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Sutton Veny Wiltshire	Jan 1 st 7 ¹⁴		In training camp.	
do	8 th		Travelled by three trains to Southampton	
		5.15 pm	Sailed by "Empress Queen" Transport and 100 men by "S.S. Courtfield."	
Haver	9 th	7 Am	Disembarked and marched to N ^o 2 Camp	
do	10 th	6 pm	Left by train to unknown destination.	
Bundesgrenze near S. Omer	11 th	2.30 pm	Arrived and disembarked: marched 13 miles to Wallon Cappel arriving about 6.30 p.m.	
Wallon Cappel	12 th		In billets.	
	13 th		do	
	14 th		do	
	15 th		do	
	16 th		do	
	17 th		do	
	18 th		do	
	19 th		do	
	20 th		do	
	21 st		Inspected by General Joffe	
	22 nd			

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Waller Cappel	23 rd	9 AM	Marched to billets at Morbecque.	
Morbecque	24 th		In Billets	
do	25 th	9 AM	Marched to Vieux BERQUIN.	
Vieux Berquin	26 th	9 AM	Marched to FORT ROMPU. and billeted with - 15 th B ⁿ Worcestershires and 2 nd Northamptonshires.	
FORT ROMPU	27 th		A & B Coy attached to 11 th B ⁿ The West Yorks and proceeded with them to trenches I. 31. 1/2/3/4/5. Enemy artillery active. One man slightly wounded during relief.	
do.	28 th		C & D Coy attached to 10 th B ⁿ Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regt and proceeded with them to trenches I. 32/I 26. 4.	
do.	28 th		A & B Coy front: Artillery - German and British - active. C & D Coy front: Enemy artillery active - starting 9 AM - bombardment became intense, our guns retaliated effectively. One man killed while in dugout by direct hit from HE shell, one man slightly wounded but returned to duty.	
do	29 th		A & B Coy front } dull morning: enemy quiet C & D Coy front }	

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Fort Rompu	30 th		A & B Coy front: Very dull morning - enemy quiet C & D Coy front: Very dull morning - enemy quiet. The 10 th Duke of Wellington's Regt. attempted a raid but were unsuccessful.	
do	31 st		A & B Coy front: { dull, very quiet, left trenches and returned to C & D Coy front { billets occupied on nights of 26/27 th Inst.	

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FORT ROMPU	Feb 1 st		Batt ⁿ marched to VIEUX BERQUIN.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	2 nd		do do do MORBECQUE	
MORBECQUE	3 rd		In Bilet ^s	
do	4 th		do	
do	5 th		do	
do	6 th		do	
do	7 th		do	
do	8 th		do	
do	9 th		do	
do	10 th		do	
do	11 th		do	
do	12 th		do	
do	13 th		do	
do	14 th		do	
do	15 th		do	
do	16 th		do	
do	17 th		do	
do	18 th		Marched to VIEUX BERQUIN (inspected 'en route' by Lt Gen. Pulleney, Comd. 3 rd Army)	
do	19 th		" " FORT ROMPU	

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FORT RONGU	20 th	6pm	Relieved 12 th B ⁿ Durham Light Inf. in trenches I.31.1 - I.31.5: A, B, & D Coys being in firing line from Right to Left. C. Coy holding Hudson Bay, White City, ENMA & STANWAY posts. Night very quiet. Relief completed 9.30pm.	
Trenches I.31.1/I.31.5.	21 st		Under orders from Bde, three platoons withdrawn from front line and put in posts held by C. Coy. C. Coy sent to Bois GRENIER line. Enemy very quiet.	
do	22 nd		Frequent snow-showers all day. Very cold but clear. Enemy fired fifteen 'whizz-bangs' in retaliation to four shots from T.M.B. situated in I.31.4. Enemy h/q's were very active all night. Patrols sent from A Coy succeeded in approaching to within 50' of enemy wire but were discovered. No. 1 Pl ^t Jaylor being wounded: on way being sent back 2 nd Lt Stewart left our lines and supervised the bringing in of this man by Corp ^s McIVORE & McARA. Considerable amount of work was put on our wire. One of our snipers claims to have shot an enemy, a mallet one wounded, one wounded accidentally one wounded accidentally self-inflicted.	
do	23 rd		Snow showers - very cold: ground covered with snow & night very clear. Enemy artillery fired about 25 rounds at Bois GRENIER, all were short and about 8 were 'duds'. One of our snipers claims to have hit one of an enemy working party.	
do	24 th		Snow & frost. An enemy sniper fired on parties using Green Street he was located by Pte Hampton but vacated his post before fire could be brought on him.	

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French I 31-1/1-31-5	24 th Feb.	(Cont ^d)	A patrol was sent from D Coy from trench I 31-4 to examine source of stream passing under our parapet. This was found to come from pond fed by small ditches from enemy lines. The above was undertaken on account of traces of cyanide being found. At 8.45 2/Lt J. STUART & an NCO left trench I 31-1 to examine wire: they were discovered and 2/Lt STUART was shot through both feet. Working parties in enemy lines appear active.	
		10.55 pm	Signal message from 101 Brig - "S.O.S. gas coming" alarm was given and all ranks "stood to" with gas helmets on. The alarm proved to be false but we had opened rifle, mp, and Artillery fire, the latter effectively damaging the enemy parapet. Two "sausages" were fired from enemy lines at I 31-1 no damage was done. "Stand down" was given at 12.15 am.	
do	25 th		Enemy snipers active - weather still frosty and ground mist hanging. Ground now too hard to allow of much work being done. Relief by 15 th Royal Scots commenced and was reported complete at 11.0 pm. Returned to "C" Batt ⁿ billets - Hq. at DELETREE.	
	26 th	7.20 pm	In billets: Gas alarm received from Brig Hq. at 10.15 pm. - considerable activity with Art. mp and rifle fire. Report received that alarm was unperformed at 11 pm.	
	27 th		In billets	
	28 th		do Pte Brodie wounded, while cooking by rifle bullet fired at aeroplane, in the forenoon. 2/Lt T.R. Tod wounded by shrapnel bullets while returning from a working party.	

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French Area 1/31/1 - 1/26/4 and reserves	Feb 29 th		<p>In billets: relieved 10th (S) Bn The Lincolnshire Regiment in trenches I.32.1/I.26.4. Pte Jollie wounded while entering communication trench: wound at first thought slight but he died in Hosp. following day.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>Georgie Grace R. Col</i> <i>16th (S) Bn The Royal Scots</i> </p>	

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Trenches I.32.1/I.26.4	1 st March		Enemy very quiet	
	2 nd	"	Intermittent Artillery fire.	
	3 rd	"	Situation normal. very quiet.	
	4 th	"	Situation normal. very quiet.	
	5 th	"	Enemy artillery active in early afternoon. Front close support lines shelled, two men slightly wounded; damage to trenches insignificant. Relieved by 15 th Royal Scots and proceeded to Brig. Reserve billets at RUE DELATREE.	
RUE DELATREE	6 th		In billets	
	7 th		do	
	8 th		do	
	9 th		do	
TRENCHES I.31.1/I.31.5	10 th		Relieved 10 (5) B th The Lincoln Regiment in trenches I.31.1/I.31.5.	
	11 th		Enemy quiet.	
	12 th		Front line heavily shelled during afternoon. One man ^{killed} and four wounded in "C" Coy.	

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TRENCHES I/31.1 - I/31.5	13 th March		Intermittent Artillery fire. An Officer's patrol was discovered and 2 nd Lt N.M.L. WALKER was wounded by being shot through the right arm and left hand.	
	14 th		Enemy artillery again active. B ^{ty} relieved by 29 th (S) B ^{ty} The Northumbrian and proceeded to RUE DORMOIRE (ERQUINHEM sur la Lys)	
ERQUINHEM sur la Lys	15 th		In billets	
	16 th		do	
	17 th		do	
	18 th		do	
	19 th		do	
	20 th		do	
	21 st		do	
	22 nd		do	
	23 rd		In Billets: Took over Brig. Reserve Billets from 13 th Royal Sussex at FLEURBAIX	
FLEURBAIX	24 th		In billets	
	25 th		do	
	26 th		do	
	27 th		Relieved 15 th B ^{ty} The Royal Scots in trenches N.10.5 to N.5.4.	

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TRENCHES N-10.5/N.5.4	28 th March.		Enemy inactive.	
	29 th		Situation normal - very quiet. A small party under LT. J.W. MOIR while endeavouring to put out a listening-wire on which to train a mfg. was discovered and LT. J.W. MOIR was severely wounded.	
	30 th		Enemy activity active on front line trenches. "A" Coy. H.Q. suffered a direct hit - one man being killed and 2 LT. M. WARREN and two men being wounded.	
	31 st		Enemy very quiet. B.T. relieved by 15 th B ⁿ The Royal Scots and proceeded to Brig. Reserve. Billed at HEUBAIX.	
<p>(note) 2 LT. J.W. STEWART was awarded the Military Cross for his actions on 24/2/16.</p>				
				Gerville Grae Lt Colonel.

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April HEURBAIX	15 th April		In billets	
	2 nd		do	
	3 rd		do	
	4 th		Relieved 15 th Royal Scots in TRENCHES N-10.5 to N.5.4.	
	5 th		Situation normal - Enemy very quiet.	
	6 th		Enemy artillery active on support lines. Bomb accident resulting in death of Sgt. Bomber.	
	7 th		Enemy very quiet.	
	8 th		Enemy very quiet.	
	9 th		Intermittent artillery activity.	
	10 th		B th H.Q. in FORAY HOUSE shelled. Enemy fire opened at 1.15 pm and after firing eight shots (of which two were direct hits) from field art. there was a lapse of exactly five minutes when fire from S.G. ^s was opened. In an overwhelming shells burst in and around H.Q. the farm being totally destroyed. There were no casualties among the six officers and 100 O.R. present in the building when fire was opened. Relieved by 23 rd B th Australian Infantry and proceeded to Billets at SAILLY.	
SAILLY	11 th		Marched to HAVERSKERKE (near SIVENANT)	28025 Gwynne Grant Colonel.

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HAVERSKERKE	April 12 th		marched to RINCQUE (near AIRES)	
RINCQUE	13 th		marched to BLENDECQUES (near SEOMER)	
BLENDECQUES	14 th		marched to HOULLE, and billeted for fortnight's training.	
	15 th		In billets-	
	16 th		do	
	17 th		do	
	18 th		do	
	19 th		do	
	20 th		do	
	21 st		do	
	22 nd		do	
	23 rd		do	
	24 th		do	
	25 th		do	
	26 th		do	
	27 th		do	
	28 th		do	
	29 th		do	
	30 th		do	

George H. Gae L Colonel

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Houlle	May 1st		In billets - divisional training	XXXXIV
	2 nd		do	
	3 rd		do	
	4 th		do	
	5 th	2.40am	Left S. OMER by train arriving LONGEAU about 11.30 am, and marched to RAINEVILLE	
RAINEVILLE	6 th		In billets -	No
	7 th		do	
	8 th		do	
	9 th		marched to FRANKVILLERS	
FRANKVILLERS	10 th		marched to BRESLE	
BRESLE	11 th		In billets -	
	12 th		do	
	13 th		do	
	14 th		do	
	15 th		do	
	16 th		do	
	17 th		do	
	18 th		do	
	19 th		do	
	20 th		do	

Guy M. Graet Col

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BRESLE	May 21 st		In billets -	
	22 nd	7.30pm	Marched to ALBERT and took over billets from 25 th NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FUSILIERS.	
ALBERT	23 rd		In billets -	
	24 th		do	
	25 th		do	
	26 th		Took over trenches X.20.6 - X.13.5 from 15 Royal Scots	
	27 th		Considerable artillery activity. Officer patrol endeavoured to reconnoitre found round an old cart at X.13.0.68 but presence of a strong enemy patrol necessitated withdrawal. Casualties one O.R. killed one O.R. wounded by Rifle grenades.	59 d. SE Sheet 4 O.V.I.I.E.R.S. 1:10,000
	28 th		Artillery and trench mortars active on both sides. Officer patrol again had to withdraw owing to superior enemy patrol. Casualties one Officer wounded from O.R.'s wounded - 2 Rifle grenades, one rifle bullet and 2 Artillery fire	
	29 th		Artillery and trench mortars - especially "oil cans", very active. Batt. of 8 th Div. on left sent patrol to X.13.0.68. - wiring was done in front of trench X.13.1 where the proximity to enemy had prevented wire being put up, by previous occupants of sector. Casualties 1 O.R. killed 1 Rifle grenade	376

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Trenches X.20.6 X.13.5.	May 30 th		Artillery, and trench mortars active, effective fire from STOKES TRENCH MORTAR batteries silenced enemy T.M.B. firing. Working was continued. Casualties One OR killed one wounded - artillery	
	31 st		Heavy artillery and trench mortar fire all day - patrol of 1000 and 1 man visited German trenches ^{at 9 AM} and brought back stick grenade and British entrenching tool head. at 9 pm same men returned to German line and brought back 2 R.I.R. great coats and a park from a dugout. they report that these clothes appear to be used by the enemy as bedding. Battalion relieved by 15 th Royal Scots and proceeded to billets in ALBERT. Casualties one OR killed six wounded. Artillery -	

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Brestle	1 st June		Took over billets from 15 th R. S.	
	2 "		In Billets	
	3 "		"	
	4 "		"	
	5 "		"	
	6 "		"	
	7 "		"	
	8 "		"	
	9 "		"	
	10 "		"	
	11 "		"	
	12 "		"	
	13 "		"	
	14 "		"	
DERNANCOURT	15 "		Took over billets in DERNANCOURT, from 27 th Northumbrian Fusiliers.	
	16 "		In billets	
	17 "		"	
	18 "		"	
	19 "		Relieved 15 th R. S. in trenches X.20.1 - X.20.6.	
	20 "		Operations - Artillery	
			Our Guns - Retaliation was slow - chiefly owing to wire defects. The 101/2 T. M. B. registered on enemy front line opposite X.20.5. Officer's patrol (under 2 nd Lieut. Bell) patrolled sunken road and found all clear.	
			Enemy - Artillery active on front support line. At 1 a.m. opposite Arbrogath Street 2 Very Lights were fired to form a V, almost immediately H. B. & shrapnel were directed on our support lines and b. to. Rifle Grenades were	
			General Practise Colonel.	
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X.20.1-X.20.6	20 th June		fired into X.20.1 & 2 from a point X.20.d.9.3.	
	21 st "		<u>Our Gun</u> - Retaliation to enemy artillery fire. <u>Enemy</u> - Intermittent shelling of front support lines - rifle grenades again active - enemy appears to fire them from concealed holes in front of his parapet. From "stand to" (in evening) onwards, enemy snipers and Machine Guns active. Considerable amount of observation being made from enemy lines.	
	22 nd		<u>Our Gun</u> - Retaliation to enemy fire very effective. Snipers busy - Medium L. M. B. registered on enemy lines, getting infitade on X.20.a.8.4. Anti h.b. Co. patrol occupied shell hole opposite X.20.3 for about 1 1/2 hours. Report - enemy working hard on front line. <u>Enemy</u> - Activity normal, feature being the large number of rifle grenades used. At 6 pm. several "sausages" dropped on parapets in X.20.1 & X.20.2. Appeared to come from direction of WILLOW PATCH. Relieved by 10th Lincolns. Two companies proceeded to camp at E.8.b.5.1. H.C. & two companies took over billets in Becourt Wood & Chateau. In Chateau stant at E.8.b.5.1. do do Relieved from Chateau by 10th Lincolns. H.C. & two companies proceeded to camp at E.15.a.1.3. Moved to BECOURT WOOD. In Becourt Wood. received orders attached ^{to "Record Office" copy} <u>Leaflets</u> for raid on German line; sent out patrol under 2nd Lt. J. M. Millar. Were reported "knocked about".	
BECOURT.	23 rd			
	24 th			
	25 th			
E.15.a.1.3	26 th			
BECOURT	27 th			
	28 th			

Seyville Grace Lt Colonel.

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BE COURT WOOD. X. 25. d.	July 1st	2.30 Am	Breakfast issued to the men	Map. 57.D. SE 1.5000
		5 Am	Leading platoon left the wood to take up position for assembly.	
		6.16 Am	Batt ⁿ reported in position	
		7.30 Am	Zero hour - first wave (15 th Royal Scots) attacked	
		7.35 Am	Leading platoon (16 th RS) left position for assembly succeeding waves following at 150 yds distance.	
		11.3 Am	Attack reported by Brig. to be developing satisfactorily Message received from Cap ^t Colts - or "C" Coy - timed 8.45 AM stating that his men had reached point 400 yds on ALBERT side of PEAKE WOOD ^x	X. 22. a. 04.
		1.50 Pm	Message received from 2LT BUCHANAN stating that 34 th Div had taken up position in front of ROUND WOOD ^x	X. 21. d. 5.6
		5.40 Pm	Message received from Cap ^t ARMIT - or "B" Coy - stating that he, four of his own men and 150 ORs of different units were holding position on GERMAN support trench and that enemy was present in neighbouring trenches	
		9.20 Pm	Order from Brig. to move HQ forward	
		9.25 Pm	B ⁿ HQ moved forward in two parties (1) Co., Maj WARDEN, Art. Liaison Off with observers & guide (2) Adj ^t Signalling Off. Signallers, runners and two Reg ^t Policemen. No. 1 party was held up by heavy Art. fire on Willow Patch No. 2 party having no guide failed to reach SCOTS REDoubt	but

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GERMAN LINE in front of BECOURT.	July 11 th 1918	9.25 pm	Int. reached point held by Cap ^t ARMIT. During the hours of darkness the enemy was quiet.	Map 57D SE 1.5000.
X.21.d.27.	July 12 th	3.30 am	No. 1 HQ party proceeded to a point close to SCOTS REDOUBT, at which LT LODGE 2/LT HAMILTON and 150 ORs had established themselves, the redoubt being in the hands of the enemy.	
		5.30 am	No. 2 HQ party having attempted to proceed direct to SCOTS REDOUBT encountered enemy and had to return, joining No. 1 party via 21 st Div. area.	
		1 pm	Bombing parties (A) from 15 RS. under Lt. Robson was ordered to clear SCOTS REDOUBT and C.T. leading to HORSESHOE LINE (B) from 16 RS. under 2/LT HAMILTON was ordered to clear C.T. from point 29 to HORSESHOE LINE (A) Party was successful in clearing SCOTS REDOUBT and taking 3 offrs and 50 ORs prisoner (B) Party bombed up about 150 yds trench but was there held by strong barricade and bombing party of the enemy.	
		9 pm	Considerable bombing activity shown by enemy but this only caused by our troops untiringly taking the initiative. RE party - four sections - arrived and consolidated SCOTS REDOUBT and point 29.	
		11.45 pm	RATIONS, water and SAA brought up. Rep. 9 pm. having been able to send up fresh cooked meat and all poultry rations, men were issued with full ordinary rations.	

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German trenches in front of BECOURT.	July 2 nd	11.45 ^{am}	Cot. In hope M. L. was appointed to command 107 th Bde details and those of 24 th and 27 th N.F. Major Warden was appointed by O.C. details to command 107 th Bde details in SCOTS REDOUBT ^x with Capt Tod in command of 15 th R.S. Capt ARMIT 16 R.S. 2 nd Lt COCKS 10 th LING ^s and Capt BROWN 11 th SUPP ^{ts} and Capt ROBERTSON 16 R.S. as Adjutant.	Map 57D SE 1. 5000 X. 21. 099.
	July 3 rd	6 Am	107 th Bde details under officers as shown above took up post in SCOTS REDOUBT. Bombing attacks were organised and launched on C.T.s but then met with strong opposition.	
		3 pm	Enemy having repulsed a bombing attack by 19 th Div. launched one against baricade at SCOTS REDOUBT - this was driven off by 16 th R.S.	
		9 pm	Information was received that enemy were about to counter attack all troops stood to but no attack was experienced.	
	July 4 th	12 mid night	Relief by 10 th EAST YORKS. Reg ^t commenced and was completed by when Batt ⁿ moved off	
		2 pm	Reached BECOURT CHATEAU & bivouacked for remainder of night	
		4.15 pm	Marched to LONG VALLEY near MILLENCOURT.	
	July 5 th	8 Am		
		9 Am	" STEWENECOURT WOOD. Draft of 16 R.S. reported. 2 nd Lt G.F. Smith reported for duty.	
	July 6 th		In camp: Maj. Warden appointed Town Major Maj. STEPHENSON assumed duties of second in command.	
		7 th	do	
		8 th	do	
		9 th	do Draft of 42 OR ^s reported.	

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HENENCOURT WOOD	July 10 th		In camp : Draft of 64 O.R.S joined ; from 16 th H.L.I attached to this unit	
	11		do Draft of 298 O.R.S joined ; 200 6 th Scottish Rifles , 54 from 5 th SR, 34 1 st R.S and 10 from 16 R.S.	
	12		do	
	13		do	
	14		do	
	15		do	
	16		do 2 ^{LT} I. Campbell-Dick, 2 ^{LT} R. L. FORTUNE, 2 ^{LT} A. R. LANGLANDS 2 ^{LT} A. RITCHIE joined for duty.	
	17		do 2 ^{LT} R. LINDSAY joined for duty.	
	18		do	
	19		do	
	20		do	
	21		do	
	22		do Major General E. C. Ingonville Williams, C.B. DSO. Got 34 th Div killed in action.	
	23		do parts of 8 off 160 O.R.S took part in funeral of late Div. Gen.	
	24		do 2 ^{LT} J. McVIE & 2 ^{LT} A. Wilson reported for duty.	
	25		do Draft of 61 joined - 59 from 8 th Royal Scots, 2 from Hops.	
	26		do	
	27		do	
	28 th		do	
	29 th		do	
	30	9.30am	Marched from HENENCOURT WOOD to BECOURT WOOD.	
	31 st	2.30pm	Left BECOURT WOOD & took over front and support lines on frontage. S.3. & 94/S.3.C.1.S. relieving KING'S OWN SHROPSHIRE & ROYAL WARWICKS. Night quiet	LONGUEVAL 1.5000.

Geoffrey Grae Lt. Col.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>The 16th Rs. following the 15th Rs. appear to have crossed No Man's Land with few casualties but the Battⁿ on the left (10th Line^s and 11th Supp^s) suffered heavily - very few reaching the enemy lines. The Brig on the left the 102nd was also held up, as was the 8th Div on the left of the 34th. The Battⁿ left flank was therefore exposed.</p> <p>The advance appears to have been pushed forward at good speed and despite the heavy casualties some of the 16th Rs. are said to have reached CONTALMAISON. The direction was somewhat lost owing to the exposed flank and the Battⁿ merged into the 21st Div. area.</p> <p>The enemy having withdrawn to neighbourhood of PEAKE WOOD rallied and counterattacked. A considerable body of British, composed of many regiments, and among whom no officers were seen, withdrew. LT RAWSON with a small party of 16th Rs. endeavoured to hold up the enemy and while being unable to push him back forced him to take cover: a VICKERS gun team came up at this time and forced enemy back into PEAKE WOOD.</p> <p>A rumour stated that the XV Corps had been joined by a party from PEAKE WOOD. It was hoped this party had been composed of 101st & 103rd Bde. details but no confirmation of the report could be obtained.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><i>Twenty Officers & 790 ORs took part in the assault.</i></p> <p><i>Officers being</i></p> <p><i>Lt Col. Sir George Murray</i></p> <p><i>Major H.L. Warden</i></p> <p><i>Capt. W.B. Robertson Adj.</i></p> <p><i>H.Q. 2/Lt J. Miller Signalling Officer</i></p> <p><i>2/Lt W.G. Buchanan</i></p> <p><i>Capt. J. Ross</i> Killed</p> <p><i>2/Lt T.H. Bell</i> Wounded</p> <p><i>A Coy " Wd McMichael</i> Wounded</p> <p><i>" W.I. Crombie</i> Missing</p> <p><i>Capt. N. Armit</i></p> <p><i>B. Coy Lt R.L. Lodge</i></p> <p><i>2/Lt G.J. Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Capt. L.G. Coles</i> Killed.</p> <p><i>2/Lt J.W. Mullar</i> Wounded</p> <p><i>C. Coy " J.G. P. Stevenson</i> Wounded</p> <p><i>" W.S. Russell</i> Missing</p> <p><i>Capt. A. Whyte</i> Wounded and prisoner</p> <p><i>Lt H.W. Rawson</i> Wounded</p> <p><i>D. Coy 2/Lt J. McKenzie</i> Wounded</p> <p><i>" R.M.G. Pringle.</i> Missing.</p>	

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			The following Officers, NCOs and men were granted immediate awards.	
			Cap: M. Armit Military Cross 34 th Div O. 523	
			Lt: Jm. Davie " " do	
			Nº 19554 Sgt W. J. Macfarlane " Medal 34 th Div. O. 512	
			19304 Corp W. W. Dougan " " do	
			19976 PTE W. Mark " " do	
			19545 L/Corp W. McArthur <u>The Distinguished Conduct Medal</u> 34 th Div. O. 527.	

101st Infantry Brigade

34th Division.

1/16th BATTALION

THE ROYAL SCOTS

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Period:-

1st to 31st AUGUST 1916.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES to LEFT of HIGH WOOD.	1 st		In the evening the B ⁿ took over a sector of the INTERMEDIATE LINE to the LEFT of HIGH WOOD. "C" Coy on Right: "D" Coy on Left with "A" and "B" boys in support. There was great Artillery activity during the night. "D" Coy carried out five Bombing sorties along the top of the trenches during the night 1/2 nd . The enemy was in an extension of our trench to our Left and was held back by a barricade and Bombing posts. Our trenches were deepened and improved where possible. B ⁿ H.Q. at the CEMETERY.	x S. 4 Sheet 54C. S.W.
	2 nd	7.20 PM.	Enemy artillery active during the day. "D" Coy under Captain HENDRY made a Bombing attack along the top of its trench to the LEFT. This resulted in the capture of about 150 yds of GERMAN TRENCH. Owing to casualties amongst our Bombers we were unable to hold the full length of trench and were forced to withdraw from about 30 yds leaving about 120 yards in our possession. A bombing post and barricade was erected and the enemy held back. Captain HENDRY was severely wounded in the attack. Lt. SMITH was wounded by shrapnel about dawn 2/3. Our casualties in the attack and subsequent bombardment were, in addition to the above, 5 O.R. killed 25 wounded. Enemy artillery active during the day. B ⁿ H.Q. moved to BAZENTIN to PETIT during the afternoon. Operations orders for an attack by "A" and "B" boys explained.	x S. 8. d. 88
	3 rd			000 S. 8. d. 85

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES to LEFT of HIGH WOOD.	1916 AUGUST 3 rd		To company commanders during afternoon. Attack ordered to be delivered from the trench facing that part of the INTERMEDIATE LINE held by the enemy. "A" boys on the LEFT, "B" on RIGHT. Attack to be supported by Artillery bombardment and barrage and to be delivered at 1-10 AM. night of 3 rd /4 th .	
	4 th	1-10 AM.	As a result of "A" and "B" boys not being in position by this hour the attack was not launched. When information to this effect was received at Bde H.Q. an immediate attack was ordered to be made. This was launched at 4-51 A.M. As soon as our attacking party assailed the enemy opened a very severe M.G. and rifle fire and the attack was broken. It is doubtful if any of our men reached the GERMAN trenches. Casualties in the attack were:- Captain N. ARMIT and Lieut J.G. MacKENZIE "Missing - believed Killed." Lt BUCHANAN wounded. The B ⁿ was relieved by 15 th Argentine ROYAL SCOTS during the afternoon and proceeded to MAMETZ WOOD. B ⁿ H.Q. was in the WOOD.	
MAMETZ WOOD	5 th		In MAMETZ WOOD. Carrying and working parties provided for the front line.	
BECOURT WOOD.	6 th		The B ⁿ moved to BECOURT WOOD.	

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	1916 AUGUST			
BECOURT WOOD	8 th		B ⁿ employed on working and carrying parties	
	9 th		- ditto -	
QUADRANGLE TRENCH	10 th		B ⁿ relieved 15 th ROYAL SCOTS in QUADRANGLE TRENCH ^x	MAP X X. 17 SHEET 54 D. S.E.
	11 th		B ⁿ relieved 13 th ROYAL FUSILIERS in the INTERMEDIATE LINE with H.Q. at BAZENTIN to GRAND ^x sunken road. Digging was carried on in CHORD LINE [⊗] in front of the fire trenches during the night 11 th /12 th . These parties were heavily shelled. 2 nd Lt. HAMILTON wounded by shrapnel.	* S. 16 a. 0.8 SHEET. 54 C. S.W. S. 3.
	12 th		13 th relieved by 11 th SUFFOLKS, proceeded to occupy support trenches radiating from WINDMILL ⁺ near BAZENTIN to PETIT. H.Q. in CEMETERY.	* S. 9. a. 4.0
	13 th		In the same position.	
BECOURT WOOD	14 th		B ⁿ relieved by 1 st LOYAL NORTH LANCS, proceeded to BECOURT WOOD.	
	15 th		B ⁿ relieved by 1 st SOUTH WALES BORDERERS, moved off by platoons along the route BELLEVUE FARM, MILL ^x , McMAHON en route for FRANVILLERS which was reached about 6 P.M.	* E 4 C.
FRANVILLERS	16 th		In Billets. Captain ROBERTSON, 2 nd Lt. MACLAUGHLAN to hospital. 2 nd Lt. W.O. MCCARTHY commences duties of Acting Adjutant.	
	17 th		In Billets. Reinforcement of 14. O.R. joined the B ⁿ .	420

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FRANVILLERS.	19 th AUGUST	4-45 AM.	13 th Paraded and marched to MERICOURT where it entrained. Disentrained at PONT REMY and marched to BAILLEUL. Major STEPHENSON, Lieut BRYCE and Lieut BRUCE did not accompany the 13 th but went to ALLONVILLE on bowet martial duty.	
BAILLEUL	19 th		13 th in Billels. Paraded at 5 P.M. and marched via and DUNCQ to PONT REMY where it entrained. Colonel Sir Geo. McCRAE sent to hospital. Captain A.E. WARR took command of 13 th .	
	20 th		Disentrained at BAILLEUL 5-30 AM. marched a short distance out of the town where a halt was made to breakfast. The march was completed and the 13 th arrived in ERQUINGHEM where billeting was completed by 3 P.M.	* SHEET 36 N.W.
ERQUINGHEM.	21 st		13 th relieved the 4 th BUFFS in the sector of line in front of BOIS GRENIER with "A" and "B" boys in the front line, "A" with its HQs at WHITE CITY and "B" and 13 th H.Q. at MOAT FARM. Lt. SUTHERLAND was sent to hospital and Lieut MACKINTOSH took command of "B" boy. The other company commanders were Lieut LODGE "A" boy, Lieut DAVIE "B" boy and Lieut MARTIN "A" boy.	* I 31 a. 4.7. * I. 25 a. 0.9.
MOAT FARM.	22 nd 23 rd 24 th		A quiet day slight artillery activity - do - Major STEPHENSON rejoins and assumes command of the battalion.	430

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MOAT FARM.	24 th		Major WARDEN rejoins and assumes the duty of 2 nd in Command. Lieut BRYCE 2 nd BRUCE rejoins. Captain WARR takes command of "B" Coy. 2 nd RITCHIE proceeds on a Staffing Course.	
	26 th		on 26 th and the following officers join the battalion and become company commanders as follows:- Capt. Hon. M.B. LYON - "A"; Captain A.C. COWAN - "B"; Captain J. MAC DONALD - "D". Lieut BRYCE is appointed L.G. officer and 2 nd A. MCG. WOOD - Intelligence and Staffing officer.	
	27 th		Major WARDEN appointed commandant of the Div ^l School of Instructions. Quiet day - a few shells behind support line.	
	28 th		2 nd GIBSON proceeds on a course with Stokes mortar. 15 th relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS. Companies took up their new positions as follows: "A" Coy - SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, "B" le CROMBALOT, "C" - l'ARMEE, "D" behind RUE DELETTREE.	SHEET 36. IV.VV. I. 19. C. 5. 1. H. 30. a. 8. 5
	29 th		In posts and billets. Working parties furnished	(X) H. 18. 1. 2. 6.
	30 th		2 nd McVIE proceeds to the Div ^l School of Instructions. 15 th in posts and billets. Working Parties as usual.	H. 23 a. 4. 8.
	31 st		Quiet day. Usual working parties.	
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16th (S) Bⁿ "The Royal Scots" September 1916 Period 1st to 30th

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1a ROLANDERIE	1 st	-	Headquarters of B ⁿ in this farm H. 14 to 12.8 ¹ / ₂ 6 companies as follows: "A" in vicinity of I. 25. a 8.6; "B" to CROMBALOT; "C" to L'ARMEE and "D" behind RUE DELETTREE. Day passed fairly quietly. Some shelling at GRIS POT. Lieuts R. B. EVANS, P. BAYLISS and T. H. WOODS joined. Lt A. RITCHIE rejoined after a Sniping course.	36. N. W. Ed: 6. B.
	2 nd		Bullets etc as usual. Div ⁿ Routine Orders contain the names of N ^o 185844 bpl. G. M. Ogilvie; 19493 Gpce J. HAMPTON and 33444 Gpce M. VANCE on being granted MILITARY MEDALS.	
	3 rd		No activity on the part of the enemy. Church parade held by Rev. BLACK. Lt GIBSON returns from Trench Mortar course.	
	4 th		Quiet day 6.0. and Coy Commanders reconnoitre trenches of our LEFT SECTOR with a view to carrying out reliefs on the night 5/6 th . Lt A. BROWN proceeds on a course of Grenade.	
	5 th		Lt H. C. CRAIG and 2 O.R. proceed on a Lewis Gun Course. During the day the relief of certain sub. units was carried out and in the evening the B ⁿ relieved the 10 th LINCOLNS in the sector on the extreme left of the Brigade front.	
In the Line	6 th		There appears to be very little activity in this part of the line. The B ⁿ sector is held from 6 th with "A" Coy 3 platoons in the front line and 1 in support. "B" Coy 2 platoons in front and 2 in support. "C" Coy 3 platoons in front and one in support. "D" Coy is in reserve in the line also occupied by 13 th N. G.	460

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In the Line	7th		Lt R. L. FORTUNE and 16. O.R. proceeded on a course to the Brigade Grenade School. During the morning the 6. O. & four other officers attended a lecture on the "New Small Box Respirator"	
	8th		Captain J. M. DAVIE and Sgt S. DUNCAN left trench to proceed on a course at the 2nd Army Central School on the following morning. In the line the day passed quietly.	
	9th		Quiet day. Nothing to record.	
	10th		Lieut R. C. LODGE proceeded on a course of "Stokes Mortar".	
			Lt A. BAIRD joined the Battalion from 12th Cameronians (S.R.)	
	11th		He was posted to "B" Coy.	
			Captain J. HENDRY and Lieut A. B. MAXWELL ^{Hornbl} MCLACHLAN appeared in B's Orders as being awarded the MILITARY CROSS.	
			Lt J. MILLER and 3 other ranks attended lecture on THE BALKANS given by Professor ATKINS at BAILLEUL	
			Twenty one S. & O's and men of the 5th Bn (T) ROYAL SCOTS were struck off the strength from this date on rejoining their own unit.	470
	12th		Battalion on being relieved by 15th ROYAL SCOTS proceeded to billets in FORT ROMPU	MAP SHEET 36. N.W. Ed. 6. B. H. 2. c. o. 2.

