

WEST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE
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11TH SERVICE BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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APPENDIX.

March. WILKX CAMP, ENGLAND - WILFORD -
SOUTHAMPTON.

4th. 3.30 The Battalion marched out of camp
a.m. to entrain at Wilford for active
service.
6 a.m. }
7 a.m. } These three Trains left WILFORD
7.55 } for Southampton.
8 a.m. }
7.30 } The Battalion embarked, split up
p.m. into 3 ships.

HAVRE.

5th. 7 a.m. The Battalion disembarked at
HAVRE.
8.30 The Battalion arrived at No. 5
a.m. Docks Rest Camp.

6th. 3.45 The Battalion left the Rest Camp
a.m. & entrained at La GARE MERCHANTISES,
8.30 HAVRE.
a.m. Halts were made at MONTFOULIER
BUCHY & ARBS VILLE.

STREBERGQUE - MORNOCQUE.

7th. 6.30 The Battalion detrained & march
a.m. to billets at MORNOCQUE.
9 a.m. The billets consisted of farm
houses, barns, schools & sheds &
various houses in the village.
4.30 Telephone communication established
between Battalion & Bde. Hqrs.

MORNOCQUE.

8th. The Battalion remained in billets.

9th. " " " "

10th. " " " "

11th.10 a.m. The Battalion marched to ESTAIRES
& were accommodated in billets.

ESTAIRES - FLEURBAUX - ESTAIRES.

12th.5 a.m. A & B Coys marched to FLEURBAUX &
were attached to the 8th York &
Lancs for instruction.

6.15 A & B Coys marched up to the
p.m. trenches & were distributed among
the York & Lancs in Trenches N 82
N 53 N 54 N 55. I.O.R. was killed
entering the trenches.

7 p.m. C & D Coys marched to FLEURBAUX &
were attached to the 9th York &
Lancs Regt & accommodated in
billets for instruction. Major
HARRISON was in command of this
party.

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March.FLURBAIX.

- 13th. 4 - 5 FLURBAIX was shelled by enemy artillery about 13 5.9 shells exploded, one shell striking C Coy's billet.
Major THE HON NEWVILLE LYTON & Capt. H. TYLER wounded. O.R. 4 killed 9 wounded, 1 died of wounds.
Company Commanders of C & D Coys visited Batteries covering our portion of the front.
- 14th. 6.30 P.m. 9th York & Lancs with AXXX C & D Coys of this battalion relieved 8th York & Lancos & A & B Coys of this battalion, the latter marching back to the billets occupied by the former.
Capt. C. FERRUDOOME took over command of C Coy vice Major THE HON NEWVILLE LYTON wounded.
1 O.R. (reported wounded) died of wounds in Hospital. X
- 15th. O.C. & Adjutant visited 32nd Battery R.F.A. at 9 a.m. This battery was shelled by enemy 5.9 125 shells were counted & trifling damage only was done.
A & B Coys were in billets.
C & D Coys were in the trenches. The front was quiet throughout the day, & the weather very fine & bright.
- 16th. FLURBAIX was shelled A & B Coys retiring into dug outs & shelter trenches. 1 O.R. wounded.
C & D Coys had a quiet day in front line trenches. 1 O.R. wounded.
- 17th. Quiet day in both trenches & billets. 1 O.R. wounded.
- 18th. 6.30 P.m. 8th York & Lancos with A & B Coys attached relieved 9th York & Lancos in the trenches (with C & D Coys attached) the latter marched back to the billets in FLURBAIX.
1 O.R. (reported wounded) died of wounds.
- 19th. Quiet day. 1 O.R. (reported wounded) died of wounds.
- 20th. 7 P.m. C & D Coys march up to the trenches & relieve 8th York & Lancos held by 8th York & Lancos now entirely held by this battalion.
Lieut. R.H. Lupton takes over command of D Coy. vice Capt. E. Cassels (sick).

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21st.

quiet day in the Trenches.
Parades improved.
Parades built up.
Trenches drained by night.
Numerous patrols went out.

IN TRENCHES.

22nd.

quiet day in trenches, very wet day, usual work carried by night. Numerous patrols went out.

23rd.

The Battalion was relieved by the 15th Royal Scots & marched to ESTAIRS & occupied billets.

ESTAIRS.

24th.

quiet day in billets. Lieut. C. Campbell-Harris takes over the duties of Transport Officer from Lt. L.G. Pharragyn (sick).

25th. 10

p.m. The battalion marched to & took over billets at MERVILLE & REIGNIER IN CLERC.

MERVILLE.

26th.

In billets. Coys. clean up generally. Capt. T. Wallace takes command of B Coy vice Capt. G. Grisewood (sick).

27th.

In billets. Coys carry out usual inspections, & perform drill, bayonet fighting & physical training. Capt. G. Grisewood died in Hospital.

28th.

Companies carry on with baths, drill, physical training, etc. in their billets.

Capt. C.E.A. TERRY took over duties of second in command vice Major G.H. HARRISON (sick). Capt. T. WALLACE took over duties of Adjutant from Capt. C.E.A. TERRY. Lt. F. Chasseels took over command of B Coy vice Capt. T. WALLACE.

29th.

In billets. Major Hon NEVILLE LYTON returned to duty from Hospital.

30th.

In billets, companies carry on with baths, drill, etc.

31st. 10.30

a.m. The Battalion left their billets & occupied fresh billets at the west end of MERVILLE.

31.3.16.

H. J. GRISWOOD, Lt. Col.
11th A. Suss B.

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APRIL.

MERVILLE.

1st Bn in Billets. Weather fine, Training carried on.

2nd

do do
Divine Services.

(antedated)
29th March

MAJOR HON. H. LYTON returned from hospital. Took over duties of 2nd in Cmd vice CAPT TERRY.
CAPT. T. WALKER took over Cmd of 'B' Coy vice LIEUT. F. GASSERS.
CAPT. TERRY took over duties of ADJUT.

3rd 10.0
a.m.

Bn was inspected by G.O.C. XI CORPS. BRIG: GEN: 116th BDE (thru' Batt: Orders) congratulated the Units of Bde on their excellent bearing on inspection. Weather fine.

4th

Quiet day in Billets. Drill etc. Weather fine.

5th

do do do

Bn had use of Rifle Range at LES LAURIERS. Night operations.

7th

Training proceeded with. Weather fine. Night operations.

8th

do do do

9th

do do Divine Services.

10th

do

11th Bn had use of Rifle range. Weather dull & cold. Rain.

12th

do do do

13th

do do do

14th 9.30
a.m. Bn marched to LOGON AREA (HIMBERTS) via PAOAVT. Showery. Part of 30 men arrived from England.

HIMBERTS.

16th 8 a.m. Bn marched to billets in GORRE via AVALESTE, LES DEQUVAUX, LOGON, MESPIAUX & LE HAMEL. Control posts on CAMAIL taken over.

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16th

Bn in Billeets. Divine Services.
Rain.

17th

Bn in Billeets. Drill. Working
parties to R. E. Rain.
C.O. & Coy Officers visited &
inspected trenches to be taken
over.

18th

Parties visited trenches at
GIVENCHY. An officer under
arrest - R. G. A. - was handed for
custody by 116th Bde.
CAPT. T. WALLACE took over
duties of ADJUT. VICE CAPT.
C. E. A. TRENT appointed Assisist; Staff
CAPT. 116th BDE. Workshops 116th Bde.
CAPT. J. H. COOLING took over cmd
of 'A' Coy VICE CAPT. J. O. SAGGER
appointed O. C. BDE.
LIEUT. F. GASSENS took over Cmd of 'B'
Coy VICE CAPT. T. WALLACE.
Sey spare at 12 m.n.

GIVENCHY TRENCHES.

19th 8 a.m.

11.20
a.m.

Bn marched to trenches at GIVENCHY
in relief of 13th R. Sx.
Relief completed. Bn H. Qs at
WHIRY COUSIN. Artillery & trench
mortars active during day & night.
5 gasmelties in 'C' Coy from Shell.
Rn in during night.

20th

Bn in trenches. 1 Gasnalty in 'A'
Coy from sniper at DUCKS BILL.
Artillery duel during afternoon
and between 9 p.m. and 12 m.n.
Grenade parties were very active.
Patrols during night under
2 LIEUT. BATTLEY bombed enemy
trench opposite DUCKS BILL and
brought in 1 French Engine, 3
German rifle Grenades.
Patrol under 2 LIEUT. J. O. KEITHER
brought in GERMAN forage Cap.
These trophies were sent to 110th
Bde.

21st

There were intermittent artillery
duels throughout the day.
4 p.m. 2 LIEUT. J. BATTLEY and 2 men were
killed by rifle Grenade at DUCKS
BILL & one man wounded.

22nd

10 a.m. 2 LIEUT. F. F. BATTLEY buried in
GIVENCHY cemetery by C of B.
Chaplain.
Artillery on both sides active.
Gasnalties - 1 man killed &
wounded.

8 p.m. 2 LIEUT. O. A. VOHNEY 10th R. Sx.

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22nd (Ctd.) Rgt joined from ENGLAND.

VILLAGE LINE.

23rd 5 a.m. Followed by 13th R. Sq. Took over VILLAGE LINE from 14th Rds. Weather Sunday. Weather fine.

24th Weather fine. Working parties supplied to R. Es. Shelling during day by both sides.

25th Weather fine. Lt/Cpl. Crane self inflicted wound in GIVENCHY KEEP.

2 p.m. Bangalore Torpedo experiment by Rds. Great success. Huge strike on right of CANAL. Artillery bombardment lasted until 12 m.m. 1 man wounded in 'A' Coy.

GIVENCHY VILLAGE LINE.

26th Weather fine. Aeroplanes and some artillery activity. CAPT. HILWARD joined Batt. at 8 P.m. P. G. Court Martial on O.S.N. COLMAN in GORRE.

GIVENCHY VILLAGE LINE - TRENCHES.

27th 5 a.m. Great artillery activity on our right towards 1003. Lasted until 8 a.m. Trace of gas in GORRE during this. Men all warned. Believed 13th R. Sq in trenches 15th R. Sq. took over the VILLAGE LINE. CAPT. MILWARD posted to "D" Coy.

TRENCHES.

28th German attack near 1003. Artillery duel 9.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Gas alarm. Rds moved to GUNNERS SIDING at 9.45 p.m. & returned about 10.15 p.m. 2 O.Rs. wounded. 15. O.A.G. BURGESS wounded. 2 O.Rs. killed and 8 O.Rs. wounded (including 4 shell shock) 1 missing.

29th Artillery active on both sides. Enemy's artillery caused 2 breaches in R. Coy. parapet N. Es. active on breaches. Our howitzers did considerable damage on enemy wires & parapets. Officers of 1/6th GRENADIERS shown round trenches.

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30th

Artillery quiet. Run fare on
 WOLFE RD, and at DVCKS BILL. No
 damage. 1 OR. previously
 reported wounded, died of wounds.
 Breaches in parapets repaired and
 parapets strengthened.
 Entrance to new Sap discovered
 facing A at DVCKS BILL.

H. J. BRIDGEMAN,
 Lieut. Colonel.
 ComdG. 11th R. Sussex Regt.

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May.

GIVENCHY TRENCHES.

- 1st. 8a.m. Advance party moved off to take over billets at HINGETTE.
8p.m. Battalion was relieved by 1/6 GHSHERES. Relief completed at 11.30 p.m.

HINGETTE.

- 2nd. 4.30am Last Coy. arrived at Billets. Day spent in cleaning up billets, clothing etc.
3rd. Inspection of Bn. by C.O. tender delightful.
4th. Bn. in training. Weather fine. Betting in CAMD. Band played in evening.
5th. Bn. on Range at FORT I. HINGS. Bayonet fighting, Musketry & lectures. Weather fine.
6th. 9a.m. Route march HINGETTE - HINGS - BETHUNE - HINGETTE. Weather fine.
7th. Dayne Services. Showery. 2 Lieut. A. CHAIR joined Bn. from H.A.C. Posted to "C" Coy.
8th. Practice on range during morning, GEN. BARNADISTON inspected billets. Advanced party marched off to LE TOURRET to take over new billets. CAPT. H. CASSELLS arrived from Hospital. Draft of 47 men arrived from ENGLAND. 2 Lieut. VIDLER reported from Base to ENGLAND.
- HINGETTE. LE TOURRET.
- 9th. 9.30am Bn. marched via LOCON & MESSIAUX to LE TOURRET.
11.45. Bn. arrived at LE TOURRET. Weather wet. C.O. & officers reconnoitred VILLAGE LINE.
- LE TOURRET.
- 10th. 2a.5g Fatigue parties for R.Bs. 1 O.R. Killed & 1 O.R. wounded. Weather

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10th
(contd)

Flme. 2 Officers attached to
M.M. R.A.

11th.

Patigue parties for R.Ss. 1 O.R.
self inflicted wound & 2 O.Rs.
accidentally wounded by detonator.
Lt.E.G. KEILNER joined from 13th
R.Ss. 2 Officers attached to
R.A.

12th.

Patigue parties. 2 Officers
attached R.A. Weather wet,
Enemy M.Gs. active during night.
1 O.R. Killed. 1 O.R. wounded.
M.Gs. took over EASTWERT LINE.

13th. 8.30pm. Bn. took over EASTWERT LINE
from 13th Bn. the 13th Bn. taking
over 11th Bilets.

EASTWERT TRENCHES.

14th. 1 pm.

Relief completed.

1 O.R. Killed at "stand to".
3 Whiz-bangs fell near B.H.Qs.
Heavy shrapnel fire by our
artillery on right.
Work done on parapets & wire.
70 coils of wire put out.
2nd LWS.G.W. DOOGAN & S.G.
BLUNDERER joined Br. from 10th R.Ss.
2 O.R. wounded.

15th.

Enemy activity: quiet. Shells on
SHERLAND RD. Enemy M.Gs. active.
Work on SHERLAND RD. 4 O.Rs.
wounded (1 died) from M.G. fire
while working on parapets at
ISLAND 34. Pte. of 13th Batt.
ordered from "NO MAN'S LAND"
into 30 Island after having been
missing for 4 days.

16th.

Artillery active at times during
the day on SHERLAND RD & at
Island 14. No damage. Snipers
claimed 3 victims. Weather fine.
1 O.R. wounded. Aeroplanes active
at night. Moonlight.

17th. 12noon DIV.GEN. visited trenches. Work
on parapets, SHERLAND RD. & wire.
Enemy artillery active on our
front parapet to left of Island 38.
Battcn. relieved by 13th Battcn.
marched to VILLAGE INNE.
1 O.R. wounded.

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18th.

Reconnaissance of KEEPS and Routes to O.B.L. quiet day. Fatigues on R.F. work. Weather fine.

19th.

Enemy aeroplanes active. "School House" shelled. R.K. work & work on Keeps. Draft of 99 men from Cyclist Corps.

20th.

Our artillery and aeroplanes active. Wire drill. R.S. fatigues. Weather fine. 2 O.Hs. wounded (one since died of wounds).

21st.

Enemy artillery active. Shells on PRESTUBERT NAST & School House & behind O.B.L. Our artillery fired with effect on enemy M.G. emplacements. Work on Keeps in VILLAGE LINE. Gas helmet practice. Mine exploded at GIVENCHY. Enemy aeroplanes over. Batin. moved to Trenches relieving 13th R.Sx.

10am-
11am.
9 pm.PRESTUBERT TRENCHES.

22nd.

Artillery quiet during day. Work was continued on SHEPPIARD RD. Patrol out under 2 lieut. KAPP thoroughly reconnoitred "NO MAN'S LAND".

23rd. 5pm.

7 pm.

Enemy artillery active. Whizzbangs on RICHMOND TRENCH and on O.B.L. Shells on SHEPPIARD RD. Our artillery shelled enemy's front line. Patrols continued work in NO MAN'S LAND. Snipers claim 4 victims (1 Officer). Weather fine.

24th. 3pm.

10pm.

Our artillery registered on enemy's trench opposite ISLAND 34. 10 rounds rapid on this spot. R.G. detachment relieved by 1st HERTTS. MAJOR G.H. HARRISON joined from ENGLAND.

25th.

Weather wet. Relieved by 1st HERTTS at 10 p.m. Batin. marched back to HINGETTE.

HINGETTE.

26th. 4am.

Bn. all in billets. Day of rest. Col. GRISWOOD proceeded on leave.

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MAJOR HARRISON took over cmd. of Bn. during absence of COL. GRISWOOD. MAJOR LYTON went on leave. Day of inspections. Weather fine.

28th.

Day in service during morning. Bn. moved for move.

7.30pm. Moved to LE QUESNOY as Bn. in Reserve of CHINCHY section. Took over from 4th KING'S LIVERPOOLS.

LE QUESNOY. - CHINCHY VILLAGE LINE

29th. Jan.

Order to move to VILLAGE LINE.

7am.

Bn. moved to VILLAGE LINE.

CHINCHY.

2.30pm. Relief completed. Aeroplanes & artillery active.

10pm.

Enemy bombardment of

SEPERVAUX TWR. and CHINCHY

SUPPORT PT. About 600 shells

fired. No damage done. 1 O.R.

shell shock.

11.45pm. Mine exploded on our front by

enemy. Rain at night.

30th.

9pm.

Shrapnel on CAMBRIN POST. Our artillery active. R.E. fatigues. Work on Keeps & Trenches.

31st.

4pm.

Enemy's T.Ms. & Whitzbangs active on BRICKSTACKS.

7.45pm

CHINCHY SUPPORT PT. shelled. 2 Whitzbangs on CAMBRIN POST.

Working parties under R.Es. Repairs to trenches & Keeps.

H. J. GRISWOOD.

Lt. Col.

Comdg. 11th R. Suss. R.

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June

QUINERY, VILLAGE LAKE

1st.

2 LIEUT. E. K. KAYE left Bath to report to 39th Div. as 3rd Class Intelligence Officer.
2 LIEUT. R. HORNEL proceeded on leave. LIEUT. H. S. LEWIS awarded Military Cross for gallantry at CLYBURNY 27.4.10.
2nd relieved 13th BATTN: in front line trenches.
5.45 p.m. Relief completed. quiet night.
Work on wire.

REHEARSE, LAKE PROSE LAKE

2nd. 7 am.

RESERVE TRENCHES: 2 BARRICKS: LAKE shelled. 2 O.Rs killed.
Gentle fog bombarded in front line & BRICKSTAK TRENCH by GAS BARRAGES and snipers for 2 LIEUT. RICHARDS killed. L/Opl G. COLEMAN & L/Opl V. BOOTH awarded Military Medal for gallantry at DIVISION 27.4.10.

3.15 p.m.

3rd. 1 am.

Enemy attempts a raid on our greater front. Bombarded position with gasbombs & snipers for & rifle grenades. Patrol of 9th Coy under Sgt GREEN discover raiders who were repulsed with rifle fire & bombs. Bap. 25 blown in 3 O.Rs killed.
4 am. Snipers shot 2 O.Rs.
Total casualties 5 O.Rs killed.

5 O.Rs wounded.
7.45 Gasbombs on left Coy's cover trench. Some damage.
p.m. Weather fine. Wind unfavourable to enemy. 1 O.R. killed believed by 33 Div. Artillery.

4th. 5.15 p.m.

Bap. Artillery.
Mine exploded by enemy 25 yds. from our parapet between forks of Baps 5 am. Heavy enemy Artillery bombardment on right & left Coys. Our bombers immediately occupied near lip of crater & map was commenced to new crater. No raid attempted by enemy. Our artillery replied

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4th. 10 pm. after some delay.
We exploded a mine on enemy front N. of Canal.

6 O.H. killed 37 wounded (14 of which returned to duty).
2nd Lt. B. P. Jones took up duties of Intelligence & Billington Officer. Weather fine.

AMERQUIN

5th. 9 am. Bn relieved by 13th R. Sussex in the trenches & occupied Village Lane.

3 pm. Bn relieved by 12th R. Sussex & marched to AMERQUIN NORTH.
5.45. All in billets. Lt. R. H. Tupton went on leave. Lt. E. C. Keilner took over command of D. Coy.
Rain at intervals.

AMERQUIN N.

6th. Bn in billets. Weather cold & fine. Lt. Col. H. J. Grisewood returned from leave & resumed command from Major Harrison.

Capt. Terry reported to England 29.5.16. Major Hon. M. Lytton returned from leave & took over command of G. Coy. 2 Lt. E. X. Kapp appt. 3rd Grade Intelligence Officer G.H.Q.

7th. Bn in billets. Rain in morning. Working parties.

GUINNEY (LEFT SECTION)

8th. 7.30 to Bn marched in sections to Reliefs at 13th Bn R.S.R. in the trenches

9. 5. 13th Bn R.S.R. in the trenches at GUINNEY LEFT.

12.20. Relief complete. Specialists from 6th Warwick's arrived. Enemy artillery & mines active.

3.5 pm. Our artillery, Hows & T.M.'s retaliated.

11 pm. Enemy bombed Sap 16 & occupied it but were promptly dispersed by our bombers.

9th. Enemy artillery quiet during day. Rifle Grenades & T.M.'s active in afternoon.
2nd Lt. Mitchell returned from leave. Weather wet.

10th. 1 am. Order for Warlocks attd tomorrow.
1.45. Interchange of Bombs at Sap 7.
3 am. Rifle Fire & T.M.'s during day.

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10th. 12 2/8 Wardslocks moved off to join
 noon. their Bds.
 5.30. Enemy blew up small mine S.E.
 p.m. of JERUSALEM GRAVER.
 11.45. Our bombers bombed saphad
 p.m. left of JERUSALEM GRAVER.
 weather wet. 1 O.R. Killed.

11th. 6 am. Advance party marched to
 HINGWITTE.

5 pm. Mine exploded by us opposite
 Sep No. 15.
 7 pm. Bn relieved by 2nd A & S
 Highlanders. Bn then marched
 to HINGWITTE. Weather wet.

HINGWITTE

12th. All in billets. Weather wet.
 4-sappers-returned-from-leave
 4-sappers-awarded-of-p-90y.

13th. 11am. 4 Officers & 20 N.C.O.'s & men
 attended Memorial Service for
 Lt. Fitzhener at 1000H. Weather
 wet.

14th. Weather wet. Lt. Tipton returned
 from leave & resumed command of
 D Coy.

15th. 11 pm. Orders from Brigade to move to
 CROIX BARBIEE.

CROIX BARBIEE

16th. 6.30. Bn marched to CROIX BARBIEE &
 a.m. took over billets from 14th
 GDS. The Bn is in reserve.
 10.15. All in billets. Found billets
 a.m. in very dirty condition.
 weather fine.

17th. Weather Fine. Large Working
 parties.

18th. Weather Cold & showery. Large
 working parties.

19th. Weather dull.

20th. Weather dull. Large Working
 parties.

21st. 9.30. Bn then marched in sections to
 p.m. relieve 13th Bn then front line
 in FARMER DU BOIS (HMF) left
 Sector. Hqs. B C A D order of
 march

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P/ERLE DU BOIS (H.M.) LEFT SECTOR

- 22nd. 1 am. Relief completed. Order in line. A Coy (left). C (Coy) Centre. B (Coy) right - D Coy. In Support. Weather fine & hot. Enemy fairly quiet. Aeroplane activity on both sides, enemy aeroplanes being driven back at 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Snipers active throughout the day. At night enemy H.O's active especially around 7 Sisters. Silenced for some time at 11 p.m. by our howitzers. 1 O.R. killed. Weather fine.
- 23rd. 6 am. Enemy's 5.9s fell on Hill's Post. to 8 am. 4 direct hits, little damage. 5.9s on Neuve Chapelle ruins. 3 pm. 2 ORs wounded. Heavy rains in afternoon & evening.
- 24th. 12.30. E.M. Shella wall behind right Coy. Our artillery retaliated. 11.55. Common. Trenches shelled with s.m. whizz-bangs. 12noon. Hills Post & Port Arthur lightly shelled. 4 casualties. Artillery & aeroplanes active during day. Enemy quiet during night. 10.50. Observation balloon observed drifting in N E direction on left of our line. Lt. Colonel H. J. Griswood relinquished command of Battalion.
- 25th. At intervals during day enemy shelled HUN SF. HILLS POST & FORT ARTHUR also howitzers near LANSDOWN POST. Our artillery active day & night. Enemy H.O. emplacement at S. 11. a 5.3. destroyed by artillery. Weather fine. 1 O.R. killed.
- 26th. HUN POST shelled intermittently during morning. Our artillery active. Heavy rain during evening & night. We shelled Front Line on left. Enemy retaliated on our front line & Support's breaching left Coy's line in 3 places. Little damage done. No casualties. H.O.s active on both sides.
- 27th. A quiet day; weather wet.
- 28th. Enemy quiet. Support trench & GORSE COMB. TRENCH lightly shelled. No damage. After-noon. Relieved by 1/1st Gamba. Marched to Ribenebourg, taking over billets & Support Posts from 1/1st Hertzs.

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RICHMOND

29th.

In billets & posts.

2-5.30. Artillery bombarded enemy front line. Enemy retaliated on 1

p.m. FACTORY POST. No damage. 1

OR killed.

Most of the Battalion went as carrying parties to 12th & 13th R. Sussex Regt. Also formed straggler's posts etc.

30th. 2.50.

p.m.

Intense bombardment by our

Artillery & enemy retaliation.

Our carrying parties followed

12th & 13th Battns to enemy's

front line with R.E. material

& S.A.A.

Casualties: Wounded. Capt. T. G.

Cassels. Lt. R. S. LEWIS. 2nd Lt.

E. B. T. JONES. 2nd Lt. A. CHALK.

Missing believed killed.

2nd Lt. F. GRIFFWOOD. 2nd Lt. A. C.

CUSHNETT.

O. R. APPROX: Killed 4 wounded 80.

Missing 32.

Burial parties & salvage parties

for FRONT LINE.

30/6/16.

G. H. HARRISON, Major,
Comde. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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Appendix.

July.

8th 8.30- Support line & German trenches
(Ord.) 9.30 lightly shelled, our artillery
AM. retaliated. Mine grenades
fired intermittently during day.
Our aeroplanes active.

11.50 P.M. We fired in enemy's front
P.M. line.
12 AM. We blew a mine in front of right
gap at MINE POINT.

9th 12- Artillery bombarded enemy front
12.15 line. Retaliation feeble.
Weather fine. We sapped out to
near tip of the Crater. 2 IWS.
GAMMON & LINDOP joined the Bn.
Enemy rifle grenades fired
intermittently during day &
night. Artillery inactive on
either side.
Casualties 1 O.R. killed.
2 J.F. DOOGAN wounded.
7 O.S. wounded.

