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## WAR DIARY

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DORMY HD.	1.10.16		Front line. Enemy artillery active in reply to our fire. During night strong enemy patrol attempted to enter our trenches near CROSS STREET. Patrol dispersed with Bombs + m. gun fire. 10 R wounded 40 Ranks to Hospital.	
"	"		Front Line. Work on improvement of defences continued. Hostile minenwerfers active. 20 R to Hospital.	
"	3.10.16		Front line " " " " " " " 2 officers 171 O Ranks from Reinforcements. (Capt Shepherd from Supernumerary List of Lt Morris from Seconded List).	
"	4.10.16		Front line. Heavy Rain hampered work on defences. Artillery active on both sides. During night flank Bn (19 <sup>th</sup> Bn) entered enemy trenches under cover of heavy arty. fire. 40 Ranks wounded 7 O Ranks to Hospital.	
"	5.10.16		Front line. Hostile minenwerfers active. 1 am report received that our st. flank Bns. were releasing gas. Casualties nil.	
"	6.10.16		Relieved in front line by 28 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief complete 10pm. Bn entrained at ASYLUM SIDING YPRES for GODDEWAERSVELDE en route for STEENVOORDE. Arrived in Bullets then	
STEENVOORDE	7.10.16		9 am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Int. In Bullets. 10 Rank wounded + 1 O Rank from Hospital.	
"	8.10.16		In Bullets STEENVOORDE. Men resting. Casualties nil.	

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STEENVOORDE	9.10.16		In Billets resting. 109 ORanks from Reinforcements + 180 Ranks from hospital (71016)	
"	10.10.16		" " " Received orders to move back into Corps Reserve at POEPERINGHE on 12 <sup>th</sup> Inst. 40 Ranks to Hospital	
"	11.10.16		In Billets resting. 5 ORanks to Hospital. 4 ORanks returned to Base.	
POEPERINGHE	12.10.16		Marched at 10 am for POEPERINGHE. 1 ORank to V2a Bty. 5 ORanks to Army Corps Camp. Settled in Billets 1 pm.	
"	13.10.16		In Billets. 1 ORank to Hospital. Capt W.P. MacCallum seconded for duty <sup>as GSO III</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div H'qrs	
"	14.10.16		" " orders received to move to M5 RENINGHELS on 15 <sup>th</sup> Inst. 2 ORanks to hospital.	
RENINGHELS	15.10.16		In Camp. Marched at 9.30 am. arrived "Camp" 12 noon. 10 Ranks to Hospital 10 R. from H.	
"	16.10.16		In Camp. 1 ORank to Hospital.	
"	17.10.16		" " 2 ORanks to Hospital 1 ORank from Hospital. orders received to move back to STEENVOORDE 1 <sup>st</sup> Inst. Move complete 5 pm.	

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NOORDPEENE	18.10.16		Marched at 9 am for NOORDPEENE. Settled in Billets there at 4 pm. Casualties nil.	
"	19.10.16		In Billets resting. 1 ORank transferred 1st Aust Div Supply Col.	
"	20.10.16		" " " Orders received to move to ZOUAFQUES on 21st Inst. 2 ORanks to Hospital.	
ZOUAFQUES	21.10.16		Marched in to Billets at 4 pm. Pm marched 18 mls in 5 1/2 hours. Casualties nil.	
"	22.10.16		In Billets resting. Casualties nil.	
"	23.10.16		" " " 1 ORank to hospital. <sup>Shaw + Armytage</sup> Lt. Holmes from Seconded List. 2 Pts. from 13th Pans	
"	23.10.16		" " " Lieut Duffy from 3rd Div.	
"	24.10.16		Marched to ANDRUEQ STATION where Pm entrained for PONT REMY (near ABBEVILLE)	
PONTREMY	25.10.16		Arrived PONT REMY 11 am. 1 ORank from Reinforcements.	
AILLY	26.10.16		Pm marched to AILLY LE HANT CLOCHERS and moved from there by Motor Locomotives to	
RIBEMONT	"		RIBEMONT (near ALBERT). Casualties nil.	
"	27.10.16		In Billets resting. 1 ORank from Hospital 1 ORank from Reinforcements.	
"	28.10.16		" " " 1 ORank to Hospital	
"	29.10.16		" " Training resumed but hampered by mud + rain. 1 OR. to H. 5 OR. from Corps Comd.	
"	30.10.16		" " " " " " " " " " 3 ORanks from Hospital	
"	"		1 OR. transferred to 45th Bn. 1 ORank transferred to 12th A.E.	
"	31.10.16		In billets RIBEMONT. 71 OR from details + reinforcements. Capt McCall detached to 2nd Division	