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98th Brigade
33rd Division.

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Tidworth	Nov. 1 st	Mon.	Various parades & classes of instruction in Entrenching, Sandbag revetments, Bayonet Fighting, Judging Distance, Rapid loading, Wire entanglement, Bomb throwing, Machine Gun, Range Finding etc. Arrival of new equipment. Machine Gun sections fire on BULFORD Ranges. 2/Lt. WESTOVER appointed Brigade M.G. Officer. 2/Lt. DAWSON appointed Battr. M.G. officer - 2/Lt. KNIGHT, 2 nd M.G. Officer. <i>Eud.</i>	
do.	Nov. 2 nd	Tues.	Mobilisation Parade. Inspection by G.O.C. 98 th Brigade at 9.30 a.m. Machine Gun Sections continue practice on Ranges after above parade. Draft of 30 men arrive from 28 th Reserve Battr. from EPSOM. Range finders do revolver practice. <i>Eud.</i>	
do.	Nov. 3 rd	Wed.	Lecture on care & use of telescopic sights on rifles by Lt. LATTEY of the BISLEY School of Musketry, 4 officers to attend. Lecture on the use of Machine Gun in the Field by Major MAKIN, D.S.O. to M.G. officers & NCOs. Class of instruction in bombing for officers commences - Inspection by C.O. of each company in new equipment - Range takers revolver practice. Snipers fire on BULFORD "F" Range. Machine Gun practice on BULFORD "G" Range. Tattoo in future to be at 9.30. Lights out 9.45 p.m. All leave stopped. Arrival of blankets for overseas. <i>Eud.</i>	
do.	Nov. 4 th	Thurs.	New draft & casuals fire Parts I & II on "F" Range BULFORD. Machine Gun practice continued on "G" Range. Grenadier, Range Taking etc. classes as usual. Remainder of Battr. Trench Warfare at HARE WARREN. <i>Eud.</i>	

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Tidworth	Nov. 5 th	Fri.	Divisional operations in BEDLAM TRENCHES. 18 th Bata: Div: Reserve Troops. Reserve Machine Gun detachments fire on "G" range. Bata: Snipers practise Field Firing at BEECHES BARN. New draft & casuals fire Part III on "H" range. Inspection of 1 st line transport horses & mules. <i>JW</i> .	
"	Nov. 6 th	Sat.	Barrack inspection by C.O. Various instructional parades in & near barracks, including wire entanglement making, sand bag revetments, breastworks, bayonet fighting etc. Officers complete revolver shooting. <i>JW</i> .	
"	Nov. 7 th	Sun.	Church parade. 11.30 am parade at SEVEN BARROWS to practise March past. <i>JW</i> .	
"	Nov. 8 th	Mon.	Inspection by H.M. the Queen on SALISBURY PLAIN. 33 rd Division inspected in line of masses, followed by March past in column of double platoons. Instructional parades in barracks 2.45 pm to 4.45 pm. <i>JW</i> .	
"	Nov. 9 th	Tues.	Parades cancelled owing to rain. Company mobilization inspections - Transport mobilization. Machine Gun Detachments fire on Range. <i>JW</i> .	
"	Nov. 10 th	Wed.	Morning devoted to completing Companies' clothing & equipment. Afternoon Company route marches & grenadiers practice throwing real bombs at HARE WARREN. 303 service ammunition drawn & served out to NCOs & men. <i>JW</i> .	

