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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion VOLUME VII	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/11/16	BELLANCOURT	Strength: 30 officers 954 other ranks. Bn. Marched out at 9:15 AM. and arrived at BRUCHAMPS at 12:15 PM. and were allotted to billets. Weather showery.	
2/11/16	BRUCHAMPS	Strength: 31 officers 952 other ranks. Bn. marched out at 9:30 AM. and halted near FLEXICOURT for lunch. Arrived at LA CHAUSSEE at 2:30 PM and allotted to billets. Brig. Gen. BRAND returned from leave and Lt. Col. C.M.M. DARE acting in command of 4 th Bde. assumed command of 14 Bn.	
3/11/16.	LA CHAUSSEE	Strength: 31 officers 950 other ranks. Conference of C.O's at Bde. Hd. Qrs. Coy training and kit inspections.	



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4/11/16	LA CHAUSSEE	Strength: - 32 officers 958 other ranks. Company, Lewis Gun, and specialist training at Roman Camp.	
5/11/16	"	Strength: - 30 officers 961 other ranks. Church parade in morning afternoon free	
6/11/16	"	Strength: - 32 officers 962 other ranks. Brigade tactical exercise with contact aeroplanes in morning; afternoon free; evening same exercise repeated.	
7/11/16	"	Strength: - 32 officers 958 other ranks. Company parades and packing of kits inspection of equipment and gas respirators	
8/11/16	"	Strength: 32 officers 956 other ranks. Bn. marched out at 8:15 AM to PERQUENY	

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contd.	—	and moved from there to RIBEMONT by French Motor Busses. Troops allotted to billets	
9/11/16.	RIBEMONT.	Strength:- 32 officers 955 other ranks. Company training. Ground reconnoitred for Brigade exercise with aeroplanes.	
10/11/16.	"	Strength:- 32 officers 959 other ranks. Company and specialist training. Grenadiers practice of trench attack	
11/11/16	"	Strength:- 32 officers 950 other ranks. Gen. Sir W Birdwood presented medals and medal ribbons in morning. Company and specialist training.	
12/11/16	"	Strength:- 32 officers 934 other ranks. Church parade. afternoon free	

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13/11/16.	RIBEMONT.	Strength:-32 officers & 33 other ranks. morning packing of kits. Afternoon marched out at 1 P.M. and arrived at DERNACOURT at about 4 P.M. and troops allotted to billets	
14/11/16	"	Strength:-32 officers & 11 other ranks. Bn. marched out at 8 A.M. via FRICOURT and MONTARBAN to BERNAFAY WOOD, Bivouaced there and shelters erected.	
15/11/16	BERNAFAY WOOD.	Strength:-34 officers & 14 other ranks. 600 men away on guards and fatigues repairing roads and railways.	
16/11/16.	"	Strength:-34 officers & 90 other ranks. 600 men & 6 officers away on working	

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Contd.	BERNAFAY WOOD.	parties. Heavy frost at night and ground frozen hard in morning. Very little enemy shell fire and no casualties.	
17/11/16	"	Strength:- 34 officers ⁹⁰⁵ 878 other ranks. 10 officers 700 other ranks on guards and working parties. Frost at night and ground frozen hard. Officers reconnoitered position held by 47 BN. Left Bn. Right Bde. Later to be taken over by this Bn.	Casualties: Killed. 1 OR.
18/11/16	"	Strength:- 34 officers 898 other ranks. 10 officers 700 others on working parties. Snow fell during the night and ground now very muddy. Rain fell during the day.	

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19/11/16	BERNAFAY WOOD.	Strength:-34 officers 905 other ranks. 10 officers 700 other ranks on working fatigues. Lieut M. KIMLEY to hospital. LT COLE rejoined from school.	
20/11/16	"	Strength:-34 officers 916 other ranks. 10 officers 700 others on working fatigues. Wet day and ground very muddy.	
21/11/16	"	Strength:-33 officers 917 other ranks. 10 officers 700 other ranks on Div. fatigues, works railways etc. Lt Wilson on leave to V.K.	
22/11/16	"	Strength:-32 officers 913 other ranks. 10 officers 700 others on Div. fatigues. Frost during night. Capt HANSEN M.C. to School at Fleisicourt. C.O.'s Conference at Bde. Hd. Qrs.	

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23/11/16	CARLTON CAMP.	Strength:- 32 officers 911 other ranks. Bn. marched out at 9.30 AM. to Carlton Camp near BAZENTIN. Tents and shelters erected to accommodate the Bn.	
24/11/16	"	Strength:- 32 officers 959 other ranks. 10 officers 700 others on Dir. fatigues. Fog and rain in afternoon.	
25/11/16	"	Strength:- 32 officers 905 other ranks. 10 officers 700 other ranks on fatigues. Brigade Order received stating 14 th Bn will relieve 48 th Bn on night 27/28 Nov. Arrangements re relief mutually arranged by C.O's concerned.	
26/11/16	"	Strength 31 officers 878 other ranks. A and C Coys marched out at 2.30 P.M. and	

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continued		relieved 2 Coys of 48 Bn. in Support in Bull's Road. Relief complete by 7 P.M.	
27/11/16	GONDECOURT	Strength:- 31 officers 878 other ranks. Headquarters details B and D Coys moved out at 2.30 p.m. platoons at 5 min interval Band D Coys relieved A and C Coys respectively and A & C Coys relieved 2 Coys of 48 th Bn in front line. Relief of 48 th Bn complete by midnight 27/28 Nov. Disposition front line:- 8 Lewis guns and 5 platoons. Support:- in Cheese Road 2 platoons. Bn. Reserve 2 Coys and Hd. Ds. in Bull Road and 1 platoon at Advanced Brigade Hd Ds.	

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28/11/16	BOUDECOURT	Strength:- 30 officers & 61 other ranks. Trenches and Com. saps all knee deep in slush and work of cleaning this out pushed on. Fog in early morning but clearer during the day. Enemy artillery normal. Shelters erected in support line and duckboards taken to front line.	Killed 3 OR Wounded 4 "
29/11/16	"	Strength:- 32 officers & 46 other ranks. Cleaning out of front line and saps pushed ahead and 50 duckboards put down. Enemy artillery quiet in morning but livelier in afternoon and retaliation asked for. Brigadier inspected line in morning with C.O. duckboards carried to front line.	Wounded 1 OR Missing 1 OR

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30/11/16	GOUDECOURT	<p>Strength:- 32. officers 836 other ranks.</p> <p>Fog in early morning and dull day.</p> <p>Work in front line progressing well</p> <p>2000 sandbags and 100 duckboards put in</p> <p>B Coy moved out at 5pm and relieved</p> <p>A Coy Right Coy front line. relief complete</p> <p>by 9 AM. Enemy artillery normal.</p>	Wounded 2 OR.
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