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3rd Inf. Bgde.
A.I.F.

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In the Line (Zonnebeke)	Nov 1.		Strength 52 officers 961 OR.	<u>CMM</u>
	2.		ZONNEBEKE heavily shelled at 11 a.m. Pack train bringing up rations were caught in the barrage on the FRENZBURG ROAD. At nightfall, we extended our line north, taking over six posts from 11 th Bn. The 9 th Bn acted similarly on their other flank, and thus 11 th Bn were relieved in the line. Lt W. G. Priest took out a patrol of 20 men to definitely gain touch with the enemy outpost line. He encountered a machine post in a crater on the WATERDAMHOEK road and was himself wounded, but patrol returned safely.	<u>CMM</u>
	3.		Enemy attacked the 9 th Bn on our left at the railway crossing (D.17. B. 3.3.) at dawn, but no assistance was required from us. Lt R. G. Waldock took a patrol of 20 men out at 10 p.m. to again locate enemy outpost line. He met a patrol of 18 th Bn A.I.F. returning, but persuaded them to join forces which they did. They met an enemy patrol & chased them into the M.G. post at approx D24. C. 8.7. which fired on Lt Priest the previous night. The patrol (enemy) in running in, masked the fire of the garrison, and our patrol rushed in, killing 7, capturing 1 wounded prisoner (which 18 th Bn claimed) and dispersing the remainder. Our casualties NIL.	<u>CMM</u>
VRES	5		Relieved by 4 th Bn by 7.6.45 p.m. without incident or casualties, and came out to Infantry Barracks, VPRES.	<u>CMM</u>
HALIFAX AREA	9		Moved to HALIFAX AREA, (VANCOUVER CAMP) at 11 a.m.	<u>CMM</u>
	10		Strength 51 officers 941 OR.	<u>CMM</u>
CAMPAGNE-LEZ-WARDREQUES	11		Left VANCOUVER CAMP at 10.30 a.m. and embussed on the VLAMERTINGHE ROAD by NOON proceeding to RENESCURE area. We were billeted in CAMPAGNE-LEZ-WARDREQUES, arriving about 5 p.m. Lt P. F. SELICK returned from Supernumerary List. Lt G. H. C. HART returned from Seconded List. Lt E. W. D. LAING, S. W. DOBSON and W. K. GILL returned from Hospital. 25 reinforcements arrived.	<u>CMM</u>
	12.		All officers of the Battalion were photographed in Battalion, company & HQ groups.	<u>CMM</u>
CAMPAGNE-LEZ-BOULONNAIS	13.		Lt Col. C. H. ELLIOTT D.S.O. assumed command of 3 rd A.I. Bgde. Capt L. E. BURT Temp. commanded 12 th Bn. moved at 7.30 a.m. to CAMPAGNE-LEZ-BOULONNAIS completing a 22 mile march with only 6 men falling out, of whom 1 was evacuated. (Packs were carried on lorries.)	<u>CMM</u>
	14/17.		Company training. Strength 55 officers 1002 OR.	<u>CMM</u>
HEBUSENT	18.		Moved to SAMER 'C' Area. Battalion very scattered & disposed as follows:- HQ + 'A' Coy - HEBUSENT 'B' Coy - FASSURNE & VERTVOIE. 'C' Coy - ROLET 'D' Coy - BOUT DE HAUT	<u>CMM</u>

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HEBUSENT	1917 Nov. 20 21/24		CAPT. E. V. BUTLER returned from seconded list. CAPT. H. WEBBER & LT. P. T. MILLER returned from Hospital. Company Training. The area is too scattered to allow Battalion Training. Lt. GOODE, cadet officer arrived. Strength 57 officers 1027 OR.	<u>Cum</u>
	26		Lt. C. H. McKAY returned from Seconded List & Lt. J. B. CATTERALL from Hospital.	<u>Cum</u> <u>Cum</u>
	29.		Company military Competitions in morning in which B Coy won. Battalion Sports in afternoon. Lt. Col. Elliott returned to command Battalion.	<u>Cum</u>
	30.		Battalion marched to Staples to be bathed. Strength 58 officers 1046 OR. The health of the Battalion is good at present and their morale excellent.	<u>Cum</u>
			<u>List of Promotions for month of November.</u>	
			To be Lieutenant :- Lt L. H. Gibson dated 17-10-17. " A. J. Wertheimer " 7-11-17 " J. A. Lay " " " A. L. S. Davey " " " A. D. Andersen " " " A. R. Macdonald " " " M. W. Blacklow " " " W. C. B. Daly " "	
			To be 2 nd Lieutenants :- 2607 Cpl. A. H. Gordon dated 3/11/17 2890 Lt. Cpl. K. J. Payne " 3/11/17 2107 Cpl. C. W. Cooke " 1/11/17 (to be seconded with 3 rd A.I.T.M.B.)	
			<u>List of Decorations for month of November.</u>	
			D. S. O. Maj. W. W. S. Johnston.	
			M. C. Lt. A. Vaughan Lt. A. D. Lynam Lt. A. L. S. Davey.	
			Military Medal. 2470 Cpl. W. C. Johnson 1547 Lt. Cpl. H. J. March 1164 Cpl. A. Prentice 6616 Pot. A. Moles 3291 " W. H. Hammersley. 1909 " H. L. Riggs. 2383 Cpl. J. H. Mumford	
			4156 Pot. F. E. Kasehagen 358 " P. T. Neilson 2352 " J. M. J. Dunbar 4816 " W. G. H. Burr 282 Dr. W. R. Jooley 2648 " W. Matthews 2387 Pot. W. J. Hart.	
				C. Elliott Lt. Col. Commandg 12 th Bn

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Week ending Saturday 1st. December 1917.

