

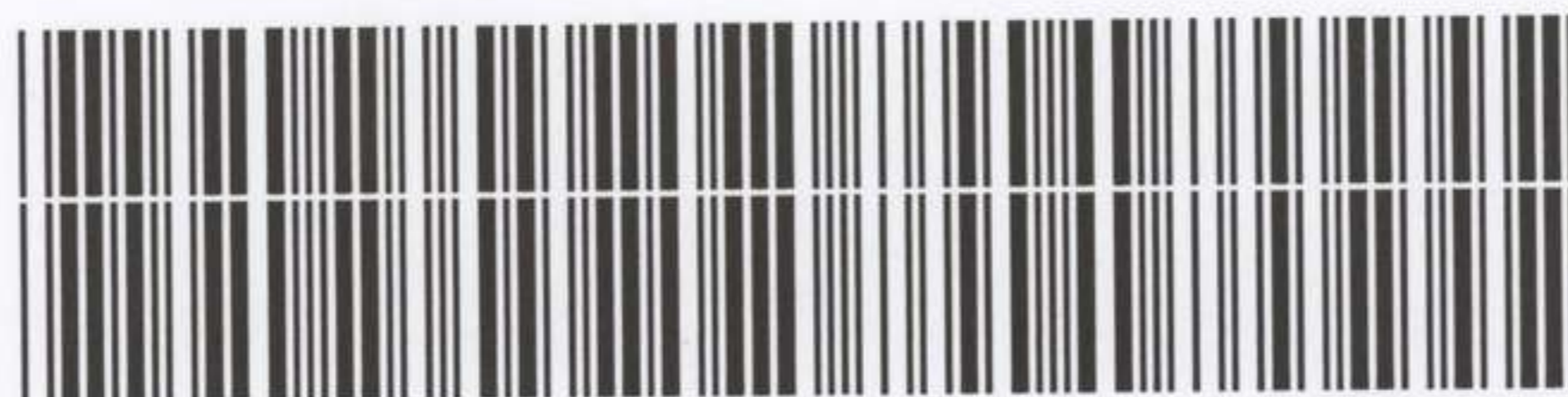
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39th Battalion, A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE DU BOIS SECTOR.	1-3-17.		<p>Situation normal. Relief of Battn. by 37th Bn. commenced: 50% of Specialists transferred to ERQUINGHEM.</p> <p>(The original of the above appears on the same sheet as entries for previous month and will be found with the volume for that month).</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	39th Bn	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2. 3. 17	Rue du Bois	Artillery fairly active along subsidiary	
	Sector.	line N. of WELLINGTON Av. otherwise situation normal.	
		Relief by 37 th Bn. completed: 39 th Bn occupying WEST Baths billets ERQVINGHEM.	
3. 3. 17	ERQVINGHEM.	Training of specialists - especially Refl.	
8. 3. 17.		Grenadiers, Bombers Lewis Gunners	
		carried out. On 6 th whole battalion put through cloud gas at trenches at B 24 d. 5. 5.	
9. 3. 17	LA CRECHE	Battalion moved by route march to	
	area	NOUVEAU MONDE - near LA CRECHE	
		and occupied billets. Transport	
		remaining at EPINETTE	

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10.3.17 to	LA CRECHE	Training carried out on Mont de LILLE training areas.	
20.3.17		MUSKETRY, BOMBING, GRENADES, On 16.3.17. The battalion inspected at work by Corps Commander.	
21.3.17	LA CRECHE to SEC BOIS at 2 p.m.	Battalion proceeded by route march towards QUELMES. billeting for night 21/22nd at SEC BOIS.	
		Transport - 2 motor lorries provided for blankets proved inadequate Roads very heavy through rain	
22.3.17	SEC BOIS to EBBLINGHEM at 2.15pm	Continued march from SEC BOIS at 8am over heavy snow covered roads through HAZE BROUCK at 9.45am. Inspected	

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22.3.17		<p>While on march about 1 mile beyond HAZEBROUCK by General PLUMER.</p> <p>Road much congested by transport & troops proceeding in the opposite direction.</p> <p>Arrived EBBLINGHEM 2.15 p.m.</p> <p>Good billets obtained.</p>	
23.3.17	<p>EBBLING 8am</p> <p>-HEM</p>	<p>Continued march passing starting point RENESURE at 9.5am.</p> <p>Through ARQUES to ST. OMER by 11am.</p> <p>Hence to PT. DIFQUES at 3.45 p.m.</p> <p>Billets somewhat difficult to obtain - especially for officers - & battalion not properly settled till 5.45 p.m.</p>	

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DIFQUES.	24-3-17 to 4-4-17.		Training in Bombing, Lewis Gun, Musketry & new formations in attack continued till 4-4-17.		R. O. Henderson Lt. Col. C.O. 39th Bn. A.I.F.
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