

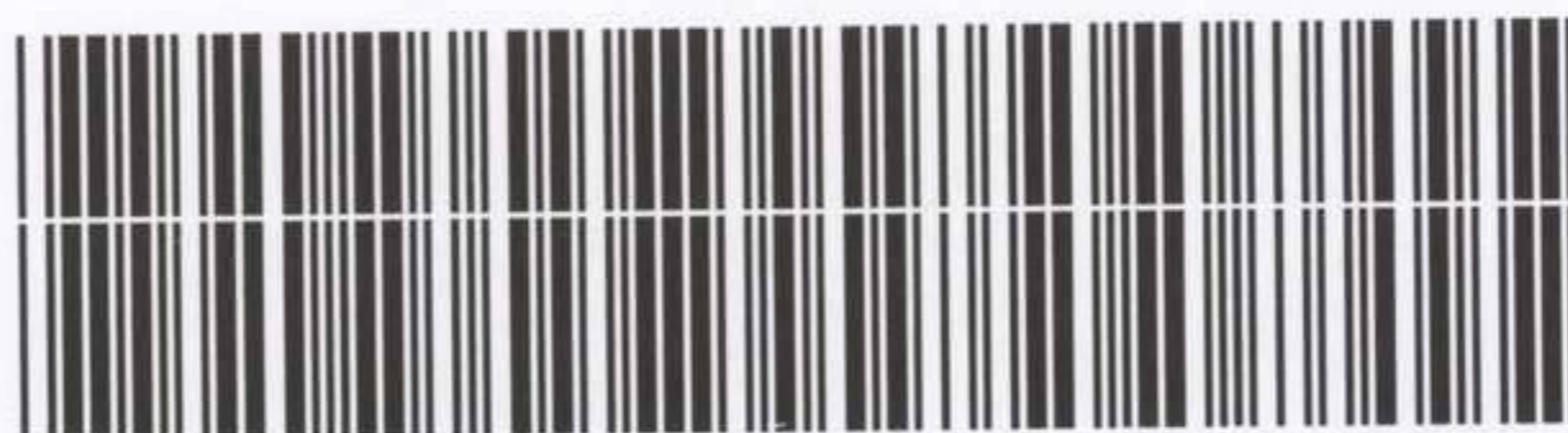
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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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14<sup>th</sup> F. Co Engrs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1500 <sup>x</sup> N. OF MONTAUBAN S21. b.	3.11.16	1800	<p>During the past 3 days Nos 1, 2 &amp; 4 Sections have been resting at the transport lines, No 3 Section assisted by infantry working parties have been busy digging jumping off trenches, and making preparations for the attack which is to take place on the 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p>The 14<sup>th</sup> BDE were relieved today at 11 a.m. by the 7<sup>th</sup> BDE, the 14<sup>th</sup> F. Co remaining to operate with the 7<sup>th</sup> BDE</p>	
"	4.11.16	1800	Overland tracks were pegged out last night to guide parties going overland to our front line.	
"	6.11.16	1800	<p>The attack took place at 9.10 a.m. yesterday, Nos 1, 2, &amp; 4 Sections moving forward from the transport lines and joining No 3 Section at 2 p.m. near the SUNKEN ROAD in M. 30 a. near BDE H.Q.</p> <p>at 5.30 p.m. 193 Sections moved to the Left Flank &amp; Nos 2 &amp; 4 Sections to the Right Flank, to link back to our original front line, the centre portion of the objective</p>	

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"	"	"	<p>which was reported to be held by the 7<sup>TH</sup> INF BDE. The situation was not so, and the Sections on the left, retired back to M. 30 a, while the Sections on the right, getting in touch with a small bombing party post held by us in the MAZE, partially linked back to our front line, by connecting up 100' of shell holes. The Sections returned to the transport lines at 12 noon today. The sector was handed over this morning to the 7<sup>TH</sup> F. CO.</p>	
CARDONNETTE	8-11-16	1800	<p>The Coy moved out of MONTAUBAN at 3 a.m. This morning and arrived at CARDONNETTE at 5 p.m. and went into rest billets there.</p> <p>During our 16 days in the line our casualties were as follows. Killed 6. ORS Died of wounds 3. ORS Wounded 1. OFF (LIEUT. ROWE, E. S.) 4. 7. ORS Sick 1. OFF (LIEUT. WOODHOUSE C. M.) 4 11. ORS.</p>	

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BUIRE	19-11-16	1800	<p>During our stay at CARDONNETTE the Coy have been doing a little training, setting out strong points etc. Lieut FRY &amp; 3 ORS left yesterday to arrange billets for the Coy. at BUIRE. The Sections moved out of CARDONNETTE at 6:30 a.m. joining up with the 14<sup>TH</sup> BDE Group 1 mile from CARDONNETTE, and bussed via AMIENS, QUERRIEU, LA HAUSSIE debussed &amp; marched 3 miles to BUIRE, and went into billets, the transport under LIEUT MERKEL leaving CARDONNETTE at 10 a.m. and arriving at 3 p.m.</p>	
BUIRE	20-11-16	1800	<p>LIEUT FRY, LIEUT MERKEL &amp; 4 ORS left this morning to report to C.R.E GUARDS DIVISION, BERNEFAY WOOD to take over from one of their F. COYS. The bicycles &amp; pontoons were stored today with 217<sup>th</sup> FORTRESS CO. at DURNANCOURT.</p>	
1 MILE WEST MONTAUBAN	21-11-16	1800	<p>The COY moved out of BUIRE this morning with part of the 14<sup>TH</sup> BDE, marching via Ville sur Avre, Meaulte, Mametz</p>	

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WATERLOT FARM S. 24 b. 56.	22.11.16	1800	<p>arriving at our destination, transport lines of GUARDS, F. C<sup>o</sup>, 1 mile west of MONTAUBAN at 2 pm.</p> <p>The Section moved on this morning leaving the transport, passing through MONTAUBAN, QUILLEMONT. arrived at WATERLOT FARM S. 24 b. 8.4, and relieved the 56<sup>TH</sup> F. C. R. E. and Coy is now attached to the Left BDE AREA for works.</p>	
"	30.11.16	1800	<p>The work the Coy has done since being here is as follows.</p> <p>50<sup>+</sup> of duckwalks laid on trestles, 6 splinter-proof dugouts commenced &amp; extensions to deep-dugouts in NEEDLE TRENCH</p> <p>A new accommodation trench was started in rear of SWITCH TRENCH, 9 splinter proof dugouts are completed, and 7 commenced, 20<sup>+</sup> of duckwalks have been laid on trestles, &amp; deep dugout</p>	

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"	"	"	<p>has been extended at BDE H Q            18" duckwalk track continued towards NEEDLE TRENCH            500' laid 1800' raised on trestles &amp; 600' wirenetted            A. 3' duckwalk track commenced from main            road WATERLOT FARM running through centre of            DIVISIONAL AREA, 1000' laid 800' raised on trestles            400' wirenetted            Huts erected at Coy H Q to accommodate 150 infantry            attached.            1 Section 258<sup>TH</sup> TUNNELLING COY were attached for            deep dugout work, and commenced 4            staircases at N 27. d. 10. 5 tonight, night work is only            being done</p>	
			<p>AB out told Major            OC. 14<sup>th</sup> F. Co.</p>	