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3rd Bn Grenadier Guards 2nd Bde

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Place Date Hour

Summary of Events and Information

1st - 9th

Training at MORLANCOURT. There were 3 days of Brigade Training, in which the assault was practiced. The basis on which these formations were formed was that it was necessary to move all supporting troops ~~at~~ simultaneously with those detailed for the actual assault in order to avoid the enemies' barrage. Accordingly the Brigade was formed up in nine waves (one wave being a carrying party) at 50 yards distance and at zero time all waves advanced together under cover of (1) a standing barrage on the enemies' front line (2) a creeping barrage starting 100 yds in front of the assault and moving forward at 50 yards per minute. When the creeping barrage ~~had~~ reached the standing barrage, both lifted to ~~about~~ 200 yards beyond the German front line. The leading waves passed over the front line and formed up behind the barrage. Standing barrage was then put down on to the second line. The front trench was cleared by the rear waves.

On the 9th the Battalion moved into camp at "Happy Valley" Very little accommodation was obtainable but the weather was fine. Training.

13th

14th

Marched to CARNOY and bivouached there. Very little cover for the men. A cold and windy day with showers. The necessary bombs, sandbags, tools (5 shovels to 3 picks) S.A.A. flares for use with contact patrol aeroplanes, were distributed. The men's parkies greatcoats and surplus hats, and the officers hats were sent to the Divisional

Store near MEAULTE.

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	14 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The Battalion marched off by companies at 9.0 p.m., to take up position. This operation was favoured by a fine clear night with a moon. Companies moved up via TRONES WOOD and GUILLEMONT, and GINCHY. The assembly place of the Brigade was clear of the village as the enemy had proved to be very quick in putting down a barrage on it. The right of the Brigade rested about 100 yards from GINCHY telegraph and extended the frontage occupied was about 500 yards. This Battalion was the right front battalion and was formed up in 4 waves, all men in single rank and companies in column of half companies thus -</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr> <td rowspan="2" style="vertical-align: middle; padding-right: 10px;">No 4 Coy</td> <td rowspan="2" style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14   13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10   9</td> <td rowspan="2" style="vertical-align: middle; padding-left: 10px;">} No 3 Coy</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">16   15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2   14</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2" style="vertical-align: middle; padding-right: 10px;">No 2 Coy</td> <td rowspan="2" style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9   8   2   1</td> <td rowspan="2" style="vertical-align: middle; padding-left: 10px;">} No 1 Coy</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">11   10   4   3</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">HO = Honour Platoon</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table> </div> <p>This formation was in accordance with the training carried out and discussed elsewhere. There was 50 yards distance between platoons. The 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Colstream Guard was on the left. The 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Scots Guards was immediately in rear of us. The Battalion reached the assembly point without difficulty or interruption, only 1 man being slightly wounded. On the other hand there were no assaulting parallels dug</p>	No 4 Coy	{	14   13	10   9	} No 3 Coy	16   15	2   14	No 2 Coy	{	9   8   2   1	} No 1 Coy	11   10   4   3			HO = Honour Platoon			<p>French sheet 57. C. S.W 1/20,000</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">I. O. R. W. 14<sup>th</sup></p>
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			<p>and the Battalion had to dig some kind of assembly trenches by hicking up shell holes. Further-                      owing to the necessity of being clear of GINCHY village the Brigade was not in immediate                      touch with the 1st Guards Brigade which was on the left and slightly in rear of <del>the</del> us.                      The men had not seen the ground in front of them in daylight and lastly <del>was</del> because of                      the terrain it was necessary that direction should be changed during the actual progress                      of the assault. In short as a position of assembly it labored under every disadvantage                      except that it was not shelled by the enemy.</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> Zew hour was fixed for 6.20 am and the Battalion was ready in position by about 3 a.m.                      The men slept therefore from 3 - 5.45 am when they were given sandwiches and an issue of                      rum. During this time the "tanks" which were allotted to the Division could be heard making                      their way up in rear of us. We were in immediate touch with the 6<sup>th</sup> Division on our                      right. At 6.0 am our heavy artillery fired about 40 rounds in quick succession.                      This of course woke up the enemy, who put down his usual barrage on GINCHY                      village (particularly at the NE corner) and started shelling LEUZE wood and troops of the                      6<sup>th</sup> Division who were still moving about in that neighbourhood.</p> <p>at 6.19<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> am the whole Brigade rose to its feet and advanced. On left front company                      was hit by machine gun fire as soon as they got up and lost Capt MACKENZIE and                      192 ASDDITH at once. 2/Lt H. WILLIAMS was wounded a few yards further on. The last                      remaining officer of that company also fell within 200 yards of our own trenches</p>	

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	15 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Our front company however appeared to get off much more fortunately and did not seem to lose until a considerable way out.</p> <p>Now owing to the causes which have already been set down and owing to the fact that the 6<sup>th</sup> Division failed to advance and that the tanks were not forthcoming</p> <p>(1) Our left flank was or rather appeared to be in the air as the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade had started behind us.</p> <p>(2) Our right flank was completely exposed.</p> <p>(3) Owing to the closeness of the formation and the irregularity of the assembly hindered all the waves tended to become intermixed.</p> <p>(4) Owing to (1) &amp; (2) the tendency was for the Brigade to split up right and left to cover its exposed flanks.</p> <p>In addition to the above a German trench or rather a line of shell holes hastily organized and provided with M.G.s was encountered about 250 yards after leaving our own trenches. Every German in this trench was either shot or bayoneted but it helped to break up the regularity of the formation and impaired the cohesion of the assault.</p> <p>The men however were not to be deterred and though the right flank was raked by heavy machine gun fire in enfilade and though the wire and trench on that part of the front owing to the impossibility of observation were untouched the Brigade continued to advance, but as a Brigade rather than as 4 battalions. The parties who were thrown to the left by the apparently exposed flank found themselves among the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade</p>	

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			<p>but did not suffer severely as the wire and trench line had been completely destroyed. It was on the right flank that our chief casualties were incurred. They included the Commanding Officer Lt Col. B.N.S. BROOKE D.S.O and most of the officers except Capt's GORDON &amp; HOPLEY</p> <p>After reaching the first objective - the German line running through T. 8. a, b, &amp; d it was found that there was a gap between the left parties and the right which was occupied by the enemy who began to <del>with</del> enfilade the trench with M.G.s and shell fire. Composite bombing parties however outflanked them and the whole of the first objective was in our hands. Our right flank was however completely exposed as the troops on our right were only a short distance, if <sup>any</sup> at all, in front of BINCHY TELEGRAPH.</p> <p>On the right therefore it was therefore impossible to press on but more in the centre a composite party of men of the 2nd Gas Brigade under MAJOR ROCKE went forward and established themselves just short of the second line in T. 9. b. but as the party was only 100 strong and had two open flanks it was impossible to <del>press</del> assault the <del>the</del> second line. It appeared that LESBOEUF'S would have fallen into our hands without opposition or at any rate with only an ill-organized resistance if more troops could have been pushed on. This was not done <del>however</del> owing to the threat to the right flank of the division - a threat which would have become more acute with every additional yard <sup>forward</sup></p>	

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	15 <sup>th</sup> cont		<p>The position was therefore consolidated but the advanced party under Major ROCKE after withstanding one counter attack had both flanks enveloped and being attacked frontally had to fall back on to the first objective. On the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> therefore this Battalion held a small frontage <del>therefore</del> on the right of the first objective. This flank was subjected to repeated bombing attacks and the Germans also attempted to work up men round it. Fire steps had to be dug in both sides of the trench and bombing parties organized to resist the enemy bombing down. Fighting on a small scale therefore continued throughout the night of the 15/16<sup>th</sup> and resulted in all counter attacks being repulsed. The enemy drove us back <sup>at one time</sup> <del>about</del> to <del>zero</del> but his success was momentary only and the ground <del>and</del> <del>is</del> was immediately retaken and 1 machine gun captured.</p> <p>Nothing occurred except some somewhat severe shelling on the 16<sup>th</sup>. and on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> the B<sup>n</sup> was relieved and marched into camp at the CITADEL</p> <p>Reorganizing at the CITADEL. Owing to having left 20% of the officers <del>and</del> the C.S. Majors and a percentage of senior N.C.O's this was not so difficult as might have been expected. The casualties among specialists, especially signallers and Lewis gunners, had in particular, had however been severe.</p> <p>Weather very wet and camp and roads got into a very bad state.</p>	<p>Casualties Officers R.O.D.F.W. 4 Wounded 10 Missing 4 O.R. K 31 W<sup>a</sup> 155 M<sup>a</sup> 209.</p>
	16 <sup>th</sup>			
	17 <sup>th</sup>			
	19 <sup>th</sup>			

Major A. THORNE  
D.S.O both over  
Command 18/9/16  
~~LIEUTENANT~~  
LT HON. A.G.  
AGAR ROBERTS  
~~and~~  
2/21 C.H. BEDFORD  
joined 19.9.16

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	20 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion moved into bivouacs at CARNOT marching off at 9.30 p.m.	LT F ANSON
	21-25 <sup>th</sup>		The road was in an indescribable state and the march through a short one was most exhausting. Training at CARNOT. Two drafts had joined the Battalion 198 on 20 <sup>th</sup> 133 21 <sup>st</sup> . Musketry, bombing smoke helmets. 10 R was killed and 10 wounded on 23 <sup>rd</sup> whilst carrying ammunition to forward camp. On the 25 <sup>th</sup> the 2nd Guards Brigade was in reserve less this Battalion which was in Corps Reserve. Battalion moved to CRATER POST <sup>A. 8. a. 6. 5</sup> owing to the complete success of the attack the Battalion was not used and at about 5.00 p.m. came once more under orders of 2nd Gds Bde.	2/LTC A. HALL joined 20/9/16 2/21 N. THORNHILL 21/9/16 L <sup>t</sup> C. CHRISTMAS 2/21 C. F. JOHNSON 26.9.16.
	26 <sup>th</sup>		On the evening of the 26 <sup>th</sup> moved into bivouacs in TRONES wood being reserve battalion. 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>de</sup> Scots Gas and 2nd B <sup>de</sup> Irish Gunners holding the line.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Took over from 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>de</sup> Scots Guards just N of LES BOEUF. A quiet relief. Patrols were pushed out 750 yards in front of the line and then dug themselves in. On artillery however <del>of the enemy</del> <del>was</del> <del>shelled</del> <del>them</del> <del>and</del> they were obliged to withdraw. A new line was sited about 150 yards in front of the existing line. Intermittent shelling.	LT ER. M. FRYER D <sup>o</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> . 3. O. R. W <sup>o</sup>
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Work continued and C T trench forward started. Work impeded by a small attack which 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>de</sup> COLDSTREAM B <sup>de</sup> made on our right. Considerable shelling.	5 O. R. W <sup>o</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by 2 <sup>nd</sup> B <sup>de</sup> MIDDLESEX REGT and marched to camp near CARNOT. Men in tents and plenty of room.	4 O. R. W <sup>o</sup>

Andrew Thomas Col  
Command 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Grenadier



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Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

29<sup>th</sup>

29, 30

31<sup>st</sup>

Arrived at billets in HEUCOURT about 10 p.m. after a long journey in the train and a march of 5 miles. Occupied in kit inspections and making up of all deficiencies.

Training was carried out in accordance with the training schemes given in Appendix 'A'. It was thought probable that the division would move into the line on the 24<sup>th</sup>, so the scheme was hurried on.

From the 18<sup>th</sup> training continued on the same lines. All companies did field firing after 5 rounds rapid and 5 rounds deliberate had been fired by each man.

There were two Battalion field days in which advance guards, flank guards and out' simon tactical schemes were practised. The schemes are given in Appendix 'B'.

The Battalion took part on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> in rehearsals for the inspection by the Colonel of the Regiment. On 31<sup>st</sup> there was a divisional rehearsal for the same.

Appendix 'A'

G. Rasby  
Lt Col. Major.

Comd 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Grenadier Guards

APENDIX "B"

SPECIAL IDEA.

2nd Guards Bde is holding a sector of the line which runs through BOIS DE GAMBOS - E of HEUCOURT - D. of B. D. HEUCOURT. - CROQUOISON village.

3rd Bn Gren Gds hold from 300 yards S. of track running through B of B. D. HEUCOURT.

1st Bn Cold Gds continue line Southwards.  
20th Div to the North.

Nos 3 & 4 are holding front line.

Nos 1 & 2 are in support in the field in rear of No 4 Coys billets<sup>1</sup>

Bn. H. Q. at the Orderly Room.

transport by the Pond.

Patrols sent out at "STAND TO" discovered the hostile trenched unoccupied as far W. as point 128.

An Order is received from 2nd Guards Bde that 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards & 1/C. Gds are to advance in bearing of 263 degrees and are to pass a line N. & S. through the Mill just E. of point 128 at 10.15 a.m.

They are to make good LEFAY and line of LEFAY-EPAUMESNIL road.

The left of 3rd Bn Gren Gds to be on the point where track running through A of LEFAY joins the road.

The Battalion Operation Order will be issued on the ground to-morrow.

(sd) Andrew Thorne. Lieut. Colonel.

Commanding 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards.  
Issued 8.45 p.m. October 19th 1916.

APENDIX "B"

3rd Bn Grenadier Guards.

General Idea Of Operations On October.23rd 1916.

2nd Guards Bde are holding line of trenches across Hill 74 between the roads from AIRAINES to METIGNY and ALLERY.

1/C.G. are on R. & 3/G.G. on L. (with one Company on each side of METIGNY road)

There has been much less shelling during the past few days and on the afternoon 22nd inst the enemy made an unsuccessful attack on our trenches

The patrols sent out at "Stand To" on 23rd inst discovered the enemy's front line system unoccupied.

2nd Gds Bde order 1/C.G. & 3/G.G. to advance and make good the line of ALLERY - METIGNY road.

3/G.G. from M. of METIGNY to the tuning fork road.

On completion of this movement 1 squadron K.E.H. (imaginary) will move through followed by van'gd consisting of Nos 3 & 4 Coys, under Capt C.M.C. Dowling.

Nos 1 & 2 Coys will be reformed in rear of van'gd and will follow on as head of main G'd.

The ad'gd is directed on line ~~FRETTE~~ FRETTE-CUSSE - FRESNOY.

NOTES.

- (1) There will be hostile opposition.
- (2) Marked enemy under Lt. Anson will consist of 6 men per Coy and they will wear steel helmets.
- (3) A limbered wagon will represent 1.18 pdr and will move near H'd of main G'd
- (4) Nos 1 & 2 Coys .in front line  
3 support  
4 reserve.  
will be in position in Hill 74 trenches by 10 a.m.
- (5) Orders for the advance will be issued on the ground.

(sd) Andrew Thorne. Lieut Colonel.  
Commanding 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards.

Issued 21st October

### TRAINING SCHEME

From 4th. October to 11th. October inclusive except Sunday.

- (a) 8.30am to 10am. All Company Officers except Company Commanders &  $\frac{1}{2}$  N.C.Os of all Companies to parade under the Adjutant. Inf. Training para 13 -- 74.
- (b) Company Arrangements V below.
- (c) 2.0pm. Officers as above and all N.C.O's to parade under the Adjutant.
- (d) 2.30pm. Practice Drill.
- (e) Punishment Parade will be paid at 4.0pm.  
Retreat will be at 5.0pm.

#### NOTES

- (1) Ref. Coy. arrangements above  
Coys will practice under their Coy Commanders & half their N.C.Os.
  - (1) Musketry.
  - (2) Bayonet Fighting.
  - (3) Bombing.
  - (4) Physical Drill.

Each Company will have the services of Lieut. F. Anson from 10.30am. -- 12 Noon for bombing every 4th. day and of Lieut. Hon. A. G. Agar Robartes for Lewis Gunners every 4th. day beginning the day after he returns from the Course. This will be carried out in order No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Coys

(2) Companies will send as many men as detailed by the Medical officer daily to Medical Inspection Room at 10.30am. daily to be trained as stretcher bearers.

(3) No. 12597 Sgt. Smith No. 2 Coy. will attend morning parade daily to instruct young Officers.

(4) Parade Ground is at N.E. end of HEUCOURT above the Church.

(5) Company-in-waiting will detail a Picquet Officer daily reporting his name to the O.R. by 12 Noon daily.

He will inspect and turn out all Billet Guards.  
Otherwise his duties will be as usual.

(sd) O. Lyttelton. Capt. & Adjt.  
3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards.

TRAINING SCHEME

The previous Training Scheme is cancelled and the following substituted.

TIME	No.1 COY.	NO.2 COY.	NO.3 COY.	NO.4 COY.
<u>10th. Inst.</u>				
8am to 9.30am.	Range (5rds. deliberate under the (10 Rds rapid per Man.	Parade under the Adjutant.	Bombing (Lt. Anson)	Parade under the Adjutant.
10 to 12 Noon	Bombing & Wiring.	Wiring & Bayonet Fighting	Range	Wiring. Bayonet Fighting.
2 TO / 3.30pm.	Parade under the Adjt.	Range.	Parade under the adjt.	Range after No.2 Coy.
<u>11TH INST</u> 66666666666666				
8am to 9.30am.	Parade under Adjutant.	Range	Parade under Adjutant.	Bombing.
10am to, 12 Noon	Bayonet Fighting	Bombing	Bayonet Fighting	Range
2 TO / 3.30pm.	Range after No.3 Coy.	Parade under Adjutant.	Range	Parade under Adjutant.
<u>12TH INST.</u>				
8.30am	Parade nder Adjutant	Assault Coys rendezvous at 8.30am.	Parade under Adjt.	Assault Coys rendezvous at 8.30am.
2.0pm.	Assault.	Parade under Adjutant.	Assault	Parade under Adjutant.

Copy No.1 to No.1 Coy  
 2            2  
 3            3  
 4            4  
 5            Headquarters  
 6            Office

(sd) O. Lyttelton, Capt. & Adjt.  
3rd. Bn. Grenadier Guards.

APPENDIX "A"

The time for training is very short and Officers cannot be too keen and energetic in pushing forward the training of their Coys.

Until 11th. October (inclusive) individual training of their Coys. is to be proceeded with and very great care is to be taken that faults are corrected at once and are not allowed to develop into habits.

From 12th. to 18th. inclusive there will be Battalion Parade daily at 8.30am and 2% otherwise Companies will be at the disposal of their Commanders.

After 18th. Right and Left Coys will be at my disposal on alternate days. The other 2 Coys will continue with their Company training.

During wet weather Companies will arrange for training to continue under cover (suitable barns are to be reconnoitered at once).

In addition, instruction will be given in--

- (a) Trench Routine, (b) Open Fighting, (c) Protection.
- (d) Dimensions & correct designations of all types of trenches such as saps, parallels etc.
- (e) Regimental History. (f) Customs and discipline of the Regiment by means of short lectures.

Musketry and Bayonet Fighting will be done in gas helmet order by all ranks (especially young Officers and drafts.) Helmets to be worn for at least 20 minutes. In musketry attention is to be paid to the following :-

- (i) The Firing Position (ii) Aiming (aiming discs)
- (iii) Rapid Loading (dummies) (iv) Control by fire Unit Commanders
- (v) Descriptive Points (clock method) (vi) Special Practice for Snipers and Lewis Gunners .

Officers and B.C.Os will be examined in all the Military Subjects in which they should be proficient. Leave will not be granted to those who are not proficient..

Company Commanders will render to the Orderly Room by 6. pm daily the programme of work for the next day. The return will be made out as follows :-

<u>Hour</u>	<u>No. Company Training</u>	<u>Place.</u>
8.30am to 9.30am	Musketry descriptive points & rapid loading	In Field 200 yards N.E. of Coy.H.Q.
etc.	etc.	

