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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April			
STEENBECQUE	1		Review by Lord Kitchener. 1 Interpreter brought on strength	
"	2		Training all day	
"	3		do	
"	4		do	
"	5		do	
"	6		do	
METEREN	7		Left STEENBECQUE at 0800. Arrived by General JOFFRE arrived at METEREN at 1600.	
L'HALLOBEAU	8		Left METEREN arrived at L'HALLOBEAU at 1600 & billeted	
"	9		Resting all day. 1 man died in Hospital & 2 returned from Hospital	
"	10		Left L'HALLOBEAU & proceeded to BOIS GRENIER. 1 man to Hospital. 1 man to Hospital	
BOIS GRENIER	11		In Reserve at CANTEEN FARM BOIS GRENIER. Nothing unusual. Officers visited front line trenches to be familiar with working.	
"	12		ditto.	do.
"	13		ditto.	do.

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BOIS GRENIER	14	8 pm	Relieved 18 <sup>th</sup> Battalion in front line trenches sections 47 to 51 inclusive. Night passed quietly. 1 other Rank from Hospital sick. 1 OR killed. 1 OR wounded.	
	15		Work commenced in improving existing trenches, nothing unusual occurred. 1 OR from Hptl sick	
	16		Improvement of trenches Hostile Shelling in rear of trenches, no damage	
	17		ditto. Heavy weather 1 OR to Hospital sick <del>1 Officer &amp; 1 OR. no information</del> <del>went to Hptl</del>	
	18		ditto. quiet day, relieved at 10 pm by 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn. returned to billets 1 OR. from Hospital.	
	19		In Billets Fatigue parties supplied to front line. no unusual occurred	
	20		ditto ditto front line trenches shelled by enemy no material damage 2 OR. wounded 1 from Hospital <del>2 Officer &amp; 1 OR. no information</del>	
	21		In Billets Fatigue work in trenches. 1 OR from Hospital <del>WENT</del>	
	22		ditto ditto Relieved 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn in front line trenches at 10 pm. Conditions in trenches very bad owing to weather conditions. Quiet night 3 OR. to Hospital sick	
	23		In trenches. Weather conditions better aeroplanes on both sides active. 1 OR. wounded.	

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BOIS GRENIER.	Apl. 1916.			
	24.		In Front Trenches. Improvement of defences continued. Normal condition. 1 O/R to Hpl.	
	25		ditto. ditto. Aerial Activity. 3 O/R wounded.	
	26.		ditto. ditto. Enemy shelled in vicinity of H.Qrs.	
			at WHITE CITY 50. 4.2 H.E. slight material damage. 1 O/R to Hospital 1 from Hpl. relieved at 9-15 p.m. by 18th Bn.	
	27.		In Billets. Fatigue Parties supplied to Trenches. At 10-20 p.m. Gas Alarm Signals heard, our artillery opened fire on enemy front line trenches. Firing ceased at 11-5 p.m. 1 O/R wounded.	
	28.		In Billets, fatigue work as usual. No unusual occurrence. 1 O/R to Hospital.	
	29.		In Billets do. do. 1 O/R from "	
	30.		do. do. Gas Alarm received 2 a.m. Gas supposed to be at ARMENTIERES. No gas on our front. day normal.	
			(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).	