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				<p><i>1</i> Fine and bright. Rather cold. Companies training under Company Commanders in the attack and special training in exploitation.</p> <p><i>2</i> Cold rain at intervals throughout the day. Demonstration by the battalion in the attack and exploitation witnessed by the G.O.C. IV Corps., G.O.C. 5th Division., B.O.C. 95th Inf. Bde and representation of other units in the Brigade.</p> <p><i>3</i> Fine and Bright. All companies under Company Commanders for inspections et preparatory to moving forward. Battalion moved from BETHENCOURT at 16.30 hours and marched to Billets at SALESCHES arriving at 00.30 hours 4th inst. Accommodation not very good owing to the village being full of 37th Divisional Troops. Our artillery fairly active all night especially the heavies. At 05.30 hours our barrage commenced and 37th Division went over.</p>	

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	4 th			<i>Battalion at SALESCHES having marched from BETHENCOURT the night of 3/4th November.</i>	
	5 th			<p><i>At 01.15 hours Battalion marched from LOUVIGNIES to assembly positions along road in S.12.b. and assembly was completed by 04.30 hours, and we were prepared to pas through the 37th Division who were holding a line somewhere through the Forest de Mormal.</i></p> <p><i>At 05.10 hours "B" Company followed by "C" Company commenced to move up the main road towards LE CODELOT with orders to pass through the 37th Division and make good the RED DOTTED LINE.</i></p> <p><i>Companies moved up the road with Platoons in file with 100 yards distance.</i></p> <p><i>The most forward positions of the 37th Division were found to be the Cross Roads in T.2.c., this was reached by the leading platoons at 06.30 hours, where one platoon was sent</i></p>	

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	5 th			<p><i>down the road to the right as far as the RED DOTTED LINE, the remainder of the Company continuing the advance to LE CODELOT. In the meantime "C" Company took up a defensive position at the Cross Roads and remained there until the RED DOTTED LINE was made good by "B" Company. This was accomplished at 07.30 hours.</i></p> <p><i>"C" Company then moved up to the RED DOTTED LINE and took up a position on the left of "B" Company, touch being gained with 1st BEDFORDS on left, 1st EAST SURREYS on right, when arrangements were made to continue the advance at 09.50 hours.</i></p> <p><i>At 09.50 hours "B" and "C" Companies advanced in Artillery Formation with "B" Company in Support. "A" Company in reserve and the BLACK OBJECTIVE was made good at 09.30 hours without opposition.</i></p> <p><i>Touch still being maintained with our flanks, the advance towards the YELLOW OBJECTIVE was continued at 10.15 hours until the line was held up by Machine Guns, which</i></p>	

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	<i>5th</i>			<p><i>were firing from high ground in U.7. and Wood U.1.b. and d.</i></p> <p><i>Patrols were then sent out and reported Machine Guns in WOOD at U.1.b. central and high ground along the 140 contour.</i></p> <p><i>The BEDFORDS not being able to get up, our left flank became exposed to enfilade Machine Gun Fire, which prevented the advance.</i></p> <p><i>Soon after this the enemy artillery opened fire on the front and support lines.</i></p> <p><i>At 14.30 hours a section of the 52nd Battery R.F.A. opened on selected spots on High Ground, and was successful in dislodging enemy machine guns, this enabling us to continue the advance at 15.15 hours.</i></p> <p><i>By 16.30 hours our front Companies passed through the YELLOW OBJECTIVE and established a line along the Road running North and South in U.3.d. and U.9.a</i></p>	

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	<i>6th</i>			<p><i>At 03.30 hours "D" and "A" Companies were ordered to pass through "B" and "C" companies and make good the BROWN OBJECTIVE.</i></p> <p><i>The companies moved down the road with platoons in file with 100 yards distance and at 04.30 hours entered the village of PONT SUR SAMBRE at U.11.a.1/9. They then made good the Western side of the Village, capturing 16 Prisoners and 1 Machine Gun.</i></p> <p><i>We then took up a position approximately 300 yards E. of the BROWN OBJECTIVE where touch was gained with 1st EAST SURREYS on right and 1st CHESHIREs on left.</i></p> <p><i>Intense Machine Gun Fire was coming from the Eastern Bank of the river SAMBRE and enemy artillery shelled the line of BROWN OBJECTIVE heavily throughout the day, which prevented our making good the Bridge Head.</i></p> <p><i>Patrols which were sent out reported that the bridge at</i></p>	

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	6 th			<p><i>PONT SUR SAMBRE was completely demolished.</i></p> <p><i>The enemy artillery fire ceased towards dusk and the 15th Infantry Brigade, who were ordered to secure the crossings of the RIVER SAMBRE, were able to erect Foot Bridge across the river during the night 6th/7th and by 04.00 hours had two Battalions on the Eastern Bank of the River.</i></p>	
	7 th			<p><i>The 95th Infantry Brigade assembled in the village of PONT SUR SAMBRE in readiness to cross the River in the following order:- 1st DEVONS, 1st E SURREYS, 1st D.C.L.I.</i></p> <p><i>Owing to the 15th Infantry Brigade being held up, Orders were received for 1st D.C.L.I. to go into Billets by side of RIVER.</i></p>	
	8 th			<p><i>The 1/DEVONS were ordered to pass through the 15th Infantry Brigade and take the GREEN OBJECTIVE. At the same time 1st EAT SURREYS were ordered to take ST. REMY-MAL-BATI and established a line up the North East side of Village.</i></p> <p><i>1st D.C.L.I. were ordered to advance in a northerly</i></p>	