The instruction to specialists (stretcher bearers, Signallers and Lewis Gunners) will proceed independently. Training scheme will be issued on 9th and 17th to show further allotment of ground, range and instructions.

October 8th 1916. (sd) A. Thorne. Lt. Colonel.  
Commanding 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards.

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<del>1st Nov</del>	1st Nov		In billets HEUCOURT. Training in Musketry, Wiring, Open Warfare. Lewis Gunners and bombers continued their training under their respective officers. A stretcher bearer class was also undertaken by the Medical Officer.	
	9th Nov		On 9th of November 1st line of transport moved to MEAULTE. Companies left their camp Kettles. B <sup>2</sup> went for a 6 mile route march.	6th Nov: Capt I. S.T.C. ROSE joined the B <sup>2</sup>
	11th		B <sup>2</sup> marched to a rendez-vous on the AIRAINES - CAMP-EN-AMIENNOIS road and <del>at</del> was embussed in French lorries at 11 am. Debussed between MERICOURT & TREUX at 4 pm and marched into billets at MEAULTE. Billets very dirty	B <sup>2</sup> = Training Subsistence
	12th		Spent in improvement of billets	
	13th			
	14th			
	15th		B <sup>2</sup> moved into camp at MANSELL CAMP near CARNOY. Accommodation very poor and men very uncomfortable. Transport was in a very bad condition. Weather cold	
	16th		Spent in improving the camp by making chalk roads. Freezing hard.	
	17th		B <sup>2</sup> was employed on improving main FRICOURT - CARNOY road. Freezing hard.	
	18th		B <sup>2</sup> provided 500 men for improving the camp and making horse standings, paths, & QM's stores	
	19th		Similar	
	20th		The same path was used on the 18th.	
	21st		Moved into <del>the</del> camp at the CITADEL. Conditions and accommodation wretched. Weather very cold	

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	21-21 <sup>st</sup>		Spent in routine training and in improving the camp.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Paths were made, latrines put up, an officers mess constructed etc	
	- 30 <sup>th</sup>		Moved into camp at L'ARBRE FOURCHEE just N of BRAY, taking over from the French. An excellent camp consisting of huts. Men very comfortable	
			The line which the B <sup>2</sup> is to take over was reconstituted on the 29 <sup>th</sup>	
			and arrangements made with the French	
			B <sup>2</sup> was ordered to find Capt I S. C. ROSE to command a composite Battalion B <sup>2</sup>	
			consisting of 55 O.R. from each B <sup>2</sup> in the Division.	
			<p><i>Andrew Thorne</i> Lt. Col. cmdg 3<sup>rd</sup> B<sup>2</sup> Gun: Gas:</p>	<p><i>2/10 10:00 AM</i> <i>Jan 11 30<sup>th</sup></i></p>



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	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The Battalion moved by march route from FORKED TREE CAMP to a camp at MALTZ HORN FARM just S. of TRONES WOOD. The camp was not a good one consisting of trees (French pattern) and it was difficult to get transport up to it. B. took it over direct from the French.</p> <p>The system adopted from this period onwards may be summarized as follows -</p> <p>The Division was split into two groups each of 6 Battalions.</p> <p>The Rt. group consisted of 1<sup>st</sup> Gas Bde. 2<sup>nd</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Connaught Grenade - 2<sup>nd</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Irish Gds</p> <p>The Lt " " " 3<sup>rd</sup> " " 3<sup>rd</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Grenadier Gds and 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Scots Gds.</p> <p>Thus the Brigade system was in abeyance and battalions worked the line in a regular cycle always going &amp; returning to the same camp or portion of the line.</p> <p>All Blankets &amp; Coats were made camp stores to reduce work of transport.</p> <p>Coats and Blankets of this Battalion were left at MALTZ HORN FARM.</p>	About 1/40,000.
		2.15 p.m.	<p>B<sup>n</sup> marched off at 2.15 p.m. and marched via TRONES WOOD, BUILLEMONT + COMBLES to HAIE WOOD where French guides met it. Coys were disposed as follows Rt. No 3 Coy Centre No 2 Coy Left No 4 Coy Support Vol Coy. The B<sup>n</sup> sector was N of SAILLY-SAILLISEL and S of MORVAL. Its delimitations were roughly from U. 2. C. 1. 2 - U. 1. d. 40. 65.</p> <p>B<sup>n</sup> took over and held the line exactly as the French did. The ground had only recently been captured by the French and they had consequently not had time to organize it properly. The parapets were extremely thin, there were few if any fire steps, a long C.T. was in process of construction but communication with the front was entirely overground and badly there was not a single strand of wire on our frontage. The enemy was between 80 - 100 yards away from our left coy.</p> <p>As our left company was in the middle of its relief and some of our sentries hardly on the fire step 40 to 50 Germans attempted to make a raid on our left. They got right up to the parapet and shot a French soldier who was sitting on the saddle of his gun.</p>	57 C. S.W. 1/20,000
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			<p>The remainder of the gun team retreated hastily down a small C. Trench where they met O.C. No 4 Coy who endeavored to turn them back without success. As there was no wire and the M.G. was not in action the enemy was enabled to seize it and carry it off. Rapid fire was however opened by us and any further development of the attack was frustrated.</p> <p>A patrol on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> found the bodies of 7 Germans belonging to a "Storm Section" of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Grenadier Regiment and near one body, close to our parapet the French Machine Gun. This gun was subsequently returned unharmed to the French.</p> <p>The remainder of the bon passed without incident, work being devoted to the digging the parapet and making fire steps as this was the most urgent. The sapping platoon worked on the C.T. and established a connection with the front although in places trench was extremely shallow.</p> <p>The B<sup>2</sup> was relieved by the 4<sup>th</sup> B<sup>2</sup> Grenadier Guards on the night of 5/6<sup>th</sup> and marched to MALTSHORN FARM. Last company arrived at 2.30 am.</p> <p>Entered at 10.30 am at TRONES WOOD siding and debarred at PLATEAU railhead (near MARICOURT). Marched into camp at BRONFAY FARM (on main MARICOURT - BRAY road between about mid-way between those two places). A fairly good hatted camp.</p> <p>On afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> moved by march route to BOULEAUX WOOD area. 1 Coy in Bois DORÉ in shelters &amp; dug-outs, 2 Coy BOULEAUX WOOD, 1 Coy in dug-outs at HAIE WOOD. Rains setting in.</p> <p>Moved into <del>in</del> in to the line relieving 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>2</sup> Grenadier Guards. Raining. Connection of the trenches indiscernible. Men had to be dug-out on the way up and in the trench by far the majority had to stand with mud above the knee, some with it above the waist. The parapet had fallen</p>	<p>2 Killed 8 wounded 34.</p> <p>About 1/100,000.</p> <p>591150W 1/200000</p> <p>I.O.R. 10<sup>th</sup></p>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
	4 <sup>th</sup>			
	5 <sup>th</sup>			
	6 <sup>th</sup>			
	7 <sup>th</sup>			
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			<p>in a dishevelled along a great part of our frontage. The sector held by the Battalion had altered somewhat and was now from V.1.d.7.6 - U.8.a.6.6.</p> <p>The weather conditions still were. It was intensely cold and the rain was punctuated with squalls of snow &amp; sleet. Work was concentrated on attempting to keep the parapet up and in digging out the bottom. It was decided to hold the front line in "islands" and <del>to</del> concentrate work upon these. On the night of 14/15<sup>th</sup> the <del>troop</del> B<sup>s</sup> moved back to <del>BRONFAY FARM</del> <sup>DOULEUX WOOD</sup>. The men were in an most exhausted condition, being covered in mud up to their armpits and wet through. There were a number of cases of "trench foot". On the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> the B<sup>s</sup> moved by march route to TRONES WOOD siding where it entrained and went into camp at BRONFAY FARM.</p> <p>Overhaul of canteen &amp; equipment. Clothing made up. Some men who had been pulled out lost of their mud had lost their boots and in one case a man was dug out and then found deficient of his boots, socks &amp; trousers.</p> <p>Moved to BOULEAUX WOOD area by train &amp; march route.</p> <p>Fatigue by camping and making dug-outs found.</p> <p>Relieved 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>s</sup> in the line. From this date losses were 48 men. Conditions in the line had improved and there was a very hard frost on the 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup>. As much use was made of this as possible, as it facilitated camping and work very greatly. A <del>to</del> French board track had been constructed (by <del>the</del> sapping platoons) as far as support line.</p> <p>Work was concentrated on the islands. Two large sump pits were dug by each island.</p>	<p>1 killed 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>40.E.W.<sup>a</sup> 12<sup>th</sup></p> <p>1 killed 50<sup>a</sup> 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>2 killed 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>1 killed 20<sup>a</sup> 21<sup>st</sup></p> <p>1 killed 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p>2 killed 4<sup>a</sup> 20<sup>th</sup></p>
	12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>			
	15 <sup>th</sup>			
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	18 <sup>th</sup>			
	19 <sup>th</sup>			
	20 <sup>th</sup>			
	21 <sup>st</sup>			

1 platoon held each of these

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			<p>Sandbag revetments were begun. Trunk boxes were laid in all islands. Some successful sifting done</p> <p>On night of 21/22<sup>nd</sup> were relieved by 4<sup>th</sup> B<sup>ty</sup> and marched to TRONES WOOD, unloading there at 2.0 am for BRONFAY FARM</p> <p>BRONFAY FARM.</p> <p>Moved to MALTZBORN FARM Camp. Held class in "revetting" on 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Relieved 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>ty</sup> in the line. Islands worked on. Further revetments constructed</p> <p>Night of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> devoted to wiring. Whole Battalion went out. Entanglements put up to cover all islands and all gaps (except one) between them. Some very successful sifting done on morning of 26<sup>th</sup>. Shields put up of evening came into the open to remove casualties under cover of a large red X flag. Trunk boxes laid ready to front line by this time.</p> <p>Relieved night of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> by 4<sup>th</sup> B<sup>ty</sup> and went to BRONFAY FARM as on the 21<sup>st</sup></p> <p>BRONFAY FARM.</p> <p>Moved by train to MALTZBORN FARM. Torrential rain</p> <p>Training at the same.</p> <p>Relieved 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>ty</sup>. Islands had stood the wet very fairly well and were habitable. 2 Islands of 1<sup>st</sup> Coy + 2 of Centre Coy had been joined up.</p>	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>			
	23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>			
	25 <sup>th</sup>			
	26 <sup>th</sup>			
	27 <sup>th</sup>			1 O.R. wounded
	28 <sup>th</sup>			27 <sup>th</sup>
	29 <sup>th</sup>			
	30 <sup>th</sup>			
	31 <sup>st</sup>			

*Andrew Thorne*

Lt. Col.  
Crosby 3<sup>rd</sup> B<sup>ty</sup> Grenadier Guards.

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	Jan. 1st		Spent in the line.	
	2nd		Relieved by Ox & Bucks Light Inf. without incident.	
	3rd		B <sup>n</sup> entrained at TRONES WOOD at 1 A.M. & arrived at CORBIE at 1 P.M.	
	4th		B <sup>n</sup> was at CORBIE. Time spent in doing fatigues & making up Despatches.	
	6-9th		No time was available for training of any sort.	
	9th		B <sup>n</sup> moved from CORBIE to BILLON FARM Camp by motor-bus.	
	10th		B <sup>n</sup> marched from BILLON FARM Camp to PRIEZ FARM	
	10th		Spent at PRIEZ FARM in digouts. B <sup>n</sup> employed in improving its dig-outs which were bad.	ALBERT. No. 000
	12th		Relieved 1st B <sup>n</sup> Scots fds. in the line. Front held by B <sup>n</sup> extended from U. 26. a. 4. 8. & consisted of islands. These were in a much better condition than those previously held.	BOUGHAVESIN No. 000
	12th-16th		In the line. Posts repaired & work done on reserve line.	
	16th		Relieved by 1st B <sup>n</sup> Scots fds. B <sup>n</sup> marched back to Y. Camp MAUREPAS.	ALBERT. No. 000
	16th-20th		Spent in Y Camp. Most of the time taken up with fatigues.	
	20th		Relieved 1st B <sup>n</sup> Scots fds. in the line.	
	20th-24th		In the line. Working carried out round the posts & some new posts built.	
	24th		Relieved by 1st B <sup>n</sup> Scots fds. B <sup>n</sup> spent the night at Y Camp MAUREPAS.	

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	25 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>co</sup> marched to the PLATEAU & entrained for MERICOVRT.	ALBERT. 1/40000
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Spent in clearing up & improving billets. These were moderate.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>co</sup> had the use of Div. Baths at VILLE. Fresh clothing issued.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>co</sup> less 1st line Transport marched to BRIQUETERIE A.4.6. for fatigues	ALBERT 1/40000
	29 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>co</sup> employed in making foundation for Decaenille Railway at MORVAL.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		This was a tiring fatigue owing to distance he had to walk & the	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		frozen nature of the ground. Camp consisted of NISSEN Huts & was good.	

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 Comd 3<sup>rd</sup> B<sup>co</sup> formation found 5

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	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>		The B <sup>n</sup> returned from BRIQUETERIE to its Billets at MERICOURT.	ALBERT $\frac{1}{40000}$
	Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Adjutant's Parade. 1 Platoon in each Coy. was fitted with the New Small Box Respirator.	
	Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>		More Box Respirators fitted.	
	Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>		Divine Service in the Cinema Hall conducted by Rev. F. W. HEAD.	
	Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>n</sup> Parade. Fitting of Box Respirators completed today.	
	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>n</sup> marched to VILLE & rehearsed the Drill for the parade the next day for the benefit of French generals.	ALBERT $\frac{1}{40000}$
	Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>		This B <sup>n</sup> was chosen for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gds. B <sup>n</sup> to Drill at VILLE before Gen. MacMAHON indy. 2 <sup>nd</sup> French Army. He was much struck by the smart & business like appearance of the B <sup>n</sup> by the way in which it carried out its drill. An officer of the R.F.C. lectured to the officers & senior N.C.O.s on Contact Patrol Work in the evening.	
	Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>		Training carried on. Two companies shot on the range.	
	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>		Two remaining Cys. shot on the range. B <sup>n</sup> had a bombing accident today owing to a Mills Adapte bomb bursting prematurely. Lt. W. G. ORRIS & 3 O.R. were wounded, none of them seriously.	
	Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>n</sup> marched into Divisional Reserve at BILLON FARM taking over the camp vacated by 2 <sup>nd</sup> B <sup>n</sup> Grenadier Gds.	ALBERT $\frac{1}{40000}$
	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>		Divine Service.	
	Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>		Cys. at disposal of Coy. Commanders for training purposes.	
	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>		Training in Musketry, Bayonet Fighting & Box Respirator Drill proceeded with.	

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	Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>		Divl. Gas Expert was at the disposal of the B <sup>de</sup> for further instruction in the use of Box Respirators. B <sup>de</sup> found a large number of fatigues today.	
	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>de</sup> moved to PRIEZ FARM today for fatigue. Three Coys were accommodated in huts at PRIEZ FARM. There had been greatly improved since the B <sup>de</sup> had occupied them last. Remaining Coy. & 1 <sup>st</sup> line Transport were billeted at MAUREPAS	ALBERT 1/40 000
	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>de</sup> was on fatigue. These fatigues worked day & night by reliefs & were chiefly under the supervision of 183 <sup>rd</sup> Tunnelling Coy. After were carrying parties.	
	Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>			
	Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>			
	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>de</sup> was relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>de</sup> Coldstream Gds & returned to Camp at BILLON.	ALBERT 1/40 000
	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>		The Baths were allotted to the B <sup>de</sup> today.	
	Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>		The B <sup>de</sup> carried out a Drill Attack for the Brigade. Lt. Col. A. THORNE re-joined the B <sup>de</sup> after a months leave.	
	Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>		The B <sup>de</sup> found 200 men for fatigue. The Brigade inspected the Box Respirators of the remainder of the B <sup>de</sup> .	
	Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>		The B <sup>de</sup> again found 200 men for fatigue. 1 Coy. carried out a Drill Attack. An officer of R.F.C. lectured officers & Senior NCOs in the afternoon on Contact Patrol Work.	
	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>		The Brigade inspected the B <sup>de</sup> in S.M.O in the morning & was <del>satisfied</del> until the appearance & turn-out of the B <sup>de</sup> . The Coys. did some rapid fire on the range.	
	Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>		Divine Service at 11.15 AM. B <sup>de</sup> found 200 men for fatigue again.	



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	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>n</sup> marched to y Camp MAUREPAS taking over from 2 <sup>nd</sup> B <sup>n</sup> Grenadier Gds. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gds. B <sup>n</sup> started to relieve the 1 <sup>st</sup> Gds. B <sup>n</sup> in the line today.	ALBERT 1/40 000.
	Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>		The B <sup>n</sup> went into the line today occupying the same post as before. The line was taken over from 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>n</sup> Irish Gds. The relief was a quiet one. Two Coy. were in front line + 2 in support.	COMBLES. 57C. S. V.
	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>		The 29 <sup>th</sup> Division on the left of Brigade Front did a minor attack. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gds. B <sup>n</sup> supported them with Machine gun fire. Retaliation on our post was slight. Work was carried on with on the support line during the day + the posts were linked up as far as possible in the front line by night.	
<p>Andrew Thome Lt. Col. Comdg. 3<sup>rd</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Grenadier Gds. 28/2/17.</p>				

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>An inter company relief took place on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> without incident. Work was continued on improvement of trenches. Several patrols were sent out to ascertain how strongly enemies posts were held &amp; the nature of his wire.</p> <p>The Battalion remained in the trenches for a fifth day, as there were already three reliefs taking place on the night of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. The XV Corps were also carrying out an attack E of BOUCHAVESNES. The Battalion was to cooperate by a discharge of smoke-bombs, but the wind was unfavorable. The garrison of the advanced posts were evacuated during the barrage preliminary to the attack.</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved by 1<sup>st</sup> Bath Scots Guards on night of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, and returned to MAOR EPHS. The Battalions were used by the Battalion for the washing of feet.</p> <p>Training of Lewis Gunners and Snipers was continued and arm drill done.</p> <p>The Battalion relieved the 1<sup>st</sup> Bath Scots Guards in the trenches on the night of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Relief took place without incident. Work was continued in front line of trenches up islands and general improvement of trenches.</p> <p>An inter company relief took place on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>.</p>	

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GINCHY	April 3rd		The Battalion continued fatigue at GINCHY, till the 3rd, when it moved to MAUREPAS, which was a very comfortable camp. 3 Coys were in Nissen Huts, whilst the fourth was in good dug-outs. The Battalion were able to have Baths daily.	
Ref 12 BARR	4th		Two Coys worked on COMBLES-FREGICOURE road & 2 Coys trained. Spring drill was started for half platoon sergeants & half section commanders of the Battalion. The Commanding Officer went on leave.	
	5th		6 officers & 24 NCOs attended a demonstration of Contact Patrol Work given by 6th Squadron R.F.C. The Battalion was working on COMBLES-FREGICOURE-SAILLY LAUSSEZ road. Platoon were reorganized as laid down in SS 142 as 1 Rifle Section, 1 Machine Gun Section, 1 Bombing Section and 1 Rifle Bombing Section per platoon.	
Ref 17 BARR	6th 7th 8th 9th		Good day. The Battalion continued work on road mending. In early Day (7th) Services were held in Church at GINCHY Hut. One Coy (No 3 Coy under Capt Kerle) moved to MONTAUBAN for work at CHALK QUARRY (S20C). This work consisted of loading trucks on the railway. 74 men joined the Battalion from works Battalion.	

