

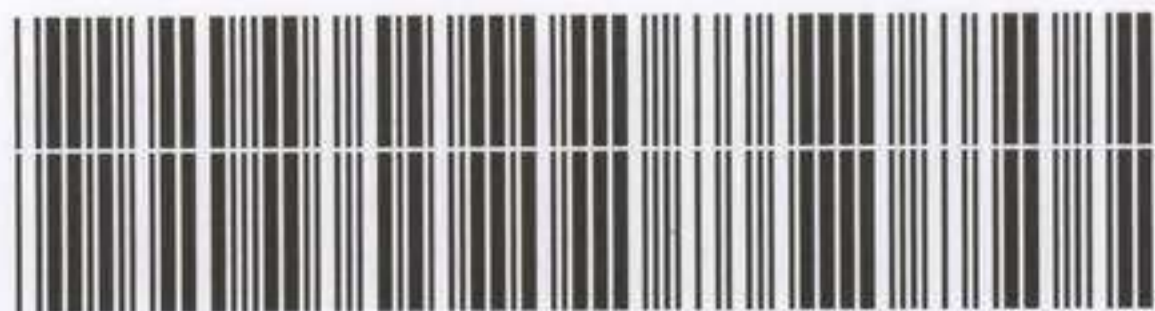
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1916			
	Apr.			
Ferry Post	1		Battalion on Brigade and Divisional duties.	
	2		Church Parade held during the morning. General health of men good. Swimming Parades in the morning and afternoon help to keep the men fit.	
	3		Two Companies performing Div., duties. Two companies carried out an attack. Work very satisfactory. During the march out, a general improvement in March Discipline was shown.	
	4		Two Companies performing Div., Duties. Remaining two Companies carried out March & Attack, similar to previous day's work. Men appear to be able to bear fatigue much better. General health of men good.	
	5		Parade was held as usual and consisted of Close Order Drill and general smartening up of the men. Camp was moved during the day and completed by Sunset.	
	6.		Bn., still performing Div., Duties, only 2 Companies being able to attend Parades. Elementary Training carried out during the morning. Men attended usual swimming parades. At present a large number of the men are suffering with diarrhoea, otherwise health of men good.	
	7.		New parade hours were commenced to-day, and one Company, plus a few H.Q., details marched out at 6.30 a.m., for musketry (grouping at 30 yards). The remainder of men available leaving camp later. The men's firing was not good - many men showed that they had not had much instruction in Musketry in Australia. About 50 of the Bn., failed to group at the first sheet. About 25 of these grouped in their second sheet. Further instruction in Musketry is most necessary. Men's condition appears to be improving, and they are beginning to show very little fatigue after a good day's work. Two Companies, as usual, did Outpost work during night of 7th/8th April, 1916.	
	8.		Bn., Parade held during the morning & afternoon and Musketry instruction was carried out. All men who did not group the previous day, fired again - the results obtained after further instruction were good.	
	9		Church Services held during the morning. Gen., McCay inspected the Bn., Lines. Good inspection held. General health of men - fair. A lot of men still suffering from diarrhoea.	
	10		Battalion carried out training according to Syllabus. Sick Parade 55 - Hospital 5. Exempt 2. Light Duty 30;	
	11		Battalion training according to Syllabus. Training seriously interfered with, by the large number of fatigues required by Division - only 1 Company available for training to-day.	
	12		Battalion training - only 400 men were able to parade for training this morning. This was the largest parade by Battalion for several days. Weather becoming much better during the day. Evenings and nights continue to be quite chilly.	

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