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2nd AUS. INF. BDE.

May 1-31, 1917.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May			
	1		Batt ⁿ . was occupying front line (series of posts) from D7 c 4, 4 through C12 central to C12 a 2, 5; "C" and "D" Coys. were in front line and "A" and "B" Coys. in reserve in sunken road in C17 c and d and C23 b. (Ref. Map: FRANCE 57c).	
	3		Scattered front line posts on "D" (right) Coy. front were organised into 4 picquet and 2 support positions. One platoon from each of "A" and "B" Coys. moved up into left and right support respectively to "D" Coy. under O.C. "D" Coy.; by this operation front line was advanced 300 to 400 yds.	
	5		Batt ⁿ relieved by 2/16 LONDONERS and moved via LAGNICOURT and VAULX-VRAUCOURT to trench at H12 b 50, 45. (Ref. Map: FRANCE 57c).	
	7		Batt ⁿ relieved 1 st AUST ⁿ Batt ⁿ in Railway Embankment south of BULLECOURT at C5 a: dispositions were - Bn. H.Q., "A" and "D" Coys. in embankment from C4 b 5, 8 to C5 a 40, 25; "C" Coy. in trench from C4 d 65, 60 to C4 d 15, 90 (Ref. Map: FRANCE 57c); "B" Coy. in trench from U29 c 8, 3 to U29 c 5, 4 (Ref. Map: FRANCE 51B).	
	8		During evening Batt ⁿ stood to arms owing to enemy counter-attack on 8 th (left) battalion front, which was repulsed by 8 th batt ⁿ without 6 th batt ⁿ being called upon.	
	9		At dusk, in accordance with Brigade orders (owing to information that successful	

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	May 9		<p>(cont'd) enemy counter-attack on front of 7th English Divⁿ on our left flank had penetrated to Southern edge of BULLECOURT) "D" Coy. was moved up into "B" Coy's position and "B" Coy. moved out to the left with its left flank swung rearward so that coy. faced North West, and "C" Coy. was moved into the Railway Embankment.</p> <p>During the night, Battⁿ was relieved by 59th AUSTⁿ. Battⁿ and moved via NOREWIL, VAULX-VRAUCOURT, and BEUGNATRE to a camp at H22C1, 8 (Ref Map: FRANCE 57c).</p>	
	10-20		<p>In above camp, battⁿ in training - mostly field training. On 17th and 18th May, "C" and "D" boys were detached and manned Corps second line running approximately South East from North of BIEFVILLERS to North of BAPAUME through BANCOURT and then South to VILLERS-AU-FLOS.</p>	
	21		Batt ⁿ moved to OVILLERS via BAPAUME and LE SARS.	
	22		Batt ⁿ moved via ALBERT and HENENCOURT to Billels in BAIZIEUX.	
	23-31		<p>Battⁿ training at BAIZIEUX - mornings individual, afternoons recreational, training.</p> <p>During the month following honours were awarded: Capt. C.H. TAYLOR received Military Cross for vigorous action leading to capture of 27 prisoners who had penetrated our front line. L-Cpt. LINDY and L-Cpt. PATTINSON received D.C.M. and Military Medal respectively for work against strong enemy fighting patrol after being surprised in their post during a fog. L-Cpt. WARRY LAITY received D.C.M. for gallant action against heavy odds while on patrol in NO-MAN'S land.</p>	

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