

Message Pad.

Your Message must be such as will enable the Addressee to know what the Situation is with You and your Neighbours.

NEGATIVE INFORMATION IS ALSO VALUABLE.

Strike out and alter sentences as necessary.

TO

1. Am advancing to.....
2. Am putting out (Have put out) protective parties.
3. Am sending out. Have sent out and am keeping out patrols to keep touch with the enemy.
4. Am (Have) consolidating (ed).
5. Our line now runs.....
6. I require (give article or articles and number required) :

Send the above to.....

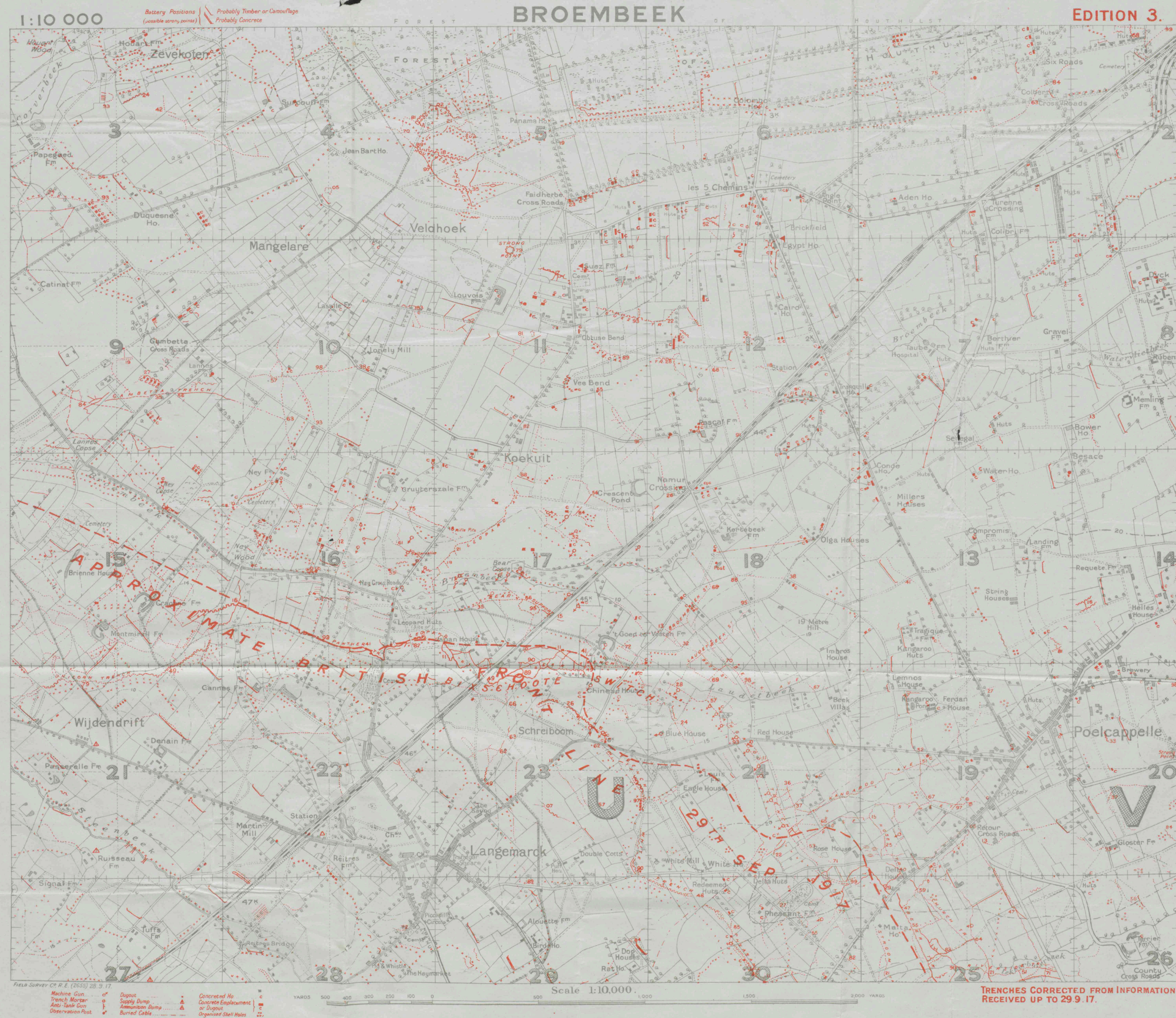
7. Troops on my right are (give situation)

8. Troops on my left are (give situation)

9. My strength now is.....
10. Am being shelled from.....
11. Am held up by M.G., T.M., rifle, artillery fire from.....
12. Am now ready to.....
13. Enemy line runs.....
14. Enemy (strength).....at.....
doing.....
15. Have captured.....
16. Enemy prisoners belong to.....
17. Enemy counter-attack forming up at.....
18. Other remarks—

Time a.m. (p.m.)
Date.....
Place.....
(Map, Ref. or mark on back of map).

Name.....
Rank.....
Platoon..... Company.....
Battalion.....



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ACHET LE PETIT DURHAM LINES	1/11/14	P.M. 12-15	At 12.15 noon the battalion marched to Durham lines A.CAMP A.S. 11. A. arrived there at 4.30 P.M. CAPTAIN C. ANDERSON M.C. assumed the duties of and in Command. LT. D.V. FINDLAY WILL ACT as ADJUTANT.	
	2/11/14		MAJOR H.J. SELBY M.C. proceeds on leave & Captain C. Anderson M.C. takes temporary Command. MAJOR H.J. SELBY M.C. was appointed acting Lieut Colonel in Command of Battn. CAPTAIN C. ANDERSON M.C. appointed acting MAJOR the following men were awarded the M.M. 21281 PT. A.H. RILEY. 14160. PT.	
	4/11/14		A. MILNE. 43436 PT. A. POTTER.	
	10/11/14		Training continued. 5 OFFICERS + 30 O.R. proceeded to the trenches to take over from the 26th N.F. H. 2. at N. 36. B. 4. 1.	
In the line 51 B. S.W. 2	12/11/14	8 AM	The Battalion moved up to the trenches to relieve the 26th N.F. & part of 25th N.F. in the following order D. Coy. RIGHT. B. Coy. CENTRE. C. Coy LEFT. A Coy SUPPORT. Coy's met their guides at N. 34. A. 7. 7. The N.F. left a rear party with each Company for 24 HRS. RELIEF COMPLETE AT 3.15 P.M.	
	13/11/14		Situation very quiet our T.M. carried out a shoot on OTTER LANE. enemy retaliation very slight.	
	13-14/11/14		During the night of 13-14th enemy M.G.s were active. front line Companies sent out PATROLS with good results.	
	14-15/11/14		Situation quiet our artillery active. on the night of 14th-15th PATROLS from front Companies met with no opposition.	
	15-16/11/14		The Battalion was relieved during the day by the 16th Royal Scots & moved into the positions in support, occupied previously by 11th Suffolk.	
	16/11/14		The Battalion was ready to move in one half hours notice in support to the 16th Royal Scots in the event of an enemy withdrawal. & were issued with the necessary Pursuit Stores.	
	20/11/14		The Battalion relieved the 16th Royal Scots in the RIGHT SUB. SECTOR of the BRIGADE FRONT in the following manner. A. Coy RIGHT FRONT Coy B. Coy LEFT FRONT Coy. C. Coy LEFT. SUPPORT Coy. D. Coy RIGHT SUPPORT Coy.	
	22/11/14			See Battalion O.O. 19/11/14

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In the line 518. S.W. 2	22 nd /17 24/11/17		During the nights of 22+23/11/17 & 23+24/11/17. 20 (Twenty) PATROLS of 1 (One) Officer & 12 (Twelve) O.R. each. went out from the Battalion front. To report on any enemy movements. On the evening of the 23-24/11/17 the heavily shelled our company's in front & support line. doing considerable damage to our Earthworks. The Battalion was relieved during the day by the 24/24 NORTHUMBERLAND Fusiliers & proceeded to DURHAM LINES. A. CAMP. Pursuit stores being handed over to the incoming Battalion.	
DURHAM LINES.	24/11/17		The day was devoted to cleaning up & rendering KIT deficiencies & the issue of Special Pursuit Stores.	
A.S. H. A.	25/11/17		Training of the Battalion was continued as per Training Programme	
"	26/11/17		Battalion Training Continued.	
"	27/11/17 30/11/17		Casualties during the Battalion tour in the Trenches. 1. KILLED 3. WOUNDED. O.R.	

W. W. W. W. W.
Lieut Col

Commanding
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ACHIET-le-Petit	1 st	1230p.	<p>The battalion paraded and proceeded by march route to ARGYLE CAMP nr. BOISLEUX-ST-MARC. (S. 17. a. 84). Packs and blankets were carried by motor lorry to the new area proceeding in advance of the battalion. The transport less cooks proceeded one hour before the battalion. The route used was via road 100 yds E of A in STA near ACHIET-le-GRAND. to COMIECOURT - ERVILLERS - BOYELLES - BOISLEUX - ST-MARC - ARGYLE CAMP.</p> <p>The camp consists of huts and tents. Battalion reached the camp at 5pm.</p> <p>Capt H.W. RAWSON assumed command R./ of C. Coy.</p>	<p>LENS II 51 B. SW. 1/20,000.</p>
	2 nd	9am - noon 2-4pm 3pm	<p>Platoon and company training under Coy. Cmdr. Specialists paraded separately for instruction under Specialists officers. 2/Lieut H. A. COWIE proceeded to take over duties of Camp.</p> <p>Command. DURHAM LINES. 2/Lieut G. F. HOWIE rejoined Bn. Conference at B. H. mess by CO on training.</p>	

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ARCYLE CAMP.	3 rd	9am-noon	<p>Platoon training under Coy arrangements in physical close order extended order arms drill.</p> <p>Snipers Signallers Lewis Gunners paraded separately for instruction under Specialist officers.</p>	
		4pm	<p>The details from Divisional Depot Bn. rejoined. They consist of 3 offrs (2/Lts. G. COWAN. RAINGLIS. J. WILSON) and 66 OR.</p> <p>Present strength of Batten 28 offrs. 6450R.</p>	
	4 th	1030am	<p>Battalion (less D Coy) paraded in battle order & proceeded to HENIN CAMP via BOISLEUX-ST-MARC-BOIRY BECQUERELLE-HENIN. (N 25 d.) The camp consisted of tents all of which were scattered over a wide area.</p> <p>D Coy proceeded by march route to ACHMET-IE-PETIT</p>	<p>Sheet 5165W 1/20,000</p>

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HENIN CAMP	4 th		for duty under O.E. Divul Depot Bn. constructing huts. The following officers proceeded with the Coy. Lieut J. MACKENZIE. 2/Lts. D.T. ANDERSON. G.F. HOWIE + R.A. INGLIS	
	5 th	9am-10am 10am to 11am 11am to 12pm	Physical training all companies Two Companies carried out platoon training One company on the range. (A Coy) Snipers Signallers and Lewis gunners paraded separately for instruction under Specialist officers.	
		2-3pm 2.30pm	Battalion paraded under R.S.M. for arms drill. Lecture on "Pigeons" to all officers by Lieut HOSKINS R.E.	
	6 th	9am-10am 10am to 11am 11am to 12pm	Physical training - all companies. B Coy on Range. C + A Corp. Coy. + platoon training. Specialists paraded separately under specialist officers. Recreational training	
		2-4pm	The following promotions were notified LT (A/Capt) J.F. MACKINTOSH to be T/Captain " P. BAYLISS to be T/Capt. " T. CLAYDON to be T/Lieut	

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HENIN CAMP	7th	9am-10am	B Physical training	
		10-12 noon	C Coy on Range. A & B Corps. Coy & platoon training.	
		9-12	Specialists paraded separately under Specialist officers	
		2-4pm	Recreational training	
	8th	9am-10am	Physical training	
		10-12 noon	A Coy Range. B & C Corps. platoon & Coy. training. B Coy wiring.	
		11-30 am	All Cpls & S/Cpls paraded for instruction under R.S.M.	
		12-15pm	Parade of all officers in mess with reference to Recreational training.	
		2-4pm	Recreational training	
	9th	9am-10am	Physical training	
		10-12 noon	B Coy Range. A & C Corps. platoon & company training - wiring	
			Specialists paraded separately during these hours for instruction under Specialist officers	
		2-4pm	Recreational training	

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HENNIN CAMP.	10 th	9-10am	Physical training	
	10 th	10am-12	Coy Range. A & B Coys. Coy & platoon training. Writing practice.	
			Specialists paraded separately for instruction under Specialist Officer.	
		2-4pm	Recreational training.	
			Captain P. BAYLISS assumes duties of adjutant from 9 th inst.	
			Lieut T.C. LAIDLAW DCM assumes command of B Coy from 9 th inst.	
	11 th	9am	Lewis Gun Class paraded for instruction under Rly Officer.	
		10-30	Church Service for R Co held in Y.M.C.A. hut.	
		11am	One officer per Coy proceeded to reconnoitre the HINDENBURG LINE.	
		11.40am	Battalion paraded for Divine Service near A Coy's lines.	
		2.45pm	Divine Service for Church of England.	
		7pm	D Coy rejoined from detachment.	
			The following awards were notified as having been made by Army Comdr V th Army.	
			Military Medal: The Military Cross: V/Lt RWF JOHNSTON.	
			no 19860 Sgt DAVIE R. 2930 L/Sgt FOX R.	
			no 18829 L/Cpl LISTON R.	

