ORDER No. 155

Ref. NAMUR Sheet 1/100000. Brigade Headquarters, 15th ecember 1918.

- 1. (a) The 1st Aust. Div. is moving to the area M.E. of CHARLEROI.
 - (b) "C" Infantry Brigade Group composed as under will march to the CHATELET Area in three stages in accordance with the March Tables issued werewith.

"C" GROUP.

3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
No. 4 Sec. Div. Sig. Goy.
3rd Aust. Field mb & No. 2 San. Sec.
No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.
lst Aust. Pioneer Bn.
Div. Engineers (less H. Grs.)

- 2. The following distances will be maintained:

 Between Bns. 50 yards.

 Between Coys. 10 yards

 Between Inf. & Transport. 25 yards

 Between other nits. 25 yards.
- 3. Transport will accompany the unit Cookers will march with Companies.
- 4. Dress- Full Marching Order, less blankets and steel helmets.
- 5. Administrative Instructions have been issued separately.
- 6. Watches will be synchronised from the Brigade Signal Office daily before the march commences.
- 7. Brigade Headquarters will close at BEUGNIES at 0745. After that hour reports etc, eill be delivered at the head of the column.
- 8. Brigade Group please acknowledge.

Sgd. J.S.ANDERSON. Major. Brigade Major, 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.

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7 11th Battalion.
9 3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.
11 No. 2 San. Sect.
13. 1st Field Coy. Engrs.

3rd Field Coy. Engrs.

15 Bde Supply Officer

19 S.A.A.Sect. 1st D.A.C. 21 Bde Transport Officer

23 Camp Commandant.

2/4 War Diaries.
6 10th Battalion.
8 12th Battalion.

10 3rd Field Ambulance. 12 No. 4 Coy. A.A.S.C.

14 2nd Field oy. Engrs. 16 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn.

- 18 No. 3 Sect. Div. Sig. Coy. 20 1st Aust. Div.

22 Staff Capt. 24/28 Spares.

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| 17.12.18. | 1st Pioneer Bn. | 1005 | Where Franco) Belgian Border crosses Road. | HESTRUD. | SOLRE) ST-GERY. | SOLRE-1 Points | 1. The column to be clear of SOLRE-le-CHATEAU by 1000. |
| | 1st Field Coy. Aus. Engrs) 2nd Field Coy. Aus. Engrs.) 3rd Field Coy. Engrs. | 0845 0900 0905 | Road junction 300 yards N. of the O in SOLRE- le-CHATEAU. | SOLRE-le CHATEAU. | SOLRE- ST-GERY. | e-CHATELU 35 and 36 OLRE-ST-GE | 2. Halts of 10 min- utes at 10 minute to the clock hour will be observed. |
| | Brigade Headquarters 3rd A.L.T.M.Bty No. 4 Sect. Div. Sig. Co | 0800 | X Roads 400 yds South of the 1st S in SARS POTERIE | BEUGN LES | .Chateau at BARBENCON | both sou | 3. The column will halt for midday 3. meal from 1200 to 1300. |
| | 9th Battalion. | 0802 | do. | do. | SOLRE-ST- GERY. | RUD th of | As far as possib- 4. le all troops and Transport |
| | 12th Battalion. | 0810 | do. | do. | BARRENCON . | BEL | will bivouac in fields during |
| | 10th Battalion. | 0817 | do. | do. | do. | JRAN JUMO | the midday halt. |
| | 11th Battalion. | 0824 | do. | do. | do. | NI | |
| | 3rd Field Ambulance) No. 2 San. Sect. | 0830 | do. | do. | do. | I DEL | |
| | No. 4 Coy. Div. Train. H. Ors S.A.A.Sect. D.A.C. | 0833 | do. | SARS- POTERIES | Chabeau at BARBENCON. | | |

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| 18.12.18. | Brigade Headquarters 3rd A%L.T.M.Bty, No. 4 Sec Div Sig. Coy. | 0800 | X Roads at point 38 N.W. of BARBENCO BARBENCON. | N THY-le- CHATEAU. | X Roads BOUSSU- FONTENE | 1. The column to be clear of BARBENCON by |
| | No. 4 Coy. A.S.C. H.Qrs S.A.A.sec D A.C. | 0802 | do. do. | do. | LEZ- | 1000. |
| | 11th Battalion. | 0803 | do. do. | GOURDINNE | | 2. Halts of 10 |
| T CROOMS I | loth Battalion. | 0809 | do. do. | do. | Poin' | minutes at 10 minutes to the |
| Boll the state of | 12th Battalion. | 0815 | do. do. | CHASTRES 2 | A 1 PRICE TO THE P | be observed. |
| | 9th Battalion. | 0737 | Road junction SOLRE-ST- | THY-le- | on on | Z miles collected and 1.1 |
| | 1st Pioneer Battalion. | 0745 | 400 yds N. of GERY the L in SOLRE do. St-GERY. | CHATEAU PRY. | the CA | 3. The column will halt for midday meak from 1100 |
| 00 001 | 2nd Field Coy. Engrs. | 0805 | do. do. | THY-le- | BRA | to 1200. As far as |
| | 3rd Field oy. Engrs. | 0810 | do. do. | CHATEAU. | BEN | possible all troops and tran- |
| | lst Field Coy. Engrs, | 0815 | do. do. | do. | N CON | port will bivou- ac in fields |
| | 3rd Field "mb. No. 2 San. Sect.) | 0905, | X Roads at point 38 N.W? of BARBENCON BARBENCON. | do. | TO LE LA CAR | during the mid- day halt. |

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| 19.12.19. 10th Battalion 11th Battalion | 0825 | | GOURDIENN. | | GERPINNES- | . Halts of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to the clock hour will be |
| Brigade H.Qrs 3rd A.L.T.M.Bty No. 4 Sec. Div. Sig.Co. No. 4 Coy. A.A.S.C. | 0817 | Road junction 300 yds S of the U in GOURDIENNE. | THY-le) CHATEAU. | soso dol | 2. The column for midday | observed. The column will halt for midday meal from 1200 to 1300. As far |
| H.Q. S.A.A.Sec. D.A.C. 9th Battalion. | 0820 | do. | do. | do. | do. | as possible all troops and transport will bivouac in fields during the midday |
| 12th Battalion. 3rd Field / mbulance) | 0833 | Road junction 500 yds N. of the C in CHASTRES Road junction 300 | | do. | do. | halt. Engineers and Pion- eers will leave the |
| No. 2 San. Sect.) 3rd Field Oy. Engrs. | 0839 | yds S of the U in GOURDINNE. | THY-le- CHATEAU. do. | | do. SOMZEE- GERPINNES. | the Road Junction to their billeting area. |
| 2nd Field Coy. Engrs. | 0844 | do. | do. | do. | GOUGNIES. | . The state of the last of the |
| lst Pioneer Tattalion. | 0836 | Road junction 300 yds s of the T in TOMBOIS. | PRY | AISEAU | SOMZEE- GERPINNES- FIGOTTERIE- PRESLES. | |

