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AMIENS.

Hembrough, John Ashton

45th Infantry Battalion No:1929

Date of Birth: 2/10/1894

1914

AUG: Britain declares war on Germany

AUG: Mulhouse, Lorraine, the Ardennes, Charleroi & Mons

SEPT: Raising of 13th Infantry Battalion

SEPT: 1st Battle of the Marne (trench warfare)

SEPT-NOV: Albert, Arras, 1st Battle of Ypres

DEC-MAR 1915: 1st Battle of Champagne

1915

MAR: Battle of Neuve Chapelle

APR-DEC: ANZACs at Gallipoli

APR-MAY: 2nd Battle of Ypres (chemical weapons), Festubert

SEPT: Loos



1916

FEB-DEC: Verdun

MAR: Raising of 45th Infantry Battalion

JUN: 45th Departs Egypt for France

JUL-NOV: The *Somme* (ANZACs at *Fromelles, Pozieres, Mouquet Farm & Guedecourt*)

JUL: 45th Enters frontline at *Fleurbaix*

1917

APR: *Arras & Vimy Ridge* (ANZACs at *Bullecourt*)

APR-MAY: 2nd Battle of *Aisne* (ANZACs at *Lagnicourt*)

JUN: *Messines* (ANZACs)

JUL-NOV: 3rd Battle of *Ypres* (ANZACs at *Menin Rd, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele & Broodseine*)

NOV: *Cambrai* (Tanks first used in large numbers)

1918

MAR-JUN: ANZACs at *Dernancourt, Hebuterne, Morlancourt, Hazebrouck, Hangard Wood, Villers-Bretonneux & Merris*)

MAY-JUN: 3rd Battle of Aisne. *Cantigny, Chateau Thierry & Belleau Wood* (US troops)

JUL-AUG: 2nd Battle of the Marne. *Amiens* (ANZACs at *Hamel, Etinehem, Bray, Proyart, Chuignes & Lihons*)

SEPT: ANZACs at *Mont Saint-Quentin & Bellicourt*

OCT: ANZACs at *Montbrehain*

NOV: Armistice (11th November)

1919

MAY: (2nd) 45th Disbanded



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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1929
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Name HEMBROUGH John Ashton
 Unit 45th Battalion
 Joined on 21/2/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? John Ashton HEMBROUGH
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Molong in or near the Town of Molong in the County of NSW
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) A. B. B. O.
4. What is your age? 21 years 3 months
5. What is your trade or calling? Carpenter
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No (apprentice no longer)
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated.) John Ashton Hembrough, Waratah, Moree, N.S.W.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Unfit, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. 21st Feb/14. 1 1/2 years not serving
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, John Ashton Hembrough do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

*And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife three-fifths

Date 21-2-1916 John Ashton Hembrough
 Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.

Dates

May 22nd 1916. Sailed from Sydney.

May 24th 1916. Arrived at Melbourne.

May 26th 1916. Left for Fremantle.

May 31st 1916. Arrived at Fremantle.

June 1st 1916. Sailed for Durban.

June 11th 1916. Arrived at Durban.

