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30th Battalion AIF 257

Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH off. OR.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
SENLIS	4 th		HO 1051	Divisional Assault at Armo at HENENCOURT, whole Battalion present, marched there from SENLIS. Sleep field firing on Red range in morning.	10R evacuated Sicks	
"	5 th		HO 1048	Company drill portion of morning, remainder devoted to Batta Drill under Battalion Commander.	30R. evacuated Sicks	
"	6 th		HO 1045	The Batta. carried out an Advanced Guard scheme over the ground between MESNIL - HILL 142 - ENGLEBELMER. After operating as Advance Guard against 32nd Batta (Rearguard) the scheme was reversed & carried out again. 30 th Batta acting as the retiring rearguard & 32 nd as AG.	30R. evacuated Sicks	Batta order "67.
"	7 th		HO 1045	Batta Route march without 1 st Line transport. Route SENLIS - WORLOY - VARDENCOURT - & back again. Brigade band accompanied march. M. Discipline good, marching quite satisfactory. Distance 7/8 miles. Full marching order - less blankets and W.P. shet. carried. Lectures given in afternoon to officers & NCOs on various subjects.		

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SEN LIS	8 th		HO 1057	Church Parade for all denominations Left 30th Battalion ground R.C. Church, Senlis. OPD 31st Battalion ground	14 OR. taken on strength 5 th Div Gun Comp. 2 OR. Evacuated Sick	
"	9 th		HO 1053	In accordance with Ade order 106. The 30th Battr. in conjunction with the 32 nd Battr. on the left carried out an attack scheme on the ground between MESNIL - HILL 142 - ENGLEBELMER. attack carried out in 3 waves with necessary mopping up and carrying parties	4 OR. evacuated Sick	Battr. order 68
"	10 th		HO 1051	Battr. put through baths during the day. CO inspected all units for shortages in equipment and gear. Shortages carefully taken, checked and indent submitted at once. Battr. also put through firing practice on Ade. range, 2 loops and details in morning, balance in afternoon. Lecture to Offs. on German Machine Gun in evening. P.T. & B.F. teams training daily for next Divisional contest	1 OR. evacuated 1.. returned. 2.. Transferred	

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SENLIS	11 th		40 1051	Musketry Firing practice on Rde range near Warley. Portion fired at a time, balance being instructed in Fire discipline, control and use of covers while firing going on. PT & BF teams also sigs. and LMG. undergoing special instruction.		
"	12 th		40 1051	Divisional Assault of Arms at HENENCOURT. His Majesty The KING present. Lymbur & travelling kitchen entered by this Batta. Batta marched from SENLIS. to HENENCOURT. PT teams from 30 th took part in Rde team.		
"	13 th		40 1051	Refresher courses for all "Skill at Arms" men including Bombers & Grenadiers, Intelligence men, LMG. & Sigs.		
"	14 th		40 1068	Continuation of Refresher course in "Skill at Arms" same work as on 13 th . Also Rapid Wiring.	17 CP. Taken on strength	

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SENLIS	15 th		39 1062	Church Parade for all Denominations	6 OR evacuated Lt Wisdom seconded for duty	
"	16 th		39 1060	Bn carried out Advanced Guard Scheme at ENGLEBELMER, A Coy acting as enemy. Lecture in "Night Outposts" after.	2 OR evacuated.	Bn order 69.
"	17 th	39	1057	Side march to CORBIE. Route MILLENCOURT-LAVIEVILLE - RIBMONT-BONNAY-HEILLY - CORBIE. Crossed over pontoon bridge. Men went in swimming. Marched to billets in LANOUVILLE. 10% Bn strength remained in SENLIS and carried out training in Bombing, Musketry, and Rifle Grenades.	3 OR evacuated	Bn order 70.
"	18 th		39 1057	Return march from CORBIE on practically same route as above. Left CORBIE 8-20 AM, arrived SENLIS 12-45 PM. No men fell out on march. Feet inspected in afternoon.		Bn order 71
"	19 th		39 1055	Lewis Gunners carried out practices on range V16c. Inspectional parades, also lectures on Advanced Guard work. Rapid wiring & assault competitions won by 32 nd & 31 st Battalions.	9 OR evacuated	

W. J. C. Nichol
Commanding Officer A.I.F.

WAR DIVISION

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Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH Off ORs	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
SENKIS	20th		41 1062	Outpost and Advanced Guard scheme carried out, 30th Bn acting as Van Guard. Near BOUZENCOURT-MARTINSART-MESNIK. Meeting at Bde HQ at 7.30 to discuss operation. Demonstration of tracer bullets on range V16c at 8.45 pm	Crater ex sup list 21st Bn... Kemp 11 ORs taken on strength ex 5th Bn Rem Camp.	In Order D.
"	21st		41 1062	Kit inspection, also work in Bayonet Fighting, Musketry for L. Gunners. Lectures on A.G. and Outposts.	4 ORs evacuated	
"	22nd		41 1062	Church parades for all Denominations. Musketry for Bad & Indifferent shots on Range V16c.		
"	23rd		41 1060	Instruction in scouting and advance guard work. Intelligence personal ^{traces} under 10. One Bayonet Assault Team on Assault Range. The Bn went through SENKIS BATHS. Clean clothing. 1 officer per Coy witnessed 29th Vanguard scheme. L. Gunners on range V16c.	2 ORs evacuated	
"	24th		41 1058	Another Team to assault course. Work included use of ground; Advanced Guards - Outposts. One officer of each of A.C.D. Coy visited signalling demonstration	2 ORs evacuated	

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Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH 4/6 OR	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks.	Remarks and references to Appendices
SEN LIS	25 th		43 1055	Divisional scheme for 2 nd Bn Cndrs 2 nd i/c & Adjutants. (Drawing) Raid on VARENNES STATION. Work carried out practically same work as for 24 th	2 nd Lt's Spagg & Fisk granted 1 st appointment to comm. rank 3 OR. evacuated.	
"	26		43 1055	30 th Bn. acted as Van Guard in Advance Guard scheme MARTINSART. Officers met & criticised the operation		
"	27 th		43 1055	Two Coy's acted as enemy for 31 st scheme as above. Four officers acted as umpires. 1 Coy engaged on side duties. Live Grenade work. Assault practices. Bad shot on range V16c. Intelligence men worked on tape laying by night.		
"	28 th		43 1054	Work comprised fitting of equipment. Inspection in marching order by Coy. General clean up of billets	1 OR. evacuated	

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SENZIS	29th		43	1051	General clean up and preparation for move to new area. Transport left SENZIS about 8pm. "A" Coy remained behind.	3 OR evacuated	
LECROQUET BLARINGHEM (SE. of ST. OMER)	30th		44	1051	Detrained at AVELUY. Train left 4.2 am Route - AMIENS - ABBEYVILLE - BOULOGNE - ST OMER. Detrained 3.30 pm. Marched via RENESCURE to new area LECROQUET. Good billets	L. Havil and taken on strength from list	Pt. No 276
	31st		44	1051	"A" Coy arrived arrived. Inspectional pdes. by Coy. General fixing up of billets by Coy. No other work was carried out.		

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Commanding 30th Battalion A.I.F.