MONDAY

26/11/17.

0830/0930
0930/1000
1000/1200
Specialists
1000/1200

Company drill Competition practice.
Close order drill under platoon Commanders.
1 hour Musketry & 1 hour bayonet fighting.
Bombers.
A. & D. Coys. Lecture & throwing A. & D. Range.
B. & C. Coys. throwing & musketry.
L.M.G. Section.
A. & D. Coys. Range tests.
B. & C. Coys. mechanism, Gun Drill, Stoppages.
1400/1600 Recreational training.

TUESDAY.

27/11/17.

0830/1200
1400/1600

Route March. Every man to attend. Full Marching Order.
1400/1600 Recreational training.

WEDNESDAY.

28/11/17.

0830/0930
0930/1000
1000/1200
Specialists
1000/1200

Company drill Competition practice.
Close order drill under platoon Commanders.
1 hour musketry 1 hour bayonet fighting.
Bombers.
C. & B. Coys. Lecture & throwing on range, selected
by Bombing Officer.
A. & D. Coys. 1 hour throwing 1 hour musketry.
L.M.G. Section.
A. & D. Coys. Gun drill and stoppages.
B. Coy. Range tests.
1400/1600 Recreational training.

THURSDAY

29/11/17.

0800/1200
1400/1600

Competition Battalion drill.
1400/1600 Recreational training.

FRIDAY.

30/11/17.

As for Tuesday.

SATURDAY.

1/12/17.

0830/0930
0930/1200

Company drill.
Musketry & tests.
Non-Specialists to fire L.M.G. Men not at
firing point to carry on with Bayonet Fighting.
Specialists. Bombers.
As for non-specialists.
L.M.G. Section.
C. Coy. Range tests.
A. B. & D. Coys. Drill & stoppages.
1400/1600 Recreational training.

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Programme for sports and syllabus for recreational training
will be issued later.

33/11/17.

C. M. Newton
12th. Battalion A.I.F.

Lieut. & Adjt.

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12th. Battalion.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Inspection Daily 0800.

MONDAY

26/11/17.

0845/0945 Reading S.F.
0945/1045 Buzzer.
1100/1200 Squad Drill.

TUESDAY

27/11/17.

0830/1200 Route March.
1700/1800 Lamps.

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WEDNESDAY

28/11/17.

0845/0945 Sending S.F.
0945/1200 Fullerphone.

THURSDAY

29/11/17.

0845/0945 Lamp.
0945/1045 Reading S.F.
1100/1200 Buzzer.

FRIDAY.

30/11/17.

Route March
1700/1800 Lamp.

SATURDAY.

1/12/17.

0845/1045 Test.
1100/1200 Squad Drill.

Afternoons from 1400 till 1600 Recreational training.

(Sgd.) C. BRIDGER

2/Lt.

D/C. Sig. Sect. 12th. Battalion A. I. F.

23/11/17.

13th. BATTALION SPORTS.ORDER OF EVENTS.

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| 1. 880 yds. Runners Race (for
Bn. Military Competitions). | 10. 2 mile Cross Country. |
| 2. 130 yds. SHEFFIELD (Heats) | 11. INTERSTATE Cup. |
| 3. Hobble Race. | 12. Long Jump. |
| 4. Tug-of-War (1st. Pull). | 13. 440 yds. CHAMPIONSHIP . |
| 5. 220 yds. CHAMPIONSHIP (Heats). | 14. Three legged race (heats). |
| 6. Relay Race. | 15. 220 y ds. CHAMPIONSHIP (Final). |
| 7. Kicking the Football | 16. Tug-of-War (final). |
| 8. Tug-of-War (semi final) | 17. Three legged race (Final). |
| 9. 130 yds. SHEFFIELD (final). | 18. Bandsmen Race. |

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Daly (B Co)

Mortimer (A Co)

Black (A Co)

Burns (B Co)

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Stable ✓

Tanner ✓

Carrick ✓

SYLLABUS OF SPORTS.

