

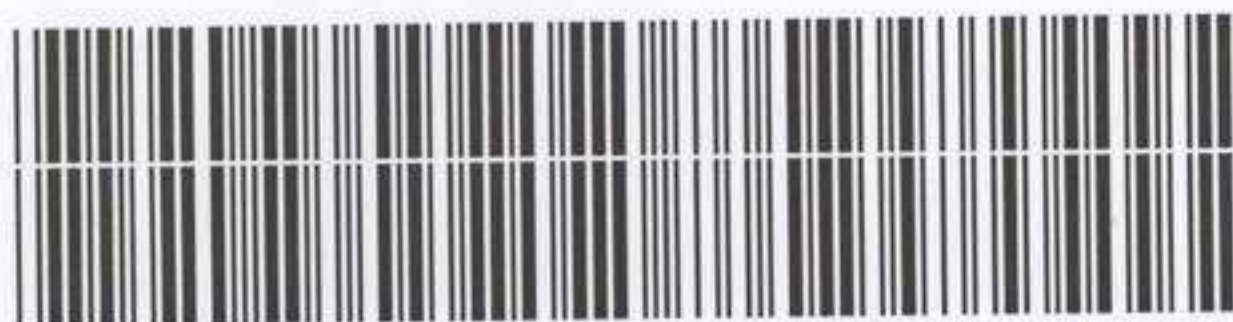
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BECOURT CAMP	APRIL 2		Snowing & cold. Bn Concert at Y.M.C.A. Band renders useful service.	Pl
"	3		Bayonet fighting. Platoon drill morning Coy parades & route march afternoon. 2/Lt. Pickett. Returned to duty.	Pl
"	4		Protection on march morning Outpost duties night.	Pl
"	5		Brigade Musketry orders carried out on range Shooting only fast. M. Thanks from 2nd A.D.B.D. 2/Lt. BF. Nicholas. ADC. to G.O.C. 2nd Div.	Pl
"	6		Bayonet fighting demonstration afternoon. morning very wet. concert at night. Men appreciate these breaks.	Pl
"	7		Brigade manoeuvres during morning cold & snowing. Lieut. J. South evacuated to hospital. Lieut. F.S. McLooney do. Capt. T.C. Godfrey do.	Pl
"	8		Brigade Church parade	Pl
"	9		Bn inspected by C.O. Improvement in equipment. Coy parades afternoon. Lecture Theory of the rifle by Lt. Dawson (others).	Pl
"	10		Snowing Lectures on Gas & masketry instruction to men	Pl
"	11		Artillery formations practices during morning. Football afternoon. Lt. McLooney returned from hospital.	Pl

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BEACOURT CAMP	APRIL 12		Snowing. Lectures to men in huts	No. 1737 Sgt. Lyell. Lt promoted to 2nd Lieut. No. 3690 Sgt. Rhymer. H.L. do.
BEAUGNATRE	13		Vacate camp more forward to BEAUGNATRE bivouac for night. Lt. Col. H. H. Stewart. Leave to England.	
"	14		Pitch camp but ordered to move forward at night. B + D Coys attached to 32nd Bn HQ A + C in reserve NOREUIL	A + C Disapp.
"	15		Take over Bn front with B + D Coys in line NOREUIL Support Coys shells Casualties 8 of rank wounded. Lt. Col. H. H. Stewart returned from leave	
"	16		Same dispositions Front quiet persistent shelling of Support's Casualties Killed 2 of rank. Wounded 6 "	
"	17		Change over dispositions A + C Coys front line. B + D Support's Casualties Wounded 8 of rank. Lt. Sillitoe returned to duty from Div School.	
FAVREUIL	18		Relieved by 25th Bn Belated in FAVREUIL	Killed: 1 of rank. Wounded: 16 "
"	19		Resting. Cleaning up equipment. etc	Killed: 1 of rank. Wounded: 8 "
"	20		In Practised Attack Lt. Col. H. H. Stewart. Returned from hospital. Major Lewis & Capt. Dawson trans. to 23rd Bn. Lt. Sillitoe. Returned from hospital.	89 Reinforcements from 1st Bn
"	21		do do clear of line	
"	22		Church parade. Brigade practice of attack afternoon	

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FAURFUIL	23		Demonstration of wire cutting & practised use of mats over wire during morning. Lecture to men of objectives etc for the attack	
	24		Practised shaking out into waves during morning. Sports during afternoon	
	25		Early morning (same) practice by Brigade Capt. Knowley Lieut. P. G. D. Letham Reported for duty Lieut. Hatched	
	26		Corrected mistakes made on Bde parade during afternoon 29 Reinforcements from tables Lieut. A. Helcock Reported for duty	
	27		Lectures & practice by Bn of attack	
	28		Early morning Brigade practice of attack Bn working smoothly	
	29		Church parade	
	30		Gas respirator drill. Lecture from maps & photos of attack area morning. Sports afternoon	
	1		Warned to stand ready to proceed front line. Finishing touches to equipment etc completed	