

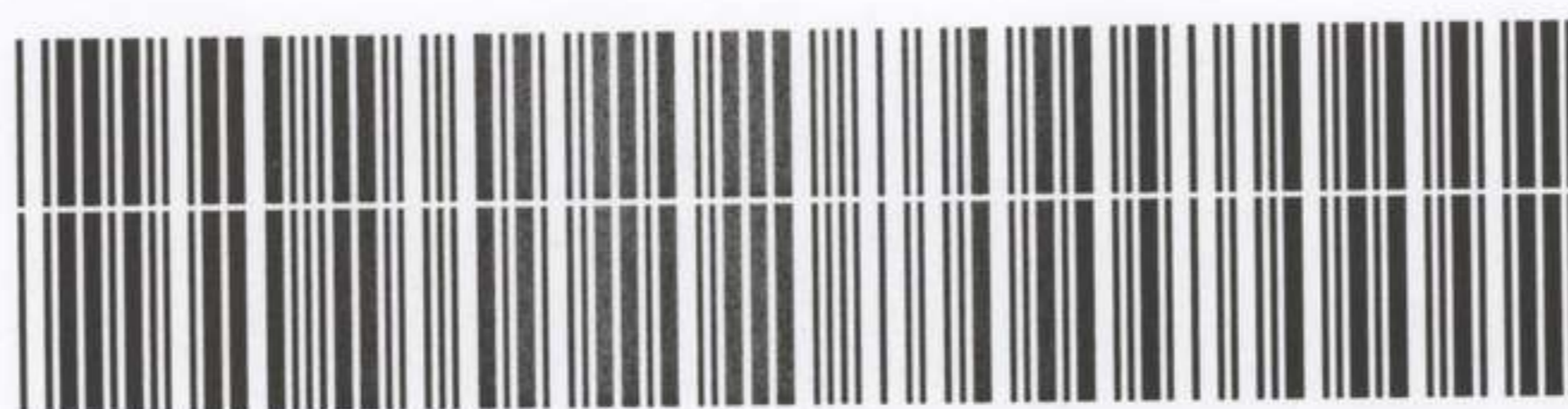
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5th Battrn A.I.F. (Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	VOLUME X	Remarks and references to Appendices
1916.					
Dec ^r	1 st		2 other ranks to LEWIS GUN School. 1 other rank to ^{1st ANZAC} Stokes Mortar Course. 12 other ranks, reinforcements reported for duty		
	3 rd		2 other ranks returned from LEWIS GUN School. 2 other ranks returned from Stokes Gun Course		
	4 th		Battrn left Billets at BUIRE at 0900 and proceeded to SYDNEY Camp arriving there about 1150		Appendix I attached
	5 th		Battrn left SYDNEY Camp at 1230 and proceeded to NEW CARLTON Camp arriving there about 1530		
	6 th		Battrn left NEW CARLTON Camp and proceeded to front line, C + D Coys relieving 2 Coys of 13 th Battrn ^{A.I.F.} in GREASE TRENCH and GOODWIN'S Post. A, B Coys relieved 2 Coys of 13 th Battrn in Support trenches - PILGRIMS TRENCH and PIONEER Trench. Relief completed by 1853. Lieut E. T. McVEA evacuated to hospital		
	7 th		2/Lieut E. W. CHENU and 12 other ranks wounded. 1 other rank Killed. 3 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty		
	8 th		2 other ranks to Bayonet Fighting School		
	9 th		1 other rank to LEWIS GUN School, Le TOUQUET. 2 D.R. Killed and 4 D.R. wounded. 2/Lieut F. LANEFORD reported from "wounded".		
	10		2 other ranks wounded. A + B Coys relieved C + D Coys in front line trenches.		
	11		1 other rank wounded. 2/Lieut F. B. CONWAY reinforcement reported for duty		

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1916				
Dec ^r	12		1. Other rank Killed, 3 O.R's wounded. 2. O.R's returned from LEWIS GUN Course 2. O.R's returned from STOKES mortar Course	
"	13		3 other ranks Killed, 8 O.R's wounded. 1 O.R returned from LEWIS GUN Course	
"	14		Battn relieved in front and Support trenches by 7 th Battn A.I.F. Battn then moved to SWITCH and GAP Trenches. 2 other ranks Killed, 4 other ranks wounded	
"	15		2 Other Ranks to LEWIS GUN Course, 1 O.R. to STOKES mortar Course, 1 O.R. to Bombing Course 2/Lieut D.C. CHAPMAN evacuated sick to hospital.	
"	16		2/Lieut A.D. RIGG and 7 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty	
"	18		2/Lieut H.P. MOLONY and 1 other rank reported for duty	
"	20		During period 14 th to 20 th Dec: Battn was engaged in working & carrying parties to front and support lines	
"	20		Battn relieved in SWITCH & GAP Trenches by 4 th Battn A.I.F. and then moved to BERNAFAY "B" Camp. 4 other ranks Killed, 5 other ranks wounded.	
"	21		Battn moved from BERNAFAY "B" Camp to MELBOURNE Camp MAMETZ. 58 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty	
"	22		2/Lieut W.D. MEMINN & 6 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty	

