

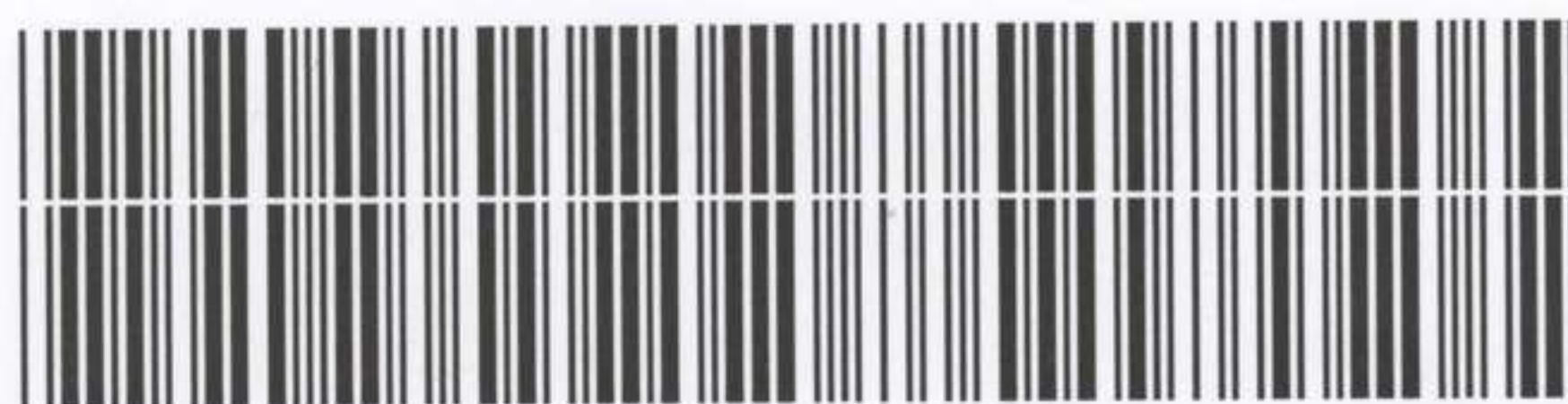
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1916			
1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	H 26 D 4-7	9 am Working party of 10 supplied from HQ details. Corp occupying front line - Casualties 1 OR killed	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	"	12 noon 141 OR Reinforcements marched in - Casualties in front line 1 OR wounded 1 OR sick.	
		4 30 pm 3 OR Reinforcements marched in	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party supplied to Engineers in front line 2 men from Rinks evacuated sick - measles - All men in billets placed in isolation 2 OR evacuated from trenches sick.	
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party* supplied to Engineers for front line - Animals 20 OR from schools. Capt F STREET from 30 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>de</sup> Departures 2 OR for Machine Gun school	* Instructions carried that party was to work by itself + not to mix with troops in the trenches
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party* supplied to Engineers in front line Animals 3 OR from Schools Lieut DRUMMOND from Sniping school	A White Capt 2/10 32 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 1916

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1916			
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	H 26 D 47	Departures - Capt F. STREET to 30 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>ty</sup> { 1 OR Wounded 3 OR Sick	* Working parties carried instructions to work by themselves & not to mix with troops in trenches owing to isolation for mistakes
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party* supplied to Engineers 150 men	
	"	9 pm do * do 30 ..	
		Arrivals - Major M PURSER from 30 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>ty</sup> assumed Temp	
		Command of B <sup>ty</sup> Capt A WHITE relinquished Temp	
		command & takes on duties as acting Adjutant	
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party* supplied to Engineers 130 men	
	"	9 pm do * do 30 men	
		Arrivals 1 OR from Hospital 1 OR from 30 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>ty</sup>	
		Casualties 1 OR wounded 1 OR sick	
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party* supplied to Engineers 130 men	
	"	9 pm do do 40 ..	
	"	6 pm 11 OR sappers marched in.	
	"	Arrivals 4 OR from Hospital 3 OR from Light T M Battery	A White Capt for No. 32 B <sup>ty</sup>



