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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8.11.16.		Small attacks by Germans with a	
		Hammerwägen easily repulsed with Lewis Guns & bombs.	
7.11.16.		Relieved by 19 th Battalion & arrived	
		at CARLTON TRENCH CAMP at 3.30 AM. 10.11.16.	
2.11.16.		Left CARLTON TRENCH at 4 PM & marched	
		to MARMETZ CAMP arriving there at 6 PM.	
4.11.16		Lieut New taken out strength from reinforcements	
15.11.16		Left MARMETZ CAMP at 3.30 PM & arrived	
		at MONTAUBAN CAMP at 4.30 PM	
8.11.16		Left MONTAUBAN at 9 AM & moved to front	
		line to relieve 27 th Batts.	
		Lieut New wounded in wrist & evacuated	

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21. 11. 16		Relieved by Royal Sussex Regt. & returned to CARLTON TRENCH.	
22. 11. 16		Entrained at QUARRY SIDING at 9 AM & proceeded to MEAVLITE where we detrained at 12 noon & marched to RIBEMONT arriving there at 3 PM.	
30. 11. 16		Left RIBEMONT at 9.15 AM & marched to CARDONETTE arriving there at 5 PM. Operative order No 29.	

17th BATTALION A. I. F.SECRETOPERATION ORD A NO 29. 29/11/18.Reference :-Sheet 17, MAPS, 1/100,000.

1. The Brigade will move to the CARDONETTE AREA on the 30th instant via HILLY, BONNAY, LA NEUVILLE and QU ENRIEU.
2. The starting point will be the letter "H" in HIBEMONT, 800 yards South West of Park Road, BUIRE - LAVILLE.
3. Companies will be formed up closer of billets at 6³⁰ a.m. Billets will be inspected then, if not clean a party will be left behind which will follow on after the column.
Distance of 100 yards will be maintained between Companies and 200 yards between transport throughout the march. There will be halts for 5 minutes at 25 minutes past and 5 minutes to the hour. There will also be halt for midday meal from 12⁵⁰ p.m. to 2 p.m.
4. An advance party of Lieut. Mc Diarsid, Lieut. Ramsay and 1 N.C.O. per Company will report to the Battalion headquarters at 7⁴⁰ a.m. on 30th instant with bicycles.
5. The unconsumed portion of the day's rations will be carried and all waterbottles will be filled before moving off.
6. All baggage will be dumped outside billets by 7³⁰ a.m. Blankets folded in 3' squares in bundles of 20 will also be stacked by the same time. Waterproof sheets will be carried on the man.

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| 3 "A" Co. | 8. Transport Officer |
| 4 "B" Co. | 9. Quartermaster |
| 5 "C" Co. | |