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MAUREMBS	11 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>		The Bath continued to work on COMBLIS-SAILLYSAILLISEH road. 17 <sup>th</sup> The Commanding Officer returned from leave & temporarily commanded the	
RY HUBERT	18 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion. The Bath moved to CHERTY to a very well situated camp with excellent surroundings for training purposes. The Bath was in tents; several corrugated	
			iron huts were made for infants mess shops etc. Sectional training was carried out. From 19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> each Coy was allocated	
			either the Rifle Range, Lewis Gun Range, Bombing Ground or Rifle Bombing Ground for the whole day. In this way Company Commanders were able	
			to train their section thoroughly as laid down in SS 143. Each day 1 hour of	
			aim drill was done as well as 1 hrs physical drill & bayonet fighting. The Commanding Officer returned from the Battalion to the Bath.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>		A Plate competition was carried out between sections. Each Coy had the range for 2 hours & the antipersonnel section joined in the evening. During this time Company was not on the range. Platoon training (short schemes and attacks) was carried out.	

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CLERY	24 <sup>th</sup>		An interplatoon bayonet fighting competition was held, & platoon training was continued.	
Ry. ALBERT	25 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion moved to LEMESNIL (034089) took over camp vacated by 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, who took over on camp at CLERY.	
LE MESNIL	26 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion commenced fatigue on Railway from ROUQUENY.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion continued fatigue.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion continued on Railway fatigue, 1 Company laying rails remaining 3 Companies preparing the road.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		(Sunday) A free day from fatigue. <del>Company</del> Company Commanders took out their Platoon and Section Commanders and a short School. Voluntary Service at night.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion continued Rly fatigue finishing near ETRICOURT.	
			<p><u>Arthur Home</u> Lt. Col. Comd'g. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards.</p>	

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LETMESML	1.		<p>Ben Bath. continued working on LITRICOURT - STRAS railway, the Bath pa- aded 4 80 string 80 OR joined the Bath from England</p>	
	2.		<p>A Signalling scheme was carried out in conjunction with Lt Bath Subj Communication by telephone, Hopper &amp; runner was practised</p>	
	3.		<p>Officers had begun fighting instruction each afternoon</p>	
	5.		<p>Another Signalling scheme on line of previous one was carried out, a great detail.</p>	
	6th		<p>Wool clothing was given in (all blanket except 1 per man, jibber &amp; gloves) A Volunteer Service was held in Church LETMESML at 7.0pm</p>	
	7th		<p>No 3 Coy gave an exhibition of various kinds of wiring during afternoon</p>	
	8-11th		<p>The Bath continued work on railway it had previously vacated</p>	
	12th		<p>The Bath moved to CHRY, to camp</p>	

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CLERY	12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May		<p>While at Clery the Battalion were training hard, on its allotted area. Excellent bathing was obtained in the Somme.</p> <p>On the 15<sup>th</sup> inst the Bn, together with the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> French Brigade, was inspected by the King of the Belgians.</p> <p>While here the Bn held some sports.</p>	
BILLEN	17 <sup>th</sup> May		<p>The Bn moved to BILLEN on May 17<sup>th</sup> for one night. The Bn was in a good camp &amp; quite comfortable.</p>	
VILLE	18 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May		<p>On the 18<sup>th</sup> the Bn moved to VILLE in which town they were quartered. The billets were good for officers &amp; men. Intensive training was carried on here, which was rendered somewhat difficult by the scarcity of uncultivated land. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn sports were held &amp; were a great success. On the 26<sup>th</sup> came the Brigade</p>	

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VILLE	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	Sports. The Major General inspected the first line Transport on 24 <sup>th</sup> <del>report</del> in his report the Bn received a special mention for the same. Baltemp was obtained in the ANCRE. A draft of 30 other ranks came from the 7 <sup>th</sup> Entrenching Bn on the 27 <sup>th</sup> for the 1st the Bn moved to WARDRECQUES	
WARDRECQUES	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	June		

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WARDRECQUES	1-4 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion was at WARDRECQUES, in tents. Very little training could be done owing to the surrounding land being under cultivation.	
Ref HAZEBROUCK	5 <sup>th</sup>		Coys carried out night operations. Lt Col A. F. AmN. Moore went to hospital owing to a strained leg. Capt Craigie MC commanded the Battalion temporarily.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion moved to MORINGAEM for rifle shooting practice. The billets were good but very scattered.	
	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>		Practice done were 5 deliberate and 10 rapid at 200 yds & 300 yds - also 5 deliberate & 10 rapid with fixed bayonets at 200 yds and 5 deliberate at 400 yds.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion returned to WARDRECQUES and Lt Col G. EC RASCH DSO took over the command.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion moved to WORMHOUDT, into very good but scattered billets. A very hot march, and on the following day proceeded to WATOU area, to a	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Camp of NISSAN HUTS.	
Ref BELGIUM 28NW.	15 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion moved into Reserve A (ROUSSOL FARM) of the BOESINGHE sector. 2 Coys & HQ were in the farm and 2 Coys were in ELVERDINGHE defences.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Capt Ridley MC. <del>was</del> arrived to take over duties of 2nd in command.	
	17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup>		On night of 17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> the Battalion relieved the 1st Battalion Scots Guards in the support line. HQ were at BLUET FARM, 2 Coys in X line & 2 Coys close to HQ at PARADOU & ROGER Farm. Relief was quiet, very little	

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	18 <sup>th</sup> 22nd		shelling took place at first, but this increased each day the Bath was in the line. After the relief the left Coy of the X line took over a part of the Belgian line with one platoon. This line was very good. The X line needed a great deal of work doing as in many places there was no parapets at all. During this time of duty work was chiefly concentrated on the main communication trenches in BRIDGE ST, HUNTER ST and CARDIFF ST. Casualties during the time were 1 killed and 7 wounded.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23rd		The Bath was relieved by 1st Bath Coldstream Guards, a quiet relief, and relieved to ROUSSEL FARM (RESERVE A). 2 Coys were at MOUVEON FARM, but this had to be evacuated on 24 <sup>th</sup> owing to heavy shelling of neighbouring batteries.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		These two Coys returned to ROUSSEL & bivouacked. There were a great number of hostile aeroplanes, so that the greatest attention had to be paid to men keeping under cover at all times. 8 Lewis Guns <sup>under a stock</sup> were always manned ready for anti aircraft firing. The Bath had the use of Bath at ELVERDINGHE CHATEAU. Whilst the Bath was in reserve casualties were 1 killed and 6 wounded.	
	26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>		The Bath relieved the 1st Bath Scots Guards in the front line. A fairly quiet relief. There was a good deal of shelling during this time of duty in the line. Total casualties were 4 killed and 13 wounded. On 28 <sup>th</sup> the Bath was relieved by	

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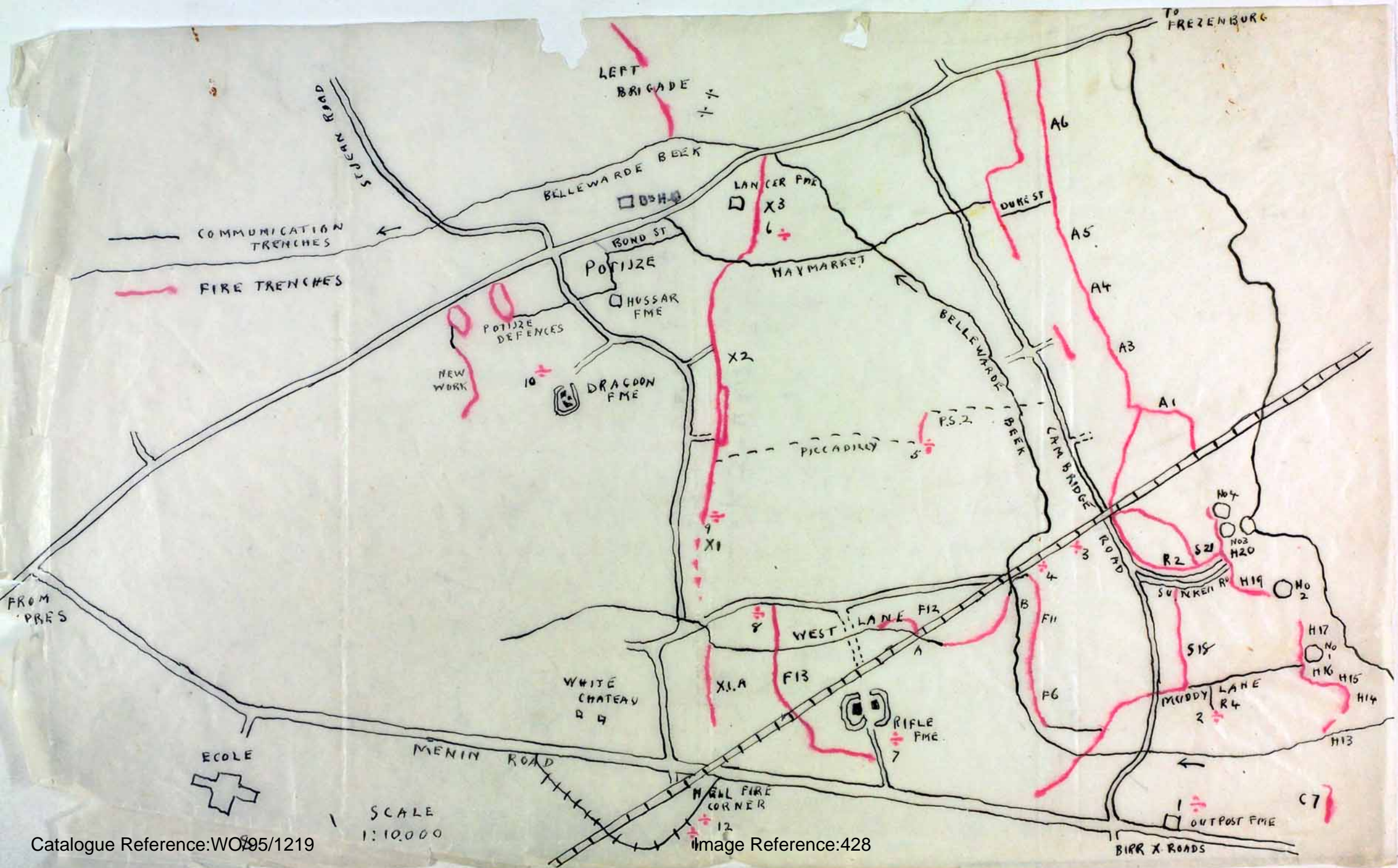
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BELGIUM 28 NW.	28 <sup>th</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The 3rd Bath Coldstream Guard. The relief took place with one casualty. The Bath went into bivouacs at A4C63, situated in a wood, and remained there till the end of month.</p> <p>J. Pasch Lt Col Comdg. 3rd Bath Grenadier Guards</p>	



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Ref. 27 / 400,000	July 1-18th		<p>The Bath was at WYLDERS in very scattered billets. The first three days were taken up in making practice trenches for the proposed company offensive.</p> <p>As the billets being so scattered, the Bath moved nearer to HERBERT close to where the training area was.</p> <p>The attack of the Blue &amp; Black line (the first two objectives) was practiced. The actual times etc were considerably modified with the view to the inspection by the King.</p> <p>This inspection took place on the 6th after which training continued on more definite lines, &amp; the advance to the Green line (which was <sup>the</sup> our objective) was practiced. Bath training continued till the 10th when Bde training began. This consisted in the Bath advancing in artillery formation &amp; passing through the 1st Bn Scots Guards. A plan of the Bde area of the attack on the BOESINGH section was made at Bde with all the prominent objects marked. Corps had the use of the trench about 1 hour daily &amp; then learnt all the principal features of the country near which the attack was to be made.</p>	

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HERZERG	12 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Lt Col Thomas [unclear] relieved the Battalion from England and resumed the command of the Battalion. Maj. G. Rasch DSO (who had been Lt Col during Col Thomas' absence, went to hospital.</p> <p>The Battalion moved to the FOREST AREA (All 200') Bwinae 16. when it stayed at the night.</p> <p>On the 14<sup>th</sup> the Battalion moved to A12 d 17, with HQ in a farm house &amp; the Coy in a wood near two fields. The greatest attention had to be paid to camouflage, as German aeroplanes were continually flying over, &amp; there was a certain amount of shelling of neighbouring areas.</p> <p>During the stay at A12 d, fatigue were done night. About 300 men on an average were employed night. Fatigue consisted chiefly of digging up T.M. ammunition to front line &amp; sandbags wire etc to various places.</p> <p>The Battalion suffered a few casualties during this period. After the Battalion had been here a few days the camp was shelled by S.G. but only a good fortune little damage was done. The only training done was a new class of signaller &amp; stretcher bearers.</p> <p>2Lt G. Roper joined the Battalion.</p> <p>On the night of 21/22 the Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion with [unclear] in the</p>	
Rel Battalion 21 NW.	12 <sup>th</sup>			
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<p>Ref Belgium 28 NW</p>	<p>21st 25th</p>		<p>Right Bank sector of the BOESINGHE Area Disposition were No 1 Coy 3 platoons in right front line 1 in WALK RAMP 2. (this had to be evacuated owing to heavy shelling). No 2 Coy 3 platoons in left front line 1 in S line. No 3 Coy in X line No 4 Coy 1 platoon in Y line (which was also evacuated) &amp; 3 platoons at B L W E P A R A H Q at CHASSU R P A R A There was a great deal of shelling during this time in the line &amp; the Bank Suffered the following casualties in the five days up to 27 killed; 11 Died of wounds. Wounded 4 S.O.R. Gained 10 O.R. Concussion 7 O.R. Wounded 2 Officers &amp; 2 O.R. On the night of 25/26 No 4 Coy relieved No 1 Coy in the front line owing to the latter heavy casualties. No 4 Coy was to have carried out a raid across the canal on the night to ascertain what enemy was holding but on inspection it was discovered the YPER LEE was across the canal. On the previous night (24/25) shelling had made an excellent reconnaissance of the Canal that marked places for places over which the Canal could be crossed without the men getting very wet, as in many places the water reached well up their middles.</p>	

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<p>26 27</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>29<sup>th</sup></p> <p>30<sup>th</sup></p>			<p>On the night of 26<sup>th</sup> the Battalion was relieved by the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards during daylight. The relief was carried out without any trouble, &amp; the Battalion returned to Bwino 10 (East Area). Here the final arrangements for the offensive were carried out; the attack was expected to be daily &amp; was eventually settled to be the 31st. Zero at 3.50 AM Major J. S. C. Rush D.S.O. rejoined the Battalion from hospital.</p> <p>50% of the details remaining after the attack moved to STERILE under Captain J. Craig &amp; Lt. S. Fitzgerald. Remainder stayed in Bwino 10.</p> <p>At 9.30 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> the Battalion moved off to go to the assembly area. Major J. S. C. Rush D.S.O. remained in command of the details, of which there were approximately 40 a company.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <i>Rand</i>              and 3rd Battalion           </p>	



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BOESINGHE	30/7/17	5pm	Administrative arrangements completed.									
		9-30pm	The Bn (less No 4 Coy under Lt Heasman detailed for Bde carrying parties) marched off from No 10 Bironac Forest area moving by Infantry Track 11 & Railway St. (picketed by Bn Police).									
		Midnight	Bn Rendezvoused S.W. of PILLS DUMP where Bn had hot tea & rum.									
	31/7/17	12-40am	An advanced Bn Headquarters party together with Platoon markers moved off under 2/Lt L. HOLBECH to the assembly area in open between WAALKRANZ - ROTHERHAM Rd RAILWAY ST and X Line.									
			Disposition of Companies in assembly area.									
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			As soon as the markers were in position the Bn advanced party moved forward crossing the Canal just at zero hour and joined the 4 <sup>th</sup> wave of the Scots Guards.									
		1-15am	Bn recommenced march to assembly area.									
		3-30am	Bn in position. Bn H.Q. in X line. No shelling at all up to this time.									
		3-50am	Zero. slight German shelling but on trenches & not in assembly area.									

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BOESINGHE	31/7/17	5 am	No 1 Coy moved off followed by No 2 and No 3. all were in artillery formation. Bn. H.Q. moved at same time from X line.	
		5-30 am	all the Batt <sup>n</sup> across the canal. The crossing took place S of Railway Bridge.	
		5-40 am	The Batt <sup>n</sup> pushed on towards the Blue line & the first casualties were incurred <sup>artillery wood</sup> S.E. of L.	
		5-50 am	No 2 Coy disengaged & came up on left of No 1 Coy. B.H.Q. established at PALLISADE FARM. Hostile machine gun fire from about TAMBOUR HOUSE caused about 20 casualties but was silenced by Lewis gun fire and No 1 Coy.	
		6 am.	Nos 1 & 2 Companies guiding very few Scots Guardsmen <sup>in JR</sup> this front available for the capture of the BLACK LINE deployed into two waves. No 3 were in support in artillery formation. The Batt <sup>n</sup> then moved forward close up to barrage & captured the BLACK LINE halting at Right angles to STADEN RAILWAY and 50' N.W. of Wood House.	
		6-40 am	a party of Scots Guards under Capt BRADSHAW moved up between 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> waves and No 3 Coy. This party then went through our line & halted 50 yards in advance of it. B.H.Q. established with 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Coldstream Guards at C.I.B. 6.7. <sup>Grays Skuffs</sup> aeroplanes <del>flown</del> were put out & we communicated our position to our Contact Aeroplanes by means of the large flapper. Machine Gun fire from	

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	31/7/17	6-40am	The <del>enemy</del> Railway (dealt with by No 1 Coy) and indirect m/gun fire from about the STEENBECK.	
		7am	Companies were reformed in preparation for advance to GREEN LINE	
		7-14am	The advance commenced. There was a considerable amount of opposition here from concrete Block Houses along the Railway in the 38 <sup>th</sup> Divisional Area. This necessitated the extension of No 1 Coy to the right and reinforcing of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wave. The Right of the Batt <sup>n</sup> began to check but reinforcements from No 3 Company carried the line forward. at the same time No 2 Company captured a Block House on the left containing 4 machine guns, 3 officers and 50 O.R. This was just short of the Green Line. No 2 Coy also assisted No 1 Coy with covering fire (rapid Lewis Gun).	
		7-55am	The GREEN LINE was captured and consolidation commenced. No 2 Coy here got in touch with 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Coldstream Guards on the left. VULCAN CROSSING was captured by No 1 and 3 Companies. Covering fire from No 1 Company was brought to bear on to enemy's Machine Gun at about U 27 c & d central <sup>which</sup> enabled 38 <sup>th</sup> Division to continue their advance to the GREEN LINE where they commenced to dig in and to a position where they were in touch with No 1 Company.	

