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WAR DIARY

OF

5th INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

OCTOBER, 1918.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.	Oct. 1st		Battalion resting at AILLY-le-HAUT CLOCHER. Musketry practices. Capt. J. A. ANDERSON returned from Fourth Army Infantry School. Lieut. F. R. IMRAY proceeded to ROUEN on three days' leave.	
	2nd		AILLY. Training as per syllabus. (See appendix 1.)	
	3rd		do. Battalion carried out musketry practice in morning - Recreational training in the afternoon. Capt. S. RICKETSON D.C.M., Lieut. N. W. CUZENS, and N.C.Os. attached to Mission with American Army returned to Battalion. Lieut. J. H. CRICHTON rejoined Unit from Divisional Headquarters.	
	4th		AILLY. Battalion carried out training as per Syllabus. Afternoon - Baths. Lieut. F. R. IMRAY returned from leave.	
	5th		AILLY. Training as per syllabus. Lieut. G. G. ARTHUR on U.K. leave. Lieut. D. SMITH M.C. to Corps School. Lieut. J. V. REILLY D.C.M. to Musketry School. Lieut. F. R. IMRAY returned to Australia. Lieut. C. E. BOOTH to Aust. Corps School as Assistant Instructor, 1st Divisional Wing.	
	6th		AILLY. Church Parade. 2/Lieut. H. A. L. ALLIBON to Fourth Army S.O.S. School, BOUCHON.	
	7th		do. Battalion carried out musketry training as per syllabus. (See Appendix 2). Lieut. R. C. G. HAMILTON, Lieut. W. B. GRANTHAM, Lieut. C. D. CHAPMAN M.M. and 40 other ranks rejoined Unit from Base.	
	8th		AILLY. Inclement weather. Parade cancelled - Lectures carried out. Lt.-Col. D. A. LUKTON OMC DSO embarked for Australia (AIF List 393).	

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ABBEVILLE 1/100,000	9th Oct.		AILLY. Training as per syllabus. Lieut. T. A. ROBERTSON to Australia. Capts. J. A. ANDERSON AND W. T. MEIKLE on U.K. leave.	
	10th		AILLY. Route march. Afternoon - Lecture on "Flying" by Lieut. BARRETT for Officers and N.C.Os. Remainder - Recreational training.	
	11th		AILLY. Training as per syllabus. Lieut. E. W. CHENU on U.K. leave.	
	12th		do. do. Lieut. D. J. WALTERS on U.K. leave. Military Medals awarded by the Corps Commander (See Appendix 3).	
	13th		AILLY. Brigade Church Parade.	
	14th		AILLY. Major J. C. M. TRAILL D.S.O. M.C. transferred from 8th Battalion to 5th Battalion and promoted Lieut.-Colonel vice Lieut.-Colonel D. A. LUXTON CMG DSO to Australia. Lt. F. B. CONWAY and Lt. A. J. ROBINSON rejoined Unit from Base.	
	15th		AILLY. Musketry on range. (See Appendix 45).	
	16th		do. Battalion route march. Lieut. S. E. COHEN departed on U.K. leave.	
	17th		do. Training as per Syllabus. Chaplain E. G. PETHERICK departed on U.K. leave.	
	18th		do. Lewis gun work on range. Lecture in afternoon to NCOs. by Divisional Courts Martial Officer.	
	19th		AILLY. Battalion route march.	
	20th		do. Brigade Church Parade. Lieuts. A. F. BECHERVAISE AND S. V. KIRWOOD M.M. awarded the MILITARY CROSS. 2/Lieut. R. M. HOFFMAN rejoined Unit.	
21st		AILLY. Companies practice for Divisional Rifle Competition.		