10th Our rifle Grenader & M.G.s active
by day & night.
11.30 AM. Our Artillery in conjunction with
Bn. on our right bombarded enemy
front line near MINE POINT. Enemy
retaliated on our right front line
doing some damage to our parapet.
Our Lewis guns traversed enemy's
parapet during the night. A patrol
examined Salweeny across No Man's
Land.

11th Rifle Grenades active on both sides
during day & night. Minenwerfer
fell on left gap between front &
support lines. Our aircraft active.
2nd Lt. H.P. MOLE & W.O.S. DALDWELL
joined Bn on transfer from 3rd
B.S. Regt.

12th Enemy artillery etc active. Enemy
snipers active. Artillery quiet.
2 Lt. W.O.S. DALDWELL appointed.
M.G.0 vice 2 Lt DOOGAN (wounded).

13th 12.30 Demonstration on MINE POINT.
AM. CRATER & tip of the old crater
A.27 b.65 Artillery trench mortars
rifle grenades & cup Mills bombs
cooperating. Enemy's retaliation
weak. During afternoon artillery
registered on their front line &
MINE POINT.

8.56 PM Enemy blew a mine at A.27 b.71.41
about 40 yds from our right saps
to TWIN CRATERS. Very slight
damage to saps & front line.
Considerable damage to enemy front
line. At same time he shelled our

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15th (Contd.) Support line with T.Ms, rifle-
grenades & whiss-bangs. We
extended Sap to near 1st of new
crater & occupied it. 1.0 P
Killed 6 O R wounded.

14th 12.15 Combined demonstration of
to artillery, T.Ms rifle grenades,
12.30 & I.s on enemy craters &
MINE FIGHT. Enemy revealed.
1 AM Enemy wiring party at RAILWAY
to CHATES twice dispersed. In
2 AM afternoon some heavy shells
fell behind Bn HQs.

KINGS ROAD TO TOURS.

15th 12.am. Bn relieved by 2nd Scottish
Bifles & marched to BEUVRY.
Proceeding thence by motor bus
to billets at KINGS ROAD,
LE TOURS.
5 am Bn settled in billets. Rest &
cleaning up.

16th In billets Divine Services,
Inspections. Drill, Working parties.
Weather wet. 2nd Lt DooGan
returned to duty.

17th Inspections, drill etc. Working
parties by day & night.
Lts Lewis, S.O. Keilner & 2nd Lt
A. Oulx reported to England,
2nd 3rd & 4th July.

18th Drill, inspection & working parties,
weather fine 2nd Lts V.H.B.
D'YVENSOS, O.BROD, A. FRENCH,
& J.S. GASSERS joined Bn on transfer
from 10th R Sussex R.

19th 11.AM Coy's stood by under orders from
to 116th Brigade. Weather fine
8 PM.

20th Preparation to return to trenches.
3.P.M Advance party left.
9 30 Bn marched to trenches FRENCH DU
BOIS INFANTRY SECTION to relieve
17 K.R.R.A.O. Weather fine.
Lt. Oberlinwood transferred to R.F.O.
Lt. O. Campbell-Harris reported to
England (sick) 8.7.16.

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25th 1.am
 Relief complete. Enemy very quiet, a little M.G. & Rifle fire. Enemy's snipers active during day, much use being apparently made of fixed rifles.
 Our Artillery active breaching enemy's parapet in two places.
 Enemy retaliated shells falling near HOPE WALK and beyond O.B.L. Enemy M.Gs very quiet.
 Inspection by O.Gs of wire. Lt Cole & 4 O.N. Patrolled No-mans-Land on Battalion left front. Weather fine - coldish.

26th
 Enemy Snipers fairly active during day
 Enemy shelled left O.Gs parapet with whiz-bangs breaching parapet in one place
 4.45 pm Our Artillery shelled C Ts during afternoon
 5 pm Enemy retaliated on islands & communication trenches M.Gs active during night. Enemy very quiet
 2nd Lt A.N. Foley joins the Battalion on transfer from the 10th B.Sops Regt
 Enemy Artillery active throughout day particularly on RICHMOND TERRACE & SHERMAN RD.
 9.35 pm Our Artillery put up a Barrage across No-mans Land on account of Hostile raid on our extreme left but outside our area.
 2 O.R. wounded on this date.
 12.30 AM 2nd Lt J.S. Osseels & H.O. Kole took out a patrol accompanied by 2nd Lt Caldwell & a Lewis Gun team. Hostile patrol encountered & dispersed

27th
 Very quiet all day.
 10.00 PM Relieved by the 13th B.Sussex Regt who suffered 1 o.r. killed during relief otherwise it was quiet
 12.15 AM Relief completed March to Billets at LA TOURRET.

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29th

Inspections by Coys of kit & dress, Bathing parades. Regimental courses of instruction organised. "B" Coy supply 60 men & 1 officer for reserves in the O.B.L. for the 15th R Sussex Regt. Working party also supplied by "D" for carrying T.M. ammunition.

30th

Divine Services. Working parties for carrying R.E. material ammunition etc to front line. (Battn stand to) Regimental courses of instruction commenced, Lewis Gun & Bombing. Weather - sultry, very warm.

5.0 PM

31st

Weather - Very warm & little breeze. Riding lessons for Officers. B. & Staff Physical Exercises & Run

6.0 AM

9.00 AM

"D" Coy rehearse proposed raid. Regimental Courses of Instruction & Training carried out throughout the day. Working parties sent to front line, carrying rations B.C. material etc. Situation quiet all day.

G. H. HARRISON Major
Commanding 11th R Sussex Regt.

1st August 1916.

SECRET.APPENDIX I.

Plan of RAID carried out by B. Company 11th
Br. Royal Sussex Regiment on the night
28/29th July 1916.

INFANTRY ACTION.Objective.

- (1) To capture one of the enemy alive, or, failing this, to obtain some identification of him.
- (11) To kill as many as possible.

PRELIMINARIES.Wire-cutting.

The Artillery will cut wire at points S.11.e.1.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.11.e.4.3. during daylight 29th July.

Reconnaissance. Patrol NO MAN'S LAND on night 22/23rd July

with a view

- (1) To locate exact positions of gaps in hostile wire near S.10.d.7 $\frac{3}{8}$.8.

- (2) To discover enemy's defensive dispositions at that point with a view to selecting cover points near that point and to enable raiding party to act in such a manner as to ensure an entry into enemy's trenches.

THE PLAN ON THE NIGHT.

ZERO 11 P.M.

TIME TABLE.

5 mins. before Raiding Party in position of assembly
ZERO. behind the parapet at S.10.b.7.0

ZERO.

Infantry leave the Trenches and take up positions in NO MAN'S LAND that have been previously decided upon. The Raiding Party being hidden in the long Grass close up to the enemy's wire.

ZERO 7.

Artillery opens on enemy's works near the SEVEN STEERS between S.11.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.5. and S.11.e.8.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. this fire will be kept up until the end of the operations.

ZERO 12.

Artillery box barrage on trenches leading round section of trench between S.10.1.6.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.11.c.1.9 $\frac{3}{8}$. Special fire on enemy's second line trench behind these points and at N.G. Emplacements near S.10.a.5.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.11.a.1.1.

6 white lights will be fired from S.11.e.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. At this signal V.M.G.'s. and Lewis Guns will open fire between points S.10.d.9.1.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.11.e.8.8. and S.10.d.5.7.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.10.d.4.4.5.

ZERO 13 - 17.

Trench Mortars fire on enemy's Support Trench between S.10.d.6.7.5. and S.11.c.7.8.

BETWEEN ZERO 12 AND ZERO 17 INFANTRY WILL ENTER THE ENEMY'S TRENCHES.

ZERO 27.

Infantry leave the trenches, the signal for the withdrawal will be the cry "PENETROCKE".

ZERO 32.

Artillery barrage ceases and the bombardment of SEVEN STEERS ceases. V.M.G.'s cease fire. Lewis Guns will only cease fire under orders of O.C. Companies.

During operations all men in the front line will stand to. Only sentries will fire, they will not fire on zone of operations.

COMPOSITION OF RAIDING PARTY.

- 1 Officer. 2nd Lt. K.W. Gibson.
 2 Bombing Parties. 1 N.C.O. & 5 men each.
 1 Liaison Party of 1 N.C.O. & 5 men. To remain
 on parapet at point of entry.
 2 Covering Parties of 1 N.C.O. & 6 men each.
 To lie out on flanks in selected places in
 NO MAN'S LAND.

DEMS OF RAIDING PARTY.

Men actually entering trenches.

Revolver.
 Knob-kerry.
 20 Bombs. Carried in Bombing waistcoat.
 Wire Cutters.
 Torches.

Liaison Party.

Rifles.
 Bucket with Bombs.
 Winding Gloves.

Covering Party.

Full order. Rifles, ammunition and 6 bombs each.

Matches will be synchronised at 8 p.m.

(Signed) C.P. FERRWOODCKE.

13/7/16.

O.C. B. Company.
 11th Royal Sussex Regiment.

A P P E N D I X 2.

REPORT OF RAID CARRIED OUT ON NIGHT 23/24th JULY 1916.GENERAL NARRATIVE.

The raiding party left our trenches at 10.55 p.m. and collected into their proper formation after crossing the ditch that runs parallel to our line and advanced right on towards the gap in Enemy's wire at 8.10.48.24. Noises of forking parties were heard whilst crossing the ditch but ceased as soon as the advance began.

On arriving at gap it was found to be only 3 or 4 feet wide with a large shell hole in between which had been filled with loose wire. A plank which had been brought for crossing obstacles was thrown across this and the raiders got through to the Enemy parapet but not without being observed. The gap being so small the advance on to their parapet was slow and the chances of surprise lessened. It was evident however that the enemy had been warned, probably by the returning forking party, as they immediately opened

up with a fusillade of grenades, these were thrown not only from their trench but from their parapets which he was holding. The raiders, however, went straight on and manned their parapet and bombing down their trench to a distance of at least 2 or 3 bays either side of the Gap. Much groaning and shouting was heard and it is assumed that many casualties were inflicted. And Lieut. Gammann shot two Germans himself and was himself hit in the leg and wrist. At this juncture it was deemed advisable to retire as the party was small and the enemy was extremely strong and were every minute increasing, being reinforced from their tanks. Owing to these circumstances it was wholly impossible to get into his trench, although two men were successful in getting in, but immediately returned on hearing the catchword "REINBUCKLE" being shouted from the parapet. The whole operation was carried out without a hitch, each party knowing and doing their particular duty.

It is regretted that on the return two of the party were hit and killed. These men were brought into our lines. Two men were slightly wounded by bombs and were able to get back without assistance. 2/Lt. Gammann wound was dressed by the Stretcher Bearers in a shell hole in NO MAN'S LAND and brought in after the reteliction had died down.

The Smoke Bombs and Artillery bombardment at SEVEN SISTERS was successful in diverting the enemy's fire for several minutes.

ENEMY'S FIRE. It was noticed that the enemy had very thick wire on either side of the Gap, mostly knife rests with staked wire in front. Iron staked wire was also noticed on the Tanks. Much loose wire has been distributed well out in front of his main wire, but this may have been blown out as the result of Artillery. The Green in front of his main wiring system has been cut.

ENEMY'S TRENCHES. There was little opportunity for examining their Trenches, but it was noticed that they were extremely deep and narrow, 8 to 10 feet deep and 5 feet wide at top, all well covered with planks.

He appears to have an island traversed system and from the rear of these islands he was effective in throwing his grenades without exposing himself.

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AUGUST.

BEHAVIOUR.

- 1st
Cleaning up billets. Inspection of clothing & equipment. Weather hot & fine.
- 2nd
Parades & Inspections by Coy: Commanders. Weather fine.
- 3rd
Usual inspection by Coy: Commanders. Physical exercises & training. Route march 6 miles. Weather fine.
- 4th
7 am. Inspection of Coys. by C.O.
3.30 p.m. Inspection by Brig: General Weather fine.
- 5th
7 am. Bn. paraded under C.O.
10 am. Practice scheme for inter-communication between Reconnoitring aeroplanes & Infantry Reconnaissance of line to be taken over next day. Weather hot.
3.45 p.m. Inspection by G.O.C. 39th Division.
- 6th
10 am. Ceremonial Church parade in Great Square to commemorate 2nd Anniversary of WAR.
6.30 p.m. Bn. marched to GIVENCHY Right sector & relieved 17th Motts. & Derbys in the trenches. Relief complete. 1 O.R. wounded. Sney quiet. (APPENDIX 3).
- 7th
9.30 p.m. GIVENCHY RT. SUBSECTOR.
Weather fine very hot. Enemy very active throughout day with his Artillery & Heavy Trench Mortars. He destroyed our sap to RED DRAGON CRATER. Many Grenades also fell in our lines. We retaliated to all this. 1 O.R. killed. Onwards very quiet.
- 8th
9.30 a.m. Weather very fine & warm. Enemy again shelled our sap, we retaliated on his front line.
2.30 p.m. Our very heavy T.Ms. fired on enemy front line & did considerable damage to his works.
4.30 p.m. Our artillery cut enemy's wire & the enemy retreating with H.M. & Shrapnel. During night his H.Gs. were very active.

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August.

9th 5.45 Enemy showed himself in many places along our front & attempted overtures with our men.

2.30 P.m. Two direct hits from enemy Art. on "G" Coy. Billets at Village Lines. 2 O.R. wounded.

9.30 P.m. Enemy M.Gs. very active throughout night.

11.30 P.m. 2nd Lt. REDWAY lead a fighting patrol out to engage enemy working party but were unsuccessful in encountering him. 1 O.R. killed - 2 O.R. wounded.

10th 5.30 A flare operation was carried out opp. "D" Coy's front. Artillery H.T.Hs. L.A.T.Hs. & M.Gs. co-operated. His retaliation was weak & did no damage.

4.00 P.m. Our HTM fired on enemy front line & supports - he retaliated with "minnies" but did no damage. His M.Gs. throughout night were active.

11th

Battn. was relieved by 18th Kings LIVERPOOLS, relief completed about noon they then marched to bivouac at FERRE DE ROI there having dinner & tea, after which march on to Billets at AUCHULL arriving at 8.30 pm. (APPENDICES 4 & 5.)

AUCHULL.

12th

Battn. rested at Billets all day. Weather still hot.

13th

6 am.

Marched from Billets to bivouac at BOIS DE LIME rested there till 5.30 p.m. & then marched on to Billets at MONOHY BRISTON arriving at 8.30 p.m.

MONOHY BRISTON.

14th

8.30

Bn. paraded & marched on to the 3rd Army Div. training area where special training was carried out & returned to Billets at 8.30 p.m.

15th

Showery - Special training. Coy. & Bn. drill carried out on training area.

16th

- As above -

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18th
 8.30 p.m.
 Officers & N.C.Os. instructed in quick wiring, usual training carried out.
 Night operation, consolidating supposed ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. Captured 1st line GERMAN trench returned to Billets 12.30 p.m. (APPENDIX 6).

18th
 Usual training during morning. In afternoon a football exercise was carried out by the Bn. 1 officer ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ & 1 N.C.O. per Coy. detailed to reconnoitre new front line.

19th
 Digging dummy trenches to represent German system opposite our new front.
 Lecture by Maj: Campbell on Bayonet Fighting.

20th
 Sunday. Weather fine. Lecture on the "ZAMBENBERGER" the Bn. rested during afternoon.
 Practicing the attack over the dummy trenches.

- do -

22nd
 Divisional scheme carried out in conjunction with above.

23rd
 Bn. marched to entraining point & entrained at LIGNY-ST-FLOCHT then marched to billets at LA SOUICH arriving about 2.30 p.m. (APPENDIX 7).

LA SOUICH.
 Bn. leave Billets & march to bivouac at BOIS DE VARRINONT (APPENDIX 8).

BOIS DE VARRINONT.
 Physical training & bayonet fighting. A party of Officers & N.C.Os. reconnoitred our new front. Weather showery.

26th
 7.40 a.m.
 New front line again reconnoitred by Officers & N.C.Os.
 Bn. marched off to new bivouac at P.18 b and d. (MALLY WOOD). (APPENDIX 9).

27th
 5.40 p.m.

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Battn. rested.

28th

The Battalion equipped for the coming attack. Billeets shelled at intervals during day.

29th

Showery weather. Programme for attack postponed for 24 hours. Shelled again.

30th

Showery weather. Programme again postponed for 24 hours and again.

G. H. HARRISON, Lt. Col.,
Commdg. 11th R. Sussex Regt.

APPENDIX 3.

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No. 23.

Copy No.

- Relief.
- The Battalion will take over Trenches from the 17th Notts. & Derby Regt. in the GIVENCHY Right Sub-Section, on the night of Sunday, August 6th. Companies will take over in the following order: B. Coy. on Left, A. Coy. in Centre, D. Coy. on Right, C. Coy. in Reserve.
 - The C.O., O.C. Companies and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon to take over French Stores etc. will proceed at 2 p.m. August 6th. They will not return to BETHUNE but will await the arrival of the Battalion in the Trenches. Specialists will proceed with this party and take over by Daylight.
 - The main Body will move off from Billeets at 6.30 p.m. in the following order:-
 - Battalion Headquarters.
 - B. Company.
 - A. Company.
 - D. Company.
 - C. Company.
 - CANAL BANK. All movement will be by platoons at 200 yards interval to GORRE and thence by Sections with 100 yards interval.
 - Full Harshing Order. Water Bottles will be filled.
 - Guides will meet Battalion at VAUXHALL BRIDGE at 9 p.m.
- Guides.
- Dress.
- Route.

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Transport. 7. All Kit for removal by Transport must be stacked on the Barrack Square by 6 p.m.

Reports. 8. Reports of "Relief Complete" to Battalion Headquarters in Trenches. Trench store lists will be sent to Battalion Headquarters as soon as possible after relief.

Issued at 6 p.m. (Sgd.) R. H. LUDLOW, Lt.
5/8/16. Adjutant.

Copies to:-

No.1 to O.C. 17th Hotts & Derby Regt.
2 to O.C. A. Company
3 to O.C. B. Company
4 to O.C. C. Company
5 to O.C. D. Company
6 to Q.M. & P.O.
7 to Lewis Gun Officer.
8 to Signals.
9 to Commanding Officer.
10 to Medical Officer
11 & 12 to War Diary.

APPENDIX 4.

OPERATION ORDER NO.24.

SECRET.

COPY No.9.

Relief. 1. The Battalion will hand over trenches to the 18th King's Liverpool Regiment on the morning of 11/8/16 and will proceed to Bivouac near FERRE DU ROI (S.6.e.7.3.)

Guides. 2. 1 Guide per Platoon and 1 from H. Q. will be at VAUXHALL BRIDGE at 6 a.m.

Order of Relief. 3. Companies will be relieved in the following order:- B. Coy. D. Coy. A. Coy. C. Coy. Companies will move as far as GORRE by sections at 200 yards intervals and from GORRE by Platoons at 100 yards intervals.

Routes. 4. B. Coy. WOLFE RD - VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.
A. Coy. FINCHLEY RD - OXFORD TERRACE - ORCHARD RD - VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.
D. Coy. CHERTIE WALK - VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.
C. Coy. VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.
Bn.H.Q. VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.

Specialists. 5. Snipers, Observers and Lewis Gun Detachments will be relieved on the morning of 10/8/16. They will send guides to be at CANAL HOUSES at 7 a.m. on that day to conduct the incoming parties to the trenches. On 11/8/16 they will start early being clear of COMMUNICATION TRENCHES by 6 a.m. and proceed ~~to~~ independently as far as GORRE.

Dress. 6. Full Marching Order with packs slung as these will be taken on from GORRE by Lorries.

Transport. 7. All Officers' Kits, Company Stores etc. not carried by hand to be at Bn.H.Q. by 9 p.m. tomorrow 10th inst. These will include Grenade Rifles, Sniperscopes, Lewis Guns, but not Periscopes and Very Pistols which

Transport. 7. must be carried by hand. The minimum quantity of Camp Kettles etc. necessary for breakfasts only to be retained. These will be put on the Lorries at GOHRZ. Officers' Chargers to be at WESTMINSTER BRIDGE at 7 a.m. 11/8/16.

Rations. 8. Only Breakfast rations will be issued on 10/8/16 for consumption the next day. Other rations at FERRE DU ROI. Dinners and Teas at FERRE DU ROI. The Quartermaster will arrange to have all camp kettles etc. with water at FERRE DU ROI so that the troops may have an extra issue of tea during the march to their Billets.

Handing over Lists. 9. Companies will be responsible for preparing the necessary lists for handing over stores to the incoming Unit. Receipts for stores handed over will be sent to Bn. H.Q. as soon as possible after handing over.

Reports. 10. Relief complete, by runner to Battalion H.Q. Company in bivouac on arrival at FERRE DU ROI.

Issued at 10 p.m. (Sgd.) R.H. LUTON,
9/8/16. Lieut. & Adjutant.

Copy No. 1 O.C. 18th Liverpool.
2 A. Coy.
3 B. Coy.
4 C. Coy.
5 D. Coy.
6 L.G.O.
7 Q.M.
8 Transport Officer.
9 O.C.
10 2nd I/c.
11 Adjutant.
12 Office Records.
13 War Diary.
14 "

SECRET.

AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDERS NO. 26.

Copy No.....

Reference to para. 2. 1 Guide per Platoon and 1 from H.Q. will be at VAUXHALL BRIDGE at 7 a.m. and not 6 a.m. as stated.

(Sgd.) R.H. LUTON, Lieut.
Adjutant.
10th August 1916. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.

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APPENDIX 5.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 27.

SECRET.

Copy No. 8.

1. The Battalion will parade ready to march on markers at 5.40 p.m. and will march to AVCHET where it will be billeted for the night.
2. Order of march as per margin.
Route: BETHUNE - CHOQUEUX - POIT DU RESSILLON - ALLONVANE - LOZINGHEM - AVCHET.

3. Tea will be issued on the march at the 2nd halt about 7.50 p.m.

4. Transport will be drawn up on main LOCOR-BETHUNE road with its head on the CASAL BRIDGE and will join the battalion as it passes this point.

5. Bombers will rejoin their Companies for this march.

6. H.Q., I.G. Sections will march in rear of the Bn. with their Bombers Coy. sections in rear of their companies.

7. Pack mules will march in rear of their companies.

8. The Transport Officer will ensure that no kits of any sort which should be carried on the man are put on the Transport Wagons.

Any man not actually employed as brakemen or for any other purpose connected with the wagons will be marched in 4s. in rear of transport under a responsible N.C.O. and strict march discipline will be maintained.

9. The usual halts will be observed.

11/8/16.

(Sgt.) R.H. Lupton, Lt. & Adjutant.

Couples to:-

O.C.s. Coys. Nos. 1 - 4.
Q.M. & T.O. 5 - 6
C.O. 7
War Diary. 8 - 9.

APPENDIX 6.

NIGHT EXERCISE 17th August 1916.

A successful assault on the German 3rd Line System on the morning of the 17th August, has resulted in the occupation of the enemy's trenches between points U.10.a.9.9. and U.10.a.5.7. by the 11th Royal Sussex Regt. AREA "g" Training Area.

It is the intention to consolidate this position during the night 17/18th August.

The length of front held by the 11th Royal Sussex Regt. includes a portion of Trench between the Track and the Wood the other portion being in the Wood itself.

That portion of Trench outside the Wood will be consolidated by A & B Coys. that portion inside the Wood by C & D Coys.

While the consolidation of the main trench and the Wood which represents a Strong Point is in progress the front of each Company will be covered by an Outpost line placed in accordance with the ground some 300 yards in advance of the main Trench. These Outpost groups will likewise dig in with the object of a new line of trenches being finally constructed and communication trenches from these outposts will be started back to the main Trench.

The outpost groups posted in front of each Coy. will consist of at least 1 Platoon per Coy.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The Wood will be considered a Strong Point in our Main Line and will be put in a state of defence. The front will be wired and trenches constructed. If tools are insufficient entrenching tools will be used. Outposts will use entrenching tools until they are dug in deep enough to obtain cover for using a shovel.

Constant communication between all parts of the Battalion will be maintained by Runner and constant verbal and written messages sent back to Battalion Headquarters.

Battalion Headquarters will be at CROSS ROADS U.3.4.6.3.

O.Cs. Coys. will meet the C.O. at the present bivouac at 11.30 a.m.

17/8/16. (Sgd.) G. H. Harrison, Major,
Commandg. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.

APPENDIX 7.

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 29.

Copy No.

1. The 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment will leave KONOCHI-BRETON on the morning of 24/8/16 and proceed by train to Billets at IVRENGNY.

2. The Battalion will entrain at LIGNY ST FLOCHET and detrain at BOURGUE MAISON.

3. 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will parade under 2/Lt. J.C. Kellner at 8 a.m. outside B. Coys. Headquarters and will proceed to LIGNY ST FLOCHET STATION where they will meet the Battalion on arrival.

4. The battalion will fall in in column of Main Body.
Route with the Head of the column outside A. Coys. Billets at 9 a.m.
Order of March - Bn. H. Q. A. Coy. B. Coy.

Main
Body.
(Ctd.)

- 4. C. Coy. D. Coy. Coy. Lewis Gun Teams in rear of their Coys. H. Q. Lewis Gun Teams in rear of Battalion. Dress - Full Marching Order.

- 5. ROUTE. CHELERS ROAD TO CROSS ROADS U. 9. b. 4. 8. 1/2. PALLISSE-AUX-CORNAILLES - to main ST FOL ROAD U. 25. c. 9. 1.0 - to LIGNY ST FLOCHET STATION T. 23. d. 6. 0.

- 6. Transport. Camp Kettles, Officers Kits, Company Mess Boxes, etc., will be conveyed by lorry to Station and must be outside Billets by 8 a.m. Lewis Gun Handcarts, dixies etc. will travel in the brake van.

- 7. Billets. All Billets will be inspected before marching off and Companies are responsible that Billets are left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.

- 8. Discipline. No man will enter the train or on arrival at BOUQUEL LAISON leave the train without direct orders from an officer.

- 9. 2/Lt. J.C. Kellher will report to an officer of the 117th Brigade Staff at 10 a.m. on the platform at LIGNY ST FLOCHET STATION.

