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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ	1/5/17		<p>Battalion training carried out in accordance with Syllabus. Bde. operation memo no 5 regarding scheme to be carried out for Army Comd inspection received. Fine clear day with very slight wind. Capt. Hargreaves, MC assumed duties of Adjutant. 2 Lieut Rolland, RM. from 5th Div. School. 1 OR marched in. 1 OR taken on strength. 4 OR struck off strength. 78 OR granted leave to absent.</p>	<p>App I. Am</p>
do.	2/5/17		<p>Fine clear spring day. Battalion training - wiring + musketry, Grouping Practice carried out. Reference Bde. operation memo no 5 (App. I) 'C' Coy. was detailed to supply 1/2 Coy. required. Battalion signallers supplied the necessary stations and the additional Lewis Gun team was supplied by 'B' Coy.</p> <p>8.30am Bm 2/8 regarding postponement of tactical exercise received.</p> <p>1.30am Bm 2/81 tactical exercise to be rehearsed on the ground on 3rd May. all previous arrangements hold good except times are 1/2 hour earlier. 76 OR granted leave to absent. 1 OR marched in. 3 OR marched out on leave to England. 1 OR transferred.</p> <p>Majr N. MARSHALL, MC. is transferred from 57th Bn. to command the 60th Bn. and is granted the temporary rank of Lieut Colonel whilst commanding. (A.I.F. Order Des 168 2/4/17)</p>	<p>Am</p>

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MAMETZ	3/5/17	8:30am	<p>The day was fine, sky rather overcast, with fairly strong N.E. wind. 1/2 Coy under Captain Doyle left to carry out scheme laid down in App. I. L. Gun team and signaller moved also. Battalion Parade on which the 29C.M. sentence on no. 2872 Pte Stump H. was promulgated. Sentence was 6 mos I.H.L. for absence without leave. Battalion carried out Syllabus of Training - musketry including 500 rapid practice. Brigade School of Instruction commenced - 10 off + 2 NCO's as instructors, 20 NCO's as students. Lieut-Col Marshall MC. President, Capt. Roberts & Lieut Mountford, members, of a 7th General Court martial which dealt with 7 cases. 76 OR granted leave to Albert. 1 OR from leave 3 ORs from 5th Aus. Div Gas School, marched in. 4 OR. to 5th Ausal Div Sig School marched in.</p>	<p>App II Am</p>
do	4/5/17	8:30am 8:45am 1:30pm	<p>The day was fine, warm & clear with little wind, probably the hottest day of the year. A Battalion parade was held and two companies were inspected by the commanding officer, and at 8:45am they moved off to carry out the training according to the syllabus. Men were marched under company arrangements to the Sports Ground, LINK ROAD, where the 5th Aus. Divisional Sports were held. The prizes were distributed by Major General J. Hobbs, Comd. 5th Ausal Div.</p>	<p>Am</p>

