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FOR MOVE 15TH. FEBRUARY, 1917.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
Feb 15.	8th. Suff. R.	VARENNES.	THIEPVAL and thence to LINE.	BOUZINCOURT-MARTINSART-AVELUY-AUTHILLE.	8th. Suff. R. will rest at THIEPVAL during the afternoon of the 15th. Feb. and move up to the line night 15/16. Time of arrival at, and time to be clear of THIEPVAL will be notified later.
	6th. R. Berks	VARENNES.	NONMOUTH and MARLBOROUGH Huts & thence to LINE. <i>(Huts (To be vacated by 10th. Essex R.))</i>	BOUZINCOURT-AVELUY.	6th. R. Berks R. will rest in the NONMOUTH and MARLBOROUGH Huts during afternoon of 15th. Feb. & will move up to the LINE on the night 15/16. Not to arrive at NONMOUTH & MARLBOROUGH Huts before 12 noon.
	8th. Norf. R.	HEDAUVILLE.	THIEPVAL. (To be vacated by 8th. Suff. R.)	BOUZINCOURT-MARTINSART-AVELUY-AUTHILLE.	Time of arrival in THIEPVAL will be notified later.
	10th. Essex R.	NONMOUTH and MARLBOROUGH Huts - Huts	ST. PIERRE DIVISION.	do	To be clear of NONMOUTH and MARLBOROUGH Huts by 11.30 a.m.
	53rd. G.C.	HEDAUVILLE.	LINE.	BOUZINCOURT-AVELUY.	Under arrangements to be made direct between C. Os. concerned.
	53rd. T.M.B.	do	do	do	do

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	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>pm</sup>	<p>The Battalion which consisted of about 70 men, and the C.O. was ordered to go to the ALBERT defenses for the night. Here the men made defensive positions, and the officers &amp; NCO's who had been left at the transport lines were rejoined, &amp; Cooks were brought up. In the evening 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants BREACH and MAY, and about 60 men who had been dug in, in 'the man's land' rejoined - we were all very glad to see them.</p>									
	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>		<p>owing to the extreme heat the Battalion was taken into some vacant houses in ALBERT, and there two days were spent in resting and refitting.</p> <p>Casualties for the operations against ORMEERS, were -</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers - Killed 3.</td> <td>Other Ranks Killed 2.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sold of Ammir 2.</td> <td>Wounded 212.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wounded 3.</td> <td>Missing 104.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Missing 7.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The medical officer and the other members remained behind in the Aid Post in STANDISH Street, when the Battalion was withdrawn from the trenches, they performed excellent work in bringing in many wounded -</p>	Officers - Killed 3.	Other Ranks Killed 2.	Sold of Ammir 2.	Wounded 212.	Wounded 3.	Missing 104.	Missing 7.		
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	Aug 8 Contd.		<p>The net result of the 4 attacks was that the enemy gained about 50 yards of trenches with great loss of life.</p> <p>Casualties 6 officers and 128 other ranks.</p> <p>Major P. W. NORTH (of 2nd Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt.) and 2 Lt. H. H. COOK (from 9th Bn.) joined the Battalion.</p>	
	Aug 9		<p>owing to attacks of ANZACS and 7th SUFFOLK Regt. on our right the Battalion was heavily shelled and there were four more officer casualties, all from shell fire in RATION TRENCH (5th AVENUE)</p> <p>2 Lt. R. A. BANCE was killed; Lt. C. de V. HINDE, Lt. A. G. C. RICE + 2 Lt. H. C. TOOSOOD was wounded</p> <p>Casualties 4 officers + 39 other ranks.</p>	
	Aug 10		<p>Battalion was relieved by 9th ESSEX Regt. and returned to trenches near GYLLERS - 2 Companies in Old German Front line and 2 Companies on USNA Hill.</p> <p>Battalion employed on working and sapping parties.</p> <p>Casualties 4 other ranks</p>	<p>1/11/18</p>