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TIDWORTH	Nov. 11 th	Thurs.	8. am. to 9. am. Bayonet Fighting & Physical Drill. 9. am. onwards Mobilisation Inspection of Companies by C.O. Inspection of Transport brakesmen & details to proceed with Transport by Adjutant, in all 4 off ^s & 122 NCOs & men plus all animals. Afternoon - Grenade throwing by Grenadiers. Company parades. J.W.	
do.	Nov. 12 th	Fri.	7.30 am. Transport & Machine Gun Section & details parade for overseas. Leave TIDWORTH station at 9.15 am. General Fatigue in barracks & lines. Inspection by C.O. Instructions received at 4 pm. that departure of Battw., which was to have been at 9.15 am on 13 th , is postponed for 24 hours, presumably on account of bad weather in the channel. J.W.	
do.	Nov. 13 th	Sat.	Company parades. Half holiday. J.W.	
BOULOGNE	Nov. 14 th	Sun.	Battw. left TIDWORTH station by 1/2 Battalions 2.30 & 2.50 am. Arrived FOLKESTONE 7.45 am & 8.15 am. Embarked on "Princess Victoria". Good crossing. Arrived CALAIS 11.15 am. owing to floating mines could not enter BOULOGNE harbour. Entrained for BOULOGNE. Arrived there 3 pm. J.W.	
do.	Nov. 15 th	Mon.	Day spent in rest camp. Company parades & route marches. J.W.	
THIENNES	Nov. 16 th	Tues.	Entrained at PONT DE BRIQUES at 10.15 am. Travelled via CALAIS & ST. OMER route to THIENNES. Arrived 6.30 pm. Marched into billets at TANNAY. J.W.	

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TANNAY	Nov 17 th	Wed.	Spent at TANNAY - Company parades - visited by new Brigadier-general STRICKLAND, C.M.G., D.S.O.	PA
do	Nov 18 th	Thurs.	Spent at TANNAY. PA	
ROBECQ	Nov 19 th	Fri.	Battw: left TANNAY district 9.30 am. Marched via ST VENANT & billeted South of LA BASSEE Canal at ROBECQ. Bad billets. PA	
BETHUNE	Nov 20 th	Sat.	Brigade left ROBECQ district 9.30 am. Marched via CHOCQUES to BETHUNE. Arrived 1 pm. Billeted (battalion) at Tobacco factory - 6 officers under Major HARTLEY & 16 NCOs went into 6 th Brigade trenches for instruction, returning to billets that night. PA	
VERMELLES	Nov 21 st	Sun.	Battw: went into trenches by companies for instruction, attached to 1 st Herts, 15 th Kings Liverpool & 2 Coys: with 'K.R.R.' Headquarters at Brigade Advance HQs: at BARTS ALLEY - No casualties - Details (about 200 men) left at BETHUNE under Major HARTLEY. PA	
	Nov 22 nd	Mon.	Battw: remained in trenches - B Coy. exchanging with C, & D with A Coy. No casualties. PA	
ANNEQUIN SOUTH	Nov 23 rd	Tues.	Companies relieved from trenches 10.30 am. Marched to billets at ANNEQUIN-SOUTH, where joined by details from BETHUNE - Transport remained at BEUVRY. PA	
ANNEQUIN SOUTH	Nov 24 th	Wed.	Battw: returned to trenches for instruction - D Coy. relieved Coy. of S. Staffs - B & C Coys, 2 Coys of Royal Berks - A Coy, Coy of 5 th Kings Liverpool T. M.G. Section split up into 3 parties for instruction - 1 casualty (Pte: CLARKE of B Coy.) HQs: at ANNEQUIN. PA	