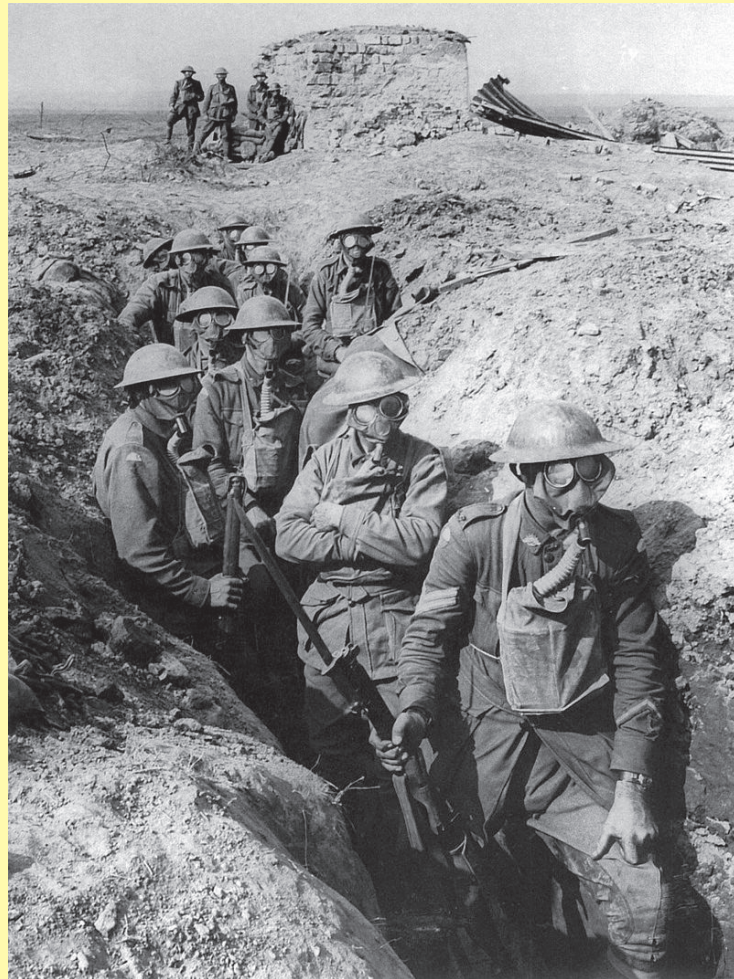
June 12th 1916. Sailed for Capetown.

June 21st 1916. Arrived at Capetown.

HMAT Warilda



Sept 16th 1916. Left
for Boulogne (France)
via Folkestone.
Sept 14th 1916. Arrived
at Staples. ed. D. B.
Depot.
Sept 24th 1916. Left
Staples for Belgium on
the firing line.
Sept 28th 1916. Joined
the Battalion on the
firing line.
October 14th. Went into
the firing line.
October 15th 1916. Raid on
Fritzy.



15th October. Raid carried out on enemy's trenches between O.7.C.5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
and O.7.2.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.9. - Map reference 1 10,000

Sheet WYTSCHAETE - 28 S.W.2.
Raid very successfully carried out and enemy's trenches
explored for a distance of 70 yards, but no Germans
were in the trench and identification unobtainable.
Casualties - to R.P. - 4 O.R. Wounded.
Artillery preparation was very good.
Retaliation was not serious a few shrapnel shells and
Rum jars being sent over.
Casualties - 2 O.R. Killed - 8 O.R. Wounded.

After lunch on the 26th October the Bn. marched to Godeswarvelde. Blankets had been dumped in the morning but up till 3 o'clock the motor transport had not arrived to move them.

The Bn. was a picture on moving out from this camp. Dozens of the men were drunk and could hardly stand up. One N.C.O. who was intoxicated was standing in the roadway near a Sentry box when he noticed the C.O. coming along at the head of the column. He could hardly stand but he pulled himself together and as the C.O. went past he "presented arms" and pretended to be on Sentry Duty. The C.O. however noticed him and he went along for Orderly Room later on.

Old Wagga, Hqrs. Cook, was also a picture. He was covered in black from the pots and pans and as drunk as could be and had two sheepskin vests on and no tunic. He would persist in getting into the limelight too and as the Bn. was moving off and it was impossible for him to walk we threw him on top of a wagon and covered a tarpaulin over him.

The train left at 6 p.m. and the next day we detrained at Longpre. This meant the Somme Area again. Before we left up north all sorts of rumours were current as to our destination. Some said that the 1st Div. had left and gone to Marseilles en route for Egypt and that we were bound for there too as the authorities wouldn't keep us in France for the winter months because it would be too cold and we wouldn't stand it. When we arrived at Longpre we knew our destination but didn't know all that was before us for the next few months.

On detrainment we saw hundreds of French motor lorries and we thought that we were to be transported by lorry, but no such luck. All the Frenchy Drivers had on great thick furry coats and they looked very comical but I guess were very serviceable.

The weather at this time was getting cold and we had had much rain. All the crops had been reaped long before and the ground ploughed up ready for winter crops. The land was never allowed to remain idle long and as soon as one crop was taken off another one was put in.