(Sgd.) R.H. LUDFORD, Lt. A/Adjutant.

Issued at 7.30 p.m. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment. 25/8/16.

- Copies to:-
- 1. Nos. 1 to 4. O.Cs. Coys.
- 2. 5. C.O.
- 3. 6. 2nd in Command.
- 4. 7. Adjutant.
- 5. 8 & 9. War Diary.
- 6. 10. Office Records.

APPENDIX 8. SECRET. Copy No. 10.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 30.

- 1. Harch. The Battalion will march tomorrow 25/8/16 to bivouac at BOIS DU VARENIOWT.

- 2. Starting Point. Road Junction T.15. b. 5. 6. The Battalion will pass the Starting Point at 7.45 a.m.

- 3. ROUTE. LUGHEUX - HALLOY - THIERRES.
- 4. Reveille 4 a.m.
- 5. Breakfast 4.45 a.m.
- 6. Parade at 6.30 a.m. in Column of Route. Head of Column will be outside D. Coys. Headquarters.
- 7. Order of March as per margin.

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Bn.H.Q.
 B. Company.
 C. Company.
 D. Company.
 A. Company.
 1st Line Transport.
 (Loss Baggage Wagons)

Dress. 5. Full Marching Order - Water Bottles Full.
 Haversack ration will be carried.

Baggage. 6. Officers Kits, Stores etc. must be stacked
 outside Battalion Headquarters by 5.45 a.m.

Transport. 7. Baggage Wagons will march behind No.2 Coy.
 Divisional Train and will pass the Starting
 Point 7.15.b. 5.6. at 8.17 a.m.

(Sgd.) R.H. LUPTON,
 Lt. A/Adjutant.
 Issued at 8.30 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.
 p.m. 24/8/16.

Copies to Nos.1 to 4 O.Cs, Coys.

5 C.O.
 6 2nd in Command.
 7 Adjutant.
 8 & 9 War Diary.
 10 Office Records.
 11 Transport Officer.
 12 Quartermaster.

APPENDIX 9.

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER NO.31.

Copy No.....

March. 1. The Battalion will move to quarters in WOOD
 P.18.b. & d. on the afternoon of 27/8/16.
 Starting Point. 2. S.S. Corner of WARMINGHAT WOOD J.19.c.O.7.
 The Battalion will pass the Starting Point
 at 5.40 p.m.

Route. 3. Via BERTHAMBOUR.

Order of March. 4. Order of March as per margin:-

Bn.H.Q.
 C. Company.
 D. Company.
 A. Company.
 B. Company.
 1st Line
 Transport.
 (Loss Baggage
 Wagons.)
 Rate of march $\frac{3}{4}$ miles per hour including
 halts.
 There will be an interval of 3 minutes
 between Companies and 3 minutes between last
 Company and first Line Transport.

Dress. 5. Full Marching Order. Water Bottles Full.

Transport. 6. Baggage Wagons will pass the Starting Point
 at 6.35 p.m. All baggage for Transport to
 be at the entrance of the Wood by 5 p.m.

(Sgd.) R.H. LUPTON,
 Lt. A/Adjutant.
 Issued at 8.30 p.m. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.
 26.8.16.

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Copies to:-

- 1 to 4. O.Cs. Companies.
5. C.O.
6. 2nd in Command.
7. Adjutant.
8. Quartermaster.
9. Transport Officer.
- 10 & 11. War Diary.
12. Office Records.

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September HAILLEY WOOD

1st

The Battalion rested and were equipped for coming action. The billets were shelled at intervals during day & night. Weather showery.

2nd

Preparations made for going into action.

6.30 p.m.

Battalion march out to trenches & relieved the Gloucesters Regt. The relief was complete by 11.30 p.m. and all Companies established in their assembly positions.

BEAUMONT HAMEL.

3rd 5.10 AM

Operations commence. Artillery barrage opens. The Companies felt assembly trenches and reassembled in No-Mans-Land.

First wave succeeded in entering enemy's front line but owing to enemy's barrage across No-Mans-Land the 2nd & 3rd wave suffered many casualties especially amongst the officers. P. Capt Nicholl, Platoon Leader of the Reserve Coy saw that some disorganisation would occur to these waves without leaders, quickly went forward & rallied them & took them forward. 2nd Lt Osseels greatly assisted in this work. Some of the party succeeded in entering the German 2nd line lead by P. Capt MURPHY & remained there throughout the day in spite of the great odds. Capt MICHELL took up a position between the 2nd & 3rd Companies & front line parapet & consolidated a line of shell holes there. They had many casualties from shrapnel & bombs but hung on till ordered to withdraw by the O.C. Capt MURPHY hung on in his precarious position all day & withdrew at 6.30 pm but was killed in landing his party across No-Mans-Land. One only survived of this party & he was wounded. Casualties were as follows:- Officers killed 111. Officers wounded 3. Officers missing 8. Other ranks killed 5. wounded 160 missing 123.

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The Battalion was relieved by the Cheahire Regt and went into billets at SINGLEBRIER

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4th

Battalion rested. rolls called & casualties estimated. The following Officers have been reported missing:-
 P. Capt Northcote, Capt Pittlett (12th R Sussex R attached 11th R Sussex Regt) Capt Penruddocke, Lt Groves, 2nd Lt Vorsey, 2nd Lt Hole, 2nd Lt French, 2nd Lt Fish, 2nd Lt J Keilmer & 2nd Lt Sadway wounded & 2nd Lt Doogan wounded & at duty.

5th

Battalion rested. Owing to the heavy casualties the Batin was made into two Coys A & D making No 1 Coy & B & C making No 2 Coy. P Capt Nicholl commanding No 1 Coy and 2nd Lt Cassels commanding No 2 Coy. Billets sheltered at intervals throughout day & night - no damage done. Showery all day.

6th

Fine day. Battalion moved to billets in BEAUSABRE. Draft of 143 O. Ns arrive from 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, Bedfordts & 2/4th & 2/5th Northfolks.

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7th

Battalion carried out programme of training, physical training, Bayonet fighting etc courses of instruction were commenced on Bombing, Sniping, Signalling, Lewis Gunnery. A draft of 94 O. Ns arrived from 1/4th & 1/5th Leicesters & North Staffs.

8th

Programme of training continued. Fine day. A new draft of 80 O. Ns arrived from 2/1st Harbs.

9th

Carried on with training Programme & course of instruction. Coy equipment inspections. A draft of 94 O. Ns arrived from R Anglian Coy, Cyclists & Lievesters. The day was fine

10th

Usual training carried out. Coys refitted & shortages made up. A draft of 40 O. Ns arrived from 14th Sussex. 1 Officer taken on the strength 2nd Lt Ivens & posted to "g" Coy.

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The Brigade go into the line, the 11th Bn R Sussex Regt being in reserve & remain at BEAUSSEAR General training carried out & working parties supplied to R. Es.
A draft of 30 other ranks arrive from 2nd & 12th R. Sussex Regt.

12th

Company Commanders reconnoitre the new line at Lt subsection BEAUMONT. Battalion carry on with training. The day was fine

13th

Programme of training carried out & the usual courses of instruction under specialist officers & N.O.s. Officers & N.O.s reconnoitre the new line & routes thereto.

14th 9.30 AM

Battalion move into the trenches at BEAUMONT & re-leave the 12th R Sussex Regt, relief complete 12.30 pm with no casualties. The line was fairly quiet throughout day & night.

BEAUMONT RE SUBSECTION

15th

Enemy artillery very active on front & support lines & also back areas. His E. F. Es were also very active but did no damage. Much work to be done in line & all available men on working parties. "A" & "B" hold front line "C" Coy in support & "D" Coy in Reserve at AUGREVILLE. 6 O. Es wounded 1 wounded & at duty. 3 O. Es accidentally wounded by bomb explosion.

16th

Enemy Artillery & E. F. Es very active again especially on "B" Coys front & at AUGREVILLE. Patrols were sent out to find out state of Enemy's wire - this was found to be very thick, no less than 5 distinct belts comprising his system. General maintenance, repairs to trenches & parapet was carried on
1. O. Es Killed 4. O Es wounded

17th

Enemy's E. F. Es active, otherwise fairly quiet throughout the day, until evening when he put up a barrage across No-Mans-Land, evidently suspicious of a raid from us. Patrols were sent out by the 13. R. S. E. opposite our Lt Coy front to examine Enemy's wire which our artillery had been cutting. It was found however to be uncut & the intended raid postponed in consequence.

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1. O R wounded and at duty. 2nd Lt SALTER reported to the Battalion & was posted to "D" Coy.

18th

Weather Wet. Morning very quiet. Very little activity either by our Artillery or theirs.

During afternoon Enemy Artillery & H.F.s very active on our front line. Our Artillery retaliated. During the night Enemy H.F.s shelled our wire, salvos of aerial torpedoes were also sent over at intervals. 2 O.s wounded (shell shock) & 1 accidentally wounded. 4 O.s. The following Officers reported to the Battalion & were posted to Coy's. 2nd Lt SALTER "D" Coy. 2nd Lt DREW to "A" Coy 2nd Lt HAYES to "C" Coy & 2nd Lt HAYTOR to "D" Coy.

19th

Rained again during night & day causing much damage to trenches. Enemy shelled our front line & O.s.

AUGERILLIERS also shelled. Working parties working day & night on trench repairs. Lt BURGESS rejoined the Bn. 2nd Lt LEO reported & was taken on strength & posted to "C" Coy

20th

Still very wet. During the morning Enemy shelled our observation post without success but made several direct hits on a L.V. M emplacement & smashed in one of our dugouts. He again opened up a heavy bombardment on our front line & supports during the evening. He did much damage breaching our parapet in several places. He also blew in our mine shaft at the junction of Harbord & Hunters Trenches. Our Artillery retaliated with heavy Howitzers on their Supports with apparent good results. 3 O Rs Killed 6 O.s wounded.

21st

Weather Fine. Enemy apparently less active throughout day & night. Much air reconnaissance was carried out by our aircraft during the day & night. Repair work was carried out in all Fire Trenches & O.s & much progress accomplished. 1 O.R. accidentally wounded. Much activity well on our right in direction of "MILKMAIL". A draft of 125 O.R.s arrived, these remained at MILKMAIL where they were equipped for the trenches.

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22nd

Weather fine. During the day Enemy fairly quiet, at intervals he shelled the village of AUCHOVILLERS. In the evening he was more active shelling our front line, & O.Gs very little damage was done. Our artillery was very quiet. Our Lewis guns dispersed an Enemy working party.

23rd 2.50

AM

Enemy shelled Bathin H.Q.s with Gas shells, the Gas was chiefly leachymatory but Gas helmets were worn for about half an hour. Our Artillery retaliated. The new draft came into the trenches & went to their various Coys.

During the early part of the night the Enemy heavily shelled our front line and close supports with "orange" & Milk Minersorters, slight damage was done to our trenches. Casualties 2 O.Gs killed 5 wounded.

24th

Weather fine. Enemy fairly quiet during day. His usual T.M. activity on our Lt Coy front during night. Our Artillery retaliated.

25th

Weather still fine. Enemy more active on this day, front & supports & back areas. Our retaliation was not brisk. 1 O.G. wounded.

26th

15.44
P.M
Fine weather. Operation for co-operation with Corps on our right in their attack on THIRYVAL. Demmies were used & put up over parapet to represent troops going over, a smoke barrage was also put up. It had the desired effect of distracting the

Enemy's & he shrapnelled our front line & supports, he also put a shrapnel barrage across NO-KANS-LAND. No casualties resulted. Usual maintenance work was carried out & improvements to H.Q (2nd) were made including a new dugout.

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27th

This day was wet. The left of our left Coy was again heavily shelled by Enemy's T.Ms. Our artillery retaliated. His Rifle Grenades were also very active

Weather damp, drizzly. Enemy fairly quiet but his usual T.M. was busy on our left Coy front. 2 O.Gs wounded

28th

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29th

Fine weather. Enemy again quiet owing to an aircraft activity. AVONHILLERS heavily shelled at intervals during day & evening.

30th

Weather fine. "G" Coy were relieved by "A" Coy in the Left Coy front, casualties in AVONHILLERS on the way up to relief. Enemy very active with this aerial torpedo causing some damage & casualties 2 O Hs killed and 7 O Hs wounded.

G H HARRISON

Lt Col

Appendix 10Reference Map 57 B S.E.SECRET.OPERATION ORDER NO 36. Copy No. _____Intention.

The 116th Infantry Brigade will cooperate in operations to be carried out on 15.11.16 by Reserve Army.

In accordance with the above Order the 11th R. Sussex R. will carry out the following fire operation.

1. The 116th Infantry Brigade is making a raid on the hostile front line trenches between Q 17 b 6.1. and Q 17 b 6.4. at 5.40 a.m. on 15. 16
2. Lewis Gun and Rifle Fire will be opened at immediate front and will continue until 8 a.m.
3. Each Front Line Company will divide its front into lengths of 26 yards for the purpose of delivering a smoke barrage. In each length of 26 yards 1 H.O. (timereaper) and 2 throwers (bombers) and 1 carrier will form a 3 smoke Party for throwing Smoke Bombs. Those Party will be under the supervision of Lt Blunden and 8 H.O.'s who will assist the Brigade Bombing Officer, who will be in charge of all arrangements.

THE TABLE FOR SMOKE BARRAGE

- (a) 5.35 a.m. each party will throw 4 "M" Bombs to its immediate front.
- (b) 5.39 a.m. Starting at 5.39 a.m. Each party will throw 6 Smoke Gandles every 3 minutes to its immediate front until 5.39 a.m. at which moment all Smoke discharges will cease.
- (c) 6.5 a.m. Lewis Gunners and Rifle Fire etc. cease.

H.B. H.O.'s and throwers selected should if possible be experienced men.

(Signed) R.E. LUTTON,
Major & A/Majt.

24.9.16.

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Appendix II

OPERATION ORDER NO 37.

INFORMATION. 1.

- (a) Certain Corps of the Reserve Army are making an attack on the Enemy South of this Battalion at zero hour on "2nd Day".
 - (b) Zero hour and "2nd Day" will be notified you later.
 - (c) The 11th Royal Sussex Regt. will deliver a feint attack on the front 9.10.6.7. to 9.4.4.8.3. at zero minus 10 minutes on "2nd Day" and is assisting the main operations with Artillery.
 - (d) The feint attack is to include a discharge of smoke by the 11th Royal Sussex Regt.
 - (e) No.2 Special Company R. H. is assisting with 4 guns near BROADWAY, 9 GUNS in BEAUFORTS TRENCH and 2 GUNS in BRIDGE END.
2. Smoke will be discharged on the front held by the 11th Royal Sussex Regt. from zero minus 11 to zero on "2nd day" in accordance with the attached programme (Appendix "A") and instructions (Appendix "B")
- Smoke will not be used unless directed by Battalion H.Q. Code word for discharge of Smoke Bombs and Gandles will be "GASPERB"

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INVENTORY.

3. (a) The Companies in the line will be thinned out as far as possible from zero minus 80 minutes onwards and kept under cover.
 (b) Every effort must be made to provide sentries with protected look-out posts. 0's O. Coy. will report immediately what has been done in this respect.
 (c) On conclusion of the smoke, the smoke parties will be withdrawn to dug-outs.
 (d) At zero minus 10 minutes dummies will be hoisted over the parapet to represent troops going over (Appendix "B")

(e) At zero minus 05, 7 Red Very lights will be fired by the Battalion at uncertain intervals and places.

OBSERVATION 4. (a)

An O.P. on both Company fronts will be manned from zero hour onwards and will keep an especially close observation on the valley of the River Anore and the ground to the south of the River under the direction of the Brigade Intelligence Officer.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. 5.

An Officer will call at each Company H.Q. with a synchronized watch and all watches will be carefully synchronized from this. The Officer must not be delayed.

NUMBERS.

6. A system of numbers will be arranged between sentry groups and Company H.Q. and any information gained by sentries will immediately be reported.

(Signed) R.H. LUDFORD
 Lt. A/Adft.
 11th Royal Sussex Regt

Issued at

Copy No.	1 to 0.C.	"A"	Oy.
"	" 2 "	"B"	"
"	" 3 "	"C"	"
"	" 4 "	"D"	"

PROGRAMME.APPENDIX "A"TIMES.

zero minus 11 Smoke commences along the whole of the Battalion front.

zero minus 10 Dummy figures raised over parapet along whole of front.

zero minus 5 Battalion will fire 7 red Very lights at uncertain intervals and places.
 zero 0 Smoke discharge ceases and smoke parties retire to dug-outs.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SMOKE BARRAGE.

APPENDIX "B"

1. No smoke will be discharged unless the wind is between South and West.
 2/Lt Blunden will be held responsible for this.
2. 2/Lt. Blunden and 2 H.O.O's will assist the Brigade Bombing Officer who will be in charge of the smoke arrangements.
3. (a) The Battalion front will be divided into lengths of 25 yards in each of which a party of:-
 1 H.O.O. (Smokekeeper)
 2 Throwers (Bombers)
 1 Carrier
 will form the smoke party.
 (b) Each smoke party will throw "P" Smoke bombs and Smoke Candles as follows:-
 At zero minus 11 minutes 4 "P" Bombs distributed over its 25 yards front
 " " " " 6 Smoke Candles distributed over its 25 yards front
 " " " " 5 " " Candles distributed over its 25 yards front
 " " " " 3 " " Candles distributed over its 25 yards front
 " " " " 1 " " Candles distributed over its 25 yards front
 All smoke discharges will cease at zero.
 (a) The Smokeyeeper will be responsible that smoke bombs and Candles are thrown at the correct times and intervals.
 (d) The carriers will bring up smoke bombs and candles from the Reserve store of each party which will be formed in the front line under Battalion arrangements.
4. During the discharge each smoke party will post dummy figures over the parapet after the "P" Bombs have been thrown.

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BEAUMONT ST. SUB SECTION.

1st.

Weather wet, schemes for proposed raids submitted by Coy. General maintenance work carried out in trenches & new work accomplished. Enemy were active with aerial torpedoes & H.T.'s on left Coy's front, trenches damaged. 2nd Lt. GRACE rejoins Bn. from 116th Bde. & took over command of "C" Coy. 2nd Lt. CLARK joins the Bn. & is posted to "A" Coy.

2nd.

Weather still unsettled. Enemy activity quiet, our Artillery shelled their rear works throughout day & night. They retained on AUCHONVILLERS and HAILLEY-MAILLET. His H.T.'s were also active on left Coy front. 1 O.R. wounded.

3rd.

Weather improving. Quiet all day & night. Supposed relief by enemy.

4th.

Weather showery. Situation quiet during morning. During afternoon the Bn. was relieved by 14 HATS on our Right and 12th Sussess Rt. on our left. Enemy shelled O.T.s & support lines during relief & also AUCHONVILLERS. 1 O.R. killed. 1 O.R. wounded. Bn. marched from trenches & bivouaged in wood at ENGRESBRIER. 2nd Lt. CASSIDIS granted Military Cross.

ENGRESBRIER WOOD.

5th.

Boys at disposal of Coy Cmdr. during morning cleaning equipment rifles etc. C.O. inspected shelters & equipment in afternoon after which the Battalion marched to HARTSHART WOOD to HATS & tents with the 1/6th CHESHIRES, and came under command temporarily of the 117th Bde. 2nd Lt. Kelly joins the Bn. & is posted to "D" Coy.

HARTSHART WOOD.

6th.

Weather fine. Bn. clean up & Baths. The Officers & N.C.O.s reconnoitre the new line at THIEPVAL. 7 o.c. Bn. revert to command of 116th Bde. & C.O. reconnoitres the new line at HAREL.

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7th.

Weather fine. Battalion march to trenches at HAVEL and relieve the 1st HERTS and 4/5 BLACK WATCH in the line from the AVGRE to PICADILLY, relief completed by 12 noon. Enemy quiet throughout day & night.

HAVEL.

8th.

Weather fine - schemes for raids submitted by Coy's. Enemy artillery active on front line & close supports, some damage done to trenches & 3 O.Rs wounded. 2 O.Rs on Lewis Gun course killed whilst on fatigue duty.

9th.

Weather fine - Enemy artillery active & also their H.F.H. on our Right doing damage to our O.Fs, Major The Hon Iqton attached to G.H.Q. & relinquishes his duties at 11th Bde. 1 O.R. wounded.

10th.

Weather fine - Very Enemy activity. Our Artillery & T.Hs carried out an operation along whole of Enemy's front, doing much damage to their trenches & wire. They retaliated weakly, 2 O.Rs wounded.

11th.

Weather fine but cold - Maintenance parties carry on their usual work on repairs to trenches & defenses. Our wire strengthened. Enemy active on our left. 6 O.Rs wounded. Major G. HILLIARD left Bde. to undergo special training in England for Bde. Comdr.

12th.

Weather fine - The Bde. carried out an operation in co-operation with Bde. attacking SCHWABEN REDOURF. A discharge of smoke was put up to divert enemy fire which was most successful. Our H.Gs & Snipers were unusually active, & had numerous targets, many of the Enemy were disposed of in this way. Capt. MICHELL falls sick & sent to F.A.

13th.

Weather fine - Enemy fairly quiet altho' showed some activity on our Left Coy. front, slight damage to our trenches. Our Artillery active on Enemy's rear works.

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14th.

Enemy very quiet. Every man in front line fires a rifle grenade & a Mills bomb No. 25, slight retaliation by enemy.

15th.

Fine weather. Enemy fairly active throughout the day, His artillery damaged our G.P.s & support lines & 5 O.R.s wounded. Our Artillery retaliated on his front line & vice doing much damage to his defences.

16th. 8.30
a.m.

The Battalion is relieved in the line by the "WOOD" BATTN Rt. Naval Div. and marched to huts at MARTINSBART WOOD arriving at 12 NOON. Troops had dinner.

2 p.m.

BATTN. march to Reserve line at AVEHUILE FOOD sent 1 Coy & H.Q. at WOOD POST & 3 Coys in old German trenches at IBERZIS SALIENT.

AVEHUILE WOOD.

17th.

Weather fine - General clean up of equipment & rifles. Remainder of day troops rested. Enemy shelled the wood throughout night.

18th.

Weather wet. Carrying & working parties supplied. Equipping & arrangements made for forthcoming operations. 2 O.Rs wounded.

19th.

Still raining. Carrying & working parties. Signal arrangements made for operations.

REDOUET SECTOR.

20th.

BATTN. relieved the 13th SUSSEX REGT. in the REDOUET SECTOR (Rt. Subsection). Advance party left at 7 a.m. & main body at 8 a.m. Casuals march to billets at AVEHUY & employed in carrying Rations etc to front line.

21st.

The BATTN. capture German first line (EVOZ FRENCH "A" & "C" Coys assaulted "A" & "D" Coys reinforced them in the new line. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy & many prisoners taken. 2nd Lieut's Ivens, Salter & Doogan killed, 2nd Lieut's V.H.B. Divernois & 2nd Lt. P.J. HAYES wounded - 11 O.Rs killed, 185 O.Rs wounded and 77 O.R. missing.

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AVESLUY WOOD.

22nd. The Bn. was relieved & marched to South side of AVESLUY WOOD where they bivouaced under shelters & tents.

23rd.

Weather wet. Party (retrochar bearers) went up to newly captured position to collect wounded, many brought in to S.A. 1 O.R. wounded. 2 Lt. ST. JOHN rejoins Bn. & is posted to Coy. Rest of Bn. rested.

24th.

Weather still unsettled - showery. The H.O. carried out Foot & machine inspection. ~~xxx~~ All men feet treated to prevent TRENCH FEET. General cleaning up of equipment & replacing deficiencles.

RIVER SECTOR THIEPVAL.

25th. 9.30 a.m. Weather wet - Advance party consisting of B & C Coys marched off and relieved ROTIS & WERTS at HILLS POST. The rest of Bn. struck camp at 12.30 p.m. & march to THIEPVAL WOOD & occupied dugouts in RIVER SECTOR. Enemy quiet during relief. During evening shells dropped behind our line.

26th. 5 - 6 a.m. Enemy artillery very active on front line. Our Artillery retaliated vigorously. During day situation quiet. Slight hostile shelling during night.

10 p.m. MPO Operation N. of ANCRE in which our Artillery co-operated. 1 O.R. wounded. 2 Lt. G. SALVER slightly wounded but remains at duty.

SOUTH BUNEP.

27th. Bn. is relieved by 16th RIFLE BDE. & moved to SX SOUTH BUNEP and occupied Dugouts. 1 O.R. killed.

28th. Bn. rested & re equipped.

29th. 9.20 a.m. Weather wet - every available Officer & O.Ns (13 Officers 390 O.Ns) marched to THIEPVAL WOOD to dig Reserve trench under R.E.s. Intensity digging was carried out & much progress made. 1 O.R. wounded. Orders & preparation for move to SCHWARZ REBOURT. Lt. J. Cassels rejoins the Battalion with 10 O.Ns.

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30th. 7.30 a.m.

Bain. marched out & relieved 13th R. Sussex R. in SCHWABEN REDOUT. Heavy rain during afternoon & night. All casualties sent to Transport line.

31st.

43 O. R. (reinforcements) arrive from 4/5 Sussex R. & 5th Sussex R. & remain at Transport lines over night. Weather much improved.

SCHWABEN REDOUT.

30th.

2 Lieut. J.S. Peery was severely wounded during the relief. The Battalion relieved the 1st HERTS. in SCHWABEN REDOUT. The enemy observed the relief and the 1st company had much difficulty in getting to their posts. The guides were hit and both battalions suffered several casualties in the confusion. However by 2.45 p.m. all Oys. were in position. The rest of the day was comparatively quiet, but torrential rain turned the trenches into mud and caused the greatest discomfort. Wind was fresh and in our favour.

31st.

6.15 a.m.

After an ordinary night, when our Artillery carried out their usual programme in enemy's back areas, a sudden bombardment broke out on our left at 6.15 a.m. This was short-lived and our immediate front was not shelled. Shrapnel was put over MARTIN'S LINE intermittently throughout the day. At 4 p.m. a barrage was put on the right of BEHLETTEN RD. and extended almost at once along our whole front line; nothing was sent behind until 4.15, when after a moment's pause the enemy guns lifted to our Support line and repeated the practice. Our field guns and 4.5 howitzers made a good reply. This

4 p.m.

strife ended up with casual shelling of FRONT & SUPPORT lines and Br. H.Q. No infantry action at all was reported. The enemy's range was poor and we escaped casualties. One white light and several red were thrown from ERHARDSDORF LINE during this bombardment. The night was fairly quiet, but at no period did the enemy guns remain silent for long.

