

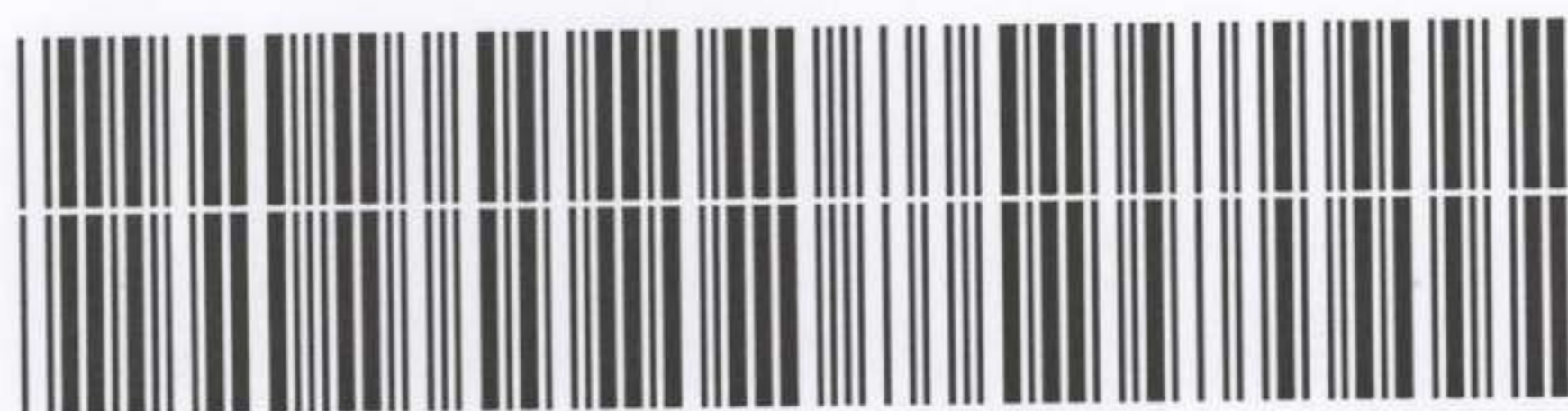
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BECOURT CAMP	APRIL 2		Snowing & cold. Bn Concert at Y.M.C.A. Band renders useful service.	Pl
"	3		Bayonet fighting. Platoon drill morning Coy parade & route march afternoon. 2/Lt. Pickett. Returned to duty.	Pl
"	4		Protection on march morning Outpost duties night.	Pl
"	5		Brigade Musketry orders carried out. on range Shooting only fast. M. Thanks from 2nd A.D.B.D. 2/Lt. BE. Nichol. ADC to G.O.C. 2nd Div.	Pl
"	6		Bayonet fighting demonstration afternoon. morning very wet. concert at night. Men appreciate these breaks.	Pl
"	7		Brigade manoeuvres during morning cold & snowing. Lieut. J. Foster evacuated to hospital.	Pl
"	8		Brigade Church parade. Lieut. F.S. McCoomy do. Capt. T.C. Keating do.	Pl
"	9		Bn inspected by C.O. Improvement in equipment. Coy parade afternoon. Lecture Theory of the rifle by Lt. Dawson.	Pl
"	10		(Officers) Snowing Lectures on Gas & masketry instruction to men.	Pl
"	11		Artillery formations practices during morning. Footbad afternoon. Lt. McCoomy returned from hospital.	Pl

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BECOURT CAMP	APRIL 12		Snowing. Lectures to men in huts	No. 1737 Sgt. Leales. J.L. promoted to 2 nd Lieut. No. 2690 Sgt. Rhynehart. H.L. do.
BEAUGNATRE	13		Vacated camp move forward to BEAUGNATRE bivouac for night. Lt. Col. Haysward, leave to England.	
	14		Pitch camp but ordered to move forward at night. B + D Coys attached to 22 nd Bn HQ A + C in reserve NOREUIL A + C Suffered.	
	15		Take over Bn front with B + D Coys in line NOREUIL Support Coys shelled Casualties 8 of rank wounded. Lieut. Carr. & Lieut. Smythe returned from leave.	
	16		Same dispositions Front quiet persistent shelling of Support's Casualties Killed 2 of rank. Wounded 6 "	
	17		Change over dispositions A + C Coys front line. B + D Support's Casualties Wounded 8 of rank. Lieut. Sillick returned to duty from Div. School.	
FAVREUIL	18		Relieved by 25 th Bn Belated in FAVREUIL Killed: 1 of rank. Wounded: 16 "	
	19		Resting. Cleaning up equipment etc Killed: 1 of rank. Wounded: 8 "	
	20		In Practised Attack Major Tom & Capt. Dawson trans. to 22 nd Bn. Capt. Giffey. Returned from hospital. 89 Reinforcements from stable. Lieut. Pittard. Returned from stable.	
	21		do do clear of mine	
	27 th		Church parade Brigade practice of attack afternoon	

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FAUREUIL	23		Demonstration of wire cutting & practised use of mats over wire during morning. Lecture to men of objectives etc for the attack	
	24		Practised shaking out into waves during morning. Sports during afternoon	
	25		Early morning (5 am) practise by Brigade Capt. Mawley Lieut. P. G. D. Getham Reported for duty Capt. Hatched	
	26		Corrected mistakes made on Bde parade during afternoon 29 Reinforcements from tables. Lieut. A. Hilecock Reported for duty	
	27		Lectures & practise by Bn of attack	
	28		Early morning Brigade practise of attack Bn working smoothly	
	29		Church parade	
	30		Gas respirator drill. Lectures from maps & photos of attack area morning. Sports afternoon	
	1		Warned to stand ready to proceed front line. Finishing touches to equipment etc completed	