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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>FLEURBAIX</p> <p>DOULIEU</p> <p>MERRIS</p>	<p>11/2/16</p> <p>12/2/16</p> <p>12/7/16</p>		<p>3787 Pte Biggs IN. wounded when working on TIN BARN TRAMWAY. 1.30 am</p> <p>Battalion was relieved by 54th Bn. night of 11th/12th. moved to DOULIEU</p> <p>Billeted for night. left DOULIEU 4pm 12th and marched to MERRIS</p> <p>Arrived MERRIS 8pm 12th and went into billets. health of Bn is</p> <p>Good a number of men have very bad boots. indent put on</p> <p>on June 27th so far unable to draw. Indents for Boots should be</p> <p>promptly dealt with. No 4683 Pte ONSLOW, E. accidentally wounded</p> <p>this morning while at practice Port trenches evacuated wounded.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Area</p>
<p>BERTEAUCOURT</p> <p>MAP REF</p> <p>11</p> <p>100.1000</p> <p>Square B. 6.</p>	<p>14/2/16</p>		<p>The Battalion entered at Baillole 14th inst 9.55 am. departed for DOULLENS. 10.15 am.</p> <p>Arrived 2.15 pm. detoured and started Route march for BERTEAUCOURT at 4.15 pm.</p> <p>a distance of about 15 miles. arrived at BERTEAUCOURT. 12 pm. the men had</p> <p>before entering marched nearly 5 miles, and their feet suffered a good</p> <p>deal on the hard roads.</p> <p>Visited the front line on 18th inst. and was much impressed by the splendid</p> <p>work carried out by Gas Troops at FRICOURT, MAMETZ, and MAMETZ WOOD</p> <p>it proved the efficiency of our Artillery in making the Infantry advance</p> <p>possible. I consider all senior Battalion Officers should have the opportunity of</p> <p>seeing the Battlefield. Training being carried out daily. 6.30 am. 7.30 am</p> <p>9 am 12 noon. 2 pm 5.30 pm. Officers having class in Leaves Sun 7 pm to 9 pm</p> <p>for all Officers. Route marches daily ranging from 8 to 12 miles full marching order</p> <p>The following reinforcements have arrived.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Area</p>
<p>BERTEAUCOURT</p>	<p>21/2/16</p>		<p>18/7/16 60 19/7/16 20. 21/7/16 52*</p> <p>* Includes. 2nd Lt A.G. Moyes</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">P.S.S. Rillstone</p>	



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TOUTENCOURT	28/7/16		<p>Left BERTEAUCOURT at 9.30 am on the 27th inst and marched to TOUTENCOURT a distance of 15 1/2 miles arrived here at 6 pm 27/7/16.</p>	
HARPOUVILLE	29/7/16		<p>Left TOUTENCOURT this morning 7 am marched to HARPOUVILLE a distance of 3 miles went into billets. no one fell out on the march.</p>	
HARPOUVILLE	30/7/16		<p>Signaller ADCOCK met with an accident, fell from a beam upon Sentries bivouac. Slight flesh wound in back.</p>	
	31/7/16		<p>Health of Battalion good.</p>	