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	1916			
FLEURBAIX	Sept. 1 st		In Billets at PORT d'ECLOU Farm. HQ and ED Company at Port CROIX MARECHAL AB Company at School FLEURBAIX. 2 nd ANZAC LH attached.	
	2 nd		Light Horse (attached since 24 th July) left to rejoin their own Unit.	
	4 th		Capt. Ramsay rejoined from England.	
	7 th	6:30 AM	Marched via ESTAIRES LE LA MOTTE Camp. halted and assembled E end of ESTAIRES and again halted for 1 1/2 hours 1 mile N of MERVILLE -	
			Marching bad. Men's feet soft from want of marching - many rubbed & footsore.	
LAMOTTE	8 th -17 th		Daily training in wood-fighting, with route-marching, drills, making of obstacles etc. Reorganizing and completing deficiencies in equipment. Reorganizing again into four companies - A under Capt. Thompson - B under Capt. Durrant - C under Capt. Roberts who rejoined at LAMOTTE and D under Capt. Ramsay.	

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Trenches.	19/6 22-29.	Sept.	<p>All quiet - working at cleaning up dirt, linen in very bad condition, and forming three strong posts near top of communication trenches. Moving ammunition and bombs into same.</p> <p>Weather good. thick thick mists in early morning necessitating standing to for protracted periods.</p>	
..	30 th	..	<p>Raid by party from 55th Battalion from extreme left of our line at 10 pm -</p> <p>Three men of 53rd wounded during evening (1 since died) -</p> <p>Lot Artillery fire in retaliation and box barrage put on to our Support Line and Communication Trenches during raid.</p> <p>Received 120 Reinforcement during the day.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- O. M. (Robert) Inyie Commanding 53rd Battalion R.T.F.</p>	

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LA MOTTE	18 th	8 AM	<p>Marched back to BAC-ST-MAUR. in pouring rain. Halted in school at ESTAIRES for nearly two hours. Here received orders to send 200 men to billet at FLEURBAIX and remainder to RE station in BAC-ST-MAUR. Sent A and C companies under Capt. Thompson to FLEURBAIX and remainder to BAC-ST-MAUR. Good March. Arrived about 3:30 PM. having split up Battalion at E end of ESTAIRES</p>	
BAC-ST-MAUR	19 th - 20 th	21 st	<p>In billet BAC-ST-MAUR. detachment at FLEURBAIX moved from Good billet at MAIRIE into old School. Moved into front line trenches. Right on DEVON AVENUE and Left on old WATLING STREET. Three Companies in firing line A on Right - C in centre - D on Left. In support by CONVENT Wall. B Company. HQ at FORRY HOUSE. 1 Company (weak) of 56th Battr. in support line at BOTTLERY POST.</p>	

No Diaries available for
months of October and November.