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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PIONEER CAMP.	FEB 24		Training of Bn in Wood fighting during morning. Route march afternoon. Stood to arms 11 P.M.	
"	25		2 a.m. A & B Coys move forward to Rd at top C D steps. Take up position on steps William Alley. Casualties Killed 2. Wounded 2.	
WALWANCOURT	26		Took up line of outposts in front of WALWANCOURT. Lt BARCLAY gained valuable information on patrol. Casualties Relieved by 26 th & 28 th Bns. Casualties Wounded 7.	
CAMP FRICOURT	27		Men resting and cleaning kits	
"	28		Specialists being trained Bn on parade	
"	MARCH 29		do do do	
"	2		Bn parade. Specialist training	
"	3		Relieve 21 st Bn in line ^{line} Bn H 17. A. B. Coys line O Support C Reserve. Casualties 1 Killed 7 Wounded.	
"	4		MAJOR JAMES O C FORWARD. Vigorous patrolling. Killed 1. Wounded 1.	

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H17d 7-4	5		Relieved by 23rd Bn. Snow. Casualties Nil. Move to SUSSEX CAMP	
SUSSEX CAMP	6		Cleaning equipment cold & snowing	
	7		Bn at "Wood fighting and New Bn organization"	
RESERVE H 22 d.	8		Relieve 21st Bn in ^{Reserve} Support. 21st. Picket R.F. evacuated to back. (Haines) Hon. Lieut. J.K. Anderson reported for duty. Casualties Wounded. 1	
"	9		Bn on Salvage work. Casualties Wounded. 10. 40 of Rank taken on strength from 2nd ADBD.	
SUPPORTS H17 d.	10		Relieve 21st Bn in Support. Grounds extremely heavy Casualties Wounded. 1.	
"	11		Aircraft active 4 of ours down 1 enemy. Casualties Killed. 1. Wounded. 2. C & D Coys look over front line	
Front line	12		Orders to move forward & establish outposts on right of 21st. Patrols with one of 21st move through GREVELLERS HQ COUPE	
"	13		CIVILDE Casualties Wounded. 2. 10 of Rank taken on strength from 2nd ADBD. HQ move to LEBARQUE MIA 1.9 A Coy. C & D Coy front B Support Casualties Lt POLLINGTON. SEABROOK. GRANTER lead patrols to enemy were Casualties Killed. 5. Wounded. 18. Major N. G. James. Wounded. Lieut. V.A. Lee.	

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CREVELLERS	MAR 14		Vigorous patrols, occupy trench forward of posts and opp 31 st Bn line straightened by digging across	Casualties Killed 3. Wounded 22
"	15		H Q move forward to NO DUMP BARCLAY. POLLINGTON & GRANTER attempt entry into German line, unsuccessful owing to heavy M.G. rifle and T. R. fire. Casualties Wounded 1. Consolidation of line continues	Patrols under LT JEPBROOK transferred from 21 st Bn
"	16		Consolidating line. Relieved by 23 rd Bn, go into Reserve H22 b Casualties Wounded 10.	
No 6 Camp BAZENTIN	17		Move into No 6 Camp BAZENTIN	
"	18		Bn batches D & C go through foot treatment. 14 of ranks taken on strength from 2 nd A.D.D. Lieut J. Harrow returned to duty.	
BECOURT CAMP	19		move to BECOURT WOOD CAMP C. O. Coys for foot treatment. Shortages taken	
"	20		Bn on parade. Concert by band at night. Lieut. T. C. Seabrook evacuated to hospital sick.	
"	21		Wood fighting. Route march. Hankels sent to POSEN LORRY	
Reserve H22 b	22		Move forward to Eaucourt / ABBAYE area. Snowing & cold.	

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Reserve H 22b	March 23 rd		Boys on Salvage work. Clear and cold 2 Lt. J. R. Lee reported for duty.	
"	24 th		do do Major Parker ^{do} reported for duty.	14
"	25		Much salvage being done. Keen competition between Coys	
"	26		Relieved by 50 th Bn. Bn salvaged £25,000 ^(approx) worth of war material	15
D. Camp MARMETZ	27		Move to D Camp MARMETZ Cleaning equipment and straightening out camp. Band making good progress. 13 of Ranks from 2 nd ADBD.	16
"	28		Route march by Coys during morning. Close order work Bayonet fighting afternoon	17
"	29		Baths for day. Men looking more fit. Coy parades during day. Route marches & close order work. Specialists training under own officer. Major Parker returns	18
"	30		Route march. band in attendance. Musketry exercise	19
BECOURT CAMP	31		Move to BECOURT CAMP. 3 of Ranks from 2 nd ADBD.	20
"	APRIL 1		Bn inspection by C. O. Men in good form, equipment & clothing & fans.	21