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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Escaelles	1-1-17		Battalion still at Escaelles - training including route marching carried on.	
"	2-1-17	8.55am	Left Escaelles and marched to FRANVILLIERS. Arrived there at 1.15pm and billeted there.	
Escaelles	3-1-17	9am	Left Franvilliers and marched to DERNANCOURT, arrived there 12 noon and billeted there.	
DERNANCOURT	4-1-17		Preparation being made to go forward. Men's feet, boots and equipment receiving special attention.	
"	5-1-17	10am	Left Dernancourt. 10am arrived FRICOURT 12 noon. Camped in huts.	
FRICOURT	6-1-17		accommodation good. Left FRICOURT and marched to HOBART CAMP, BAZENTIN. 2 companies left BAZENTIN 4pm and relieved 2 companies of 1st Bn in BULLS RUN and PILGRIM WAY. Snatches (Right Bn section).	
BAZENTIN	7-1-17		Remainder of Bn relieved remainder of 1st Bn in front line trenches GUEUBECOURT. Relief complete 6.45 pm. Right of Bn at R. 21. D. 74.	
"	8-1-17		Left of Bn at R. 21. E. 79. No mine land ^{patrolled} protected , conditions generally normal. Casualties 3 O.R. wounded.	
FRONT LINE	9-1-17		No holding line. Line and communication in very bad order. Improvement carried on in front, support, and C.T. Trenches. Shelters rebuilt. Conditions normal. 45 O.R. marched in from 4th A.D.B.D. Casualties 1 O.R. killed.	
"	9-1-17		Still in line. Left company relieved by a support company. EVE alley C.T. worked on by working party of 10/50 O.R. Draining. Casualties 1 O.R. wounded.	
"	10-1-17		Still in line. Improvement carried on. Large amount of material salvaged, including 85 Rifles. Casualties 1 O.R. killed 1 O.R. wounded.	

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In the field	11.1.17		Right company relieved in front line by support company. Working party of 10ff + 50 OR dug a C.T. from N 21 D 7.4 towards GREASE trench. Depth 5ft by 3ft wide. Other working parties supplied carrying material from Pyrells Run Dump to Shells Pit and front line. Also digging new reserve line. Casualties 1 OR wounded.	
do	12.1.17		above improvements carried on. Casualties 1 OR killed - 1 OR wounded.	
do	13.1.17		Left company relieved by support company. An esbia 85 yds of C T dug connecting Grease trench with SHINE trench. Working party also engaged on new reserve line. Casualties 2 OR killed 2 OR wounded.	
do	14.1.17 15.1.17 16.1.17		still holding line. Working parties supplied. Improvement proceeded with. (15") 2 Support companies relieved by 2 companies 46" Bn, which companies moved to GAP and SWITCH trenches. at 3pm a raiding party of about 50 or 60 Germans raided our trenches at about N 21 D 3.6 this party was repulsed suffering 4 OR killed and a number wounded. And casualties as a result of the raid nil. Working party in GRE trench of 10ff and 50 OR supplied. Remainder of Bn relieved by 46" Bn and moved to GAP and SWITCH trenches. Relief complete by 8.15 pm. Casualties 14/15/16" 3 OR killed 3 OR wounded.	
do	17/24/17		In GAP & SWITCH TRENCHES. Salvo and working parties supplied. Total 7 off 360 ORs. On 17" 5 OR marched in from 4" ADDB. On 18" 16 OR (partially trained) marched in from 4" ADDB. On 19" 11 OR marched in from 4" ADDB. Banjo bath used by 200 ORs. Casualties 17" to 24" 3 OR killed - 11 OR wounded. 24" 25 OR marched in from 4" ADDB. Relieved by 13" Bn in support trenches. Relief complete by 2 pm. Bn moved to MAMETZ camp. Bn forming Platoon of 10ff + 20 ORs attached to 46" Bn for special work.	

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MAMETZ	25/11/17		<p>Working parties supplied to C.P.C. Coy's Troops. 10ff + 90 OR. also 10ff and 53 ORs sent to 1st ANZAC Workshop. M. Saults, also permanent working party supplied cleaning and repairing etc. MAMETZ Camp.</p> <p>all raw blankets put through disinfecting machine at Duesant Baths. Duesant Baths also used by 2 Companies. Baths unable to be proceeded with on account of them being out of order.</p> <p>Draining carried on, equipment, rifles etc receiving special attention.</p> <p>20 ORs marched in from 4th A.D.S. Dow 27. 1.17</p> <p>26th. Brigade Commander left for England on leave. Lt Col 468 Herring assumed command of Brigade.</p> <p>Major H. Perry assumed command of 45th Bn.</p> <p>Extracts from a D.I. Order. 20/11/17. Honours and awards. The following honours and awards have been awarded.</p> <p>Lt Col Herring 468. awarded D.S.O.</p> <p><u>Mentioned in despatches.</u></p> <p>Lt Col 468 Herring - Lt (T/Capt) Young W.I. - Lt L. Garding</p> <p>Lt J. Russell - 572 R.S.M. Inson E.I. - 1163 Sgt J. Vincent</p> <p>2103 Sgt J. Walker - 4277 Lt Col H. Rawson.</p>	

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