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HENIN CAMP			<p>The following officers rejoined with D Coy: Lieut J. MACKENZIE, 2/Lt. D. T. ANDERSON, G. F. HOWIE, R. INGLIS.</p> <p>During the forenoon of the 11th one officer per Coy reconnoitred the HINDENBURG LINE.</p> <p>Lt Col A. STEPHENSON M.C. proceeded on leave R/</p> <p>One N.C.O. per Coy paraded at B.O. Room and proceeded in advance of the battalion to take over stores etc.</p> <p>12th 7.45am</p> <p>11.45am Battalion paraded in fighting order for the trenches and relieved the 24/27 North. Div. in the HINDENBURG LINE. East of HENINEL. Sugar Accommodation for the whole battalion was available in the HINDENBURG TUNNEL which was fitted throughout with electric lighting.</p> <p>The battalion was Reserve Batta to the 101st Inf Bde Position of Bn HQ N. 35 C.</p>	<p>MAP Sheet 51 B SW 1/20,000.</p>

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HINDENBURG LINE.	12 th		<p>8am Lieut. J. D. MUNRO admitted to hospital.</p> <p>2/Lt. H. A. COWIE rejoined from duty as Camp Commandant DORHAM LINES and assumed the duties of A/crm.</p>	
B th	13 th	9am	<p>The battalion provided working parties amounting to 3000 + 2650 R. for work on posts in the front line.</p> <p>Lewis Gun class was held under Lg Officer.</p>	
	14 th	9am	<p>Fourteen working parties were provided for work on front support lines of Brigade sector.</p> <p>Lewis Gun Class for D Coy and officers was held under Lg officer.</p> <p>The following officers reported and were posted to Coys as under: 'A' 2/Lts: J. W. WELLS, W. C. MOLLOY. B Coy 2/Lt G. TURNBULL. H. TONATHY C Coy D. A. DUNWIDDIE. R. S. SCARLETT. D Coy R. S. BARCLAY.</p>	

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HINDENBURG LINE	15 th	9am	Fourteen working parties were provided from the battalion for work on front support lines of Brigade sector. a working party for work on the HINDENBURG TUNNEL was also provided.	1/50,000 51 B. S W.
		3pm	One officer per Coy. reconnoitred trenches held by the 15 th Royal Scots.	
	16 th	9am	Signallers Snipers proceeded to take over from the 15 th R Scots in the Right Sector, ^{Right} Left Brigade of the Division.	
		10.30am	Hindenburg tunnel handed over to representatives of the 10 th Lincoln. By 1pm. the battalion had relieved the 15 th Royal Scots.	
			The frontage held consisted of about 1500 yds & extended from the junction of PIONEER ALLEY and the front line	

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N 36 b 4.0.	16 th		<p>Lieut D M. McDOUGALL assumed command of 'C' Coy.</p> <p>Three patrols were sent out during the night found no man-land clear of the enemy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R/L</p>	
	17 th		<p>The night 16/17 was very quiet. Working parties of the 10th Lincoln's worked on the trenches occupied by the Battalion.</p> <p>There was no enemy activity during the day.</p> <p>Patrols were sent out during the night to examine gaps (if any) in the enemy's wire. All these patrols reported the enemy as being very alert & each patrol was fixed on no gaps were found in the wire.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R/L</p>	
	18 th		<p>The morning passed quietly with nothing of interest</p>	

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N 364 40	18th		<p>at 2pm C Coy were moved to the right taking over from the right of A Coy at U 1a 4.9 to U 1a 35.00 Coy H.A. in PUC AVENUE at U 1a 1.6. The 7th Bn. R.I. Regt. 16th Division were relieved in the sector from U 1a 35.00. north to U 1a 25.65.</p> <p>The 11th Suffolks took over Posts 9, 9A & 10. The Bn. left boundary is now LARK LANE (Q31d 65.80.).</p> <p>The enemy were quiet during the day.</p> <p>at night three patrols left our front posts to examine the enemy wire. no gaps were found but damage had been done to the wire by our artillery. no attempt had been made to repair the damage done.</p>	
	19th		<p>Enemy quiet during the day. but during the early morning WOOD TRENCH and the front line between posts 5 and 8 was shelled with 77mm & 4.2 cm shells. direct hits on the trenches being obtained. Special stores issued.</p> <p>five Patrols left our lines during the night.</p>	

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NR CHERISY	20 th		<p>2/Lt J. SW. CRUICKSHANK sent as Liaison officer to 16 Div. Lt. D. M. McDONALD admitted to hospital 2/Lt G. F. HOWIE assumed Command of C Coy About thirty shells fell on our front line during the day. A few trench mortar shells fell on LARK LANE during the day. otherwise everything quiet.</p> <p>at 6 p.m. D Coy. moved up from its position in CHUCKOO RESERVE to SWIFT SUPPORT with Coy H.A. in a dugout there. known as ARGYLE HO. A Coy withdrew from the front line and ^{were} disposed of as follows: 2 platoons in BROWN SUPPORT and 2 platoons in shelter round C Coy H.A. in PUG AVENUE. Coy. frontages were adjusted. C Coy from present right boundary to no 4 post exclusive. B " " " left " " " " inclusive.</p> <p>This move was completed by 7 p.m.</p> <p>A fighting patrol of 10 O.R. under 2/Lt. G. COWAN went out on the front of the left Coy. and examined the gap in the enemy wire at U.I.B. 75.75. which was found to be passable along its entire length of 30 yds.</p> <p>at 11 p.m. eight patrols went out from support Coys in accordance with</p>	

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	26 th		Operation orders, and attempted to enter the enemy trenches. All these patrols were repulsed by heavy machine gun & rifle fire. without getting inside the enemy wire. ^{although attempts were made by hand} Two were killed. men were reported missing and one wounded. Other casualties during the day 10K killed in great numbers.	
	27 th		at 4 a.m. eight more patrols from the Support Corps went out and found the enemy still very active. No attempts to cut the wire and enter the trench. were possible ^{made} owing to the heavy m.g. fire and rifle fire.	
			During the day enemy artillery less active although pineapple guns from the enemy line fired on the front line between posts 5 and 8. Casualties 10K wounded.	
			at 6.15 p.m. an enemy party bombed our post in PUG LANE but were driven off.	
			at 10 p.m. eight patrols from Support Corps went out to examine the enemy's line. All patrols reported	

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22nd 22nd	22nd		<p>at 4 am. eight more patrols from the Support Coy. went out & reported enemy as being very active & all patrols were fired on by m.g. rifle fire.</p> <p>at 6.15 am. enemy put down a barrage on our front line damaging the trench.</p> <p>at 7.30 am. the 15th Royal Scots proceeded to relieve the Battrn. Relief was complete & companies were in new areas by 12.30 pm. The battalion was disposed as under. On 4a. in the NEST. D Coy in CONCRETE RESERVE. C Coy. in the ROOKERY. B Coy in EGRET TRENCH and A Coy in EGRET LOOP.</p> <p>Casualties during the day 10 R. wounded & gassed. Working & carrying parties were provided during the day for R.E. & T.M. Bty.</p>	
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24th The NEST	24th	12 noon	The Batten. was relieved by the 26th N. Furr. & proceeded back on relief to DURHAM LINES (B Camp) Major T.E. BUSSELL rejoined the Bn. & assumed command. Capt H.W. RAWSON assumes command of C Coy.	
DURHAM LINES		3pm	The camp consisted of NIESSEN huts & ample accommodation for the whole battalion was provided.	
DURHAM LINES	25th		A voluntary Church parade was held during the forenoon. Corps. paraded under Coy. arrangements for interior economy.	
	26th	830am 1230pm	Training of platoons & attack practice.	
		830am 1230pm	N.C.O. class under RSM & CSM WATERING held during these hours. Signallers paraded under Sgt DAVIE. Scouts and snipers were paraded for instruction under 2/Lt RWF JOHNSTON M.C.	

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DURHAM LINES	26 th	2-4pm	Recreational training. 2/Lieut. G. F. HOWIE transferred from D' to C' Coy. R. S. SCARLETT — — — C' to D Coy. R. J.	
	27 th	8.30am 12.30pm 2-4pm	Platoon training + attack practice. Signallers Snipers Scouts paraded separately for instruction. N.C.O. Class held during these hours. Recreational training 2/Lt S. W. CRICKSHANK admitted to hospital. R. J.	
	28 th	8.30am 12.30pm 2-4pm	Platoon training + attack practice. Signallers Snipers Scouts + N.C.O. Class paraded separately for instruction. Recreational training. The following officers proceeded on duty ^{to Bde Bombing School} as stated. Lieut T. C. LAIDLAW (Instructor) 2/Lt R. S. BARCLAY - R. S. SCARLETT. (Course)	

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DURHAM LINES	28 th	3pm	A draft of 96 O.R. joined the battalion & was posted to Coy.	
		10pm	Capt. H.W. RAWSON proceeded on leave.	
	29 th	830a	Platoon training & attack practice. Signaller Snipers & Scouts paraded separately for instruction.	
		1230p		
		1pm	2/Lt. D.W. DERRY joined reported for duty & was posted to C Coy.	
		2-4pm	Recreational training 2/Lt J WILSON assumed command of C Coy " G.F. HOWIE --- B	
	30 th	830am-9am	Bayonet fighting	
		9-930am	Guard duties	

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	30 th	730-10 ^{am} 16 th 10 ^{am} 10-12 ^{mid} 2-4 ^{pm}	Guard mounting demonstration attack practice by companies. Recreational training.	
			J. D. Russell	
		4 12 17	Major Cmdg 16 th Bn The Royal Scots	

OPERATION ORDER NO. 44

BY

CAPTAIN H. W. RAWSON. COMMANDING 18th ROYAL SCOTS.

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Headquarters.

19/11/17.

Reference Maps :

1/10,000 BULLECOURT.

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1/20,000 Situation Map.

1. On a date which has been communicated verbally to all concerned, an offensive will be undertaken, which may cause the enemy to retire on the front at present held by the Battalion.

2. The dividing line between the Battalion and the 7th R.T. Regiment on the right will be a line drawn through the following points :-
U.100.0.0.0. - U.2. central - O.53.0.4.0. - P.16.0.1.1.

The dividing line between the Battalion and the 11th Suffolks on the left will be Junction of LARK LANE and the front line (inclusive) - CHERRY BRIDGE (exclusive) - road O.29.0.0.1. - O.29 central - ST. SERVINE FARM (inclusive) - P.16.0.2.0.

3. From Zero onwards, companies in the front line will keep a close look out in order that advantage may be taken, of any weakening of the enemy front, to push forward. Patrols must be specially active on the night Zero and Zero plus one to ascertain whether the enemy is leaving his front system of trenches.

