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Date	Place	Time	Remarks
19 th Aug	Brickfields	<p>Received more orders at 1550 to move into Reserve at X14, D29 - X15 central and to supply all working parties for the Brigade and for the Division as required.</p> <p>Left BRICKFIELDS at 1730 by route march, keeping a distance of 300 yards between companies, arrived at our position X14, D29 in old German trench at 1845 and took up position, relieving 2nd Bn.</p> <p>Sent out two working parties, one of 3 officers & 121 other ranks for duty at CHALK PIT and one of 12 other ranks for duty at Bde Hdqrs.</p>	<p>References to appear since it is attached</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.R. Robb 1916</p>
20 th Aug	Old German Trench X14, D29	Sent out working Party of 2 officers and	<p>Please see Narrative attached for dates from 19/8/16 to 22/8/16</p>

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to appendices attached
23 rd Aug	BRICKFIELDS N. ALBERT.	<p>Arrived from front-line at 0700, during the morning the men were allowed to rest and clean up generally. At 1030 The Lt Col Comdg 1st Augas Army Corps presented Medal Ribbons to the following members of the Bn:-</p> <p>No 2452 Pte E. GARDNER (D.C.M.) S. BEAVER. " 398 C/Sgt W. WRIGHT (MIL MEDAL) A.R.M.C attached. " 1971 Pte E.H. KYNASTON " " Bn RUNNER. " 3146 " L.W. WEST " " " "</p>
		<p>53 Reinforcements arrived from ETAPLES at 10 P.M. on the 21st inst. 2 members returned from Lewis M G. Course on same date. At 1100 we received more orders to move to billets at WARLEY. Left BRICKFIELDS</p>

SR Robb
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Date	Place and Time	Remarks or References to appendices attached	Remarks or References to appendices attached
23 rd Aug	BRICKFIELDS NA ALBERT	at 2 P.M. by route to Warloy, arriving at our billets at WARLOY at 6 P.M. The billets were fairly comfortable and all ranks enjoyed a well earned night's rest.	JR Roberts HMC
24 th "	WARLOY	Left WARLOY at 0700 by route march for BEAUVAL. The men's packs were carried by motor transport and consequently the men arrived in fairly good conditions. The following parties were detached en route, at HERISSART for entrenchment at REHEUX, to join entrenching Ptn, 16 men (4 per Coy); at VAL DE MASON. Lt LYONS and 10 oik. to join Lewis M. S. School. A halt of 1 1/2 hours was made at 1200 for dinner. The Ptn arrived at BEAUVAL at 1430, the men were dismissed to their billets for the balance of the day.	JR Roberts HMC

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to appendices attached
25 th Aug	BEAUVALL	<p>The men were allowed to rest for the day (Brigade orders), they were employed mostly in washing and mending their uniforms etc. 59 M.A. joined the Bn from Hospitals etc, these were members who were away for short periods, sick and wounded. The billets in this village are comfortable. The general health of the Bn is good. Strength 30 officers & 680 O.R. Orders were received to move to DOULLENS SOON for entrainment.</p>
26 th	DOULLENS	<p>The Battalion, accompanied by 1 Section of 2nd M.A. Coy left BEAUVALL ^{at 0200} for DOULLENS arriving at 0400. The men had breakfast and then were entrained. The Transport Wagons & Horses etc were loaded by a special party of 1 officer & 50 O.R.</p>

SR Roberts
M.A.

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or Reference to Appendices attached
26 th Aug	DOULLENS	<p>who arrived in advance of the Bn, the whole of the loading etc was carried out very quietly and quickly with out a hitch of any kind & well within the time allowed by Schedule, the arrangements made were very satisfactory.</p> <p>The Troop Train moved out exactly to time & on it, the usual train Guards were told off and posted, OC Train Lt Col ROBERTS C.O 11th Bn. The Train arrived at PROVEN at 1320 (up to time). The Bn detrained and marched to Billals at POPERINGHE arriving at 1530.</p>
27 th Aug.	POPERINGHE	<p>Weather conditions very wet consequently the usual Protestant divine Service was not held, the R.C. members were marched to the local Church where Service was held by the R.C. Chaplain to the Brigade.</p>

*J.P. Roberts
Lt Col*

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Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to APPENDICES ATTACHED
27 th Aug.	POPER HAYE	the balance of the men were occupied in fixing and clearing up their billets etc.	
28 th "	"	General training & reorganization was carried out under Coy arrangements. Instruction in Rifle Exercise, Marksmanship instructions, with special attention to Aiming & trigger pressing, Special warning and instructions were given to all ranks in the the use of and inspection of Gas Helmets.	JR Roberts 14/16
29 th Aug.	"	More orders received to move to VICTORIA CAMP. The Coy moved by route march at 1200, arriving at VICTORIA CAMP at 1415. men were told off to tents and the usual camp routine work carried on.	JR Roberts 14/16
30 th "	VICTORIA CAMP.	Owing to the very wet weather prevailing little or no instructional work was	

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
30 th Augt	VICTORIA CAMP	Carried out except Camp Routine.
31 st	" "	Instructional Parades were carried out; under Coy arrangements, in Rifle Exercises, Musketry instruction, Physical training, Guards & Sentries, Bombing, Signalling and Ranti marching.

J.R. Roberts
1916



Date	Place and time		Remarks or References to Appendix attached
1916 1 st Sept-	VICTORIA CAMP	During the forenoon training was carried out by companies in Musketry, Bayonet-fighting, Physical training, Rifle exercises, Guards & Sentries, Lewis M.G. Signalling	
3 rd Sept-	Tomlinson Camp	The Intelligence Platoon was re-organised by Lt Ross and instruction imparted in map reading etc.	J.R. Roberts etc
2 nd "	"	During the afternoon the C.O. held a Battalion Parade and Inspection. General training was carried out under Coy arrangements. Two members proceeded to Sniping School at CAMIERS. More orders were received to take up Reserve	

Date 1916	Place and time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
2 nd Sept-		Camp at a place known as Dominion Camp. The Bn moved out at 1.30 by Mount Marsh and arrived at this location at 3. P.M. when the men were dismissed for the day.	J.R. Robert H.C.
3 rd Sept-	DOMINION CAMP.	Church Services were held during the morning. The C.O. Lt Col ROBERTS left for 7 days leave to ENGLAND and the Command of the Bn was taken over (Temporary) by MAJOR J. S. DENTON D.S.O. Two members of the Signal Section proceeded to ZUYPTENE to attend a Course in Signalling.	J.R. Robert H.C.
4 th "	"	Training and Coy arrangements were carried out as per Syllabus. The 2 nd in Command Lt Col attended Course of Instruction at Gas School	

Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to appending attached
4 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	Left for IRELAND on 4 days leave of absence.
5 th	"	<p>Training was continued during the day under Coy arrangements in Physical Training, signposting, Bayonet, Telephone, Lewis Gun, Stoppages, Mechanism, T.D. Range, Carb., Bombs, Platoon Drill, Running Bomb, Throwing, Branch Drills, Bayonet fighting, Coys. - Gas lecture, Arm Drill, Smoke, Lecture on Scouting & Patrols, Route march, Musketry, Foot inspection, Guard & Sentries, Mutual support. Captain HERDER, Major DENTON, B. HAUGHTON, 3 N.C.O.s & one Messengers visited the front line today to inspect & report on same, with a view of being of assistance or taking over the line.</p>

