

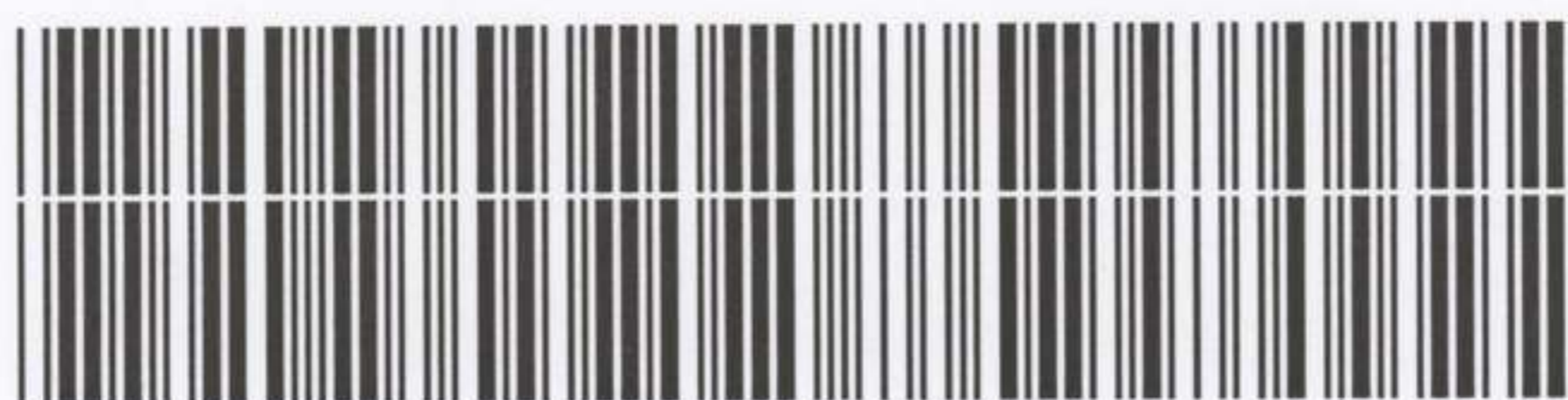
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BIRR BARRACKS. N2928.7. Sheet 28. 1/40000.	DEC. 4 th	1919	<p>Morning No 11 musketry on range No 9 rapid wiring Nos 7 & 8 tactical schemes on ground at N256. - musketry. - B fighting - <u>Afternoon</u> Football</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">SP</p>
	5		<p>Morning No 14 musketry on range No 11^{7/13} rapid wiring Nos 14 & 2 short tactical scheme on ground N256</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> BN sports. 1st event commencing at 12-30 pm.</p> <p><u>Results.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">SP</p>

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BIRR BARRACKS N29287 Sheet 28 1/40000.	DEC	1917		
		6.	<p><u>Morning</u> N° 15 platoon musketry on range N° 13 rapid wiring - close order drill - physical training - specialist training</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Football. 21st BN v 24th BN at 2 pm won by 24th BN by 21 points.</p> <p>Lt GILLESPIE commenced a course of instruction in map-reading for officers and NCO'S.</p>	M
		7	<p><u>Morning</u> H.Q. Details musketry on range - bombing - musketry - arm drill</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Football. H.Q. v. B Coy - won by H.Q.</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin-left: 20px;">Lieut. D. Smith and 106 ranks to duty with : Scott } : Martin } 184 tunnelling Coy.</p>	M
		8.	<p>Brigade sports at 10 am. BN prize-winners. Officers race. Capt. ELLWOOD MC.</p>	M
		9.	<p>Church Parade. CINEMA. HALL LOCRE Deputy-Chaplain General Bishop GWYNNE officiating Roman Catholic. - ORPHANAGE - afternoon Football.</p>	M
	10.	<p>Route march. afternoon. organised games.</p> <p>To be held by Lt. W. D. SCOTT, Lt. H. STRANAGHAN, Lt. A. E. MIDDLETON, Lt. F. S. HURREY, Lt. A. V. SEDGWICK.</p> <p>Court of Inquiry re loss of cardigan jackets. <u>President</u> CAPT. EV. SMYTHE MC</p> <p>members Lt. J. L. SCALES DSO Lt. C. MCLEAN.</p>	M	

