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A. I. F.Diary.24th Battalion.October 1916.

- 1st. Rate of Exchange for month 5 francs = 3/7.
- 2nd. Capt. F.W. Frawley returned from furlough.
63 Reinforcements taken on strength from A.D.B.D. to-day.
A lecture on Air Photographs will be held in Cinema Hall at 3p.m. to-day. 3 Officers and 6 N.C.O's per Coy. to attend, also all Snipers, Intelligence Observers and Scouts.
A meeting of Officers to be held at 4.30 p.m. to-day with a view to forming an Amusement Committee in connection with Cinema Hall.
- 3rd. 2/Lieut. N.V. Dyte returned from Signalling School, Zutpeene.
1 N.C.O. and 4 other ranks to attend Bombing and Stokes Mortar Course lasting 5 days.
Board of Enquiry re men recorded as missing in Posieres stunt to assemble to-day.
President. Capt. G.S. McIlroy.
Members. Lieut. I.A. Macindoe.
2/Lieut. A.A. Ball.
Return showing number of Anzac Books to be forwarded to-day.
- 4th Capt. C.M. Williams. Furlough England.
Nominal roll of men for leave to reach Brigade by 9 a.m.
- 5th 2/Lieut. F.P. Selleck and 2 other ranks reports to Signalling School, Zutpeene.(months course)
- 6th Inspection fo all Iron Rations at 2 p.m. to-day.
R.M.O. will deliver a lecture on Anti-Gas measures to "A" and "B" Coys. at 2.30 p.m. to-day.
- 7th Lieut. R.H. Jones returned from duty A.D.B.D. Etaples.
- 8th. 2/Lieut. F.S. McCooley returned from Infantry School, Wisques.
Major F. Parkes member of F.G.C.M. to be held at 21st Battn. Hqrs. at 10 a.m. to-day.
- 9th Major F. Parkes goes on furlough to England, to-day.
Capt. T.C. Godfrey returned from A.D.B.D. Etaples.
C.O. to meet General at 2.15 p.m. to-day.
Nominal roll for Gas School required to-day.
1 N.C.O. from each Lewis Gun and Signal Sections and 2 N.C.O's per Coy to attend Gas School to-day. Course lasts 2 days.
- 10th. Captain W.M. Trew returned from English furlough.
Captain Chaplain Goidanish on command A.I.F. Admin. Hqrs. London.
24th Battn beat 21st Battn at 6th Brigade Sports to-day. (Football)
- 11th. Major Nicholas returned from furlough.
24th Battn Sports held in Transport lines. 7th Brigade Band in attendance.
Lieut. Menzies on Command 5th Brigade Hqrs.
Battn parade at 8.30 a.m. to-day.
- 12th Battn R.M.O. will deliver a lecture on "Chilled Feet" to all officers and N.C.O's in Cinema Hall at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

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- 13th Lt. Col. W.R. Watson C.B. V.D. returned to duty from Hospital England. (Wounded 7/8/16)
Lt. Col. Fitzgerald ceases to command 24th Battn.
Major Nicholas on command 2nd Aust. Div. Hqrs.
41 O/Ranks from Companies taken on strength of Hqrs. as Bombing platoon.
- 14th Lt. Col. Fitzgerald returned to 6th Brigade.
2/Lieut. J.L. Fawcett evacuated to hospital.
- 15th Candidates for Infantry School, Wisques, report to-day.
Lieut. I.A. Macindoe.
C.S.M. Sullivan.
Left Winnepeg Camp for trenches Ypres at 6.30 p.m.
- 16th Capt. G.M. Carr. Furlough* England.
Capt. Williams returned from furlough.
- 17th 2/Lieut. J.A. Mahony Furlough. England.
Lieut. G. Harriott Furlough England.
- 18th 1 N.C.O. "B" Coy. to attend School of Musketry, To-morrow.
- 19th Left trenches, Ypres, at midnight. Destination Steenvoorde. Entrained Ypres about 2 a.m.
- 20th Arrived Steenvoorde 5.30 a.m. Transport arrived 12.30 p.m. Men allotted to billets and blankets issued.
- 21st Battalion marched to Steenvoorde for lecture.
- 22nd Left Steenvoorde and marched to Noordpeene, 13 kilometres Weather beautiful and roads good. Passed through Cassel. "C" Coys. billets at Les Paradis. "D" Coy. and Hqrs. billeted in abandoned Chateau.
- 23rd Rendezvous 9.15 a.m. Marched in rear of Brigade to Eperlecques - 18 kilometres - a long and hard march. Saved 4 miles by marching via Watten. Men much exhausted. Rain falling.
- 24th 1 Officer 5 O/Ranks to attend Lewis Gun Course to-day. Course lasts until 1st Novr.
Marched to St. Omer and entrained there at 2.30 a.m. October 25th for Longpre - a 10 kilometre march in the dak from Eperlecques to St. Omer.
- 25th Disentrained at Longpre and marched to Brucamps - a distance of 10 kilometres. Billeted there. Men much exhausted.
- 26th Transport and M.G. detachment moved to Mouflers.
- 27th Marched to Mouflers and took motor buses to Ribemont thence marched to Buire and billeted.
- 28th Capt. Godfrey reported off leave.
Work. Organisation for attack.
- 29th Church Parade (Protestant) at Buire. R.C. at 2nd A. Div.
- 30th
- 31st. 40 Reinforcements reported for duty.
3 men tried by F.G.C.M.