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2nd (Contd)		posted to the battalion in Part II orders a wire was sent to Albacade asking for him to be sent to the Stokes Mortar School, AMARA.	
3rd	7.30 a.m.	The battalion paraded as strong as possible for church parade at the new church.	<u>Church Parade.</u>
4th	7.15 a.m.	The usual training of the battalion continued. The Maler Kotla trench system was put at the disposal of "A" Co. 2/Lt. E.C. BROWN was discharged from hospital.	<u>Training.</u> <u>Officers.</u>
5th	6.0 a.m.	The battalion as strong as possible took part in a Brigade Route march to SIDAINA - WIYAH CREEK. Strength: Officers 12, other ranks 702. Major F.E. BRAY assumed general charge of "C" Coy whilst Capt E.W. MOUNTFORD is on the sick list.	<u>Route March.</u> <u>Officers.</u>
6th	5.0 p.m.	Men of the battalion still remaining to be inoculated were done this evening.	<u>Medical.</u>
	6.30 p.m.	The picquet at the WEST SHATRAH GATE having been taken over by the 9th Coy. Sappers & Miners the battalion was ceased to find it. The battalion took over the up river Examining Post Guard from the 23rd R.W. KENT Regt from retreat. Strength of post 1 N.C.O. & 3 men by day & night.	<u>Guards etc.</u>
	7.30 p.m.	Captain J.H. YOUNG & 2/Lt H. SPENCER & 20 men proceeded by train to Basra en route to Amara to join the Stokes Mortar School for the purposes in instruction in accordance with 12th Brigade B.M. 3138 & 29.5.17 quoting wire 15th Div No A/844. Lt K.F. CAMPION assumed temporary command of "A" Coy on the departure of Captain H.G. YOUNG.	<u>Command.</u>
7th	5.30 p.m.	No 7534 Pte E.A. BLOCK, "A" Coy was accidentally drowned in the river whilst bathing.	<u>Death.</u>
	7.30 p.m.	No 2811 C.S.M. E. COOPER, "B" Coy proceeded by train to the base for passage home for discharge, in accordance with authority contained in Albacade AA/440 & 5.6.17.	<u>Command.</u>
8th	9.15 a.m.	A Court of Inquiry was convened by order of the Commanding Officer to enquire into & report on the circumstances under which No. 7534 Pte E.A. BLOCK was drowned on the evening of 7.6.17. <u>President.</u> Major F.E. BRAY. <u>Members.</u> Capt P.R. WHITTINGTON. Lt. L.F. CRANE.	<u>Court of Inquiry.</u>