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BIRR BARRACKS N29a 8-7 Sheet 28 1/40000	DEC	1917	<p>11. <u>Morning</u> Training of raiding platoon near KEMMEL. N°5 live bombing Close order drill - bayonet fighting - musketry.</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Final football match. G A I B side. 23rd BN v 24th BN won by former by 4 points. To be captains. Lts TC SEABROOK. + FG MENZIES. Capt. T.C. Seabrook reported for duty.</p>	H
		12.	<p><u>Morning</u> Raiding platoon continues training - live bombing - close order drill Bayonet fighting - afternoon organised games. - B. A. M.</p>	H
		13.	<p>as above.</p>	
		14.	<p><u>Morning</u> Raiding platoon carries out demonstration for GOC 2nd AUST DIV. near KEMMEL. Balance. close order drill - bayonet fighting.</p> <p><u>afternoon.</u> organised games.</p>	H
MOVE		15.	<p>move at 12.30 pm to T26 6.6.4 via DRANOUTRE - NEUVE EGLISE. move complete at 3.30 pm. Weather fine.</p>	H
KORTEPYR N°1		16.	<p>Church service ^{10.45 am} in Army Hut KORTEPYR N°2 Camp Chaplain BELAMBLE officialing Roman Catholic in YMCA hut. at 10.30 am.</p>	H
T26 6.6.4		17.	<p><u>Morning</u> Training of D Coy's raiding platoon and formation of A Coy's raiding platoon. Balance. Close order drill - dummy bombing - B fighting</p>	H
		18.	<p><u>Morning</u> Raiding platoons continue training. close order drill - bayonet fighting - physical training.</p>	

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KORTEPYP No 2 T26.6.6.4. Sheet 28 1/40,000	DEC	1917		
	19.		<u>Morning and afternoon.</u> Training of A + D Coy's raiding platoons. Physical training and games - close order drill at the double. - work of making bomb-proof all hutments continues.	JH.
	20.		<u>Morning</u> Raiding platoons continue training. D Coy's platoon use raiding ground at T9 d. A Coy's platoon using assault course in camp. Balance. Close order drill at the double. - Dummy bombing - Murphy. <u>Afternoon</u> C Coy v BN HQs won by latter by 11 points.	JH.
	21.		<u>WILSON NICHOLS</u> rejoins BN from wounded. ^{19/12/17} C Coy has Coy Xmas dinner at 6 pm. Lieut. A. E. Whitebear + 2/4/18 Keeg + West reported today. C Coy supply 1 officer and 50 blankets to ARM BAILLEUL. B " 1 of 52 blankets to R.O.O LA CRECHE ABC 4.8. (Sheet 36 N.W) D " 1 of 52 " " R.O.O TRENT. SZIC 2.2 (Sheet 28 1/40,000) A Coy has Coy Xmas dinner at 6 pm.	JH.
	22.		D Coy supplies 15 blankets to CONNAUGHT SIDINGS T26 d 53. (Sheet 28 1/40,000). D " " 1 of 65 " " LA CRECHE DEPOT. A Coy continues training of raiding platoon. B Coy has Coy Xmas dinner at 6 pm. Lieut. P. A. Jenkins returned.	JH.

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KORTIPP. N° 1 T26 G 6.4 Sheet 28 1/40000.	DEC	1917.	23. Church parade in CHURCH. ARMY. HUT. at 10.30am CHAPLAIN. F.H. DURNFORD MC. officiating Roman Catholic in YMCA at 10.30 am.	
			D Coy supplies 15 opanks to CONNAUGHT SIDING. T26 d 5.3 (Sheet 28 1/40000)	
			D " " 1 of 55 " " LA CRECHE Dept. ABC 4.8. (Sheet 36 NW)	JH
			A " " 2 of 100 " 2 LI NR TRENT Calvert reported S 21 C 22 (Sheet 28 1/40000)	
			24. B Coy supplies 2 Officers 100 opanks to LA CRECHE.	
			C " " 15 opanks " CONNAUGHT SIDING.	JH
			A " " 1 Officer 30 " " TRENT.	
			D Coy has Coy Xmas dinner at 6pm. 4 LI NR CALVERT reports for duty.	
			25. B Coy supplies 1 Officer 40 opanks to TRENT.	
			A " " 1 of 25 " " LA CRECHE.	JH
			Rifles from A.C.F distributed to all ranks.	
			26. D Coy supplies 15 opanks to CONNAUGHT SIDING. Lieut. H. Parter reported	
			D " " 15 " " LA CRECHE.	
			D " " 1 Officer 40 op. " TRENT.	
			B Coy plus 1 Officer and 40 opanks embark at T20C central (Sheet 28 1/40000) for DELLEVILLE FARM. for work on CORPS LINE - wiring	JH
			200* barbed wire entanglement from C 13 d 2.2	
			party carry RE stores. to C 13 d 4.3. (Sheet 36. N.W). Remainder 7	