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FORT ROMPU	13 th		The morning was spent in cleaning billets, inspecting clothing and carrying out drills with the "New Box Respirators" which were issued for the first time. Bathing was also carried on. In the evening the battalion moved into other billets in and around ERQUINGHEM.	MAP. SHEET 36.N.W Ed. 6. B.
ERQUINGHEM	14 th		^{by 6.45} Colonel Sir G. McCRAE rejoined from Sick Leave and assumed command of the 101 st Brigade. Working parties were furnished by the Battalion. Parades were carried on with the remaining men available. The Medical Officer inoculated a portion of the Battalion.	H. 4. d.
	15 th		In billets - the usual routine of working parties etc.	
	16 th		ditto	
	17 th		ditto	
	18 th		A party of picked N.C.O's on the enemy's lines. Details in Appendix I.	
			Lt. R. B. EVANS and 10. OR. proceeded on a Grenade course at the Brigade Grenade School.	
BOIS GRENIER	19 th		During the night the Battalion relieved 15 th ROYAL SCOTS in the Right sub-sector with B ⁿ H.Q. at H. 30. 6. 5. 1/2.	480
			Colonel Sir G. McCRAE reassumed command of the Battalion. Major A. STEPHENSON became 2nd in Command. Captain W. B. ROBERTSON rejoined.	

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BOIS GRENIER	19 th		rejoined off sick leave. 2 nd Lt A. RITCHIE becomes Batt ^y Sniping and Intelligence Officer vice 2 nd Lt A. MCG. WOOD to a Chemist's Course	Map Sheet 36. N. W. Ed. 6 B.
	20 th		No unusual activity in the line. No 19545 2 nd Cpl. W. MCARTHUR recorded in B ^y Orders as being granted the "MEDAL of ST GEORGE 3rd Class."	
	21 st		Capt W. B. ROBERTSON assumed the duties of 2 nd in command vice Major STEPHENSON on leave.	
	22 nd		2 nd Lt T. H. WOODS proceeded on a course to Corps School.	
	23 rd		No enemy activity during the day. Battalion was relieved by 15 th Royal Scots and went into billets in "b" Batt ^y area. B ^y H. Q. in La ROLANDERIE.	
La ROLANDERIE	24 th		Church services were conducted in company billets and sectors	H. 147. 12. 8 1/2.
	25 th		The usual working parties were furnished. Men were bathed. 2 nd Lt P. BAYLISS and 1 N.C.O. proceeded on a course of Grenades. Captain W. B. ROBERTSON joined the Divisional Staff (temporarily) as assistant to G.S.O. 1. Captain A.E. WARR assumed the duties of 2 nd in command of the Battalion.	490
	26 th		"b" Coy was relieved by one com. of 18 th NORTH ^{LD} FUSILIERS in sector of the BOIS GRENIER LINE from BOISGRENIER BRIDOUX ROAD to point H. 30 6. 1. 5 (exclusive). "b" Coy on relief took up position	

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	26 th		in the same line from H. 30. 1. 5 (inclusive) to COMMAND POST (excl.).	MAP SHEET 36 N.W. Ed. 6.6.
	27 th		Bathing of men and Working Parties continued. Lt G. R. GIBSON and IN. CO. proceeded on a course at the Divisional School.	
	28 th		Usual routine. Nothing to record.	
	29 th		The Battalions relieved 10 th LINCOLNS in the left sub-sector.	
	30 th		No unusual activity. Lt MACKINTOSH proceeded on a course of Lewis Gunnery.	
<p>George Melgare. Lieut Colonel Commandg. 16th (S) Bn The Royal Scots.</p>				565

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REPORT on raid on German Trenches

made by 16th (S) Batta. The Royal

Soots, night of 17/18th Sept., 1916.

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In accordance with instructions a raid was made on the German trenches at I. 32. a. 5. S. to I. 32. a. 6. S. (about 100 yards) - last night.

During the previous two days the enemy wire was cut by Artillery and Trench Mortars.

On the night of 16th the wire was reconnoitred by a patrol who reported that a lane about 35 yards wide had been cut.

At 10.30 p.m. on the 17th a reconnoitring patrol reached a point close to the German parapet and on its return reported that there was no sign of enemy wire. No lights were put up while this patrol was out but they heard enemy voices, and concluded that there was a considerable number of men in the trenches.

The night was cloudy and dark and it is possible that there was (at 10.30 p.m.) some little wire right under the enemy parapet, but it could not be seen by our party. No repairs to the old wire had been made.

At 11.50 p.m. the raiding party proceeded into "No Man's Land" and laid out along the COURRAH River in line in two parties, each consisting of one officer, one Sergeant, and 10 other ranks.

No lights were put up by the enemy and there was no hostile fire during the time the party was lying out.

One Officer, one Sergeant and several men state that they heard the enemy working on his wire at about 12.15 a.m. and onwards.

At zero hour (12.50 a.m.), the Artillery opened fire on the enemy trenches and other points. This fire should have lifted, at 12.52 a.m., from a front of about 500 yards, but all ranks are emphatic that it did not lift for at least 3½ minutes and then at least one gun continued to fire on the enemy trench or wire until 1.10 a.m. This gun was firing on a point about 40 or 50 yards North of the road.

At 12.51 a.m. the party moved forward at quick time. After proceeding about 75 yards, hostile machine gun and rifle fire was opened on the party from the trenches and they were compelled to crawl. They advanced to within about 15 or 20 yards of the enemy parapet under severe fire. A large number of VERY lights were being put up and our raiders were able to see the wire immediately in front of the trench.

This wire was on iron pickets about 5 feet high but the wire had been fastened to only about half the height of the stakes. There appeared to be a systematic series of wire (about 5 or 6 strands deep) in an uncompleted condition. The wires shone brightly and could be easily distinguished from the older wire on the flanks.

The leader of the party decided that in view of the hostile rifle and machine gun fire it would be quite impossible to penetrate the wire and he therefore withdrew his party.

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MAJOR A. STEPHENSON

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A sketch map is attached on which is shown in green the position and arc of fire of the machine guns. These guns were evidently being fired from loop-holes emplacements and their fire was low. At the same time there was rifle fire from a number of points in the trench, and it is reported that this was also from loop-holes. It is certain that no Germans could be seen to be firing from the parapet.

Two signallers with an instrument went forward with the party which was to enter the left of the line. As soon as the advance started the wire which they laid out was cut in two places and their instrument was smashed by enemy fire and thus communication was interrupted on this line.

At 12.51 a.m. one officer and three men left our wire at a point about 100 yards South of the road and ran out a tape which was intended as a guide for the returning party. With the "tape party" were two signallers. These reached a point about 3 yards from the enemy parapet when one signaller became a casualty. The remaining signaller kept in communication with advanced Battalion B.C.

When the officer in charge of the raiders ordered a withdrawal the men scattered and crawled back along ditches and depressions, only a few using the tape line as a guide back to our trenches.

For about 40 minutes after our withdrawal commenced the enemy kept up an intermittent artillery barrage on "No Man's Land" and he continued to sweep "No Man's Land" with machine gun fire until about 2.30 a.m.

With the exception of the wounded man and the second operator all ranks had returned to our trenches by 1.50 a.m. A party was then organised to bring in the wounded man and this was accomplished under great difficulties. While these were out a party of Germans were seen on the right flank, evidently approaching the raided sector with a view to search for any of our men who might have been lying wounded.

These men with the wounded man were too weak to attempt an attack but one officer went back to our trenches and at once organized a fighting patrol and went out to try to engage the enemy, but he had, in the meantime, withdrawn and was not again seen.

All ranks including the wounded man, were again in our trenches by 4.30 a.m. and I then ordered them to return to billets.

Our casualties were one other rank wounded.

In conclusion, while much regretting that the raid failed in its object, I feel confident that it would have been quite impossible to have got a party of any useful size into the enemy trench in view of the extreme difficulty of penetrating the wire under the fire of the machine guns and rifles.

The officers engaged were as under:-

Lieut. A. F. Martin, in command.

2nd Lt. P. Bayliss

2nd Lt. A. Ritchie in command of tape party.

2nd Lt. R. B. Evans, Reconnoitring Patrols

2nd Lt. J. Miller Signalling Officer.

Lieut. W. A. Gilmore, R.A.M.C. Medical Officer.

The officers carried out my instructions promptly and cheerfully, and I consider that they are in no way responsible for the failure of the raid to accomplish its object.

Lieut. A. F. Martin, 2nd Lt. P. Bayliss and 2nd Lt. A. Ritchie led their men gallantly and had the confidence of all ranks.

2nd Lt. R. B. Evans performed his reconnoitring duties with courage and care and under considerable difficulties.

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Lt. W. A. Gilmore behaved in a most

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rescuing the wounded man.

Lieut. J. Miller organized the signals very efficiently.

A. Stephenson

Major,
Commanding 16th Batta. The Royal Scots.

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Trenches I 26. 1. to I 26. 5.	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th		<p>Enemy very quiet. Nothing to record.</p> <p>Slight Artillery activity. Our superiority with regard to munitions very evident.</p> <p>Quiet day.</p> <p>Normal situation. Major Stephenson assumes duties of 2nd in command. Lt H.W. Rawson joins the Bⁿ & is posted to "A" Coy. Captain MACDONALD struck off strength on proceeding to the 16. K. sick.</p> <p>Battⁿ relieved by 15th ROYAL SCOTS and went into billets (Bⁿ N.Q. H. 16. a. 9. 2).</p>	Sheet 36. N.W. 6. C. Ed.
	5 th 6 th 7 th 8 th		<p>Intermittent Artillery Fire from both sides. Lieut. D.M. SUTHERLAND appointed Battⁿ Intelligence & Sniping Officer.</p> <p>Lieut R.B. EVANS takes over charge of Lewis Gun Section.</p> <p>Quiet day. Lieut E.J.P. THURBURN joins Battⁿ and is posted to "B" Coy.</p> <p>During the day and night of 8th/9th Battⁿ relieved</p>	
Trenches I 31. 2. to I 32. 1.	9 th 10 th		<p>10th LINCOLNS in night sub. sector.</p> <p>Slight Artillery Activity.</p> <p>Quiet day.</p>	550

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16th (S) 13th The Royal Scots.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	11 th		Quiet day.	
	12 th		Our Artillery active, comparatively slight enemy retaliation.	Sheet 36 N.W.
	13 th		Batt ⁿ relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS and proceeded into billets (B ⁿ H. Qrs at H. 14. 6. 1½ 8½).	Ed. 6. C.
Billets	14 th		Usual routine of Bathing men - Working Parties etc carried on.	
	15 th		Very Quiet day. LIEUTS R. C. LODGE and Lieut A. BAIRD proceeded on courses.	
	16 th		Nothing unusual occurred. Slight shelling by both sides.	
	17 th		Quiet day. Lt T. GRAINGER STEWART rejoined the Batt ⁿ on vacating the appointment of A.D. 6 to Divisional Commander.	
	18 th		Batt ⁿ relieved 15 th ROYAL SCOTS in night sub sector.	
Trenches	19 th		Quiet day. Nothing unusual to record.	
I. 31. 2	20 th		Slight Artillery activity during the day. During the night of 20 th / 21 st Lt A. RITCHIE and 6 other ranks carried out a successful Dummy Raid (detailed at attached).	560
I. 32. 1.	21 st			Appendix 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches	22 nd - 23 rd		Situation normal. Battalions relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS and proceeded to Billets in "10" B th Area. {B th H.Q. H. 16 a. 9. 2.}. In the morning the Army Commander presented medal ribbons to the following:- Captain J. M. DAVIE MILITARY CROSS; Corporal G. M. OGILVIE and Pte. W. A. MCDUGALL, MILITARY MEDAL. Colonel Sir. Geo MCCRAE was O.C. Divisional Troops.	Sheet 36. N. W. Ed: b. c.
Billets	24 th 25 th 26 th 27 th		The usual routine of bathing, inspections of clothing, arms etc carried out. 18. O.R. reinforced the Battalions. Billet routine as usual - ditto - - ditto -	
Trenches	28 th I. 31. 2 to I. 32. 1. 29 th 30 th 31 st		The Battalions relieved 15 th ROYAL SCOTS in the night sub-sector. Slight artillery activity. 1 O.R. wounded. Situation normal. Quiet day 2. O.R. wounded.	570 Lieut Col. Command. 16 th 13 th The Royal Scots.

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Author - Lt. Col. Sir George M. Crae
 Commanding 16th Bn. The Royal Scots.

REPORT on dummy raid carried out by
 16th Royal Scots, 21/21st October, 1916.

Reference Brigade Operation Order No. 62 of 19/10/16:

Lt. A. Ritchie and five men left our trenches at 9.0 p.m. with the torpedo. This was successfully laid in the enemy wire at about 9.30 p.m.

No enemy patrols were encountered but a considerable amount of rifle fire was noticed from the trenches in the vicinity of the objective.

"No Man's Land" was found to be comparatively dry and the COURAU Stream was about two feet deep.

No difficulties were experienced in crossing "No Man's Land" with the torpedo.

The party walked until the COURAU was crossed and then crawled forwards to the enemy wire.

One extra man (a signaller) went with the party to attend to the paying out of the cable for firing the torpedo.

After the torpedo was laid ten dummy figures were placed in "No Man's Land", some of these were put on the road and two were placed close to the enemy wire.

The party returned to our trenches at 10.5 p.m.

The torpedo was successfully fired by 2nd Lt. WILLIS, R. R., from our trenches, at 10.30 p.m., at which hour the artillery bombardment commenced.

089 The enemy put up no coloured flares opposite our front during the bombardment but at about 10.40 p.m. he fired a rocket

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or parachute light which appeared to be a signal for his artillery to open fire.

The retaliation was slight, a few shells falling around JOCK'S JOY and vicinity. There were also a few "pine apples" or small bombs fired into our right sector.

Some slight shelling of "No Man's Land" appeared to take place.

After our bombardment ceased the enemy continued to direct bursts of Machine Gun fire across "No Man's Land" evidently in the direction of the Quarry figures.

No enemy Machine Gun fire was noticed on this sector during our bombardment.

The number of VERY lights put up at the commencement of and during our bombardment was not large on this sector but a considerable number was fired on the left.

All was quiet by about 11.15 p.m.

George Melville

Lieut. Col.
Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

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Period:- 16th BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS
1st to 30th November 1916.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Trenches	1st.		Considerable artillery activity. Casualties 2 O.R. killed. Reinforcements of 24 O.R. joined the Battalion.	
	2nd		Quiet day. 1 O.R. wounded. Batt ⁿ relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS and proceeded to Billets with B ⁿ H.Q. at NORY FARM (H. 16. a. 92).	36 N.W. 4 Ed. 6.C.
	3rd		Usual Billet routine. Lt GAVIN rejoined the Batt ⁿ . Routine of Billets as usual.	
	4th			
	5th			
	6th		Lt GAVIN proceeds on B ^d Bombing course. Lt HENDERSON reported and was taken on the strength of the Batt ⁿ .	
	7th		The Batt ⁿ relieved 10 th LINCOLNS in the left sector of B ^d frontage, during the morning.	
	8th		Combined bombardment of enemy trenches by our artillery at 4-30 A.M. for 3 mins. Slight retaliation.	
	9th		Quiet day.	
	10th		Reinforcements 3 O.R. joined the Battalion. Enemy and our aircraft very active. Slight artillery activity.	
	11th		1 O.R. wounded.	
Billets	12th		Quiet day. Batt ⁿ relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS and proceeded to Billets in 'b' Batt ⁿ area. Headquarters H. 17. b. 1.8.	6/6

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Period: 1st to 30th Nov. 1916.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bullets	13th		In Bullets. Nothing unusual to record.	
	14th			
	15th		Reinforcements of 96 O.R. joined the Batt ⁿ	
	16th		Lt E. McLENNAN proceeds on Bde Bombing course	
Trenches	17th		Batt ⁿ relieved 15th ROYAL SCOTS in the Bde Left sector in the forenoon. (Lt G. H. HENDERSON proceeds on a Lewis Gun course.) Aircraft and Artillery of enemy showed unusual activity. Shells were dropped around B ⁿ HQ while the relief was in progress. Our artillery very active about mid-day.	
	18th		Lt J. WATSON rejoins from SAPPING COY. Lt THURBURN joins SAPPING COY. Lt MACKINTOSH attached to 6/152. Batter of Artillery for instructions for 3 days.	
	19th		Lt R. L. FORTUNE proceeds on a course at Divisional School. Lt EVANS on Grenade Course at 2nd Army School. Captain WARR proceeds on a general command of "B" Coy. Cpl. J. B. GARDINER and Pte J. MATHIESON awarded MILITARY MEDAL. Our Artillery and Trench Mortars bombarded the enemy about mid-day. Enemy gave feeble retaliation. Captain A. C. COWAN sent out of trenches with a Special Party to train for a Raid.	670

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Period 1st to 30th May 1916.

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Place	1916 Date No.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches	20 th		Our artillery active between 3 and 4 P.M. Enemy retaliated freely. Their machine guns swept our parapets at evening "STAND TO". Our aircraft very active during the day. Lt R. LINDSAY invalided to England and struck off strength.	
	21 st		Our Trench Mortars very active during afternoon.	
Billets	22 nd		Batt ⁿ relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS and became "C" Batt ⁿ	
	23 rd		Usual Billet routine of Bathing, Working Parties, Training of Specialists proceeded with. Captain J. M. DAVIE struck off strength.	
	8.4 PM *		4.2. O.R. carried out a raid on enemy trenches. Appendix I attached.	Appendix I
	24 th		Billet Routine. Special Lecture to Officers on "Artillery Co. operations" by an artillery officer in Batt ⁿ H.Q.	
	25 th		Billet routine. Lt Coln: Sir GEORGE McCRAE left the Batt ⁿ on being ordered to proceed to ENGLAND and report to the War Office. Major A. STEPHENSON assumes command of the Battalion.	
	26 th		Usual Billet routine.	
	27 th		- do - Lt A. BAIRD proceeds on a Bombing course at Bde H.Q.	
Trenches			At night Batt ⁿ relieved 10 th LINCOLNS in Right Sector of Bde Front. New Batt ⁿ H.Q. at CULVERT FARM occupied.	
	28 th		Quiet Day.	I. 25. c. 33
	29 th		- do - Lt J. WATSON proceeds on a General course at CORPS SCHOOL.	
	30 th		Slight artillery activity by both sides. 2 O.R. killed by the collapse of a dug-out.	69

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16th BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS

SECRET.OPERATION ORDER NO. 200 BY COLONEL SIR GEORGE McCRAE, V. D.

Reference Map
BOIS GRENIER
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23/11/16.

A raid will be carried out by a party of 3 officers and 42 other ranks of this Battalion this evening.

OBJECTIVE: The trenches to be raided are those in the vicinity of I.26.c.83.03.

PARTY: The party will be divided as follows:-
 Party "A" 1 Officer, 10 O.R.
 "B" 1 " 10 O.R.
 "C" 4 O.R.
 "D" 4 O.R.)
 "E" 4 O.R.) Flanking Party.
 "F" 1 Officer 10 O.R.
 "G" R. E. Party.

The R. E. Party is for the purpose of destroying dug-out doors, hostile emplacements, or weapons etc.

OBJECT OF RAID. To obtain prisoners and identifications and to destroy any hostile machine guns which cannot be brought back and to demolish emplacements, dug-outs etc.

APPROACH: The party will leave our trenches at about I.26.c.5.6. at -40 minutes and will proceed via the road to about I.26.c.82.35, and from thence to the point opposite the point of entry to the enemy trenches.

ATTACK: At zero hour, the party will move forward through the wire and rush the enemy trench.
 Party "A" will move to the right, dropping 2 men at each of the first three dug-outs encountered. After three dug-outs have been passed, or the entrance to the large communication trench at I.32.a.85.90. has been reached, they will stop and the remaining four men will make a block.
 Party "B" will move to the left and drop men for the same number of dug-outs and will make a block about 60 yards from the point of entry, or sooner if a communication trench is reached.
 Party "C" will block the communication trench near the point of entry.
 Parties "D" and "E" will be right and left flanking parties respectively in "No Man's Land".
 Party "F" will improve the entrance and also hold the gap in the wire. Of this party, 6 men will be told off for conducting prisoners or generally carrying back anything that may be found in the enemy trenches.
 Party "G" will be sub-divided into two parties who will follow in rear of parties "A" and "B" respectively. When they find any dug-out door or hostile trench weapon to be destroyed, they will fix the explosive, giving a warning signal/

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signal of whistle blasts, when the charge is to be exploded. At this signal, the men of the raiding party will take such cover as is possible till the explosion has occurred. If nothing is found of that nature to be destroyed, the explosives will be fixed for the purpose of destroying as much of the enemy's parapet and trench as possible. These explosives will be fired at the latest possible moment before the raiders leave the hostile trench.

At + 15 mins., the Officer in charge of the party at the point of entry will give the signal for the withdrawal by sounding blasts on a French horn. This will be taken up by the Officers in charge of Parties "A" and "B" and the raiding party will withdraw to our trenches covered by parties "D", "E" and "F", who will return last.

MACHINE GUNS
AND
LEWIS GUNS.

One Machine Gun and one Lewis Gun will fire on each flank of the objective.

ARTILLERY:

The Artillery will fire from Zero to + 15 mins., and the Trench Mortars from Zero to + 18 mins., on arranged points. They will form a "diversion" on these points and will not fire on the objective of the raiding party.

ADVANCED
BN. H. Q.

Advanced Battalion Headquarters will be in the dug-out at I.26.c.32.45.

ASSEMBLY:

Upon return to our trenches the raiders will be guided to advanced Battn. H.Q. where they will assemble.

PASSWORD:

A password will be arranged by the O.C. Raiding Party and he will communicate it to all concerned.

TIME:

Watches will be synchronised at Bde. H.Q. at 4 p.m. to-day.

EQUIPMENT:

Rifles with fixed bayonets, the latter greased to prevent shining, one round in the chamber of the rifle, safety catch on, magazine filled, 2 clips of ammunition in packet, wire cutters to be carried by one man in each section, and one small electric torch to be carried by each man. Two bombs to be carried by each man in his pocket. Gas Helmets to be worn. Bomb Shields to be worn.

DRESS:

Steel Helmets dulled with Mud or covered. Tunics, Officers to wear men's tunics and trousers, coloured tapes to be removed from shoulder straps, all badges, identity discs and bracelets, pay books, letters etc., and anything else from which any possible identification can be made to be removed. Face and hands to be blackened.

PERSONNEL:

A complete list of members of the party is to be furnished to the O.C. Battalion before starting out. Immediately on return of the party it will proceed to advanced Battalion H.Q. bringing any prisoners, papers etc/

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etc., which may have been taken.

STRETCHER
BEARERS:

Stretcher Bearers will be held ready in our trenches to bring in any casualties.

OFFICERS:

The O.C. Raid will be Capt. A. C. Cowan and the two Officers with him will be Lieut. H. W. Rawson and 2nd Lt. H.G. Craig.

BOMBS:

The following will be the distribution of bombs:-

"A" and "B" Parties

6 dugout men	60.	
2 bayonet men	8.	
1 Thrower	4.	
1 carrier	15.	<u>174</u>

"C" Party.

2 bayonet men	8.	
1 Carrier	15.	
1 Thrower	4.	<u>27</u>

"D" and "E" Parties.

4 men	16.	<u>32</u>
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"F" Party. (Spare Bombs etc.)

6 conductors.	80.	
4 men.	16.	<u>96</u>

3 Officers

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ZERO HOUR:

Zero hour is...8.7.P.M

Gerville Grae. Lieut. Col.

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REPORT of a raid on the enemy trenches
by the 16th (S) Battalion The Royal
Scots. 23/11/16.

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A copy of the Operation Orders are attached hereto.

During the day the cutting of the wire was continued by the T. M. B. At about 4.0 p.m. it was reported by Capt., Cowan that the enemy wire did not appear to be properly cut. This was due to the inaccurate shooting of the Trench Mortar owing, it is understood, to the emplacement being wet and unsteady.

Only one Trench Mortar was available for the demolition of the wire.

After conference with the 101st Infantry Brigade it was decided that Capt., Cowan should reconnoitre the enemy wire as early as possible and a decision arrived at as regards the possibility of carrying out the raid.

Capt., Cowan completed his reconnaissance at about 7.15 p.m. and reported that the first belt of enemy wire had a lane cut through it but that the second belt was still intact, but he was of opinion that it might be possible to cut this by hand if time permitted.

Owing to various delays, with the bus conveying the raiders to the trenches, the party was not assembled at the point of exit until 7.47 p.m. They were all clear of our trenches and outside our wire at 7.56 p.m. and they proceeded immediately across "No Man's Land".

The head of the party had got through the ^{and second} first line of wire and was at the third belt of wire when the bombardment opened.

The O.C. Raid was then able to see that the wire still standing was too strong to cut by hand in the time available and he therefore ordered the withdrawal of the party.

The whole party reached our trenches at about 8.40 p.m.

Our casualties were one other rank suffering from shell shock and one other rank with a slight bayonet wound inflicted by a comrade during the withdrawal. Both men are at duty.

Enemy retaliation commenced at about 8.12 p.m. almost immediately after triple red rockets had been fired - apparently from the support trenches. Some single green lights were also fired.

VERY lights were fired from along the whole front - evidently from both the front and support trenches.

The retaliation was mainly in the form of minnenwerfer

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and pine apple bombs on, and around, our front trenches.

It is stated that two or three minnenwerfer fell into the enemy's own wire. There was practically no artillery barrage on "No Man's Land", the shell which caused one casualty in the party fell close to our trenches.

Enemy Machine Gun and rifle fire commenced at about 8.10 p.m. and swept "No Man's Land" continuously. There was practically no fire until the enemy rockets were fired and our party did not appear to have been noticed.

There would appear to be no doubt that the raiders could have entered the enemy trenches without much difficulty had the wire been properly out.

I have been highly satisfied with the manner in which Capt., Cowan conducted the preliminary training of the party: and the energy and keenness which he has displayed throughout has inspired the men with great confidence.

Capt., Cowan was ably assisted by Lieut. H.W. Rawson and 2nd Lieut. H.G. Craig, and the R. E. demolition party under Lieut. Mitchell which took up its position according to orders.

George H. Craig Lieut. Col.
Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches	1916 1st Dec		"A" Bn sector Bn HQ. CULVERT FARM.* 1 O.R. wounded. Slight enemy artillery activity.	I. 25 c. 3.3
	2nd		Relieved by 15th ROYAL SCOTS and proceeded to billets in "D" Bn area. Bn HQ. NOY FARM (H. 16. a. 9.2)	Sheet 36 N.W. 4 Ed 6. c.
Billets	3rd		Billets. Bn attends Church parades.	
	4th		Billets usual routine	
	5th		-do-	
	6th		-do- Lt W. S. GAVIN proceeds on a course to Divisional School. Lieut. H. W. RAWSON and 20 O.R. carried out a patrol. (Operation Order and Report attached). Lt. G. R. GIBSON dismissed from the Service on conviction of "Drunk. (express)"	Appendix I.
Trenches	7th		The Battn relieved 15th ROYAL SCOTS in the night sector	
	8th		No unusual activity. 1 O.R. wounded.	
	9th		Quiet Day.	
	10th		Our artillery and Trench mortars very active during the day. Enemy artillery also active.	
	11th		Enemy and our own aircraft active during forenoon. Our artillery active all day.	
	12th		5/Lieut R. F. MARTIN promoted 2/Captain from 4/12/16. Dull day consequently quiet. Bn relieved by 15th ROYAL SCOTS in the evening. MAJOR A. STEPHENSON appointed T/Lt COLONEL.	700

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16th BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BILLETS	13 th		B ⁿ in Billels round NORY FARM. (H. 16 a. 9. 2) 1 O.P. at B ^{de} Bomb School accidentally wounded.	SHEET 36 N.W.
	14 th		Billet routine.	5 th 6 C.
	15 th		- do -	
	16 th		- do -	
Trenches	17 th		Reinforcement of 200 O.P. joined the B ⁿ B ⁿ relieved 10 th LINCOLNS in Left Sub sector, in morning	
	18 th		Lieut S.M. BRYCE and 10 O.P. joined B ^{de} Bomb School	
	19 th		Quiet day. STAFF CAPTAIN GROOM attached for instruction	
	20 th		10 O.P. killed.	
	21 st		Quiet day	
			Raid carried out by 10 th LINCOLNS from the centre of the B ⁿ front. Enemy retaliation slight	
	22 nd		Quiet day nothing to report.	
	23 rd		Relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS and moved into Billels "C" B ⁿ area. H.Q. at La ROLANDERIE FARM. (H. 14 6 12 8)	
Billels	24 th		Usual training & billet routine. Lt H.W. RAWSON proceed- ed to ARMY SCHOOL of Instruction	
	25 th		CO. visited all ranks in Billels at dinner hours Lt E. McLENNAN to 12 th (Labour) B ⁿ WEST RIDING REGT. 2 O.P. rein- forced the B ⁿ	710

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16th BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BILLETS	26 th		Training and WORK carried on. Lt G. H. HENDERSON joined Div ^{nl} School.	SHEET 36 N.W.
	27 th		Usual routine Lt D. M. SUTHERLAND to L. G. SCHOOL at ETAPLES for 1 weeks course	Ed. b. c
	28 th		Recent reinforcement of 200 O.P. inspected by G. O. C. B ^{de} Training and work as usual.	
	29 th		Relieved by 27 th NORTH ^{LD} FUS. and went into billets with H.Q. at RUE DORMOIRE (H. 8. 7. 9. 2). 101 st B ^{de} becomes Divisional Reserve.	
	30 th		HOLIDAY. No working ^{work} parties engaged in work.	
	31 st		- do - Lt COL. A. STEPHENSON proceeded on a course to 2 nd ARMY SCHOOL. MAJOR G. W. B. CLARK (45 th ROYAL SCOTS) assumes command of the B ^{de} .	

G. W. B. Clark

Major

Appendix I

OPERATION ORDER NO. 203 BY MAJOR A. STEPHENSON, M.C.
COMMANDING 16th (S) BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS.

6/12/16.

Reference
 Trench Map
 BOIS GRENIER.
 36 N.W. 4. Ed. 6.c.
 1/10,000.

On the night 6th/7th Decr., a patrol will be carried out by one officer and 20 Other Ranks of this Battalion. Lieut. Rawson will be O.C. Party.

OBJECT.

- (a) To discover the enemys dispositions in his front line ~~in~~ trenches.
- (b) To discover and report on the position and condition of the enemys wire and trenches in rear of his front line.

INSTRUCTIONS.

