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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OUTTERSTEN FRANCE	1st 12/16		Training in OUTTERSTEN, including marching, gas drill etc until 5-12-16	
Do	6 12/16	9am	Left OUTTERSTEN & marched via BAILLEUL to ARMENTIERES arriving 4PM. Transport accompanied battalion and went to transport park near STEENWERCK. Went into billets in Cotton Factory, Hqs 23 Rue SADI. CARNOT and became "F." Battalion.	
ARMENTIERES	7 10/23		"F." Battalion, employed in training specialists, bayonet fighting, lectures etc and at times burying cable under direction of Divisional Signal Officer. One casualty O.R. killed in streets 17-12-16. During this period officers made personal tour of trenches we were to occupy, and company commanders visited other sectors for instruction. Also company commanders were attached to covering batteries of artillery for period of 3 days for instruction. Captain Leahy went to organize raiding teams in Raiding School about 17th. Major Farrell went to C.O.'s 2nd Lieut T.F. CLACHER 1/42nd joined Battalion 20-12-16.	
Do	23rd		50% relief of specialists of 36th Bw took place.	
Do	24th		Battalion relieved 36th Bw, becoming "B" Battalion (L'EPINETTE). Company commanders of outgoing battalion & C.O remaining 24 hrs.	
TRENCHES	26th		2 Officer Casualties. Capt A. Pott, Lt G. C. Stanlow. both wounded, the latter severely.	
"	29th		1 O.R. rank killed	
"	31st		relieved by 44th Battalion becoming "D" Battalion in billets	

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