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53rd Battalion

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RANCE	1-4-19.		<p>Usual Duties and Routine carried out.</p> <p><u>ARRIVALS</u> .</p> <p>N I L</p> <p><u>DEPARTURES</u> .</p> <p>.1 O/Rank to U K for Discharge</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>BATTALION</th> <th>STRENGTH</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Present</td> <td>24 ... 204</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>14 ... 155</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total.....</td> <td>38 359</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BATTALION	STRENGTH	Present	24 ... 204	Detached	14 ... 155	Total.....	38 359	
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RANCE	2-4-19		<p>Battalion Parade at 1230 . P M for the presentation of French and Belgian Decorations by Major General E Tivey "CB" "CMG" "DSO" "VD" who on presenting the medals and decorating recipients con gratulated them on their general good work.</p> <p>Major P T Roberts "DSO" Croix de Guerre (avec) Etoile Vermeil (French) C Q M S A V Watson Croix de Guerre (Belgian)</p> <p>The General addressed the parade after which he took the salute as the 53/55th Battalion Marched passed In the afternoon a sports Fete was held in which the civilians took part, and at night a concert and dance was held in the Hotel Communal.</p> <p><u>ARRIVALS</u></p> <p>N I L</p> <p><u>DEPARTURES</u></p> <p>N I L</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>BATTALION</th> <th>STRENGTH</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Present</td> <td>24 205</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>14 154</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>38 359</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BATTALION	STRENGTH	Present	24 205	Detached	14 154		38 359	
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BEAUMONT	3-4-19		The Battalion moved out of RANCE by route march at 9 P.M. and arrived at BEAUMONT AT 12-30 the advance party moving out to the new area at 16.00	
			<u>ARRIVALS</u>	
			N I L	
			<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>DEPARTURES</u>
			<u>STRENGTH</u>	
			Present 23 205	2 O/Ranks Transfers
			Detached 15 152	
			Total 38 357	
MARCHIENNE au-PONT	4-4-19		The Battalion entrained at BEAUMONT 11.00 and detrained at MARCHIENNE-au-PONT at 13.30, and marched to billet in the new area.	
			<u>ARRIVALS</u>	
			N I L	
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MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	5-4-19		Usual duties and Routine were carried out.	
			<u>ARRIVALS</u>	<u>DEPARTURES</u>
			N I L	N I L
			<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
			Present 24 208	
			Detached 14 149	
			<u>Total 38 357</u>	
MARCHIENNE - au-PONT	6-4-19		Usual duties and routine were carried out.	
			<u>ARRIVALS</u>	<u>DEPARTURES</u>
			xxxx 1 O/Rank Reinforcement	3 O/Ranks to Australia for discharge
			<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
			Present 26 215	
			Detached 12 140	
			<u>Total 38 355</u>	
MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	7-4-19		Usual duties and Routine were carried out.	
			<u>ARRIVALS</u>	<u>DEPARTURES</u>
			1 O/Rank Reinforcement	3 O/Rankw transfer to A.I.F. Hqrs
			<u>Battalion</u>	<u>Strength</u>
			Present 25 215	
			Detached 12 138	
			<u>Total 37 353</u>	