Event.	Entries per Coys. & H'qrs.	Heats.	Remarks.
130 yds. SHEFFIELD.	4	4	1st. to run in final.
220 yards CHAMPIONSHIP	4	4	1st. to run in final.
440 yards CHAMPIONSHIP	2	-	Final Only.
Cross Cuntry CHAMPIONSHIP	Open	-	Final Only.
Three-Legged race	3 pairs	3	1st. to run in final.
Hobble Race	3 "	-	Final Only.
Relay Race	1 team of six	-	
Obstacle Race	4	-	Final Only.
Long Jump	2	-	Two jumps.
Kicking the football	3	-	Two kicks.
Tug-of-War	1 team of eight	-	
Band Race	-	-	All in.
Interstate Cup	3 teams	-	

Captain L. E. BURT

JUDGES.
Captain H. WEBBER

Captain S. R. HOUGHTON.

Lieut. L. M. NEWTON
Lieut. J. J. KEEN

OFFICIAL RECORDER.
Lieut. L. T. BUTLER.
COMMITTEE.
Lieut. R. D. RADFORD

Lieut. W. J. KELLY
Lieut. S. V. GIBSON.

STARTER.
R. S. M. J. COOPER.

Each Company will detail 4 moderately senior N.C. O's. to report to Lieut. L. M. NEWTON on the ground at 1245 .

Sports will be held on A. Company's parade ground on THURSDAY 29th. Nov. 1917 commencing at 1300 SHARP.

Company sports to decide on representatives will be held on the afternoon of WEDNESDAY 28th. November 1917 and names must be sent in to Battalion Headquarters by 2000. Lieut. J. J. KEEN will supervise Headquarter entries.

25/11/17.

L. M. Newton
Lieut. & Adjt.
12th. Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX

1st BATTALION AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

SYLLABUS OF SPORTS

Remarks	Heats	Writers per Coy. & H. Qrs.	Evening
1st. to run in final.	4	4	150 yds. SHERFIELD.
1st. to run in final.	4	4	800 yards CHAMPIONSHIP
Final Only.	-	2	440 yards CHAMPIONSHIP
Final Only.	-	Open	Cross Country CHAMPIONSHIP
1st. to run in final.	2	3 pairs	Three-legged race
Final Only.	-	"	Relay Race
Final Only.	-	1 team of six	Relay Race
Final Only.	-	4	Relay Race
Two jumps.	-	2	Relay Race
Two kicks.	-	2	Relay Race
All in.	-	1 team of eight	Relay Race
	-	3 forms	Relay Race

Colonel G. R. ROBERTSON

[Handwritten initials]

OFFICIAL RECORDER
 Major J. T. HULLER
 COMMITTEE
 Lieut. R. D. WATFORD

Lieut. W. J. KELLY
 Lieut. S. V. GIBSON

SECRETARY
 R. S. M. J. COOPER

Company will detail a moderately senior N.C.O.'s to report to
 on the ground at 1245.
 will be held on A. Company's parade ground on THURSDAY 28th Nov. 1914
 at 1230 SHARP.
 Company agents to decide on representatives will be held on the after-
 noon of WEDNESDAY 27th November 1914 and names must be sent in to
 Battalion Headquarters by 2000. Lieut. J. J. KEENE will supervise
 Headquarters entries.

1st BATTALION A.I.F.

25/11/14

12th. BATTALION SPORTS.held "IN THE FIELD" 29/11/17.130 yards SHEFFIELD.

1st.	Pte. BURNS.	"D" Coy.
2nd.	" BLACK	"A" Coy.
3rd.	" DILGER	"B" Coy.

HOBBLE RACE.

1st.	Pte. HOLDER	"D" Coy.
2nd.	" KASEHAGEN	"C" Coy.
3rd.	" WATSON	"C" Coy.

TUG-OF-WAR

1st.	"C" Coy.
2nd.	"B" Coy.

230 yds. FLAT RACE.

1st.	Pte. WITZERMAN	"A" Coy.
2nd.	" MORTIMER	"A" Coy.
3rd.	" PEPPIATT	"B" Coy.

RELAY RACE.

1st.	"B" Coy.
2nd.	"A" Coy.
3rd.	"C" Coy.

KICKING THE FOOTBALL.

1st.	Lt. J. J. KEEN	"B" Coy.
2nd.	Pte. CRABTREE	"A" Coy.
3rd.	" RICHMOND	"B" Coy.

2 MILES CROSS COUNTRY.

1st.	Pte. NEWTON	"C" Coy.
2nd.	" GARDAM	"D" Coy.
3rd.	" PENGELLY	"D" Coy.

INTERSTATE RACE.

1st.	Pte. SEARLE'S team	"C" Coy.
2nd.	" CRABTREE'S team	"A" Coy.
3rd.	Cpl. CARRICK'S team	"A" Coy.

LONG JUMP.

Posponed owing to the slippery nature of the ground.

440 yards FLAT RACE.

1st.	Pte. DILGER	"B" Coy.
2nd.	" BLACK	"A" Coy.

3 LEGGED RACE.

1st.	Pte. (HOLDER HALL	"B" Coy.
2nd.	" (ALEXANDER BARNETT	"B" Coy.
3rd.	" (BRACKEN STODDART	"C" Coy.

BAND RACE.

1st.	Pte. SPENCER
2nd.	" TUTT.

30/11/17.

M Newton
for Lt. Col.
Commanding 12th. Battalion A.I.F.