

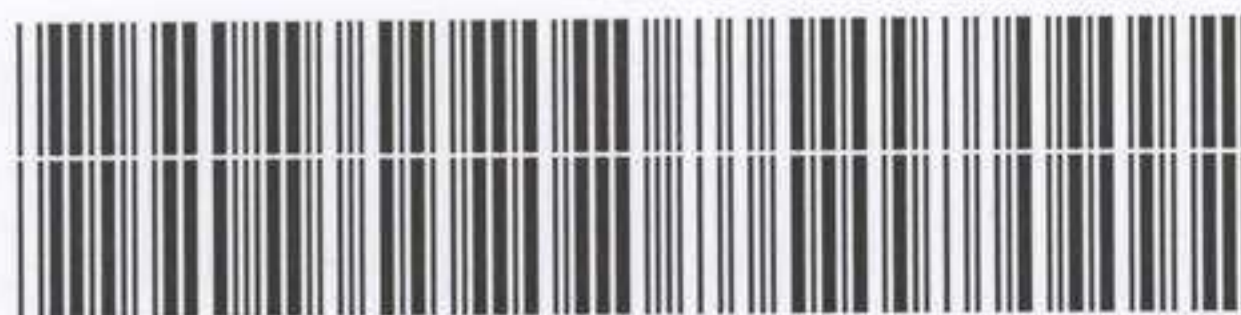
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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front Line Messines Sector.	Dec 1st	45 off. 990%	Strength. The Battalion holding front line E of Messines sector. Artillery quiet. A great amount of necessary engineering material carried to front and support lines.	37K killed 37K from hospital
"	" 2nd	45 off. 990%	Enemy attitude quiet. The weather has been cold, but no rain.	17K wounded 17K from hospital
"	" 3rd	45 off. 990%	Enemy quiet. Very little patrolling is possible owing to bright moon. Minnie rifles fire heavy at times.	
"	" 4th	44 off. 990%	Minnie rifles fire very heavy on front line during the morning. P. J. Jones killed in action.	27K wounded 27K from hospital
"	" 5th	44 off. 998%	Enemy quiet. During the night engineering material taken to front line. Support posts dug and completed.	87K from hospital
"	" 6th	44 off. 998%	Destructive fire carried out by our heavy artillery with apparently good results. Enemy quiet.	
"	" 7th	44 off. 995%	Work carried on, working revetting etc. Quiet.	37K wounded
"	" 8th	44 off. 996%	Battalion relieved by 29th Batt. A.I.F. during night 8 1/2. Very late relief. Completely quiet by 3am. Battalion marched back to resume position near Wulverghem.	17K from hospital
WULVERGHEM Reserve BATTLN	" 9th	44 off. 997%	Men resting during the day. Carrying material to front line at night.	17K from hospital

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Wolverchem RESERVE BATTN	Dec	10 <sup>th</sup>	Strength 44 off	997 grs.	Carrying material for use of front line Batten.	
	"	11 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1011 grs.	during each night. Cleaning equipment etc	14 grs from hospital (9 grs wounded) 3 grs from hospital
	"	12 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1005 grs.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
	"	13 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1005 grs.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
	"	14 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1010 grs.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5 grs to hospital
"	15 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1010 grs.	Preparation for move into reserve near Zoulogne. Transport left by road. Reaching destination on 17 <sup>th</sup> for Desvres. arriving at 1-30 am 16/12/17. Train accident in Desvres STATION 65 grs wounded. Cause not known.		
DeSVRES	"	16 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1010 grs.	Motor lorry carrying rations and off kit destroyed by fire. All rations burnt 15 kits destroyed. Battalion resting and cleaning equipment etc.	5 grs from hospital.
	"	17 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1015 grs	Batten resting. Cleaning etc.	
	"	18 <sup>th</sup>	" 44 off	1019 grs	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5 grs from hospital
"	19 <sup>th</sup>	" 46 off	1024 grs	" " " " " " " " " " " "		
<p>Scrum &amp; Lancia from Reinforcement to Col Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion</p>					3/15	

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DESYRES NEAR BOULOGNE	Dec	20 <sup>th</sup>	Strength 47 off	953 ofrs	Coy and platoon training. All specialists training	60 ofrs to hospital.
	"	21 <sup>st</sup>	" 47 off	953 ofrs	ofr Fraser from Cadet Battalion. Coy and platoon schemes. Specialist training under various instructors. Preparations begun for Christmas	
	"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	" 47 off	955 ofrs	Coy and platoon training. Specialist training	20 ofrs from hospital
	"	23 <sup>rd</sup>	" 48 off	964 ofrs	Church Parade. Preparation for Christmas	9 ofrs from hospital
	"	24 <sup>th</sup>	" 48 off	964 ofrs	ofr batts from D.T.C. Preparations completed for Christmas dinner	
	"	25 <sup>th</sup>	" 48 off	973 ofrs	All Coys had a splendid Christmas day. Nearly £250 spent from Regt funds for party etc etc. 40 ofrs from hospital	
	"	26 <sup>th</sup>	" 47 off	956 ofrs	ofr batts from D.T.C. Bathing. Lt Boon transferred to Indian Army	16 ofrs to hospital 1 ofr to D.T.C.
	"	27 <sup>th</sup>	" 47 off	956 ofrs	Coy and Specialist training.	
	"	28 <sup>th</sup>	" 47 off	956 ofrs	" " " "	
	"	29 <sup>th</sup>	" 47 off	960 ofrs	" " " "	4 ofrs from hospital
	"	30 <sup>th</sup>	" 47 off	960 ofrs	Church Parade	
"	31 <sup>st</sup>	" 47 off	960 ofrs	Coy and Specialist training		

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