

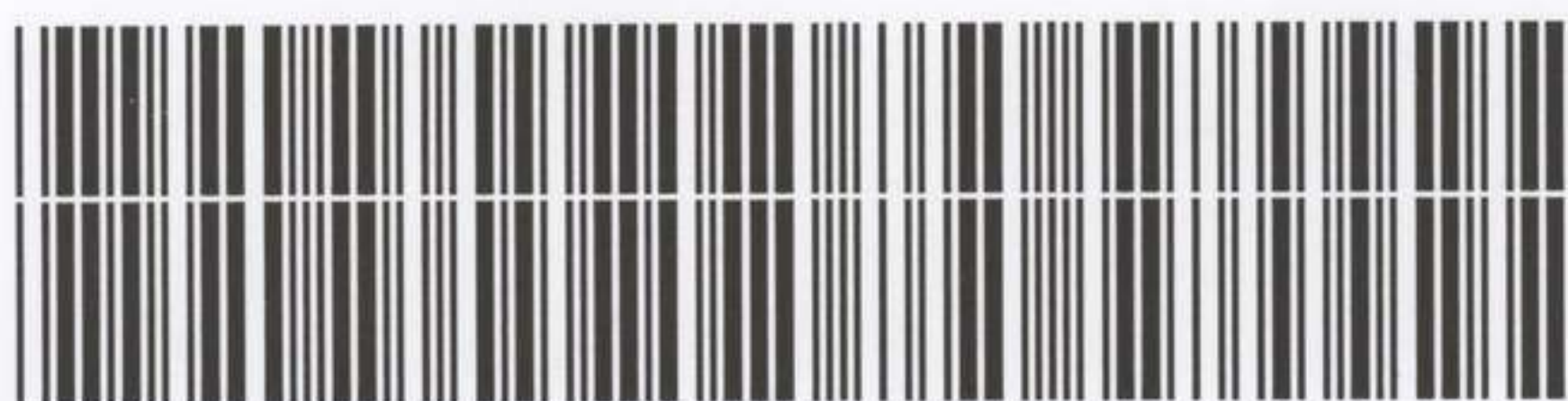
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Bois GRENIER	1916 Apr			
	24		In Front Trenches Improvement of defenses continued. Normal conditions 1 OR to Hpl	
	25		ditto ditto. Aerial activity. 3 OR wounded	
	26		ditto ditto Enemy shells in vicinity of H20 at WHITE CITY 50. H 2 Hk. slight material damage. 1 OR to Hospital 1 from Hpl. relieved at 9.15 pm by 18 th Br.	
	27		In Billets Fatigue parties supplied to trenches At 10.20 pm Gas Alarm signals heard, our artillery opened fire on enemy front line trenches. Firing ceased at 11.5 pm 1 OR wounded.	
	28		In Billets, fatigue work as usual. no unusual occurrences. 1 OR to Hospital	
	29		In Billets do do 1 OR from	
	30		do do Gas alarm received 2 am. Gas supposed to be at ARMENTIERES. No gas on our front. day normal.	
	May 1		Day Normal, Relieved 18 th Br in front line trenches at 10 pm. Night quiet 3 O.R. from Hospital	
	2		In front trenches work continued on trenches Normal conditions	
	3		ditto ditto do 3 OR. wounded 21 from Hospital LIEUT W.R. ALLAN + 29 O.R. Re-inforcements.	

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BOIS GRENIER	May 4		In Front Trenches Work on improvements STOKES Guns used on enemy. Shelling by enemy LIEUT H.B.D. BARLOW. Slightly wounded at duty 4 O.R. wounded.	
	5		In Front Trenches Day normal except registration by enemy. At 7.30 pm enemy opened a intense bombardment of BRIDOUX SALIENT & support lines in rear, which lasted 2 hours Enemy raiding party entered apex of SALIENT capturing LIEUT H. R. BLANCHARD & 10 O.R & 2 Stokes mortars Parapets and trenches badly damaged. Lieut J.J. CONNOR died of wounded LIEUT FRANCIS S.C. LIEUT. R. R. HARPER & CAPT. AR. HOSKING. wounded, first named evacuated 23 O.R. Killed 75 O.R. wounded, 6 other ranks to H.P. work started at 11 pm to repair damage.	
	6		In Front trenches Repairs to trenches continued, relieved at 10 pm by 18 th Bn. do & returned to Bille's	
	7		In Bille's No unusual occurrences 1 O.R. from Hospital	
	8		ditto Latrines provided to trenches nothing unusual 2 O.R. from H.P.	
	9		ditto ditto being killed vicinity of CANTEEN FARM	
	30.	4 2.	H.P. no damage caused 1 O.R. wounded 2 other ranks to H.P.	
	10		In Bille's Latrines as usual 2 O.R. to Hospital sick.	

