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127th BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1916.

APPENDIX.

March.

WITNEY CAMP.

4th. Bn. proceeded by rail to SOUTHAMPTON. Embarked for HAVRE.

HAVRE.

5th. Bn. Arrived 2 a.m. Disembarked 7 a.m. Marched to rest camp for night.

SANDVIC.

6th. Bn. entrained for MORBEGUET.

MORBEGUET.

7th. Bn. arrived 1 p.m. Detrained & march to Camp.

Remained in Camp.

8th. Bn.

" "

9th. Bn.

" "

10th. Bn.

" "

Bn. marched to ESTAIRES, & billeted for the night.

ESTAIRES - FLEURBAIX.

12th. 4 a.m. Right half Bn. marched to FLEURBAIX & were attached to 8th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. for instruction.

4.30 Left half Bn. marched to FLEURBAIX & were attached to 11th Sherwood Foresters for instruction.

7 p.m. Right half Bn. went into trenches for instruction.

Left Half Bn. remained in billets, & found working & fatigue parties.

FLEURBAIX.

13th. Bn. Right half Bn. in trenches, Left half batn. in billete which were shelled.

14th. Bn. Left half Bn. relieved Right half Bn. in trenches for instruction.

15th. Bn. Left half Bn. in trenches, right half Bn. in billets, found working & fatigue parties.

16th. Bn.

" "

17th. Bn.

Left half Bn. in trenches, right half Bn. in billets, found working parties & fatigues.

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- 18th. Right half Bn. relieved left half Bn. in trenches.
- 19th. Left half Bn. in billets, found fatigues & working parties.  
Right half in trenches.
- 20th. Whole Bn. took over the line.
- 21st. Battalion in trenches.
- 22nd. "
- 23rd. 9 p.m. Battalion relieved by 10th Bn. Lincoln Regt. & marched to billets at ESFAIRES.
- ESFAIRES.
- 24th. 4 a.m. Battalion arrived & went into billets.
- 25th. Battalion remained in billets.
- 26th. 3 p.m. Battalion marched to LA GONGUE & went into billets.
- LA GONGUE.
- 27th. Battalion remained in billets.
- 28th. "
- 29th. "
- 30th. "
- 31st. 3 p.m. Bn. marched to MERVILLE & went into billets at LE LAURIER.

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April

LACROUXE

1st Bn marched to GAUDESCOURE outside  
MERVILLE & remained in billets till  
14.4.16

GAUDESCOURE

14th Bn marched to RIEZ DU VIAGE &  
remained night in billets.

RIEZ DU VIAGE

15th Bn marched to WINDY CORNER, village line  
GIVENCHY sector & relieved Welen  
Begt.

WINDY CORNER

19th Bn relieved 14th Hants in front line  
GIVENCHY

GIVENCHY

23rd Bn moved back to billets in CORRE.

CORRE

27th Bn relieved 14th Hants in front line  
& remained till 30.4.16.

GAUDESCOURE

14th Bde Gen. I. Watson O. B. gave up command  
of the Brigade.

CORRE

27th Lt Col Wallace gave up Command of the  
Batt.

30th Lt Col. Impey joined & took Command  
of Battn.

Casualties during month

16/4/16 10 R wounded  
10 R killed  
19/4/16 1 officer wounded  
70 R wounded  
20/4/16 10 R killed  
20 R wounded  
22/4/16 20 R killed  
60 R wounded

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27/4/16  
1 0 R Killed  
4 0 R wounded  
28/4/16.  
1 0 R Killed  
1 0 R wounded  
29/4/16  
1 Officer wounded  
1 0 R Killed  
2 0 R wounded

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May.

GIVENCHY.

1st.

Bn. marched back to billets  
at INES CHOQUAUX.

9th.

INES CHOQUAUX.

Bn. relieved 17th Rifle  
Brigade in village line PESTUBERT.

PESTUBERT.

13th.

Bn. moved up to O.B.L. & Islands.

17th.

Bn. marched back to billets  
in LE TOURNET.

LE TOURNET.

21st.

Bn. moved into front line  
(O.B.L. & Islands) PESTUBERT.

PESTUBERT.

25th.

Bn. marched back to billets  
at INES CHOQUAUX.

INES CHOQUAUX.

28th.

Bn. relieved 1st Middlesex Regt.  
in ANNEQUIN NORTH.

Casualties during month.

<u>1/5/16.</u>	1 O.R. killed.
	2 O.R. wounded.
<u>11/5/16.</u>	3 O.R. wounded.
	1 Officer wounded.
<u>14/5/16.</u>	4 O.R. wounded.
<u>16/5/16.</u>	2 O.R. killed.
<u>17/5/16.</u>	2 O.R. killed.
	1 O.R. wounded.
<u>21/5/16.</u>	1 O.R. wounded.
<u>22/5/16.</u>	1 O.R. wounded.
<u>25/5/16.</u>	1 O.R. wounded.

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June.

ARMARQUINBOURNE.

1st Bn. relieved 14th Hants in front line QUINCHY.

5th

QUINCHY.

Bn. moved back to village line. Relieved by 14th Hants.

8th

Bn. moved into front line QUINCHY & relieved 14th Hants.

10th

Bn. relieved by 1st Middlesex & moved back to billets at ~~LES~~ LES ~~RESERVE~~ RESERVE QUESHAY.

11th

LE QUESNAY.

Bn. moved back to DIVN. Reserve billets at LES CHOQUANIX.

16th

LES CHOQUANIX.

Bn. relieved 15th Cheshire Regt. (Bentams) in front line at FERRIER DU BOIS.

21st

FERRIER DU BOIS.

Bn. moved back to CHOIX BARBER.

22nd

CHOIX BARBER.

Bn. moved back to LES LOBES in DIVN. Reserve.

28th

LES LOBES.

Bn. moved to RICHENBOURG.  
6 pm. Two companies marched to front line trenches right sector FERRIER DU BOIS. One company marched to RICHENBOURG. One company marched to VISLE CHAPELLE.

29th 9 pm. Two companies marched from RICHENBOURG

& VISLE CHAPELLE & joined rest of battalion in front line FERRIER DU BOIS.

Artillery bombarded enemy trenches BOARS HEAD from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

30th 3.5 p.m. Battalion attacked enemy front & support lines, & succeeded in entering same. The support line

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June.30th  
(ctd.)

was occupied for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour & the front line for 4 hours. The withdrawal was necessitated by the supply of bombs & ammunition giving out & the heavy enemy barrage on our front line & communication trenches, preventing reinforcements being sent forward.

Operation orders are attached to Diary. The Battalion was relieved by the 14th Hants at 10 a.m. & marched to LES LOBBS after resting at RICHBOURG.

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CASUALTIES.

1,6.16.	2 O.R. wounded.	
2,6.16.	3 O.R. " "	
3,6.16.	3 O.R. " "	
4,6.16.	1 O.R. Lt. Boyd killed.	
	1 wounded. 9 O.R. wounded.	
5,6.16.	2 O.R. wounded.	
6,6.16.	5 O.R. wounded.	
7,6.16.	2 O.R. " "	
8,6.16.	2 O.R. " "	
9,6.16.	2 O.R. " "	
10,6.16.	4 O.R. " "	
11,6.16.	3 O.R. " "	
12,6.16.	4 O.R. " "	
13,6.16.	2 O.R. " "	
14,6.16.	O.R.	
15,6.16.	Killed.....	21
16,6.16.	Missing reported	
17,6.16.	Missing killed.....	35
18,6.16.	Wounded.....	236
19,6.16.	Missing.....	120
20,6.16.		
21,6.16.		
22,6.16.		
23,6.16.		
24,6.16.		
25,6.16.		
26,6.16.		
27,6.16.		
28,6.16.		
29,6.16.		
30,6.16.		
	Total.....	412

List of Officers casualties attached.

Officers' Casualties during engagement of 30th June, 1916.

Lt. Col. Impey, G.H.	Wounded.
Captain Cotton, A.H.	Killed in Action.
Lieut. Boyd, S.C.	Wounded.
" Sparks, C.	Killed in action.
" Robinson, H.G.T.	Wounded.
2/Lieut. Fenhelike, O.J.	Killed in action.
" "	Wounded.
" Ambley, G.	Killed in action.
" Arkooli, F.T.	Missing.
" Handy, F.J.	Killed in action.
" Moody, L.L.	Wounded.
" Kerker, J.	Wounded.
" Dorman, C.C.B.	Wounded.
" Koyls, F.W.	Missing.
" Ardill, J.	Missing.
" Swallow, S.H.	Missing.
" Mason, F.A.	Wounded.
" Salberg, J.B.	Missing.



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SECRET.

3.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 20.

1. Intention.

To capture the enemy's trenches between the BOARS HEAD and the salient about S.10.0.9.5. viz:-  
Enemy front line from BOARS HEAD to S.10.0.9.5.  
Enemy support line from S.16.0.9.61. to S.10.d.1.3.

2. Frontage.

The frontage allotted to the 13th Bn. is from Ditch from our front line S.10.0.5.3. to S.10.0.8.0., 1.e.:- the frontage between the junction of HAZARA & VINE STREET with our present front line.

The 13th Bn. are allotted the right section of the assault.

3. Composition

of  
Assaulting  
Columns.

The Battalion will assault in 4 lines of platoons, "A" Coy. with its right on the ditch about 30 yards N. of VINE STREET, "B", "C" & "D" Coys. with its left in HAZARA STREET, each Coy. to have approximately 20 yards of frontage.

