

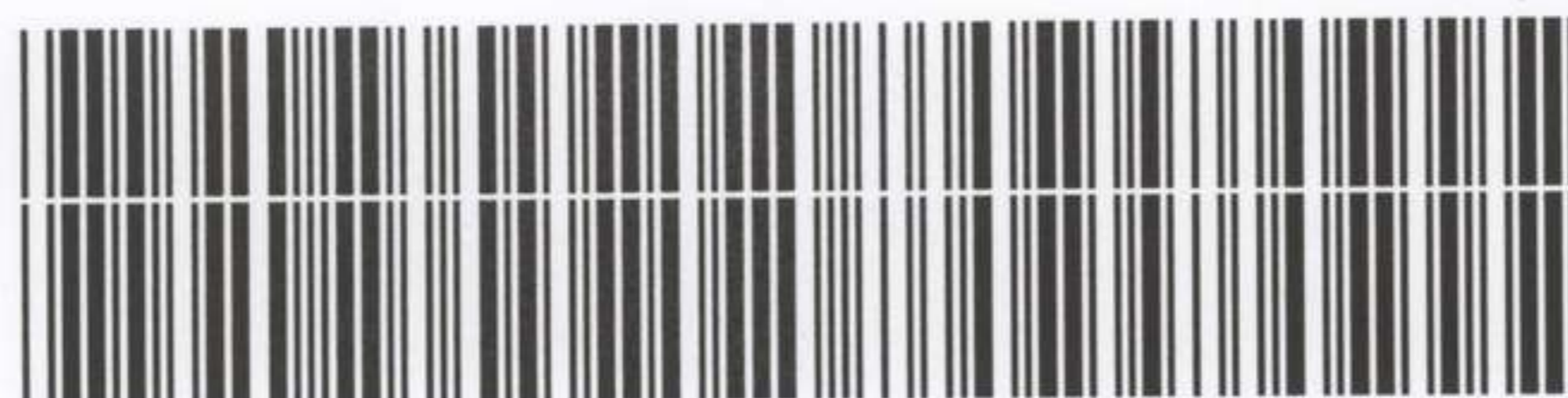
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BUIRE.	June 1 st		B ⁿ training & Coy competitions carried on. B Coy Major Brown selected to represent B ⁿ in Brigade Competitions	
	2 nd		Coy training in the morning. B ⁿ Sports meeting held in afternoon & Boxing tournaments in the evening	
	3 rd		Church Parade for the Brigade	
	4 th		B ⁿ training in the morning & B Coy in the Brigade competition; Lt Col J.G. Mackay proceeds on leave. General Birchwood came round during the day	
	5 th		B ⁿ field firing day midday meal taken out. Grouping practice at 100 ^{yds} shooting poor on the whole.	
	6 th		Coy training carried on in the morning & Bathing Parade in the afternoon	
	7 th		B ⁿ field Musketry on range. Grouping practice at 100 ^{yds} shooting improving	

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BUIRE	JUNE	8 th	Bn training in the morning. Night concentration march for Coys to ^{the} hill 12; good marching. Lt Power proceeds on leave to PARIS.	
		9 th	Bn under Brigade orders in attack. Co-operating with Contact Aeroplane. scheme successful the Aeroplane receiving our message & dropping a good map of our position advanced to. Boxing tournaments in the evening. 2/Lt W.A. Tebbels joined the Bn.	
		11	Bn training carried on Coys doing wiring practice. Bathing parade in the afternoon. Lt Barnes goes to Divisional Intelligence School	
		10	Brigade Church Parade.	
		12	Bn marched to HENENCOURT taking Mid day meal to watch the Divisional Sports. Returned at 6 p.m.	



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BUIRE	JUNE		<p>13th Bu marched to HENENCOURT to watch Divisional Sports returned at 6 p.m. Bu Lumber 2nd in Divisional Competition</p> <p>14th Bu training carried on. Lecture in the afternoon by Capt Judge on March Discipline. Major Brown goes to PARIS on leave & Lt Bambridge to ROUEN on leave.</p> <p>15th Bu Musketry grouping at 100^{yds} & figure target at 200^{yds} shooting considerably better. Lt Wright^{COO} sent to Transport school at ARREVILLE. Lt 17th Mahon & Horniman returned from ANZAC CORPS School. Lt Piper sent to Trench MORTAR School.</p> <p>16th Bu training carried on. Battering Parade in the afternoon & Brigade Boxing tournament in the evening.</p> <p>17th Brigade Church Parade. Lt W. J. G. Tackay^{COO} returned from leave</p>	

