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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAPAUME	JUNE 1 st		Strength 46 officers 1020 other ranks. B ⁿ training for specialists etc. 2 Coy on the Corps line working. 2 Coys. 5 mile route march.	4 to 8 th TB
"	" 2 nd		Strength. 46 officers 1026 other rks. B ⁿ Army as for the 1 st . Coys changing over. Men bathed.	
"	" 3 rd		Strength. 43 officers 1023 oth Rks. Church parade. Lt Col Beardmore to Gen List; Lt Wood cc to 8 th TB, Lt Walker to 8 th LTMB.	30 off to Sup.
"	" 4 th		Strength. 43 officers 1023 oth. Rks. B ⁿ route march with 1 st line transport.	
"	" 5 th		Strength 43 " 1018 " " 2 Coys did the attack over the flagged course to the Corp. 1 platoon did a scheme with a LTM. B ⁿ Army for specialists.	2 from "
"	" 6 th		2 Coys at work on Corps 2 nd Line. Strength. 43 officers 1018 other Rks. Coy route marches of over 5 miles	
"	" 7 th		Strength 43 officers 1018 other Rks. 1 Coy on 9 mile route march. 1 Coy on Platoon schemes with LTM's, 2 Coys on the 2 nd Corps line. Specialists being regimentally.	
"	" 8 th		Strength 43 officers 1018 other rks. 3 Coys on 9 mile route march 1 Coy on Platoon schemes with LTM's. Specialists trained regtly.	
"	" 9 th		Strength. 43 officers 1019 other rks. 50% of 240 rks reconnoitering for Bde scheme 10 Coy training in extended order work etc. 1 Coy on platoon schemes with LTM's. 2 Coys working on Corps 2 nd Line.	1 joined from 1 Coy.
"	" 10 th		Strength. 43 officers 1028 other Rks. B ⁿ Army for specialists. Church parades	14 from the Corp. 1 to the Corp.

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BAPAUME	June 11 th		Strength. 43 off 1023 other rks. All officers and NCOs went over ground for attack except 4 officers who held a bay each at work.	
"	12 th		Strength. 43 officers 1028 other rks. B ⁿ practised the attack.	
"	13 th		Strength. 43 officers 1024 other rks. Bde scheme worked on.	4 to Hoop.
"	14 th		Strength. 43 officers 1020 other rks. 3 bays in a Bde scheme. 1 bay working on HUN dump.	
"	15 th		Strength. 43 officers 1021 other rks. Tactical exercises for 3 bays. 1 bay on HUN dump.	1 from ANZAC L R bays.
"	16 th		Strength. 43 officers 1021 other rks. B ⁿ left BAPAUME 11.20 am. Camped handed to 285 B ⁿ .	
W 2 Central TIN MARTINSART	17 th		Arrived at VARENNES at 1 pm and marched to 26 th B ⁿ camp in W 2 central arriving at 4 pm.	1 to Hoop.
"	18 th		Strength. 43 officers 1020 other rks. Church parades.	
"	19 th		Strength. 43 officers 1020 other rks. B ⁿ bathed in fresh water near AVELUY all day.	
"	20 th		Strength. 43 officers 1020 other rks. Bays training at discretion of bay cmdrs.	
"	21 st		Strength 44 officers 1032 other rks. D Andrews from Sec List. B & D bays fired a truck course on Bde range. A & C bays carried on with bay work.	120 Rps from Hoop.
"	22 nd		Strength. 44 officers 1032 other rks. A & C bays fired a course on Bde range. B & D bays in Bde Field Firing competition. D bay winner of this.	
"	23 rd		Strength. 43 officers 1024 other rks. A matter to see Dist. Bays training in extended order.	To Hoop 80 Rps
"	24 th		Strength 43 off. 1024 other ranks D bay training in field firing. A bay training for bay drill competition. B & C bays carrying out bay schemes. Specialists and Regtly.	1 to Hoop 8 th T.B.
"	25 th		Strength. 43 officers 1023 other rks. Church parades.	
"	26 th		Strength. 43 officers 1023 other rks. A & D bays training for competitions. B bay during platoon drill for attack as per HQ memo. C bay 3 platoons on assault course. 1 on obstacle race.	
"			Strength. 43 officers 1023 other rks. A bay tied with 29 th B ⁿ bay for drill. B bay Platoon drill for attack. C bay Army formations. D bay training in field firing	

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W 2 Central hr MARTINSHAT	June 27 th		Strength:- 43 officers 1039 other ranks. Musketry. Bad shots on 300 ⁺ range. Remainder of 13 th on Bde Range. Practice to advance from 400 ⁺ to 300 ⁺ firing 10 rounds each at disapp. Fig 3 targets while advancing. Day did field firing.	16 from Hoops.
"	28 th		Strength:- 43 officers 1036 other rks. Musk. postponed owing to wet. Coy trained under Coy cmdrs and was lectured on fire control etc. Day training for competition. Bad shots on 300 ⁺ range.	3 to Hoops.
"	29 th		Strength 44 officers 1036 other rks. Major C. Wright joined from Sec List 13 th trained in wood fighting, use of range finder, Adv Ed, Plt training for attack, and his own course. Lectures on night marches	
"	30 th		Strength 44 officers 1036 other rks. 13 th route march postponed owing to heavy rain. Coy trained by Coy cmdrs when possible during morning. Bathing postponed in view of rain. This was to have been in ponds near AVELUY.	

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