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WAR DREC QUES	SEPTEMBER			
	3 rd		Bide attack as per operation area. Attack in morning. Defence in afternoon.	<u>PH</u>
	2 nd			
	4 th		Route march 7-10 miles afternoon Baths.	<u>PH</u>
	5 th		Bide scheme W BN in defence. Operation view by GEN PLUMMER. Afternoon Specialist Ang.	<u>PH</u>
	6		Musketry, bombing, Specialist Ang, gas drill morning and	<u>PH</u>
			afternoon - Wood fighting - Divisional exercise.	<u>PH</u>
	7		Morning Gas, Smoke, and gas cloud test at DW Bomb	<u>PH</u>
			School Afternoon coy attacks.	<u>PH</u>
	8		Dawn attack - forming up and moving to attack.	<u>PH</u>
			afternoon Half holiday.	<u>PH</u>
	9		Church parade Chaplain Dunsford etc.	<u>PH</u>

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September

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Sept 10 th			Morning 9 o'clock Specialist Coy. Atlay musketry on range Afternoon live rounds throwing at Div Bomb School.	H
		11 th	Parades in billets lectures musketry.	H
Steenvoorde		12 th	Moved as per operation order to STEENVOORDE arriving there at 3 pm. - billets. Midday halt for lunch made 1 Km outside STEENVOORDE.	H
Devonshire Camp		13 th	Moved as per operation order to DEVONSHIRE CAMP. NEAR OUDERDOM.	H
		14 th	Reveille 8 30 am - Cleaning of equipment platoon inspections gas drill	H
		15 th	Specialist Coy. gas drill, bombing. Afternoon half holiday. 19 th London Regiment's details in same camp - loaned band to B.N. for concert on Saturday evening.	H
		16 th	Church parade in YMCA hut 9 30 am. Chaplain Dufford M.C.	H
		17 th	Specialist Coy in morning afternoon Baths at WINNIPEG CAMP.	H
		18 th	Cleaning up of camp in morning afternoon moved to WINNIPEG CAMP as per operation order - move being completed at 3 45 pm.	H

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WINNIPEG CAMP.	Sept. 19 th		Inspection - Lecture on Salvage. Use of anti-dimming material on the night of 19 th /20 th the BN moved to CANAL AREA YPRES occupying dug-outs vacated by the 28 th BN.	
	20 th		At 3.40am morning of 20 th BN filed out from CANAL to CHINA WALL and when in position here had D on right then A+B Coys @ the Railway cutting and C Coy in rear making use of old gun pits for cover. Whole BN was in position and communication with B'de established by 5.20am. At Zero ^{5.40a} + 1 1/2 hrs (7.10am) two coys B+C moved out via duckwalks and BURR X roads to T7d9.9 for work on buried cable system forward. These Coys continued on this work until 21 st Sept. A+B Coys commenced to move to BELLEWARDE RIDGE at Zero + 2 hrs getting into position by Zero + 2 1/2 hrs. At 1.20pm the BN was placed by B'de under the orders of POPPY (7 th A/B'de) At 3pm party of 200 + 100 panks for carrying engineers material and 100 panks for carrying Stokes mortar to front line. Balance of the BN carried SAA to front line. At 11pm 200 and 112 panks acted as stretcher bearers from WESTHOEK RIDGE TO THE CULVERT ON MENIN ROAD.	

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	21 st	Sept.	<p>Until 6 pm on the 21st Sept B+C Coy continued at high pressure on the cable burying job. B+D Coy carried out consolidation and deepening of the trench system on BELLEWARDE RIDGE. A party of 10th and 30 ranks were employed in burying work between BELLEWARDE and WESTHOEK RIDGES. About 6 pm C Coy took over trenches vacated by 19th BN AIF in BELLEWARDE RIDGE. B Coy taking up position direct in rear of A ETANG DE BELLEWARDE. Commencing at 6 pm and up hill ^{half hourly} until midnight the BN supplied parties of 10th and 60 ranks being on carrying work. Two forward dumps were established well forward under B's de arrangements.</p>	M
	22 nd		<p>Two officers and 40 ranks were supplied to B's de at 6.45 pm for duty in the loading and unloading of packhorses. The rest of the BN moved out to DEVONSHIRE CAMP movement commencing at 9 pm. - 47th BN still in occupation but all men got under cover. - C Coy remaining with transport.</p>	M
	23 rd		<p>Casualties. Killed ranks. Wounded Lt Seabrook ranks</p>	M

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DEVONSHIRE CAMP.	Sept. 24 th		Reveille 8 am Cleaning of equipment Kit inspection. 14 and 50 ranks A + D Cys in three hour reliefs on relief map.	JH
	26 th		6 A + B de in CORPS RESERVE for the attack of the 4 th + 5 th Divisions. All ranks assembled on by parade grounds at 7.20 am. Inspection by GOC 2 nd AUSTR DIV. at 9.30 am. - work on relief map continued.	JH
	27 th		Stab "standing to". Specialist Ang. bayonet fighting, speedily. work on relief map continued - parties increased to 110 per 3 hours.	JH
	28 th		Bombing close order drill rapid loading - stand - to continues.	JH
	29 th		Specialist Ang. concert by ANZAC COVES at 3 pm. Military medals for 20 th to 24 th Sept. presented by LT GEN SIR W BIRDWOOD 570 T/CSM. SHEPARD. 2735 CPL PITTS. 1793 CPL MCKINNON 5895 L/Cpl. ROBINSON 4608 Pte ADAM. Pte LEE.	JH
CAVALRY BARRACKS YPRES.	30 th		A + D Cys moved as per operation order to CAVALRY BARRACKS. YPRES B + C Cys following after completion of work on relief map Reinforcement wing left behind under CAPT WILLIAMS MC.	JH
	31 st		Cy parades - special attention to Lewis gun instruction House of Bombs CAA etc - lectures on "Protective operations"	JH
	Oct 1 st	4.20		