The patrol will leave our trenches at zero hour and will proceed to the gap in enemy wire at I.26.c.84.03 with a view to entering the trench at about that point. Should resistance be met with i.e. more than that of a single sentry, no attempt will be made to effect an entry. If it is encountered, wire will be cut by hand.

If no resistance is met with the patrol will enter the enemy front line trench and concentrate there in such formation that its flanks are protected.

From this point, sections of 5 (or more) men will be sent forward and to the flanks to explore the hostile trenches. If any trench is found to be blocked a party of 3 men will "stand by" at the block and the balance of the section will join the nearest section and assist exploration.

In no case will any section, or individual, proceed for more than 100 yards from the original point of entry.

Fighting is to be avoided and it is particularly desired that the operation is carried out secretly and silently so that, if possible, the enemy will not know that an entry has been effected.

DURATION OF PATROL.

The patrol is not limited to time and the O.C. Party will use his discretion as to how long the patrol will remain in the enemy trenches

RETURN:

The patrol will withdraw from enemy trenches upon verbal orders passed by O.C. Patrol.

PRISONERS.

Prisoners, more than anything else, are likely to furnish the information required and all members of the party are to be impressed with the fact that prisoners are greatly desired.

Any prisoners taken are to be sent back immediately under suitable escort, to ~~xxxx~~ Advanced Battn. H.Q. (Teddys Burrow).

LATERAL OBJECTIVES.

O.C. Party will arrange with O.C. "B" Patrol, 10th Lincolns, the limit of their respective flank objective to avoid the possibility of a collision between patrols.

EQUIPMENT.

Rifles with fixed bayonets, the latter greased to prevent shining, one round in the chamber of the rifle, safety catch on, magazine filled, 2 clips of ammunition in pocket, 10 wire cutters

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to be carried. Two bombs to be carried by each man in his pocket. Gas helmets to be worn.

DRESS:

Steel Helmets dulled with mud or covered, Tunics, Officers to wear men's tunics and trousers, coloured tapes to be removed from shoulder straps, all badges, identity discs and bracelets, pay books, letters etc., and anything else from which any possible identification can be made to be removed. Face and hands to be blackened.

PERSONNEL.

A complete list of members of the patrol is to be furnished to O.C. Battn. before starting.

PASSWORD.

A password will be communicated to all ranks before they proceed on the patrol.

INFORMATION.

Any papers or articles which can be brought back are to be collected. For this purpose 4 men will carry a sandbag into which anything collected can be put.

All identifications will be brought to Advanced Bn. H. Q. (Teddys Burrow) where they will be dealt with. Verbal information will also be collected at this point for transmission to Bde.

OTHER PATROLS.

Other parties on each flank will be doing similar patrols at the same hour. Details of these have been issued to O.C. Patrol in copy of Bde. Operation Order No. 80 of 5/12/16.

ARTILLERY.

Artillery will not fire unless called for. A request for artillery action is not to be sent to Bn. H. Q. except as a most extreme measure and any such request must be supported by sufficient proof that artillery is urgently necessary

ASSEMBLY

Upon return to our trenches the patrol will proceed at

AFTER PATROL. once to advanced Battalion Headquarters.

ADVANCED BN. H. Q.

Advanced Battn. H. Q. will be at Teddys Burrow.

ZERO HOUR.

Zero hour is 10 p.m. 6th Decr. 1916.

A. Stephenson

Major,
Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

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REPORT on a Patrol carried out by
16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots
night of 6/7th December, 1916.

Ref. Trench Map
BOIS GRENIER.
36 N.W. 4. Ed. 6. c.
1/10,000.

In accordance with Brigade Operation Orders No. 30 of 5/12/16., a patrol of one officer and 15 other ranks was ordered to proceed to the German trenches to obtain information.

The patrol left our lines at about I. 26. c. 45.65 at midnight and proceeded across "No Man's Land" to the enemy line at I. 26. c. 84.03.

The light was good for patrolling and the party got to the German parapet without any opposition at about 12.12 a.m. The enemy wire was entirely cut and a clear lane was found. There was no water in the barrow pit and no wire on the parapet. The German trench was found to be filled with barbed wire, systematically laid, and pegged down and fastened to pickets.

The trench was water-logged, muddy, and in a very bad state of repair having been damaged by our fire and evidently neglected.

A sentry group was heard talking and coughing in the travel trench about 70 yards to the left of and behind the point of entry and one sentry was walking about on duckboards (from the sentry group towards the left). This sentry fired one VERY light.

Our patrol explored along the parapet for about 60 yards on each side of their point of entry and found the trench to be abandoned and filled with wire for the whole distance examined.

The O.C. patrol decided that he would not be able to cross the trench without difficulty and considered that a withdrawal after crossing would be more difficult owing to the wet and slippery state of the ground, and to the fact that the parapet was higher than the parados. The trench was too wide to jump across.

He also considered that he would not be able to approach the sentry group without causing considerable disturbance and noise and he therefore did not cross the trench or obtain any identifications. Just prior to withdrawing, the patrol heard another sentry walking along the duckboards behind the fire trench about 50/60 yards to their right. This sentry fired a shot towards our trenches. Some talking was then heard in this direction.

It is clear that, in the sector reconnoitred, the front line trench is not held by the enemy. It is filled with wire and is not kept in repair.

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travel trench for short distances.

No sentry passed along the trench in front of our patrol.

No dug-outs were seen except those which have been destroyed by our fire.

The patrol remained on and around the enemy parapet for about 45 minutes endeavouring to find a place at which a silent entry could be made into the German travel trench, but this could not be discovered and they therefore returned to our lines at 1.0 a.m.

The enemy sentries do not appear to be very alert as one of our patrol was seized with a fit of coughing when on the parapet and this did not attract any attention from the enemy.

Lieut. H. W. Rawson was in charge of the patrol and the 15 O.R. were volunteers from the party now under special training.

A copy of my operation orders is attached.

A. Stephenson

Major,
Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

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Place	Jan Date 1914	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Billels	1 st		Batt ⁿ in the Reserve Brigade Area B ⁿ N. Q. at H. 8 t. 9.2 Whole Batt ⁿ engaged in work. Parties to the Subsidary Line. Construction of Range, Bayonet Fighting Run etc. Four Officers and 4 N.C.O.s commenced a Special Bayonet Fighting course under the Divisional Instructor.	Sheet 36NW E 6 C
	2 nd		Trench Improvement Parties etc as usual. Lt J.C. BOGIE joins the Battalion	
	3 rd		Usual Routine in Billels	
	4 th		- do -	
	5 th		Battalion commences training. Companies on 30' range Bayonet Fighting, Route marching Lectures etc.	
	6 th		- do -	
	7 th		Church parades. Boxing Tournament held.	
	8 th		Training continues as usual.	
	9 th		- do -	Brigade Boxing Tournament
	10 th		Batt ⁿ relieved 24 th B ⁿ NORTH ^{LD} FUSILIERS in the Right Subsector of the Brigade during the morning. Enemy artillery active during the day. Lt R.C. LODGE assumes command of "D" Coy. in the absence of Captain R.F. MARTIN sent to Div ^l Rest Station (SICK).	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches	JAN 1917			
	11 th		Enemy artillery active throughout the day. The following officers reinforced the Battalion. Lieuts W.S. MACKENZIE, S.N. GORDON, P. WILLIAMSON, J.H. WILLIAMSON, F. STANDRING.	
	12 th		Active operation by enemy's artillery during the morning and trench mortars during the afternoon. No casualties. Lieut J. STIRLING and Lieut A.G. TURNBULL joined the Batt ⁿ .	
	13 th		Enemy artillery active all day. 1 O.R. Killed. 1 O.T. Wounded.	
	14 th		Quiet day. No observations.	
	15 th		Enemy's trenches heavily bombarded by our artillery. Lt R.L. FORTUNE wounded.	
Billets	16 th		Batt ⁿ relieved by 15 th ROYAL SCOTS - took over billets with B ⁿ H.Q. at H. 16 a 9.2. Lt R.L. FORTUNE died of wounds.	Sheet 36 N.W.
	17 th		In billets. Usual routine. Lts G.M. DUNCAN and H.A. COWIE join the Batt ⁿ .	
	18 th		The usual Billet routine carried on.	
	19 th		- - - - - ditto -	
	20 th		capt. A.R. STURROCK joins.	
	21 st		Training and work as usual.	
			Church Parades. The following were mentioned in Sir DOUGLAS HAIG'S DISPATCHES of 13/11/1916:- Colonel Sir G. McCRAE V.D. D.S.O. Lieut J. MILLER; Lieut D.M. SUTHERLAND; Regt. Sgt. Major F.A. MUIR.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Billels	22 nd		The Batt ⁿ relieved 15 th ROYAL SCOTS in the Right sub sector.	Sheet 36 N.W.
Trenches	23 rd		H.Q. at CULVERT FARM. (I. 25 G. 3.3.) during the night.	
	24 th		Quiet day.	
	25 th		-do- Lt. A.D. FLETT joins. 10 Cadets from Army Cadet Schools attached to B ⁿ for 48 hours instructions.	
	26 th		Enemy and our own artillery active. Lt Colonel A. STEPHEN SON. M.C. rejoins from leave and assumes command of the B ⁿ .	
Billels	27 th		Batt ⁿ relieved by 1 st CANTERBURY BATTN of NEW ZEALAND FORCES, marched to ERQUINGHEM and conveyed by BUS to METREN (VIA BAILLEUL). Billed in IX CORPS Reserve area.	
	28 th		Batt ⁿ H.Q. at X. 3. d. 2 1/2. 8. 6. O.R. join the B ⁿ .	Sheet 24 S.E.
	29 th		Billels - resting. Lt. A. BAIRD to 2 nd ARMY CENTRAL SCHOOL.	
	30 th		Batt ⁿ route marching and training.	
	31 st		Training of Fighting Sections and Specialists carried on. Corps commander compliments the Batt ⁿ on the good work done in the trenches previously occupied. Training continues	

Stephenson Lieut Colonel
O.C. 16th BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS

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Month of FEBRUARY 1917

16th (S) Bⁿ THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Place	FEB Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
METEREN	1 st		Battalion in Billets. Training. In the morning the 2 nd ARMY Commander made a tour of the B ⁿ Area. Battr ^y Routemarched in the afternoon.	Sheet HAZBROUCK 5A
Billets	2 nd		Battr ^y and boy. Trg and Instruction of Specialists	
	3 rd		- ditto -	
	4 th		Battr ^y moved to Billets in and around BERTHEN	
BERTHEN	5 th		B ⁿ in Billets. Training and Route Marching continued.	
	6 th		2 nd R. B. EVANS rejoined from the base.	
			Training as usual. Lieut R. C. LODGE assumes	
	7 th		command of "A" boy.	
			Training continued. In the afternoon the Divisional	
			Anti-Gas officer lectured and demonstrated to the	
			Battr ^y Lts. G. H. DALGETY and B. M. ARMSTRONG joined	
	8 th		the Battr ^y	
			Training as usual.	
	9 th		- do. - Lecture by Capt. BETTS (2 nd Army P.T. and B.F.	
			WEST RIDING REGT, taken on the strength and assumed	
			the duties of 2 nd in command.	
	10 th		Training (boy Platoon and Specialists) and Route Marching.	

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Place	FEB Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTHEN	11 th		In Billels. Church parades & Bathing. Lt F.M. DUFF taken on the strength.	SHEET HAZEBROUCK 5 A.
	12 th		Boy and Platoon Training in the morning. Batt ⁿ Training in the afternoon.	
	13 th		Inspection of boys by C.O. Usual Training.	
	14 th		Morning - Batt ⁿ Training. Afternoon boy and Platoon Trg	
	15 th		- ditto - Capt M. B. LYON rejoins the Batt ⁿ from 2nd Army Musketry School.	
	16 th		Brigade Exercise in morning. Boy Training in afternoon.	
	17 th		Capt R.F. MARTIN and 24 OR rejoined from MORBECQUE. Capt M. B. LYON reassumed command of "A" Coy, and Capt R.F. MARTIN of "D".	
	18 th		Brigade Exercise in morning. 6 OR join Batt ⁿ Church parades. Capt M. B. LYON took command of "B" Coy.	
	19 th		Batt ⁿ moved by Route March to Billels near MORBECQUE. - ditto -	
ST. HILAIRE	20 th		- ditto -	
DIEVAL	21 st		- ditto -	LENS II.
	22 nd		in ST. HILAIRE.	
	23 rd		in DIEVAL.	
	24 th		Billels in DIEVAL. Company and Platoon Training continued	
	25 th		Batt ⁿ moved by Route March to CHELERS Billels in CHELERS. Church parades. 1 Officer 115 OR joined the Batt ⁿ	
	26 th		Usual boy and Platoon Training. C.O. inspected the reinforcements.	

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Place	FEB Date 1914	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHELERS	24 th		Battn in Bille's. Coy, Platoons and Specialist Training proceeded with. Also Bathing	LENS II.
	25 th		Training as usual. All arms inspected by Ammunition. 2 new Lewis Guns received, making a total of 14.	
			Commandg.	
			Stephenson	
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			Lt. Colonel.	

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10th BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS

Place	MAR. Date 1914.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHELERS	1 st		Batt ⁿ in Billets. In the morning a Brigade Exercise was carried out. Contact aeroplanes were in attendance. Afternoon - Batt ⁿ Training under b. O.	
	2 nd		Bathing, Battalion and Specialist Training	
	3 rd		- ditto - - - and Recreational Trng.	
	4 th		Church Parades and Recreational Training.	
	5 th		Co. and Platoon Training in the morning. In the afternoon the Batt ⁿ was inspected by the Commander in Chief F.M. Sir DOUGLAS HAIG who congratulated the C.O. on the smart appearance and good marching of the Batt ⁿ .	
	6 th		Co. and Platoon Training in the morning and afternoon. In the afternoon the C.O. and 2 nd in command visited the H.Q. of 6 th B ⁿ K.O.S. BORDERERS (in connection with Liaison.)	norme
	7 th		Company, Platoon & Specialist training in the morning. Batt ⁿ training, in the afternoon, under b. O.	
	8 th		Company, Platoon & Specialist training in billets, both morning and afternoon.	
	9 th		Batt ⁿ moved by buses to "X" Hutments, near to ECOIVRES , near to ECOIVRES. "A" Co. debussed at LOUEZ & marched to dug-outs at ANZIN S ^t AUBIN. 2 nd Lts S. N. GORDON & G. M. DUNCAN rejoined from hospital at the Base.	103. 103.

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Billetts	10 th		all companies out on working parties during the day. Training of new Lewis gun teams was carried out. Received notification that CAPTAIN A. E. WARR had been sent to U.K.; sick, on 28/2/17.	
"	11 th		All companies out on working parties during the day.	
"	12 th		all companies out on working parties during the day. Lewis gun training carried out.	
"	13 th		All companies out on working parties during the day. An Officers' Lewis gun course was started in the morning under the L.G.B. In the afternoon an Officers' Bombing course was started under the Brigade Bombing Officer.	
"	14 th		all companies out on working parties. The Officers' Lewis gun + Bombing classes were continued.	
"	15 th		all companies out on working parties. The Officers' Lewis gun course finished. The Officers' Bombing class was continued. Captain A. C. COWAN reported back from hospital. 'B' company marched to vacated by 'B' company.	
"	16 th		all companies out on working parties. The officers' Lewis gun Bombing class finished ^{continued} . The L.G.B., 2nd in command, Adjutant, and 6th companies visited trenches to be taken over from 26 th N. F's.	
"	17 th		all companies out on working parties. The Officers' Bombing course was completed. Voluntary Church Parades were held during the day.	

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Place	MARCH Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Billets	18 th		Companies out on working parties. In the afternoon a billeting officer was sent to reconnoitre billets in and around ARRAS to be taken over on 19 th inst. from 24 th N. Fs.	
"	19 th		Companies out on working parties. The remainder of the Bn. paraded at 4.30 p.m. and marched into "stand-to" billets in ARRAS, ST NICHOLAS and ST CATHERINE, where they relieved the 24 th N. Fs. 2/Lt R. B. EVANS proceeded on leave. CAPT. R. F. MARTIN was evacuated sick, LT D. M. SUTHERLAND assuming command of "D" Co.	
Trenches	20 th		The Bn. left billets in the morning + proceeded to trenches N.E. of ARRAS, relieving the 26 th N. Fs (Right Bn. sector). D Co were the left front Co., B Co. right front company, A Co. held the posts, and C Co. were in reserve. Each of the front companies sent out a patrol, and reported enemy front line held.	
"	21 st		The morning was fairly quiet. In the afternoon the battalion on our right (11 th ROYAL SCOTS) carried out a raid on the enemy trenches, the enemy retaliated by heavily bombarding our front system of trenches doing considerable damage, but inflicting no casualties. Patrols at night reported enemy front line held.	
"	22 nd		The enemy heavily bombarded our trenches at morning "stand-to", to which our artillery replied vigorously. The front line trenches of the battalion on our right (11 th ROYAL SCOTS) were entered by a hostile raiding party. We suffered eight casualties (3 killed, 5 wounded) from shell fire during this bombardment. Apart from this the day was fairly quiet. Patrols at night reported enemy front line held.	

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10th Bn. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Place	MARCH Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	23 rd		Immediately after morning "Stand-down", "A" Co. relieved "B" Co., who went back to the posts, "C" Co. relieved "D" Co., who went into reserve. Our artillery shelled the enemy positions intermittently through the day but there was little retaliation. The night was quiet. Patrols reported the enemy front line held.	
BILLETS	24 th		During the day the Bn. was relieved by the 11 th SUFFOLKS, and proceeded independently to "Stand-to" billets in ARRAS, ST NICHOLAS and ST CATHERINE. A draft of 1 Officer (CAPT ⁿ A. E. WARR) and 57 O.R.s joined the Battalion.	
"	25 th		all companies out on day or night working parties. A Lewis Gun team was sent for anti-aircraft duty with a Brigade of Field artillery N of ST CATHERINE. CAPT ⁿ J. MACDONALD joined the Battalion, and was taken on strength.	
"	26 th		all companies out on day or night working parties. Two more Lewis Gun teams were sent for anti-aircraft duty with Field artillery in the ROCLINCOURT VALLEY. CAPT ⁿ J. MACDONALD was posted to "A" Co. & assumed the duties of 2nd. in command.	
"	27 th		all companies out on day and night working parties. Three Lewis Gun teams were on ^{anti-aircraft} duty all day with the Field artillery.	
"	28 th		all companies out on day and night working parties. Three Lewis Gun teams were on anti-aircraft duty as usual. CAPT ⁿ R. F. MARTIN returned from Hospital & took over command of "D" Co.	

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16th BN. THE ROYAL SCOTS

Place	DATE 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Billetts	29th		No working parties. The Batten. less two working parties, each of 2 Cfts. and 100 B.R. from C + D Companies, marched back to Stutments at ECOIVRES, having been relieved by 10th LINCOLNS. The working party of "D" Coy was billeted in ST. CATHERINE, that of "C" Coy in ROCLINCOURT. The Lewis Guns were on anti-aircraft duty as usual, and were relieved during the day by gun teams of the 10th LINCOLNS. CAPT N.A.R. STURROCK returned from the Base & was posted to "D" Company.	
"	30th		There were no working parties for the companies in the Stutments. Parades of Lewis Gunners were held for the purpose of cleaning Lewis Gun equipment. A draft of 30 B.R. joined the Batten from DIEVAL.	
"	31st		All companies on working parties during the day. 26 Officers & 100 B.R. of "A" Coy. moved into ST. CATHERINE for the purpose of doing working parties in the vicinity. Parades of Lewis Gunners & Signallers were held during the day, the former to clean Lewis Gun equipment, & the latter to carry out training. A draft of 46 B.R. joined the Battalion.	

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BILLETS.	1 st		Companies on working parties during the day. Parades of available Lewis gunners & signallers were held in the morning and afternoon. A conference of officers selected to go with the Batta in the forthcoming attack was held in the morning to discuss preliminary operation orders. W. R. B. EVANS returned from leave. A draft of 86.R. joined the Batta. The A Co. working party had one casualty (wounded).	
"	2 nd		No working parties for the men in the HUTMENTS. Parades of signallers were held during the day.	
"	3 rd		Companies out on working parties during the day. 6 th Companies & 2 nd 's in command attended H.Q. in the morning for a conference. The A Company working party had two more casualties (1 killed, 1 wounded). MAJOR B. R. BREWIN visited H.Q. 15 th ROYAL SCOTS at LOUEZ, prior to taking over from them on 4 th inst.	
"	4 th		Companies on working parties during the day. A billeting party was sent to LOUEZ to take over billets. The Batta (less working parties) left the HUTMENTS in the afternoon & marched to billets at LOUEZ. All working parties with the exception of A Co. rejoined. MAJOR B. R. BREWIN visited H.Q. 10 th LINCOLNS in the trenches.	
TRENCHES	5 th		No working parties during the day. A conference of officers taking part in the forthcoming attack was held in the morning, & in the afternoon the scheme of attack was explained by platoon officers to their subordinates. The Batta, in fighting order, left by platoons commencing at 4 p.m. for the trenches where they relieved 10 th LINCOLNS. Casualties in moving into trenches: 2 Killed 3 wounded.	

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TRENCHES	1917 5 th (cont'd)		During the afternoon the commanding officer attended a conference at Brigade H.Q. ST CATHERINE where he was informed that the attack, fixed to take place on the 8 th inst., was postponed until the 9 th inst.	
"	6 th		Our artillery heavily & incessantly bombarded the enemy trenches during the day and night. There was considerable retaliation, but no casualties. During the night the work of cutting our own wire in front of support front lines was proceeded with. Patrols were also pushed forward, & reported enemy line held.	
BILLETS	7 th		Notified that, during the day or night of 7 th , we had to carry out a raid on enemy trenches to secure an identification. The party was detailed, the officers being CAPT ⁿ A.C. COWAN, 2/Lt J. WATSON, & 2/Lt A. BROWN. The strength of the party was 364s, 100 O.Rs. During the afternoon & evening the Battalion was relieved by the 10 th SUFFOLKS & moved into billets in ARRAS ST NICHOLAS & ST CATHERINE. Zero hour for the raid was 9.30 p.m. The raiding party penetrated into the 2 nd line, inflicted casualties on the enemy & returned with 1 prisoner. Casualties, CAPT ⁿ A.C. COWAN & 2/Lt J. WATSON missing, 6 R.S. 3 Wounded, 4 missing.	
TRENCHES	8 th		A conference of officers taking part in the following days attack was held at H.Q. in the morning. Shovel stores to be carried in the attack were issued during the day, also rations for the 9 th inst.	
	2 pm to 4 pm		Companies left their billets by platoons & moved via NOVEMBER AVENUE to their jumping-off trenches. There was considerable delay in moving in, owing to blockage of trenches. Casualties in moving in 2 Killed 1 Wounded.	
	8.15 pm		all companies in position as follows:- Right front - "A" Coy. Right support - "C" Coy. Left front - "B" Coy. Left support - "D" Coy. The 6 th K.O.S. BORDERERS (9 th DIVISION) were on our right. 11 th SUFFOLKS on our left. 15 th ROYAL SCOTS supporting us.	

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TRENCHES	9 th (contd)		<p>Hostile rifle and machine-gun fire were feeble, this being due to the fact that the enemy, for the most part, had taken cover in dug-outs. A considerable number of the enemy were killed and a large number made prisoners. The attack of the 9th DIVISION on our right, & that of the 102nd BRIGADE on the left were successful up to this stage.</p> <p>All the BLACK LINE units were rather badly mixed & re-organization was only possible within certain limits.</p> <p>7:30am Companies formed up under the barrage ready to push forward to the BLUE LINE (2nd & final objective of the Battalion)</p> <p>7:36am Barrage commenced to creep forward by lifts of 50 yards, 2nd attack commenced.</p> <p>7:54am RAILWAY CUTTING and BOIS de la MAISON BLANCHE captured (BLUE LINE). Barrage stationary 300 yards E. of BLUE LINE.</p> <p>The distance between the BLACK & BLUE LINES was approximately 450 yards. The ground was difficult, and the Bttn. in its advance had to cross a SUNKEN ROAD, a VALLEY, thickly wired, an embankment, 20 feet high, a wood (BOIS de la MAISON BLANCHE) through which ran the RAILWAY CUTTING. During the halt at the BLACK LINE it had not been possible to re-organize into waves, and, as a result, the proper attack formation could not be adopted for the attack on the BLUE LINE. The going was good, and the wire in the VALLEY was more easily passable than was anticipated. The enemy artillery fire during this advance was feeble but there was a fair amount of rifle fire from the RAILWAY CUTTING & BOIS de la MAISON BLANCHE. In these places many of the enemy were killed & many others captured in dug-outs on the near slope of the RAILWAY CUTTING. CAPTAIN A. C. COWAN was recaptured in a German Aid Post in the RAILWAY CUTTING where he was lying with a leg wound.</p>	

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TRENCHES.	9 TH (contd)		<p>The work of re-organization was quickly proceeded with, and communication established with the 11TH SUFFOLKS on our left, & the 11TH ROYAL SCOTS on our right. During this period advanced posts had been pushed forward to protect the RAILWAY CUTTING, but re-organization complete, the whole Batta. commenced to work digging a line of trenches 100 yards E. of the BLUE LINE.</p> <p>8.30am Message received at H.Q. from CAPTAIN A.E. WARR in the BLACK LINE, stating that he was in command of a party of approximately 40 men of various units, also reporting that troops were continuous along the whole line.</p> <p>9.15am Message received at H.Q. from 2/Lt P. BAYLISS stating position of suitable H.Q. in BLACK LINE. Two runners sent with message to guide H.Q. forward. Message also reported the capture of the BLUE LINE.</p> <p>9.30am H.Q. moved forward to the BLACK LINE. There was considerable shelling, by heavy artillery, of this line up to 3.30 pm.</p> <p>11a.m. Message received at H.Q. from CAPT. R.F. MARTIN, in BLUE LINE, stating that digging in 100 yards E. of BLUE LINE was in progress, further stating that touch with troops on the flanks had been established, & that our casualties were not heavy.</p> <p>12.15p.m. 15TH ROYAL SCOTS left the BLUE LINE behind a creeping barrage to attack the BROWN & GREEN LINES. The BROWN LINE was a system of trenches 1500 yards E. of the BLUE LINE; the GREEN LINE was a line, 1700 E. of the BLUE LINE, drawn from the SCARPE, just E. of FAMPOUX through POINT DU JOUR and MAISON de la COTE.</p> <p>3.30pm H.Q. left the BLACK LINE & moved forward to the SUNKEN ROAD.</p> <p>5.30pm H.Q. left the SUNKEN ROAD & moved forward to the 1ST BROWN LINE.</p>	

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	9th (contd.)	6.30pm	The Batten under CAPT A. E. WARR moved forward to take up a position in the 1st BROWN LINE on the left of the 10th LINCOLNS, whose right was on the ST LAURENT-BLANGY - GAVRELLE ROAD.																										
		11.30pm	H.Q. moved to 2nd BROWN LINE a line of trenches 50 yards W. of the 1st BROWN LINE. The enemy was quiet from 4.30pm onwards. The 4th DIVISION who had passed through the 9th DIVISION during the day were on the right, + 102nd BRIGADE on the left of the 101st BRIGADE. Rations were brought up at night under Brigade arrangements. At night the Batten was in possession of 10 Lewis guns, six having been lost in the attack. <u>ESTIMATED CASUALTIES:-</u> 8 Officers (KILLED, 2/LTS E. J. P. THURBURN, A. D. FLETT, Wounded CAPT J. MACDONALD; 2/LTS H. J. MCVIE, A. BAIRD, A. WILSON, G. M. DUNCAN, A. G. TURNBULL. 310 G.R.'s Killed, wounded + missing. The strength of the Batten in officers was as follows:- <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Headquarters</u></td> <td><u>'A' Coy.</u></td> <td><u>'B' Coy.</u></td> <td><u>'C' Coy.</u></td> <td><u>'D' Coy.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lt COL. A. STEPHENSON.</td> <td>Nil.</td> <td>CAPT A. E. WARR.</td> <td>Lt S. M. BRYCE.</td> <td>CAPT R. F. MARTIN.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lt ADJ. W. B. MCCARTHY.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2/Lt W. S. GAVIN.</td> <td>Lt D. M. SUTHERLAND.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lt J. STIRLING.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2/Lt J. H. WILLIAMSON.</td> <td>2/Lt W. S. MACKENZIE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lt P. BAYLISS.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2/Lt F. M. DUFF.</td> </tr> </table> Lt J. STIRLING was sent to command 'A' Coy.	<u>Headquarters</u>	<u>'A' Coy.</u>	<u>'B' Coy.</u>	<u>'C' Coy.</u>	<u>'D' Coy.</u>	Lt COL. A. STEPHENSON.	Nil.	CAPT A. E. WARR.	Lt S. M. BRYCE.	CAPT R. F. MARTIN.	Lt ADJ. W. B. MCCARTHY.			2/Lt W. S. GAVIN.	Lt D. M. SUTHERLAND.	Lt J. STIRLING.			2/Lt J. H. WILLIAMSON.	2/Lt W. S. MACKENZIE.	2/Lt P. BAYLISS.				2/Lt F. M. DUFF.	
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TRENCHES	10 th	11.15am	<p>There was a little shelling of our positions during the morning.</p> <p>A patrol of 8 G.R.s under 2/Lt W.S. GAVIN was sent out to get in touch with the enemy. The patrol reconnoitred the ground S. of the ST LAURENT - BLANCY - GAVRELLE road up to about 600 yards E of our position. A party consisting of 6 of the enemy were driven from a battery of guns (5.9" Howitzers), which were captured. (Numbers on leaf bridge mechanism, 1379, 1380 + 1381). The patrol reported the enemy to be holding a trench running W-E at a point just N of the road + 800 yards E of our position.</p> <p>Reports from Artillery Forward Observation Officers show the enemy to be consolidating the GAVRELLE - OPPY line.</p> <p>At dusk strong points were dug by the R.E.s between the 1st + 2nd BROWN LINES. These posts were manned by us.</p> <p>There was considerable shelling of our front line during the day and night.</p> <p>Snow fell in the afternoon + evening.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- Killed G.R.s 2, Wounded G.R.s 3.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- Officers 12, G.R.s 213.</p>	
"	11 th	5am	<p>Full rations for the day reached the BROWN LINE.</p> <p>Lt R.C. LODGE + 2/Lt H.A. COWIE came up from 'Y' HUTMENTS to replace Lt D.M. SUTHERLAND + 2/Lt W.S. GAVIN who were sent back sick. The following reinforcements also arrived from 'Y' HUTMENTS as asked for:- 2 Sergeants, 1 Signaller, 14 Lewis Gunners.</p> <p>Lt R.C. LODGE took command of 'A' Co. 2/Lt F.M. DUFF was sent to 'A' Co., 2/Lt H.A. COWIE to 'B' Co.</p>	

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TRENCHES	11 th	10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12 Noon. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 9 p.m.	<p>Companies moved to the following positions:-</p> <p>C + D Coys along 1st BROWN LINE on the left of 10th LINCOLNS.</p> <p>A + B " to 2nd BROWN LINE in support to C + D Coys.</p> <p>The 102nd BRIGADE were on our right. left.</p> <p>The 4th DIVISION on our right carried out an attack in conjunction with the 51st DIVISION on our left.</p> <p>Patrol of 50 B.Rs under 2nd L P BAYLISS sent out to reconnoitre a ditch N of the ST LAURENT-BLANCY - GAVRELLE ROAD + 800-1000 yds E of our front line. Ditch + the trench, reported occupied by yesterday's patrol, reconnoitred + found to be unoccupied. Name of this trench TOWY.</p> <p>C + D Coys received orders to move into TOWY TRENCH.</p> <p>A + B Coys ordered to reinforce C + D Coys in TOWY TRENCH.</p> <p>All companies in position in TOWY TRENCH.</p> <p>The enemy artillery fire increased by day and night, the whole of our front system + the ROAD receiving attention.</p> <p>A strong wind blew during the day; + there was a heavy snow-fall during the afternoon + evening.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: - Killed B.Rs 3 Wounded B.Rs 2.</p> <p>STRENGTH: - Officers 12, B.Rs 283.</p>	
	12 th	5:30 a.m. 5 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	<p>Battn H.Q. moved to old gun pits S. of TOWY TRENCH.</p> <p>9th DIVISION on our right attacked. The enemy retaliated on our front trenches.</p> <p>The Battn. was relieved by a composite battn. of 10th LINCOLNS + 15th ROYAL SCOTS. + on relief moved to the 2nd BROWN LINES in the following order from right to left 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D'.</p>	

