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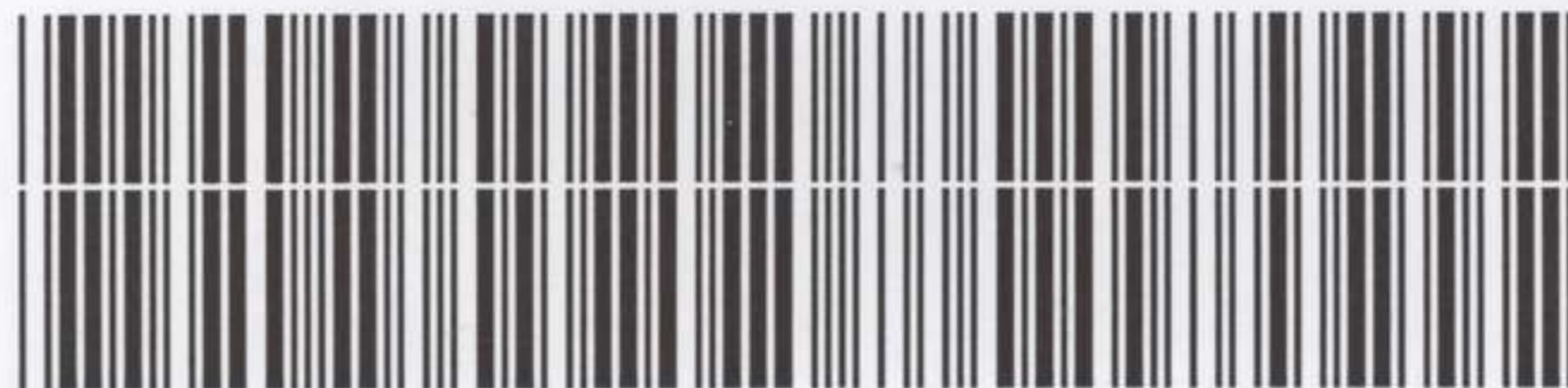
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DERNAN-COURT	1919 Jan. 1		Strength -	32 off. 616 O.R.	General holiday (New Year's Day).
	2		do.	32 off. 610 O.R.	Boy and specialist training, with exception of one (1 Coy) on fatigues.
FRANVILLERS	3	9.15 am. 1.0 pm.	do.	32 off. 618 O.R.	Marched to T Area.
	4	9.0 am.	do.	32 off. 618 O.R.	Arrived and billeted at FRANVILLERS. Continued march to T Area, leaving FRANVILLERS at 9 am.
RAINNEVILLE		2.0 pm.			1 off and 90 O.R. to Drunkenery School at FONT REMY.
	5		do.	32 off. 621 O.R.	Arrived and billeted at RAINNEVILLE. Training continued. In view of the large number away at schools (5 off. and 125 O.R.), on leave (10 off. 46 O.R.), and in hospital (10 off. 63 O.R.), the training was, except in the case of partially trained reinforcements, practically confined to specialist work.
	6		do.	32 off. 628 O.R.	Training continued. Half of Bn. bathed. Excellent arrangements.
	7		do.	32 off. 619 O.R.	Church parade. Remainder of Bn. bathed.
	8		do.	32 off. 634 O.R.	Training continued. Lewis gun detachment fired Drunkenery course - results very satisfactory.
	9		do.	32 off. 627 O.R.	do.
	10		do.	32 off. 621 O.R.	Training continued. B. and C. Coes exercised at Drunkenery - results generally satisfactory. Disruption of billets, transport to by G.O.C. Division.

26 O.R. Reinft.
13 O.R. from Straps
1 " " " "
6 O.R. in Straps
12 O.R. partially trained Reinft.
4 O.R. to Straps
5 O.R. partially trained Reinft.
1 O.R. transferred to 1st Div. Drains
1 O.R. to 4th Pioneer Bn.
5 O.R. partially trained Reinft.
2 O.R. to Straps
9 O.R. to Hospital
1 O.R. Reinft.
14 " from Straps
7 O.R. in Straps
2 O.R. to AH2AC High Range
4 O.R. to 8th L.T.M. Bty

