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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No 6 Camp Sutton Verry	1/11/17		Lieut. W. A. F. Cunningham, 137 Sq. Lambert J. K. and 564 Sq. Orville J. K. all 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers, will march out to Lyndhurst Grenade School on the 8 <sup>th</sup> inst. to attend Bombing School. Two N. C. O. qualified very good + three qualified good to be sent overseas as a Special Draft, these from 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> + 4 <sup>th</sup> Pns	No 6 Camp Sutton Verry
	2/11/17		At 14 <sup>th</sup> Rifle course School of Musketry, Tidsworth. 21/9/17 to 27/10/17 one Lieut and one Lt Cpl gained distinguished passes, One Sgt and one Cpl 1 <sup>st</sup> class pass One Coy two Cpls second class pass. Classes B + C are to be transferred to separate Coy under command of an Officer, transfer to take place 5/11/17. From 2/11/17 kit inspection to be on last two periods of day on 1 <sup>st</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday's in each month. Marched out to France 2/11/17 from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pioneers, one Sgt, two ASqts, one ACpl + four men; from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pioneers One Cpl one ACpl and fifteen men; from 4 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers. One Plt; from 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers 100(2) Coy Lt Cpls and eighteen men	
	3/11/17		Marched in from Physical + Bayonet Fighting course Aldershot One Lieut. two Sqts, one ASqt + one ACpl qualification "Good". Named for Dental Parade	
	4/11/17		36 N. C. O. + men. Marched in ex Lyndhurst School one Sgt two Cpls	



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	4/11/17		Applications from Category B <sup>2A</sup> and C men, invited for transfer to A.M.T.S as Dispatch riders. Motor drivers and Artificers. Re Special order No. 2410 dated 28/11/17 extra Regimental and Extra Duty pay ranks, surplus to new Establishment will be reverted to Permanent Grades, promulgation of such reversion will be made on A.F.B 2/3. In the case of Extra Regimental Ranks care must be taken to ensure such reversions being entered in Soldiers pay books.	
No 6 Camp Sutton Verry	5/11/17		Special attention is drawn to Standing Order, Para 5. O.C. Coy will see that N.C.O's in charge of Piquet thoroughly understand their duties. In future the Piquet will patrol from H.Q No 4 Camp along Warmminster Road to Bridge. A Piquet from No 1 Command Depot will patrol the same route at same time as Piquet from 1 <sup>st</sup> Training Brigade. Warned for Dental Parade 6/11/17 40 N.C.O's and men: 1969 Sgt Keogh. W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers to act as Conducting N.C.O to draft for overseas 6/11/17. Marched out to No 6 Coy; 1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneers 12. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pioneers 9. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pioneers 13. 4 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers 3. 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers 7. Marched in Major E. J. C. Scott ex France, and two men ex Forward Hospital. Marched out on command to Forward Lieut 2. J. Ward and 13 A/Ranks 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pioneers	



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No 6 Camp Sutton Verry	5/11/17		Marched out to Jellalabat, Tidsworth, three N.C.O's	
	6/11/17		To attend Physical and Bayonet course at Gosport 12/11/17. 1024 Sgt Gray G.B. 5 Pioneers. Warned for Dental Parade 7/11/17 26 N.C.O's and men. Marched out to France eleven men from 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Pys. Board of Enquiry to sit at No 6 Camp Sutton Verry to enquire into deficiencies in kits.	
	7/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 8/11/17 twelve N.C.O's and men. Re bounds, Attention is drawn to Brigade Standing Order, para 6.	
	8/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 9/11/17 thirty two N.C.O's and men. Major E.J.C. Scott assumed command of Pioneer Training Bn as from noon 8/11/17 Major H. Grant relieved. Marched in ex tunnellers Rb <sup>ts</sup> 8 sixteen N.C.O's and men. Seventeen men 1 <sup>st</sup> Pys three 2 <sup>nd</sup> seven 4 <sup>th</sup> & one from 5 <sup>th</sup> are transferred to No 6 Coy. To proceed to Tidsworth as Working Party one Sgt one Driver and twenty nine men. Attended Physical and Bayonet training course at Gosport from 16/10/17 to 27, 10/17. One Lieut. one Sgt and two Cpls Qualifications "Fair"	
	9/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 10/11/17 twenty one N.C.O's and men	