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4/9/16 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	H 26 D 47	Departures 1 OR to hospital Promotions 310 SGT EG WAKELIN + 404 WO J F HARDY to be 2/Lieut dated 2/9/16 also promoted <sup>to 2/Lieut</sup> <sub>order</sub> List No 71 (SINCLAIR in hospital wounded)	* Working parties carried instructions to work by themselves & not to form with troops in trenches owing the isolation for measles.
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	6 am Working party supplied to Engineers 100 men*	
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	7 am 2 Working parties (one of 100 and one of 30 men) supplied to Engineers* Arrivals:- 2 OR from Hospital Casualty:- 1 OR died of wounds. Departures:- 1 OR to 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn, 11 <sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde.	
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	7 am 2 Working parties (one 130 and one 10 men) supplied to Engineers* Arrivals:- 2 OR from Hospital. Departures:- 2 OR to Hospital	M. B. B. Major at 6.0, 32nd Bn



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12 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H26 D47	4 am	2 Parties (one of 90 and one of 40 <sup>men</sup> ) supplied to Engineers *	* Working parties carried instructions to
		2.30 pm	1 Party of 20 men	work by themselves
		9 pm	1 " " 20 "	and not mix with
			Departures: - 1 OR to L.M.G. School, LE TOUQUET	troops in trenches on
			4 OR to Hospital	account of isolation
			Arrivals: - 2 OR from " " "	for men.
			1 OR " Infirmary School, MONT-DE-CATS	
			2 OR " Civil Eng. School, SAILLY.	
			8 OR " Hospital.	
			2 OR " Reinforcements	
			Casualty: - Lieut. J. C. ... died of wounds	
			(reported wounded 20/4/16)	
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug		4 am	1 Working Party of 45 men supplied to Engineers *	S. M. ... 9/16/16, 3 20/16
			Departures: - 2 OR to Civil Eng. School, SAILLY	
			2 OR to Hospital	

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13 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H 26 D 47	Arrivals - 3 OR from Hospital			
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	"	from 1 Working Party of 20 men	* Working parties carried instructions to work by themselves and not mix with troops in trenches on account of isolation for measles.		
	"	" 50 "		} supplied to Engineers *	
	"	" 40 "			
	"	" 30 "			
		Appointment - Major R.H. BEARDSMORE, V.D.			
		(in hospital) to Command 32 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.			
		Arrivals:- 4 OR from Hospital			
		Departure:- 1 OR to "			
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	"	from 1 Working Party of 100 men	} supplied to Engineers *		
	"	" 10 "			
	"	" 40 "			
		Departures:- 4 OR to R.F. YARD, BAC ST MAUR	} Major of Bn. 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn		
		2 OR to Civil Gas School, SAILLY			

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15 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H 26 DAY	Departures:- 1 OR to Hospital Arrivals:- 2 OR from Div. Pigeon School, SAILLY 1 Lt. A.G. SINCLAIR and 24 OR from Hospital 1 OR from Reinforcements	* Working Parties carried instructions to work by themselves and not mix with troops in trenches on account of isolation for measles
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	" 7am	1 Working Party of 65 men } " 1 " " " 45 " } supplied to " 1 " " " 45 " } Engineers* 8pm Relief:- 1 Officer and 25 OR from "A" Coy. relieved from trenches and put into Billets.	
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	" 7am	1 Working Party of 100 men } " 1 " " " 30 " } Engineers* Promotions:- Capt. A. R. WHITE to be Major since KNIGHT succeeded - dated 10/1/16	M. B. ... Major 2/16.0, 3 ...