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ABBEVILLE 1/100,000	Oct. 22.		AILLY. Training as per Appendix 5. (Training Syllabus). Lieut. N.W. CUZENS returned from Rest Camp, PARIS PLAGE.	
	23.		AILLY. Brigade Parade.	
	24.		AILLY. Battalion route march.	
	25.		do. Training as per Syllabus. Capt. W.T. MEIKLE and Capt. J.A. ANDERSON returned from leave to United Kingdom. Decorations awarded to other ranks as per appendix 6.	
	26.		AILLY. Training as per Syllabus.	
	27.		AILLY. Church Parade. Lieut. W.H. ELLISON departed to Army Signalling School.	
	28.		do. Training as per syllabus. (See appendix 7). Lieut. E.W. CHENU returned from leave. 2/Lt. J.V. REILLY from Musketry School. Lieut. D. J. WALTERS from U.K. leave. Lieut.-Col. J.C.M. TRAILL DSO. MC. returned from English leave. C.O. and Company Commanders attended Conference of Training at PONT REMY. Capt. E.G. de T. PERMEZEL, Capt. F. ANGEL, Capt. J.A. ANDERSON, Lieut. J.W. DARLING (2nd A.L.T.M/ Bty.) awarded the MILITARY CROSS.	
	29.		AILLY. Training as per syllabus. Lieut. N.W. CUZENS to England to join permanent cadre of O.T.B. Lieut. D. J. WALTERS to hospital. Decorations awarded as per Appendix 8.	
	30.		AILLY. Training as per Syllabus. D.C.Ms. awarded to other ranks as per appendix 8.	
	31.		AILLY. Training as usual. Capt. E.G. de T. PERMEZEL M.C. and 3 other ranks proceeded on Transport duty to Australia.	

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OF

5th INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

OCTOBER, 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Training Syllabus 1st - 5th October?
2.	do. 6th - 12th October.
3.	Decorations awarded 12/10/18.
4.	Syllabus of Training 13th - 19th October.
5.	Syllabus of Training 20th - 26th October.
6.	Decorations awarded 26/10/18.
7.	Training Syllabus 27 October - 2nd November.
8.	Decorations awarded 29/10/18.
9.	Weather Chart.

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Appendix 1.

5th BATTALION A.I.F.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING From 1st - 5th OCTOBER.Morning.Afternoon

- 1st. Bn. Fall In & Inspection; Address by Bishop LONG; bathing parade; re-organisation of Coys. and platoons; Organisation of sports. Recreational training
- 2nd. Bn. Fall In & Inspection; Musketry & Bayonet Fighting on "A" range. do.
- 3rd. Battalion Inspection & Ceremonial; 1/2 hr Squad and platoon drill; 1/4 hr musketry elementary; 1/2 hr squad and sentry drill. do.
- 4th. Bn. Fall In & Ceremonial; Musketry & Bayonet fighting at Range "A". do.
- 5th. Bn. Fall IN & Ceremonial; 1/2 hr physical training; 1/2 hr sentry drill and duties of sentries; 1/2 hr march discipline. do.

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5th BATTALION I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 6th OCTOBER
to 12th OCTOBER, 1918.

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Morning 0830 - 1130

Afternoon 1400 - 1530

6th. Brigade Church Parade

7th. Battalion Fall In & Inspection;
Musketry and B.F. on Range.

Recreational Training

8th. Battalion Fall In & Inspection;
Route march; full marching order to
be worn.

do.

9th. Battalion Fall In & Inspection;
1/2 hour platoon drill; 1/2 hour
musketry; 1/2 hour bayonet fighting;
1 hour Lewis gun and German machine
gun; 1/2 hour rifle grenade No. 36.

do.

10th. Battalion Fall In & Inspection;
Route march; Transport will accompany
Battalion.

do.

11th. Battalion Fall In & ^{Inspection} ~~Inspection~~;
~~Route march~~; Musketry & B.F. on range.

do.

12th. Battalion Fall In & Inspection;
1/2 hour Company drill; 1/2 hour
musketry; 1 hour Lewis gun; 1 hour
platoon in attack.

do.

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NOTES.

Rifle Ranges.
"A" & "B" ranges will be available for use
of Battalion.

Assault Courses.
Nos. 2 and 3 will be available for use of
Battalion.

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Appendix 3

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5th BATTALION A.I.F.Extract from Bn. Routine Order No. 509. 12/10/18.

1622. Under authority granted by His Majesty the King,
the Corps Commander has awarded the following decorations.
THE MILITARY MEDAL.

3439 Pte. WILLS R.	5358 Pte. DAY G.C.
31378 " YOUNG D.H.	1906 Sgt. ANDERSON R.A.
5782 Cpl. DICKSON S.	1770 Pte. JACKSON F.W.

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congratulate the recipients whose names will be published
in the London Gazette in due course.

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5th BATTALION A.I.F.Syllabus of Training for period 20 - 26th October, 1918.

Hours of Training. Morning 0830 - 1130
 Afternoon 1400 - 1530

Morning.Afternoon.