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	9/11/17		To be held in readiness to proceed overseas 11/11/17 fifty eight men and eight signallers. To attend Pioneer course at Reading 23/11/17 eight Lieuts two Sgts five Ltpls one A/Cpl	
	10/11/17		Major H. Grants name was submitted to the War Office as available for overseas at "Short notice" on 8/11/17.	
	11/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 12/11/17 forty men. Transferred to R.B.A.A. Heytesbury forty two 1 <sup>st</sup> Puss, twenty eight 2 <sup>nd</sup> Puss, thirty four 3 <sup>rd</sup> Puss, forty eight 4 <sup>th</sup> Puss and twenty five 5 <sup>th</sup> Puss	No 6 Camp Sutton Verry
	12/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade. 13/11/17 fifty N.C.O's and men.	
	13/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 14/11/17 fifty two N.C.O's and men. Classed C III four men from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Puss and two C I, transferred to No 6 Coy. Marched out for France, thirty men from 1 <sup>st</sup> eight men from 2 <sup>nd</sup> seven men from 3 <sup>rd</sup> and twenty men from 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers	
	14/11/17		To proceed to Candahar Barracks for course of instruction, four 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts 19/11/17. Warned for Dental Parade fifty five N.C.O's and men 15/11/17.	
	15/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 16/11/17. Sixty two N.C.O's and men	



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	15/11/17		Major General Sir Francis Howard will inspect the Pnr Training Batt Friday at 11-15 AM.	
	16/11/17		Men for draft will be paraded for inspection by the G.O. at 11.30 AM. Named for Dental Parade 17/11/17 twenty three N.C.O's and men. Marched in from Pnr School Reading 2 Sgts and 6 Cpls	
	17/11/17		Attended a course of instruction on "Quatermasters Duties" one Cpl one Lt/Cpl from 1st Pnr. Qualified "Very Good"	
	18/11/17		To leave for Lovant per train 19/11/17 working party of 1st Pnr in charge of Lieut A.A. Olley. Men named for draft to parade at B.O.R. 19/11/17. Qualified as "marksman" in G.H.C. ending 16/11/17. One Pte 2nd Pnr one Cpl 3rd Pnr one Sgt one Lt/Cpl and four Pte 4th Pnr. Named for Dental Parade 19/11/17 sixty two N.C.O's and men.	
	19/11/17		Named for Dental Parade 20/11/17 sixty N.C.O's and men. Marched in ex Pnr School Reading four Sgts, 1st Pnr and one 2nd Lt 2nd Pnr. Marched out for Candahar School of Instruction Idsworth four Sgts	
	20/11/17		Named for Dental Parade 21/11/17 fifty four N.C.O's and men. Marched in	

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No 6 Camp Sutton Verry	20/11/17		to 1st Purr ex T. B. 82 Dental Unit. Lieut. Christianson J. E.	
	21/11/17		To attend "Bombing course" at Lyndhurst 28/11/17 one Lt + one N.C.O., trained for Dental Parade 22/11/17 fifty four N.C.O.s and men. Proposed to hold Brigade sports meeting Luas afternoon.	
	22/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade 23/11/17 fifty one N.C.O.s and men	
	23/11/17		To be held in readiness for overseas from this Battalion, thirty one men and two signallers. Warned for Dental Parade 24/11/17 twenty seven N.C.O.s and men. Marched out to Pioneer school Reading, five Lieuts three Sqs four Cpls and one A/Cpl	No. 6. Camp. Sutton Verry
	24/11/17		B Range has been allotted to this Battalion for week ending Dec 1st. Attended "Officers course of instruction" at Caudahar 3038 Sgt Wilson M.A. from 1/10/17 to 10/11/17 Qualification "Good". Marched in ex Tidsworth Det. Ply Lieut C. Sheppard and thirty one of Ranks.	
	25/11/17		Warned for Dental Parade sixty six N.C.O.s and men 26/11/17. To attend drill course at Chelsea 3/12/17, one Sg. 3rd Purr. To attend "Course of instruction at Jellabad 3/12/17, three N.C.O.s. Marched in ex	



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	25/11/17		P.T and B.F School Aldershot 24/11/17 three N.C.O's	
	26/11/17		Named for Dental Parade 27/11/17 fifty two N.C.O's and men. Marched out to France 26/11/17 thirty one O/Ranks and two Signallers. Marched in ex Jellabad School Tidsworth four N.C.O's also one Sgt ex P.T and B.F School Gosport 26/11/17. Battalion special order was issued 26/11/17	
No 6 Camp Sutton Verry	27/11/17		Named for Dental Parade 28/11/17 fifty four N.C.O's and men	
	28/11/17		Named for Dental Parade 29/11/17 sixty N.C.O's and men. Marched in ex Signal School Dunstable one N.C.O. Marched out to Lyndhurst "Bombing School" one Lieut and one N.C.O also one Capt to Pioneer School	
	29/11/17		Leading Fully trained Infantry and Pioneer reinforcements to be held in readiness to proceed overseas 2/12/17 Total 897	
	30/11/17		To be held in readiness to proceed overseas 4/12/17 Artillery O/Ranks 82	
			" " " " " " 3/12/17. T.M.B.9. Tunnel 8. P. 17	
			Attended course of instruction Chisleton "Defensive measures against gas" for five Capt's one Lt. Qualified as "Assistant Instructors"	

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