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RAINNEVILLE	1916 Jan 11		Strength - 32 off, 647 OR. (617) Training continued. "A" and "D" Coies exercised at Drusebery. Results generally satisfactory. 1 off and 90 OR. rejoined from Drusebery school.	40R 2 strips.
"	" 12		do. 32 off 587 OR. Training continued. During period of training, feet were inspected daily, and whale oil used.	30 OR 2 strips.
LA NEUVILLE	" 13	10 am 3 pm	do. 32 off 578 OR. Left RAINNEVILLE at 10 am. Arrived LA NEUVILLE at 3 pm. Billed for the night.	12 OR, 2 strips. 30 OR. from -
"	" 14	9.15 am	do. 32 off 578 OR. Left LA NEUVILLE at 9.15 am., marching via HEILLY and BOYNNAY. Arrived at DERNANCOURT 2.30 pm. Billed for the night.	
DERNANCOURT	" 15	2.30 pm 9 am.	do. 32 off 581 OR. Left DERNANCOURT at 9 am., marching via MIAULT, BECORDEL and FRICOURT. Arrived FRICOURT Reserve Base Camp at 12.30 pm. and camped for the night.	30R, rejoined from strips.
FRICOURT	" 16	12.30 pm 10.30 am	do. 32 off 615 OR. Left Base Reserve Camp at 10.30 am. Arrived ADELAIDE Camp, MONTAUBAN. Pon halted at MAMETZ CIRCUS off the road, as word received that Pon in occupation was not leaving until after 2 pm. Arrived ADELAIDE CAMP at 4 pm.	24. NIELD, H.K. and 34 OR. reinforcements
MONTAUBAN		4.0 pm.		

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Montauban	1916 Nov. 17	2 pm	Strength - 33 off. 615 OR. Left ADELAIDE CAMP, via TROYES WOOD, where hot tea was supplied, arriving NEEDLE TRENCH at 5-30 pm. Relief completed 6 pm. Slow passage along duckboard tracks which was frozen after snow storm. (31st Bn relieved).	
NEEDLE TRENCH		5:30 pm		
	18	4 pm 6 pm	33 off. 616 OR. In occupation of intermediate line. Moderately quiet. Left NEEDLE TRENCH at 4 pm, being relieved by 54th Bn. Arrived 'C' Camp TROYES WOOD 6 pm.	1 OR. injured from stress. 1 OR. wounded
TROYES WOOD.	19		33 off. 615 OR. at 'C' Camp TROYES WOOD. 207 OR. on fatigue duty.	
	20	1 pm	33 off. 615 OR. Left TROYES WOOD arriving ADELAIDE CAMP at 2 pm.	
MONTAUBAN (ADELAIDE CAMP)	21		33 off. 616 OR. Resting.	
	22	2 pm	33 off. 649 OR. Left ADELAIDE CAMP at 2 pm. Arrived 'C' Camp TROYES WOOD, 3 pm.	28 OR. in stress 12 OR. injured from stress 49 OR. Relief
TROYES WOOD	23	2 pm	29 off. 649 ⁶⁵⁴ OR. Left TROYES WOOD at 2 pm. arriving ADELAIDE CAMP at 3 pm. 5 off. + 246 OR. in POMIERES, and 1 off. and 40 OR. in ALBERT on Corps fatigues. Lieut GOFF returns from L.T.M. Bn for regimental duty. Capt. HUTCHENS, KRINKS and HALKYARD, and Lieut SINCLAIR, WAKELIN and TAYLOR in seconded list; Lieut ANDREWS in duty list from	5 OR. from Hospital.
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1917 MONTAUDAN	1917 Jan 24		Strength - 27 off., 658 OR. Barrabrain engaged on Corps and Divl. fatigue duty.	1 OR. transferred from 15th to 2nd Coy
do.	25		do. 27 off., 654 OR. Major A. R. WHITE returned from Hospital. 2/Lt S. R. BURT, Reinforcement officer reported for duty.	1 OR. in Divl. Subrange Coy
do.	26		do. 29 off., 654 OR. Fatigue duty. 2/Lt C. S. SLADE and J. H. ALLEN, Reinforcement officers, reported for duty.	1 off. from 5th Coy 1 off. reinforcement.
do.	27		do. 31 off., 654 OR. Fatigue duty. 2/Lt E. C. JOHNSON, Reinforcement officer reported for duty.	2 off. from Reinforcements.
do.	28		do. 32 off., 664 OR. Fatigue duty.	1 off. and 4 OR. Reinforcements 9 OR. from 2nd Coy 1 OR. to Angus Light Bn 2 OR. to Divl. Subrange Coy
do.	29		do. 32 off., 650 OR. Fatigue duty.	1 OR. Reinforcement 15 OR. in 2nd Coy
do.	30		do. 32 off., 650 OR. Fatigue duty. 1 off. & 50 OR. attached from 30th Bn. 2/Lt JOHNSON and 27 OR. Mining Station, attached to 8th Mining Coy. Major R. A. GEDDES, M.C., reported.	
do.	31		do. 32 off., 642 OR. Fatigue duty.	1 off. and 3 OR. from 2nd Coy 11 OR. in 2nd Coy

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