

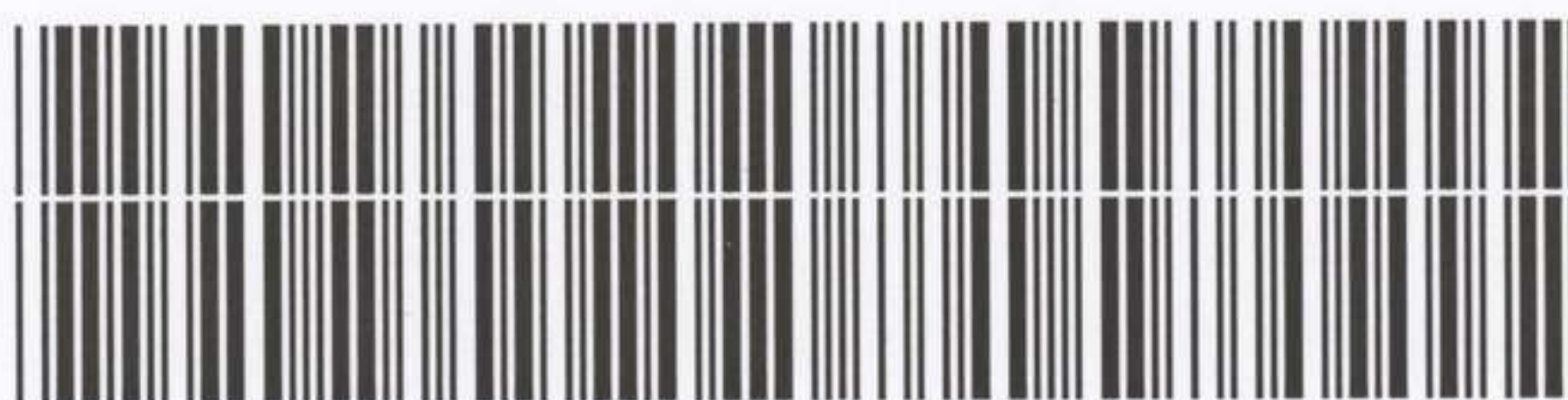
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FOR

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Signature of Officer Commanding W. H. M. Lt. Col.

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map. VIGNACOURT.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMBURELLES	1919 Jan.	1.		Classes and parades conducted in the morning, after noon free, weather cold ,	
		2.		Normal work carried out. Day cold. Lt Col. J FARRELL'S name appeared in New Years H ^{ON} ours List for the D. S. O.	
		3.		Normal work in the morning, afternoon two mile cross country race held, ninety starters. C Coy secured the highest points.	
		4.		Half-day classes held in the morning; Battalion beat 44th. at football in the after-noon.	
		5.		Further New Years Honours showed Capt. E.J COLLIVER having received M.C. and Sgt. T RYAN the D.C.M.	
		5.		Church Parade at 11.15 in Battalion Marquee. Balance of the day free. Aust. Mail commenced to arrive.	
		6.		Parades and classes continued their normal work. Footballers and Officers photos were taken during the afternoon. Day otherwise uneventful.	
		7.		Fine day with cold wind. Normal routine of education and parades.	
		8.		Hqs. C & D Coys marched to TRANSLAY and after being joined by No 1 Coy proceeded on a route march along the ABBEVILLE Road to MARTAINNEVILLE then back to RAMBURELLES. After lunch Hqs Beat No1 Coy at football.	
		9.		Morning normal with parades and educational. At 2 p.m. a lecture was given by Brig. Gen. McWHIRTER at GIBBS on navigation and education. A concert was given at 6 p.m. by one of	