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	Aug 8th		<p>On the morning of August 8th the Germans made 4 counter attacks on our position in 5th Avenue.</p> <p>① On our left flank at 3 am. they made a bombing attack and got into our trenches but were immediately driven out.</p> <p>② At the same place they attempted a second attack at 4.30 am. which was easily repulsed.</p> <p>③ Simultaneously with ① the enemy made a determined attack on the barricade which formed the right flank of our position in 5th AVENUE. The enemy employed flamethrowers and under cover of the smoke got into the trench. After hand to hand fighting they were driven out and beyond the barricade.</p> <p>④ At 5.30 am. they repeated the attack and this time succeeded in getting into the trench and compelling our men to withdraw from the trench. A fresh barricade was erected about 50 yards from the old one and the enemy were checked there. While supervising the construction of this barricade the company commander, Lt. F. A. L. EDWARDS who had conducted the defence with great gallantry was wounded, succumbed to his wounds 2 days later. Sgt. J. M. HUGHES who was seen to be wounded during the first attack was found to be missing and Lt. H. CROWHURST was wounded by enemy bombs.</p> <p>The operation was preceded by an intense preliminary bombardment in the course of which Lt. H. M. THURSTON, Lt. A. BIDMEAD and Lt. A. J. SHIPTON were wounded.</p>	<p>2118</p>

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1<sup>st</sup> Royal Berkshire Regiment

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VERMELLES.	28-9-15		<p>Personal message from General Gough (1<sup>st</sup> Corps) explained that owing to the situation the attack was imperative.</p> <p>Coys moved in file to the rendezvous A. B. C. D. HQ + MGs. Here the battalion formed up in Company Column and advanced towards the objective 800 yards away. During the advance two lines of captured German trenches and two lines of barbed wire had to be crossed - these were manned by British troops.</p> <p>During the bright moonlight the enemy saw us advancing when we were 400 yards from our objective (FOSSE B.); they put up "very" light and kept up a continuous rifle fire on us from our right front - this grew heavier as we got nearer.</p> <p>The battalion advanced steadily, A, B and part of C Coy going straight for the FOSSE. They were unable owing to the heavy fire from the enemy who by this time were manning the top of the FOSSE to gain the slag heap being checked about 70 yards from it - D and part of C Coy meanwhile advanced and manned the front British trench.</p> <p>During this time 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut A. B. Turner singlehanded bombed down a German communication trench during the enemy before him a distance of over 150 yards. During the whole of this period the Germans were throwing bombs at 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Turner. While performing this very gallant act he was mortally wounded. By this time it was known that the C.O. Major Bird was wounded and Capt Radford DSO. 1<sup>st</sup> in command was killed.</p>	CWT

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1<sup>st</sup> Royal Berkshire Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VERMELLES	28.9.15		<p>In consequence the command devolved on Capt CW Fryzell who was in command of the rear company. It also by this time Colonel Carter the brigadier was up in the first trench.</p> <p>Seeing that the first two companies were checked Colonel Carter gave Captain Fryzell the order to charge with the remaining men available. This order was carried out. The leading men with Captain Fryzell in front got half way up the slag heap when the Germans from the top threw bombs on our heads. This checked our further advance and the men retired to the front British trench a distance of 150 yards.</p> <p>As it was now getting daylight and the men were all rather exhausted Colonel Carter decided not to attack again. He ordered Capt Fryzell to re-organise in our old trenches.</p> <p>Casualties - Killed Capt M Cladford DSO. Died of wounds 2 Lt A B Turner</p> <p>Missing - Capt G N Gettins, 2 Lt P C Rawson 2 Lt R A Summers 2 Lt H O B Blayney</p> <p>Wounded - missing. Lieut G F M Hall.</p> <p>Wounded - Major L W Bird, Lt R F Eager, Lt D E Ward, 2 Lt R Haigh 2 Lt W Shuckley and Capt Adj C S A Fullbrook left DSO.</p> <p>Other ranks - Killed 17 Missing 143. Wounded 115. Total 288.</p>	Capt
<p>The death of Captain Cladford cannot be too much deplored. He was a very gallant officer and his loss is very keenly felt by everyone in the regiment and brigade. He was buried at Vermelles.</p>				

