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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Namur 8 1/100,000	Feb 1		Owing to snow, training was carried out in billets. In the afternoon was a Half Holiday.	
		2	Church Parades were held. At 1130 a Lecture on "Social and Industrial Matters" by Rev. G. A. STUDDART KENNEDY was given to the Battalion.	
		3	Training was carried out as per Syllabus (Appendix No.1) Recreational Training was carried out in the afternoon. 2/Lieut. H. J. HEWSON joined the UNIT from the Base. Capt. Chaplain E. G. PETHERICK returned from Paris Leave.	
		4	Training was carried out as per Syllabus, see Appendix No.1 In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
		5	Owing to inclement weather Training was carried out in the Billets. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out. 2/Lieut. A. W. SCHWENNESEN and 2/Lieut. V. S. WILSON marched in from the Base. Lieut. Colonel J. C. M. TRAILL D.S.O. M.C. returned from U.K. Leave, and took over the Command from Capt. C. McE. LILLIE D.S.O. Lieut. A. E. WILLIAMS and 2/Lieut. E. R. DRAPER proceed to PASSCHAENDALE.	
		6	Owing to inclement weather Training was carried out in the Billets. (During the night a heavy fall of snow) In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
		7	Training as per Syllabus. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
		8	Lecture in Cinema Hall, BOUFFIOULX, was given by Mr. ROBERTS on Measurement and Drawing to Scale. The afternoon was a holiday.	
		9	Church Parades were held as usual. Lieut. J. A. CATTO proceeded to AMIENS on Leave. Capt. G. I. FINLAY M.C. died in hospital at CAMIERES.	

HEADQUARTERS
5th
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	Feb 10		Lecture on "Wool - Process of Manufacture etc" was given by Capt. PRIESTLEY in the Cinema Hall, BOUFFIOULX, in the morning. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out, and a trip was made to the Iron Factories.	
	11		Training as per Syllabus (Appendix No.2) In the afternoon Recreational Training and Dancing Classes were held. Lieut. W.B. GRANTHAM returned from U.K. Leave. Lieut. A.E. WILLIAMS and 2/Lieut. E.R. DRAPER returned from YPRES.	
	12		Training as per Syllabus, see appendix No.2. Recreational Training and Dancing Classes were held in the afternoon.	
	13		Training as per Syllabus. Recreational Training and Dancing Classes were held in the afternoon.	
	14		Training as per Syllabus. Recreational Training was held in the afternoon.	
	15		Training as per Syllabus. In the afternoon - Half Holiday.	
	16		Church Parades were held as usual. In the afternoon 2 Officers and 16 O.Rs. proceeded on 4 days Inspection of Local Industries.	
	17		Training as per Syllabus (Appendix No.3) In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out. 2/Lieut. N.H. SLORACH joined the Unit from the Base.	
	18		Training as per Syllabus, see Appendix No.3. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
	19		Training as per Syllabus. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	

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	Feb			
	20		Training as per Syllabus. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out. Lieut. W. J. ELLISON proceeded to No. 1 Command Depot; ENGLAND; for early repatriation to Australia. Capt. A. O. RIGG proceeded on Paris Leave.	
	21		Training as per Syllabus. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out. Instructions were received cancelling Quota No. 11. (No. 16 Quota) No notification received by C. O. who is commending draft. Lieut. C. C. HANSON M. C. proceeded on U. K. Leave. Lieut. H. A. L. ALLIBON evacuated to hospital.	
	22		The Battalion paraded at CHATELET where they were addressed by the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. W. M. HUGHES) The afternoon was recognised as a holiday.	
	23		Church Parades were held as usual. Afternoon was a holiday.	
	24		Training as per Syllabus (Appendix No. 4) In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
	25		During the morning Kit Inspection was held throughout the Battalion. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
	26		Lecture was held in Cinema Hall, BOUFFIOULX, on "Egg Farming" by Mr. HOOLEY. In the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out.	
	27		Training as per Syllabus. In the afternoon Bathing Parade was held.	
	28		Training as per Syllabus. All Demobilisation Stores were handed in to DADOS. In the afternoon Recreational Training was held. Commanding Officer's Report (Appendix No. 5) Quartermaster's Report for Month (Appendix No. 6) Transport Officer's Report for Month (Appendix No. 7)	

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Lieut. Col.
Commanding, 5th Battalion, A.I.F.

