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OF

2nd Field Coy. Engineers

FOR

March 1919

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Signature of Officer Commanding *Mann* Lieut.,
Actg O.C. 2nd Field Coy. Engineers.

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Place	Date	Hour	1	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BINCHE les PRESLES.	13.19.			<p>LOCATION OF COMPANY . BINCHE-les-PRESLES. Sheet. NAMUR 12. 1/1000000.</p> <p>DISPOSITION OF COMPANY . 0. O.R.</p> <p>With Unit. 5 101</p> <p>DETACHED. Div. Engrs. 3</p> <p>D.H.Q. 6</p> <p>Aust. Corps. 6</p> <p>C.R.E. Dump. 4</p> <p>2nd Brigade Class of Instruction. 1 3</p> <p>U.K. for course under Educational Scheme. 2 3</p> <p>1st Pioneer Battalion. 1 1</p> <p>Furlough. 1 12</p> <p>Field Ambulance. 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9 143</p> <p>The Company Transport was demobilised to-day, being handed in to D.A.D.O.S. together with all stores as per Mobilisation Store Table. Such stores as were actually required for use in the Company were retained i.e. dixies, C.M.'s gear, Bootmaker's & Tailor's outfits, etc.</p> <p>Transport was conveyed to D.A.D.O.S. by 3rd Field Coys Horses and harness, and all stores by Motor lorries. Lieut. Gibbison was in charge of the handing over of such stores etc.</p> <p>1 O.R. to furlough U.K., 1 O.R. t'ferred to A.I.F. Headquarters whilst on furlough U.K.,</p> <p>1 O.R. to Hospital from C.R.E. Dump., 1 O.R. to Hosp. whilst on furlough and died. Weather:- Fine.</p>	<p><i>Sm.</i></p>
do.	2.3.19.			<p>Sunday. No parades. Guards and Sentry. 1 O.R. from furlough Paris., 1 O.R. to Hospital whilst on furlough. Weather:- Wet.</p>	<p><i>Sm.</i></p>
do.	3.3.19.			<p>0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Educational Classes held. 1 O.R. rejoined Aus. Corps Workshops from furlough U.K. 1 O.R. attached from 1st Field Amb. Weather:- Wet.</p>	<p><i>Sm.</i></p>
do.	4.3.19.			<p>0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Educational Classes held. 1 O.R. to R.E. Dump. 1 O.R. t'ferred to A.I.F. Hqs. 4 O.R. S/O. 1 O.R. from C.R.E. Dump to Hosp. 1 Off. Struck Off. 1 O.R. to Non-mil. employment whilst on furlough. Weather:- Fine.</p>	<p><i>Sm.</i></p>

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BINCHES - les-PRESLES.	5.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Educational Classes held. 17 Horses were despatched to NAMUR to proceed to the Base for repatriation. 15 O.R. struck off on Marching Out for Australia. 5 O.R. to Field Ambulance. 1 Off. & 7 O.R. to furlough Brussels. Weather:- Wet.	Jm.
BINCHES-les PRESLES to PONT-de-LOUP.	6.3.19.		0930 General parade . Dress Battle Order. Under Instructions from C.R.E. the Company moved off from Billets at BINCHES-les-PRESLES, to a new billeting area in PONT-de-LOUP, which point was reached at 1100. All blankets, equipment, Orderly Room, Canteen & Q.M.'s gear was shifted by Motor lorries. Lieut. Mann was left behind to act as Town Major for BINCHES, and SART EUSTACHE with 1 O.R. as batman. The sale of this Unit's "Z" Class animals commenced to-day, 21 being sold, the prices obtained being top of the market for the day. Weather:- Wet.	Jm.
PONT de-LOUP.	7.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. 1 Off. & 7 O.R. from furlough Brussels. 1 O.R. rejoined C.R.E. Dump from Hosp. 1 O.R. from furlough U.K., 1 O.R. to U.K. on Industrial Employment., 1 O.R. t'ferred to 1st Pioneer Battalion. Weather - Fine.	Jm.
do.	8.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. 11 O.R. t'ferred to 5th A.I. Battn., 2 O.R. from Field Ambulance., 1 O.R. from furlough U.K., 1 O.R. to U.K. for course under Educational Scheme. Weather:- Fine.	Jm.
do.	9.3.19.		Sunday. No parades. Guards and Sentry. 6 O.R. Struck off., 1 O.R. to Hosp. whilst on furlough., 1 O.R. to furlough U.K. from C.R.E., Lt. Chapman t'ferred to 3rd Field Company. Weather:- Fine.	Jm.
do.	10.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. 1 O.R. Struck off on M/O for U.K. for early repatriation., 20 R. det. to 1st Aus. Div. Wing. 1 Off. & 1 O.R. rejoined from detached 1 O.R. to Field Ambulance., 1 O.R. rejoined C.R.E. from Paris. Weather:- Fine.	Jm.
do.	11.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. 3 O.R. Struck off Strength. 1 O.R. from transfer from D.E.H.Q., 2 O.R. rejoined from 1st Aus. Div. Wing. Weather:- Fine.	Jm.

