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Front Line Area	Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Many hostile planes over our lines, appearing to be directing his artillery fire.</p> <p>Desultory shelling by enemy all day. A little Gas. Shells but no casualties.</p> <p>Four men in "B" Coy wounded by a shell falling on a Dug Out. One 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Officer &amp; 8 men reported at Bn H.Q.s to reconnoitre front posts. Lieut Laphorne MC &amp; the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn Officer and 17 other Banks took charge of patrol in "No Man's Land".</p> <p>Patrol Officers Report ..... A patrol of 2 Officers &amp; 17 other Banks left our lines at 10-45 PM. from J 5 b. 40. 75. proceeding along road running through South Edge of CELTIC-WOOD. When patrol reached D. 30 c. 4. 4, an enemy patrol of between 30 &amp; 40 men were seen moving from West side of JUSTICE-WOOD towards our lines.</p> <p>This patrol was moving in sections in single file, with 20 yds between sections, &amp; with a screen of scouts 30 yds ahead. To avoid being cut off, our patrol moved back to D 30. c. 1. 2. &amp; when enemy patrol came within 50 yds, opened fire on it with Lewis Gun &amp; rifles. The enemy stampeded for JUSTICE-WOOD, &amp; immediately RED flares went up from J. 6. a. 8. 8. Within three minutes an enemy barrage was brought down on our patrol. Numerous white flares were fired from JUSTICE-WOOD.</p> <p>A standing patrol was established at D. 30. c. 4. 4, which withdrew at 5-AM. "Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>"</p>	

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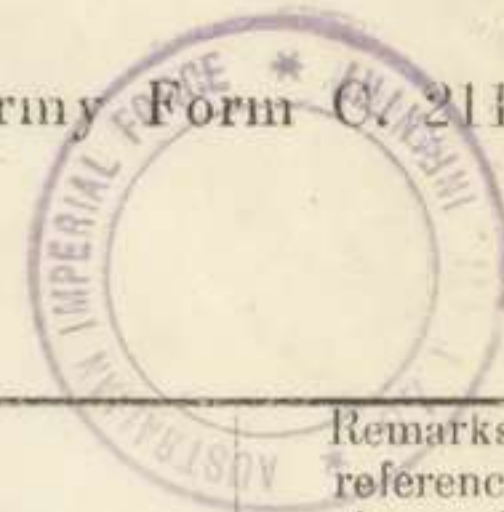
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			<i>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Contin-</i>				
<i>Front Line Area</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>reporting that nothing more was seen of the enemy.</i>				
<i>"</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Thick mist with light rain all day, poor observation. Enemy artillery very quiet. The Bn was successfully relieved by the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief complete at 8-30 PM. Route taken by Bn on way out - - - - - HELLES-DUCK-WALK - - - WARRINGTON-ROAD, SHRAPNEL-CORNER, - - to Huts near BELGIUM CHATEAU. Bn settled by 12. midnight</i>				
<i>Ypres Area</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Bn. resting. Great aerial activity. Lt. Parks from 2<sup>nd</sup> Army School</i>				
<i>"</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Sunday. Bn. resting. Many sore throats &amp; much coughing in Bn. due to effects of Gas. (Slight)</i>				
<i>"</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>The following men reported to Canadian Light Trench Coy, at YPRES near Gas works, for fatigue</i> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-left: 20px;"> <table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle;">{</td> <td style="padding: 0 10px;"> <i>A<sup>800</sup> - - - 1 Officer 80 Other Banks</i>  <i>B " - - - 1 " 60 " "</i>  <i>C " - - - 1 " 60 " "</i>  <i>D " - - - 40 " "</i> </td> <td style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> </tr> </table> </div>	{	<i>A<sup>800</sup> - - - 1 Officer 80 Other Banks</i> <i>B " - - - 1 " 60 " "</i> <i>C " - - - 1 " 60 " "</i> <i>D " - - - 40 " "</i>	}	
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<i>"</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>The same fatigue at YPRES as above</i>				
<i>"</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>As above. Work finished</i>				

