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	1			<i>Fine day Battalion arrived at LA LACQUE Camp about 1 a.m. off light railway. Hot tea was provided for troops on arrival and were allowed to sleep until 9 a.m. Remainder of day was taken up by cleaning up and various inspections.</i>	
	2			<i>Fine day. Companies at disposal of Company Commanders. Special attention being paid to physical drill in order to keep the men fit. Commanding Officer addressed the Battalion and congratulated them on the good work they had done on 28<sup>th</sup> June.</i>	
	3			<i>Companies at disposal of Company Commanders from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Physical drill, Bayonet Fighting and Company Drill being practiced. Football match between left and right half battalion was played in the afternoon. Left half winning by 3 goals to NIL. Draft of 107 other Ranks joined Battalion about 9 p.m. from Corps Reception Camp.</i>	
	4			<i>Drill morning turning out into a glorious day. Received Operation</i>	

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	4			<i>Orders to proceed to line in relief of 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. Commanding Officer inspected draft which joined Battalion previous night.</i>	
	5			<i>Fine but cloudy. Battalion still at LA LACQUE camp. Battalion prepared for the line during the day. Entrained on light railway at 8.45 a.m. Relief complete at 12.15 a.m. The dispositions were "C" and "D" Companies left and right front line. "A" and "B" left and right support. 1<sup>st</sup> DEVONS on right and 15<sup>th</sup> WARWICKS on left.</i>	
	6			<i>Very fine and warm. The day passed very quietly. The woods round Battalion Headquarters were shelled with Gas Shells.</i>	
	7			<i>Fine and Warm. The situation remained quite all day, but heavy artillery fire could be heard on our right about 2.30 a.m. Two low flying enemy aircraft crossed our lines at 7 a.m. but were promptly driven off by our patrols. 2/Leiutt. D. H. Hailstone was killed in the early hours of the morning whilst out with his platoon cutting corn. This Officer only joined the Battalion on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst.</i>	

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	8			<i>Fine day and very warm. Rain began to fall in the evening developing into heavy thunderstorms, rain continuing all night. Enemy M.G.'s very active during the night. Our artillery carried out a shoot to silence them at 2.30 a.m. Enemy aircraft flew over our lines from 7.45 a.m. till 11 a.m. Enemy artillery more active than usual during the day.</i>	
	9			<i>Fine during the morning but showery later in the day. Situations pretty quiet. A prisoner was captured of 117<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of 25<sup>th</sup> Division. Very useful information was got from him, as this was the first identifications of this division on this front.</i>	
	10			<i>Fine but showery. During the evening we had a heavy thunderstorm. The situation remained quiet.</i>	
	11			<i>Fine but frequent heavy showers. On right of 11/12<sup>th</sup> the Battalion was relieved by 12<sup>th</sup> Bn. Gloucester Regiment and withdrew to VILLORBA Camp in Brigade Reserve. Relief completed at 12.20 a.m. Bombs were dropped in vicinity of camp wounding Capt. Ruffer.</i>	
	12			<i>Dull with frequent heavy showers. The Battalion supplied large working</i>	

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	12			<i>parties for work on communication trenches at night.</i>	
	13			<i>Fine day with few light showers. Working parties found as on previous day.</i>	
	14			<i>Very heavy showers during the day. Church parades for all denominations were held throughout the morning. No working parties were found by Battalion.</i>	
	15			<i>Fine day with occasional showers. Battalion found usual working parties throughout the day and night. Trials for Brigade Swimming Competition were held in the afternoon.</i>	
	16			<i>Fine but showery. Working parties were again found by Battalion. Competitors still practising for Aquatic Sports. 2/Lt. B. Odgers joined Battalion for duty from 7<sup>th</sup> Bn. D.C.L.I. Granted Commission from Regimental Sergeant Major.</i>	
	17			<i>Fine but showery. The Battalion was relieved from VILLORBA Camp by 2<sup>nd</sup> K.O.S.B's and withdrew to ARCADE CAMP relieving 14<sup>th</sup> ROYAL WARWICKS. Relief was completed by 7.10 p.m. Competitors practised for Aquatic Sports.</i>	

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	18 <sup>th</sup>			<i>Fine day. Battalion in ARCADE CAMP. Battalion carried out training as per programme attached. Competitors practiced for aquatic sports in the afternoon. Lieut. H. W. Trelawny joined for duty from 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion.</i>	
	19 <sup>th</sup>			<i>Battalion training as per programme. In the afternoon Battalion water polo team lost to 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Devon Reg. by 3 goals to NIL. 2/Lieutts R.P.T.SCOTT and J.B. SEATON joined for duty from Reserve Battalion.</i>	
	20 <sup>th</sup>			<i>Fine morning turning out into a very wet afternoon. Battalion training scheme carried out. Aquatic sports were held in the afternoon but owing to rain only two races were completed.</i>	
	21 <sup>st</sup>			<i>Fine day. Battalion attended Church Parade in Camp. Aquatic sports were continued, Battalion doing very well and winning the relay race.</i>	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>			<i>Fine and warm. Battalion parades carried out according to programme. Commanding Officer and Company Commanders were called out at 5 a.m. for a test to "MAN BATTLE POSITIONS".</i>	

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	23 <sup>rd</sup>			<i>Heavy rain during morning and afternoon. - 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade relieved the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.- The Battalion was relieved at ARCADE by the 1/NORFOLK Regiment, and moved into the lines as Left Battalion, Left Sub-sector, relieving the 16/R. WARWICKSHIRE Regiment. Relief went very smoothly in spite of heavy rain. Relief reported complete at 11.40 p.m.</i>	
	24 <sup>th</sup>			<i>Weather fine and warm. In the early morning, about 2 a.m. enemy artillery showed greatly increased activity for one hour. Remainder of day quiet.</i>	
	25 <sup>th</sup>			<i>Fine, but very windy. Day quiet.- A Patrol crossed the PLATE BECQUE and saw no signs of enemy on this side enclosure of FAL FARM.- Major Gent rejoined Battalion.</i>	
	26 <sup>th</sup>			<i>Heavy rain all day. Situation quiet during day. Slight artillery activity at night.</i>	

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	27			<i>Frequent heavy showers during the day. All quiet on Battalion front. Our artillery very active on left.-</i>	
	28			<i>Weather fine, with showers. Situation normal.- Patrols crossed PLATE BECQUE, but were unable to proceed more than 200 yards from bank owing to hostile operations.</i>	
	29			<i>Fine weather.- Situation quiet. Slight gas shelling. Patrols again over PLATE BECQUE.</i>	
	30			<i>Fine weather with thick ground mist during morning.- The Battalion was relieved from the front line by the 12/GLOUCESTER Regiment, and moved back to the Support Line at CHAPPELLE BOOM, relieving the 1<sup>st</sup> EAST SURREY Regiment. Day quiet. Some gas shelling at night. Enemy aircraft crossed our lines during the day, and were heavily engaged by our Lewis guns. All Companies cleaning up during the day in preparation for relief.-</i>	
	31			<i>Weather fine, but very hot.- In the early morning some gas shelling fell around Battalion Headquarters. Quiet during the day</i>	

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	31			<p><i>all Companies at rest during day.- Working parties for front line provided at night.</i></p> <p><i>J Westurt Lt Colonel                      Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Duke of Cornwall'a L. I.</i></p> <p><i>Attached.- Army Forms B213 for August                      Battalion Operation Orders                      No's 505 to 509                      Tactical Scheme                      Programme of Training                      Programme of Concert                      Programme of Aquatic Sports                      Congratulatory Message</i></p>	