

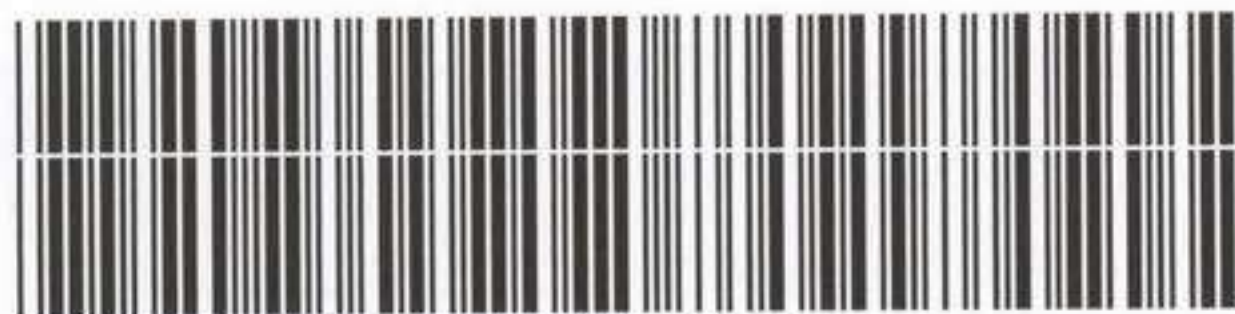
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DERNANCOURT	1/3/17.		Battalion moved from BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT to DERNANCOURT.	<u>cm</u>
	2/3/17.		Capt. W.A. Connell returned from Instructional duties at 1 st A.D.R.D. Etaples. Lt A.D. Inman returned from hospital. Lt A.L. Wardlaw, reinforcement officer arrived. Lt K.S. Field left for duty at 3 rd Training Battalion Strength 34 officers 786 other ranks.	<u>cm</u>
	3/3/17.		Training commenced. Capt W.A. Connell left for duty at 3 rd Training Batta.	<u>cm</u>
	10/3/17		Lt J. A. Campbell returned from duties as Town Major BRESLE.	<u>cm</u>
	14/3/17		all officers went in to ALBERT to see a demonstration of the attack given by 9 th Batta.	<u>cm</u>
	16/3/17		Capt. S.R. Houghton evacuated to hospital	<u>cm</u>
	17/3/17		Strength 36 officers 853 other ranks.	<u>cm</u>
	20/3/17.		Occupation of BAPAUME by 5 th Aust. Divn. Reinforcement officers Lt R. Newitt & J. H. Snaden & 62 GR arrived.	<u>cm</u>
	22/3/17		Capt S.R. Houghton out of hospital	<u>cm</u>
BAIZIEUX	23/3/17		Reinforcement Officers 2 nd Lt R. Harrison & 9 GR arrived.	<u>cm</u>
	24/3/17		moved from DERNANCOURT to BAIZIEUX. Strength 39 officers 958 other ranks.	<u>cm</u>
	25/3/17		Capt J. E. Newland returned from hospital with 20 reinforcements.	<u>cm</u>
	28/3/17		Summer time adopted.	<u>cm</u>
	28/3/17		Lt P. F. Sellick to hospital.	<u>cm</u>
	28/3/17		Batta. as Advanced Guard rattach on wood. Major Rafferty to temporarily command 11 th Bn. Major H. James to be temporarily 2 nd in Command 12 th Bn.	<u>cm</u>

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BRAIZIEUX	29/3/17.		Battalion as Advanced Guard under Brigade supervision.	<u>CMU</u>																												
	30/3/17.		Brigade in attack under Divisional supervision. Strengths 40 officers 977 other ranks.	<u>CMU</u>																												
	31/3/17.		Battalion sports in afternoon.																													
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			<p><i>J. H. Elliott</i></p>																													
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OPERATION ORDER XX
By Lieut. Col. C.H. ELLIOTT D.S.O Commanding 12th Battalion.

IN THE FIELD 29th March 1917.

Reference Map 1/20000. VADENCOURT-WARLOY-BAIZIEUX.

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INTENTION.

1. The 3rd Brigade acting as Advance Guard to 1st Australian Division will attack woods North of Baizieux at 1015 tomorrow. 9th Battalion on left and 10th Battalion on right, 12th Battalion on support and will be formed up below bottom ridge running along U.30.A.8.4.-U.30.A.C.1.-U.29.D.C.8.

DISTRIBUTION.

2. "B" Company will be on the left from U.30.A.8.4. to U.30.A.C.1. and "D" Company less 1 platoon will be on the right from U.30.A.C.1. to U.29.D.C.8. "A" Company will support "B" Company on the left and "C" Company "D" Company on the right. Signallers and Intelligence Platoon will be located at Battalion H.Q.

COMMUNICATION.

3. Battalion Headquarters will be situated at U.29.B.5.1. The Signal Officer will arrange telephone communication between Battalion H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. (U.30.A.C.9.) and visual between Company and Battalion Headquarters.

CONTACT.

4. A Contact Patrol will fly over the position at 1130 and 1300 and on Klaxen Horn being sounded troops in the Front Line will show flares.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. R.A.P. will be established at U.29.B.4.C and A.D.S. at Warloy.

TOOLS.

6. One Platoon of "A" Company will carry picks and shovels.

CARRYING PARTIES.

7. One platoon of "D" Company will report to C.C. at 1000 at U.30.C.1.6. "A" and "C" Companies will both detail one complete platoon less Officers to report to Major Smythe (C.S.C.11) at Bayonet Fighting Gallows on Parade Ground at 0950.

STARTING POINT.

8. Head of column will pass junction of York Street and Shields Terrace at 0915 in following order :- "A", "D", "B", "C"

AMMUNITION.

9. "B" Company will carry 10 boxes (empty) of bombs to establish Battalion Dump near Battalion H.Q.

FLARES.

10. "C" Company will obtain flares from Q.M. and carry them to Battalion H.Q.

HACKS.

11. Officers' Hacks will not be required.

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