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MAMETZ	4/5/17	11 am 8 pm	<p>The Battalion transport was paraded under Bde. arrangements and inspected by the G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. and the G.O.C. 15th Inf Bde.</p> <p>Message BM 2/101 stating that the tactical exercise (APP I) would be carried out on 5th inst. was received, and all concerned were notified. Leave to Albert. 6 OR marched in. 2 OR from Hospital. Taken on strength ex sick 8 OR. 2 on S. is wounded 3 OR marched out 3 OR to des. amt. 1 OR to 5th Div Gas School.</p>	<p>Am</p>
do.	5/5/17	8:15 am 8:15 am	<p>The day was fine, warm, with sky rather overcast, and slight pleasant westerly breeze. Captain Doyle with 1/2 'C' Coy + 1 L G team left to carry out scheme for the Army Comdr. (APP I) but the operation was again cancelled, and the troops returned to camp.</p> <p>No other parades. all men desirous of attending the Divisional Sports were marched to the ground under Coy arrangements. 72 OR granted leave to Albert.</p> <p>marched in 3 offo (Lt. Leggath. 2/Lt Richardson) + 1 OR from leave. 2/Lt Lindsay from RPPC.</p> <p>marched out 1 OR 5th Army Sq. School. 1 off 2/Lt Corkson to Lewis Gun School. Taken on strength 2/Lt Anderson JH from reinforcement. 10 R ex sick. Struck off strength. 1 OR transferred to 29th BNSC.</p>	<p>Am</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ	6/5/17	8.30 AM 11 AM 9.30 AM 1.30 PM	<p>The day was fine, warm and windy. The Battalion again bathed and received a change of clothing at the Pucourt Baths.</p> <p>A Brigade parade was held N.E. of Brigade Headquarters. Two and a half companies paraded; the remainder of the Battalion being on bathing parade.</p> <p>A church parade was held for all denominations on the parade grounds in the vicinity of the camp. Football matches were played during the afternoon between Officers 60th Battalion v Officers 57th Battalion and other ranks 60th Battalion versus other ranks 57th Battalion. In both cases this Battalion won. We have played & beaten all other Battalions of this Brigade, both Officers & other ranks.</p>	J.H.S.
Do	7/5/17	8.30 AM 2 PM 8.30 PM	<p>Day, fine, warm & sultry. Training was continued in the Battalion as per Brigade syllabus attached 21/838. Sports were carried on in the afternoon under company arrangements.</p> <p>Battalion received orders to move by rail from ALBERT to BAPAUME where a Staff officer would await them with further orders. Preparations were made for moving stores, blankets etc. The Battalion is in a fit state: In good health & spirits, perhaps never better for the preceding nine months.</p>	J.H.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ + FAVEUIL	8/5/17	9 A.M. 9.15 AM	<p>Day wet & warm. It rained during the whole of preceding night till about 2 P.M. Battalion paraded at 9 AM on Ton parade ground in marching order. Blankets were transported in motor lorries. Batta marched to ALBERT & entrained for BAUPUME at 11.15 AM reaching the latter place about 4 P.M. At Baupume the B.O received orders to march to a camp East of FAVEUIL where the 55th Batta were in tents. The men had a hot meal of stew from the cookers at about 6 P.M. The 55th Batta marched out at 7.30 PM and we took over their tents. 16 officers & 137 O.R. were left behind at Mametz camp as para <u>XIX</u> "Training of Divisions for offensive action". The Transport were Brigaded and under Lieut Warley travelled by road to Baupume, meeting the Battalion at Faveuil.</p>	J.H.S.
FAVEUIL à NOREUIL	9/5/17	9 A.M. 10.30 PM. 12.30 PM. 1.45 PM.	<p>Day fine & clear. Companies paraded independently & held an inspection of arms, ammunition & ^{anti} gas equipment. Received Brigade orders to move to NOREUIL. The C.O & 1 officer per company rode ahead to billet the Bn. The Batta marched out under Captain Doyle, guided by Lieut Stillman reaching NOREUIL about 4.30 PM. The 7th Batta A.I.F. was relieved & men allotted to surface dugouts by 5.30 PM. The Transport marched to a point between BRUNATRE & VAUX & Blankets & packs were left with the transport. A Hot meal was brought</p>	J.H.S.
		10 PM	<p>up to the men about 10 PM. Gas guards were posted 1 per platoon. 1 O.R. killed in action</p>	

