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22nd Bn 6th Inf Bde

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUIRE	1/11/16		In billets. Company & platoon drill. Bayonet fighting	<p style="text-align: center;">AMIENS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 100000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LONGUEVAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20000</p>
	2/11/16		Attack preparation & practice	
MAMETZ	3/11/16	9.	Battalion marched to MAMETZ via DERNAUCOURT - MEAUME to huts	
FLEERS	4/11/16	11am	" (less 1 Coy) " " FLEERS TRENCH (M. 36 central) via BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT - DELVILLE WOOD relieving 31 st Battalion at 3.30 p.m. The trenches were wet and muddy and the men soon became soaked. "B" Co. diverged from line of march and went into camp at S 16 b. 7.4 with Brigade details	
	5-6/11/16		2 nd Bn Battalion performing Brigade and Engineer fatigue duties. The weather being extremely cold and the trenches boggy, great hardships were sustained by all ranks. Trench feet became prevalent. The use of whale-oil and frequent rubbing minimized evacuations from this cause but absence of any facilities for dry standing made the carrying out of these preventive measures difficult.	
FACTORY CORNER WATTLE TR	7/11/16		Casualties 4 - 6/11/16. 1 Killed & Wounded. A & D Coys moved at 5.30pm to FACTORY CORNER & WATTLE TRENCH into support. Casualties 2 Killed 1 Wounded.	
	8-10/11/16		2 nd Lieut. N.W. McCORMACK killed in action. Engineer fatigues. Foot rubbing parades. Casualties 12 killed 9 wounded.	
N. a & b	11/11/16		A & D Coys relieved 2 Coys 2 3 rd Battalion in front line trenches at N. a & b. Relief complete at 6.40pm & was effected without loss. Trenches were in a bad condition owing to wet and the constant	

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FLERS FRONTLINE Natch	11/11/16		shell fire. The trenches were shallow and afforded inadequate cover. Digging was at once commenced and before dawn a sufficient depth had been obtained to avoid undue losses. Casualties 1 OR wounded	LONGUEVAL 10000
	12/11/16		C Coy relieved night cov. 5 th Bde moving forward from FLERS TRENCH and connected up with the left flank of Battr B Co. moved from CARLTON CAMP (S. 16. 07. 4) to FLERS TR.	
	13-14/11/16		Casualties 1 killed 3 wounded Dispositions as above. During afternoon 14/11/16 - 18 enemy aircraft reconnoitred our line flying low. Light signals were dropped.	
	15/11/16		Casualties 2 killed 11 wounded Battalion relieved by 21 st Battr. and returned to FLERS TR arriving at 9.30pm	
	16-20/11/16		Casualties 2 killed 15 wounded In FLERS TRENCH. Fatigue work and carrying duties for front line units. Construction of deep dugouts.	
	22/11/16		Casualties 3 killed 10 wounded. Marched to billets at FRICOURT on relief of Brigade at 5.30am.	
			Casualties 5 th - 21 st Nov. Officers 1 killed 1 wounded	
			O. R. 12 58	2
			<u>13</u> <u>59</u>	70
			Total	<u>72</u>
			Sick 5 th - 21 Nov. Evacuated 3 officers 153 OR.	<u>156</u>

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FRICOURT	23/11/16		Battalion in huts at FRICOURT and engaged on Corps Engineering work	LONGUEVAL /10000
	25/11/16		Lt Col. R. SMITH to 6 th Inf Bde as 4 th Brigadier Major A. R. L. WILTSHIRE assumed temporary command	
	25/11/16		Moved to DERNACOURT via MEHULTE.	
	26/11/16	10am		
	27/11/16		Battalion at baths and clearing up. Issue of new clothing etc	
	28/11/16			
	29/11/16		Inspection by Major General J. G. LEGGE C.M.G. Commandg 2 nd Aust. Div.	
	30/11/16		Drill and field training	

*Approved by Major
A.C.O. 22nd Battr A.I.F*