

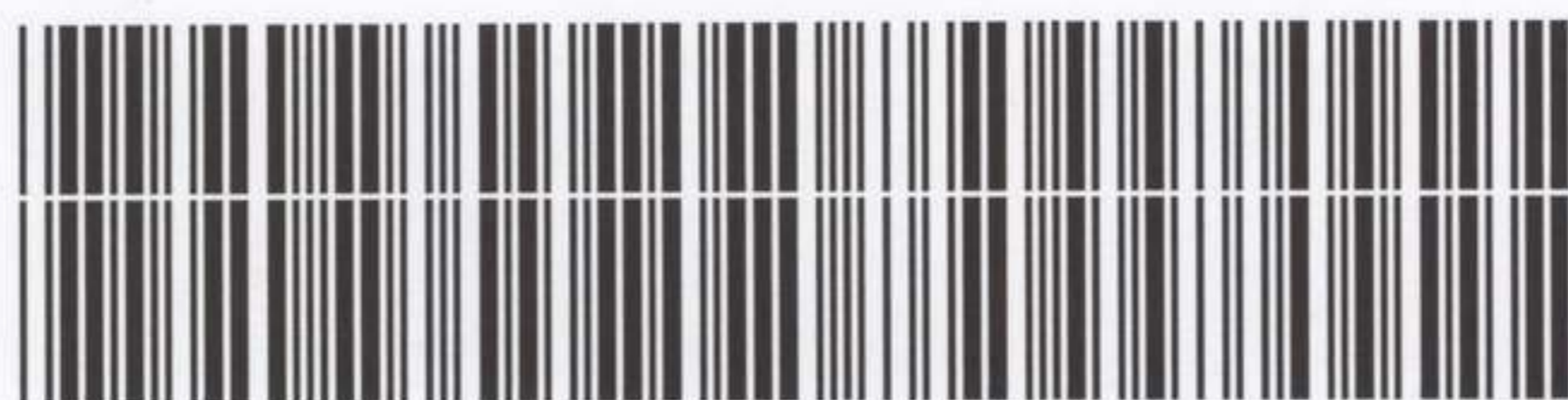
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14th Battalion A.I.F. V

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F. V	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30/9/16.	DICKBUSH. 10 A.M.	Strength 29 officers 691. other ranks. reinforcements arrived	
1/10/16	"	Strength 29 officers 682 other ranks. Working parties of 4 officers 240 others by day and 4 officers 252 others by night.	Killed 1 other rank Wounded 1 " " To Hos 4 " "
2/10/16	"	Strength 29 officers 674 other ranks. Working parties of 3 officers 320 others by day and 3 officers 183 others by night. Lieutenants J. CRAVEN and N. HARRIS returned from U.K.	Killed 1 other rank Wounded 1 " " To 4 M.S. Coy 6 others
3/10/16	"	Strength 29 officers 672 other ranks. Working parties of 3 officers 320 other ranks by day and 3 officers 183 other ranks by night. 94 reinforcements joined Bn. Situation normal.	Sick & Hos 2 others.



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4/10/16	DICKBUSH.	Strength 28 officers 769 other ranks. 94 reinforcements ^{taken on strength of} General Working parties of 3 officers 320 others by day and 3 officers 183 others by night. At 6.45 P.M. message received from Bde. to send one Company to OLD FRENCH TRENCH to support 16 BN. Order cancelled at 7.15 P.M.	Sick & Hos. 1 officer Lieut O'CALLUM. P. or 3 other ranks. Wounded 1 other rank from Hos 7 " "
5/10/16	"	Strength 28 officers 765 other ranks. Working parties of 3 officers 183 others by night and 3 officers 380 others by day.	From Hos 6 other ranks 20 " 4 " " Detached 4 " " on leave 2 " "
6/10/16	"	Strength 27 officers 668 other ranks. Working parties of 3 officers 400 others by night and 3 officers 180 others by night. 2 officers 100 others to Canadian Mining Bn. at CLYTTE.	1 officer 3 others to School of Instruction.