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ANNEQUIN SOUTH	Nov. 25 th Thurs.		Remained in trenches. Pte. HERRMANN (B. Coy.) killed & buried at CAMBRIN Churchyard.	
			Pte. METCALF of C. Coy. badly wounded, a few minor wounds. <i>Ed. Pte. METCALF killed & was buried in BETHUNE?</i>	
BETHUNE	Nov. 26 th Fri.		Relieved from trenches about 11.30 am. & marched to BETHUNE, billeted at L'Ecole de jeunes	
			files - Corpl. MAYOR, acting Sgt. cook died of pneumonia, buried at BETHUNE in Churchyard. <i>Ed.</i>	
do	Nov. 27 th Sat.		Billets moved to Tobacco factory & L'Ecole Michelet. Batta. transferred to 19 th Brigade, commanded by Gen. ROBERTSON C.M.G. from today's date. Sgt. REISS promoted CSM. A Coy in place of C-Sgt. Major TANCRED, resigned & reverted to Sgt. at own request dated 24 th inst. Sgt. TANCRED takes charge of cooks temporarily. Lt. JENSEN & HAZELDINE detached for course of instruction in trench mortars. <i>Ed.</i>	
BETHUNE	Nov. 28 th Sun.		Services. Holy Communion 7 am & 8 am upper room BETHUNE New Theatre, Rue Victor Hugo. Ch. of Engl. 12 midday. Unfinished Church. Farewell address by Rev. R.H. ELLISON (98 th Bde) Commanding Officer & Adj. reported about 9.30 am 21 st Inf. Brigade HQs: on LA BASSEE Canal E. of LE QUESNOY, & were conducted round section of GIVENCHY line to be taken over by Batta. on 30 th inst. Major HAMILTON, 1 st Cameronians, attached to give instruction. Hard frost. <i>Ed.</i>	
BETHUNE	Nov. 29 th Mon		Inspection of billets, clothing & equipment. Practice in putting on gas helmets (D.P.) Wet day.	
			Relief tomorrow cancelled for 24 hours. 2/Lt. BACON detached for instruction in listening posts. <i>Ed.</i>	
do.	Nov. 30 th Tues.		Proceeded to BEUVRY Company parades & Route Marches. <i>Ed.</i>	

Ed. Baker Douglas Major (Adj.) for Colonel. 18th R.F.

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BETHUNE	Wed. Dec 1.	2-30 pm.	marched from BETHUNE, via LE QUESNOY to LE PLANTIN, N.W. of GIVENCHY. Took over trenches from Junction of SCOTTISH and NEW TRENCHES ^{at night} to FIVE ROAD on left - A Coy took over from 1 st Yorkshire Regt, B, C, D Coys from 1 st A th Cameron's. 4 lines (i) Firing line, (ii) GEORGE STREET, (iii) GROUSE BUTTS and O.B.L., (iv) LE PLANTIN VILLAGE. Relief completed by about 11 pm.	
GIVENCHY Section	Dec 2.		Found trenches very wet, badly drained, parapets old & broken, most of the shelters unsafe. No communication trench between support line and firing line - Relief at night only and most difficult - Men lost boots, equipment, & some rifles in Quagnie -	
do	Dec 3 rd		LE PLANTIN and YELLOW ROADS shelled with shrapnel by the enemy about 5.30 pm. Pte. BLACK A Coy. killed.	
do	Dec 4 th		Situation normal except for occasional bursts of fire on both sides from Artillery & machine guns.	
do	Dec 5 th		Collapse of shelter in GEORGE STREET, causing death of Ptes THOMAS and HYATT. Great artillery bombardment in afternoon. Good work done draining communication trench and repairing parapet.	
do	Dec 6 th		Quiet day except for bombardment by our guns at 4.30 am. Followed by enemy's retaliation - Sgt. Bone and 2 men wounded by shell in LE PLANTIN. Recovered by 20 th Butts, commencing 7 pm. Copt. Evans, Pte Rason wounded in GEORGE STREET.	

