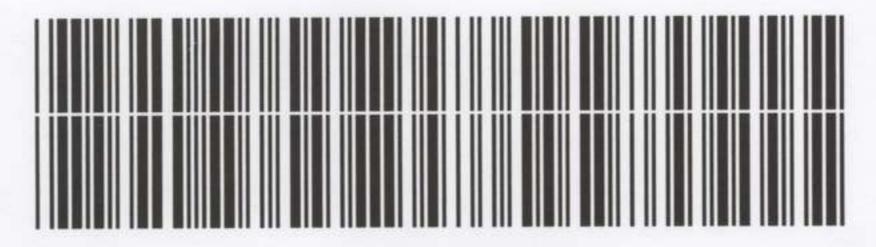
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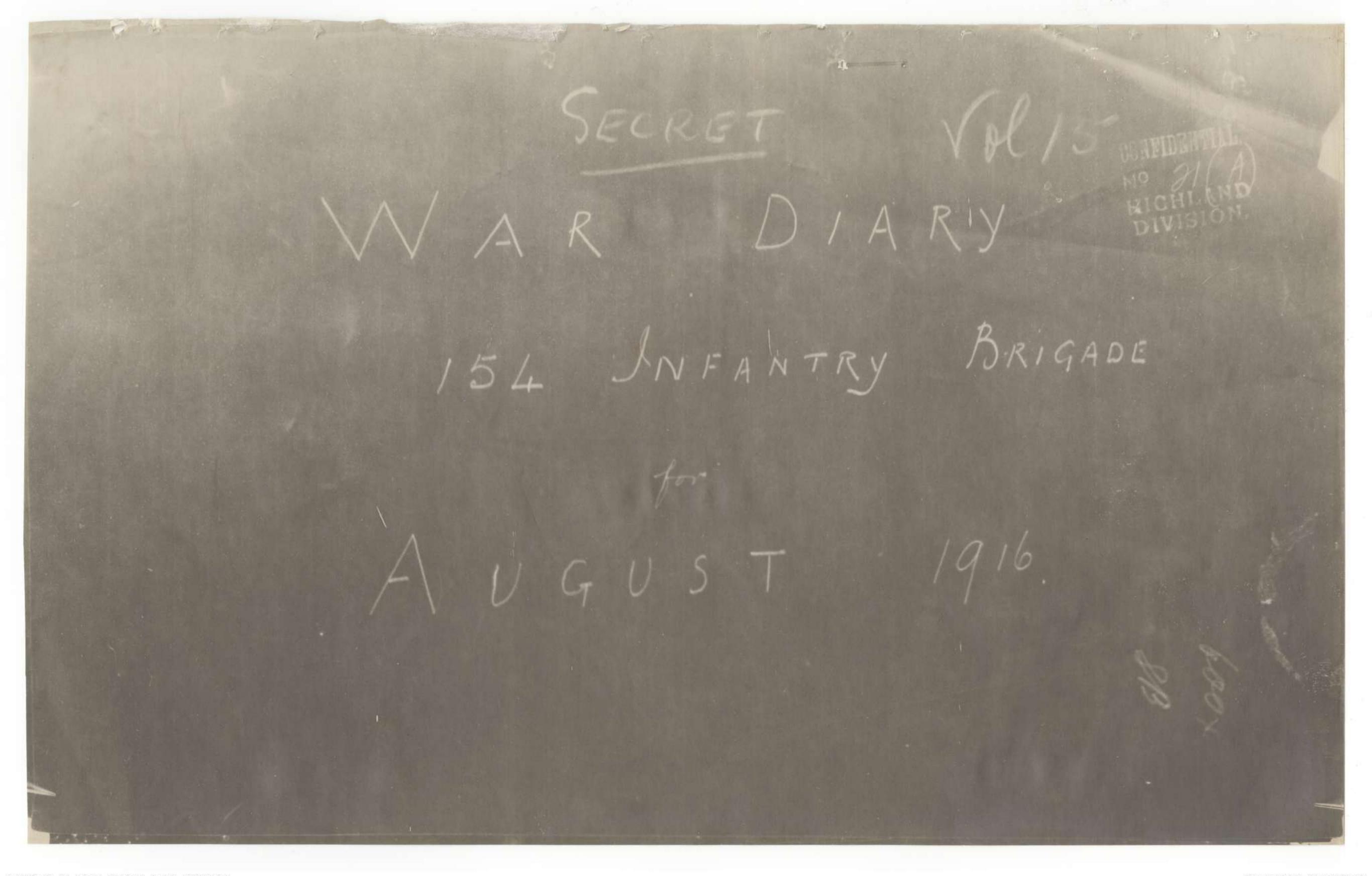
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Place			Summary of Events and Information Appendices
	7th &		Extremely hot and sunny.
	August		Brigade remained in bivouacs.
JIRE.	3	pm.	Brigade transport moved off to POULAINVILLE, N. of AMIENS, distance 17% miles.
	9th August		Reference Maps:- ABBEVILLE Sheet 11, Scale 1/80,000. AMIENS Sheet 12, Scale 1/80,000.
			Very hot and oppressive.
			Brigade Group consisting of 154th Infantry Brigade, 2/1st Highland Field Ambulance and
			1/2nd Highland Field Company R.E. moved by rail from MERICOURT and EDGEHILL to LONGPRES-LES-
			COEUR-SAINT. Trains were due to leave at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively, but were about 2
			hours late. Units travelling by the first train arrived in billets about 3.30 p.m Second
			train about 8.30 p.m.
			1/2nd Highland Field Company R.E. and 2/1st Highland Field Ambulance left by third train at
			5 p.m.
			The Brigade Group was billeted as follows:-
			Brigade Headquarters, CAUMONT. 9th Royal Scots, ERRONDELLE. 4th Seaforth Highlanders, LIERCOURT. 2/1st Highland Field Ambulance, Do. 1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C.2118.

