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will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARQUES	6		Commenced construction of trenches for Divisional Bomb School	
	17		Lecture on Gas & new enemy shell gas by Divt. Gas officer. Deepened trenches at 5 th Bde Bomb School.	
LA SABLONIERE	20		Bn moved to billets in and about LA SABLONIERE	
	23		Engaged with our Division in march past Lt General Birdwood on canal bank	
ARCAMPAGNE	27		Joined in rehearsal of Divisional Review	
	29		Bn with remainder of the Division - less Art - reviewed by the Commander-in-chief, Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig.	
			<p>During the month the Bn was mainly engaged in training, doing Infantry training, bomb & bayonet fighting, musketry, route and night marches, platoons & sections being led by night to points indicated by map references only; reconnaissance & laying out of tasks; Continuous Lewis gun and signalling classes; lectures on defensive positions, selection & construction; working party tables; military suspension bridges; revetments & breastworks; Companies practised barrel pier construction & pontoon bridging.</p> <p>Elaborate systems of trenches pits & constructed at Div Bomb School in different styles & with varied material.</p> <p>W. J. Schumann Lt. Col. C/O 2nd and Pioneer Bn</p>	