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BOESINGHE	31/7/17	7:55 am	<p>Two (2) platoons No 3 Coy assisted No 1 Coy to dig in, the remainder of No 3 dug a support line about 300 yards in rear of Green Line. The Germans put down their barrage on road (VOLCAN CROSSING - KORT KEER cabin). Battalion Headquarters established at C 2. a. s. g.</p>	
		8 am	<p>1 Platoon 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Grenadier Guards assisted No 3 Coy to capture a m/gun post on Right of Railway.</p> <p>Covering patrols (2 Lewis guns from each front company) went out up to the barrage</p>	
		8-10 pm	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards commenced moving through. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion held their lines as above until after dark when No 1 Company came back and dug a line <del>remains</del> on the left of GRAND BARRIERE House. No 2 Company continued to hold the green dotted line, No 3 Company the Support Line and No 4 Company the Blue Line. Exceptionally heavy rain fell all the evening &amp; all night. At 10 pm Lt M. Duccannon brought up Pack animals as far as the GRAND BARRIERE HOUSE with water, ammunition</p>	

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			and rum which were issued to Companies on arrival.	
	1-8-17	6am	Bn H.Q. moved into GRAND BARRIERE HOUSE. There was a good deal of shelling and machine gun fire all day. The Battalion was relieved immediately after dark by the 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Irish Guards and marched back to Bivouac No 1 in the Forrest area.	
FORREST AREA.	<del>1-8-17</del>		Total Casualties in the Battle = 26 Killed 113 Wounded 12 Missing 2 Lt B. J. Dunlop, Captain G. W. East R.A.M.C. killed.	
	2-8-17		The Battalion rested	
	3-8-17		The Battalion relieved the 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Guards Brigade attacking front, the Bn moving <sup>first</sup> by train to Elverdinghe and thence by march route. During the relief 2 Lt G. V. G. A. Webster was killed being hit by a shell. Disposition of Companies in the line was: No 3 Coy R. Front      No 1 Coy. Grand Barriere Line No 4 Coy L. Front      No 2 Coy Blue Line. H.Q. Grand Barriere House.	
			The Battalion held the line with slight casualties until the evening	

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	5/8/17		of 5 <sup>th</sup> inst when they were relieved by the 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Grenadier Guards.	
HERZEELE	6/8/17		On completion of relief the Bn moved by motor busses to HERZEELE. Two Companies and Headquarters are billeted in the village and two companies and the transport outside in farms. These days were spent in reconstituting platoons and in individual training. A Lewis Gun range was placed at the disposal of the Battalion & was used every day.	
	15/8/17		The Battalion moved to this area 15-day in two parties and are billeted in huts. The first party consisting of 250 men under Major G. E. C. Rasch D.S.O. proceeded by motor bus to Præm & thence by train to Elondinghe for work in the forward area in conjunction with the 76 <sup>th</sup> F. Coy. R.E. They started at 6 am & returned in the evening to the new billets. The remainder of the Battalion proceeded by bus starting from Herzeele at 7-30 pm. The Battalion were in Corps Reserve whilst the 29 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Division attacked on the 16 <sup>th</sup> . All objectives were taken and a considerable number of prisoners.	
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DE WIPPE CAMP	19th		The Batta moved to HERZEELE by bus, and returned to same billets as before.	
HERZEELE			During stay at HERZEELE company training was done and training of specialists. Also Battalion Ideo and Practice Drill.	
	21st		The Brigade presented Medal Ribbons to NCOs who had gained them on 31st.	
	26th		There was a Battalion Field Day, in which an attack was practised. This was carried out on same lines as attack on 31st. Chief faults were not keeping close enough to barrage which was represented by the French.	
	27th		Batta moved to DE WIPPE CAMP and continued training as before. Steady Drill Physical Drill and Bayonet Fighting were done. Also Patrols were practised. The Batta had use of the Batta.	
	29th		No men were required for fatigue. Carrying duckboards E of the STEAN BECK. The Batta remained at DE WIPPE CAMP till the end of the week.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEWIPPE CABARET.	1st September		The Battalion remained at DEWIPPE CAMP till the 10 <sup>th</sup> inst. Wiring, making breastworks and night operations were done.	
Shel 28 NW.		4 <sup>th</sup>	Moved to LEYTON CAMP (B7d99) This camp was tented, and was close to railway, consequently there was considerable bombing by hostile aircraft and the Battalion suffered 40 casualties.	
		5 <sup>th</sup>	400 men were required for laying duck boards in the forward area. Individual training was done and young corporals paraded under the Sept heap daily. The assault was practiced as there was a possibility of the Battalion taking part in a local attack.	
		13 <sup>th</sup>	The Battalion moved to RUGBY CAMP (B10c) where individual training was continued. Camp was shelled intermittently at night but there were no casualties. Each tent or bivouac was dug down so that the men had cover from shell fire.	
Relief BIRSCHOVIC 10000		17 <sup>th</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	Relieved the 1st Bn Scots Guard in the night sub sector of BROENBEEK sects. Disposition No 1 Coy Right Flank No 2 Left Flank No 3 Support No 4 Reserve HQ in MARTINS MILK (U20C12). A fairly good relief.	



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	10 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Though considerable difficulty was found in getting the Lewis guns to the line, as RUGBY DOWN (where guns had been dumped) was heavily shelled, and guns were only unloaded just in time to enable them to get clear.</p>	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Due to an attack taking place on immediate right there was a good deal of hostile shelling and counter battery work. After a heavy bombardment the attack was made on the 20<sup>th</sup>; No 1 Coy (R.7) had to lie out behind their own 'slits' and then walk up close behind the barrage. This manoeuvre was carried out successfully; the extreme right of the Coy was merged in the attack &amp; continued with the 10<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C. to taking their objective. The Germans attempted no serious counter attacks.</p> <p>Total casualties <sup>in 4 days</sup> <del>in 4 days</del>; 6 killed and 28 wounded.</p>	
Sheet 21	21/22		<p>At night of 21st/22nd the Bn was relieved by 1st Bn Essex Regiment. After relief the Bn remained at LUNAVILLE FARM &amp; proceeded to PROVEN. Camp was at F0223 (PENTON) Training consisted of arm drill, musketry, &amp; specialist training. Young officers were in separate classes for</p>	



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HERZKEE	1st 4 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion practiced for the attack in conjunction with 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, under Bde arrangements. The Battalion had the use of the Battalion. After training on the 5 <sup>th</sup> , the Battalion moved by march route to PENCON CAMP (PROVEN AREA) where it had previously been. The details to be left out of the attack (35 men per Coy approx) proceeded to the Reinforcement Battalion HERZKEE	
RQ 27 NE	5 <sup>th</sup>		Drill and Individual training was done.	
28 NW	6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion moved to H Camp Forest Area (A10a.11) by train. Subtrained at PROVEN and detrained at ONDANK thence by march route to H Camp. H Camp was one of the best camps the Battalion had been in, hatted and plenty of accommodation. Winter time came into use.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Move to assembly area. Time table of operations and operation orders are attached.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by portions of 1 G. G. + 9 G. G. + 1 W. G. and marched back to H camp. Subtrained at LUNAVILLE & detrained at INTERNATIONAL CORNER	

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12 <sup>th</sup> H Camp			Drill, lessons for instruction and reorganization were carried out. Major R.H.V. Casendish M.V.O joined the Bath and took over duties of Indian Command	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Parade Service	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Bath Parade and Practice Drill. Individual Training. Officer Review Shooting.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Move to PANKON CAMP via train leaving ONDANK for PROVEN. PANKON CAMP found in a dirt state and very muddy.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Adjutants Parade and Practice Drill.	
Ref 27A.SF	18 <sup>th</sup>		Move to MOULLE (Que) Subtrained at PROVEN detrained at WARDEN.	
			Very good billets. Bath was in billets by 230pm. The Commanding Officer went on leave. Mr G.W. Sydney + 2Lt H. Hoare joined the Bath and were posted to No 3 & 4 Coy respectively.	
			Training consisted of Drill, Musketry (several good ranges in vicinity) Lessons for firing, Bayonet Fighting etc.	
	21st		H.R.H. The Duke of Cornwallis inspected the Bath. The Bath lined each	

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MOULLE	21 <sup>st</sup>		side of the CALAIS-ST OMER road outside their billets and each platoon cheered H.R.A. as he went by. 2 Lt. S.C. Long joined Bath and was posted to No 3 Coy.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		The Bath practised for the review by the Commander in chief to take place on the following day. Ranges allotted in the afternoon.	
Ref 27 A.S.F.	25 <sup>th</sup>		The Infantry, Machine Gun Coy and Trench Mortar Batteries of the Division were reviewed by the Commander in chief, at P 24 G. 1.9. The Division was in <del>the</del> line. Batches in close column of half coys. After inspection Batches marched past in above formation.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		B range (P126) allotted to Bath.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Bath Pde, individual training.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Parade service.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Adjutants Parade and range. Commanding Officer returned	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training and practice drill. 19 Military medals awarded to the Bath for distinguished services on the 9 <sup>th</sup> inst.	

Andrew Thomas Lt Col  
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	6 <sup>th</sup>		Fairly good billets. The coys not too scattered	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		The battn moved to HEUCHIN by road. Again heavy rain. Fairly good billets, but coys rather scattered.	
Riflens II Sheet	12 <sup>th</sup>		The battn moved to HERNICOURT, near St Pol, by road. Billets very scattered <del>at</del> .	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		The battn moved by march route to the HOUVIN area, six miles S.E. of St Pol. Good billets	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		The battn moved to BAILLEUVAL. 15 mile march, good billets.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		The Battn moved to COURCELLES-LE-COMTE. Good hut camp.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		The Battn moved to BEAUVENCOURT on the BAPAUME-LE TRANSLOY road. Good hutments. The move was made by bus and at night.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		The battn marches to LERUCQUIERE on the BAPAUME-CAMBRAI road, moving off 6 a.m. Tent camp.	

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Ref LENS II Sheet	24 <sup>th</sup>		The battery moved to the RIBECOURT area & trenches in the HINDENBURG SUPPORT LINE	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Salvage collected in considerable quantities.	
Vol. B. 4.	26 <sup>th</sup>		The battery took over the line to-night round the <del>S</del> E edge of BOURLON WOOD, astride the BAPAUME - CAMBRAI Road opposite the village of FONTAINE NOTRE DAME. The line was taken over very quietly from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> by COLDSTREAM GUARDS. Orders to attack the village of FONTAINE NOTRE DAME in the morning were issued late this afternoon.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		The battery went into action at 6.20 am. Detailed account of the battle is separate. At night we were relieved <sup>by 1st Coy moved to La Justice</sup> by 1st Coy.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		The Battery was relieved and returned to a camp near TRASCARNE.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Left TRASCARNE station for RUYAUCOURT. Very good billets	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Owing to a heavy German counter attack the Battery had to move	





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GOUZEAUCOURT	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup>		The Batta was relieved by Coys of the 1st & 2nd South African Regiment and proceeded to GOUZEAUCOURT WOOD. Total casualties during the 3 days in the line 8. OR wounded.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Batta marched off at 6.45 pm for FINS. On approaching FINS, it appeared to be shelled somewhat heavily so the Brigadier ordered the Bde to proceed to METRICOURT, the entrance station. An empty camp was fortunately discovered here, so the Batta spent the night in comparative comfort.	
Ref 51c.	6 <sup>th</sup>		Entrained for BEAUMETZ-LES LOGNON. Entrainment was to have been done at 8.30 AM but <sup>owing to hostile bombing</sup> train did not arrive till 12.30 pm. Reached BEAUMETZ at 5.30 pm, and marched to SIMENCOURT about 2 kilometres on, where Batta was to be billeted.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>		The Batta 'cleaned up' and reorganization was begun. Amalgamation of Right and left coys was discontinued. Camp very muddy; men were in huts and fairly comfortable.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Adjutant's Parade. Lewis Guns and Rifles inspected by Adjutant.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Dinner Service held in Recreation hut in village. Batta allotted to Batta.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Arm drill and physical drill done. The Batta was ordered to be	

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SIMENCOURT	14th		at 2 hours notice to move between 6-0am and 9-0am each morning.	
	14th		Class of young corporals started under Capt Major. Pife Range allotted to Coy's and sentries daily.	
etc	12th		Assault course at Q4t allotted to Coy's for bayonet fighting.	
	15th		Training was continued on these lines, and lectures given on G.D. Div French Standing Orders. 1850.R. arrived from Reinforcement Batts with Lt GODMAN & 2nd Lt W.A. PEMBROKE. The Batts was now reorganised though still 200 OR below strength.	
	16th		Dinner Service -	
	17th		Weather became very cold & <del>quite hard</del>	
	25th		Adjutant's Parade day -	
	23rd		The following officers joined the Batts from G.D. Div Reinforcement Batts and were posted as follows	
			Capt N.C. Tappin to No 3 Coy	
			Lt Ch. Bedford to No 4 Coy	
			Lt W. Champney to No 1 Coy	
			2nd Lt E.D. Bamberg to No 4 Coy	

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SINKING	24 <sup>th</sup>		Adjutant Pde - Captain S.D. Ridley M.C. left Bath to be 2nd in Command of Guards Division Reinforcement Bath.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Dinner eaten at 1.0 pm.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		One hour Physical Training done - lecture by Commanding Officer to officers and NCOs	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Training for the remainder of the month was devoted to wiring, musketry and bombing.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Coy Commanders went up the line to see sector which is to be taken over.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Preparations for move to ARRAS on 1 <sup>st</sup> prox.	
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			Cndy 3rd Bn Grenadier Gds	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1st Bn Grenadier Guards	Dec 31	5:30 p.m.	<p>Arrived HARRIS from SIMONS COURT. Directed in LEVIS BARRACKS</p> <p>Bn entrained at 8<sup>th</sup> Trunk HARRIS, returned EMIPREUX. No heavy accidental delays or casualties</p> <p>Out into line right subsector of right sector. Dispositions: to 2 Coy on Right to 4 Coy in front of Scarpe. Scarpe has 3 Coy left N. of line SCARPE (under O.B. left subsector) has 4 Coy in Reserve. HQ JOHNSON AVENUE H.30 d.</p> <p>Front line was held by posts. Trenches were in a very good state &amp; sector was very quiet. Work consisted of improving parapets &amp; cleaning of posts. A few hostile T.M.'s otherwise hardly any shelling. Casualties - 3 CR wounded.</p> <p>Weather very cold &amp; snow on ground</p>	
	5/6 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Relieved by 1st Bn Scots Guards. Bn went into right Reserve to 214 boys in LAICER AVENUE (H29 d. &amp; H29 d.)</p> <p>Bn HQ H.23 central has 3 Coy CRUMP &amp; CORDITE RESERVE (H. of river) I. 19 a. A good deal of work required in improvement of trenches. Paths at HINES LOCK available for to 214 boys.</p>	
	9/10 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Relieved by 1st Bn Scots Guards. Bn less to 123 boys entrained at B. 305 siding about 3.00 p.m. W of B. HQ</p> <p>&amp; reached HARRIS at 8.0 p.m. Right Coy did not reach HARRIS till 1.0 a.m. owing to train with relieving troops breaking down. Bn was billeted in LEVIS BARRACKS. Very good accommodation</p>	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Cleaning up. Following awards were published: Bar to D.S.O. Lt Col H. F. H. THORNE D.S.O.</p> <p>D.S.O. 2/116 (4 Coy) C. W. CARRINGTON. MC Capt J. S. HUGHES (wounded) Lt C. C. CARSTAIRS</p> <p>2/116 H. C. ANCKLVS</p>	

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	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>		During the eight days Bn. was in reserve in HRRYS. Training was conducted on the following lines:- Steady Drill (only 1 Coy allowed to drill at a time). Wiring, bombing & Gas helmet drill. Ranges allotted to Bn. on alternate days & a good training area available daily.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Officers & section commanders on Field-Firing Range under Comd'g Officer. Draft of 300 men arrived.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection of new draft & training under Coy arrangements. Draft was trained separately for first few days.	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Baths allotted to Co 1 & 3 Coys & new draft. Parade service 11.15 am at St George's Club Hall. New draft firing on range under Ass' Adjutant.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		New squad of young corporals parade under Sgt. Major. Stretcher bearers lectured by Medical Officer. Lt. Col. A.F.M. THORNE, D.S.O. to command Brigade.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Training under Coy arrangements. Bn. concert in evening.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Officers & platoon sergeants inspected the line. Major R.H.V. CHVENDISH, M.V.O. returned from leave & took over command of Bn.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Bn. went into R. subsector of left sector. Entrenching "D" dump 5.30 pm - Relieved. 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn Grenadier Guards. Relief complete 11.30 pm.	
			Dispositions. Co 2 Coy. Right Front. Co 4 Coy left front. Co 1 Coy support. Co 3 Coy Reserve. Bn HQ H.15. b. 5.7.	
	18		Redistribution of Coys took place as follows. Co 1 Coy became Centre Coy for support Coy. Each of 3 front Coys then had 4 posts in front line with Coy HQ. in "CURLY SUPPORT"	



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ARRAS	1st Feb.		Battalion was in Reserve line. (PUDDING, LEMON & HUDSON TRENCHES) All night of 2nd/3rd inst. Gas bombardment took place on night of 1/2nd. This resulted in 104 casualties, all of which were slight. Effects of gas were not noticed, in most cases, till 24 hours after.	
	7/3rd		Relieved by 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards and returned to LEVIS BARRACKS. Baths available. Voluntary Service in the evening.	
	3rd		During the 3 days the Battalion were out. Steady drill and Musketry was done. Only 1 Company was allowed to parade at a time owing to the possibility of bombing and shelling.	
	5/6th		Relieved 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards in reserve. Dispositions were - Bn. H.Q. in NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE with boys in HUMID, HARRY, HILLAR & HUDSON TRENCHES (all N. of NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE). Bn. was employed on fatigues during the tour (about 180 men every 24 hours) these consisted chiefly of carrying parties to front line.	
	10/11th		Relieved by 1st Bn. Scots Guards and returned to LEVIS BARRACKS for 5 days.	
	11/15th		These 5 days were employed as before, viz: - Drill & Musketry. A possible raid was practiced on Training Area. Range was allotted to Battalion 1 day.	
	13th		Battalion witnessed a demonstration of a Hostile Gas Projector.	
	15/16th		Relieved 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards in Front Line. Dispositions - No. 1 Coy on Right, No. 2 Coy in Centre, No. 3 Coy on Left and No. 4 Coy in Reserve. Very good relief, no casualties.	



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ARRAS	1/20 <sup>th</sup>		<p>These 5 days were very quiet, no casualties occurring in the battn. Patrols went out every night under Lieut Bedford or Lieut Durbin to ascertain the effect of our trench mortar fire on the enemy's wire, preparatory to an expected raid. Enemy patrols were only once seen. The battn sappers claim to have accounts for several Germans.</p>	
	20/21		<p>Relieved by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Guards in the front line and relieved 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Coldstream Guards in the reserve line. Dispositions were as before.</p>	
	22/25		<p>These 5 days were employed as before viz fatigue, chiefly carrying parties, and clearing and repairing trenches.</p>	
	25/26		<p>Relieved by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Guards and returned to LEVIS BARRACKS ARRAS. Owing to the breakdown of</p>	

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ARRMS	27/28		<p>the light railway trains were not available and the relief was late. Locomotives however were procured to convey the battalion back to LEVING BARRACKS.</p> <p>Employed in drill, wiring, musketry etc. Baths were allotted on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the range on the 28<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
			<p><i>R. Macintosh</i> ..... LTA JOR. COMDG. 3RD BN. GRENADIER GUARDS.</p>	

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	1/3/18		Batt billeted in Lewis Barracks Training confined to steady drill	
	2/3		Relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Goldstream Guards in left front of Divisional Sector. Dispositions to 4 boy right front to 2 boy centre to 3 boy left front to 1 boy Reserve. Quiet relief. Work concentrated on wiring & improvement of trenches. A hostile attack was expected but apart from intermittent shelling of the strong point line of front posts the loss was uneventful.	
	7/8		Relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Guards, became Intermediate B. to 1 boy in HUDSON, to 3 boy in HUDSON & HARRY, to 2 boy in HARRY & to 4 boy in CHICKEN RESERVE. Bn found about 120 men daily for fatigue, chiefly employed by N.Z.E.F.C. otherwise work was concentrated on improvement of CIVIL AVENUE & Intermediate line.	
	12		Personnel to be left out in accordance with SS 135 were sent to AGNES LES DOISANS. (Reinforcement B) under H. BEDFORD. H. PAULING M.C. posted to to 3 boy. A. E. N. DE GEIJER to to 4 boy.	
	12/13		Relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Guards. After relief Bn less to 3 boys proceeded to ST LAURENT BLANCY by march route as no trains were available. to 1 boy & to 3 boy remained in TRIPOLI & LEMON respectively as a hostile attack was expected the following morning. to 2 & 4 boys were accommodated in dugouts in railway cutting G. 13. b & d. & BnHQ at G. 15 b & 5.0.	
			The Batt was ordered to remain in a state of readiness from 5.0 am the 13 <sup>th</sup> . Every man had 2 extra bandoliers & bombing section were supplied with bombs.	