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	Summary of Events and Information	
9th August	The Brigade Group was billeted as follows:- (Continued).	
Cont.	4th Gordon Highlanders BAILLEUL. 7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, LIMEUX. 1/2nd Highland Field Company R.E GRANDSART.	
	Division moved to PONT REMY.	
	Transport moved by road from POULAINVILLE leaving 8 a.m. and arriving about 10 p.m.	
	Distance 22/30 miles.	
	Accommodation on the train was very congested and that combined with the oppressive heat	
	caused a considerable number of men to fall out on the march from the Station to billets.	

ONT. August	Slight rainfall in the morning. Still sultry and hot.	
	1/2nd Highland Field Company R.E. and 2/1st Highland Field Ambulance arrived in billets	
	about 11 a.m.	
	The Brigade Group entrained at punk PONT REMY during the night for STEENBECQUE.	

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Reference Map:-

HAZEBROUCK Sheet 5.a. Scale 1/100,000.

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t Appendices
	1916		
	11th	The Brigade Group entrained as follows:-	
	August	TRAINS. UNIT. (Brigade Headquarters.) No:1 (Machine Gun Company.) 1.30 a.m. (Trench Mortar Battery.) No:5 9th Royal Scots 4.48 a.m. No:5 4th Seaforth Highlanders 7.38 a.m. No:7 4th Gordon Highlanders 10.18 a.m. No:9 7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. 1.48 p.m. No:15 2/1st Highland Field Ambulance 10.58 p.m. No:17 1/2nd Highland Field Company R.E. 1.38 a.m. (12th August).	
		Owing to an accident at 3.15 c.m. to the first train just N.E. of ABBEVILLE the line was	
		blocked to ST. POL, and trains had to be diverted to move via ETAPLES and CALAIS, consequently	
		the first train arrived after the 5th train and the journey was very much prolonged for all	
		trains.	
		Note: Owing to three trucks being derailed they had to be left behind.	
		Units arrived at their billets as follows:-	
WALLON CAPPEL.		9th Royal Scots - FBBLINGHEM - 7.30 p.m. 4th Seaforth Highlanders. Do 9.0 p.m. 4th Gordon Highlanders WALLON CAPPEL - 11.30 p.m. 7th Argyll & Sutherland Hrs. Do. Do 1.30 a.m. (12th August). Brigads M.G. Company.) - LYNDE 9.30 p.m. T.M. Battery) Brigade H.Q. was at Chateau & mile S. of WALLON CAPPEL. Div. H.Q. was at RENESCURE. The 51st (Highland) Division is now in the 2nd Army. 1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C.&A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C.2118.	