The Bn. marched about six miles to a little village called Brucamp where we remained for several days. This was a very small dirty little village, which lay right in a narrow valley and on both sides the hills went straight up and were exceptionally steep. Ernie and I searched round for a billet and managed to get a room with the Mayor of the village.

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October 16th 1916
by [unclear]
October 26th 1916
Reviewed by the King's
Royal Rifles
October 26th 1916
[unclear] for the [unclear]
October 27th - changed to [unclear]
November 1st. [unclear] on
from [unclear] to
[unclear]
November 6th 1916
[unclear] up to [unclear]
November 11th 1916, [unclear]
up to [unclear]
November 18th 1916, [unclear]
up to [unclear]
November 19th 1916

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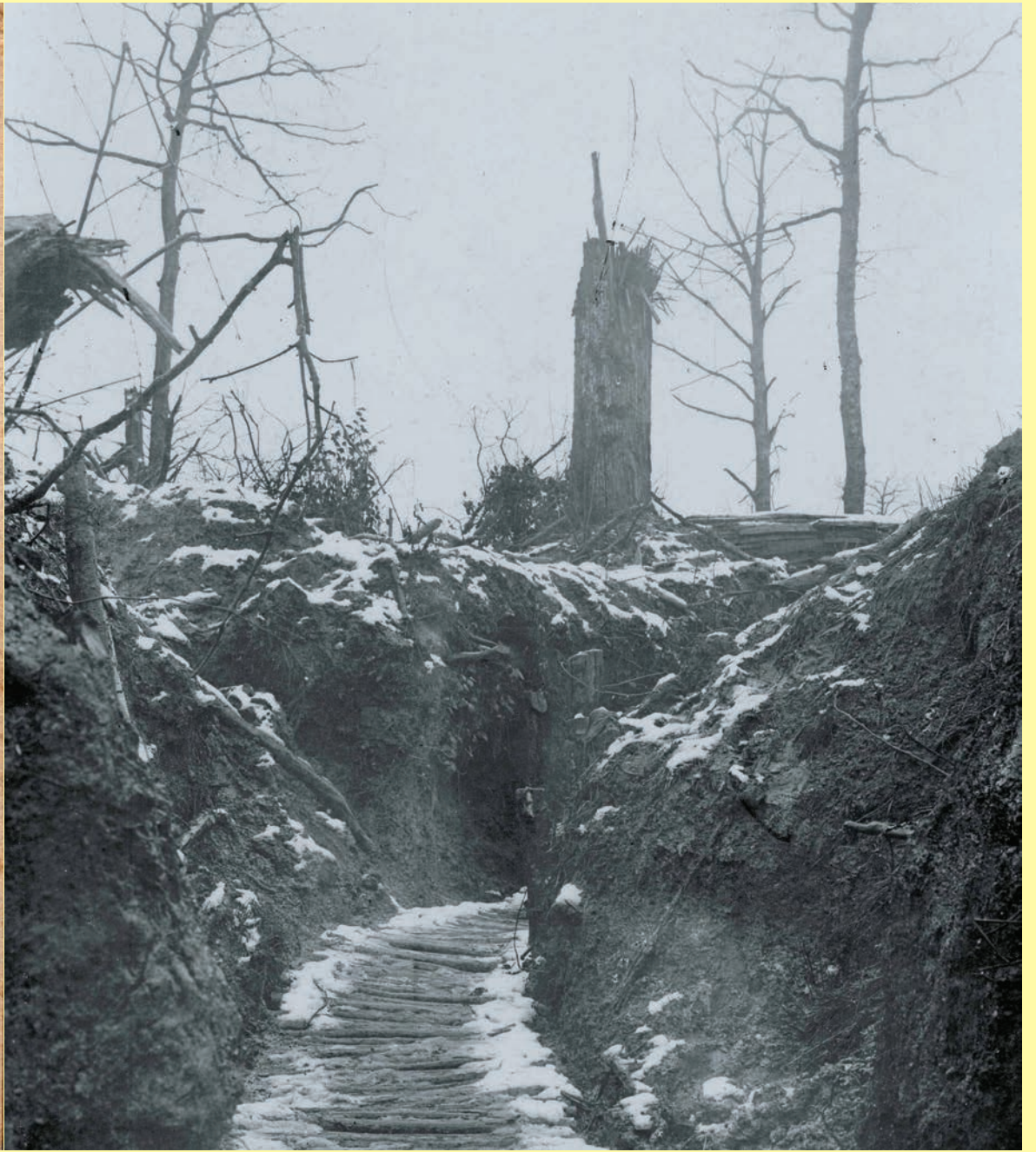
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Essexelles	1-1-17		Position still at Essexelles - training including route marching carried on.	
"	2-1-17	8:55am	Left Essexelles and marched to FRANVILLIERS. Arrived there at 15pm and billeted there.	
Essevilliers	3-1-17	9am	Left Essevilliers and marched to DERNANCOURT, arrived there 12 noon and billeted there.	