The columns will be dispersed as follows:-

1st Wave

4 Assaulting Platoons.

"D" Coy. 1 Assaulting Platoon.

2 special bombing & blocking parties for blocks 7 & 6 and support trenches leading up to them.

1 Coy. Bombing Squad to bomb up communication trench between D & C points.

"C" Coy. 1 Assaulting Platoon.

1 Coy. Bombing Squad for 7 communication trench and trenches of support line to left to join up with "D" Coy.

"B" Coy. 1 Assaulting Platoon.

1 special bombing & blocking party to bomb up Z communication trench to block S.

1 Coy. bombing squad to bomb along support line & join up with "C" Coy.

"A" Coy. 1 Assaulting Platoon.

2 special bombing & blocking squads to deal with communication trench to blocks 4 & 3.

2 Coy. bombing squads to bomb along the two support trenches towards Z trench.

2nd Wave

4 Assaulting Platoons,  
A reserve Coy. bombing squad  
will be told off from each  
Platoon.

3rd Wave

4 Assaulting Platoons.

D<sup>th</sup> Coy.

1 special bombing & blocking  
party to deal with front line  
to block S.  
Each platoon will detail 1  
bombing squad to clear the  
enemy's front line as follows:  
Each squad to work from its  
right to left flank until it  
joins up with the Coy. on its  
left.

4th Wave

4 Assaulting Platoons.  
Each platoon to detail one  
reserve bombing squad.

Lewis Guns

The 4 Lewis Guns will  
accompany the last wave and  
will join their Companies as  
occasion requires.

Snipers

(1) Six pairs will be selected by  
each of the Assaulting  
Battalions in conjunction with  
the Brigade Sniping Officer.

(2) These snipers will advance  
with the third wave of their  
respective Battalions, and on  
their outer flanks.

(3) On arrival in the new trenches  
they will take up suitable  
posts for sniping and  
observation.

(4) When all the Battalion  
Snipers have taken up their  
posts, the Battalion Sniping  
N.C.O. will send a report to  
his Bn. Hdqrs., from which it  
will be sent on to the  
Brigade Sniping Officer at  
VINE STREET H.Q.

4. Assembly of  
COLUMN.

Waves 1 & 2 waves, plus the specialist  
parties, will assemble in the front line  
trench between HAZARA STREET and VINE  
STREET.

Waves 3 & 4 waves will similarly assemble  
in the support line between these 2  
points.  
The definite allotment of frontage of  
each platoon will be decided upon on the  
ground.

5. The Assault.

At 8 a.m. on the                    the Artillery will lift and the Assault will be carried by waves as detailed in para. 3.

The 1st wave will immediately go over the parapet & will be followed by the second, 3rd & 4th waves as soon as possible.

The platoons will be formed in lines, and with their specialists parties immediately in rear of them and on the flank nearest to their allotted task.

The objectives of the 1st & 2nd waves is the enemy's support trenches, and the platoons concerned will on no account stop at the enemy's front line.

The objective of the 3rd & 4th waves will be the enemy's front line.

O.C. Coys. will assure that certain men of the Coy, bombing squads are told off to deal with dug-outs.

6. Consolidation.

The work of consolidating the new trenches will be undertaken at once.

Special typed instructions have been issued to each Company Commander on the subject.

The R.R. are constructing strong points at A, B, E2, C & D as per attached sketch. The 14th Bde, N.G. Coy. will supply Vickers Guns for these strong points.

7. Stores.

Two extra bandoliers will be issued to each man, which, with the 120 rounds already carried, will make 220 rounds, per rifle.

Ammunition.

There will be a close reserve of 100 rounds per rifle at the following points:-

A Coy. VINE STREET (Northern Side) 15

boxes.

B Coy. CORSE STREET (Northern Side) 15

boxes.

C Coy. CORSE STREET (Northern Side) 15

boxes.

D Coy. HAZARA STREET (Northern Side) 15

boxes.

A Brigade Reserve of 50 rounds per rifle will be stored at the junction of GUARDS

and VINE STREET.

Bomb Stores will be established under

Brigade arrangements as follows:-

First Reserve Store

A Coy. at forward end of VINE ST. (Southern

side) 500.

B & C Coys. forward end of CORSE ST.

(Southern side) 1,500.

D Coy. forward end of HAZARA ST. (Southern

side) 500.

Second Reserve Store

Junction HAZARA STREET and GUARDS - 6,000.

Third Reserve Store (Brigade Reserve)

at junction of VINE STREET with GUARDS

trench - 6,000.

8. R.E. STORES.

Dumps for R.E. Stores will be at the head of CORSE STREET and HAZARA STREET.

9. Rations & Water.

Each man will carry 1 days rations & a full waterpot. Water will be stored in petrol cans etc. at convenient points against the front line parapet. Stores for rations and water will be established as follows:-

- A. Coy at forward end of VINE STREET.
- B. Coy at forward end of COPPER STREET.
- C. Coy at forward end of COPPER STREET.
- D. Coy at forward end of HAZARA STREET.

10. Stores.

Within our New Lines.

Within our New Lines, Ammunition, Stores, Bomb Stores, Dumps for R. S. Stores and Tools, and Stores for Rations and Water will at once be constructed and filled up as detailed above.

11. Equipment.

Marching Order No. 21.e. without packs. Each man to carry his waterproof sheet on back of his belt.

Arrangements regarding the dumping of packs & great coats will be notified later. All ranks will carry 2 bombs. These will on no account be used except by order of an Officer. They will be collected, if possible, under instructions of Platoon Commanders, to form a reserve.

Tools and Sandbags will be carried as follows:-

	<u>Floors &amp; Showels.</u>	<u>Sandbags.</u>
First Wave	Each man 1 tool	1 per man.
Second Wave	Each man 1 tool	2 " "
Third Wave	Each man 1 tool	4 " "
Fourth Wave	Each man 1 tool	4 " "

12. CARRYING PARTIES.

A carrying party of 20 men has been detailed from the H.Q. Staff, Pioneers, etc.

O.C. Coys. will detail a further 6 men. Lieut. C.O. Bolton will be in charge of the R.S. Stores, Rations & Water.

S/Lieut. H.I.K. Robinson will be in charge of the bomb & S.A.A. Stores and will be responsible for the supply of same to front line.

These officers will arrange together the distribution of the carrying parties.

O.C. Coys. will detail one reliable N.C.O. to assist these officers.

13. Communication. See Appendix 1.14. Special Warning

The order "REFIRE" will not be given and should this particular word be heard it must be understood that it emanates from no one in authority.

15. Runners.

O.C. Coys. will ensure that all Runners make themselves well acquainted with the various H.Q. & Signal Stations.

16. Medical Arrangements.

All wounded will be evacuated via HAZARA STREET and tramway.

17. Battalion  
H.Q.

Battalion H.Q. will be at a point in  
COPPS STREET half way between that trench  
and GUARDS.

(Sgd.) G.H. IMPEY,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Commanding I.B.S.

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July

LES LORES.

Battalion inspected by Divisional and Corps Commanders.

3rd

Two Officers taken on strength of Batin. Capt. J. J. O'Connell, 2/Lt. P. C. Tate.

5th

6th 10 p.m. Battalion marched to BETHUNE Bilets Ecole de Jeunes Filles.

BETHUNE.

7th 8.45pm Battalion to AMBREQUIE S. and took over billets from 2nd Argyll & Perth.

AMBREQUIE S. VILLAGE LINE CHINCHY.  
8th 10 p.m. Batch occupied trenches VILLAGE LINE CHINCHY.

10th Battalion relieved 13th Cos. in KEMPS CHINCHY Area. Casualties 2 O.R. wounded.

CHINCHY.

11th 10 pm. Battalion moved to front line trenches occupying Boymans 20-26 in left subsection (1) relieving two Companies 14th Hannas. 8 Officers taken on strength of Battalion 2nd Lt. C. H. C. Taylor, E. D. Constance, P. B. L. Hodges, H. R. Pencey, C. R. H. Fry, L. T. Morgan, R. Davison, C. Strickland.

CHINCHY LEFT SUBSECTOR (1)

12th 10.30 Battalion "Stood To" for 3 hours owing to information being received from G.O.C. 116th Inf. Bde. that enemy raid might take place. This occurred on our left. We suffered slight casualties from enemy bombardment. Casualties 1 O.R. Killed, 2 O.R. wounded.

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13th 8 p.m. Battalion moved back to rest billets ANNEQUIN S. being relieved by 14th Hants.

ANNEQUIN S.

14th

5 Officers taken on strength of Battalion, Capt. H.E. Tyler, Lieut. R.H. Barnett, 2nd Lt. Uppleby W.C.S., 2nd Lt. G.F. Rothchild, 2nd Lt. Gillett R.H.

16th 1 am. Battalion marched into billets at LE HAMEL.

LE HAMEL.

20th

Battalion amalgamated with 13th R. Sussex Regt. & marched to FERME DU BOIS Right Sector relieving 16th Hants. & Derby.

21st

1 O.R. wounded.

22nd

1 O.R. accidentally killed.

FERME DU BOIS (RIGHT SECTOR) - FERSTUBERT RIGHT SECTOR.

24th

Battalion left trenches and occupied billets FERSTUBERT VILLAGE LINE relieving one Company of 1/6 Cambs. at LE PLANTIN. Draft of 197 N.C.O.'s and men arrived.

FERSTUBERT VILLAGE LINE.

