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REMILLY - WIRQUIN	1/11/17		Strength. Officers 40 . O.R. 639	
	2/11/17		Weather: - Unsettled and showery	Battalion engaged on General Training.
	3/11/17		Strength Officers 41 - 2/Lt. Lecarago 2/Lt. and 2/Lt. Francis V - Promoted 2/Lt. Lead 2/Lt. transferred to 44 th Batt ⁿ .	
	4/11/17		O.R. 639 - Sgt Lecarago 2/Lt. & Francis V promoted to 2/Lt. Strength. Officers 41. O.R - 648 } 1 admitted to hospital 12 New Draft taken on strength	
	5/11/17		" Officers 42 - Capt. Leahy ret'd. from hospital O.R. 650 - 1 admitted to hospital 3 New Draft taken on strength	
			Weather: - Showery	
			Training: - Battalion route march 13 1/2 miles Route: - Remilly - Wirquin - Clity - Aroult - Augumbergues - Ouve Wirquin	
	6/11/17		Strength Officers 42 O.R 648 - 1 admitted to hospital 1 transferred 41 st Batt ⁿ	
	7/11/17		" 42 O.R. 650 - 1 - admitted to hospital 3 - New Draft taken on strength	
	8/11/17		Weather - Wintery - unsettled and showery Training - Chiefly of a "hardening up" nature with frequent route marches to fit men for an anticipated move to a forward area	
9/11/17 to 11/11/17		" Officers - 43 - Sgt McKay promoted to 2/Lt. OR - 670 - 1 - also promoted to 2/Lt. 21 - New draft taken on strength		

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Boeseghem	12/11/17		<p>Strength - Officers 43 O.R. 667 - 3 admitted to Hospital Weather - Fine. Battalion proceeded by Route march from Remilly - Nirquin - Herbelle - Clarques - Rebecq - Rinesq - Aire - to Boeseghem Distance - 14 1/2 miles. Battalion comfortably billeted in farm houses scattered over an area of about two square miles</p>	
La. Becque	13/11/17	"	<p>Officers 43 O.R. 663 4 admitted to hospital Weather Fine - Battalion proceeded by Route march from Boeseghem via - Thiennes - Merville - Neuf - Berquin - Douliou - Le Verrier to La Becque (1 1/2 miles West of Stenwerck) Distance 18 1/2 miles Battalion displayed great grit and endurance coming through without losing even one man. Billets very scattered covering an area of about 4 sq. miles.</p>	
La. Becque	14/11/17	"	<p>Officers 43 O.R. 661 2 - admitted to hospital Battalion resting</p>	
Kortepyp	15/11/17	"	<p>Officers 43 O.R. 661. Weather - Fine. Battalion proceeded by Route march from La Becque via Stenwerck to Kortepyp - (2 miles South of Neuve Eglise) Distance 7 miles. Upon arrival camp in occupation by 29th Battalion A.I.F. Latter moved out at 2pm M. Devlin 2/Lt. 42nd Batta. Int. Officer</p>	

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Korte PYP	16/11/17		Strength - Officers 43 O.R. 660 1 Admitted to Hospital	
	17/11/17		Brigade acting as Divisional Reserve. 9 th and 10 th Brigade holding line (Right Div sector from River Doue sheet 36 C16 (d central to River Doue sheet 28 U 11 b Central)	
	18/11/17		Officers 43 O.R. 692 } 34 new Draft 2 admitted to hospital	
			Training - 3 1/2 hours during morning devoted to General Training 2 hours afternoon Recreational Training. Football etc. inter Company and Inter Platoon matches according to syllabus and Inter Battalion matches Wednesday & Saturday afternoons	
	19/11/17		Officers. 43 O.R. 691 - 1 admitted to hospital	
	to 23/11/17		Weather - Fine and moderate	
			Reconnaissance - Battalion officers and M.B.O's making reconnaissance of right Brigade sector from 36 C16 d cent. to 28 U 23 b central held by 9 th Brigade	
	24/11/17		Officers 43 O.R. 731 } new Draft 47 23/11/17 4 admitted to hospital 4 transferred to T.M. Coy	
	25/11/17		Weather - Cold and showery	

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Kortepyp	26/11/17		<p>Strength - Officers 45 } 2/Lt Keating N. 7 - returned from Cadet Battalion O.R. 728 } " Patterson E. 6 3 to Cadet Battalion</p> <p>Anniversary of Battalions arrival in France. General holiday spent in recreation. Football matches against 41st Battⁿ. Brigade officers assembled at dinner 6.30 at 777 De Soule Y.M.C.A.</p>	
	27/11/17		<p>Officers - 45 } O.R. 736 } 11 taken on strength 24/11/17 3 admitted to Hospital 27/11/17</p>	
	29/11/17		<p>Weather: Cold and wet. Training - mornings devoted to general military training - afternoons devoted to recreation</p>	
	30/11/17		<p>Officers 48 } O.R. 742 } 8 taken on strength 2 admitted to Hospital</p> <p>Capt. Finlay } returned from 2/Lt Taylor } Training Battⁿ Lt Jack T }</p>	

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