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<p>KORTEPYP</p> <p>No. 1</p> <p>CAMP.</p>	27 th		<p>D boy supplies 1 Sgt + 15 ofks to report to CONNAUGHT SIDING.</p> <p>D " " 1 Off + 30 " " LA CRECHE DEPOT.</p> <p>D " " 1 " + 40 " " TRENT.</p> <p>B " plus 1 Off + 40 ofks from A boy work on Corps Line - wiring. 500 yds barb wire entanglements from C.14. b. 5.1 to 5.7 to C.15 a. 0.8.</p>	<p>GB</p>
	28 th		<p>D boy supplies 1 Off + 40 ofks to report to TRENT.</p> <p>D " " 1 Sgt + 15 " " CONNAUGHT SIDING.</p> <p>D " plus 1 Off + men from B boy to make party up to 90 ofks, to report to LA CRECHE</p> <p>A " " + 30 ofks from B boy work on Corps Line - wiring. - barb wire entanglements from C.13. d. 4.3. to C.14. c. 0.9 to C.14. c. 4.9 and from C.15. a. 0.8 to C.9. c. 6.0.</p>	<p>GB</p>
	29 th		<p>D boy supplies 1 Off + 40 ofks to report to TRENT.</p> <p>D " " 1 Sgt + 15 " " CONNAUGHT SIDING.</p> <p>D " " 1 Off + 20 " " LA CRECHE</p> <p>A " plus 1 Off + men from B boy to build party up to 120 ofks, work on Corps Line - wiring - from C.14. c. 4.9 to C.14 cent. to C.14. b. 5.1. and from C.9. c. 6.0 to C.9. d. 5.2.</p>	<p>GB</p>
	30 th		<p>C boy supplies 1 Sgt + 15 ofks to report to CONNAUGHT SIDING.</p> <p>A " " 1 Off + 40 " " TRENT.</p> <p>B " " 2 Off + all men to LA CRECHE.</p> <p>D " plus 1 Off + 30 ofks from A boy work on Corps line - wiring - from C.14 b. 2.2 to C.14. a. 7.4. to C.14. a. 5.3. to C.14. a. 2.7 crossing river at C.13. b. 8.7 then to C.7. d. 8.0.</p>	<p>GB</p>

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<p>KORTEPYP No. 1. CAMP.</p>	<p>1917 DEC 31st</p>		<p>C. Coy. supplies. 1 Sgt + 15 ofrks to report to CONNAUGHT SIDING, " " " 1 Off + 35 " " " LA CRECHE, " " " 2 Off + all men " " " TRÉNT. " " plus 1 Off + 30 ofrks from A Coy work on Corps line. - working. Barb wire entanglement from C. 7. d. 8. 0. to 9. 3. to 8. 8. to C. 8. a. 1-2. - another party - from C. 8. c. 7. 1. along REBECQUE AVENUE to C. 8. c. cent. thence along hedge to C. 8. d. 1. 9 then to C. 8. a. 8. 3.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Strength of Bn.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Off</td> <td style="text-align: center;">O/Ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">43</td> <td style="text-align: center;">875</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Baton strength</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34</td> <td style="text-align: center;">571</td> </tr> </table> <p>8 Officers joined up during month. 95 of Ranks " " " "</p> <p>- Officers evacuated during month 64 of Ranks " " " "</p>	Strength of Bn.	Off	O/Ranks		43	875	Baton strength	34	571	<p>QAB.</p>
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