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BEAUMETZ	1 st July		CAMP FATIGUES. LIEUT. NEWLANDS PAID MEN AT HERMIES. GUARDING GUN.	
"	2 nd		CAMP FATIGUES. MARCHING ORDER PARADE AT 10.00. CNR CATT RETURNED FROM 1 st BRIGADE WAGON	
"			LINE CNR LLOYD REPLACING CATT. GAS ALARM AT 23.00	
"	3 rd		CAMP FATIGUES. CNR COLEMAN ON LEAVE TO ENGLAND	
"	4 th		CAMP FATIGUES AND PACKING UP. LEFT BEAUMETZ AT 21.00. AFTER HANDING OVER TO 3 rd DIV. DTMO. BEF.	
BEUGNY	5 th		S.M. WILSON TO RA CADET SCHOOL. LEFT BEUGNY AT 08.00. FOR MONTECNEY. ARR. 12.00. LIEUT. BRYAN - 10.00. RETURNED FROM SCHOOL. STRENGTH. 3 OFF. 65 OR.	
MONTECNEY	6 th		Sgt. LAWN RETURNED TO UNIT. Sgt. BANBROOK TRANSFERRED TO SCHOOL (PROMOTED Sgt.)	
"	7 th	0900	CNR MITCHELL ON LEAVE. 1 st 2 nd AND 5 th DIV. T.M. LEFT BY MOTOR BUS - THROUGH DOULLENS. ST. POL	
			LILLERS - HAZELBROOK TO PATRICIA CAMP. (POPERINGHE). ARR. 24.00	
POPERINGHE	8 th		LEFT PATRICIA CAMP AT 14.00 BY MOTOR FOR SCOTTISH CAMP. OUDERDUM.	
SCOTTISH CAMP.	9 th		FATIGUES ALL DAY. TAKING OVER FROM 8 th DIV. BEF.	
"	10 th		PARTY OF 1 OFF. (LT. BRYAN) 19 OR. WENT UP LINE TO DIG GUN DITS. LT. NEWLAND. WENT UP TO POSITION. CNR DAVIS AND TERMAN. ARRIVED WITH CART	
"	11 th		PARTY OF 3 OFF. 3 Sgts AND 70 MEN. AMMUNITION CARRYING AT NIGHT. LEFT AT 20.00. RET ^d 05.00 12/7/17	
"	12 th		No 2403 CNR NOLAN. REPORTED "INJURED" 11/7/17 EVACUATED. 1 GUN PIT READY. PARTY LEFT AT 20.30 AMMUNITION CARRYING - RET ^d 03.00 13/7/17	
"	13 th		LT. JOHNSTONE RET ^d FROM LEAVE. PAY WAS ISSUED AT 19.00. PARTY LEFT AT 21.00 - RET ^d AT 03.30 14/7/17	
"	14 th		LT. JOHNSTONE AND NEWLANDS WENT UP TO POSITION. AND PAID MEN. PARTY LEFT AT 21.00 - RET ^d 04.30 15/7/17 HAD SOME CASUALTIES.	