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60th Bn A.I.F. (6)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NO REUIL	10/5/17	10 AM. 9 P.M.	Capt Poyle received orders to report to left Brigade Headquarters as Liaison Officer. Men improved their dug-outs and cleaned up area occupied generally. D Coy who were located in a sunken road on the opposite side of the village were subjected to some shelling, suffering 1 killed of wounds & 4 wounded. Lt. Col Marshall left for a court-martial to be held at ALBERT. Captain Dineon assumed command temporarily. 4 O.R. marched out to Field Ambulance sick & 3 O.R. marched in from English leave.	APP IIa J.H.S.
Do	11/5/17	11 AM 3.30 PM. 8.30 P.M.	Day fine, warm & later sultry & close. Several carrying parties were sent forward also sapping & salvaging parties. The forward area is constantly kept under intermittent shell fire. Battalion received orders for two companies to be attached to the 58th Batta for the purpose of supporting them in an attack, in conjunction with Imperial troops on our left, on the front of the village of BULLECOURT. 'B & C' Companies were chosen to go forward. Capt Barrie & Lieut G' Connor went forward in the morning to reconnoitre trenches to be taken over from the 58th Batta. Lieut G' Connor was wounded by shell fire and Lieut H.K. Love immediately went forward to take disposition. D Company was again shelled during the night & had further casualties. Capt Barrie & Lt Love returned to their companies which had been resting during the day, & made the necessary arrangements for moving forward about twelve A.M. 1 off & 10 O.R. wounded from shell fire in addition 1 off was slightly wounded but remained with Battalion.	J.H.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NOREUIL.	12/6/17	12.30 A.M.	B & C companies marched forward & took over front & support line trenches from 58th Batta. Capt Barrie, Sgt Seilie & St Gannon & 107 O.R. were with B Coy. Lieut Love, (in command) & 153 O.R. were with 'C' Coy.	
		2.30 A.M.	The Companies arrived at the support line at 2.30 am. Shelling had only been intermittent, but at 2.30 am the enemy began to shell the support line heavily. The Coy's took up positions as shown in sketch - blue line from A to B & being the Coy boundary - 'C' Coy on left 'B' on right. At 3.40 am the barrage went down. No 12 platoon of C Coy went over between the lines 'E' & 'F' against their objective on sunken road. When they had consolidated their L.G. was sent out to support them. The 58th Bn were coming down the line between the red lines 'C' & 'D' but called on	
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Bullecourt	12/5/17	2.45 AM 11.30 P.M.	<p>4 sections of 60th Battalion bombers & about 15 Rifle grenades, from 'B' Coy. B Coy also supplied them 4 Lewis guns & teams to protect the left flank of 58 Bn.</p> <p>Late in the afternoon the Co. Sqn called on another L.G. from 'C' Coy to support Sgt Dawson's left flank.</p> <p>Throughout the whole period the stretcher bearers of this unit did splendid in carrying out wounded of both Battalions. The total casualties for B & C Coys were - Officers 1 killed & 3 wounded O.R. 12 killed & 68 wounded.</p> <p>At 2.45 am B & C Coys of the 60th Bn were relieved by two companies of the 2nd/4th London regt. All 60th Bn men were clear of the trenches by daylight. Battalion received orders to move back to VAUX-VRAUCOURT & were relieved by 2nd Feist London Regiment about 12 AM.</p> <p>Total casualties of the Batten while at & forward of NOREVIL were 1 off & 16 OR killed 3 off & 84 OR wounded: 5 missing. The whole unit acquitted itself well during a period of intermittent severe shelling. BULLECOURT is considered one of the fiercest contested points on the British front at this time.</p>	<p>VAUX-VRAUCOURT</p>
VRAUCOURT	13/5/17	9.30 AM	<p>'D' Company relieved, with 3 platoons, the 32nd Batten who had 3 platoons on guard over guns in the neighbourhood of NOREVIL, one platoon being at Longatte. The remainder of 32nd Batten had marched</p>	<p>201.</p>

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VRAUCOURT	13/5/17	10 AM	out of VRAUCOURT, but Lt Stillman had taken over billets, stores & dispositions. Check roll parade was held at 10 AM. with the result that one man was unaccounted for. Posts were manned on defence line taken over from 32nd Batta: each company having about 30 men on garrison duty continuously, the remainder being in Billets in VRAUCOURT. 2 officers marched in from Becourt to replace casualties. 9 O.R. marched in see sick.	J.H.S.
VRAUCOURT	14/5/17	9 AM 10.30 PM	Fatigues supplied to Divisional Bomb dump. 25 O.R. under Lt Stillman. Also 150 O.R. were supplied to R.E. for carrying in the vicinity of NOREUIL. Gas shells were troublesome round the camp as the enemy continued to drop them over without any apparent plan in view. Gas shells were particularly troublesome at night around NOREUIL. The Battalion received instructions for improving the outpost line & all available men were put to work thereon. 9 O.R. marched in from hospital. Late in the evening rain fell, many of the men then on fatigue being wet through.	J.H.S.
do	15/5/17	9.30 AM 10 PM	Work carried on on outpost line. Men off duty dried their clothes, which were wet last night. Fatigue of 1 off & 25 men sent to Divisional bomb dump BEUNATRE. Fatigue party consisting of 2 officers & 120 other ranks was supplied to R.E. at NOREUIL for carrying forward. While this party were in the	J.H.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WRAUCOURT	15/5/17	11 PM	district the enemy shelled heavily with gas shell. Our men had a rough time 3 officers & 15 O.R. being evacuated as gas cases. None of the gas cases were regarded as serious but all cases (gas) were treated as stretcher cases.	JHS
Do	16/5/17	9 AM 11 AM 10 PM	Fatigue as usual supplied to Divisional Bomb dump. At a F.G.C.M. held at 58th Battalion H.Q. 4 men of this Bn were found guilty & 1 case was adjourned for further evidence. A gas NCO was sent from Bn HQ to D Coy to inspect & report on anti-gas protection in that company owing to the amount of usage the helmets of that company have been put to of late. He reported that fresh containers for box-respirators would be advisable & these were indented for at once. Weather fine, at times cloudy. 2 officers & 130 O.R. were again supplied to R.F. for carrying. H O R marched out to hospital.	JHS
Do	17/5/17	9 AM	Day fine & clear. Fatigue supplied as usual to Divisional bomb dump. Work with available men was carried out on Outpost line. Fatigue party supplied to Town Major VAULX for burial of horses etc. H O R despatched to L.T.M school. 7 O.R. marched in from hospital. St Cookson marched in from Lewis gun school.	JHS