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	1916.		
LLON	12th	Very hot.	
PPEL.	August	Brigade did not move.	

		Reference Maps: Sheets 27 & 36, Scale 1/40,000. Sheet 36 N.W. Scale 1/20,000. HAZEBROUCK, Sheet 5.a. Scale 1/100,000.	
	13th	Officers reconnoitred trenches E. of ARMENTIERES held by 1st New Zealand Brigade of the 1st	
	August.	New Zealand Division of the 2nd ANZAC Corps.	
		The line extends from opposite WEZ MACQUART to L'EPINETTE inclusive.	
		The line is entirely held by breastworks and appears to be fairly quiet.	
		Brigade H.Q. and billets of Battalion in Reserve are in ARMENTIERES.	

	14th	The Brigade Group moved to ARMENTIERES, 154th Infantry Brigade taking over billets from	
	August.	3rd New Zealand Brigade which moved to EBBLINGHEM.	
		Transport moved by road leaving at 5.30 am. via MERVILLE and arrived at destination at	
		about 5.30 p.m.	
		The remainder of the Brigade moved by train from EBBLINGHEM to STEENWERCK in three	5
		tactical trains leaving at 10.20 a.m. 12.20 p.m. 4 p.m. and arriving at 11.16 a.m. 1.16 p.m.	
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Place	Date H	ur Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1916.		
	14th	and AXXX 4.56 p.m. All the trains were rather late. Troops marched thence to ARMENTIERES	
	August.	arriving as follows:-	
		9th Royal Scots. and 4th Seaforth Highrs. (1st train) about 2 p.m. 4th Gordon Highrs. & 7th A.&.S. Highrs. (2nd train) " 4 p.m. The remainder of the Brigade with 8th Royal) Scots, 1/2nd H. Field Ambulance & 1/2nd)- (3rd train) " 7.30 p.m. High. Field Company R.E.	
		The Brigade Headquarters located at 93 Rue Badi Carnot.	
		The Brigade is now under 1st New Zealand Division, 2nd ANZAC CORPS.	
		His Majesty The King was passing through STEENWERCK STATION at the time at which the first	
		train should have arrived, but owing to the fact that the train was late the 2 Battalions	
		coming up by that train were unfortunately unable to see His Majesty.	
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Sheet 36 N.W. Scale 1/20,000.
HAZEBROUCK, Sheet 5.a. Scale 1/100,000.