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Scottish CAMP.	1917 15 th July		Bdr MORRISON - REPORTED WOUNDED, AND GNR J. TAYLOR - SICK, EVACUATED, ^{14.7.17} GNR F. FALKINER - KILLED IN ACTION. 15.7.17. PARTY LEFT AT 21.00. AMM ⁿ CARRYING. RET ^d AT 01.30. HAD CASUALTIES } 2 KILLED - 5 WOUNDED.	
"	16 th		GNR ^s CORRIGAN - CARLISLE - HERIVEL - WOUNDED. RELIEF TO GO UP AT 02.00 - 17.7.17 -	
"		14.30	DTMO. of 8 th Div. WILL BE RELIEVING US TOMORROW NIGHT, NEW RELIEF CANCELLED - W. PARKES. } AND GNR O'BRIEN - FALKINER - BURIED BY DTMO. STRENGTH 3 OFF 58 OR	
"	17 th		LT NEWLANDS ON LEAVE. GNR CATT WENT TO FIELD AM ^s BRIGADE PARADE AT 11.00. FUNERAL	
"			PARADE AT 11.30 TO BURY GNR O'BRIEN. MEN ARRIVED BACK FROM LINE. NO CASUALTIES. GNR MURPHY } ON LEAVE.	
"	18 th		LT BRYAN REPORTED BACK FROM LINE TODAY POSITION TAKEN OVER BY 25 th HTM Bty BEF. PARADE AT } 10.00. CAMP FATIGUES. PARADE 14.00. GNR HERIVEL. RET ^d DUTY.	
"	19 th		PARADE AT 10.00. CAMP FATIGUES. PARADE AT 14.00 AND INSPECTION OF GAS HELMETS. BOR SWEENEY RET ^d FROM	
"			BASE TO DUTY. GNR MITCHELL AND COLEMAN RET ^d FROM LEAVE. STRENGTH 3 OFF 60 OR	
"	20 th		PARADE AT 10.00. CAMP FATIGUES. GNR CATT RET ^d FROM FIELD AM ^s . PARADE AT 14.00	
"	21 st		PARADE AT 10.00. ORDERS READ OUT LT JOHNSTONE AND NOWLAND PROMOTED. CAPT ^s DATED 4.6.17	
"			CONDUIT SHEETS OF Bdr MORRISON. GNR CARLISLE, CORRIGAN, FALKINER, AND TAYLOR SENT TO DTMO.	
"	22 nd		PARADE AT 09.00 AND STANDING BY TO MOVE CAMP TO BILLETTS OCCUPIED BY 2 nd Div.	
"			NO 11167 GNR LLOYD TAKEN OFF STRENGTH AS FROM 5.7.17. STRENGTH 3 OFF 59 OR	
"	23 rd		PARADE AT 10.00. CAPT JOHNSTONE WENT TO 2 nd Div. TO SEE ABOUT BILLETTS. PARADE AT 14.00	
"	24 th		PARADE AT 10.00. GNRS GERAGHTY, ROBINSON AND PETTING ON LEAVE. MOVING TO NEW CAMP TOMORROW.	

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Scottish CAMPS OULDERDUM (NEAR WATER TANKS)	1917 25 th July		PARADE AT 1000 - AND PARTY WENT ACROSS TO ERECT SHEDS AT NEW CAMP. ¹⁵⁰⁰ AT NEW CAMP WITH 2 ND DIV	<i>Johnstone</i> <i>captain</i>
"	"		40 MEN TO GO UP - 10 FROM EACH BATTERY - AMMUNITION CARRYING.	
"	26 th		PARTY RETD. - NO CASUALTIES. 2 ND DIV LEFT HERE AT 07.00 - PARADE AT 10.00 - 60 MEN TO CARRY AGAIN TONIGHT. PARTY LEFT AT 24.00	
"	27 th		PARTY RETD. NO CASUALTIES. PARADE AT 10.00. CAMP FATIGUES. PARADE 14.00. DAY TO BE DRAWN AT HAZELBROOK	
"	28 th		CAPT. JOHNSTONE AND LT BRYAN WENT TO HAZELBROOK TO DRAW PAY. BATHING. PARADE AT 08.30 - CAPT. JOHNSTONE AND LIEUT BRYAN RETD. 18.30 WITH PAY	
"	29 th		R.C. Church PARADE AT 08.30. PAY PARADE 11.00 - HEAVY STORM PASSED OVER AT 09.30 -	
"	30 th		DAY BOOKS ALL MADE UP TO END OF MONTH. GNR CONNOLLY TAKEN ON STRENGTH. GNR MURPHY RETD. FROM LEAVE. STRENGTH 3 OFF. 60 OR. PARADE AT 10.00 - GNR E.J.S. MUGRIDGE TAKEN ON STRENGTH. CAMP FATIGUES. PARADE 14.00 - STRENGTH 3 OFF. 61 OR.	
"	31		BOMBARDMENT STARTED AT ABOUT 01.30. PARADE AT 10.00. PARADE AT 14.00.	

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