

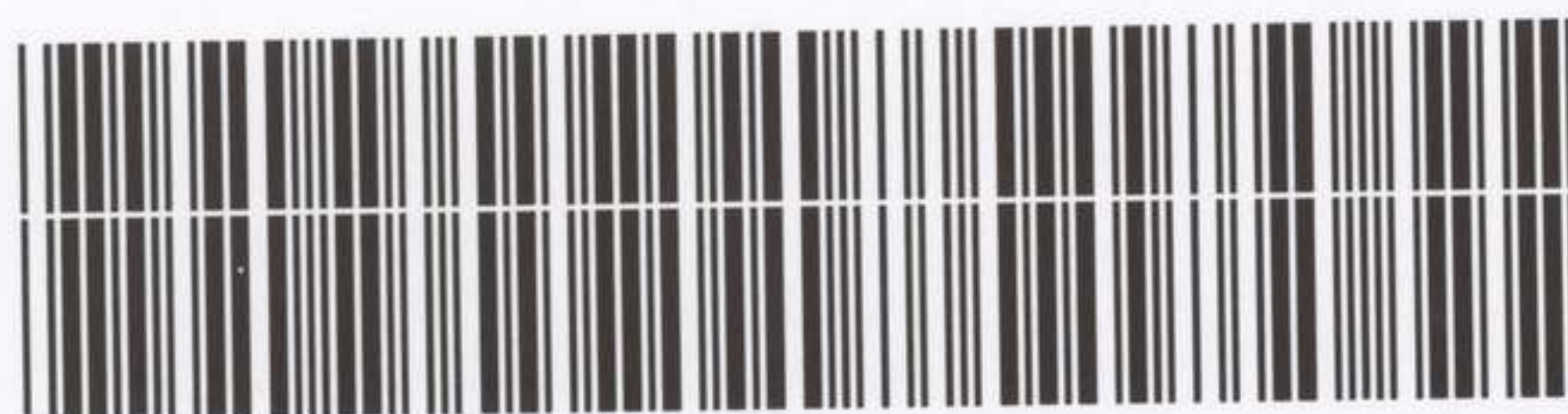
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NALINNES BELGIUM.	1.1.1919		New Year's Day. Unit Dinner held in Cinema Hall, Nalannes, at night followed by a Dance at which many of the local civilians were present. Three Other Ranks detached with 6th Field Coy A.E. for course of engineering under A.I.F. Education Scheme.	
	2.1.1919			
	6.1.1919		Same location. Routine duties carried out as usual. Nothing of importance to report during this period.	
	7.1.1919		Seven other ranks proceeded to Aust. Corps Central School, RUE, France for two months course of instruction. Sgt Bagshaw taken on strength from 7th Field Amb to carry out duties of C.S.M. Transport.	
	8.1.1919		34 Other Ranks including 7 N.C.O's proceeded to U.K. on draft for repatriation.	
	9.1.1919		One man of 26th A.I. Battalion attached to Dental Unit for instructional purposes.	
	10.1.1919		Lt. Col. V.W. Savage proceeded on leave to PARIS. Major L.R. Cook assumed command of unit.	
	11.1.1919		Establishment of N.C.O's brought up to strength by promotions within the unit.	
	12.1.1919		Under A.D.M.S. instructions, Cpl W.M. Davis taken on strength from 5th Fd Amb and promoted Temp. Sergeant Clerk to complete establishment.	
	13.1.1919		A Blue Light Depot established at 24 Rue Neuve, BRUSSELS for the use of all A.I.F. personnel on leave in that city.	
	14.1.1919		Captain R.L. Ppulton detached to 2nd D.A.C. as temporary R.M.O. Eight Other Ranks detached as Water Details to bring establishment to strength.	
	15.1.1919		The Unit Australian Rules Football Team journeyed to LE CHATELET to play 3rd Fd. Ambulance and spent an enjoyable time there, returning to NALINNES next day.	
	16.1.1919			
	18.1.1919		Nothing of importance to report during this period.	
	19.1.1919		In conjunction with 24th A.I. Battalion, a Ball was held in CHARLEROI and was a great success. Many of the civilians of CHARLEROI were present at the Dance.	

