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| BECOURT CAMP | 31st | | Weather clear and cold. Snow fell during morning. Lieut MUNRO and 130 men returned from PONT REMY Musketry School. | MS |
| SCOTS REDOUBT | Feb 1st | 4.50 p.m. | Battalion relieved by 7th Batt. Cameron Highlanders at Becourt Camp. Marched to Scots Redoubt Camp | MS |
| " | 2nd | | Training continued. Weather clear and cold. Ten men sent to Bde H.Q. for attachment to 180th Tunnelling Coy. | MS |
| " | 3rd | | Capt. Savage I.G. takes over as Adjt. Weather clear cold Training of Specialists continued. | MS |
| " | 4th | | Coys commanders visit line to be taken over. Training continued, weather continues bright cold | MS |
| Front Line | 5 | | 24th Bn relieve the 17th Bn in the line. relief complete 9.12 p.m. B Coy right. A left. C Support D Reserve Casualties Killed 2. Wounded 1 | MS |

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| FRONT LINE | 6 | " | Situation normal. Enemy machine-guns & snipers active. Casualties wounded 2 | SC/ |
| " | 7 | " | Minor operation, ^{at 9.30-9.45} on enemy machine-guns & snipers' posts. all of which were silenced. Casualties slight. Nil | SC/ |
| " | 8 | " | Relieved by 2nd Bn. ^{moved to PIONEER CAMP, less C. Coy at MIDDLEWOOD CAMP.} C.O. takes charge of all ^{post} details. <small>wounded 1.</small> | SC/ |
| " | 9 | " | Weather continues bright & clear. General inspection of huts & equipment of men. 170 men sent to baths. Foot-treatment continued by R.M.O. | SC/ |
| " | 10 | " | Syllabus of training issued & training commences. Foot-treatment continued. | SC/ |
| " | 11 | " | Same as for 10th. Church Parade. | SC/ |
| " | 12 | " | Weather still continues bright & cold. Training continued. Capt. G. M. Williams to 6th T.F. Bn. | SC/ |
| C. CAMP FRICOURT | 13 | " | Bn moves to C. Camp FRICOURT. 7th Bde take over PION <small>FRICOURT CAMP</small> | SC/ |



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| C. CAMP FRICOURT | 14 | | Thaw commences. Major James + 20 OR detailed for cable burying under 2 nd Div Sign. | SH |
| " | 15 | | Cold + clear. Draining of Specialists and Air Parades. Capt. R. W. Jones No 6 th T. Bn. | |
| " | 16 | | do do do | |
| William Ailey | 17 | | Relieved 17 Bn on the line ^{left} opposite BUTTE DE WOLAN COURT. Patrols sent out same evening. Casualties nil. | |
| " | 18 | | New work (re-erecting etc) on posts + MAXWELL ^{and wire in front} SUPPORT . Three Patrols sent out at night. Ground very heavy. Casualties Wounded 1. | |
| " | 19 | | Quantity Engineer material sent forward for progress with work on posts. Patrols busy. Casualties Killed 1. Wounded 3. | |
| " | 20 | | Work progressing. Patrol under LT NORRIS fought. Enemy patrol. Officer wounded. Casualties Wounded 1. | |
| " | 21 | | Work almost completed. 2 nd PICKETT drives off enemy patrol while out in NO MANS LAND. Casualties | |
| PIONEER CAMP | 22 | | Relieved by 21 st Bn. Camp built. PIONEER CAMP. Casualties Killed 1. | |
| " | 23 | | to leaving equipment. New batches. Post treatment carried on | |