

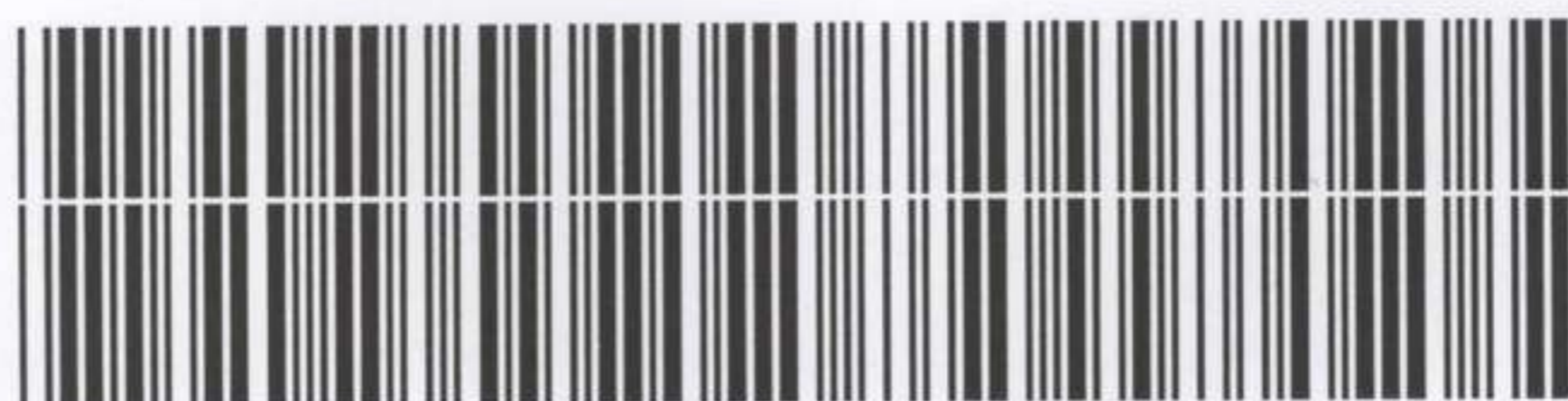
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beaulincourt	1917 July 1 st		<p>Church Parade. General Smyth attended. Lieut G. S. Clark on English leave. Lieut J. L. Watt appointed Assistant Adjutant. 4/sq Scholfield T.H. Commissioned.</p>	
	2 nd		<p>Training. Attack & Defence of a Village. Capt Bland returned from English furlough.</p>	
	3 rd		<p>Training. Inspection by G. O.C. 6th Bde. 1 Coy Field Firing Capt A G Brown M.C. to 5th Army Corps Infantry School. Lieut E Quirk to Div Bomb School as Instructor. Lieut Hogan & 30 O.R. from Reinforcements report for duty.</p>	
	4 th		<p>Training. Night Operations. Night Advance & Strong Patrols G. O.C. 2nd Div inspects Transport. 2nd Lieut Gawler M.C. reported for duty from 22nd Bn.</p>	
	5 th		<p>Training. Tactical Exercise. Bn in Attack.</p>	
	6 th		<p>Training. Night Operations. Night Outpost & forming up on Jumping Off Tape.</p>	
	7 th		<p>Training. Route March. 2nd Lt Carton reported from Hospital. 2nd Lt A.R. Neal reported for duty from 23rd Bn. 2nd Lieuts Vogler & DeBourel to 23rd Bn & 22nd Bn for duty. Cricket Matches.</p>	
	8 th		<p>Wet Church Parade put off. 2nd Lt F. Rigby reported back from Sniping School. 2nd Lieut G. Bailey reported for duty from 22nd Bn. 1 O.R. to 6th T. Bn England.</p>	

