

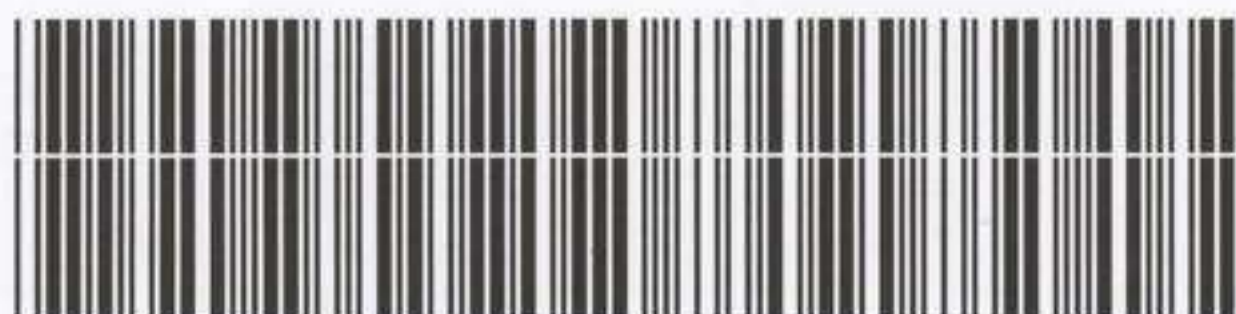
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Desyres	1-12-17		Syllabus training cont. One Coy using rifle range. E.S. 45-868 R.S. 36-708	
	2-12-17		Sunday. Battr took part in Bde church parade. Weather Fine.	
	3-12-17		Syllabus cont with 'C' Coy using Rifle range. Col. J.W. Mitchell and Capt R.J. Wallis. MC Proceeded on leave	
	4-12-17		Training cont with Lt. F. Hickson. D.T.C. app ^d Battr T.O. (Temp) during absence on leave of Lt. J. G. Harris. Maj. J. H. PELLER. DSO. assumed command during absence of Lt Col J. W. Mitchell.	
	5-12-17		Gas & Bathing parades carried out during day. A Coy doing work for Bde Training competitions.	
	5-12-17		A Coy taking part in Bde comp. Remainder of Battr engaged in Field work. Advance Guard.	
	7-12-17		Syllabus carried on. Suspended later on account of Bde sports.	
	8-12-17		A Coy doing competition work. Remainder doing syllabus work.	
	9-12-17		Sunday. weather wet. Bde church parade cancelled owing to inclemency of weather.	
	10-12-17		Weather dull. Battr Transport standing in readiness to move to new area, cancelled.	
	11-12-17		Battr less Transport moved by route march to YAUDRING HEM. March completed by 1400 without special interest. Troops in billets. Transport brigaded & moving separately.	
	12-12-17		March continued at 0500 to WARRANS. Completed by 1230. Troops billeted.	
	13-12-17		March continued at 0300 per route march to WIZERTRES where Battr entrained at 0600 At 0900 train moved out for DEKENYEBAK which was reached at 1005. March to huts near KENTMEL, reached at 1100. Advance parties sent to reconnoitre front line.	

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FRONT LINE	22-12-17		Weather fine and visibility, exceptionally good. Enemy aeroplane crossed our line, the first since Battalion took over. Capt/Chaplain, J. J. Booth, proceeded on leave to England.	
"	23-12-17		Sunday. Inter coy relief successfully carried out. Work carried on during night.	
"	24-12-17		Weather fine. Battalion visited by corps bombardier early in afternoon.	
"	25-12-17		Xmas Day - Weather changeable - Battalion visited by GOC Bde. Xmas pudding served.	
"	26-12-17		Heavy snow throughout day. Inter coy relief completed. Lt. D. Graham returned from Hosp.	
"	27-12-17		Night quiet - Day fine. Preparations pushed forward to repel, removed enemy raid.	
"	28-12-17		Port's especially vigilant. Artillery, slightly more active. Enemy patrol dispersed by MG.	
"	29-12-17		Day quiet - Battalion visited by 2nd AIB. Preparatory to their taking over sector from D.M.	
"	30-12-17	1630	Day quiet. Preparations for relief completed. First coy of relieving Battalion going forward	
"		2030	Relief completed without hitch. B & C coys marching to LINDENHURST camp.	
"			A & D to IRISH HOUSE. Hags details to billet in KEMMEL. Troops billeted by 2230.	
"	31-12-17		Day fine - troops resting. ES 47-871 RS 39-697.	

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