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PIONEER CAMP	FEB 24		Training of Bn in Wood fighting during morning. Route march afternoon. Stood to arms 11 P.M.	
"	25		2 a.m. A & B Coys move forward to Rd at top C D steps. Take up position on the William Alley. Casualties Killed 2. Wounded 2.	
WALFANCOURT	26		Took up line of outposts in front of WALFANCOURT. Lt Barclay James valuable information on patrol. Casualties Relieved by 26 th & 28 th Bns. Casualties Wounded 7.	
CAMP FRICOURT	27		Men resting and cleaning kits	
"	28		Specialists being trained Bn on parade	
"	MARCH 29		do do do	
"	2		Bn parade. Specialists training	
"	3		Relieve 215 Bn on the ^{line} the ^{line} H 17. d. 7. & A. B. Coys line D Support C Reserve. Casualties 1 killed 7 wounded.	
"	4		MAJOR JAMES. O C FORWARD. Vigorous patrolling. Killed 1. Wounded 1.	



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HIND 7-4	5		Relieved by 23rd Bn. Snow. Casualties Nil. Move to SUSSEX CAMP.	
SUSSEX CAMP	6		Cleaning equipment cold & snowing	
	7		Bn at "Wood fighting" and New Bn organization	
RESERVE H 22 d.	8		Relieve 21st Bn in ^{Reserve} Support. Casualties None. Wounded 1. Hon. Lieut. J.K. Anderson reported for duty. 21st. Patrick R. J. evacuated to hospital (diabetes)	
"	9		Bn on Salvage work. Casualties None. Wounded 10. 46 of Rank taken on strength from 2nd ADBD.	
SUPPORTS H 17 d.	10		Relieve 21st Bn in Support. Ground extremely heavy. Casualties None. Wounded 1.	
"	11		Aircraft active 4 of ours down 1 enemy. Casualties None. Killed 1. Wounded 2. C Coy look over front line	
Front line	12		Orders to move forward & establish outposts on right of 21st. Patrols with one of 21st move through GREVELLERS HQ COUPE	
"	13		GREVELDE Casualties None. Wounded 2. 10 of Rank taken on strength from 2nd ADBD. HQ move to DEBARQUE MIA 1.9 A Coy. C & D Coy front B Support Casualties None. Wounded 1. Killed 5. Wounded 18. Major W. G. James. Wounded. Lieut. V.A. Lee.	

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CREVELLERS	MAR 14		Vigorous patrols, occupy trench forward of posts and opp 3 rd Bn line straightened by digging across.	
"	15		H Q move forward to NO DUMP BARCLAY, POLLINGTON & GRANTER attempt entry into German line, unsuccessful owing to heavy M.G. & Rifle and T. R. fire. Casualties: Wounded 1. Consolidation of line continues. Relieved by 23 ⁰⁰ P.M. for into Reserve.	Casualties Killed 3. Wounded 27. Patrols under LT JEPBROOK Lt J. K. Anderson. Wounded.
"	16		Consolidating line. H22 b Casualties Wounded 10.	
No 6 CAMP BRENTIN	17		Move into No 6 CAMP BRENTIN	
"	18		Bn bached. D + C go through foot treatment. 14 of ranks taken on strength from 2 nd A.D.B.D. Lieut J. Harver returned to duty.	
BECOURT CAMP	19		move to BECOURT WOOD CAMP C.O. Coys for foot treatment. Shortages taken	
"	20		Bn on parade. Concert by band at night. Lieut. T. C. Seabrook evacuated to hospital sick.	
"	21		Wood fighting. Route march. Hanks sent to EODEN LORRY	
Reserve H22 b	22		Move forward to Eaucourt / Abbaye area. Snowing & cold.	

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Reserve #225	March 23 rd		Coys on salvage work. Clear and cold 21st J.R. Lee reported for duty.	
"	24 th		do do Major Parker ^{do} reported for duty.	By
"	25		Much salvage being done. Keen competition between Coys	
"	26		Relieved by 50 th Bn. Bn salvaged £25,000 ^(approx) worth of war material	By
D. Camp MARMETZ	27		Move to D Camp MARMETZ Cleaning equipment and straightening out camp. Band making good progress. 13 of Ranks from 2 nd ADBD.	By
"	28		Route march by Coys during morning. Close order work Bayonet fighting afternoon	By
"	29		Baths for day. Men looking more fit. Coy parades during day. Route marches & close order work. Specialists training under own officers. Major Parker returns	By
"	30		Route march, band in attendance. Musketry exercises	By
BECOURT CAMP	31		Move to BECOURT CAMP. 3 of Ranks from 2 nd ADBD.	By
"	APRIL 1		Bn inspection by C.O. Men in good form, equipment & clothing & gear.	By