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BECOURT CAMP	31 <sup>st</sup>		Weather clear and cold. Snow fell during morning. Lieut MUNRO and 130 men returned from PONT REMY Musketry School.	MSR
SCOTS REDOUBT	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.50 p.m.	Battalion relieved by 7 <sup>th</sup> Batts. Cameron Highlanders at Becourt Camp. Marched to Scots Redoubt Camp	MSR
"	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Training continued. Weather clear and cold. Ten men sent to Bde H.Q. for attachment to 180 <sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy.	MSR
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Capt. Savage S.G. takes over as Adj. Weather clear & cold. Training of Specialists continued.	MSR
"	4 <sup>th</sup>		Coy commanders visit line to be taken over. Training continued, weather continues bright & cold	MSR
Front line	5		24 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieve the 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn in the line. relief complete 9.12 p.m. B Coy right. A left. C Support D Reserve Casualties killed 2. Wounded 1	MSR

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FRONT LINE	6	"	Situation normal. Enemy Minnowweeper & Machinegun & Snipers active. Casualties Wounded 2	SC/
"	7	"	Minor operation, <sup>at 9.30-9.45</sup> on gun & sniper posts. all of which were silenced. Situation slight. Casualties Nil	SC/
"	8	"	Relieved by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. <sup>Bn.</sup> moved to PIONEER CAMP, less C. Coy. at MIDDLEWOOD CAMP. C.O. takes charge of all detail <sup>Wounded 1.</sup>	SC/
"	9	"	Weather continues bright & clear. General inspection of huts & equipment of men. 170 men sent to baths. Foot treatment continued by R.M.O.	SC/
"	10	"	Syllabus of training issued & training commences. Foot treatment continued	SC/
"	11	"	Same as for 10 <sup>th</sup> . Church Parade.	SC/
"	12	"	Weather still continues bright & cool. Training continued. Capt. E. M. Williams to 6 <sup>th</sup> T. A. Batta.	
C. CAMP FRICOURT	13	"	Bn. moves to C. Camp Fricourt. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde take over Pion <sup>FER CAMP</sup>	SC/

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C. CAMP FRICOURT	14		Thaw commences. Major James + 20 O R detailed for cable burying under 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Lines.	SH
"	15		Cold + clear Draining of Specialists and Br Parade Capt. R. H. Jones No 6 <sup>th</sup> T. Bn.	
"	16		do do do	
<del>FRICOURT</del> WILLIAM AILEY	17		Relieved 17 Br on the line. <sup>left</sup> BUTTE de HOLLAND COURT Patrols sent out same evening and were in front. Casualties: nil.	
"	18		New work (resetting etc) on posts + <del>support</del> <sup>and were in front</sup> . Three Patrols sent out at night. Ground very heavy. Casualties: Wounded 1.	
"	19		Quantity Engineer material sent forward for progress with work on posts. Patrols busy. Casualties: Killed 1. Wounded 3.	
"	20		Work progressing. Patrol under Lt. MURRO fought. Enemy patrol. Officer wounded. Casualties: Wounded 1.	
"	21		Work almost completed. Lt. PICKETT drives off. Enemy patrol while out in HO MANS LAND. Casualties:	
PIONEER CAMP	22		Relieved by 21 <sup>st</sup> Br. Camp built. PIONEER CAMP Casualties: Killed 1.	
"	23		Learning equipment men back. Post treatment carried on	