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Date.	Place and Time.	1 4 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7/10/16	DICKEBUSH	Strength 27 officers 664 other ranks. Working parties of 3 officers & 400 others by day and 3 officers 180 others by night. Advanced Party 50 Bn (Relieving Bn) arrived.	Detached 4 others.
8/10/16	"	Strength 27 officers 666 other ranks. Working parties of 3 officers 340 others. 50 th Bn. marched in at 11 AM. and two Coys moved forward to VOORMEZEELE Relief complete by 1 AM. and Bn. moved to ZEVECOTEN at ALBERTA CAMP.	2 officers & 6 others to School of Instruction detached From Hos 2 others
9/10/16	ZEVECOTEN	Strength 28 officers 675 other ranks. Battalion rested all day. Football matches and recreation arranged. Inspection of gas helmets and box respirators.	1 officer & 9 others returned from schools. From leave 2. other ranks From Hos 30 "

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10/10/16	ZEVECOTEN	Strength 28 officers 670 other ranks.	To Hos 3 other ranks From " 1 " "
		C.O. Adj. and Intelligence officer reconnected position to be taken over from 3 rd Battalion A.I.F. Battalion route march and Coy training of specialists	To School 1 " " Detached 4 " "
11/10/16	"	Strength 28 officers 669 other ranks. Coy. Commanders 7 1/2 Platoon Commanders re-connected positions to be taken over from 3 rd Bn.	From Hos 1 O.R. On leave 2
		Morning Bn. Route march afternoon specialist and Company training.	
12/10/16	"	Strength 28 officers 672 other ranks. Inspection of Brigade in mass at 11.30 AM by General Plumer Comdg 2 nd Army. After which march past in column of route. Afternoon Bathing Parades.	From Hos 3 O.R.

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13/10/16	ZEVECOTEN.	Strength 29 officers 672 other ranks. Senior Major, Coy 3 rd in Comds, Platoon Serjts and 1/2 Specialists marched out at 7 AM for trenches to take over. at 1.30 P.M. Remainder of Bn. marched out by Companies for DICKEBUSH Hot Cocoa issued at DICKEBUSH and evening meal eaten. Bn moved off by platoons at 5 P.M. Guides met at LANKOF FARM at 7 AM and moved to front line. Trenches taken over by 9 P.M. and all 3 rd Bn moved out.	From leave 1 officer 2 other ranks. To Hos 4 O.R. From " 1 " From School 1 "
14/10/16	YPRES SALIENT.	Strength 27 officers 657 other ranks. Bn occupying front line trenches from CANAL on Right to 134 D 2.9 on left. 52 nd Bn on Right Flank 15 Bn on Left Flank.	To schools 2 officers 9 other ranks Wounded 1 O.R. To Hos 6 O.R. From " 2 "

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(Continued)	YPRES SALIENT.	<p>Reference Chap ZILLEBEKE 1.10.00 A Coy Holding Craters A, B, C and D. B Coy trenches 29 and 30. C Coy trenches 31 & D Coy 32. Each Company finding its own Support and Reserve. 5 Lewis Guns in front line 1 in Support Line and 2 in Reserve Line. 3 Stokes Guns and 2 Medium T.M's in Support. Work of improving front and support lines put in hand. Enemy shelling at intervals during day at 5 P.M. Slight bombardment. at 8.30 P.M. Enemy opened fairly heavy bombardment of right sector with guns of all calibres also Rum Jars, and Minniehowitzer. Retaliation by our 18 lbs and 4.5 Hows also Light and Medium T.M's. all quiet by 9 P.M.</p>	appendix attached.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A. I. F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Continued	YPRES SALIENT.	damage done only slight. Quiet for remainder of night.	
15/10/16	"	Strength 26 officers 655 other ranks. Quiet on our front during day till 5 P.M. when enemy shelled with shrapnel and heavy mortars. Damage slight. About 5 P.M. enemy sent over Burn Jars (215) about 8 5.9 th and 200 shells of smaller calibre landed in our lines between 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. Patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 men left T29 at 10.30 P.M. returning via craters about 1.30 A.M. nothing to report.	Wounded Capt. H. R. COX & 2 O.R. Do Hos 2 O.R. From " 3 " " Detached 1 " "
16/10/16	"	Strength 28 officers 673 other ranks. Situation normal during daytime. at 6 p.m. enemy searched with shrapnel,	From Hos Lieut P. M ^o CALLUM. From School 1 Officer To Army Corps 1 N.C.O.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
(contd.)	YPRES SALIENT.	only about 24 rum jars sent over and we retaliated with Stokes Guns. Patrol left our T29 at 10.30 PM returning via Craters at 7 AM. patrolling northern bank of Canal no enemy met.	Killed 3 other ranks Wounded 7 " " Angas Guard of 31100 27 others rejoined. To Detention 1 O.R.
17/10/16	"	Strength 27 officers 698 other ranks. our Lewis guns dispersed enemy wiring party killing four. normal till 4 p.m. when about 50 Shrapnel put over. Retaliation asked from our artillery and received. Wire put out in front of "C" Crater. Patrol in front of Craters from 10 P.M. to 10.45 P.M. Work of rebuilding trenches 29 and 30 progressing favourably, new saps continued.	Leave 1 officer Wounded 1 O.R. To Hos 1 " " from " 2 " " " Schools 5 " " Marched in 21 " "