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VRAUCOURT	18/5/17	9 AM	<p>Day fine occasional showers. Case of Pte Booker tried by F.C.C.M. at 58th Batta HQ & accused found guilty. Fatigue party of 1 officer & 40 O.R. supplied to Town Major VAUX. Remainder of the Battalion on work on outpost line. Each post was made to take a platoon on the fire step & some wiring is being done in front of posts. The enemy shelled less than previously both at VRAUCOURT and at NOUIL. The 3 platoons of D Coy at the latter have suffered no casualties at present location to date. 4 O.R. marched in from Field Amb 1 O.R. evacuated (gas).</p>	J.H.
do	19/5/17	9 AM	<p>Day fine & clear. Fatigue party of 1 Off & 40 O.R. supplied to Town Major VAUX. Remainder of Batta carried out work on outpost line. Much improvement has been shown in the condition of the posts. Wire was drawn from R.F. dump at VAUX. The men are now rested & in good heart after the spell in the forward area. The men left at Bécourt are undergoing further training. Arrangements were made for bathing the Batta at Favreuil on 20th inst from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.</p>	J.H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VRAUCOURT	20/5/17	9 AM 1 PM	<p>Day was fine & clear. The countryside is looking glorious, a striking contrast to the winter months. Pouches were collected from transport lines, the men marching down for them. The companies marched down at intervals of half an hour. Battalion received orders to move to a camp at H. 14. C. 5-5 near BIEFVILLERS: relief & time of march to be made between Battalions. The outpost line is in very efficient state and in spite of the number of fatigues supplied out of the Battalion, a fair amount of work was done. St Cahill marched in from 65th Bn 3 O.R. returned from leave. 9 O.R. marched in from Field Ambulance.</p>	JMS.
VRAUCOURT & BIEFVILLERS	21/5/17	7 AM 9 AM 11 AM 2.30 PM	<p>Sgt Stillman with 1 NCO per Coy & H.Q.s marched to Biefvillers & took over camps there. Blankets, Lewis guns & magazines were transported in limbers. Advance party of relieving Battalion D/ Brigade arrived & took over billets & outpost line. Coy guides were despatched to Post H.Q.s where the relieving platoons were picked up & guided direct to their posts. The relief was carried out satisfactorily, all both being clear of Vraucourt by 2.30 PM. D Coy were relieved from their gun & cage guards at the same time. D Coy marched direct to transport lines where a hot meal awaited them & after a spell marched on to Biefvillers. The remaining companies had a hot meal at Biefvillers. Food while in the forward area was both good & liberal. S/Bpl Stochan marched out to a transport line. 2 O.R. marched out & 3 O.R. marched in from Field Ambulance. Capt Wrigley reported back from Brigade H.Q.</p>	JMS.

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BIEFVILLERS.	22/5/17	9 AM. 5 PM	<p>The day was wet & very sultry. Very little could be done, it rained till late in the afternoon. Muster roll call, & inspection of arms & ammunition were held. Some rifles were found to be corroded as the result of fumes from gas shells. In spite of cleaning by the usual methods in some cases rifles have had to be returned to the armourer. The camp proved to be a dry one, the spot used being an ideal one for tents. 110 other ranks under an officer were marched in to cinema in BAPAUME, which proved popular amongst the men. Drains were dug through through-out the camp.</p>	<p>J.H.S.</p>
Do	23/5/17	9 AM. 3 PM. 9 PM.	<p>The day was fine & clear. Companies paraded independently and held inspections, carrying out some company drill. Arrangements were made for using all available tentage in view of 15th Machine gun ^{box} returning from the front line & also our own officers & men returning from Becourt camp. 11 officers & 110 other ranks marched in from Becourt & were duly welcomed back. Footballs were available in the afternoon. 110 O.R. were again marched in to the cinema Bapaume the expense being borne by the Batta. 1 O.R. marched out to Field ambulance. Trench fever is still prevalent to a slight extent in the Battalion. Men feel weak but are usually not bad enough to be evacuated. Pay was drawn for those of Batta who had been in front area only. The remainder having been paid at Becourt. At dusk every evening barages are heard on the Bullecourt front. 4 O.R. marched out on leave to England.</p>	<p>J.H.S.</p>

