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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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Hondeghem	1/8/17		Weather fine - Training carried on as per Syllabus. E.S. 51-1201. R.S. 43-1050.	
"	2/8/17		<p>Training as per Syllabus - 50% Officers & proportion of N.C.O's attended lecture on New Gas. Court of Enquiry convened. consisting of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Majr J. H. Eller - President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lieut J. R. Blackman } Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">" A. D. Temple }</p> <p>to enquire into & report on circumstances regarding members of Bⁿ posted as "Missing"</p>	
Hondeghem	3/8/17		Training as per Syllabus - Remaining 50% Officers attended - Gas Lecture during morning.	
"			Majr E. J. Kerby seconded as O/C 1 st Army Rpts Camp. B ⁿ scouts inspected during afternoon	
"	4/8/17		Training as per Syllabus continued - Court of Enquiry convened on 8 th inst sat during the day.	
"	5/8/17		Sunday - Weather fine - Church parade held during morning - Bide Band assisting with musical portion of service. R.C. and Jewish services also took place during morning.	
"	6/8/17		Training as per Syllabus - 2/Lt Foot J. left to attend Bombing School.	
"	7/8/17		<p>Training as per Syllabus - QM, RQMS. & Sgt Cook. attended demonstration of bookery at HAZEBROUCK.</p> <p>Four Batta's scouts proceeded to Bide Intelligence course. J.O and Int WCO. attended lantern lecture on Aeroplane photography at HAZEBROUCK during afternoon. Majr J. H. Eller DSO taken on strength dated 6/7/17. } Vide AIF</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut. R. B. Granville " " " from 5th Bⁿ 16/7/17 } list 212</p>	

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Hondeghem Doulieu	8/8/17		Battalion moved as part of Bde group to Berquin Area. Move completed by 1800 - E.S. 46-1167 R.S. 39-1041	
Doulieu	9/8/17		Morning spent in cleaning up. Afternoon training under boy arrangements.	
"	10/8/17		Training during morning. Route marches under boy arrangements followed by Foot Inspection - lectures on New Gas by Platoon commanders. Afternoon devoted to refitting underwear + Platoon Training	
"	11/8/17		Bathing carried out at STEENWERCK during the day. Intelligence section inspected by Div Staff Officer Lieut R Woodhouse } left for duty with 2nd T Bn " F D'Arcy Power } Lt Col J W Mitchell proceeded on leave to Paris	
"	12/8/17		Weather fair - church parade held during morning - R.C. parade at church at DOULIEU. Lt J W Tickle + 1 OR. proceeded to attend 2nd Army School at WISQUES.	
"	13/8/17		Weather fine - Training carried out as per Syllabus - E.S. 46-1186. R.S. 41-1024	
"	14/8/17		Weather fine - Training as per Syllabus. 2/Lt P A Waters } reported for duty " R W Bynsmead }	
"	15/8/17		Weather fair - Training as per Syllabus - E.S. 46-1183. R.S. 40-1025	
"	16/8/17		Weather fair - Training as per Syllabus.	
"	17/8/17		Training as per Syllabus - Half Bn carried out - bathing parade at BAC ST MAUR. Lt. A.D. Temple appointed D.C. L. G. O.	

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Douliou	18/8/17		Training carried on - Remainder of Bathn bathed during the morning. LT. L.G. Errey MC app'd B ^o S. O. 2/Lt J.L. Foott app'd B ^o B. O.	
"	19/8/17		Sunday - Weather fine - Church parade carried out during morning. 2/Lt J.H. Wicks, P.G. Perkins + 2/Lt S. Young - taken on strength dated 29/7/17 - vide A.I.F. List 126 of 10/8/17. B ^o mounted B'de duties at 1930	
"	20/8/17		Training as per Syllabus - Weather fair - ES 47-1186 RS 38-1030	
"	21/8/17		Training as per Syllabus -	
"	22/8/17		Bathing parade carried out during morning under boy arrangements -	
"	23/8/17		Training as per Syllabus -	
"	24/8/17		Parades as per Syllabus - Battalion mounted Brigade duties at 1930.	
"	25/8/17 + 26/8/17		Syllabus continued during day	
"	27/8/17		Sunday - Church parade held during morning. Capt J.L. Foott, Lt Maguire, Lt Joynt proceeded on leave to Paris	
"	28/8/17		H.Q.'s, Brc boys took part during morning in B'de March past. 406 2 nd Army. Remainder of B ^o training as Syllabus	
"	29/8/17		Training as per Syllabus	
"	30/8/17		Training as per Syllabus	
"	31/8/17		Weather Wet - Training as per Syllabus	

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