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November.1st. 8.45
a.m.

The Battalion was relieved by the 6th CHEESHIRE, whose front boys were guided into their positions without loss; but as our men were moving down they were noticed and heavy shelling (5.9 and 102 mm) began at once. Essentially the 2nd got clear with very few casualties, but those of the CHEESHIRE in the front line were considerable. In view of the terrible state of the trenches and exhaustion of the men, as well as the direct enemy observation of all movements and immediate shelling, this relief was carried out splendidly; it began at 8.45 a.m. and was reported complete at 2.20 p.m. After relief the Battalion returned to billets at FOURTH and CENTRE BUMP.

G. R. HARRISON, Lt. Col.

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November.

SCHWABEN REDOUBT.

1st.

Battalion relieved by 1/5th CHESHIREs whose front coy's. were guided into their positions without loss; but as our men were moving down they were noticed and heavy shelling (5.9's and 102 mm.) began at once. Eventually the Bn. got clear with very few casualties, but those of the CHESHIREs in the front line were considerable. In view of the terrible state of the trenches and exhaustion of the men this relief was carried out splendidly. It began at 8.45am. and was reported complete at 1.20 p.m. After relief the Bn. returned to Ingouits in S. and GERHARD BLUFF. Afternoon spent in foot-rubbing and rest. Our total casualties during this tour in SCHWABEN REDOUBT. 2nd Lt. PERRY wounded (afterwards died). 3 O.A.s Killed, 23 wounded, and 5 missing.

CENTRE BELT.

Rest and re-equipment. Lewis Gun & Stretcher Bearer Classes. A wet morning but fair afternoon.

2nd.

SENLIS.

Battalion marched back to SENLIS arriving about 12 noon. Fine weather prevailed. In the evening all the old originals and some others went to ~~XXXX-XXX~~ ~~XXXX-6,000-200000-212000~~ 16th DIVISIONAL POLICES.

3rd.

5 Officers and 250 O.R. paraded at 5.30 a.m. for Working Party, but after considerable delay received orders to stand by. They eventually proceeded in the afternoon. Weather good.

4th.

RIVER LEFT.

Battalion relieved 16th NOTES & DERBY in RIVER LEFT SECTION.

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less No. 6 Platoon (B Coy) isolated for Diphtheria and left at Transport Lines. Battalion was thus disposed: C Coy, in FRONT LINE RIGHT, B Coy, in MILLS POST (LEFT); remainder in support in PAISLEY AV.
2 Lt. J.S. GABSELS took out a patrol to capture a prisoner if possible but the horse was lying very low.

SENITS.

At 12.30 p.m. the Bn. was relieved by the 16th NOTES & DEWEY and marched to former billets at SENITS. All in billets by 4 p.m. Zepellins over at 11 p.m.

Every available man employed for Working Party at AVELLY and HAV VALLEY. Parade was at 7.30 a.m. Heavy rain throughout the day. The tanks given could have been done better by about 120 men and reports were sent in to 116 Bde. by CAPT. COOLING and 2 Lt. BUNDEN.

10pm. A few shells from a high velocity gun fell in SENITS (on HOUZINCOURT RD).

2 Lt. LEWIS joined the Bn. from the H.A.C. Capt. A.P. FORD went to Field Ambulance suffering from French fever and was replaced by CAPT. WILKIN.
8 Casualties rejoined the Battalion.

8th.

Troops rested. Church service in afternoon. 7 Casualties rejoined Bn. weather bad.

9th.

Weather better. Brigadier General HOBNEY inspected boots, and the C.O. inspected billets.
Orders received to take over SCHWARZEN REDOUER next day.

SCHWARZEN REDOUER.

Battalion relieved the 1st GABER. In SCHWARZEN REDOUER, and were fortunate in having no casualties on the relief. B & C Companies were in the front line,

10th.

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A-2 D being in Support and A in Reserve in THIEPVAL. Sergeant ASHFORD contrived to put Bn. H.Q. in communication not only with the Reserve and Support Coys but also with both front line Coys. The Battalion worked very hard at clearing out dugouts. A Coy. carried Rations etc. to the front line. 1 O.R. was killed while carrying S.A.A. and 3 wounded. B Coy. continued work on three T-saps in front of SPLOTTER WAY. A number of dead were buried by parties detailed only for this work.

11th.

Dull and heavy. Organised bombardment of enemy line in the early morning drew only moderate retaliation. Work carried on; in the evening a Bombing Raid under Sergeant Stokl and attempted to reach the German Block R 19 a 91. but found it very thickly wired and could not force an entry. They bombed it and managed to catch two prisoners and waited outside the wire for further orders. These were that they were to withdraw. Prisoners were of the 95th Regt.

12th.

Dull but no rain. Another morning bombardment was carried out by our gunners and the enemy retained with 20 minutes shrapnel and whizzbang fire followed by methodical "heavies" on our front and support lines. During the day four fresh dugouts were cleared in THIEPVAL. The front line companies were relieved after midnight by the assembling troops due to attack on the 13th. but the sentry posts in RIDDELL TRENCH were retained until the attack had been made when they too withdrew to THIEPVAL (1 O.R. Killed) A8-4-35m.

SCHWABER REPORT - THIEPVAL.

Battalion in THIEPVAL. At 4 p.m. orders came through for 300 men and a proportion of Officers

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under CAPT. GOOLING to carry coils of wire and wire pickets to point R 19 c 01, and a patrol of 1 Officer and runner were immediately sent up to find out the best way. They had a lively journey and overshot their mark, almost reaching GRANDCOURT. Eventually returning via HANSA LINE, SERB WAY, ST PIERRE DIVION, HILL ROAD & "HERVAL WOOD", they reported a heavy barrage behind SCHWABEN and a worse on the HANSA LINE. The orders were then modified and the party carried the wire up to the SCHWABEN REDOUBT, point 86. The Battalion went back to huts in PIONEER RD.

PIONEER RD.

14th.

Battalion moved at 1.30 p.m. to WARLOY. A German plane bombed this place and fired with a maxim on the roads the same night.

WARLOY.

15th.

Battalion marched from WARLOY to DOUILLENS (about 13 miles). Though in many cases bad feet gave much trouble, all ranks did well and came in with a swing to DOUILLENS to the Regimental songs. Motor lorries assisted in moving transport.

DOUILLENS.

16th.

Battalion in rest. 2 lts. ANON, WRIGHT and CHESTER joined the Battalion.

17th.

Battalion made preparations for entertainment and left DOUILLENS for the North at about 2.30 p.m. They detrained at POPERINGHE and marched to M CAMP, which they reached between 4 and 5 in the morning of the 18th. The weather was bitterly cold.

M CAMP.

18th.

Battalion in rest.

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- 19th. Cleaning up and inspections by Company Commanders.
- 20th. Inspections. Games Committee begun. Battalion Concert arranged by 2 Lt. J.S.CASSELLS in the evening.
- 21st. A fine clear day. C.O. inspected the Battalion in marching order in the forenoon.
- 22nd. Training begun: specialist courses for LEWIS GUNNERS, BOMBERS, WIREMEN and SNIPERS. Squad and Platoon Drill under Coy. arrangements. Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training. Weather fine.
- 23rd. Inspection of Bn. including Transport, Kitchens etc. by CORPS COMMANDER.
- 24th. Fine. Routine work carried on.
- 25th. Rain all day. Training and lectures inside huts. 2 Coy's. to BATHS at COUTHOVZ.
- 26th. Coldier. Baths for rest of Bn. Divine Services.
- 27th. Battalion Route March with First Line Transport, via WATOU, about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- 28th. C.O.'s Inspection. Routine training.
- 29th. Routine training. Regimental exercise without troops for Coy. Commanders & I.L.G.C.
- 30th. C.O.'s Inspection. Battalion Drill. Baths for a part of the Bn. Night Alarm assembly practised.

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MILITARY CROSS awarded to
2 Lt. C.A.ALLEN, 2 Lt.G.SALTER,
CAPT. G.L.MICHELL.
MILITARY MEDAL awarded to
SERGT. COX. SERGT. HOPKINS,
SERGT. PATRICK, SERGT. BALL,
SERGT. ALCHOHN. SERGT. DAVEY,
SERGT. WILKINSON.
PTC. SHIRREY. PTE. BISHOP.

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PTE. HORTON, PTE. TAYLOR,
 PTE. VIDLER, PTE. RICH,
 CPL. DYBELL, PTE. BAILLY,
 CAPT. J.H.COOLING, granted
 Temporary Rank of MAJOR
 whilst 2nd in Command.
 2 Lts F.CASSELL, 2 Lt. C.A.ALLEN,
 2 Lt. G.SALTER, 2 Lt. P.F.DREW,
 appointed T/Captains while
 Commanding Coy's.

G. H. HARRISON,
 Lt.Col.
 Commanding 11th R. SUSSEX R.

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M. CAMP.

1st Daily training and inspections by Company Commanders. Issue of Box Respirators.

2nd Gas tests with P.H.O. and Box Respirators in the morning for whole Bn. under G.O. Capt. A.G.L. OWEN joined the Bn.

3rd Divine Service taken by G.O. in Y.H.C.A. Hnt. Capt..J.H. COOLING rejoined from leave.

4th Inspection by G.O. Games in afternoon.

5th Battalion marched to POPPERINGHE and entrained. Detained at ST.OWEN and marched to billets in MOULLE. Lieut.Col. G.H. HARRISON went on leave to ENGLAND. Capt. OWEN took command. 2nd Lt. VIDLER, EARLOW and WHITNEY joined the Bn.

MOULLE.

6th Battalion rested, cleaned up billets & kit. Gas tests, and repeated daily until the 14th inst.

7th Battalion marched out about 2 miles from MOULLE to construct Rifle ranges under R.E. Returned to billets 4.30 p.m.

Extract from GAZETTE:- W/Lieut.F. GASSIENS to be T/Captain, with seniority from Sept.4th 1916. T/Lt. H. BUNNEN to be T/Lieut. with seniority from Sept.4th 1916.

8th Battalion digging Rifle ranges until 3 p.m. Lectures to Officers & N.C.O.'s in evening.

9th Battalion digging rifle ranges in morning. Games in afternoon. Lectures to Officers & N.C.O.s. in evening.

10th Digging a.m. Football p.m. Lectures to Officers & N.C.O.s. in evening.

11th Heavy rain, consequently no digging took place. Lectures in billets & gas tests, rifle inspection etc.

12th Digging resumed. Training for Lewis Gunners begun.

13th Digging. Games in afternoon.

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- 14th Dicing. 1 Coy. to baths in afternoon. Capt. Cooling to G. H. C.
- 15th Battalion left MOUTHE and entrained at St. MORELET VIA CHERISE HARVEST POPPERINGHS to ASTIUM STN. YPRES. Batin, then marched N. of YPRES to dugouts in CAVAL BARRK. relieving 1/1st HERTS. Relief quiet; completed by 8.30 p.m.
- YPRES N. (CAVAL BARRK).
- 16th Footrubbings, Gas tests, and kit inspections in morning. After dark the Bn. successfully relieved XIITH R.S.R. in front line (HIMTOP LINE). (HILL TOP LINE).
- 17th Sight enemy shelling at LA BELLE ALLIANCE & ROCH FM. Patrols - wiring as usual.
- 18th Sight enemy shelling at ROCH FM. and LA BELLE ALLIANCE. Patrols. 2nd Lieuts. W. C. OLYVE joined Bn. quiet. Patrols.
- 19th (CAVAL BARRK).
- 20th Battalion relieved in front line by XIITH R.S.R. and returned to dugouts in CAVAL BARRK.
- 21st Battalion in reserve. Parades and inspections under Coy. arrangements Working parties provided for front line. 1st Reconnoitering Party sent off to sector left of that just held by us. Wiring party provided.
- 22nd As 21st. 2nd Reconnoitering Party.
- 23rd Battalion employed as above in morning, but in evening quietly relieved by 1/1st HERTS & returned to "W" CAMP. W. CAMP.
- 24th General cleaning up and company inspections. Lt. Col. G. H. HARRISON returned to the Battalion.
- 25th Christmas service held by C. O. Kent's Christmas dinner visited by C. O. 2nd in Command and Adjutant.
- 26th Boxing Day. Rest and celebrations continued.

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27th Training started. Inspection and Rifle Drill in Full Marching Order. (C.O.'s. parade).

28th Route March & Specialists Courses C.O & 1st Party reconnoitre front line at ROESINGHE.

29th Training under Coy. arrangements 2nd Party reconnoitred ROESINGHS line.

30th Bn. marched from B. Camp to relieve 10th SOUTH WALES BORDERS in ROESINGHE front line. Quiet relief, complete 8 p.m. Patrols of wire in No Han's land & in front of support line same night. Much rain during day.

31st Dull weather and nothing doing. Brigadier General Commanding inspected trenches. Aircraft nil.

APPENDIX.DISTINCTIONS.

Lieut. Col.	G.H. HARRISON	awarded D.S.O.	
136 Sergt.	W.A. ASHROD	"	Military Medal.
1171 I/Cpl.	G.A. SARGENT	"	"
1084 I/Cpl.	J.C. PERRY	"	"
373 Pte.	F. WILTON	"	"
307 Pte.	H.E. FISHBEN	"	"

G.H. HARRISON
LIEUT. COLONEL.

Comdg. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.
1/1/17.

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January.

BOESINGHE.

1st Battalion in trenches. Miners refer busy especially on Belgian front.

2nd Miners refer again busy, and M.G. tunnel in front line vanishes.

3rd Bn. relieved without casualties by 14th HAWKS and marches to reserve billets at ROSSEL FARM, ELVERDINGHE. Capt. R.H. LIPPON goes to Corps H.Q.,

ROSSEL PW.

4th Rest and cleaning. Brigade working parties supplied in evening. Camp maintenance and improvements begun.

5th Working parties continued. Capt. E.H. Moore D.S.O. takes over duties as M.O. vice Capt. Milne (to M.A.C.)

Working parties.

7th Divine Service under Capt. Thom H.C. Inspections.

Working parties.

9th 2nd Lieut. J. Lincoate takes over duties as Adjutant. Bathn. employed in Railway Construction all day.

10th Railway Construction. Reconnoitering party sent to the RAILWAY WOOD SECTION of the Ypres salient.

The same.

The same.

13th Weather dismal. Railway construction impossible. Inspections in billets.

Sunday. No working parties required.

YPRES.

15th Battalion marches after dark into YPRES and rests in the cellars of the COMMENT and houses near the STATION.

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16th Battalion marches up by night to relieve 2/8th KING'S LIVERPOOL TRICK in RAIMWAY WOOD LEFT. H.Q. in POTITZE CHAU. Grounds. Relief successfully carried out - reported complete 9.30 p.m.

17th Heavy snow, but day quiet. Father ROSE joins Bn vice Father BAINFORD (transferred to C.C.S.) Officers' patrols sent out.

18th More Snow, Boobie again quiet. Bn again shows up well as regards patrols.

19th Quiet. 1 man wounded by sniper. Wirens do good work with new V-system of wiring. Patrols continued.

20th Day quiet. In the evening Bn relieved by 14th HAVES and returns to tea billets in CONVENT & near STATION, YPRES.

YPRES.

21st 2 Lt. GAESEY joins the Bn. Working parties supplied for work on CAMBRIDGE FRENCH and wiring in front of X LINE.

22nd Working parties as for 21st and also on new dugouts in the X LINE N. of its junction with PICCADILLY.

23rd Working parties continued, their efforts hampered by shelling. Enemy aircraft very busy and 2 planes of ours driven down.

24th Heavy shelling of billets all day. Working parties supplied to R.E. and Town Major. Battalion successfully relieves the 14th HAVES at POTITZE, specialists before daylight, remainder in the evening. Enemy saps patrolled by us.

POTITZE.

25th Early in the morning Boesche puts on a violent minute and whizzbang barrage round our extreme right and raids our right Bombing Post in strength. Our casualties: MISCING 3 KILLED & DIED OF WOUNDS 5; also several slighter wounds. Enemy left three dead behind, one being the officer in charge. Quiet day follows. Our planes bring down 2 enemy planes

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between 3 & 4 pm. In the evening a false gas alarm raises an artillery strafe. 30 coils of wire put out on our fronts.

26th

Enemy registers our left front and support. Great aircraft activity. False S.O.S. at 6 p.m. brings our guns into action.

Major W.O. HILDARD returns to Bn as 2nd in Command. XXXXXXXXXXX

27th

Still bitterly cold. Guns and planes all the morning. Fire operation with rifles, L.O. & Bombs at 7 p.m. by Right Coy. which Boche demands to reply to. Patrols on both Coy fronts hourly through the night.

28th

Some artillery during the day. Cold continues. Brigadier visits the line. Bn tm. relieved by 14th HAVES. 2 Platoons remain in DRAGONN FN.

29th.

Bn tm in former billets. Inspection, Pay parades, working parties.

29th

Bn tm & a little snow. Working parties during the night.

30th

More snow & working parties. B Coy takes over dugouts in HALF MOON TR. & HUSGAR FN.

31st

W. COISEX MILLWARD

Major
for Ident. Col.
Comds 14th Royal Fussex Regt.

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YPRES

- 1st. Bn. marches to relieve 14th HANTS at FORZUE, quiet night follows. Usual patrols & wiring.
- 2nd. BREKBY GUNS strafed B.H.Q. whizbangs & 4.2s at 4.5 p.m. Otherwise day quiet. 1 OR. wounded. 3 patrols made.
- 3rd. Day quiet. Cold intense & work almost impossible. A & C Coys relieved by 16th R.B. & return to YPRES & DRAGON FARM. B & D & 2 platoons C.O.s remain in support line.
- 4th. A & C & H.Q Coys entrain at YPRES, detain BRADDOCK & march to A Camp. B & D & 1 O.Goy remain in trenches.
- A CAMP
- 5th. Inspection parade & reconnaissance parties. Lt.H.S.LEWIS & 2 Lt.J.O.MERRILL join Bn.
- 6th. Training of specialists under new scheme begins. Reconnaissance continued.
- 7th. Specialist parades, fatigue party for unloading, Corps Ammun. Dump, Sgt Stickland & 2 bombers wounded at Bombing practice.
- 8th. Training of specialists contd. Party detailed to assist R.B. in preparing for raid. Rifle & revolver practice on Range.
- 9th. Gas lecture & test. Officers attend lecture at FORZUEHORS. Party again lent to R.H.'s for practising Raid.
- 10th. Route March: Gas lecture & test. Col Harrison returns from Army School.
- 11th. Divine Service, 11.45 AM. H.O.'s inspection. Babs for A. Co.
- 12th. Training: B & D Coys in YPRES.

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13th. Training: B & D Coys in support to R.B.'s raid. RAILWAY WOOD SECTOR.

14th. B & D Coys relieved & march back to A Camp where training continues.

15th. B & D have baths & H.O. inspection. 9.01's muster parade.

HOLLINZREEL

16th. Bn. marches to CHEESNEMARKEET Station & entrains for HOLLINZREEL arriving 7 pm.

17th. Bn. resting & cleaning. Re-organization commences.

18th. Training of specialists & reorganization. 2 Lt. Whitley organizes Bn concert.

19th. Specialist & company training under Coy arrangements.

20th. Specialist & Company training under coy. arrangements.

21st. Same. Officers reunion in H.Q. mess in evening.

22nd. Divisional General inspects billets and compliments Bn. Parades impossible owing to bad weather.

23rd. Training of wireers. Free day after 11 AM. Sergeis concert in evening.

WINNIEBO CAMP

24th. Bn. leaves HOLLINZREEL for WINNIEBO CAMP, OUDENDIJK, marching from POEPRINWEGE.

25th. Bn. in W'YERB CAMP. GAS & ZEET inspection. At 4.30 pm marches to billets in & around YFRS.

YFRS

26th. Bn. in billets. A & C Coys dugout in ZILLERBEEK BUND. B & D in YFRS. Officers carry out reconnaissance of OBSERVATORY RIDGE Sector.

27th. Reconnaissance continued by Officers of front occupied by 14th HARVS. 2 Lt. OLIVE to hospital with measles.

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28th.

10 pm.

Bn in front line, left sub-sector OBSERVATORY RIDGE, relieving 14 Hants. A O D front line. B Coy in support GRAB CRAWL.

Encounter with hostile bombing patrols on our right leads to S.O.S. Signals from ENEMY & our & right Bn.

Our front line severely strafed with Mines, Rifle Grenades & artillery. Our artillery gave effective retaliation & L.G's fired from battle positions. Our casualties 2 officers wounded (2 LT Webber) 2 Lt. F.L. CLARK (at duty) 2 OR killed 11 O.R. wounded. Bn under command Major Milward during Col. Harrison's absence on leave. B.H.Q. came under hostile shell-ing R.C.M. Daniels being mortally wounded. All quiet at 11 pm. & rest of night.

H.S. LEWIS, Lt.
for O.O. 11th R. Sussex Regt.

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March.

OBSERVATORY RIDGE.

1st Battn. in front line 137th SUB-SECTION - RIGHT SECTION.

quiet day. our mine & bombardment during night on left 1 Casualty. Lt. H. SIMONS takes over 2nd 1/c vice MAJOR W. G. MIDWARD who took command of Battn. vice Lt. COL. G. H. HARRISON D.S.O., returned to England.

2nd

Front line Companies subjected to activity from Minenwerfers in morning. Communication duckboards shelled. Casualties Capt. DR. MOORE wounded slightly, carried on. 1 man killed on listening Post. Night quiet.

WINNIEG CAMP.

3rd Battn. relieved from OBSERVATORY RIDGE SECTOR by 1st/1st CAMBRIDGE SHIRRS. Entrained at YPRES ASYLUM at 2 A.M. arrived BRANDHOEK 5.30 A.M. & WINNIEG CAMP at 4 A.M.

4th

Cleaning up. Rifles equipment etc. baths at WINNIEG CAMP.

5th

Battn. Parade. G.O.s. Inspection. Inter Coy football in afternoon. 2nd Lt. O. SALTER M.C. to be M/Capt. dated 26/12/16.

6th

Company drill & Training. Surprise visit by CORPS COMMANDER who complimented C.O. on appearance of Battn. Capt. A. G. L. OWEN returns to duty & takes over 2nd 1/c.

7th

Company Drill & Training of all Specialists under Specialist Officers. Football in the Afternoon.

8th

Company Drill & Training of all Specialists under Specialist Officers. Reconnaissance by Companies of G. H. Q. LINE. & RIDGE WOOD SECTOR (DICKENBUSH). KHERMENT LINE. Football & Regimental concert in the evening.

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9th

Cleaning up Camp. Health Gas Helmet & Ammunition inspections etc. Harched off 5.30 p.m. Entrained at BRANDHOEK 7.0 p.m. Detrained YPRES ASYLUM 7.20 p.m. Held up 20 mins. owing to Bombardment over YPRES. BATTN. relieved 6th CHESSING REGT. in ZILBERKE BUND. (BRIGADE RESERVE).

ZILBERKE BUND.

10th

quiet day bad visibility. Trench maintenance works. Night carrying & wiring parties under Brigade orders.

11th

Artillery fairly quiet both sides. Aerial activity over YPRES during morning. 2 our own 'planes' brought down. Supply of Night wiring & carrying parties.

12th

Raining & very misty. Inspections & Trench work especially drainage owing to Rain floods. Night wiring & carrying parties. 2nd Lt. J. D. LEWIS left on special leave to ENGLAND. 2nd Lt. LILBERTY BUES returned for duty. 12 men rejoined from Divisional School. 2nd Lt. H. AMOR returned from Bombing course.

13th

Capt. A. G. L. OWEN returned to Hospital. LT. H. S. LEWIS takes over 2nd 1/6 VICE CAPT. OWEN. quiet day hostile artillery activity counter battery work N. W. of BUND. RAINING in AFTERNOON; relieved 14th HANTS REGT. in the front line OBSERVATORY RIDGE RIGHT SECTOR. Left sub-sector relief complete 10.20 p.m. 11.0 p.m. heavy bombardment on our extreme right. 2nd Lt. A. G. VIDLER evacuated to hospital.

OBSERVATORY RIDGE RIGHT SECTOR.

14th

Raining hard during morning. Usual desultory shelling. Hostile relief suspected. Guns turned on 10.5 P.M. slow bombardment 3 hrs. YPRES bombarded 7 P.M. BRIGADIER visit line in the morning.

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- 15th
Raining cleared up later. Hostile intermittent shelling of our communications. "SILENT PERIOD" test by CORPS SIGNALS 9 a.m. to 3.0 p.m. 1 Sniper killed. Enemy observation balloon signalling over Hill 60. Letter & all round signalling. Report of Signalling taken & forwarded with morning intelligence.
- 16th
Very quiet, slight shelling D.H.Q. but no casualties. Rations up late owing to rearrangement & congestion of traffic. 2 Hostile "planes" brought down behind our own lines. Bad visibility.
- 17th
Artillery & aircraft active. Rear Line shelled. Between 11 & 13 May air fight over front lines. 1 hostile machine brought down in flames behind his own lines & 1 other hit but under control. 4.30 p.m. several enemy planes over but were driven off. HAWK relieved by 14th HARTS returned to billets in KROISSWALD, VERRES & THE BUND (DIVISIONAL RESERVE), all in billets 10.30 P.M.
- KROISSWALD (DIVISIONAL RESERVE).
- 18th
Quiet night and day. Men cleaning up & inspections of kit etc. Night working parties under Bri.Gade arrangement. Lt.V.A.G. VIDLER returned for duty.
- 19th
Bright morning - later Gale with rain. quiet. Night working parties as before.
- 20th
quiet night. Rain, snow & sleet. very windy. Night working parties as before. New draft arrived of 14 O.Ms.
- 21st
Bright day. The BUND. N. end shelled heavily in afternoon. Battalion relieved by 1st Herts Regt. 11 P.M. marched to billets at WINNIPPO CAMP, arrived all in billets 1.30 A.M. next morning.

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1917.Appendix.March.TRAINING CAMP.

22nd

Cleaning up & inspections by company officers of Kit, Deficiencies etc. Working parties under R.M. in afternoon.

23rd

C. Co. Inspection. Company Training & Training of Specialists under programme in "Orders", in morning. Baths in afternoon exchanged of clothing for fumigation. Inoculation commenced. Inspection of previous Draft. New draft arrived 12 O. Re. Artillery active during night.

