

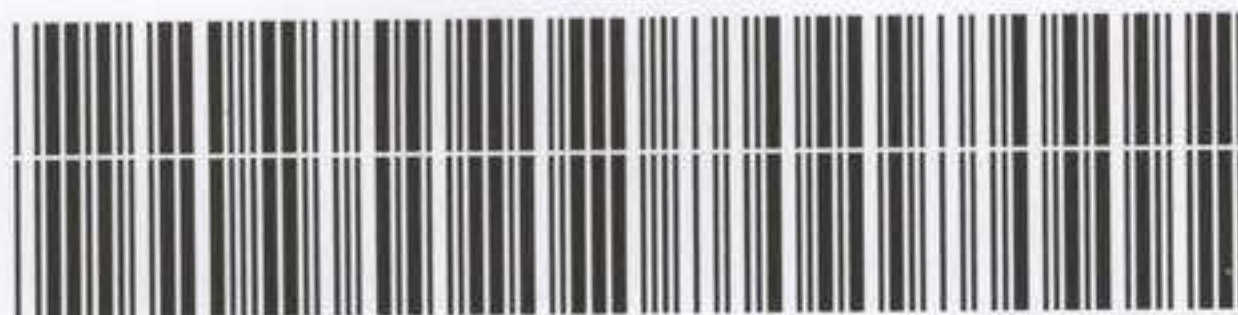
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	1917			
BEAUSSART	July 1.		All officers reconnoitred ground around SERRE prior to attack. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. H.M. Sandy arr.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	3.		Moved off at midnight & made an attack at dawn on SERRE.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	4.		Brigade advanced guard scheme from MESNIL developing into an attack on AUCHONVILLERS.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	5.		Trench to Trench attack north of AUCHONVILLERS, Major James G. Aldershot School.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
RIBEMONT.	6.		Left Beaussart at 0630 and arrived Ribemont at 1100. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Clatterall arrived.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	8.		Unveiling of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Memorial at POZIERES. Major McPherson reported for duty from 52 <sup>nd</sup> Batta. Strength 39 Officers 872 O/R.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	10.		Go acting Brigadier during Brigadier's absence on leave.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	12.		Inspection by H.M. the King. L.W. Hale, returned from Suby. List.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
BRAY.	16.		Moved at 0800 to BRONFAY FARM CAMP near BRAY-SUR-SOMME. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. W. MCKAY evacuated with appendicitis. Strength 40 officers 918 O/R.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	17.		Advanced Guard & outpost scheme on FRICOURT.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	18.		Genl. Walker inspected men in billets, it being a wet-day. Capt E. Y.	
			<del>LT</del> BUTLER & LT. E.W.D. LAING returned.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	19.		Divn. Comdr. viewed the Battalion in attack on CARNOY.	<u>C.M.M.</u>

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BRAY.	July 20		Platoon Training on "Model Platoon" basis. Strength 42 Officers 969 O/R. Go returned to Battalion.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	23.		Battalion in Attack on MAMETZ.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	24		Trench to Trench Attack. Corps Comdr. distributed medals & ribbons. At 1900 Battalion moved to huts in FORKED TREE CAMP, near BRAY.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
STAPLE.	27.		Entrained at ALBERT at 0907 & detrained at STEENBEQUE at 1730. Bulleted in a very scattered district at LONGUE CROIX in STAPLE area.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	29		Capt. D. M. Lead arrived from Seconded List. Strength 42 Officers 986 O/R.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
NIELLE	30		moved by motor bus to NIELLE-LES-BLEQUIN for additional training.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	31.		Digging trenches preparatory to attacking them on subsequent days.	<u>C.M.M.</u>

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