26th

8 Officers taken on strength of Battalion -  
Lt. A. H. Johns,  
2nd Lts. H.B. Randall,  
W.S. Harshart,  
D. Seymour,  
F.W. Sheppard,  
V.W. Gill,  
D.R. Mitchell,  
J.A. Dodd.

28th 10 pm.

Battalion relieved 14th Hants in O.B.1. & Island FERSTUBERT Right.

29th

1 O.R. killed.  
2 O.R. wounded.

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JULY

31st

RESTURANT RIGHT SECTOR

Enemy shelled ISLANDS 10 &  
10A doing a considerable  
amount of damage but causing  
only slight casualties.  
3 O.R. wounded.

R. BELLAMY,  
Major,  
O.C., 12th Bn. R. Sussex Regt.

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12th Bn. R. Sussex Regt.  
7. 9. 1916.

Officer 1/c New Army, Infantry Sec. No. 5,  
Base.

War Diary for month of August herewith.

G.O. HOLTON.

1<sup>st</sup> & A/Adj<sup>t</sup>.  
for G.O.

D.A.A.G. (1).

Passed to you please.

Capt.  
1/c No. 5 Reg. Army Inf. Section.

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August.

FIRST DAY R. 13.

1st. Day quiet. Relieved by 4/5 Black Watch & Battalion proceeds to billets in LE HAVEL. All in billets by

LE HAVEL.

2nd. }  
5th. }  
Training in billets at LE HAVEL, Huskery, Route Harcourt and Gas Chamber. Weather continuously fine & hot.

6th. Capt. Cassey taken over Command of the Battalion from Major Bellamy D.S.O. 140 Men take part in the Great Commemorative Church Parade service at Bethune when General Sir Charles Munro 1st Army makes his last public appearance in France. Battalion proceeds to Giverny Section, & takes over Village line from 16th R.B. 117 Inf. Bde. Relief Complete 11.30 p.m. 23rd Bde. on our right, 118th Bde. on our left.

GIVERNY - 128 & 1A BASSÉ.

7th. Very quiet day throughout. Enemy shelling Bethune with very large calibre gun, probably 15". Nothing further to report.

GIVERNY.

8th. }  
10th. } Nothing of importance to report. Weather good, & Village line quiet.

11th. 6 am. Relieved by 2nd Yorkshire Regt & march to FERME DU ROI (near Bethune), dinners & teas eaten there. The battalion proceeds to billets at AVCHÉL. All in billets at 11.30 p.m.

AVCHÉL.

13th. 6.15 Battalion marched to Bois du 14me. Dinners & teas eaten there. 5.30 Battalion proceeded to billets at Honchy Breton. All in billets at 8.45 pm.

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- 14th. } Training carried on under  
21st. } Brigade arrangements on the  
17th Army training area.
- 21st. } Capt. G.H. Phinlay takes over  
temporary Command of Battalion  
during the absence of Capt. Casey  
(sick).
- 22nd. Training continued under Brigade  
arrangements.
- MONSIEUR BRETTON.  
Battalion proceeds to Sibyllie  
and takes over billets at  
11.30 a.m.
- SIBYLLIE.  
Battalion proceeds to billets  
at Sur-St-leger and takes over at  
10 a.m.
- SUR ST LEGER.  
Battalion marched to Camp in  
hole du Varenmont arrived  
at 2 p.m.
- BOIS DU VARNIMONT.  
Battalion rested after 3 days  
successive marching.
- 26th. Weather bad. Battalion left camp  
in evening and marched to  
bivouac near Engelbeler  
arrived about 9.30 p.m.
- 27th. NEAR ENGELBELER.  
Weather continued bad. Large  
wounding parties found by  
Battalion on 28th. Reconnoitering  
front line in front of HAVEL &  
reserves & support positions &  
communications carried out by  
Officers, N.C.O.'s & selected men.
- 28th & 29th. Remained in bivouac. Woods in  
close proximity heavily shelled  
by enemy both by day and night.
- 30th.

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August.

31st.

Moved to fresh bilouacs  
owing to continued enemy  
shelling.

3rd.

Quiet-day-remained-in  
bilouacs.

2nd.

Weather-fine.

Appendix.

12th Bn. R Sussex R  
1-10-1916

Headquarters  
116 Infantry Brigade

War diary for month of  
September herewith

G.O BOLTON  
for G.O. Lieut & a/Adjt

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September

HEAR ENGLISBERRY

- 1st Quiet day remained in bivouacs  
2nd Weather fine. Whole Battalion detailed for carrying & working parties in connection with attack on following day. Headquarters of Battalion moved to MESNIL in the evening, all parties joined units to which they were attached.

MESNIL

- 3rd 5-10  
a.m. The 39th Division attacked enemy's position immediately N. River ANZS. Objective - enemy's third line. Objective reached but found impossible to hold. Portion of enemy's front line held until 6 p.m. troops then withdrawn Battalion re-assembled in HALLS, relieved at 7 p.m. by 16th Casualties, & proceeded to FORT MOULIN. Officers 1 killed, 2 missing & 3 wounded

FORT MOULIN

- 4th Other ranks killed 5, wounded 54, missing 20. Remained here for day, returned to bivouacs previously occupied near Angelmer in evening.

HEAR ENGLISBERRY

- 5th Weather bad. Enemy shelled neighbourhood of bivouacs. Draft of 100 other ranks arrived in evening

- 6th Battalion rested in bivouacs. Enemy shelled neighbourhood during night  
7th Training commenced under regimental arrangements.

- 8th Capt. H. E. Allen takes over temporary command of Battalion vice Capt. E. M. Finlay - sick to hospital. Training - all specialists separately - remainder of Battalion entrenching. Draft of 43 arrived in evening.

- 9th Training continued. Reconnaissance of ANCHOUILLERS Right sub-sector carried out by Officers & N.C.O.'s

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10th

Battalion took over from 4th Royal Berks in front line in AUCHOVILLERS. Relief complete 11-15 a.m. Enemy fairly active during night Casualties 3 O.R. wounded

AUCHOVILLERS

11th

Fairly quiet day. Auchovillers shelled during day with H.E. & Shrapnel. Wiring of front line commenced. Support shelled during evening Casualties 3 O.R. wounded

12th

Considerable progress made with wiring at, and with deepening of communication trench joining our front line with left Battalion. Draft of 160 O.R. arrived

13th

Deepening of communication trench completed. Great progress made with clearing up and repairing trenches. Intermittent enemy shelling throughout the day and night.

14th

Battalion relieved by 11th Bn. R. Sussex R. Relief complete 12-30 p.m. Battalion moved back to billets at BEAUSSART. Billeting complete 2 p.m.

BEAUSSART

15th

Battalion training in Brigade reserve. Paths at ACHERUX and BERTRANDOUVE used by Battalion. Capt J.S. Casey rejoined and took over command.

16th

Training continued. Particular attention being paid to specialists. Lt-Col. G.H. Impey re-joined from England and resumed command of Battalion.

17th

Battalion rested. Church Parade - preacher - Divisional Chaplain.

18th

Weather very bad all day. Reconnaissance of the REDAN left sub-sector carried by Commanding Officer, Officers & N.C.O.'s

19th

Battalion left billets & marched to A.N. trenches REDAN left subsector taking over from OX. & Bucks Lt Infantry. Relief complete by 11 A.M. Battalion Hedges heavily shelled at intervals during day.

REDAN

20th

Battalion Hedges again heavily shelled during day & early night. Trenches in bad condition owing to rain.

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SeptemberAppendix21st )  
to )  
25th )

Considerable progress made clearing out & repairing trenches, condition much improved. Enemy artillery less active.

26th 12.35  
pm

The 59th Div: delivered a feint attack at 9.10 & 9.7 to K25 & 28 in cooperation with the real attack on our right. Our artillery bombarded enemy line for 1/2 hour. The arrangements for smoke bombs & dummies had to be cancelled owing to unfavourable wind. Enemy retaliation slight & ineffective.  
10 R killed  
60 R wounded

27th )  
to )  
29th )

Enemy less active on this front. Considerable improvement effected in condition of trenches.

MALLEN - MALLIER30th 8  
pm

Battalion was relieved in the EDNA sector by the 2nd Bn. Royal Fusiliers & marched into billets at MALLY MALLIER Brigade Reserve  
10 R wounded

J S GABBY

Ospt  
for O.O. 13th R Sussex Rgt

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APPENDIX.

October.

HAILLEY-VAILLANT.

1st to  
3rd.     Battn. in Brigade Reserve at HAILLEY-VAILLANT, and employed each night in carrying medium Trench mortar bombs up to Gun emplacements in line in Auchonvillers South Sector.

AUCHONVILLERS.

3rd.     Battn. moved to Auchonvillers in Brigade Reserve, relieving one Coy. of 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

3rd - )  
5th.    )

Battn. still employed carrying medium T.M. bombs.

6th.     )

Two Companies (B & D) moved to bivouac in Engelbelsner woods.

WHITE CITY.

7th.     )

Battn. relieved 14th Bn. Hampshire Regt. in Auchonvillers North Sector. Relief complete by 5 p.m. Front extending from Junction of Waling St. & Olive Trench to Baumont Hamel Road. Quiet night.  
5 O.R. wounded.

8th.     )

Battn. front extended South to Broadway, thereby relieving one Coy. of 13th R. Sussex Regt., relief complete by 10 a.m. Our Artillery active during day on enemy wire & front support trenches - enemy reply feeble.  
3 O.R. killed, 2 O.R. wounded.