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PONT de LOUP.	12.3.19.		0915 General parade. 0930 Combined parade of 1st Divisional Engineers, for inspection of equipment Rifles, etc, by C.R.E. 0945 - 1030. Route March. Weather:- Fine. 1 O.R. Struck off strength. 1 O.R. transferred to 5th Inf. Battn. 1 Off. from furlough U.K.	Im.
do.	13.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes attended. 1 O.R. rejoined Aus. Corps Workshops from furlough. 1 O.R. from Field Ambulance. Weather:- Fine.	Im.
do.	14.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes attended. 1 Off. to U.K. for Non-Military employment. 1 O.R. to furlough Paris. 1 O.R. from Aus. Corps workshops. Weather:- Fine.	Im.
do.	15.3.19.		0915 General parade. 0930 Combined parade of 1st Divisional Engineers, for inspection of Rifles, equipment, etc, by C.R.E. 0945 - 1030 Route march. Educational classes held. 7 O.R. to furlough Brussels. 1 O.R. to furlough U.K. 1 O.R. furlough U.K. from detached. Weather:- Fine.	Im.
do.	16.3.19.		Sunday no parades. Guards and Sentry. 1 O.R. to U.K. for leave under D.G. of R.&D. 3 O.R. from AG.B.D. as Reinforcements. Weather:- Wet.	Im.
do.	17.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. 1 O.R. from Hospital. 1 O.R. to U.K. for Educational purposes. 1 O.R. det. to R.E. Dump. 7 O.R. from furlough Brussels. Weather:- Fine.	Im.
do.	18.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. 1 O.R. transferred from D.E.H.C. Weather:- Wet.	Im.
do.	19.3.19.		0915 General parade. 0930 Combined parade of 1st Divisional Engineers, for inspection of Rifles and Equipment by C.R.E. 0945 - 1030 Route march. Weather:- Fine.	Im.

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PONT de LOUP. Belg.	20.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. Weather:- Wet.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	21.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	22.3.19.		0915 General parade. 0930 Combined parade of 1st Divisional Engineers for inspection by C.R.E. 0945-1030 Route march. 2 O.R. to furlough U.K. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	23.3.19.		Sunday. No parades. Guards and Sentry. 1 O.R. struck off strength. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	24.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	25.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. 1 Off. to Hospital whilst in U.K. for educational purposes. 1 O.R. to U.K. for leave under D.G. of R. & D. 1 Off. & 7 O.R. to furlough Brussels. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Jm</i>
do	26.3.19.		0915 General parade. 0930 Combined parade of 1st Divisional Engineers for inspection by C.R.E. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. 1 O.R. from furlough Paris. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	27.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. Educational classes held. 1 O.R. from furlough U.K. to D.E.H.C. 1 Off. & 7 O.R. from furlough Brussels., 16 O.R. Marched out for Australia. Weather:- Wet.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	28.3.19.		0930 General parade. Guards and Sentry. 1 O.R. to furlough Paris. 3 O.R. to furlough Bruges, Ostend, & Zeebrugge. Weather:- Wet.	<i>Jm</i>
do.	29.3.19.		0915 General parade. 0930 Combined parade of 1st Divisional Engineers for inspection by C.R.E. 0945-1030 Route march. 1 O.R. to furlough Paris. 1 O.R. to furlough U.K. from D.E.H.C. Weather:Wet.	<i>Jm</i>

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PONT de LOUP Belgium.	30.3.19.		5. Sunday. No parades Guards and Sentry. Weather:- Wet.	<i>Sm</i>
do.	31.3.19.		0930 General parade for inspection etc. Guards and Sentry. Educational Classes held. Weather:- Fine.	<i>Sm</i>