Place Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information refer	arks an rences to pendices
ARMENTIERES 15th	Some heavy showers during the morning.	
August	The Brigade relieved 1st New Zealand Brigade in the trenches commencing 9.30 n.m.	
	Relief was complete at 2.15 a.m.	
	4th Seaforth Highlanders took over Right front from Wellington Battalion.	
	9th Royal Scots took over Right Left front from the Auckland Battalion.	
	4th Gordon Highlanders took over Subsidiary line from the Canterbury Battalion, and the	
	7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders took Brigade Reserve in ARMINITEES from the Otago Pattalion	
	Hachine Gun and Trench Mortar Battery went into the line in the early morning, but did not	
	relieve till dark.	
	ARMENTIERES was shelled in the afternoon about 6 o'clock, 7th Argyll & Sutherland	
	Highlanders and 4th Seaforth Highlanders having several casualties.	
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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MENTIERES				
	16th August		Fine warm day. Rather threatening. Wind: Slight - verying from G	
			Very quiet day. Rather threatening. Wind: Slight - varying from S. to S.W.	
			Enemy Machine Guns fired during the night from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Our Machine Guns also	
			fired at their working parties.	
			We had several patrols out both by day and by night. No enemy patrols were encountered.	
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	17th			
MENTIERES	August		Warm - Heavy showers in the afternoon. Gentle wind - varying from S.E. to S.W.	
			Two patrols were out all day and patrols also went out at night.	
			Enemy were quiet except for a little Machine Gun fire at night and a few Trench Mortar	
			and 77 m.m. shells.	
			153rd Infantry Brigade relieved 2nd New Zealand Brigade on our left.	
			Showery and warm. Gentle wind varying from S.E. to W.	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references to Appendices
DO.	1916 RES 18th August Contd. 19th August		The Germans Heavy Trench Mortar fired at night on our Right Support Line. 51st (H) Division having taken over the Sector from N.Z. Division, Brigade comes under their orders again. Rather heavy rain in the morning. Fine afternoon. Mild North Westerly Wind. Situation very quiet. Only a few Trench Mortar bombs and very few shells were fired at us. Our patrols were out again as usual. Germans used searchlights at night and their aeroplanes were also flying over our lines about midnight.	
Do.	20th August		Fine Day. Only a few showers. Slight wind varying from N.W. to S.W. Our patrols were out again by day and by night. Nothing unusual to report. Searchlights again used by Germans after dark.	

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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RMENTIERE	1916.		
	21st August	Fine Day. Moderate North Westerly Wind.	
		The Germans were active with Machine Guns and rifle fire and also about midnight with	
		heavy Trench Mortars and rifle grenades. Our Trench Mortars retaliated.	
		An enemy patrol was seen by one of ours and fire was opened by our Lewis Guns on it.	
		The Battalions in the front line were relieved by those in reserve.	
		4th Gordon Highlanders took over Right Subsector. 7th Argyll & Sutherland Highrs. took over Left Subsector. 4th Seaforth Highlanders took over Subsidiary Line. 9th Royal Scots went into Brigade Reserve in ARMENTIERES.	
	1.5. a.m.	Relief Complete.	
	a.m.	Right Battalion was relieved by day; Left Battalion after dark.	
Do.	22nd	*************************************	L. Chan
	lugust.	Fine sunny hot day. Wind inclined to be E.	
		Enemy Machine Guns very active during the night. Our Machine Guns also fired.	
		Enemy Field Guns were active on the left Subsector in the afternoon.	2
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MENTIERE	1916. S 23rd August.		Fine Day. Threatening to rain. Light North Easterly wind in the early morning.	
			Our snipers were active and our Machine Guns fired at night on the road junction in	
			rear of the enemys lines. Our Trench Mortars also were more active and apparently inflicted	
			casualties on the enemy.	
			Patrols were out as usual.	
			Enemy Field Guns were active during the day, chiefly on the support lines	644
Do.	24th		Heavy rain during the night and during the early morning. Fine day. Rain again after dark	
	August.		Light South Easterly breeze in the early morning. S.W. wind during the day.	
			Enemy showed more artillery activity than usual, but their Machine Guns fired less	
			during the night.	Welle
			Fine: Sultry - inclined to be thundery. Wind S. but variable in the early morning. Wind S.S.W. during the day.	
			Enemy showed more activity with Trench Mortars and artillery in consequence of our	3
			Heavy showers during the night.	