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ESSARS	Tues. Dec 7 th	3 am	Relief completed. Ar De Coy billeted Fine du Roi. C Coy on ESSARS - BETHUNE Road.	
do.	Dec 8 th		B Coy took over GIVENCHY REDOUBTS from 20 th R.F. General cleaning up - Baths etc.	
do.	Dec 8 th		Cleaning equipment. 18 Grenadiers ^{9th Coy} sent to GIVENCHY & attached to 5 th Scottish Rifles for instruction in bomb throwing etc. C Coy relieved B Coy in redoubts.	
do.	Dec 9 th		Inspection by Adjutant of Platoons. 18 Grenadiers from D Coy relieved those of C Coy ^{was} attached to 5 th Scottish Rifles for 24 hours instruction.	
do.	Dec 10 th		Company parades. C Coy relieved at GIVENCHY Redoubts by 6 th Queens, and return to billets at ESSARS. Transport move from LE QUESNOY to ESSARS.	
do.	Dec 10 th		19 th Brigade relieved in GIVENCHY section by 37 th Inf. Brigade.	
FONTES	Dec 11 th	9 am	Marched from ESSARS via BETHUNE, CHOCAVES, & LILLERS. arrived 2 pm.	
do.	Dec 11 th		Billets good in village street. Wet march.	
do.	Dec 12 th		General cleaning up.	
do.	Dec 13 th	12	Inspection by Brigadier General Robertson.	
do.	Dec 14 th		Company parades - Physical Drill - Bayonet exercise - Digging - Sandbag & wire work - Fitting of Gas helmets etc.	
do.	Dec 15 th		Construction of Range (100 yards) in chalk pit 600 yards W. of FONTES. Company parades. Practice in use of Sniperscopes by Snipers.	

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FONTES	Dec 16 th	9:30	Brigade Route march - Starting point level crossing E of HAM-EN-ARTOIS - Construction of range proceeded with and Company Parades in afternoon -	
do	Dec 17 th		Brigadier General inspects range work - Company route marches & parades -	
do	Dec 18 th	10:30	Inspection of billets by Brig. General - Company route marches & parades - A Company firing on range -	
do	Dec 19 th		D Coy provide fatigue party of 100 NCO & men with 2 officers to proceed to neighbouring aerodrome to dig drains & lay ashes - Church parade -	
do	Dec 20 th		Musketry on range and Company route marches & parades - Instruction in Entrenching and Working & Venting - Bombing, Machine Gun, and Sniping classes as usual - 2:30 pm. Lecture on Sanitation in Trenches -	
do	Dec 21 st		Parades by Companies as above and musketry -	
do	Dec 22 nd		Ditto - Instruction at 11:00 am 12 noon by 1 st Army Gas expert in wearing Gas helmets in barn full of gas -	
do	Dec 23 rd		Company parades & musketry (Rapid Firing) - "C" Coy provide fatigue party of 2 officers + 100 NCO & men at aerodrome -	
do	Dec 24 th		Company parades as above - "C" Coy musketry (Rapid firing) - Casuals fire on range -	

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FONTES	Dec 25 th		Church parades - Holy Communion at 7 and 8 a.m. Church of England (Voluntary) 9.30 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Company football competitions. Section competition on range, loading + firing 5 rounds at long loophole at head & shoulder target.	
do	Dec 26 th		Sunday - Church parade 11.30 a.m.	
do	Dec 27 th	8.30 a.m.	March via BUSNES, GONNEHEM, + OBLINGHEM to BETHUNE - to relieve 99 th Infantry Brigade - Order of march Batt ⁿ Signallers, A. B. C. D Coy. in Gun section - Stretcher bearers + Transport - Road flooded in parts - Total march about 16 miles - Billeted at MONTMORENCY BARRACKS.	
BETHUNE	Dec 28 th	8 a.m.	Marched via BEUVRY to ANNEQUIN FOSSE, about 5 miles - Billeted in dilapidated miners' cottages - C.O. adj. Coy Commanders, Bombing and Signalling Officers went to 22 section of CAMBRIN Trenches to look over line to be taken over next day - Heavy shelling along ANNEQUIN ROAD - LABASSEE Road.	
ANNEQUIN FOSSE	Dec 29 th	1.30 p.m.	Terrible bombardment of enemy line immediately south of LABASSEE Road all night. Marched to 22 section of trench line E of CAMBRIN + south of LABASSEE Road by way of WILSONS WAY and BURBORE ALLEY. Advanced by two sections at interval of 100 ^{yds} from ANNEQUIN FOSSE to trenches - Extent of line BOYAU 14 on right to GUN STREET on left. D, C, B Coys ^{each furnish section of} front and support lines - A Coy in reserve at end of MAISON ROUGE Trench along WINPOLE STREET - Cookers + watercart at HARLEY STREET on LABASSEE ROAD - Relief complete at 4.45 p.m. Trenches taken over from 23 rd .	Key to all 18 found this

