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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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SEMERIES FRANCE.	1st.		Unsettled Weather - Quiet day. Party left for Educational Tour - Brussels.	S
	2nd.		Cold dull morning. No. 2 Section finishing packing of Equipment. No. 1. returned from D.A.D.O.S after handing in Equipment. Unboxed Ammunition being stored at local Dump.	
	do	3rd.	50 mules and 8 Horses proceeding to sale at FOURMIES - Lieut Christensen in charge.	
	do	4th.	Wet morning - No. 2. Section marched out to hand in Equipment at D.A.D.O.S. - Conference at D.A.M.Q., C.O. attended to discuss re-organization - Football Match at Sivry between 4th and 5th. Divn. Artillery resulted in win for 5th. (Rugby Union Rules)	
	do	5th.	Wet day - All Harness of Column in use - No. 2. Section handed in Equipment to D.A.D.O.S.	
	DO	6th.	Wet morning - 15 "Y" class Horses despatched to 14th. F.A.Sde. for demobilisation.	
	do	7th.	Unsettled Weather - Usual work in Sections - 2nd Lieut. Machin proceeded to new Area to act as Town Major.	
	do	8th.	Dull morning.- Remainder of "Y" class Horses to go to 13th. F.A.Sde. for attachment to Party to proceed to Base.	
	do	9th.	Clear morning - 40 "Z" class mules proceeded to ETROBUGT for sale - 2 Lieut. Vernon in charge. Motor Lorrie containing Dental Unit, Tailors etc. proceed to New Area. 2 Lieut Basey and one N.C.O. from each Section proceed to FROIDCHAPPELLE to arrange Billets.	
	do	10th.	March to new Area cancelled.	
	do	11th.	Quiet day - New march table issued.	
	SENZELLE BELGIUM.	do	12th.	
			marched to SENZELLE arriving at 13.30 - Fine morning - quick trip - accomodation here fair Billets scattered - all animals under shelter .S.A.A. Section in adjacent village- Deux Eglises.	

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SENZEILLE BELGIUM.	13th.		Dull day. - Adjutant and Town Major inspected Billets - Men all comfortable but somewhat scattered.	
	15th.		Cold day. Troops settling down - Usual Routine work - Troops Paid.	
	16th.		Cold morning. 150 mules proceeding to Base via CHARLEROI - Lieut Hubblethwaite in charge - Motor Lorry conveyed Kit and Rations. - 176 Palliases arrive for beds for men. Troops settled down in New Area - Y.M.C.A. Hut in full swing.	
	17th.		Cold Wet day - All Vehicles in Column marched to Railhead - Thuillies - Lieut Alcorn in charge. Capt. Barnett proceeds to CHIMAY to take charge of sale of Animals.	
	18th.		Cold day. - Lieut Gates and Party returned from Base after delivery of Mules - Education classes opened in School Room.	
	19th.		Fine Clear morning - 20 men from each Nos. 1 & 2 Sects. reported to S.A.A. Section to assist cleaning of Harness. Final preparation being made for Embarkation Quota No. 20. which marches on the 23rd. inst. C.R.A. visited C.O. at SENZEILLE - Infantry Personnel returned to their Units per motor Lorry - M.O. held medical inspection Board on No. 20 Quota.	
	20th.		Snowing - 25 mules proceeded to CHARLEROI for Entrainment to Base - 2/Lieut Sefton in charge of Party - S.A.A. Section cleaning and packing equipment.	
	21st.		Cold morning - 25 Mules go to GOUVIN for sale - T/Capt. Barnett proceeded to D.A.D.O.S. to hand in balance of Equipment - Capt. Macallister M.C.D.O.M. reported back from tour with Football team.	
	22nd.		Cold dull day - Final preparations being made for despatch of Embarkation Quota No. 20. Capt. Barnett returned from D.A.D.O.S. obtained clearance for No. 1. Section. wire received from D.H.Q. that Embarkation Quota No. 20 will not proceed owing to Strike in England.	

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SENZEILLE. BELGIUM.	23rd.		Fine morning - D.A.C.H.Q. hand in Equipment to D.A.D.O.S. - No.2. Section hand in balance of Equipment - Received wire from D.A.H.Q. stating Quota 20 will march tomorrow.	
	24th.		Raining - Cold morning - Embarkation Quota No. 20. march out at 6.30 a.m. - They will Em-bus at D. DAUSSIES - Lieut J. Gates returned from D.A.D.O.S.	
	25th.		Cold day - quiet in Sections awaiting Lorries to hand in Equipment of S.A.A. Section. 2/Lieut Basey returned from Sale at Clermont - all Animals taken sold.	
	26th.		Dull cold morning - 12 Animals proceed to CERFONTAINE for Sale - 2/Lieut Vernon in charge/ Lieut. Alcorn proceeded to D.A.D.O.S. to check receipts - All Animals now disposed of - 12 sold at Cerfontaine today.	
	27th.	Co	Cold morning - Light fall of snow - Paying troops today - Lorry reported to convey Equipment of S.A.A. Section to D.A.D.O.S.	
	28th.		Snowing - 2/Lieut Vernon proceeded to England for Transport duty to Australia,	
	29th.		Snowed heavily during night and morning - Quiet day.	
	30th.		Bright clear morning - Wire received to send Embarkation Quota No. 26. tomorrow.	
	31st.		Bright warm day - Embarkation Quota No. 20 marched out - 99 Other Banks remain in D.A.C. C. R. A. lunched at D.A.C.H.Q.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT.

The work of the Column during March was particularly heavy owing to Equipment being handed in - Ammunition stored and Animals being sold and sent to Base.

50 Infantry O/Ranks were attached for assistance - this being appreciated.

No.1 No2. and S.A.A. handed in and obtained receipt for same - All animals have been disposed of, some by Local Sales and the remainder by train to Base, this threw heavy work on all Ranks as the Column was considerably under Strength, in addition, the Column moved to SENZELLE and two Embarkation quotas marched out.

HEALTH.

The Health of the Troops has been very good considering Weather and Conditions, Baths and Clean Clothing were taken advantage of and evacuations were few.

EDUCATION.

Owing to rapid Demobilization and extra work the Classes show a marked falling off - Education Tours were arranged and greatly appreciated by men who took advantage.

The Sections are now fused and Strength today (1.4.19.) is 99 - Actually with Unit 57. D.A.M.Q? have now ceased to exist and the C.R.A. and B.M. said farewell to D.A.C. today.

In conclusion, the behaviour and work of all Ranks during the particularly heavy work has been excellent and efficient and Personnel of the Column have at all times carried out their duties cheerfully and well.

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