4. On 2 afternoon "A" Company will be withdrawn from the front line and their frontage taken over to No. 4 Post exclusive by "C" Company, and to No. 4 Post inclusive by "B" Company. The H.Q. of "B" and "C" Companies will not move. This relief is to be complete by 2.30 p.m. and "A" Company will report completion to Battalion Headquarters. On relief two platoons of "A" Company will move to BROWN SUPPORT, and the remaining two platoons into dug-outs adjoining "C" Coy. H.Q. At 1 p.m. "D" Company will move away from their present position and occupy SWIFT SUPPORT Trench with Company H.Q. in ARGYLE HOUSE.

5. "A" and "D" Companies will be prepared to send out a strong Patrol for each platoon, upon receipt of orders from Battn. H.Q. Each patrol will be covered by scouts. The scouts will ascertain whether the enemy's front system is occupied or not, and if no serious opposition is encountered the patrols will occupy it and will then be reinforced by the remaining sections of "A" and "D" Companies. If serious opposition is encountered patrols will retire and advise Battn. H.Q. These two Companies will be prepared to make a second attempt upon receiving instructions from Battn. H.Q.

In the event of patrols establishing themselves in the German front system, "B" and "C" Companies will be assembled ready to advance to the German front line system when the leading Companies again move forward, adopting the same methods of advance and occupation. "B" and "C" Companies will continue to follow in the same manner the two leading companies as supports in each succeeding advance. Each advance will be reported without delay to Battn. H.Q.

Touch between patrols will be maintained by connecting files. Communication between patrols and supports will be by runner; between Coys. and Battn. H.Q. by runner and, when possible, by visual signalling.

6. Three Vickers Guns will be attached to the Battalion and will be at the disposal of the C.O.

7. Dress :- Fighting kit will be worn, with rolled greatcoat, and water proof sheet under flap of haversack; the small entrenching tool will be carried and canteens that will not go into the haversack will be secured so that they do not rattle.

25 per cent will carry large tools, which should be constituted as follows :-

2.

10 per cent Picks, 90 per cent Shovels. These tools will be drawn from trench stores.

One day's rations will be carried in addition to the Iron Ration. 170 rounds per man of S.A.A. will be carried, except by Rifle Grenadiers, Lewis Gunners, who will carry 50 rounds each. Rifle Grenadiers will carry 12 rifle grenades each. Nos. 23 and 24.

Every man will carry two No. 23 grenades, two sandbags and one or two aeroplane flares.

These stores which are being conveyed to Company Dumps this afternoon, will be issued on 2 afternoon.

8. The Regimental Aid Post will be at N.36.d.20.45, and will remain there until further instructions are received from Bn. H.Q.

9. A Prisoner's of War Cage will be established at NEUVILLE VITASSE and at a later stage at TANK DUMP (N.18.d.1.4). The usual instructions with regard to the taking of documents from prisoners, the questioning of prisoners, size of escorts etc., will be strictly adhered to.

10. Mules will be left behind in accordance with instructions issued to Companies. These will parade at Battalion Orderly Room at 8 a.m. tomorrow 20th inst.

11. All trench stores in each Company area will be collected and placed in one dump, the position of which will be notified to Battalion Orderly Room by 4 p.m. 20th inst.

12. Battalion Headquarters will remain in its present position, until "A" and "D" Companies are established in the enemy front system when it will move to a dug-out in SWIFT SUPPORT at O.51.d.3.9.

13. Acknowledge.

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CaptN,

A/Adjutant 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

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DURHAM LINES BOISLEUX AD-MONT	1st	8.30-9am 9-12.45pm 8.30-12.30 2-4pm	Bayonet fighting Bn. in attack H.Q. Signallers Lewis Gun Class paraded separately for instruction Recreational training Rf.	518.5W 1/20.000
	2nd	10.15am 6pm	Battalion paraded for presentation of medal ribbons by Corps Commander. Dress. Drill order. Greatcoats & balmoral. The following officer & men were presented with medal ribbons as stated. Officer R.W.F. JOHNSTON - Military Cross No. 19860 Sgt DAVIER. - Military Medal. 2930 2/Lt FOX R. - do - 19802 1/Lt HOGG R. - do - Voluntary Service for Resbyterians in Recreation Hut Rf.	

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NR. BOISLEUX- AU-MONT	3 rd		<p>The day was devoted to Recreational training Competitions as under were held.</p> <p>Inter-Coy. Tug of War - won by 1st Lt.</p> <p>Final Inter-Coy Football - " " "C" Coy.</p> <p>Inter-Coy Relay Race - (To be held again)</p> <p>Football match Officers 16th R.S. v Officers 15th R.S.</p> <p>Result 3-3</p> <p>First Round Corps Football Cup. 16th R.S. v 10th Lincoln</p> <p>Result. 4-1.</p>	
	4 th	<p>9am to 1pm</p>	<p>Battn. paraded for Brigade Tactical Scheme. - Brigade in attack.</p> <p>Recreational training.</p> <p>Second Round Corps Cup Result 16th R.S. v 11th Suffolk 0.</p> <p>2/Lts J.T.E. STORER & G.B. SHY CLAIR reported for duty over posted to C & D Coy respectively.</p>	

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BOISLEUX AU-MONT	4 th		Major T.E. BUSSELL left to take over command of 34 Bn. Depot Bn. Major H.J. SELBY M.C. as 15 th R Scots assumed Command.							
	5 th		<p style="text-align: right;">Rf</p> <p>The day was devoted to recreational training.</p> <p><u>First Round</u>. <u>Inter Bn.</u> Bayonet fighting won by 16 R Scots</p> <p><u>Bde Cross Country Race</u> <u>winning competition</u></p> <table><tr><td>1st man in.</td><td>Pte FARRIMOND 16 R S.</td></tr><tr><td>2nd " "</td><td>Sgt. WINDSOR "</td></tr><tr><td>1st team in.</td><td>10th Lincoln</td></tr></table> <p>Ing of war 16 R S. & 11th Suffolks. winners 16 R Scots.</p> <p>2/2nd - SCW. CRUICK SHAN K rejoined from hospital</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rf</p>	1 st man in.	Pte FARRIMOND 16 R S.	2nd " "	Sgt. WINDSOR "	1 st team in.	10 th Lincoln	
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	6 th	9am - 1pm	Brigade Tactical Scheme: Advanced Guards. <p>10 officers & 10 R. per Coy reconnected Support Bn. area</p>							

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BOSLEUX AU-MONT	6 th		area occupied by 25 th N. Huss. rejoined from Bde Bombing School. Bombing Course. 2/Lt R. S. BARCLAY + R. S. SCARLETT 1/Lt D. A. DINWOODIE left for Bde.	
	7 th	9am	Bn. paraded in Battle Order for the Trenches, relieving 25 th N. Huss. Relief complete by. H.Q. Companies disposed as under: Bn H.Q. The Nest. A Coy. EGRET LOOP B Coy. EGRET TRENCH + CUCKOO COURT. C Coy. The ROOKERY. CUCKOO RES. D Coy. CONCRETE RES.	Trench Map.
		7pm	Battn is in Support to the front line Bns - viz. 10 th Lincoln (Left Sector). 15 th R. Lvs (Right Sector). Three O.R. killed + 1 O.R. wounded at Bn H.Q. 2/Lt J. STRANG rejoined from leave. Rf.	

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THE NEST (in HENINEL)	8th		During the night 7/8th enemy quiet. Working parties under R.B. supervision - clearing trenches. (Strength 120) —— do —— (Strength 40)	
		8am - noon 5pm - 11pm	2/Lt. H. TONATHY proceeded to 3rd Army Musketry School on a course. "A" Coy left EGRET LOOP & proceeded to MALLARD TR. Coming under the orders of O.C. 10th Lincoln. "B" Coy 11th Suffolts occupied EGRET LOOP & came under the orders of O.C. 16 R. Sols.	
	9th	8am - noon	Working parties for R.B. provided (Total 120 all ranks) 2/Lt. W. C. GOLLOVY proceeded to 207 Field Coy R.B. for duty.	

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The NEST.	9 th		Lt. C.J. LAMBERT rejoined from Course at VI Corps School + assumed command of C Coy	
	10 th		Working parties as usual were found	
	11 th	9am	The battalion relieved the 15 th Royal Scots in the Right Bn. area of the Bde. frontage. Frontage of battalion runs from no 1 Post North to + including no 10 Post. Relief complete by 10am. The day passed quietly, with occasional tm + light shells fell on near our front line. During the night patrols reported no mans Land clear of enemy.	Sketch map attached to War Diary for NOV 7/32

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NR CHERISY	11 th		<p>The battalion was disposed as under: Left Coy. D Coy. Centre C Coy. Right: A Coy. Two platoons per Coy. holding the front line with two platoons in support. B Coy was Support Coy and was accommodated in PELICAN DUMP and CUCKOO RES.</p> <p>The following officers left for courses as stated: General Course VIth Corps School 2/Lts TURNBULL and BARCLAY Lewis Gun Course VIth Corps School. 1/Lt CRUICKSHANK.</p> <p>Casualties 10 R. wounded. 2/Lt F. CURRIGHART was tried by aly. C. Martell & Case was dismissed. Semi-final Divisional Cup: 16 R. 2 goals DWR 80.</p>	
	12 th		<p>at 6.45 am. a heavy bombardment on the Right Divisions front took place. the S.O.S. Signal was sent up several times. Our artillery opened on enemy trenches opposite the Br. frontage but very little retaliation took place. Intermittent shell & T.M. fire during the day. Snow fell during the morning.</p>	

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NT CHERISY	12 th	730pm to 10pm	<p>a bombardment of gas shells took place on the Right Coy frontage. The sector held by the ^{rest of the} battalion was also subjected to hostile gas shelling. No casualties were caused. About 500 gas shells were fired in all.</p> <p>The two platoons of A Coy ^{in the front line} were more relieved by the two platoons of the same Coy. in support after the bombardment ceased. One platoon of B Coy was sent to BROWN SUPPORT to reinforce the "gassed" platoons of A Coy.</p>	HENINEL TRENCH MAP (1/10000) + SHEET 516 SW 1/20,000
	13 th		<p>Intermittent trench mortar fire some damage being caused to our front line by "minnies".</p> <p>2/Lieut. J. WILSON evacuated - gassed.</p>	
	14 th		<p>Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON M.C. rejoined the Bn. from leave.</p> <p>Major H. J. SELBY M.C. rejoined 15th Rkobs.</p> <p>No unusual occurrence during the day.</p>	

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15th HENINEL	15th		Nothing of interest occurred. Usual hostile activity. 2/Lt. R.W.F. JOHNSTON, M.C. proceeded on leave. The battalion was relieved during the forenoon by the 15th R Scots relief being complete by 1.30 pm. On relief the Bn. moved back to HINDENBURG LINE. Casualties 1 O.R. died of wounds (accidentally inflicted)	HENINEL TRENCH MAP.
HINDENBURG LINE	16th		Working parties were provided for work on the front & support lines. Capt H.W. RAWSON returned from leave & assumed command of C Coy. 2/Lt R.A. INGLIS transferred from D to A Coy. 2/Lt H.W. DERRY from C to B Coy. 2/Lts G.R. FAIRLIE & H. PATERSON joined for duty & were posted to A & D Coy respectively Rf.	
	17th		Lt. C.J. LAMBERT assumed command of B Coy Rf.	
	18th		Nothing of interest happened. Usual working parties found Rf. 2/Lts H. WILLIAMSON & W. LAWRIE reported for duty - were posted to A & C Coy respectively Rf.	