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18/10/16	YPRES SALIENT	Strength 26 officers 685 other ranks. Our Stokes moved enemy T.M. position. Between 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Enemy fired H.E and Shrapnel over our Reserve and Com. Trenches and about 20 Rum Jars put on front line. Our artillery and Stokes Guns retaliated doing considerable damage. Patrol on our front from 8.30 to 10 P.M. no enemy met. More M.G. fire than usual during night.	Wounded 1 officer Lieut LOUGHHEAD. and 4 other ranks. To Nos 9 - From "2"
19/10/16	"	Strength 26 officers 683 other ranks. Very wet day and enemy exceptionally quiet. Advance Party of relieving Bn. arrived. at 7.40 P.M. Relieving Bn.	Wounded 2 others To Nos 1 - From Detach 1 -

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		6 th London Bn. arrived. Relief of front and other lines complete by 10.40 P.M. and Command of Sector handed over. Polled in front of Crater from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. together with Canadian mining officer as mining by enemy reported on this front today. All relieved Coy's marched to ALBERTA CAMP.	
20/10/16	ZEVECOTEN.	Strength 30 Officers 786 other ranks. Bathing parades and rest. Cleaning of clothes kits etc. 69 reinforcements joined	Capt HENRY RICHARDSON joined Bn. as reinforcements 2/50 BEAMOND from HQ. From Detach 34 OR. To Schools etc 6 OR.
21/10/16	"	Strength 29 Officers 788 other ranks. Marched out as a Brigade at 9 A.M. for new Billets near STEENVORDE lunch en route	joined 2 OR. Leave 1 off 2 OR.

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Continued		Lieut-Col. C.M.M. DARE. D.S.O. took over command of 4 th A.I. Bde at 12.30 P.M. and Major N.D. Gethers assumed command of the Battalion. Bn arrived at new letters about 6 P.M.	
22/10/16	STEENVORDE	Strength 28 officers 856 other ranks. Church Parade in morning and afternoon free. Gen-Birdwood presented medal ribbons after Church Parade.	Marched in 62 OR. From Hos 6 ..
23/10/16	"	Strength 29 officers 920 other ranks. Company and Specialist training and kit and clothing inspections	From Detach 1 officer 67 other ranks. To Hos 2 OR From " 2 ..
24/10/16	"	Strength 28 officers 931 other ranks. orders received to entrain on 26 th inst. Company and specialist training.	To 4 th Div. Bn 7 Lieut Harris. From Schools etc 12 OR. Wounded 7 OR.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25/10/16.	STEENVORDE	Strength 27 officers 925 other ranks. Weather wet. Specialist training in morning afternoon packing of kits.	Detached Guard 1 officer 7 others. Rejoined 5 " To Hos 4 " From " 1 "
26/10/16	"	Strength 26 officers 914 other ranks. Battalion marched to CHESTRE and entrained with all 1 st line transport. Train left at 5.33 P.M.	Sick to Hos L. M. O'DUGAN Marched out 11 OR
27/10/16.	BELLANCOURT	Strength 26 officers 914 other ranks. arrived PONT REMY at about 2 A.M. and marched to Billets at BELLANCOURT. all men in billets by 6 A.M. Day spent resting and cleaning kits & equipment.	To Hos 2 OR From " 1 " From Bde 1 "
28/10/16	"	Strength 25 officers 919 other ranks. Battalion attack practice in four waves and	To Hos 2 nd Lieut ANDERSON.

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contd	BELLACOURT	specialist training & Coy lectures.	
29/10/16	"	Strength 26 officers & 15 other ranks. Church parade in morning afternoon free.	From leave 1 officer 20 Nov 5 th O.R. From " 1 ..
30/10/16	"	Strength 29 officers & 33 other ranks. Morning Company and specialist training Afternoon parade cancelled on account of rain.	2 Lieuts EDMONDS MITCHELL & ALDRIDGE and 26 O.R. joined Bn. From Detach 1 of 7 others Marched out 1 of 13 others.
31/10/16	"	Strength 29 officers & 31 other ranks. Morning Battalion attack practice in four waves. Day closed at 10 A.M.	Sick to Nos 2 O.R.
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13/19/16	BLUFF SECTOR YPRES SALIENT.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● = Lewis Gun ● = Vickers " ✕ = M. Trench Mortar ✕ = LIGHT "

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APPENDIX