24th

Company & Specialists Training as before. Football in the afternoon. Baths and inoculation continued. Major W.C. MILLWARD promoted to acting rank of Lt. Colonel whilst commanding Battalion. Capt. F. CASSELL rejoins for duty. Artillery very active considerable shelling of VIALBERTINCHRE. Working parties out all day.

25th

Voluntary Church Parade. Inoculation continued. Capt. F. CASSELL takes over 2 i/c. Lt. H. S. IZWIS posted to & takes over command of D Coy.

26th

Heavy rain in morning precludes parades. Working parties all day as before. Inoculation complete. football in afternoon.

27th

Very cold with rain, cleaning up camp, inspections & preparation for moving into line. Lt. H. S. IZWIS takes over duties of ADJUTANT vide 2. Lt. LINTONPT. evacuated to Hospital also 2. Lt. A. G. VIDLER evacuated to Hospital. Battalion entrained at BRANDHOEK for YPRES 8.55 p.m. Detrained at YPRES. Relief held up owing to heavy shelling. Relieved 1/1st Her's. OBSERVATORY RIDGE SECTOR RIGHT BRIGADE left sub section. 2.10 A.M. next morning.

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28th

quiet night & day except for hostile shelling of back areas. Night wiring parties & improvement of trenches.

29th

Wet day & dull. Considerable hostile artillery activity in back areas & support lines. Heavy shelling for about 15 mins in morning & afternoon of B. H. Q.

30th

quiet day & bright weather.

Occasional shelling of Communication Trenches. 2nd Lt. I. CLARK proceeded on special leave to England.

31st

Considerable shelling of back areas & communications by enemy, especially B. H. Q. VAINY COTTAGES necessitating evacuation of same & seeking temporary billets in ZIMMEREN. Relieved by 14th HAVTS at 11.30 p.m. returned to Brigade Reserve billets in SOUTH of BUND, ZIMMEREN.

H. G. NAVIOR, 2. Lt.
Intell. Off.
11th R. Sx.

W. C. GERY, MILWARD,
Lt. Col.
O. C. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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- 1st quiet day, but considerable shelling of back areas. Night working parties under Brigade arrangements.
- 2nd quiet day, considerable aerial activity on both sides. Hostile counter battery work. Working parties under Brigade as before. N. end of BUED heavily shelled 2nd Lts. CHESTER and OLIVE returned to duty. 2ND Lt. GRICE, G. joined from England & reported for duty.
- 3rd Heavy snowstorm during night & following morning, cleared later, artillery quiet, night working parties as before.
- 4th quiet day. Relieved 14th HANNS. REGT. in Left Sub-section OBSERVATORY RIDGE at 11.50 pm. CAPT. E. H. MOORE, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., evacuated sick. CAPT. J. GARCHILL, vide CAPT. MOORE etid. for duty A/CAPT. SALTER, G. left for England on leave.

OBSERVATORY RIDGE LEFT SECTOR.

- 5th fairly quiet, considerable aerial activity on back areas. Big bombardment by us on our right Division front, little retaliation & no damage.
- 6th Much aeroplane activity, one of ours brought down in flames on our right while on reconnaissance. Practice barrage on enemy's lines.

7th Relieved 12.15 A.M. by 16th Notts & Derby. Entrained at Ypres for BRANDHOEK in billets near by by 4.30 pm. Reveille 10 9/10 A.M. Cleaning up. Recreation in the afternoon. Big raid in evening near SP. M101 7.50 pm lasted 1 1/2 hrs.

BRANDHOEK.

- 8th Easter day. Church Parade 10.30 A.M. Baths at POPERINGHE in the afternoon. Working party at night 150 unloading of Shells. G.O.Lt. Col. W.C. Millward proceeded on Commanding Officers Course at Second Army H.Qrs. Capt. F. Cassels A/C.O. vide Col. Millward.
- 9th Battalion Parade for G.Os. Inspection. Remainder of morning Training of Specialists. Football in the afternoon. Weather very cold with hail & rain.

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- 10th C.O.'s Battalion Parade. Specialists training. Football in the afternoon. Weather still very bad.
- 11th Cleaning up Camp. Previous inspections preparatory to going into the line. Battalion marched off 8 o/c pm, & relieved 17th Notts. & Derby's in Infantry Barracks, YPRES. 1 Coy. in Brigade support MAPLE COPES OBSERVATORY RIDGE SECTOR.
Relief complete 1.45 A.M. 12.4.17.
YPRES.
- 12th Training by day. Heavy working parties at night by night & day under R.Ms. & Brigade arrangements.
- 13th Training by day. Heavy working parties at night by night & day under R.Ms. & Brigade arrangements.
2nd Lt B.R. WOODROW joined Battalion for Duty from G.H.Q.
- 14th Do. Do. Do.
Lt. Col. MILLWARD rejoined on completion of course.
2Lt. SOMERVILLE proceeded on course in P.F. & B.F.
- 15th Do. Do. Do.
Relieved by 4th D.L.I. at 11.15 pm. & marched to billets at BRANDHOEK. Reconnoitred Hill TOP SECTOR all Officers during the afternoon left 10th Corps & joined 8th Div.
- BRANDHOEK.
- 16th Cleaning up & inspections. Football in the Afternoon. Heavy rain in the evening. 2Lt. N.B. WASON joined for duty.
- 17th Very wet cleaning up camp preparatory inspections, handing over camp to 4th SOUTH LANCOS (new unit) by train from BRANDHOEK 9.55 P.M. & relieved 13th WELSH HILL TOP SECTOR. Left Sub. section very late relief.
- WELSH HILL TOP SECTOR - LEFT SECTION.
- 18th Relief complete 3.10 A.M. Quiet night & day. 2 casualties on CANAL BRIDGES & by H.Q. fire. CAPT. SAITLER rejoined from leave in England.
- 19th Quiet night. Artillery more active during day. 2nd Lt. CONWAY, DAVIS & TIGGS joined the Battalion for duty posted to the 11th from the Base.

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- 20th quiet night. Considerable shrapnel sent over. Hostile registration on front & support lines. Heavy counter battery work by ourselves.
- 21st Very quiet all day. Little artillery activity. 2 certain hits by snipers. Hostile relief suspected owing to appearance of much younger men next morning.
- 22nd quiet night, more activity. Hostile registration on communication trenches, 4 casualties sustained, 2 killed.
- 23rd Fairly quiet all day. Considerable dug-out accommodation completed this day. Worked upon & erected during this tour. Relieved 11.30 pm by 14th Bants, took over billets as Brigade Reserve on CANAL BANK E. 2nd Lt. LAFOROTH left on leave for England.
- 24th Reveille 6 A.M. Cleaning up of equipment inspections etc. rearranging accommodation etc. Night working parties.
- 25th Reveille Do. Training in close order Drill Musketry, etc. & specialist training for all men not on working parties. Heavy bombardment at 10 pm. lasted about 30 mins. No raid reported. Recommendation by all Officers of 1st Brigade Sector. (LAWCASHIRE PAR),
- 26th Do. Training & Do. Working parties. 2nd Lt. CLARKS returned from leave in England.
- 27th Do. Training & Do. Working parties 2nd Lt. BOTTLING joined for duty from England.
- 28th Do. Training & Do. No working parties Cleaning up billets. Relieved by 1/1st Camps. Regt., 11.45 pm.
- 29th Late relief entrusted at YPRES for POPRINNES from thence marched to M. CAMP all in camp 5.0 AM. Reveille 12 noon. Cleaning up for inspections.
- 30th Reveille 7 AM 6.0a. Inspection as for G.O.C. Football & recreation in afternoon.

W. COLSEY HILLIARD,
Lt. Col.
O.C. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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M. CAMP.

1st
Marched off 8.30 AM to WIPPENFLOK SIDING enroute 11.30 AM for ST OMER arrived 3.0 PM. Detained & marched to HALLINES - billeted for 1 night.

HALLINES & ZUDAUQUES.

2nd
Marched off 6.0 AM & marched to ZUDAUQUES billets - ZUDAUQUES, NOIR CARME & BATHCHEM. cleaning up & settling in billets.

ZUDAUQUES.

3rd
Commenced training (open warfare) 8.0 AM. The attack by platoons hours of training 8.12. - 1 pm - 4 pm.

4th
Training during morning. "Battalion in the attack". Brigadier present short orilticism & discussion afterwards. Afternoon 1 pm to 9 pm Make try practice on range.

5th
Training all Day. "Brigade in the attack". Brigade Scheme. Objectives ZUDAUQUES & GORREPER. Orilticism afterwards by Divisional Commander & Staff Officers. Battalion complimented.

6th
8 AM to 2.30 pm. Continuation of firing on Range. Afternoon Inspection of Battalion by Surgeon General and Army very Good report.

7th
Church Parade 11.45 AM followed by Holy Communion. Football in the afternoon.

8th
Platoon & Company training in the Attack (open warfare). 8 AM - 4 pm. Football in the evening.

9th
do do

10th
During the morning Examination of platoons in "Best platoon Competition". Remainder of Battalion training in open warfare. After holiday, Battalion attended Sports of 14th Hants.

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11th

In the field all day. The "Brigade in the Attack". Brigade scheme NORTHEN - ZUDAVSQUE to ADSOLT. Division Commander present & criticism by Staff Officers afterwards.

12th

Continuation of competition amongst Platoons judging by the C.O. & specialist Officers. ~~Remainder of Companies~~ ~~Inter company Football~~ during the morning & afternoon remaining by other Companies.

13th

Continuation of competition amongst Platoons during morning. Holiday in the afternoon. Regimental Sports till 7.30 pm.

14th

Church Parade 11.45 AM. followed by Holy Communion. Recreation during afternoon.

15th

Judging of Trial in Platoon Competition during morning. Remainder of Companies at Coy Commanders' Dinner. Inter company Football during afternoon.

16th

Marched off from ZUDAVSQUE 7.0 AM. Reached LONGHENSE 9.30 AM. Rest during day. Billed for one night.

17th

LONGHENSE.

Battalion marched off 4.0 AM. Reached REINARS - GAFELIS & ZERNHEZHEIS 10.30 AM. 11.0 AM. all in billets. Rest during day. Billed one night.

18th

ZERNHEZHEIS.

Brigade March. Battalion moved off 7.30 AM. joined Brigade 9.23 AM. reached WORNHODT 10.35 AM. Battalion billeted in WORNHODT area.

19th

WORNHODT.

Company training during morning 8.45 AM - 12.45 AM. "Final Assault, Bayonet Fighting, Musketry practice". Afternoon. Brigade Sports till 8.0 PM.

20th

Brigade Church Parade 10.30 AM. Football in the afternoon. Officers' match 11th Sussex v 14th Hants.

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21st Training during morning by Companies as before chiefly Bayonet Fighting & Final Assault, Football competition in the afternoon. End Lt. J.A. DAVIDSON joined us for duty this day from England.

23rd Raining all day. Lectures & training in billets.

23rd Training by Companies during morning as before. Inspection of D Coy by Brigadier also Satch Snipers & Scouts. Baths for Battalion at WORMHOUND. Football during afternoon.

24th Training in the morning as before. Inspection of Rifle Bombers & Bombers by Brigadier. Football during afternoon.

25th Training during morning as before. Inspection of Lewis Guns & Timbers by Brigadier. Football during afternoon.

26th Training during morning as before. Inspection of Cookers & Cooke, RSM, GS Majors & QM Sets, & Battalion Childrodists by Brigadier. Football & Sports during Afternoon. Boxing in the evening.

27th Church Parade at 11.30 AM. Football in the afternoon. Preparations for moving & marching off.

28th Reveille 1.30 AM. March off 4.0 AM. Reached D CAMP. at 11.0 AM, cleaning up during afternoon & settling down in billets

D CAMP.

28th Working parties under 7th Canadian Railway troops. Battalion parade as strong as possible for all night work.

30th do do do

31st Working parties ceased 12 midday. March off 8.0 pm. & reached HILL TOP SECTOR. Left subsector to relieve 16th WOLFS & DERRY'S by 11.30 pm.

F. GASSEL,

Major

Comdg. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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HILL TOP WEST SUBSECTOR.

1st

Relieved 16th Sherwoods, relief complete 12.50 A.M. Discharge of Gas by us on Rt Batin front. Little retaliation. Between 3 & 3.30 p.m. Demonstration on 2nd Army front. Co-operation on our own front by Smoke & M.G. Barrage. Retaliation 1 hr afterwards on Support Line & B.H.Q., several casualties (14) Heavy bombardment of IPRES commenced 10.15 p.m. with Gas & Inflammatory Shells. HORNEY TR. dug on our Rt front (Company) by 14th HAWKS during night.

2nd

One discharged from Shells over IPRES blown over our own Sector. 1 Casualty. Artillery very active both sides during night. Barrage on Support Lines & C.Ts at Stand to 3.50 A.M. lasted 50 mins. Temporary evacuation of B.H.Q., no casualties. Fairly quiet remainder of day. Much aerial activity & Geps Heavies on Enemy supports by us all day.

3rd

Both sides shelling back areas during night. Quiet day, cleared our own front line while heavies shelled enemy front line. New trenches (HORNEY & BELLINGHAM) registered with "minewerkers" by enemy.

4th

Fairly quiet day. Demonstration by us on 2nd Army front with artillery 3-3.10pm no retaliation. Work on trenches carried on during night by 13th Glosters (Pioneers) Artillery activity on both sides throughout the night.

5th

Quiet morning, but enemy active during afternoon registering trajectories with air bursts over close supports, Supports & main C.P.'s. Later in evening fired on these areas with 77 mm. & 16 cms; a few minewerkers on front line.

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Finally shelled P. H. Q. with 8.9's & shrapnel. Relieved by 14th HATS. Intermittent hostile shelling throughout relief.

CAVAL BARR, EAST.

6th

Relief complete 1.50 A.M. Moved into Brigade Left Reserve CAVAL BARR, EAST. All in billets 2.0 A.M. Reveille 12 o'clock noon. Afternoon Company at disposal of O.C.'s for cleaning up & inspections & returns of deficiences. Working parties under Brigade arrangements during night. Major P. H. SHARP, Norfolk Regt. joined for duty & took over command from Major CASSELL who became 2 1/2.

7th

Heavy shelling during night of YPRES, with gas inflammatory shells. Gas discharged by Left Brigade at 1 A.M. Training in afternoon by Specialists. Inspection of lines by G.O. Working parties as usual during night. Big operation on our right commenced 2.10 A.M. Heavy bombardment. Front believed to be in front of Hesines.

8th

Quieter night. Working parties met with much shelling. Training carried on during afternoon including preparation for intended raid by G. Coy. Trial by P.O.C.H. of 2nd Lt. V. R. BOTTING at G. Camp. Working parties as usual in evening.

9th

Heavy bombardment during night. retaliation for our raid on Left Brigade Front. Discharge of gas on our Rt. Batten front (HILL TOP) retaliation near CAVAL BARR. Training in afternoon as usual. Practice of raid scheme, but raid postponed. Working parties as usual.

10th

Fairly quiet night. Voluntary Communication Services 7.30 & 9.30.

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quiet day but counter battery work carried out by enemy near CANAL BARR. 10 P.M. Battalion moved into HILL TOP left Sub-section to relieve 14th BARRS. Major Gassels proceeds to WEST CAMP slightly gassed.

HILL TOP WEST DIRECTOR.

11th

Relieved 14th BARRS. Relief complete 12.40 A.M. Artillery on both sides very active. Enemy troublesome on front during "stand to" till 6.30 A.M. with heavy Minenwerfers & shelling with all calibres. Enemy seemed restless all day. B.H.Q. shrapnelled & shelled between 2.30 A.M. & 3.15 A.M. also Support Coys. Day fairly quiet & dull. 11th Royal Sussex came into command of 18th Corps. Visit of CORPS Commander along Brigade front at 12.15 P.M. 2nd Lt. A.G. VIDLER returned from leave, & took over Command of D. Coy.

12th

Heavy shelling in the line during the night also on B.H.Q. Repeated again early morning. Sentence upon 2/Lt. W.R. BOTTING by C.M. duly promulgated "severely censured". Rejoined B. Coy for duty. Quiet day but enemy artillery active again towards evening.

13th

Usual barrage on supports & C.C.'s early morning. 2 Explosions felt during night indication of enemy blowing up dumps on road - direction PLANKHEM. Quietest day of the tour so far. Good deal of counter battery work on both sides. Raid arranged for this evening again postponed. A/CAPT. A.G. VIDLER evacuated with slight concussion. Weather good.

14th

Weather still holding out, very hot. Enemy artillery active on our front again. Shelled rt. Support 10 A.M. & blew in 3 dug-outs. Inter Company rally in evening - C & A Coys in front line.

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Weather still good enemy shelling more than usual on same targets especially severe on Trenches in WILLOWS (left close support) Retaliation obtained with good results. B.H.Q. subjected to intermittent shelling. Enemy very restless during night. Some aerial activity early morning & late evening, also night flying.

16th

Enemy not quite so active during night & day, chief activity bombardment of left front with 77 mms. Enemy aircraft again active as yesterday. Throughout this our enemy has shown extreme nervousness, in evidence by continual shelling with intervals of main G.T.'s & strong points at stand to morning & evening. & aircraft reconnaissance at these hours. Also unusual number of very lights during night. Relieved by 17th Sherwoods.

17th

Relief complete 12.50 A.M. Battalion moved back into Divisional Reserve at B. Camp. All in billets 4.0 A.M. Reveille 11 A.M. Cleaning up & inspections. Voluntary Services in afternoon.

10th
to
17th

During this tour new G.T.'s & re-claiming old trenches carried out during nights by 13th Glosters (Pioneers) 14th Hants. & 13th Sussex under Divisional Programme.

18th

E. CAMP.

Training of Specialists under Schemes submitted by Specialist Officers. 8 hrs a day. Bombing 1. Gunners Scouts & Signals. Fair amount of shelling in areas in vicinity of camp especially during night. Remainder of Battalion

on the Square. Capt. ALLEN on Course & Capt. VIDLER from Hospital reported for duty & took over A & B Coy's respectively. 2nd Lt. COLTNER joined from England & reported for duty - Detailed to B. Coy.

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Specialist training as yesterday. 2nd Lt. V. WARD reported for duty from England & posted to A Coy. Weather unsettled. Bathing under Brig. arrangements.

20th

Specialist training completed with reports. Scouts erected a Cross Country scheme during afternoon. Preparations for move back.

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21st

Battalion paraded ready for marching off at 8.30 A.M. Marched off at 9.0 A.M. reached Peperharthe Station 10 A.M. Did not entrain till 12.30 P.M. Few shells fell near Station during entraining as gunnaries. Arrived WATTON at 8.30 A.M. Marched to billets in pouring rain in HOWLIE. All in billets 6.30 P.M.

Major G.S. CHESTERS, 13th Bn. DURHAM T. INFANTRY joined Battalion & took over Command from Major E.H. SHEPP, Norfolk Regt. who returned to Brigade. Very wet night.

22nd

Raining cancelled training. Platoon training by means of lectures etc. in billets. Specialists under Specialist Officers. Introductory address by C.O. to all officers in the evening & short conference on following days work.

23rd

Marched off to training area 7.30am. Specialists carried on training under Officers. Remainder of Bn in under Coy Officers. Whole Bn in fired 2 practices on Halescure range. Hours of training 7.30 - 12.30. 1.30 - 4.30 P.M.

24th

Sunday. Church Parade only. Men rested as much as possible - beautiful day.

25th

Marched off to training area at 6.0 A.M. Hours of training 7.0 A.M. to 1 P.M. THE ATTACK by platoons by Companies & by the Battalion. The latter took place between 11 & 1 P.M. Short conference afterwards & criticism by C.O. & Lt. Col. Harvey, G.S.O. 1. 5th Army.

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26th

Morning Revolver & Range practice for Officers & men. Marched off to training ground 10 A.M. Hours of training 1 - 3 p.m. - "THE ATTACK" by Battalion by Companies & by Platoons followed by short conference. Brigadier was present. Late return of Battalion.

27th

Miniature Range Practice for all the Battalion & firing of Grenades & Bombs. Revolver practice for Officers & men - Bathing Parades for all Companies. Lecture in the evening to all Officers & Platoon Sergeants in the Brigade by Brigade M.C. Officer on how to train for 1 hr. in "Musketry" (to be continued).

28th

Scheme on training area abandoned owing to rain. Training in & near billets especially in Musketry on lines laid down by Officer in lecture given previous day. At 5.0 p.m. lecture in the "BATTERY" near by. by the 18th Corps Commander to selected Officers from 18th & 118th Brigades on training & organization based on lessons learnt from "Battle of Arras" with regard to future operations. Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Ivor Kesteven.

29th

Attack scheme again abandoned owing to heavy rain during night. Platoon training on lines outlined by Corps Commander the previous day carried out. Also Battalion tested in intensive digging. Demonstration of "Covering Fire" in the Attack" by the 2nd Army School of Musketry on Range attended by all Company Officers & Platoon Officers.

30th

Battalion marched off at 4.45 A.M. & commenced digging practice trenches at 6.30 A.M. at spot about 4 miles away. Very wet. Arrived back in billets 12.30 P.M. 2nd Lieut. J. Cassidy "A" Coy. proceeded on leave to England. Trial by

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F. G. C. W. OF C. S. W. YORKE,
D. Coy. & Pte. HANSEN D. COY.
at those Bath Hdqrs. Charges
"upon on active service
"on-~~active~~ an act to the
prejudice of "good order &
discipline."

C. E. CUMINGS,
O.C. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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HOLIDAY

1st. Church Parade, 9.45. Battalion marched out to Range & fired 2 Practices. I till 3 pm, Bright day.

2nd.

Company Commanders & C.O. left for Course (Special) on future operations at Corps School. Battalion engaged on Digging of Practice Trenches 8 till 11 am. Returned at 2 pm. 2 LT CHESTER returned to Hospital sunstroke.

3rd.

Battalion engaged on digging of trenches 5 am till 1 pm - Reconnaissance of whole of trench system by officers, Runners, Scouts & Guides during digging. Returned to Billets at 3 pm.

4th.

Musketry practice during morning on Miniature Ranges - During afternoon continuing digging of practice trenches & further reconnaissance of trench system by Companies under guidance of runners & Scouts.

5th.

Training of Companies in Musketry, & Runners in Map Reading. Haching of all the Battalion. Officers returned from Special Course.

6th.

Morning 8 pm till 12 noon - Bright day. Training of Companies individually on practice trenches in pace of barrage & sense of direction. Evening 6.30 in the Messeria. Lecture by C.O. on future operations.

7th.

Morning 9 am till 12 noon. Practice attack under barrage time by the Battalion on practice trenches. Short criticism by C.O. to all Companies afterwards. Returned to Billets 2 pm. Afternoon - Brigade Gymkhana for Transport etc. Fine Day.

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8th.

Sunday. Church Parade at 9-45 am. Lewis Gun practice on Range 7.30 am till 12 noon. Revolver practice for all Officers. Conference of Intelligence Officers under Brigade Major. "Codes". Conference of Company Commanders under G.O. Heavy thunderstorm during night.

9th.

Battalion left Billets 8 am & marched to Assembly Trenches on practice ground for Brigade practice of the attack. All assembled 11.30 am. Zero hour 12 noon. Practice carried out under time table with dummy barrage. Objective gained 1.15 pm. Our operations closed at 2.30 pm. Criticism by G.O. on ground to all Companies. Return march 3 pm. All in billets 4.30 pm. Major W.O. MILWARD rejoined from Grenade Course. 2 LT. V. WARD left to join 9th Royal Sussex.

10th.

Training in Billets. Husketry, Grenade Throwing etc also Lectures on future operations by Company Commanders. Evening - Lecture to remaining details by Intelligence Officer. Fine Day.

11th.

Brigade attack Zero 11.00: with Barrage as before in conjunction with 117th Inf; Brigade attack. Criticism afterwards. Fine Day.

12th.

Training under Coy. arrangements in morning. Silent period for rest during afternoon. Detachment marched off at 11-15 pm. for night operations on practice Trenches.

13th.

Divisional practice under actual attack conditions during hours of dawn. Zero hour 4-10 am. Breakfast served at 3 am. All Lewis Gun Ammun. carried on mules. Carrying parties organised & practised. Operations closed at 8 am. All in Billets 10 am. Bathing by Companies during day - remainder rest. 2nd Lieuts G.L. BARKOW and R. V. HALLIS joined from England for duty.

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14th.

Left Balllets 8-10 am & marched to trenches. Very stormy at first with rain. Zero hour 11 oc. Divisional practice of the attack under actual conditions. Operations finished 3 pm. Sun came out very warm.

15th.

Sunday. Church Parade under Brigade arrangements at 10 oc. followed by Holy Communion. Fine Day. Paying out by Companies. Evening - preparations for moving off back to forward areas.

C. CAMP

16th.

Returned by Train from WATERN. Harched off 7-10 pm. Arrived POPPERIDGE 11-30 am and proceeded to C.Camp. Lorry failed to turn up till 9-30 pm.

Everybody was Kites & foodless. Quite a quiet night in spite of rumours that the Camp was shelled. Working party carrying S.A.A. at night. 2nd Lt. SAILOR went on leave.

17th.

Wet Day. 2 Lt. J.D. Lewis wounded and 2 Lt. H.V. Badcock takes over duties of Brigade Bombing Officer. Companies training 4 hours a day. Musketry. P.T. Lecture on the attack. Visiting Model of Trenches. Working party not very successful during afternoon as dump was blown up. Working parties at night. "A" Coy went up to CAVALL BANK to work for Artillery.

18th.

Training in the morning. Musketry. P.T. Visiting Model. Desultory shelling of A.30. Camps by H.V. 6th Naval Gun. Several very close to Hq. No casualties. A Coy having a fairly rough time on CAVALL BANK from GAS during morning.

19th.

Miserable day. Rain & Wind. Training in morning. No working parties at night. LT. OOL. CUMMINS proceeded to Field Ambulance. Major W.C. Hillward took over Battalion with Major F. Cassels as 2 i/c.

20th.

Beautiful day after a very noisy night. Our Artillery giving them h--- now, Rumour that the Naval Gun had been knocked out, as he has not been heard for 24 hours.

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Q.M. surprise Stores sent back to Poperinge. Large Dump struck & set on fire in direction of VIMMERINGS. Shells cracking all night. Working party 250.

21st.