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MELBOURNE CAMP.	Decr	24	28 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty	For period 22 - 31 Decr, 2nd A.I. Bgde being Divisional Reserve this Battalion was occupied as follows: MARMETZ C.R.E. Corps Troops. 2 Coy's (A+B) Salving from GERMAN DUGOUTS, 1 Coy (C) unloading at MEAULTE SIDING, 1 Coy (D) Sorting out defective ammunition at VIVIER MILL MEAULTE
		25	Lieut J.A. ANDERSON & 2 other ranks returned from 4th ARMY School	
		26	3 other ranks to LEWIS GUN School LE TOQUET	
		28	1 other rank, Sgt HEPBURN to CADET Training School ENGLAND. 2/Lieuts GUFF, R.A.	
		29	F.J. SMITH, M.E. THOMPSON & 6 other ranks reported back from Divisional School G.O.C. Division inspected recent reinforcements. 3 officers - Lieut G.L. MAKIN, 2/Lieut W.R. VOLUN, 2/Lieut F. LANGFORD, & 8 Other Ranks to Divisional School	
			2 Other Ranks to LEWIS GUN Course, 1 other rank to STOKES MORTAR Course 1 " " to Telescopic Sights School	
			2/Lieut E.A. MAY returned from Divisional School (through hospital)	
			2/Lieut J.W. MAUNSELL and 19 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty	
		30	2 other ranks - Sgts W.H. TAYLOR, L.T. PEARCE - to Divisional School as nominees for CADET Training Batta.	
		31	Capt T.K. MALTBY to Divisional School as Instructor. 2 other ranks to Signalling Course, Divisional School.	

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<u>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH.</u>				
			as at :- 1. 12. 1916	32 Officers 847 Other ranks
			8. 12. 1916	32 " 849 "
			15. 12. 1916	33 " 810 "
			22. 12. 1916	33 " 795 "
			29. 12. 1916	34 " 811 "
Williams Lieut Actg adjt.				

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COPY NO. /Appendix I
Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.,
3/18/18.SECRET OPERATION ORDER NO. 1,
BY LIEUT-COLONEL (Temp) JOHN WALSTAB, COMMANDING.Reference Map ALBERT, Comb. Sheet 1/40,000.

- MOVE. 1. The Battalion will move from Billets at BUIRE to FRICOURT tomorrow 4th inst., via E.20.b.26 - DERNANGOURT - MEAULTE - la CARCAILLOT - BECORDEL - BECOURT.
Coys. will fall in outside their billets at 0830, and will move in the following order :- Signallers, Stretcher-bearers, A.Coy., B.Coy., C.Coy., D.Coy., Intelligence Platoon, Bombers, Details, and Transport.
- ROUTINE. 2. REVEILLE 0600, BREAKFAST 0630, SICK PARADE 0700, FALL IN 0830.
- DRESS. 3. Full marching order, greatcoat in pack, one blanket rolled in W.P. Sheet round pack in approved manner, 24 hours rations, 1 iron ration, and water-bottles filled.
- HALTS. 4. A short halt at 0930, and halts of 10 minutes at 0950, 1050, 1150 and 1250, will be made.
- BILLETING PARTY. 5. Capt. H.H.G.O'LOUGHLIN and 1 mounted orderly to be detailed from Transport will report to Lt. R.G.WEBSTER at Bde. H'grs. at 0800.
- REAR PARTY. 6. The Senior Major will arrange to furnish a certificate as to the cleanliness of billets to Bde. H'grs. prior to unit moving out, and will then report with two Signallers to be detailed by the Signalling Sergeant to the Town Major, and will remain until 3 hours after units clear the area or until Town Major signifies that area is correct.
- BAGGAGE. 7. Extra blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked at Q.M. Store by 0745 sharp.
Machine Gun Officer with M'grs. M.G. Section will report at Wagon Lines at 0800 and take over machine gun carts.
Coy. Commanders will arrange to have their machine gun carts at this place at this hour.
Stretcher-bearers will report to Q.M. Store at 0800.
Officers' valises, regimental and company office records to be at Q.M. Store at 0745. Officers' Mess Stores to be at Q.M. Store by 0815.
- REPORTS. 8. Reports en route to head of column.
Coy. and Unit Commanders will report to Battalion H'grs. when settled down in new billets.

(Signed) H.H.G.O'LOUGHLIN,
Captain and Adjutant

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8	Bomb Officer	"
9	Sig. Sergeant	"
10	Q.M. & T.S.	"