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			<p>2nd Reg. Welsh Fusiliers on night - Royal Fusiliers (Col. Lord MAITLAND) - 19th Royal Fusiliers on Left. Pte. PATTISON shot in head at water cart at HARLEY ST.</p>	
Trenches Z2	Dec 30 th		<p>Inspection by Brig Gen. Robertson of lines trenches. Left of line badly fallen in & in need of repair. Germans blew up mine on right flank, near quarries, followed by hot bombardment in late afternoon -</p>	
do	Dec 31 st		<p>Work on repairing parapets and fire steps and communication trenches -</p>	
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CAMBRIN TRENCHES Z ₂ Subsection	Sat. Jan 1 st		Situation normal, except for artillery activity on both sides. Parapets, firesteps, and communication trenches repaired, retted, and mud pumped out. Old gas cylinders removed from parapet of firing line and carried to CAMBRIN SUPPORT POINT.	
do	Jan 2 nd	11 am.	Intense bombardment of CAMBRIN and Brigade Office - Brigadier and staff compelled to retire to cellar for 2 hours - about 8 men killed around Brigade Office, which was set afire. Brigade HQ moved to end of MAISON ROUGE and WIMPOLE STREET, and took over Batts. 14 am 18 th R.F.	
do	Jan 3 rd	4 pm.	Batts. HQ moved up to Sidings 6 out of WILSONS WAY. Enemy blew up mine behind firing line on left in ^{sub} section Z ₂ . Enemy bombarded with High Explosives and shrapnel 16 th K.R.R. on immediate left of Z ₂ subsection, wire cut, and trenches much knocked about. Continuous activity of artillery on both sides - 2/Lt HAMILTON shot in thigh getting over parapet with party proceeding by night to repair wire entanglements.	
do	Jan 4 th		Relieved (ABC Coy) by 20 th R.F. D Coy remains in WIMPOLE STREET as reserve company, while D Coy 20 th R.F. find guard at G.H.Q. Relief commenced 8.30 am, completed at 10.45 am. Batts. withdrawn to billets in ANNEQUIN SOUTH - Transport remains at BEUVRY. Shower baths by companies - one company to be Julyenig Ricquet and ready to march	

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ANNEQUIN SOUTH	Jan 5 th		at four minutes notice, remaining companies in 1/4 hour - Quiet night, little shelling - Cellars cleared, dugouts made and benches constructed on BETHONE side of houses as shelter from GERMAN shell fire from direction of LA BASSEE - Fatigue parties sent to work under REs in benches and carrying parties to RUSSELLS KEEP to carry out gas cylinders -	
do	Jan 6 th		Normal situation - Same fatigues as above - Lt ANDERSON, RAME, baton doctor admitted hospital with influenza (5 th inst) - Lt Hicks RAME (from Toronto, Canada) detailed to take his place - Inspection by C.O. of C Company in marching order -	
do	Jan 7 th		Inspection by C.O. of B Company and Machine Gun Detachment in marching order - Fatigues in benches carrying gas cylinders as above -	
do	Jan 8 th	10:30 am ^{A, B, C coys}	marched via BEUVRY, BETHONE, to B billets in ^{village of} FOUQUEREUIL (Ref. Comb. sheet BETHONE 36A + 36B) E.H.C. ; arrived 1.15 pm - Relieved in ANNEQUIN SOUTH by 21 st R.F. -	
FOUQUEREUIL	Jan 9 th		Church of England parade service 10.30 am - Holy Communion in village school 11.15 am - Billets cleaned and improved -	
do	Jan 10 th		Inspection of A Company by C.O. in marching order. Barracks for 3 companies at L'gate des Femmes Filles, BETHONE - Work on billets -	