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TRENCHES.	12 th (Cont'd)		<p>The enemy shelling became more severe during the day and night.</p> <p>The enemy were observed in large numbers working on the GAVRELLE-OPPY LINE.</p> <p>Rain fell during the day & the trenches were in a very bad condition. as a result 2 men died of exposure & exhaustion.</p> <p>Rations for the day did not arrive until 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- Killed 6 R.s. 5, Wounded 6 R.s. 6.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- Officers 12, 6 R.s. 218.</p>	
"	13 th	10.30 am	Companies ordered to move back to the BLUE + BLACK LINES. Further orders to move to the ROCKINCOURT VALLEY received at the BLUE LINE while moving as previously ordered.	
		2.30 pm	Whole Batten. in dug-outs in the ROCKINCOURT VALLEY, including details, left behind during the attack, & short.	
			<p>CASUALTIES:- Wounded 6 R.s. 4.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- Officers 12, 6 R.s. 217.</p>	
	14 th		All companies on the cleaning of arms & equipment during the morning & afternoon.	
		9.20 pm	The Batten assembled on the LILLE ROAD near to ST CATHERINE & moved to a point on the ARRAS-ST. POL ROAD just outside ARRAS.	
			Tea, rum & soup issued to the whole battalion at a field kitchen at this point.	
			<p>CASUALTIES:-</p> <p>STRENGTH:-</p>	

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BILLETS.	15th	12.45am	Battn. conveyed by busses to AVERDOINGT.	
"	16th		Companies cleaning equipment + clothing, and re-organizing sections. The following transfers were made:- LT R.C. LODGE from 'B' to 'A' Co., 2/Lt G. H. HENDERSON + F.M. DUFF from 'D' to 'A' Co., 2/Lt F.J. STANDRING from 'C' to 'A' Co. LTS.M. BRYCE took over command of 'C' Co. Notification received that CAPT. J. MACDONALD had died of wounds. A draft of 105 GRS. joined the Battn.	
"	17th		Conference of all officers at H.Q. in the morning. Re-organization of sections continued.	
"	18th		Training of Bombers, Lewis gunners + signallers during the morning and afternoon	
"	19th		The Battn. was inspected by the Divisional Commander in the morning, who afterwards addressed the Battn., complimenting it upon its gallantry + endurance in recent operations.	
"	20th		Training of Specialists in the afternoon. Training of Specialists in the morning + afternoon. Companies + platoon training for the remainder.	
"	21st	9am.	Battn. left AVERDOINDT + marched to hutments at HAUTE-AVESNES HAUTE-AVESNES. Dinners were served to the Battn. on the march.	
"	22nd	2.30pm	The training of bombers, Lewis-gunners + signallers was continued in the morning. There was also a church parade in the morning.	
		6.30pm	Battn. left HAUTE-AVESNES + marched to 'Y' HUTMENTS (on ARRAS-STPOL ROAD approx. 2 miles E. of HAUTE-AVESNES).	
			During its absence from the line, the Battn. had been re-organised	

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BILLETS	22 nd (cont'd)		N.C.O's had been promoted to fill vacancies. The arrival of a draft had made it possible to equalise companies in strength. Platoons & sections were re-organized, Lewis-guns & bombers having been trained to replace casualties. The average strength of platoons was 28.	
"	23 rd	6.30am to 8.30am 4p.m.	The Bn. marched away from "V" HUTMENTS to proceed to ARRAS where it was under 2 hours notice to move. Grenades & grenade carriers were issued to platoons shortly after arrival. Bn. moved away from ARRAS & took up a position in the RAILWAY CUTTING, its right being on the junction of the RAILWAY CUTTING with ST. LAURENT-BLANCQ - GAYRELLE ROAD. 11 th SUFFOLKS were on our left. 2 nd L.S. GAVIN & P. BAYLISS were attached to BRIGADE as forward observation officers. LT R.C. LODGE was wounded sick.	
"	24 th	8.15pm	Bn. moved into front line position just W. of ROEUX, with its right on the R. SCARPE. This position was taken over from the 26 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS. The 11 th SUFFOLKS were on our right, & the 14 th DIVISION were on our left.	
"	25 th	3.30am	CASUALTIES: - Wounded - 16 (incl. 2 L.S. GAVIN), 1 B.R. STRENGTH: - 6ffs. 18. G.Rs. 413. The Division on our right carried out a small attack. There was considerable artillery activity during the day & night, & a heavy bombardment of our lines between 9p.m. & 9.30p.m. caused a few casualties.	
"	26 th	10pm	CASUALTIES: - Wounded 6 R.S. 10. STRENGTH: - 6ffs. 18 G.Rs. 459. The artillery on both sides were active during the day & night. Bn. was relieved by the 15 th ROYAL SCOTS & moved to the RAILWAY CUTTING just S. of PAMPOUX. CASUALTIES: - Killed 2 G.Rs, Wounded 2 Wounded. STRENGTH: - 6ffs. 18 G.Rs. 444.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	April Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	21 st	7 a.m.	Conference at Brigade H.Q. of Commanding Officers & Adjutants, in connection with an attack to be made on the following morning. During the day officers & N.C.O's were acquainted with the details. & preparations were made accordingly.	
"		11 p.m.	The Batten. left to take up its jumping-off position, as follows:- "A" & "B" Coys. front line with right assaulting Battalion (15 th ROYAL SCOTS), "C" Coy. " " " left " " (11 th SUFFOLKS). "D" " " " " centre " " (10 th LINCOLNS). The whole Battalion was detailed for mopping-up duties. The left of the 101 st BRIGADE was on the RAILWAY, which runs at this point parallel to the R. SCARPE, which was the right of the Brigade front. The line met the RAILWAY at a point 200 yards W. of the CHEMICAL WORKS. Little was known of the dispositions of the enemy, for our observation had revealed no definite system of trenches. The objective of the Brigade was a line drawn from the RAILWAY to the R. SCARPE, about 1100 yards E. of the jumping-off line, and was along a road from the RAILWAY to 600 yards S. of the RAILWAY, and from that point S. to the SCARPE just beyond (E. of) ROEUX. The left assaulting battalion had, therefore, to advance through the CHEMICAL WORKS; the right battalion through ROEUX & the WOOD S. of it, while the centre battalion advanced between between both villages, advancing through a few buildings & a CEMETRY N. of ROEUX. STRENGTH:- 6ffs. 18. 6.Rs. 416. CASUALTIES:- Killed 6.Rs. 1.	
"	22 nd	4.25 a.m.	The enemy was quiet during the hours of darkness. Zero hour. Barrage 200 yds E. of our front line. All companies left jumping-off trenches & moved forward under terrific machine-gun & rifle fire from CHEMICAL WORKS, WOOD & ROEUX.	Operation Orders Appended.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

APRIL, 1911.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	28 th	4:25am to 5:42am	<p>The artillery programme was continued in accordance with APPENDIX 'A'.</p> <p>The left + centre battalions were checked at the onset, + for the most part retired quickly to their jumping-off trenches. Considerable hand-to-hand fighting took place in the CHEMICAL WORKS, + small parties established themselves in shell holes in + about the buildings.</p> <p>On the right the assaulting troops pushed forward under the barrage into ROEUX. A party 60 strong established itself in the WOOD. SW of ROEUX engaged in some hand-to-hand fighting there. Later they were compelled to withdraw for fear of being cut-off. The troops who entered ROEUX were cut-off by the enemy.</p> <p>130am The enemy attacked our line in front of MOUNT PLEASANT WOOD + established a footing there. He was, however, dislodged by a bombing attack + suffered very heavy casualties in retiring.</p> <p>During the remainder of the day there was considerable artillery fire on both sides, also sniping.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- Officers, Killed 1, Wounded 3, Missing 6. (Killed 2/Lt A. BROWN, Wounded CAPT A. R. STURROCK, Lt S. M. BRUCE, 2/Lt J. M. GORDON, Missing, CAPT The Hon M. B. LYON, 2/Lt F. M. DUFF, W. S. MACKENZIE, G. H. HENDERSON, G. H. DALGETTY, W. D. HOWATT.</p> <p>G.Rs. Wounded 60, Missing 170.</p> <p>STRENGTH:- Officers 7, G.Rs. 150.</p> <p>Officers were:-</p> <p>H.Q. - Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON, Lt Adj. W. D. MCCARTHY, 2/Lt R. B. EVANS (Bn. Casualty 6/11)</p> <p>A Co. NIL</p> <p>B Co. CAPT A. E. WARR</p> <p>C Co. 2/Lt H. A. COWIE, B. M. ARMSTRONG</p> <p>D Co. 2/Lt A. RITCHIE.</p>	<p>Commanding Officers Report on Operations Attended.</p>

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

APRIL 1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	29 th	3am to 4am	Large numbers of wounded were collected during the hours of darkness. Attacks were made by the 20 th + 23 rd NORTH BERLAND FUSILIERS on the enemy positions opposite to the 101 st BRIGADE sector. All were unsuccessful. The remainder of the day was quiet. There were 6 Battalions in holding the Brigade frontage at this time. CASUALTIES: - Wounded 6.Rs. 5. STRENGTH: Officers 7. 6.Rs. 150.	
"	30 th	10p.m.	The Batten. held the EMBANKMENT, running parallel to the front line + 300 yards behind it. The Batten. was relieved by the HOUSEHOLD BATTALION (4 th DIVISION), + marched back to bivouacs. at ST NICHOLAS. CASUALTIES: - Wounded 6.Rs. 1. STRENGTH: Officers 8. 6.Rs. 201.	

A. Stephenson

Lieut Colonel

Comdg. 16th ROYAL SCOTS.

30/4/1917.

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S E C R E T.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

(Part 1)

by

LIEUT. COLONEL A. STEPHENSON, M.C. COMMANDING 16th (S) BN. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Reference:
 Special Map
 1/5000.

1. INFORMATION:
- (1) In conjunction with operations to be carried out East and South of ARRAS by the Third Army, and by the Canadian Corps against the VIME RIDGE, the XVII Corps will attack the Southern end of VIME RIDGE.
 - (2) The task of the Corps is to establish a line (green line on the map) beyond the German Third line system from the SCARPE at a point just EAST of FAIPOUL - East and North of that village - PONT du JOUR - MAISON de la COTE - COMMANDANTS House.
 - (3) The XVII Corps will attack with three divisions in the line, the 9th on the Right, 34th in the centre, 51st on the Left, and the 4th Division in Corps Reserve. The 27th Infantry Brigade will be on the Left of the 9th Division and the 152nd Infantry Brigade on the Right of the 51st Division.
 - (4) On the front of this Division there are three systems of trenches to be captured, each forming a separate objective:-
 - (a) FIRST OBJECTIVE (BLACK LINE). The enemy's front line system consisting of four lines of trenches on an average depth of 500 yards.
 - (b) SECOND OBJECTIVE (BLUE LINE). About 750 yards from BLACK LINE.
 A system consisting mainly of a single fire trench. The Southern end consists of a sunken road, a shallow valley, and a railway cutting (from West to East). These are roughly parallel to one another.
 - (c) THIRD OBJECTIVE (BROWN LINE). A double line of trench about 1500 yards East of BLUE LINE.

2. PREPARATORY:

The wire in front of the enemy trenches is being systematically cut by artillery and trench mortars. Machine Gun fire is being directed on the gaps to prevent repairs being effected.

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Indirect Machine Gun fire and artillery fire is being carried out to harass enemy movements.

Wire in front of our own trenches is being gradually thinned and removed so that on Z day all wire will have been removed.

Trench bridges are being provided where necessary.

3. ARTILLERY: Operations will commence with a three days bombardment - on W, X, and Y days. (Z day being the day of the Infantry assault). This bombardment will be carried out by all natures of guns, howitzers and trench mortars.

Certain batteries are detailed for counter battery work and the remainder will carry out wire cutting and trench battering.

A table showing the action of the Artillery from Zero onwards is attached. (Appendix B.)

4. MACHINE GUNS:

One section of the Brigade Machine Gun Company will be at the disposal of the Brigadier to move forward as required.

The remainder of the Brigade Machine Gun Companies will, at first, form protective barrages and search lines of approach.

5. STOKES MORTARS:

Four Stokes Mortars will be attached to the Battalion and they will be pushed forward as far as possible and, during the pauses at the first and second objectives, will push out in front to deal with the next objective.

6. GAS PROJECTORS:

In this Battalion sector 250 "LIVER" Gas Projectors will be installed. From W. day to Zero minus six hours these will discharge shots at intervals against the enemy trenches as follows:-

- (a) CHANTECLER Salient and trenches in rear of it.
- (b) Sunken road H.1.a.9.1. to H.1.c.4.0.
- (c) Railway embankment from H.1.b.4.4. to H.1.d.3.2.

While the Gas Bombs are in the trenches "Gas Alert" precautions will be observed. The trenches will be cleared at certain points when the bombs are being discharged as they are not to be fired over the heads of our troops. Gas Shells will be fired on the 103rd Infantry Brigade Front. From Zero to Zero plus six minutes smoke shells may also be fired on that front.

7. TANKS:

Two tanks will attack in conjunction with the Battalion.

8. ATTACK FORMATION: The 101st Infantry Brigade will attack on the Right of the 34th Division.

Battalions are designated as follows:-

"A" Battalion.....16th Royal Scots.

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"B" Battalion.....11th Suffolks.
 "C" Battalion.....15th Royal Scots.
 "D" Battalion.....10th Lincoln.

This Battalion ("A") is on the Right of the Brigade in the first assaulting line. "B" Battalion is on the left. "C" Battalion will be in support to "A" Battalion and "D" Battalion in support to "B" Battalion.

The left Battalion of the 9th Division (in the leading lines) will be the 6th K.O.S.B.

9. POSITION OF COMPANIES:

"A" Company on the Right.
 "B" Company on the Left.
 "C" Company, in support of "A", on Right.
 "D" Company, in support of "B", on left.

10. FORMING UP:

Companies will be formed up as above by Zero minushours in the trenches as shown on the attached Map (Appendix A); and in accordance with diagrams "A" "B" "C" and "D" which have been issued. The frontage of each trench is about 250 yards.

11. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of "A" and "B" Battalions are the BLACK line and the BLUE line. The objectives of "C" and "D" Battalions are the BROWN and GREEN lines.

The BLACK line is immediately East of the STAB trench.

The BLUE line is immediately East of the Railway.

An intermediate line which will be the objective of the first wave of the two leading Companies is the sunk road running North and South about midway between the BLACK line and the BLUE line.

12. FLANK BOUNDARIES and DIRECTION:

In the forming up trenches the right flank will rest on ST. PANCRAS STREET and the Left flank on PADDINGTON STREET.

The general direction of advance is slightly North of East until SOUR trench is reached, thence East to the BLUE line.

The right will advance on the bend of the BAILLEUL road, close to where the SPUR trench crosses it; i.e. a slight incline to the left. It will then follow the north edge of the road to SOUR trench, when it will cross the road and incline to the right until the CAM communication trench is reached. The CAM trench (exclusive) from this point will be the right boundary.

The left of the line, on reaching the top of the first ridge, will march on the point where the SPAN trench touches the North side of BAILLEUL road. The trees of the BOIS de la MAISON BLANCHE should be visible on reaching the top of the first ridge. The North (left) edge of this wood will be the directing point for the left of the Battalion. The slight incline to the right made by the right of the line will necessitate a small increase of

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extension from the left by the whole line after SOUR and SOP trenches are passed. Gaps must be prevented and the extension must be carefully regulated.

The Left will direct.

13. CONTOURS:

A sketch showing contours on the line of advance is attached. (Appendix C). From the enemy front line to the BLACK line the country is fairly flat. The BLACK Line is on a forward slope looking across a valley to the Railway (BLUE Line). This Valley is about 50 feet deep with gentle slopes on the left flank and becomes deeper and narrower as the right flank is reached.

14. THE ATTACK:

See Appendix D.

15. DUTIES OF
MOPPERS UP:

Moppers up must get to work immediately they reach their objective. They will at once deal with any of the enemy who are in the trench and will picket the entrances of dugouts. When the trench has been cleared the dugouts must be dealt with. The P. Grenade will be used for this purpose. The Mills is of little use for clearing deep dugouts and should not be used.

Any man coming out of a dugout with arms should be shot or bayoneted on sight. Every entrance to a dugout is to be picketted.

The whole of the trench system must be worked over by the moppers up but the immediate picketing of dugouts is of the first importance.

O.C. "C" Battalion will relieve our moppers up as his Battalion comes forward and immediately upon relief our moppers up will rejoin their own platoons.

16. PRISONERS:

Prisoners are to be passed back under as small an escort as possible - not to exceed 10 per cent of the prisoners. They will be handed over to "D" Battalion at the junction of WATERLOO STREET and DECEMBER AVENUE (FALKLAND STREET), and the escort will at once rejoin its own platoon.

17. STRONG POINTS:

The Field Company R.E. and Pioneers will construct STRONG POINTS which will probably be sited in the following vicinities:-

BLACK LINE.....about G.6.d.8.6.

BLUE LINE.....about H.1.d.4.1.

Officer Commanding "A" Company will detail a platoon to garrison each of these strong points upon completion. This completion will, if possible, be advised from Battalion Headquarters. It is not probable that the strong points will be completed until some hours after the BLUE line is consolidated.

18. STOKES MORTARS:

When "C" and "D" Battalions pass the BLUE line the Stokes Mortars will go forward with them.

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19. SIGNALS:

Visual signalling will be carried out as far as possible by Companies. As the advance progresses a forward visual station will be established at about G.6.d.6.4. Further stations will be established as the position allows.

20. CONTACT PATROL:

Aeroplane Contact patrols will be in attendance. Contact aeroplanes can transmit signals rapidly and effectively and this means of communication is to be adapted in addition to others whenever possible. Red flares will be lit by the troops in the front line at various stages of the assault when the contact aeroplane calls for them by means of a succession of "A's" (dot, dash) on the Klaxon Horn, or by firing a white light.

The flares will be lit by front line troops on the order of a platoon or Company Commander. The Contact planes may be expected to call for flares at about the following times:-

- (a) Zero plus one hour.
- (b) Zero plus three hours ten minutes.
- (c) Zero plus eight hours ten minutes.
- (d) Zero plus nine hours fifteen minutes.

A list of Code signals has been issued to officers. Contact planes for this Division are marked with one black band under the Port (left) lower plane and the black band is prolonged to the rear by a black streamer.

21. COMMUNICATIONS and MESSAGES:

Frequent messages as to the position of Companies are to be sent back by visual: and, as often as possible, runner messages will be sent to Battalion Headquarters. Time and position must invariably be stated in all messages.

22. MAP REFERENCES:

The 1/5000 sketch map will be used for map references. Co-ordinates need not be quoted (these are not absolutely accurate on the sketch map) but positions will be indicated by stating the name of the trenches (Example: Headquarters established Junction STAB, CLYDE).

23. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT:

Officers will be dressed in a similar manner to the men and will wear equipment.

The greatcoat will be carried rolled and attached to the waist belt underneath the haversack. The waterproof cape or sheet will not be carried unless specially ordered. If it is carried it will be placed on top of the haversack, or under the flap. Mess tins will be in the haversack. If, owing to the small size of the haversack, this is impossible the mess tin must be covered.

Officers will see that all water bottles are filled and will impress on all ranks the extreme necessity of conserving the water as long as possible.

Additional stores to be carried will be:-

- Picks and Shovels.
- S. A. A., S. O. S. Rockets, Flares.

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Grenades of various types.
Wire Cutters and Breakers.
Distinguishing Flags.

24. DISTINGUISHING
FLAGS:

Two flags, one foot square, coloured half red and half yellow will be carried by each section. These flags are to show to the artillery, and to the troops in rear the position of the troops in front. They will be shown during the advance and when each objective is captured. They will be shown by the troops in the front line only. Flags must be waved and not stuck into the ground. Unless they are waved no notice will be taken of them.

25. DISTINGUISHING
MARKS:

All ranks of the Division will wear a yellow cloth triangle pinned on the back over the haversack, with the base across the shoulders and the apex below.

26. MAPS etc. TO
BE CARRIED:

All ranks are forbidden to carry into action any letters, papers, orders, sketches or maps (except the sketch maps 1/5000 issued and 1/10,000 sheets 51 B.N.W.1. and 51 B.N.W./3.) which could convey any information to the enemy in the event of their capture.

27. COMMUNICATION
WITH REAR:

The main communication trench back to our lines will be CLYDE - FOOT - STAKE which will be known as Communication Trench No. 1. and will be joined up to the sep to KATE Crater, thence round KATE locality to VICTORIA STREET.

28. NOTICE BOARDS:

Boards marked BLACK line and BLUE line will be carried by "C" and "D" Companies and will be put into position on reaching the correct trenches.

29. BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS:

Battalion Headquarters will be at a dugout in PADDINGTON STREET near the present front line. Headquarters will move forward as the situation permits, and Companies will be notified of the change.

30. DUMPS:

The Battalion Dump is a dugout at the junction of the support line and PADDINGTON STREET and is marked, and known as "D. 2".

The Right Company Dump is "D. 4" a mineshaft at G.6.c. 10.05.

The Left Company Dump is "D. 5" a mineshaft at G.6.c. 2.3.

In these Dumps are S.A.A., Bombs, Mines, Very Lights, Tools, Wire, Sandbags etc.

31. REGIMENTAL
AID POSTS:

At present the existing Regimental Aid Post - near MOSBY - is the only one available. It is expected that two extra will be established; one at a dugout in NOVEMBER AVENUE and one at a dugout in WATERLOO STREET.

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32. STRETCHER
BEARERS:

Stretcher Bearers will follow the assault and will collect any wounded who are unable to walk, and will evacuate them to the nearest R.A. Post.

Walking cases will not be dealt with by Stretcher Bearers except that their wounds may be dressed if necessary.

33. SLIGHTLY
WOUNDED:

When wounded no man who is capable of continuing fighting is to be allowed to withdraw to the rear.

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Lieut. Col.

Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

2/4/17.

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War Diary

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.
Part II.

By

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INFANT. BATT.

If uncut wire is encountered and no opening is seen, the following procedure will take place:-

- (a) Leading troops to at once take up a fire position and push wire cutters forward to cut the wire. As soon as a passage is made troops will at once press forward.
- (b) If wire cannot be cut owing to enemy's fire patrols must at once be pushed out to the flanks to ascertain where openings exist, and rear troops must at once take advantage of these to pass through and turn the enemy's flank.
- (c) If no openings exist, word must at once be passed back and openings made with the aid of Stokes guns.

If a portion of the line is held up troops on the flanks must not hesitate or be drawn into the fight on the "held up" portion. The great object is to push forward and consolidate on the prearranged objective. Isolated detachments which are held up must be left to be dealt with later on.

ARRIVAL AT
OBJECTIVE:

It must be impressed on all ranks that once a position has been reached it must be held at all costs.

COMMAND:

The senior officer, or N.C.O. or man (as circumstances arise) on the spot will take command of all troops in his vicinity, whatever regiment they may belong to. This rule is to be carried out down ^{to} the command of sections. In the event of a casualty the next senior must automatically take immediate command of the unit.

DISCIPLINE:

The word "RETIRE" will not be used, or acted upon, under any circumstances. All ranks must be impressed with the importance of this order as the enemy (or possibly someone who has lost his head) is known to have used this order as a device to make our troops withdraw.

In any case the order "Retire" is never to be obeyed. If for tactical reasons it is found necessary to effect a temporary withdrawal the order will invariably be in writing and signed by a known and responsible officer and will state definitely what troops are referred to and the exact position to which they are to withdraw.

SOUVENIRS:

All ranks are absolutely forbidden to collect any "souvenirs". Any officer, N.C.O. or man found in possession of souvenirs will be tried by Court Martial. Every ounce of energy will be required for the attack and for consolidation and no time can be wasted on souvenirs.

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WATER AND AMMUNITION:

As soon as consolidation is in hand a party must be told off to collect all water and ammunition from the dead and from casualties who are being taken to the rear.

SEVERING OUR OWN WIRE:

All the wire in front of our fire trench and support trench will be cut by this Battalion on X/Y night. This must be carefully carried out to ensure an easy passage on Z day and the importance of this cannot be over estimated.

IRON RATIONS:

If it is found necessary to use Iron Rations, Officers must ensure that only one ration for every three men is opened.

The number of iron rations used is to be reported at first opportunity to Battalion Headquarters.

Iron rations are to be consumed only upon a direct order from an officer.

PROTECTIVE BARRAGES:

It is to be noted that before lifting from the protective barrages, the barrage will move a little forward and then back again, but this must not be confused with the actual lift which will be at the times stated in the operation orders and Table of barrages.

LEWIS GUN MAGAZINES:

Lewis Gunners will take into the trenches with them thirty loaded magazines per gun.

RATIONS AND WATER:

Rations for Y and Z days are being drawn by units on X days and men will thus have rations for Z day when in the line on Y night.

Rations for Z plus one day will be issued on Z night.

Platoons will send carrying parties to Brigade Dump (No. D.1.) on Z night for rations and water. The officer or N.C.O. i/c is to be provided with a note showing the approximate strength for which rations are required.

Man loads are as follows:-

Water One man - one petrol tin - 8 rations.

Rations One man - two sandbags - twenty rations (less biscuits).

Biscuits one man - one tin = 20 rations.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Captured Guns and Machine Guns must be collected or damaged. Men are not to fall out to assist to take back wounded.

No wounded man is to throw away his arms or equipment.

Tools and ammunition etc. must be collected from wounded men as the advance progresses.

Rifle oil and cleaning gear must be carried by each man.

All orders regarding the operations are to be

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clearly explained by officers to all ranks under them, due regard being paid to those points where secrecy is of first importance.

On the boldness and "dash" of the advance success is in a great measure dependant and every opportunity must be taken of pressing home the slightest advantage which may be gained.

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Lieut. Col.

Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

SECRETOPERATION ORDER No. 1
(Part 2)GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.MARKING OF DUMPS.

In addition to the location of dumps; boards will be affixed to each dump showing the nature of the stores held.

STERILIZING TABLETS.

An issue of sterilizing tablets will be made at the rate of one bottle of 50 tablets per platoon. These tablets must be used should it be found necessary for men to drink any untested water. All ranks are warned that it is extremely unsafe to drink any untested water, as the enemy has deliberately poisoned wells during the recent retreat.

REPORTING CASUALTIES.

Casualties will be reported to Battalion Headquarters at times to be notified later. Names of all officer casualties must be stated. Messages will read Total casualties.....O.R. Killed.....Officer wounded (Name).....O.R. wounded. If the numbers are not exact the message will read "Estimated casualties" etc.

Each message will give the total casualties from the previous midnight, and will not use the phrase "additional casualties". Thus a message at 10 p.m. would include the whole of the casualties from 12 midnight notwithstanding the fact that there had been several casualty messages sent during the previous 22 hours, (i.e. each casualty message automatically cancels the one previously sent during the period midnight to midnight). The reporting of casualties is of urgent importance and these should be reported as often as possible.

COOKING ON Y. Z. NIGHT.

The cookhouse for this Battalion is in FALKLAND STREET (G.5.d.8.8.). Cooks must prepare tea for consumption just prior to Zero hour. They will then collect the dixies and return them to the cookhouse and label or clearly mark them with the name of the unit. The dixies will be collected by Salvage later. Cooks will withdraw to the cookers which will return to Transport lines. If possible Field Cooker dixies will be sent back to the cookers before Z day and ordinary Camp Kettles used if they can be obtained.

STRETCHER BEARERS.

The position of Stretcher bearers (including Reserve Stretcher Bearers) will be notified later.

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REAR LINE:

Officers, Runners and Signallers and other details (under S.S. 135) who are being left behind will be sent out on 4 day by Company in charge of an officer who is being being left behind. These will proceed to huts by 6 p.m. where they will report to Major Brown.

SPARE N.C.O.'s:

The following N.C.O.'s. will also report at the same time and place to Major Brown who will forward them under the charge of the senior N.C.O. to the Corps Depot, at 3AVY.

From "A" Company: One Sergeant.
One Corporal.
One Lance Corporal.

From "B" Company: One Company Sergeant Major.
One Sergeant.
One Corporal.
One Lance Corporal.
Sgt. Purves (Bombing).
Cpl. Waddell (L.G.).

From "C" Company: One Sergeant.
One Corporal.
One Lance Corporal.

From "D" Company: One Company Sergeant Major.
One Sergeant.
One Corporal.
One Lance Corporal.
Cpl. Dunlop. (L.G.).

From Battalion H.Q. Cpl. Hamilton. (Gas Cpl.)

PETROL TINS:

Every opportunity must be taken to send back empty petrol tins to the dumps as early as possible. As otherwise the supply of water may be seriously menaced.

A map showing the position of dumps has been issued to Companies and instructions regarding the Battalion Carrying Parties have been issued to the officers concerned.

Dumps will be established in the BLACK and MAUR lines as early as possible.

LIGHT SIGNALS:

It must be impressed on all ranks that no light signals must be put up except by the front line troops, i.e. those in the most advanced line only.

The various light signals will be notified later. It must be noted that great responsibility rests with those in charge of any form of light signal and extreme care must be taken that these signals are put up only when the situation demands it.

ISSUE OF SPECIAL STORES:

The special stores to be issued to the Battalion (under Brig. Table "C") will be drawn on 4 day by 5 p.m.

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from the Battalion Ammunition Store in SUNDAY AVENUE.

Each Company will send an officer and sufficient men to draw the stores for their Company at the following times:-

"A" Company.....9 a.m.
 "B" Company.....11 a.m.
 "C" Company.....1 p.m.
 "D" Company.....3 p.m.

Stores will be distributed to men as soon as drawn.

S. A. A. will not be issued at the Store. The extra rounds carried will be made up from those (70 rounds) which are being withdrawn from bombers and rifle grenadiers.

Each man, except bombers and rifle grenadiers will carry 170 rounds of S. A. A.

Lewis Gun Magazines will be filled before going into trenches.

Bombers and grenadiers will take empty buckets or carriers into the trenches.

Table "C" must be adhered to and stores carefully issued in accordance with it.

STRENGTH OF SECTIONS

Companies will report to Battalion Headquarters by 10 a.m. on W. day the strength of their sections.

INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE

A steady flow of good and accurate information is very essential for co-operation and success. Reports must be sent in frequently as to what is happening and, if possible, the position of affairs on the flanks.

All messages should be sent by more than one method if possible, i.e. visual and runner; though it must be remembered that runners are very valuable and their services must be husbanded. Negative reports may convey much useful information and should not be neglected.

Stephenson

Lieut. Col.

Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots

APPENDIX D.THE ATTACK.
1st PHASE
BLACK LINE.

The Left will direct.

The Battalion will assault the enemy trenches at Zero. At this hour the leading wave will leave out trenches and advance in line to close under the barrage.

The objective is the BLACK Line.

The rear waves will advance and retain their relative distances of 50 to 100 yards between waves and 15 yards between lines.

At Zero plus four minutes, at which time the barrage lifts to the second (support) trench, the leading waves will go forward in extended order. The first two platoons of "A" and "B" Companies will go right forward to close under our barrage on SPUR Trench. The first line of moppers up (i.e. those from "D" Company) will drop into the enemy front trench (TAB, SLOM, SLOP) and clear it.

"C" and "D" Companies, less moppers up, will advance in sections in artillery formation as long as the situation permits. When it becomes necessary, these Companies will extend into two lines - "C" Company in front and "D" Company in rear.

At Zero plus seven minutes the barrage will lift to SDUR trench where it will remain for three minutes. Immediately the barrage lifts from SPUR trench the waves will continue to advance and the second line of moppers up (i.e. from "D" Company) will drop into SPUR trench and clear it. From SDUR trench the barrage will move forward

as a creeping barrage, starting at Zero plus ten minutes, and moving at the rate of Fifty yards in two minutes. On reaching the BLACK line the barrage will rest until Zero plus Thirty five minutes, at which time it will begin to creep to Three hundred yards East of the Black Line, where it will remain stationary until Zero plus two hours six minutes.

As the assaulting waves move forward the third line of moppers up (i.e. from "C" Company) will deal with SDUR trench.

As "C" and "D" Companies (less moppers up) come forward they will drop into the trenches as follows:-

"C" Company..... SDUR TRENCH.

"D" Company..... SPUR, SDN TRENCHES.

In these trenches they will pick up the moppers up from their own platoons and will re-organize and consolidate.

During the time the barrage is resting on the BLACK line the second wave (i.e. Numbers 3, 4, 7 and 8 platoons) should be reducing the distance between themselves and the first wave according to the state of hostile artillery fire.

Immediately the barrage lifts from the BLACK line and begins to creep forward the first wave will move

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forward and attack the BLACK line.

This line is the objective in the first phase. The second wave should assault it immediately on the heels of the first wave. Consolidation and re-organization must commence at once and the line is to be held at all costs.

2nd PHASE.
BLUE LINE:

The Left will direct.

The objective is the BLUE line.

At Zero plus two hours the leading lines (i.e. those from the BLACK line) will form up under the barrage ready to advance.

At Zero plus two hours six minutes the barrage will commence to move by lifts of Fifty yards. For the first two hundred yards the rate of the lifts will be Fifty yards every one and a half minutes; and after Fifty yards every two minutes until it reaches the BLUE line.

The objective of the first wave of "A" and "B" Companies is the SUNK road running South from the BAILLEUL road. This wave will move immediately under the barrage to its objective.