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FEBRUARY

1919

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING
8th February 1919

M O R N I N G

A F T E R N O O N

Monday, 3rd February

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Recreational Training

0915 - 0945 Drill

0945 - 1130 Route March

Educational Classes

Tuesday, 4th February

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Bathing Parades

0915 - 1000 Drill

1000 - 1030 Physical Training

1030 - Lecture by Lieut. Col. ROSS C.M.G. D.S.O.

Educational Classes

Wednesday, 5th February

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Recreational Training

0915 - 0945 Drill

0945 - 1015 Physical Training

1015 - 1130 Route March

Educational Classes

Thursday, 6th February

0900 - 0915 Inspection

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0915 - 0945 Physical Training

0945 - 1015 Drill

1015 - 1130 Route March

Educational Classes

Friday, 7th February

0900 - 0915 Inspection

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0915 - 0945 Physical Training

0945 - 1045 Drill

1045 - 1130 Route March

Educational Classes

Saturday, 8th February

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Half Holiday

0915 - 0945 Physical Training

0945 - 1015 Drill

1015 - 1130 Route March

Educational Classes

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 15th February 1919

M O R N I N G

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Monday, 10th	Educational Classes	
0900 - 0915	Inspection	Recreational Training
0915 - 0940	Route March	
0950 -	Lecture in Cinema Hall	

Tuesday, 11th	Educational Classes	
0900 - 1000	Inspection by Commanding Officer	" "
1000 - 1045	Physical Training	
1045 - 1130	Route March	

Wednesday, 12th	Educational Classes	
0900 - 0915	Inspection	Bathing Parades
0915-0945	Drill	
0945 - 1015	Physical Training	
1015 - 1130	Route March	

Thursday, 13th	Educational Classes	
0900 - 0915	Inspection	Recreational Training
0915 - 0945	Physical Training	
0945 - 1015	Drill	
1015 - 1130	Route March	

Friday, 14th	Educational Classes	
0900 - 0915	Inspection	" "
0915 - 0945	Physical Training	
0945 - 1045	Drill	
1045 - 1130	Route March	

Saturday, 15th	Educational Classes	
0900 - 0915	Inspection	Half Holiday
0915 - 0945	Physical Training	
0945 - 1015	Drill	
1015 - 1130	Route March	

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding, 5th Battalion, A.I.F.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 22nd FEBRUARY 1919

M O R N I N G

A F T E R N O O N

M O N D A Y 17th February

Educational Classes

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Recreational Training

0915 - 0945 Physical Trng. & Drill.

0945 - 1130 Route March

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T U E S D A Y 18th February

Educational Classes

0900 - 1000 Inspection by Commanding Officer " "

1000 - 1045 Physical Training

1045 - 1130 Route March

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W E D N E S D A Y 19th February

Educational Classes

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Bathing Parades

0915 - 0945 Drill

0945 - 1015 Physical Training

1015 - 1130 Route March

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T H U R S D A Y 20th February

Educational Classes

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Recreational Training

0915 - 0945 Physical Training

0945 - 1015 Drill

1015 - 1130 Route March

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F R I D A Y 21st February

Educational Classes

0900 - 0915 Inspection " "

0915 - 0945 Physical Training

0945 - 1045 Drill

1045 - 1130 Route March

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S A T U R D A Y 22nd February

Educational Classes

0900 - 0915 Inspection

Half Holiday

0915 - 0945 Physical Training

0945 - 1015 Drill

1015 - 1130 Route March

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding, 5th Battalion, ...I.F.

