

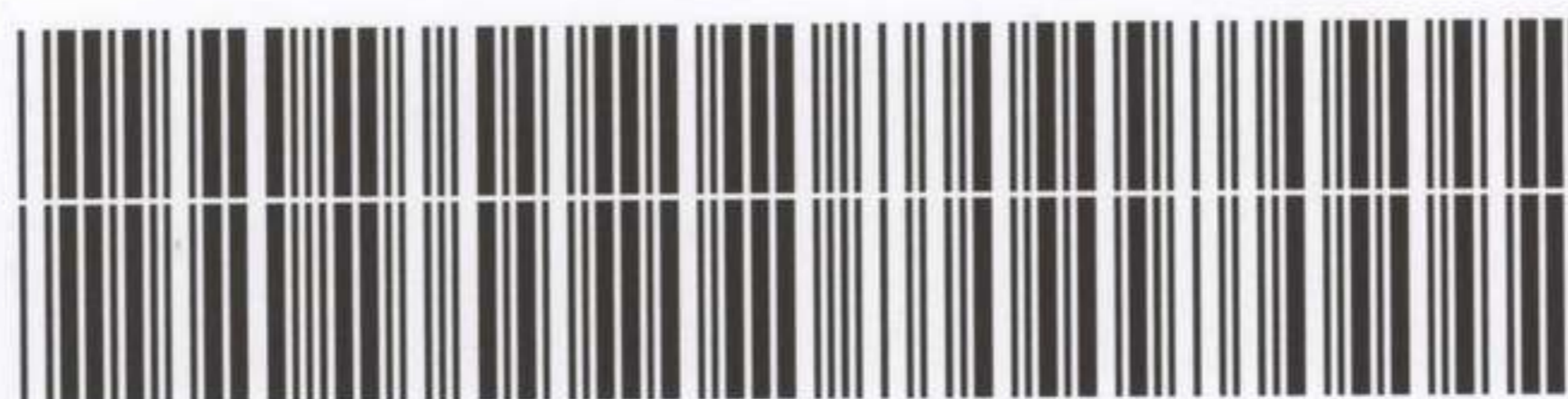
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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information. VOLUME X	Remarks and references to Appendices.
1916 Dec In the field	1 st Left 4 travellers. arrived Dernancourt went into billets	RAR
2 nd	Strength 31 off. 756 OR. Coy. Training (Coy in attack) at Dernancourt.	RAR
3 rd	Billet occupied by D. Coy. Sgt. Left Dernancourt arrived Fricourt (Sydney Camp huts)	RAR
4 th	Lieut W.R. Jorgenson promoted captain Left Fricourt arrived Bayentin (Carlton Camp) at noon.	RAR
5 th	12 th Batt relieved 51 st Batt. A and C. Coys of 12 th going into the line (N 19 B. 8.5. to N 20. C 5.6). C. Coy on left. A Coy on right. gap of about 200 yds between Coys D. B and 2 nd occupying trenches in Grass lane just East of Here.	RAR
6 th	Capt E Burt + with 9 th reinforcements reported for duty.	RAR.
7 th	Coy in support employed carrying material to front line + in improving communications. Casualties 2 killed 1 wounded.	RAR
8 th	A + C. Coy. were relieved by D + B. Coy. work of improving trenches continued. Casualties 1 killed	RAR
9 th	Major L.M. Muller transferred to command 9 th Batt. + promoted temp Lt Col. Strength 32 off. 806 OR.	RAR
10 th	D + B. Coys relieved by A + C. coys. arch boards A frames + bundles carried to front lines. Casualties 2 killed 1 died of wounds.	RAR
11 th	2) Cpls Webb AS. and Butler LT. reinforcement officers reported for duty.	RAR
11 th	Fatigue party of 13 men carrying hot tea to lines. lost direction + reached German trench, they immediately withdrew. were fired on, Corp. Nicholson was killed. Pats Webb + Hall were wounded. Pats Knight and Nightingale missing, the others reached our lines. Pat Boulton returned after being out two nights.	RAR

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11 th	Continued. A + C. Coy relieved D + B. Casualties 1 killed 2 missing	RAB
12 th	12 th Batt. relieved by 10 th Batt. The 12 th Batt proceeded to Bazentin C. Camp (huts) as "D" (Divisional Reserve) Bn. 18 Reinforcements reported. Casualties 1 killed 6 wounded.	RAB RAB
13 th	Batt on fatigue duties. (work parties + unloading parties) Visit from G.O.C. + Col Foot.	RAB
14 th	Moved into Bazentin B. Camp (huts). Batt still employed on fatigues. Lewis M. G. instruction to teams. canteen opened.	RAB
15 th	Lewis M. G. instruction to teams. remainder Batt on work parties. Ground very soft and muddy.	RAB
16 th	Same as yesterday. Camp improved by placing duckboards. Strength 35 offrs. 803 O.P.	RAB
17 th	Work continues same as yesterday	RAB
18 th	Visit from G.O.C. and Col Foot.	RAB
19 th	2/Lt Spottiswood H.E. Allen M. Will J.H. from Cadet Training Batt. reported for duty. Capt J.E. Newland also reported on his way to 2 nd Bde. 11 O/R joined	RAB
20 th	Received on loan 100 blankets through 13 F. Amb.	RAB
21 st	Usual work parties & L.M.G. instruction	RAB
21 st	9 th Bn. relieved 10 th as "A" Bn. in front line. 12 th Bn. remained in BAZENTIN B. Camp + took over role of "C" (Bde reserve) Bn.	RAB J.H.

