

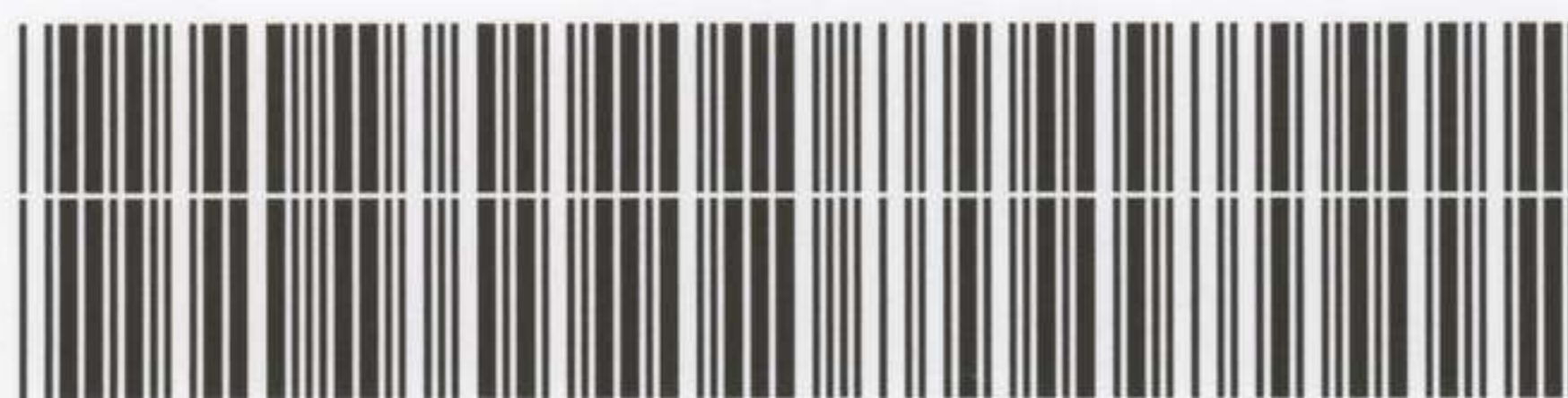
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	1/11/16		<p style="text-align: right;">VOLUME VIII</p> <p>Weather wet. Trenches in awful condition. Enemy intermittently shelled the valley causing the following casualties:-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1 Off Lt. N. Cuthbert, seriously wounded, since died.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2 O.R. killed</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">12 O.R. wounded.</p> <p>D Coy were relieved by A Coy in the front line.</p> <p>Capt. H. G. Vernon to school of instruction L.M.C.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Strength 23 Off 741 O.R.</p> <p>Relief by 4th Bn complete at 1900. Bn moved back to Delville Wood. DELVILLE WOOD.</p>	
	2/11/16		<p>Weather wet. Day spent in improving bivouacs etc.</p> <p>2 Off 100 O.R. on Bde. Fatigue.</p> <p>Lt H. Nelson due to hospital.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Strength 22 Off 738 O.R.</p>	

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	3/11/16		<p>Weather showery. Fatigue parties for carrying supplied to Bde. Lt Thompson rejoined from Musketry School. Strength 23 off 709 OR.</p>	
	4/11/16		<p>Weather cold & showery. Fatigue parties supplied as under: 56 off 200 OR. taking stores forward. 44 OR. reserve S. Beavers 13 OR. loading park animals</p> <p>Minor operation of 1st Bn carried out and two Coy's "C" & "D" moved into support in BULLS ROAD for night. 3 OR wounded - duty Strength 24 off 702 OR.</p>	

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	5/11/16		<p>Heavy wind and an occasional shower.</p> <p>Parties supplied as under:</p> <p>24ff 100 OR for Chalk Road</p> <p>136R for loading pack mules</p> <p>55 VR for S. Bearers.</p> <p>Effective strength 24 Off 695 OR.</p>	
	6/11/16		<p>Showery. Parties of 8 men all day on Bde HQrs. Relieved</p> <p>4th Bn in front line relief complete 1900</p> <p>Disposition of Coys. Effective strength 24 off 688 OR</p> <p>B D A C.</p>	
	7/11/16		<p>Very wet. Trenches growing awful under foot. Enemy normal</p> <p>St. Campbell wounded slightly to hospital</p> <p>Effective strength 24 off 681 OR.</p>	
	8/11/16		<p>Showery. B Coy relieved by A Coy in front line at 0500.</p> <p>Enemy normal. Effective strength 24 off 673 OR.</p>	

