

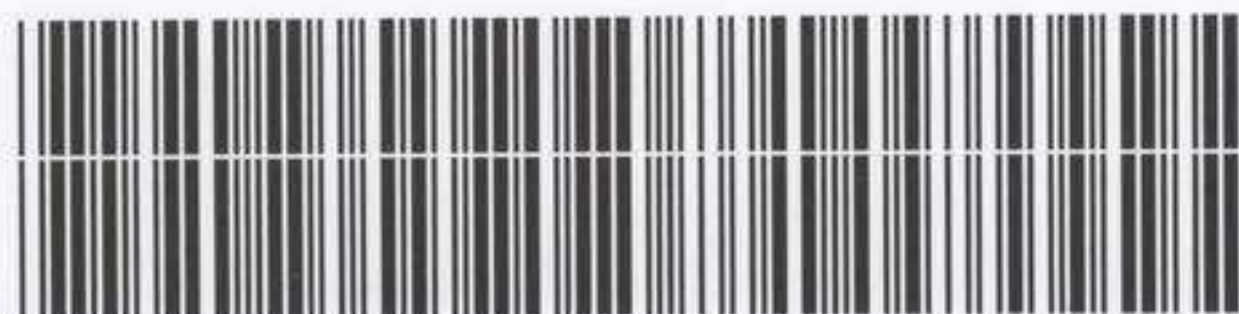
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BAZENTIN	1/12/16 2/12/16		<p>The Battalion is at NEW CARLTON A.CAMP. Working parties supplied to 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion; also parties working on Decaville Light Railway and at QUARRY Siding.</p> <p>The camp was cleared up and tents erected and building of huts commenced.</p> <p>The following officers have been awarded the Military Cross. Capt. S.L. Perry; Capt. H.C. Howden; Capt. W.L. Young.</p> <p>The following warrant officers and NCO. have been awarded the D.C.M. 1428 CSM J. Young; 2335 CSM J. Bradford; No 548 Sgt. O'Donnell</p>	
DERNANCOURT	4/12/16		<p>The Battalion (less "A" &amp; "B" Companies) entrained from QUARRY SIDING for MEAULTE. Billeted at DERNANCOURT which is in a better condition than before.</p> <p>The hot baths at VIVIER MILL were used.</p> <p>2 officers and 43 other ranks joined from 4<sup>th</sup> A.D.B.D STAPLES</p> <p>The Serbian Gold Medal has been awarded to the following NCO. No 522 Cpl. C. Kelly.</p>	
DERNANCOURT	5/16 12/12/16		<p>Training and re-organization carried out. Training considerably impeded by the inclemency of the weather.</p> <p>Bunks and rifle racks erected in some of the billets.</p>	
"	10/12/16		<p>Army Corps Commander visited Dernancourt</p>	
"	12/12/16		<p>The Brigade Commander inspected the Battalion less "A" &amp; "B" Companies</p>	

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DERANCOURT	13.12.16		<p>Lieut Col. Herring left for United Kingdom on leave, working parties supplied for loading etc at Meauville; also for making range.</p> <p>Extracts from A.I.F. List 120 6/12/16 as under.</p> <p>The undermentioned officers are placed on the supernumerary list</p> <p>Lieut. J.B. Kirkwood dated 9/11/16; Lieut E.V. Steele dated 8/11/16.</p> <p>Capt. R.T. Tarrant is seconded for duty with the 12<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion 9/11/16</p> <p>Promotions To be Captains</p> <p>Lieut Temp Capt. W.H. Schadel dated 26/10/16</p> <p>To be Lieutenants W.H. Young MC 29/10/16</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. E.T. McDonald 29/11/16; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. J.R.S. Perry 29/11/16</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. E. Cornish 30/11/16</p> <p>To be 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants 1415 Sgt J. Simpson 6/12/16; 3894 Sgl. J. Kerman 6/12/16</p> <p>Congratulatory cards were awarded to the following:-</p> <p>3358 Lfpl. Kearney A.L.; 4596 Pte Lewis W. 4065 Pte Roberts H.; 1988 Pte Riley W.</p> <p>740 Sgt. Hooker W.G. 2669. Pte Horton R.</p> <p>The Military Medal has been awarded to the following:-</p> <p>No 3358 Lfpl Al Kearney</p> <p>No 4596 Pte WR Lewis</p> <p>No 4065 Pte H. Horton.</p>	

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Dernancourt	17.12.16		Left Dernancourt at 7pm and entrained from Edgchill for Flesselles
Flesselles	18.12.16		Arrived at Flesselles at 2am. Billets are comparatively good. Training commenced and training grounds good. Parties engaged on the construction of 30 yards and 300 yards rifle ranges.
Flesselles	18/31 <sup>st</sup> 12 16		Training carried on.
	20.12.16		Divisional commander inspected the billets. Musketry carried out on 30 yards and 100 yards ranges.
	25.12.16		Lt. Col. S.C.E. Herring returned from leave.
	26.12.16		A + B Companies were relieved and returned by train and bus from Baugnotin. Hot baths used.
	26/31 <sup>st</sup> 12 16		Training including route marches carried on. Congratulatory cards were awarded to the following: Capt. J.E. Knox 2nd Lieut W.G. Adams 2680 Sgt. C.F. Ryan 3805 Sgt. H. Hazelwood 2468 Lieut. Porteous.

*[Signature]*  
 CO. 45<sup>th</sup> Bn. Lt. Col.