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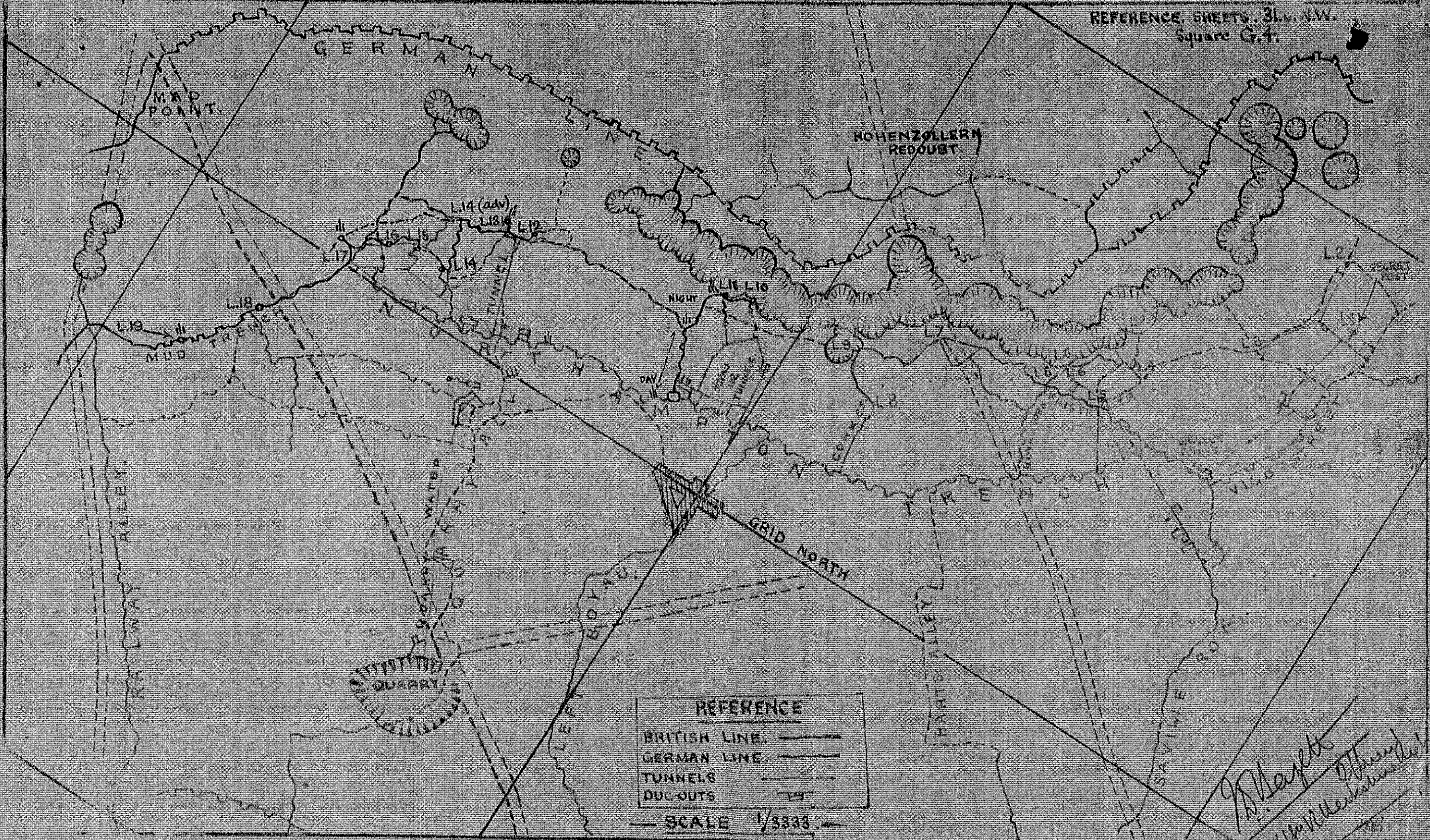
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1st Royal Berkshire Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HARLEY ST (COINCHY)	1.11.15	5 PM	2 fatigue 20 + INCO each for B.H.Q. Fatigue 150 men at 3.30 pm cancelled owing to bad weather. B Coy batted in the morning and D Coy after dinner. Enemy <del>at</del> guns put 10 HE 6 inch shells over the Canal bridge at PONT FIXE. 2 men wounded not seriously. General Daly arranged for us to tell the 81st Battery (through the 56th) directly, enemy guns shelled PONT FIXE. Wet miserable weather.	Lt Green back from leave. 2 casualties wounded.
HARLEY ST	2.11.15		Small working parties for RE cancelled owing to bad weather conditions. HQ batted. Quiet day.	2 casualties.
HARLEY ST	3.11.15		Supplied working party 250 men, paraded 4 p.m. One man killed, wounded (while working). Very bad weather conditions; trenches bad. Bde Soup Kitchen installed in HARLEY ST for working parties. PONT FIXE Shelled about 3 p.m. (6.5.9 HE) also CAMBRIN SUPPORT PT	
"	4.11.15		General Home went round batts of Bde about 10 am. also CAMBRIN SUPPORT PT. Usual working parties of 250 were found at 4 p.m. Weather rather better. PONT FIXE Shelled same time as day before.	Casualties 2nd Lt Sinton Am. Corp 2nd Blackburn wounded leave
HARLEY ST BETHUNE	5.11.15		Nothing unusual to report. Usual large working parties. PONT FIXE Shelled at same time. Bde was relieved by 19th Inf Bde and moved back into Duv Res with Bde. HQ and GORVATHM. Battle was relieved by 2nd R. W. F's about 12 noon. On relief Coy marched back independently. Bde at RUE D'AYR BETHUNE. Bde found but scattered D Coy about 1 mile from A.O.S. Before relief small working party supplied.	