DERNANCOURT	4-1-17		Preparation being made to go forward. Men's feet, boots and equipment receiving special attention.	
"	5-1-17	10am	Left Dernancourt. 10am arrived FRICOURT 12 noon. Camped in huts.	
FRICOURT	6-1-17		accommodation good. Left FRICOURT and marched to HOBART CAMP, BAZENTIN. 2 companies left BAZENTIN 4pm and relieved 2 companies of 1st Bn in BULLS RUN and PILGRIM WAY. Trenches (Right Bn sector).	
BAZENTIN	7-1-17		Remainder of Bn relieved remainder of 1st Bn in front line trenches GUEUBECOURT. Relief complete 6:45 pm. Right of Bn at R. 21.2.74.	
"	8-1-17		Left of Bn at R. 21.2.79. No main land ^{patrols} patrols , conditions generally normal. Casualties 3 OR wounded.	
FRONT LINE	9-1-17		holding line. Fire and communication in very bad order. Improvement carried on in front, support, and C.T. Trenches. Shelters rebuilt. Conditions normal. 45 O.R. marched in from 4th A.D.B.D. Casualties 1 OR killed.	
"	9-1-17		Still in line. Left company relieved by a support company. EVE alley C.T. worked on by working party of 10/50 OR. Draining. Casualties 1 O.R. Wounded.	
"	10-1-17		Still in line. Improvement carried on. Large amount of material salvaged, including 88 Rifles. Casualties 1 OR killed 1 OR wounded.	

