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Martinsart	June	4th	<p>Boat sports were held at SENLIS on June 2nd + competition for the best transport, officers charger etc. on June 4th.</p> <p>In addition to several other minor events the Bn succeeded in gaining 1st place in the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boxing - Heavy weights.</li> <li>Running - Cross Country</li> <li>Transport - Best equipped + turned out.</li> <li>Football - Rugby</li> </ul> <p>scam 2nd to the 78th Bn by 1 point for the smartest + best turned out platoon</p> <p>17th Training was continued + in addition to several advanced guard schemes, special schemes for officers were carried out e.g. taking up an outpost position.</p> <p>19th The Bn moved by rail to BAPAUME + relieved 31st Bn (5th Aust Div) in tent camp at N4 about 1/2 a mile SW of BAPAUME + became part of Corps reserve</p> <p>23rd Training was carried on + also reconnaissance of the Corps line</p> <p>On the 23rd with the Bn successfully carried out a practice in taking up a position in the sector allotted to it in the Corps line at short notice</p> <p>25th At midnight 24/25 a Bn Night Marching Scheme was carried out successfully in the vicinity of GOUBENLOURT.</p> <p>30th Training similar to above was carried on until the end of the month.</p>	
			<p>J. A. Robinson Major for CO. 26th Bn 3/7/17</p>	



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Operation Order No 55

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1. The Bn will move to **BAPAUME** tomorrow 16th inst  
REVEILLE 4.30 am  
BREAKFAST 4.50 am
2. A & C Coys will entrain at VARENNES at 8.10 am & will pass starting point W 8 A 4.2 at 5.50 am  
Headquarters, B & D Coys will entrain at VARENNES at 10.10 am & will pass starting point at 7.50 am.
3. Intervals of 100 yards between Coys will be maintained
4. The route will be via BAPAUME & HEDAUVILLE to VARENNES
5. Blankets will be rolled in waterproof sheets & round the pack under the flap.
6. Water bottles will be filled tonight.
7. Transport will travel by road in accordance with Table already issued.
8. Officers Kits, Mess Gear & Coy stores will be stacked near Q.M. store to be picked up by transport not later than 7 am.
9. M.G. limbers will be loaded tonight
10. Coy Cmdrs. will inspect their lines before leaving & send a certificate that they are in a clean & sanitary condition.
11. A Coy will detail 1 NCO to report to Lt. HARRY at BDE HQ SENLIS at 7 am to guide motor lorry to this camp (mounted on bicycle)
12. Lt Tunde is detailed to take charge of all men of the Bde who are proceeding on bicycles who will rendez-vous at BOUZINCOURT CHURCH at 9 am & proceed to NEW CAMP
13. Lt Francis is detailed as Bn. entraining officer & will report to MAJOR ROBINSON DSO at VARENNES Station at 7.40 am with a slate showing the exact number of men to be entrained.

14. Strict discipline will be maintained at the Entraining  
& Detraining Station. Pickets necessary to maintain order  
& prevent troops straggling leaving the trains will be  
detailed. Troops will be marched off at the  
detraining station the yard cleared without delay.
15. Guides from advance party will meet each train.

(Signed) C. H. Lloyd  
Lt. Col.