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WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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15th Battalion 4th Inf. Brigade. A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front line	1/2/17		At 4 P.M. a party consisting of 150 + 3 officers from A. Coy. with 40 men + 3 officers from B. Coy. attacked enemy position in a front of about 550 yards. The German line was entered + 50 prisoners taken. A counter attack at about 11 P.M. was beaten off.	
	2/2/17		At 4.30 A.M. a strong counter attack was launched against our new position. At 5 A.M. our men were forced to retire to their original position. Battalion was relieved from front line at 8.30 P.M. + went to Perth Camp.	
Perth Camp	3/2/17		Very hard frost. A few small fatigues were supplied to 4th DIV. R.E. Remainder of men resting.	
	4/2/17		General Holiday.	
	5/2/17		Reorganising + refitting men. Small fatigue parties supplied to 4th DIV. R.E. General improvements to camp being carried out.	
	8/2/17		Fatigue party of 1 officer + 80 O.R. supplied to 4th DIV. R.E. daily. Specialists training (Bombardier + Lewis Gunners) being carried on.	

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Yamerville	9/2/14		Battalion moved to Becont B. Camp. X. 26. Central (Albert)	
Becont B.	10/2/14		Bombing & machine gun practice. Also close order drill. Party of 11 off & 100 O.R. supplied to 4th BRIGADE.	
	11/2/14		Y-haw setting in & weather getting warm. Battalion went to church parade at Mametz Camp.	
	12/2/14		Lewis gunners & snipers doing shooting on range. Bombers & a number of men per company being instructed in the firing of rifle grenades. Intelligence Section being trained.	
	15/2/14		Fatigue party of 1 off & 100 O.R. still being supplied. Close order drill. Particular attention is being paid to training of specialists (Lewis gunners, Bombers, Signallers & Intelligence Section).	
	17/2/14		Bombers being trained in putting on a barrage with rifle grenades. Practices were highly successful. Lewis gunners being trained in firing from hips while advancing. Remainder of boys on rifle range.	

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Ribemont	20/2/17		Advance party & Billeting officer sent to Ribemont. Battalion preparing to move.	
	21/2/17		Battalion moved to Ribemont, arriving at 1 P.M. March discipline excellent.	
	22/2/17		Specialist training & close order drill. Afternoon devoted to kit inspections.	
	23/2/17		Battalion parade was held in forenoon. Inspection by Lt Col. M. Sharry M.C. Afternoon a general holiday.	
	24/2/17		Church Parade only.	
	25/2/17		The Battalion less specialists were on open order work. Open order work being carried on. One company each day doing rifle shooting while advancing.	
	27/2/17		Close order drill carried on. Lewis gunner firing on range. As many Lewis gunners as possible being trained.	
	28/2/17			

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