via Transvaal 93.
Jan 5th 1914 left for
Tarnier.
Jan 10th 1914. Left for
Barron Camp.
Jan 17th 1914. Went into
the front line.
Jan 14th 1914. Was
relieved went into
Map trench.
Jan 24th 1914. Was
relieved went into
trench at Noamity.
February 9th left
Noamity for Gap
trench, joined L. 9. Section.
Feb 16th 1914 Went



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en route

had april moved
up to Japanville.

11th April. Went into
the firing line near
Pauke.

12th April. Got wounded
in the right axilla
with a piece of R.C.
Got it dressed at
Bat R. L. 200.

13th April. Was sent to
13th F.D. & had the
wound dressed. Was
sent from there to
the 46th C.C.S. at

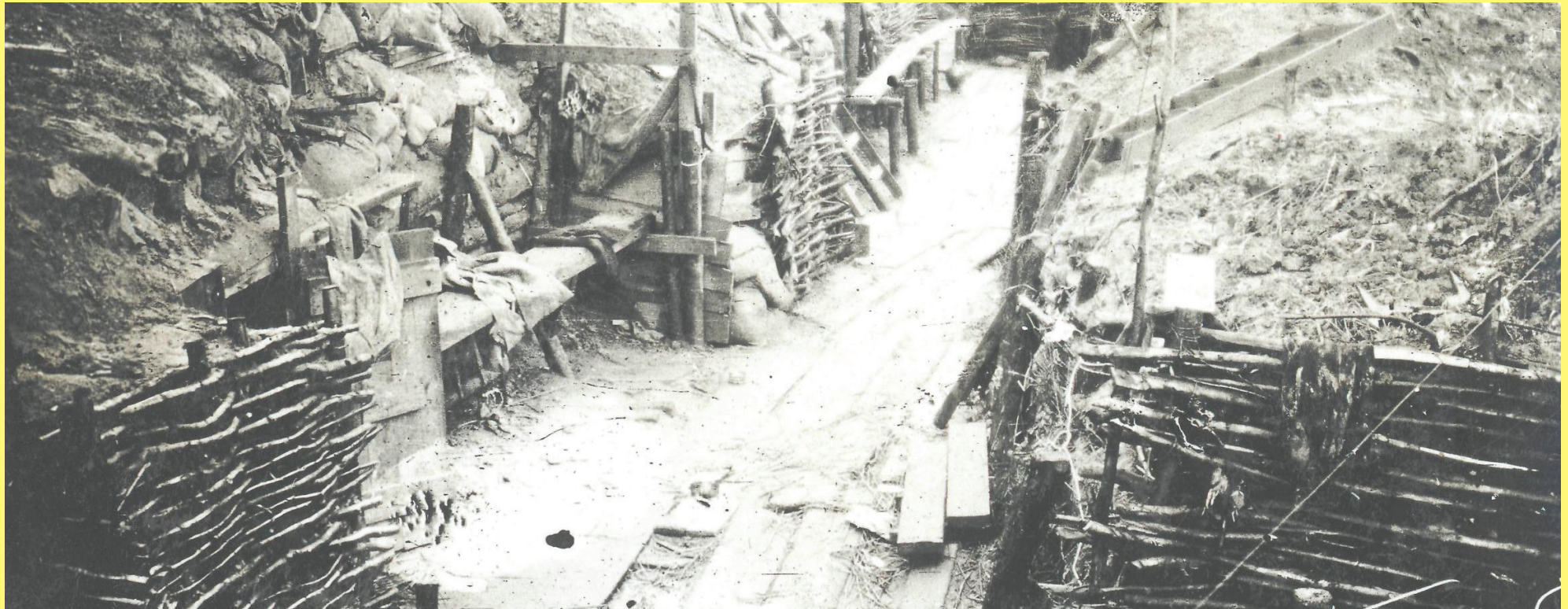


LABARQUE 1-4-17
M. 6 C. 8-2

do 2-4-17

Still at La. BARQUE.
79 O.R. marched in from 4th A.D.B. D. Staples 1-4-17.

Camps struck at LA BARQUE and Battalion moved to northern outskirts
of BAPAUME (H. 21 d), arrived there 12 noon and camp pitched.



FRONT LINE 12/3-4-17

Still holding line. Situation normal.
Officers patrols sent out at 8 pm to ascertain enemy dispositions and in
HINDENBURG LINE opposite. Patrols returned 12 midnight and reported enemy
holding line fairly strongly. 12-4-17 relieved by 18th Bde from C. 5. A. 5-2
to U. 28 C. 2-3, relief complete by 11-30 pm. That portion of line from
U. 28 C. 2-3 to U. 27 d 2-5, taken over by 18th Bde. B. E. 3rd now left. Bde marched
back to their camp at BAPAUME (H. 21 d) arrived there 3 am 14-4-17.
Casualties - 12 noon 12/4/17 to 12 noon 12/4/17 - 4 O.R. wounded
12 noon 12/4/17 to 12 noon 13/4/17 - 1 O.R. killed - 1 O.R. wounded

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30th June. Battalion
went into support
trenches. Twelve quoniam
from each company
were left back for
instruction at Khatpyp
Camp.

3rd July. Went to chapel
General Holmes funeral
Mr. Holman was there.
6th July. Went to chapel
General Godley funeral.

10th General Godley
presented medals to
the men who won
them in the trenches.



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The Division suffered a great loss just at this time when the Divisional Commander Genl. Holmes was killed. The Genl. accompanied by Mr. W. A. Holman, Premier of N.S.W. drove up to Ploegsteert and was going to visit the different units stationed there. Just after they left the car a shell burst alongside them and the Genl. was killed. He was buried at the "Trois Arbres Cemetery" between Romarin and Steenwercke. The Genl. was well liked by the whole Division, he was a splendid soldier and organiser and he was a great loss to the Australian force and the whole Army.