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	19 th		<p>The Bn. relieved the 15th R. Scots in the Right Front Bn. Sub-Sector of the Right Bde. Companies were disposed as follows: 'B' Coy Right 'D' Coy Centre 'C' Left 'A' Coy Support. Relief complete by 12.30pm.</p> <p>The usual hostile T.M. + arty fire was experienced during the day. 2/Lt J. STRANG left the Bn to join Depot M.G.C. in England.</p> <p>Lt T.C. LAIDLAW proceeded on leave.</p>	HENINEL TRENCH MAP.
	20 th		<p>Nothing of interest happened during the morning. During the afternoon several "minnies" fell in the Centre Coy frontage.</p> <p>Casualties Killed 2/Lt. R.S. SCARLETT + 1 O.R.</p>	

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W. HENINEL	21 st		<p>The battalion was relieved by the 23rd N. Fusers. A party of 1 officer + 2 NCOs per Coy. were left behind after relief for 24 hours duty with relieving Bn. On relief the Bn proceeded to DURHAM LINES 'B' Camp where it formed part of the Divisional Reserve. This camp was reached at 4pm. 2/Lt. FC. ORQUHART sent to 181st Lunnethin; Coy R.6.</p>	FRANCE 51 G. SW 1/20,000.
	22 nd		<p>Parades during the day were as under. Reveille 7am. Physical Training 9.30am - 10.30am. Remainder of the day was devoted to interior economy. 2/Lt. W. LAWRIE admitted to hospital 2/Lt. D.A. DINWOODIE assumed the duties of Transport Officer from this date.</p>	

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nr BOISLEUX ST. MARC.	22 nd Conto		<p>The following have been mentioned in Sir D. Haigs Despatch of 7.11.17 published 20/12/17:</p> <p>LT Col. A. STEPHENSON, M.C. No. 19063 Sgt. W. RHIND. 43723 Sgt. J. DOUGLAS. 270067 Pte. E. PILLING.</p> <p>Working parties (100 ^{total} Strength 350 ³⁵⁰) were found by the Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rf.</p>	51 B. 5W 1/20000.
	23 rd		<p>Church parades as under were held. (Voluntary).</p> <p>9 am Church of England. 10 am Presbyterian 11 am R.C.</p> <p>Working parties (Total Strength 350s) were found by the Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rf.</p>	

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BOSLEY ST. M. ARC.	24 th		Working parties were found for work on the Support line Right Bde sector. Total Strength 350.	
	25 th		Voluntary Church parades were held as under. 9am. C of B. 10am. Pres. 11am. R.L. Physical training from 9.30-10.30am all ranks not on Church parade. A special Xmas dinner was provided for the men of the Bn.	
	26 th		Advance parties were sent to reconnoitre line held by 14 th Ar L Hrs. S.W. of FONTAINE-LES-CROISILLES. Football. Final of Dune Cup: 16 R Lats 4 v 9 N & 2. R/L	

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	27 th		<p>The Bn. relieved the 14th Bn. A & L Highrs 40th Div in the Right Bn. subsector of the 120th Bde Sector. The Bn is now holding the Right Bn subsector of the Right Bde Sector.</p> <p>The disposition Bn. left DURHAM LINES at 7.15 am moving by platoons at 200 yds. interval. Dress: Battle Order. Route: BOISLEUX - ST. MARC - BOVELLES - ST. LEGER - CROISELLES. - C.T. at T24 b. 30.85. Guides were met at T. 26. b. 50.55.</p> <p>Companies were disposed as under: 'A' <u>Right</u> front Coy B Coy. <u>Centre</u> front Coy. <u>D</u> Coy <u>Left</u> front Coy. 'C' Coy in Support. Frontage held by the Bn. consists of about 1200 yds; trenches are in a very bad state. The front line was taken from the Boche on the 20th Nov.</p> <p>The line is held by posts each Coy having three platoons in the posts and one platoon in TUNNEL TRENCH for local counter attack purposes.</p> <p>D Coy. are in BURG SUPPORT. and do not move</p>	CHERISY TRENCH MAP.

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near CROISELLES	27 th		<p>except under orders from Bn H.A. 5 Coy 15th R. Left Support Coy.</p> <p>Enemy artillery fire was active during the day & night, & was particularly severe about 5 p.m. from on BURG SUPPORT.</p> <p>Patrols from each Coy. went out during the night and found no man's land clear of the enemy.</p> <p>2/LTS. G. F. HOWIE and F. J. STANDING proceeded on Courses.</p>	
	28 th		<p>Enemy less active. TUNNEL TRENCH was shelled about during the night. Three patrols went out on the Bn frontage during the night 28/29th & one patrol encountered an enemy patrol which fired on our patrol.</p> <p>Casualties. Wounded 2^{pts}. 2 O.R. & 1 O.R. wounded remaining at duty.</p>	

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CROISELLES	29 th		<p>Hostile artillery less active. "Pineapples" fell on left Coy. front at about 8 am. no damage was done.</p> <p>About 2.30 pm our M. T. M. had a "shoot" on enemy positions opposite to our left & right Coys. between</p> <p>The usual patrols were sent out (one per Coy.) & encountered large enemy patrols at about U 8 a 20.25</p> <p>The sunken road in U 8 c. was examined by our patrols but found clear of the enemy. Except at U 8 c 5.4. where an enemy post was observed.</p>	CHERISY TRENCH MAP.
	30 th		<p>Intermittent shelling of our front & support lines by enemy artillery. Our artillery & medium Tms held a shoot during the day.</p> <p>Patrols - one per front line Coy - went out during the night & report no unusual sounds or heard</p>	

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	30 th		Casualties during the day. Wounded 2/Lt FAIRLIE. 2/Lt. H. WILLIAMSON proceeded on a course.	CHERISY TRENCH MAP.
CROISELLES	31 st		The Bn. was relieved by the 15 th R. Scots + moved back on relief to Right Bn. Support Area. Bn H.Q. at T 22. C. 5. 9. Relief complete by 10am. Companies were disposed as under. D Coy. T 17. C. 7. 6. B Coy. T 18. b. 5. 3. A Coy. T 23. d. 9. 3. C Coy was left ^{in the line} as Left Support B Coy to the 15 th R. Scots. Major A. E. WARR rejoined the Bn. from Senior officers Course ALDERSHOT. 2/Lt. R. W. F. JOHNSTON M.C. rejoined the Bn. from leave. 2/Lt. W. J. HEPBURN reported for duty + was posted	

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	31 st		<p>to 'C' Coy. The following promotion & appointment were made</p> <p>Lieut C. J. LAMBERT 'B' Coy to be T/Capt.</p> <p>" J. MACKENZIE 'D' " " A/Capt.</p>	
	5 1 18		<p>Stephenson Lieut Colonel</p> <p>Cmdg. 16th (S) Bn The Royal Lancers</p>	

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CROISILLES	1 st		<p>Working & carrying parties were found for Support lines during the day & night.</p> <p>Companies wired their posts.</p> <p>Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON M.C. proceeds on a Gas Course.</p> <p>2/Lt. G.W. SINCLAIR. R. JACK & W.J. SMITH reported for duty. The first two were posted to C Coy & the last named to B Coy.</p> <p>2/Lt. H. TONATHY rejoined from <u>III</u> Army Musketry School.</p>	
	2 nd		<p>Working & carrying parties provided during the day & night.</p> <p>Capt. P. BAYLISS proceeded on leave.</p> <p>Lt Col A. STEPHENSON M.C. awarded the D.S.O. (London Gazette 1/1/18). Capt. P. BAYLISS the m.c.</p>	

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CROISILLES	3 rd		<p>During the day between 6.30pm & 9.30pm enemy shelled CROISILLES very heavily with H.E. & gas shells.</p> <p>The usual working & carrying parties were provided.</p> <p>B Coy was employed wiring BURG. SUPPORT after dusk.</p> <p>Casualties passed. 2/Lt. G. COWAN, 2 OR.</p> <p>2/Lt. T. C. LAIDLAW DCM. returned from leave.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RJ</p>	CROISILLES TRENCH MAP
	4 th		<p>2/Lt. J. T. E. STORER left for the India Office, London, with a view to a Commission in the Indian Army.</p> <p>The Bn. relieved the 15th R Scots in the Right Subsector Right Bde sector. Relief was completed by 9.30 am.</p> <p>Dispositions were as under:</p> <p><u>Right</u> A Coy <u>Centre</u> B Coy. <u>Left</u> C Coy</p> <p><u>Right Support</u> D Coy. <u>Left Support</u> E Coy 15 R Scots</p> <p>Enemy shelled our front & support lines at intervals during the day & night</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RJ</p>	

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	4 th		Casualties during the day. Killed 20 R. Wounded 40 R. Patrols went out during the night 4/5 th & found no mans Land clear of the enemy (Patrols 10 off + 10 O.R. strong per Coy) Lt Col A STEPHENSON D.S.O., M.C., resumes command. <i>Rf</i>	
	5 th		Enemy artillery very active all day. B Coy. H.A. in FLORA MEBU sustained two direct hits Coy H.A. accordingly have been removed to a shaft in the TUNNEL. Numerous "pineapple" fell in Coy's sector. Patrols went out during the night & heard enemy patrols & covering parties out. Casualties 2 R. Wounded. 2/Lt C.W. MOLLOY <i>Acry</i> <i>replied</i> from 207 R.B. " W.J. SMITH <i>B</i> proceeded to <i>---</i> " R.A. INGLIS <i>Acry</i> " <i>---</i> " H. PATERSON D. " <i>---</i> " " <i>---</i> <i>Army musketry course</i> " " <i>---</i> <i>G.H.Q. PT & B.F. Course</i>	

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CROISILLIS	6 th		<p>Very heavy artillery fire between 5 am on our front & support line. Considerable damage done. The rest of the day passed quietly.</p> <p>About 10 pm. ^{many} light minnies & pineapples fell in Clay's sector. & artillery retaliation was asked for & received.</p> <p>The usual patrols went out & report the enemy very nervous - firing numerous Very lights.</p>	
	7 th		<p>B Coy sector was heavily bombarded with "pineapples" (granate throwers) about 1 am. to 2.30 am. Artillery retaliation had to be called for twice and was effective.</p> <p>Between 4.30 - 5 pm. a raid ^{by our troops} took place on the right; as a counter measure apparently, the enemy commenced a heavy bombardment of TUNNEL TRENCH and the front line doing some damage. Pineapples. Shrapnel. 4.25 & 5.95. were all employed in this bombardment. Our artillery was asked to retaliate & did so effectively.</p>	

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Trenches East of CROISELLES.	7 th		About 10 p.m. an enemy working party near U 8 a 10 15 was dispersed by our artillery fire. Casualties 2 OR wounded RJ	
	8 th	7.30- to 9.30a	The battalion was relieved by the 15 th R Sats + moved back on relief to the Right Bn. Support area - previously occupied by the Bn. from the 31 st ult to 4 th inst. A & B Coys occupied the areas previously held by them. C Coy moved to where D Coy had been. D Coy were left in the line as Left Support Coy to the 15 th R Sats. Relief was completed by 9.30 a.m.	
		5pm	A carrying party for T.M. B. consisting of 1 officer & 40 ^{OR} was provided by a Coy. 2/Lt H. TONATHY B Coy - Bde Gas Officer RJ	
	9 th		A working party of 8 officers & 160 OR worked after dusk on new C.T. from WINTER RES. to HIND SUPPORT RJ	

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CROISILLES	10 th		<p>Carrying party of 1 officer + 40 P.R. provided for T.M. Bty. Winning party of 1 officer + 50 P.R. provided for work in front of LINCOLN RES. A special party of 1 officer + 200 P.R. provided to work on ^{wire} BURG SUPPORT.</p>	
	11 th		Working + carrying parties as for the 10 th inst.	
	12 th		<p>The battalion relieved the 15th Royal Scots in the Right Front Bn Sector. Relief complete by 10.30 am. Corps. were disposed as follows: A Coy <u>Right</u> C Coy <u>Centre</u> D Coy <u>Left</u> B Coy <u>Right Support</u>. A Coy 15 R Scots acted as <u>Left Support Coy</u> to the Bn. Nothing unusual occurred. Casualties 30 R. wounded. Patrols found no mans land clear of enemy</p>	

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LT. FONTAINE CROISILLES	13 th		<p>Enemy very inactive during the day. A few shells (4.2 in) fell near TUNNEL TRENCH causing no damage.</p> <p>2/Lieut. J. W. WELLS, proceeded on a Sanitary Course.</p> <p>2/Lts. H. WILLIAMSON (A Coy) & J. TURNBULL (B Coy) rejoined from Courses. 2/Lt. J. T. E. STORER, rejoined not having been accepted for the Indian Army.</p> <p>Patrols as usual (Three - each consisting of 1 officer & 10 O.R.) were sent out on the Bn front & found no man's land clear of the enemy.</p>	FONTAINE CROISILLES TRENCH MAPS.
	14 th		<p>Nothing unusual occurred. 2/Lt W. J. HEPBURN & 2/Lt T. C. LAIDLAW ^{DCM} proceeded to VIth Corps School on a General Course.</p> <p>Patrols as usual went out.</p> <p>2/Lt R. S. BARCLAY rejoined from a Course & was sent to stay.</p>	