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	8 th			<p><i>direction between 1st EAST SURREYS and 1st DEVONS, and establish a line from the 1st DEVONS flank to Cross Roads P.25. central to Cross Roads P.30. back to 1st E. SURREYS flank, but owing too Machine Gun Fire from High Ground in Q.31.c. were unable to get farther than line running from V.6.c. to V.5.b.2/9. Touch was gained with both units on flanks.</i></p> <p><i>On the evening of the 9th November 1st ROYAL WEST KENTS passed through our line without opposition, and battalion withdrew to ST. REMY-MAL-BATI. Casualties for period 6th to 10th:- 2 Officers, 25 O.R.</i></p>	
	9 th			<i>The battalion remained in Billets at ST. REMY-MAL-BATI.</i>	
	10 th			<i>The Battalion marched from ST. REMY-MAL-BATI at 13.30 hours to Billets at LA PORQUERIE.</i>	
	11 th			<i>Bright but cold. Battalion left LA PORQUERIE at 07.00 hours and marched to LE QUESNOY. On arrival there, were informed that an armistice had been signed to take effect</i>	

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	<i>11th</i>			<i>at 11.00 hours to day. Battalion in comfortable billets at the barracks.</i>	
	<i>12th</i>			<i>Fine and bright frosty morning, Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for cleaning up, inspections etc.</i>	
	<i>13th</i>			<i>Cold and frosty but dry & bright, All companies training under company commanders for rifle exercises and Platoon Drill. From 11.30 hours to 12.30 hours, Captains & Lieutenants under Senior Major. 2/Lieutenantants under R.S.M. for rifle exercises and drill. All companies except "H.Q". bathing.</i>	
	<i>14th</i>			<i>Bright frosty day. Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for training except for 1 hour allotted to Brigade P.T. & B. F. Instructor.</i>	
	<i>15th</i>			<i>Very cold and frosty day. Bright sunshine. Companies training under Company Commanders one hour set aside for route march, special attention being paid to march discipline.</i>	

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	<i>16th</i>			<i>Bright and frosty. Very cold. Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for training as yesterday.</i>	
	<i>17th</i>			<i>Very cold but bright. Church Parades. IV Corps Thanksgiving Service at 11.00 hours in the Place D'Armes, LE QUESNOY.</i>	
	<i>18th</i>			<i>Slight fall of snow in morning turning to rain. Companies training under Company Commanders. All companies at baths.</i>	
	<i>19th</i>			<i>Bright day but not so cold. Brigade parade on Barrack Square LE QUESNOY for presentation of scrolls by B.F.C. 95th Infantry Brigade. Football matches in afternoon. Inter platoon competition. Platoons of "A" Company.</i>	
	<i>20th</i>			<i>Bright morning. Thick fog in afternoon and evening. Commanding Officer inspected all companies in marching order. Remainder of morning companies were at disposal of Company Commanders. Battalion Cross Country Run in afternoon.</i>	

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	21 st			<i>Bright day, Very slight frost. Commanding Officer inspected Headquarters and Transport. Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for training. Inter platoon football competition. Platoon of "D" Coy.</i>	
	22 nd			<i>Fine and Bright. Slight frost early morning. Training for the day. Battalion route march in Full marching order. Sports in afternoon. Rugby Football match. Officers 95th Bde. v Officers 15th Bde. Result 3 points each.</i>	
	23 rd			<i>Fine and bright. Frosty early morning. Companies at disposal of Company Commanders from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours. Sports. Regimental Team versus 14th F.A. Result, 14th F.A. 9 D.C.L.I. nil.</i>	
	24 th			<i>Bright day. Frosty early morning. Battalion attended C. of E. parade service in Cinema Hall at 09.30 hours. Roman Catholics in Church at 11.00 hours. Non conformists in Town Hall at 10.00 hours.</i>	
	25 th			<i>Fine day. Very slight frost early morning. Companies under company Commanders from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours. One hour devoted to Route March. Sports Rugger Match. 1st Devons v 1st D.C.L.I. Devons winning by 26 points to nil.</i>	

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	26 th			<i>Bright early morning. Fog later in day. Training. Brigade Route March. Sports. "B" Coy inter platoon competition.</i>	
	27 th			<i>Dull and misty all day. Rain at night. Training. Companies under Company Commanders from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours. All companies attended Baths. Sports. Regimental Team v 95th T.M.B. Result 1-1.</i>	
	28 th			<i>Dull morning. Rain afternoon and night. Training Companies at disposal of Company Commanders from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours. "A" and "B" Companies on Company Drill for one hour. No sports were held owing to rain.</i>	
	29 th			<i>Fine morning. Slight rain afternoon and evening. Companies under Company Commanders from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours. "B" and "D" Coys one hour Company Drill. All N.C.O's under Regimental Sergeant Major. Sports. Soccer match. Officers 1st E. Surreys v Officers 1/D.C.L.I. Surreys winning by 3 goals to 1. Inter platoon finals. A and D Coys</i>	

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	30 th			<p><i>Fine and Bright. Companies at disposal of Company Commanders from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours. "A" and "D" Companies 1 hour Company Drill.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>A. Gough Major</i> <i>Commanding 1st Bn. Duke of Cornwall's L. I.</i></p> <p><u><i>Attached to Diary</i></u></p> <p><i>A.F.B 213's for month Nos A/166 to A/170</i> <i>Operation Orders No's 530 and 534</i> <i>Army Commanders Message</i> <i>Receipt for 15 Prisoners of War</i> <i>Terms of Armistice</i> <i>2 Objective Maps</i></p>	