

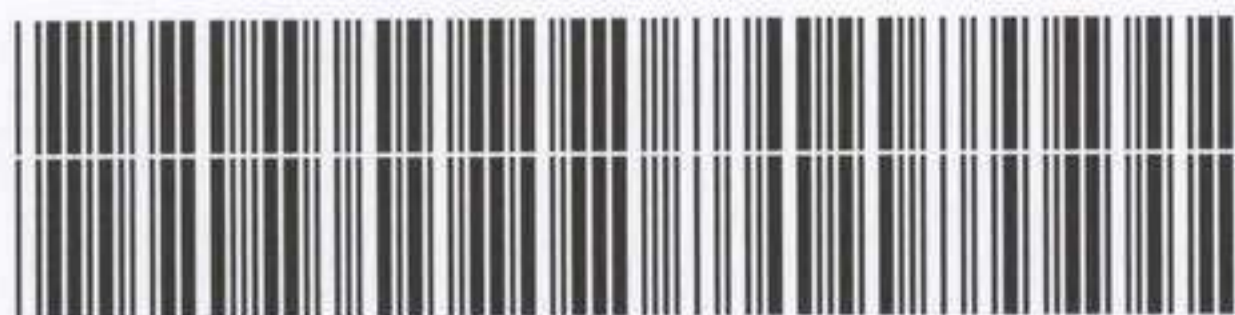
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Wometz	7/1/16		Weather fine but cold. Wind very bad. Working parties busy clearing up camp. Constructing latrines, building roads. Special Battalion Hospital dealing with all cases of chill and sore feet. Hot coffee & Brand provided for all ranks.	
DERHAMCOURT.	4 1/2 / 16		Battalion entered at WILLOW STATION at 8.45 am today and moved to MEAVUTO. Detained at that station and worked to DERHAMCOURT and went into Billets. There has been a great improvement since our last stay in this village. Beds being now built in most of the huts.	
	6 1/2 / 16		140 Reinforcements joined the Battalion they look a very fine lot. A large number of men suffering with cold. Work carried out Physicist's Bull. Running. Boyout fighting. Swab Rifle Exercise. Guard & Centries..	
	7 1/2 / 16		Held an inspection of all Companies and sections today, found everyone with a few exceptions very well equipped.	
	9 1/2 / 16		Inspection by Divisional G.O. officers. Weather very wet. 3856 Pte Bishop W. died on his way to Field Ambulance. His	
	10 / 2 / 16		body was returned to the Battalion and buried this morning in the local Cemetery with full military honours.	
			General BIRDWOOD. Visited the area this afternoon.	

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DERNAN COURT	12/12/16		Weather still very wet. Only work order given can be done all Ranks being instructed in use of Lewis Gun. 1 Officer and 15 men detailed to repair bunkers in billets and to build new ones where none exist.	
"	14/12/16		Many men suffering with Colds, also 12 have been evacuated recently suffering from mumps. Mostly Reinforcements.	
"	16/12/16		The Brigade Commander inspected the Battalion this morning Full marching order.	
"	17/12/16		Transport moved at 11 am on the way to Les Oies Flesselles. Entained at 10 pm for Flesselles arrived there 2.45 am.	
"	21/12/16		marched into Billets. Sanitation of last unit very bad. have closed up our built latrines. Very few bunkers in Billets, when bunkers are in use is overbooked will start building. If each unit tried to improve conditions things would soon be comfortable in the back area.	
"			General Cox inspected Battalion area on the morning of 20th. Cases of mumps still occurring.	Raymond L. Leonard Lt Col Co 487th Am.



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Fiesselles	23 17/16		Musketry started on range built by Battalion at NAUVAS. 30 th Grouping by Company's fairly good. Weather wet, and very windy. Lewis Gunners carried out practice. Scouts did sweep shooting.	
	24		Route march to Villers. Bodge with transport.	
	25		Xmas Day Voluntary Church Parade. Gifts from Australian Comfort Fund distributed to men. Supplemented by puddings etc from Battalion. Darts, Serge Dinner. Officers Dinner Xmas night. Bayonet and Staff attended. Major General Cox inspected Battalion Gen out saw the war at dinner. Special leave has been given to selected men since the Battalion has been at Fiesselles. to visit AMICHS. This has been much appreciated. No cases of absence without leave occurred. Men were medically treated on their return.	D L G Cox Cox A.D.
	26		Musketry continued, special training in attack practice.	
	27		Route march to HAVERNAS. 6 miles. marching order.	
	28		Battalion Parade presentation of Congratulatory Cards. from MAJOR Gen Cox.	
	29		Route march to VIGNACOURT. marching good. no one fell out.	
	30		Capt COLLINS A.I. A.A.M.C. reported for duty vice MAJOR WOLLARD. transferred to 12 th F.A.	
	31		Route march 9 miles no one fell out. Health of men good.	