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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAROC	5:3 1916	after-noon	The Battalion went into billets at BRACQUEMONT (NEUX-LES-MINES), where they took over from the 6 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Regt.	LAR
NEUX	4:3 1916		A draft of 13 men arrived and was taken on the strength.	LAR
	9:3 1916	5:15	The Battalion marched out to relieve the 1 <sup>st</sup> Northants Regt. For the first time in its life, the regiment went up in motor-buses as far as LES BREBIS.	LAR
FRONT LINE	11:3 1916		D. Coy. buried a man of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> London Regt. who had been in the communication trench (Rupert street) since September 25 <sup>th</sup> . Some German bodies in front of the support line, which had also been out since September, were likewise buried.	LAR
	12:3 1916	8:15	The Battalion was relieved by the 10 <sup>th</sup> Gloucesters.	
COOS		11:0	Cellars in COOS were occupied.	
			L/Sgt. E. Evans, D. Coy. awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry. He dug out several men who were buried by a mine, under very heavy fire.	LAR
	13:3 1916		A draft of 23 N.C.O.s & men was received & taken on the strength.	
FRONT LINE	15:3 1916	Night	We relieved the 16 <sup>th</sup> Gloucesters.	LAR
MAROC	18:3 1916	10:30	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Gloucesters relieved us.	
	21:3 1916	9:0	The Battalion was relieved by the 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Welch Regt., and went into billets at LES BREBIS.	LAR

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15th	May	1916	In billets at ALBERT. LIEUT. COLONEL A. M. HONDSWORTH assumed command of Battalion. VICO MAJOR E. M. ALFREY, 1 man to hospital.	
16th	"	1916	In billets at ALBERT. LIEUTS R. HAIGH, H. E. W. PREST and 2ND LIEUT V. R. HUMPHREYS joined Battalion. LIEUT J. McDONALD, R.A.M.C. ceased to be attached to Battalion. CAPTAIN H. K. V. SOLTAN, R.A.M.C. attached to Battalion. A draft of 35 other ranks joined Battalion.	
17th	"	1916	In billets at ALBERT. 2 men from hospital.	
18th	"	1916	— ditto — 1 man to hospital.	
19th	"	1916	In billets at ALBERT. The Battalion relieved the 200 SCOTTISH RIFLES in trenches - left section, left Brigade area about 5. P.M. Blank Battalions - 300 LINCOLN REGT on right flank, 10th BORDER REGT on left flank. 3 men to hospital.	} Cluff
20th	"	1916	In trenches - left section, left Brigade area. Blank Battalions - 2ND LINCOLN REGT on right flank, 10th BORDER REGT on left flank. 2 men wounded.	
21st	"	1916	In trenches - left section, left Brigade area. Blank Battalions - 2ND LINCOLN REGT on right flank, 10th BORDER REGT on left flank. LIEUT. A. T. G. GOODALL wounded (not admitted to hospital). 3 men wounded, 2 men to hospital.	
22nd	"	1916	In trenches - left section, left Brigade area. Blank Battalions - 2ND LINCOLN REGT on right flank, 10th BORDER REGT on left flank. 1 man killed, 1 man to hospital, 2 from hospital.	

