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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES OPPOSITE THE DUMP.	1-9-16		There was heavy shelling by the enemy during the day, one O.R. being killed and two O.R. wounded. In the night the B ⁿ was relieved by 3 rd B ⁿ AUSTRALIANS, 10 th B ⁿ IN DIVISION.	
ERIE CAMP	2-9-16		B ⁿ marched out via RAILWAY CUTTING + LINE to ABYLUM, YPRES, entraining there, and detrainning at BRANDHOEK. Hence by road to ERIE CAMP, half a mile south of YPRES - POPERINGHE ROAD. The camp was moderately kept, parts being very unsanitary.	
4.11.16	3 rd	X	There was a gas alarm at night, which was afterwards discovered to have been started by the enemy. During the day shells were heard overhead. POPERINGHE being shelled for the first time for 7 weeks. 2 officers + 100 O.R. left to take over billets etc. at 2 nd Army School.	
POPERINGHE	4 th		B ⁿ left camp at 11.30 a.m. for POPERINGHE where accommodation was provided in billets which were quite satisfactory, the weather is dull but not rainy.	
RUE DE FURNEE	5 th		A route march took place by Companies towards PROVEN, distance about 9 miles. During the day 12 th guns in the vicinity were firing on the Germans.	
	6 th		Another route march to "M" + "N" Camps where training by Col ^l was carried on.	
	7 th		A part of the B ⁿ was issued with the new Box Respirators, small.	
	8 th		Training at "M" + "N" Camps 2 officers + 50 O.R. formed part of a Composite Co ^l from B ⁿ for training with 4 th Coy D.T.C.	
	9 th		As above. Preparations were made for a move on the morrow.	
N ROUTE.	10 th		B ⁿ left POPERINGHE at 9.0 a.m. the men's packs being conveyed in Lorries, route taken was ST JAN TER BIELEN - WATOU - WINNEZEELE - HAEGDEONE - WEMAERS - CAPPEL and NOORDPEENE. C + D Co ^l were billeted in WEMAERS - CAPPEL during the night with A + B Co ^l and Headquarters at NOORDPEENE. B ⁿ arrived at 6.30 p.m. having covered 17 miles.	
TATINGHEM	11 th		B ⁿ marched to TATINGHEM via ZUPTPEENE - LES TROIS ROIS - ARQUES - ST OMER. A start was made at 9.0 a.m. and destination was reached at 1.30 p.m. The men marched splendidly, doing 7 miles in 2 1/4 hours, and the C.O. expressed his great satisfaction at their performance to the General, and to the men by B ⁿ Routine Orders.	
	12 th		The weather was fine and rather warm for marching. Excellent billets were to be had, and everyone quite contented with the prospect of a month's stay in the village. The B ⁿ now came under the jurisdiction of the Second Army Central School of Instruction.	
	13 th		The day was spent partly in cleaning up billets. A Composite Co ^l formed under Capt H.G. Aylmer + consisting of 4 platoon officers with 220 N.C.O.s + men proceeded to 2 nd Army School to carry out work detailed for them. The remainder of the B ⁿ worked at the School.	
	14 th		2 officers + 10 N.C.O.s were instructed in Bayonet fighting at the School daily. Surplus officers attended lectures given daily at the School.	
	15 th		Orders were received to stand by ready to march off in the afternoon, all parades cancelled.	

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