The second wave of "A" and "B" Companies will move at the same time as the leading wave and will pass through the first wave at the SUNK road and take the trenches JOSS, JOY, JOG, in "WIRE VALLEY". (Should the wire in this valley be impassable it may be necessary to delay this operation until the Tanks have destroyed the wire or until the Battalion of the 102nd Infantry Brigade on the left have worked round the head of the Valley).

These two waves will consolidate their line at once and re-organize their platoons.

In the event of it being impossible to cross the valley and reach the trenches owing to wire, a message to this effect is to be sent at once to Battalion Headquarters. It is anticipated that, at least, lanes will have been cut in the wire, and, if it is at all possible to force a passage, this must be done.

"C" Company will move from SOUR trench as the leading waves advance and will close up on it as JOSS, JOY, JOG trenches are reached.

Similarly, "D" Company will move from SPUR trench in support of "C" Company. These two Companies will pass through "A" and "B" Companies in the sunk road and in JOSS, JOY and JOG trenches and will wait immediately under the barrage until it lifts from the BLUE line at Zero plus two hours Forty three minutes, at which time they will assault the Railway line.

The assault by "C" and "D" Companies should be as nearly as possible a combined and simultaneous one. The intensity of the artillery barrage should prevent the BOIS de la MAISON BLANCHE being a serious obstacle, but "C" and "D" Companies must be prepared for wood fighting at this point if necessary.

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Immediately the Railway line is reached it will be consolidated and put into a state of defence, and re-organization of Companies will be undertaken, Lewis Guns will be pushed forward and every precaution taken against a counter attack.

After the barrage lifts off the BLUE line it will creep forward to a line Three hundred yards East of the BLUE line where it will remain as a stationary barrage until Zero plus six hours Forty six minutes.

Prior to the lift of the barrage "C" and "D" Battalions will come through our troops and will form up ready to advance on the BROWN and GREEN Line.

"A" Battalion remains in position and continues the work of consolidation.

LEWIS GUNS:

The Lewis Guns will be under the orders and direction of the Platoon Commanders. Carriers for extra ammunition will be found from the platoons and these will be detailed later. Gunners must be warned not to waste their fire, as occasions are likely to arise where their direct fire will be far more valuable than indirect fire.

Those Gunners who have been taught to fire while advancing may find suitable targets and they should be employed in this manner if opportunity offers.

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Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

Lieut. Col.

2/4/17.

*War Diary*FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS re APPENDIX D.

Owing to the fact that "C" Battalion will move at Zero immediately behind "A" and "B" Battalions this will mean that the trenches SPUR and SOUR will be occupied by "C" Battalion probably before our mappers up have completed their work. If this is so, our mappers up will be relieved at once by "C" Battalion and the mappers up will rejoin their respective Companies. Thus as "F" and "E" Companies move forward to attack the BLACK line, "C" and "D" Companies will move out of SPUR and SOUR trenches (with their mappers up if these have been relieved by "C" Battalion) as "C" Battalion comes into these trenches.

"C" and "D" Companies will move forward to just in rear of the BLACK line and will there re-organize ready for the further advance of the BLACK line.

Stephenson

Commanding 16th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots. Lieut. Col.

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Amendment to Operation Order No. 1 (Part 1) Para.
10. "Forming up" Add:-

Should the ^{old} trench in front of the present fire trench not have been cleared, the third line will assemble in the trench that has been cleared from FALKLAND STREET to NOVEMBER STREET.

The 101st M. G. C. less 2 sections will be in a position of readiness behind the embankment on H. 24. b & d.

⑤ The 101st T. M. B. will furnish 2 T. M.'s to accompany the rear wave of each Battery. O. C. 16th R. SCOTS will provide Carrying Party of 25 men for the Battery.

⑥ A VISUAL SIGNAL STA. will be opened at BDE. H.Q. and also a forward BDE REPORT CENTRE on the ~~RAILWAY~~ EMBANKMENT (H. 24. b & d) (both telephone and visual). Visual Signalling will be used from this STA. back to Bde H.Q. if the telephone fails. Runners will bring all messages to this report centre. 15th R. SCOTS will establish a VISUAL STA. as soon as possible after the capture of ROEUX. 11th R. SCOTS will establish a VISUAL STA. after the capture of the CHEMICAL WORKS.

10th L INCS. will establish a VISUAL STA: as soon as possible after they have passed the Buildings North of the village of ROEUX. After consolidation of the objective these Stations will be pushed forward as far as possible.

④ One Coy. 18th H. F. and 2 Sections R.E. will be sent forward after dark to help in the consolidation of the objective. They will bring forward both R.E and WIRING material. The wiring however must be done by the Infantry.

⑤ The village of ROEUX and all other buildings of the line of advance will be cleared of all troops as soon as possible.

⑥ Artillery Programme will be as in appendix "A"

- ⑩ Stores will be carried on the mules as far as possible in accordance with S.S. 135.
- ⑪ Instructions for the move to the assembly positions will be issued separately.
- ⑫ Battery H.Q. will move forward after the LINE East of the CHEMICAL WORKS, the Buildings S. and E. of the CEMETERY and the Village of ROEUX as far as the East grid line of I. 19. has been captured. Care must be taken that prominent buildings in the village of ROEUX, when selecting sites for Battery H.Q.
- ⑬ A contact aeroplane will call for flares at 6.15 A.M. when flares will be shown by FRONT LINE troops.

(14) LERO hour will be notified later.

(15) Bde H.Q. will remain in its present position. ~~at~~

Dictated to
Representatives
of Units at
~~XXXX~~ A.M.

Wombourth Lt.
Sgt PUMA.
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ROEUX through I. 14. C 5.0.
thence along track to bridge
over Railway on I. 14. a

③ 15th RR SCOTS 10th LYNCS 11th
SUFFS in that order from

Right to left will be the
assaulting Battalion

16th RR SCOTS will provide
THOPPERS UP. 20th N.F. will
be on Bde Reserve.

Frontages:-

15th RR SCOTS: From River bank
along a line in continuation
of our Front Line Trench to a
point 400⁺ North from
River Bank

10th LYNCS From this point to the
junc. of CEYLON TR. and
Front Line (^{inclusive} ~~exclusive~~).

11th SUFFS. From junction of
CEYLON TR. and Front Line
(^{inclusive} ~~exclusive~~) to Railway
Embankment SOUTH SIDE
inclusive

④ 15th RR SCOTS in their advance

will be responsible for the
 whole of the village of ROEUX
 and the River Bahl. 2 Coys.
 of 16th R. SCOTS will be
 attached for MOPPING UP.
 10th LINCES will be responsible
 for the houses etc North
 of the village up to the
 and for the CORONA TRENCH.
 CORONA TRENCH. 1 Coy. 16th R. SCOTS
 will be attached for M. U.
 11th SUFFS will be responsible for
 the CHEMICAL WORKS, the
 other Buildings East of the
 road the South Side of the
 Railway Embankment. ~~and~~
 the CORONA. TR. 1 Coy 16th R. SCOTS
 will be attached for M. U.
 On reaching the objective the
 LINE will be consolidated
 as quickly as possible by
 improving & joining up shell
 holes. the NEWBURY
 20th N. F. will be in a position
 of readiness behind the embank-
 ment at present occupied
 by Battⁿ H.R. in H. 2nd. b. v. d.

APPENDIX "A"

① LERO to zero + 6 Barrage.
200^x East of present front
Line.

Zero + 6 lift 100^x

" + 10 " 100^x

+ 18 - " -

+ 26 - " -

+ 32 - " -

and reaches
objective on extreme left of
Divisional front.

+ 34 lift 100^x

+ 42 - " -

+ 44 - " -

+ 52 - " -

+ 54 - " -

+ 62 - " -

and reaches
objective line on its extreme
Right.

+ 64 Barrage lifts 100^x
off objective

+ 72 lifts 100^x

+ 74 Barrage lifts 100^x

& reaches line of protective barrage

② From the above it will be
 seen that the first lift is
 100^x in 4 min: the 2nd
 lift is 100^x in 8 min: the
 3rd & 4th lifts are each
 100^x in 4 min: the 5th
 and following lifts are at
 the rate of 100^x every 5
 min.

101st Bde O.O. No 108.

B.I. B.G. R.G. GORE.

29/4/14

Ref maps:- $\frac{1}{10000}$ OPPY &

FAMPOUX and $\frac{1}{20000}$ Spec.

Situation map. (Trenches to 15th)

① 34th Divⁿ will take part in an attack on 28/4/14 with 3rd Divⁿ on left & 12th Divⁿ on our right, against a line NORTH of the SCARPE through I 8 a. & c. I 14 a & c. I 20 a. I 20 central head to River Banks as the objective. TV

② The objective allotted to 101st Bde is as follows:-
Thence from River Scarpe through I 20 central East of

REPORT ON OPERATIONS

carried out by 16th (S) Bn. The Royal Scots on 23th April, 1917.

Reference:

Sketch Trench Map, FAMPOUX
51B N.W. 4 1/10,000.

The 16th Royal Scots were detailed to act as "moppers up" to the remaining three battalions of the Brigade, on a frontage extending from the RIVER SCARPE on the right at about H. 24.d.9.1 to the RAILWAY LINE on the left at about I. 13.c.5.5.

The disposition of the companies were

"A" and "B" Coy on right behind 15th Royal Scots.

"D" Coy in centre behind 10th Lincolns.

"C" Coy on left behind 11th Suffolks.

The Battalion left the railway cutting at about midnight 27/28th April, and marched by companies direct to its position behind the assaulting battalions. The Battalion was in position by 4 a.m. At Zero Hour, 4.25 a.m. on the 28th, the moppers up advanced in line of sections behind the first assaulting wave, at a distance of about 10 paces, immediately the barrage opened.

RIGHT COYS.

On the right, i.e., behind 15th R.S. The objective was ROUEX village. The leading waves of the 15th R.S. and all the "moppers up" of this battalion (with the exception of one platoon which was in rear of the rear wave of the 15th R.S. having a special objective on the extreme East of ROUEX) appear to have passed right through the wood without serious opposition, and before the enemy Machine Guns in the wood got into action. It would appear from reports that these assaulting waves entered ROUEX and commenced the capture and consolidation of the village. At 7.30 a.m. a wounded man reported at En.H.Q. that he, with the leading line of moppers up had been in ROUEX, and he considered that, at the time he was wounded, the battalion moppers up had reached a point at least half way down the main street and were not meeting with very serious opposition. The lines of the 15th R.S. ahead of the moppers up were stated by this man to have got to the eastern end of the village where they were in trenches and dugouts, being forced to remain there owing to enemy shelling on the portion which they were occupying. This same man, who was returning with three other wounded men, also reported that the wood was strongly held by enemy machine guns, and his three companions were killed by machine gun fire while coming through the wood.

By the time the rear wave of the 15th R.S. and the one platoon of this battalion got to the western edge of the wood, enemy machine guns had opened fire and these troops were compelled, both by casualties and by the impossibility of advancing through the M.G. barrage,

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to lie in shell holes and attempt to dig in. Capt. Warr was the senior officer of this small party, and he attempted consolidation, and sent a report to Bn. H.Q. that the position was quite untenable, and that further advance without artillery or smoke barrage was quite impossible. The point reached by Capt. Warr's party was the tongue of wood roughly in line with the western face of the main wood. After consulting with Bde H.Q. I instructed Capt. Warr to withdraw his party at 9.30 a.m. to the trenches originally held by us. Owing to the uncertainty of the exact position occupied by these troops which had entered the wood, it was impossible for some little time to ask for artillery or Stokes Mortar fire to be directed against the wood. Scouts were sent out and eventually discovered that the enemy was digging a position about 200 yards east of the western face of the wood. Stokes Mortars were got into action against this point with satisfactory results. The M.G. emplacements could not be located with any certainty and fire could therefore not be directed on these points.

Centre Coy.

The centre company of moppers up ("D" Coy) were to operate on the buildings etc in the vicinity of the Cemetery (and on completion of this were to enter ROUEX). These buildings were reached by small parties of the moppers up, the balance of the company having been killed or wounded by M.G. fire from the cemetery buildings and from the eastern edge of the wood, and also, possibly, from the village of ROUEX.

At 5.15 a.m. a message was received from 2nd Lt. Ritchie stating that the troops on his flanks and in front of him had retired, and that he had no men to help him, and he was, therefore, compelled to withdraw. This officer had reached the building about 1.19.45.10, but had only three men left with him, the rest of his party having been killed or wounded. A certain amount of bombing had been done in and around the cemetery by the moppers up, but the enemy machine guns were so sited that it was impossible to continue the work of mopping up owing to heavy casualties.

Left Coy.

The company mopping up on the left had for its objective the buildings along and around the road running South from the railway, including the Chemical Works. This company reached the road at several points. The Chateau and grounds were strongly held by the enemy, and numerous isolated bombing fights took place there. The small buildings North of the Chateau were also held, and the enemy put up a strong resistance from these. The buildings were held by enemy machine guns, and our parties of moppers up were under direct observation and fire during the time they were at work. The majority of the assaulting battalion of this flank appear to have withdrawn or become casualties, and therefore, at about 5.15 a.m. my troops

or passed beyond the moppers up

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isolated

being entirely ~~unassisted~~ and having suffered heavy casualties, were compelled to fall back on our original trenches. Owing to the assaulting battalions being insufficiently strong to both continue their own work (owing to casualties etc.,) and also to help the moppers up in holding what had been gained, I consider it was impossible for my troops to have consolidated what they held as the mopping up sections had necessarily become scattered, and were not strong.

Artillery.

Our artillery barrage opened very raggedly, and entirely missed the houses South of the railway line. The result of this was that on the left, enemy machine guns were largely unmolested by the barrage, and were able to get into action almost immediately our assault commenced.

The barrage over the wood was absolutely inadequate from the point of view of keeping down enemy machine guns. The wood was thick, and the timber practically untouched, and an 18 pounder shrapnel barrage for such physical features was comparatively, if not indeed entirely, harmless to the enemy.

During the morning of the 23th I reorganized the remnants of my battalion as far as possible and placed one party of about 24 men and ^{two} ~~one~~ officer on the left of Mt. PLEASANT WOOD and one party of 1 officer and about 40 O.R. in support on the right of the line.

During the night, a few more men who had been cut off crawled in from shell holes from the vicinity of the Cemetery and East of the CHATEAU. One severely wounded man also came in from a house which I believe to be in ROUX at about 1. D. b. S. 1. This man, however, could give me no information (owing to his physical condition) as to the situation in the village.

At about sunset, the Germans sent strong parties through the wood mopping up. One of my sergeants was approached by the enemy mopping up party, and he, with a Lance Corporal, made a bolt for our lines which they reached. They stated that it was quite improbable that any of our men were left alive in the wood. Some were taken prisoners.

The Battalion went into action with a strength of 18 officers and 416 O.R. The casualties were 10 officers and about 211 O.R.

Officers Casualties.

Missing (seen dead) 2nd Lieut. A. Brown.

Wounded - Capt. A. R. Sturrock.

Lieut. S. M. Bryce.

2nd Lieut. A. M. Gordon.

Missing - Capt. M. B. Lyon.

2nd Lt. G. H. Dalgety.

2nd Lt. F. M. Duff.

-do- W. D. Howatt.

-do- W. S. McKenzie.

-do- G. H. Henderson.

Stephenson
Lt. Col.

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BILLETTS.	1 st	10 a.m.	The Batta. was conveyed by busses from ARRAS to SUS ST LEGER, which is about 15 miles S.W. of ARRAS.	
"	2 nd		LT R. HUSBAND left the Batta. to be transferred to the Indian Army. The day was spent in clearing equipment, in making out lists of deficiencies. At this time, 6 th Companies were as follows:- 'A' Co. - LT J. C. BOGIE. 'C' Co. 2/LT A. RITCHIE 'B' Co. - CAPT. A. E. WARR 'D' Co. CAPT. R. F. MARTIN. STRENGTH of the Batta. 6 th 16 B.Rs. 513. LT J. MILLER returned from XVII Corps Wireless Signals.	
"	3 rd		The clearing of equipment etc. was continued. Numbers 1 & 2 Platoons of 'A' Co. were transferred to 'B' Co., numbers 3 & 4 Platoons to 'D' Co. The Battalion, therefore, consisted of three companies only. LT J. C. BOGIE assumed command of 'C' Co. A Lewis Gun Class was held in the morning & afternoon, when untrained men received instruction with a view to replacing casualties. A draft of 1 Officer (2/LT G. J. HAMILTON) & 4 th B.Rs. joined the Battalion. The following N.C.O's were awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for gallantry in action on April 9 th :- No. 19634 2nd Lt. J. SCOTT. " 43740 " G. FREELAND.	
"	4 th	9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Companies on company training during the morning (close order drill, physical & bayonet training). The C.O. inspected Coys individually during these exercises. The training of Lewis gunners was continued. Batta. & Coy signallers received instruction under the Signalling Officer. Inspection by Divisional Gas Officer of Box Respirators, P.H. Helmets & Shovels & goggles of the whole Batta.	

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BILLETS.	5 th	9.30am to 12 Noon 2p.m. to 4.30pm	Company + Platoon training under company commanders. The Commanding Officer inspected C + D Companies. Training of Lewis gunners took and signallers continued. Short route march under company arrangements. A parade of all Sergeants + Corporals was held for physical + bayonet instruction under special instructor sent by Brigade. Specialist parades as for the morning.	
"	6 th	8.30am	Battn. marched to billets at NEUVILLETTE, a village about 6 miles W. of SUS ST LÉGER. A voluntary church parade was held in the evening.	
"	7 th	4.45am	Battn. paraded + marched to billets at BERNEUIL, a village about 12 miles SW. of NEUVILLETTE. Dinners were served on the march.	
"	8 th	9.30am to 12 Noon 2p.m. to 4p.m.	Training of Bombers, Lewis gunners + Signallers. Training of specialists continued. Companies on company + platoon training.	
"	9 th	9.30am to 12 Noon 2p.m. to 4p.m.	Training of Bombers + Signallers continued. Companies on company + platoon training. as for the morning	
"	10 th	6.30am 9a.m. to 10am	A party of 1 Officer (2Lt A. RITCHIE) + 200. RE left for a period of 14 days rest at EQUIN near BOLOGNE. Inspection of arms by the Divisional Armourers.	

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BILLETS	10 th Contd.	10 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company + platoon training. Bombers, Lewis Gunners + Signallers continued training. As for the morning. A draft of 3 Officers (CAPT ^y J.M. DAVIE, LT E.M. MURRAY, 2/LT P.F. CAVANAGH) + 14 C.Rs. joined the Bn. CAPT DAVIE assumed command of 'C' Coy; LT MURRAY + 2/LT CAVANAGH were posted to 'B' Co. LT H.W. RAWSON rejoined from the Base + was posted to 'D' Co.	
"	11 th	9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company + platoon training in accordance with training Programme. 'D' Company were on the range the whole day. The training of bombers + signallers was continued. LT J. STIRLING + 9 signallers proceeded on a signalling course near BERNAVILLE. LT J.W. MOIR rejoined the Bn. + was posted to 'D' Company. Owing to being physically incapacitated he was given the duties of orderly officer. N ^o 43139 Welf D. HILL was awarded the MILITARY MEDAL.	
"	12 th	9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon	Company + platoon training. 'B' Company were on the range, also Lewis Gunners. Training of 48 men in bombing was completed. Signallers training continued.	
"	13 th	10.30 a.m.	Church parade for Presbyterians. An inter-company football league was commenced in the evening.	
"	14 th	9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company + platoon training. 'B' Company on the rifle range in the morning. 'C' in the afternoon. Training of new Lewis Gun teams was completed. The whole of the Bn. Bombers underwent a short revisionary course. CAPT. A.E. WARR proceeded on leave to PARIS.	

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BILLETS	15 th	9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 9.30 p.m.	Company + Platoon training. 'B' Company were on the range in the morning. A new Lewis gun class assembled for training. Battalion paraded for Platoon drill under the C.O. LT E. M. MURRAY took up the duties of Transport Officer. Battalion paraded for night operations, (night marching + marching on a compass bearing)	
"	16 th	9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company + Platoon training. 'D' ^{C.O.} used the range for field firing in the morning. 'B' Company used the range in the afternoon. Lewis gunners continued training. The following officers were awarded the MILITARY CROSS:- CAPT. A. C. COWAN. 2/LT W. S. GAVIN. The following officers were promoted:- Temp. CAPT. A. E. WARR to Temp. Major. " LT W. O. MCCARTHY Captain. " 2/LT J. F. MACKINTOSH Lieutenant.	
"	17 th	9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company + Platoon training. 'C' Co. on the range the whole day. Lewis gunners continued training as for the morning	

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BILLETS	18 th	9.30am to 12 Noon 2pm to 4.15pm 9.30pm	Company + platoon training. Lewis gunners continued training. B. Company on the range for field firing in the morning only. Battn. paraded for night operations, shilllocking + digging trenches.	
"	19 th	9.30am to 12 Noon	Company + platoon training. Lewis gun training continued. In the afternoon Battalion sports were held. 2/Lt R.B. EVANS proceeded on leave to PARIS.	
"	20 th	11.30am	Church Parade, for Presbyterians. Lewis gun class fired in the morning. In the afternoon a football match v 15 th ROYAL SCOTS. + a cricket match v. 10 th LINCOLNS were played.	
"	21 st	9.30am to 12 Noon 1pm	Company + platoon training. Battn. paraded + carried out practice in attack formations + advancing under a barrage.	
"	22 nd	8am 2.30pm 9.15pm	2/Lt R.B. EVANS promoted to Lieut. CAPT. W.B. MCCARTHY proceeded on leave to U.K. Battn. paraded to practice attack formations + advancing under a barrage. Lecture by Battalion Officer, 3 rd time on food economy. Battn. paraded for night operations, marching on a compass bearing + laying out trenches. The following officers joined + were posted to Companies as follows:- 2/Lt G.F. FORSYTH + J.C. BAIRD to 'B' Coy; 2/Lt N.B. HONEYMAN + J.D. BARRON to 'C' Coy. 2/Lt W.M. MASTERMAN to 'D' Coy.	

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BILLETS	23 rd	9.30am to 12 noon 1p.m.	Handport was inspected by the Divisional Commander. Company & Platoon training. B' Co on the range. Platoon parade, to practice marching through a wood on a compass bearing, also wood fighting. L. J. STIRLING proceeded on leave to PARIS.	
"	24 th	8.40am	Platoon paraded & marched to an appointed place where it was inspected by the Divisional Commander. Arms & tactical drill & a tactical scheme were carried out in the presence of the General. The afternoon was devoted to interior economy.	
"	25 th	8am to 1p.m.	Battalion paraded & marched to an appointed wood, where wood fighting practice was carried out. The afternoon was devoted to interior economy.	
"		9.30pm	Platoon parade for night operations. Marching on a compass bearing, in line of platoons, extending & withdrawing benches was practised. The following were mentioned in Field Marshal Sir DOUGLAS HAIG's despatch of 9 th April:- Capt & Adj. W. O. MCCARTHY. Private P. MCCOY No 43745.	
"	26 th	9.30am to 12 noon 2pm to 4.30p.m.	Company & Platoon training. D' Company on the range. Platoon paraded & marched to the training area, where Battalion drill was carried out. L. R. B. EVANS assumed command of B' Company.	

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BILLETS	27 th	11-30am	Church Parade in a field near Batten, H. G. The following officers were struck off strength, on being evacuated to U.K. Lieut. R.C. LODGE + 2/Lt J.H. WILLIAMSON.	
"	28 th	8-30am	Batten paraded & proceeded to a point 1 mile N. of BERNEUIL, where the Batten disembarked. The buses then proceeded to "Y" HUTMENTS, ETRUN, arriving there at 3pm.	
"	29 th	5-45pm	Batten paraded & marched to ST NICHOLAS. The billets were tents. CAPT. R.F. MARTIN departed to U.K. to await his orders to proceed to India, for transfer to the Indian Army. W. H. V. RAWSON assumed command of D' Coy.	
TRENCHES	30 th	9am	16 th Coy per company & I.N.C.O. per platoon proceeded to the trenches to be taken over from the 11 th LINCOLNS. 51 st BRIGADE.	
		1-15pm	Batten paraded & proceeded to the trenches. The route was along the ST NICHOLAS - ST LAURENT BLANCY - GAYRELLE ROAD & by a war-countryside track. The sector taken over was about 1000 yards South of GAYRELLE. The 103 rd BRIGADE was on our left, the 11 th SUFFOLKS on our right. B' Company were on the right. C' Company on the left, D' Company in support.	
"	31 st		There was considerable shelling of our positions during the day. The trenches, particularly the C.T.s. were very wet, as a result of the preceding day's rain. There were 3 men wounded during the day. At night each front line company sent out 3 patrols to obtain information regarding the dispositions. Patrols found the line held strongly.	

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JUNE, 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	1917 JUNE			
	1 st		There was the usual brisk shelling during the day. The usual patrols were sent out at night. No casualties.	* Sheet S.I. N.E. I. y. 6 mm
"	2 nd		The usual shelling during the day. At night considerable work was done deepening & widening the trenches in front. The usual patrols were sent out. 2 nd LIEUT. HODGSON left to become an instructor with Div. Det. Battn.	
"	3 rd		The usual shelling during the day. The work of deepening & widening the front line was continued. Patrols were sent out at night, & reported the enemy front line held. There were two practice barrages during the day. Casualties: Killed 1 O.R. Wounded 1 O.R.	
"	4 th		Enemy artillery active. Our support trenches shelled during the afternoon.	
"	5 th		Quiet day. Casualties 1 O.R.	
"	6 th		Nothing unusual to record.	
"	7 th		Our artillery shelled enemy lines very severely in the forenoon and the enemy retaliated on front & support lines. Considerable aerial activity on both sides. 12 O.R. rejoined the Battalions from Hospital etc.	
"	8 th		Severe enemy shelling throughout the day. 5 O.R. killed 19 O.R. wounded.	
"	9 th		2 nd Lieuts R. W. F. JOHNSTON, P. HARROWER, R. ANDERSON, D. H. BROWN, A. J. SHEPHERD, J. MCKENZIE joined the Battn. LIEUT. H. RAWSON Wounded (at 10.45) 2 nd Lieut. W. M. MASTERTON and 2 O.R. wounded. 2 nd Lieut. G. J. HAMILTON - Killed. 2 nd Lieut. R. ANDERSON - Wounded (Shell Shock)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches	10 th		Lieut W.M. MASTERTON Died of Wounds. 5. O.R. Killed 8. O.R. W ^d	Sheet 51 ^B N.E.
"	11 th		Quiet day 3 O.R. Wounded.	I & t.
"	12 th		Nothing unusual to record.	
"	13 th		Enemy artillery very active 2 O.R. Killed. 5. O.R. Wounded.	
"	14 th		Enemy and our own artillery active. 1 O.R. Wounded. 15. O.R. reinforced the Batt ⁿ . Batt ⁿ moved back into support line trench.	
"	15 th		Quiet day. 1 O.R. Wounded.	
"	16 th		Usual trench routine. Lt. Col. A. STEPHENSON. M.C. proceeded on leave to U.K.	
"	17 th		6 O.R. Wounded. 1 O.R. killed	
"	18 th		Batt ⁿ relieved by 24 th NORTH ^L FUS. and proceeded to ST. NICHOLAS CAMP* near ARRAS on night 18 th /19 th .	X Sheet 51 ^B N.W.
Billets	19 th		Batt ⁿ moved by Bus to HOUVIN HOUVIGNEVILLE. marched to MAGNICOURT sur CANCHE. Lieut. D.M. SUTHERLAND rejoined	G. 14. a
"	20 th		All ranks resting and "Cleaning up"	
"	21 st		- ditto - Lt. J. R. TOPP joined.	
"	22 nd		Preliminary Training commenced.	
"	23 rd		Battalion Training & the usual Billet routine.	
"	24 th		- do -	
"	25 th		- do - Lieuts. H. S. SCOTT, G. A. D. SIMPSON	
"	26 th		T.C. LAIDLAW, T. SPRANG reported for duty. Training. Inspection of Transport by C.O.	

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Billels	24 th		Batt ⁿ Trng. continues. Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON M.C. rejoins from leave.	
"	25 th		Training as usual. Lt. T. STRANG appointed L.G.O.	
"	29 th		Battalion continues Training	
"	30 th		- ditto -	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BILLETS	5 th	2.45 a.m.	Battalion reached LIGNY ST. FLOCHÉL Station. Tea was served to the men after which entrainment took place. The train left at 4.25 a.m.	
		12.25 p.m.	Battalion detained at PERONNE, and proceeded to a point just outside PERONNE where tea was served.	
		3 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.	Battalion marched away & reached a valley just south of POEVILLY, where tents were erected.	Sheet 62 S.E. Q. 34. b.
"	6 th		Companies engaged upon improving the general appearance of the camp. Kit inspections were also held.	
"	17 th		Two officers from H.Q. & from each company visited the sector to be taken over from the 11 th DIV. 1/4 th DRAGOON GUARDS + POONA HORSE (3 rd Cavalry Division).	
"	8 th		Two officers from each company were sent forward to the sector to be taken over to patrol at night the ground in front of the forward POSTS' LINE.	
TRENCHES.	9 th	8.30 p.m.	Battalion commenced to leave the camp, & move forward to the trenches. The dispositions of companies on taking over were as follows: B th Coy - right front company, relieved 1/4 th DRAGOON GUARDS C th Coy - left " " " POONA HORSE D th Coy - support company relieved 1/4 th D.G.'s + POONA HORSE in BROWN LINE. The Battalion was on the extreme right of the 34 th DIV th front, & held a frontage of about 1800 yards from the RIVER OMIGNON, just E. of PONTREU northwards. The 62 nd REGIMENT d'INFANTERIE were on the right, & 11 th SUFFOLKS on the left.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	9 th Contd		<p>The front system consisted of a line of Posts, not connected up, with counter attack Posts in rear. Wire was continuous along the whole front. From 800-1,000 yards in rear of this was a continuous line of trenches (BROWN LINE), well wired, which was occupied by D. Coy formed the main line of resistance. The enemy positions were between 900-1200 yards away from our POSTS' LINE.</p> <p>Patrols were out throughout the night. There were no casualties.</p> <p>Strength of Battalion: Officers 20, O.Rs 526.</p>	
"	10 th		<p>There was little shelling of our positions during the day + night. At night patrols of 16ff. + 25 O.Rs were sent out by B + D Companies, the latter patrol operating in SOMERVILLE WOOD. These patrols remained out throughout the night, but did not encounter any enemy patrols. There were no casualties during the day.</p> <p>A draft of 2 Officers (2 Lts J.A. GRAY + J.F. PORTER) + 137 O.Rs joined the Battalion in the trenches at night, + were put in the BROWN LINE under the command of B.C. "D" Co.</p>	
"	11 th		<p>There was little shelling of our positions during the day + night. The usual patrols were out during the night.</p> <p>There were no casualties.</p>	
"	12 th		<p>Nothing of importance happened during the day, the enemy remaining very quiet. The usual patrols at night reported nothing unusual.</p> <p>There were no casualties.</p>	
"	13 th		<p>The day was as usual quiet. The usual patrols were out at night, but did not encounter any enemy patrols. The enemy carried out a raid on the front of the Brigade on our left during the night.</p> <p>There were no casualties.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	14 th		There was little artillery activity during the day & night. The usual patrols were out during the night. The SOMERVILLE WOOD patrol was challenged in trench by what it believed to be an enemy patrol, but owing to the darkness of the night it was not possible to pursue this patrol, which retired immediately after challenging. No casualties during the period.	
"	15 th		The usual quietness prevailed throughout the day & night. Patrols at night reported nothing unusual. The patrol from B Coy examined the wire round the enemy positions at ELEVEN TREES. Our artillery fired at intervals during the early part of the night to hamper a suspected enemy relief. No casualties.	
"	16 th		The enemy was very quiet during the day. Information was received from an enemy deserter, that preparations were being made by the enemy to raid SOMERVILLE WOOD and DRAGON POST (the left Post of the Battalion), in the near future. In consequence D Coy were moved forward to reinforce the posts & a company of 10 th LINCOLNS were moved into the BROWN LINE vacated by D Company. An outflanking party was also pushed forward into No-man's Land from the right front Company. The SOMERVILLE WOOD patrol went out as usual, & within a short time of going out were attacked by an enemy patrol. Our patrol was compelled to retire temporarily, but a bombing party was organised & the Wood cleared. This was the only event of note throughout the night. Casualties: Wounded 2 O.R.s, Missing 1 O.R. (all sustained on the patrol).	
"	17 th		There was little enemy shelling during the day, the only part of our sector receiving attention being the BROWN LINE. At dusk	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	17 th		a patrol went out to search for the man missing from the patrol of 16 th inst., encountered an enemy patrol with whom they had a bombing duel. The SOMERVILLE WOOD patrol, comprising 50% of the relieving unit, remained out the whole night & met an enemy patrol whom they drove off. The 26 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS came in at night & relieved the Battalion, who commenced to move back to HANCOURT.	
BILLETTS	18 th		There were no casualties. The whole Battalion reached HANCOURT at 6.30 a.m. The village of HANCOURT was completely in ruins, the billets, for the main part, consisted of huts & tents. The remainder of the day was spent in the cleaning of clothes, arms, & equipment. "A" company which had been non-existent since the attack at ROEUX on 28 th April, was re-formed under the command of CAPTAIN CRAWFORD, with CAPT. SUTHERLAND as 2nd. in command. The following promotions took place on 16 th inst.:- Lieut. LT D.M. SUTHERLAND to be. Lieut. Captain " 2/LT J. MACKENZIE " " " Lieutenant.	Sheet 62 nd S.S. Q. 8. C + D.
"	19 th	9 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company parades in accordance with the Training Programme issued on 18 th inst. His training consisted of close order & physical drill, lectures on discipline & musketry. Lewis Gunners paraded under the L.G.B. for gun-clearing & inspection of spare parts. Some bombing instruction was also carried out.	
"	20 th	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	all company officers, excluding B.C. Companies, paraded under MAJOR A.E. WARR for a lecture on mech. reading, & the writing of reports.	
"	26 th	9 a.m. to 12 Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company & platoon training in close order, physical drill, bayonet fighting. In the afternoon C & D Companies were on the rifle range while B Co carried out trenching practice.	