Very fine day. Reconnaissance of tracks to be used on X/Y night. C Coy. relieved A Coy. on GAVAI BANK. 2 Lt. HARRISON wounded in the leg. Good deal of shelling during early hours of evening. Large Railroad Dump put up by D Coy during the night.

22nd.

Beautiful day. 14th Hants, 13th R.S.R. & Brigade H.Q.s arrived about 9 to A30 Camps. Very close fighting. Great aeroplanes activity. Artillery enormous. 2 Lt COXWAY with patrol & observers detailed to examine wire on the battle front until the show. Quiet night no working parties.

23rd.

Training, and drawing of bombs, extra S.A.A. etc for forthcoming operations. Large working parties during night at GAVAI BANK. 2 Lt COXWAY and 2 ORs reported missing whilst on patrol.

24th.

Coy training during day and working parties under Divisional arrangements.
Enemy shelling Camps & Ammunition Dumps intermittently during day & night. Hostile aeroplanes active during night - dropping Bombs on Ammunition Dumps in the vicinity.

25th.

Company Training etc. C Coy. on GAVAI BANK sustained several casualties to ORs, particularly cases of Gas. Reconnaissance of Kodel Trenches by all ranks.

26th.

Issue of 2 Bombs per man and 50 extra rounds of S.A.A. (except specialists. Company Training & Inspections preparing of Rolls of those going into action and Revising Rolls of next of kin &c.

27th.

Training under Company arrangements & inspection of Companies in Fighting Order - Battle under

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2 hours notice to move up to the line owing to rumour that the Bosche is evacuating his front line system. Inspection of field dressings, etc, and deficiencies completed. Hostile aeroplanes active during night. Bombing ammunition dumps & 3 ORs wounded by bomb at transport lines.

28th.

Final arrangements before going into line and inspections by C.O. of Kits & men. 2 LT. MAYLOR returned from leave. Lecture to all ranks by C.O. before proceeding. Battalion paraded at 8.30 pm. Battalion moved up & took over HILL TOP SECTOR from 6th Lincoln.

HILL TOP

Fairly quiet day. Enemy shelling O.P.s & front line. 3 Casualties. Too dull for aerial activity. Our bombardment incessant all day long.

29th.

Enemy artillery again very active. 7 Killed, 6 wounded. Battalion moved up into battle position late this evening. H.Q.s moved to BILGE TRENCH. Our Heavies & Field Guns kept up a continuous bombardment all day.

30th.

Enemy artillery again very active. Fairly light night. Bombardment continued till 1 hr before zero. All received hot meals & ready for attack by 2.00 A.M. Barrage & attack commenced 3.50 am. Hostile Barrage opened on front line & Bilge Trench 1 hour before. Attack progressed well. Yellow red & blue lines being taken with few casualties. Bn H.Q.s moved into German Second line in Dug outs. During afternoon 2 Companies moved up into close support of 14th Hants. Black line in anticipation of counter attack. Nothing happened. Enemy shelling persistent all night. 2 LT. W. COLLIER killed. Lt. E. W. RICE, & Capt. C. A. ALLEN wounded about 150 casualties amongst O.R. Battle still continuing.

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W. C. HILLWARD, Major,
O.C. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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3RD BATTLE OF YPRES.

1st.

The Battle continued. It rained heavily all night & continued through the day. Dispositions were as follows:- Two Companies in the Dotted Black & Solid Black Lines attached to the 14th Hampshire Regt., 2 Coys. in Dotted Blue Line, Br. H.Q. still in dugout in of CALF ROW & CALF RESERVE. Enemy shelled during the day with searching fire the new tracks that Transport continued to use as far forward as KITCHENERS WOOD. Enemy periodically bombarded the BLACK LINE. A fair amount of shelling mostly shrapnel over the DOTTED BLUE LINE. Orders were received to move forward & relieve the 14th HAMPSHIRE in the line of the STEMBERCK. DOTTED BLACK & SOLID BLACK LINES. Relief complete 3 a.m. on the 2nd. - Carried out with only 2 CASUALTIES.

7.30
p.m.

Dispositions held by us were as follows:- 2 Platoons holding Posts on W. BANK of STEMBERCK - 10 Platoons holding DOTTED BLACK LINE, 2 PLATOONS in Strong Point - 2 PLATOONS & 4 PLATOONS. 14th HAMPSHIRE REGT. attached now Br. H.Q. holding the SOLID BLACK LINE. All day there was heavy enemy shelling.

1.16
p.m.

Enemy seen massing on the RIDGE E. of the STEMBERCK - artillery advised & contemplated attack completely broken up. Enemy shelling increased during the afternoon, & Sigmaller dugout, R.A.P. & Br. H.Q. were all hit & destroyed causing several casualties. About 6 p.m. Enemy again tried a counter attack, but our artillery put down such a barrage that only very few of the enemy got through & these were easily dealt with by Rifle & Lewis Gun fire. We were relieved by the 17th K.R.R. 117 Inf. Bde. Relief was complete by 12.30 a.m. on the 3rd. Our Casualties on the 1st AUG. were about 25. During the 24 hrs. holding the BLACK LINE about 100 Casualties were sustained.

2nd.

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3rd.

Battalion after relief moved back into dugouts on the CANAL BANK in DIVISIONAL RESERVE. All in Billets by 3.30 a.m.

10.30
p.m.

Reveille at midday.
Orders were received from Ede. to move back the foll. morning to the SCHOOL CAMP ST. JEAN DE RIVERE.
Next morning Reveille 7 a.m.
Battalion marched to the ASIUM STATION YPRES & entrained for POPPERINGHE at 10.30 p.m. Arrived 11 a.m. & processed by ROUTE MARCH to SCHOOL CAMP.

SCHOOL CAMP.

4th.

Reveille 7 a.m. The whole of the day was spent in inspections & cleaning up generally of the men. Coy. Roll Calls taken & Casualty returns checked.

5th.

Refitting was continued.
Companies were at the disposal of Company Commanders for Re-organisation.

6th.

Reveille 7 a.m. Morning was devoted to continuation of Re-organisation & preparation for the move back. Rest & recreation during the afternoon. Corps Commander paid a visit to the EDR & units concerned thanking them for the good work they had done during the recent Operations before leaving the XVIII CORPS.

7th.

Reveille 7 a.m. Morning devoted to continuation of reorganisation & preparation for the move back. Rest & recreation during the afternoon. Corps Commander paid a visit to the EDR & units concerned thanking them for the good work they had done during the recent Operations before leaving the XVIII CORPS.

8th.

Reveille 4.30 a.m. Marched off 6.30 a.m. for HOPPEMRE SIDING & entrained for CASSTRE - arrived 10 a.m. & proceeded thence by BUS to METHEM. All in Billets by 12 noon. A glorious day. Billets very good but a little close.

SEPTEMBER.

9th.

Reveille 7 a.m. 10.30 a.m. Divisional Commander inspected the Ede. congratulated it heartily on its achievements during the recent Operations, achievements which he enumerated. The Division had taken more prisoners than any other during the fight.

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10th.

At 10 a.m. The Bde. was inspected by the II ARMY COMMANDER congratulating the Battalions on their fine work. Afterwards he interviewed all Commanding Officers giving them some insight to the future. At 2 p.m. parties started off by Motor Bns to reconnoitre the support positions in the HOLLIBRICK LEFT SUBSECTOR, LT. WROXSTER U.S.A. Medical Service joined us about 6 p.m. in place of Capt. Gatchell who proceeded on leave. 2/Lt. LAPHORR proceeded for 5 weeks GENERAL COURSE at FORTINGHOPE.

11th.

The morning was spent in reorganisation in preparation for the line. 2/Lts. Davison, Hanson & Gearey joined the Bn. from the 2nd R. Sussex Regt. 2/Lt. Davison posted to C Coy. 2/Lt. GEARY & HANSON to A Coy. 2 Lt. CHESTER returned from sick leave. Rest for everybody during the afternoon & evening. The four days spent in the NFERBY Area was the first time the Division has been so much together for a long time. The village on the last evening was thronged with men of every Battalion with the bands of several Battalions playing in the streets & outside Divisional Headquarters.

12th

Reveille 5 a.m. moved from NFERBY by Motor Bns at 8 a.m. as far as HALKELBAST thence by Route March to RIDGE WOOD CAMP. All in Camp by 11.30 a.m. In the evening parties reconnoitred assembly positions in the event of a counter attack. A very quiet day.

SPOIL BANK.

13th

A glorious day. Morning devoted to packing up for the line. An aeroplane over about 11 a.m. dropped bomb which killed two & wounded four of the T.M. Battery. At 5.30 p.m. moved up to the support position HOLLIBRICK LEFT SUB SECTOR. A very quiet relief - No casualties. Bn. H.Q. in tunnels in SPOIL BANK. Companies in the old Bosche front & support lines in shelters & shell holes. At 12 midnight gas & shell heavy shelling started on SPOIL BANK & on the Companies positions. Everybody feeling rather GROSSY with the gas.

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SUPPORT LEFT SUBSECTOR HOLMBERG.

14th.

fine day & enemy fairly quiet. Capt. SAUERER M.O. took over 2nd in Command of Battalion. Capt. Lewis proceeded on leave. Companies started improving their trenches & providing shelter for the men. A way was reconnoitered for bringing up rations to the front line as far as HOLMBERG by pack mule, & a mule track was started at 3 p.m. a hundred men being used on it. The track was complete as far as the Bn. Headquarters in the line by the following morning. The Companies in OAK TR. & OAK Support were shelled again during the night five casualties resulting.

15th.

Improvement of Mule Track continued also Small Parties working on the Company positions where were shelled intermittently owing to the large number of guns in front & behind them. Parties reconnoitered the front line & the ways up. Great difficulty in fixing up. Cooking arrangement. Eventually all Coys cooked in the SPOIL BANKS. Seven casualties during the day.

16th.

Work on Trenches & Mule Track, & carrying wire & stakes up to front line in preparation for wiring the front line shell holes. Four casualties during the night.

17th.

Advance parties proceed to the front line to take over. Battalion moved up at 8.50, B Coy. coming in for rather a lot of shelling as they were leaving their trenches. 6 casualties resulting. Dispositions:- A & B Coys Right & Left front Coys in shell holes in front of HOLMBERG, C Coy in SUPPORT & D Coy in RESERVE in the WHITE CHATEAU. Connection with 15th R.S.K.R. on the right but no connection on the left owing to very marshy ground. The line very quiet, the Boche apparently not knowing where we were, we on the other hand did not know where he was. Wiring of shell holes commenced.

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HOLLIBRICK LEFT SUBSECTOR.

15th.

A fairly quiet day. The front line was shelled a little during the night but was continued as far as HOLLIBRICK. Firing of the shell holes continued. Heavy shelling of back areas during the evening. Two Casualties.

19th.

Another quiet day with the exception of heavy shelling of back area special attention being paid to OAK DUMP. Reserves of B.A.A. were made up & wire carried up. Companies were again shelled during the afternoon but everything fell well behind the line of posts. Communication with Companies rather difficult no movement being allowed in daylight. S/Lt. WOODROW proceeded to X Corps Genl. Course. S/Lt. CHESTER took over command of B Coy. Four patrols were sent out during the night to try & find out the position of the Boesche.

20th.

Nothing very much doing. A certain amount of desultory shelling particularly of back areas. Observers report practically no movement in enemy's country. Two casualties in the Reserve Coy. Patrols again sent out but discovered very little, the going in Ho Hans' Land being very bad.

21st.

Relieved by the 14th HARPSHIRE REGT. Relief complete at 11.30 p.m. Before relief a Lewis Gun was posted on the CANAL BANK near LOCK No. 6 Bis to cover the gap caused by the wobbly state of the ground. On Relief the Battalion went again into the SUPPORT POSITION in SPOIL BANK & the old German lines.

22nd.

SUPPORT LEFT SUBSECTOR HOLLIBRICK.

Dispositions slightly altered A Coy. occupying dugouts & shelters under the SPOIL BANK. Unfortunately owing to the enemy shelling some guns near with instantaneous fuse the suffered 6 casualties. Working parties went to HOLLIBRICK at night to erect dug in shelters in the shell hole line, the material for which the 14th HARPS had carried up previously.

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23rd.

Relieved by the 16th Rifle Bde. 11th Inf. Bde. Relief complete by 8.30 p.m. Exceptionally quiet relief & a most pleasant walk back to RIDGE WOOD CAMP. Great precautions taken against any shelling during the relief. 1 Officer & three observers being detailed to take sound & flash bearing on any Gun firing to enable the COUNTER BATTERY GROUP to neutralize them.

RIDGE WOOD CAMP.

24th.

Reveille 7 a.m. Cleaning up - taking lists of deficiencies. The sandbagging of all tents was commenced a circular wall being built 3' x 3' 6" as a protection against ground shrapnel from aeroplane bombs. Four Lewis Guns were mounted for anti aircraft defence. Lt. WORSSEPER U.S.A. Medical Service left us as Capt. Gatchell returned from leave.

25th.

Cleaning & swartening up. Companies completed the sandbagging of tents. 2/Lt. GRABERY went to Bde. H.Q. as WORKS OFFICER. Reconnoitering parties for the section of the Left Brigade immediately N. of the CAVAL.

26th.

Shelled by a high velocity 4.2" Gun during the early hours of the morning - two men wounded. Companies did training in small squads during the morning. Rest & recreation in the afternoon.

27th.

Advance parties proceeded to the line arriving at 2 a.m. A very wet night. The Companies getting very damp in their tents. The day devoted to packing up & getting ready for the line. Bathn. moved up at 7.30 p.m. in the pouring rain & relieved the 4/5 BLACK WATCH, 116th BDE. A rotten relief - mud feet deep - pouring the whole time. Relief complete 3 a.m. Luckily no casualties.

NIGHT BATH. LEFT BDE.

28th.

Dispositions as follows:- D COY. 1. FRONT COY. in a mud trench, no revetment & no duckboards, C COY. R. FRONT COY. "A" COY. SUPPORT COY. on W. side of a Railway Embankment & "B" COY. in RESERVE.

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August.28th
Ctd.

Bn. H. Q. & all Coy. H. Q. except the SUPPORT COY. were in concrete dugouts very strong but not pleasant to the nose. The front line was not accessible by day only the SUPPORT & RESERVE COYS could be reached. A very quiet day with practically no shelling & no casualties.

29th.

A very windy day which dried up the wet considerably. Gunboots were obtained & the ration & hot meal system got well into working order. Everybody feeling much happier in consequence. The Support & Reserve Coys were employed on carrying rations & water & the Support Coy. improved dugouts & shelters in the RAILWAY HARBORMENT.

Two observation posts were manned & considerable movement observed about the enemy's dugouts, which were plainly visible on the top of the Ridge in front of our line. Patrols were sent out at night to reconnoitre the enemy's outpost line & if possible to capture a prisoner.

30th.

Owing to the wind which still continued to blow everywhere became much drier. Very little shelling except from our own Artillery who were shooting very short during the morning. In the afternoon the 4.5" hows. did a very good shoot on the enemy's concrete dugouts several direct hits being seen. At night several patrols were sent out and obtained a fair amount of information concerning the enemy's dispositions.

31st.

Relieved by the 14th HARPSHIRE REGT. Relief complete at 10.20 p.m. Very quiet & very different to when we came in. No casualties at all during this tour. Bathn. went back to Bde. Reserve position. B Coy. in the TRIANGULAR BURY, A Coy. in SPILT BANK TUNNELS, C & D COYS. & Bn. H. Q. in CONDOE TR. & CONVENT LAKE near VOORNEZELLE.

P. CASSELL, Major,
O.C. 14th R. Sussex R.

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Appendix.

September.

GORDON TR. VOORHEZENELLE.

1st.

In Divisional Reserve. 2 Coys. at VOORHEZENELLE. 1 COY. SPOTT BANK. 1 COY. TRIANGULAR HURF. Very quiet day. Working Parties at night.

2nd.

Getting rather lively as Batteries are being put in all around. Shelled with H.V. Gun at intervals. Working Parties at night. Relieved by 4/5 BLACK WATCH & returned to RIDGE WOOD CAMP.

RIDGE WOOD CAMP.

3rd.

Cleaning & Smartening up. The Battalion was bathed & passed through the Gas Chamber. 2/Lt. HIDDEN proceeded to 2nd ARMY WIRELESS COURSE.

4th.

REORGANISATION & Rest. Football during the afternoon. Enemy very active with his plans during the night. No Casualties.

5th.

Companies at disposal of Coy. Commanders during the morning for Arms & Box Respirator Drill. Rest & Recreation during the afternoon.

6th.

Battalion looking much better for the quiet time & rest.

7th.

RECOMMAISANCE of MT. SORREL SECTOR by Officers & N.C.O.'s. Advance parties to MT SORREL as orders suddenly received to move up the line.

8th.

Battn. moved off 5 p.m. to relieve 1/1 CAHRS. in MT SORREL SECTOR - very quiet relief - Complete 9.30 pm. Built new Battn Cook House during the night.

MT SORREL.

9th.

Fairly quiet piece of line, but enormous amount of preparations going on for the coming show.

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September.9th
(contd)

DISPOSITIONS. Front line
A COY. SUPPORT. A COY. RESERVE
C & D COYS in MT SOBREL
TUNNELS. Both reserve Coys.
working carrying rations &
material.

10th.

BACK AREAS itching up a good
deal owing to the large number
of tracks being made &
reconnoitering parties coming
up. Firing commenced on front
line at night. No Casualties.

11th.

RESERVE COYS working very hard
carrying timber for the
TUNNELERS & BATTONS for the
front line. More reconnoitering
parties from the 41st DIV.
CASUALTIES 1.
2/Lt. LADWORTH proceeded on 5th
ARMY COY COMMANDERS COURSE.

12th.

Relieved by 17 K.R.R.C.
Relieved complete 11 pm.
2/Lt. BARLOW proceeded on
11 CORPS GEN. COURSE.

13th.

VOORHIZKELLE.
In Div. Reserve in dugouts
at CONVENT LAKE. Rest & Cleaning
up.

14th.

REST & Cleaning up. Small
working parties for the R.E.'s.
RIVONACK Camp erected at
HEBARS REST.

15th.

SHREVEBURY FOREST SECTOR.
In paraded at 2 p.m. and
marched to Brigade Reserve,
relieving 16th R.E.'s in IAROH WOOD
TUNNELS. Relief complete 6 p.m.
Our artillery shelled heavily
throughout. Enemy retaliation
was weak. Every available man
on working parties during the
night. 1 O.R. wounded.

16th.

Our guns very active; special
practice barrages at 10 a.m. and
6 p.m. Aeroplanes also busy.
Enemy retaliation was not over
heavy though he shelled ZILIBERKE
with H.E. and incendiaries.
Working parties again for
everybody. 1 O.R. wounded.

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17th.

More heavy shelling by our artillery, practice barrages at 5.30 am, and 3 p.m. Heavy guns bombarded JACKSON'S DUNE, working parties.

18th.

Shelling still heavy on both sides. Bn. relieved by 17th K.R.R. and marched to ASCOT CAMP WESTFOUR. Small advanced parties of H.Q. left during afternoon; a shell burst on one of these at sap exit, killing 7 O.R. including Sniping, Police & Gas Sergeants, also wounding 2 O.R. Bn. returned camp at 11.0 pm. Taking over quarters of 1st HERTS. About 200 men were left behind under CAPT. SALTER to act as prisoners' guard & S.B. during forthcoming operations. 2 Lt. STURDSON and 100 O.R. joined Bn. Q.M. SWAIN went on leave.

ASCOT CAMP.

19th.

Reveille 10 am. Rest & cleaning. C.O.'s inspections, Coy. training, recreation in afternoon.

20th.

The same, also baths.

21st.

The same, also baths.

22nd.

4 p.m. Bn. moved to BEGGAR'S REST near Voormezele with orders to move at 3 am, next morning (cancelled). 200 men returned from prisoner's guard etc. Just before Bn. left ASCOT CAMP.

BEGGAR'S REST.

23rd.

6 a.m. Advance parties to new sector. 4 p.m. Bn. marched into support in GLOWEEL COPSES.

HEMIN ROAD.

24th.

Bn. took over front line immediately S. of HEMIN ROAD relieving 8th Y. & L. Heavy bombardment throughout the night.

25th.

In the early morning enemy attacked on a wide front and was successful on our left flank, but

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CAPT. CLARK counterattacked on our own front & gave the enemy no chance, running out into HO HAWK'S LARD to meet him, after which he safeguarded our left flank by clearing the Germans from a dugout on the road. Our front therefore remained intact. Enemy's artillery was of unprecedented violence and our casualties were heavy.

26th.

The 116 Bde including 13th R.S.R. and 14th HAWKS attd. 1 platoon of 11 R.S.R. attacked and took all objectives. Intense shelling & constant S.O.S. everywhere.

27th.

Continual shelling. Direct hit on H.Q. dugout killed CAPT. GATCHEL (the H.Q.) the F.O.O. and 5 O.R. Battalion was relieved by 13 R.R. and went back to HOWLIN COPES. D Company however had to return to Close Support until midnight. Dn. finally moved back to BUS HOUSE where lorries took them on to BERTHEM.

Mr. BERTHEM.

28th. Arrived at camp 5 a.m. Rest and cleaning. Estimated casualties of last tour 10 Officers 195 O.R.

29th.

Visit of D.VmI. General & some of his staff.

30th.

Bde. CHURCH PARADE. C.O.'s inspections.

W. COISEX WILLIARD,
Lt. Col.
Cmdg. 11th R. SUSSEX R.

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October.

KOBERNEN (SPAWFORD CAMP).

1st
O.C.'s inspection of Coy's. During morning. Reorganisation of Coy's training of S. B. in the afternoon, rest and recreation and a concert by Rifles. At about 9 pm enemy aircraft dropped bombs on 14th Hants H.Q. in next field, killing 11 and wounding 15 O.S.'s.
Weather fine.

2nd
Section and platoon training. 2.30 p.m. G.O.C. 39th Divn. inspected the Bde. in the field of 14th R.S.R. and presented decorations in connection with the ST. JULIAN battle, starting with the D.S.O. to Lt. Col. MILNARD. He complimented the Brig-Genl. on commenting such an excellent Bde; and later inspected the transport lines. Concert by Rifles. Weather still fine.

3rd
Physical, specialist and other training. O.C.'s lecture to officers on Bde. Standing Orders 2.30 pm. Baths at ST. JANS CAMP. Night operations 7.30 - 8.30 pm - movements in Box Respirators. Will weather.

4th
Training contd. 2nd Lts E. DAVISON, R.G.K. LIMBURY-BUSE, A.G.A. YIMMER & W.C.F. CALDWELL promoted Lieutenants. Draft of 10 O.R. joined.

5th
Hot weather. 2 Coys. fired on the RIFLE RANGE in the morning. 2 Lt BVRB evacuated to England.

6th
Marching in Respirators 5.30 a.m. Inspection by Br-Genl. HOBNER 9 am: Gas demonstration and tests 10 am: sports arranged for but postponed owing to inclement weather.

7th
Raining again. Diving Service Co. of E. 11 a.m. 2 Lt WHITING joined Bn.

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- 8th Training again. C & D Coys. fired on the range. Lt MATCOCK went on leave; his duties as T.O. being subsequently taken over by Capt. G. SAITERS. Capt. C.A. AMBER rejoined Br. and was attd. H.Q. Wet day.
- 9th Route March. H.Q. fired on range. inoculation by H.O. 2/Lt LAPORTEH went on leave. 25 O.R.'s arrived as reinforcements.
- 10th Training contd. Range used by D Coy and odd details. 1-6 p.m. BATHS at SR JAMES GARFIELD. Revolver range built for Bn & practices fired. 8 OR's attd. as Reinforcements.
- 11th 8.30 am. Route March. 2-3 p.m. Battalion drill at the double. 3-4 p.m. Platoon training. 6-7 p.m. Night ops. in Box Respirators.
- 12th Physical, company & other training. Lectures on petrols and gas. Revolver practices completed.
- 13th Baths and Amusements. Football etc. in afternoon. Orders to move on 14th received. Early with Lt. BUNDEN reconnoitres camp near VIKERSNAK. Working party attached to R.P.'s under Lt. GEAR. Great gusts of wind, hail and rain.
- 14th Sunday. Divine Services. Move postponed. 2nd Lt. J.H. SWINER joined Bn, posted to D Coy, went on leave. O.O. 2nd 1/0 and others reconnoitred up to the line, and were slightly hindered by having to pass through an area shoot. Lt. BUNDEN takes over FORT MAJOR duties in CANADA SWINER FUNNELS. 2 Lt G.I.G. HARRISON rejoins the Bn. 11 O.R.'s reinforcements.
- 15th Clearing up and inspections during the morning. 2.45 p.m. Bn marched to embarking point on main road and took lorries to SEOIL BARK - thence marched to GARDA & HERDE SR TUNNELS. Transport lines moved to BALVAN CAMP HERDE.

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OLYMPIA STREET TUNNELS NEAR WILMERSHEE.

16th

Day spent in cleaning tunnels, building hives, re-arranging accommodation and burying dead. Very quiet. (For this sector).

17th

Advanced parties moved to the front line at dawn. Bn relieved 12 P.M. after dark by 2nd YORKER BATTALIONS; relief complete by 8 p.m.; new dispositions B, C & D in front line, left to right, A in support. A quiet relief, followed by intermittent shelling on both sides. Rain after midnight.

POWER PLANT'S BARRAGE.

18th

Our artillery and H.G. barraged at 5.30 a.m. enemy replied. Five aircraft seen at 6.0 a.m. & stopped at 6.10 a.m. Artillery fairly active on both sides during the day. Enemy sent over mustard gas shells in the evening and towards midnight; and a plane also dropped bombs near Bn H.Q. & front line. Bn H.C. moved farther N. to the other side of HODDING COUSE. Advanced party of 17th K.R.B.'s arrived at 8 p.m. 2nd YORKER and 2 O.P.'s wounded.

19th

Patrols out during night, but ground too unrunny up for any accurate information. Artillery quiet during forenoon, afterwards increasing. 2 O.P.'s wounded. Bn. relieved during the night 12/20 by 17 K.R.B.'s. Movement at one of our forward posts was observed by the enemy who fired a great number of Very Lights and opened a barrage with H.C. & rifle Grenades, lasting 1 hour. Split red lights were also put up, but enemy guns did not reply. Weather wet & going difficult even on the duckboards. On relief, Bn. marched to SOLE CAMP 300 yds S.W. of the BARRAGE.