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BOIS GRENIER	1916 May 11		In Bill's. Fatigue work as usual. nothing unusual 1 OR wounded 1 OR to Hpl.	
	12		Lient ^{ditto} R. M. Call Intelligence officer complemented in ^{ditto} ANZAC R.O.s for good work done on night of 5 th / 6 th May. ^{ditto} 1 OR to Hospital	
	13		from Hospital 4 O.R. from re-inforcements In Bill's Fatigue parties as usual. nothing unusual 1 OR from Hospital	
	15		do do do ditto 1 O.R. from Hpl sick	
	16		do do do relieved 10. P.M. in front line trenches at 10pm evening quiet. Working in front of trenches continued.	
	17		In Front Trenches day night quiet. Gas alarm heard & left at 11 pm. no gas on our front 1 OR to Hpl. 1 OR from Hospital LIEUT N. R. ALLAN * 59 O.R. re-inforcements	
	18		In Front Trenches Artillery active on enemy trenches. Everything else normal 1 OR from Hospital	
	19		In Front Trenches Enemy active on front trenches. no damage caused. LIEUT	
	20		from In Front Trenches Our Artillery active on enemy trenches, SALIENT BOMBED without damage. 2 O.R. wounded 1 OR from Hospital LIEUT MORGAN JONES * LIEUT CALDERWOOD 1 O.R. re-inforcements.	

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BOIS GRENIER	1916 May 21		In Front trenches Repairs to trenches Our Artillery active on enemy trenches. During afternoon enemy killed 50- to 52 slight damage 1 O.R. wounded 1 OR from 2nd	
	22		During evening SALIENT bombed by enemy 2. OR killed 1 wounded In Front trenches, day quiet. at night enemy opened with bombs but retaliation from 2 nd mortars stopped any further trouble. 3. OR to Hospital 1. OR from 2nd	
	23		In Front trenches 52 trench bombarded in afternoon LIEUT JR PORTEOUS killed night quiet 1 OR. wounded	
	24		In Front trenches Our guns active on front line, several unexploded aerial torpedoes fell in our lines. night quiet 1 OR wounded 1 other rank from Hospital LIEUT R. O. BARBER + 2 other ranks from re-supplyments	
	25		In front trenches Our Artillery at 3. 45 am bombarded FORT BRIDOUX, considerable damage done to enemy works there. Enemy placed flags on his parapets.	
	26		In front trenches Our Artillery at 3. 30 p. am bombarded enemy front trenches day normal, relieved at 10 pm. by 18 th Bn returned to billets. 1 OR wounded	
	27		In Billets fatigue patches supplied front trenches at 10.30 pm Headquarters received orders to move. at 2. OR wounded. Battalion killed in BOIS GRENIER LINE.	

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BOIS GRENIER.	28.		In Billets in BOIS GRENIER, fatigues supplied as usual and BOIS GRENIER LINE improved.	
	29.		In Billets - Headquarters shelled with 12 77mm H.E. no damage. 1 O/R wounded 3 O/R to Hospital.	
	30		In Billets. Fatigues as usual. Day and night quiet. 1 O/R ^{to} and 1 O/R from Hpl.	
	31.		In Billets. ditto. Headquarters shelled with 12 77mm H.E, slight damage 1 O/R from Hospital. At 7 p.m. enemy opened with 5.9 H.E. on Battery in rear of Headquarters. 100 shells 5.9 falling no damage.	
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