

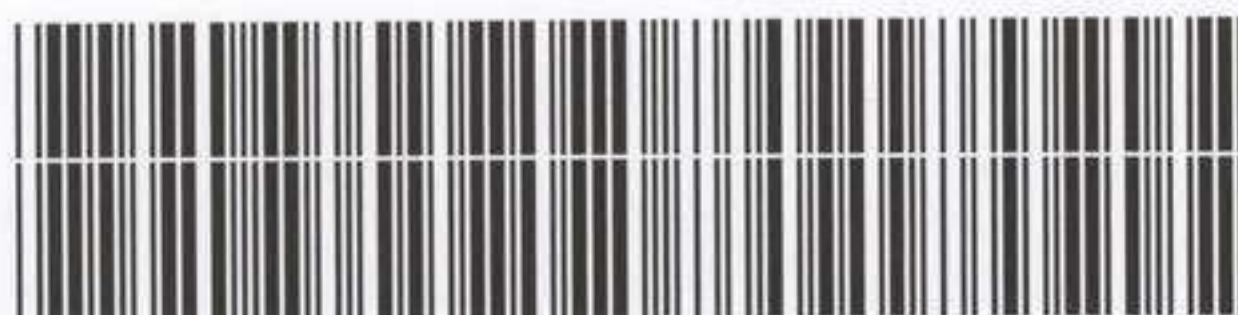
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In Field	1916	May 1 st / 5 th	<p>2nd Lieut Potter G.P. 2nd Lieut Richardson C.W. 2nd Lieut Holyman J.W. 2nd Lieut Sheppard E.A. promoted Lieutenant dated 28/3/16 Lieut Nicholas P.D. promoted Captain Sgt J Cooper promoted CSM + W.O. Class 2 vice M Roberts transferred C.Q.M.S. Hale W.H. to be CSM + W.O. Class 2 vice Thomas transferred Lieut J B Moore & Lieut B. J. Andrew absorbed on strength of Batta 2/4/16. 2nd Lieut Hart G.H.C. seconded for duty with T.M. BATTERY. 15/4/16. 2nd Lieut Lyne C.H. deceased dated 7/4/16. Strength 28 officers 950 others</p>	
		6 th / 12 th	<p>Strength 28 officers 935 others 2nd Lieut Sellick absorbed on strength of Batta 8/5/16.</p>	
		13 th	<p>2nd Lieut Burnaby to hospital & struck off strength Batta 16/5/16</p>	
		19 th	<p>Battalion moved into support billets PETILLON sector</p>	
		19 th	<p>1 killed & 3 wounded (casualties) Strength of Battalion 27 officers 972 others</p>	
		19	<p>39 reinforcements arrived</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In Field	1916 May 26 th 26 th 27 th 28 th 29 th -30 th 31 st		<p>2nd Lieut Lucas CD. returned from Hospital 26/5/16. " Sherwin R. Reinforcement Officer joined Battalion 26/5/16 " Heritage A. " " " " " " Gaudy G. " " " " " Gas demonstration to reinforcements by Capt Johnston 26/5/16. Casualties 1 man wounded Received 46 reinforcements Strength 31 Officers 1009 others 2nd Lieut Gould G.S., 2nd Lieut Hart G.S., 2nd Lieut Dadson L. to be 2nd Lieut Lucas CD } Lieutenants 26/5/16. Heavy bombardment our left sector lasting about 2 hours Casualties 5 wounded Casualties 1 killed 5 wounded.</p>	
			<p>C. Elliott Lieut Colonel. C.O. 12th Battalion</p>	



D E F E N C E S C H E M E

LEFT RESERVE BATTALION. PETILLON SECTOR.

On an alarm being given, the Battn will take up a position on the line CROIX BLANCHE -WINTERS NIGHT POST.

Battalion Headquarters, Signallers, Pioneers and Intelligence Platoon (less eight men) will move to CROIX BLANCHE H.33.a.3.2..

4 men of Intelligence Platoon will report to O.C. Nos 1 and 2 Companies.

Lewis Gun Section and Bomb Platoon will move to Trenches at CROIX BLANCHE H.33.a.1.5.

NO 1 COMPANY. Billeted in RUE DU QUESNES H.27.a. will move by Rue Des Bassieres or across paddocks to Trenches E of RUE DU BOIS H.33.a. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.7.

NO 2 COMPANY. Billeted on RUE BIACHE H.25.d.77. will move by Emergency Road 15 or across paddocks to Trenches in vicinity of a Dutch barn H.33.c.3.9.

NO 3 COMPANY 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ptn billeted at JERRY VILLA will garrison Winters night Post.
1 Platoon billeted Barlette Farm will garrison Junction Post.
2 Platoons billeted at Croix Blanche and H.33.c.6. 3. will garrison Croix Blanche Post. (H.33.a.5.2.)

NO 4 COMPANY (Close Support Company) 1 Platoon will garrison Dee Post.
1 Platoon billeted at N.2.b.8.3. will carry Bombs to left Front line Battn H.Q. (Cellar Farm Avenue)
2 Platoons billeted at Croix Blanche will report to left Front Line Battalion Headquarters.
This Company on reporting comes under command of C.O. left F.L. Battalion.

IN the event of the Battalion being sent to assist the Brigade on our left H.Q. and No.1 Company will move by Emergency Road No 9 to H.27.d.2.9. thence to La Croix Mare Chal
No 2 Company will move via RUE DES BASSIERES to H.33.d.1.5. thence to LA CROIX MARE CHAL.

1 Officer of No 1 Company and one other rank from each of Nos 1 and 2 Companies will report to forward battle position of Brigade on left.

Hillman Lt Col.
C.O. 12th Bn.