Mr Robert
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Date	Place & Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916 6 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	<p>General training in the following subjects were carried out under Coy arrangements - Visual Signalling, Physical Training, M. G. Stoppages, Strip firing, J. D. Bayonet fighting, Flatiron drill, Bomb throwing, Route march, Rifle exercises, Musketry instructions.</p> <p>A Party of 4 men considered unfit for march work (various causes) were sent to D.H.Q. to take on light duty. Lt Brooks and seven men left to take charge of Quarters & stores etc, taken over from the Canadian Division. 4 other hands rejoined from hospital. The DENT-YOUNG & BOERS & messengers H.Q. & 2 H.C.O. visited the front line.</p>
7 th	"	<p>General training in the following subjects were carried out under Coy</p>

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Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
7 th Sept	DOMINION CAMP	<p>arrangements, Inspection of Arms Equipment, Training of Coy Signaller, Visual Buzzer, Telephone, G. G. & Electromechanics, Striping, Stoppages, Semaphore Sig, Bombs, Route March, Firing Rifle Exercises & Bombs, Coy. Inspection of Arms & Equip, Gas Lecture, Physical Drill & Running, Musketry instructions, Platoon Practice, Bayonet Fighting, Coy & Platoon Drill, Lecture Guards & Sentries, Route march, Foot inspection.</p>
		<p>MAJOR DENTON D. SIO visited the front line with the view of getting information regarding the route for moving in etc. The Officers (Lts R. HALL & D. HARDY) and 6 other ranks attended at Div. Gas School for a 2 days course in Defensive Gas measures. Lt. Genl BIRDWOOD visited</p>

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Date
1916
8/9/16

Place and
Time
DOMINION
CAMP

Remarks or
References to
experiences attached

The Camp today.
Training was carried out under Camp
arrangements in the following subjects:
Semaphore Signalling, Lewis M. G. Detachments
Bombing Platoon provided to Divisional School
for instruction, and drill instructors. Coys
carried out the following. Gas lectures, Physical
Instruction, Rifle Exercises, Bayonet fighting, Platoon
Drill, Musketry Instruction, Extended Order
march, Mutual support, Route march. 114394 Pte
SMITH F. H. & 115236 Pte WELHAMOUTH R. returned
from SWINDON School. Pte BULLOCK & BEASLEY
& 2110041 B. M. returned to the front line
at 0400 today.

J. R. Roberts
114394

9/9/16

Training was carried out by Coys as
follows: Instruction in the use and
fitting of the new Gas. Box (Small) Respirator

Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
9th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	<p>issued today, in addition instruction in the following subjects were carried out, Signalling, Small flag telephone, I.D. Physical training, Bomb Throwing and Trench Tactics, Rifle exercises, Bayonet fighting & general revisions of work.</p> <p>2/Lt. BEATTIE and two men proceeded to Sniping School at MONT DES CATS.</p> <p>2/Lt. LONG & Sgt. BROWN proceeded to Infantry School of Instruction at CAMBERS.</p> <p>2/Sgt P. W. LYONS visited the front line today at 0700.</p>
10th Sept.	"	<p>Church Parade was held today as usual. R. C. 0900 at RENINHELIST.</p> <p>Protestant Parade 10¹⁵ & 11¹⁵ Pms on 11th Pm</p> <p>Parade Ground. The DIVISIONAL Com^{DR} attended</p>

*Mr Robb
file*

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
10 th Sept	DOMINION CAMP	<p>thus board. The C.O. Lt Col ROBERTS returned from leave. The following officers and other ranks returned from courses of instruction - Lt PAOUL & 3 S.R. from Granite School, Supt. B. G. GATE from Infantry School.</p>
11 th "	"	<p>Lt B. R. HALL & D. HARDY with 3 d.c.o.s. visited the front-line trenches.</p> <p>A Battalion Tournament held during the evening this evening. The whole of the Battalion & all the companies of the B. Co. held a competition in the following: 1. Rifle exercises by Platoon and in own officers. 2. Throwing Practices Teams of 12 men. 5 Bombs at Bull's Eye target at each Range. Distances - 25, 30 & 35 Yds - 3. Rifle Grenades. Teams of 8 men. 5 Grenades each at</p>

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Date 1916	Place & Time		Remarks or Reference to Appendices Attached
11th Sept	Domation CAMP	<p>unknown Range, firing from a trench.</p> <p>4. Throwing Practised. Teams of 1 N.C.O & 7 men throwing from behind a screen 3 bombs each Range, N.C.O. to direct fire, distances 25 & 30 yds.</p> <p>5. Bayonet fighting Teams of 1 N.C.O & 6 men.</p> <p>6. Trench tactics. Teams of 1 N.C.O & 7 men. Clearing 100 yds of trench to a flank.</p> <p>7. Relay Race. Teams of 12 men. distance 100 yds. No. 8. Ing of 4 av. Teams of 12 men aside.</p> <p>Over Bombing Platoon (LT. R. A. CLARKE) was successful in winning No 2, 4, 6 & 8 events. The competition in each case being very keenly contested.</p> <p>Serjeant D. ROBERTSON returned from Instructional School ETAPLES where</p>	<p>Robertson</p>

Date 1916	Place and time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
11 th Sept-	DOMINION CAMP	He has been acting as an Instructor at the Training Camp. The following officers & N. visited the front line: 2/Lt AYLING & COOKE with 3 other ranks	J.R. Roberts H.C.E.
12 th "	"	Training was carried out by Coy's during the morning as follows: No. Squadding, Telephone courses, Bomb throwing, Physical Training, Rifle Exercises, Bayonet fighting, etc. with instructions During afternoon preparation to move into line in close support. Left DOMINION CAMP at 1900 by route march for BRADDOCK, arriving at 2000, entrained for YPREC, arriving 2100, thence by route march to the following positions: "A" Coy BATTERSEA (I. 23. E. 9. 2.) "B" Coy to S. P. 9	J.R. Roberts H.C.E.

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
12 th Sept	Railway Dugouts I 21.05.16	<p>I 28. D. 43.9. C. Coy less 2 Platoons to Fosse I 22. D. 7.2$\frac{1}{2}$ Hd. Qtrs. Signalers, Intelligence Platoon, Bombers, 2 Platoons "C" Coy & "D" Coy to RAILWAY DUGOUTS I. 21.05.16. Relieving the 3rd Bn. 1st Inf. Bde at 23.30 without accident or hitch of any kind. Lt. Col. RICHES and 300 returned from F. M. G. Course. 20 other rank's reinforcements joined the Bn making a total of 30 Officers & 840 O.R. Strength of Bn. The transport was able to bring Rations, Water etc. to RAILWAY DUGOUTS, and then moved back to H. 13. C. 9. 3. MAP for all above SHEET N.W. 38 I. 150.000. MAJOR J. S. DENTON, D.S.O. left for England on 7 days leave of absence.</p>
13 th Sept		<p>The Coy is 2 Platoons of "C" Coy at Bn Hd Qtrs were employed in cleaning up the Camp & building, repairing dugouts</p>

