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Lieut Col H. S. Jones DSO

Commanding 21st Batta AIF

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beccourt	April 1 st 1917		Church Parade and presentation of decorations to members of Unit by G.O.C 1 st Angae Lt Lee of 24 th Batta reported to Unit for duty Reinforcements received 94 other ranks	J. J.
		2 nd	Training and Infantry tasks Lt Foster proceeded on English Furlough	J. J.
		3 rd	Training Major Crowther left Unit for temporary duty at ROUEN Major W New assumes temporary command of Unit. Lt Kelly transferred to 65 th Batta	J. J.
		4 th	Training Lieut Gordon evacuated to Hospital sick	J. J.
		5 th	Training Capt Sandford evacuated sick to Hospital	J. J.
		6 th	Training Lt Black & 3 other ranks leave Unit for 6 th Training Battalion	J. J.
		7 th	Training Major Crowther DSO is evacuated sick to Hospital from ROUEN.	J. J.
		8 th	Training Capt H L Place reported to Unit for duty	J. J.

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Col J W B Johns DSO

Commanding 21st Batta.

Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Becourt	April 9 th		Training. 2 nd Lt C H Miller reported to Unit for duty from seconded dist	J.F.
	10 th		Training. 2 nd Lt Place evacuated to Hospital sick	J.F.
	11 th		Training Lt Wood (attached) evacuated to Hospital Sick	J.F.
	12 th		Training Bathing Parade. Weather very cold. Heavy snow storm	J.F.
	13 th		Unit moved up to SUAKEN ^{Trench} Road between BEUGNATTE & Vaul - VAULCOURT	J.F.
	14 th		Road repairing by parties of Unit under 13 th Field Company	J.F.
	15 th	8pm	Unit moved to position North of VAULX and NOREUIL ROAD in support	J.F.
	16 th		Unit engaged in improving accomodation for troops. ^{strong} Posts occupied in C 19 & 20	Ref map 57 ^c J.F.
	17 th		Troops engaged in carrying ammunition etc Major W Jew (attached) reported back to 23 rd Batta	J.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Commanding 21st Battalion AIF

Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 18 th		Road making Casualties Killed ^{OR} 1 Wounded ^{OR} 1	J.F.
	19 th		Road making by day. Ammunition carrying by night. Casualties - Killed ^{OR} 2 Wounded ^{OR} 11	J.F.
	20 th		Road making by day. Carrying ammunition by night	J.F.
	21 st		Road making and carrying	J.F.
	22 nd		Relieved by 20 th Battalion for portion of day to enable Unit to take part in a battle practice at Behicourt	J.F.
	23 rd		Relieved 20 th Battalion. Ammunition carrying by night. Sgt H B Shearnwood wounded.	J.F.
	24 th		Fairly heavy hostile artillery shelling but no casualties caused.	J.F.