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Beaulincourt	1917 July 9 th		Training. Divisional Exercise - attack on THILLOY RIDGE. Capt E.M. Bland to 1 st Anzac Corps School as Instructor. 2 nd Lieuts R.R. Neal & G. Bailey & 10 O.R. on English Furlough. 21 O.R.s reported from Reinforcements for Duty.	
	" 10 th		Training. Bathing Parade. 2 nd Lt Deardon to Lewis Gun School. Le Touquet.	
	" 11 th		Lecture & address by Major H. Corrick D.S.O. & Archdeacon Ward on Venereal Disease. Drill.	
	" 12 th		Training. Tactical Exercise The Bde in Attack. Lieut G. J. Beaumont & 11 O.R. on English Leave.	
	" 13 th		Training. Coy & Bn Drill. Cricket Matches.	
	" 14 th		Training. Bn Drill. Lieut G. S. Clarke returned from English Furlough. Lieut F.P. Buddon & 1 O.R. to 6 th T. Bn England. 3 O.R. on English Furlough. Cricket Match 21 st Bn v 26 th Bn.	
	" 15 th		Church Parade. 4 O.R. to 6 th T. Bn. England. 3 O.R. on English Furlough. Cricket Match 21 st v. 24 th Bn.	
	" 16 th		Training & Bathing Parade. 3 O.R. on English Furlough.	
	" 17 th		Training. Tactical Exercise. The Bde in Attack & Defence.	
	" 18 th		Training. Bde Route March. 2 nd Lieuts H.L. Place & N.R. Holt, Lieuts J. Sullivan & G.H. Barton & 10 O.R. from Reinforcements reported for duty. 3 O.R. on English Furlough.	

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Beaulincourt.	1917 July 19 th		Training Night Operations. Blankets put through Foden lorry.	
	" 20 th		Training. Bn & Coy Drill. 2 nd Lieut Mason reports from Corps School. Court of Inquiry held on missing members. Concert by R.A.M.C. 3 O.R. on English Furlough. 2 nd Lieut A.V. Barns evac. Sick.	
	" 21 st		Training. Bde Exercise Attack practice. 2 nd Lieuts R.R. Neal & G. Bailey returned from English Furlough. Lieut G.S. Clarke & 2 O.R. to Corps Signal School. 1 O.R. acc'd Inj.	
	" 22 nd		Brigade Church Parade attended by Generals Birdwood & Smyth. Medals & Ribbands presented by Corps Commander. Major H.A. Crowther D.S.O. on English Furlough. Capt C.V. Duncan on Paris Leave. 2 nd Lieut Taylor & 6 O.R. to Corps School. 1 O.R. Died of Inj.	
	" 23 rd		Training Divisional Exercise. Chaplain Lambler on English Furlough. Lieut P.T. Hurrey & 4 O.R. to 6 th T. Bn England.	
	" 24 th	6-15am	Struck Camp and Marched via LIQNY-THILLOY-LE SARRS-POZIERES TO WELLINGTON HUTS near AVELUY arrived in Camp at 4 pm. Lieut G.J. Beaumont reported back from English leave. C.S.M. W ^m Power appointed 2 nd Lieut. 4 O.R. on English Leave.	
AVELUY.	" 25 th		Training. Bathing Parade & Foot inspection.	
	" 26 th		Training. Route March & Bathing Parade. 2 nd Lieut Deardon returned from L.M.G. School. 1 O.R. to 6 th T. Bn. England.	

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Aveluy	1917 July 27 th		Training. Route March + Bathing Parade. Capt Macneil M.C. + 3 O.R. on English leave. 2 nd Lieut G.A. Edlmanson evac with sprained ankle. R.S.M. Green to Corps School as Instructor.													
	" 28 th		The Bn entrained at Aveluy at 11-30 am, detrained at Arques at 11 pm. Marched to Campagne billeted by 12.10 am. Capt A.E. Richards to Le Harve for duty.													
Campagne	" 29 th		Wet day. 6 O.R. on English Furlough.													
	" 30 th		Training. 2 nd Lieut G.A. Edlmanson returned from Hospital.													
	" 31 st		Training. Inspection by Corps Commander. 3 O.R. on English leave. Capt. C.V. Duncan returned from Paris Leave. Capt H.C.A. Sandford returned from Sick leave. Lieut C.H. Miller (D.S.M.) returned from Wounded list. 2 nd Lieut H.H. Corney from Sick list. " W.H. Harper (7 th Bn) reported for duty. 58 O.R. Reinforcements from Base.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Effective Strength.</td> <td>O.</td> <td>O.R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>42</td> <td>747</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attached</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>12</td> <td>75</td> </tr> </table>	Effective Strength.	O.	O.R.		42	747	Attached	1	5	Detached	12	75
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