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23rd	May	1916	In trenches - left section, left Brigade area. Blank Battalions - 1ST ROYAL IRISH RIFLES on right flank, 10TH BORDER REGT on left flank. A draft of 46 other ranks (Army Cyclist Corps) attached to Battalions. 1 man wounded 1 man to hospital, 2 from hospital.	
24th	"	1916	In trenches - left section, left Brigade area, Blank Battalions - 1ST ROYAL IRISH RIFLES on right flank, 10TH BORDER REGT on left flank. 1 man to hospital, 3 from hospital.	
25th	"	1916	In trenches - left section, left Brigade area, Blank Battalions - 1ST ROYAL IRISH RIFLES on right flank, 10TH BORDER REGT on left flank. The Battalion was relieved by the 2ND RIFLE BRIGADE about 5 P.M. and proceeded to Brigade Reserve Billels at ALBERT. 3 men wounded. 1 man to hospital.	Aluff
26th	"	1916	In Brigade Reserve Billels at ALBERT. 1 man to hospital 5 from hospital.	
27th	"	1916	In Brigade Reserve Billels at ALBERT. The Battalion proceeded to Divisional Reserve Camp at HENENCOURT WOODS about 9.30 P.M. 2 men from hospital.	
28th	"	1916	In Divisional Reserve Camp at HENENCOURT WOODS.	
29th	"	1916	ditto	2ND LIEUT. W. D. GALE from hospital. 2 men to hospital.
30th	"	1916	In Divisional Reserve Camp at HENENCOURT WOODS. 3 men to hospital.	
31st	"	1916	ditto	3 men to hospital.

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CONTAL - MASON LOWER WOOD	22:7 1916		<p>The two assaulting Battalions failed to enter the enemy's trench chiefly owing to the fact that the trench was on the reverse slope of a ridge and that the artillery had been able to get no direct observation on to the trench and so the wire had not been sufficiently cut. The two Battalions had fairly heavy casualties and at 4.15 am our two remaining companies in support in "The Cutting" were moved up into O. G. 1., one company in support of each Battalion.</p>	<p>P.S.C. MAP SHEET IV M. 2118 DICH.</p>
FRONT LINE CONTAMASON	23:7 1916	9.30 pm.	<p>The Battalion relieved all the troops of the 10<sup>th</sup> Gloucesters and 1<sup>st</sup> Camerons in the two front trenches, with Battalion H. Q. in O. G. 1. at about 11.20.3.0. The left boundary of the Battalion was the track S 1 H. O. 6 and the right boundary was the track at S 2 C 2.3. The companies being distributed as shown on map.</p>	<p>P.S.C.</p>
"	24:7 1916	3.0 pm.	<p>The Corps heavy artillery bombarded the enemy's switch line and MURSTER ALLEY. Our front line was evacuated while the bombardment lasted - about 5 hours.</p>	<p>P.S.C.</p>
"	"	8.30 pm.	<p>The enemy bombarded our trenches heavily from 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm and a heavy</p>	

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CONTAMINSON	24.7. 1916	8.30 pm	barrage was put up between O.G.1 and "The COTTING". This bombardment may have been in retaliation for the bombardment of the enemy's trenches by our heavy Coys artillery during the afternoon and evening or it may have been an attempt to attract the attention of our artillery from DELVILLE WOOD when the enemy were delivering a counter attack.	P.S.C.
"	25.7. 1916	12.30 Am.	A very heavy bombardment on our left under cover of which the 5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade attacked and captured MÜNSTER ABBEY and the 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Division (having attacked and captured TOZIERES on the night of 22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> ) continued to push on by attacking O.G.1 and O.G.2. from the west, from X 5.6.20 up to and including the main BAPAUME ROAD	P.S.C.
"	25.7. 1916	8.0 pm	Battalion was relieved in two front line trenches by 8 <sup>th</sup> YORKS and CANALS Regt = 70 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade =	P.S.C.
BAIZIEUX WOOD	25.7. 1916	8.0 pm	On relief Battalion marched via ALBERT direct to BAIZIEUX WOOD when we went into bivouac at about 2.30 am on 26 <sup>th</sup> July.	P.S.C.

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1/10/16

Situation quiet. Trenches were in a bad state owing to the weather. Working parties out at night. Weather wet. Battalion front extended from FLAG E. S AVENUE

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2/10/16

Situation quiet. Work. Revetting and traversing trenches

ACU

3/10/16

Situation quiet. Instructions received to put new men on work of constructing deep dug out. Enemy trench mortars active. Weather fair.