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BUIRE	JUNE		<p>18th Bⁿ training carried on Bombing attacks along trench carried out. Bathing Parade in afternoon weather very hot indeed</p> <p>19th Bⁿ Musketry Grouping practice abt 100^x great improvement in shooting</p> <p>20th Bⁿ training carried on. New hours for training on account of hot weather 7-9.30 a.m.</p> <p>21 Bⁿ musketry grouping & figure target practice shooting good.</p> <p>22 Training in the morning & Night concentration march abt 2 a.m.</p> <p>23 Field firing practice 7 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Coy acting as a rearguard to a larger force retreating from Albert towards the NORTH. <u>CSB</u></p>	

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	<u>24</u>		<p>Brigade Church Parade at 9.30 a.m. General Bidwood & General Walker both presents. The following decorations were presented by General Bidwood to Officers & men of this Bn mentioned below.</p> <p><u>Military Cross</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lt R.A. Macalpine M.C.</td> <td>No 904 CQMS. HUGH. C.B.</td> <td>No 4046</td> <td>4th. Selby. W.V.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lt R.G. H^o Mahon. M.C.</td> <td>1741 Cpl. Carroll. P.W.</td> <td>2581</td> <td>Pte Bell. J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2451 Pte Tierney C</td> <td>1762</td> <td>Pte Henry. W.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1478 Cpl. Campbell. J.G.</td> <td>3044</td> <td>Sgt Grant. A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>109 " Johnson W.S.</td> <td>4028</td> <td>4th. Long. A.F.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2416 4th. Morgan J.A.</td> <td>2487</td> <td>4th. Cowb AF</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2030 Pte Spence W.</td> <td>2243</td> <td>Pte Shepherd. R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1989 " H^o Jutosh C.H.</td> <td>38</td> <td>Cpl. Coleman L</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2006 Sgt O'Grady W.</td> <td>2870</td> <td>Pte Young. L.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2174 Pte H^o Keane W</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2721 Cpl. Spendlove. R.N.</td> <td></td> <td>Ct. 5</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Distinguished Conduct Medal</u></p> <p>No 131. Sgt Maguire J.</p>	Lt R.A. Macalpine M.C.	No 904 CQMS. HUGH. C.B.	No 4046	4th. Selby. W.V.	Lt R.G. H ^o Mahon. M.C.	1741 Cpl. Carroll. P.W.	2581	Pte Bell. J.		2451 Pte Tierney C	1762	Pte Henry. W.		1478 Cpl. Campbell. J.G.	3044	Sgt Grant. A.		109 " Johnson W.S.	4028	4th. Long. A.F.		2416 4th. Morgan J.A.	2487	4th. Cowb AF		2030 Pte Spence W.	2243	Pte Shepherd. R.		1989 " H ^o Jutosh C.H.	38	Cpl. Coleman L		2006 Sgt O'Grady W.	2870	Pte Young. L.		2174 Pte H ^o Keane W				2721 Cpl. Spendlove. R.N.		Ct. 5	
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BUIRE.	JUNE 25 th		Field firing scheme of rear guard action the same as Saturday with two Coys doing live Bomb throwing.	
	26 th		In the afternoon the B ⁿ marched to BRESLE to attend a lecture on "Venereal Disease"	
	27 th		B ⁿ attended a "Gas Demonstration" at the Divisional Gas school at RICHMONT. Kib Inspection & Officers wearing class in the afternoon	
	28 th		B ⁿ training carried on.	
	29 th		B ⁿ marched out of BUIRE at 7.30 a.m. for MAILLY-MAILLET strength 30 Officers & 758 other ranks. Marching very good. Bunkers were left clean & in good order.	
MAILLY-MAILLET			B ⁿ training on new ground & new towers; Coys as advanced guard & Coy in open attack in the afternoon Lt Hokinman proceeded on leave.	CSB

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P. MAILLY-MAILLET	June 30	4	<p>First Brigade addressed by The Hon. Mr. Holman Premier of N. S. Wales, General Birdwood & General Walker present. The Hon. Mr. Holman interviewed any of the men who wished to see him after the parade. Very bad weather & heavy rain & night concentration march cancelled.</p>	
			<p><u>ChS</u></p>	
			<p>C. B. Lane Major for Lt Col. 4th Bu.</p>	