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6TH BATT^N A.I.F.

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Date	Place	Remarks	VOLUME VII	References
1-10-16	DEVONSHIRE CAMP	Batt ⁿ in huts at Devonshire Camp G 22 B 7.6. Brigade Church Parade at which General Birdwood presented medals & ribbons to Officers & men of the Brigade. While at this camp training was carried out, consisting mostly of daily route marches & smartening-up drill.		References 537 Ref. Map BELGIUM 28.N.W.
8-10-16	CHATEAU BELGE	at 5 P.M. Batt ⁿ moved as reserve to Brigade to CHATEAU BELGE H 23 B 5.7 While here, batt ⁿ supplied fatigues by day & night for work on front line & supports.		
14-10-16	DEVONSHIRE CAMP	at 2.30 P.M. Batt ⁿ moved by platoons at 5 minute intervals to DEVONSHIRE CAMP. Officers surplus baggage & other surplus stores were sent to and dumped at OUBERDOM.		
15-10-16		at 0930 Batt ⁿ parade & batt ⁿ marched into Billels at STEENVORDE		HAZEBROUCK 5A.
16-10-16		at 0810 Batt ⁿ marched from STEENVORDE to BUYSSCHEURE.		
17-10-16		at 0830 Batt ⁿ marched from BUYSSCHEURE to EPERLECQUES.		
20-10-16		at 2020 Batt ⁿ marched to station at ARQUES (near STOMER)		
21-10-16	ARQUES	Batt ⁿ embarked for 4 th Army Area at and left ARQUES at 0250		
	ST RIQUIER	Arrived at ST RIQUIER at 1445		
		Batt ⁿ then marched to BUSSUS-BUSSUS.		
23-10-16		En-bussed at MOUFLERS, travelled via AMIENS to 15 th Corps area, de-bussing at BUIRE SUR L'ANCRE, then marched to DERNAN COURT.		LENS $\frac{1}{100,000}$ AMIENS $\frac{1}{100,000}$

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24.10.16	DERNANCOURT	Batt ⁿ moved at 1300 to POMMIER CAMP. Weather was very bad - camp in a bad state & insufficient accomodation for men, many of whom had to sleep out.	AMIENS $\frac{1}{100,000}$ LENS $\frac{1}{100,000}$
26.10.16	POMMIER CAMP.	On account of bad accomodation, batt ⁿ moved back at 1200 to billets in ALBERT where there were plenty of good billets.	
29.10.16	ALBERT	Batt ⁿ left ALBERT at 0800 & marched to BERNAFAY CAMP. Roads very bad & on account of this & excessive traffic, did not arrive until 1315. Moved again at 1500 to relieve 88 th Brigade of 29 th Division. Guides were to meet platoons at Brigade H.Q. - but were very late. Whole batt ⁿ was to move into line A & B Coys to take over CREASE TR. - A from WORCESTERS - B from NEWFOUNDLANDERS, C Coy to take over HILT TR & D CHEESE TR & GUN PITS. Guides provided did not know routes & as a result platoons wandered all over the place & the companies got into line in small parties relief being completed at about 0500 on the 30-10-16. ^{No Casualties.}	FRANCE 57 C S. E. LIGNY THILLOY $\frac{1}{10000}$
30.10.16		Two platoons ^{of C Coy} were withdrawn into BOOT TRENCH at near Batt ⁿ H.Q. at N 26 D.O.O. All benches & comman ⁿ were in very bad state, in many parts mud being up to thighs & weather very cold	

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30.10.16	GUEDECOURT	<p>Enemy's shelling was not heavy - practically none at all on front line - but a fairly constant barrage in & around GUEDECOURT - through which ^{barrage} all ration parties had to pass.</p> <p>All projected operations had to be postponed on account of state of ground.</p> <p>At 2200 that evening B Coy's bombing post on end of CREASE-TRENCH took 1 off & 6 other prisoners.</p>	
31.10.16		<p>Work was carried on as much as possible on all benches. Rain continued & made much work impossible.</p> <p>at 2200 A Coy took two prisoners & B Coy fifteen. These Germans were either on patrol or had lost their way.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.D. Rogers Lt. I.C. 6th Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C.W. Daly Major at 1/5 Comd 1. 6th Bn. A.I.F.</p> <p>19/11/16</p>	