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1916			
17th Aug	H26 D47	Promotions:- 1191 WO(1) Wm. ALFRED WARD to be	
		339 Sgt FRANCIS MICHAEL NELSON 2/10	
		838 " HERBERT THOS. <sup>CRAIN</sup> <del>CRANE</del> dated 11/9/16	
		Lt. R.H. ROBINSON granted temporary	
		rank of Captain since LLOYD wounded	
		- dated 20/4/16	
		Secounded:- Capt F.C. LLOYD dated 19/4/16	
		(wounded) " G. Q. TAPLIN " 1/8/16	
		Lieut. J. ION " 19/4/16	
		" A.T. ROGERS " 19/4/16	
		" J. B. O'CONNOR " 19/4/16	
		1/Lt. O.B. THOMAS " 19/4/16	
		" S.E.G. MILLS " 19/4/16	
		" A. CAMPBELL " 19/4/16	

M. B. O'Connell Major  
A.B.O. 3rd Bn



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17 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H 26 D 47	Secured:- Major J. J. HUGHES (missing) Capt. R. A. KEAY 2/Lt. J. BENSON " A. PATERSON " R. T. GRIFFIN	dated 20/7/16
		Departures:- 3 OR to Hospital 1 OR to 8 <sup>th</sup> L.T.M.B.	
		Arrivals:- 1 OR from Hospital	
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	" 7 am	1 Packing Party of 12 men	
	" 1 "	" " 40 "	supplied to Engineers
	" 1 "	" " 10 "	supplied to Signal Co
	" 1 "	" " 40 "	" " 8 <sup>th</sup> L.T.M.B.
	" 1 "	" " 20 "	" " 8 <sup>th</sup> L.T.M.B.
	" 1 "	" " 16 "	" " 2nd Bomb Sqn

*Benson Major  
A.P.O., 2nd Bomb Sqn*

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1916			
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H76 D47	6.30am 1 Working Party of 11 men supplied to Bgde. P.M. Isolation on account of measles removed.	
		8pm Remainder of "A" Coy. relieved from trenches.	
		Departures: - 2 OR to Hospital	
		Arrivals: - 1 OR from Hospital	
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	7am 1 Working Party of 30 men supplied to Engineers	
		" 1 " " 20 " " "	
		" 1 " " 10 " " "	
		8am 1 " " 80 " " "	
		7am 1 " " 20 " " "	
		Arrivals: - 2 OR from Div. Engineering School, SAILLY	
		2 OR " " Gas " "	
		Departures: - 1 OR to Hospital	
		2/Lt. W.A. WARD appointed Acting Adjutant,	

*M. J. ...*  
*apb. 3rd Aug*



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1916			
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	H26D47	vice Major A.R. WHITE promoted. "A" Coy, re-organised into 3 Platoons, each of 2 sections.	
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	8pm "A" Coy relieved "B" Coy, in trenches. 7am Working party of 15 men	
	"	" 1 " " " 30 "	
	"	" 1 " " " 12 "	} supplied to Engineers.
	"	" 1 " " " 50 "	} *B Coy relieved "C" & "D" Coy in trenches
		Arrivals:- 3 O.R. from Hospital.	
		Departures:- 3 O.R. to Hospital.	
21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	"	Working Party of 20 men } supplied to " 1 " " " 30 " } Engineers	
		Departures:- 2 Lt. HARDY E. 13 O.R. to Divl Eng. School, SAILLY. 1 O.R. to Armourers School, CALAIS.	Major 2/16/16



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21 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	H26 D47	Departures:- 8 OR. to 8 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Co. (attached) 1 OR. transferred to 31 <sup>st</sup> Batten, 5 OR. to Hospital.	
		"C" and "D" Cos. <sup>both</sup> re-organised into 2 Platoons each of 4 Sections.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	" 7am	1 Working party of 25 men } supplied to	
	"	1 " " 25 " } Engineers	
	"	1 " " 21 " } supplied to	
	"	1 " " 21 " } Artillery	
	"	1 " " 50 " supplied to Sigs.	
		Arrivals:- 2 OR. from Hospital	
		LT. HALKYARD, C.L., evacuated sick and struck off strength.	<p><i>W. B. Bunker</i>  <i>Major</i>  <i>31<sup>st</sup> Batten</i></p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	" 6am	1 Working party of 40 men supplied to M.T.M.B.	

