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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT WOOD	Aug 1		Battalion went into reserve at FRICOURT WOOD with 3 Coy. & H.Q. in wood and 1 Coy in FRICOURT Village. Casualties 2 O.R. wounded. R.A.	
	2		Very warm day. Battalion at work repairing trenches. R.A.	
	3		Do. Heavy bombardment by our guns in the evening. Draft of 100 O.R. arrived and joined companies. R.A.	
	4		Very warm. Battalion on fatigue during night digging new communication trench to front line. Heavy shell fire on both sides. R.A.	
	5		Warm day. Fatigue parties supplied to complete new communication trench & repairing roads. Casualties - Lt. G.W.R. Finch wounded? O.R.s 4 killed, 13 wounded, 1 missing. R.A.	
DERNA COURT	6		Battalion relieved in afternoon & marched to busman near DERNA COURT. R.A.	
	7		cleaning up and Baths. R.A.	
	8		company site markers and drill. R.A.	
LIERCOURT	9		Battalion entrained at MERRICOURT at 8 am. detrained at LONGSHE & marched 5 miles to LIERCOURT. R.A.	
	10		resting & cleaning up. Bathing in river. R.A.	
EBBLINGHEM	11		Battalion entrained at LIERCOURT at 4 am & travelled via ABBEVILLE ETHELINGHEM arriving at STEENBEQUE at 5.30 pm. Marched to billets near EBBLINGHEM. R.A.	
	12		Resting & cleaning up. R.A.	
	13		beach parade. R.A.	
ARMENTIÈRES	14		Battalion entrained at EBBLINGHEM at 10.20 am & detrained at STEENBEQUE at 11.15 am & marched to billets in ARMENTIÈRES. R.A.	

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ARMENTIERES	Aug 15		Enemy shelled ARMENTIERES about 6 pm wounding 9 of our men & also causing casualties among the A.M.T.A.C. and civilians. Relieved a Battalion of 1 N.Z. Brigade in front line trenches. Line very quiet. Bidford on right & 9th Royal Scots on left. Cx	
TRENCHES	16		Bright day. Line quiet. R.A. 14	
	17		Showery day. D. R.A. 18	
	18		Enemy shelled ARMENTIERES. Quiet day on our front. R.A. 19	
	19		Battalion at work repairing trenches. Casualties 2 killed & 1 wounded by bomb. R.A. 20	
Subsidiary Line	20		Wet day. Line quiet. R.A. 21	
	21		Quiet day. Battalion relieved by 4th Gordons & went into support at Subsidiary line. Draft of 120 arrived. R.A. 22	
	22		General inspection by O.C. Coy. Working on improvement of trenches. Fatigue parties supplied for 4th Gordons & R.E.s. R.A. 23	
	23		Good weather. Usual work. Fatigue parties supplied. Coy went to Bath. Draft of 120 posted to Coy. & arrived in line. R.A. 24	
	24		Dull day. Usual working parties. Enemy shelled Battery positions. Aeroplanes active. R.A. 25	
BAILLIEUL	26		Battalion at work on trenches and dug-outs. Artillery & Aeroplanes active on both sides. R.A. 26	
	27		Enemy shelled Square Farm wounding 1 of our men. Battalion relieved by 6th Gordons & marched by Companies to Training Camp near BAILLIEUL. R.A. 27	
	27		Bright day. Church Parade & kit inspection. R.A.	

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BATTLEBUK	Aug 28		Wet day. Practice inspection of 154th Infy. Brigade by Brigadier. Company drill and training. Draft of 28 O.R. arrived. Raw	
	29		Showery day. Brigade parade and presentation of Medal Ribbons by General Plumer. G.O.C. 2nd Army. No 1215 Sgt. Munro & No 2 boy received the Military Medal. Day drill etc. Raw	
	30		Wet day. N.C.O.s parade under P.S.M. Raw	
	31		Bright day. Battalion went to Bath at STEENWERCK. Physical training drill & hiding school for Officers. Raw	
			<p style="text-align: center;">In the field 2/9/16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lt. W. H. G. Field Comd. 4/1st Pz Div - Hon.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6587 28</p>