9th     )  
to     )  
11th.   )

Our artillery & T.Ms active in wire cutting & bombardment of enemy line. Enemy retaliated to some extent with T.M.s & 77 mm. shells. Our trenches slightly damaged, but repaired each night. Enemy appear to have few heavy guns opposite us on this sector.  
4 O.R. killed 5 O.R. wounded.

Generally quiet. Our artillery shelled enemy support and reserve lines and dispersed working party to North of Beaumont Hamel. On the night 12/13 October enemy blew in front of Hunter Trench in two places with heavy T.Ms.  
5 O.R. killed, 4 O.R. wounded.

12th   )  
to     )  
14th   )

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October.

14th.

Battalion relieved by 18th R. Suarez Regt. by 11 a.m. and proceeded to bivouac in Kr Gelbelmer wood.

SCHWANEN REDOUBT.

15th.

Battn, paraded at 3 a.m. and marched to hutsmans in Pioneer Rd. near Bontinsart. At 4.30 p.m. Battn. paraded & marched to relieve detachments of 18th Infy. Brigade in Schwaben Redoubt. Owing to darkness & guides losing their way relief was not complete until 5 a.m. 16.10.16. Relief was carried out under a heavy barrage causing us a good many casualties. About 10 p.m. enemy attacked D Coy. on left of Schwaben Redoubt coming up Strassburg Trench & using Flammeverferer. This attack was completely beaten off with heavy loss to the enemy. 1 Officer missing, 5 Officers wounded, 4 O.R. killed, 25 O.R. wounded, 51 O.R. missing from 15.10.16 to 17.10.16.

16th.

Enemy made small bombing attack which was easily beaten off in early hour of morning. Day quiet except for intermittent shelling.

17th.

Another small bombing attack which was repulsed. At 3 p.m. enemy commenced a heavy bombardment of the Redoubt with 5.9 & 8 inch shells, which lasted until 6.30 p.m. Our artillery replied vigorously. During the bombardment the Battn. was relieved by 14th Hampshire Regiment. Relief complete by 9 p.m. and Battn. proceeded to billets at Aveluy. Casualties 5 Officers 156 O.R.

AVELUY.

18th.

Battn in billets at Aveluy.

19th.

Still at Aveluy. A Coy. relieved a Coy. of the 14th Hampshire Regt. in support line of Schwaben Redoubt.

20th.

Battn. still at Aveluy. A Coy. relieved by a Coy. of 17th F.R. Rifles & returned to Aveluy at 11.30 p.m.

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October.SCHWABEN REDOUTE.

21st.

Battn. marched to Wood Post taking over from 12th R. Suss. R. at 10 a.m. At 10.15 a.m. C Coy. marched to Schwaben Redoubt to take part in attack with other units of 11th Inf'y. Brigade on Stuff Trench, which was completely successful. Battn. marched at 4.30 p.m. & relieved detachments of 14th Hunt & 17th K.R.Rifles in Stuff Trench & Schwaben Redoubt. 21.10.16 - 22.10.16 62 O.R. wounded, 26 O.R. missing.

22nd.

Night quiet, spent in digging in new front line trench. Battn. relieved by 7th S. Infans R. Relief complete by 7.5 p.m. but carried out under a heavy barrage. Casualties during attack and relief 2 Officers, 60 O.R. Battn. proceeded to huts near Martinsart.

MARTINSART.23rd )  
to )  
24th )

Battn. in huts near at Martinsart. Time spent in refitting the Battn. in necessary equipment.

25th.

Battn. relieved 17th Hotts & Derby Regt. in centre sector of River Section.

PIONEER RD.

26th.

On the whole quiet, time spent in clearing trenches, dugouts, & burying dead. 5 O.R. wounded.

PIONEER RD. - W. BLUFF.27th - )  
28th )  
29th. )

Relieved by 17th Hotts & Derby Regt. & Battn. proceeded to huts in Pioneer Road, & remained there until 30 October 1916.

AD HUILE.

30th.

Battn. relieved 4/5th Black Watch in centre sector of River Section.  
xxxxxx  
xxxxxx  
xxxxxx  
3 O.R. wounded.

31st.

Generally quiet, except that C & A Coys. were shelled from 6 to 7.30 p.m.  
3 O.R. killed, 6 O.R. wounded.

H.T.K. ROBINSON, Captn.  
for O.C. 12 R.Suss.R.  
1.11.16.

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Appendix.

November. H. BUZZ AUZELLE.

1st to     Battn were relieved by 1/1st  
2nd       Herts Regt. - Relief complete by  
          2.30 P.M. Battn. went into dug  
          outs at H. Buzz, Authuille, &  
          remained there two days.  
          Casualties:- 1 O.R. killed  
                      & 0.3 wounded.

SENJIS.

3rd       Battn moved to Senjis under canvas.

4th       Large working party furnished to  
          unload trucks at Aveluy.

5th       Battn. moved up into Brigade  
          Reserve at Phlepyval. The Battn.  
          were occupied during early hours  
          of the night in making a road through  
          towards Orchelix Corner.  
          Casualties:- 8 O.R. wounded.

MARTINART.

6th       Battn. were relieved by 16 Rifle  
          Brigade and proceeded to huts in  
          Martinart Wood.

7th       Battn. remained in huts at Martinart  
          Wood.

8th       do.

PAISLEY DUMP.

9th       Battn relieved 1/1st Herts in Left  
          Sector of River Section. Relief  
          complete by 2.30 p.m.

10th to   Time spent in improving front line  
12th       along Mill Road, and in joining up  
          with central sector of River Section.

13th       Division attacked S. Pierre Division  
          & Hansa Line - attack extremely  
          successful - many prisoners captured  
          and casualties light. The 13th  
          Royal Sussex were in reserve &  
          owing to the success of the attack  
          were not called upon to take part  
          in it. Battn. moved in the evening  
          to North Bluff Authuille.

WARLOY.

14th       Battn. marched to billets at Warloy.

1916.Appendix.November.DOUBLINS.

15th Bathn. marched to billets at DOUBLINS

16th Bathn. rested in billets at DOUBLINS.

17th Bathn. entertained for Sackartarrack Poperinghe

POPERINGHE.

18th Bathn. went into "X" Camp near Poperinghe.

19th Rest, cleaning up & inspections in Camp.

23rd Inspection by G.O.C. Villich Corps.

24th Daily training in Camp.

27th Route march 8 1/2 miles.

28th to Baths & daily training in Camp.

30th

WEST SUSSEX MS REVIEW OFFICE  
RSR MS REVIEW OFFICE

1916.Appendix.December.17th  
to  
20th

Battn. in support on Canal Bank. Time spent in training and work. Working parties being furnished to front line every night and to support lines during the day.

20th

Battn. relieved 14th Hampshire Regt in right subsector of Hill Top sector. Relief complete by 7.50 p.m.

IRISH FARM.21st  
to  
24th

quiet day - considerable artillery activity on right - slight retaliation by enemy on Blize Trench - little damage done. Heavy patrols were active, on night of 23/24 December, our patrol encountered one of the enemy and a fight ensued - we had four casualties, enemy's casualties unknown. Casualties 4 O.R. wounded.

D.CAMP - MR. ROBINSONS.

24th

Relieved by 4/5th Royal Highlanders. Relief complete by 8.30 p.m. marched back to D camp arriving there just before midnight.

25th

Battn. held Xmas dinner, day spent in rest & recreation.

26th

Day spent in cleaning up equipment & camp.

27th  
to  
29th

Time spent in training - musketry bayonet fighting, arms drill, with a route march on 29th instant.

An excellent concert was held in the Church Army hut on the evening of the 28th instant. Improvements to camp. Large field oven built to cook for whole Battn. - latrines improved and properly screened - floors of huts mended.

MACHINE GUN FARM.

30th

Relieved 16th Welsh Regt. in "L" line Breaching Sector. Relief complete by 7 p.m.

31st

Day spent in working - improvements made in defences of posts.

H. T. K. ROBINSON, Major,

12 R. Sussex Regt.

1 Jan. 1917.

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December.

K. CAMP, POPERINGHE.

- 1st Training in camp - improvements made to drains.
- 2nd. Training in camp. final Company football match played. "C" Coy top of league.
- 3rd Church Parade, rest & recreation.
- 4th Battn. Route March. Gas helmet practice.
- 5th Shooting on miniature range & gas helmet practice.
- 6th Brigade Route March. Inspection by G.O.C. 2nd Army.
- 7th Shooting on miniature range & other training.
- 8th do. do.
- 9th General training in accordance with programme. Concert at night.
- 10th Church Parade, rest & recreation.
- CANAL BANK.
- 11th Marched to Poperinghe, trained to Xpres and relieved 10th S.W.B. in Canal Bank.
- 12th Relieved 11th S.W.B. in right sector of Hill-top Section - relief complete 9 P.M. Casualties 1 O.R. wounded.
- 13th quiet day. 24 hrs spent in draining trenches, repairing parapet etc.
- 14th quiet day. Slight shelling on right Coy front. 1 O.R. killed.
- 15th quiet day. Enemy patrols active during night. 1 Officer wounded 1 O.R. wounded.
- 16th Relieved by 14th Hampshire Regt. Relief complete by 7.30 p.m.

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January.

MACHINE GUN FARM.

Appendix.