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NALINNES BELGIUM	20.1.1919		The staff at the Blue Light Depot, BRUSSELS increased to 1 Officer and 5 O.R's owing the the great amount of work done during the week. Over 250 were given prophylactic treatment during that time.	
	21.1.1919			
	22.1.1919		Nothing of importance to report.	
	23.1.1919		First heavy fall of snow during the winter occurred during the night and morning.	
	24.1.1919		Two other ranks proceeded with Embarkation Quota No.2 to U.K. for repatriation.	
	25.1.1919		W/O Nunan, Sgt Parker, L/C Harris, Ptes Donnison & Martin proceeded to U.K. for early repatriation as University Undergraduates.	
	26.1.1919		Capt H. Cochrane and 4 Other Ranks detached with 20th British C.C.S. CHARLEROI for duty.	
	28.1.1919		Lt.Col.V.W.Savage rejoined from leave to Paris and assumed command from Major L.R.Cook.	
	29.1.1919		C.O. to conference at A.D.M.S.Office, 2nd Aust.Division at 10 A.M.	
	30.1.1919			
	31.1.1919		Heavy snow falling all day.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

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The drawing of rations was very irregular owing to the uncertain times of arrival of trains at railheads. Very often they were not drawn till well on in the night. For a period owing to the above the usual 24 hours rations could not be held by Units. At present things are more satisfactory. The rations on the whole have been very good with the exception of vegetables which have been very scarce, but this deficiency was supplemented by a good supply of Pork and Beans. Salt was unobtainable. All troops leaving the Unit en route for Australia were supplied with rations as laid down in G.R.Os.

ORDNANCE.

For this period a good deal of work was necessary with Ordnance owing to the return of "C" Section Equipment and all surplus stores. "C" Section Stores were returned in a very good condition and any deficiencies were covered by indents. All indents for Stores lost etc., before 11-11-18 were promptly submitted and covered all deficiencies of the other two sections. Indents for clothing etc., were promptly supplied. A very good supply of soap was made available, the reverse to other months. During the period a third blanket for each of the personnel was supplied by Ordnance.

TRANSPORT.

The rations for the horses of the transport was very satisfactory. No alteration to previous months' allowance taking place. 1 Watercart, 1 Wagon Ambulance, 1 Limber G.S., 6 Draught horses with harness complete were returned to Depot at Abbeville. This had to be carried out by road owing to the lack of train transport. Up to the present the personnel taking the wagons &c have not returned.

SALVAGE.

As the Unit is stationary now, salvage is unobtainable.

MEDICAL
COMFORTS.

A good supply was drawn from Depot at Beaumont, enabling all requisitions from Battalions to be fully supplied.

Sugar	3 bags	Jam	2 cases
Stout	1 case	Tongue	2 cases
Beer	1 case	Soup	2 cases
Milk	4 cases	Rabbit	1 case
Flour	2 bags	Sardines	1 case
Butter	2 cases		

RED CROSS.

A very good supply of articles have been available with the exception of papers and magazines. Games which were drawn were very acceptable to the patients in hospital.

Stores as below were drawn for the month:-

Cigarettes	6000	Pyjamas	50 pairs
Sweets	1 tin	Honey	1 tin
Chocolate	2 cartoons	Cocoa and Milk	2 cases
Tobacco	Quantity	Biscuits	6 tins
Pipes	6	Cardigan Jackets	6
Hospital Bags	100	Fruit	1½ cases
Stationery	24 pkts		

UNIT
COMFORTS.

A good supply of comforts were obtainable from 2nd Divisional Comforts Fund and included tobacco, cigarettes, cake, sugar, soup, shirts, socks, mufflers and milk.

A very good wallet was supplied by the Y.M.C.A. for each soldier of the Unit, also a quantity of sweets.

Lehndt Lieutenant.
Quartermaster.
6th Australian Field Ambulance.