NEAR WILMERSHEE.

20th

Rest & cleaning. Building parapets round tents. 2 IAS BROOKER & HISSEY joined. Mrs. HINCH-BURSE and OLIVE went on leave. Fine weather - 25 O.R. reinforcements.

21st

Sunday. Divine Services. Inspections.

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21st (Oct.)

Baths at KEMMEL GRAV. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs in vicinity at dawn.

22nd

Training under Coy. arrangements. Advanced parties sent to new billets but shortly recalled.

A Coy joined R.B. Tunneliers at VIERBRUNN as working party.

2nd Lt. P.A. URBAN joined Bn., as also 7 O.R. 2nd Lt. C.J. HARLOW given permission to wear lieutenant's badges of rank on completion of 18 months' command and one service.

GARMARVOH CAMP NEAR REINHOLDST.

23rd

Bn. moved via KEMMEL, LOOSE and GAMBADA CORNER to GARMARVOH CAMP, parading 12.45 pm and arriving at 4 pm. This camp had

previously been used as horse lines and was in a very muddy and comfortless state.

Raining most of the day.

24th

Camp cleaned, roads made, drains dug, tents banked up; besides training. Enemy planes over several times at night. Reinforcements 2 O.R.'s.

25th

Gale of wind and rain all night; finer in the day. 2 Coys. fired on RHEIN RANG. Training programme contd.

26th

Rain all day until evening route march cancelled. Quiet night. Reinforcements 2 O.R.'s.

27th

Fine. Baths at WESTOUFEE. Training. 2 Lts DAVIES and STURGEON went on leave to U.K.

28th

CHIFFEVA CAMP.

28th

Advance party left GARMARVOH CAMP at 10 pm. Bn. paraded 1.40 pm. and marched via GAMBADA CORNER to LA OITTE to CHIFFEVA CAMP arriving

4 pm. Bn. billeted in huts. Fabrication of awards for gallantry on 26th Sept and subsequent days to 16 N.O.'s and men (M.M.).

Appendix A

29th

Weather fine. Training as per programme. Camp improvements carried out.

Appendix B.

WEST SUSSEX

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30th Training camp. Heavy bombs
dropped close to camp 11.30 p.m.

31st Training camp. During the
month and part of the previous
one, Bn. had a leave allotment
of 4 per day. Most of the men
who came out with the Bn. in
March 1916 and were still with it
were now enabled to get their
leave.

M. COISEY MIDLAND,

Lt. Col.

Comd'g. 11th R. SUSSEX REGT.

Appendix A.11th Service Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.After Battalion Order by Lieut.-Colonel F. O. Millward,D. S. O. Comd'g.945. HONOURS & AWARDS.

Order in Authority granted by the Field Marshal-
Commanding-in-Chief, the General Officer Commanding
Xth Corps has awarded the following decorations to
the undermentioned R. O. C. S. and men for Gallantry
and devotion to duty :-

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

18534 Lt/Cpl.	F. SALMON.	11th Bn. R. Sussex Regt.
1916 A/Sgt.	J. WATSON.	do.
773 Pte.	G. AYS.	do.
6271 Cpl.	J. KERS.	do.
16596 Pte.	G. BINGHAM.	do.
2866 Lt/Cpl.	H. J. BAKER.	do.
16802 Pte.	F. CHANDLER.	do.
980 Lt/Cpl.	V. EATHERICK.	do.
12300 "	V. DERRIDGE.	do.
16892 Pte.	C. BUNNEN.	do.
16224 Pte.	B. FAULKNER.	do.
736 "	W. E. SHEARING.	do.
5979 "	J. DUNINGHAM.	do.
185 Lt/Cpl.	G. GUTTERFORD.	do.
20450 Pte.	G. MASON.	do.

The Commanding Officer heartily congratulates the
recipients of the above decorations.

(Sgd.) F. O. F. CALDWELL.

Lieut. A/Adjt.

11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.

28.10.17.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

307 Pte. H. E. FISHERDEN, 11th Bn. R. Sussex Regt.

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NOVEMBER. CHIPPENHA CAMP.

1st

Bn arrived back to CAMP between 1.30 & 2 pm, having been on working party under R E's carrying R E materials to BOWMIN COURSE. Rather badly gas shelled. Hot meal on return. Revellie at 11 M. Practice on a HELLICA for the proposed attack on the MOULD. Capt Tyler rejoined the Bn from the 1st OX & BUCKS I.I. - posted to D Coy. Concert in the evening very successful.

2nd

B & D Coys practiced on HELLICA during the morning & after dark before the Brigadier General. Orders to move up the line on the 10th day. CAPT A.G.S. VIDLER & CAPT G.S. STERN proceeded to England for 6 months instructors course. 2 Lt ALBERT-BIRD & Lt OLIVE & 2/Lt BURNER rejoined from leave.

3rd

Divine Services, cleaning up & preparation for the move. The Batin paraded at 3 pm, took Lories to SHEPHERD CR., marched to the line & relieved the 4/6 BLACK WATER in the TOWER HANERS. Pl. Subsector. Better Complete, 11 pm.

TOWER HANERS RT. SUB SECTOR.

4th

Three Coys in front line (A.C.D) which consisted of a trench broken in places. B Coy in a trench in Support Bn Hdqrs. 3 E of DUNBAR ON LAKE. Back areas heavily shelled especially round Bn H Q which was a very small pill box. ARMS BARRAGE fired at 4.45 AM. One Gas. (By Bn Hq) only.

5th

Another Army Barrage at 5.30. H G & Rifle fire very heavy during the night - heavy shelling in back Areas in retreating for Barrage. Several Gas casualties. Amie Post train brought Nations water SAA & Bombs to a point 200X B of BOWMIN COURSE.

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6th 6 AM

The Batta put up a smoke Barrage to mask the western side of GHELVEN in conjunction with the attack on BASSINDALE & ROLDBROOK CHAV. An Army Barrage was fired at the same time. Two casualties. The Batta was relieved that night by the 12 Bn R. Sussex R. Very quiet Relief - Complete 12 midnight.

SUPPORT BODMIN COSE. GODEZONNE CAMP.

7th -

8th

The Batta on Relief proceeded to Support Positions in BODMIN COSE & 2 Coys. & an Hq. in Bodmin COSE & 2 Coys. in front of DEBARON LAKES. 2/Lt HARRISON O C D Coy. C S M. SWAIN & another M O O. killed by a 5.9" shell whilst visiting their Coy. in front of the LAKES. An Relief by the 17th I R R O. & marches to GODEZONNE CAMP near VIESTRBAAR I Bde. 1.30 pm the Bn marched to CHIPPENNA CAMP arriving 3.30 pm. Very wet in the evening.

PROMOTION OF HONOURS & AWARDS.

D.S.O. Capt. P.L. CLARK
M.C. 2/Lt J.R. LYKE
2/Lt A.B. WOODROW
D O M No 251 Sgt A. Westgate
No 556 Sgt. W. Worley
No 6346 Pte H. Billington
M.M. Sgt. H. Wileman.

CHIPPENNA CAMP.

9th
Coy's at disposal of Coy Commanders for cleaning up, checking deficiencies & kit & foot inspections. 2/Lt BURTON rejoined Batta from leave.
Bn Concert in the evening.

10th

Physical Training. Platoon & Coy Training. Box Resp. & Saluting
Drill - Rain at intervals.
Lt. W. O. P CALDWELL went on leave - Lt & GM SWAIN took over duties of Adjutant.

11th

SUNDAY. Divine Services during the morning. Dull day & some Rain.
MAJOR H. S. proceeded the 2nd ANTY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION for 5 weeks course. CAPT C.A. ALLEN M.O. taking over duties of 2nd in Command. 2 Lt DAVIES took over Command of D Coy. 2/Lt. CHESNOR being appointed O C Bde Concert Party.

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- 12th Presentation of Awards for Operations SEPR-85-27 by Brigadier General Comd'g. Bath at CHIPPERNA CAMP from 7 AM. till 1001 (800 men bathed). Rest & recreation in the evening. Ban Concert in the evening. Ade Concert Party started.
- 13th Morning devoted to cleaning up the Camp. At 1.30 pm the Battalion marched to BDFORD Ho. in 2nd Reserve arriving at 6.30 pm. Camp taken over in a very muddy & wet condition. 2/Lt STURSON apptd TOUR WARD. HODGE SR. WHEELS. 2/Lt WEO. SQUIRES. PIERS & DINDIE joined the Battalion. 2 Lt W.R BUTLER took over Command of a Coy vice 2/Lt CHESTER.
- BADFORD HOUSE.
- 14th Morning devoted to rest & cleaning up - making paths improving sanitary arrangements & generally cleaning up the camp. 4.15 pm Bn went on working party to front line carrying & laying anchorboards & making trenches under the R E's.
- 15th Bn returned from ERG. Party 4 AM. General's son S/Lt DAVIES died of wounds - work very difficult owing to heavy ground & hostile artillery - Rev. 12.30 pm. Improvement of Camp during the afternoon.
- 16th 3 Coy paraded 3.45 AM for workg. party under 19 Div. Pioneer 3 AM 2 Platoon each of A, C, D Coys went to front line for reworking & carrying U. FRAMES.
- 17th Misty morning. Same working party for moving. Gas Precautions taken in the Camp.
- 18th Same working parties as on the 16th. 16.15 AM Hostile plane brought down one of our Observation Balloons. Observer descended in parachute. 11 AM Holy Communion. Work & improvement of Camp continued.
- 19th Working parties same as on the 16th - Very strenuous work & much shelling. 1.30 pm the Battalion marched to SCOTTISH WOOD Camp - arrived 2.30 pm & occupied huts vacated by 13 R. Sussex R. who proceeded to BADFORD HO. Concert by the "SUN JARS". (Saw Concert party) in the evening.

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- 20th Companies at disposal of Coy Commanders during the day for cleaning up kit etc. Work on Camp Improvements. - Very stormy night.
- 21st Baths for the Bn 7 AM-12 Noon - Drill & Training all day. - 2/Lt DINGER went of HOLIDAY. CAPT DREW rejoined Bn from Div. Hdqts. Appointed OC. A Coy. Mess for Sgts & Cpl. started
- 22nd Inspection by C.O. of Coy's in succession - Training - Lt. TIMBERY-BUSE to Hospital SIOX. The CO. congratulated the Bn on their good work consolidating the line & road making in MORLAND AV.
- 23rd Training - Lt. WATCOCK returned from leave.
- 24th Training under Training Programme. Advance party left for new billets by LORRY from KISSWALDEN - Baths for Bn near BRASSKRIE during the afternoon - 2/Lt BARLOW to Hoey. SIOX (Contd)
- 25th The Bn marched at 9.30 A.M. & marched to KISSWALDEN, entraining at 10.45 AM arriving 12.45 pm - GODSEYLAND arriving 12.45 pm - Marched to WIMMERIE arriving 4 pm in billets - billets very scattered.
- WIMMERIE.
- 26th Coys at Disposal of Coy Commanders for cleaning up. 2/Lt DAVIDSON returned from leave.
- 27th 9 AM - 1 pm. Physical Training - Coy & Platoon Training - 2 Lts WATCOCK & BROOKER returned from Brigade Schools. 2/Lt STURROCK from FOUR Major HADEN. ST. Lt WATCOCK proceeded on leave. Orders to move on 29th for work in the forward areas.
- 28th Advance Party left at 9 AM. for FOREBIE - Physical Training. Boring Platoon Training etc. during the morning. Recreation during the afternoon. Capt AMON proceeded on leave. Capt ALLEN proceeded to Pde Hdqts Capt. DREW taking over duties of 2nd in Command, & 2/Lt BUTLER duties of OC A Coy.

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29th

Bn Paraded at 5.30 AM marched to
 GODFREYSDR & entrained at
 8.55 AM for YPRES. Arrived
 YPRES 10 AM & marched to camp
 between YPRES & PORTIZE.
 Accomodated in Huts. Majority of
 1st Line Transport remained at
 WIMMEZELLE

30th

Working Parties commenced -
 A & B Coye & Hq details
 paraded at 6 AM for work on Light
 Railways under Canadian Railway
 Coy. in areas near ZOMMEBEEK
 C & D Coye & 1 Bn F & D Details
 paraded 10 AM for same work. -
 Details carried on improvements of
 Camp which was in a fair condition

W. COLSEY HILLWARD Lt. Col.
 Commandg. 11 R. Sussex R.

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- 1st 4 a.m. Batt. on working parties, 2 shifts of 4 hours each first party leaving at 4 a.m. & the second party at 10 a.m. Working under German R.F.'s. making & repairing roads & railway to front line. Details engaged on camp improvements. Cold & wet day. 2/Lt. DINGLES to England - gassed.
- 2nd " Same working parties as before. Second party left work earlier owing to hostile shelling. Lt. C.A.G. BURGESS went on leave. Very windy & cold day. 4 O.R.'s reinforcements. 2/Lt. WRIGHT, J.A. (Att'd. 116 L.T.K.D.) struck off strength.
- 3rd " Same working parties as before. Work on Camp improvements continued. Hostile aircraft overhead between 11.30 p.m. & midnight dropping bombs on a neighbouring camp & causing several casualties amongst a Middlesex Regt.
- 4th " Same working parties as before. Camp improvements continued. Floor boards for tents arrived, snow & sleet in morning.
- 5th " Same working parties as before. Camp improvements continued. Floor boards put down. Batt. ordered to hold themselves in readiness to move back on the 8th inst. 7-30 a.m. Hostile aircraft passed over camp & dropped bombs in the vicinity - also between 10.30 & 11. a.m. & during the night. Baths in YPRES 2-45 to 4 p.m. Bright day but cold & frosty.
- 6th " Same working parties as before. 3 men wounded on working party, 2.30 p.m. Advance party to new billets 5.30 p.m. hostile aircraft passed over camp & dropped bombs, one dropping on one of B. Coy's tents & one on a latrine killing 6 & wounding 10.
- 7th " Same working parties as before in 4 shifts commencing 3 a.m. 40 men 7 a.m. 80 men 11 a.m. 80 men 2.30 p.m. 40 men. Thaw.

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8th 4.30 a.m. Reveille 4.30 a.m. 8.10 a.m. Batt. paraded & marched to ST. LEAR station entrained at 8.40 & reached GODSWELM at 10 a.m. Marched to WINNEZEME arriving 12.30 p.m. 18 O.Hs. reinforcements joined Batt.

WINNEZEME.

9th 10.0 am. Dull day with some rain. Divine services. Parade service 10.45 a.m. on football ground. Ooys. at disposal of Coy. Commanders for cleaning up etc. Transport proceeded to new Billiting Area 2/Lt. WRO proceeded on Bombing course at X Corps Schools.

10th 8.30 am. Reveille 8.30 A.M. Batt. paraded at 8.45 & marched to GODSWELM Station entraining at 11.45 A.M. arrived at KIRLES LE BIRQUIN station 7 p.m. & marched to SPURRINGHAM. All in billets 8.30 p.m. Batt. billeted in barns in the village & lorry dished on route & arrived late. Lt. LIBBERRY-RUSE discharged from hospital 7 O.Hs. reinforcements (casuals) 2/Lt. BARTON C.I. to England sick.

SPURRINGHAM.

11th Coy's. at disposal of Coy. Commanders for cleaning up etc. 2/Lt. R.V. WILLS rejoined Batt. from course posted to C. Coy. 2/Lt. FLYNCHES, J.A. to England sick.

12th Training programme commenced. P.T. platoon & Coy. training & Batt. drill at the double during the morning. Recreation & football in the afternoon.

13th 8. am. Batt. fired on rifle range during morning parading at 8 a.m. & firing from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Baths in afternoon. 2/Lt. WHITING & CHRISTIE rejoined the Batt. from courses & posted to C.L.D. Ooys. respectively 8 O.Hs. reinforcements.

14th 8.30 a.m. Batt. paraded 8.30 A.M. & marched to the ranges which were improved & extended - Intensives digging & practised Lewis gunners fired on range 2.30 p.m. Cross Country run. Dull xx muggy day with rain.

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- 15th 4 a.m. Batt. paraded Revellie & a.m. Batt. paraded 5.30 A.M. & marched to X Ranges near LUMBERS & fired from 8 a.m. to dusk 5 practices fired on 200 yds & 300 yds. ranges. 2/Lt. CHESTER rejoined the Batt. from concert party for purposes of training & posted to B. Coy. 2/Lt. BADDOCK returned from leave & posted to A. Coy. Major LEWIS returned from course. CAPT. DREW appointed sports officer.
- 16th
Dining Services in morning - casualties who had not fired paraded 5.30 A.M. & fired on range 8-11 A.M. In the 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 to 4 p.m. Cross country race arranged for but cancelled. The In football competition between D. Coy. & football competition. Cold day with snow in evening.
- 17th 8.30 Batt. paraded 8.30 A.M. & proceeded to X ranges - firing from the hip 11-12.15 at 200 Yds 300x. Brigade Signalling Communication Scheme arranged for but not carried out for same reason. Lt. Col. G. DOWKER promoted. £20 to N.C.O.s. & men for Xmas festivities. Snow on ground.
- 18th 6.30. Retraillie 6.30 A.M. 8.0 A.M. Batt. paraded & marched to training ground practised attack against a skelton enemy. Brigade Communication Scheme carried out. Cross country race in afternoon Inter Coy. boxing competition C. Coy. beat A. Coy. Cold fine day.
- 19th 9 A.M. Batt. paraded on short ranges - firing commenced 9 a.m. Batt. Signalling scheme continued.
- 20th 10 A.M. G.O.C.'s. inspection of Coy's. commencing at 10 a.m. The G.O.C. expressed himself highly pleased with the turn out especially of B.H.Q. Bright fine day. Cross country race & boxing competition in the afternoon Lt. C.A.G. BURGESS returned from leave.
- 21st 11 A.M. Batt. inspection by Divisional General Batt. paraded at 11 A.M. Presentation of medal ribbons at conclusion of inspection
The General expressed himself very pleased with the turn out. Afternoon A.B. & C. Coy's. played off ties at football. final & cross country race. Bright day. Lt. CAMPBELL & 2/Lt. A.R. MORRIS & draft of 25 O.Hs. joined the Batt.

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- 23rd BATT. fired on short ranges commencing at 9 a.m. Lewis gunners also fired & revolver practices carried out. MAJOR HURTINGDON & PARTIDGE visited the Batt. on the range & gave an address on P.T. Bayonet fighting. COL. MILLWARD went on leave. Semi finals & final of tug of war.
- 23rd 11.30 Parade service in Transport Field a.m. at 11.30 A.M. football matches etc. in afternoon. Lt. Col. W.C. MILLWARD, D.S.O. MAJOR F. CASSALS, Capt. C. LAPWORTH, 2/Lt. R.V. SKILLS, & R.A.M.S. STEVENSON mentioned in despatches.
- 24th Coys. at disposal of Coy. Commanders for Platoon & Coy. training, practising on Assault Course & Kit inspections. Inspection of Box Respirators by Divisional Gas W.G.O. Lecture by 2nd Lt. on duties of Coy. Bands 1/6. Sports etc. in afternoon. Capt. Amon returned from leave - 2/Lt. LEO returned from course. Thaw set in 7 O.R.'s joined the Batt.
- 25th 10. Christmas Day. 10 p.m. Church Parade a.m. on transport field. 11.30 a.m. Football match Officers v Sergeants 2/Lt. CHRISTIES to hospital sick, 2/Lt. WHIRLING granted leave to wear badge of rank of Lieut. on completion of 18 months commissioned service. Lt. C.A.G. BURGESS appointed additional Acting Capt. with effect from 17 Nov. 1917. Warmer in morning with ground clear of snow. Snow again in evening. Snow at intervals during the day. 2 hrs Batt. Coy. & Platoon drill & training in morning. Snowball fights in the afternoon. Warning order to move on 28th inst. to Area occupied by 117th Bde.
- 26th
- 27th 9 a.m. Snow fairly thick. Batt. proceeded to short ranges commencing firing 9 a.m. & also practices on assault course. Revolver practice for Off's. & Nos. 1 & 2 of Lewis Gunners teams. Rifle party left for New Area under Lt. WHIRLING.
- 28th 8-45 116th Inf. Brigade moved out of A.M. billets to SELMS in order to allow the 117th Inf. Brigade to come in. Batt. paraded 8-45 a.m. & marched to SELMS arriving at 1 P.M. Marching very difficult owing to the frosty condition of the roads. Motor transport started but couldn't manage the journey & returned to SERTINGHAM with blankets.

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29th 9.A.M. Batt. paraded at 9.A.M. & marched back to SERINGHALL arriving at 1 P.M. Trawelling again difficult 2/Lt. CHESTER & HULLIS went on leave. Motor transport left for SIMON CAMP in the morning. Breakfast at 11. P.M.

30th 1.A.M. Batt. paraded at 12.30 A.M. & marched to WICKENHES Station arriving at 6.A.M. Marching very difficult & tiring. Detained there & travelled to INVERDINGH Station. Thence marched to SIMON CAMP. Motor transport arrived late at night.

SIMON CAMP.

31st 7.30. S.O.S. message & order to STAND A.M. TO & order cancelling same arrived in quick succession. LT. LIBBERRY BUSSE & Coy. Commanders proceeded to reconnoitre the line at 10 a.m. Regimental transport arrived 12.30 P.M. Signal communication with transport lines completed during the afternoon. Coys. at disposal of Coy. Commanders for P.T. box respirator drill etc.
Hostile aeroplane passed over camp between 5 & 6 P.M. & dropped bombs in the near vicinity.

H.S. LEWIS,
Major,
Commandg. 11th Batt. Sr. Regt.

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SIEGE CAMP.

- 1st 9 A.M. Frosty & gold. Specialist training. Classes from 9 - 12 & 1.30 - 3.30 P.M. Lt. G. J. R. Grenade Scouts & snipers & wiring classes. Capt. C. A. ALLEN returned from Bde HQRS.
- 2nd 9 A.M. Physical training 9 - 10 A.M. Specialist classes continued 10.15 - noon & from 1.30 - 3.30 P.M.
- 3rd " Firing on Range 8 A.M. - 1 P.M. Specialist classes contd. Finals of Boxing contest. 1th Batt. won 6 events out of 7. Major LEWIS proceeded to Tank Corps. Capt. PREM takes over 2nd 1/c.
- 4th " Physical training & Specialist classes as before. Stryker's Bearer classes commence.
- 5th 8 A.M. - 12 noon. Physical training & Specialist classes contd. Lt. G. classes fired on Range 2.30 - 3.30 P.M.
- 6th 11 A.M. Day's Services - C of E Parade Service 11 A.M.
- 7th Morning devoted to cleaning up & preparations for move. En marched to IRISH FARM thence to MOROCCO CAMP for work on front line under H.F.'s except H.G. Details who served at IRISH FARM.
- IRISH FARM CAMP & MOROCCO CAMP.
- 8th Working parties contd.
- 9th Working parties contd.
- 10th CAPT. C. A. G. BURGESS to Hospital sick. Working parties contd.
- 11th Working parties contd. LT. BINDEN returned from course. 3 O.R.'s wounded on working party.
- 12th Working parties contd.
- 13th 10 A.M. C of E Parade Service in IRISH FARM CAMP. 2nd LIEUT. S. W. MARTIN. A.H.E. GUNNER. L. W. GARRETT joined. Battn.

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Hostile planes passed over Camp at night. Capt. CRASSWELLER & Lt. BURDEN sent on leave. Lieut. J. D. VALLENBERG taking over duties of H.O. for time being.

14th

xxxxx Snow in early morning. Coys proceeded to IRISH FARM CAMP from P.D.'s. Advance party to the line in the afternoon. 2nd Ltr DAVIDSON, SERRISON & URBAN proceeded on II Corps General Course & 2nd Lt. MEO on G.H.Q. L.G. course.

IRISH FARM CAMP.16th 3.15
P.M.

Cleaning up during the morning. 3.15 P.M. Bn paraded & marched in to LEPP CUB SECTION LEPP BATT REGIMENT during very heavy rain & relieved the HERIS RIDGE. Quiet relief tho' not complete till dawn. A & B Coys occupied posts in front line. D Coy in Support. C in Reserve. 13th Batt. R.S.R. on our right.

FRENCHES.

16th

Slight shelling on both sides during the day. No casualties. Div. General visited H.Q. & front line. Rain ceased but ground still very heavy. Inbr Coy relief during the night C & D Coys going into front line. An American Officer attached to the Battalion for instruction.

17th

Capt ALLEN went to ascertain the status of the LEBERWITZBERG & found it to be greatly swollen & quite impassable. Snow & sleet early in the morning & rain all day. Considerable artillery activity on both sides at about 12 noon & our heavies at 5 P.M. Inbr Coy relief.

18th

Rain ceased but very misty. Artillery on both sides more active during the morning. Batts relieved by the 18th HANS later after dark. H.Q. & A B & C Coys proceeded to HILL TOP FARM & D Coy to the SWEETBERG. All in at 10 P.M. No casualties during this tour in the line but a considerable number of trench feet.

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19th Rest & cleaning up. Hostile artillery active round the end of the camp especially on batteries - hostile planes active. C Coy relieved D Coy on the STEINBECK during the afternoon.

20th Voluntary Church Services. Foot room established in camp & special foot rubbing parades held. Cleaning of equipment & arms etc. B Coy relieved C Coy on the STEINBECK.

21st Foot treatment & rubbing parades held during morning. Hostile shelling of the camp during the afternoon. 6.30 P.M. Battalion marched to MILLER'S Station & encamped for BALHORN Stn. Advance marched to SCHOOL CAMP arriving about 11 P.M.

SCHOOL CAMP.

22nd 9 A.M. Cleaning up etc. Improving sanitary conditions of camp, foot rubbing & inspections. Bata's 8 - 3 P.M. 2nd Lt. GIBBS & 6 O.P.'s joined the Battalion in evening.

23rd 9 A.M. Drill inspections of kit equipment etc. Fitting out new service dress. Recreation in the afternoon. Warmer.

24th 9 A.M. Devoted to Reorganisation of platoons & sections, cleaning of arms etc. 12.0 noon O.P.'s inspection. Recreation in the afternoon. Lt. WITTING transferred from A to D Coy on 2nd Lt/c.

25th Oys at disposal of Coy Comd. to complete cleaning up etc. 1 hour close order drill & arm's drill, recreation later.

