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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1st February Acoz.	1st		Heavy fall of snow.- Educational Classes. - Visited by Lt-Col.D.T.Moore."DSO" T/Commdg 1st Aust Inf Brigade.	
do	2nd		Church Service held by Chaplain R.C.Henry at 11 a.m and 6 p.m.	
do	3rd		Inspection of Companies by C.O.- Educational Classes.- Party of 20 o/rs taken to DINANT by lorry.	
do	4th		Snowing all day.- News received that draft due to proceed on February 9th was postponed indefinitely.	
do	5th		Heavy fall of snow followed by frost.- Educational Classes.-	
do	6th		Very fine day.- All amateur photographers busy.- Dance given for "Z" Company by Capt.R.C.Henry.	
do	7th		Fine and cold.- Educational classes in the morning.	
do	8th		Weather fine clear and cold, heavy frost over night.- Debate in morning.- C.O's inspection of billets.	
do	9th		Church parade 11 a.m.- Weather clear & cold heavy frost during night.- "Z" Company dance in Cafe de la Gare at 6.30 p.m.	
do	10th		Education in morning.- C.O visited 3rd Battalion and gave a lecture.- A concert held at 6 p.m. in Cafe de la Gare, songs etc by members of the Battalion.	
do	11th		Morning clear and frosty.- Lecture by Padre 2nd Battalion at 1000 on "In a Chemist's shop". Lecture by C.O at 1100 on "Selecting a Career".- Orders received at 9.30 p.m for No.10 Quota to leave next morning.*No.10 Quota Commanded by Major.G.S.Cook left at 10.30 a.m. Other Officers included Captain.O.F.J.Wolff, Lieut.C.P.Beale, Lieut.T.W.Lane, and 2/Lieut.J.Gaffney.-Command of Battalion devolved on Captain.R.A.Macalpine."MC".	
do	12th			
do	13th		Educational Classes and Billets visited by G.O.C., Division (Major-General.Glasgow.)	
do	14th		Frost broken and general thaw commenced.	

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February.	15th		Educational Classes and Recreational Training.	
ACOZ.	16th		Church parade for Roman Catholics.	
do	17th		Lecture by Mr. Cutlack was given on "Local Government" in Australian back country" well attended and interesting discussions followed.	
do	18th		Educational Classes and Recreational training during the afternoon.	
do	19th		Battalion Muster Parade at 0930.- Recreational training during afternoon..	
do	20th		Educational Classes and Recreational training.	
do	21st		Educational Classes and Recreational training.	
do	22nd		Battalion paraded and marched to CHATELET for address by Mr. W.M. Hughes on President Situation.	
do	23rd		C.O and Adjutant went to Brigade meeting to say farewell to General Birdwood. "Y" & "Z" Companies amalgamated undercharge of Captain R.G. Horniman. "MC".	
do	24th		Word received that amalgamation of 1st and 4th Battalions to take place on 27th inst. Lieut. R.G.F. McMahon. "MC" died at 1st Australian C.C.S of pneumonis. Sale of number of Battalion Horses to civilians at MORAILME, average price 1095 Francs.	
do	25th		Educational Classes and Recreational Training.	
do	26th		Spare Officers moved up to LAUSPRELLE. Preparations completed for amalgamation with 1st Battalion.	
do	27th		Amalgamation of 1st and 4th Battalions under Lt-Col. A.K. Mackenzie. "DSO" "MC" 1st Battalion. Captain R.A. Macalpine. "MC" took charge of 4th Bn Company. Staff:- C.O. Lt-Col. A.K. Mackenzie. "DSO" "MC" 1st Bn 2nd I/C. Captain R.I.C. McGregor. "MC" 1st Bn. Adjutant. Captain F.W. Newth. 4th Bn. Adjutant. Lieut. W.H. Parkinson. 1st Bn.	
do	28th		C.O inspected billets, everything satisfactory.- Educational Classes Continued.- Weather cloudy with occasional showers.- Brig-Gen. I.G. Mackay. C.M.G., D.S.O. visited Battalion at 3 p.m.- Arrangements made for combined 2nd and 4th Battalions Bands to visit ANTWERP under Lieut. J.F. Barnes on 1/3/19.	

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