R. Robert
J. S. Denton

Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to appendices attached
Sept-13 th	RAILWAY DUG OUTS I. 21. 0. 5 th . 8	<p>They were detailed into working parties to carry out work in the front line, as under: Two parties of 1 officer & 50 other, 1 party of 1 officer & 40 other, 1 party of 1 officer & 75 and one party of 25 other to move out after work.</p> <p>The General Officer Commanding Australian Corps visited the front line today. Lt Col ROBERTS C.O. 4th Bn with the Lt Col (Lt Ross) also visited the front line and the Corp and detachments of the Bn at their positions, casualties to date 1 man killed (sniped) N^o 3305 Sgt F.W. CRACKNELL "C" Coy. Enemy fairly quiet except for constant sniping.</p> <p>Working parties were again supplied as above, and two additional parties of</p>
Sept 14 th		

GR Roberts
file

Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to Appointments
14 th Sept	RAIMONA DUGOUTS E. 21. C. 5 th . 8	<p>and officers & work these parties were employed in the front line trenches, and in carrying parties. The trenches are in a deplorable condition, and they are being made deeper & generally cleaned up. The work was done by the 1st Coy. of the 1st Bn. of the 1st Div. of the 1st Army.</p> <p>1. 2000 d. d. 2/1/16 H. C. ELLIOTT reported for duty from wounded.</p> <p>The C.O. P. Col ROBERTS & Lt Ross visited the Coy in their positions. The following officers are at present with the Bn in the operations - Bn Staff - C.O. P. Col - S. R. ROBERTS, Adj. CAPT H. McLENNAN, M.O., Capt E. M. FISHER, I. O. Lt. C. G. ROSS, Sq. Off.</p>

*Robert
file*

Date
1916
14th Sept.

Place
and Time

RAILWAY
DUG OUTS.
I. 21. C. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8.

Lt. A. C. BRODIE, L.M.G. off. 2/Lt. L. G. RICHES,
Bombing off. Lt. R. A. CLARKE, "A" Coy Capt. R.
HEMINGWAY OC, Coy officers 2/Lt. W. DENT-YOUNG,
2/Lt. P. W. LYONS, 2/Lt. D. HARDY & 2/Lt. W. W.
GRAHAM, "B" Coy Capt. (Temp) W. KRÜGER
OC, Coy officers, 2/Lt. J. L. BARRY 2/Lt. C. PROUT.
2/Lt. W. A. AYLING, "C" Coy Capt. DIXON. HEARDER
OC, Lt. R. HALL, 2/Lt. R. BEATTIE, 2/Lt. F. R. BEASLEY,
2/Lt. A. C. ELLIOTT. "D" Coy Capt. (Temp) W. R.
HALLAHAN OC, Lt. W. C. BELFORD, Lt. J. M. AITKEN,
2/Lt. L. C. COOKE, T. off. Lt. A. G. BURGESS, R.M.
Lt. G. EGGS.

15th Sept-

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Working parties furnished for work
on trenches etc the same as yesterday.
The C.O. & the I.O. & M.O. visited the Coy
in their positions, 2/Lt. R. BEATTIE & 3 OR
returned from Sniping School. 22 OR

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for Robert Hill

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices
15 th Sept	RAILWAY DUG-OUTS I. 21. C. 5 th . 8	joined the Bn as Reinforcements. Defensive Scheme for present situation drawn up and measures for safety arranged.
16 th "	"	The fatigue parties for night-work were cancelled with the exception of three parties i.e. one of 15 O.R. for tunnelling, two of 1 N.C.O. & 20 O.R. reporting at Hd Qtrs 1A 31, also one party of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. reporting at 0530 for reclaiming work at JACKSON'S DUMP. The party of 30 O.R. assisting the 1 st Bn Pioneers in building dugouts at RAILWAY DUG-OUTS reported as usual. The Corps "A" & "B" 2 Platoons of "C" Coy were busy improving the trenches in their positions. Generally the enemy quiet during the day.
17 th "	"	Fatigue parties supplied as usual but numbers increased by 1 Officer

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Date Place
1916 and Time

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17th Sept - RAILWAY DOGHOOTS
I.M.C. 5th, 8

and 20 O.R. 36 Reinforcements & 8 am.
from wounded joined the Battalion,
making fighting strength of Pon a total
of 27 officers & 824 O.R. The C.O. B.
Col S. R. ROBERTS and the I.O. R. C. G.
ROSS visited the front line trenches
with the view of taking over on the
night of 19/20, and orders issued
accordingly copy attached.

SR Roberts
JHL

18th

Coys supplied the usual working
parties for duty on same scale as yesterday.
The work is rendered very difficult owing
to the very wet weather prevailing. Both sides
very quiet today, very little in the way of
firing being done on either side.

SR Roberts
JHL

19th

The usual fatigues supplied for
front line. Preparations for taking over

Batt 1916	Place and Date	Remarks or References to Appendix attached
19 th Sept-	RAILWAY DUGOUTS I. 21 C. 5 1/2. 8	<p>The front line from 9th P.M. Left RAILWAY DUGOUTS at 8 P.M. and arrived at 9th P.M. Had also MARSHALL WALK at 8.45 P.M. all Corps taking over their respective positions by 11 P.M. without a hitch. x Copy of</p>
20 th	<p>20th Sept- MARSHALL WALK I. 29. C. 2 1/2. 5 1/2 1/10000 MAP ZILLEBEKE N. V. H.</p>	<p>The night was fairly quiet on our front positions but the weather conditions were very bad and were attached troubling for the men in the front trenches owing to the want of suitable shelters, All available men were employed in improving the front line benches, and building dugouts in support benches as shelters for the men. At 9.32 P.M. a small mine was fired by the CANADIAN TUNNELLING Coy near the Crater, resulting in some damage to enemy trenches and some considerable groaning was</p>

Robert
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Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to Appendices Attached
20 th Sept	MARSHALL WALK was heard coming from the direction I. 79 C. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ of enemy trenches. Some damage was caused to our own front trenches and we had one man injured by a fall of earth. The Chaplain reported back to duty from leave (Capt. The Rev. JOHN FAHY)	Attached
21 st "	Working parties still a strike on repairs to trenches etc. The parties are now organised in Squads of 5 under a Sapper, this arrangement of working giving very good results. The weather is still very wet & cold, but as all parties are provided with Gumm Boots and dry socks, the health of the men remains good, Whale oil is issued for the purpose of being rubbed on the feet to keep	John Fahy file

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21st Sept

I, 29, C, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Therm warm & it acts with good results.
Socks are changed daily & dry ones
brought up to the line at night by
be an report. Enemy very quiet.

R. Roberts
file

23rd "

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Working parties are still busy on
repairs & tunnelling etc. Enemy shelled
RAILWAY DUGOUTS this morning, doing
some damage to dugouts, and causing
some casualties otherwise the day
passed off fairly quiet. Enemy snipers
were however active and killed one
Sapper & one of our men, No 5453 Pte
PETTIGROVE C. in one of the observation
posts. The weather has improved a
little & the trenches are drying up.
Our air craft very active. At 6 P.M.
the enemy shelled the Dump with 150mm mortar.

