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Date.	Place and Time.	Cmdy. 13 th B ⁿ A.I.F. Written by CAPT. D. C. MARKS ADJUT 13 th B ⁿ	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-7-16	WHITE CITY 10:10am	Enemy threw heavy bombs on Secs. 50-52, killing 1 + wounding 2. Our Artillery retaliated + bombing ceased at 10:20am.	
	MORNING	Enemy bombarded CHORD LINE + Sec. 52 with 5.9 H.E. + Torch Mortars. This continued intermittently till 1:45pm.	CASUALTIES - 1:7:16 4 Killed, 10 Wounded.
2-7-16	do. 11:30pm	14 th B ⁿ (on left) carried out a raid on enemy trenches. Unsuccessful owing to Artillery failing to cut enemy wire. Casualties 2/7/16 = 2 K. 8 W. (all from enemy retaliation)	
3-7-16	do. 10:30	Enemy commenced heavy bombardment of 14 th B ⁿ trenches followed by a small raid. Bombardment ceased 11:45pm. All quiet on our front. 1 Killed.	
4-7-16	do. -	Quiet both day + night. 2 slightly wounded by shell fire.	
5-7-16	do. -	Situation normal. 2 WOUNDED	
6-7-16	8:30pm	Enemy dropped over 30 5.9" shells in vicinity of WHITE CITY. No damage with exception of one empty dug-out being destroyed.	2 KILLED. 4 WOUNDED.

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7-7-16	WHITE CITY	-	Situation Normal. 1 wounded. Accidentally, 1 Slightly Wounded.
8-7-16	do.	-	do. 1 wounded. 4 th A.L.T.M. fired 100 bombs at 10.45 pm.
9-7-16	do.	-	Enemy again shelled WHITE CITY. No damage. — 1 Killed. 1 W.
10-7-16	do.	-	C.O., Intelligence Officer, 1/2 Lewis M.G. Sect and 2 ptns per
			coy. of 29 th B ⁿ marched in & relieved 8 ptns. of
			13 th B ⁿ . Relief commenced 10.15 pm., complete 12.40 am.
			Night characterised by absence of Artillery action. 2 wounded.
11-7-16	do.	-	Balance of 29 th Marched in at 11.5 pm. Relief complete by
			1.25 am. Enemy placed German flag in "No-man's-land"
			during previous night. Flag brought in at about
			11.20 pm by Lieut G.A. BOCARD, Intelligence Officer,
			Lieut BOCARD was severely wounded & his companion,
			N ^o 315 pt. RUHAN, L.G. was killed.
12-7-16	FORT ROMPU.		Move to FORT ROMPU complete at 4 am.

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12-7-16	FORT ROMPU 1:30 pm	Marched to STEENT-JE via BAC-ST-MAUR, SAILLY + BLANCHE MAISON.	
	STEENT-JE 5 pm	Arrived & went into billets	
13-7-16.	do. 8 am	C Coy & transport marched to BAILLEUL & entrained	
	10:3 am	Remainder of B th do do do	
	BAILLEUL 12:25 pm	Train departed with Battalion, complete with transport.	
	CANDAS 6:35 pm	Detrained. Marched off at 7:10 pm.	
	DOMART 10:5 pm	Went into billets. Large number of men fell out on account of bad boots. Blankets carried by the men.	
14-7-16.	do.	In Billets - Resting	
15-7-16	do. 9:15 am	Route March accompanied by all 15 th Line Transport. Route:- BERNEVIL, FRANQUEVILLE, DOMART. Arrived DOMART 3:30 pm	
16-7-16	do. 2 pm	Battalion Moved from DOMART to MADURS (10 miles) OVER	

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16-7-16		Route via ST. LEDGER-LES-DOMART & HALLOY-LES-PERNOIS	
	NADURS	6pm Arrived & went into billets	
17-7-16	do	- Forenoon - Company training	
		- Afternoon - Route March	
18-7-16	do	do for 17 th	
19-7-16	do	- Lecture on "Attack" by Brigadier at 9am.	Specialist training etc.
20-7-16	do	- Specialist training, musketry etc + afternoon route march	
21-7-16	do	- Field training	
22-7-16	do	- Bde. Route March with 1 st Line Transport.	
		Route - NADURS - WARGNIES - FLESSELLES - VILLERS - NADURS.	
		Good turn out. March discipline much improved.	
23-7-16	do	- Divine Service.	

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24-7-16	NADURS	-	Field Training.	
25-7-16	NADURS	9am	Marched to RUBEMPRE via TALMAS.	
	RUBEMPRE	12noon	Went into billets	
26-7-16	"	-	Company field Training, Specialist Instruction etc.	
27-7-16	"	9am	Passed Starting Point on march to WARLOY via HERRISART & HARPONVILLE and Brigade bivouaced for lunch 1 1/2	
			W of WARLOY at 12:30 pm. March continued at 2pm.	
	WARLOY	3pm	Arrived & went into billets. 25 Rein joined. 5 men rejoined.	
28-7-16	"	-	Field Training. Inspection of Gas Helmets etc.	
29-7-16	do	-	Company Field Training. Formed Regimental dumps at N°8 Rue de Racines.	
			B ^c will march with ^{blanket} greatcoat & W.P. Sheet in fighting order & steel	
			helmets. 2/23. MARSHALL (from 15 th B ⁿ), ROGERS & FARLOW appointed	
			from the ranks dated 25-7-16.	
30-7-16	do	9.30am	Divine Service.	

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30-7-16	WARBOY 6.45pm	"A" + "C" Coys with Lewis Gun detachments; Pack Horses + Cokers sent to 2 nd Div. at 9th W.21 Central on BOUZINCOURT-ALBERT Road. 4 off + 100 other ranks for burying duties to be located at BECOURT, x 25. Remainder, for salvage work to be located N.W. of ALBERT.	
31-7-16	do -	Company Field Training. Specialist training for Boaters, Runners, Lewis Machine Gunners, Observers etc. Special instruction in rapid wiring both by day + night. Record :- 12 men were ^{patch} twelve square yards in 15 minutes in pitch darkness. square	<p style="text-align: right;"> <i>St. Selmer</i> <i>NCO</i> <i>COL. 13th BN</i> 31-7-16 </p>