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CROISILLES	15 th		<p>A/Capt. J. MACKENZIE admitted to Hospital.</p> <p>2/Lt. H. TONATHY admitted to Hospital.</p> <p>The day passed very quietly. nothing unusual happening. 2/Lt. D. T. ANDERSON proceeded on leave.</p> <p>2/Lt. G. TURNBULL assumed command of D Coy.</p>	
	16 th		<p>The Bn was relieved by the 15th R Scots. + moved back on relief to Right Support Bn. Area. A & C Corps occupied the same bowwacs as previously. D Coy took over B Corps bowwacs. B Coy remained in the line as left Support Coy to the 15 R Scots. Owing to the very bad condition of the trenches most of which had fallen in, + the fact that most of the C.T.S were impassable owing to the depth of the mud the relief took 12 1/2 hours - commenced at 6 am. + was complete at 6.30 pm.</p> <p>Many of the Bn came out of the line without boots or socks, these having been lost in the mud.</p>	

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CROISIELES	16 th		Casualties during the day Wounded 2 OR 2/Lt. STORE R C Coy assumed command of D Coy. <i>Rf</i>	
	17 th		2/Lt. J. W. WELLS rejoined Bn from a course. The day was spent in cleaning equipment & clothes. No working or carrying parties were provided.	
	18 th		The day was devoted to cleaning up. Capt & Adj. P. BAYLISS M.C. returned from leave. 2/Lt. F. C. URBURTHART rejoined from 181 st Tunnelling Coy R.D. " R. S. BARCLAY sent to 181 st Tunnelling Coy R.D. for one month. <i>Rf</i>	
	19 th		Working parties were found during the day by the Bn clearing main communication trenches. 2/Lt. R. W. F. JOHNSTON M.C. assumed command of D Coy. 2/Lt. W. C. MOLLOY assumed command of A Coy. Capt J. F. MACKINTOSH proceeded on leave. <i>Rf</i>	

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<i>20th</i> <i>CROISELLES</i>	<i>20th</i>		<i>Working parties were found during the day.</i> <i>2/Lt J.R. TOPP rejoined the Bn. ^{from England} and was posted to D Coy</i> <i>RF</i>	
	<i>21st</i>		<i>Working parties as usual were provided by the Bn.</i>	
	<i>22nd</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>The Bn. relieved the 15th Royal Scots in the Right Subsector Right Bde. Corps. were disposed as under:</i> <i>Right A Coy Centre C Coy Left D Coy</i> <i>Left Support B Coy Right Support B Coy 15th Royal Scots</i> <i>Relief was completed by 7.30pm.</i> <i>The night was very quiet. It was not possible to hold the front line — owing to the fact that practically all the trench had fallen in.</i>	

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CROISILLES	23 rd		<p>Enemy not very active during the day. At night our patrols captured a German officer who was unwounded.</p> <p>1/Lt. F. C. URQUHART proceeded on leave Rf.</p>	
	24 th		<p>Usual enemy activity. During the night our front line posts were held patrols pushed forward.</p> <p>2/Lt. G. COWAN rejoined from leave hospital Rf.</p>	
	25 th		<p>Enemy more active during the day. at 7.30pm a very heavy barrage was put down on our front & support lines. Lasting half an hour.</p> <p>after the barrage ceased it was found that 2 men of No 15 Post (Clwy) were missing. German hand grenades were found near the post & it</p>	

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	25 th		it would appear as if the post had been raided Lt P. M. MCANDREW joined the Bn + was posted to C Coy	CROISILLES TRENCH
	26 th		The final of the VI Corps Football Cup played. Result 16 R.S. 1 goal 2 R.S. 1 goal Enemy less active than usual.	MAP. 1/10.000
	27 th	7.30 pm	Enemy very quiet. Capt. C. J. LAMBERT + 2/Lt F. J. STANDRING proceeded on leave. 2/Lt G. COWAN assumed command of B Coy. 2/Lts. R. A. INGLIS. + W. LAWRIE rejoined the Bn the former from a Course + the latter from hospital. 2/Lt R. A. INGLIS assumed command of A Coy. The Bn (less B Coy) was relieved by the 7 th Bn Kings Shropshire Light Inf 3 rd Div. + on relief moved back to support areas formerly occupied during the period. 16 th - 22 nd Jan. Relief completed 9.30 pm. B Coy remained in left support to the 7 th Bn KSLI for a period of 24 hours.	

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ERVILLERS	28 th	noon 6pm 9pm	<p>Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON D.S.O., M.C., assumed command of 101st Infy Bde Major A.E. WARR assumed command of the Bn The Bn. was relieved by the 1st Bn R.S. Luss (3rd Divn) + moved back on relief to ENNISKILLEN CAMP. ERVILLERS B Coy. relieved by A Coy 1st R.S. Luss + proceeded on relief to rejoin the Bn. The camp was bombed by hostile aircraft during the evening. Casualties Killed 2 O.R. Wounded. 8 O.R. Killed 21 horses + mules Missing 1 mule Wounded 5 evacuated. 2/Lt H PATERSON rejoined from a course. 2/Lt M.W. DERRY and details rejoined the Bn. 2/Lt W.J. SMITH + R.S. BARCLAY rejoined from the 207th Td Coy Rb + 181st Lunnethy Coy Rb. respectively Rf. The day was devoted to cleaning equipment and clothing and trenches were dug as shelters from aeroplane bombs. Lieuts J.W. STEWART M.C. and W.S. GAVIN M.C. joined the Bn + assumed command of A + D Coys respectively. Enemy aircraft passed over the camp several times during the night but dropped no bombs on it.</p>	LEWS II
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ERVILLERS	30 th		<p>Reorganization of Companies & interior economy during the day.</p> <p>At night hostile aeroplanes passed above the camp but dropped no bombs.</p> <p>2/Lt H WILLIAMSON appointed Sig. Officer</p> <p>" R.W.F. JOHNSTON M.C. " L.G. Officer</p>	R/
	31 st		<p>Company parades: reorganization of sections and physical training. Inspection of troops by CO.</p>	R/
	1 Feb 1918		<p>Alpha & warm Major</p> <p>Cmdg 16th (S) Bn R Sols</p>	

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ERVILLERS 1 st	9 ^{am} - 12 ^{noon}		Physical training: Coy. & platoon training	
	9 ^{am} - 12 ^{noon}		Lewis Gun, Signalling & Bombing classes provided separately for instruction	
	2-4 ^{pm}		Remainder of the recreational training	
	5 ^{pm}		2/Lt. H. TONATHY rejoined from hospital	
	2 nd 9 ^{am} - 4 ^{pm}		As for 1 st inst.	
			2/Lt. R. JACK and 2/Lt. W. DEEDS rejoined from a leave Bombing course	
			2/Lt. D. T. ANDERSON rejoined from leave.	
			The final of the Corps Football Competition was replayed.	
			Result. 1 st R. bats 5 goals 2 nd R. bats 0.	

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ERVILLERS	3 rd	10am	Parade service for Church of England.	
		10 ¹⁵ am	R. C.	
		11am.	Presbyterian.	
	4 th	9-10am	Physical training & bayonet fighting	
		10am	Organization of working party of 7 officers & 300 O.R. under command of Capt. H.W. RAWSON.	
		230pm	Working party as stated left for work on the NAUROY SWITCH.	
		6pm	Capt J.F. MACKINTOSH returned from leave Lt M.W. DERRY wounded while at Bde Bombing School	
	5 th	1am.	Working party returned.	
		10am	Lt Col A. STEPHENSON DSO, M.C., assumed command of the Bn.	
		11am	Organization of working party of 7 officers & 300 O.R. under command of Capt. J.F. MACKINTOSH.	
		3pm	Working party left for NAUROY	

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ERVILLERS	5 th	9pm	about a dozen 5.9m shells fell in ERVILLERS. Casualties wounded 1 O.R.	
	6 th	9am 1pm 2-4pm	Coy & platoon training Signallers Snipers Lewis Gun class paraded separately for instruction Recreational training	Rf.
	7 th	9am 1pm 2-4pm	Coy & platoon training. Signallers Snipers Lewis Gun class paraded separately for instruction Recreational training	Rf.
	8 th	9am 3pm	Coy & platoon training. Special hits as usual. Football match against 17 th Bn Black Watch. Result 16 R.S. 1 goal. 1/7 B.W. 1 goal 1/2 Lt. R.A. INGLIS proceeded on leave 1/2 Lt. P.M. MCANDREW proceeded on a course	Rf.

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ERVILLERS	9 th Jan		Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON DSO, M.C., proceeded to take over command of 101 st Inf Bde. Major A. E. WARR assumed command of the Bn.	LENS
		8.35am	The Bn. paraded. A certain portion of the transport - marched to HAMLIN COURT - starting point for Brigade move. The Bn. marched to BERLES-AU-BOIS which was reached about 3pm. via HAMELIN COURT. AYETTE - MONCHY-AU-BOIS & billeted there for the night.	11.
	10 th Jan		The Bn. paraded & marched to POMMIER - starting point for the Brigade. From that town the Bn. proceeded via - SAULTY - SOMBRIN to GRAND RULLECOURT reaching the	
			The billets were good & comfortable. Lt. F. C. URQUHART returned from leave.	
	11 th Jan		The day was devoted to cleaning up. The inter platoon football competition commenced.	

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GRAND RULLECOURT	12 th	9am-1pm	Company + platoon training Lg. Signallers Classes held under Specialist officers.	LENS II.
		2.30-4.30pm	Recreational training. Capt C. J. LAMBERT returned from leave + assumed command of B Coy. 2/Lt F. J. STANDING returned from leave + was posted to D Coy. Lt Col A STEPHENSON D.S.O., M.C., reassumed command of Bn. 2/Lt G. COWAN proceeded on leave.	
	13 th	9am-1pm	Company + platoon training Specialists classes as for 12 th inst.	
		2.30-4.30pm	Recreational training	
	14 th	9am-10am	Physical training.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GRAND RULLECOURT	14 th Feb	10am - 1pm 2-430pm	Company & platoon training Lewis Gun & Signalling classes under specialist officers Recreational training Capt. W. H. WILLIAMS reported & was posted to CCoy. 2/Lt. R. S. BARCLAY admitted to hospital.	LENS II
	15 th Feb	9am - 10am 9-10 10-11pm 230-430pm	A Coy. on Range. B C & D Corps Physical training Coy training for B C & D Corps. Lewis Gun & Signalling Classes as usual. Recreational training	
	16 th Feb	9am - 1pm 230pm	Corps platoon training Signalling Class under Sig. Officer. Presentation of Medals to Bn Football team - Divil League	

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GRAND RULLECOURT	16th	230	Football League - Presentation by Divl Comdr. Football match 16 R Scots 4 goals 104 Idambe 1.	LENS 11.
"	17th		In the morning church parades for men of all denominations were held. Following church parades an inter-company cross-country race of 1½ miles took place, 40% of the nation strength of each unit competing. The event was won by Platoon H.G. unit. The result of this event was recorded on a shield which had been purchased with the object of keeping a record of the winning platoon or company in each Recreational Training event.	11.
"	18th	9am to 11pm	Platoon & section training was continued. Vulcan Packs were distributed to companies for carrying practice. B companies were on the range for musketry, decoy and live bombing practice. The musketry consisted of a rehearsal of the Army Rifle Association competition, which was a combination of musketry and bayonet fighting carried out in Battle Order. The class for the training of signallers continued training. The afternoon was devoted to preliminary boxing competitions. The riding class for officers continued for an hour in the afternoon.	

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GRAND ROLLECOURT	15th (Contd)		The appointment of Lewis Gun Officer was abolished. In order to the G.O.C. Division + 2nd Lieut. R.V.F. JOHNSTON, M.C. on leave to perform these duties was returned to his Company for duty. 2nd Lieut. G.B. SINCLAIR was admitted to hospital	AB.
"	16th	9am to 1pm	Platoon and section training was continued. C. Company were on the range for A.R.A. Competition practice and digging. The signalling was held as for 18/2/18; and all regular S.Bs. loaded under the M.O. for separate instruction. In the afternoon 36th Div. + 14th C.O. for Company loaded under the C.O. + were taken on to the area just S. of the village where tactical exercises on advance guards were put to them. The remaining officers received instruction in the use of carrier pigeons Companies under C.S.Ms for recreational training	Class
"	20th	9am to 1pm	Platoon + section training. D. Company were on the range for A.R.A. Competition practice. Signalling and stretcher-bearers class as for 19th inst. In the afternoon A. Company were on the range and fired off their inter-platoon competition in the A.R.A. Competition Remaining companies carried out recreational training during the afternoon. 2nd Lieut. G.F. HOWIE proceeded on leave	AB.