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2nd Field Coy. Engrs

FOR

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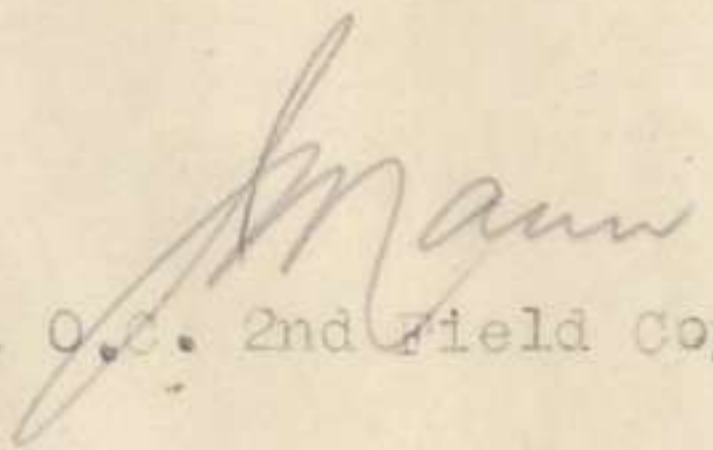
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			O.C.'s REPORT FOR MARCH 1919.	
DISCIPLINE.			The discipline throughout the month has been very good.	
MORALE.			The morale of all ranks has been exceptionally good.	
HEALTH.			The number of cases of sickness for the month was very low, chiefly being respiratory cases.	
STRENGTH.			The strength of the Company at the beginning of the month was:- 9 Off. 143 O.R. and at the end of the month :- 6 Off. 80 O.R. the large decrease being due to men despatched for return to Australia, and to U.K. for Nonmilitary and Educational Employment.	
FURLOUGH.			The furlough allotment for the month has been very fair, the following number of men proceeding on leave, to U.K. 8 O.R. to Paris. 2 O.R. to Cologne 1 Off. - to Brussels. 2 " 22 O.R. and 3 O.R. to a tour of Ostend, Bruges and Zeebrugge,	
DISPOSITION OF COMPANY.			The Company was billeted at BINCHES aux PRESLES until 5th March on which date a move was made to PONT de LOUP, where the company went into billets.	
REMARKS.			The demobilisation of equipment and stores of Unit as per Mobilisation Stores Table took place on the beginning of the month. All animals were either sent to HAVRE for repatriation or disposed of by sales held locally, the prices realised being very high.	

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RATIONS. FORAGE. CLOTHING. BOOTS.			<p style="text-align: center;">QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 1919.</p> <p>The rations during the month have been up to scale. The issue of vegetables was very poor. Owing to the Demobilisation of Horses, rations were only drawn for about half of the month. The ration was very good.</p> <p>Very little clothing was drawn from D.A.D.O.S. during the month and returns satisfactory.</p> <p>All necessary repairs to boots were attended by the local Company bootmaker.</p>	
			 Lieut. Actg. O.C. 2nd Field Coy. Engrs.	

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Appendix No. 3.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 199.
By Capt. R.A. CLINTON "MC",
C.O. 2nd Field Co. Engineers.
6th March 1919.

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ORDERLY SERGEANT - Corporal Cameron.

ORDERLY CORPORAL - Lance Corporal Hunt.

GUARD - a guard of L/Cpl Hunt and 3 O/RS will mount duty at Guard Room at 1750. Tour of duty 12 hours.

PARADES - General parade at 0930 at Cross roads. Dress - Battle Order with waterproof sheets rolled and carried in back of belt. Hats turned up.

BLANKETS - Blankets will be packed in flat bundles, labelled and stored at No.1 Cookhouse before 0800.

PACKS - Packs will be stored as above.

COOKING GEAR - Stored as above.

BILLETTS - Billets, cookhouses and latrines will be left clean. One man per billet will remain until Orderly Sgt. has inspected and is satisfied. He will then report their condition to the C.O. on parade ~~at 0920. Latrines and Cookhouses will be left intact for incoming units.~~
Ground at 0920. Latrines and Cookhouses will be left intact for incoming units.