1st  
to  
11th

Battn in EWINGDINGES Defences & L line. Time spent in training Saluting, arms drill, gas helmet drill etc. & in improvement in defences. Battn. was working under P.S. supervision, & worked a series of strong points in 12, 13, 14, 18 & 110. Various improvements in interior economy were made in the various tank posts, notably a new field oven, & two new incinerators in 18 & a new field oven in 14. ~~xxx~~ Also a dugout was reclaimed in 14, & one reclaimed in 19, & a new one constructed. On the evening of the 15th January 1917 the Battn relieved 1/4th Battr. Royal North Lancs Regt. in YPRLS.

RY WOOD RT SUBSEC.

16th

Battalion relieved 1/4 Royal North Lancs in Right sub Section.

18th

Intr company relief B & C relieved A & B in front line.

20th

On the night 20/21 Bn was relieved by 13 Fl Sussex after uneventful tour. Two companies proceeded to Ecole Mainin Rd & 2 to the Famparts in Ypres.  
Casualties. 2 O.F. Killed.

YPRES.

21st  
to  
24th

Working parties of 3 officers & 60 men per day & 5 officers & 200 men per night found nightly for work on defences.

TAILWAY WOOD SECTION.

24th

On night 24/25 Bn relieved the 13 Fl Sussex Regt. in right sub section. At 5 am on morning of 25 the enemy opened heavy bombardment on our left Co & on Rt Co of Left Bn (11 Fl Sussex). The S.O.S. was put up but the enemy did not attempt



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(Contd.)

to enter our trenches. At 5.45 the artillery activity died down.

25th

Gas alarm was given about 7 pm. believed to emanate from left Battalion. This was found to be false.

Casualties. 1 O.F. killed, 3 O.F. wounded.

26th

S.O.S. was seen to go up some distance on our left but no developments took place.

27th

Kaiser's birthday but nothing unusual occurred.

28th

Battn relieved by 15th F Sussex & returned to Eoole three companies & one in Famparts.

29th

Usual working parties provided. Few shells on Eoole.

30th

Nothing of importance.

31st

J.S. CASSY  
P.A. for  
18th F. Sussex Regt.

1st Feb'y 1917.

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February

RAILWAY WOOD

1st. Relieved 13 RI Sussex in evening  
in Right Sector Rt Subsection.

Nothing of importance.

2nd.

At 08.10 am the enemy blew a  
mine on the Rt Company's front.  
We occupied the crater & con-  
solidated it. No hostile attack  
or bombardment followed. Relieved  
at night by 17th Sherwood Foresters  
& proceeded to Beale leaving  
1 Co in support line.  
Casualties Killed 2 Officers  
4 O.R. Wounded 6 O.R. Missing  
7 O.R.

4th.

Relieved in Beale & Support Line  
by 17th K.R.R. & proceeded by  
train from Ypres to Brandhoek.

5th. to  
14th.

In B Camp. Usual training  
carried on.

HILLAIN

15th.

Entrained at Oudemarkt Station  
Poperinghe for Mhasem Bellezele,  
and marched to HILLAIN, being re-  
lieved in B Camp by 1/5th King's  
Liverpool.

16th. }  
to }  
23rd. }

In HILLAIN - Usual training carried  
on with recreation in the shape of  
sports, & purchases in the after-  
noons.

MONTREAL CAMP

ENTRAINED at DOLMARSEHE for POPERINGHE,  
and marched to MONTREAL CAMP.

24th.

ZILMEER BUND

Marched to BRANDHOEK, and there  
entrained at 7.30 p.m. for ASTIUM  
STATION, YPRES - Relieved the 10th  
WEST RIDING REGT. in support in  
the OBSERVATORY WOOD Sector - Relief  
complete 1.45 AM.

25th.

Battalion engaged in carrying &  
on working parties for front line.

26th.

Battn employed in carrying and  
on working parties for front line.

27th.

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February

28th.

RUDKIN HQ.

Relieved 13th ROYAL SUSSEX Regt  
in right sub-sector of OBERVA-  
TORY WOOD Sector. Relief com-  
plete by

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WEST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE  
RSR MS 7-23

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March.

Appendix.

1st.

HUDKIN HQ.

On the night 28 Febry - 1 Mch. enemy bombarded our front line & support line heavily with artillery & trench mortars, and appeared to be about to make an attack - owing however to the effective reply of our artillery & machine guns this was frustrated.  
S. Peter's St. & Davidson St. were badly damaged.  
3 O.R. killed 22 O.R. wounded.

2nd

quiet day - slight artillery activity by enemy.  
3 O.R. killed.

3rd

Relieved by 1/6th Cheshire Regiment  
Relief complete by 11.30 P.M.  
marched to YPRES ASTILDE Stn. & entrained to BRANDHOEK marching from there to HOETZEL CAMP.

HOETZEL CAMP.

4th  
to  
9th

Usual training carried out - the camp was inspected by the Corps Commander on 5 March; and a concert held in the evening to celebrate the anniversary of the landing of the Division in France.

9th

Relieved 1/1st Cambridgeshire Regt.  
in Divisional Reserve in the  
OBSERVATORY RIDGE sector - Relief  
complete by 7.45 p.m.

KRUISLAART.

10th  
to  
13th

Battn. in Divisional reserve - engaged in working parties in front line & wiring in front of support lines.

HUDKIN HQ.

13th

Relieved 13th Battn. Royal Sussex Regt.  
in right subsector of right sector  
of OBSERVATORY RIDGE. Relief complete  
by 4.30 p.m.

14th  
to  
17th

Battn. in the line - considerable work done in wiring in front of the front line & close support trenches - except for desultory sniping enemy very quiet. 2 O.R. killed & O.R. wounded.

ZILBERKE BUND.

17th

Relieved by 13th Battn. Royal Sussex Regt. in the line, & Battn. went into Brigade reserve - relief complete by 9.50 p.m.

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to  
21st.

Bathn. employed on working parties in front line and support and communication trenches. On 21/3/17 enemy shelled N. end of BUND with heavy artillery - No casualties.

21st  
to  
22nd

Relieved by 4/5th Royal Highlanders - Relief complete 1.30 A.M.  
Bathn. marched to ASTING Stn. entrained to BRAYDOCK & marched to Montreal Camp.

22nd  
to  
26th/  
27thMONTRÉAL CAMP - HUDKIN HO.

Bathn. engaged in usual training.  
Bathn. relieved 4/5th Royal Highlanders in right subsection of OBSERVATORY RIDGE sector - Relief complete by 4 A.M. 28 March 1917.

HUDKIN HO.

28th

Slight artillery activity - enemy blew in DIVISION STREET in two places.

29th

From 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. the enemy shelled Bn. H.Q. with gas armour piercing shells and succeeding in knocking four dug outs, but only one slight casualty resulted.  
1 O.R. wounded.

30th

Enemy shelled STAFFORD STREET with 77 H. ms at intervals throughout the day. 1 O.R. wounded.

31st

Relieved by 13th R. Sussex Regt. Relief complete by 12.45 A.M. Bn. went into Divisional Reserve with H.Q. at KHEISSVAART.

H. T. K. ROBINSON,  
Major,  
13 R. Sussex Regiment.

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KRUISSTRAAT.

1st to  
4th

Battalion provided small working parties from KRUISSTRAAT Companies. Muckery training on small range in Ypres. Casualties:- 3 O.R. wounded.

RIDKIN HOFER.

4th/  
5th

Battalion relieved by 13th R. Sussex Regt. Relief complete by 1 A.M. Four quiet with occasional shelling of Starford Street (new trench) & Battalion Headquarters

6th/7th

Battalion relieved by 9th York & Lancs & proceeded to BRANDROEK by train. Relief complete by 12.15 AM. Arrived in Camp at 3 AM

BRANDROEK.

7th to  
11th

Battalion provided 280 men & 5 officers for working parties in YPRES. All these Officers & men were billeted there during the period. Battalion was at Rest, also 150 men & 4 officers were provided nightly. Casualties:- 1 O.S. Wounded.

TUILIERIES.

11th/  
12th

Battalion relieved 17th F.R.S. in centre Subsection TUILIERIES. Relief delayed owing to delay in attaching working parties from YPRES & not complete until 3 A.M. Casualties:- 2 O.R. Killed  
4 O.S. Wounded.

14th

Front & Support lines shelled by enemy, one dugout destroyed

16th

Continued shelling by enemy. Supposed registration. Casualties:- 2 O.R. Wounded.

16th/  
16th

Battalion relieved by 11th Northumberland Fusiliers & proceeded to BRANDROEK by train. Relief complete by 1.15 AM. Arrived in camp 4 A.M.

BRANDROEK.

16th

Cleaning up & preparation for new organisation of platoons.

1917.April.IRISH FARM.Appendix.

17th

Battn relieved 1/4th I. Mth Tancoe  
relief complete 2 AM. Quiet night.

16th &  
19th

Enemy artillery active on Front  
Line OAVAN & BILGE trenches  
being shelled with 77m throughout  
day both days. Weather bad &  
Observation difficult.

20th

Enemy machine guns active during  
night traversing PINCH LAKE &  
BILGE TR. otherwise quiet.

21st

Enemy shelled Left Front Coy with  
Minomwaffer at 10.30 pm our  
retaliation very effective

22nd

quiet day & night.  
Casualties: - 1 O.R wounded.

23rd

Battalion relieved by 13th R.S.R.  
Relief complete by 11.45 & marched  
to billets on Canal Bank.

CANAL BANK.24th)  
28th)

Battalion engaged in usual training  
~~exercise~~ special attention being  
given to MURKETT Lewis gunners &  
Rifle Grenadiers. Working parties  
provided each night.  
Casualties: - 3 O.R. wounded.