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BUEFVILLERS	24/5/17	8.30 AM 6.30 PM	<p>The weather is fine & clear, the camp area having dried up completely. The routine now carried out is:- reveille 7 AM breakfast 7.30 AM. Parade 8.30 to 12.30 afternoon games. A Battalion parade was held on ground East of camp & promulgation of recent courts-martial made. The Commanding officer then inspected each company in turn companies meanwhile carrying on with close order drill. Orders were received for constructing a reserve line, the portion allotted to the Battalion being 200 yds in rear of the camp. Shovels were drawn from Bde HQ's & the necessary arrangements made for work the next day. 3 O.R. transferred to 15th A.L.T.M.B. 3 O.R. marched out to Field Ambulance.</p>	J.H.S.
BIEFVILLERS	25/5/17	8.30 AM 2.30 PM 3.30 PM 10.30 PM	<p>The day was fine & warm. Timbers were sent out for wiring material & everything was ready for commencing work on reserve line. Companies fell in & marched out with tools at 8.30 AM. Trenches were dug leaving gaps every 250 yards. This work was continued till 12.30 PM. After lunch an inspection of rifles was held by the armourer sergeant & those found at all damaged were collected by him. A football match was played between "B" & D boys late in the afternoon, the latter being victorious. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs a large distance away to the left of this camp. 5 O.R. returned from English leave. 2 O.R. marched in from Field ambulance 1 O.R. taken on strength & wounded.</p>	J.H.S.

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BIEFVILLERS	26/5/17.	8.30 AM. 9 AM. 3 P.M.	<p>Weather fine & clear: light wind. The Battalion went out to work on reserve line under construction continued till 12.30 P.M. More wire was put up: 'B' Coy is allotted the work of wiring. A, C & D Coys doing the trench construction work. A parade of all remaining men in camp is held at 9 AM. & their duties enquired into. Inspection of the camp was made by the C.O. & improvements suggested. A uniform method of keeping kit & tents was decided upon by C.O. & company commanders. A cricket match was played in the afternoon. 15 O.R. marched in from the Field Ambulance. The total strength of the Battalion is 45 officers 910 O.R. 27 Officers & 649 O.R. are with the unit. 5-offs & 106 O.R. are in hospital. 110 O.R. marched to the Cinema in the evening.</p>	J.H.S.
BIEFVILLERS	27/5/17.	9.30 AM. 11.15 AM.	<p>The weather continues to be fine & warm. All work was suspended. Church parades were held at 9.30 AM. for all denominations. After church parade the Battalion formed up in close column of companies & inspection of each company in turn was made by the C.O. The G. O. C. Brigade & Staff inspected Battalion lines & expressed himself as pleased with what he saw. In the afternoon a football match was played between the Officers & O.R. of the Battalion. The O.R. won & good feeling was evident throughout the match. 1 off & 29 O.R. marched out to Musketry school (Victoria). Lieut Cookson & 15 O.R. marched out to summer rest camp. Lieut Mountford marched out to 68th Bn. Lieut Battr. Capt Jennings was also transferred to 67th Bn.</p>	J.H.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIEFVILLERS.	28/5/17	8.30 A.M.	<p>Weather fine & cool. Work was continued on Corps second line of defense from 8.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. An inquiry was held into the burning partially of a tent in D Coy lines. 6 NCOs marched out to the Training Battn to relieve NCOs sent to this Battn. Organised games were carried on with in the afternoon. The work on Corps second line of defense was well commented on by the G.O.C. Both Officers & men seem to have put all their energies into doing the job well. This sort of thing is much more apparent in the Battalion than formerly. 6 OR marched out to the Training Battalion.</p>	J.H.
to	29/5/17	8.30 A.M.	<p>Weather continues to be fine & warm. Tents were struck before moving out to work in order to the sun dry up some of floors which have a musty smell. Work carried on Corps second line of defense. "B" company carried on with wiring, which they are becoming rather expert at. Remaining boys were digging trenches & spreading earth thrown out. The work done is regarded as at good & trenches are invisible at a distance of about two hundred yards. A Board of officers sat at 68th Battn H.Q.s to inquire into disposal of Trust funds of this Battalion between 19th July 1916 & 1st March 1917. Board was adjourned until St Jardier could be present as witness. Sicut Thorburn marched out to Hospital. Sicut Puzey taking over duties as Grenade Officer. Lt Tubb marched in from Etalles.</p>	J.H.

