

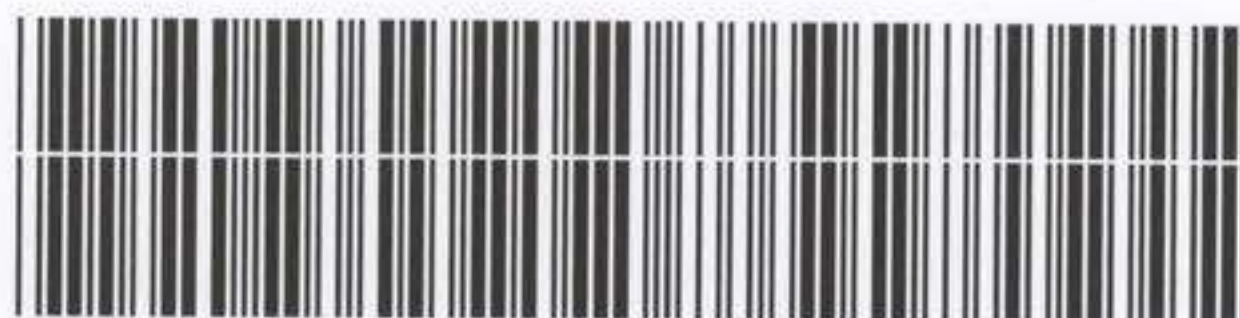
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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5th Div. Pw. A. I. F.
June 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAU/ENCOURT	1917 June 1 st to 14 th		<p>Period June 1st to June 14th The Battalion was occupied in training, sports and organized ^{games} in exceptionally fine weather and materially assisted in restoring stamina and morale to all ranks after and exacting tour in the ^{trenches during the} preceding months. All ranks showed a remarkable capacity for regaining their usual vigour.</p> <p>During this period there were 28 evacuations to hospital, the chief disease being trench fever; cases of this disease have ^{decreased} increased in number per diem compared with the previous month, this being attributable in the opinion of the R.M.O. to a lower temp temperature of the weather as well as the advantages of baths.</p>	
BEAU/ENCOURT	15		<p>The Battalion moved to BOUZINCOURT entraining at BAPAUME. Proceeding and thence by rail to VARENES and thence ^{by} route march to BOUZINCOURT. During the entraining the ^{at} Bapaume the enemy dropped several bombs from the air during slight</p>	



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53rd Bn A.I.F.
June 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>damage to the railway line which held the trains up for several hours. No casualties resulted. The move was effected without further mishap the head of the column reaching BOUZINCOURT at 4-30 PM.</p>	
BOUZINCOURT	15-31		<p>The Battalion has been occupied in training and reorganization during this period under fair conditions the weather being moderately fine and billeting excellent. Everything went steadily except for a fire that broke out in one of the billeting completely gutting two forage sheds. No. 3563 Sgt Mitchell was most unfortunately burned to death in this fire. Boards were appointed to enquire into the cause of the fire and Sgt Mitchell's death. The findings of the Boards have not yet been promulgated.</p>	
				<p>Thomson Major</p>

