

APRIL, 1916.

Monday 17

Rained during the night. Went for a route march this morning. Had gas helmet drill in the afternoon. We are living chiefly on bully & biscuits. Had a look round the Catholic church in the village to-day. Most of the people about here are Catholics; they have shrines & crucifixes stuck up in all sorts of places.

Tuesday 18

Gas drill again this morning as it is still raining. In the afternoon we packed up and shifted camp to the village. We are all quartered in huts. A lot of our chaps are in billets. Feel the cold very much as we left our underclothes in our base huts & they are not here.

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Wednesday 19

Went for a route march this morning. Helmet drill & foot inspection this afternoon.

Thursday 20

Long route march this morning. Rifle exercises this afternoon, also helmet drill. We are all very hard up as we have not been paid yet. Just a year ago to-day, since I went into camp at Crentham.