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HALIFAX CAMP	1.10.17	1.10.17	B ² marched from Elms Hall 7.16 B.S. to Halifax Camp H.W.S. arriving dusk	
	2.10.17		at 1.30pm on 1.10.17	
STEENVOORDE	2.10.17	2.10.17	formed by 1st Lt. & STEENVOORDE AREA - B.P.R. located KOS 2.9.8. Details left	
	2.10.17		Island at Reinforcement Camp CAESTRE repaired	
	2.10.17		5.10.17 1st Lt. & Bering 2.2.0 transferred to Red Camp, and left for England.	
YPRES	2.10.17		Major R. S. 2nd Lt. 1st Lt. B ² took over command of B ²	
WESTHOEK RIDGE	2.10.17	2.10.17	B ² (less 6 Off + 20 P.R. which remained at Reinforcement Camp CAESTRE)	
ZONNEBEKE	12.10.17		1st STEENVOORDE area at 8 am transferred to YPRES arriving dusk at 12.30pm - After dinner the B ² proceeded to the front line & relieved 5 th L.S. B ² relief being completed by 12.30am on 10.9.17. 1st Lt. B ² situated at 24 4.1.1. and 25th ME. in position 4.1.1.1.	
	11.10.17		Major R. S. 2nd Lt. 1st Lt. B ² assumed command and relieved 1st Lt. A. S. 2nd Lt. B ² at 12 midnight.	
	12.10.17		B ² relieved by 1st Lt. B ² and 2nd Lt. WESTHOEK RIDGE later to Explains 1st Lt. YPRES arriving at 3 am on 11th inst.	
YPRES	12.10.17		Major R. S. 2nd Lt. 1st Lt. B ² transferred from 1st Lt. B ² to 1st Lt. B ² change of B ²	
	12.10.17		B ² at Explains 5th L.S. YPRES	

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24th Sept Went into the firing line Polygon Wood.

23rd Sept Was relieved went out to Elms Wall.

22nd Sept Went back to Polygon Camp.

2nd Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

1st Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

31st Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

30th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

29th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

28th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

27th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

26th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

25th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

24th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

23rd Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

22nd Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

21st Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

20th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

19th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

18th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

17th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

16th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

15th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

14th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

13th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

12th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

11th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

10th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

9th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

8th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

7th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

6th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

5th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

4th Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

3rd Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

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1st Oct Went back to Polygon Camp.

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YPRES	19.10.17		4.10.17 1st Lt. B ² & 2nd Lt. B ² arrived at KOS 2.9.8. 1st Lt. B ² & 2nd Lt. B ² inspected the B ²	
FRONT LINE	19.10.17		1st Lt. B ² & 2nd Lt. B ² arrived at KOS 2.9.8. 1st Lt. B ² & 2nd Lt. B ² inspected the B ²	
YPRES	20.10.17		B ² relieved by 1st Lt. B ² & 2nd Lt. B ² (relief completed by 6.25pm) & moved to bivouac at 4.0.17	
HALIFAX	22.10.17		B ² marched to Halifax Camp H.W.S. where details from CAESTRE repaired.	
BOMY AREA	26.10.17		B ² arrived at BRANTHOEK at 8.30 am 26.10.17 & proceeded to WIZERNES & named by 1st Lt. & 2nd Lt. B ² & ERNY ST JULIAN, BOMY AREA.	
" "	27.10.17		Still in BOMY AREA. Training	
" "	28.10.17		A Battalion N.C.O. school was started on 29 inst	
<u>HONOURS and REWARDS</u>				
3910 2nd Lt. L. S. DREW				
2266 2nd Lt. W. F. PAVE				} MILITARY MEDAL
2491 2nd Lt. G. LOVETT				

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16th December Snowed
today.

20th December Thursday
not a bad day, snowing
lightly. Pretty miserable

the 1918

1st January A Holiday

but much the same
day as Christmas day

5th January Evacuated
with brother
went to a rest station

11th January. Was sent
to C.C.S.

12th January. Was sent
on A train to also
General Hospital
Edinburgh.



went back to reserve
at Bazay.

8th April went further
back to reserve at
Lannec. Pont-Croixelle.

10th April left Pont-Croixelle
a went back to billets
at Petit-Bardouet.

2nd April left Petit-Bardouet
for Trichereau.

13th April left Trichereau
for La-Boulaye.

11th April left La-Boulaye
for Lannec.

