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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LARKHILL	9/11/16	1.30pm	Detailed inspection of Battalion by Brig. Gen. W. R. MURKIN, DSO. All details carefully inspected as to establishment, turnover, efficiency, specialists. General report satisfactory, but many points requiring attention were remarked upon and noted for correction.	
"	13/11/16		Divisional Peace March of 3rd AUST DN. Route. DN HQ QRS, PACKWAY ROAD, DURRINGTON, - AMESBURY ROAD, STONEHENGE, WINTERBOURNE-STOKE, SHREWTON, ROLLESTONE LARKHILL - 14 miles. Preparation of rolls, returns etc in readiness for early embarkation was commenced.	
"	17/11/16	11am	Rolls etc completed up to date	
"	18/11/16	11am	Orders received from Headquarters 10th Aust Inf Bde ordering embarkation from SOUTHAMPTON on 23/11/16. Train time table issued full instructions for journey. Battalion Orders received commenced.	
LARKHILL YARNBURY CASTLE	17/11/16		Divisional Skeleton Exercise - all arms - APCO. adjutant, Signalling Officer. took part mounted on bicycle. Owing to very strong wind, bicycles proved most unsuitable mounts and a good deal of benefit of exercise lost through impossibility of cyclists keeping to time table.	
LARKHILL	23/11/16	2 noon 1.15pm 2.30pm	39th Battalion - less sick, & humpo contacts left LARKHILL for SOUTHAMPTON to embark for FRANCE. Battalion less 6 officers 150 OR, transport proceeded by Transport 280. remainder travelled by Transport 203 at 6.30pm arrived at HAVRE at 1.30am and remained on board till 7.30am.	
HAVRE	24/11/16	7.30am	Battalion proceeded to No 1 Rest Camp SANVIC, arriving at 11.45am.	
SANVIC.	24/11/16	8pm	Orders received for the Battalion to entertain in 3 positions - 1st train leaving at 10.32am on 25.11.16	
HAVRE	25/11/16	10.30am	Train journey commenced northwards. much interruption on line	
	26/11/16		Journey continued	
BAILLEUL	27/11/16	2.30am	First train arrived. 2 troops sent by motor lorry to MERRIS arriving 4.30am, when all allotted to billets. Later in day remainder of Battalion arrived in two parties.	



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MERRIS.	27/11/16 to 1/12/16.		<p>Troops remained in billets in MERRIS resting for 2 days, testing and fitting of GAS respirators. Instruction given re discipline under new altered conditions of active service; bayonet fighting &c.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for Dec. 1916 and filed with volume for that month).</p>	