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BILLETS	20 th (cont'd)	4.15pm	All officers paraded at the rifle-range, & fired three practices - application at 200 and 300 yards, & rapid at 300 yards	
		9.30pm	A & B Companies paraded for night operations. This parade was held to practise the rapid erection of wire entanglements	
		11.30pm	Captain H.G. CRAWFORD was transferred to the 13 th ROYAL SCOTS & left the Battalion.	
"	21 st	9am	Company & platoon training in physical & close order drill, & bayonet fighting.	
		12noon	A & B Companies on the rifle range in the morning, some bombing instruction was also given to all companies, while Lewis gunners also continued training under the L. & B.	
		2pm	At night working parties of 100 & 50 B.Rs were supplied by C & D Companies for work in the BROWN LINE throughout the night.	
		4.5pm	Parade of all officers, 100 B.Rs per Company & 50 B.Rs from Headquarters at Manshart lines to witness the firing from the left Brigade front of S.O.S. & red rockets.	
"	22 nd	10.30am	The Battalion transport was inspected by the G.B.C. 34 th Division, who was thoroughly satisfied with its appearance.	
		"	Battalion parade at Manshart lines for Presbyterian Church service. Separate parades were held for men of other denominations.	
		11pm	"C" & "D" Companies were on the rifle range in the morning. A & B Companies working parties, each of 100 & 50 B.Rs. Paraded at H.B. & left for work during the night in the BROWN LINE.	
"	23 rd	9am	Company & platoon training in bayonet fighting, close order & physical drill. Lewis gun & bombing classes received instruction from specialist officers. In the afternoon A & B Companies used the rifle range.	
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		2pm		
		4pm		

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BILLETS	24 th	9 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 5.30 a.m. 8 p.m.	Inspection by G.O.C. Division, of digging trenches done by the Battalion in his presence. Lewis Gun class as usual. Company + platoon training, + special classes of instruction for Lewis gunners + bombers. The Lewis gunners used the range. Parade of all snipers on the rifle range for shooting practice.	
"	25 th	9 a.m. 12 noon 5 p.m.	Company + platoon training in bayonet fighting, close order + physical drill + musketry exercises. All snipers were on the range again in the morning. In the afternoon a party of 4 Officers + 100 G.Rs. paraded + marched to the Brigade Bombing School for a course of instruction there. The first company Lt HANCOCK + marched to HERVILLY, a ruined village about 5 miles N.E. of HANCOCK. Movement was by companies. The billets were tents. At HERVILLY the Battalion was in reserve to the 101 st BRIGADE, who had taken over from the 102 nd BRIGADE, the 1st Brigade sector.	Lat 62° N.E. K. 24. d.
(HERVILLY)	26 th		The morning was spent in re-arranging tents in order to take advantage of natural cover. A little training of snipers + Lewis gunners was carried out during the day.	
"	27 th	9 a.m. 12 noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.	Company + platoon training in bayonet fighting, physical drill, + box respirator exercises. Signallers received instruction under the Signalling Officer, + snipers received special instruction. In the morning a party of 5 Officers + 120 G.Rs. left for a musketry course at PONT REMY. The officers were Capt. DAVIE, 2/Lt HODGSON, GRAY, PORTER + BARRON. Lt STIRLING assumed command of "C" Company.	

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BILLETS (HERVILLY)	28 th	9a.m. - 12 noon 2p.m. - 4p.m.	Company + platoon training in close order + physical drill + bayonet fighting. Separate training parades were held for signallers, Lewis gunners + snipers. 1/L STIRLING + 2/L STANDRING proceeded on leave, + WITCHIE assumed command of 'C' Company. Captain R.B. EVANS returned from a course + took over command of 'B' Company.	
"	29 th		No parades were held owing to inclement weather. 2/L ARMSTRONG assumed command of 'C' Company, on his return from leave.	
"	30 th	9a.m. - 12 noon 2p.m. - 4p.m.	Company + platoon training in close order + physical drill + bayonet fighting. Signallers + snipers received separate instructions. Company commanders visited trenches to be taken over on night 2/3 rd August.	
"	31 st	9a.m. - 12 noon 2p.m. - 4p.m.	Company + platoon training close order, physical + gas drill, + bayonet fighting. Signallers + snipers received separate instruction. The party of 11 officers + 100 G.R.s. returned from the Brigade Grenade School having completed their training there.	

A. J. Gibson Lieutenant Colonel
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BILLETTS (CHERVILLY)	1st	9 a.m. 12 Noon	Companies + platoon training in close order + physical drill. Box respirator exercises were also carried out. Signallers, and snipers received separate instruction.	Sheet 62 ^c . N.E. K. 24. C. 20,000.
			The order to relieve the 15th ROYAL SCOTS in the right sub-sector of the left Brigade front on the night 23rd August was cancelled owing to a change in dispositions caused by 35th DIVISION (centre division of the Corps) being withdrawn from the line, and the 34th DIVISION having to take over the frontage held by its right Brigade. Instead the Battalion was ordered to relieve the 11th SUFFOLKS in the BROWN LINE during the night 1st/2nd August.	
		2 p.m. 5.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.	The B.C. visited H.Q. 11th SUFFOLKS in PRUELLES WOOD to arrange details of relief. Battalion moved away by companies to positions in BROWN LINE. Order of taking over from right to left 'A' 'C' + 'D' (commanded by Captain RAWSON), 'B' companies H.Q. in PRUELLES WOOD.	L.H. 6.
TRENCHES	2nd		Rain fell incessantly during the day, + the trenches became in a very wet condition. Nothing of note took place during the day on the Battalion frontage. G.S.C. companies visited trenches to be taken over by taken from 15th ROYAL SCOTS on night 3rd/4th August.	
"	3rd		G.S.C. companies visited again in the morning the respective sectors which they were taking over at night.	
		9 p.m.	Companies moved away from the BROWN LINE to take over the POSTS from 15th ROYAL SCOTS. Companies took over as follows:- 'B' company left, 'C' + 'D' companies centre + 'A' company right. The front taken over by the Battalion consisted of a line of Posts running from the BUISSON-GAUCHEINE Ridge, just N.E. of GRAND PRIEL FARM (L. 20. 6), northwards just East of VILLERET to the QUARRY, E. of HARGICOURT in L. 5. d. The length of front held was approximately 3,200 yards. Our POSTS lay mainly in a valley commanded to the East by a ridge on the crest of which the front enemy positions were situated. These positions were separated from our	

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TRENCHES	3rd (Contd)		<p>own at distances, varying from 1,000 yards in the South to 400 yards in the North. The battalion was holding 18 Posts, protected along the whole front by a continuous belt of wire. The 15th ROYAL SCOTS were in support, and occupied the BROWN LINE, the main line of defence. The 11th SUFFOLKS were on our left, the 23rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS on our right. The night was quiet, there were no casualties.</p> <p>Strength of battalion:- Officers 20, O.Rs. 425. (In trenches).</p> <p>The artillery on both sides was inactive during the day. The day was dull with intermittent rainfall. Throughout the night the enemy trench-mortars & artillery were very active, particularly on the front of the left company, which sustained 3 casualties. The whole front was also swept at intervals by machine-gun fire.</p> <p>5 reconnoitring patrols were sent out from various points along our front, but they reported nothing unusual. Encountered no enemy patrols.</p> <p>Casualties:- Killed O.Rs. 2, Wounded O.R. 1. 2nd LT CAVANAGH was evacuated to hospital with a strained ankle.</p> <p>The day was again quiet, but the enemy became more active during the hours of darkness, shelling our Posts and sweeping our front with machine gun fire. The weather improved and it was possible to do work to remove water from our trenches. Patrols were out from all companies during the night, but reported nothing unusual.</p> <p>Casualties:- Wounded O.Rs. 1. (B Company, Strahnel)</p>	
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TRENCHES	6 th		<p>Apart from intermittent shelling of our right and centre companies between 5p.m. & 11p.m., artillery fire was normal during the day. The day was clear, and the heat of the sun did much to improve the condition of the Posts. Hostile machine guns were active against the whole of our front at night, and patrols were sent out in front of our left and right companies. In connection with the proposed attack by the 101st BRIGADE on the enemy positions East of VILLERET and HARGICOURT, the 15th ROYAL SCOTS sent out two patrols to reconnoitre the ground in front of our left company. Other patrols in front of this company sector were supplied by the centre company.</p> <p>Casualties: Nil.</p>	
"	7 th		<p>Hostile artillery was active against our left and centre companies throughout the morning, but the remainder of the day was quiet. The day was dull and misty, following a heavy night's rain. At night hostile artillery again became active in front^{in front}, particularly between 10p.m. and 11p.m. when for brief bursts his fire became intense. Trench mortars were also active against the front of our left company. We sustained no casualties as a result of this fire and little damage was caused. Our artillery shelled the enemy trenches, tracks and roads between 9.30p.m. and 11.30p.m. Patrols were out at night in front of our left company, & in one case entered without opposition COLOGNE FARM, which was believed to be held at night by the enemy. A large covering party from the left company occupied for three hours a trench abandoned by the enemy, to cover a working party digging a new trench in advance of our existing front posts. Casualties during the day: - Wounded (Shrapnel) G.Rs. 1.</p>	

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TRENCHES	8 th		The artillery fire, on both sides, decreased, and, expecting for a bombardment in the morning, by heavy and light trench mortars, of the enemy positions in front of our left company, the day was quiet. Fine weather up to 5 p.m., was followed by heavy rain, and our trenches once again became water-logged. Patrols from the left and right companies were out at night. The left company patrol obtained information of value regarding the dispositions of the enemy. The night was quiet. Captain D.M. SUTHERLAND left to proceed on leave. W.A. RITCHIE assumed command of B Coy. Casualties: Nil.	
"	9 th		Hostile artillery was in evidence only during the day against our centre company, whose posts he intermittently shelled. Representatives from the 9 th and 26 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (103 rd BRIGADE) visited our sector, to arrange details of relief to take place on night 11/12 th August. At night the usual patrols were sent out from the right and left, but reported nothing unusual. During the night our artillery bombarded with gas shells roads & suspected headquarters within the enemy lines. The enemy retaliated for about half an hour by shelling our posts. Otherwise the night was quiet & uneventful. Casualties: Nil. (2/I.J.R. TOPP was evacuated sick).	
"	10 th		The existing arrangements for relief were cancelled, and relief by the 15 th ROYAL SCOTS on night 10 th /11 th August substituted. The Battalion on relief to move into the BROWN LINE vacated by the 15 th ROYAL SCOTS. Hostile artillery was active in the morning against our left & centre companies, but otherwise the day was quiet. At night B, C & D Companies were relieved & moved into the BROWN LINE. A Company relief was hoisted, owing to the relieving company being engaged in work during the whole night. Casualties: Nil.	

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TRENCHES	10 th (Contd.)		L STIRLING & 2/LJ STANDRING returned from leave. L STIRLING assumed command of 'C' Company.	
"	11 th		Captain J. P. ELDER & Lieut. R. C. LODGE who reported for duty on the 9 th inst., were posted to 'A' & 'D' Companies respectively.	
"	12 th		The day was devoted to general cleaning up of stores, equipment and arms. A certain amount of work was done by companies on the respective sectors held by them. Three small working parties were supplied at night for unloading bombs, & work on trenches, which had been blown in. W. A. RITCHIE was appointed Transport Officer vice 2/Lt J. C. BOGIE, sick. Capt. J. P. ELDER assumed command of 'A' Company. 'A' Coy were relieved at night & returned to the BROWN LINE.	
"	13 th		basualties:- Nil. Work was done by all companies on their respective sectors. In the afternoon four officers from 'B' Company visited an observation post, for the purpose of becoming familiar with the ground over which the proposed attack by the 101st BRIGADE would take place. At night certain working parties for work on the advanced line were provided. basualties:- Nil. Work on the BROWN LINE was continued. In the afternoon nine officers from the Battalion visited the observation post, where certain points of interest in connection with the proposed attack were pointed out to them. In the afternoon 1 officer per company, and I.M.C.O. per platoon from the 22 nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS arrived to look over their respective sectors, & to take over stores.	

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BILLETS (HERVILLY)	13 th (Contd.)	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	The whole Battalion was relieved by the 22 nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS, and marched independently to billets at HERVILLY.	Sheet 62 ^E N.E. 1/20,000. K. 21 st C.
"	14 th		Parades under company arrangements for inspections of clothing, arms & anti-gas appliances. A working party for the Brigade Bomb School was supplied by C th Company. The B.C. attended a conference at Bde H.Q. in the morning.	
"	15 th	9 a.m.	Conference of company commanders at Bn H.Q. to discuss points in connection with the forthcoming attack. The remainder of the day was devoted to reformation of sections, & drilling of sections by their section commanders.	
"	16 th	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Physical training under company arrangements.	
"	16 th	10 a.m. to 12 noon	Company & platoon training. All companies in turn used the training area, and practised the attack over trenches which had been dug to represent the enemy positions to be attacked by this Brigade. In the afternoon, "A" & "B" carried out practice in sapped wiring.	
"	16 th	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Battalion parade for a lecture by Officer in Charge Physical Training & Bayonet fighting, 3rd. Army.	
"	16 th	6 p.m.	Conference of all officers at Bn H.Q. when the B.C. dealt with certain points in connection with the forthcoming attack, including the order in which companies were to advance.	
"	17 th	9 a.m. to 12 noon	Battalion parade on the training area, for attack practice over trenches. The A.C. 34 th Division & 101 st Brigade were present.	

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BILLET (HERVILLY)	14 th (contd)	2pm to 3.30pm 3.30pm to 4.15pm	Battalion parade on the training area for a continuation of the morning's training. Company & platoon training in close order drill.	
"	15 th	9am to 10am 10am to 12 noon 2pm to 3.30pm	Temp. Lieut. J. STIRLING was promoted to Temp. Captain. Physical & bayonet training. Company & platoon training in close order drill. Each company worked for an hour on the machine benches. Rifle grenades, Lewis Gunners & Signallers paraded under their respective specialist officers for training in the morning. Battalion parade on the training area for assault practice.	
"	16 th	10.45am	Captain R.P. ELDER was evacuated sick. Lieut. R.C. LODGE assumed command of A Company. Battalion parade for Presbyterian Church Service. Special services were held for men of other denominations. Lieut. T. IRVINE reported for duty and was posted to A Company.	
"	20 th	9am to 10am 10am	Physical training. Battalion Parade on the training area for assault practice.	

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BILLETS. (HERVILLY)	20 th (contd)	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	A draft of 62 C.R.s. joined the battalion & attended the morning parade. A & B companies on the rifle range. C & D companies carried out an inspection of anti-gas appliances, & spent the remainder of the time in company & platoon training.	
		9.30 a.m.	Battalion parade on the training area for assault practice.	
	21 st	9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Physical training. Battalion parade on the training area for assault practice. The G.B.C. 101 st BRIGADE was present. A contact aeroplane co-operated in these manoeuvres.	
		2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	C & D companies on the rifle range. A & B companies in company & platoon training.	
		6.30 p.m.	The C.B. attended a conference at Brigade H.Q.	
		9 p.m.	A conference of all officers was held at Battalion H.Q. to discuss preparations & method of execution of the attack to be made on the 25 th inst.	
	22 nd	9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Physical training. Battalion parade on the training area for assault practice. A & B companies on the rifle range. C & D companies in company & platoon training. All heavy gun teams, reserve stretcher-bearers, & the rifle grenadiers of A & C companies paraded for instruction under their respective specialist officers.	

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BILLETS (HERVILLY)	23 rd		In the morning, companies were at the disposal of G.S.C. companies who carried out inspections of kit & equipment. Special attention was paid to the fitting of the low equipment, so that all unnecessary noise in the forming-up for the attack would be avoided.	SHEET 625 N.E. 1/20,000
"	24 th	2 ^{pm}	Battalion parade on the training area for assault practice. The L.B.C. 3rd Bn, witnessed this rehearsal of the attack.	
"	24 th	8.30 ^{am} to 9.30 ^{am}	All special stores to be carried in the attack - tools, grenades, hand rifle, machine flares, sand-bags etc. - were issued in the morning to B & C companies, who were moving forward at night. The stores of A & D companies were moved to ROISEL (Sheet 625 N.E. 1/20,000. K.11.b.a.b.c.d). All packs were marked & moved to the sandbag lines.	
"	25 th	8.30 ^{am} to 9.30 ^{am}	The whole battalion moved away from HERVILLY; A & D companies marched to BILLETS at ROISEL; 'C' company moved into COTE 'hench' (BROWN LINE), running E. of COTE WOOD (L.10.c); 'B' company took over, from the 20 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS, the forming-up frontage of the Battalion in HEN 'hench' which runs W. of COLOGNE FARM in L.B.C. Battalion H.Q. moved into a dug-out at about L.11.b.3.9.	
"	25 th	8 ^{pm}	basualties - Nil. The enemy positions were vigorously bombarded by our artillery during the day. The enemy retaliated strongly at intervals. "A" & "D" companies left ROISEL & marched forward to their pumping-off positions drawing at TEMPLEUX (L.2.b.c.+d) all special stores to be carried in the attack. At dusk 'C' company left the BROWN LINE & moved forward to their pumping-off positions. Two platoons of 'B' company went into no-man's land well in advance	

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TRENCHES.	25 th		of the forming-up ground, to quietly dispose of any of the enemy who attempted to approach our lines. Casualties during the day Wounded (Shell) O.Rs. 3.	Special M.A. GILLEMONT FARM.
"	26 th	1.50am	All companies in their jumping-off positions. Brigade H.Q. advised. The forming-up frontage of the Battalion was about 350 yards. The positions of companies were as follows:- "A" + "D" companies astide COLOGNE FARM, on the road running N.Y.S. through COLOGNE FARM. "A" company were on the right, "D" company on the left. "C" company in rear of "A" + "D" companies in HEN TRENCH. 2 platoons of "B" company acted as a covering party, the remaining 2 platoons were in a dug-out in the QUARRY in L.B.C. Strength of the Battalion:- "A" Coy. Officers 4 (Lieut. LODGE, 2/LtS BAIRD, COUTTS, IRVINE), O.Rs. 134. "B" " " 4 (Capt. EVANS, 2/LtS STANDING, LAIDLAW, + SHEDDEN), O.Rs. 131. "C" " " 4 (Capt. DAVIE, 2/LtS BARRON, GRAY, MC HOU), O.Rs. 131. "D" " " 4 (Capt. RAWSON, 2/LtS HODGSON, SCOTT, HARROWER), O.Rs. 131. Battn H.Q. " 5 (W.Cd. STEPHENSON, Capt. + Adj. MCCARTHY, Capt. STIRLING (Signalling Off), Lieut. BAYLISS, Lieut. JONES (Medical Officer), O.Rs. 40. Total Officers 21, O.Rs. 561. The forming-up was accomplished without arousing the enemy suspicions. The night was quiet excepting for our machine-gun fire on the Germans in the wire, + for a brief of hostile artillery fire at 4 a.m. Touch was established with the 10th LINCOLNS on our left, and the 15th R. SCOTS on our right. 4.15am The covering party of "B" company withdrew to positions clear of the forming-up line.	10,000.

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TRENCHES.	26th (contd)	4.30am	Zero hour for the attack. The bombardment by guns and howitzers of all calibres opened. The 18 Pounder barrage opened on a line approximately 200 yards E. of COLOGNE FARM road; all other guns & howitzers concentrated upon points of importance in rear of the enemy front line. A heavy machine-gun barrage swept lines of approach to the enemy positions being attacked. The waves of infantry left their jumping off positions & closed up under the barrage.	Operation Orders appended.
		4.31am	Barrage marched POND trench lifted 50 yards & travelled by lifts of 50 yards per minute to POND trench, the first occupied enemy line.	
		4.31am	Barrage on POND trench. The infantry waves closed up on the wire in front of POND trench.	
		4.40am	The Barrage lifted from POND trench to a line 100 yards E. of it. The first assaulting wave (2 platoons of 'A' Co & 2 platoons of 'D' Company) rushed through the gaps in the wire & entered POND trench. The 2nd wave (remainder of 'A' & 'D' Coys) & the 3rd wave ('C' Company) crossed POND trench & closed up under the barrage.	
		4.41am	Barrage commenced to march forward by lifts of 50 yards per minute to the 2nd enemy trench, BAIT trench.	
		4.45am	Barrage reached BAIT trench.	
		4.47am	Barrage lifts to 200 yards E. of BAIT trench. The second wave assaulted BAIT trench & commenced to clear it of the enemy. The 3rd wave followed & entered BAIT trench.	
		4.50am	Barrage went forward by lifts of 50 yards per minute to its final barrage line 400 yards E. of BAIT trench.	
		5am	Light batteries ceased fire. Heavy batteries continued firing in accordance with counter-battery programme.	

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TRENCHES.	26 th (Contd)		<p>The positions carried by this assault comprised a system of trenches constructed on the COLOGNE RIDGE about 2,000 yards W. of the HINDENBURG line. This commanding position screened from observation the HINDENBURG line; and overlooked our positions lying in the VILLERET - HARGICOURT Valley. The attack on this system was made by the 101st INFANTRY BRIGADE, with its four battalions in line over a frontage of a mile. The order of attack from right to left was: - 15th R. SCOTS, 16th R. SCOTS, 10th LINCOLNS & 11th SUFFOLKS.</p> <p>The Battalion in its advance had to take two lines of enemy trenches, the first POND Trench, about 300/350 yards E. of our front line, & the second, BAIT Trench from 200-300 yards E. of POND Trench. Two communication trenches connected POND Trench with BAIT Trench. POND Trench was protected by four, & in parts six, belts of wire, and our artillery had cut four good lanes through this before the assault. BAIT Trench was wired to the S., but not to the N..</p> <p>The whole of the objectives were taken by the Brigade, excepting on the extreme right where the 15th R. SCOTS failed to take 150 yards of RAILWAY Trench which is a continuation to the S. of POND Trench.</p> <p>Little difficulty was experienced by the Battalion in reaching its objective. Very few of the enemy were found in POND Trench, which had been almost levelled by our preparatory bombardment. Little opposition was encountered in reaching BAIT Trench, but on our extreme left there, a party estimated at 100 of the enemy, but with a strong resistance for a time, & then attempted to retire across the open only to be annihilated by our Lewis Gun & rifle fire. BAIT Trench was in comparatively good condition when captured. Under the influence of the enemy's fire, the Battalion was forced to retire to the POND Trench, where it was reformed and held out until the arrival of the 11th SUFFOLKS, who then took the BAIT Trench and the RAILWAY Trench.</p>	

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TRENCHES	26 th (Contd)		<p>Under the direction of the 15th R. SCOTS to establish the above mentioned objectives in POND & BAIT Trenches, which he could not do in the morning. The holding of these objectives was made to</p> <p>The number of prisoners captured by the Battalion was about 35 upon reaching the objectives consolidation was commenced, but while considerable deepening of trenches was done, no wire could be put out, owing to the carrying parties failing to get it forward before the growing lightness rendered such work impossible.</p> <p>The hostile barrage came down about 5 minutes after zero, & its intensity frustrated all attempts at establishing telephonic communication from Bn. H.Q. forward to Companies.</p> <p>The following messages were received at Battalion H.Q. from attacking companies:-</p> <p>6am. message from LT LODGE, commanding 'A' Coy, stating that he had reached his objectives in POND & BAIT Trenches, & that he was in touch with the 15th R. SCOTS on the right.</p> <p>6.50am message from Capt. DAVIE, commanding 'C' Coy, stating that 50 of his men had established themselves in FISH LANE, between BAIT Trench & the dug-outs in the sunken road, also estimating his strength at 50 rifles.</p> <p>6.55am message from Capt. RAWSON, commanding 'D' Coy, stating that he had reached his objective in BAIT Trench, but that he was not in touch on either flank.</p> <p>From 5.30 a.m. onwards the enemy heavily shelled our new positions, & this increased the difficulty of bringing forward stores, establishing telephonic</p>	193.

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TRENCHES	26 th (Contd)		<p>communication + collecting wounded. In the afternoon a Battalion Dump for grenades, S.A.A., Very lights, barbed wire, corkscrews etc. was formed in POND trench, from which companies were able to draw stores. A visual signalling station was put into operation in POND trench in the afternoon, all attempts at laying and maintaining a line having proved unavailing.</p> <p>Two counter-attacks were delivered by the enemy during the afternoon, but unsupported by artillery they were easily repulsed by Lewis Gun + rifle fire.</p> <p>9.10pm The 10th LINCOLNS on our left fired an S.O.S. rocket, which was repeated along the whole Brigade front. The resultant artillery barrage led to considerable retaliation on BAIT trench. No signs of the enemy were seen on the Battalion front.</p> <p>9pm to 10pm Our artillery fired thermite on to the enemy's positions on the night, in preparation for the attack to be made there by the 103rd Brigade. The hostile shelling continued into the night with unabated violence, hindering the work of consolidation + making it impossible to put out companies had been re-organized during the day, and at night the dispositions were:-</p> <p>'A' Coy - 2 platoons in BAIT trench; 2 platoons in POND trench; Coy H.Q. in POND "h</p> <p>'C' " - In BAIT trench; Coy H.Q. in BAIT trench.</p> <p>'D' " - 2 platoons in BAIT trench; 2 platoons in POND trench; Coy H.Q. in POND "h</p> <p>'B' " - In the QUARRY (L.B.C).</p>	

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TRENCHES	26th (contd)		<p>At night, the Battalion was in possession of 15 Lewis guns only one gun having been lost in the attack.</p> <p>Casualties during the day:-</p> <p>Officers:- <u>KILLED</u> 1. (2/Lt J.S. McHOUK)</p> <p><u>WOUNDED</u> 6. (Capt. J. STIRLING, 2/Lieut. C.W. HODGSON, P. HARROWER, J.A. GRAY, T. IRVINE, J.C. BAIRD)</p> <p>O.Rs. :- <u>KILLED</u> 29.</p> <p><u>WOUNDED</u> 90.</p> <p><u>MISSING</u> 30.</p> <p>Approximate strength of Battalion:-</p> <p>Officers 14. O.Rs. 400.</p>	
"	27th	330am.	<p>Zero hour for the attack by the 103rd. BRIGADE on the enemy positions on our right. The object of the attack was to capture the BUISSON RIDGE & by a bombing attack to join up with the 15th R. SCOTS in RAILWAY trench. The attack did not succeed. The bombardment for this attack caused the enemy to put up S.O.S. signals opposite to our front, & a heavy barrage was put down on BAIT trench.</p> <p>Hostile artillery & machine guns remained active until "stand-down" 5am.</p> <p>Artillery on both sides quiet.</p> <p>From 8am. onwards there was considerable shelling on both sides. Our heavy</p>	

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TRENCHES.	21/17		<p>batteries at intervals during the day shelled the dug-outs in the Sunken Road in A.Z.C. where considerable enemy movement had been seen. Our field batteries engaged the numerous parties of the enemy observed moving about the trenches. The enemy replied with bursts of fire on POND trench, the communication trenches running forward from it, and the QUARRY in L.B.C..</p> <p>The enemy snipers were very active, & made movement difficult.</p> <p>Heavy rain fell during the afternoon & the trenches became badly water-logged.</p> <p>From "Stand-to" at 8.15 p.m. to midnight, the situation was quiet, & this enabled considerable work to be done. A continuous belt of wire was put out along our entire front in BAIT trench, & fire-steps constructed. POND trench on the left was deepened & improved, & the enemy were reversed, but this trench for the main part had become non-existent, & consisted of a series of shell-holes connected up by shallow sections of trench. The two communication trenches were in a similar condition.</p> <p>Two wounded Germans were brought in from "No-man's Land" during the night.</p> <p>Rations were brought up on mules almost to POND trench at night, & carried from there forward to companies by parties from B Company.</p> <p>The following officers came up at night from the "handport lines":</p> <p>2 lieuts GAVIN, PORTER, HONEYMAN, & ANDERSON, and were posted to companies as follows:- 2 lieuts GAVIN & PORTER to "A" Co., 2/LI GAVIN assuming command; 2/LI HONEYMAN to "C" Co.; & 2/LI ANDERSON to "D" Co.</p> <p>Casualties:- Officers. KILLED 1. (W.R.C. LODGE) WOUNDED 1. (2/LI J.F. PORTER)</p> <p>O.R.s. KILLED 2; WOUNDED 23.</p>	

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TRENCHES.	28 th	5 a.m. to 8 a.m.	The night continued to be quiet. Artillery on both sides inactive. At 6 a.m. a German, carrying hot coffee, walked in error into our lines. From 8 a.m. onwards the artillery activity was as marked as on the previous day. Enemy snipers were also energetic. During the afternoon officers of the 9 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS, who were taking over the Battalion front at night visited their respective sectors.	
		9.20 p.m.	The enemy put down a barrage on BAIT trench & launched an infantry attack against the battalion on our left & against our left. The S.O.S. was sent up. The attack was repulsed by our machine-gun & rifle fire & none of the enemy succeeded in penetrating into our lines.	
		11.2 a.m. to 12 Mid.	The Battalion was relieved by the 9 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.	
			Casualties:- Officers. WOUNDED 1 (Capt. J.M. DAVIE) G.I.Rs. KILLED 1, WOUNDED 11, MISSING 3.	Sheet 62 nd N.E. 1/20,000.
BILLETTS (HERVILLY)	29 th	6 a.m.	The whole Battalion in billets at HERVILLY (K.24.8).	Sheet 62 nd S.E. 1/20,000
		11 p.m.	The Battalion embussed at HERVILLY. B & C Companies were conveyed to JEANCOURT, (L.32.6). Bn H.Q. A & D Companies to BIHÉCOURT (R.21.6). From there companies marched to positions as follows, where they relieved the 25 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS in Brigade Reserve to the 4 th CAVALRY DISMOUNTED BRIGADE:- Battn. H.Q. & A Coy to VADENCOURT (R.17.a); D Coy to Reserve trench E of VADENCOURT; C Coy to FORTS at LE VERQUIER (L.33.6 & L.34.a); B Coy to Res. trench N.W. of LE VERQUIER.	

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TRENCHES	20 th		Casualties: Nil.	
	30 th		The day was devoted to cleaning of arms, equipment & rifles; & to re-organization of companies. Capt. D.M. SUTHERLAND assumed command of "C" Company. Casualties: Nil.	
"	31 st		Certain small working parties were provided by companies for work during the day. Casualties: Nil. Strength: Officers 21 O.Rs. 501.	
<p><i>A. Stephenson</i> Lieut. Colonel. Commanding 16th(S) Bn THE ROYAL SCOTS.</p>				

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SECRET.O P E R A T I O N O R D E R S
BYLT. COLONEL A. STEPHENSON, M.C., COMMANDING 16th BN. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Headquarters.

20/8/17.

PART I.Reference Special Map
GILLEMONT FARM.
1/10,000.
-----1. INFORMATION.

- (a) In conjunction with the remainder of the Brigade, the Battalion will attack the COLOGNE Ridge and country beyond, to a depth of about 750 yards East of HEN Trench.
- (b) The task of the Battalion is to establish a line at, or about, the German line known as BAIT Trench, and to establish a line of posts East of BAIT Trench, from which observation can be obtained of the high ground on which the "Hindenburg" Line is situated.
- (c) On the frontage to be attacked there are two single lines of trench. The first is POND Trench (at about 300/350 yards East of HEN Trench) which at the Southern end of the Battalion sector opens out into a small system known as SQUARE Trench.

POND Trench is protected by belts of wire and is held by the enemy.

The second Trench is BAIT Trench (750 yards East of HEN Trench) which consists of a single trench line unprotected by wire. It is not known whether the enemy occupies this trench.

One communication trench HIP LANE runs from COLOGNE FARM through SQUARE Trench into PIN LANE. The general direction of this trench is Easterly.

From the South corner of Square trench a communication trench known as FISH LANE runs East South East across BAIT Trench to a sunken road which it joins at about G.I.d.95.25.