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GRAND ROLLECOURT	21 st	9 ^{am} to 1 ^{pm}	<p>Platoon and section training. An instructor from the R.E. gave instruction in wiring to D Company. Signalling class continued training. C Company on the range fired off their inter-platoon competition of the A.R.A. Competition. In the afternoon D Company used the range for the same purpose.</p> <p>A parade of all subalterns was held in the afternoon for the purpose of practising words of command.</p> <p>A, B + C Companies carried out recreational training during the afternoon.</p> <p>The Baths in the village were put into operation during the afternoon. 350 men of the Battalion were bathed.</p> <p>Two lectures were held during the day, one at the II Corps School on "Co-operation of Airplane, Infantry and Artillery" to which 1 Officer and 20 O.Rs. were sent; and the other "Machine Guns in Co-operation with Infantry" was attended by all available officers.</p>	
"	22 nd		<p>Private W.H. WILLIAMS + 2nd Lieut. R.W.F. JOHNSTON, M.C. were admitted to hospital.</p> <p>Preliminary Company, Platoon + section training ended + Battalion training commenced. The Battalion exercises consisted of breaking into artillery formation from line of march. This exercise was carried out in three stages viz. (a) from line of march into column of Companies (b) into column of Platoons and (c) into column of sections.</p>	113.

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GRAND RULLECOURT	22nd	Contd	<p>The second exercise carried out consisted of an attack in two waves, each of two lines.</p> <p>The signalling class was held as usual in the morning.</p> <p>In the afternoon D. Company fired off their inter-platoon competition in the A.R.A. Competition.</p> <p>36th & 1st N.Z.C. paraded under the B.O. in the afternoon and were set tactical exercises on the employment of outposts.</p> <p>A party of 1 Officer & 20 G.R.s attended a lecture on "Banks" at the VI Corps School.</p> <p>Major A.E. WARR went on leave to ROUEN.</p>	
"	23rd	9am to 1pm	<p>Battalion training. Breaking into artillery formation from line of march was again practised, and from artillery formation the Battalion was practised in assuming attack formation and advancing under a barrage indicated by men carrying flags. Strong points were dotted about the area over which the advance was being made, the initiative of company & platoon commanders exercised in dealing with these. Following the assault & capture of the final objective, a counter-attack was made by men waving handkerchiefs. This counter-attack was successful & the retiring troops were carried forward by the supports who counter-attacked immediately and restored the line.</p>	AB.

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GRAND RULLECOURT	23 rd Cont'd		<p>The last exercise carried out consisted of of re-organising the Battalion after it had become mixed. To effect this all officers + N.C.O's were taken away from their respective commands & the remainder of the Battalion told to race to a given spot & re-organise into platoons. A little Battalion arms drill was carried out before marching away to billets.</p> <p>The signalling class continued training in the morning.</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to recreational training.</p> <p>2nd Lieut. R.H. SMITH was admitted to hospital; 2nd Lieut. R.A. INGLIS returned from leave.</p>	
"	24 th		<p>In the morning Church Parades were held, and following that the final of the Battn. A.R.A. Competition was decided.</p> <p>The four platoons competing were nos 2, 7, 12 and 15 Platoons, and the 7th Platoon were the winners. The result was recorded on the Battalion Shield.</p> <p>In the afternoon the officers of the Battalion played the officers of the 15th R. SCOTS at rubber, and were beaten by 12 Points to nil.</p>	1B.
"	25 th		<p>An exchange of webbing for leather equipment with the 15th R. SCOTS was made to complete the Battalion with leather equipment.</p> <p>At 9am. heavy rain was falling, and up to 10.30am. lectures in billets were given by Company and Platoon officers.</p>	1B.

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GRAND RULLECOURT	25 th	10.30am to 11am	<p>Battalion training was carried out. The Battalion was exercised in breaking from line of march into artillery formation, and from artillery formation into attack formation. Men were practised in adjusting gas helmets, on a pre-arranged signal, whilst carrying out these operations.</p> <p>The signalling class continued training in the morning and 10 signallers recently taken on the strength, were tested by the Signalling Officer.</p> <p>In the morning a party of 9 Officers and 16 N.C.O.s witnessed a demonstration of a platoon at drill and in the attack by the H.A.C.</p> <p>In the afternoon recreational training.</p> <p>At night orders were received to parade the following morning for an inspection by the G.O.C. VI Corps.</p>	
"	26 th	9.30am	<p>Major H.E. WARR returned from leave.</p> <p>At 8am. a warning order to move on 21st inst. to the BASSEUX area was received.</p> <p>The 101st Infantry Brigade assembled in line just south of LIENCOURT and was inspected by the Corps Commander, who afterwards delivered an address in which he complimented the Brigade on its turn-out and stated that the imminence of an enemy attack made it necessary to move the Division into the line without delay.</p>	143.

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GRAND RULLECOURT	26th Feb		The remainder of the day was devoted to preparing for the move to take place the following day.	115.
BAILLEUVAL	27th		The Brigade moved by march route to BAILLEUVAL + district. The march commenced at 10.45 am. and was completed by 2.30 pm. Transport including field cookess, heavy gun limbers, mess cart and Pack animals were Brigaded. Dress for the march was battle order. Packs being carried by lorry.	LENS II. 400,000 115.
YORK LINES (near MERCATEL)	28th		The Brigade moved by march route to Camps North of BOISHELIX-au-MOINT. The march commenced at 4.30 am. and YORK LINES were reached at 12.30 pm. Transport complete accompanied Battalions; and the dress for the march remained the same. at about 8 am. ^{reuniting} assembling parties of 50 officers proceeded by lorry to the trenches to be taken over by the Battalion on the night 1st/2nd March. 2nd Lieut. A. COVYAN returned from leave. Capt. H.W. RAWSON proceeded on a course. + Lieut. J.W. STEWART, M.C. took over command of C. Company. Ration strength:- 2nd Officers and 716 O.Rs.	518 S.W. 420,000 115.

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CROISILLES CROISILLES AREA.	1/3/18		<p>Battn moved from Camp at 4.45pm to relieve 7th K.S.L.I. in the trenches.</p> <p>On completion of relief Coys occupied the following positions:-</p> <p>A Coy FACTORY POSTS</p> <p>B " Posts in T. 17.d.</p> <p>C " " T. 17.c.</p> <p>D " " C.6 to C.9.</p> <p>Relief reported complete at 10.30pm</p>	<p>Ref: Map 51 b. SW 1/20,000 - CROISILLES Trench Map.</p>
	2/3/18		In trenches. Nothing unusual -	
	3/3/18		- do -	
	4/3/18		- do -	
	5/3/18		<p>Battn relieved the 15th Royal Scots in the right sub-sector of the left Brigade front, Coy positions being as follows:-</p> <p>A Coy - Reserve. NELLY Avenue, LINCOLN Reserve and QUARRY</p> <p>B " - Right - Posts 5 to 11 (inc.)</p> <p>C " - Left - Posts 12 to 16 (inc.)</p> <p>D " - Support - BURG Support line.</p>	

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	5/3/18 (Crd)		Companies moved off at intervals from Reserve Area, from 7-15 pm to 8-15 pm - Relief complete at 10.45 pm -	
	6/3/18		Quiet night.	
	7/3/18		Artillery fairly active during day and at night.	
	8/3/18		Quiet day	
	9/3/18		- do -	
	10/3/18		- do -	
	11/3/18		Battn relieved by 11 th SUFFOLK Regiment at night and moved to Support Battn positions.	
	12/3/18		Men resting and cleaning up. Digging party on CROISILLES Switch during night 12/13.	
	13/3/18		Digging parties on Reserve lines -	

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	14/3/18		<p>Work on reserve trench system</p> <p>In the evening the Bn relieved the 15th Royal Scots in the left sub-sector of the Left Brigade frontage.</p> <p>Relief completed about midnight.</p> <p>Cops situated as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Coy Reserve B. Coy Right Front C. Coy Left D. Coy Support. <p>Batter HQs in TUNNEL in SHAFT AVENUE T. 6. & 15.10.</p>	
	15/3/18		<p>Trench routine.</p> <p>During night three officers patrols were out but failed to get touch with enemy patrols.</p>	
	16/3/18		<p>Quiet during day night. Heavy artillery bombardment during night. No casualties.</p>	

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	17/3/18		<p>Quiet day. Our artillery active in early morning.</p> <p>Capt RAWSON returned from Army Course.</p> <p>Major A. STEPHENSON D.S.O. M.C. proceeded on leave to U.K.</p> <p>Major A.E. WARR assumed command of Battalion.</p> <p>2nd Lt. STANDING proceeded to U.K. to join M.G.C.</p>	
	18/3/18		<p>Our artillery active. Enemy fire not heavy.</p> <p>Three officers patrols out during night saw nothing of enemy.</p> <p>Special reconnaissance patrol to investigate state of ROTTEN Trench wire.</p>	
	19/3/18		<p>Our artillery active especially about dawn.</p> <p>Nothing unusual happened. Usual patrols out at night.</p> <p>Considerable enemy movement seen behind lines by our observers.</p>	
	20/3/18		<p>Battn relieved by 11th SUFFOLK Regiment and withdrew</p>	AS

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	20/3/18 (C19)		To support Battr area - Night was quiet	
	21/3/18		Morning very misty 4.45am Intense enemy bombardment opened on South of our area. and soon after on our area. Gas shelling was severe. 11.0am Enemy artillery now fairly quiet. noon Battr which had "stood to" from 4.30am was ordered by Brigade to return to bivouacs (except one platoon of the each of the Coys which remained in position) but remain in readiness for immediate action. 3.0pm Strong party of enemy seen advancing from U25.c to T30 b and c. and two platoons of the right Coy were moved to the line of the Railway to meet the attack.	

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	21/3/18 (Chd)	10/0pm	As the hostile attack developed the Coys were moved to meet it and about 10.0pm the Brigade was moved to the CROISILLES Switch (NORTH) resting its left on FARMERS LAKE. The night was fairly quiet.	
	22/3/18	12/30pm	about 5.0am enemy opened a heavy bombardment Enemy attacked and after severe fighting drove in our centre. A new line was established in the 3 rd System and a line formed with the 15 th Royal Scots - One platoon under 2 nd Lt. COHAN remained in its original position of 21 st /22 nd during the whole of the 22 nd but that evening, finding itself surrounded and isolated it fought its way back to the Battalion. The day passed with many minor attacks by the enemy and at night the Batta was withdrawn to Reserve and quartered in ARMAGH Camp. HAMELINCOURT	
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	22/23 March		<p>Casualties during the CROISILLES action were:-</p> <p><u>Officers</u>: 9. Capt J.F. MACKINTOSH Wounded - Lient J.W. STEWART MC Killed " P.M. MACANDREW Missing " W.S. GAVIN MC Wounded Capt C.S. LAMBERT Missing 2/Lt R.A. INGLIS Missing 2/Lt T.C. LAIDLAW DCM Wounded 2/Lt G.F. HOWIE Killed 2/Lt R.S. BARCLAY Killed</p> <p>Other ranks Killed 11 Wounded 138 Missing 62</p> <p>Total 9 officers 211 O.R.</p> <p>R</p>	

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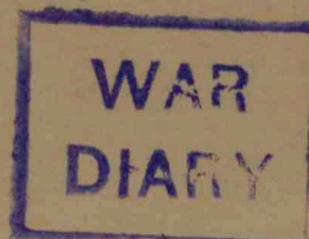
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	23/7/18		The Battr. moved by march from HAMELINCOURT to	
	27/27/18		PETIT HOUVAIN, generally being billeted at night.	
	27/27/18		Entrained with full Battalion transport.	
	28/3/18		Detrained at MERVILLE	
	28/29		March billeted at VIEUX BERQUIN	
	29 th		Proceeded by march route to ERQUINGHEM.	
	30 th		All ranks cleaning up. Coys reorganizing and refitting.	
	31 st		Battr. relieved 16 th R.W. Fus. in the left ^{AL} centre sub sector of the Left Brigade Frontage; relief being complete at about midnight.	Sheet 36 NW 1/20,000
	9/5/18		<p>A. Stephenson Lt Col Comd 16th Royal Scots</p>	

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ERQUINGHEM District	1/4/18		In trenches. No unusual activity. Patrols sent out at night.	Map 36 NW 1/20,000
	2/4/18		In trenches. Activity normal. Special patrols sent out to reconnoitre enemy wire and trenches with a view to a raid being carried out.	
	3/4/18		In trenches. Normal activity. Special reconnoitring patrols during night.	
	4/4/18		In trenches. Slight enemy bombardment during morning. Reconnoitring patrols out all night.	
	5/4/18		Normal day. Bn relieved in evening by 23 rd Northumberland Fusiliers and upon relief occupied billets in ERQUINGHEM.	
	6/4/18		In billets. Clearing up and Coy organization.	
	7/4/18		In billets. Working parties digging on reserve lines. Company training.	

