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LA BARQUE M. 6 C. 8-2.	1-4-17.		Still at La. BARQUE. 79 OR marched in from 4 th A.D.B.D. Staples. 1-4-17.	
do	2-4-17		Camp struck at LA BARQUE, and Battalion moved to northern outskirts of BAPAUME (H. 21 d.), arrived there 12 noon and camp pitched.	
BAPAUME	2/10-4-17.		Still in camp, numerous fatigue parties supplied and on roadwork. all Bn officers and majority of N.C.O.'s visited that portion of the front line, which the Bn. would be taking over. 14-17. Lt. Col. St. J. Manning, D.S.O. assumed command of Bn. 14-17. Capt. J. H. Holman wounded.	
"	11-4-17.		82 OR marched in from 4 th A.D.B.D. Staples. 6-4-17. Left camp at 11.30 am and marched to NOREUIL, stopped in Sunken Road between NOREUIL and LONGATTE till 7.30 pm. Relieved 151 st Bn in front line, with 2 companies, with our left flank resting at U. 27 d. 2.5, and our right company resting at C. 5. a. 5. 2. Right support company in Sunken Road at C. 10. a. 6. 0 to C. 10. 9. 37, and left support company and Bn HQ. in Sunken Road between NOREUIL and LONGATTE. Relief complete by 12 midnight. Posts established in front of front line and active patrolling carried out. casualties from 12 noon 10/4/17 to 12 noon 11/4/17 1 OR. Killed 16 OR. Wounded. Still holding line. Situation normal. Night of 12/4/17 2 special officers patrols sent out at 8 pm to ascertain enemy dispositions and in HINDENBURG LINE opposite. Patrols returned 12 midnight and reported enemy holding line fairly strongly. 13-4-17. relieved by 18 th Bn from C. 5. A. 5. 2 to U. 28 c. 2. 3, relief complete by 11.30 pm. That portion of line from U. 24 c. 2. 3 to U. 27. d. 2. 5, taken over by 186 th Bde, B.E.F. on our left. Bn marched back to their camp at BAPAUME (H. 21 d.) arrived there 3 am 14-4-17.	
FRONT LINE	12/12-4-17		casualties - 12 noon 11/4/17 to 12 noon 12/4/17 - 4 OR Wounded 12 noon 12/4/17 to 12 noon 13/4/17 - 1 OR. Killed - 1 OR Wounded	

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BAPRUME	12/17	9am	Left camp and marched to BAPRUME Railway Station, entrained 3pm. detoured ALBERT and marched to SHELTER WOOD CAMP, Eniscourt., arrived 10pm.	
SHELTER WOOD	14/11/17		Die at Eniscourt camp. Reorganizing 19. D.R. marched in from 4. A.D.D. Staples. 8. 14.4.17 4. D.R. " " " " " " 15.4.17	
"	17.4.17		Left Eniscourt camp at 10am arrived BRESLE 2pm. Lt Col Stb Hennig D.S.O. proceeded to England on leave, and Major S.L. PERRY, assumed command of the Bw.	
BRESLE	17/30.4.17		Drill at BRESLE, organization and training being carried on. BRESLE Baths used on two occasions. 23.4.17. Lecture by Major HYMAN, 4 th Aust. Div. to Company Commanders and Adjutants on Court-Martial. 25/4/17. Bde sports held at HENENCOURT. Bw marched to HENENCOURT at 9am. and marched back after sports at 5.30 pm. 26.4.17 Lecture by Major HYMAN, 4 th Aust. Div. at 12. Bde Lt Col LAVIEVILLE to Company Commanders and Adjutants on Court-Martial. 27.4.17 10am A Company inspected by Army Commander, and put through Company drill. Army Commander expressed his appreciation on the appearance of the men. A tactical scheme was carried out by 1 Company of the 47 th Bw which was watched by Bw officers. At conclusion of scheme the Army Commander spoke to all Bde Officers present, pointing out good points and faults in the morning's work. 29.4.17 Lt Col Stb Hennig returned from leave, and resumed command of the Bw. 29/30.4.17 Voting in connection with Australian Commonwealth Elections taking place. Lt J. Norman to Central Training School. Staples for 2 months as Instructor.	

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			<p><u>Extracts from Orders April 1917.</u></p> <p>AIF list 159 30 3 17</p> <p>The promotion of Lt CH WALKER published in list 148 is anti-dated to 10 January 1917.</p> <p>AIF list 161. 3/4/17</p> <p>The undermentioned officers evacuated sick or wounded are placed on seconded list.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lt L. Fowler</td> <td>-</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>-</td> <td>Dated</td> <td>6 3 17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" JRB Perry</td> <td>-</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>2 2 17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" G. Lamish</td> <td>-</td> <td>Wounded</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>21 2 17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" G. H. Walton</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>21 2 17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" J. S. Lewis</td> <td>-</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>1 2 17.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lt R S. Pickups is seconded for duty with 12th Training Bn. Dated 10 3 17.</p> <p>AIF list 164 13 4 17.</p> <p>Lt J R. Mc Kenzie, is taken on strength from Reinforcements. Dated 20/4/17.</p> <p>AIF list 165 17 4 17.</p> <p>Lt P. T. Murray, is placed on Supplementary List. Dated 22 3 17</p> <p>" W. J. Hardy, is transferred to 61st Bn. Dated 2 4 17.</p> <p>AIF list 166. 20/4/17.</p> <p>Lt J. S. Jarvis, resumes duty from Seconded List. Dated 6 4 17.</p> <p>The undermentioned officers reported for duty from Reinforcements.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lt R. A. Barton.</td> <td>22 4 17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" W. R. Watson</td> <td>25 4 17.</td> </tr> </table>	Lt L. Fowler	-	Sick	-	Dated	6 3 17.	" JRB Perry	-	Sick	-	"	2 2 17.	" G. Lamish	-	Wounded	-	"	21 2 17.	" G. H. Walton	-	"	-	"	21 2 17.	" J. S. Lewis	-	Sick	-	"	1 2 17.	Lt R. A. Barton.	22 4 17.	" W. R. Watson	25 4 17.	
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