- (d) The 15th ROYAL SCOTS will attack on our right and the 10th LINCOLNS on our left.
- (e) This Battalion will be known as "B" Battalion.
- (f) The POND Trench line will be known as the BLACK LINE and BAIT Trench will be known as the RED LINE.
- (g) A table of the artillery barrage (Appendix "C") is attached.

2. PREPARATORY.

The wire in front of the enemy trenches will be cut in lanes by artillery and trench mortars. The wire in front of our trenches will be removed before the day of attack.

3. ARTILLERY.

The attack is being supported by Divisional and Corps Artillery supplemented by special groups of artillery.

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A table of artillery barrages will be issued later.

4. FORMING UP.

Companies will be formed up by zero minus two hours in the positions shown on the attached sketch (Appendix "A").

The frontage available for forming up in is about 350 yards.

5. POSITION OF COMPANIES.

"A" and "D" Companies will form up on the COLOGNE FARM road. "A" Company on the right and "D" Company on the left.

"B" Company will act as covering party.

"C" Company will form up in HEN Trench in position to advance in two lines of sections in file.

6. COVERING PARTY.

During the time that Companies are forming up for the assault "B" Company will act as a covering party and will be in approximately the position shown in sketch (Appendix "A"). It will be the duty of this covering party to absolutely frustrate any attempt made by enemy patrols to reach our lines.

The extreme importance of this covering party thoroughly carrying out its duties must be impressed on all ranks.

7. FLANK BOUNDARIES AND DIRECTION.

The right boundary of the Battalion is :- (Reference Special Map A 1/5,000). L.6.c.55.12. - G.1.d.25.40 - thence along FISH LANE (inclusive) to its junction with the road at G.1.d.95.25.

The left boundary is :-

A line from L.6.c.30.92 to the North corner of RUBY WOOD. The compass bearing (magnetic) along a central line is :-

85° ~~75°~~ up to POND Trench, thence ^{75°}~~85°~~ to BAIT Trench.

After POND Trench is crossed a slight increase of extension will be necessary as the right flank makes an incline to its right.

The general "direction marks" will be :-

On the right, POND COPSE and FISH LANE.

POND COPSE will be in view as soon as the advance passes COLOGNE FARM.

On the left, RUBY WOOD. The seven prominent trees of this wood will be visible almost immediately after the advance commences.

The left will direct.

8. THE ATTACK.

The Battalion will assault the enemy trenches at Zero.

"A" and "D" Companies. At this hour the leading Companies ("A" and "D" Coy.) will leave COLOGNE ROAD and advance in two waves at 50 yards interval to close under the barrage, and will move forward under the barrage.

Each wave will be in two lines of sections in file with the lines at 15 yards interval.

(See sketch Appendix "B").

The distance between files will be about 45 yards.

The first barrage will lift atx Zero plus 4 minutes to 50 yards and then at the rate of 50 yards per minute to POND Trench. It will rest at

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POND Trench for approximately 3 minutes and then lift 100 yards.

The leading wave of "A" and "D" Companies will assault and hold POND Trench and SQUARE Trench immediately the barrage lifts.

The second wave (A and B Companies) will pass right over POND Trench as the barrage lifts and move under the barrage as it goes forward.

The barrage line reaches BAIT Trench at Zero plus 15 minutes on the left and Zero plus 14 mins. on the right. At zero plus 17 minutes the barrage lifts 200 yards and at that moment BAIT Trench is to be assaulted.

When POND Trench is passed they will extend and move up in two lines to close under the barrage to attack BAIT Trench.

"C" Company. As the waves of "A" and "D" Companies move forward at Zero hour, "C" Company will advance at 50 yards interval in two lines of sections in file. The lines to be at 15 yards interval and sections at 45 yards distance.

As the advance progresses "C" Company will move forward in its relative position and cross BAIT Trench and establish and dig in observation posts and covering parties at suitable points East of BAIT Trench.

This Company will also clear PIN LANE and FISH LANE down to and including the Company Headquarters on the road.

"B" Company. "B" Company will act as a covering party during the time the assaulting troops are forming up and they will lie out along the approximate line of COLOGNE Support trench.

The advance will pass through this Company.

After the advance has passed over them "B" Company will establish themselves in sections of trench and in shell holes until orders are received from Battalion Headquarters as to their further duties.

9.

MACHINE GUNS. (VICKERS).

These will carry out overhead and indirect fire from Zero hour and during the advance.

Two Machine Guns will be attached to the Bttn. and will move on each flank of "C" Company as far as BAIT Trench. On arrival there they will establish themselves (1) between PIN LANE and FISH LANE, and (2) near left flank overlooking RUBY WOOD.

10. LEWIS GUNS.

Will be under the orders and direction of Platoon Commanders

11. PRISONERS.

Prisoners are to be passed back under as small an escort as possible; which in no case must exceed ten per cent of the prisoners. All prisoners will be conducted to the dug-outs at L.7.b.7.5. (Wood on left of TEMPLEUX - ROISEL Road), where they are to be handed over to the guard there and escorts will immediately return to their platoons.

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12. SIGNALS.

A Brigade visual signal station will be established at about L.10.a.5.5. (Quarry) and Companies will signal back to this point if possible to establish communication. Efforts will also be made to establish visual signalling to Bttn. Headquarters.

The Signal Officer will establish a Battalion report centre at, or about, SQUARE Trench and as soon as this is established all runners will deliver messages there for transmission. This centre will be connected to Battalion Headquarters by telephone and power buzzer. The exact spot will be marked by a white signal flag. All runners must be instructed in the probable position of this centre.

Carrier pigeons will be issued to Companies. These birds form a reliable means of communication and messages are very rapidly carried by them.

Special instructions have been issued to Signal Officer regarding the running out of telephone lines.

13. COMMUNICATIONS AND MESSAGES.

Frequent messages must be sent to Battalion Headquarters giving the position of Coys. casualties, requirements etc., Time and position must invariably be stated in all messages.

14. MAP REFERENCES.

The Special Map GILLEMONT FARM 1/10,000 will be used for all co-ordinates. Positions may be indicated by quoting names of trenches etc. (Example Company Headquarters established near junction POND Trench and PIN LANE close to prominent bush).

15. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT.

The dress will be fighting kit. Officers will be dressed in a similar manner to other ranks and will wear equipment.

The waterproof sheet will be carried. Mess tins will be either in the haversack or worn with the cover on them.

A second water bottle is being issued and officers will ensure that all water bottles are filled before the assault takes place. They will also impress on all ranks the urgent necessity of conserving the water as long as possible.

Additional stores to be carried will be as follows :-

- Picks and Shovels.
- So.A.A. Flares.
- Grenades.
- Wire Cutters and breakers.
- Distinguishing flags.
- S.O.S. Grenades.

16. DISTINGUISHING FLAGS.

Small flags, coloured red and yellow, will be carried by two men per section of the advancing troops to show the artillery observers the positions reached.

These will be waved as the advance is made and at each objective as it is gained.

They will be shown by the leading troops only. Flags must be waved and not stuck into the ground. To prevent any possibility of our own troops being fired upon it must be impressed on all ranks that the flags must be exhibited on arrival at the objectives as they are reached.

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17. MAPS etc. TO
BE CARRIED.

All ranks are forbidden to carry into action any letters, papers, orders, maps, sketches etc., (except the special maps and orders issued,) which could convey any information to the enemy in the event of their capture.

18. CAPTURED
DOCUMENTS.

Any enemy maps, papers, documents etc., found or captured are to be sent to Battalion Headquarters as early as possible.

19. CAPTURED GUNS
ETC.

Machine Guns or Trench Mortars captured are to be reported to Battalion Headquarters. They should be used against the enemy where possible.

20. NOTICE BOARDS.

Boards marked with the names of the enemy trenches will be carried by "A" and "D" Companies and placed in position at Trench Junctions and other suitable spots.

21. BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS.

Battalion Headquarters will be at L.11.b.6.5. This is close to the derelict black engine boiler commonly known as the "Leave Train".

22. DUMPS.

The Dump for this Battalion is at the "Leave Train" at about L.11.b.40.40. All necessary articles will be available there.

23. REGIMENTAL
AID POST.

This will be established at a dug-out at

24. STRETCHER
BEARERS.

Stretcher Bearer's will assemble in HEN Trench with "C" Company. They will move out at Zero plus fifteen minutes and work over the ground covered by our troops, rejoining their own Company as soon as all wounded have been collected.

25. SLIGHTLY
WOUNDED.

When wounded, no man who is capable of continuing fighting is to be allowed to withdraw to the rear until the situation permits the thinning of the line.

26. ARMS OF WOUNDED
MEN.

No wounded man is to throw away his arms or equipment. If unable to carry it further they can be dumped at the Regimental Aid Post.

27. COMMAND.

The senior officer or N.C.O. or man (as circumstances arise) on the spot will command all troops in his vicinity, whatever the regiment to which they may belong.

This rule holds good down to the command of sections. In the event of a casualty, the next senior must automatically take immediate command of the unit concerned.

28. DISCIPLINE.

The word "RETIRE" will not be used, or acted upon, under any circumstances. All ranks must be impressed with the importance of this order as it is known to be a device of the enemy to shout out this command with a view to making our troops withdraw.

If, for tactical reasons, it is found necessary to effect a withdrawal the order must invariably be in writing and signed by a known and responsible officer, and it will state

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definitely what troops are referred to and the exact position to which they are to withdraw.

29. IRON RATIONS.

Iron Rations will be opened only upon the direct order of an officer and, if it is found necessary to issue such an order, only one ration between each three men is to be opened at a time.

30. WATER AND AMMUNITION.

As soon as consolidation is commenced a few men must be sent to collect water and ammunition from the wounded who are returning to the Aid Post or from any dead.

31. FLANK TROOPS.

Should any units of this Battalion, or of the Units on our flanks, be temporarily checked, the advance of the Battalion must not be stopped.

On a front of such small depth the greatest assistance that can be rendered to such troops is to push forward at the best possible pace and thus isolate any small bodies of enemy who may be holding out.

32. CONSOLIDATION.

As soon as POND and BAIT Trenches are captured consolidation must begin and every effort made to make the position at once thoroughly secure against counter attacks.

Parapets and fire steps must be reversed and reconstructed where necessary. Good positions for Lewis Guns are to be chosen and sections sorted out.

As the enemy is likely to make a counter attack at any moment all ranks must be alert and ready to drive off any such attack the moment it takes place.

As soon as the situation permits the wiring of the front will be undertaken. The erection of wire and other obstacles in front of the captured objective will receive priority.

33. STRONG POINTS.

Strong points will be sited and dug by the R.E. and these will be occupied as soon as completed.

34. DATE AND HOUR.

The date of attack and Zero hour will be notified later.

35. WATCHES.

Synchronization of watches will be carried out at about Zero -5 hours when a watch will be sent round to Companies.

36. MISCELLANEOUS.

Men are not to fall out to assist back wounded comrades.

No wounded man is to cast away his arms or equipment.

Tools, ammunition etc., are to be collected from the wounded as early as possible.

Rifle oil and cleaning gear to be carried by every man.

All orders are to be clearly explained by officers to all ranks under their command and men must be impressed with the necessity of pressing forward to their objective in face of all opposition.

37. CASUALTIES.

All casualties must be reported as early as possible and it must be stated in each message whether the casualties are actual or estimated numbers. The names of officer casualties must

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invariably be stated.

58. SIDE SLIP OF
BATTALION.

After its objectives have been taken the Battalion will be prepared to side slip to the right as follows:-

POND Trench garrison down to the junction of RAILWAY Trench and COLOGNE Support (inclusive) ;
BAIT Trench garrison down to the junction of BAIT AND POWD Trenches (inclusive). This move will not be effected unless ordered from Headquarters.

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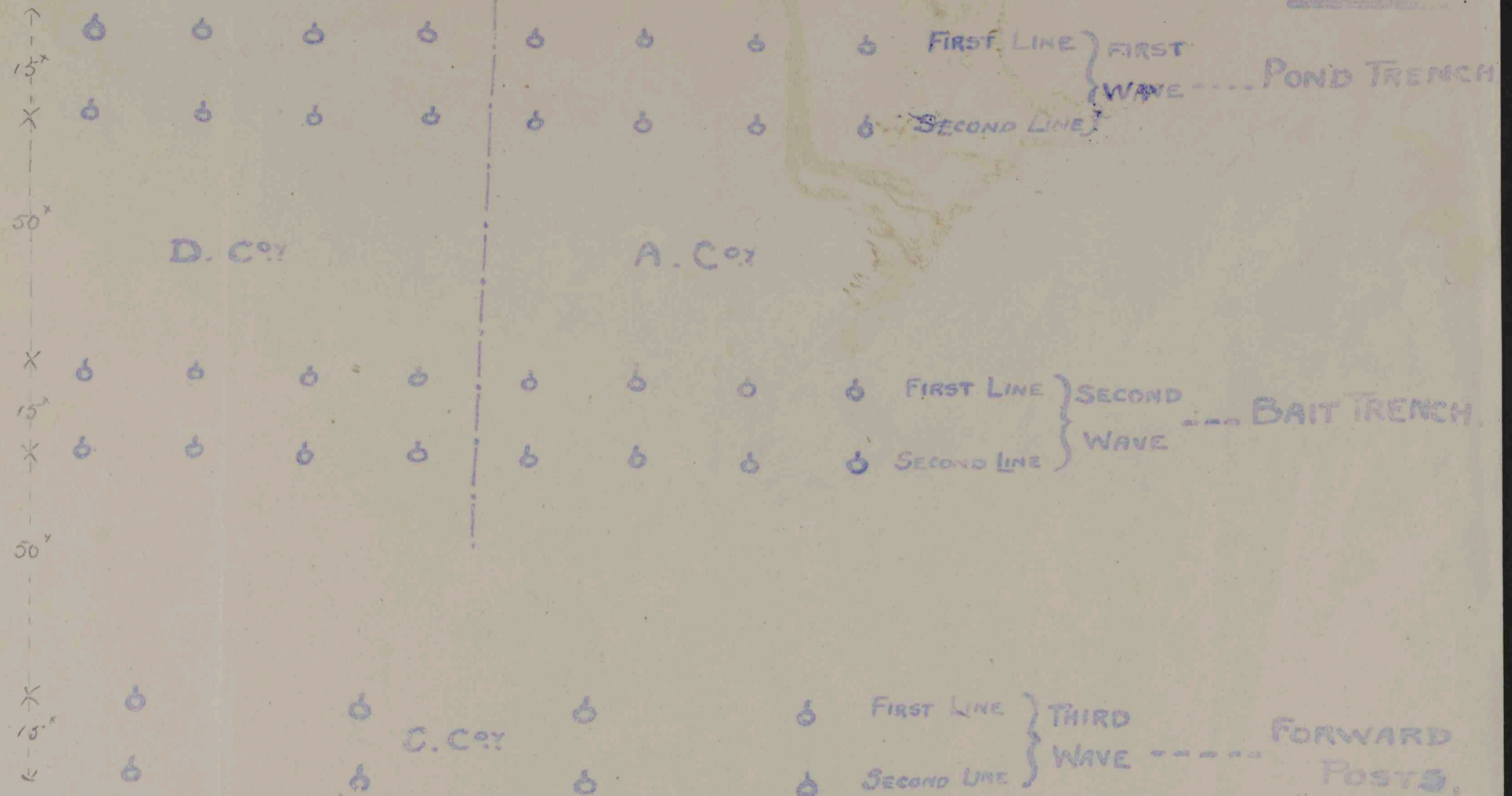
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APPENDIX A.



Appendix B.

OBJECTIVE



APPENDIX CⁿTABLE OF ARTILLERY BARRAGE.
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Zero.	Barrage opens on first barrage line which is approximately 200 yards East of COLOGNE FARM road.
Zero plus 4 minutes.	Lifts 50 yards and travels at 50 yards per minute to POND TRENCH.
Zero plus 7 minutes (approx:)	Reaches POND Trench.
Zero plus 10 minutes.	<i>POND Trench clear</i> Lifts 100 yards and stands for one minute.
Zero plus 11 minutes.	Travels at 50 yards per minute to BAIT Trench.
Zero plus 15 minutes (approx:)	Reaches BAIT Trench.
Zero plus 17 minutes.	<i>BAIT Trench clear</i> Lifts 200 yards East of BAIT Trench.
Zero plus 20 minutes.	Travels at 50 yards per minute to final barrage line which is 400 yards East of BAIT Trench.
Zero plus 30 minutes.	Batteries cease fire and lay on S.O.S. lines.

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TRENCHES	1 st		Small working parties were provided by companies by day. Lewis Gun + Signalling classes continued in the morning and afternoon. A draft of 42 Q.Rs. joined the Battalion + were posted to companies. Captain H.W. RAWSON was evacuated sick, and 2 nd Lieut. R.W.F. JOHNSTON assumed command of "D" Company.	Sheet 625 N.E 1/20,000
"	2 nd		2 nd Lieut. T.C. LAIDLAW proceeded on a Lewis Gun course. Lieut. J. MCKENZIE + 2 nd Lieut. T.H. BROWN returned from courses. The usual working parties were supplied by companies. Lewis Gun + Signalling classes continued their training in the morning and in the afternoon. A class of men to be trained as snipers + observers also assembled + commenced training. At night the Battalion relieved the 20 th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS, in the Sunken Road, running through L.22 C + L.28. a. just W. of GRAND PIRIEL WOOD; and in the BROWN LINE (COTE TRENCH) in L.10 d + L.16 a. In this position the Battalion was in reserve to the 101 st BRIGADE, which was holding the right Brigade sector.	13.
"	3 rd		Sniping, Lewis Gun + Signalling classes were continued during the day. At night, parties for work on the front line were supplied by "A" + "B" Companies.	13.
"	4 th		2 nd Lieut. G.F. HOWIE reported, + was posted to "D" Company. Casualties: - NIL. Sniping, Lewis Gun + Signalling classes were continued. At night, parties were supplied for work in the front line. Casualties: - NIL.	13. 13.

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TRENCHES	5 th		Sniping, Lewis Gun + Signalling classes were continued. At night, parties were supplied for work in the front line.	
"	6 th		Casualties: - NIL. Sniping, Lewis Gun + Signalling classes continued training. The usual working parties were furnished at night for the front line.	1B.
BILLETTS (HERVILLY)	7 th		Casualties: - NIL. At night, the Battalion was relieved by the 21 st + 23 rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS and moved back to billets at HERVILLY (R.24.C). The following N.C.O's + men of the Battalion were awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for gallantry in action just prior to and during the operations E. of HARGREAVES on the 26 th August:- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Sergeant T. PATERSON (no. 43193)</p> <p>" J.A. MOWATT (" 19811)</p> <p>" G. MC LAY (" 19039)</p> <p>Corporal A.R. ROBERTSON (" 43119)</p> <p>L/Corporal J. FAGAN (" 34093)</p> <p>" J. HISLOP (" 43841)</p> </div> <div> <p>Private J. TURNER (no. 43168)</p> <p>" R. HOGG (" 19803)</p> <p>" M. PATERSON (" 43196)</p> <p>" C.L. SYMERS (" 43851)</p> <p>" H. BRAWN (" 19135)</p> </div> </div>	1B.
"	8 th		The following promotion was announced:- Sergeant W.S. GAVIN-Mc to be 2nd Lieutenant.	1B.
"	9 th		The day was devoted to interior economy. Battalion parade for Presbyterian Church service. A separate Church Parade was held for Roman Catholics. In the afternoon 240 men of the Battalion bathed at the Divisional Baths.	1B. 1B.

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BILLETS	10 th	10.15am	Battalion paraded for inspection by the G.O.C. 101 st BRIGADE. At this parade medal ribbons were presented to men of the Battalion who were recently awarded decorations.	
		2p.m.	The Lewis Gun Class paraded under the Lewis Gun Officer for instruction. In the afternoon 140 men attended the Divisional Baths. The remainder of the day was devoted to interior economy.	
"	10 th	10.30am	Battalion paraded for inspection by the G.O.C. 3rd. Corps, who delivered an address in which he congratulated the 101 st BRIGADE on its success in recent operations. No. 40030 Private D.S. SWANSTON was awarded the MILITARY MEDAL.	
		1.15pm to 8.30pm	Companies left billets & proceeded, via HESBECOURT (L.H.D), to the trenches where they relieved the 20 th & 23 rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS. The position taken over comprised part of the 1 st enemy system captured by the 101 st BRIGADE on 26 th August, & a continuation to the S. for approximately 450 yards of this same system captured by the 102 nd BRIGADE in operations commencing on the night 8/9 th September. The entrenchment taken over by the Battalion was approximately 1100 yards and consisted of a single line of trench unprotected by wire & badly damaged by our bombardment & shrapnel to its capture & the night was known as FARM trench, in the centre as RAILWAY trench, & on the left as POND trench. The order of holding from right to left was as follows:- B Coy, C Coy & A Coy. D Company were in support with 2 platoons in CLUB trench - a communication trench running from RAILWAY trench back to VILLERET (L.12.C), & 2 platoons in the EGG trench (L.11.C).	NAUROY Sec. Sheet 1/20,000

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TRENCHES (G. 7. d. 95. 10) to (G. 1. d. 35. 25)	11 th (Cont'd)	11.30 p.m.	<p>where Battalion 4.6 were also situated. The 9th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS were on the left of the Battalion, and the 11th SUFFOLKS on the right in FARM trench.</p> <p>Relief complete.</p> <p>The night up to midnight was quiet.</p> <p>Trench strength of the Battalion:-</p> <p>15 Officers, 441 O.Rs.</p> <p>Casualties:- NIL.</p>	NAUROY Special Sheet 120,000
"	12 th		<p>The night continued to be quiet up to about 2 a.m., when the enemy opened a bombardment on VILLERET (L. 11. d. 4 L. 12. c) with 15cm howitzers. This continued for about 20 minutes, when he put down a heavy barrage on the front line, and on the valley W. of it. This barrage covered a frontage of three battalions. In view of the intensity of the bombardment, the state of our defences, & the fact that a counter-attack was to be expected at any time, an SOS rocket was sent up by the G.C. A. Company, ^{the signal} repeated by wire. Our artillery quickly responded to this call. A hostile attack was delivered against the frontage of the Battalion, but his attempt to enter the trenches of the unit on our left was repulsed. The remainder of the night was characterised by intermittent shelling. This hostile activity neutralised all attempts to consolidate our position, but little damage was caused by the hostile barrage.</p>	113

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES.	12 th		Both sides shelled intermittently, but not heavily during the day. At night 200 men of the 15 th ROYAL SCOTS were sent up for wiring in front of the Battalion's position, 4 to work on improving the trenches. This party was prevented from accomplishing much work, for the constant hostile shelling frequently dispersed it. A few heavy trench mortars were fired on to our lines at night.	
"	13 th		Casualties:- G.Rs. KILLED 3, WOUNDED 4. 2 Lieuts. H.S. SCOTT & A.J. SHEDDEN were evacuated sick. The enemy continued to be active throughout the night. At the end of the night our front was covered by a single belt of wire. The trench had been cleared and deepened where necessary. The day was quieter, but the enemy occasionally shelled our front line & VILLERET. As soon as night fell, the enemy again became active, particularly with heavy & light trench mortars. A wiring party of 100 men was again putting out a little wire.	13
"	14 th		Casualties:- G.Rs. WOUNDED (accidental) 1. The enemy's trench mortars continued to be active & little progress with consolidation could be made. The fire on both sides diminished during the day, the little shelling which took place being on the front line and VILLERET. During the day a scheme of retaliation for hostile trench mortars was devised,	13

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TRENCHES.	14 th (Cont'd.)		<p>by which all of our batteries would fire a certain number of rounds on certain points. When one of the following retaliation calls was sent through from the front line: - (a) "Minnie right" or "Minnie left", meaning that hostile heavy trench mortars were active, firing from either the vicinity of ROBY WOOD in G.2.a, or the QUARRY in G.14.a; and (b) "Pineapple right" or "Pineapple left" meaning that hostile light trench mortars were firing from the right or left in the enemy's trench opposed to us.</p> <p>At night, hostile artillery was quieter; ¹³ but one call for retaliation to heavy trench mortars was answered by our artillery and proved efficacious. The usual large wiring party was sent up to wire on the front of the Battalion, & made more progress than on previous nights.</p> <p>Casualties - O.R.s. ¹³ KILLED 2, WOUNDED 4.</p> <p>A second call for retaliation to hostile heavy trench mortars was sent through at about 2.30 a.m., & the resultant fire silenced the enemy for the remainder of the night. The diminished fire of the enemy during the night, had made it possible to considerably strengthen the wire, & to improve fire steps, & build up parapets and barados of our trenches.</p> <p>Hostile artillery was quiet ¹³ up to the afternoon when the front line, the valley W. of it, and VILLERET were heavily shelled.</p> <p>Representatives of the 15th ROYAL SCOTS came up in the afternoon to look over their respective sectors & take over stores.</p> <p>At night the Battalion was relieved by the 15th ROYAL SCOTS, & moved back to</p>	
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TRENCHES (RESERVE)	15 th (Cont'd)		<p>positions as follows:-</p> <p>A' company - COTE + FERVAGUE Trenches (L. 16.a).</p> <p>B' " - COTE Trench (L. 10.d)</p> <p>C' " - FERVAGUE Trench (L. 22.a.) + trench in PRIEL WOOD (L. 22.c).</p> <p>D' " - FERVAGUE Trench (L. 16.c)</p> <p>Pm H.Q. - L. 10.e. b. 5.</p> <p>Casualties:- NIL.</p>	
"	16 th		<p>2 Lieut. H.N. FARQUHARSON reported and was posted to B' company. A draft of 89 O.R.s also joined + were posted to companies.</p> <p>The day was devoted to interior economy, and the cleaning of arms and equipment. At night, large working parties were provided for work in the front line + carrying parties to carry forward the requisite R.E. material.</p> <p>Lieut. J.F. MACKINTOSH returned from the Divisional Detach. Path, and assumed command of D' company.</p> <p>Casualties:- NIL. Trench strength:- Officers 15, O.R.s. 506.</p>	103
	17 th		<p>Excepting the usual inspections, there were no fatigues or parades for companies.</p> <p>The usual working and carrying parties were furnished at night to front line Battalions.</p> <p>Casualties:- NIL.</p>	103
	18 th		<p>Repetition of previous day's programme.</p> <p>Casualties:- NIL.</p>	103
	19 th		<p>2 Lieuts. A. BAXTER & J. WILSON reported, + were posted to C' company.</p>	103

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TRENCHES	20 th		The usual strong working parties were furnished for carrying to and working on the front line at night.	
	21 st		<p>Casualties: Nil.</p> <p>At about 2 a.m. a wire was received to the effect that information had been received from a deserter ^{prisoner} who had just wandered into our line that a counter attack was to be made ^{made} at 4 a.m. by the 61st I.R. as a result of this 'B' companies were moved forward immediately to take the place of the reserve companies of the 15th ROYAL SCOTS, (who had been sent to reinforce the front line,) and to come under the orders of the C.C. 15th ROYAL SCOTS. No counter attack was delivered and 'B' Co. moved back during "Stand-to" to their positions in COTE trench.</p> <p>In the afternoon representatives from each company were sent forward to reconnoitre the respective sectors to be taken over at night from the 15th ROYAL SCOTS.</p> <p>7.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. all companies and Battr. H.Q. unit moved away forward to relieve the 15th ROYAL SCOTS.</p> <p>10.45 a.m. Relief complete.</p> <p>The Battalion took over the same sector as it held from the 11th to the 15th September. The 11th SUFFOLKS were on our right, the 22nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS on our left. The order of companies from right to left was 'D', 'C' & 'A' companies. 'B' company were in reserve, moved into CLUB trench</p>	

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TRENCHES	21 st (Contd)		<p>A draft of 101 O.Rs. were marched up at night, and having previously been detailed off to companies, joined their companies in the trenches. Hostile artillery was active against the valley behind our front trenches, but the night up to midnight was otherwise quiet.</p> <p>Strength (^{total} in trench) 37 Offs. 804 O.Rs " (in trench) 19 Offs. 589 O.Rs.</p> <p>Casualties:- Wounded (Self-inflicted) O.Rs. 1.</p>	NAUROY Special Sheet 120,000
"	22 nd		<p>The night was quiet up to the ham. when a trench mortar fired about 20 rounds on the front of the left company. Artillery retaliation was called for & proved effective.</p> <p>During morning "Stand-to" 2 platoons of 'B' company moved back to dug-outs in and around the EGC (L.II. 6.5). The company of the 15th ROYAL SCOTS which had remained all night in the vicinity of Battery "H.Q." (the EGC) at the disposal of the B.C. moved back.</p> <p>There was a little shelling of VILLERET in the morning, & during evening "Stand-to" a few trench mortars fell on the left of our left company, but otherwise the day was quiet. At night, companies, assisted by 50 men of the 15th ROYAL SCOTS worked on the front line & on the wire on front & on the new trench running from G.I. d. 15.30 to G.I. b. 15.60 in front of POND & RAILWAY trenches.</p> <p>At night, the 11th SUFFOLKS on our right sidestepped to the left making our right boundary G.I. d. 95.55 instead of G.I. d. 95.40.</p>	13

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TRENCHES	22 nd (Cont'd)		A draft of 36 O.Rs came up at night & were detailed to companies. Casualties:- Nil	
"	23 rd		<p>The night continued to be quiet up to 5.0 a.m. when the enemy put down a heavy barrage along our entire front & on the remainder of FARM trench held by the 11th SUFFOLKS. In view of the intensity of the bombardment, and the density of the mist, the S.O.S. signal was sent up by our right & left companies. In response to this, our artillery & machine guns opened fire at 5.9 a.m. a slow rate of rifle and Lewis gun fire was opened from our trenches, but none of the enemy were seen on our front. The situation became quiet at 6 a.m. Some damage was done to our front line & the C.Ts by this bombardment.</p> <p>During the day the enemy was quiet on our front. At night a party of 50 O.Rs from the 15th ROYAL SCOTS were sent up to the front line to work there. A large quantity of R.E. material was also carried forward. Work on the front line, and on the wire, in front was carried on without hostile interference, and our positions were considerably strengthened. Between 9.30 p.m. & 11 p.m. bursts of shell-fire were directed on to our roads and paths immediately in rear of the front line.</p> <p>Casualties:- KILLED - O.Rs. 1. WOUNDED:- Officers 1 (at duty, Lieut. W.S. GAVIN). O.Rs. 8</p>	

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TRENCHES	24 th		<p>From midnight onwards the night continued to be quiet, & good progress was made in retreating, constructing traverses & firesteps, & in deepening the front line. About 14 coils of wire were put out, & more than a hundred gooseberries were also put out.</p> <p>In the afternoon, representatives from the 25th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS, who were relieving the Battalion at night, came up to reconnoitre & take over stores.</p> <p>The enemy remained inactive right up to the relief at 10 p.m.</p> <p>On relief companies marched to huts and tents at HERVILLY (K.23 & K.24.C).</p> <p>Casualties: - G.R.s WOUNDED (accidental) 1. 2 Lieuts MCCOLL & URQUHART reported for duty.</p>	
BILLETS	25 th	1230 p.m.	<p>Battalion embussed at HERVILLY and were conveyed to billets - mainly unoccupied & damaged houses - at PERONNE (K.1.24. b & c). The transport left their lines at BERNES (Q.4.C) at 4 p.m. & moved to QUINCONCE (I.21.C).</p> <p>A draft of 6 Officers (2 Lieuts G. ADAM, J. WOOD, P. LINN, J. A. HOPE, D. F. LOW, G. R. STEWART) & 53 G.R.s joined at night, and were posted to Companies.</p>	
"	26 th		<p>Companies were at the disposal of company commanders, who held parades for the inspection of arms, clothing, & equipment, and the allotting to sections of recent re-inforcements.</p> <p>240 men of the Battalion were bathed during the day.</p>	
"	27 th		<p>In the morning, at the GRAND PLACE, PERONNE, the G.O.C. 3rd CORPS presented medal ribbons to officers, N.C.O.s & men of the 34th DIVISION who were granted awards for gallantry in recent operations. A Guard of Honour of 16 Officers & 10 G.R.s from the Battalion attended this parade.</p>	

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BILLETS.	27th (contd.)		Lieut. J.F. MACINTOSH assumed command of "A" company. Captain. H.W. RAWSON returned from hospital, and took over from Capt. J.P. ELDER command of "D" company.	LEN'S II Edition 2. 1/100,000.
"	28th	8a.m. 5.15p.m.	The transport left & proceeded to BAPAUME, where it remained for the night. The Battalion entrained at PERONNE, & proceeded to BOISLEUX-au-MONT where it detrained at 10.45p.m. At the station, packs were collected & conveyed by lorries to BERLES-au-BOIS, which was the destination of the Battalion.	1/13.
"	29th	2a.m.	Battalion reached billets at BERLES-au-BOIS. The billets were mainly barns & unoccupied houses, & in some cases, these were partly demolished. The transport left BAPAUME in the morning, & reached BERLES at 1p.m. No parades were held during the day.	1/13.
"	30th	11-15a.m. 2p.m.	Battalion parade for Presbyterian Church service. Parade of all officers at Battalion H.Q. for a conference. In the morning a small fatigue party was provided for work on a rifle-range near BERLES. Strength of Battalion: - (Ration) Officers 35. O.Rs. 813.	1/13.

