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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARTINEART	July 1 st		Strength: - 42 officers 1059 other rks. 1 Coy on musketry. Remainder of B ⁿ on Church Parade. Lt Walls & Lt Duce placed on sick list (wounded).	16 O ^r R ^s from Hoop 7 O ^r R ^s sent to
"	July 2 nd		Strength: - 42 officers 1059 other rks. Day got second in Div. Field Firing. Remainder of B ⁿ on skill at arms, Platoon Training, & Bayonet Fighting.	
"	3 rd		Strength: - 42 officers 1056 other ranks. Day training for Drill Competition. Remainder doing Wood-fighting, Platoon training, and musketry on the range. Firing at range, fair.	2 O ^r R ^s to Cadets 1 " to 8 th T.B.
"	4 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1056 other rks. Divisional Assault at Arms at HENENCOURT. A Coy second in drill, B F team 1 st with 29 th B ⁿ , Platoon from Clay 2 nd in Obstacle Race.	
"	5 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1054 other ranks. B ⁿ trained in skill at arms, and B.F. 100% taken over assault course.	2 tried to Desig
"	6 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1054 other ranks. Day training under O & Clays in morning for 1 hour night march and deployment by Coys except A Coy who trained for drill.	
"	7 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1054 other rks. Day route marches. Weather inclement.	
"	8 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1054 other rks. Church parades.	
"	9 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1056 other rks. B ⁿ took part with 30 th in a Bde Attack scheme. The men worked well and everything was satisfactory. Day trained for drill.	2 from Hoop.
"	10 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1056 other rks. Coys trained at discretion of O & Clays in skill at arms, and musketry. D Coy did a night march, deployed & attacked.	
"	11 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1058 other rks. B & C Coys went over the field firing range at THIÉRYVAL. A, C, D Coy & H ^{rs} bathed. B Coy bathed on way home. Field firing good.	18 O ^r R ^s struck off in Hoop.
"	12 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1038 other rks. Wounded for sports at HENENCOURT and H.M. the King was present. 4 th in lumber, 6 th in cooker. A Coy & platoon of Clay with B F team also took part.	
"	13 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1048 other rks. Day training in tactical exercises. advanced gds &c.	7 from Hoop

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MARTINSART	July 14 th		Strength: 42 officers 1045 other rks. B ⁿ route march and swim. R Gs being trained. Some Lewis Gunners trained to use German Machine Gun. Nos 1 & 2 of each gun.	
"	15 th		Strength: - 42 officers 1045 other rks. Church parades. Nos 1 & 2 L Gs instructed in use of German Machine Gun.	
"	16 th		Strength: - 41 officers 1045 other rks. Muster parade at 9 am. A+C Coys did a coy scheme in conjunction with LTM who supported them with live fuds. This was from 1 pm to 4.30 pm. R Gs and L Gs being specially trained also Scouts & Snipers.	Capt Hallyard to 31 st 18 th .
"	17 th		Strength: - 41 officers 1044 other rks. Coy training carried out at discretion of Coy Cndrs in skill at arms, and Assault practices.	1 Ltfd to 5 th AD BD.
"	18 th		Strength: - 41 41 officers 1045 other rks. B ⁿ route march with 1 st line transport to CORBIE. B ⁿ practiced crossing pontoon bridges. 5 th specialists left behind to train. Hoosp.	
"	19 th		Strength: - 41 officers 1047 other rks. B ⁿ marched home from CORBIE. Good march. 9 Reinths. Hoosp. inspection on arrival at camp.	6 from Hoosp 8 to 11 th
"	20 th		Strength: - 41 officers 1047 other rks. Coy training and foot inspection with foot bath.	9 to 31 st 18 th
"	21 st		Strength: - 41 officers 1047 other rks. The B ⁿ carried out an Advance Ld Scheme under Bde arrangements. Very instructive practice.	11 from 27 th 18 th
"	22 nd		Strength: - 41 officers 1047 other rks. Coys trained under Coy Cndrs in Musketry.	51 to Hoosp
"	23 rd		Strength: - 40 officers 1036 other rks. Church parades. Major White placed on Sec Staff.	10 to 8 th TB.
"	24 th		Strength: - 40 officers 1036 other rks. B+D Coy acted as enemy for 29 th B ⁿ Adv. Scheme.	
"	25 th		Strength: - 40 officers 1019 other rks. A+C Coys training in rapid wiring and skill at arms.	
"	26 th		Strength: - 40 officers 1019 other rks. B ⁿ bathed and 2 Coys did musk. on the range. 2 Coys worked on the assault course. C O, SIC, & Adjt on Dw. Staff Ride. Coys trained in Wood fighting, Advanced Lds, and Musketry. 2 nd Lt Richards & Willington promoted from NCOs.	17 to Hoosp. 2 from 48 th TB. 4 to Hoosp 2 to Com. Rk

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MARTINSART	July 27 th		Strength: 42 officers 1015 other rks. Coys put over the assault course and trained in scouting through woods. Specialist's training continued.	For diff in 1100 see 26 th July.
"	" 28 th		Strength: 42 officers 1013 other rks. B & D Coys on the range. Shooting fair.	2.0 hrs to 11.0 hrs
"	" 29 th		A & C Coys carried on with Spec. Trng and skill at arms. Reserve Lt's trained.	
"	" 29 th		Strength: 42 officers 1013 other rks. Inspection of kit and cleaning of camp.	
"	" 30 th		All transport packed ready to move to new area.	
"	" 30 th		Strength: 42 officers 1013 other rks. 18 th entrained at AVELUY at 12 noon.	
"	" 30 th		Detrained at STOMER and marched to new area.	
RACQUINGHEM	31 st		Strength: 42 officers 1013 other rks. Arrived at 4 am. 18 th billeted.	
"			Men rested for the day. Feet inspected.	

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