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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*44<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.*

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Signature of Officer compiling

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44<sup>th</sup> BATTALION, 11<sup>th</sup> INF. BGDE, A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Pierre Hazebrouck 5. A. 1/100000	November 1st		Training Skill at Arms - Recreational Training - carried out according to Syllabus. Weather very unsettled. Occasional Showers. Dis position of Battalion:- Headquarters, Transport Lines at St Pierre. "A" Company at Salvecque., "B" Company Cantermerle., "C" Company Fourdebecques., "D" Company at St Pierre. Billets are barns etc and are fairly comfortable.	
do	2nd to 10th		Training as above men are getting very fit, Nothing of interest to report.	
Remilly- Wirquin			Instructions having been received by Battalion to proceed en route to forward area. The Battalion moved by road, two Companies to Assingham, and two Companies and Headquarters to Remilly Wirquin and billeted one night, this was done to avoid an extremely early start <del>xxxx</del> for a long march on the 12th.	
Wittes	12th		Battalion moved by road to Wittes and billeted one night.	
Outer- Steen	13th		Battalion moved by road to Outersteen area and billeted there.	
do	14th		Troops rested today on account of long march of yesterday.	
De Seule	15th		Battalion moved to De Seule Camp <del>xxxxxx</del> (Sheet 36 bl. Central) and rested there for the night.	
Bulford Camp Sheet 28 T.26.a.	16th		Battalion moved from De Seule Camp to Bulford Camp at 11. am. This camp is well situated and is comprised of Hutments. with good parade ground adjoining.	
do	17th to 30th		Training continued:- "Bullring" system of specialist Training adopted. Recreational Training each afternoon entered in to with great keenness by all Officers and Men. On the 26th - the anniversary of the landing of the 11th Brigade in France the Brigade Commander (Brigadier General J.H. Cannon. CB.) entertained all Officers of the Brigade to dinner in the Y.M.C.A. Hut at De Seule. Very successful sports were carried out by the Battalion during the day, which were greatly appreciated by all ranks.	

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Date	Place + Time	Details	Appendices
1:11:17	ST. PIERRE (HAZEBROUCK SA 1/100000)	Training - Skill at arms - Recreational Training - carried out according to syllabus. Weather very unsettled. Occasional showers. Disposition of Battalion - Hqs. Transport Lines at ST. PIERRE. "A" Coy - SALVECQUE "B" " - CANTEMERLE "C" " - FOURDEBECQUES. "D" " - ST. PIERRE Billets are barns etc and are fairly comfortable	
2:11:17 to 10:11:17	ST. PIERRE	Training as above. Men are getting very fit. Nothing of interest to report	

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11:11:17	REMILLY WIRQUIN Ref. Map HAZEBROUCK SA	Instructions having been received by Batt <sup>n</sup> to proceed en route to Forward Area, the Batt <sup>n</sup> moved to by road - 2 coys to ASSINGHEM - 2 coys and Hqs to REMILLY WIRQUIN and billeted one night. This was done to avoid an extremely early start for a long march on 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
12:11:17	WITTES.	Battalion moved by road to WITTES and billeted one night	
13:11:17	OUTERSTEEN	Battalion moved by road to OUTERSTEEN area and billeted there	
14:11:17		Troops rested Today on account of long march of yesterday.	
15:11:17	DE SEULE.	Batt <sup>n</sup> moved to DE SEULE CAMP. Sheet 36. B1 central) and rested there for the night pending the evacuation of BULFORD CAMP.	

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6:11:17	BULFORD CAMP Sheet 28 T.26a.	Battalion moved from DESEULE CAMP at 11am to BULFORD CAMP. This camp is well situated and is comprised of huts with good parade ground adjoining.	
7:11:17 to 10:11:17	BULFORD CAMP Sheet 28 T.26a.	<p>Training continued. - "Bull ring" system of specialist training adopted. Recreational training each afternoon entered into with great keenness by all officers &amp; men.</p> <p>On the 26<sup>th</sup> - the anniversary of the landing of the 11<sup>th</sup> Bde in France the Brigade Commander (Brig-Gen. J.H. Bannan G.B.) entertained all officers of the Brigade to dinner in the YMCA HUT at DESEULE.</p>	