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Ref 51 B.	N.W.			
	13 <sup>th</sup>		no attack developed. Coy cleaned up. Baths at ATHIES allotted.	
	14 <sup>th</sup> / 15		no 1 Coy was withdrawn from TRIPOLI & no 2 Coy relieved no 3 Coy in LEMON. Training was confined to Steady drill, Box respirator drill & Lewis Gun instruction	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		The B was to relieve 1 <sup>st</sup> B Coldstream Guard on night 16/17 <sup>th</sup> but relief was put off for 1 day owing to a raid being carried out by the Division on the left Voluntary services held in morning. Bullet & Bayonet Competition took place on 15 <sup>th</sup> Durr Range. Won by no 11 Platoon with No 10 Platoon second.	
	17 <sup>th</sup> / 18		Relieved 1 <sup>st</sup> B Coldstream Guard in front line no 4 Coy on left. no 2 Coy in support. Lt. Col. H.F.H. THORNE DSO rejoined B on leave. Town was very quiet. Hostile attack was still expected. Enemy trench mortared our wire	
	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20		Dw. Relief - B relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Own Regt. & returned to LEVIS BARRACKS by march route Batt. in billets by 3.30 am. Change in weather. Very heavy rain fell	
	20		Kits inspected & Coy cleaned up	
	21		The German attack began at 5.15 AM and ARRAS was bombarded. During the morning the Battalion received orders to be at 2 hrs notice to move. Several shells fell near LEVIS BARRACKS and No 1 Coy suffered 4 casualties as they were marching to the training area. It was decided that as little movement as possible should take place, and training was confined to musketry & gas drill	

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ARRAS. <u>51 BSW</u>	21.		<p>which was done in barrack rooms. At 5.30pm orders were received to move to MERCATEL (M226) area. Bath marched off at 6.50pm and was accommodated at CARLISLE Lanes (M226) in a huddled camp.</p>	(M226)
	22.		<p>Breakfast at 6.00AM. Dinner cooked immediately after breakfasts were eaten, in case Bath received further orders to move at short notice. Coy commander reconnoitred at B HQ at 5.55AM to reconnoitre with Commanding Officer the 3rd system in front of NEVILLE VITASSE &amp; N of HENIN SUR COULON (N27). Training was carried out in huts. at 2.30 pm Corp marched off and dug in as follows. No 1 Coy M362 (in front of MERCATEL) No 4 Coy M306 on left. No 3 R reserve. No 2 L Reserve B HQ in huts at M23 central. Only such kit as could be actually carried was taken from CARLISLE camp. Greatcoats were taken. Front Coy were ordered to keep in touch by patrols with 1 C.C. &amp; 1 S.C. who were in front occupying the 3rd system running in rear of HENIN SUR. COULON (126).</p>	
	23.		<p>At 3.0 AM the Commanding Officer received verbal orders from the Brigade (Colonel Follett, General Brooke having gone to hospital gassed) to move at once &amp; relieve remnants of 93rd Bde in line T14C80 - T21C45, S of line held by 1 C.C. 2 Coy to be N.E. of 2 Coy S.W. Drailway. On reaching BOYELLE it was found that the 93rd Bde had only just taken over the line and</p>	

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51 BSW	24.	25.	<p>required no relief. The Commanding Officer at once withdrew No 1 &amp; 4 Coy by small parties from the front line, as the West Yorks were already in the position to be occupied by these Coy. No 1 &amp; 4 Coy accordingly withdrew to trenches in S 24 c. No 2 &amp; 3 Coy dug in at T 20 a 34 &amp; T 20 c 30. No 2 with left on railway. B HQ at Sig a 29, but moved during the day to Brunken road at S 30 a 78. Lt S. W. Seymour was wounded.</p> <p>That evening No 2 &amp; 3 Coy relieved the West Yorks in the front line. No 1 &amp; 4 Coy moved into trenches vacated by them in T 20 a 34 &amp; T 20 c 30. HQ of No 2 &amp; 3 Coy moved back from railway cutting to support line in No 4 Coy area, as cutting was heavily shelled. Dispositions were now No 2 Coy in R No 3 in L from BANK Copse T 21 c 24 - junction with 1 Sq. T 14 c 62. Enemy were seen advancing by woods and trees but were scattered by rifle fire from No 2 &amp; 3 Coy. They turned right handed below the crest where they dug in. Patrols were sent out at night to find dead or wounded, but these had been collected and no <del>sign</del> identifications were obtained.</p> <p>No 3 Coy <del>reported</del> at 3.0 am ERVILLERS was reported to have been captured by the enemy, &amp; the Bath was ordered to dig a defensive flank from T 20 a 58. T 19 b 80 This was done by No 1 Coy but was not manned. Orders were also received that a withdrawal would probably take place.</p>	

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	25.		<p>to the ADINIER line (purple line). This was reconnoitered by 1 officer per Coy. No 3 Coy reported at 3.40 pm that the Germans were dug in in front of our wire, dressed in park orders, with their left opposite our right centre platoon about 50 yds away and stretching up to the end of Bath's frontage.</p> <p>About 10.0 pm orders were received, cancelling all previous ones, to retire to a line which was not yet dug, running from S276-6.8-323 a. 22. Order of Coy were 1 2 3 4 from right withdrawal was successfully carried out, Coy leaving at 1/2 hour intervals. Lewis Gun sections remaining till end.</p> <p>Slits were dug in new position, &amp; were completed by daylight. Lt Pauling, M.C. Lt Durbin were killed. Lt N. de Geijer took command of No 3 Coy.</p>	
	26.		<p>BHQ established at S21 6.56. Intermittent shelling all day German were seen in large parties in HAMLETIN COURT and MOTENNEVILLE.</p> <p>Relieved at 2.0 AM by 2 CQ and came into Div Reserve Dispositions were</p>	
	27.		<p>12 3 4 Cops from left in HANDBURE LINE from S26 d 83 - S25 c. BHQ at S26 a. 50.</p> <p>at 11.0 pm West Yorks who were in front of Bath were attacked and surrounded so that 2.1.9 who were on their right were forced to retire.</p> <p>This attack was accompanied by a heavy bombardment of valley where Btho was situated. The Bath then became front Bath again East Yorks also retired and poured up in valley, enemy were occupying slits left by West Yorks opposite on No 2 Coy and en-</p>	

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	27.		<p>deavoured to continue their advance into this coy but were driven off by Lewis Gun and machine gun fire. At 3.40pm a further attack took place in the night in area of 31st Div. Enemy were checked in S10a x6 + S4c. That night the following alterations in dispositions took place. No 3 + 4 Coy were relieved by 2 Coy of 13<sup>th</sup> York + Lancs up to road at S26c97. After relief No 3 Coy came into reserve about S26a50 + S26b58. (2 platoons at each point). No 4 Coy relieved B Coy of 13<sup>th</sup> York, who was between on No 1 + 2 Coy. The York then side slipped to Right of No 2 Coy then withdrew into support at work at S26b57. (where HQ had moved to during afternoon but had vacated and moved back to junction of roads S20a50). Finally No 3 Coy moved up to S28c38 to get in touch with 2 Coy to S22a65. No 3 Coy had 3 platoons in front line and 1 in support. Above dispositions were completed just before dawn.</p>	
	28.		<p>At 7.0am a heavy barrage was put down on support coy (No 2) and at 7.30AM enemy attacked posts of No 4 Coy of 13<sup>th</sup> York + Lancs Regt. Strength of enemy was about 200 advancing in 4 or 5 waves. Our posts gave, but Lt. S. Fitzgerald <sup>who</sup> was commanding No 4 Coy quickly organized</p>	



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			<p>a counter attack from the support platoon of York Regt &amp; heavily launched this, organized a similar one from No 4 Coy. more counter attacks entirely defeated the enemy, who were ejected from our posts and retired 3 to 400 yds behind. No 2 Coy meanwhile had formed a strong point in rear of No 4 Coy. Remainder of day was uneventful except for heavy bombardments lasting for 15 minutes on our front line posts.</p> <p>Casualties following Officer wounded on 27<sup>th</sup> Capt Parks, Capt Carrington Lt Bennett, 2 Lt Tate Lt Van Ranney Lt Fish (Medical Officer). 28<sup>th</sup> Lt Ellis, Lt Orsini - 30. OR killed 98. OR wounded 40 OR missing.</p> <p>29. Relieved by 1 S.F. and returned to Sugar Factory Sig 6 in Bale reserve No 3 Coy remained in slit along ridge from S25676 S26050 they were withdrawn the following day. Coy slept the night in huts but moved out at 5.0 AM, into trench running round the factory - 5 casualties during these 2 days.</p> <p>30/31 Relieved 1 1/2 Coy of 299. + 2 1/2 Coy of 209 in front line. Both became</p>	

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	30.		left Bath of Bde & Division was organised on a three Bde front.	
	31.		a quiet day - but little hostile artillery activity.	
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	APRIL			
	1-3 <sup>rd</sup>		The remainder of tour in left sub sector of Bde. Sector was quiet.	
	3/4 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> S.G. Nos. 2 & 4 boys went to Sugar Factory under Capt. Wiggins. Remainder of Bde. in huddled camp on BLAIRVILLE - HENDERCOURT road; weather changed and it became very wet. 11 casualties suffered by A <sup>2</sup> 2 boy. Little training could be done in camp and no movement was possible owing to hostile observation balloons.	Ref. Sheets 51 b & c.
	5/6 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved 1 <sup>st</sup> C.G. in Right sub sector. Good relief; over by 12.40 am.	
	7/8 <sup>th</sup>		Dispositions of boys were - A <sup>2</sup> 3 boy on Left, A <sup>2</sup> 1 boy on Right, A <sup>2</sup> 2 boy in Support & A <sup>2</sup> 4 boy in Reserve. Following alterations took place - A <sup>2</sup> 2 boy was relieved by 2 Platoons of 1 <sup>st</sup> C.G. and A <sup>2</sup> 2 boy then relieved A <sup>2</sup> 1 boy who moved into Reserve at Sugar Factory, relieving Right Flank of 1 <sup>st</sup> S.G.	
	9/10 <sup>th</sup>		Following Officers joined Bde. and were posted as follows - Lieut. F. A. Magnay to A <sup>2</sup> 1 boy. & Lieut. R. K. Henderson, A <sup>2</sup> 2 boy. Lieut. G. Clifton Brown, A <sup>2</sup> 3 boy. Lieut. H. W. Sanderson A <sup>2</sup> 4 boy. Relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> S.G. and returned to camp on BLAIRVILLE - HENDERCOURT road. Nos. 1 & 3 boys were in Purple line from X.22. d. - X.23. a. There was very little shelter here, but a lot of work was done before leaving. The tour in the line had been quiet & without incident.	
	11/12 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved 1 <sup>st</sup> S.G. in Left sub sector; Dispositions - A <sup>2</sup> 2 on R., A <sup>2</sup> 4 on L. A <sup>2</sup> 1 in Support and A <sup>2</sup> 3 in Reserve. Owing to nights being very dark and no movement being possible by day, very little work could be done except wiring which was done nightly.	
	14/15 <sup>th</sup>		Major R. H. V. Cavendish, M. V. O. took Bde. in. 4 casualties during tour. Relieved by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Berks. Regt. (2nd Div.). After relief Bde. embussed at RANSART and proceeded VIA BEAUMETZ, LES LOGES to LAHERLIERE and LARBRET (V. 10. a.) where it was billeted.	

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	14/15th.		<p>Battn. was present in Billets about 4.30am. The billets were good. The whole Battalion was in huts or barns, with exception of Transport who were in bivouacs.</p> <p>The following Officers joined Battn. and were posted as follows:-</p> <p>2/Lieut. E. L. F. Blough Taylor to H<sup>o</sup> 1 Coy. 2/Lieut. R. Delacornie. H<sup>o</sup> 1 Coy. 2/Lieut. W. B. L. Manley. H<sup>o</sup> 2 Coy.</p> <p>2/Lieut. H. J. Gibbon. H<sup>o</sup> 3 Coy. 2/Lieut. R. B. G. De Reuter H<sup>o</sup> 4 Coy. Reinforcements also joined Battn. &amp; trench strength of boys was made up to 220 D.R. approx. In addition,</p> <p>Capt. A. J. R. Wiggins was posted to command H<sup>o</sup> 1 Coy.</p> <p>Lieut. G. A. J. Dwyer _____ do _____ " 2 "</p> <p>Lieut. C. St. Bedford _____ do _____ " 4 "</p> <p>Whilst the Battn. was at rest, it was at 1 hour's notice to move from 9.0am - 12 noon &amp; 3 hours notice from 12 noon to 9.0am. Position of Assembly had to be reconnected about W. 19. d. where Battn. would have to move as soon as an attack started.</p> <p>Training was conducted on following lines. Steady drill, Gas drill and Lewis Gun instruction, musketry, Adjutant's parades, Young Officers doing Squad drill.</p> <p>Each man was taught to fire a Lewis Gun. A small range was available.</p> <p>Lectures by 2nd in Command for Officers in afternoon. Specialists (Signallers, Snipers &amp; Stretcher bearers) paraded daily. There were no parades after dinner except 'Duties mtg'</p> <p>The following awards were announced.</p> <p>Lieut. E. G. A. Fitzgerald. D.S.O.</p> <p>Capt. G. A. I. Dwyer M.C.</p> <p>Capt. L. Stolbeck (Assesd) M.C.</p> <p>In addition, 3 D.C.M's and 16 M.M's were awarded to Battalion.</p>	
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	18th.		Baths at BAVINCOURT allotted to 1/2 Bn. Clean clothing available.	
	20th.		Attack was expected on 21st: so additional precautions were taken. Breakfasts were eaten at 6.45 am. Fresh meat was cooked overnight. Breakfast Roll call was held during breakfasts.	
	21st.		Major General attended Parade Service at 10 am. Major The Viscount Lascelles joined Battr. as 2nd in Command vice Major R.H.V. Cavenish, M.V.O.	
	22nd.		The Commanding Officer went to command Brigade, pending the Brigadier's return.	
	23rd.		Boys were organised into 3 Platoons, - with a H.Q. of a fourth or depot platoon. When Battr. went into the line all details were attached to this Platoon.	
	24th.		Baths at BAVINCOURT for remainder of Battalion. The Commanding Officer returned.	
	25th.		Battr. went into the line relieving 11th Bn. Border Regt. (32 DIV.) in ALETTE sector (south of sector previously held). Details numbering 480 proceeded by march route to ST. AMAND. Transport to POMMIER. Battalion embussed at LAHERLIERE and debussed at RANSART. Dispositions of boys. - A <sup>o</sup> 1 on Right, A <sup>o</sup> 2 on Left, A <sup>o</sup> 3 in Support and A <sup>o</sup> 4 in Reserve. REBIB was quiet, & over by 12.0 pm. Front boys concentrated on wiring. Support & Reserve boys worked on improvement of trenches.	
	26th.		All quiet. Listening Patrols were sent out by front boys.	

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	27 <sup>th</sup>		Front posts of No 1 Coy were severely <sup>shelled</sup> between 12-20pm. 2/Lt. C.H.F. BOUGHY was wounded.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		The Bn was relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Lds on night of 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> inst. No relief was quiet & over by 11-50 pm. 6 casualties during tour to Rd 5 Wd. Bn came into Brigade Reserve. Dispositions: - D.H.Q. & Nos 1 & 2 Coy round X.19.d.0.0. W. of RABBIT WOOD. No 4 Coy in PURPLE LINE at X.28.a.2.3, No 3 Coy at W.22.d.4.1.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Baths were available at MONCHY-AU-BOIS for No 1, 2, & 3 Coy. Musketry & Lewis Gun firing was carried out.	
	30/1 <sup>st</sup>		Musketry & Lewis Gun firing in the morning. Bn relieved 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Coldstream Guards in Right sub-sector of Brigade Front.	

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May	1 <sup>st</sup>		The Bn relieved 1/b.G. in R. subsector on night of 30 <sup>th</sup> April/1 <sup>st</sup> May. A quiet relief, over by 12.15 am. Dispositions: ho 1 boy R. Front. ho 2 boy L. Front. ho 3 boy Support - ho 4 boy Reserve. Bn HQ. Y.29. c.o. 6. Work during the hour was concentrated on destroying undercut trenches and making shelters - also wiring of front posts. Boy in Reserve in bank at X.28.8. was employed nightly in digging PURPLE LINE in front of ADINFER WOOD	
	3/4 <sup>th</sup>		Inter boy relief: ho 3 boy became R.F. ho 4 boy L.F. Major Viscount Lascelles relieved the commanding Officer. 2/Lt. R.P. PHILLON (ho 4 boy) & Lt. Hon. M. TOWNELEY BERTIE (to command ho 3 boy) joined Bn. Officers patrols were sent out nightly & dawn patrols were sent to lie out to listen for any hostile movement or sounds of hostile assembly as an attack on a large scale was expected. Total casualties were 11 OR killed and 5 OR wounded.	
	6/7 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by 1/S.G. & came into Reserve. Bn HQ. near RABBIT WOOD at X.19. c. 5.2. ho 1 boy at X 19.2.8. ho 2 boy in trenches near Bn HQ. ho 3 boy in bank at W.24. c. 9.2. ho 4 boy in hatted camp at W.22. d.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Boys were made up to 120 O.R. exclusive of B.H.Q. Owing to the number of Officers & men a good system of relief could be arranged each time the Bn came into reserve. The commanding Officer rejoined the Bn. boy near B.H.Q. was at a moment's notice on alarm being given to move up to PURPLE LINE in front of ADINFER WOOD.	
	9/10 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved 1/b.G. in L. subsector. ho 3 boy R.F. ho 4 boy L.F. ho 2 boy Support ho 1 boy Reserve. There was a slight increase in hostile activity & the hostile attack was still expected. Lt. Hon. M. TOWNELEY BERTIE, wounded. Work was concentrated on linking up posts & digging CT's back. Our artillery carried out nightly harassing fire on enemy tracks & roads & gassed possible assembly areas. MOREVILLE and COURCELLES were heavily bombed. This brought down considerable retaliation which was however chiefly	



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	9/10 <sup>th</sup>		directed on batteries & back areas (DINFER WOOD & DINFER) casualties 10 OR killed. 1 officer & 14 OR wounded.	
	15/10 <sup>th</sup>		Batt <sup>n</sup> came into Reserve as before except No 4 Coy and No 2 Coy interchanged boys were made up to 150 OR (exclusive of BND) This resulted in the numbers at Details being brought down to a minimum and reliefs could not take place Lewis Gun training & musketry (firing in box respirators) was carried out in Reserve	
	18/10 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved 1/6 Coy in R. sub sector. Quiet relief, over by 12.15 am. No 3 Coy. R.F. No 4 Coy. L.F. No 1 Coy in support, No 2 Coy in Reserve. BND were moved to X.28 Va. 2.3 as former BND had been heavily shelled on previous day. Work was concentrated on deepening existing communication trenches, revetment of fire steps & construction of fire bags in lateral CTs. between front posts	
	20/21 <sup>st</sup>		Enemy retaliated on our front & support posts after our artillery had carried out a concentrated shoot on their plots	
	20.		2/M. G.R. GUNTHER (No 2 Coy) 2/M. J.H. INGLIS-JONES (No 1 Coy) 2/M. H. DUFF COOPER (No 3 Coy) joined Batt. Casualties during this tour 2 OR killed. & 25 OR Wounded.	
	24/25		Relieved by 1/59.	
	25		Reserve area was heavily shelled during day (No 4 Coy)	
	26		2/M. J.H. INGLIS-JONES. WO. Capt G.F.R. HIRST, & Lt E.R. M. FRYER M.C. (No 3 Coy) & 2/M. J. CHAPMAN (No 2 Coy) joined Batt.	