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Documents attached
22 nd Sept	MARSHALL WALK for about 1/2 an hour without I. 29. 0. 2 1/2. 5 1/2 doing any damage, our Stokes Guns replied, firing about 100 Rds and silenced the enemy & causing him some damage. Major DENTON D.S.O. reported for duty from leave in England.	R Roberts 1st Col
23 rd "	Fatigue parties furnished as usual today and as the weather has cleared up the conditions in the trenches are very much improved, one man slightly wounded by piece of shell. Lt Bedford left today to act as an Instructor at the Divisional School of Instruction. Pts MUNRO, MAYS & SMITH reported at Div H. Qs to undergo examination for the Royal Flying Corps. During the afternoon the	R Roberts 1st Col

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23rd Sept

MARSHALL WALK

I 29. C. 25. 5 1/2

Enemy shelled our support
trenches and demolished one of
our dugouts killing one man, No
4347 Plt W. E. LACEY & wounding No 3383
Plt H. J. JONES, after a few rounds was
fired by our artillery the enemy
shelling stopped. Enemy snipers
were fairly active again today
and No 531 Sgt. L. M. DELBRIDGE was
killed by them at 8 P.M. in one of our
advanced posts, otherwise the day
passed fairly quiet; the C.O and
Coy officers of the 10 Bn visited our
various trenches & posts with a
view of relieving the Bn at an early
date, orders for relief received at
22.00 today.

Plt
H. J. Jones

Date
1916

Place &
Time

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24/9/16

MARSHALL WALK
5.30. P. 2 1/2. 5 1/2

Fatigues carried on as usual today. Representatives from 10th Bn arrived at 0500 and began to check and take over trench stores etc ready for tonight's move. Enemy very quiet today. Relief completed at 2300 without a hitch. Our Coy's moving out independently to the Railway near the Asylum at YPRES. The last of the companies (D) arriving at ~~0200~~²⁴⁰⁰, we had to wait for 1/2 an hour for our trains. The Bn entrained and left at 0200 arriving at VLAEMERTINGHE at 0230 and at HALIFAX Camp at 0330 when Coy's were detailed to their Huts.

Re Roberts
H.C.

25/9/16

HALIFAX
Camp.

General clean up during the forenoon. During afternoon Coy's

Date

Place

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25/9/16

HALIFAX
CAMP.

had the use of the Hot-Baths and
all the men had a Hot-Bath.

S.R. Roberts
Lt Col

26/9/16

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Training and reorganising was carried
out in the following:-

Inspection of Ambs' Equipment
& Clothing & check of shortages,
Musketty instructions, Fire Control
& direction, Bayonet Fighting, Lecture
Scouts & Patrols, Drill with Small Box
Respirators. Major DENTON D.S.O left
the Bn to take Command of the 10th
Bn.

S.R. Roberts
Lt Col

27/9/16

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Training carried out under Coy arrangements
in above with addition of training
in rapid construction of wire entanglements,
& construction of Landing Beams etc

Date 1916	Place & Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
4 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	<p>20th LYONS and party of 10 O.R. returned from Lewis In. G. School.</p> <p>21st P. PROUT & 2 N.C.O proceeded to CAMIERS for course of instruction in Rifle Exercises etc. A party of 86 reinforcements arrived from ETAPLES and joined the Bn, making the strength of the Bn 30 officers 513 O.R. Total 843.</p> <p>A Party of 2 officers & 3 N.C.O. (Captain HEMINGWAY & LT KRUGER) visited the front line trenches for the purpose of reporting on conditions of same with a view of moving troops etc if called upon to occupy same.</p> <p>The Chaplain (Rev JOHN FAHEY D.S.O)</p>	<p>Robt Hart</p>

Date	Place & Time	Remarks or References to appearances attached
1916		
27/9/16	HALIFAX CAMP.	Capt. G. F. MASON reported for duty from Seconded List. (A.P.M.)
28/9/16	" "	Training was carried out under Coy arrangements viz:- Physical training, Coy drill, Bomb throwing, Gas drill, Musketry instructions, Bayonet fighting, Patrols, Working, Route march, Raiding teams. 2nd men, miners & earth workers marched out to join 1st Pioneer Bn. The Bn was inspected by Major Genl. H. B. Walker C.B. D.S.O during the afternoon, straight-on parade 2nd officers, 6th other ranks.
29/9/16	" "	Training under Coy arrangements carried out as above. Capt. G. G. CAMPBELL reported for duty for 1st

J.R. Roberts
H.W.

J.R. Roberts
H.W.

Date Place
1916 & Time

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29/9/16 HALIFAX
CAMP

Seconded (wounded) The following
Reinforcements reported today 2
from Superannuation & 32 Reinforcements,
making strength of Bn 32 officers &
935 OR. Major Nicholas 3rd E. Amb
lectured to the officers of the Bn
on "Trench Foot" and measures to
be taken to avoid same

30/9/16 "

Training was carried out under Coy
arrangements on the same lines as that
carried out on the 28th & 29th inst; Lt Col. ROBERTS
left for ENGLAND on leave, and Temp Lt Col
DENTON, D.S.O assumed command of the Bn
during the period of leave of the C.O.

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1/10/16

Date	Place	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916	and time	
1 st Oct.	HALIFAX CAMP.	<p>A Church Parade was held by the R.C. members of the Coy, Bathing Parades were held for the balance of the Coy. Preparations were also made for a move to our new Position at-CHATEAU BELGE. Three working parties of 6 officers & 379 O.R. moved out at 1830, and the balance of the Coy at 1930 by route march, arriving at-CHATEAU BELGE at 2045. The Coy was told off to their DUG OUTS & two more parties told off for work in the Front Line, the work consists of repairing benches and carrying material etc.</p>
2 nd	CHATEAU BELGE H 23, B. 7.5	<p>All the working parties returned from the Front Line with any casualties, they rested for the day. The remainder of the Coy were unemployed, so far as weather</p>

Date	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
2 nd Oct 1916	CHATEAU BELGE H 20. B. 7. 5	<p>Conditions would permit, in imparting their DUGOUTS etc. Instructions in L.M. and Sections on defence against Gas Attack were also carried out. Sergt. McBURNEY left for EPAPLES to act as an instructor at the Training Camp. 14 A.M. rejoined as Reinforcements, Two Signallers returned from Signalling School, one A.C.C. proceeded to 1st Army Reinforcement Camp to be trained in repairing Gun Parts. The same number of working parties were sent forward for work in the front line, i.e. 7 officers & 366 ORs. The Coy Commr visited the Sector of the front held by the Brigade for the purpose of reconnaissance. Lt. ELLIOTT A.C. left the 1st on yesterday for Hospital, suffering from the effects of an old wound.</p>

Date	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
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3rd Oct - CHATEAU BELGE
H. 22. 8. 85

Working parties supplied for work in the front line, 7 officers & 366 O.R. Fatigue parties were employed in improving existing accommodation in this position. Lewis M.G. Detachments & Bombing Platoon were instructed in their duties. 17 Reinforcements arrived from ETAPLES, Lt Col J. S. DENTON D.S.O. Left for England on 3 months leave of absence, Major L. M. MULLEN 12th P.M. arrived and took over Temp Command of the Battalion. The Coy officers & 2 N.C.O.s of the Coy visited the front line and approaches today in order to become familiar with the roads, trenches etc.

