

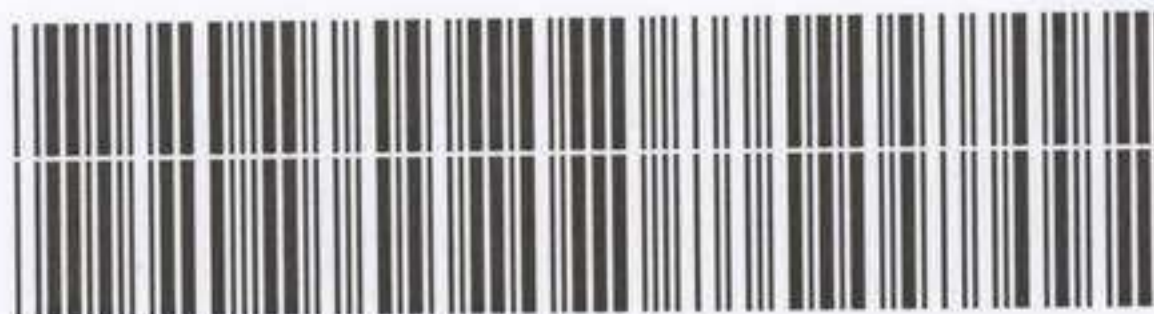
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Joe Walker Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARSEILLES	1916 Nov 21		A.P.M. Marseilles stated that Br were the most orderly troops that had ever passed through his hands.	
	23		Train journey completed 9.30 pm. Detrained at THIENNES and marched to camp on Morbecque Road reaching there 1.30 am.	
MORBEQUE	24		Heavy fall of snow. Afternoon Br dug up and moved into billets at various farm houses.	
	27		Br inspected by General Haig C in C British Army in the field. Br complimented by the General on soldierly appearance and the good work done in Gallipoli.	
	29		Afternoon Br parade on Morbecque Rifle Range for practical demonstration of chlorine gas. Gas helmets were put on and all ranks walked through trench charged with chlorine gas and then through sap charged with exploded lacrymator bombs.	
			During stay at Morbecque Br exercised daily in route marching & musketry.	
apl	4		Br left Morbecque for trenches in vicinity Armentieres. Bde move from Morbecque - Hagelbrouck Road 9.30 am. Billeted in farms round MERRIS for night 4 th & 5 th . March resumed 9.30 am 5 th and reach STEENWACK 5 pm. Br billeted in farms on STEENWACK - ERQUINGHEIM Road. Br HQ. at JESUS FARM.	
	6		Law Page 41 C Co and Snipers sent to trenches preparatory to Br taking over sector occupied by Br of 102 nd Bde Tynesian Scottish. Detailed orders from Bde in connection with taking over sector of front from 102 nd Bde Tynesian Scottish.	

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	1916			
TRENCHES	17		Very wet day. Except for occasional sniping and few shells from enemy other unimportant. Officers and NCOs of 2 nd Coy exchange visits preparatory to relieving Bn in trenches. Relief complete 9.30 pm.	
RUE MARIE	18		Bn in reserve RUE MARIE. Bunkers attend daily at bomb school for instruction under Brigade Bomb Officer. All available men employed on fatigue work in in trenches under supervision of Engineers.	
TRENCHES	25		Received 2 nd Bn in trenches. Relief commenced 8 pm and completed 10.30 pm. A.B. 4 th and D Coy in front line. C Coy in 1 st line. Capt. McDonald B Coy evacuated sick.	
	26		All available men in front line fully employed in improving trenches. Afternoon artillery on both sides very active. Enemy bombarded 1 st line between WINE AVENUE and RAILWAY AVENUE. Considerably damaged latter. One casualty. Corp. St Douglas 'C' Company killed by enemy shell exploding in dugout. Namons Land patrolled by Lt Carroll and party. Left trenches 9.30 pm returning 1. am. No enemy patrol met with. Obtained much useful information.	
	27		12 noon to 10. am enemy bombardment of support lines. One casualty. Pvt Fieldman 'C' Coy killed by H.E. shell in dugout. 10.10 pm gas alarm sounded on left sector on front. Helmets adjusted and front line trenches fully covered within 2 minutes of sounding of gas alarm. Our artillery opened fire immediately on enemy trenches. Shooting effective. Enemy's artillery retaliate. Bn. handover last half an hour. No casualties from either gas or shells. Gas very mild on our front. Enemy using gas at St Etai 14 of our position where heavy shelling was heard earlier in evening. More entanglements put in place in front of our parapet. Patrol returned 12.30 am. Was on Namons Land during bombardment. Good observations as to effect of our shells on enemy's trenches. Nothing special to report.	