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	26 <sup>th</sup>		Hostile activity continued above normal & 6. OR sounded.	
	27/28		Relieved 1/6 G. in 1. Subsector. Fairly quiet relief. complete by 11.30 pm. Enemy harassing fire increased.	
	28		Hostile barrage was put down on front & support posts at 4.30 am & 10.30 pm lasting 1/2 hour. Shelling was indiscriminate & seemed to be a good deal heavier further north.	
	30/31		Following days were considerably quieter Inter coy relief took place. Work was concentrated on making shells and deepening existing lateral communication trenches	
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Ref. ALETTE.	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>After Coy relief, dispositions in left sub sector of Bde were as follows: - 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. R. Front, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy. L. Front, 4<sup>th</sup> Coy Support, 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy. Reserve.</p> <p>At 2.0am - 2.30am on night of 1/2nd, H.Q. and Reserve Coy. were heavily bombarded with Blue Cross Gas Shells. 4 casualties. Remainder of tour uneventful.</p> <p>Lieut. G.A. Cornish M.C. joined Batta &amp; posted to 1<sup>st</sup> Coy.</p>	
	3/11th		<p>The following award announced in London Gazette: - Major Viscount Lascelles. Distinguished Service Order.</p> <p>Relieved by 1/5 Gds. Quiet relief. Dispositions in reserve. 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. trenches W. 24. C. 5. 9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy. near B.H.Q. (X. 19. C. 5. 2). 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy. bank W. 24. C. 9. 2. 4<sup>th</sup> Coy. bank X. 19. d. 2. 8.</p>	
51.C.S.E.	7/8th		<p>Whilst Batta was in Reserve, Musketry and 1/2 Gun training was carried out. Men cleaned up and kits were made up preparatory to Adv. Relief on 7th inst.</p> <p>Relieved by 52nd Light Infantry. During afternoon, the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant went to LA BALEQUE (V. 21. Central) with the Details from ST. AMAND to billet for Battalion.</p> <p>Battalion arrived about 11.0pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. was billeted in LA BALEQUE farms. V. 21. b. Bde. H.Q., Bn. H.Q. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy. LA BALEQUE, V. 21. Central. 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Coy. in tents &amp; shelters in wood in V. 26. These latter Coy. had plenty of accommodation. Remaining billets were taken over in a very dirty state, but were soon considerably improved, and were, on the whole, good.</p>	
	8th		<p>Commanding Officer held conference of all Officers &amp; Sergeants at Bn. H.Q., and discussed training.</p>	
	9th		<p>Parade Service 10am. Brigadier took Commanding Officer and Adjutant in Advance Guard and Outpost Scheme.</p>	

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	9th. 15th.		<p>4-5163 SIM. A. M. Will. M.C. was awarded D.C.M. (Authority London Gazette 7th.)</p> <p>Major Coulson (Bulbump Instructor) lectured Battalion on P. &amp; B. Training.</p> <p>Individual training was carried out during week ending 15th. inst. Recreational Training, (Football, Rounders etc.) in the afternoons. 2 boys paraded daily for drill &amp; short route marches; remainder P &amp; B.T., Musketry &amp; Wiring practice.</p> <p>2nd in Command took subaltern officers <sup>&amp; Sergeants</sup> in Schemes on the ground.</p> <p>All drill, training in Musketry, Lewis guns &amp; Rifle Grenades was under the supervision of the Bn. H.Q. Instructors. A 30 yards Range was available in V.20.d. and a Bullet &amp; Bayonet course was also made.</p> <p>Training area was shared with 1/C.Gds. Area in V.21.d. and V.27. a &amp; b. being allotted to Battalion on alternate days.</p>	
	16th. 17th.		<p>Parade Service at 10. Dam.</p> <p>Lecture on R.A.F. by Major James.</p> <p>Training was carried out on same lines as first week, up till Friday, when Platoon training was begun. 2nd in Command took corporals in Schemes.</p> <p>Lectures given by Medical Officer on Sanitation and First Aid.</p>	
	20th.		<p>Battalion Sports were held.</p> <p>4436 C.Q.M. G. R. Card, 10421 C.Q.M. J. Trotter. H. and 16648 Sgt. A. Waspe awarded M. S. M. (Authy: London Gazette. 20th. inst.)</p>	
	21/ 22nd		<p>Boys practiced simple Platoon Schemes under direction of the Commanding Officer.</p> <p>Wiring was done under Pde. Instructors.</p>	

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	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Demonstration of use of cover by Lewis gunners, when advancing for the attack, was organised and given by the Ass. Adjutant at 9.30am. Parade Service at 10.0am.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Platoon and company training was done during week ending 29 <sup>th</sup> inst. Lieut. R. G. West joined Bn and was posted to A <sup>o</sup> 4 boy. Bn (less A <sup>o</sup> 4 boy) went on a route march to BAVINCOURT. (DIV. H. Q.) On arrival A <sup>o</sup> 3 boy went to baths. A <sup>o</sup> 4 boy to baths at LA CAUCHIE. The Bn (less A <sup>o</sup> 3 & 4 boys) were lectured by the S.C.F. on "Central Europe." After lecture A <sup>o</sup> 1 & 2 boys bathed and marched back independently. Lieut. S. C. Carstairs M.C. joined Bn and was posted to A <sup>o</sup> 2 boy.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		The Bn witnessed a demonstration - Gas Projector Attack - on ground S. of LA HERLIERE. V. 10. a. at 10pm.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Commanding Officer held conference on training. A second demonstration of Lewis guns in the attack, was arranged by the Ass. Adjutant.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Advance Guard & Outpost Scheme carried out by A <sup>o</sup> 1 & 2 boys. A <sup>o</sup> 3 & 4 boys, Platoon Route March & Tactical Scheme.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		The Div. carried out a practice move to rendezvous, in case of a German break through. Bde. rendezvous was S. of BERLES-au-BOIS. (W. 26. d.) Orders were received at 8.15am to move at once. All Platoons were outside billeting area on route marches. Boys reached their positions at about 12 noon. As soon as Brigade was present, Bns. marched back to billets.	

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	29th		<p>Adv. 3 &amp; 4 boys carried out. Advance guard &amp; Outpost Scheme and A<sup>o</sup>. 1 and 2 boys Platoon Route Marches.</p> <p>At this time there were about 150 men sick with "P. U. D." (a species of influenza) lasting about 3 or 4 days. These men were ordered to lie out in the open during the day.</p>	
	30th		<p>Parade Service 10.30 am.</p>	

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*70 July 1918*  
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<i>Ref. 51c. S.E. LA BAZERQUE</i>	<i>1/7/18. 2/7/18.</i>		<i>Training was continued according to programme. Range practices and wiring were carried out. Bn marched to HUMBERCOURT (U.S.A) where they bathed in Chateau grounds and returned after having their dinners. The Approach March &amp; Counter attack scheme were carried out. No 1 Coy on R., No 2 Coy on L. and No 3 Coy in support: marked enemy were found by No. 4 Coy.</i>	
	<i>3<sup>rd</sup>.</i>		<i>The Comdr. Officer and Coy Commanders proceeded to reconnoitre the line. Approach March and Counter attack schemes were carried out by No 3 &amp; 4 boys under 2nd in command.</i>	
	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Platoon drill competition took place was won by No 5 Platoon (Lt ADAIR).</i>	
	<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Bn parade took place in morning. Details marched to BAILLEULMONT under 2nd in command</i>	
	<i>6<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Bn were taken to RANSART in buses, whence they proceeded on foot &amp; relieved 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. Art. Hors. in R. sector of Divisional front. (The same sector held by Bn. at the end of March)</i>	
	<i>6/7/18</i>		<i>Relief was quiet and complete by 1.45 am. Dispositions of Bn. Nos. 3 &amp; 4 boys in front line, - No. 1 Coy in support. No 2 Coy in Reserve. Bn. H.Q. in BOIRY ST MARTIN.</i>	
	<i>7<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>During the whole of the tour two officers patrols were out every night from dusk till dawn.</i>	
	<i>8/9/18</i>		<i>Nos 1 &amp; 2 Coys found working parties for RED LINE. Dispositions of Bn were altered. No 1 Coy relieved Nos. 3 &amp; 4 boys in front line &amp; became Outpost Coy. No 3 &amp; 4 boys moved into RED LINE which became main line of resistance</i>	

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	JULY. 9 <sup>th</sup> 10/11 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Working parties were found by Co 3 &amp; 4 boys on RED LINE                      Bn was relieved by 1<sup>st</sup> S.G. and moved back into support taking over accommodation from 1<sup>st</sup> S.G. as follows:                      Co 3 Coy as R. Coy in WINDMILL switch (X.23. c)                      Co 4 Coy as L. Coy in WINDMILL switch (X.23. a)                      Co 2 Coy as Support Coy in HAMEAU switch (X.15. d)                      Co 1 Coy as Reserve Coy at X.13. d. 0.2.                      BHQ at X.14. a. 9.5.</p>	
	14/15 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Casualties during above tour. 4 OR Wounded                      Training in Support was carried out as follows:- Bombing, Rifle, Grenades &amp; Musketry                      A good deal of work was done to improve accommodation in WINDMILL SWITCH.                      No casualties were incurred</p>	
	18/19 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The Bn moved back into Divisional Reserve taking over accommodation from 1<sup>st</sup> S.G. in trenches about W. 18. d.                      A field firing range &amp; assault course were made in the neighbourhood &amp; all platoons were put through a field firing practice &amp; assault practice.                      The pioneers worked on construction of shelters in the trenches. The Barks &amp; RANSART were used.                      The Bn relieved the 1<sup>st</sup> S.G. in front line as follows:                      Co 2 Coy Outpost Coy. Co 1 Coy. R. Coy. RED LINE                      - 4 - L. - - -                      Reserve Coy in SUGARY</p>	





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	24/25		Lewis Gun classes, Bombing & Musketry were carried out. Baths at RANSART were used Accommodation was made in WINDMILL SWITCH for 1 Coy of I. B. G. in front line who were relieved by 1 Coy of American Troops. Weather was very bad & much work was needed to keep up the trenches	
	27th		3 American Officers, 15 sgt's 22 Cpls & 8 runners were attached to the Bn. for instruction from the 27th - 29th inst.	
	30/31st		Bn moved back into Divisional Reserve.	
	31st		The Comdr. Officer took Coy commands in tactical schemes. The Bn. cleaned up in the morning & played games in the afternoon Packs were brought up from Details	

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August	6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion patrol under Lt. R. P. Papillon encountered a German patrol in OBSERVATION TRENCH. One German was severely wounded. Identification marks were brought in.	
	7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup>		No 2 Coy relieved No 1 Coy, who then became Reserve Coy in ADINFER. The 2 platoon of 320 <sup>th</sup> Regt. in RED LINE relieved their 2 platoon in the OUTPOST LINE.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion was informed that a further identification was required.	
	9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup>		No 3 Coy relieved Outpost Coy. No 1 Coy relieved RIGHT RED LINE Coy. No 2 Coy then became SUGARY Coy. Personnel of 320 <sup>th</sup> Regt attached passed out of line.	
	10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup>		Capt. Churchill and Lt. De Renter with the Brigade patrol party penetrates a thick belt of German wire and fires on a party of 30 or 40 of the enemy, several were seen to fall. Lt. De Geiser and 20 O.R. raised a post at S28d 4D under an Artillery barrage. ZERO was at 3:15 am. The raising party found up in front of OBSERVATION TRENCH at 3 am. At ZERO + 2 the Artillery barrage was joined by a Stokes mortar barrage and the raising party rushed enemy post in 2 parties, under Lt. De Geiser and Sgt. Butler D.C.W. Enemy however had abandoned the post; 2 of them were seen to run away just before the party rushed in. Valuable information was brought back and no casualties were sustained. The "All in" signal, consisting of 3 red lights, was sent up at ZERO + 12 minutes.	
	11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy retaliated with trench mortars on the OUTPOST LINE, killing 2 and wounding 3 O.R. of No. 3 Coy.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion was relieved by I.C.G. in Front line and took over accommodation from I.S.G. in SUPPORT as follows: - No. 4 Coy. RIGHT COY. No 3 Coy. LEFT COY in WINDMILL SWITCH. No 1 Coy. SUPPORT COY in HAMEAU SWITCH. No 2 Coy in RESERVE.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		The Battalion was in support for 4 days. Training was carried out by Support & Reserve Coy. Front Coy found 90 per night for fatigue.	
			The Battalion bashed at RANSART.	

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August	15 <sup>th</sup>		Capt Infrell and 1 N.C.O. per Co. were attached to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. 320 <sup>th</sup> Regt. A.S.T. for 4 days in the line. The Bn. moved back into Reserve in same position as previously.	
	15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>		Orders were received for the Bn. to move to SAULTY V. a. Bn. marched off 9 pm and was in Billes by 1 am. Billes were good.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Cos. did steady drill.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		All officers attended a lecture on Co-operation of Tanks and Infantry at SAULTY CHATEAU.	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Divine Service for Bn.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Commanding Officer returned from leave. N.C.O.s took their sections in fire exercises. Additional Stokers Bearers trained.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Commanding Officer lectured all Officers & N.C.O.s in morning on the forthcoming battle. The Bn. baked. Rifles and L/Guns inspected by American Sergt. Bn. embarked at CHAPEL DUMP at 8 pm. Detailed account has been made of operations on 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by 2/SG and moved back to dugouts & shelter in ALETTE.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Bn. moved at 6 pm to area as follows: B.H.Q. X14 b. 21 (old supper B.H.Q.) No. 2 Coy. X19. b. 5. 9. No. 1 & 2 Coy at Bank X19. d. 5. 6. No. 3 Coy at X20. d. 8. 4. Accommodation was good. Fresh dugouts etc. were made for drafts which were expected.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Cos. reorganised and made up deficiencies. Platoons were organised with 2 L/Gun sections & 1 Rifle section. Lt. J. A. Inglis joined Bn.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Cos. trained young section commanders and L/Gun instruction was carried out. Conference of Lewis Gunners was held at 2.30 pm to discuss points raised by the recent operation.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		No. 2 Coy. went for route march. No. 3 Coy on L/Gun range. Draft of 23 O.R. joined from 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		No. 3 Coy went for route march. Draft of 65 O.R. joined from Base.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		A First Day was to have been carried out in conjunction with the Details who were at BELLIS AU BOIS. Owing to the weather it was put off. No. 1 & 2 Cos went for a route march.	

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*2nd Bn. Canadian Guards and Bde*

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	Sept 1st to 8th	-	Narrative attached.	REFERENCE MAPS.
	8th to 15th	-	<p>During this period 2nd Brigade was in Reserve positions near LAGNICOURT. All boys were in shelters in DUNHELM AVENUE. Training was carried out daily, special attention being paid to the practise of Dayonet fighting, bombing, and blocking trenches. A Lewis Gun Range was also in use, &amp; Officers were practised in compass marching.</p>	<p><i>Vol 37</i></p> <p>54.C.N.E. 54.C.N.W. 54.B.S.W.</p>
	15th	-	<p>On the night 15th/16th, the 2nd Guards Brigade moved into the front line. The Bn relieved the 2nd Bn G. Bds. in Brigade Reserve in D. 26. Cookers, packs, &amp; Officers kits were brought on to this position.</p>	
	16th 17th 18th 19th	-	<p>Training was continued with. No's 1 &amp; 2 boys were still very weak and a draft was expected, from day to day.</p>	
	Sept 20th to 28th	-	<p>Narrative attached, also list of O.R. who were awarded the M.M. on 14th Sept.</p>	
	29th 30th	-	<p>Battn: cleaned up. Baths at DOIGNIES were allotted to Battn. in afternoon. Training was carried out, &amp; Advance Guard practised.</p>	<p><i>Lacelles</i> Lieut Colonel. <i>2nd Bn. Canadian Gds.</i></p>

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st  
TO SEPTEMBER 8th. 1918.

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- Sept. 1st. Battalion in trenches near RANSART.  
8-0 pm. warning received from Brigade.
- Sept. 2nd. 8-30 am. -9-0 am. marched to HAMELINCOURT.  
5-0 pm. -7-0 pm. marched to L'HOMME MORT (near ST LEGER.)  
7-30 pm. received verbal instructions for attack.  
12 midnight received Brigade Orders for attack at 5-5-am.
- Sept. 3rd. 1-0 am. Leading Coy started for assembly positions.  
5-5 am. Leading Coys advanced to Barrage.  
5-20 am. ZERO.  
7-20 am. received message from Intelligence Officer that No 2 Coy (Right front Coy) were in touch with 1st Bn. K.R.R.C. on final objective.  
8-35 am. Commanding Officer went up, and finding no enemy in sight ordered advance of No's 1 & 2 Coys. (Front Coys) to next ridge, No 3 Coy. (Support) to valley, No 4 Coy. (Reserve) to original final objective.  
10-40 am. Bn. H.Q. moved to XRds. C.29.a. (about original final objective).  
10-55 am. Received orders from Brigade to carry on advance to W. edge of BOURSIES.  
2-0 pm. All Coys consolidating for the night.  
7-0 pm. Bn. H.Q. moved to old German Aid Post in sunken Road at J.2.a.8.8.  
Casualties Killed 1., Wounded 11., Missing 5., Gassed 4.  
TOTAL 21. Prisoners 13.
- Sept. 4th. 8-0 am. 3rd Guards Brigade passed through Battn. Leading Coys withdrawn to J.3.a. & b. & J.4.a.
- Sept. 5th. 9-30 pm. Relieved 1st Bn. Welsh Guards in front line.  
Bn. H.Q. at D.29.c.5.8.  
Right Flank not in touch with 1st Bn. K.R.R.C.  
Quiet relief.
- Sept. 6th. Midnight. Heavy gas shelling on Support Coys during re-organization of the line.  
Casualties. No 1 Coy. 3 Officers, 61 O.R.  
No 2 Coy. 3 Officers, 30 O.R.  
Established liason post with 1st Bn. K.R.R.C. at JOAN POST, J.2.d.2.1., still leaving serious gap in Right front Coy. Old wire seriously hampered movement about this area.
- Sept. 7th. 9-0 pm. Pushed out 2 posts southwards from GOAT trench, J.2.a.4.2. & 1 post northwards from J.3.a.5.6. before relief by 2nd Battn. Grenadier Guards, making the relief of this Coy very slow and difficult.
- Sept. 8th. 3-30 am. Relief by 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards complete.  
Bn. H.Q. to C.22.a.9.6.  
Battn. in trenches in DUNHELM AVENUE.