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YPRES AREA	Nov.	8 <sup>th</sup>	<p><u>Nov. Contin-</u></p> <p>30 men on Fatigue at 9<sup>th</sup> Army Tramway Coy under Sgt. Taylor A<sup>th</sup> Coy                      Mr. Devonshire to "Paris" on leave. .... Bosche plane brought down in flames.</p>	
"	Nov.	9 <sup>th</sup>	<p>9. AM. The Bn left Huts &amp; marched to OUDERDOM embussing there for STEENVORDE AREA, arriving STEENVORDE at 2. P.M. Marched to billets outside STEENVORDE, settled down by 4. P.M.</p>	
STEENVORDE AREA	Nov.	10 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Bn resting - torrents of rain - L. N. L. Davies left for CASTRE, from there to 2<sup>nd</sup> Army School later.</p>	
"	Nov.	11 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Sunday, Church parade cancelled raining.</p>	
"	Nov.	12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Bn reorganising &amp; cleaning up - much finer -</p>	
"	Nov.	13 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Training. from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 13 other ranks evacuated to sick hospital</p>	
"	Nov.	14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Bn. Training. Coy Football match afternoon (D<sup>th</sup> Coy v A<sup>th</sup> Coy) D<sup>th</sup> Coy won.</p>	
"	Nov.	15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Coy Plt Inspection. "Pay Day"</p>	
"	Nov.	16 <sup>th</sup>	<p>8:30. AM. Bn. left STEENVORDE &amp; marched to BERTHEN. VIA. GODEWAERSVELDE, arrived at BERTHEN 1-15. P.M.</p>	
"	Nov.	17 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Bn. left BERTHEN, at 11.30 AM. &amp; marched to NEUVE- EGLISE. VIA. ST. JANS- CAPPEL &amp; BAIZZEU- arrived at NEUVE- EGLISE at 2.30 PM. billeted in the VILLAGE</p>	

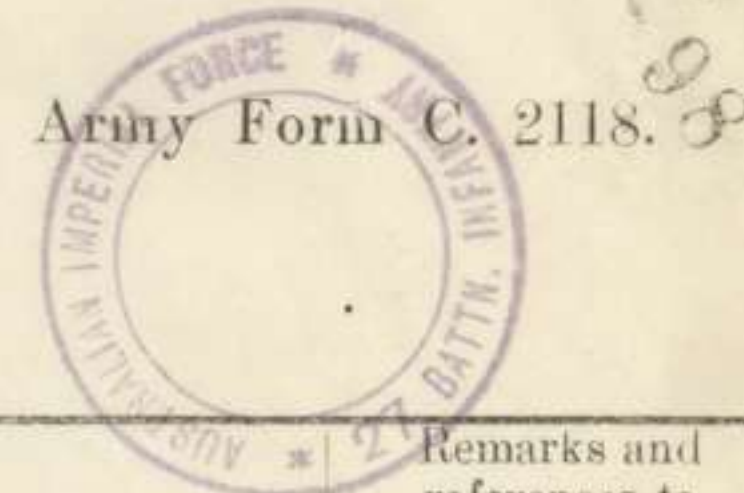
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BAIZZEU AREA	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday. Church parade. Capt R. G. Burnard returned to 7 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance for duty. 44 Reinforcements arrived, Lieut G. S. Devonshire from Seconded list, 2 other ranks from Detachment, Capt C. H. Matheson from 7 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance.	
"	Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>		Bn Training	
"	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>		" Training	
"	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>		Bn bath parade, Football match with 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Engrs cancelled.	
"	Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Training Coy Football match, D Coy v B Coy. B Coy won. Lieut A. M. Moore & Lt J. O. Judge to "Paris" leave.	
"	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Bn route march, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Reid W. from O.T.C. to C. Coy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Holloway to 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac School. W. O. Norden & Sgt Bennett to O.T.C.	
"	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>		Training. Football match. 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn v 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde M. Gs. 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn won.	
"	Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday. Bn. Church parade	
"	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>		G.O.C.'s inspection. Bn. Football match. 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn v 28 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 28 <sup>th</sup> Bn won, Mr T. C. Paper from reinforcements.	
"	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>		Training. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut A. M. Moore & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut J. O. Judge from Paris leave.	
"	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>		Bn Training. Lieut Dowling, <sup>Det.</sup> Lieut Durdin, A. B. Lieut Blacket J. A. from Seconded list. (Football Match 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn v 26 <sup>th</sup> Bn 27 <sup>th</sup> won.) Lieut S. B. to DUNSTABLE-SCHOOL, England.	
"	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>		Bn Training. Bn Route March.	

Place	Date	Particulars	Summary of Events and Information	References to other reports
	18th	Admission of new members to the Club.		
	19th	Meeting of the Club.		
	20th	Meeting of the Club.		
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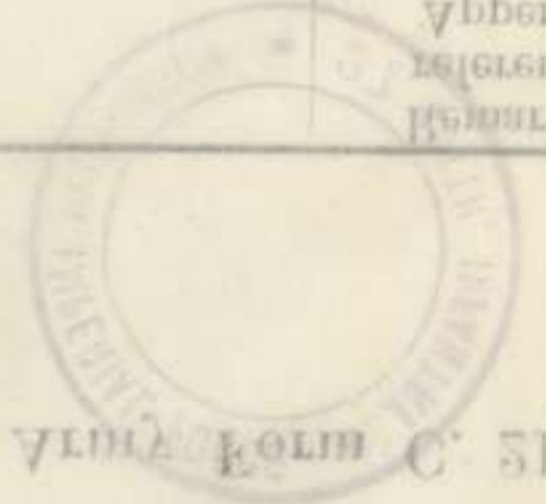
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