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Biefvillers

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers	30/5/17.	8.30 AM.	All available men continued on work on both second line of defense, which now nearing completion. Wire & stakes for same are difficult to procure & scouts were sent out & found same beyond Biefvillers. Earth thrown out of trenches is spread in front of trench in a strip of 5 or 6 yards in front of trench. It was suggested that this earth might have been turfed over with a view to avoiding observation from aeroplanes in particular. Beautiful weather continues, which makes an appreciable difference in the moral of all ranks. Capt Wrigley marched out to London to undergo examination with a view to a transfer to the Indian Army. Lieut Dyke marched to Etaples as an instructor. 2/pt Sturmerth & 4 O.R. marched out to Divisional Gas School. A great improvement is noticeable in the turn out of Battalion guards. Organised games were carried out in the afternoon. Sketch of camp & area attached as APP IV.	APP IV
Lo	31/5/17	8.15 AM. 2 P.M.	As per Brigade Training Memo (APP III copy) a three days course of training was commenced. The companies worked independently on artillery formation, splitting into sections for the purpose, first at the halt & then on the move. The Bn banner was moved from Becourt to present camp & commenced operations. A lecture was held in The Y.M.C.A. by the Brigade Major on "Bombing in Attack". A Battalion check parade was held in marching order at 2 P.M. when all details were accounted for, with the exception of 3 men who have been A.W.L. for some time. Pay was made available to all ranks. 4 O.R. were awarded the Military Medal viz:- 2532 Sgt Moore J.C., 2189 S/Plt Lawler E.J., 728 Sgt Ryall L.H., 345 Pte Moles A. for good work at Bullecourt on 12th May.	J.H.S. APP III

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices	
Biefville AS.	1/9/17		<i>Detailed Summary of Increases and Decreases of Personnel.</i>						
			<i>marched in</i>	<i>marched out</i>	<i>taken on strength</i>	<i>struck off strength</i>	<i>attached</i>		
	1.5.17.		1 off. 1 OR. (2/pt Rolland RM)		1 OR.	4 OR.			
	2.5.17.		1 OR.	3 OR.	1 off. Lt Col Marshall MC.	1 OR. (transferred)			
	3.5.17.		4 OR.	4 OR.					
	4.5.17.		2 OR.	4 OR.	11 OR.				
	5.5.17.		3 off. Lt Leppall W.M. Lt Richards HM. Lindsay OGS	1 off. Lt Cookson 1 OR.	1 off. Lt Anderson 10 OR. (JH)	1 OR. (transferred)			
	6.5.17.		1 off. Lt Love H.K.	4 OR.		5 OR.			
	7.5.17.		1 off. Major Trickey FY	2 OR.		1 OR. KIA			
	8.5.17.				8 OR. KIA	5 OR. wounded			
	9.5.17.				8 OR. KIA	5 OR. wounded			
	10.5.17.				2 OR.	1 off. Lt O'Connor 4 OR. wounded.			
	11.5.17.					2 OR. Accidentally wounded 2 OR KIA			
	12.5.17.		4 off.	1 OR.	1 off. Capt Barker LC (wounded) 4 off. Lt Knight MC Walker EL Lindsay OGS 2 of HERMCV	13 OR.	1 off. Lt Leach MC 10 OR. KIA 1 off. Lt O'Brien 7 OR. Missing 7 OR.		
	13.5.17.				1 OR.	3 OR. (wounded)			
	14.5.17.				1 OR.	3 OR. (Killed & wounded)	1 OR. AMC		
	15.5.17.		1 OR.	3 off. Lt Richards HM RANKIN MC Leake PJ.	5 OR.	7 OR. (2 OR W. 1 OR KIA 4 OR W)			
	16.5.17.			1 OR.	1 OR.				
			Total 6 off	15	9 off	38 OR	204	1 OR AMC	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information						Remarks and references to Appendices
Briefvitlers.	Detailed Summary of Gains & Losses of Personnel.								
			Marched in	Marched out.	Taken on strength	Struck off strength	Attached		
	17.5.17	Forward	6 off. 15 OR	9 off. 38 OR	2 off. 39 OR	2 off. 146 OR	1 OR.		
	18.5.17		1 off. Sgt. Cookson C. 1 OR.	14 OR.	1 off. 2/Lt McNamara T.F. 2 OR.	1 off. 2/Lt Seward H.S.			
	19.5.17		3 OR.	1 OR	2 OR				
	20.5.17		2 OR.		ex wounded				
	21.5.17		1 off Capt Warwick H. 1 OR.	2 OR.	1 OR	2 off Lt Diamond 1 OR.	1 OR. A.A.P.C.		
	22.5.17		1 - Lt Knight M.O. 12 OR		10 off Capt H.M. 3 OR	2 OR.			
	23.5.17		3 OR	4 OR	1 OR	1 OR.			
	24.5.17		1 OR.		accounted	2 OR.	2 OR A.M.C.		
	25.5.17		5 OR.		1 OR.				
	26.5.17		1 OR.	1 1/2 Lt Jelliffe R.O. 30 OR					
	27.5.17			1 Lt Cookson C. 15 OR		1 off Lt Mountford W.C. transferred.			
	28.5.17			2 off Capt J. Kerr D.B. Doyle.	14 OR.	7 OR.			
	29.5.17		1 off Lt Hood O.A. 2 OR.	10 off Lt Harbourn J.M. 3 OR	1 off Sgt Tubb R.O. 1 OR.	1 OR transferred			
	30.5.17		1 OR	3 off Capt Warwick H.S. 8 OR. of Ansonath C.F.					
	31.5.17		5 OR.	4 OR.					
				2 OR A.M.C.					
			Total 10.	52 OR. 17 off.	111 OR. 5 off.	64 OR. 6 off.	160 OR.	4 OR.	