LESSONS LEARNT.

1. Vital importance of reconnoitring assembly positions before attack with creeping barrage, and impossibility of trusting guides of other units.
2. Exploiting a success---initiative of Coy. Comdrs. in pushing forward strong patrols (after attaining final objective) to the next tactical feature. Necessity of informing Bn. H.Q. immediately, that this movement has been started.
3. Importance of Compass bearing.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS FROM  
SEPTEMBER 20th to SEPTEMBER 28th, 1918.

- Sept. 20th. The Brigade was warned that they would shortly have to attack positions E. & W. of the CANAL DU NORD. No details were given. The Battn. was warned that they would relieve 1/S.G. in front line on night 21st/22nd.
- Sept. 21st. 9-30 am. Relief of 1/S.G. cancelled. The Battn. warned that they would probably relieve 1/C.G. in Support on night 22/23rd. The Battn. was allotted LAGNICOURT Baths in morning. Details of attack received. The Battn. were told that they would have to attack Northwards on the W. Bank of the CANAL, with 1 Coy in Front & 1 Coy in Support, and capture SLAG HEAP & trench system round it, & 2 Coys to be in Brigade Reserve. 1/S.G. & 1/C.G. to attack E. across the CANAL on R. & L. respectively. A piece of ground was at once selected & trenches and salient features taped on it for practise purposes. R.E. commenced a model about 10x square of the area to be attacked. Coys detailed for the attack as follows:-  
No 3 Coy Front Coy. No 4 Coy in Support.  
No's 1 & 2 Coys in Brigade Reserve.  
A Draft of 66 O.R. joined the Battn. from Details & were posted to No's 1 & 2 Coys.
- Sept. 22nd. A Coy Cmdrs. conference was held at 9 am. and the Commanding Officer explained the plan of attack. After the conference No's 3 & 4 Coys practised the attack over ground marked out. At 2:30 pm. relief of 1/C.G. was cancelled.  
5 pm. The Commanding Officer attended a conference at Brigade H.Qrs. when alterations were made in the plan of attack. X  
7 pm. warning order was received to relieve 1/W.G. in front line on night of 23/24th.  
9 pm. The Commanding Officer held a Coy Cmdrs conference. The following alterations were made.  
No 3 Coy & 1 Platoon of No 4 Coy to attack SLAG HEAP.  
No 4 Coy, (minus 1 Pltn) to be in Support.  
No 2 Coy to remain in portion of front line they were taking over on 23/24th.  
No 1 Coy to be in Brigade Reserve.
- Sept. 23rd. Int. Off. proceeded to front line B.H.Q. to arrange relief. No 3 Coy practised attack. All Coys were instructed in the plan on the completed R.E. model. In the afternoon Coys drew from B.H.Q. portion of "On the man Dump" to be carried in the attack. 1 extra bandolier per man, a proportion of bomb bags, wire cutters were issued. Leading Coy marched off for relief at 7-15 pm.
- Sept. 23/24. 1/W.G. relieved in front line.  
No 1 Coy on Right. No 4 in Right Centre.  
No 3 Coy in Left Centre. No 2 Coy on Left.  
B.H.Q. in WALSH SUPPORT.  
Relief was quiet except for thr Right Centre Coy. of 1/W.G. which was raided during relief. Raid was easily repulsed. After relief 1 dead German was brought in. Identification normal. Relief complete at 11-15 pm.  
The line held by the Battn. was some 2,000 yards in length, and was held by a series of posts.
- Sept. 24th. The day was quiet.
- Sept. 24/25. Transport brought up remainder of "On the man Dump". Bombs, flares, wire-cutters & signal rockets were drawn by Coys.
- Sept. 25th. 9 am. a heavy barrage descended on the whole front line of the Battn. All wires immediately became disconnected. At 10 am. news was received from No 4 Coy that Germans had attempted a raid & had been repulsed. No men missing. 1 German was wounded, but escaped. Casualties from barrage were killed & 6 Wounded.



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- Sept. 25th. In the afternoon orders for the attack & move into the assembly area were received from Brigade. O.O.s No's 70 & 71 (attached) were issued.
- Sept. 25/26. Two days rations & 2nd water bottles were brought up by Transport.
- Sept. 26th. In the course of the afternoon forward dumps were completed. 6 pm. Warning received that 26th was Y day. 7-30 pm. B.H.Q. moved to battle H.Qrs. K.3.b.7.6. 8 pm. Watches were synchronized. Zero hour was given out as 5-20 on the 27th.
- Sept. 26/27. O.O. No 71 was carried out. Battn. was reported present in assembly positions at 1-15 am. Extra ration was issued to Coys, of Tea & Sugar.
- Sept. 27th. At 7-45 am. report from No 3 Coy was received that they had established C.H.C. in SLAC HEAP & obtained liason with 1/C.G. at K.3.d.2.4. Aid Post was also established at SLAC HEAP. Parties were reported to be moving up DONKEY & DOG. At 8 am. report was received from No 3 Coy that Right & Left parties had effected a junction in Centre of objective and posts established in BEAR, DOG, & DONKEY, thereby completing capture of objective. By this time 48 prisoners had been brought back from SLAC HEAP. Tanks & 52nd Divn. were also reported to be seen moving towards SQUIRREL from the North. 8-15 am. 1/C.G. reported that they were suffering heavy casualties from enfilade M.G. fire on their left flank in K.4. A message was sent to No 3 Coy to try and keep down this fire from the SLAC HEAP. 10-35 am. Two M.G.'s were reported to be still firing from ~~K.3.a~~ K.3.a.6.5. in the 52nd Divn. area. Stokes Mortars were sent up but not used. 11 am. M.G.'s were reported out of action. 12-45 pm. Seeing that troops on the right were suffering from enfilade M.G. fire, L/C's WATSON & PARRY crossed the CANAL and going 600 yards across the open captured a M.G., 1 Officer and 7 men near KANGAROO Trench. During the action one of a party of prisoners taken by 2/Lt. H.J. Gibbon turned round and threw a bomb at our party after he had been sent back. This party accounted for many Germans after the incident, 26 dead Germans being counted on the SLAC HEAP after the operations. No 3 Coy took 83 prisoners (including wounded) & 23 M.G.'s. Casualties were 12 Wounded, 2 Missing, & 3 Wd, but remained at duty owing to a pocket of Germans holding out in the Brigade area. 2-45 pm. No 1 Coy (in Brigade Reserve) were ordered up to dugouts in CROSSE AVENUE and thenceforward came under orders of 1/C.G. 7-15 pm. Verbal orders were received from Brigade to move back to DOIGNIES area under our own arrangements. 7-30 pm. Coys were ordered to move back to this area in their own time. Guides were arranged for on the DEMICOURT-DOIGNIES Rd. The Battalion was all present in new position by 10-15 pm. All arrangements had been made by C.M. Hot meals & rum were served out on arrival. Packs & kits arrived during the night. Reveille was ordered to be not earlier than 8 am.

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DOIGNIES	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Batten. found a working party on the HAVRINCOURT - FLAGQUIERES ROAD from 0900 to 1600 hours.	
	- 2 <sup>nd</sup>		At 0900 hours the Major General walked the Battalion carrying out practice attack.	
	- 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Battalion parade under the Adjutant.	
	- 4 <sup>th</sup>		Training. Demonstration of smoke rifle grenades.	
	- 5 <sup>th</sup>		Route march, finishing up with a practice attack in a smoke grenade barrage.	
	- 6 <sup>th</sup>	01000	Church Parade.	
		01200	Warning order received to move in evening.	
		1600	Move postponed until 7 <sup>th</sup> .	
		1700	Warning order received to attack shortly.	
PREMY CHAPELLE	Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	1730	Batt. moved to Camp at PREMY CHAPELLE	
	- 8	0430	Attack by 62 <sup>nd</sup> Division.	
		0630	Batt. at one hour notice.	
MASNIERES.		1100	Batt. moved to MASNIERES	
		1315	Batt. was reported present in concentration area.	
		2315	Batt. marched off to assembly area.	
	Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	0200	Order for the attack were received. Operation Order No 74 was issued to Cpt. O.O. No 44	
		0215	Batt. was reported present in Assembly position.	
		0600	Bn HQ. and Reserve Coy. moved to FORENVILLE	
FORENVILLE.		0630	The objective was reported occupied. No snags had been encountered and there had been absolutely no hostile shelling. About 25 casualties were reported from our own barrage.	
		0830	Red dotted line (E of WAMBAIX COPSE) reported occupied.	
WAMBAIX COPSE		0845	Bn HQ. and No 3 Coy moved to Southern edge of WAMBAIX COPSE. Message was sent to Transport Gr A Echelon.	

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	Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	1030	Green dotted line (ESTOURMEL) was reported occupied without opposition. Enemy M.G.'s were reported firing from the CAMBRAI - BEAUVOIS ROAD. 1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade, on the right were reported not to be up in line with us. No. 2 Coy on the left was ordered to press forward to the CAMBRAI - BEAUVOIS ROAD.	
		1600	Report from No 2 Coy. (time 1500) reporting IGNIEL and blue dotted line occupied, but heavy casualties being suffered from M.G.'s on right and from enemy S.G.'s firing at long range. A patrol of Oxfordshire Hussars was sent out through 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Coldstream Guards on our left.	
		1630	Orders received to obtain touch with Cavalry Patrol in B17.C. As patrol had been withdrawn to V.22.C. the Commanding Officer decided to suspend this operation.	
		1930	Orders received to put out an Outpost line after dark with 2 Coys E of CAMBRAI - BEAUVOIS ROAD and 2 Coys in green dotted line E. of ESTOURMEL.	
		1830	Warning order received of probable further advances in the morning.	
		2030	Bn. HQ moved to GRANDE SHANTELL H.S.A. 4.00. Outpost line reported complete 2259 hours. No 1 Coy on the right, No 2 on the left, No 4. R. support No 3. L. Support.	
	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	0300	Orders for advance received. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn SIG to pass through Outpost line at 0500 hrs and continue the advance by bounds, the Batts. to be in Support and move astride the ESTOURMEL - CARNIERES - BOUSSIERES - ST HILAIRE ROAD. No 3 Coy on Right, No 4 Coy on left, No 1 in Support, No 2 in Reserve.	O.O. 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
		1230	Bn. HQ and Reserve Coy. established E. of BOUSSIERES.	
BOUSSIERES		1230	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. SIG held up W. of ST. HILAIRE.	

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ST. HILAIRE.	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	1900	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. S/G ordered to establish an outpost line for the night. The Battn found two Coy in close support under the orders of O.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> S/G. Two Coy of 1 <sup>st</sup> C/G placed under orders of the C.O.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	0130	Orders received that 3 <sup>rd</sup> Guards Brigade would pass through outpost line and continue the advance at 0500 hours. Battn. was ordered to concentrate in U30.d. and U35.c. W of ST. VAAST.	
	0900	3 <sup>rd</sup> Guards Brigade held up by M.C's and situation at ST VAAST obscure. The Commanding Officer concentrated the Battn in N.W. portion of ST. HILAIRE.		
	1245	All Coy. were comfortably installed and plentiful supply of vegetable and forage was found.		
	1315	Estimated Casualties up to this point from morning of the 9 <sup>th</sup> - 4 KILLED, 51 WOUNDED, 2 GASED.		
	1400	Warning order received that Battn. will remain in ST. HILAIRE for the night.		
	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion bathed in German baths.	
	13	0430	Warning order received that 2 <sup>nd</sup> Guards Brigade would pass through 3 <sup>rd</sup> Guards Brigade, and would be ready to move at 1000 hours. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn Grenadier Guards on Right, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn boldstrans Guards on Left, & 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Guards in Reserve.	
	0800	Warning order received to be at immediate notice to move, as 3 <sup>rd</sup> Guards Brigade were crossing LA BELLE RIVER.		
	1000	Warning order cancelled. Orders received that dinners were to be finished by 1300 hours, and Battn to be under two hours notice after that time.		

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	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	1430	All warning orders cancelled. Instructions received to relieve 2 <sup>nd</sup> SIG that night.	
		1445	The Batt. marched off.	
		2230	Relief complete & Bn. H.Q. established in house at 5 cross roads S. of ST. VAAST.	
			DISPOSITIONS: No 4 Coy. 2 Platoons in village, 2 Platoons & C.H.Q. in Rly. (left half of sector)	O.O. 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct
			3 " 2 Platoons in Rly (right half of sector)	
			1 " 2 " in main line of resistance "Ridge in D4 central"	
			2 " Main line of resistance, D4 central.	
			2 " In Reserve at 5 cross roads S of ST VAAST.	
		2230	Orders were received to patrol ST PYTHON, E. of the River SELLE.	
			Lieut R.G. GUNTHER & 8 O.R. captured 1 prisoner.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	0005	Orders received to establish a Bridgehead across River and No 4 Coy were warned for this operation.	
		0400	Bridgehead established with 2 platoons dug in on E. BANK of RIVER, & 2 platoons and C.H.Q. at Y29. d 88. 2 remaining platoons of and C.H.Q. of No 3. moved up to Rly.	
			No 4 Coy moved to main line of resistance (RIDGE D4-CENTRAL).	
		1000	Bn H.Q. moved to D4-CENTRAL.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	0405	Heavy Damage put down as far back as Bn. H.Q. (Gas & H.E.)	
		2000	Lieut H.J.B. Smith and 2 Sections patrolled to Northernmost house in ST PYTHON, found it empty, and occupied it. Lieut Donnison and 2 Sections then proceeded Southward down ST PYTHON - HAUSBY ROAD, but met with heavy M.G. and rifle fire and bombing, and were unable to progress, 2 men were wounded and could not be brought back. Lieut Smith's post was attacked but he repulsed enemy.	

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	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2300	The Bde orders withdrawal of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hvy Smith's post. Casualties: - 2 WOUNDED AND MISSING x 2 WOUNDED.	
	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	0330	Heavy barrage put down by Enemy as on previous day.	
		0630	Front Coy. reported enemy massing on ST PYTHON - HAUSSY ROAD.	
		0745	Front Coy. reported enemy digging on ST PYTHON - HAUSSY ROAD.	
		0830	An Artillery Shoot was arranged on the ST PYTHON - HAUSSY ROAD for 2 hours from 1100 hours. Platoons E of the River withdrawn to the MILK.	
		1110	Artillery shot short and was stopped firing. Casualties: 1 O.R. KILLED 4 O.R. WOUNDED.	
	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	0900	Orders received that Bde would be relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> BN SIC that night. Bridgehead withdrawn and mined after dark, one platoon to remain in the MILK W. of the River.	
ST VAAST		1950	Relief complete. Bde proceeded to ST VAAST. The Bde was comfortably billeted in cellars and houses. There was Gas shelling in the night. The Bde bathed at ST HILAIRE.	
	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Training.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>			
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Bde at 2 hours notice to move.	
BOUSSIERES.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1600	Bde came out of the line and moved to BOUSSIERES.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		General swabbing.	

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ST. HILAIRE	24 <sup>th</sup>	1415	Moved to ST HILAIRE. The Battalion was billeted in the FACTORY at ST HILAIRE	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion parade and Training.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	0830	Battalion parade and Training.	
		0930	Fire and movement was practised.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Church Parade. Concert was held at 1800 in the FACTORY	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion parade and Training.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	0935	The Major General inspected the Battalion on parade ground C.12.a.	
		1200	Battalions bathed.	
		1630		
		30		Training.
ST. PYTHON	31 <sup>st</sup>		Coy parades for Companies drill	
			In the afternoon the Battalion moved to ST. PYTHON	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	1st		ST. PYTHON. Battn. Parade in the morning. A Concert party gave an entertainment to the Battn. in the evening.
	2nd		Battn. moved forward and bivouaced in CAPELLE area
	3rd		Orders were received for an attack by Gds. Divn. on the 4th. O.O.86 was issued. Battle stores were drawn during the day.
	4th		Breakfast 0300 hrs. The Battn. moved off at 0420 hrs. The approach march was much hampered by the crowded state of the roads. On reaching VILLERS POL the Battn. was forced to halt as the bridge across the RHONELLE had been destroyed. The whole of the Battn. had to cross the River over a single plank. L.G. Limbers were unloaded and sent back to O.3.c,8.5. pending further orders. The Battn. was shelled with H.E. & Gas whilst crossing the stream. Assembly positions in rear of LA FLAQUE WOOD were reached at 0800 hrs. & the Battn. passed through 1/CG atonce. The leading Coys. met with M.G. fire from slopes E. of sunken road in M.3.d, at the outset of the advance. This was overcome and advance resumed, 8 field guns being captured by No. 2 Coy. The enemy were now seen to be retiring and the leading Coys. pushed forward, touch being obtained with 2/G.G. on the left. On reaching the GREEN LINE Coys. were reorganised and each of the leading Coys. pushed forward two platoons to the AUNELLE. The leading Coys. then advanced across the AUNELLE to a line in M.4.a.l.d. where they came under heavy M.G. fire. In the meanwhile B.H.Q. 3 & 4 Coys. had moved up to the sunken road in M.3. The left flank of the Battn. was now found to be completely in the air though the right flank was in touch with the 62nd Divn. The C.O. decided to push up No.3 Coy. to protect the left flank: at the same time C. Coy. 1/S.G. was placed at the disposal of the C.O. and kept in reserve. 1300 hrs. the left Coy. now advanced, capturing PREUX-AU-SART together with some prisoners, and dug in on a line E. of the village. In the meantime the R. Coy. was in some German trenches in M.5.d.cent. By this time about 1800 hrs. all the Officers of the R. Coy. had become casualties, and LT. F. ANSON M.C. was sent up to take over command. About 2100 hrs. The R. Coy. was ordered to clear the M.G.'s out of houses on the ST. HUBERT-GOMMEGNIES RD. This was done & the houses occupied.
	5th		At 0600 hrs. the 3rd Gds. Bde. passed through 2nd Gds. Bde. Casualties during the 4th were:- 1 Officer & 15 O.R. Killed, 3 O.R. Missing, 3 Officers & 21 O.R. wounded. During the morning the Battn. moved into PREUX-AU-SART and spent the day in salvage work and resting.
	6th		Deficiencies were made up. O.O. 87 was issued.
	7th		Breakfast 0200 hrs. The Battn. marched off at 0300 hrs. At the last minute the Battn. was placed on the left of the attack. Owing to the state of roads jumping off line was not reached till 0620 hrs, zero being at 0600 hrs. The enemy however had already retired, and objectives were occupied without opposition. BAVAI was found unoccupied, and the line taken up through I.27.d.cent. with flank facing N. As the area allotted to the Battn. was in the 24th DivN, area the Battn. was relieved by the 9/E.Surrey, during the afternoon the Battn. was taken out into support to AUDIGNIES

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8th 2nd Gds. Bde. was again ordered to attack, the Battn. being in support. The Battn. moved off at 0600 hrs. but was forced to halt W. of LONGUEVILLE, where bridge at O.5.b.5.8. had been demolished. A bridge was built by the Battn. and Limbers got across at once. At 0800 hrs. orders were received that the Bde. would not move further before 0930 hrs. The Battn. was therefore billeted in MALGARNI. On learning that a further move was unlikely that day, the Battn. was moved into LA LONGUEVILLE, and billeted by 1200 hrs. At 1900 hrs. the Brigadier asked the Commanding Officer if the Battn. was fresh enough to move on MAUBEUGE, as enemy despatches had been captured, ordering a general retirement during the night. The Comdg. Officer replied that it was.

