

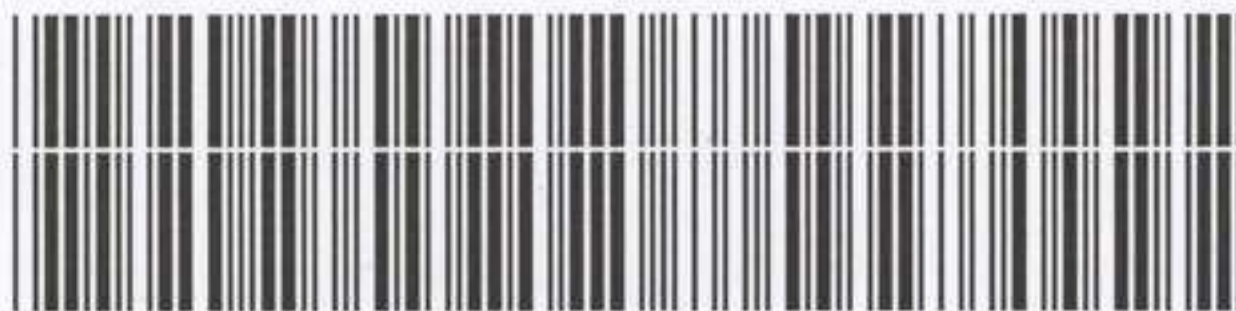
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*20th Battalion
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NEEDLE TRENCH	March 1 st		Strength 38 officers 948 O.R. ^s Relieved by 32 nd Bn. & marched to TRONES CAMP "E"	Order No 43
TRONES CAMP "E"	2 nd		Strength 38 officers 947 O.R. ^s . Road work	1. O.R. transferred to 54 th Bn.
	3 rd		" 38 " 946 " do.	1. O.R. transferred to 8 th M.G. Coy.
	4 th		" 38 " 943 " do.	3 O.R.'s evacuated
	5 th		" 38 " 940 " do.	3 O.R.'s sick
	6		" 38 " 939 " do.	3 O.R.'s transferred 8 th I.T.M.B.
	7		" 38 " 937 " do.	1 O.R. evac. sick. 2 O.R.'s do do
TOWNSVILLE CAMP	8 th		Relieved by 32 nd Bn. on Roadwork Strength 38 officers 937 O.R. ^s	
	9		" 38 " 936 " Platoon organisation and training	1 O.R. transferred to 59 th Bn.
	10		" 38 " 936 " do.	1 O.R. Killed
	11		" 38 " 933 " do.	2 O.R.'s evac. sick
	12		" 33 " 933 " do.	Major Sloan } Capt. Allen } Lieut. Coleman } Lieut. Mason } 2 nd Lt. Craker } Lieut. Wynnne } } Seconded
FACTORY CORNER	12		Relieved 19 th Bn. A.I.F. in Reserve Line	Order No 47
YARRA BANK	13		Strength 32 officers 933 O.R. ^s Relieved 31 st Bn. a 24 in Support Line	
	14 th		Strength 32 officers 932 O.R. ^s	
"	14 th		" 32 " 930 " do.	1 O.R. wounded
"	15 th		" 32 " 927 " do.	2 " evac sick 3 " do
LIGNY THILLOY	16		Relieved 31 st Bn. & took over front line round THILLOY	Order No 48

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BAPAUME	17 th	7 AM	Strength 32 officers 917 O.R.s At this hour after some five hours fighting in the trenches, the Battalion advanced and occupied BAPAUME, the objective being gained with little resistance, remnants of the enemy were driven through the town & the Bn. pushed forward & dug in on a position covering the whole town, our casualties being 1 O.R. killed & 9 O.R.s wounded.	1 O.R. killed 9 " wounded
"	18 th		Strength 31 officers 915 O.R.s Took over frontage of 15 th Bde. A. I. F. extending our right flank as far as RIENCOURT.	Capt. Tullarton M.C. returned to Australia for staff duty
"	19 th		Strength 31 officers 913 O.R.s moved forward at night about 1000 yds. & dug in on line selected.	2 O.R. evac sick 2 O.R.s do do. Order No 49
"	20 th		Strength 32 officers 960 O.R.s Order received to concentrate the Bn. at BANCOURT in readiness to proceed to support of the Advanced Guard.	Lt yeomans taken on strength. 47 Reinforcements taken on strength.
BANCOURT	21 st		Strength 33 officers 968 O.R.s Relieved 59 th Bn. a.s.t. in front line near BEAUMETZ. C.O. assumed command of outposts including 29 th & 30 th Bns and attached details.	2 nd Lt Brown D.L. taken on strength 8 O.R.s returned from hospital. Order No 50

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Hq. LEBUCQUIERE	22 nd		Strength 32 officers 966 OR's	Lt Jackson to superintend list
	23		" 32 " 957 "	2 OR's wounded
	"	4.30 am	Enemy penetrated outpost line held by 29 th Bn. and temporarily occupied BEAUMETZ, he attacked our Right flank but was driven off by our Counter Attack, some 50 casualties being inflicted by us, the village was re-taken by our Outpost troops + original line established.	4 OR's Killed 5 " wounded
	24		Strength 32 officers 945 OR's	5 OR's Killed
BAPAUME	25		Relieved by 58 th Bn. + marched to BAPAUME.	7 " wounded
	26		Strength 32 officers 945 OR's	Order No 51
	27		" 32 " 945 " Road Fatigue	3 OR's vac. Sick
LEBUCQUIERE	27		" 32 " 942 "	
			Relieved 58 th Bn. in front line near BEAUMETZ. and C. O. again assumed command of outposts.	
	28		Strength 32 officers 930 OR's	2 OR's Killed
			Relieved by 54 th Bn. + marched to BAPAUME.	10 " wounded
BAPAUME	29		Strength 32 officers 929 OR's	1 OR. vac. Sick
			occupied inner outpost defences.	

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BAPAUME	30 th		Strength 32 officers 929 O.R. ^s Inner outpost line, erecting shelters and Road Fatigues.	
	31 st		Strength 32 officers 929 O.R. ^s Occupying inner outpost line erecting shelters and Road Fatigues.	
			<p>J. W. C. [Signature] Lt Col. Comdg. 30th Bn. 8th Inf Bde A.I.F.</p>	