

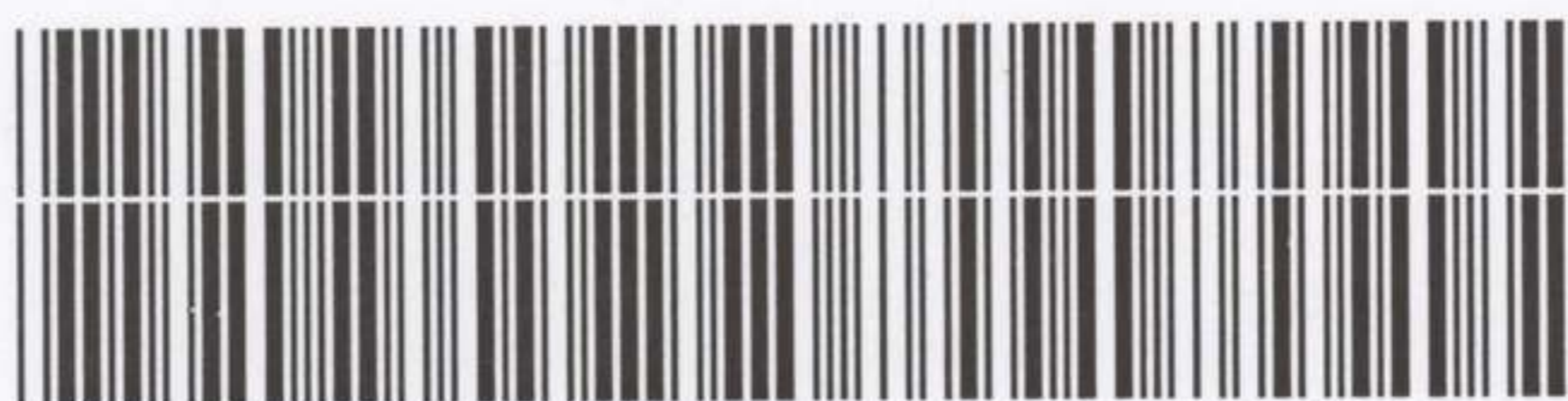
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

of B.A.C. 12th (Army) Bde. A.F. Art. 222

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
AVESNELLES	1st to 28 th February 1919		<p>Place and hours of Parades - same as last return.</p> <p>Strength on 1.2.19</p> <p>4 Officers ¹⁵⁰120 other ranks ²⁹⁸250</p> <p>Horses 29</p> <p>Mules 172</p> <p>Lumbered Wgns. 24</p> <p>G.S. " 11</p> <p>M. Guns 1</p> <p>Water cart 1</p>	<p>Weather - cold, snow about 6 inches deep from 26.1.19 until 20-2.19.</p> <p>All Guns and Equipment were taken by road to CHARLEROI where they were entrained for CALAIS and handed over by representatives from each unit and receipts obtained. The distance from AVESNELLES to CHARLEROI is about 55 kilos. necessitating staying one night at BEAUMONT (at 5th Div. Staging Camp) The roads at this time being frozen necessitating frost coes being put in the shoes of all animals. The journey was very cold.</p>	
			<p>Demobilized during Feb.</p> <p>Officers 2 } No 8, quota</p> <p>Other ranks 32 }</p> <p>Horses 4</p> <p>Mules 22</p> <p>Lumbered Wgns. 24</p> <p>G.S. " 11</p> <p>machine gun 1</p> <p>Water cart 1</p> <p>and all equipment and Ammunition.</p>	<p>Horse stealing is very prevalent throughout the Corps Area, necessitating Armed Guards and tall amm. being issued to Stable Guards in charge of animals.</p> <p>Public sales of Horses and mules - Sales have been held in the villages throughout the Area, and fair prices obtained. It is noted that a good type of mare sold readily realizing from 2000 to 2500 Franks. Saw one very fine mare belonging to an Imperial Heavy Battery realize at a Public Sale at AVESNE 3200 franks. Geldings rarely reached more than 2000 frs. Mules, Civilian's does not apparently know the value of them as they rarely exceed 1000 frs. In my opinion good mules are cheap at 2000 fr.</p> <p>Schools & Classes - same as last month. J.P. Beattie Capt</p> <p>Health of troops, excellent.</p> <p>O.C. 12th BAC AFA</p>	

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