2nd April left Lannec
for the line (light) went
into line at Villard Buxtonneux

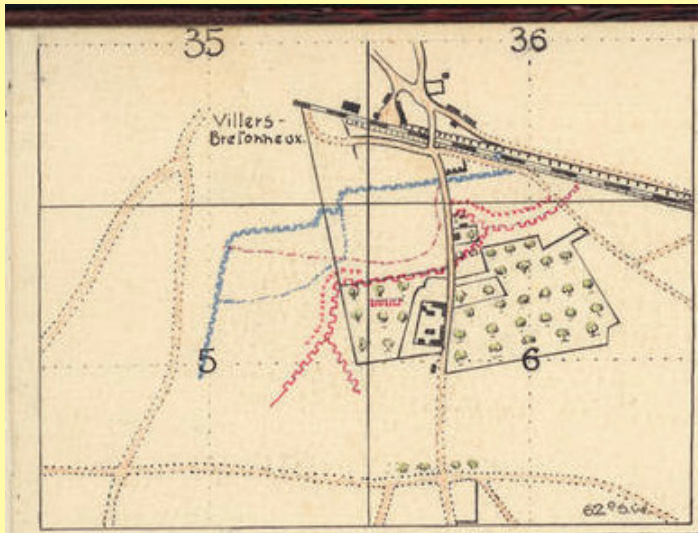
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3rd April Bay was relieved
by the 49th Battalion
came back to Blangy Tronville
6th April left Blangy Tronville
for reserve trench
1st April left reserve
relieved the 46th
in close reserve.

9th April left reserve &
relieved 10th Bde in
~~reserve~~ reserve. (left sector)

10th April left ~~reserve~~
& moved up to close
~~reserve~~ reserve (Sector Switched)

13th April Bay was relieved by
a company came

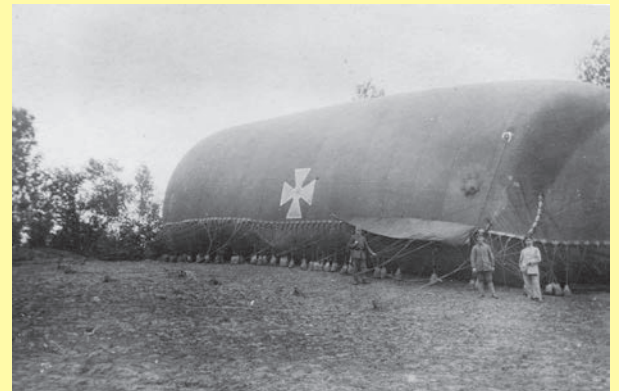


LIEUT HUGHES and 8. Other ranks. REG. H. 18.

Patrol left our lines at 9:30 P.M., to patrol "No-man's land" and ascertain if wire on West edge of wood is old or new. The enemy holds a post on W. edge of MOONBENT WOOD, and M.G. is in position about on the corner of W. edge. The wire is old but has been strengthened by new wire. No patrols or posts were encountered in front of this position. No Enemy movement was seen. Patrol returned at 11:30 P.M.

LIEUT. J. VINCENT and 3 Other ranks. REG. H. 18.

Patrol left our lines at 12 Midnight to patrol houses at U. 6. A. 6. 8, then along N. edge of MOONBENT WOOD to the W. edge, to observe all movement and locate any new enemy posts or works. Enemy post was found in front of houses at U. 6. A. 6. 8, where one man was seen firing flares at intervals. Patrol then worked along Northern edge of wood. Enemy were heard talking just in rear of edge of wood where there is a trench. Transports were heard moving on road at U. 6. C, and seemed to stop at Southern edge of wood. A post was discovered at about ten yards in front of W. end of wood at O. 5. B; One man was seen firing flares. Patrol returned to our lines at 2:30 A.M.



S E C R E T.

H.Q.	
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
NO.	10
DATE	7-8-18

Headquarters,
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

7th August 1918.

1. Reference to Brigade Order No. 221, para. 8 -
Z E R O H O U R will be *4.30 am* on the *5th* instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

ack R.P.