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Place Da	te Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES 26 Augu	th	Showery. Wind varying from W. to S. The Brigade was relieved by the 152nd Infantry Brigade. Specialists relieved during the morning. The relief of Battalions commenced. Relief complete.	
	p.m.	The Brigade marched to Training Camp 1 mile S.E. of BAILLEUL. which All units were in Camp except Machine Gun Company who remained for the night in ARMENTIERES	
of BAILLEUL.	th ust.	Heavy showers during the morning. Resting and cleaning up. ***********************************	Tol May
	th	Heavy showers during the night and throughout the day. Training. Brigade ceremonial parade in the afternoon. Lecture in the evening by Captain Bles, Royal Welsh Fusiliers on "Strategy of General Joffre in the present campaign". One officer per Battalion attended demonstration on "Capturing and Consolidating Grater" at 2nd Army Central	////
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MILE S.E. Of BAILLEU	1916 29th August		Showers during the night and during the morning. Very heavy thunderstorm during the afternoon. The Brigade paraded for presentation of Medal Ribbons at Officers and men of the Division to whom decoration had been awarded for operations in the SOMME by General Sir, H.C.O. PLUMER,G.C.M.G., K.C.B., commanding 2nd Army. Parade 11 a.m. Brigade formed up in hollow square and was afterwards inspected by the Army Commander. Brigade finally marched past him in column of route. Divisional massed pipers and Divisional band attended parade. Rain fell at the commencement of the parade but cleared soon after. Divisional Commander inspected Camp after parade. Training in the afternoon. Brigade Headquarters moved to STEENWERCK.	
	30th August		Very heavy rain at night and throughout day interfering with training.	

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Place Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices						
1916.								
31st August	Very fine sunny day. Camp drying up again after last few days wet. Training as usual.							
	There was a lecture in the evening to Officers on responsibility of Company and							
	Platoon Commanders; Both Brigadier General C.E. STEWART, C.M.G., and Major General							
	G.M. HARPER, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding 51st (Highland) Division spoke.							
	Stewart. Brigadier General,							
	Commanding,							
	154th Infantry Brigade.							

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Nil.

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Nil.

154th M.G.

Company.

154th T.M.

Battery.

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Killed 2 ORs

Wounded 1 0.R.

Nil.

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9th Royal Scots.	Nil	Wounded 4 0.Rs.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nik.	Nil.	Nil.		-	-	4	-	
th Seaforth Highrs.		Wounded 10 O.Rs.		Wounded 1 01 accd. Self inflicted)	R Killed 2 O.Rs. Wounded 1 O.R.						2	-11	11	1	
4th Wordon Highrs.		Nil.		Killed 1 OR Wounded 1 OR			Wounded 1 0.R.		Wounded.	-	1	-	3		-
7th A.&.S. Highrs.	"	Killed 1 OR. Wounded 16 ORs (incl.3 at duty) "	Nil.	Wounded (A)		Nil.	Wounded 1 O.R.	Wounded 3 0.Rs	. <u>x</u>	1	-	20	1	-
154th M.G. Company.w		Nil .			Nil	"		Nil.			2		1		
154th T.M. Battery.	Nil	# '	"			"		"		-	-	-	-	-	-
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UNIT.	23 r d	24th	25th	26 th	27XXX	Ril	led.	Woul	nded.	₩.	Α.	M				
9th Royal Scots	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Out o 27th 29th 30th 31st	Off.	0.R.	Off.	0.R.	Off.	0.R.	0.R.	RXR			
4th Seaforth Hrs.	"			Wounded 1 0.R.	f actio		-		1				-			
4th Gordon Highrs				Wil	n from Casual (4th Gontally wound lies]						1					
7th A.&.S.Highrs.	Wounded 70.Rs.	Wounded 1 0.R.	Killed 1 OR Wounded 1 OR		27th thies Nordon Hed. (Thies		1	-	9	-		-				
154th M.G. Coy.	Nil	Nil	Nil		o 31st 11. 1ghrs) ighrs nflicte		-		-							
154th T.M.Batty.		Wounded 1 O.R.			August	-	-									
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