Mullen
major

4th

Working parties furnished as usual today viz. 7 officers & 357 O.R. for duty in the front line, other fatigue parties at work on dugouts and buildings in this position, putting same

Mullen
major

Date	Place & Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
4 th Oct-1916	CHATEAU BELGE	<p>in a better state of repair & fixing, new works in buildings, the weather conditions did not admit of any instructional work being carried out in the open. The Bombers were employed in detonating Mills Bombs, The P. M. G. Detachments were instructed in the tactical employment of their work etc. C. C. G. Ross left on 10 days leave of absence</p>
5 th "	"	<p>Working parties furnished as usual today and an additional party of 1 Officer & 50 O.R. for work in the Front Line System, in addition fatigue parties were employed in improving the accommodation at this position, the weather conditions has improved somewhat today but movement is still very difficult owing to the sloppy state of the roads etc</p>

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Date	Place	Remarks or References to Appendix (attached)
1916	Tinne	
5 th Oct.	CHATEAU BELGE H. 23. E. 3.5	A quiet day, Coy Officers visited our proposed new station for training facilities.
6 th "	"	The same number of working parties were furnished for duty in the front-line system viz. 8 Officers & 419 O.P. in addition the usual fatigue parties were employed improving & building the dugouts at this station. The L.M.G. Detachments were instructed under the L.M.G.O. during the day.
7 th "	"	The usual number of working parties supplied for work in the front line system as above, one party only was employed on improvement of dugouts at this position, owing to want of material. The remainder, with the exception of L.M.G. Detachments were employed in a general clean up of the camp. The L.M.G.

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Appendix (attached)

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Date Place & Time

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7th Oct. CHATEAU BELGE Detachments were instructed under the L.M.G. Officers, Lieut. L. J. BICKFORD and one man reported for duty from wounded list. The weather conditions improved a little today, but still overcast.

1 Muller major

8th Oct. Sunday a general clean up of Camp carried out. Left CHATEAU BELGE at 1830, the first Coy moving out at the above hour, the remainder moving with an interval of 15 minutes between each as a safety measure. Arrived at new Camp (DEVONSHIRE) at 2100 without incident.

1 Muller major

9th Oct. DEVONSHIRE CAMP Instructional work carried out as per syllabus attached. CAPTAIN IREMINGHAM reported for duty from leave.

1 Muller major

Date Place
1916 Time

Remarks or
References to
Appendix attached

10th Oct. DEVONSHIRE
CAMP
Gr. 22. B. 6.5

Training carried out as per Syllabus by
3 Corps. ^{CO} ~~Pl~~ less 1 officer + 30 OR. Moved by Rail
to WISQUES as an advance party to the Bn.

1 Muller
Majr

11th "

Training was carried out during the day
as per Syllabus. 2/Lieut. A. J. ARCHIBALD
joined the Bn from Reinforcements (ENGLAND)
Lieut. W. C. BELFORD to Lt. A. B. BROOKS and a party
of 11 OR. returned from Divisional School of
Instruction. More orders were received to
move to Billets at STEENVORDE.

1 Muller
Majr

12th STEENVORDE
SHEET 29
K. 31. 6.1

Left DEVONSHIRE CAMP at 0900 by Route
March arrived at STEENVORDE at 1300 and
the Corps were dismissed to their Billets which
were fairly comfortable.

1 Muller
Majr

13th "

Left STEENVORDE at 0800 by Route March for HRNEKE,
arrived at HRNEKE at 1330 & the men were dismissed
to their Billets.

1 Muller
Majr

Date: 1916
Place & Time:

Remarks or References to appendices attached

14th Col - ARNEKE
H. 24. A. 8. 6.

Left ARNEKE at 0900 by Route March for
EPERLECOUES, arrived at EPERLECOUES at 1500. The
Bn marched well and settled down to their work
only one man falling out on the journey. The
Bills in this area are rather scattered and not
very comfortable owing to most of the out-buildings
being full.

Mullin
Major

15th " EPERLECOUES

Left EPERLECOUES by Route March for
ZOUAFQUES at 0830 and arrived at 1030 when
Coy were told of to Bills. During the afternoon
an inspection of man's feet was carried
out, also clothing & equipment. Health
of Coy good, this a nice party of
officers & 100 A.R. of H. Coy rejoined
the Bn.

Mullin
Major

16th " ZOUAFQUES.
J. 26. A. 8. 8.
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Training carried out during the day as per
instructions. 1 man reported from school

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1916
16th Oct.

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ZOUAFQUGS
S. 27.9 N.E.
J. 26.9.4.1.

(Stokes Gun) Captain BURGESS & J. ROSS reported
back from leave, 33 AM. joined from
wounded and reinforcements. Major E.H.
SMITH, C.B. took over the command of the 10th
Tamp. Vice Major L.M. MULLEN returned to
duty with the 12th Bn.

Remarks or
References to
Appendices attached

17th

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Training as per Syllabus was carried out
during the day. C. R. CLARKE 10th Bombing
Officers reported for duty to Pde Head Qtrs
as Pde Bombing Officer temporarily.

18th

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Training was carried out during the day
as per Syllabus. Lt LONG & one man left
for LONG as advance party for Bn.

19th

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Training as per Syllabus was carried out during
the day on the munit of Bullets, and at the same
time target was carried on by one Platoon per Coy
at one time, on the Military Service Regulations Act.

Date	Place	Remarks & References to Appendices attached.
1916	Zouffrès	1916 (Australia) The Voting was completed by
19 th Oct	S. 27.4. N.E. J. 26. 4. 1.	1700. Lt Genl Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD & the Bishops of Western Australia visited the Battalion at 1715 a general parade was not held but they were able to meet most of the members of the Bn. Weather conditions were very unfavorable rain falling during the greater part of the day. During the afternoon preparations were made for march to AUDRUICQ for entrainment to PONT REMY
20 th Oct	Zouffrès	Left ZOUFFRÈS at 0100 by Route marchy arrived at AUDRUICQ at 0300. The men were given hot tea before entrainment. Left AUDRUICQ at 0439 by train arriving at PONT REMY at 0745 on 21 st Oct. remaining in billets for the night.
22 nd	PONT REMY	Sunday, R.C Church parade held at 1000 and C. of S at 1430. The Regimental Transport moved at 0900 by road to BURIE, two days' march advanced party left at 1000 for BURIE

Date	Place	Remarks or References to appendices etc.
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1916 23 rd Oct	PONT REMY	Left PONT REMY at 0900 by Route march for MOURLIERS arriving at 1145, and from this place we were taken by motor Bus to BUIRE where we arrived at 1730 (a distance of about 35 miles) the bus was billeted here for the night.
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24 th	BUIRE	Left BUIRE by Route march at 0800 for FRIECOURT arriving at 1115. The weather conditions were very trying to the men, rain falling during most the greater part of the day, the ground is very slippery with the mud about 3 inches deep, the shelter for the bus was not very comfortable, but they kept the rain out to a certain extent but they are very cold. A parade was held during the afternoon for the inspection of Gas Helmets and Rifles.
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Date	Place	Remarks or References to Attendance
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1916
 25th Oct - FRISCOOT
 F. 3. 3. 3. 5

The C. A. Inaros RUMER SMITH & Coy. Commanding
 also the N. O. P. 2 men visited the First Trenches
 today. The weather conditions are still wet
 & cold, and some work is being done
 being done except for a minimal amount
 of equipment etc. 2 Officers & 100 ORs were
 employed on repairs to roads under the
 supervision of 3rd Field Coy. Dist. Engineers
 from 1330 to 1600. The following reinforcements
 officers reported for duty from E. S. A. P. S. 1st Lt
 E. D. SIMMONDS, 15th Lt P. PATTERSON & 1st Lt
 B. S. W. 2 Coy. were sent to BURKE to report to M. O. A.
 for duty, all men requiring some rest and light
 employment were sent.

