

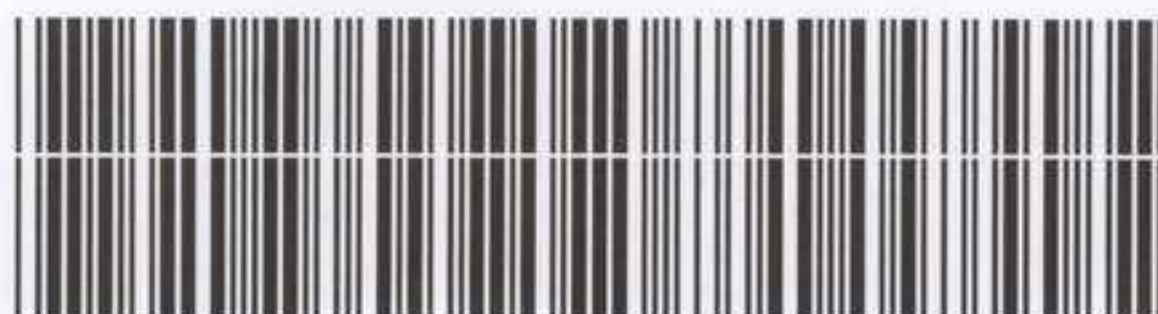
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- 2nd July, 1916. Marched to SAILLY - SUV - LYS and billeted there. preparatory to taking over section of front line.
- 3rd July, 1916. One Officer per company, Grenade and Sniping Platoon, and Lewis Gun Section went up to trenches to take over.
- 4th July, 1916. The Battalion marched out to relieve the 3rd Bn. Left SAILLY at 9.15 p.m. . Relief completed by 1. 20 a.m. on 5th July, 1916. Trenches were in a very poor state of repair. Built up teenches. Battalion Headquarters not all central. 52nd Battalion were on our right flank. 46th " " " left " Subjected at times to rather a severe Bombardment, but on the whole it was a pretty safe spot. Trenches were from 250 to 375 yards distant. Officers patrols were sent out nightly. Total casualties - 5 Killed and 7 wounded.
- 11th July, 1916. Relieved by the 55th Battalion. Marched into SAILLY and billeted there on the 12th .
- 12th July, 1916. Marched to BAILLEUL and billeted there till night of 14th July.
- 14th July, 1916. Entrained for DOULLENS and then marched from DOULLENS to BERTEGOURT - LES - DAMES a distance of about 14 miles. Rather a severe test considering circumstances, spell in the trenches, marching since relieved there - uncomfortable train journey and weight of packs, blankets etc carried. Route Marches every day to get men into condition.
- 18th July, 1916. 43 details other ranks reported from 4th Aust. Inf Div. Base Depot, ETAPLES.
- 19th July, 1916. 40 details other ranks reported from 4th Aust. Inf Div Base Depot, ETAPLES.
- 18th/26th July. Training. Chiefly Route marching, wood fighting, grenadier and bayonet fighting training.
- 27th July, 1916. Marched to RUBEMPE in good condition. Billeted there till 29th July.
- 29th July. Marched out early to VANDENCOURT WOOD battalion camped in tents
- 29th/31st July. Continuous training.

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