

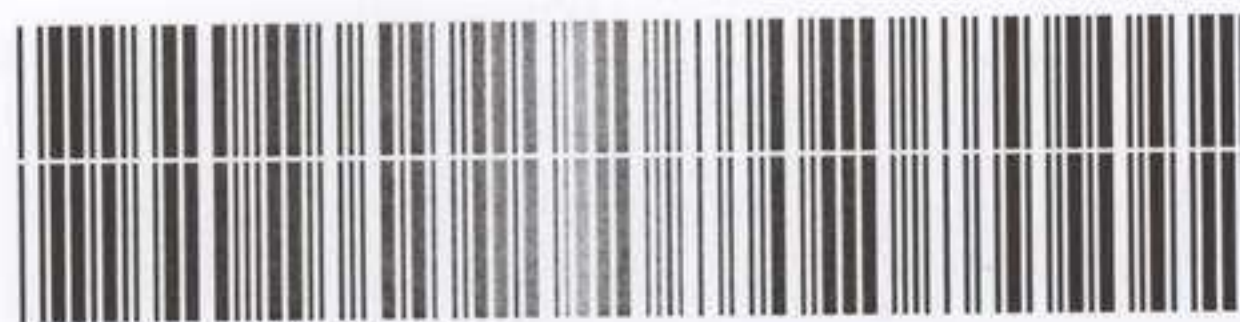
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GUEDECOURT	1.11.16		Batt ⁿ in front line N. of GUEDECOURT, A & B Coys occupying GREASE TRENCH. C Coy in vicinity of HILT TR. N.20D. central. and D Coy. in GUN PITS N.20D22. After dusk at about 6 P.M. batt ⁿ relieved by 5 TH & 7 TH Batt ⁿ s, & moved back to GAP TR. & SWITCH TR. T. I. A & C.	ALBERT $\frac{1}{40,000}$ LIGNY-THILLOY $\frac{1}{20000}$
GAP & SWITCH TR.	2.11.16	6 PM	At dusk batt ⁿ moved back to BERNAFAY CAMP. S.22.D1.1.	
BERNAFAY CAMP	3.11.16 to 10.11.16		During the week at BERNAFAY CAMP, batt ⁿ was occupied on road-making railway construction, & carting engineers materials bombs & S.A.A. up to Dump in BULLS ROAD	
	10.11.16	4 P.M.	Batt ⁿ moved up to BULL TR & PIONEER TR. N.32 A & C. Batt ⁿ H.Q. at N.26C42.	
	11.11.16	5 P.M.	At dusk. B & C Coys moved & took over front line in GREASE TR. WHALE LANE, HILT. TR, & PETROL LANE, C & D Coys remaining in PIONEER TR. Trenches & C.T.O still in very bad state. At 10 P.M that night, two squads of bombers under LT. A. J. HYDE & SGT. A. A. CLARK made an effort to take the whole of HILT. TR. establish a Strong Post at about N.20D45 & then a supporting platoon were to dig a new Jumping Off Trench from this point to the GUN PITS at about N.20D22. Enemy allowed our bombing party to reach almost to the	

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CUEDECOURT	11-11-16		<p>point aimed at, when they bombed our party heavily from SUNKEN ROAD. We replied, but our men were in a trench knee-deep in mud & could not effectively reply to enemy from their good cover in SUNKEN ROAD. Our party had therefore to retire as many casualties were occurring, & the leading men who had all been wounded or killed were cut off. Amongst this party was SGT. CLARK who has been reported as missing. Too much praise cannot be given to his sterling work on this occasion a/gt. many difficulties. On other occasions too, he had done signal work as bombing-sergeant.</p> <p>Casualties were Killed: 1. Wounded: 6. Missing 6.</p> <p>The new J.O.T. could therefore not be made.</p>	<p>ALBERT $\frac{1}{40,000}$. LIGNY-THILLOY $\frac{1}{20,000}$.</p>
	12-11-16		<p>Battⁿ relieved by 12th Brigade, 4th Aust. Div. at night & moved back to BERNAFAY CAMP.</p> <p>Apart from the bombing attack mentioned above our casualties were light, but unfortunately we lost two company commanders seriously wounded: Capt. O.J. THOMPSON sniped through chest near HILT TR. and Capt. P.D. MONCUR M.C. shell in wounds in head & arm while being relieved from GREASE TR.</p>	



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13.11. BERNAFFAY CAMP.	13.11.16	11 AM.	Batt ⁿ moved back to SYDNEY HUTS at FRICOURT.	ALBERT. $\frac{1}{40000}$ DTC
FRICOURT.	14.11.16	10 AM.	Batt ⁿ marched to DERNANCOURT.	
DERNANCOURT	15.11.16	9 AM.	Batt ⁿ marched to billets in RIBEMONT where we spent three days.	
RIBEMONT	18.11.16	11.30 AM.	Batt ⁿ marched to BUIRE & caught busses there for VIGNACOURT	AMIENS $\frac{1}{100,000}$
VIGNACOURT	18.11.16 To 30.11.16		Batt ⁿ spent 12 days in billets in VIGNACOURT. Time was occupied in cleaning up clothes & equipment & in cleaning up ^{completing} latter. Route marches & smartening up drill occupied the mornings & Coy. training was carried on in afternoon.	
VIGNACOURT	30.11.16	5 AM.	A percentage of leave was granted every day into AMIENS. Batt ⁿ marched to VIGNACOURT station & remained at 8.15 AM. for BUIRE. where we billeted.	

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