26th Oct

Weather conditions are very bad, 3 Officers and
 150 ORs were employed on repairs to roads. The
 remainder of the 1st Coy. is working on the

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to appendices attached
26 th Oct	FRICOURT F 3. D. 3. 5	<p>instructed & exercised in physical training, inspection of rifles etc. Four officers visited the front line trenches with a view of getting to know the routes etc they reported at the H.Q. of the 57th Bde. Capt. W. KRÜGER & Lieut D. HARDY with four N.C.O.'s left for England to report to 3rd Training Battalion, in exchange for a similar number of officers N.C.O.'s who will leave the training Bn to rejoin on their arrival.</p>
29 th "	"	<p>Working parties as follows were supplied for work on repairs to roads etc 1 officer & 50 O.R.s, 2 officers & 100 O.R.s, 1 officer & 40 O.R.s for unloading, 40 O.R.s on permanent R.E. dump duty, Four officers visited the front line trenches today viz Major Dixon besides, Capt. Hallahan, Lieut Long & Lieut Archibald. Some Training, in Rifle Exercises, Physical</p>

Date 1916
Place and Time

Remarks or
References to
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27th Oct - FRICOURT
F.3.D. 3.5

Training & Route March, Capt. G. F. MASON & Lt. C. PROUT & 5 other ranks rejoined from detached duties, the weather conditions unfavourable a little during the day.

28th Oct

The usual fatigue parties were supplied by 3 officers & 150 other ranks (two lumbered wagons for road repairing, one officer & 40 other ranks for summiting work, 40 other ranks on permanent R.F.I. Camp duty. Inspection of Gas Respirators was carried out throughout the Bn in order to ensure correct fitting, training was carried on by the remainder of the Bn, between the showers, in Rifles exercises, Physical training, etc. one man joined the Bn from Hospital.

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Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to attached	
29 th Oct	FRICOURT F. 3. D. 3. 5	<p>The same number of fatigue parties were supplied for road repairs as on the 28th inst. R.C. Church parade held in village of MEAULTE at 8.45 am. Arch Bishop CLUNE of W. AUSTRALIA being present. Lt BEASLEY and 3 other hands left for P. M. S. School, and 3 other hands for Stokes Gun Course. More orders issued to proceed to BERNIFFAY WOOD at 0900 tomorrow, releasing the 93rd Coy of more Bde of the 29th Division, arrived at BERNIFFAY at 1200 and took Bironas occupied by the 11th Wiltshire Regt. During the afternoon the men were employed improving the Camp, rain fell continuously during the afternoon & night, and making the Camp very uncomfortable.</p>	<p>order attached</p> <p><i>J.H. Murchant</i></p>
30 th	BERNIFFAY S. 22. D. 6. 4	<p>BERNIFFAY at 1200 and took Bironas occupied by the 11th Wiltshire Regt. During the afternoon the men were employed improving the Camp, rain fell continuously during the afternoon & night, and making the Camp very uncomfortable.</p>	<p><i>J.H. Murchant</i></p>

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 1916
 31st Oct.
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 & Time
 BERNAFFAY
 S. 22. D. 6. 4

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Inspection of Rifles carried out by
 Coy. Commr. further improvement of Camp,
 and clothing etc dried, it being a fine
 day. A party of 40 other ranks which
 were detached at BUIRE for R.E. Camp
 duty, reported back to the Coy.

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Place & Limit

1st Nov. BERNAPPAJ
S. 22. D. 6. 14

The whole of the Battalion was employed on fatigue work viz "repairs to main roads" all day, 3 officers visited the Front-Line Trenches viz Lt R. HALL, Lt DENT-YOUNG, and Capt. HAINES, and they report that the roads & trenches are in a very bad state owing to the amount of rain falling, there is a depth of 15 inches of liquid mud. The C.O. Major E. HUMMER SMITH visited the vicinity of DELVILLE WOOD in quest of new camping grounds for the Battalion.

2nd Nov

The following fatigue parties were furnished by the Bn today, 2nd Nov. 120 men for Telephone line repairing, 3 officers & 147 OR. for Railway work, 5 officers & 200 OR. for Road repairs, and at 1915 a party of 8 officers & 300 OR. for carrying R.E. Stores to forward dumps.

Remarks or References to appendices attached

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Date	Place	Remarks or References to appendices attached
1916	S. 22. D. 6. 4	
2 nd Nov.	BERNHEIM	<p>The weather conditions are still very unfavourable, rain still falling during the greater part of the day. The men are however fairly comfortable, hot meals being supplied to them, also dry socks, today each man was issued with a sheep skin jacket which are very comfortable, the health of the members of the Battalion is good.</p>
3 rd "	"	<p>The weather conditions has improved today a fairly strong wind blowing consequently the ground is drying up rapidly. Fatigue parties furnished today by 8 officers and 300 O.R. for road and Railway work. The remainder of the Battalion were employed in a general clean up of their arms and equipment and an inspection of their Ammunition etc. Every effort is being made to keep the men supplied with dry socks and a Dugout has been fitted up as a drying</p>

W. J. Palmer Smith

W. J. Palmer Smith

Date	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appointments
1916 3 rd Oct	BEECHER	Room with success, members are also able to get most of their clothing dried in this manner.
4 th	"	<p>The greater portion of the Battalion was again employed on fatigue duties as under: (1) 3 off. + 150 O.R. Railway construction, (2) 5 officers and 200 O.R. for work at Quarry, (3) 2 Officers and 100 O.R. for work on Tramway, during forenoon and the following party at 1000 for carrying material to forward base Hd Qtrs 5 officers and 250 O.R. The following parties left for course of instruction in Lewis Gun & Stokes Gun respectively, 6 O.R. 2/8 Lt LYON proceeded to ANZAC Corps Hd Qtrs for duty as Road Supervisor.</p>
5 th	"	The following fatigue parties were furnished with the following for work on Railways & Tramways. 8 officers and 350 O.R. A voluntary Church Service was

Officer Smith
10/10/16

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5th Nov. BERNARFF held in the 12th Bn Lines (C of B). 700 R. rejoined
S. 2206 from 1st Pioneer B. BEASLEY & 700 R. returned from
Stoke & Paris Gun Course. More orders were received
for the Bn to ^{Relieve} support the 1st Battalion, in support of
DELVILLE WOOD & FLERS on the night of 4/11.

Copy of more orders
attached

6th " "

Preparations for more ^{Relieve} being made, and
issue of Rations, S. P. Bombs, Sand Bags & other articles
the weather conditions have improved. Capt. HANCOCK
and 3 other units left for Lewis M. G. Course at
LE TOUQUET. Major DIXON HARDER, The I. C. and
Coy Commanders visited the 12th Bn ^{along line trenches} ^{in connection}
with the relief tonight. The Bn left BERNARFF
in accordance with orders issued. Copy attached
The relief of the 12th Bn was completed by
1905 without any hitch although the roads and
trenches were in very bad condition, the
men wading through a regular sea of liquid
mud.