28th/  
29th

Battalion relieved by 1/4th Black  
Watch & proceeded to Poperinge by  
train & from there marched to  
2 Camp arriving at 2.30 am

2 CAMP.29th/  
30th

Cleaning up & preparing for training  
in Divisional Reserve.

J.S. GASSY Major  
12th R. Sussex Regt.

Headquarters,  
116th Infantry Brigade.

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Attached please find War Diary  
for month of May, 1917.

C.O. BOLTON,  
Lieut. & Adjutant,  
for Officer Commanding  
12th Bn. R. Sussex R.

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April.

Z CAMP.

30th.

Battalion marched to APRILL entrained there & proceeded to ST. OLEAR marched from ST OMER to WIZERRIES billeted for the night.

May.

WIZERRIES.

1st.

Battalion paraded at 6.15am. & marched into billets at ACQUIN for Divisional training arriving at 10 AM.

ACQUIN.

2nd to )  
4th. )

Battalion proceeded with training particular attention being given to practicing attack with new platoon formation.

4th.

Battalion took part in HEDGE attack practice for Brigade Attack.

6th to )  
8th. )

Usual training programme attack training & marketry.

8th.

Brigade attack practice.

11th.

Brigade attack.

WIZERRIES.

14th.

Battalion started return march arrived WIZERRIES 11 am. & remained there for one night.

OHETTZEISEL.

15th.

Battalion marched to OHETTZEISEL.

WORNHOLLT.

16th.

Battalion marched to WORNHOLLT arriving at 10.30 a.m.

17th to  
28th.

Battalion at rest in WORNHOLLT Recreation Sports FOOTBALL etc.

YPRES.

28th.

2 Companies left WORNHOLLT by train for YPRES & proceeded with Railway Construction work attached to Canadian Rly. Construction Coy.

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Nov.

28th  
(contd)

\* 1 Coy. attached to  
11th R.S.R.

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29th.

O CAMP.

Remaining 1 Company marched  
to O Camp.

31st.

Battalion relieved 16th R. B.  
in front line IRISH PAW sector  
HILLTOP relief. Complete by  
12.30 am.

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J. B. CASSY, Major.  
12th R. Sussex Regt.

12TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT

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June

APPENDIX

HILL TOP

1st. }  
to }  
4th. }

Quiet tour enemy not active. Occasional shelling of LA BRIQUEBE Roads shelled severely at night & transport sustained several casualties. 1 O.R. killed 1 O.R. wounded 1 O.R. Gassed.

4th.

Battalion provided large working parties each night for sand bagging ARRYTAGH TRENCH.

5th.

Battalion relieved by 13th R. Sussex Regt & went into Reserve at CAVAL BANK. Relief complete by 1.A.E. 7 O.R. wounded.

CAVAL BANK

Daily training carried out on CAVAL BANK also large working parties provided every night. 1 O.R. wounded (6th) 4 O.R. wounded (9th).

6th. }  
to }  
9th. }

HILL TOP PT SUBSECTOR

10th.

Battalion relieved 13th R Sussex Regt in front line. Battalion Headquarters LA BRIQUEBE. Relief complete 1:A.M.:  
11th June 1.0.A.M. killed 5 O.R. wounded. 1 Officer missing 3 O.R. wounded.

12th.

At about 1.45 AM whilst visiting advanced listening posts in front of ARRYTAGH TRENCH 2nd Lt P.W. SHEPARD & a sergeant were ambushed by enemy patrol. Our search party were unable to find any trace of 2nd Lt SHEPARD so it is presumed he was taken prisoner.

12/15th.

Usual trench work carried out during tour. Numerous shelters constructed on front line FORWARD TRENCH.

O. CAMP

16th/17th.

Battalion relieved by 17th K.R.R. & marched to O.CAMP. Relief complete at about 1.45. Two Companies remained at CAVAL BANK to provide working parties for June 17th. Remaining 2 Companies arrived at O.CAMP about 4 A.M. Casualties:  
13th June 3 O.R. wounded.

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June

16/17th.  
ctd.

Casualties.  
14th June. 1.0.P. wounded.  
15th " 1.0.P.  
16th " 1.0.P. " "

30th.

Usual training carried out  
particular attention to  
bombers & Rifle Grenadiers.

NOTES

21st.

Battalion marched to POPERINGHEM  
entrained there for WATTEN &  
proceeded from the latter place  
by march route to KOULS arriving  
at 6 p.m.

22nd. }  
to }  
30th. }

Battalion engaged in Divisional  
training, & digging model trenches.  
New attack formations practised.

J.S. GASSY, Major,  
12th R. Sussex Regt.

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1st )  
12th )

Battalion engaged in General training & practice attack over model trenches.

13th

Divisional attack rehearsed over model trenches under the conditions & times as laid down in operation orders.

16th

Battalion marched to WATEREN entrenched there for HOPURB SIDING & marched to O CAMP arriving at 12.30 A.M.

17th

Usual training carried on. Inspection of model of enemy trenches by officers & N.C.O's.

O CAMP.

18th )  
27th )

Usual training & inspection of model carried out. Working parties for carrying ammunition etc. to forward dump supplied every night. One company & a half accommodated throughout at the CANAL BANK. On the night 23rd/24th 2nd/Lt. W.P. FISHER was ambushed while patrolling the enemy wire. He was rounded and taken prisoner. 2nd Lt. CARNE seriously wounded on 24th on CANAL BANK and died afterwards in C.O.S. Casualties, 5 O.R. killed. 11 O.R. wounded. 10 O.R. gassed.

28th

Battalion relieved 6th Bn Lincoln's in right subsector of HILL TOP. A Coy in Front Line, D in "Y" Line, B & C Coys in CANAL BANK. Relief complete by 12 midnight. Battalion Headquarters in BILDS FRENCH. Casualties. 1 O.R. killed. 2 O.R. wounded.

HILL TOP.

29th

Enemy comparatively quiet. Working & carrying parties supplied by Coys in CANAL BANK and "X" LINES. Casualties. 1 Officer killed & wounded. 1 O.R. wounded.

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30th

Hostile shelling slightly increased.  
At night battalion moved forward to  
assembly positions in HOPKINS,  
ARRYVADE & CAVAN TRENCHES.

31st

At 3.50 a.m. the battalion attacked  
the enemy front line & support  
trenches and succeeded in taking &  
consolidating all objectives with  
very slight casualties. Estimated  
casualties ~~1000~~ 60 killed & wounded.  
2nd Lt. SYMINGTON killed & 2nd Lt.  
J.S. COLLINS wounded.

H. HONESTMAN

2/Lt.

12th Royal Sussex R.

W. COOTE BROWN

Lt. Col.

12th R. Sussex Regt.

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1st.

A & D Coy's held BEACE LINE with 15th R.S.R. B & C Companies held BUDR LINE. Heavy heavily shelled BLACK LINE all day & attempted counter attack at 5 p.m. this was quiet unsuccess-ful.

2nd.

Heavy shelling very heavy all day. Battalion relieved by 15th Infantry Brigade relief complete by about 3 a.m. Battalion arrived at CANAL BANK at different times the last party not arriving until 9 a.m. on the 2nd inst. 1 Officer killed, 1 Officer wounded, 13 O.R. killed, 3 O.R. missing, 100 O.R. wounded. (1st & 2nd.)

CANAL BANK.

3rd. Battalion rested on CANAL BANK. Weather very bad.

K OAK.

4th. Battalion entrained at XXXXXX ACTING STATION, FROSE & proceeded to POPBINGHAM marching from there to K OAK arrived at 2 p.m.

5th-7th.

Battalion occupied in cleaning up & refitting.

WETBROU.

8th. Battalion proceeded by train from HPOUDRE to CAESIRE from there by torry to camp in WETBROU area.

9th.)  
to )  
11th)

Battalion carried on with cleaning up & refitting. In- spections by the 2nd Army & 15th Corps Commanders.

RIDGEWOOD CAMP.

12th. Bn. moved to Ridgewood Camp (Mr. Dickbush Lake) & relieved the 6th London Regt. (47th Divn.)

13th.

Bn. relieved the 15th R. Surrey Regt. (2 Coys.) & the 11th R. West Kent Regt. (2 Coys.) in the right section, HOLLIMBERG Sector. 1 O.R. killed, 2 O.R. wounded.

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AUGUST.

HOLLIBRINK.

14th.

Bn. held line. Four passed without incident, enemy being quiet.

FOIS COMPANY.

18th -  
20th.

Bn. relieved by 13th R.Suss.R. on night 17/18 & moved to Bde. Pos. at the FOIS COMPANY. 13th heavily shelled coming into the trencher but got through without casualties. 3 O.R. wounded.

HOLLIBRINK.

21st.

Bn. relieved 13th R.Suss. R. in the line.

21st -  
23rd.

Bn. held the line. Nothing to report.

23rd -  
24th.

Bn. relieved by the 16th Sherwood Foresters & proceeded to HIDEWOOD CAMP. 1 O.R. wounded.

HIDEWOOD CAMP.

24th -  
27th.

Ede. in reserve at Hidewood Camp. 2 Coy's. worked nightly cable-burying in the left sector. (Klein Zillbrink.)  
1 O.R. wounded.

27th.

Relieved the 1/6th Cheshire Regt. in the Support Line, KLEIN ZILLBRINK SECTOR.

KLEIN ZILLBRINK.

28th -  
31st.

In support line. 4 Coy's. out nightly carrying wire & digging. 1 O.R. wounded.