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RAMBURELLES	1919. Jan 9.		Miss Lena Ashwell's Concert Parties, who were afterwards entertained by Hqs Mess.	
		10.	Normal classes and parades. A nisson hut was erected near the Marquee and used as a reading room.	
		11.	Bleak cold day with normal work carried out in the morning. After lunch C Coy beat B.H.Q. at football. Euchee Tournament was held at night.	
		12.	Pleasant day. Church Parade held by Padre HUTHNANCE in the morning and a singsong at night.	
		13.	Classes conducted in the morning. The "COO-EES", 3rd. Divisional Pierrot Troupe staged a concert in the Battalion Marquee in the afternoon. At night Capt. COUCHMAN lectured on the FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR of 1870.	
		14.	Classes as usual. COO-EES delivered their second concert showing the same programme as on the 13th. Bridge was held in the evening.	
		15.	Wet and cold day but normal work in the morning. COO-EES ^{third} concert was given with a new programme.	
		16.	One hours work only then the fourth and final concert by the COO-EES. At 2 p.m. a football match was played against the 39th. Battalion. 43rd. winning by 9 goals. A Crib Tournament was held in the evening.	
		17.	Route March commenced but abandoned after the first kilo on account of rain and normal work was adopted. An impromptu concert was given in the Marquee at night.	

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RAMBURELLES	Jan	18.	Classes continued, baths at conducted . DeCoy beat No 1 at football. Brigade pierrots gave a concert at night in the Marquee.	
"	"	19	Dull day, heavy a heavy frost no church parade held.	
"	"	20	Parade and classes held as usual. No other incident of note.	
"	"	21	Cold frosty morning no alteration in routine.	
"	"	22	Classes continued; examination and ⁴ clasification of all horses. Battalion beat 10 th . Field Amb. at football.	
"	"	23	No 1 Coy moved from ^{LAY} TRANSIT to RAMBURELLES. Classes continued.	
"	"	24	Battalion route march 6½ miles. Lecture by C.O. on repatriation and one by Mjr ROCLIFFE on Western Australia.	
"	"	25	Baths and classes in the morning. C Coy beat D Coy at football. Snow fell at at night.	
"	"	26	Band proceeded to ABBEVILLE where it remained until next month.	
"	"	27	Cold day Church Parade . Quiet afternoon.	
"	"	28	Battalion Parade held followed by classes.	
"	"	29	Snow fell in early morning March held instead of parade followed by classes.	
"	"	30	Snow still on ground. March and classes held.	
"	"	31	" " " " " " " " Precedence Roll for Australia exhibited.	

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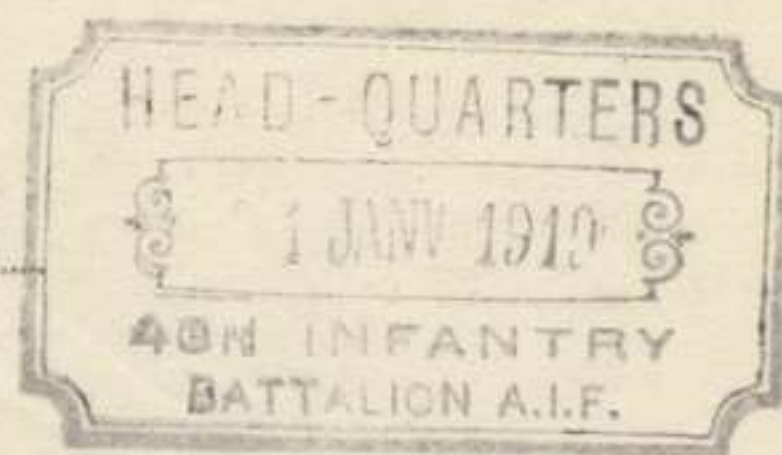
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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