Copy of more orders
attached

Date Place

Remarks or
References to
Appendices attached

1916
7/11/16
LIME
DELVILLE
WOOD
FLERS

The C.O. Col E. HILMER SMITH C.B and
The Coy Commanders visited the front line trenches
with the view of relieving the 3rd Battalion A.I.F.
on the night of 7/11 (Copy of orders attached).
Transport of food supplies to the line
was conveyed by pack horses owing to the
bad condition of the roads. The health of the
members of the Battalion, notwithstanding the
bad weather conditions, remains fairly satisfactory.
The relief as above was carried out by 10.00
satisfactorily, one casualty took place, No 5054
The BLYTHE of the Bombing Platoon was wounded
by shell fire. Lt COOK of one other platoon left for
ENGLAND on leave of absence. The night passed
fairly quiet; but rain fell almost continuously.
One of the Lewis Guns was put out of action
by shell fire

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of the
platoon

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FLERS

Weather conditions improved slightly. Suggest

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FLERS

and shelters are being improved with all possible
N. 25, C. 25, 26. Speed, hot-ten was conveyed ^{both improved, receiving} to the ^{traps} on the trenches.

GRUDGE COURT.

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From FLERS where it was possible to light fires
Pon Hd Qldo N. 31. & 32. 1. Map 57 E 5, W 1/20,000 was
shelled fairly heavily. B" Coy had ^{three} ~~men~~ men badly
wounded. No 514 by Pte H. J. SHERIDAN & No 51439 Pte BECKETT
W. R. No 31624 Pte C. C. R. TREVOR.

Johnston
11/11

9/11/16

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Weather conditions has improved very much
and the ground & trenches are drying up fast.
The air craft very active this morning both
ours and the enemy's, during the night 8/9/11/16 our
front line trenches were heavily shelled by the
enemy and the trenches were damaged to some
extent, and some men killed, the following
casualties took place in D Coy: Killed No 930 Sgt-
W. M. McCALLUM, 2207 Pte C. E. S. WOOD, 3912 Pte H. T. SADDLER,
Wounded: - "C" Coy. 13 O.R. numbers evacuated sick
56 O.R. owing to the continuous rain the improvement

Johnston
11/11

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FLERS
N. 250. 24. 27

of the front & support line trenches is rendered
not difficult; the enemy shelled the front line
trenches freely during the afternoon, and also
in the vicinity of the HQ. but without
causing much damage, we had no casualties.
Improvement of shelter work in tunnel
for HQ was commenced during the day. A
good program made. The two Coy's on the
front line trenches C & D Coy's were relieved by A & B Coy's
and brought back to support trenches
during the early part of the night. The C.O. visited
the front trenches during the morning.

10/11/16

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Weather conditions abnormally imperfect and
trenches are drying up well. The C.O. 2nd
in Command visited the front line trenches
during the day, five O.R. wounded by shell fire,
61 O.R. evacuated sick suffering from the effect
of the weather conditions, Rheumatism & trench

12/11/16

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Date	Place and Time	Remarks and References attached
1916 10/11/16	FUGERS	<p>feel; work in connection with Dugouts, & Dugouts were pushed on with all possible despatch, and busboards laid in the communication trenches. The day was fairly quiet as regards to enemy shelling, but air alert active.</p>
11/11/16	"	<p>The C.O. visited the front line trenches, which are now much unimpaired with the change in weather conditions, two men wounded, one by mortar fire and one by shell fire when out on patrol duty during the night 10/11/16, this patrol returned after obtaining contact with G.I. Poles on our left, the night was fairly quiet on our front & men reported back from Hospital, and 40 men evacuated sick with influenza & Rheumatism.</p>
12/11/16	"	<p>Brigadier Genl STASFORD 12th Pde, and Lt. WATERHOUSE 12th Inf. Pde were rather severely wounded by shell fire in CHALK LANE early in the morning and had their wounds dressed at Bon Dieu Post, and</p>

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12/11/16	FLERS	<p>on arrival at - Bon Hd. Alas they were made as comfortable as possible and sent back with all possible speed to the advanced dressing stations. The Brigadier's Despatches etc were handed over to the C.O. Lt. Col. E. HILMER SMITH C.B. for a dispatch to Brigadier's Quarters.</p> <p>ANTI, 2nd Bde, during the afternoon, from 1500 to 1600 the enemy shelled our front line trenches with Gas Shells, but doing little damage, otherwise the day passed off fairly quiet, during the night 10th Bde two fatigue parties were sent out under the command of Capt Mason for the purpose of carrying the dead which were lying about in our sector, the bodies were all of British Regiments which took part in the first advance. The Padre of the 3rd Bn accompanied the party 63 boxes were buried and their effects were collected and forwarded to 1st Bn. Small crosses were erected over the graves of those who had</p>
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E. H. Smith
 12/11/16

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FLEURS

any means of identification on them, and on the others, the words "Unknown British Soldier", we had one man wounded whilst on this duty. Relief orders were received and arrangements made by the 47th Bn. Lt Col FRINTOFF and the officers visited the front line trenches as necessary. The relief began at dusk and was completed at 10.00, the Bn moving back to BERNEFY Camp in small parties starting at 2.00. One man was wounded during the relief and 28 other men were sick.

13/11/16

FRICOUR
BERNEFY

The Bn moved to Camp at POMMIERS at 13.30; the roads were still in a very bad state, which made marching very difficult. The following officers joined the Bn to help transport: J. B. ARBUS, Capt J. P. O'NEIL with 230 R. from ETAPLES. P. F. R. BENSLEY was sent to Hospital sick. Great difficulty was experienced in moving the transport owing to the condition of the roads.

P. F. R. BENSLEY

Date

Place

Remarks or
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other documents

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BERNARD
POMMIERS

The Battalion moved from POMMIERS at 1000 to Camp
at FRICOURT arriving at 1200, the transport moving at
a separate time and did not arrive until 2200, the
Coy Cooks were sent on ahead of the train and arrived
in time to have a hot meal ready for the men on
arrival. One officer and 50 or more were detailed for
fatigue duty at FRICOURT siding, they were employed
from 2000 on 14/11/16 to 0300 on 15/11/16. weather fine
but cold.

15/11/16

FRICOURT

The train moved to Autremont at FRICOURT. F2 d. S. 2^{1/2}
Reformed map of 1/40,000, but as the hills were
occupied. Arms were piled, equipment taken
off and laid down in line, then two officers from
Coy B every available fit man were detailed for
duty on road repairs under the C.R.E. 1st Area
this party was under the command of Major PARONS.

16/11/16

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Move orders were received to proceed to BUIRE
and thence by Bus to H Area near AMIENS, then

John Smith
14/11/16

Date

Place and
Time

Remarks or
Reference to
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12.00 AM
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These orders were cancelled however and the full available strength of the P.M. was employed on road repairs & unloading material at PRISCOURT. Siding, Capt. ~~Hamilton~~ commanded the party. The following officers reported for duty: Lt. MCKEAN 2.5 AM. The weather conditions are very cold with some frost. All mobile S.A.R. & Bombs were handed over to the 1st. Army Band at BOIRE.