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	9/11/16		<p>Weather Dull. "C. Coy relieved "A" Coy in front line. Relieved by 9th Bn, complete at 2230 and moved back to BERNAFAY CAMP Military Medals were granted as under. List 110. Capt. Coltingwood Lt. McElroy " Dabbs " Hart Pte Roberts. Lt. Roberts reported back from wounds. Effective strength 23 off 673.</p>	
	10/11/16		<p>Weather fine, men employed cleaning clothing rfters etc all of which were in a very bad way owing to the extraordinarily bad weather conditions. Effective strength 24 off 689 OR</p>	

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	11/11/16		<p>Weather dull. Following fatigue parties provided:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3 off 150 OR</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">5 off 200 OR</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2 off 100 OR</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">100 R to Bde HQs.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Capt H G Vernon reported from LMG School Effective strength 24 off 682 OR.</p>	
	12/11/16		<p>Moved from BERNAFAY CAMP by route march at 0800 to DERMANCOURT via CARNOY and MEADULTE. Roads bad. Weather fine. Effective strength 24 off 682 OR.</p>	
	13/11/16		<p>Moved by route march at 1100 from DERMANCOURT to BUIRE into billets. Weather fine. LT Taylor to school. Effective strength 22 off 673 OR.</p>	5

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	14/11/16		<p>Weather fine. Fatigue parties supplied as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Coy to R O O Meaulte 1 Coy less 1 platoon to VIVIER MILL 1 platoon to WORKSHOPS, MEAULTE 1 Cpl + 50 OR to Town Major, BUIRE. <p style="text-align: right;">Effective strength 23 Cpl 681 OR.</p>	
	15/11/16		<p>Weather fine. Training carried out.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective strength 23 Cpl 681.</p>	
	16/11/16		<p>Transport moved at 0900 by two stages to FLESSELLES.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Weather fine. Effective strength 23 Cpl 702 OR.</p>	
	17/11/16		<p>Bar moved by bus from BUIRE to FLESSELLES at 1200 going into billets. Effective strength 23 Cpl 702 OR</p>	
	18/11/16		<p>General smartening up in appearance. Gold FS and wound bars issued. Strength 23 Cpl 701 OR</p>	

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	19/11/16		<p>Church Parade at 1100. Weather fine. Effective strength 23 off 696.</p>	
	20/11/16		<p>Weather showery Training carried out. Kit inspection and squad drill Effective strength 23 off 692</p>	
	21/11/16		<p>Weather fine Company + platoon drill Strength 21 off 702 OR Lt Hillman - Walker on leave. Weather fine Capt Henderson to F Amb. RMO.</p>	
	22/11/16		<p>Company Drill and rapid loading. Weather fine Strength 21 off 702 OR</p>	
	23/11/16		<p>Company Drill and inspection of hot respirators. Capt North to be RMO. Lt Campbell from wounds Lt Slee from hospital. Effective strength 23 off 687 OR</p>	

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FLESSELLES	24/11/16		Carried out training programme close order drills etc. Effective strength 216ff 677 OR. Lt Harrison to school of instruction Lt Col. Stewin DSO seconded for duty with 1st Div. school	
"	25/11/16		Training continued. Effective strength 196ff 707 OR. Lt Clarke leave Capt. C. G. Wade to 7 amb.	
"	26/11/16		Training. Picture show run at night in barn. Effective strength 196ff 713 OR	
"	27/11/16		Training. Pictures continued. Effective strength 196ff 712 OR.	
"	28/11/16		Training. Pictures Effective strength 196ff 704 OR.	
"	29/11/16		Concert organised. Effective strength 196ff 704 OR. Transport left by march route at 0900 for LA HOUSSOYE + 'X' Area.	
"	30/11/16		Concert continued Effective strength 16ff 694 OR Lt Mann + Lt Barnes to Div school. Lt. Pardon on leave. Warratt left for Major bonding 30/12/16 £ 00 2nd Amb Co	