ACU

4/10/16

Enemy trench mortar bombardment of front and support lines but did us serious damage. The enemy's activity was the retaliation for our own T.M.

ACU

5/10/16

fair. Weather fair. Our 18 pounder batteries were in front of SERRE village.

ACU

6/10/16

French mortar activity on both sides. Weather wet.

7/10/16

Considerable artillery and trench mortar activity on both sides. Relieved by 17<sup>th</sup> Royal Fusiliers (5<sup>th</sup> Bde) at 5 p.m. Marched to camp in wood South of MAILLY MAILLET (P/B).

ACU

MAILLY-  
MAILLET

7/10/16

300 men on working parties on communication trenches in SERRE + REDAN sections.

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ARQUEVES

8/10/16

Battalion paraded 1400/m and marched to ARQUEVES arriving there at 5 p.m.

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13th BN ROYAL BERRKSHIRE REG

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ANNEQUIN	1817		<p><u>Strength of Battalion</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH</td> <td>39 officers</td> <td>653 N.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RATION STRENGTH</td> <td>25</td> <td>490 N.C.</td> </tr> </table>	EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	39 officers	653 N.C.	RATION STRENGTH	25	490 N.C.	
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	2817		<p>A very wet and dull day. Nothing unusual occurred. Weather unsettled and cooler. ANNEQUIN FOSSE was again heavily shelled. At 4.30 pm the Battalion relieved 11th V.R.R.C. in front line CAMBRIN RIGHT. Relief complete 5.45 pm. Light frost. Casualties:</p>							
Northline trenches CAMBRIN RIGHT	3817		<p>Weather wet and overcast. trench system found to be very much damaged by rain necessitating constant work. 2 casualties (1 killed &amp; 1 wounded) by enemy gas. I heard H.A. MOSSMAN joined the Battalion.</p>							
	4817		<p>Wetter, unsettled weather. A mist day. At 4.30 pm the 8th Bn SHERWOOD FOREST REGS. (139th I.B.) in own RIGHT raided the enemy trenches at about 9.50 A.M. Our Light Coy (A.F.B.) supported the raid by firing 264 Rifle grenades in column at 9.50. Casualties: 2 killed and 1 wounded.</p>							
	5817		<p>Weather fine, night very dark. I heard H. J. ODELL called out a valuable measurement of enemy line in P.S.C.</p>							
	6817		<p>Weather fine and warm. An successful day. About midnight the enemy fired about 20 77mm shells near Battalion. 1 shell of which failed to explode or exploded harmlessly in the ground. Subsequent investigation proved them to be shrapnel shells. Casualties: 1 SA (A Coy) killed &amp; 1 wounded by spent M.G. bullet. I heard A. J. HARRIS joined the Battalion.</p>							

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Report on Operations of 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917

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On the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 the Detachment moved up into the fine position in angle file. During the darkness of the night and the difficult nature of the ground considerable difficulties were experienced in finding ~~the way~~, heaps of 10 inch and 8 inch shrapnel and finding direction.

The Detachment was ordered forward up on 14th until 4 PM up to 15th period the Detachment suffered very slight casualties in spite of considerable hostile & firing.

The attack on the Green line commenced at 4.15 and the ground east of the Hammetts fell into our hands without great difficulty about 50 prisoners being captured.

The Hammetts were ordered the Detachment and a platoon of 80 was notified by the Officers on the spot that the attack on the Riggs Road made little of any progress and the Riggs Companies (6.) took over the defence of the Riggs Road. After the attack was abandoned to company continued the attack from this time onwards there was heavy rifle fire (M.G.) from the Green positions and a platoon of 80 from the Green positions advanced the attack was continued and the Green part of Green Redoubt and the adjacent to the north of it fell into our hands a further 50 prisoners being captured.

Our Rifles after suffering heavy casualties was held up by a strong point (unlocated), possibly the position edge of the Green Redoubt. The Rifle Company under Capt. S. L. which was with a party of 80 and captured. During attack was held by Redoubt and the Green line was reached in certain places.

The Royal Grenadier Rifles were not quite up with our Rifles. A line was formed of 2 small posts running from approximately S 3. d. 3. g. through the NW corner of the Green Redoubt and down to S 2. e. 6. 1. Tanks were given with 1000 on our Rifles and Rifle.



