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1ST ANZAC Cyclist BATTN

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY Sheet 11. F6	1/8/16	-	Training was carried out by BATTN as follows - Dismounted troops & squadrons drill Markety, & overhaul of cycles 2 Officers & 69 ranks are at present detached from battn doing various duties with Divisions of the Corps - Daily 12 men training in machine gun work - 24 in signalling -	
	2/8/16	-	Training - Markety forenoon - Tactical exercises afternoon	
	3/8/16	-	Training - forenoon - Outposts - Night of arch 8 PM till 10 PM - 10 ranks evacuated to Hospital	
	4/8/16	-	Markety & Bombing instructions - Night Outposts	
	5/8/16	-	Tactical Operation carried out by BATTN (scheme holding of wood)	
	6/8/16	-	Overhaul of kit & equipment	

R. G. Fitz. Paul. Major
co. 1st Anzac Cyclist BATTN

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CONTAY Sheet 11. F6	7/8/16	-	Inspection of Battrd by C.O. - Route march by companies dismounted.	
"	8/8/16	-	Training consisted of Rifle exercises. Route march mounted - 1 O'Rank transferred	
"	9/8/16	-	Tactical exercise by Battrd - 1 O'Rank taken on strength	
	10/8/16	-	Gunsight Instruction - Outposts night companies working with scouts in advance	
	11/8/16	-	Gunsight Instruction - Tactical Defense and delaying actions - 2 Officers & 68 O'Rank detached for duties - 1 Officer evacuated to hospital sick - 1 O'Rank transferred	
	12/8/16	-	Tactical exercise by Battrd - 2 O'Ranks struck off strength 2 O'Ranks taken on strength	
	13/8/16	-	Overhaul and cleaning of cycles and equipment	<p>R. G. S. Judd, Major C.O. 1st ANZAC Coy.</p>

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CONTAY Stut II. F6	14/8/16	-	Training consisting of Troop & Squadron Drill dismounted - Afternoon Route march dismounted	
"	15/8/16	-	Scheme - Tactical Defence of delaying action. Protection when at rest & Officers evacuated to Hospital, sick	
"	16/8/16	-	Tactical Exercise carried out by Battalions	
"	17/8/16	-	Inspection of Battalion by C.O. - Afternoon Route March mounted	
"	18/8/16	-	Accuracy & precision training and judging distance - Afternoon Infantry in attack.	
"	19/8/16		Tactical Exercise by Battalion - During training Lectures are given each night by Officers and N.C.Os. Each Squad is also trained in map reading, signalling, in addition to Battalion signallers who are undergoing training, carried out under supervision of Signalling Sgt.	<p>19/8/16 C.O.</p>

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CONTAY Street II. F6	20/8/16	-	Overhaul of cycles and inspection of kit	
"	21/8/16	-	A Company detached for salvage duty at ALBERT. Street II. H6. Two companies are now detached and in addition 69 ORanks are doing duty with Divisions acting as Guides and orderlies at Durent H Qtrs - 10 Ranks taken on strength	
"	22/8/16	-	Men available for duty assisting with harvesting in this district.	
-	23/8/16	-	Detached companies on salvage work are carrying out useful work many stores and much equipment and ammunition recovered in vicinity of POZIERES. Street II. I6	
-	24/8/16	-	3 ORanks taken on strength on transfer - Duties and Harvesting carried out by remainder of Batters	
-	25/8/16	-	Cyclists detached number 6 Officers and 211 ORanks with Divisions. doing duty as traffic control, assisting with signal office and 2 Companies doing salvage work	revised by C.O.

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CONTAY Sheet 11. F6	26/8/16	-	Hawking carried out by remainder of Battalion - 1 ORank reported back from field amb	
"	27/8/16	-	Inspection and overhaul of kit and cycles -	
"	28/8/16	-	1 Officer and 20 ORanks reported back from 1 ST AUST. Dv. duties Traffic control. 1 Armourer reported for duty with Battalion	
"	29/8/16	-	Orders received to move from present billets on 31 ST inst.	
"	30/8/16	-	Preparation made for move - Instructions received for A & C Companies to remain behind at ALBERT and continue salvage duties	
"	31/8/16	-	The Battalion moved this day to BOIS BERGUES. MAP. REF. C5. sheet 11. via TALMAS and CANDAS. Companies moved independently. Total marched out 9 Officers 156 ORanks R. H. G. Field Major C.O.	