31st.

Relieved the 13th R.Suss. R. in the left Sub-section, KLEIN ZILLBRINK Sector.

C.O. BOLTOR, Capt. & Adjt.  
for O.C. 12th R.Suss. R.



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RIDGE WOOD.

Battalion relieved by  
BERFORD BROT in KIRKINILLIBERKE  
left Subsector & marched to  
RIDGE WOOD Camp.  
1 O.R. killed.  
3 O.R. wounded.

CHIPPEWA.

Battalion moved to CHIPPEWA  
Camp at 3 p.m.

VOORNHEZELLE.

Battalion relieved 1/6 Cheshire  
Regt. in Brigade Reserve.

ZWARTELEN.

Battalion moved from VOORNHEZELLE  
to dugouts in I 29 d. Working  
parties cable burying every  
night.  
1 O.R. wounded.

RIDGE WOOD.

Battalion relieved by 17th  
NOTTS & DERBY & proceeded to  
RIDGE WOOD Camp. Working  
parties on cable burying  
at Voornhezelle.  
1 O.R. killed.  
1 O.R. wounded.

ZWARTELEN.

Relieved the 17th Notts & Derby.  
Working parties nightly. Intervals  
of heavy shelling.  
1 O.R. killed.  
3 O.R. wounded.

WESTOUTRE KEMPON PARK.

Relieved by 17th Notts & Derby.  
Captain Ambler M.C. & 5 Officers  
& 200 men to Ridge Wood.  
40 signallers & runners to  
117 EDC.  
1 O.R. killed.  
2 O.R. wounded.

Attack of 117th Bde. 0 coy. & 2

20th.

18th. 19th.

15th. 16th.

12th.

9th.

8th.

4th.

2nd.

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Platoon of B coy. attached to 117 Bde M.G. & T.Hs. Captain Ambler & 200 men carrying party for above Bde. 6 O.R. killed. 35 O.R. wounded. 4 O.R. missing.

HEGGARS REGT.

22nd.

Relieved 17th S Hotts &amp; Derby's.

TOWERS HAWTLETS.

23rd. 24th.

Bn. relieved two companies each of 13th R.Sus.R. & of 14th Hants. Extremely heavy shelling. } 2 Officers } wounded. } 48 O.R. } killed. } 117 O.R. } wounded. } 26 O.R. } missing.

25th.

B coy. sent up to reinforce 11th Roy.Sus.Reg. at Durrarton Trenches.

ZERO DAY.

26th.

Bn. relieved by 13th Rifle Brigade.

NEAR HERTHORN. SHT. 27. R. 23.4.7.

28th.

Bn. in pens, reorganising, cleaning up, resting etc.

G. AMBLER, Capt.  
12th Bn. R. Sus. R.

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September

MR KOKORNEK

28th) Battalion training. Route  
to ) marches carried out on alternate  
1st ) days of eight and ten miles.

October

2nd

Battalion was inspected by the  
G.O.C. 39th Division.  
Presentation of Decorations  
earned on 31/1/17.

5th ) Training. Gas demonstration  
to ) by the Divisional Gas Officer.  
14th ) Battalion still training.

POWER HALLS

Moved in buses to SPILL BANK  
and marched to relieve the  
8th Bn. LINCOLNS and 8th Bctn.  
SOHERETS in POWER HALLS  
Sector.

Relief complete at 9-55 p.m.  
Dispositions:- "G" Company  
Right front, "B" Company Centre  
front, two Platoons "A" Coy,  
left front and two Platoons with  
whole of "D" Company in Support  
Bctn. H.Q. at HER PARROT.  
No Casualties during Relief.

17th- )  
18th )

Battalion relieved by 11th  
Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Casualties during two days in  
Front line:- 1 other Rank killed, 9  
" " wounded.  
Moved into Support as follows:-  
A and B Coys. in HEDDS STREET  
TUNNELS "G" and "D" Coys. in  
CANADA STREET TUNNELS. Bctn.  
Headquarters in CANADA STREET  
TUNNELS.

CANADA STREET

18th

Whole Battalion proceeded to bury  
Cable near KEITH ROAD REMDEVOUS:-  
Left Battalion Company

Headquarters at 7.31 a.m. O.S.  
Casualties: KILLED 1 O.R.  
WOUNDED 18 wounded

19th

Again proceeded to 7.21 a.m. O.S. to  
bury Cable. Casualties:- KILLED 1 O.R.  
WOUNDED 3 O.R.

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20th

After completion of Cable burying the Battalion proceeded to Camp at H.9.d.7.5 (WILHELM):

WILHELM H.9.d.7.5.

21st

Training and improving the Camp.

22nd

The Battalion moved in Buses from COURSION CORNER to BUS HOUSE and marched from thence to a RENDZEVUS at J.21.a.0.5. to bury Cable from left Battalion headquarters to the Front line.

KILLED :- 2 O.Ns.  
WOUNDED :- 4 O.Ns.  
MISSING :- 1 O.R.

23rd 2-30 The Battalion moved to Camp at p.m. DE ZON ANHEK by March Route VIA

KREKEL and JOORH. Camp composed of Hutments and Tents work of building sandbag valve grounds Huts and Tents was completed by the Battalion.

DE ZON ANHEK

Training at DE ZON ANHEK.

Battalion moved on 28th October to Camp at MURRH RIDGE. Move by March Route commencing at 4-40 p.m. All in Camp 5-45 p.m.

MURRH - RIDGE.

Work of constructing Replice and model of BERRY COTTS commenced. O.C. A Company and two H.O.'s reconnoitred the objectives line held by 1/6th Oeshires in front of the Objective.  
Training six hours daily.

30th

Construction of Replice and model of BERRY COTTS nearing completion.

31st

Battalion still training. Construction of Replice and Model of BERRY COTTS completed. Assault Company (A) practised over the Replice to-day.

W. COOTE-BROWN

Lt. Colonel

Comdg. 12th Royal Sussex Regt.  
31/10/17

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MURUMBIDJEE.

1st Training for offensive operations continued

3rd

Battalion embussed for the line relieving 1/1 Herts in Support at Tower Hamlets Sector.

6th

POWER HAMLETS.

Relieved the 11th Sussex in the line O. Right front. "D" centre front, "B" left front, "A" Support Casualties:- 2 O.G.s wounded.

7th

Relieved by the 16th Rifle Brigade. Embussed at Strapuel Corner for Murumbidgee

8th

MURUMBIDJEE.

Baths & Cleaning.

9th

Ribbons presented by the G.O.C.

13th

POWER HAMLETS.

Relieved the 17<sup>th</sup> K.R.B. in Tower Hamlets Sector front line "G" Right front, "D" Centre front "A" Left front, "B" Support Casualties:- 2 Officers wounded 1 Officer died of wds 9 O.G.s wounded

16th

Relieved by the 14 Bants. Battalion: went into Support at Hedge, St Tunnels. Casualties:- 5.0.Rs wounded

20th

HEDGE ST.

Battalion went into the line relieving the 14 Bants. "A" Left front "D" centre front "B" Right front "G" Support. Casualties:- 1.0.G.R killed 1.0.G.R wounded

21st 6.0am

POWER HAMLETS.

The enemy attempted a raid on our centre front. They came over in 6 pairs. Two of them managed to enter our line & were taken prisoner  
Casualties:- 2.0 Rs wounded.

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p.m.

We advanced our line on the right about 200 yards & put ourselves on a level with the enemy about 60 yards away.  
Casualties:- 3. 0. 32 killed  
3. 0. 32 wounded

24th

Battalion relieved by the 14 Hants. & went to Hedge Street, 1 O.R. wounded.

HEDGE ST.26th 7.30  
p.m.

Battalion entrained at Transport Farm to proceed to Chippewa Camp.

CHIPPEWA CAMP.

27th 11.30  
a.m.  
Battalion entrained for Godmersvelden & thence by march route to Winlissole area

WINLISSELE.

28th

Baths for the Battalion.

29th

Battalion moved to Poperinghe into billets.

30th

Battalion paraded for working parties near Ipres but the railway was broken & the parties were ~~annihilated~~ so delayed that they arrived too late to carry out any work.

A. B. ANDREWS Major  
O.C. 12th Royal Sussex Regt.

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December

POPPERING

- 1st. 6.30. The Battalion paraded for working parties near YPRES. The following parties were found by Coy's. No 1 Party - Half 'D' Coy. at 6.3 a.m., 90.10. No 2 - 'A' Coy. at 11.5 a.m. and 11.8. No 4 - 'C' Coy near YPRES on POTTING Rd. No 5 - Half 'D' Coy. at 1.7 a.m.
- 2nd. 6.30. The same working parties were found.
- 3rd. 6.30. Working parties as before, except that No 1 Party was cancelled.
- 2 pm. A Court of Inquiry into 'B' Coy's A/O's was held under the Presidency of Capt. Penchelle.
- 4th. 6.30am. Working parties as before.  
2 pm. A Field General Court Martial was held to try 17208 Pte. Weatherberg, W.S. under presidency of Major Andrews.
- 5th. 6.30am. Working parties as before.
- 7th. 8 am. Battalion paraded and moved to billets in the WINDIZZELES Area.
- WINDIZZELES
- 10th. 9.25. Battalion paraded to move into a.m. the LOUBERS Area. Marched to GODSWARVENDES and entrained for HILLES-LIES-BLEUJIN, whence marched into billets at SRIINGHEM and AFRINGUES.
- SRIINGHEM
- 12th. 9 am. Training commenced.
- 13th. 2 pm. A Court of Inquiry was held under the presidency of Capt. Penchelle M.C. to inquire into the method of keeping accounts in the battalion.
- 16th. Sec. Lieut. J.C. Hally was appointed Asst. Adjutant and Intelligence Officer.
- 20th. 8.45. Battalion was inspected by the Brigadier General Commanding.
- a.m.