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APPENDIX I

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 5.Reference - ALBERT 1/40,00030th April, 1917.

1. The Army Commander will inspect certain Units of the Division Wednesday 2nd May near MONTAUBAN, commencing 10 a.m.
2. One company of the 57th Battalion will be given a tactical exercise. Parade at west end of MONTAUBAN village (S.27.C.3.4) at 10.30 a.m. ready to commence an advance at 10.45 a.m. DRESS - Fighting Order without packs. No ammunition or bombs of any kind to be carried. This Company will be at full war strength and correctly organised.
3. The following parties will be supplied in connection with the exercise:
 - (a) 60th Battalion; 1/2 Company, with one signalling station party, to represent enemy. Parade in fighting order, without ammunition or bombs at FLAT IRON COPSE (S.14.C) at 10 a.m.
 - (b) One complete Lewis Gun team with gun and six magazines full at MARLBRO WOOD (S.20.D) at 10 a.m. 3 signallers to accompany this party.
 - (c) A signalling party (with flags and helio) in fighting order at the parade ground of the 31st Battalion, MONTAUBAN CAMP, at 10 a.m.
4. It is not expected that any of these parties will return to their lines until late in the afternoon.

(sgd) Geo.A. WIECK, Major,
Brigade Major, 15TH AUST INF. BDE.

APPENDIX II

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INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS ATTENDING 15th AUST. INF.
BRIGADE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.I n s t r u c t o r s .

Class A. 2/Lieut. R.C. RANKIN.
 Class B. No. 1756. A/Sgt. OAKLEY C.O.
 No. 2281. Corpl. ROBERTSON W.H.G.

C a n d i d a t e s .

No.3302	Sgt.	HORSEY	B.S.
1351	"	HIGGINS	A.J.
1512	"	BAKER	R.J.
5197	"	SCARFFE	J.
989.	"	PIKE	G.
18 96	Corp.	EARL	J.
1803	"	WALKER	J.
2580	"	BARRETT	H.A.
3008	"	ARMSTRONG	T.
28 98	"	POULTER	R.E.
565	"	HUMPHREYS	J.E.
2782	A/Cpl.	DAVIS	J.H.
5199	L/Cpl.	SCOTT	W.H.
3 970	"	WRIGHT	A.
1734	"	EIMS	G.H.
1736	"	SUTHERLAND	A.W.
3 08	"	FRASER	D.F.
2268	"	ROBIN	C.T.
2161	"	LESTER	W.
1775	"	HUNTER	T.

(sgd) N. MARSHALL., Lt.Col.
 Commanding 60TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

5th MAY 1917.