1. C.O's. Report.
2. Education Report.
3. Sports Report.

B. Richardson Lieut.
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Compiling Officer.

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C/O's. REPORT for January 1919.			
1	LOCATION.	The Battalion was billeted as follows :-	
		B.H.Q. & 2 Coys. RAMBURELLES. 1Coy. LE TRANSLAY.	
		Transport FRAMCOURT.	
		Sufficient accomodation has been found in RAMBURELLES and the LE TRANSLAY Company has been shifted.	
2	Summary of Events and Information	Billets have been improved and stoves placed in the larger buildings.	
		Three Nissen Huts have been erected and are used as Educational Rooms and Reading Rooms.	
		1½ hours daily is devoted to military training consisting mostly of route marches and ceremonial. 2 hours are devoted to education and the afternoon to recreational training.	
		EDUCATION. The interest in the various classes is well maintained and a new class in type-writing has been started. Text books are to hand after a long delay. A reading room has been established and ^{Copies} Corpus of the London Papers, Australian Weeklies etc. are provided.	
4	RECREATIOAL.	The subscription library (5frs. per member) now contains 120 volumes. It is proposed to buy 100 volumes out of the Regimental Funds.	
		L 100 Copies of official photographs of the war, bound in albums, have been placed in the Reading Room.	
		Men have applied for employment in Gt. Britain under the Repatriation Scheme.	
		Brigade is running a Commercial and an Agricultural School and at both the Battalion is well represented.	
4	RECREATIOAL.	The severe weather has mitigated against outdoor sports. Several football matches and cross-country runs have been carried out.	
		Indoor tournaments at, Cards, Draughts and Chess have proved successful.	
		Several concerts by Divisional and Brigade Troupes and the Lena ASHWELL Party were great attractions.	
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RATIONS. are plentiful and well up to standard. Vegetables, oatmeal, milk etc. have been purchased out of the Regimental Funds. All stores are in good order. The Canteen is well stocked and is a great convenience. A Paegha Photographic Department has been added to it, for the sale of material and for the development and printing of films.

6 TRANSPORT. Vehicles, harness and equipment are in good order. Our horses have been classified for demobilisation.

For sale in England.	3.
In the Army.	29
For sale in France.	18
To be destroyed.	3

STRENGTH ETC.

1-1-19.	59 Officers.	531 Other Ranks.
31-1-19.	64 "	531 " "

To Hospital, 6 other ranks.

<u>LEAVE.</u>	England.	8 Officers.	50	Other Ranks.
	Paris.	7 "	10	" "
		15	60	

CHANGE IN OFFICERS.

Major W.J KINNISH is acting as Copps P.T. & B.F. adviser.
Major A.T PATTERSON is attached to H.Q. 5th. Division.
4 Officers joined from Cadet Battalion.
2 Officers rejoined from Hospital.
6 Officers detached for Duty.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The following honours were awarded in the New Year's List.

D.S.O.
Lt. Col. J. FARRELL.

M.C.
Capt. E.J. COLLIVER.

D.C.M.
Sergt. T. RYAN.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Lt. Col. J. FARRELL.	
Capt. H.S COPE.	Dr. J. HAMPTON.

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CROIX-DE-GUERRE. (BELGIUM.)

Serg. BESWETHERICK.

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GENERAL. The spirit of the men is excellent.

The billets are fairly comfortable and a third blanket has been issued to each man.

W. H. M. J.

.....Lt. Col.
O/C. 43rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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Jan. Throughout the month both indoor and outdoor sports continued under organised methods adapted from time to time to suit the weather conditions. The early stages were handicapped by rain and cold winds while at the close of the month frozen ground and snow abolished all outside forms of recreation. Indoor tournaments and games chiefly at night were worked in conjunction with the Education Branch. The following is a programme of the events :-

- 1 Company football match.
- 3 2 mile cross country run, 85 starters. Won by C Coy. B.H.Q. second.
- 4 Football match, 43rd. v 44th. Won by 43rd. by 9 goals 10 behinds to 2 goals 5 behinds.
- 8 Draught Tournament and Company football match.
- 10 Euchre Tournament.
- 11 Company football match.
- 13 Bridge Tournament.
- 16 Football match. 43rd. v 39th. Won by 43rd. by 7 goals 17 behinds to 2 behinds. Cribbage Tournament.
- 19 Company football match.
- 27 Inter Battalion draught, bridge and chess tournament
- 28 Quoit Tournament.
- 30 Football match. 43rd v 10th. Field Amb. Won by 43rd. by 7 goals 3 behinds to 1 goal 8 behinds. Euchre Tournament.
- 30 Cribbage Tournament.
- 30 Bridge Tournament. Inter-Battalion Draught, Chess and Bridge Tournament, 44th. v 43rd.

A. H. Gibson Lieut.
Sports Officer 43rd. Bn