17/11/16

Boire
140000

Weather conditions still cold & frosty, the whole of the fit men of the P.M. were employed on road repairs under the C.R.E. 1st Army, the following officers and 3 AM sent to Hospital with influenza, Lt. W.C. BELFORD. 2 Lt. A.W.P. POTTER and 20 AM joined the P.M. from reinforcements to Hospital, Sgt. BRIDGE and 2 AM returned from School of Instruction.

20/11/16

Boire

All fit members of the P.M. were employed on road repairs under the C.R.E. 1st Army, the party was under the command of Major BARONS.

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Boire

All fit members of the P.M. were employed on road repairs under the C.R.E. 1st Army, the party was under the command of Major BARONS.

Edmund Smith

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Date	Place	Time	Notes
18/11/16	FRIECOURT	at-1100	Instructions were received from 3 rd Inf. Brigade to recall all working parties and to move to BUIRE. The parties were recalled with all speed possible, they were all back in Camp by 1345, in the meantime orders were issued for the move to BUIRE (copy attached, The Pm left FRIECOURT at 1515 by route march, arriving at BUIRE at 1630 1730.
19/11/16	BUIRE	D.30.a.7.4	The Pm left BUIRE by motor Bus for COISY arriving at the latter place at 1600. Billeto allotted etc to Coy. orders. (Copy of note attached)
	ALBERT	440,000	The Billeto in this village are not of a comfortable nature, and steps are being taken for their improvement.
20/11/16	COISY near AMIENS		The morning was devoted to the inspection of Equipment, Clothing, Boots etc by Coy Commanders and Requisitions for requirements prepared, and a general overhaul. During the afternoon the Battalion carried out instructional work in

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COISY

accordance with the attached Syllabus, Several of the men are suffering from the effects of colds, and the M.O has established a Hospital Ward where cases that are not serious enough to be evacuated, are receiving special treatment, and made comfortable.

21/11/16

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Instructional work as per Syllabus, Some leave of absence to England is now granted, and one man left today on 10 days leave, in addition 5% of members may be granted 1 days leave to AMIENS for the purpose of making small purchases etc.

22/11/16

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The Pn carried out instructional work as per Syllabus, Capt. HEMINGWAY and I.N.C.O. (Sgt. BUNNY) left for FLEXICOURT to attend Course of Instruction in L.M.G. one other man proceeded to England on leave of absence, weather conditions are now very much improved.

Remarks or
References to
expenditures
attached.

22/11/16
H.M. Hemingway

Date

Place

Time

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References to
Appendix etc.

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COISEY

The Battalion carried out instructional work as per syllabus, Lt PROUT and one other rank proceeded to England on leave of absence.

24/11/16

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Instructional work carried out by the Battalion as per attached syllabus, two other ranks proceeded to England on 10 days leave of absence, two other ranks rejoined the Bn from Hospital, weather conditions were good. Seven O.R.s proceeded to S.M. G. School, and 8 O.R.s to Stokes School, at TIRAN COURT.

25/11/16

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The Bn proceeded for instruction as usual, but owing to the state of the weather (heavy rain) the Coy's were moved back to their Bells, and instruction, and lectures were delivered by Coy Commanders, Barks have now been established and advantage was taken of the weather conditions, to have as many men sent through as possible. The Genl Officer Comdg 13th Aust. Division (Genl WALKER) visited the Bn today. A lecture was delivered to the officers

Edmund Smith

Date	Place and Time	Remarks	References to Appendices
25/11/16	Coisy	of the Battalion on "Contact- aeroplanes".	
25/11/16	"	A Brigade Church Parade was ordered for 0955 today but owing to the weather conditions the parade was cancelled. The R.C. members of the Bn paraded for divine service at 0830, attending the service in the Village Church.	
		The officers of the Bn attended a lecture given by Lt. Col. FOOT C.M.G. at 3rd Brigade Hd Qtrs. Lieutenant A. NORRIS & one man joined the Battalion from Reinforcements, three ORs returned from R.M.G. Course of Instruction, Capt. CAMPBELL proceeded to School of Instruction at Tidworth to act as Instructor, Lieut. FITKIN and 5 ORs left for England on 10 days leave of absence.	John Smith 1916
27/11/16	"	During the day the Battalion carried out instructional work in accordance with syllabus. a lecture was given by Lt. Col. BLANEY to the officers	

Date	Place		Remarks or References Appendices attached.	
27/11/16	COISY	of the Bn. Captin TIBBIE (M.O.) reported for duty to relieve Major SAWERS (M.O) who is transferred to the 14 th Aust Field Ambulance. Three O.A.s. proceeded on 10 day leave of absence to England.		
28/11/16	"	Instructional work was carried out by Battalion in accordance with Supplement (Tactical Scheme) the weather conditions very foggy but otherwise fine.	Appended with Stat.	
29/11/16	"	The Battalion was engaged in instructional work in accordance with Supplement. The weather conditions are still very cold and wet. Consequently many of the men are suffering from the effects of colds etc. More orders were received for a move to LAFOUSSOYE.		More orders
30/11/16	"	Left COISY by Ponté March at 0730 and arrived at LAFOUSSOYE at 1130 same day. The Coys were told off to their billets which were fairly comfortable. 61 men were evacuated sick on leaving Coisy suffering from the effects of colds & sore		

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Date	Place	Time	Remarks or References to other papers
1/12/16	LAHOUSSOYE	The Battalion left billets for DERNANCOURT by route march (Copy of orders attached) arriving at the latter place at 1330. Inspection of Equipment and H. mens feet was carried out during the afternoon.	Note on p. 110
2/12/16	DERNANCOURT	The Battalion carried out training during the day in accordance with attached Syllabus, and in addition 400 members were paraded for Bathing at VIVIERS MILLS, 3 O.Rs were detailed to be attached to the 3rd A.L.T. Co. B Co., 4 O.Rs proceeded to Lewis. M.G. School 6 O.Rs reported for duty, as transferred from the 51st Battalion (old members of this Unit) more orders received for move to FRICOURT.	Edith... 110
3/12/16	FRICOURT	The Battalion moved out of DERNANCOURT by route march to billets at FRICOURT, arriving at 1130. During the afternoon the whole of the Battalion was turned out to clean up and improve the Camp Area and surroundings, weather fine but cold with slight frost. Strength 14000	Copy of move order attached

Date Place
Time

3/12/16 FREYCOURT 24 officers and 579 other ranks, N.A.Rs, were evacuated
F. 2. 3. 2 1/2 to Hospital with various ailments.

4/12/16 " The Battalion left FREYCOURT at 10.30 by route
march to Hutments at MELBOURNE CAMP, MARIETZ
arriving at 11.00. During the afternoon the Camp
and Huts were cleaned up and purposes otherwise
no instructional work was done.

MARIETZ The following instructional work was
5/12/16 F.S. & H. 1/2 Carried out by the Battalion during the
day, the work was carried out in the Huts
owing to the muddy state of the Camp:- Physical
Instructions, Inspection of Arms, Equipment
and S.A.A. Special attention to be paid
to the fitting of boots, Inspection of Gas Helmets
and Box Respirators & Gas Drill, Musketry,
Coy. Organisation, Recreational French discipline
and duties (see Booklet "French Orders"). The
weather conditions are very bad, cold and wet.

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