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Month Ending Jul 31 1916

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rue Marle	July 1 <sup>st</sup>		Battalions in 'B' Position trenches 63-68; Cos. 5.0.R. killed 9 wounded 1 missing	
	2.		Reg in B Position Cos 1 OR Killed 3 wounded	
	3		Reg in B Position. Cos 2 ORs wounded	
	4	10 pm.	Reg. relieved by N.2 Rifles. Marched to billets between La Crêche, Baillieul via Steenwerck, arriving 5 a.m.	
La Crêche	5		Reg in billets at La Crêche	
	6		Reg resumed training	
	7		Working party of 600. men between Neuve Eglise - Tranvaux. front line area. Reinforcements 450.R.	
	8	2 pm.	March via Morris - Strozeele to billets at Pradelle.	
Pradelle	9	11 a.m.	March via Hazebrouck to billets Ebblinghem arrived 3.30 pm.	
Ebblinghem.	10	10.30 a.m.	March to billets at Wordresques	
Wordresques	11	9 a.m.	March to Arques	
Arques		11.9 a.m.	Embarked at Arques	
Longead.		7 pm	Detramica at Longead. March via Amiens to billets 5 <sup>e</sup> Sauvent	
5 <sup>e</sup> Sauvent.	12	1.30 pm	arrived at billets - Training	
"	13		Training. New attack formation practiced	
"	14		Training in assault.	

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St Sauveur	July 15		Batt <sup>n</sup> training in new attack formation.	
	16	10:30 am	March via Coisy to billets Rainneville arrived 3 pm	
Rainneville	17		Company parade.	
	18	10:30 am	March via Rubempre - Herissart to billets Toutencourt - 1/2	
Toutencourt.	19		Company training	
	20		Bn at Toutencourt.	
	21		Batt <sup>n</sup> marched to Varennes. C.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Command. Camp Commanders & M Gun officers attended lecture on Machine Guns. at Rubempre.	
Varennes	22		Batt <sup>n</sup> practises route marching - Attention paid to march discipline.	
	23		Church parades. C.O. attended demonstration with live shell by Trench Mortar Battery	
	24		Batt <sup>n</sup> route marching + company training.	
	25		Route march and company training. C.O. attended the demonstration with live shell by T.M. Battery	
	26	5 am	Left for Albert. Arrived at bivouac 8 am. C.O. reconnoitred positions towards + in Poziers	
			Moved to relieve 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bde in reserve area. then to relieve 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde in Poziers Sector of front line. The Bn took over left Sector of front line by 5:30 am. A Coy Cemetery Trench. B Coy right Kays Trench. astride main line D Coy left Kays Trench. C Coy Chalk Pit. Warwickshire Regt on left. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bde on right. Lt E.A. Robinson reports prod. from 2 AOB. D.	Ref Map France 57 DSE Ea 2.B. X.A.H.
Poziers	27		Bn less 1 Coy in Poziers Trenches. Shelling by Germans very heavy. 10 ft L. Blankets Killed	

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Poziers	28	July	Batt in Poziers. A Coy Cemetery Trench. B, D Coys Kays Trench. 23 Bn. to attack at 12.15 am. near N.W. of Poziers. 22 Bn in reserve. Objective gained by has to be evacuated.	
"	29	9.30 pm 9 am	A Comp relieved by 23 B. Capt HC Brinsmead wounded. B . . . . . 23 B. 1 off wounded.	
	30	4 am.	D Comp relieved by 23 Bn.	
	31		Batt resting in Sausage Valley. (B Coys in Barliff Wood trenches) from 27 <sup>th</sup> until 4.30 P.M. Killed 156 wounded Bn in Sausage Valley. 1 off killed while on fatigue in Poziers. Lt A.G. Goodson killed 2, 0 R. Killed 6, 0 R. wounded	

G. Nicholas  
Capt  
C.O., 24 Bn