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21st. 11.25. Battalion was inspected by the  
a.m. G.O.C. Division.  
Lieut-Col W. Dootie-Brown returned  
from leave and took over the  
command of the battalion from  
Major A. E. Andrews.

22nd. Training on the small range.

23rd. 10 am. Church Parade.

24th. Training on the small range.

25th. 7.10. Church Parade - Mass dinner at  
a.m. 4 pm - day spent in rest.

26th. 9.30. Short route march - remainder  
of day rest.

27th. Batt at Baths.

28th. 9.30 am. Batt moved into billets in  
LOTTINGHAM.

LOTTINGHAM

29th. 9.30. Batt returned to billets in  
a.m. APTHELDINGS & SENNINGHAM.

SENNINGHAM

30th. 5.30. Batt moved to forward area.  
A.M. March route WIZENBERG - train to  
BLVEDINGHOE march route to HOSPITAL  
FARM CAMP. Arrived about 7 pm.

HOSPITAL FARM

31st. 9 AM. Batt in Divisional Reserve.  
Training during the morning.  
Oif & runners carried out a  
reconnaissance of the routes  
to the front line.

H. E. ALLEN, Captain,  
Commanding 12th Bn R. Sussex Regt.



Headquarters,  
116th Inf. Brigade.  
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Herewith War Diary for month of January  
1918, please.

Capt. & Adj. for O.C.  
12th R. Sussex R.

31.1.18.

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Battalion in Divisional Reserve - Training carried out during morning - Reconnaissance of Tracks forward from Brigade H.Q. to front line (WESTROSBERE SECTOR) carried out by Officers & N.C.O.'s.

3rd 9 am.

Battalion in Divisional Reserve - Training -

4th 9 am.

Battalion carried out Musketry Training on Short Range - Battalion in Divl. Reserve.

5th 9 am.

Battalion in Divl. Reserve - Training - All Battalion passed through Gas Chamber - Further reconnaissance of tracks carried out as on 1st of month - P.C.O.I.A. assembled under Presidency of Captain H.E. ALLEN, The Butts to try No. 17895 Pte. PARKER G. and No. 15794 Pte. FORTSMOUTH H. for Desertion.

6th 8 am.

Battalion at Baths - SIZOR CAMP - Church Parade 2.15 p.m.

IRISH F.W. CAMP

7th 9 am.

Training - 3.30 p.m. Battalion moved to IRISH F.W. Camp in relief of 4/5th Black Watch.

8th 5.15am

Battalion on working parties Corps Line - (STENBERK DEFENCES)

9th 5.30am

ditto.  
Casualties 2 O.Bs. killed,  
4 O.Bs. wounded.

10th

Battalion on working parties Corps Line - (STENBERK DEFENCES).

11th 5.30am

Battalion on working parties - Reconnaissance of Front Line, carried out by 1 Officer & Runners, 3 O.Bs wounded.

12th 5.30am Battalion on working parties.

13th 5.30am

ditto.  
Voluntary Church Parades.

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14th 5.30am. Battalion on working parties.  
1 Officer and 4 N.C.O.'s per  
Company visited xxxx Hotel  
et cover of front held by  
11th Corps.

15th 3.45pm Battalion relieved the 1/1st  
Camps. in support line  
(STERNBERG DEFENSERS).

CORPS LINE STERNBERG DEFENSERS.

Battalion found working parties  
for front line Battalions.

16th

ditto.

18th

Battalion relieved 13th R. Suss.R.  
in right front (WESTROOSBEKE  
SECTOR) with H.Q. at KROPPRINTZ  
FARM - Relief complete 9.30 p.m.  
A & B Coys R. & left front  
Coys respectively, "C" Coy. Support  
D Coy Reserves.  
3 O.Rs wounded.

WESTROOSBEKE (RT. FRONT)

20th

"D" Coy relieved "A" Coy. in  
right front line - "A" Coy moving  
into reserve - "C" Coy. relieved  
B. Coy. in left front line. "B"  
Coy. moving into Reserve SUPPORT.  
2 O.Rs wounded.

21st

The Battalion was relieved by  
the 19th Bn, D.L.I. - Relief  
complete 8.15 p.m.

12 mid-  
night

The Battalion on relief marched  
to WINKLE STN. and entrained  
for TOBERINGHE - Detraining  
Station RAILHOEK - Marched to  
SCHOOLS CAMP (I.3.c.SHEET 27)  
All in Camp 3 A.M.

SCHOOLS CAMP. TOBERINGHE.

22nd

Battalion rested.

23rd 8 am

Battalion at Baths - (tunnelling  
Camp). General cleaning up.  
Entire issue of new clothing  
throughout Battalion.

24th 9 am.

Battalion Parade - Inspection  
by C.O. - Training during morning.  
Inspection of all boots in battalion  
by Second in Command - Cleaning  
up contd.

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25th 9 am. General training & inspection of Companies by C.O.

26th 4.15pm Battalion marched to PROVER SPACION and entrained for HARRICOURT Arrived 7 A.M. Marched to billets at VAUX-GRIBOISE - All in billets 9.30 a.m. 27/1/18.

VAUX GRIBOISE.

27th Battalion rested in billets. Battalion in 0. R. Q. Reserve.

28th 9.30am Training carried out during morning.

29th 9.30am ditto.  
5 Officers carried out reconnaissance of new front - Advance party proceeded to take over new camp near FROSTRE.

30th 5 am. Battalion marched to CORBAIE and entrained for PERONNE. Proceeded to camp at HAUT AILAINES. All in camp 2 p.m.

HAUT AILAINES. (M.T. PERONNE)

31st Battalion in Divisional Reserve - Housed in Camp - weather very cold. Usual advance parties proceeded to front line to take over from 6th R.O.S.B. in right subsector of centre sector.

F. COOPER-BROOK,  
Lt., Col.

12th Bn. R. Sussex Regt.

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FEBRUARY.      HAVT ALAINES (Wt. PERONNE.)

1st.2 p.m.      The Battalion left billets at HAVT ALAINES and proceeded by train to HEUDENCOURT - proceeding from there to relieve the 6th K.O.S.B. in the front line - (GAUCHE WOOD sub-sector of the GOUZEAUCOURT SECTOR). "A" Coy. as right front company, "B" Coy. as left front company - "D" Coy. in support and "C" Coy. in Reserve - Relief complete at 8.30 p.m.

GAUCHE WOOD SUB-SECTOR.

4th.              The Battalion were relieved in the front line by the 15th R. Sussex R. and moved to billets as Battalion in Brigade Reserve at HEUDENCOURT - "C" & "D" Companies furnished working parties in the front line after relief - All in billets at 1.50 a.m. 5th Feb. Casualties during three days tour in line - 1 O.R. accidentally killed.

HEUDENCOURT.

5th.              The Battalion remained in billets in Brigade Reserve - 2 Companies furnished working parties during the night for work in QUERTIN REDOUFF and front line.

6th.8 a.m.      Battalion allotted Baths.  
3 Companies furnished working parties for front line etc.

7th.10 a.m.      The Major General Comdg. Div. inspected the Batt.

8th.7.15 a.m.              Draft of 1 Off. & 51 O.Rs paraded for 7th Batt. R.Sussex Regt. & proceeded by bus to join new Batt.

4.30 p.m.              Draft of 6 Offs. & 122 O.Rs proceeded to join the 11th Royal Sussex Regt. in the trenches in Gauche Wood Sector.

5 p.m.              Draft of 6 Off. & 124 O.Rs proceeded to join the 13th Royal Sussex Regt. in the trenches in the Gauche Wood Sector.

10th.6.30          Draft of 1 Off. 101 O.Rs proceeded to join 9th Batt. Royal Sussex Regt.

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a.m.

Draft of 1 Off. & 51 O.Rs  
 proceeded to John 8th Batt.  
 R. Sussex Regt.

14th. 9.30a.m.

Batt. H.Qs & surplus joined  
 Aldworth Reinforcement Camp at  
 Haut Allaines.  
 Transport attached to 118 Inf.  
 Bde.

HAUT ALLAINES.

16th. 9 a.m. B.Hq's surplus moved to Sorel  
 le Grand. Transport bombed, 19  
 horses killed & 6 wounded.

SOREL.

17th. 8 a.m. H.Qs. & surplus moved to Hamel &  
 found working parties for H.K's  
 at Rolisel Station.

HAHEL.

18th &  
 19th. Working Parties at Rolisel.

20th. Moved to Haut Allaines & joined  
 17th Entrenching Batt.

HAUT ALLAINES.

22nd. 16 Signallers & 2 O.R. transferred  
 to 17th Entrenching Batt.

23rd. Two O.R. transferred to 17th  
 Entrenching Batt.

26th. Twelve warrant Officers &  
 H.O.s proceeded to J. Depot,  
 Staples.

28th. Capt. Cornes, M.C. Adjutant &  
 Lt. & Qr. Mr. Secrett and 1 O.R.  
 transferred to 17th Entrenching  
 Battalion.

W. COOTE-BROWN, Lt. Col.  
 Comdg. 12 Bn. Rl. Sussex Regt.

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