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	8/4/18		Company parades. Night digging party on reserve line near STREAKY BACON Farm Whole Pm digging. Party returned to billets about 1am 9 th .	
	9/4/18		Heavy enemy bombardment commenced at 4.30 am. Coys ordered to scatter into fields and remain in readiness to move immediately.	
		11/30am	Battn moved off to line unken road in H 19 a During the day enemy attacked in force on our front.	
	Apr 9 th to Apr 21 st (inc)		Detailed report of operations undertaken by the Battn is attached.	
BOESCHEPE	24 th		Reorganization at 3 billets and bivouacs. Men cleaning up.	

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ST JAN TER BIEZEN	21st 22 nd		Battn marched to SCHOOL CAMP near ST JAN ter BIEZEN. Reorganization and re-equipment of Coys carried out.	
	23 rd		Coy reorganization and drill Baths.	
	24 th		Baths and drills - Range repaired and cleaned	
	25 th		Company drills.	
	26 th	6.20 ^{am}	Left SCHOOL CAMP and marched via POPERINGHE to POPERINGHE Switch line. Pm digging on line all day. Moved to right for short distance in evening. 10/30 ^{pm} Moved to South to relieve 11 th SUFFOLKS in POPERINGHE line. Relief complete by midnight - Pm Hqs G 20 a. 2.3. Capt MACKENZIE reported for duty.	
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G20a 2.3.	29 th		Battn working on improvement and digging of POPERINGHE reserve line.	Man Sheet 27.
	30 th		Battn working on improvement and digging of line Officers and N.C.O's reconnoitre forward areas.	
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			<u>A. Stephenson</u> Lt Colonel Cdy: 16 th Royal Scots	

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APRil
 9th.
 1918.

On the night of 8/9 APRil 1918 the Battalion (17 Officers, 785 O.R.) was in reserve in Billets in ERQUINGHEM-sur-LYS, two Companies being disposed on the western edge of the town (near RUE DORMOIR) and two in the town near the Church.

The whole Battalion had been on a night digging Party near BOIS GRENIER AND RETURNED TO Billets at about 2 a.m. on the morning of the 9th. APRil.

At 4.30 a.m. 9th. APRil an intense enemy bombardment commenced and affected the town and district.

The Battalion stood to in Billets at once but the shelling of the town made it imperative to move and Positions were taken up in the adjoining fields to avoid Artillery Fire.

At 9.10 a.m. instructions were received from Bde. H.Q. that the Battalion was to be ready to move at half an hours notice and at 11.35 a.m. it was ordered to move and line the Sunken Road running N.E. and S.W. in H.19.a.

My Second-in-Command (Major A.E.Warr) was sent forward to reconnoitre the Position and arrived there about the same time as the two leading companies (who had been billeted on the west side of ERQUINGHEM).

On his arrival in the vicinity it was found that the enemy was in occupation of BAC-ST-MAUR, and it was not Possible for the Battalion to occupy the Position ordered owing to the strength of the enemy forces.

In consultation with the 40th Division it was decided to form a defensive flank facing West and Posts were formed North, West and South of FORT ROMPU. My right joined up across the LYS with troops of the 40th. Division (reinforced by about two Companies of the 16th. Royal Scots which had been ordered to the North of the River by the G.O.C. of 119th. Brigade), and my left swung S.W. from FORT ROMPU to about H.14.d.5.5. and thence Westerly Parallel to the Railway to the junction of the 11th. SUFFOLKS.

I was supported by details consisting of Australian Imperial Forces Tunnellers, and Units which had straggled from other areas.

The enemy attacked astride the LYS in force and broke the line several times but was driven off. Owing to casualties the forces under my command became so weak that two companies of the 15th. Royal Scots were sent to re-inforce.

A strong attack from the direction of FLEURBAIX took Place during the afternoon and the line was driven back to approximately the line of the railway where it was consolidated and held. I consider that had two of my companies not been taken to the north of the LYS by the G.O.C. 119th. Brigade I could have held on to the original line - RUE DORMOIR - H.14.d. towards Canteen Farm.

At about 5.30 P.m. about 80/100 of the 12th. SUFFOLKS under Lieut. Col. LLOYD and four Vickers Guns of the M.G.C. were attached to me. The Infantry were used to strengthen my northern flank on the river and the Vickers Guns were Placed to cover the low ground on both sides of the river north of the line FORT ROMPU - BAC-ST-MAUR.

A series of Patrols at dusk established forward Posts but these were badly harassed by the enemy.

Fighting Patrols found FLEURBAIX strongly held by the enemy and some small encounters took Place on the outskirts of that Village, and eight Prisoners were taken by us.

During the evening the enemy had worked east on the North bank of the LYS and was shooting into our back from Positions in JESUS Farm area. I had no men to spare to eject these and the Division on our right seemed to have withdrawn and the Position was therefore a very uncomfortable one.

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During the late evening of the 9th. the enemy attacked my line and as they appeared likely to effect a break in the line I ordered forward a company of the 18th. H.Fus. to close support but the enemy advance was checked.

During the whole of the day enemy Artillery fire was very intense especially on the bridges, approaches, and village of ERQUINGHEM.

The Position of my line at midnight on the night of 9/10 April is shown in the Appendix A.

Casualties had been fairly heavy especially amongst Officers.

10th. At daybreak on the 10th. the situation was quiet, Patrols had April encountered the enemy in and around FLEURBAIX in large numbers, but 1918. there was no indication of an immediate attack. My line had been dug in and was held by front line, supports, and reserves, and fire positions were well sited. About 7 a.m. however, small enemy parties were seen to be moving northwards from FLEURBAIX area, and evidently concentrating in dead ground and behind natural cover.

Artillery was brought to bear on enemy assemblies but this was not sufficiently concentrated to break up the coming attack.

As the situation appeared critical owing to enemy concentration at about 7 a.m. I asked for more troops to reinforce my support and reserve lines, (which were held by 18th. H. Fus. and Australian Tunnellers respectively), neither unit of which was very conversant with active warfare conditions), but this message was I think never delivered at Brigade owing to casualties.

At about 8 a.m. the enemy attacked in force from about FLEURBAIX and at the same time thrust forward in an easterly direction from FORT ROMPU. The result was that my Battalion was attacked on both fronts of a right angle bend, the main weight of the attack being at the point of the bend in H.14.d. Heavy fighting ensued in which it is believed the enemy had severe casualties. The enemy eventually penetrated the line in force at a point north of FLEURBAIX and thus entirely cut off my forces about RUE DORMOIR. This garrison fought until entirely isolated and I cannot too highly commend the conduct of Major A.E. Warr (now missing) who was in command of this section of the garrison.

At the time of the attack south of the river the enemy also appears to have advanced on the North of the river LYS and driven the troops back, as numbers of men were seen retiring in that area. As these seemed to be in disorder I sent my Adjutant (Capt. P. BAYLISS) to stop and re-organise them and take up a line corresponding with that held on the south bank. I do not know what units these belonged to.

This was found impracticable as the troops fell back in some disorder and there were no Officers to help in reorganisation.

The Position north of the LYS became obscure from that ^{time} ~~point~~ though no enemy was seen by me to be East of ERQUINGHEM. There was also no sign of British Troops.

My right flank resting on the river was thus in the air. I protected it as far as possible by Vickers Guns and by swinging back a defensive flank along the south bank of the River but the numbers at my disposal were insufficient to form a reasonable defence of the West end of ERQUINGHEM.

At about 1.30 P.m. the enemy had been held south of ERQUINGHEM along the line of the Railway but was making heavy attacks on the West along the main BAC-ST-MAUR - ERQUINGHEM railway and small parties were actually in ERQUINGHEM at about H.9.b.70.95., and Machine Guns were shooting down the main road of the town.

At about 1 P.m. a Battalion of Duke of Wellingtons West Riding Regiment was sent up to hold the West of ERQUINGHEM. This arrived just in time to check the enemy entry into the village, and undoubtedly was the means of allowing the withdrawal of the troops across the river which was ordered soon afterwards.

At 2.55 P.m. an order was received from the Brigade stating that all troops south of the river were to withdraw to the north

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bank of the LYS.

The 16th. Royal Scots remained in position until the troops on the left bank had effected the withdrawal and they then crossed by the Pontoon bridge near ERQUINGHEM Church. The withdrawal was complete by about 6.30 p.m. and was done in an orderly manner though at times severely harassed by enemy shelling and Machine Gun Fire.

As soon as the withdrawal was effected Battalion took up a position in the trenches from JESUS FARM to WIGAN Post in H.3 and B.26. In addition to the 16th. R. Scots there were about 50 of the 15th. R. Scots and 60 of 12th. Suffolks together with a few of the Australian Tunnellers and some Special Company R.E., the total garrison being about 500 rifles all of whom I took under my command. My left flank was not in touch with any other of our units, and Patrols failed to establish touch.

On the right the enemy was found to be present in small parties just west of JESUS FARM. Some progress was made by Patrols from this point westwards, but I was unable to extend my line to Lancashire Post owing to the presence of the enemy.

On the north the position was uncertain. My Patrols could get no touch with British troops except the 11th. Suffolks in support and the enemy in that area appeared to be numerous though they were in a disorganised condition. One enemy trench gun wagon and team was captured when travelling from CROIX-DU-BAC to KIRCHESSES L'APINETTE. This was destroyed as it was not then possible to remove it.

At about 8 p.m. I reported the position to Bde. H.Q. and asked for ^{more} troops to enable me to form a defensive flank on my right so as to establish my position which was commanding the river for a considerable distance. As no further troops arrived the position was not very secure as both flanks were exposed, the enemy was on the south bank of the river and enemy Patrols were operating between my position and Waterlands Farm (held by the 11th. Suffolks.)

I consider however that had my flanks been secured I could have held the country between ERQUINGHEM and NIEPPE as my line commanded the crossings of the LYS from BAE-ST-MAUR to the western outskirts of ARMENTIERES.

Appendix "B" shows the positions of the Battalion on April 10th. 1918.

11th.
April
1918.

At about midnight on 10/11 April an order was received to withdraw the troops from their position just north of the river LYS to a defensive position south of NIEPPE. The withdrawal was effected without difficulty and NIEPPE was reached by 3.20 a.m. and a defensive line was established by 5.30 a.m. running approximately parallel to the railway line from B.14.e.1.8. to B.20.B.8.8.

15th. R. Scots were on the right and the 11th. Suffolks on the left with a company of the 18th. M.Fus. in support.

Patrols went forward during the day, failed to locate the enemy until about 3 p.m. when some small parties were found to be in the buildings about Pme. HOLLERQUE.

From this area sniping and Machine Gun Fire became very troublesome and considerable casualties ensued. Shell fire was also heavy and accurate.

At about 3 p.m. the positions on our north necessitated our being prepared to fire in both directions and firing positions were arranged accordingly. No action from this direction however took place. At about 4 p.m. an enemy advance was seen to be in progress but this was broken up by Lewis Gun and rifle fire and no enemy penetrated our lines though some remained lodged in farm buildings about 500 yards S.W. of our position and from there carried out active sniping on all movement. Some Machine Guns were also mounted in these buildings and their fire swept our lines.