<u>20th.</u>	Church parade.	
<u>21st.</u>	Companies practice for Divisional Rifle Competition. "B" Coy. use "A" range; "C" Coy. "B" range; Headquarters "C" range.	Recreational training
<u>22nd.</u>	Company drill; Battalion drill; assault course.	do.
<u>23rd.</u>	Brigade parade.	do.
<u>24th</u>	Route march; transport to accompany battalion.	Half holiday
<u>25th.</u>	Lewis gun, bombs & grenades; German gun; Platoon in attack.	Recreational training.
<u>26th.</u>	Lewis guns; Bombs & grenades; Platoon in attack; Musketry; Coys. practice for Divisional Rifle Meeting.	do.

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5th BATTALION A.I.F.Extracts from Bn. R.O. 523 26/10/18.

1711. DECORATIONS. The Corps Commander has awarded the following decorations -

BAR to the MILITARY MEDAL.

4762a Sgt. CROSKELL A.P. MM
5773 L/Cpl THOMS S.E. MM

MILITARY MEDAL.

5984 L/Cpl. CALDWELL E.J.
204 Sgt. CLARK J.W.
5365 Pte. EVANS C.O.
2821a " BOOLEY H.
2295 " COOPER J.V.
6044 " McPHERSON A.S.
4133BL/Cpl ANDERSON T.L.
208b Pte. ASHMAN E/A.
2071 " KILDEA S.T.
2478 " WOODS C.H.
5734 " MOORE H.D.

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Appendix 7.

5th BATTALION A.I.F.Syllabus of Training for period 27th Oct. to 2nd Nov.

Hours of training. Morning 0830 - 1130
 Afternoon 1400 - 1530

Morning.Afternoon

<u>27th.</u>	Brigade Parade.	
<u>28th.</u>	Company drill; Battalion drill.	Recreational training
<u>29th.</u>	Platoon drill; company drill; Musketry.	do.
<u>30th.</u>	Divisional Rifle Meeting.	do.
<u>31st.</u>	Divisional Rifle Meeting.	do.
<u>1st.</u>	Route march; Transport to accompany Battalion.	Half holiday
<u>2nd.</u>	Specialist Training; Company and Battalion drill.	Recreational training

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Appendix 8.

5th BATTALION A.I.F.Extract from Battalion Routine Order No. 526 29/10/18.

1740. DECORATIONS. Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief has awarded the following decorations -

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

3990	T/Cpl;	MOORE W.
636	L/Cpl	CLARKE J.
919	Sgt.	KELLY H.
386	"	PIPER G.T. (deceased)
4008	L/Cpl	MULLANE T.G.
828a	Pte.	CHIVERTON HJ. (deceased)
5706	L/Cpl	HIGGINBOTHAM C.S. do
3026	Cpl.	BLOXSOME N.R.

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5th BATTALION A.I.F.

Appendix 9.

WEATHER CHART - OCTOBER, 1918.

- 1st. Fine & cool. Wind S. 5 miles p.h.
 2nd. Morning fine & cool. Afternoon showery. Wind S.W.
 3rd. Day fine & cool. Wind S.W. 6 miles p.h.
 4th. Fine & cool. Wind S.W. 8 miles p.h.
 5th. Fine & cool. Wind S.W. 12 to 15 miles p.h.
 6th. Morning fine & cool. Afternoon wet.
 7th. Morning fine & cool. Afternoon wind veered round to the West, followed by rain. Wind 25 miles p.h.
 8th. Showery.
 9th. Fine and cool. Wind 15 miles p.h.
 10th. Dull.. Wind S. 6 miles p.h.
 11th. Fine.
 12th. Fine. 5 miles p.h. wind.
 13th. Day fine. Wind S.W. 6 miles p.h.
 14th. Fine. Wind N.W/ 5 miles per h.
 15th. Fine.
 16th. Fine.
 17th. Fine.
 18th. Fine. Wind N.E. 5 miles p.h.
 19th. Fine. Wind. W. Heavy ~~night~~ rain through night.
 20th. Showery. Wind N.E. 10 miles p.h.
 21st. Fine & cool. Wind S. 5 miles p.h.
 22nd. Fine & cool.
 23rd. Fine
 24th. Fine.
 25th. Dull. Wind S.W. 10 miles p.h.
 26th? Dull & misty. Wind E. 5 miles p.h.
 27th? Fine.
 28th. Fine.
 29th. Fine.
 30th. Fine. Wind S?W. 10 miles per hour.
 31st? Light showers. Wind S.E. 6 miles p.h.

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