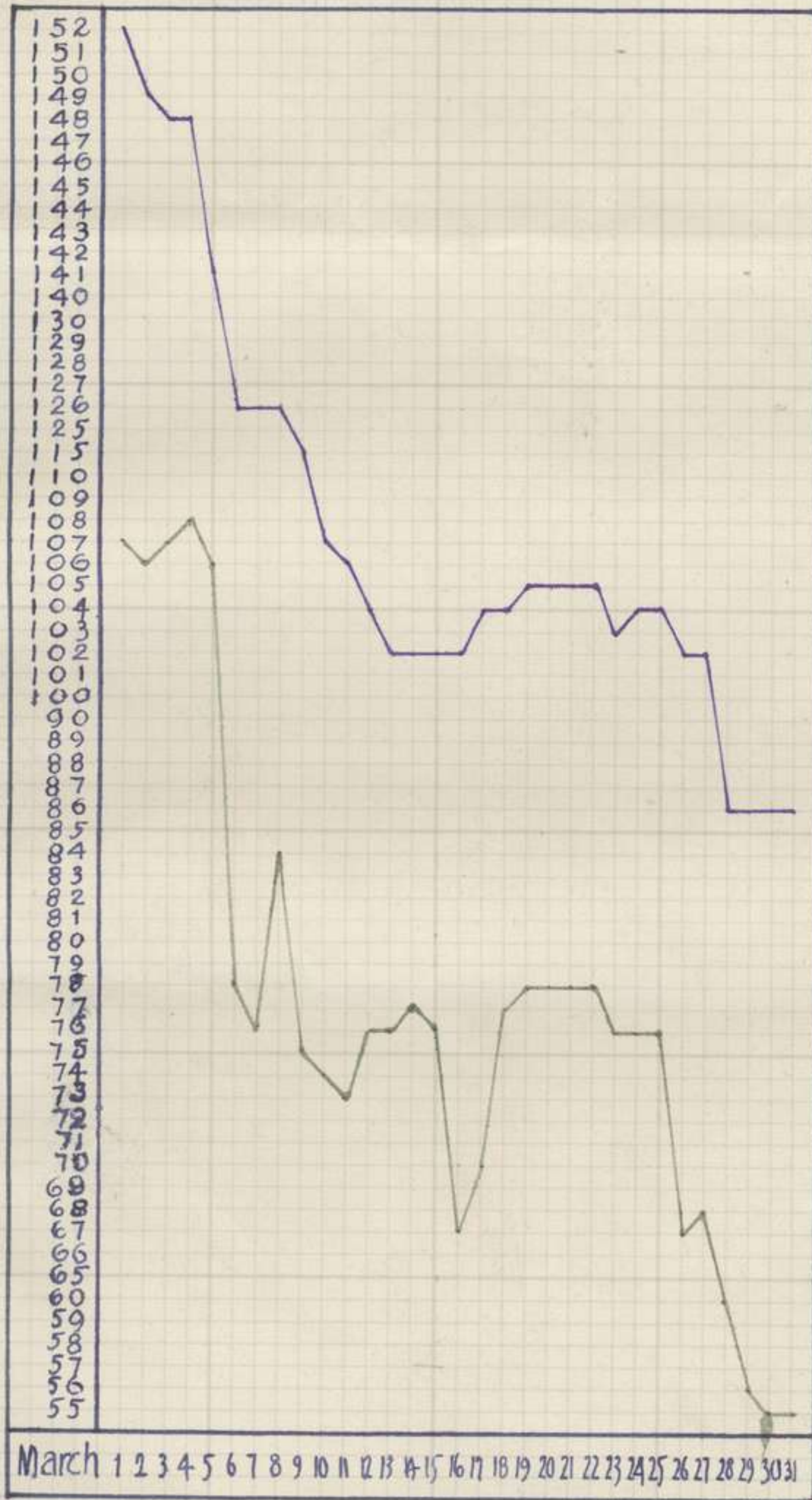
MOUNTED SECTION - sufficient men will be detailed, 1 man per 2 horses to move in rear of Company at 0930. Rugs will be carried bandaroll on horses' necks.
Dress - Battle Order, Rifle slung.

DUTIES - C.S.M. will detail loading party of 8 O.R.s to parade at No.1 Cookhouse at 0800 in battle order. Two men will proceed with each load. The personnel detailed for first load will remain at pont-de-Loup and act as guard. L/Cpl. Josephs will proceed with first load and act as guide.

Lieut.

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

2nd Field Coy. Engrs.
 Graph of Daily Strength
 for March 1919.



Effective Strength _____
 Ration Strength _____