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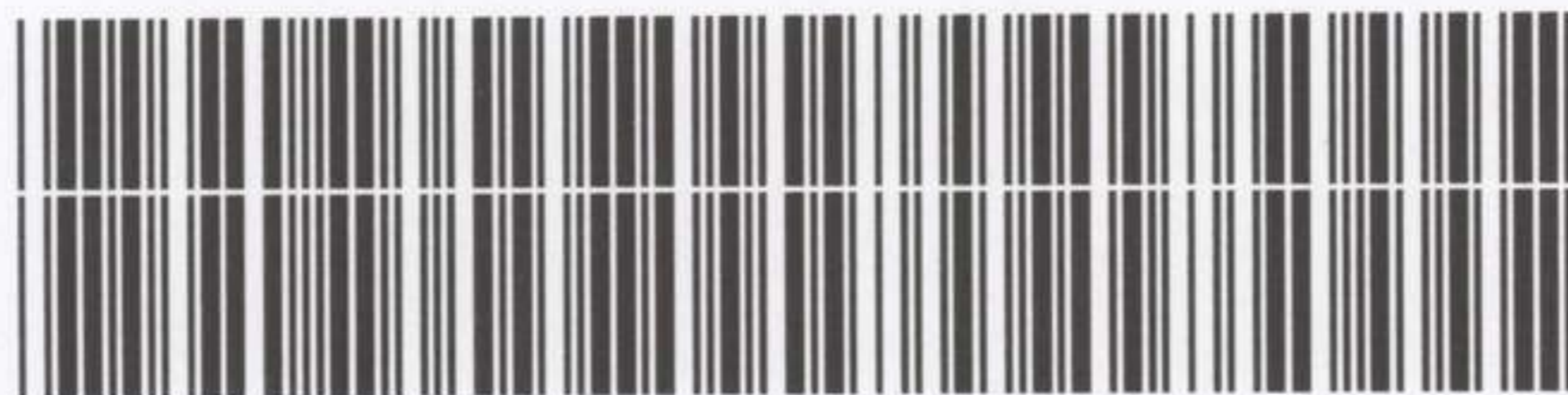
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ST REMY- CHAUSSEE	1919			
	JANUARY			
	1		<p>DISPOSITIONS — Same as at conclusion of last month's diary.</p> <p>SPORT — Australian Rules Football Match: 5th M.G. BN v 58th BN. — played on latter's ground, lost by 11. 8 to 1. 1.</p> <p>DEBATE. — This Coy. met 8th M.G. Coy. at 18.00. — Subject "Is standard gauge Railway practicable in Australia". This Coy., taking the affirmative, won by 5 points.</p> <p>WEATHER — Fine during day, rainy with strong winds at night.</p> <p>STRENGTH — 13 Officers and 200 O.R.</p>	
	2		<p>TRAINING. — as per syllabus.</p>	
	3		<p>TRAINING. — as per syllabus. — Coy. Commanders' Conference at B.H.Q. when Recreational Training discussed.</p>	
			<p>SPORT — Rugby Football v 59 BN. on our ground, won by 20-0.</p> <p>Tag-of-War v 59 BN. do. won in 2 straight pulls.</p>	
			<p>WEATHER — Fine.</p>	
	4.		<p>TRAINING — as per syllabus.</p>	
			<p>LECTURE — Canon Masterman^{MASTERMAN} delivered one of a series of lectures on "Democracy".</p>	
			<p>CONCERT — at 18.30. B.H. concert Party gave first performance, assisted by the 57th BN. Band.</p>	

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		5	<p>CHURCH PARADE - at 11.15 Voluntary CofE service held in Cinema Hall.</p> <p>SPORT - Tug-of-War v 59th Bn. at St Remy - won by 5 M.G. Bn. in 2 straight pulls.</p> <p>WEATHER - Fine & cool.</p>	
		6	<p>Training - as per syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - Bn. Rugby Team played a Corps Team at BARBENCON, and lost by 9 pts to 0. - after a game enjoyed by players and spectators alike. Major MATTHEWS was anxious to arrange a return match, but a suitable date could not be agreed on.</p> <p>WEATHER - Fine.</p>	
		7	<p>TRAINING - as per syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - A.R. Football match v 15 F. Coy. E & 15 L.T.B. at ^{DOURLERS} Bloulers, won easily.</p> <p>Tug-of-War, won by 2 straight pulls. v do.</p> <p>WEATHER - Cold and bleak.</p>	
		8	<p>TRAINING - As per syllabus.</p>	
		9	<p>TRAINING - do.</p> <p>SPORT - 15 F. Coy E & 15 L.T.B. forfeited to this Bn. in Rugby.</p>	
		10.	<p>TRAINING - as per syllabus. Lt A.T. BROWN left Coy. to take charge of 25th M.G. Coy.</p> <p>SPORT - A.R. Football v 58 Bn. draw 42 pts. all.</p> <p>WEATHER - Beautiful.</p>	

