

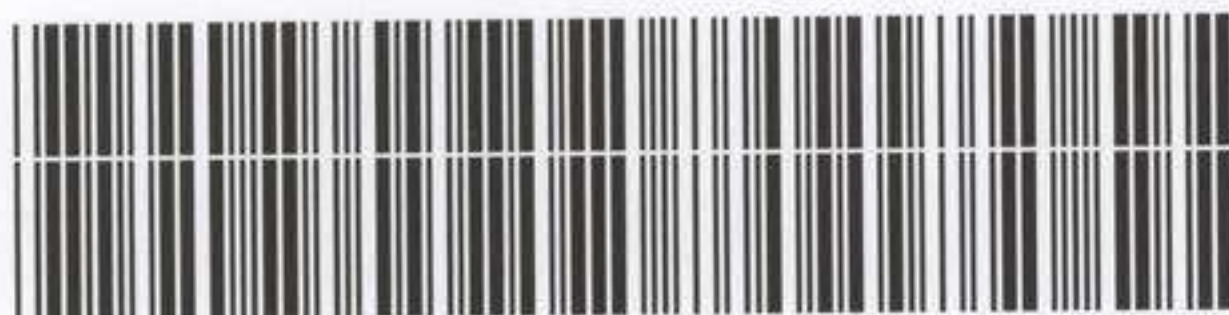
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	1917.			
NIELLE - LES-BLEQUIN	Aug. 1.		A very wet day - Battalion training in billets.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	2/4.		The bad weather continued, but route marches were carried out.	
			On 4 th August Lt J.T. BRYANT and 2 nd Lt W.K. GILL M.C. returned from Seconded List, 2/Lt. A.D. ANDERSEN commissioned & 2/Lt. P.C. THOMPSON from reinforcements together with 32 reinforcements arrived. Strength, 44 Officers & 964 O/R.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	5		Battalion carried out an attack on the trenches dug on 31 st ult.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
STAPLE	6		Embussed at 1530 and debussed at WALLON-CAPPEL at 1730 returning to our old billets.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	8		2 nd Lt. T.A. LAY cadet officer reported for duty.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
STEENTJE	9		Air raid & heavy shelling during early morning on HAZEBROUCK. Numerous refugees. Brigade moved at 0930 to VIEUX BERQUIN, this Battalion being in a scattered area around NOOT BOOM and STEENTJE. A 15-mile march was accomplished without one man falling out. One man was evacuated en route with appendicitis.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	11.		Strength 48 officers and 1014 O/R.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	13.		Battalion bathed, blankets fumigated and seams of trousers & tunics ironed. 17 reinforcements arrived.	<u>C.M.M.</u>
	15.		Lt. S.W. DOBSON reported back from Supernumerary List.	<u>C.M.M.</u>

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STEENTJE	Aug 17.		Normal training. Hostile air raid at night.	<u>Comd</u>
	18.		Very successful Battalion Sports. Hostile air raid at night. Strength 50 off. to 1037 9/R.	<u>Comd</u>
	19.		Church Parade. Hostile air raid at night.	<u>Comd</u>
	20.		One Battalion Raiding Party formed in lieu of four company parties. Hostile air raid at night.	<u>Comd</u>
	21.		Lt. W. J. KELLY returned from Supernumerary List with 30 reinforcements.	<u>Comd</u>
	22.		Brigade Sports, which were very successful but this Battalion did not gain many points. G.O.C. A.I.F. inspected representative units from the Brigade in a march past. D'boy represented this Battalion. Lt. A. L. WARDLAW returned from Supernumerary List and 2 nd Lt. A. R. MacDONALD arrived.	<u>Comd</u>
	24.		2 nd Lts M. W. BLACKLOW and W. C. B. DALY, cadet officers arrived.	<u>Comd</u>
	25.		Inspection ^{of clothing + equipment} by G.O.C. Brigade. Strength 55 officers 1079 9/R.	<u>Comd</u>
	28.		Representatives of the Brigade (including 12 th Batta less A & D Coys) marched past the G.O.C. 2 nd Army. Very windy & hot weather ensuing at present.	<u>Comd</u>
	29.		Normal Training - night operations.	<u>Comd</u>
	31.		Route march of 15 miles to MONT-DES-CATS. No one fell out.	<u>Comd</u>

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