

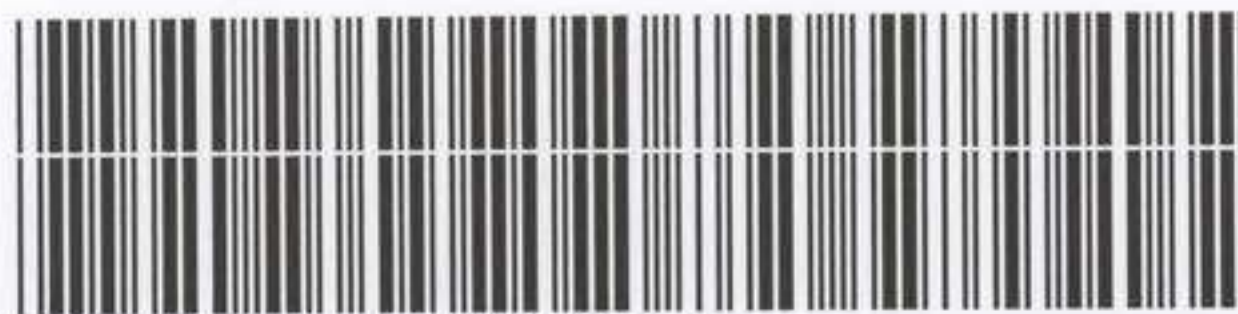
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	2-11-16		In trench at Ribemont up to 1000 from ^{detail +} reinforcements. Capt. Collet detached to 2nd Div.	
RIBEMONT	1-11-16		In billets at Ribemont.	
RIBEMONT	2-11-16		Shells at Ribemont. A scheme of attack was commenced by 5 th Brigade in conjunction with 3 rd Squadron R.F.C. but was stopped by rain before units in position.	
"	"	3-11-16	The attack scheme was carried out, for week ending today casualties were - 502 from F.P. Camp. from hospital 2102. from reinforcements 56. To hospital 202, transferred 202.	Cadet-batt. 102.
"	"	4-11-16	March out to MAMMETZ CAMP. ROAD 5 in very heavy condition owing to rain.	
MAMMETZ	5-11-16		Working at MAMMETZ to make up Cape Parker recorded for duty 7 A.M.B. Lt to France.	more to recorded list. 202 transferred.
"	"	6-11-16	Batt marches to MONTAUBAN and on the night 6/7 move on to SWITCH Trench. Rain heavy and men begin to suffer from cold. Our artillery active.	from hospital 102.
SWITCH TRENCH	7-11-16		In reserve in SWITCH TRENCH. Lieut Daly evacuated.	
"	8-11-16		In reserve in SWITCH TRENCH. Lieut Portman injured + evacuated.	
FRONT LINE	9-11-16		On the night 9/10 we relieve 18 th Batt in front line. Mud in waist high and we have a large number of sick. Capt. Popper leaves, sick. Relief complete 9.45 pm.	
"	"	10-11-16	Drill day + during night alarm of German attack but nothing eventuated, we were surprised sleeping off trench + 2 Lieut Jordan fatally wounded.	

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FRONT LINE	11-11-16		Quiet day. Our pioneers buried 38 bodies but no discs were found. Capt Hutchinson A.M.C. returns from leave.	
u	u	12-11-16	Quiet day. At 7.30 pm enemy put up a heavy barrage on our front and Support lines. We asked for retaliation. At 7.48 miles grenades were heard on our front; meanwhile enemy planes were active and at 7.46 pm. enemy fire began to die down. By 8 pm his artillery had stopped. We were relieved by 25th A.I.F. Relief completed 12.30 a.m. 13th, we move to CARLTON TRENCH.	
CARLTON TRENCH	13-11-16		Quiet day in Camp. Men in very poor state. At At 2 a.m. 14-11-16 we move back to Support trench near Bon Hq for attack by 5th Bde on German line.	
SUPPORT TRENCH	14-11-16		Attack starts 6.45 a.m. 19th Bn on left, 25th Centre, 26th Right. At 8 a.m. wounded began to arrive back & stated the 2nd objective had been taken. At 8.30 we sent A Coy to reinforce 26th & B Coy was also warned to place itself under the orders of the 26th. At noon we sent up the remaining coy. & bombers & h.Q.'s.	
u	u	15-11-16	2/Lt. BAIN arrives from reinforcements. Relieved night 15/16. Casualties for period from 6th to 14th killed 157 20 or. wounded 55 or. from hospital 10 or.	

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SUPPORT TRENCH.	15-11-16	(cont)	We march out to MONTAUBAN on night 15/16, front line taken over by 27 th + 28 th . Casualties from 14 to 15/16 :- killed 30 officers (Capt. H. R. RUSH, 2/Lieut. CARLISLE 2/LI. DUFFY), 15 or. wounded 5 officers (Lieut. J. L. SHAW, 2/LI. CAMERON 2/LI. GUARD 2/LI. DUNBAR (died) wounds) 2/LI. EVATT) 29 or. MISSING 17 or. 4 officers to F. A.M.B. (Capt. ABBOTT, Capt. McDONALD, LI. BYRNE 2/LI. ROSS).	
MONTAUBAN.	16-11-16		Quiet day, resting.	
"	"	17-11-16	Quiet day, resting. Casualties K. 1 or, M. 2 or, hospital 2 or. 15 or from hospital, 14 or from reinforcements.	
"	"	18-11-16	march out at 2 pm to Switch trench again.	
SWITCH TRENCH	19-11-16		Batt on fatigue work.	
"	"	20-11-16	Batt on fatigue.	
"	"	21-11-16	10 am move to FRICOURT the Brigade having been relieved by 2nd British Inf. Bde.	
FRICOURT.	22-11-16.		At 10 am Batt moved to RIBEMONT. More complete 5.50 pm. Cas. Nil	
RIBEMONT	23-11-16.		Resting at Ribemont. 1 or K. 10 or Wd. from 53 rd B ⁿ . 1 or.	
"	"	24-11-16	Reorganising Battalion, men in poor state. 56 or to hosp. perhaps 4 or.	

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RIBEMONT	25-11-16.		Resting. 4th of Alexander from Secours St.	
"	26-11-16		Resting. From hospital 1 or. Trip from 19th 1 or.	
	27-11-16		Resting. Casualties nil	
	28-11-16.		Resting. From reinforcement 3 or from hospital 16.	
	29-11-16		Resting. 10 or to hospital 1 or from hospital	
	30-11-16.		Marched out from RIBEMONT to COISY via HEILLY, PONT	
			NOYELLES, ALLONVILLE and CHARDONNETTE. 20 or to hospital	
			none completed 4.30pm	

