

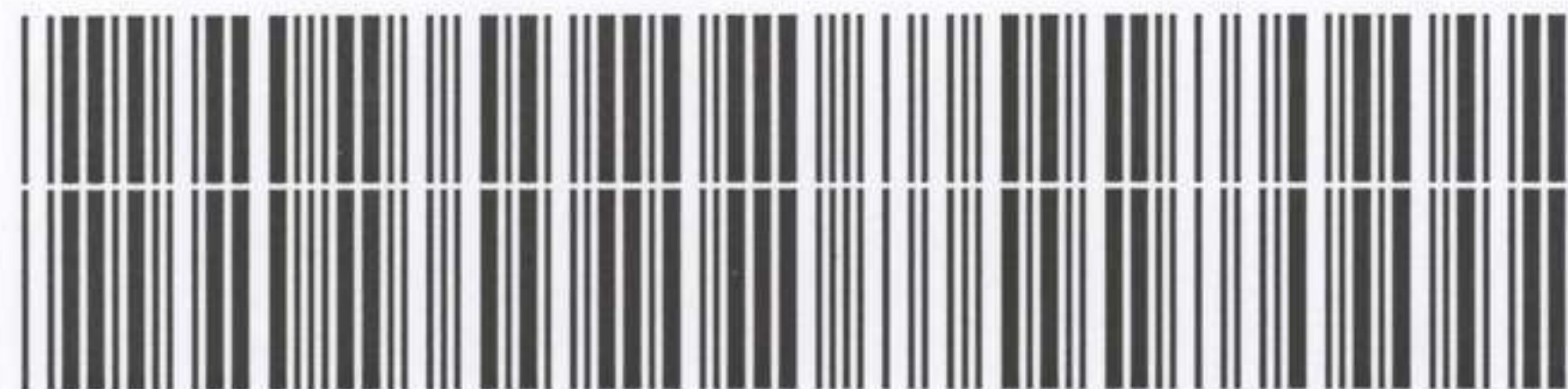
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Strength	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAULEN-COURT	1 st / ₁₇		Battalion still under canvas at BEAULENCOURT, having moved here from WARLOY on 15 th June. Church Parades as follows: Protestant 10am: RC 9am	42 off 771 O.R.	W/B
"	2 nd / ₁₇		Attack practice in morning. 24 th Batt ⁿ defending Le Grandloy, 22 nd and 23 rd Batt ^{ns} attacking. Afternoon - sport	42 " 770 "	"
"	3 rd / ₁₇		Company drill and training of Specialists in morning. Batt ⁿ drill in afternoon	42 " 788	"
"	4 th / ₁₇		Company training in morning. Training of fighting patrols at night. Evacuation of trenches	42 " 787	"
"	5 th / ₁₇		Tactical scheme between VILLERS-AU-FLOS and BEAULENCOURT: 21 st and 22 nd Batt ^{ns} attacking: 23 rd Bn defending	42 " 785	"
"	6 th / ₁₇		Platoons field firing in morning. Outpost at night	42 " 785	"
"	7 th / ₁₇		Route march in morning - sport in afternoon	43 " 784	"
"	8 th / ₁₇		Church Parades as follows - RC 9am Protestants 10am	43 " 781	"
"	9 th / ₁₇		2 nd Div ^l tactical exercise: 2 nd Div ^l attacking RIENCOURT, BEAULENCOURT and THILLOY RIDGE from direction of VILLERS-AU-FLOS & BANCOURT	43 " 799	"
"	10 th / ₁₇		Coys + Batt ⁿ drill in morning - Specialist training in afternoon	43 " 801	"
"	11 th / ₁₇		Baths and Route march in morning. Lecture on Venereal Disease in afternoon by Major Conrick and Archdeacon Ward	43 " 799	"

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BEAULENCOURT	12 th 17		Brigade attack practice at BEAULENCOURT	586 O.R.	15/B
"	13 th 17		Company Drill + Specialist Training 8.30 am to 11 am Route march 11-1	43 - 799	
"	14 th 17		Squad, Platoon + Company Drill morning: Route march afternoon	43 - 794	"
"	15 th 17		Church Parades as follows Protestant 10am R.C. 9am	43 - 793	"
"	16 th 17		tactical use of Platoon (morning): Use of Lewis Gun in company attack in afternoon	43 - 791	"
"	17 th 17		Attack practice on line between BEAULENCOURT and VILLERS-AU-FLOS	43 - 790	"
"	18 th 17		Baths at BEAULENCOURT - followed by Company Route March	43 - 788	"
"	19 th 17		Specialist Training + Bayonet Fighting	44 - 794	"
"	20 th 17		Specialist Training + Batta Drill in morning: Route march during afternoon	44 - 792	"
"	21 st 17		Attack Practice VILLERS-AU-FLOS	43 - 789	"
"	22 nd 17		Church Parades: R.C. at 9am: Protestant 10am	43 - 786	"
"	23 rd 17		Divisional exercise. Attack on BANCOURT and FREMICOURT assembly at 3.30am	43 - 782	"
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BEAULEN COURT	24 th 17		Batt ⁿ marched from BEAULEN COURT to AVELUY (13 mls) reaching AVELUY at 4 pm Billeted in huts near ANZAC CORPS SCHOOL	off OR 43 - 767	6/B
AVELUY	25 th 17		Bathing parade in morning. Specialist training in afternoon	43 - 764	"
"	26 th 17		Fitting equipment: Bayonet & Gas Drill & Musketry Dr in morning. Route march 4 1/2 mls and bathing parade in afternoon	43 - 766	"
"	27 th 17		Bombing practice in morning: Lecture by Army expert on Bayonet fighting. Route march and bathing parade in afternoon	43 - 766	"
"	28 th 17		Batt ⁿ entrained at AVELUY at 8:47 pm Detrained at ARQUES at 7 am following morning	43 - 766	"
ARQUES (Bandringhem)	29 th 17		Batt ⁿ reached ARQUES Rly St ⁿ at 7 am. Marched to BANDRINGHEM (5 km) Billeted in farm houses	43 - 770	"
"	30 th 17		Bad weather. Companies worked in billets	43 - 771	"
"	31 st 17		Batt ⁿ parade. Company Dr in morning. Inspection by Brigade and Corps Commander Route march in afternoon	43 - 771	6/B