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FOUQUEREIL	Jan 11 th		Inspection of D th Company by C.O. Physical Drill, Bayonet exercise, Platoon Drill, & Musketry parades - Bombing instruction - 2/Lt. BACON left Batt ⁿ for work as intelligence officer at Brigade office - Received news of evacuation of GALLIPOLI. Batt ⁿ in waiting from 5 pm. 10 th until 5 pm. tonight, ready to move at shortest notice.	
do	Jan 12 th		Company Parades as above. C.O. and Adjutant go by motorcar from BETHUNE to AIRE for lecture on "Cooperation of Artillery with infantry".	
do	Jan 13 th		C.O. Adjutant and O.C. Companies visit A1 section of trenches, immediately north of LABASSEE Road at CAMBRIN SUPPORT POINT. Company parades in morning - Staff holiday and Company football matches in afternoon.	
do	Jan 14 th	9am	March via BETHUNE and BEURRY to ANNEQUIN NORTH, exchanging billets with 16 th K.R.P.	
ANNEQUIN NORTH	Jan 15 th	5pm	Relieved 1 st Queens A, subsection HARLEY STREET. Major Douglas proceeded Brigade at Temp. S.C.	
x A.1. Sectn	16 th		A Coy left of firing line B on right C in Cinchy and Braddell keeps D Cambin Support point	
do	17 th		Braddell point is regularly shelled each for a short period each day, and the front line suffers from "kissin" - German aeroplanes presented on Howitzers replying most of the time.	
do	18 th		Similar state of affairs. Gen. Landau went round the lines.	

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A.I. Subsector	19 Jan	2pm	Firing line Coys relieved by C (A) and D (B) in the afternoon. German artillery and aeroplanes are more active here than elsewhere in our line but so far Mimi has not hit us today and our Howitzers have been more energetic.	
do.	20 Jan		Quiet along front. 1 Platoon Cyclist Company came for instruction. Placed half with C & half with D. Artillery relief proceeding. Attempts to give support to D Co in reply to bomb . Trench mortar was snatched - partly behind our line - reported to Brigade. Death of 2 Lt. D.M.H. Jewell - in mine shaft.	
do.	21 Jan		Jewell buried at Windy Caves - died through trying to rescue a party gassed by fumes after Germans exploded a mine near ours, presumably blocking ours. Quiet day along the line. We are keeping Mimi quiet with good artillery assistance - activity mainly against D Coy on night. No casualties.	
do.	22 Jan		Quiet day, no casualties - Incoming batt: 20 th RF Toured trenches (Col. & Compd officers)	
	23 Jan		Relieved after dark by 20 th RF and marched to BEUVRY NORTH. Arrived late dark and tried but was falling out.	
BEUVRY North	24 Jan		Reveille 7.0am. deep rest. one fatigue of 50 men sent to Ameyin. Concert at 6.0pm - arranged by Skey. Batt ⁿ ready to move at 1/2 hour notice at night, 1 hour day, while at Beuvry.	
	25 Jan		1 st Parade 9.30. many fatigues sent to trenches. B & C Coys. Capt Groome returned from hospital.	

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do	26 Jan		Same fatigues. D & A cogs. otherwise easy day.	
do	27 Jan		Kaisers birthday. had ^{Batt} Test mobilisation during afternoon.	
do	28 Jan		Batt ⁿ relieved 5 th Sect. Rifles in B 1. section. A & B cogs firing line and redoubts C & D cogs in support at Port face.	
B 1 section	29 Jan		Quiet day. C cog & pioneers worked all night clearing communication trenches damaged by shelling yesterday. Snipers are inclined to be troublesome to B co on night - but only 3 slight casualties so far.	
do	30 Jan		A & B cogs patrolled ground in front during night. Night was quiet on our front. Frosty.	
BETHUNE	31 Jan		Relieved late on evening of 30 th by 21 st R Fus and marched back carrying packs to Rue d'AIRE. Last party (machine guns) arrived about 4.0 am. Two Lewis guns & teams were left in trenches to be relieved today by 98 th Brigade - but a third gun had to be left as one of the 2 guns taken into trenches by 21 st R Fus was out of order. Billets here are scattered but comfortable. Batt ⁿ is, under Brigade scheme, under 2 hours notice. Leave to outside Billet Area limited in consequence.	