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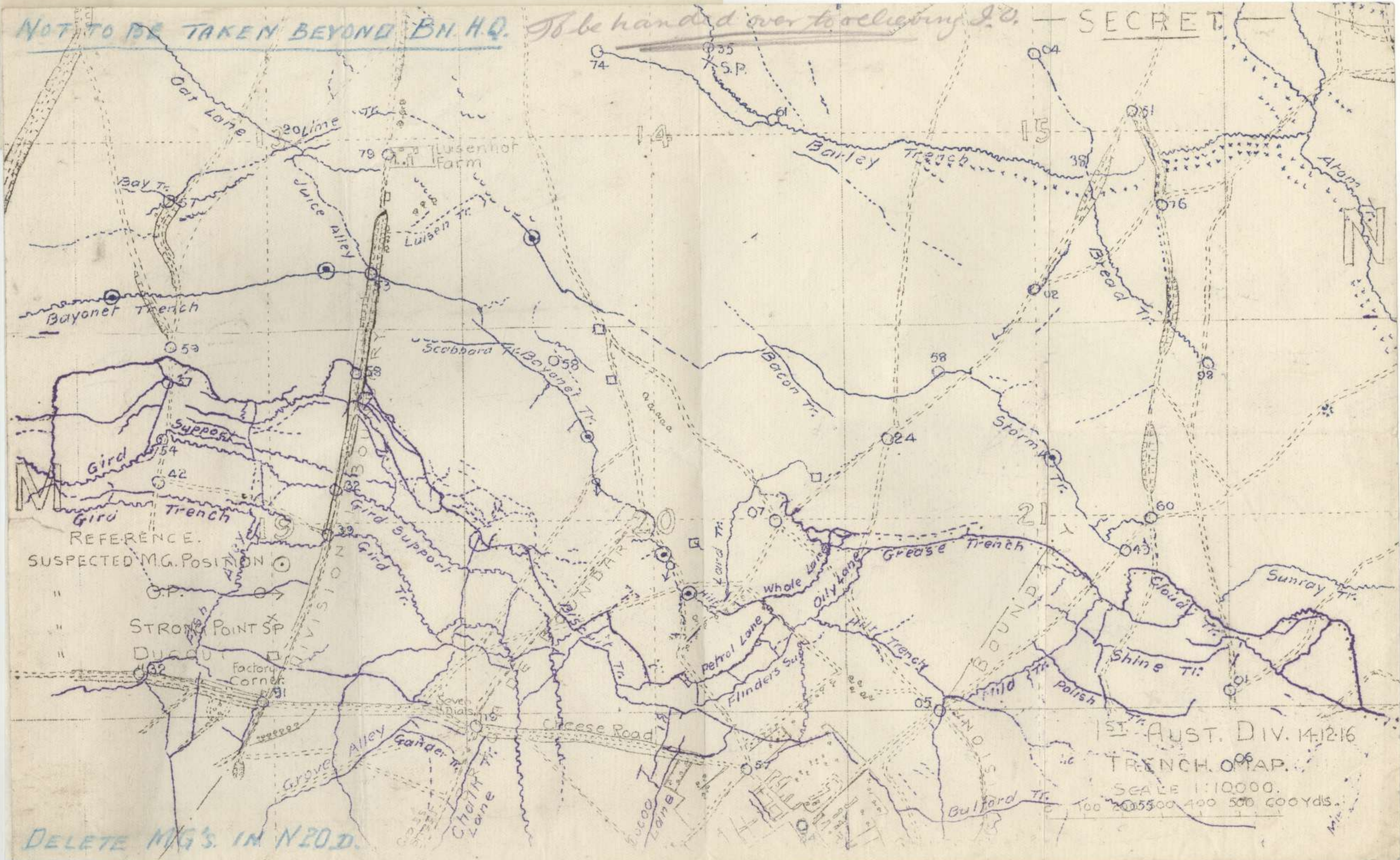
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	1916			
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In the Field	22 nd		Heavy rain early - Lt. W. H. E. HALE wounded. Lt. G. P. POTTER (Q.M.) + 2 nd Lt. A. S. WEBB evacuated ill. Major R. A. RAFFERTY assumed temp. command of 10 th Bn.	C/H
	23 rd		Windy - Working parties continued - Strength 38 ofrs. 817 O.R.	C/H
	24 th		Usual working parties - Digging drains in camp - Xmas. parcels from A. I. F. Comforts fund issued to all ranks.	C/H
	25 th		Working parties continued - Fairly fine days + wet nights 33 Reinforcements arrived	C/H
	28 th		Strength 38 ofrs. 832 O.R.	C/H
	29 th		Lieuts. Hensley, Sellick, Field + Dobson rel'd from 1/ans. Div ^l School	C/H
	30 th		Relieved 11 th Bn as "B" (Brigade Support) Bn. A + C Coys. in LAUNCESTON Camp, B + D in GAP + SWITCH TRENCHES, Bn HQ in FLERS.	C/H
	31 st		Casualties 2 ofrs. wounded - Working parties on HAY TRENCH etc	C/H
<p>NOTE. Although there have been large sick parades daily, with minor ailments chiefly colds etc, the health of the Bn has been good.</p>				
				<p>C/H Commandg. 12th Bn</p>

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NOT TO BE TAKEN BEYOND BN. H.Q. To be handed over to relieving I.C. — SECRET



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