60th Battrn. A.I.F

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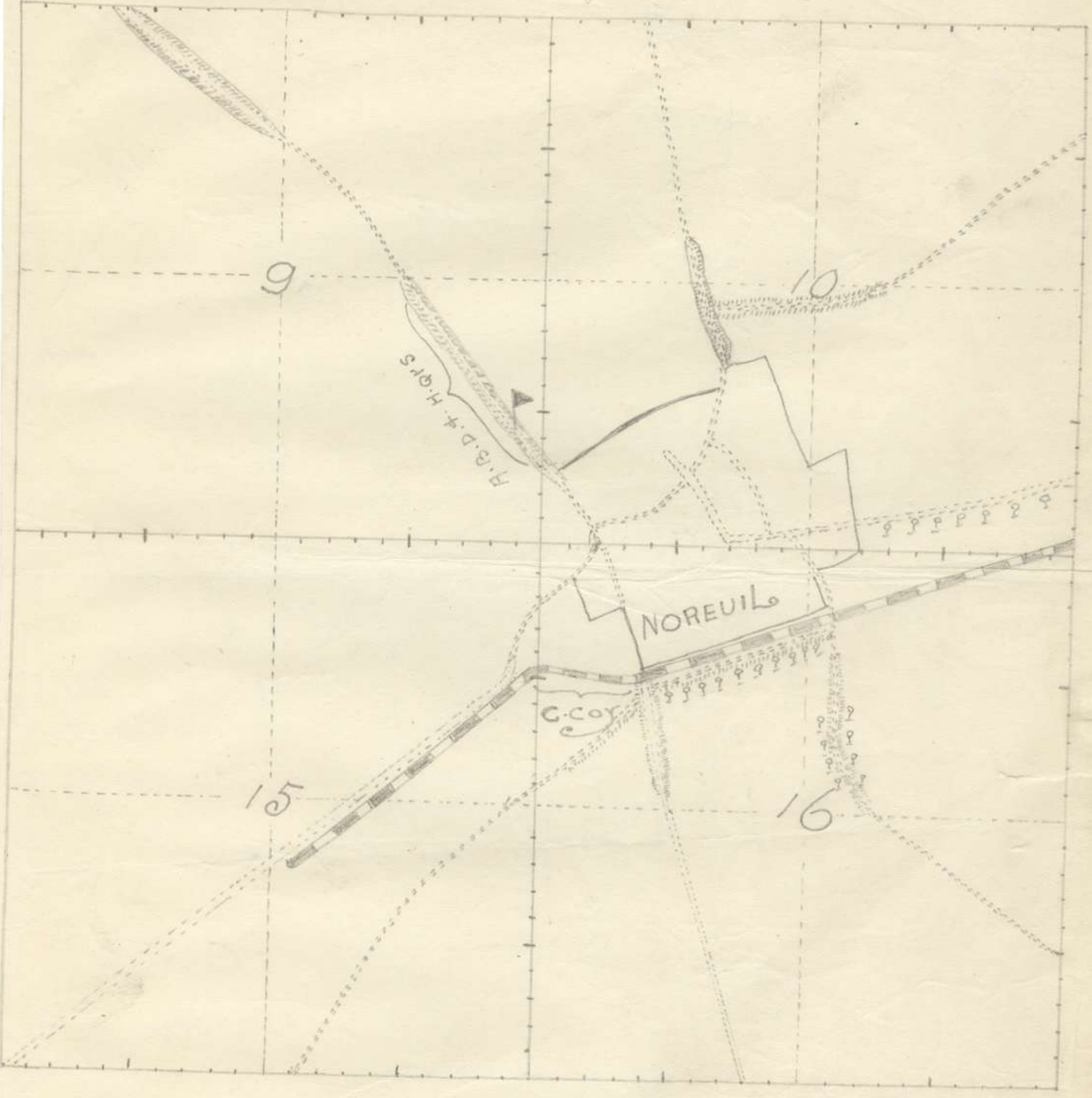
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9-12th October
1917

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APPENDIX III

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Syllabus of Work for Period ending 2/6/17.

APP III

DATE	Morning Parade (8.15 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.)	Night Lecture (8.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.)
Thursday 31st May.	Artillery Formations from Column of Route Gas Drill and Inspection. 1/4 Hour Bayonet Drill. 57 Bn. Work on Sector.	Night Operations.
Friday 1st June.	57th Bn. } Route March with 1st 58th Bn. } Line Transport. 15th M.G. Coy. } Route - BIRRVILLERS-BIRACOURT-G.24.A.-GREVILLERS. Start - H.19.B.2.2. in above order at 8.20 a.m. with 30 minute intervals. 59th Bn. Work on Sector. 60th Bn. Company in Attack. (Square H.15.B. and G.24).	Company in Attack.
Saturday 2nd June.	57th Bn. - Artillery Formation; Gas Drill. 58th Bn. - Work on Sector. 59th Bn. } Route March. 60th Bn. } Route - 58th Bn. H.27.A. H.15.C. BIRRVILLERS - GREVILLERS Starting Point - H.27.A.2-1 at 8.30 a.m. 60th Bn. - As for 57th Bn. on 1st June. 15th Machine Gun Coy. - Work on Sector.	Barrages.

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APPENDIX IV