There were a certain number of men on the forward edge of crest.

During the counter-attack this was very weak and being sniping a M.G. fire made it impossible to reorganise, some fire coming even from our Digby's room.

A week's company of the Rifles came up in support; the station head guard was 1st Lt. Red in concert dugeant.

at 5.2. c. 8.6.

About 9.30 AM. Germans were noticed forming up on the ridge ground on Digby's and at 10.30 AM. a strong counter-attack commenced. The enemy advancing on our front and from E. S.E. & directly north to make out after Rappened on our front as no really reliable intelligence known. Red been very heavy and the Germans attacked in great force.

According to the accounts of two men they appeared to come from a tunnel behind bridge.

The enemy suffered considerable casualties but our front was broken in and the position on our Digby's captured is 10. Rone given away.

The troops were killed by Digby's and to the left B. S.C.

Year of the counter-attack to the west of the ridge on our side killed at 7.5. and 8.2. & 8.2.

A part of the 1st Rifles was in to the left on our Digby's and back was given with troops on our left. This was completely mixed up.

The station strength was 4 Officers (one wounded) and 150 men.

The German attack stopped on gaining the first cross road line.

At 3 PM Germans were noticed on the Digby's ground in Digby's and a pigeon message was

sent asking for Digby's support.

At 3.30 the German advance commenced. The Rifles appearing a station coming down from the Digby's ground in a 1st Lt. Red's direction.

Another attack started from the station west and from Digby's road.

The attack on our front made very slow progress.

At 4.30 AM heavy sniping commenced striking the ridge causing considerable casualties.

About the same time the Rifles on our front were noticed. At 5.30 the advance troops of the attack on our front were within 100 yards of the sniping and becoming very effective.

During the course of ammunition on the line was

sniping and occasional fire was very much allowed.

This attack in the opinion of these prisoners, was

Some seem comparatively reported, but at this time the  
Division on our Riggs were seen returning in disorder  
reporting our Riggs post is engulfed fire and ultimate  
destination.

The Sgt Frank was already in the air and  
retirement became necessary.

This was effected with very few casualties in  
spite of heavy M.G. fire.

A line was organized along to morale dug out  
from 5.8.0.0. 15 5.8.0.0.

As the Division on our Riggs had been seen  
returning on Westrock it was anticipated that the  
Riggs would be held by them, this however was  
shown by ground over to the side.

All the Royal Scots Riets immediately available (60)  
and about 20 Finns moved to the Riggs and  
formed a defense in front facing west.

Tank was reported with the Germans, this information  
proved to be inaccurate and there was a considerable  
gap in the line which was ultimately filled in by  
loss of employees of the 2nd Northampton.

The front German attack took place and at  
the Division was relieved by the 2nd Northampton and  
went into reserve on the alternative ridge.

As soon as possible the Division was reorganized  
into 300 Rifles & Head Division. The strength of Division  
being approximately 30.

The fighting strength of the Division was 3 Officers and 115 men.

The conduct of the Division was very good  
when the 1st retirement took place a considerable number  
of wounded including at least one Officer and 15  
abandoned and fell into the hands of the Germans.  
In addition at least one German Corporal was brought  
down by our Rifle fire.

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Commanding, 2nd Bn. Royal Berkshire Regiment

Regimental Medical Arrangements for the

Forthcoming Operations

Regimental Aid Post.

The Regimental Aid Post will be established as near Battalion H. Gns. as possible and will move forward with H. Gns. if circumstances permit (for instance, there may be a rush of cases when the Aid Post would remain behind and follow on later).

As soon as a fresh Aid Post has been formed H. Gns. will be notified of its position which will be indicated by a red cross board and two directing arrows.

Instructions to Regimental Stretcher Bearers.

Each Company will have 6 bearers and 3 stretchers. In the advance from our present front line towards the GREEN LINE, wounded cases are to be dressed and no stretcher is to be left behind with a lying down case.

Lying down cases are to be placed in a trench or dugout if possible.

If only shell holes are available, one should be chosen near some prominent landmark. Stretcher bearers are to work from the most forward area backwards after our final objective has been obtained.

Evacuation from the Regimental Aid Post

Evacuations from the Regimental Aid Post will be carried out by the R.A.M.C. two stretcher squads of which will be attached to this Battalion during operations.

11/9/17.

Lieut. & Adjutant,  
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