At 7.30 p.m. the Brigade was ordered to withdraw from its positions and the Battalion moved northwards parallel to the railway to about TROIS ARBRES. There it was formed up and

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marched as a body via PAROT to a rendezvous at a Point west of STEINWERCK Station. The withdrawal was badly hampered by Machine Gun Fire and exceedingly heavy hostile artillery and casualties were very numerous. It would appear that the enemy were ~~advancing~~ possibly advancing to the attack just at the time of our withdrawal and as the light still permitted observation his activity was very deadly.

The shelling of the main NIEPPE - BAILLEUL Road was very heavy and caused much delay in the Passage of troops. There was also a very noticeable lack of traffic control and ~~it~~ thus caused more congestion and confusion than was desirable.

The Positions occupied on 11th April are shown in Appendix " ".

12th.
April
1918.

The rendezvous for the Battalion was at an Inn about 500 yards north of Point A.3.d.5.9.

On arrival here the Battalion was ordered to find accommodation in the vicinity and be Prepared to form a line facing south or west.

At 5 a.m. a Position facing South was taken up in A.3.c. and D. (N. of STILLBECQUE Stream) forming a reserve line.

At 9 a.m. orders arrived to form a defensive flank on the right and the Battalion took up Position from A.2;c.3.1. along the BECK de FLANDRE for about 600 yards. On the left I was in touch with the 11th. Suffolks. On my right there was about one Company of 11th. Suffolks who had become detached from their own unit and on their right was a Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. It was reported that on the right the line extended as far as the railway line about 2,000 yards west of BAILLEUL Station.

The Battalion was disposed in depth and Patrols were pushed forward. These met with considerable opposition as enemy was active with Machine Gun Fire and sniping.

Several small attacks were made by the enemy during the morning but were driven off. Four Vickers Guns of the 34th H.G.C. were attached to the Battalion and did excellent work under the command of a Sergeant.

At about 5 p.m. a very determined attack was made on us and the front line was driven in. The attack was preceded by exceedingly heavy artillery bombardment over the whole front and back areas, and casualties were numerous. A new Position was established and at 6 p.m. my line ran A.2.d.2.3. - A.2.c.3.4 - A.2.c.4.9.

The Duke of Wellingtons were on my right and the 11th. Suffolks were on my left. Enemy aeroplanes flying very low were firing continuously on our troops during the whole afternoon and seriously interfering with any movement.

Observers saw large numbers of enemy deploying in and around OUTERSTERN, and cavalry and field guns were also seen there.

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During the night the enemy was quiet except for desultory shelling and the line was pushed forward again to the line of the BECQUE de FLANDRE and consolidated.

At 4.30 a.m. a draft of 1 Officer and 30 Other Ranks arrived to reinforce the front line.

The day was quiet except for artillery activity on the whole area occupied. Units were sorted out and reorganised and consolidation continued.

At 3 p.m. enemy artillery fire became intense and at 3.30 p.m. the enemy attacked in great force from the direction of OUTERSTERN. Our line was held for some time and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy but weight of numbers eventually forced a withdrawal and at 5.30 p.m. a new line was established facing S.W. with my left at about S.2.d.3.9.

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On the left was the 11th. Suffolks, but the Position on the right was uncertain as the West Riding Regiment appears to have withdrawn for some distance.

Casualties had been heavy and the Officers left with the Battalion were myself, 2/Lt. STORER, and the Medical Officer. This fact retarded re-organisation and consolidation, but the remaining N.C.O's gave valuable assistance. I was also greatly assisted by Lieut. RAWSON of the 101st. T.M. Battery. My strength was approximately 100 O.R.

The Positions occupied during 12th. and 13th. were as shown in Appendix " ".

14th.
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1918.

At 2.15 a.m. a withdrawal having been ordered the Battalion marched to the railway Station at BAILLEUL where a Position was taken up approximately along the railway from S.26 a.3.7. to S.26.b.3.8.

Forward Posts about 200 yards South of the railway were established and the main line of resistance was along the railway line. Three Companies of 18th. N.Fus. were attached to the Battalion and were used as supports and reserves.

The 11th. Suffolks were on my right, the 15th. R. Scots on my left. The Position was occupied by 5 a.m.

From about noon enemy artillery fire became intense though casualties were not very heavy.

Owing to Brigadier-General R.C. GORE, CB, CMG, having become a casualty, Lieut. Col. A. STEPHENSON, D.S.O., M.C., commanding 16th. Royal Scots, was ordered to take over command of the 101st. Brigade, and the Battalion was then attached to the 15th. R. Scots under the command of Major OSBORNE, and the 15th. R. Scots and 16th. R. Scots continued to operate as a composite Battalion until the Division was relieved on the night 20/21 April.

The detailed operations of the 16th. R. Scots will be embodied in the report of the 15th. R. Scots. The following are the main moves which took place.

Appendix " " shows Positions occupied by the Battalion during 14th. April.

At about 11 P.m. the Battalion was relieved by units of the 6th. South Staffs who were placed to cover our withdrawal. A Position was then taken up facing south in S.2.c and d.

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This was being consolidated by 5 a.m. and gave a good field of fire. The Position remained unchanged until the night of April 17/18 when the Battalion was withdrawn to the support Position about M.23.c. and D., having been relieved by units of the 39th. Brigade.

On the 16th. and 17th. the enemy made several attempts to attack our Positions but these were all broken up by artillery and Machine Gun fire. Enemy artillery fire was concentrated and heavy, and casualties were numerous. Sniping was active on any movement being observed.

18/19th.
April
1918.

On the night 18/19 the Battalion was withdrawn to the Army Line about MONT NOIR and was in reserve until the night 20/21 April when it was withdrawn to billets near FOESCHERE and on the 22nd. April marched to billets near ST JANS-ter-BIEZEN.

The casualties sustained by the Battalion during the Period covered by this report were

13 OFFICERS

554 OTHER RANKS.

In addition, 2/Lt. STORER was incapacitated through shell shock and sickness for a considerable Period and

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2/Lts. WILLIAMSON and PORTER were with the 40th. Division for the first 2½ days of the battle.

The following Officers took Part in the operations:-

<u>Hqrs.</u>	Lt. Col. A. Stephenson, D.S.O., M.C.	Commanding.
	Major A.E. Warr.	Missing 10/4/18.
	Capt. F. Bayliss, M.C.	Wounded 13/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. H. Tenathy.	Missing 10/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. H. Williamson.	
	Capt. R. Lyn Jones, R.A.M.C.	
 <u>"A" Coy.</u>	2nd. Lt. D.T. Anderson.	Wounded 10/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. J.T.M. Storer.	
 <u>"B" Coy.</u>	Lieut. T. McW. Miller.	Wounded 13/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. G. Turnbull.	Sick 15/4/18.
 <u>"C" Coy.</u>	Capt. H.W. Rawson.	Missing 10/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. W. Lawrie, M.M.	Missing 10/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. W.C. Molloy.	Missing 10/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. A. Robinson.	Missing 10/4/18.
 <u>"D" Coy.</u>	2nd. Lt. G. Cowan.	Sick 14/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. J.F. Porter.	
	2nd. Lt. A.S. McKay.	Missing 10/4/18.
	2nd. Lt. A. McKenzie.	Wounded 13/4/18.

A. Stephenson

Lieut. Col.,

Commanding 16th. (S) BN. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

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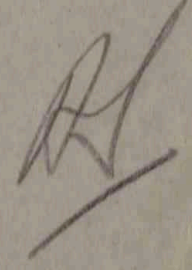
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	May 1st		Bn HQs G 20 d 9.5. Bn digging on POPERINGHE reserve trenches. Front areas reconnoitred. Slight enemy H.V. shelling during night.	Map 27. N.E. 1/20000 28 NW 1/20000
	2nd		2Lt PORTER evacuated sick Digging trenches and improving drainage	
	3rd		Capt COOPER proceeded on gas course. Our artillery very active. Bn digging and improving trenches	
	4th		Splinter proof dug outs for Bn & Coy HQs built. Trenches improved and drained. Vicinity of Bn HQs bombarded by enemy.	
	5th		Digging and draining trenches	
	6th		Bn relieves 11th SUFFOLKS in BRANDHOEK line. Bn HQ G. 23 d	

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	6 th		Two Coys in Line, one Coy in support and one Coy in reserve.	
	7 th		Bn Hqs heavily shelled with gas. No casualties. Normal activity otherwise.	
	4/30pm		Bn relieved by 10 th LINCOLNS and moved by Coy to billets & tents near HOUTKERQUE	
	8 th		Battn in camp - Resting & refitting	
	9 th		Battn bathed. 160 men digging on switch trenches	
	10 th		} Digging on switch trenches.	
	11 th			
	12 th		Battn moved by march route to billets in RUBROUEK Area.	

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	May 13 th		Moved by bus to BOURNONVILLE. Troops billeted in farms in district.	
	14 th		Battn cleaning up.	
	15 th		Preparing for disbandment. C.O. addressed Battn on parade.	
	16 th		Battn disbanded. 328 O.R. and 3 officers despatched to Base as reinforcements. The following remained behind with the C.O. to form a training establishment for American Armies:- Capt. ROBERTSON, Capt. MACKENZIE, 2 nd Lt. PORTER, 2 nd Lt. PATERSON, 2 nd Lt. SCOTT, 2 nd Lt. SINCLAIR, Capt. & Quar. KING, 2 nd Lt. WILLIAMSON, 2 nd Lt. HEBBURN and about 50 O.R. (mainly W.O's and N.C.O's). Training detachment left for ALQUINES area. Billeted in BAS LOQUIN for night. R.S.M. A.B. NESS granted a commission in the field. Left for ALQUINES.	
	17 th		American Regt. (111 th) arrived and billeted in area.	
	19 th		Training of American Regt commenced -	

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ALQUINES	May 19 th to 31 st		<p>Training of 111th American Regiment continued.</p> <p>The following awards (immediate) were received during the month -</p> <p><u>Military Cross</u> 2nd Lieut G COWAN.</p> <p><u>D.C.M.</u> 23335 Sergt F MURRAY. a/csm J. DOUGLAS 43723 34016 Pte D. CAMPBELL</p> <p><u>Military Medal</u> 18963 csm BAIGRIE; 43828 Sergt J. CROMPTON; 42542 Pte J WATSON.</p> <p><u>Mentioned in despatches of 24/4/18</u> 2nd Lieut T.C. LAIDLAW D.C.M. 19866 RQMS J.D. MACRAE</p> <p>7/6/1918</p> <p><u>Stephenson</u> Lt Colonel Cdy 16th ROYAL SCOTS</p>	

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ALQUINES	June 1 st to 8 th		Training of 111 th American Regiment of Infantry continued.	
	9 th		111 th American Regiment left for South by march route.	
	9 th to 13 th		Training Cadre employed on special classes of mutual instruction.	
	14 th		309 th American Regiment of Infantry arrived in area and disposed in billets.	
	15 th		Preliminary training commenced.	
	16 th		Preliminary training continued.	

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	14 th		Training of 309 th Regiment commenced according to American schedule.	
			Lt. Col. A. Stephenson D.S.O., M.C. and H.Q. Staff moved to COULOMBY to take command of "A" Brigade Training Group.	
	18 th 15 30 th		Training of 309 th American Regiment continued.	
<p><u>A. Stephenson</u> Lieut. Colonel, commanding 16th Bn. The Royal Scots.</p>				

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COULOMBY	July 16 th to 17 th		Training of 155 th American Infantry Brigade continued.	
	18 th		Accompanied 155 th American Infantry Brigade to new area. Headquarters established at CHELERS	
CHELERS	19 th to 31 st		Training of 155 th American Infantry Brigade continued.	
<p>Stephenson Lieut. Colonel, Commanding 16th (S) Bn. The Royal Scots.</p>				

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHELERS	August 1 st		Continuation of training of the 155 th American Infantry Brigade.	
	4 th			
LOUCHES	5 th		Moved from CHELERS to LOUCHES on night of 4 th / 5 th August.	
	5 th			
	6 th		Mutual instruction.	
	14 th			
	16 th		Battalion disbanded and all personnel sent to 1/9 th Bn. The Royal Scots.	

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