

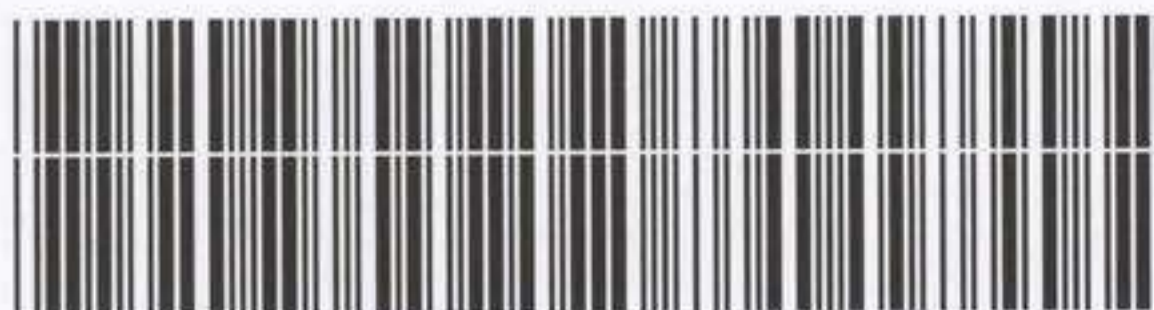
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August 1 <sup>st</sup>	TOUTENCOURT	All surplus baggage dumped at WARLOY DUMP, Moved to HARPONVILLE during afternoon.
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HARPONVILLE	General training.
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	"	"
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	"	Left HARPONVILLE, 7 AM for BRICKFIELDS via WARLOY, joined Brigade Column at WARLOY and moved through SENLIS - New
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	BRICKFIELD	ponds - Arrived BRICKFIELDS (ALBERT) 12.20 AM bronaced
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	"	150 O/R and 2 officers moved out to <del>the</del> CHALK PIT for carrying party.
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	"	D. Company moved to CHALK PIT, fatigue duties.
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Specialists & general training for balance of Battalion
August 9	"	"
August 10	"	"
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	"	A. Coy moved out road making. Capt Hunt badly wounded at R.E. Dump. B. " " " " LA BOISSELLE.
August 11	"	Trench work - A Coy constructed new road from AVOCA VALLEY to LA BOISSELLE.
August 12	"	Very quiet, casualties from fatigue parties.
13	TARA HILL	Moved from BRICKFIELDS to TARA HILL in the afternoon.
14	WIRE TRENCH	Received orders to move to WIRE TRENCH, move accomplished by 9.30 AM.
15	do	Rations carrying for Brigade.

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August 16 <sup>th</sup>	ALBERT.	Moved back to BRICKFIELDS, ALBERT and bivouaced.
17	"	Left ALBERT 9 AM for WARLOY arrived 1 PM.
18	WARLOY	Rested.
19	"	Left WARLOY 10 AM for LAVICOGNE - VIA - HERISSART. General Cox expressed pleasure at the way Battalion had done its work. Capt. Stubbing took over <del>the</del> <sup>duties</sup> as Adjutant. Vice D. H. R. Williams returned to Regimental duties.
August 20 <sup>th</sup>		Left LA VICO GNE for BONNEVILLE at 8.20 A.M. Route via - BOIS-de-la-WAVERES - CANAPLES, arrived at 2 pm.
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	BONNEVILLE	Commenced reorganization & Coy training.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	Battalion exercised in attack & morning Coy training in afternoon.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	Company training in morning, in the afternoon a Brigade Parade was held at a point about 1 mile north of HALLOY. At the parade General Cox (G.O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> Division) expressed pleasure at the way the Brigade had carried out its work whilst in action in vicinity of MOQUET FARM. He also distributed congratulatory letters to the following Officers, N.C.O's and men for work in last action. Lieut. R. Anderson, 2437 Pte Anderson J. A., Sgt. Watling, Ptes Carthy, Jones, Chase, Mocham, (3834) 4544 McHaren A.D., 3496 Pte Munro, H., 1143 Sutton W.R., 3495 Richardson A.H., 2891 Carter J.E., 3570 Jacques A. 3976, 3487 Lt Col. Knights W.M., 2245 Pte Stutton E. A. W.B. H. Col.

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August 24 <sup>th</sup> " 25	BONNEVILLE "	Brigade attack practice in morning was carried on successfully. Work in morning, Brigade attack in afternoon. Contact with aeroplanes practised.
" 25 " 26	HERISSART	42 reinforcements & 5 details were taken on strength. Left BONNEVILLE for Herissart at 9.10. AM. Route, VALHEREAUX, FME-du-ROSEL
" 27	"	VAL-de-MAISON arrived at 3 pm. Sunday - Resting.
" 28	VADENCOURT	Left HERISSART for VADENCOURT at 9.42 AM. Route via CONTAY arrived 12 noon.
" 29	"	Left VADENCOURT for BRICKFIELDS at 8.20 AM. Route via WARLOY, SENLIS, arrived 12.30 pm. Lt. ARNOTT was evacuated to Hospital suffering from appendicitis.
" 30	BRICKFIELDS	At 4 pm all latest joined subalterns were paraded before General Birdwood. Resting prior to going into action.

M. F. Deavor      Lieut - Colonel  
C.O. 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion A.I.F.