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BERLES-au-BOIS.	1 st	9 a.m. to 12 noon	Physical training, and organization of sections. The A.O.C. Division visited billets during the morning.	
		2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Company and platoon training in arms, & close order drill.	
			Signallers & Lewis Gun teams paraded in the morning and afternoon under their respective officers.	
2 nd			A party of 50 men worked all day on the rifle range near BERLES.	113
			Major A.E. WARR assumed command of the Battalion in the absence on leave of Lt Col. A. STEPHENSON, M.C.	M.C.
		9.15 a.m. to 12 noon	Company & platoon training in physical, close order & arms drill.	
3 rd		2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Bombing class of 626.Rs. commencing training under the Bombing Officer.	
			Parade of men of new drafts for practice in advancing under a barrage.	
			Snipers, Lewis Gunners, & Signallers paraded separately for instruction under Specialist Officers.	
		8 p.m.	Battalion parade for night operations, when marching on a compass bearing was practised.	113
		9.15 a.m. to 12 noon	Company and platoon training in physical, close order & arms drill.	
		2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Parade of men of new drafts to practice advancing under a barrage.	
			Stretcher Bearers Snipers Lewis Gunners & Signallers paraded under Specialist Officers for instruction.	
			Major A.E. WARR struck off strength of battalion on proceeding to a Senior Officers' Course at ALDERSHOT.	R.

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BERLES -au-BOIS	3 rd Oct		Major H. J. SELBY M.C. 15 th R. Scots assumed command of the battalion. <i>Rf</i>	
	4 th	9.15am to 12 noon 2pm - 4pm	Company & platoon training in physical, close order, arms, and anti-gas drill. Stretcher Bearers, Signallers, Lewis Gunners, & Snipers paraded separately for instruction under Specialist officers. A draft of three officers reported for duty (2 nd Lt. G. COWAN, R. A. INGLIS, and S. C. W. CRUICKSHANK) <i>Rf</i>	
	5 th	9.15am to 12 noon 9.15am to 12 noon 2pm - 4pm 5pm	Company and platoon training in physical, close order, arms & anti-gas drill. Specialists paraded separately for instruction under Specialist officers. Parade of all officers at Bn H.Q. Lessons of the fighting at Ypres was subject of discourse by CO. <i>Rf</i>	
	6 th	9.15am to 12 noon 11.45pm	Companies practised the attack and advancing in artillery formation. Specialists paraded separately under specialist officers. The Battalion (less D Coy) paraded ready to move off. Order of assembly. Bn H.Q. A, B, and C Coy. The battalion marched to SAULTY Station via POMMIER - HUMBERCAMP - SAULTY STATION where it entrained. <i>Rf</i> The clock was put back at 1am to midnight - old time resumed.	Ref map LENS. II

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAULTY STA.	7 th	2.15 am 3.42 am 12.30 pm	The battalion (less D Coy, D Coy's Cooks team) and transport entrained. Major H.J. SELBY M.C. was O.C. Train. Train left SAULTY and travelled via FREVENT, ST. POL, HAZEBROUCK, POPERINGHE to PESELHOEK. Battalion detrained and marched via POPERINGHE and PROVEN to PORCHESTER CAMP where tents and bivouac shelters accommodated the battalion. 100 men of C Coy under Capt D. M. SUTHERLAND remained at station as a detraining party. D Coy left BERLES-AU-BOIS at 6.45 am on the 7 th travelling by the same route as the remainder of the battalion arrived in PORCHESTER CAMP at 2.45 am.	Ref map HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100,000
PORCHESTER CAMP near PROVEN	8 th	4 pm	The battalion (less Transport) paraded and marched to PROVEN entraining there at 6.35 pm. 100 men of C Coy under Capt SUTHERLAND rejoined. 8 officers + 108 O.R. were left at PORCHESTER CAMP under SS. 135 (The officers were Capt H.W. RAWSON, Lt J. MACKENZIE 2/Lt J. STRANG, A.S. COUTTS, G.F. HOWIE, G. COWAN, J. WILSON, + R.A. INGLIS.)	Ref map 1/10,000
ELVERDINGHE		7.30 pm	Battalion detrained and marched to bivouac shelters near SARAG'OSSA FARM. (B 24a. 8.7.) Transport proceeded by road leaving PORCHESTER CAMP at 6 pm and arrived at SARAG'OSSA CAMP at 1 am on the 9 th . CAPT J.F. MACKINTOSH and LT. P. BAYLISS were admitted to hospital - sick.	ST. JULIEN 28 NW 2 Edition 6 A

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SARAGOSSA FARM	9 th	7.30am	A + B Corps. paraded and proceeded to LANG'EMARCK and worked under C.R.E. 17 th Div. repairing the road LANG'EMARCK - POELCAPELLE. The work was done under heavy shell fire and under very bad weather conditions as it rained continuously.	ST. JULIEN 28 NW2 1/10.000
		1pm	C + D Corps paraded and marched up to LANG'EMARCK and relieved A + B Corps who reached camp at 5pm. C + D Corps. returned at midnight.	
			The following Casualties occurred during the day's work. Killed O.R. 6. Missing O.R. 7. Wounded. 2/Lt. J. WOOD. 19 O.R. <i>Ref.</i>	
	10 th	7.30am	A + B Corps. paraded and carried on work commenced on 9 th inst. + were relieved by C + D Corps. at 3pm. They reached camp at 5pm. C + D returned about 11pm. The work had been carried out as before under adverse conditions - heavy shell fire and on a cold rainy day.	
			The following Casualties occurred during the day. Killed O.R. 4. Missing O.R. 7. Wounded O.R. 13. <i>Ref.</i>	
	11 th	7.30am	A + B Corps. paraded as usual + carried on work commenced on the 9 th inst. B Coy returned at 11pm as they were not <i>Ref.</i>	

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SARAGOSSA FARM	11 th	1 p.m.	Owing to the hard work, adverse conditions and lack of rest there were a great number of cases of sickness in the battalion. C Coy relieved A Coy who returned to camp at 2 p.m. C Coy returned 7 p.m. D Coy also proceeded to LANGEMARCK returning at 10 p.m. There were ² casualties during the day's work. (O.R. missing) Lt Col A STEPHENSON M.C. rejoined from leave & resumed command R/L	ST. JULIEN
	12 th		The battalion rested in bivouacs during this day. a/major H.J. SELBY M.C. 15 th R. Scots. left the Bn to rejoin his own unit.	
	13 th	4.15 a.m.	A+B Corps paraded for work under 173 rd Tunnelling Coy R.S. SW of LANGEMARCK A and returned to camp at 12.30 p.m.	R/L
		10.15 a.m.	C+D paraded and relieved A+B Corps. C+D Corps returned to camp at 5.15 p.m. The day was very wet and a high wind was blowing. There were no casualties during the day. Present strength 22 offrs. 607 O.R.	R/L

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SARAGOSA FARM.	14th		<p>Orders were received from Bde. H.Q. to move to BRIDGE CAMP. Battalion paraded at 2.15pm, and proceeded by platoons to the new area (B. 20 to 3.7.) and occupied camp which had been vacated by 19th N. Fus. The camp consisted of Messen Huts.</p> <p>There were four bombing raids by enemy aeroplanes made during the day and four at night. None of these bombs fell in the vicinity of the camp.</p> <p>Capt T. E. BUSSELL 15th R. Scots reported for duty and assumed the duties of 2nd in Command.</p>	<p>Rifmap BELGIUM 28 NW 1/20,000</p>
	15th	9.30am to 12 noon 2pm - 4pm	<p>Platoon and company training parades were held. Physical bayonet fighting arm and close order drill were carried out. Signallers + Snipers paraded for instruction under Specialist Officers.</p> <p>2/Lieut A. S. COUTTS joined for duty from Details and was posted to 'A' Coy. LT J. MACKERELL 21st proceeded on leave</p>	<p>Rf.</p>

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BRIDGE CAMP	15 th		During the night enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs in the neighbourhood none of which fell in the camp. 2/Lieut J. MACKENZIE proceeded on leave.	
SARAGOSSA FARM	16 th	9.30am to 12 noon	Physical drill and reorganization of sections. Specialists paraded for instruction under Specialist Officers. A party of 1 officer and 75 men were employed putting up huts under R.B. supervision. A fatigue party of 20 men was provided for sanitary work in the area. At 3pm. the Bn. moved to SARAGOSSA FARM by SIEGE JUNCTION - DAWSON'S CORNER - MAGENTA CORNER moving by Coys at 200 yds interval. 2/Lieut N.S. HONEYMAN reported for duty from leave and was sent to Transport lines prior to joining details. Capt. T.E. BUSSELL also proceeded to Details Camp. The G.O. Stores and Transport lines of the Bn. were left near BRIDGE JUNCTION at.	map BELGIUM 28 N.W. 1/20,000

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SARAGOSSA FARM	16 th		There were three casualties ^(O.R.) during the day - accidental wounds - caused by the explosion of an enemy hand grenade.	
	17 th	6am	Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs in the neighbourhood.	
		9.30am	Divul Gas Officer inspected Box Respirators of the battalion.	
		10.30am	Parade for all officers at Bn H.Q. mess. Conference by CO on future operations.	
		8.30am	A working party of 1 Sgt & 25 men provided to clear dugouts near BARD'S CAUSEWAY under Area Commandant.	
		11pm	Bn "Stood to" prepared to move on 5 mins. notice.	
	18 th	9am	Bombers, Lewis Gunners and Signallers prepared their equipment etc. in view of forthcoming operations.	
		2pm	Parade of all officers at Bn H.Q. for Conference by	

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SARAG'OSA FARM.	18th	2pm	by C.O. on future operations.	
		3pm	Hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs in vicinity of camp; one bomb fell into the camp occupied by D Coy causing the following casualties. Killed. O.R. 7. Died of Wounds 1. Wounded 1/Lt. G.R. STEWART. O.R. 17.	
			All bivouacs were withdrawn and tents were pitched for the accommodation of the Bn.	
		5pm	Capt. J.F. MACKINTOSH reported for duty from C.C.S. and was sent to join Details.	
				RJ
	19th	9am	2/Lieut N.S. HONEYMAN and 2 O.R. reported for duty from Details were posted to "D" Coy.	
		6pm	Bn. moved off via track B to STRAY FARM area	

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STRAY FARM.	19 th		where accommodation in bivouacs was available. The camp was shared by the 15 th R Scots. Bn Hddrs were at STRAY FARM. There were no casualties. R/.	BELGIUM 20 NW. ST JULIEN 1/20,000.
	20 th	10am to 4pm.	Special equipment, bombs. SAA. etc. were drawn and issued to Companies. While visiting the front line during the morning the CO. LT Col. A. STEPHENSON M.C. was slightly gassed. He remained at duty until evening when Captain T.E. BUSSELL, 2 nd in command arrived and took over the Bn. LT. COL. STEPHENSON was ordered to Bde Hddrs to rest.	
		7.30pm.	The battalion moved up to the front line via A track by platoons at 200 yds interval. On the way up the track was heavily shelled and about 50 casualties were sustained. A + D Companies proceeded to the front line and	

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near TRANQUILLE HOUSE.	20 th	11pm	<p>relieved 11th Suffolks. C Coy was accommodated in barracks near KORTEBEEK FARM and OLGA HOUSE. B Coy. were accommodated in a "pillbox" at U12d. 4.1. Bn Hddrs. were in a pillbox at U12d. 5.6. The battalion was holding a line of organized shell hole positions running from ADEN HOUSE - V.1.d. 7.3 - V.1.d. 3.0. (COLIBRI FARM) Owing to the bad weather these shell holes were in a very bad state & were all full of water. The Bn on the left was 15th R Sals on the left the 23rd Manchester 104 Bde 3rd Div During the night 20/21st very heavy shell fire on our front line positions and pillboxes in rear was experienced. Later in the day. Enemy aeroplanes crossed our line and flying low fired many rounds from their machine guns on our shell hole positions wounding several men. Men moving in twos & threes down the duck board track were also pursued & fired on by these enemy aeroplanes.</p>	<p>SHAAP- BALIE 1/10,000 shot</p>
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LT. TRANQUILLE FARM.	21 st	7pm	<p>B Coy under Capt. R. B. EVANS moved up to the as forming up place proceeding via OLG'A HOUSE - Railway - to a position 150 yds. S.W. of TORENNE CROSSING. The duty of laying out the tape to mark the forming up place had been detailed to B Coy but owing to the very heavy shell fire no tape could be laid. C Coy left their bivouacs at 11pm. and proceeded to the forming up place. While doing so ^{portions of} two platoons of this Coy. lost connection and did not reach the forming up place.</p> <p>A and S Corps. while withdrawing to the forming up place were also caught by hostile shelling and had many casualties some of which were from gas.</p> <p>When formed up the Battr. came under a hostile barrage. The forming up line was approximately ADEN HOUSE to 200 yds S.E. of Rhyline & in line with GRAVEL FARM.</p>	
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ADEN HOUSE - 200 yds S.E. of Rly. towards GRAVEL FARM.	22 nd		<p>At zero hour - 5.35 am. - the waves advance commenced. The leading wave consisted of 'A' & 'D' Coys. the latter Coy. being on the left and directing. The second wave consisted of 'B' and 'C' Coys. 'C' Coy being on the left. Interval between waves was 100 yds, waves were in two lines of sections in file. Owing to casualties the advance was in one wave only.</p> <p>The right Coy. advanced to a point marked "HUTS" - N.E. of TURENNE CROSSING. where they came under very heavy mlg. fire from the Huts due East of TURENNE CROSSING. Later a counter-attack came from this same direction which pushed back the few men of the right Coy who still remained. Our right flank was in the air as a gap existed between our right Coy & the left Coy of the right Bn. (15th R. Scots).</p> <p>2/Lt. J.A. HOPE and 20 O.R. were at a point V.I.d. 5.5. at 7 am. but must have been cut off as nothing further was heard of them.</p> <p>R.J.</p>	<p>SCHAAP. BALIE 1/10,000.</p>

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	22 nd		<p>on the left C + D Coy reached the pillboxes N. of SIX ROADS where they came under very heavy m.g. fire. They covered with rifle fire the advance of the 23rd Manchester on their left who attempted to get round the pillboxes. They were also met with very heavy m.g. fire + an obstacle consisting of a double apron wire fence running along the side of the road due West of SIX ROADS. One of our Lewis Guns managed to push on + capture a pillbox + 6 prisoners but were afterwards lost trace of. At 7am the enemy counterattacked but was driven off with heavy casualties from our rifle fire. Later on, however, owing to the very few numbers left the 23rd Manchester retired + the remnants of C + D Coy moved with them to a position East of EGYPT HOUSE. where a line was established.</p> <p>At 5.30pm a very heavy enemy barrage was put down on our line + the subsequent counter attack which followed was not on our immediate front.</p>	<p>SCHAPP- BALIE 1/10,000</p> <p>RJ.</p>

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	22 nd	7pm.	<p>The battalion was relieved by the 11th Suffolks. + moves back on relief to KORTEBEEK FARM.</p> <p>During the action on this date the following casualties were incurred.</p> <p>Killed - 40R ^{RJ} NIL. Missing believed Killed. 2/Lt. N.S. HONEYMAN. 2/Lt. G. ADAM. 40R ^{RJ} Missing 2/Lt. P. LINN. 2/Lt. D. F. LOW. OR. <u>150</u>. Missing believed wounded. 2/Lt. A. BAXTER. <u>10 OR</u>. Wounded + missing. Capt. R. B. EVANS. 2/Lt. J. A. HOPE. Wounded. Capt. D. M. SUTHERLAND. Lt. W. S. GAVIN M.C., 2/Lts. E. E. MCCOLL, A. S. COUTTS, A. N. FARQUHARSON, OR. 77. Wounded (fas) Capt. J. PELDER. Sick 2/Lt. D. H. BROWN.</p>	
	23 rd		<p>Heavy shell fire continued all day. The work of evacuating</p>	

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KORTEBER FARM.	23 rd		the wounded was continued.	SCHAAP
	23 rd	10pm	Rf. The Battr. was relieved by the 22 nd N. Fusers + moved back to MARSOVIN FARM. Strength on relief 7 officers 27 OR.	BALIE 1/10.000
near PROVEN	24 th	10am	Rf. The battalion marched to BOESINGHE STATION. entraining there at 1pm. At ELVERDINGHE details who had been left with the transport + stragglers rejoined the Battr. at 2pm. the battr. detrained at PROVEN and marched to PORCHESTER CAMP. (E. 5. b. 3. 6.) The camp consisted of tents + bivouacs.	ST. JULIEN 1/20.000 (28 NW)
			at 7pm the transport arrived.	
	25 th	11am	Rf. Lt General The Earl of Cavan Cmdg. XIV th Corps visited the camp + discussed the recent operations with	

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near PROVEN	25 th	2pm	the CO. A draft of 66 OR. and Lieut. C. J. LAMBERT, D. M. McDUGALL joined the Bn. were posted to Coys. Details and the following officers also rejoined the battalion. Capt. J. E. MACKINTOSH. H. W. RAWSON. 2/Lt. J. STRANG, F. J. STANDRING, H. COWIE. Lieut. P. BAYLISS rejoined from Hospital & assumed command of B Coy.	BELGIUM. 1/20.000.
	26 th	9am to 12 noon 2pm 4pm	The battalion paraded by Companies for reorganization under Coy. Cmdrs. Lieut. J. MACKENZIE rejoined from leave & took over command of D Coy. 2/Lt. J. STRANG assumed command of C Coy.	
	27 th	5am	Advance billeting party (4 Coy. C. & S. G. & S. under 2/Lt. R. W. F. JOHNSTON) left for new area.	
		9am 12 noon 2-4pm	Reorganization under Coy. Cmdrs. was continued.	

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NOT PROVEN	28th	12.40p	The battalion paraded in full marching order and marched to PESELHOEK. & entrained there for MIRAU MONT at 4pm Rf.	HAZEBROUCK 5A & LENS II.
HENHAM CAMP, ACHIET- LE-PETIT	29th	3am	Bn. arrived at MIRAU MONT and marched to HENHAM Camp at ACHIET-LE-PETIT. The camp consisted of tents & brownac shelters. 2/Lieut. R. ANDERSON & G. F. HOWIE rejoined from Courses.	
	30th	9am to 12 noon 2.4p Rf	Physical, arm & close order drill under Coy. Cmdr. A draft of 19 OR. joined for duty & were posted to A Coy. 1/Lieut G. F. HOWIE proceeded to take over the duties of Camp Commandant DURHAM LINES	

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ACHET-ke PETIT	31st	10.15 am	<p>Battalion paraded in drill order and marched to Brigade Parade Ground near the camp where the Brigade was inspected by the Divisional Commander who afterwards addressed the Brigade. The battalion marched past in column of route after the address returning to camp at 11.30 am.</p> <p>The remainder of the day was spent in cleaning up & in recreation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R.L.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Stephenson Lieut Colonel, Cmdg. 16th Bn The Royal Lancers</p> <p>31/10/17</p>	

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LTCOL A. STEPHENSON M.C. Cmdy
16th Bn The Royal Scots.

Reference maps. 1/10,000

SCHAAP BALIE, BROOMBECK. 20 x 17.

(also
Reference O.O. no 38 of 19 x 17)

1. An artillery barrage table has been issued to all concerned. It will be seen from this that the opening barrage cuts our front line. It will therefore be necessary to withdraw our front line troops to a line approximately ADEN HOUSE - GRAVEL FARM.

2. B Coy will tape out this line as soon as possible after dusk. on night 21st.
Compass bearings from

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be sent to Br Har.
until the situation is
settled.

8. Acknowledge.

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Lt Colonel
16th R. Scots.

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as a guide for the
 correction of watches.

If possible, a further
 correction will be sent before
 Zero hour.

6. No Stokes guns will be
 attached to the Batten.

7. On night 22nd/23rd if
 the situation permits the
 Batten will be relieved by
 the 11th Suffolk. During
 the day of the 22nd. If
 possible to do so, one
 intelligent guide per
 platoon will be sent to Bn.
 Hdqrs. to bring up the
 Suffolk to the front area
 after dark. These guides
 must carefully reconnoitre
 the route and must not

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ADEY HOUSE & GRAVEL FARM
are to be taken from the map
& also, by direct sighting in
daylight if possible.

It is very important that
this line is accurately &
carefully sighted & laid.

3. As soon as the tape is
laid A & D Corps will
withdraw to it, retaining
their relative positions. The
boundary between the 15th
& 16th Bdns will be
approximately 200 yds SE
of the Railway line.

4. B & C Corps will form up
approximately 100 yds in
rear of the leading Corp.

5. A watch showing today's
time is sent herewith.

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LAC. H. STEPHENSON MC Coy
16th Bn The Royal Scots.Ref. BROOMBECK +
SCHADAP - PALIE
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1. Corps will move tonight +
occupy areas as follows.
A Coy front line Right Sector.
D " " " Left " "
B + C Corps Area TAUBE HO.
CONDE-TRANQUILLE Rd.
2. "Suffolk" guides will meet
each platoon of A + C Corps
at SCHREIBERG and will
guide them to their positions.
One guide per Coy. will
meet B + C Corps and guide
them as far as OLGA HOUSE.

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From this point B.C. Coy. will be guided by the officers who reconnoitred the area last night.

Unless alterations are made in dispositions of other units B.C. Coy. must occupy shell holes or whatever other accommodation they can find available.

3. The 16th R Scts will move by platoons at 200 yds. interval in the following order. A.D.B.C. Hdqrs.

A Coy will move off 15 mins after the last platoon of the 15th R Scts has left the camp.

4 Route to be followed is 'A' track to about U 23 d. and

there via OLGA HOUSE TRACK

5. Rations for 21st & 22nd will be carried on the man.
Special stores & tools will also be carried.
6. Bn H.Q. will be in a pill box at U12 d. 4 5.
7. Reports that Corps are in their respective positions to be sent to Bn H.Q. as early as possible.
8. There will be no telephonic communication forward of Bn H.Q. Corps may be able to work visual back to Bn H.Q. a look out will be kept at Bn H.Q. for any signals.

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 9. All men must be
 warned not to expose
 themselves during daylight
 more than is absolutely
 necessary.

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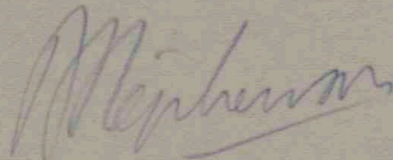
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14. Each wave as it advances will do its own "mopping up". This must be done thoroughly and expeditiously.
15. Two Stokes mortars will be detailed to accompany the second wave. They will have double teams but no other means of carrying ammunition so their resources must be husbanded.
16. A Strong point will be constructed at about COLEBERT CROSS ROADS by "C" Company as soon as the situation permits.
17. Compass bearings must be taken both from the map and from any prominent points which may be visible.
18. The position of Battrn. H.Q. will be notified later.
19. Information is to be sent back to Battrn. H.Q. as early as possible.
20. The extreme difficulties of an attack under existing conditions are very fully realised and it is upon the individual effort of every carrier N.C.O. and man that ultimate success rests.
21. Stretcher Bearers of all Companies will follow immediately behind "B" and "C" Companies and after attending to any wounded will rejoin their own Companies.



Lieut. Col.

Commanding 18th (S) Battalion The Royal Scots.

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Report on the Operations on 22/10/17.Reference SCHAAP BALIE Map.

(1) On the evening of 20/10/17 I took over Command of the Battalion from Lieut. Col. A. Stephenson, M.C. who had been gassed. The leading Company commenced to move up to the line at 7.30 p.m. and the whole Battalion - Strength 20 Officers and 405 Other Ranks had passed STRA WARM by 10.10 p.m. Battalion Headquarters started at 11 p.m. Throughout the relief the shelling was severe being particularly bad at LANGEMARK and WHEEDON DUMP. The casualties during this period was one officer (2nd Lieut. D.H. Brown) sick and about 50 other ranks, Killed and Wounded. *click*

(2) When the relief was completed the Battalion was situated as follows :-

Battn. H.Q. at U.12.d.5.6.

"D" Coy. ADEN HOUSE to TURENNE CROSSING.

"A" Coy. TURENNE CROSSING to COLIBRI FARM.

"B" Coy. U.12.d.4.1.

"C" Coy. OLGA HOUSES (U.18.a.6.2.)

"C" Coy. KORTABEEK FARM (U.18.a.8.2.)

(3) The Battalion remained in these positions during the 21st and suffered many casualties from shell fire and Machine Gun fire from aeroplanes. The latter came down low and were protected by other aeroplanes - which were higher up in the air. There were several instances of individual men being pursued.

(4) "B" Company had been detailed to lay out a tape on a line approximately ADEN HOUSE to 200 yards S.E. of the Railway Line and in line with GRAVEL FARM. Capt. Evans reported that in consequence of the heavy shell fire he was unable to do anything by daylight beyond taking compass bearings for the advance. Every officer knew what these were. At dusk he led his Company up the Railway line - with the intention of leaving them some way back while he laid the tape. From all accounts received it would appear the laying of the tape was not accomplished and that the Coys. formed up without it. In moving back to the "point of assembly" "A" Company lost many men including a number from Gas.

"B" Company had many casualties while waiting to form up. Two platoons of "C" Company lost connection on the way up and they were not in the attack. This will be a subject for enquiry.

"D" Company suffered casualties while moving into position. When formed up they ^{8th} were caught under the hostile barrage.

The leading wave consisted of "A" and "D" Companies. "D" Company being on the left and directing.

The second wave consisted of "B" and "C" Companies. "C" Company being on the left.

Interval between waves was 100 yards. The two waves were both in two lines of sections in file.

At Zero hour 8.35 a.m. the waves which, owing to casualties, consisted only of one wave - advanced.

The right Companies ("A" and "B") advanced to ~~about~~ a point marked HUTS - North East of TURENNE CROSSING. They were then hung up by Machine Gun fire from the HUTS due EAST of TURENNE CROSSING. Later, a counter-attack came from this same direction - and round our right flank which was in the air - there being a gap between our right flank and the left flank of the ~~Rm~~ 15th Bn. The Royal Scots. This pushed back the few men of the right Coys. who still remained; who held on until the enemy was within 30 yards of them. Their rifles were clogged with mud and useless. The number of the enemy

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was too great to make an advance with the bayonet of any use. 2nd Lieut. Hope and 20 men of "A" and "B" Companies who were at Point V.I.d.5.5. at 7 a.m. must have been cut off as nothing more was heard of them.

On the left "C" and "D" Companies with a few men of "B" Coy. moved forward and reached the HILL BOXES, N. of SIX ROADS. Here they were held up by heavy M.G. fire. They covered with rifle fire the 23rd MANCHESTERS on their left who attempted to get round the Hill Boxes. They were also met by severe M.G. fire and an obstacle in the form of a double apron of wire running along the side of the road almost due west of SIX ROADS. One of our Lewis Guns managed to push through the wire and captured a Hill Box and 6 Prisoners, but it is not known what happened to this section. A counter-attack was made by the enemy about 7 a.m. which was severely punished. The enemy also suffered severe casualties while sheltering behind trees previous to this counter-attack.

Eventually the lack of numbers made itself felt and the 23rd Manchesters were forced back and also the remnants of "C" and "D" Companies went at the same time.

The survivors and a Lewis Gun from "C" Company were collected later in the day by 2nd Lt. S. CRUICKSHANK and were formed up on the right of the 23rd Manchesters East of EGYPT N HOUSE. No. 22751 A/Cpl. W. HODGSON, who was in charge of this Lewis Gun, claims to have inflicted some casualties on the enemy, including a sniper who was up a tree. 2nd Lieut. T.C. Laidlaw, the Battalion Intelligence Officer, was sent out from Bn. H.Q. early in the afternoon and did what he could to clear up the situation.

The Battalion was relieved by the 11th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment that evening.

During the 21st it was found impossible to maintain communication by runners or telephone from the position originally taken up by Battn. H.Q. Consequently these were moved back to the position vacated by "B" Company. Moreover this Hill Box was crowded with wounded.

At the new Battn. H.Q. communication could only be kept up with the greatest difficulty, and 2nd Lieut. R.W.F. Johnston, No. 19860 Sgt. R. Davie and No. 19829 L/Cpl. R. Liston shewed the greatest devotion to duty, and I would like to bring them to your notice.

I should also like to bring to your notice the conduct of No. 2930 Cpl. H. Fox, who although sick himself - administered to the wounded for two days and one night unceasingly. As the spare Field Dressings had been lost on the way up to the position it was necessary for him to search the dead while under heavy shell fire - to find what dressings that were necessary.

101st Machine Gun Company.

Four guns of the above were attached to the Battalion. The Officer in Command - 2nd Lieut. BRASSINGTON - came to me during the night of the 21st and reported that he had lost one gun on the way up to TURENNE CROSSING. He stated that he had received no orders beyond being told to go to TURENNE CROSSING. I informed him of what it was proposed to do in the attack - Zero hour etc. - and further gave him orders to remain at TURENNE CROSSING and give covering fire until the first objectives had been gained. He was then to move forward and give covering fire from that position. When the final objective was gained he was to move up into a position just behind it.

As the operation was not successful he did not move. He lost two more guns during the 22nd from direct hits.

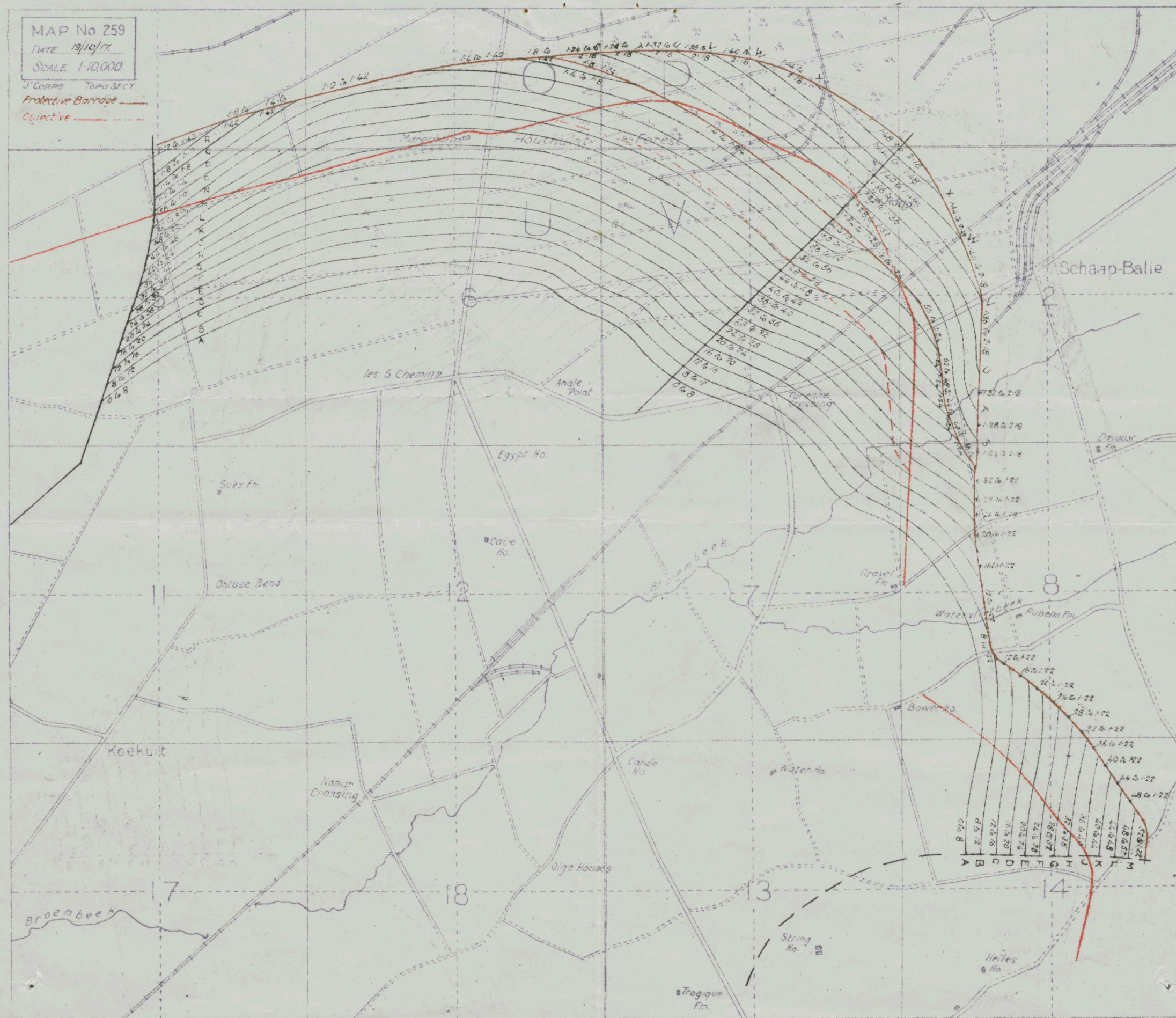
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