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24th Bn

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ADELAIDE CAMP	Jan 1 st		At ADELAIDE CAMP MONTAUBAN. Infantry task; furnished party of 150 men for construction of Decaeville light Railway.	11/11
"	2 nd		A boy at B Camp MONTAUBAN, B boy less one platoon engaged in constructing deep dugouts at MILLER'S SON.	11/11
NEEDLE TRENCH	3 rd	4 p.m.	C & D boys moved to NEEDLE TRENCH. Relief completed 7 p.m. No casualties. Situation quiet.	11/11
"	4 th		Situation quiet. Furnished an infantry task of 100 men to carry duckboards to front line for 22 nd Bn.	11/11
"	5 th	5 p.m.	Moved from NEEDLE TRENCH to THISTLE TRENCH. Relieved 22 nd Bn in SUMMER, FALL & ZENITH TRENCHES. Situation quiet. Sgt James killed by enemy sniper and three men wounded.	11/11
"	6 th		Situation quiet. Patrol reports enemy strong post in front of ZENITH TRENCH.	11/11
"	7 th		Enemy strong post handhanded with Stokes mortars and totally wrecked. Sgt Blumore patrols area in front of our lines.	11/11

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THISTLE TRENCH	8 th	6 p.m.	Relieved by 23 rd Batta and returned to NEEDLE TRENCH	T.M.
NEEDLE TRENCH	9 th	6 p.m.	Relieved by 21 st Batta. in NEEDLE TRENCH. Situation quiet. C & D boys return to ADELAIDE CAMP. A & B boys to C Camp BERNAFAY.	T.M.
ADELAIDE CAMP	10 th 14 th		Resting in ADELAIDE CAMP.	T.M.
ADELAIDE CAMP	14 th	11 a.m.	Moved to "C" Camp Bernafay. Party of B boy consisting of 50 men relieved from work on deep dugouts at MILLER'S SON.	T.M.
C Camp BERNAFAY	15 th		Marched to QUARRY SIDING and entrained for BUIRE at 2.30 p.m. Disentrained at BUIRE and marched to RIBEMONT.	T.M.
RIBEMONT	16 th		Capture by Capt AULD in MERICOURT THEATRE at 2.30 p.m. Subject "Gas". Training commenced.	T.M.

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RIBEMONT	17 th		Foot inspection of all boys. Rank marches from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Scouts, observers and boy-signallers detailed.	1113
"	18 th		Training continued. Heavy fall of snow. Weather cold.	1113
"	19 th		Board assembled to furnish report on deficiencies. President - Capt G. Godfrey. Members: - Lieut N. R. Chrusman, Lieut J. A. MacIndoe.	1113
"	20 th		The sum of 1000 francs paid to Lieut Gregg for Brigade banquets.	1113
"	21 st		Brigade Church Parade. Informal inspection by Divisional Commander.	1113
"	22 nd	2.30 p.m.	Inspection of Battalion by Acting C.O. Weather extremely cold.	1113
"	23 rd	10.45 a.m.	Inspection of Battalion by Divisional Commander. Battalion bathing at HEILLY BATHS in afternoon.	1113
"	24 th	2 p.m.	Party of 125 men entrained for Musketry School at Pant Remy. Lieut R. J. O'CONNOR returned from ^{sick} leave. Football match between 24 th Batt and 1 st ANZAC H.Q. won by 24 th Batt.	1113

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RIBEMONT	JAN 25th		CAPT. S. SAVICE rejoined Battalion from leave. Practised Battalion in attack in afternoon. all have respirators withdrawn and new ones issued.	11/12
"	26th		Weather very cold. Practised Battalion attack during the afternoon.	11/12
"	27		Weather bright & cold. G.O.C 2 nd Aust Div inspected Bn in attack during morning. Six men sent to 6 th T. M. Bty (attached for duty)	11/12
"	28		Weather bright and cold. Brigade Church Parade at 11 a.m. Inspection of billets by C.O at 1.30 p.m.	11/12
Beynon's Camp	29		Brigade moved from Ribemont to Beynon's Camp. A very good camp. Weather continues to be bright and cold.	11/12
	30		Training of specialists continued. Weather very cold. General Mellinard resumed command of Brigade from 10.15 AM	11/12