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Feb. 1 st 1916 Rue d'AIRE BETHUNE	morning parades. Inspection of coys by C.O.	
" 2 nd " "	do. do. Batt ⁿ in waiting from 5 pm.	
" 3 rd " "	morning parades. Batt ⁿ in waiting till 5 pm.	
" 4 th " "	do. afternoon football match v 20 th R. Fus. in field off Rue de Lille. draw 1-1.	
" 5 th " "	Batt ⁿ ordered to move to ANNEQUIN SOUTH. Order cancelled and batt ⁿ to stand fast.	
" 6 th " "	Batt ⁿ moves to ANNEQUIN STH. BILLETs: partly occupied by 16 th KRR and mixture of many units were in a very bad condition - and some buildings having been converted or become less habitable. there is not enough accommodation. Transport remains one day at BETHUNE.	
" 7 th ANNEQUIN S.	Spent in cleaning billets, improving dugouts, and furnishing working parties. C.O left for artillery course at AIRE. Fatigue party, company of natural heavy shelled. 3 men killed & other casualties.	
" 8 th " "	ditto. nothing to record	
" 9 th " "	ditto. Col. Daly ^{ADMS} came round & complimented batt ⁿ . Had not seen better billets & would report so to the General.	
" 10 th " "	ditto. nothing to record.	
" 11 th " "	Batt ⁿ relieved 2 R.W.F in Z.O. in the evening. A, C & D coys in the firing line - B in RAILWAY TR. RLWY KEEP and FACTORY TR. Relief complete at 9.30 pm.	

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12 th Feb. Z. O.	Line heavily shelled 2.15 - 4.30 pm. Communication trenches knocked about. only 3 casualties. Line otherwise fairly quiet and trenches better than any others we have been in.	
13 th Feb. Z. O.	Quieter. 7 th LEINSTER officers visited trenches.	
14 th Feb. Z. O.	Batt. relieved by 7 th LEINSTERS. & marched to BETHUNE. Billets A+C Coy. ECOLE JEUNES FILLES B+D Coy. FERME DU ROI. last man in about 2.30 am.	
15 th Feb. BETHUNE	Batt. all day at ECOLE des JEUNES Filles.	
16 th Feb. "	In billets nothing to report.	
17 th Feb. Z O	Batt. relieved by 7 th LEINSTERS in Z O. D C + B Coy in firing line A Coy in support. Relief complete 9.15 pm.	
18 th Feb. "	Day quiet with exception of some activity on part on part of enemy snipers.	
19 Feb. "	Quiet day. 1 Coy. Inmaster Regt. relieved C Coy. centre part. for 3 days instruction.	
20 th Feb. "	Quiet day - one of our planes brought down near La Basse Rd.	
21 st Feb. "	Quiet day. Wind Easterly. usual precautions observed - part Coy had test gas alarms by night.	
22 nd Feb. "	Relief by 1 st Middlesex. Relief complete 8.40 pm. Batt. marched to Billets in RUE D'AIRE BETHUNE.	

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Inspection of New draft of 25 men by Comm. Officer.

24th " "Day spent by Battⁿ in having baths at ECOLE DES JEUNES FILLES.25th " "Inspection & farewell speech by Brigadier General ^{PR} Robertson C.M.S.26th " "Battⁿ moved by train to S^t OMER. Great difficulty experienced in getting Transport to BETHUNE Station owing to roads being frozen. From S^t OMER station Battⁿ marched to Billets in CAMPAGNE. Billets found in bad condition.27th Feb CAMPAGNE

Day spent in cleaning and improving billets.

28th " "Company parades morning and afternoon. Owing to heavy fall of snow parade grounds ^{are} very wet.29th " "

Nothing fresh to report. Company parades and route marches in morning and afternoon.

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