The Battn. was accordingly ordered to move in advance guard formations along the main MAUBEUGE RD. No. 3 Coy. was detailed as vanguard. On reaching Road Junction A.l.a.2.4. the Battn. less No. 4 Coy. were to take the S. Rd., No. 4 Coy. proceeding along main road at Q.2.Cent. At 2230 hrs. the Battn. marched off in single file on each side of the Road with sections at 30 yds. distance.

9th The march of the Battn. was hampered by mine craters. However the Battn. reached MAUBEUGE by 0400 hrs. & No. 3 Coy. occupied the Town & Citadel. No opposition was met with, but 3 Officers, 36 O.R. & 2 M.G.'s were captured.

So rapid was the advance that No. 4 Coy. got within 150 yds. of a German Field Gun before it was galloped away. Resistance was afterwards met with on the same road along which the Battn. had advanced.

The inhabitants shewed great enthusiasm.

At 1000 hrs. the Battn. moved into billets in the Town

10th At 1200 hrs. the Battn. moved into the Citadel. Congratulatory messages were received by the G.O.C. Guards Divn. from the Commander-in-Chief, and a message from the G.O.C. Gds. Divn. specially mentioned the Battn.

11th 1100 hrs. Cessation of hostilities.

The Battn. paraded for a Divine Service of Thanksgiving for the Armistice.

12th A draft of 250 O.R. joined the Battn. from Reinforcement Camp. Baths were allotted to 2 Coys. (1 & 2)

13th Baths allotted to B.H.Q. & 3 & 4 Coys.

The Battn. less B.H.Q. & No.3 Coy. route marched about 9 miles.

14th The Battn. found a fatigue in the morning for filling craters.

AFTER ~~the~~ a Cerimonial Mass in the Church of MAUBEUGE, the Maire presented a Flag to the G.O.C. Guards Divn. the Battn. finding an escort under LT.H.I.B.SMITH. Orders were received that the VI Corps would be transferred to the 1st Army and take part in the march into Germany

15th Battn. Parade in the Zeppelin Shed.

16th A Divisional Thanksgiving Service was held.

Orders were received to move to RUVEROY on the 17th.

17th Orders for move were cancelled. A Battn. parade was held in the morning.

18th The Battn. marched off from MAUBEUGE at 0850 hrs. & arrived in RUVEROY at 1200 hrs.

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	19th		The Battn. <del>marched</del> <del>off</del> from RUVEROY at 0725 hrs. and arrived at MONT. STE. GENEVIEVE at 1130 hrs.
	20th		The Battn. marched off at 0848 hrs. and arrived at CHARLEROI at 1250 hrs. The Band of the Coldstream Guards played the Brigade by the Army Commander at the entrance to the Town. The Battn. was billeted in the Infantry Barracks which had been left in a dirty state by the Germans.
	21st		The Battn. cleaned up. There was general swabbing in the afternoon.
	22nd & 23rd		The Battn. paraded on the Barrack Square in the morning Baths were allotted to the Battn. on the 22nd & 23rd Owing to a breakdown in the Baths No. 4 Coy. could not be bathed.
	24th		The Battn. moved from CHARLEROI to PRESLES at 0826 hrs arriving at 1200 hrs.
	25th		Rations for 25th did not arrive until 0430 hrs on 25th The march was resumed at 0736 hrs. & the Battn. arrived at LESVES at 1200 hrs.
	26th		Comdg. Officer inspected billets. The Battn. cleaned up. There was general swabbing in the afternoon, the Village being in a very dirty state.
	27th		Owing to rainfall, arm drill was done and lectures given under cover.
	28th		March was resumed at 0741 hrs. Battn. arrived at MAILLEN at 1150 hrs.
	29th		The Battn. paraded under the Adjutant in the morning. The Comdg. Officer inspected billets.
	30th		The Battn. paraded under the Adjutant in the morning.

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*J. Peavey Gregory*

MAJOR

Commanding 3rd Battn. Grenadier Guards.

1st Novr. ST. PYTHON. Battn. Parade in the morning. A Concert party gave an entertainment to the Battn. in evening.  
 2nd " Battn. moved forward and bivouaced in CAPELLE AREA  
 3rd " Orders were received for an attack by Guards Division on the 4th. O.O. 86 was issued.  
 Battle-Stores were drawn during the day.

4th Novr. 0300 hrs. Breakfast.  
 0420 hrs. Battalion moved off.  
 Approach march was hampered by the crowded state and <sup>bad</sup> condition of the roads. Lewis Guns had to be man-handled at places.  
 0600 hrs. Bridge at VILLERS POL was found to be demolished. Lewis Guns Limbers were sent to Q.3.c.8.S. Battalion crossed by a single plank. The crossing was shelled and 1 man wounded.  
 0800 hrs. Assembly position reached.  
 0830 hrs. Leading Coys. came under fire from M.G's & Field Guns at close range.  
 0845 hrs. Leading Coys. passed through 2/C.G., who were 200 yds. short of the GREEN LINE on the 2nd Guards Brigade front, and captured the GREEN LINE. No. 2 Coy. taking four 77mm. guns & four 4.2 hows.  
 0920 hrs. Touch was obtained with the 2/C.G. and strong patrols were pushed forward across the AUNELLE RIVER.

1000 hrs. Leading Coys. pushed forward across the AUNELLE RIVER through the orchards, the heights beyond being still in the hands of the enemy, and established themselves on the line M.4.a.8.5: M.4.d.5.3. when they came under heavy M.G. fire from the line of trenches 300 to 500 yards. in front. B.H.Q. Support & Reserve Coys. moved to Sunken Road. M.3. b. & D. - The left flank of the Battalion was now found to be completely in the air. The right flank was in touch with the 62nd Divn. The Commdg. Officer decided to push up No. 3 Coy. to protect the left flank. At the same time "C". Coy. 1/S.G. was placed at his disposal and kept in reserve.

1500 hrs. Right Coy. had worked round the enemy position and attacked it with smoke grenade barrage. The enemy evacuated <sup>the</sup> occupied position. LT. C. C. CARSTAIRS M.C. and 2/LT. G. R. GUNTHER wounded killed in this operation.

1700 hrs. The left Coy. now advanced capturing PREUX-AU-SART together with some prisoners and dug in on the line E. of Village. This enabled the right Coy. to advance to a line of enemy trenches 300 yds. W. of the COMMEGNIES-PREUX-AU-SART ROAD (LT. K. CAMPBELL wounded)

1800 hrs. All Officers of Right Coy. had now become casualties and LT. F. ANSON M.C. was sent up to take over command with orders to clear the M.G's out of houses on the ST. AUBERT-GOMMEGNIES RD. These were found to be strongly held and the operation was repeated at 2200 hrs. successfully. Total casualties were:-  
 Killed - 2 Officers, 15 O.R.  
 Wounded - 4 " 91 "  
 Missing - " 3 "

5th Novr. 0600 hrs. 3rd Gds. Bde. passed through 2nd Gds. Bde. During the morning the Battn. moved into PREUX-AU-SART and spent the day in salvage work and resting. Deficiencies were made up. O.O. 87 was issued.

6th Novr.  
 7th Novr. 0200 hrs. The Battn. ~~xxxxxx~~ had breakfast.  
 0300 hrs. The Battn. marched off at 0300 hrs. Owing to the state of roads jumping off line was not reached till 0620 hrs. ZERO being at 0600 hrs. The enemy however had already retired, and objectives were

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8th Nov. 2nd Gds. Bde. was ordered to attack. The Battalion was in support.

0600 hrs. The Battn. moved off.

0800 hrs. Leading troops were held up and Battn. halted in Barns in MALGARNI

Bridge at O.5.b.5.8. being demolished the Battalion made a crossing for Limbers and "A" Echelon Transport was got across.

1000- The Battn. was moved into good billets at LA LONGUEVILLE  
1200 hrs. for the night.

1900 hrs. The Brigadier asked the Commanding Officer if the Battalion was fresh enough to move on MAUBEUGE, as enemy despatches had been captured, ordering a general retirement during the night. The Commanding Officer replied that it was. The Battn. was accordingly ordered to move along the main MAUBEUGE ROAD.

2 Sections of the 4/Gds.M.G.Reg't. were attached to the Battn. No. 3 Coy. (CAPT. de GEIJER) was detailed as advance guard. On reaching Road Junction A.1.a.2.4. the Battn. less No. 4 Coy were to take the South Rd. No. 4 Coy. proceeding along the Main Road to seize Factory at O.2.Cent.

2230 hrs. The Battn. marched off in single file on each side of the Road ~~xxxxxx~~ 50 yds. between Coys.

9th Nov. The night was very dark, and the march was hampered by craters especially at P.6.a.2.2. where two craters delayed the Battn. 2 hours, and which the chargers pack-animals, and M.G.'s failed to cross before daylight.

0330 hrs. No. 4 Coy. was established in the Factory. O.2.a.9.3. facing N. & E. O.3.4.5. No. 3 Coy. was established in houses and at Road Junctions from O.2.d.7.5. northwards in touch with No. 4. Coy. facing E. with a patrol into the CITADEL at O.3.c.8.9. Nos. 1. & 2. & B.H.Q. were established in houses facing S. from the R. of No. 3. to O.1.d.9.7.

0415 hrs. No. 3 Coy. was moved into the Citadel. No. 3 Coy. exchanged a few shots with an enemy party who succeeded in blowing up the bridge at O.3.c.3.3. 3 Officers, 38 O.R. No. 2 M.G.'s were captured.

No. 4 Coy. got within 150 yds. of a German Field Gun before it was galloped away.

Resistance was afterwards met with on the same road along which the Battn. had advanced.

The inhabitants shewed great enthusiasm.

1000 hrs. The Battn. moved into billets in the Town.

10th Novr.

1200 hrs. The Battn. moved into the CITADEL. Congratulatory messages were received by the G.O.C. Guards Divn. & VI Corps, & from the Commander-in-Chief.

11th Novr.

1100 hrs. Cessation of hostilities.

The Battn. paraded for a Divine Service of Thanksgiving for the Armistice.

12th Novr. A draft of 250 O.R. joined the Battn. from Reinforcement Camp. Baths were allotted to Nos. 1 & 2 Coys.

13th Novr.

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The Battn. less B.H.Q. & No. 3 Coy. route-marched about 9 miles.

14th Novr.

The Battn. found a fatigue in the morning for filling craters

At a Ceremonial Mass in the Church of MAUBEUGE the Maire presented a Flag to the G.O.C. Guards Divn. the Battn. finding an escort under 2/LT. H.I.B. SMITH.

Orders were received that the VI Corps would be transferred to the IV Army

- and take part in the march into Germany.
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- 16th " A Divisional Thanksgiving Service was held.  
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LIEUT. COL.  
Commanding 3rd Battn. Grenadier Guards.

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	DEC 1st		<u>MAILLEN.</u> Church Parade 1000 hrs.	
	2nd		Adjutant's Parade 0845 hrs.	
	3rd		Battalion Parade 0845 hrs.	
	4th		Adjutant's Parade 0845 hrs.	
	5th		<u>HAVELANGE.</u> Battn. marched off at 0720 hrs. and arrived at Havelange at 1325 hrs.	
	6th		<u>BARFAUX.</u> Battn. marched off at 0746 hrs. and arrived at Barfaux at 1310 hrs.	
	7th		<u>WAMBOMONT</u> Battn. marched off at 0816 hrs. and arrived at Wambomont at 1300 hrs.	
	8th		Battn. cleaned up. Rain all day.	
	9th		Rain all day. Coys. at disposal of Coy. Comdrs.	
	10th		<u>WANNE.</u> Battn. marched off at 0831 hrs. and arrived at Wanne at 1430 hrs after a hilly & rainy march.	
	11th		Rain all day. LT. LORD, 2/LT. THOMPSON and 32 O.R. joined Battn. from Divisional Reception Camp.	
			<u>GERMANY.</u>	
	12th		<u>DEIDENBURG</u> Battn. marched off at 0900 hrs. and arrived at Deidenburg at 1510 hrs. The 2nd Guards Brigade marched past the Corps Commander at ZWEI BRUCKEN on the FRONTIER. The Frontier was crossed at 1150 hrs. Roads were very bad and it rained all day.	
	13th		<u>NIDRUM.</u> 2nd Guards Brigade marched off for the KRINKELDT-BALLINGEN AREA at 0920 hrs. At 1100 hrs. orders were received on the march to proceed to Nidrum and entrain on the following day at WEYWERTZ for COLOGNE. It rained very heavily all day.	
	14th		<u>COLOGNE.</u> The Battn. entrained at Weywertz at 1130 hrs. and detrained at EHRENFELD STATION, on the W. outskirts of COLOGNE at 1900 hrs. The Battn. marched through the Town to the PIONEER BARRACKS in the RIEHL DISTRICT, at the N. end of COLOGNE close to the RHINE. The Barracks were very comfortable and modern in every way. One Officer per Coy. lived in Barracks the remainder of the Officers being billeted outside. Whilst in Cologne 50% of O.R. were allowed out of Barracks up till 2100 hrs. All ranks were warned that they must not walk about singly. Officers were ordered to carry revolvers and men side-arms while out of barracks.	
	15th		Battn. cleaned up.	
	16th		No. 1 Coy. made up to 100 rank & file under CAPT. E.R.M. FRYER M.C. found a Guard of Honour for the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF at the HAUPT BAHNHOF at 0900 hrs. The Massed Drums of the Brigade were in attendance.	
	17th		The Battn. route-marched in the Northern half of COLOGNE. The following Daily Routine was published in Battn. orders.	

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			COLOGNE.	
			<u>WEEKDAYS.</u>	
		0630 hrs.	Reveille.	
		0715 "	Breakfast Parade.	
		0800 "	Sick Parade.	
		0845 "	1st Morning drill.	
		1000 "	Company Memoranda.	
			Adjutant's Memoranda.	
		1045 "	Commanding Officer's Memoranda.	
		1100 "	(a) Second Mornings Drill (all N.C.O's below the rank of Platoon Sergt. men requiring instruction, awkward men etc) will attend.	
		"	(b) Duties Mounting.	
		1230 hrs.	Dinners.	
		1400 "	Practice Drill (except Wednesdays and Saturdays)	
		1600 "	Retreat and Punishment Parade.	
		2130 "	Tattoo.	
		2200 "	Lights Out.	
			<u>SUNDAYS.</u>	
		0700 "	Reveille,	
		0745 "	Breakfast Parade.	
		0815 "	Sick Parade.	
		0930 "	Duties mounting.	
	18th Dec.		COLOGNE.	
	19th "		"	
	20th "		"	
	21st - 24th		"	
	22nd		Church Parade at 0930 hrs.	
	23rd		Route march through N. half of Cologne.	
	24th		Colour party (2/LT. E. L. F. CLOUGH TAYLOR) and three Sergeants) started for England. LT. K. CAMPBELL was wired for to take command of party on return journey.	
	24th		Battn. came out of waiting. The following Officers joined the Battn. and were posted as follows :- 2/LT. P. J. M. ELLISON. No. 1 Coy. 2/LT. A. H. M. JACKSON. No. 2 Coy. LT. S. C. K. GEORGE. No. 3 Coy. A/CAPT. HON. F. O. H. EATON. D. S. O. No. 4 Coy.	
	25th		XMAS DAY.	
	26th		The Battn. paraded for a double round the Square at 0800 hrs.	
	27th		The Battn. route marched through the Southern half of Cologne.	

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			<p>28th <u>COLOGNE.</u> Routine.                      29th Church Parade 0930 hrs.                      30th The Battn. came into waiting for period 30th - 2nd January and found the following Guards.                      No. 3 Coy. MONOPOLE.                      No. 2 Coy. NEUMARKT.                      No. 1 Coy. FOUR BRIDGE GUARDS.</p> <p>31st Routine.</p> <p>During the month the following numbers left the Battalion for Demobilization :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>28th</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>115 O. R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29th</td> <td>M.</td> <td>...</td> <td>88 O. R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30th</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>21 O. R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31st</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>7 O. R.</td> </tr> </table> <p>making a total of 231.                      The majority of these were Coalminers who had only been a short time with the Battn. The remainder were Demobilizers and Pivotal Men, mainly Policemen. Twelve Long service men were sent in the above.</p>	28th	...	...	115 O. R.	29th	M.	...	88 O. R.	30th	...	...	21 O. R.	31st	...	...	7 O. R.	
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.....LT. COL  
**COMDG. 2RD BN. GRENADEER GUARDS**

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- 1st. Battalion in Waiting.
- 2nd. Battalion came out of waiting.
- 3rd. Nos. 2 & 3 Coys. paraded on the Range. Nos. 1 & 4 paraded under the Adjutant. There was a Lecture to Battalion at 1100 hrs.
- 4th. The Battalion route-marched in the morning.
- 5th. Battalion paraded at 0945 hrs. for Divine Service.
- 6th. Battalion Parade 0845 hrs. Lecture in Drill Hall 110
- 7th. Nos. 1 & 4 Coys. paraded on the Range. Nos. 2 & 3 Coys. paraded under the Adjutant. There was a Lecture to the Battalion at 1100 hrs.
- 8th. Battalion came into waiting and mounted duties.
- 9th. Battalion
- 10th. in Waiting.
- 11th. Battalion came out of Waiting.
- 12th. Battalion parade at 0945 hrs. for Divine Service.
- 13th. Nos. 1 & 4 Coys. paraded under Capt. Hirst M.C. for 'pr in keeping the ground' Nos. 2 & 3 Coys. paraded under the Adjutant.
- 14th. H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES K.G. presented Colours to the 2nd BATTN. IRISH GUARDS on the Square of the Barracks. Nos. 1 & 4 Coys. under Capt. G. R. Hirst M.C. kept the ground. Practice Drill 1400-1500 hrs.
- 15th. Battalion Parade 0845 hrs. Education 1100-1200 hrs.
- 16th. No. 1 Coy. paraded on the Range. Nos. 2 & 3 & 4 Coys. paraded under the Adjutant. Education from 1100 - 1200 hrs.
- 17th. Battalion came into waiting. Under new scheme 3½ Coys. found duties in the Town, remaining half Coy. found Barrack duties.
- 18th. Battalion
- 19th. in Waiting.
- 20th. Battalion came out of waiting.
- 21st. No. 2 Coy. paraded on Range, Nos. 1 3 & 4 Coys. paraded under the Adjutant. MAJOR C. FOX, SCOTS GUARDS, lectured to the Brigade at 1030 hrs.
- 22nd. The Battalion route marched from 0830 hrs - 1000 hrs. Education from 1100 - 1200 hrs.
- 23rd. No. 3 Coy. paraded on the Range. Nos. 1 2 & 4 Coys. were at the disposal of Coy. Commdrs. Scheme was issued for Platoon Drill Competition. Education from 1100-1200 hrs.
- 24th. Battalion Parade 0845 hrs. Education 1100-1200 hrs.
- 25th. No. 4 Coy. paraded on Range. Nos. 1 2 & 3 Coys. were at the disposal of Coy. Commdrs. Education 1100-1200 hrs.
- 26th. Battalion came into waiting.
- 27th. Battalion in
- 28th. waiting.
- 29th. Battalion came out of waiting.
- 30th. No. 1 Coy. paraded on Range. No. 2 Coy. were at disposal of Coy. Comdr. Baths were allotted Nos. 3 & 4 Coys. in the morning & Nos. 1 & 2 Coys. in the afternoon.
- 31st. Battalion Parade 0845 hrs.

Place Date Hour

3rd. Battn, Gr  
Lt. Col  
Adjutant