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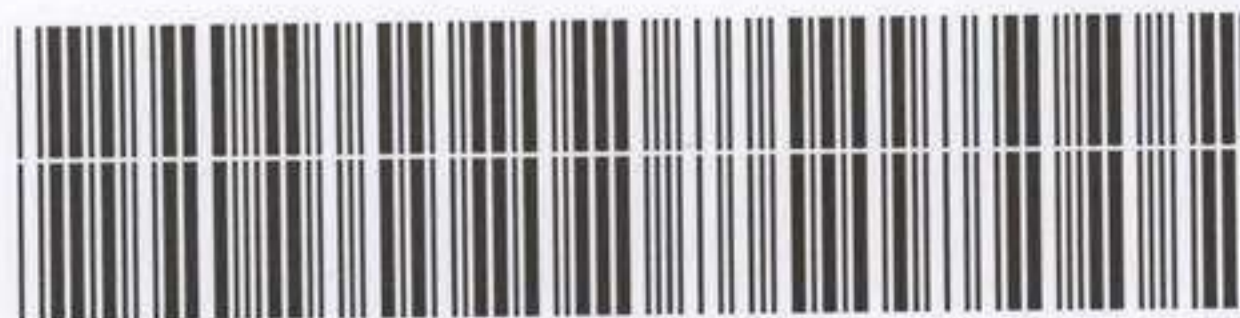
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOUVENCOURT	1		Strength 45 Officers 844 Gks. Billeted in Louvencourt. D Coy were outpost Coy for day. Other companies did musketry and practised Coy in attack in depths.	—
"	2		" 45 " 842 " A. Coy were outpost Coy for day. Half of B. Coy in lying picquet. Other Companies did musketry and Coy in attack.	2 to Hoop
"	3		" 45 " 841 " Rations fair 30% biscuits Bully beef and mackonachie. Food improved. Intensive training carried out including musketry and field work.	1 to Hoop
"	4		" 45 " 843 " 4 pm. notice to stand by to move; embussed at 7 pm. left Louvencourt 8.10 pm. arrived Daours - Rained all evening.	3 from Hoop 1 " School 2 to Hoop
DAOURS	5		" 45 " 842 " Debussed DAOURS 1.30 am. marched to BOIS de GENTELLES and bivouacked. B Coy moved into Reserve East of GENTELLES.	1 Wounded
BOIS de GENTELLES	6		" 45 " 842 " B Coy rejoined Battalion; bivouacked in and around BOIS de GENTELLES. Wet and uncomfortable.	—
BLANGY TRONVILLE	7		" 45 " 842 " Marched to BLANGY TRONVILLE to billets. C. Coy dug in on bank.	—
"	8		" 45 " 838 " A B + D Coys dug in on bank in case of Bombing or Heavy Artillery. WET.	4 Wounded
"	9		" 45 " 844 " C.O., Coy Commands and officers and some N.C.Os. reconnected tracks to line. 7 pm. Battalion moved out to relieve 60th Battalion east of Hamellet.	3 Wounded 1 to Hoop.
Line in front of HAMELLET	10		" 45 " 849 " 7 pm. Battalion moved out to relieve 60th Battalion east of Hamellet. Wet night, quiet relief and no casualties. Rear H.Q. at Aubigny.	15 from Hoop
"	11		" 44 " 843 " Transport lines at Corbie (near Railway Station). Quiet day in line, good sector. Lieut PRETTY wounded (left hand MG).	4 to Hoop 2 S.O.S. 2 Wounded
"	12		" 44 " 841 " Quiet day in line, Rations rather light.	2 from Hoop 2 " Schools
"	13		" 44 " 845 " Quiet day, night patrols under officers. Inter Company relief. A relieved B, C relieved D, B went into supports D to Reserve.	2 from Hoop 7 Wounded.
"	14		" 43 " 846 " Quiet day, night patrols under officers - enemy very shy.	4 to Hoop
"	15		" 42 " 842 " Quiet day and usual night patrols.	—

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Line in front of HAMELET	16		Off. 839 ORs	Ordinary Routine of lines work and patrols	3 to Hoop 2 Killed 5 wounded
	17	42 "	832 "	More activity on part of enemy artillery.	
	18	42 "	831 "	Weather good, Rations good, owing to salvaging of potatoes by RQMS in Corbie. generally more enemy activity. Lieut McCoy and patrol met with opposition	1 wounded
	19	42 "	826 "	Quiet day, occasional artillery activity by enemy. Patrol under Lieut TREASURE encountered party of enemy, several enemy killed, Lt Treasure shot Boche officer, patrol captured one prisoner from whom identification was obtained, one of our patrol wounded	2 Killed 3 wounded
	20	42 "	830 "	Quiet day, active patrolling at night. Inter Coy Relief.	4 from Hoop 1 killed & wounded 4 Hoop.
	21	42 "	816 "	Usual quiet day, and night patrols.	
	22	42 "	809 "	Battalion relieved by 54 th and 55 th Battalions in readjustment of Brigade Sector. Billetes in Corbie for night in billets vacated by 29 th Batt.	2 from Hoop 1 " leave
CORBIE & Reserve line WEST of VAUX sur SOMME	23	42 "	824 "	A. Coy moved in morning to Somme Canal on eastern side of Corbie, as Canal defence other three companies moved into immediate reserve behind 29 th Battalion; position West of VAUX sur SOMME	2 from leave 3 " Hoop
	24	41 "	783 "	Enemy artillery very active on whole sector in sympathy with his attack on VILLERS BRETTONEUX; Battalion area heavily shelled with mustard gas and H.E. Conduct of men while under gas shelling was very good. Lieut ELLIS wounded; Lieut NIELD H.K. slightly wounded, remained on duty. Lieut CRBKER-A. joined up Battalion from O.T.C. 2 officers and 101 men detached for Brigade duties. Few men evacuated from delayed action of gas shelling.	4 Killed 24 wounded 13 gassed 1 from leave 6 " Hoop
	25	40 "	790 "	Lieut SLADE C.S and Lieut CUTTS ELS. reported for duty from nucleus and ADRVT.	2 to Hoop
	26	42 "	788 "	Quiet position occasional shelling. Period from 10 th inst onward was first real experience of Battalion being in country recently evacuated by civilians. Usually most unpleasant experiences.	6 to Hoop
	27	42 "	782 "	Quiet sector, weather mild. Rations good	4 to Hoop
	28	42 "	778 "	Quiet sector, weather cold and misty.	2 to Hoop
	29	42 "	776 "	do do do do	8 to Hoop
	30	42 "	768 "	do do do do	

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