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SIREMY- CHAUSSEE	1919				
		JANUARY.			
		11		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - Rifle Shooting. Team of 20 men belonging to 14 Coy. represented the Bn. v 58th Bn. and lost by 6 pts. Scores 678 - 672.</p> <p>WEATHER - dull & showery.</p> <p>CONCERT - In Cinema Hall at 18.30. Hall crowded.</p>	
		12		<p>CHURCH PARADE - Voluntary Service in Cinema Hall at 11.15.</p>	
		13		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - Rugby Football. 58th Bn. forfeited.</p>	
		14.		<p>PAY. - Coy. was paid in the morning.</p> <p>SPORT - A.R. Football v 57 Bn. lost by 10.4 to 6.3.</p> <p>WEATHER - Fine.</p>	
		15		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>CONCERT - at 18.30. in Cinema Hall, which was crowded. New scenery and costumes were much appreciated.</p> <p>WEATHER - Very wet.</p>	
		16.		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - Rugby v 57th Bn. - won by 21 - 0 - no score in first half.</p> <p>WEATHER - Beautiful.</p>	

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ST REMY CHAUSSEE	1919 JANUARY		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p>	
	17		<p>SPORT - Rifle shooting v 58 Bn. at SAMOUSIES, lost by 708 - 686.</p> <p>WEATHER - Fine in morning - heavy showers in afternoon.</p>	
	18		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - Association Rules Bn. Team beat a Bn. Labour Coy. by 3gls. to 2 at SE REMY.</p> <p>CONCERT - In Cinema Hall at 18.30. Hall packed - many civilians found their way in and appeared to enjoy the performance as keenly as we did.</p>	
	19		<p>CHURCH PARADE - Voluntary Service held in Cinema Hall at 11.15.</p> <p>WEATHER - Frost and thick fog in morning - overcast.</p>	
	20.		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>A subsection from this Coy. met 15th & 8th Cos. to pick best subsection to represent the Bn v Chasseurs alpins on the 23rd Jan.</p> <p>8th Coy. 1st 14th Coy. 2nd 15th Coy 3rd.</p> <p>SPORT - A.R. Football v 59 Bn. lost by 11.2 to 2.4.</p> <p>Aug-of-War v do. won in 2 straight pulls.</p> <p>VETERINARY INSPECTION - Horses of Coy. classified A, B or C for Demobilisation purposes.</p> <p>WEATHER - Frost in morning - beautiful day.</p>	
	21		<p>TRAINING - As per Syllabus.</p> <p>WEATHER - Hard frost. - beautiful day.</p>	
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SIREMY - CHAUSSEE	1919 JANUARY. 23.		<p>TRAINING - As per syllabus.</p> <p>SPORT - M.G. & Rifle shooting Competition v Chasseurs Alpins at SAMOUSIES SAMOUSIES at 13.30. created considerable interest. The conditions were altered at the last moment by at the suggestion of the French, and were as follows: - On signal "action" both guns come into action from about 50' in rear on a fixed line and engage targets at 200' range. Cease fire on signal, 2 mins. after "action". Greatest no. of hits on targets to win. The French won the toss & chose to fire first. One gun jammed badly after about 250 rds. the other fired just over 600 rds, but his latter gun only secured 11 hits on the target. Fresh Ts. were put up for our guns, which both fired very well, about 550 rds. each, with far better results than the French guns, the Fofke right gun being particularly good.</p> <p>The Rapid fire competition was between the 59-60 Bn. & the same Fr. Regt. Fig. T. - range 200' - Time 1 min. Our men easily outclassed the French.</p> <p>VET. INSPECTION - Veterinary R.A. classified horses of this Coy. "X, Y or Z" in afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER - Freezing.</p>	
	24.		<p>TRAINING - As per syllabus.</p> <p>DEMobilISATION - ^{de parts} Change of 27 men of 1915 class. left Coy. in charge of LT MAUER, bound for Australia, via ENGLAND.</p> <p>WEATHER - Freezing.</p>	
	25		<p>TRAINING - As per syllabus.</p> <p>CONCERT - Very successful concert held in Cinema Hall at 18.30. - crowded house.</p> <p>WEATHER - Freezing.</p>	
	26		<p>CHURCH PARADE - Voluntary Service at 11.15 in Cinema Hall.</p> <p>WEATHER - Snow fell fairly heavily in the morning.</p>	

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STREMY CHAUSSEE	1918. JANUARY.		<p>27 TRAINING - As per syllabus. WEATHER - Freezing. STRENGTH - 2nd Lt Beverley reported to this Coy. from O.C. B. DEVERLEY.</p> <p>28 PAY-DAY - WEATHER - Still freezing. VET. INSPECTION - Mouth inspection of horses of Coy. at 10.00. SPORT - Rifle Shooting v 8th Coy. 12 a side. 6 shots - 100^x range - lost by 3 pts.</p> <p>29 TRAINING - As per syllabus. STRENGTH - Capt. AXENS left Coy., having been detailed for Mobilization Base at 3 HAVRE - Lt LESLIE in charge of Coy. WEATHER - Still freezing</p> <p>30 TRAINING - As per syllabus. Coy. Commanders' Conference at B.H.Q. re Mobilization and horse relieving. WEATHER - Still freezing</p> <p>31. TRAINING - As per syllabus. SPORT - Rifle shooting v 15 Coy. - 12 a side - 6 shots - won by 18 pts. WEATHER - Still Freezing STRENGTH - 11 Officers and 170 O.R.</p>	