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25 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H 76 d 47 9.30am	"b" large, hit & struck and set on fire by 2 enemy shells. 2/Lt. NELSON (wounded) the only casualty.	
		Arrivals - 2 O.R. from Hospital.	
		1 O.R. transferred from 8 <sup>th</sup> L.T.M.B.	
		Departures - 1 O.R. transferred to 4 <sup>th</sup> A.A.S.C.	
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	" 7am	2 Working Parties each of 25 men supplied to	
	" "	2 " " " 10 " } Engineers	
	" "	1 Working Party of 15 men supplied to T.M.B.	
	" 1	" " " 11 " " 8 <sup>th</sup> L.T.M.B.	
	" 1	" " " 30 " " Sig Section	
	9pm	1 " " 21 " " Artillery	
		Arrivals:- 2/Lt. HARDY, F. & 3 O.R. from Engineering School	
		Departures:- 1 O.R. to Hospital	<p>M. Brown          at 10.30          Major          200</p>

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26th Aug.	H W day	Casualty - 1 O.R. killed in action	
27th Aug.	" 7 am.	7 Working Parties - two of 26, one of 15, one of 10, one of 20, one of 5 and one of 10 men, supplied to Engineers	
		Arrivals:- 2 O.R. from Divisional Gas School, SAILLY	
		1 O.R. " Hospital	
		Departures:- 2 Lt. CRAIN H.T. and 3 O.R. to Divisional Engineering School, SAILLY	
	9.30 pm	2 Lt. SINCLAIR A.C. and 46 O.R. from "D" Coy, relieved 30th Batta, at CROIX BLANCHE - relief completed by 9.58 pm.	
28th Aug	" 5 am.	1 Working Party of 2 Officers and 200 O.R. supplied to Coy Section	
		1 Working Party of 5 men supplied to Engineers.	M. B. ... Major ... 27th ...
	9 am	1 " " " 20 " " " " "	

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1916			
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	H 26 d 47	<p>Arrivals:- Major R.H. BEARDSMORE, V.D., arrived from Hospital and assumed command of Batta.</p> <p>Departures:- 1 O.R. to Divisional Boot Store.</p> <p>Promotions <sup>853</sup>:- W.O. (II) JOHN JAMES ANDREW to be of Lieut. 1700 Serg. CHAS. MICHAEL TAYLOR } dated 22/8/16</p>	
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	" 6 am	<p>1/Lt. DRUMMOND, I.M., and 50 other ranks from "C" Coy, relieved 31<sup>st</sup> Batta, at JUNCTION POST - relief completed by 6.15 am.</p>	
	" 7 am	<p>Following Working Parties supplied:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 each 10 men to Engineers</li> <li>1 of 12 " " "</li> <li>2 each 30 " " "</li> <li>1 of 40 men " (supplied from JUNCTION POST)</li> </ul>	<p><i>R.D. [unclear]</i></p> <p><i>Chas. Michael Taylor</i></p> <p><i>at 11.30 am</i></p>

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1916			
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	H 26 d 47	7am Working Party of 11 men supplied to L.T.M.D.	
		2pm 1 " " 5 " " " Engineers	
		8.30pm 1 " " 34 " " " Artillery	
		Arrivals: - 17 O.R. from Hospital.	
		25 O.R. " Reinforcements	
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	"	7am Following Working Parties supplied to Engineers:-	
		2 each 10 men ; 1 of 30 men	
		2 " 25 " ; 1 " 20 "	
		2 " 40 " ; 1 " 12 "	
		2pm 1 of 5 men	
		Arrivals: - 1 O.R. from Cycle Battalion	
		Removed to Billets in RUE DE BIACHE	
		Following decorations awarded:-	
		D.S.O. - Major R.H. BEARDSMORE, V.D.	ROD [Signature]

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ROD [Signature]  
[Signature]



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30th Aug	H 25 d 48	Decorations (contd.)	
		Military Cross - Major A. R. WHITE	
		2/Lieut. S. E. G. MILLS.	
31st Aug	yam	Following Working Parties supplied to Engineers:-	
	yam	2 each 10 men; 1 of 40 men	
		2 " 20 " ;	
		2 " 30 "	
	2pm	1 of 5 "	
	8.30pm	1 of 22 "	
		Arrivals:- 1 O.R. from Hospital	
		Departures:- 2 O.R. to Hospital.	
			R. O. B. [Signature] Aug 31st 1916

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