A.A. Norman
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Issued to Signals at..... *2.30 pm*

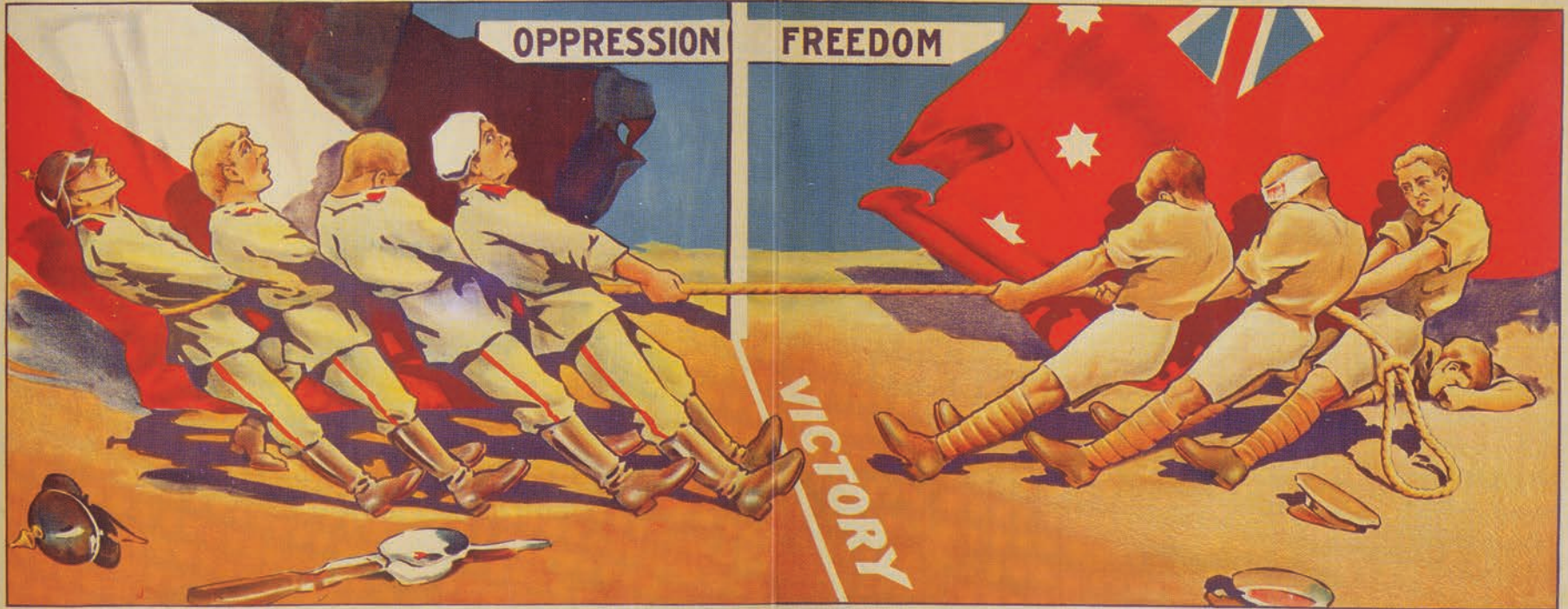
11th We were still standing by for the move to-day, but at about 1200 word was received that our move was postponed a further twelve hours. At about 1100 an unofficial message by telephone from Brigade brought the welcome news that the armistice had been signed at 0500 to take effect from 1100. This message though never confirmed by wire was received with joy by all ranks.

12th The weather was quite fine and reveille sounded at 0430. After an early breakfast the Bn. proceeded by march route to AILLY-sur-Somme. The Starting point was passed at 0710 and we reached our destination at 0930. The Bn. after having lunch, entrained, but owing to no engine being available it was midnight before the train moved out. The night was very cold and all ranks were partial to fires, which were in plenty.

2Y.

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for Boulogne arrived at
Boulogne.
2nd Lt left Boulogne
for Amiens, Lt Amiens
for Biggigny by train.
Lt Biggigny a walkie
to Chalons at day H. 2.
2nd Lt left Chalons
for Pisy arrived at Pisy
formed the Battalion
Lt Amiens, Amiens
was replaced by Fritz
Battalion moved at H.A.M.
2nd Lt Amiens, Lt Pisy
for Ailly-sur-Somme.
entrained for Soissons.



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