Headquarters, 5th Battalion, A.I.F.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 1st MARCH 1919

M O R N I N GA F T E R N O O N

M O N D A Y - 24th February

Educational Classes	Recreational Training
0900-0915 Inspection	
0915-0945 Phy. Trg., Drill, & 10 minutes Gas Drill	
0945-1130 Route March.	

T U E S D A Y 25th February

Educational Classes	" "
0900-1000 Inspection by C.O.	
1000-1045 Phy. Trg. & 10 minutes Gas Drill	
1045-1130 Route March	

W E D N E S D A Y 26th February

Educational Classes	Bathing Parade
0900-0915 Inspection	
0915-0945 Drill	
0945-1015 Phy. Trg., & 10 min. Gas Drill	
1015-1130 Route March	

T H U R S D A Y 27th February

Educational Classes	Recreational Training
0900-0915 Inspection	
0915-0945 Phy. Trg. & 10 min. Gas Drill	
0945-1015 Drill	
1015-1130 Route March	

F R I D A Y 28th February

Educational Classes	" "
0900-0915 Inspection	
0915-0945 Phy. Trg.	
0945-1045 Drill, & 10 min. Gas Drill	
1045-1130 Route March	

S A T U R D A Y 1st March

Educational Classes	Half Holiday
0900-0915 Inspection	
0915-0945 Physical Training	
0945-1015 Drill & 10 min Gas Drill	
1015-1130 Route March	

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding, 5th Battalion, A.I.F.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919

For the month discipline has been excellent, and the men are quite contented.

Health of Troops - With the exception of a few cases of influenza the health of the Troops, during the period under review, has been excellent.

Rationing - The rationing for the month has not been satisfactory, and we have had serious shortage of vegetables and occasional shortage of fresh meat.

The coal for the month under review has been very poor, consisting mainly of slack, and quite unburnable.

Billets & Clothing - The billets of the Battalion are good. The clean underclothing issued through the Divisional Baths consistently come to hand in a filthy state.

Training - Training has been carried out throughout the month in accordance with attached.

Education - Daily Classes are being held in the following subjects - Bookkeeping, Shorthand, French, First Aid, Carpentry and English. From time to time the men are despatched in various special courses.

Recreational - Recreational Training has been proceeding as usual.

Amusements - Dances were held at least once per week and greatly appreciated by the men and civilians. The latter were invited by special invitation.

*C. Lillie Capt
 Comdg 5th Bn
 A.I.F.*

Appendix No. 6

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTHof February 1919

RATIONS. There has been a marked improvement for the month in comparison with January and have been very satisfactory.

The only complaint being that Coal was unburnable.

ORDNANCE. In this respect there has been plenty of work in handing in our Stores as per Mob. Store Table. We eventually handed them in to D.A.D.O.S. on the 28th, after being warned twice before on the 17th and 26th. Under the organisation instituted by Division this only took one hour.

COMFORTS. Twelve cases of comforts were received and greatly appreciated by all ranks.

(Sgd) S. E. COHEN, Lieutenant,
Quartermaster.

Appendix No.7

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

HORSES. Condition of the horses for month ending 28th February were good. 4 horses were evacuated with slight attacks of mange. No other diseases were dealt with during the month, the horses being in a very sound condition. When mange was first noticed I sent to Mobile for mange dressing and had all horses washed every other day, this successfully prevented the mange spreading.

4 horses "Z" Class were sold at CHATELET on 21st.

FEED. The horse feed generally has been very good.

LIMBERS. Limbers were painted and handed in to D.A.D.O.S. Tools and all spare parts being packed in boxes and preserved with oil. Harness was stripped, tied in bundles of ten and handed in with limbers;

MEN. Owing to a number of men returning to Australia, new men had to be obtained from the Battalion to bring the transport up to strength, as the horses and vehicles were then up to the usual strength.

RATIONS. During the month rations were good, men being satisfied.