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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ONGEAU	1/9/18	9-30 A.M.	Church Parade	
	Sept 2 nd	9-30 to 12 noon	Inspection by D.T.M.O. Rest of morning spent in cleaning Guns. Stores and Equipment. Weather fine and cloudy.	
	3 rd	10 A.M.	Inspection by G.O.C. and march past Weather unsettled and showery	
	4 th	8-30 to 9-30	Physical Exercises	
	4 th	10 A.M. to 12 noon	Dress Parade. Inspection. Rifle Drill and Gun laying	
	5 th	8-30 to 9-30	Physical Exercises	
	5 th	10 A.M. to 12 noon	Dress Parade Inspection followed by Route March. Weather fine	
	6 th	8-30 to 9-30	Physical Exercises	
	6 th	10 A.M. to 12 noon	Parade and Inspection. Lecture by Lieut Chaloner on "German Mortars"	
	7 th	8-30 to 9-30	Physical Exercises	
	7 th	10 A.M. to 12 noon	The morning was spent in Gun cleaning Capt. Cwin evacuated sick Capt Pender & D.T.M.O. Lieut Chaloner of 7 th Battalion	

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LONGEAU	8/9/18	10 AM	Church Parade	
		8-30	Physical Exercises	
	9 th	9-30	Physical Exercises	
		10 AM	Plt Inspection and Route March	
		12 noon		
		8-30	Physical Exercises	
	10 th	9-30	Gross Parade, Inspection, Rifle Exercises and Signalling	
		10 AM	Weather fine and warm	
		12 noon		
		1 P.M.	Left LONGEAU in lorries which also contained guns, stores and	
	11 th		Campment en route for St. ST. CREN. via VILLERS, BRETUNNEUX, PROYART,	
			& BRIE arriving at destination 6-30 P.M. Relieved the 9 th Battery	
			of the 5 th Div T.M.'s. and took over from them bullets and	
			forty (40) rounds of ammunition complete Lieut Fullerton taken	
			on strength from Hospital. Weather cold and showery	
			cleaning up and shifting into billets which the 5 th Div had	
			evacuated Raining most of the day.	
	12 th		Showery Day Cleaning up guns and stores.	
		9-30		
		12 noon		
		8-30	Physical Exercises and Games.	
	14 th	9-30	Lecture by D.T.M.O. on "Censorship" One other rank taken on strength	
		10 AM	from Base Weather fine but cloudy	

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ST. CREN.	Sept 15 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM till 12 noon	Physical Exercises Parade and Inspection followed by Marching Drill and Rifle Exercise Fine Day	
	16 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercises Cleaning Guns and Stores Gun-laying and Drill Fine and sultry weather	
	17 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercises and Games Route March Heavy thunderstorm at 2-30 AM. but before Parade how the weather had become quite clear Lt Fullerton transferred to 11 th Brigade Field Artillery and Lt Burton and Lt Pearce to 10 th Brigade	
	18 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercises Rifle Exercise and Foot Drill Lt Hill evacuated sick and Lt Hamilton taken on strength from 42 nd Battery. Fine and blousy Day	
	19 th	8-30 9-30	Physical Exercises Parade Inspection Gun-laying and Drill Lecture by Lt Hunt Moore on Ammunition Fine but cloudy day	

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ST CREN	20 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercise Dress Parade Inspection Route March Fine and cloudy day	
	21 st	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercise Parade Gun Drill and Laying Fine day	
	22 nd	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercise The morning was spent in cleaning Guns and Stores Lpl Smith left unit on furlough to Australia Fine Day	
	23 rd	9-30 12 noon	Wet day so morning was spent in thoroughly cleaning out bullet	
	24 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercises Dress Parade and Inspection Marching Drill and Rifle Exercise Fine and cloudy day	
	25 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercises Parade Gun laying and Signalling	
	26 th	8-30 9-30 10 AM 12 noon	Physical Exercises Dress Parade and Inspection Route March Fine day	

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VILLERS FAUCON	Sept 27 th	9 AM	Left LE CREN Personnel marching Guns and Stores being carried by G.S. wagons, en route for VILLERS, FAUCON, via CARTIGNY, BRUSLE, TINCOURT. HAMEL and ROISEL Arrived at destination at 1-30 PM. All men under cover in Huts and dug-outs. 4 Scouts Forrest and Moore left and attached to 39 th Field Battery for duty. Weather fine and cloudy.	
	28 th	RB ^M	1 Officer and 20 O.R.s report to A.R.P. in ERB A.S.B. Start 6 ² ° NE. at 9 AM. for duty which consisted of parking empties and generally keeping dump clear.	
	29 th 30 th	9-30	Parade Cleaning Guns and Stores. Weather cloudy with showers. 1 Officer and 20 O.R. report to A.R.P. for duty at 9 A.M.	