26th 10.15 Reveille 6.30 a.m. Misty morning. 10.15 am Battalion marched & marched to PROYER STATION. Encamped at 12.15 pm. and travelled to MERICOURT LAHBE, a halt being made for about 1/2 hour at TIRINUES where tea was supplied. On detraining at MERICOURT at 1.30 am. Battalion marched to BILLES at CHEVREY GAILLIX in the V Army Area, arriving at 5 am. the 27th Inst. A Coy and 16 O.P.'s from C Coy provided the Detaching Party for the whole Brigade Group, having preceded the Battalion by an earlier train. This move was much welcomed by the troops, the Division

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having been engaged in the YPRES Salient for over a year, and they were glad to get to an entirely new front. Capt. C. IANFORTH went on leave.

CHERISY GALLIX.

27th

Reveille 1.30 p.m. Breakfast 2.30 p.m. Afternoon devoted to cleaning up. Still very misty.

28th

Bright day. Reorganization of platoons, inspections of kit and equipment and making up of despatchnotes. Batta at CHERISY. Lecture by 2nd I/O & M.O. on Foot treatment to all Officers, followed by lecture to Childmolders and their undergrads. Football match in afternoon v VII Corps Convalescent Depot, Batta winning by 4 Goals to 2. Entertainment by Convalescent Depot in evening.

29th

Advance party left for low area in early morning. Bright frosty morning. Capt. DREW and Coy Commr carried out a Reconnaissance of the line. Practice of Rapid loading, Box Respiration drill and lectures etc during morning. Concert in afternoon & cinema show in evening, both given by Convalescent Depot. Lt. Col. W. C. HILLIARD returned from leave.

30th 12.30

am.

Batta paraded at 12.30 pm and marched to OUBAIN arriving 4.30 p.m. Intrained at 6 p.m. & travelled to FERONNE arriving 10.30 pm. Marched to HAVR ALAINES arriving 12.30 am, next morning. Bn quartered in tents. Bright sunny day. Capt. H. GRAESMILLER returned from leave.

HAVR ALAINES.

31st

Reveille 9.30 am. Breakfast 10 am. Rest and cleaning up. Cold & frosty day. Advance party left for new quarters.

W. COLSEY HILLIARD

Lt. Colonel.

Command 11th Bn F. Sussex Regt.

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APPENDIX

February

HAVRE ALTAIRES

1st.

Bn moved into forward area by train. 2 Coys and B.H.Q. at 9 AM and 2 Coys at 1 PM.
Relieved 12th Bn Royal Scots
GOUZENCOURT left Centre Sector.
Bn in Reserve. Bnq. REVELON
PARV. Weather fine. Major
O.A. ALMER and Lieut & Capt.
B.F. SWAIN proceeded on leave.

REVELON FARM

2nd.

Bn employed in carrying out improvements to billets etc.
2nd Lieut. A.R. MORRIS proceeded on course of Husketry. Weather thick.

3rd.

Bn relieved 14th HAVESHIRE REGT in left sub-sector. Quiet
relief. 2nd Lieut. WYO returned from G.H.Q. Lewis Gun course at LE TOUTQUET.

LINE

4th.

Situation quiet. Weather fair.
2nd Lieut. H.M. CHARY, H.Q.
KARGER, R. WITHERTON joined Bn.

5th.

Battn employed in improving defences etc. H.A.s. bombed PINS area. Slight shelling of front line 1 O.R. killed.

6th.

Working parties. Lieut. J.G. WHITING to Hospital (Sick).
Light shelling of back area.

7th.

2nd Lieut. J.R. BAKER, J.R.
HADDON, E. J. HINDSLEY, A.W. NEALE,
E.L. WEALE, Lieut. P.D. WILCOX,
Capt. H.G.T. ROBINSON, T.H.
FERROX, L.A. BAKER, W. JAKREAST
& 200 O.H.s. joined from 12th
R. Sussex Regt.

8th.

Usual trench routine. Situation quiet & weather fine. 2nd Lieut. A. BROOKER joined from 1st R. Munster Fus.

9th.

Companies employed working parties etc. quiet day. Lieut. BURTON joined Bn from H.A.Q. 2nd Lieut. E.G. PIERER proceeded on V Army course.

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10th.

Day quiet. Batin relieved at night by 13th R. Sussex Regt. and 1/1st HERTS. Moved to Bde. reserve at REVELON FARM - One company at HERDICOURT.

11th.

Cleaning up, usual inspections, baths at HERDICOURT - Working parties at night - Weather fine. Capt. J. R. RUTLER proceeded on leave to U.K.

12th.

Bn employed together with 14th Hants, 13th R. Sussex and R.F.B. in wiring in No Han's Land. All parties returned about 2 A.M. Casualties NIL. 45 ORs. joined Bn from Reinforcement Camp.

13th.

Cleaning up & foot rubbing parades and inspections preparatory to going into line.

LINE

14th.

Bn relieved 1/1st Herts Regt. in last sub-sector. Quiet relief. O.O. proceeded on Course & attached to Corps Artillery. LIEUT. W. O. BURNHAM took over duties as Adjt. VII Corps Commander visited forward area - Weather fair.

15th.

Quiet day, slight shelling at intervals - Companies employed at night on working parties, cable burying & improvement of defenses - LIEUT. W. O. F. CADDWELL proceeded to U.K. for 6 months tour of duty.

16th.

Day fine & aircraft busy - Slight shelling - working parties at night for companies and B.H.Q. cable burying & trench digging - Enemy aircraft bomb transport lanes and FINS area 2 ORs. wounded slightly and 1 H.D. 1 RIDDER 1 HULL wounded.

17th.

Day fine - Infantry artillery active - Damage slight - Working parties at night employed on carrying and digging trenches. 1 OR. killed.

18th.

Weather fair - Working parties at night improving defenses - C.O. returned from Artillery course - Capt. F. H. FERRON took over command of 116 I. T. M. B.

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19th. Weather fair - Day quiet - Working parties at night.

20th. Day fine - Enemy artillery active - Coys and B.H.Q. employed at night on sand burying and trench digging. Casualty 1.C.R. killed.

21st. Weather stormy - Situation quiet - Working parties by Coys & B.H.Q. at night. LIEUT & Q.M. B. SWAIN took over duties as Adjutant.

22nd. Day quiet - Battalion relieved at night by 1st HERTS Regt. and moved into Brigade Reserve at REVELTON FARM. LIEUT R.C. MUNDEN M.C. proceeded to U.K. for six months rest.

REVELTON FARM

23rd. Weather fair - Baths at HENDICOURR allotted to Bn - Remainder of day cleaning up and refitting. LIEUT THOMTHWAITE J.W. transferred from 12th Bn R. Sussex Regt - 2nd LIEUTS. G. STURROCK, P.A. URBAN and J.A. DAVIDSON rejoined Bn from courses. Brigade School reopened - 2nd LIEUT. V.R. BROOKER proceeded to Dae. School as I.C. instructor. CAPT. E.L. VITALIS posted to, and took over command of B Company.

24th. Weather fine - Coys and B.H.Q. on day and night working parties employed on improving defences - Groops in billets carried out - Box Respirator drill & Musketry - LIEUT. G. HAYDOCK M.C. proceeded on 14 days leave to U.K.

25th. Weather fair - Day and night working parties - Box respirator drill and Musketry - CAPT. G. LAPHORCH posted from B to C Coy. LIEUT. H.V. SANDOOCK, 2nd LIEUTS. C. I. SQUIRES and 2nd LIEUT. HENRIKX proceeded on courses at VII Corps Schools - MAJOR G.A. ALLEN returned from leave and took over duties of 2nd A/S.

26th. Weather Showery - Foot rubbing parade and usual inspections before moving into line - Healed 1st HERTS Regt in left

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etc.

Sub-Sector - Enemy artillery active - shelling transport - 2nd LIQUOR H.M. GEARLY proceeded to 5th Army Schools on Musketry Course - 75 O.Rs joined from Reinforcement Camp. 2nd LIQUOR, J.W. MARTIN apptd Intelligence Officer.

LINE

27th.

Weather fine - Our artillery fairly active - Raids by Right and Left Sigs, during night - Enemy artillery retaliated on our front - Casualties 5 ORs wounded, 1 remained at duty.

28th.

Weather changeable - Enemy aircraft fairly active - Shelling by our and enemy artillery - CAPT. P.F. DREW H.O.C. proceeded on leave - LIQUOR R.G.K. LIQUOR-RUSE proceeded to U.K. for 6 months rest. Casualties 2 O.Rs killed 2 O.Rs. wounded. 2nd LIQUOR. HADDON was wounded by a fragment of our A.A. shells.

V.C. HILWARD, Lt. Col,
O.C., 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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March.

COUZENCOURT.

1st.

Battalion in line at Couzencourt Centre Section. Heavy Artillery bombardment on left lasting two hours. Little enemy artillery activity on our own front. Everybody standing to. Clear bright day. Snow at night. Work on improvement of defences at night. Left Coy. extended its front taking over 6 posts from 1/1 Camps Regt. Relier complete 12 men. No casualties. New Bn. H.Q.s. reconnoitred & Signal Communications arranged, so that more could be made at short notice in case of enemy attack. 2 Lt. A.R. MORRIS returned from Course. Lt. R.G.K. LINDSAY BUIS proceeded to ENGLAND on 6 months tour of duty.

2nd.

Weather dull & cold. Snow fell during morning. Divisi. & Brigadier Generals visited the line. No enemy activity during day. Considerable Artillery activity during evening & enemy blew up derelict tank opposite Right Battalion front. Left Coy. H.Q.s. moved from QUINTEIN REDOUBT to CHALK PIT. 1 O.R. Wounded.

3rd.

Quiet day. Weather milder, but not good for observation. Inter Coy Relier after dark. Our Artillery active from dusk till midnight. 2 lts. M.G. OLIVE and H.J. HANMER returned from 225 Field Coy. R.E. R.S.M. BIRD Wounded at duty.

4th.

Enemy Artillery very active at morning "STAND TO". 2 O.Ss. wounded by shell. Weather dull. 2 Lt. I. HEO returned from R.A.A.

5th.

Fine bright day. Observation good. Enemy shelled EUBANK ROAD at BATHN. H.Q. at intervals during morning owing to movement 2 O.Ss. founded. Our Artillery active during day.

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6th

Enemy raided Front at 4.30 AM. on left & right. Entered posts of Right Battalion and captured 2 O.Rs. Heavy hostile artillery barrage between our Front Line & Br. H.Q. Remainder of day fairly quiet. Battalion relieved by 1/1 Herzs Regt. at night. Relief very quiet after relief Battn. at REVELON FARM.

REVELON FARM.

7th.

Battalion engaged in cleaning up. Baths at HEMDINGHAM. Musketry & Respirator Drill. Enemy shelled back areas during day. Capt. O.A. ALLEN M.C. appointed A/Major, whilst 2nd in Command effected from 16.1.18. Capt. J.R. BUTLER proceeded to Brigade Schools as Instructor.

8th.

Weather fine. A. B & D Coy's. Practised raid on Course in morning & again at night. Enemy shelled back areas at intervals. Enemy bombing aeroplanes active at night. Lieut. C.A.G. BURGESS rejoined from Hospital. Lt. S.V. CHRISTER proceeded to ENGLAND on 6 months tour of duty.

9th.

Practice of Raid on Course during morning. Raid on enemy Front line carried out by D Coy. at night. Left assembly point 11 P.M. Majority of party impeded by uncut wire but a number entered enemy Front Line posts which were found unoccupied, the enemy having retired when our Artillery barrage started. Our men withdrew at 11.15 PM. Evening artillery very quiet during operations. 1 O.R. Missing. A & B Coy. carried out Box Respirator Drill in dark.

10th.

Battalion "STOOD TO" at 4 AM. in answer to supposed "S.O.S." Signal from Front Line. Preparations for move into the line made during the morning. At night Battalion relieved 1/1 Herzs Regt. Very quiet relief. Enemy shelled REVELON FARM during evening. NO CASUALTIES. Wiring of Battalion on front carried out during night.

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11th. Bright day. Companies employed on repairing communication trenches. Artillery on both sides very quiet during day. At night our Artillery carried out harassing fire on known targets. Firing of whole Battalion front completed during the night.

GOUSBACOURT - GURDU WOOD.

12th. Reported that enemy had been cutting gaps in wire on our front. Additional patrols sent out at night by Front Line Companies. Coy's employed in repairing trenches during morning. quiet during day. Battalion relieved at night by 4th Bn, South African Infantry. quiet relief. Bn. marched to A.X. Siding FMS - HENDI COURT. Rd. Detained at A.X. 200 Siding & marched to GURDU WOOD in G.H.Q. Reserve. Draft of 15 Signallers joined Battalion.

GURDU WOOD.

13th. Warm Sunny day. Battalion engaged in cleaning up. Band played during afternoon.

LECTURE by Dr. IRVINE on AMERICA in Y.H.Q.A. Hut.

2/11. R.V. KELLS proceeded on Lewis Gun Course VII Corps School.

14th.

Battalion marched to HEM. Blizzeted in tents. Weather conditions fine. Foot inspection in evening. 2 Lt. H.C. OLIVER proceeded to ENGLAND on 6 months tour of duty.

HEM.

15th. Battalion employed on working party at G.H.Q. Salvage Dump & returned at 3.30 PM.

Reconnaissance of Corps Front by G.O. & Officers. Weather fine. CAPT. H.W. TYLER

proceeded on leave to U.K. Capt. J.H. BUTLER to Hospital Sick.

16th.

Battalion on working party at G.H.Q. Salvage Dump. Weather fine. Football matches in evening. Construction of Baths completed

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& bathing commenced. Draft of 12 O.Rs. joined Battalion. 2 Lt. H.G. PIPER returned from course.

17th.

BURDAN, R.C. Service at 7.30 AM. 2 Coys. employed on unloading Ballast Train at Salvage Dump. Baths for remainder of Battn. Reconnaissance of Corps Front by Officers & N.C.Os. carried out. 2 Lt. V.R. BROOKER transferred to Machine Gun Corps proceeded to England. Football matches in evening.

18th.

Battalion engaged on work at Salvage Dump. Reconnaissances of Corps Front by Officers & N.C.Os. Baths for 2 Coys. Football matches in evening.

Ident. Col. W.C. MILLWARD D.S.O. went to Brigade as G.O.C. (Temporarily).

19th.

Working parties as on 18th. Rain at intervals all day. Reconnaissance of Corps front by all Officers who had not previously been.

Actg. Divisional & Brigade Generals visited & inspected the Camp. CAPT. H. GRASSWALLER R.A.M.C. returned from leave.

2 Lt. H. HENSLAW attached 116 I.T.H.B.

20th.

Working parties as on previous day. Officers & 50 O.Rs. attended the funeral of Brig. Genl. G.A.S. CAZE O.M.G. at PERONNE leaving Camp at 9.15 AM. Weather dull. 2 Lt. G.V. STURGEON proceeded on leave to U.K. Capt. F.J. DREW returned from leave.

21st.

Working party as on previous day. At midday orders were received to move. Parties recalled. Battalion marched off at 2.30 at OMBRY. Details to be left out of line were sent with Transport to GURLU WOOD. Battalion proceeded in Motor Lorries to the support of the Munster & Leinster Fusiliers, at VILLERS FAUCON. Battalion debussed 1 mile from the Village & marched to a Sunken road where they rested for 3 hours. Here the Battalion took up a position in

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support S. of the level crossing in front of VILLIERS FAUCON. From this position A & C Coys. were sent to reinforce the front line. Bn. H.Q. & B & D Coys. remained in support.
2 Lt. I. KEO missing.

VILLIERS FAUCON.22nd &
23rd.

7 AM. "C" Coy took part in a counter attack driving the enemy back a short distance but were forced to retire owing to being outflanked on the right.
About 11 AM. the Battalion were ordered to withdraw & take up position 400 yds behind the village. This position was held until the 1/1 Herls Regt. had passed thro' and at 2 PM. Bn. withdrew to GREEN LIME in front of TINCOURT WOOD, here the Battalion reorganised and took up a position on a ridge on left of HUSSY behind TINCOURT WOOD. 13th R.S.R. on RIGHT & 1/1 Herls on left. 13th R.S.R. were outflanked & forced to retire, covered by our fire.

HUSSY.

About 9 AM. Battalion withdrew to a position on high ground N. of St DENIS & at 3 PM. we were forced to retire to rear of Mt. St. QUENTIN. Held this position for 2 hours allowing transport to withdraw to OLERY. Then withdrew up SOMME VALLEY & crossed the River at BUSCOURT, later Bn. received orders to march to Bede. H.Qrs. at FEUILLEURS. 11 PM. Recd. orders to cross River at PRISE & take up position at HEM RIDGE. Officers wounded Major C.A. Allen, Capt. I.A. Baker, Capt. C.A.G. BURGESS Lt. & Q.M. B.F. SWAIN. Missing Capt. H. CHASSWALKER and 2 Lt. A. BROOKER, wounded 2 Lt. J. BAKER, 2 Lt. HETHERTON (Missing).

HEM.

Battalion here held position until the HETHERTONS had passed thro' & then withdrew to FEUILLEURS.

24th.

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Instructions received to collect together & report at HERRINCOURT where Major Genl. FENTHAM gave instructions that we should take up position at HER under Lt. Col. W.C. MILLWARD, at 4 pm.

We withdrew to GURRU where Battalion were relieved by 35th Division. Transport at GAPPY - Killed. Capt. W.J. EAST. WOUNDED Lt. I.M. CAMPBELL. MISSING Capt. G. LAPHORSE. 2 Lt. A.R. NORRIS, 2 Lt. J.W. MARTIN. 2 Lt. J.W. GIBBS.

25th.

Battalion moved by route march via SUZANNE and GAPPY to CHUDONVILLE where remainder of day was spent in reorganising. C.O. 2 Lt. J.A. DAVIDSON. Lieut. F.D. WILKOT Missing.

CHUDONVILLE.

7 AM. Battalion moved forward & took up position in reserve at WOOD S.E. of CHUDONVILLE. Joined by the 13th R.S.R. & 1/1 Herls Regt. & later withdrew thro' CHUDONVILLE to valley N. of PROYART where the Brigade assembled & proceeded to a farm on the MILLS Road. H. of HARBONVILLE. Took up position S. of Main Road supported by 4 V.M.G's. 2 Lieuts. A.H.K. GUNNER and B.C. PIPER killed.

27th.

At midday 118th Bde passed thro' our position & proceeded in direction of BEYONVILLE. At 2 pm. the 8th Division launched a successful counter attack across our front re-establishing the PROYART - FRANKSVILLE line. Transport moved from HAMEL to GRENDELING.

28th.

At 9 am. Battalion recd. Orders to withdraw thro' HARBONVILLE where we joined the 1/1 Herls & continued thro' CAIX to GAYEX. Here the Division concentrated at 12 noon. The Brigade then took up a position on high ground facing WIRECOURT which was occupied by the enemy.

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29th.

1 AM. Orders recd. to withdraw
to IGNACOURT where Batin. rested
till daylight later took up
position in sunken road due N. of
AUBERCOURT. At 10 am. Orders
recd. to take up position in sunken
road south of COURMELLES. Here
Batin. was joined by the 13th
R.S.R. Lt. Col. W.C. MILLWARD
D.S.O. (Actg. Brig. Genl.) wounded.

30th.

6 AM. Enemy attacked Batin.
on right & forced them to retire.
We formed a defensive flank, and
held on until 7 am. when enemy
got behind our right flank &
forced us to withdraw through
AUBERCOURT to the Army line, N.W. of
Village. Held this position till
11 AM when enemy infiltrated us
from high ground on other side of
River & finally forced us to
retire to sunken road VILLERS
BRJOBREUX - AUBERCOURT road.
At 12 noon we withdrew to line held
by 13 Glsters on high ground
immediately in front of Bois de HANGARD
2 Lt. F. BURTON wounded. 2 lts.
A.W. Neale and C.T. Squires (Missing).

31st.

Consolidated line held on previous
day & later was relieved by the
18th Division. Lt. H.V. Badcock
& 2 lts. R.V. MILLS rejoined Battalion.
Capt. P.F. Drew M.C. Comdg. Offr.

P. F. DREW,

Capt.

Comdg. 11th Royal Sussex Regt.

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April

CINABRY

1st. Battalion in Rest Billeets at CINABRY. Day devoted to re-organisation and cleaning up.
COMMAND C.O. Capt. P. P. Drew
R.O. 2nd Lt./C. Capt. H. Ambon,
R.O. Adj. Capt. S. L. Weale,
R.O. "A" Coy. Major F. O. V.
Baddock, "B" Coy. 2/Lieut.
J. A. Davidson, "C" Coy. 2/Lieut.
P. V. Ellis, "D" Coy. 2/Lt.
H. W. Geary.

2nd.

Battalion paraded at 9 a.m. and marched to Billeets at AMOET, a distance of 20 Kilometres.

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3rd. Battalion paraded at 8.30 a.m. and marched to Billeets at AVATRE a distance of 18 Kilometres.

AVATRE

4th.

Day devoted to cleaning up, taking of Deficiencyes and collecting lists of casualties.

5th.

Day devoted to cleaning up
refitting and reorganisation.
Casualties reported. 20 Officers
and 300 O.R.'s. Killed, wounded
& Missing.

6th.

Battalion paraded at 9.30 a.m. and inspected by Brigadier General WATY, Commanding 116th Infy. Brigade. Sgt. Hignly complimented on its good work in the SOMME battle by G.O.O.

7th.

Battalion paraded at 8 a.m. and marched to IMBRYVILLE (25 Kilometres) Roads very bad and men very tired on arrival in Billeets.

IMBRYVILLE

8th.

Battalion paraded and inspected by Company Commanders, Rifle exorcisers and Physical Drill. Consignment of new clothing and equipment received and issued.

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9th. Battalion paraded at 1.5 a.m. and marched to XV Station. At 5 a.m. entrained for ARGUES. Arrived at ARGUES at 12 noon and marched to TAYWORTH. Arrived 3.0 p.m. Companies billeted in barns and houses in the village. ^{2/10} Lieut. F.A. Urban rejoined from leave.

TAYWORTH

10th. Day spent in cleaning up and resting. Draft of 20 arrived and posted to Coys. Capt Tyler & Lieut Shurston rejoined from leave and sent to 2nd Army School. At 9.0 p.m. Orders received for Battalion to proceed to ST OMER and entrain for VLAIRITHEN.

11th.

Battalion paraded at 2.5 p.m. and entrained at ST OMER for VLAIRITHEN. Strength 6 Officers and 530 O.S.'s. Marched from VLAIRITHEN to TORONTO CAMP and rested for remainder of day. Battalion formed into two Companies (A & B) of No 1 Battalion, 39th Composite Brigade. Capt. G.B. Whitfield, M.O. in Command and Capt. P.F. Drew, M.C. second in Command. Heavy artillery firing during afternoon weather fine.

TORONTO CAMP

12th. Battalion moved by train and route march to OTAGO CAMP. Remainder of day resting. Camp smelted during the afternoon. Artillery active on both sides. Weather fine.

OTAGO CAMP

13th. Battalion under 3 hours notice to proceed to line. Enemy artillery active. Weather dull.

14th. Day spent in reequipping and resting. Weather fine. Slight artillery activity.

15th. Battalion moved to VOORDEZELLE. Dinner on the march. Companies posted to various positions and commenced construction of new line of defence.

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- 16th. Enemy very active on right. Bn: H. Q. shelled. weather fine.
- 17th. Companies still engaged in strengthening defenses. Bn: H. Q. again shelled.
- 18th. Same positions B. H. Q. heavily shelled during night with H. Q. & Gas for 4 hours.
- 19th. Enemy artillery and mortar very active. Otherwise quiet day. Weather fair.
- 20th. Weather changeable and slight snowstorms. Usual artillery activity. H. A. active during night.
- 21st. Weather dull. Enemy artillery active during day. Bn: H. Q. moved to EIKENVALDE at night.
- EIKENVALDE CHATEAU. (FRONT LINE)
- 22nd. Weather fine. Enemy artillery active and Bn: H. Q. shelled. Few Casualties.
- 23rd. Usual artillery activity on both sides, especially on Right. Numerous H. A. crossed our lines. Weather fine.
- 24th. Artillery active especially on back areas. Bn: H. Q. shelled. Major Clayton took over command of Bn. and Capt. Drew command of A. Coy. Showery.
- 25th. 2:40. Violent artillery activity a.m. Immediately followed by enemy attack, which was repulsed. Casualties fairly heavy. Violent shelling of Bn: H. Q. Weather dull.
- 26th. Very heavy enemy shelling. Bosh attack still held. Casualties still heavy. Lt. H. V. Badcock missing. Counter attack made by 2 Platoons of the Battalion who succeeded in retaking the BRASSERIE, capturing 2 prisoners & 2 H. Guns and inflicting very heavy casualties on the enemy.

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27th.

Heavy shelling. Attack still held. Enemy aircraft very active. Battalion relieved at night by Kings Liverpool and Companies moved to Support positions. Bn: H. Co. at Dickbusch Lake.

SUPPORT LINE

28th.

Battalion in same positions. Heavy shelling of front line during day. Quiet night. 2/kent: R.V. Mills Killed whilst on reconnaissance.

29th.

Continued heavy shelling of our positions by the enemy. Our Artillery very active. Battalion relieved at night by 2nd Lancs, and proceeded to Devonshire Camp.

DEVONSHIRE CAMP

30th.

Battalion resting all day.

R. F. DREW, Captain,
Comd. 11th R. Sussex Regiment.

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NAV. DEVONSHIRE CAMP.

1st Battalion merged into two Companies. Morning devoted to cleaning up and reorganisation. Battalion with other Units formed into the new No 1 Composite Battalion 39th Divisional Composite Brigade. Moved in the afternoon to H.21.d. in Reserve positions. Returned to DOMINION CAMP for two hours and returned to line later.

2nd During day considerable artillery and aerial activity on both sides. Weather fine. Fairly quiet evening. Our artillery carried out heavy bombardment during night.

3rd Artillery very active on both sides throughout the day. Heavy constant shelling back areas. Weather fine. Battalion relieved by the 10th Bn Worcester Regt. at night, and proceeded to Brigade H.Q.s. where the men bivouaced for remainder of the night.

4th Battalion proceeded by March Route to ST JAN PER BIZEN (N. CAMP) arriving at 5.30 p.m. Remainder of day devoted to cleaning up. Capt H.M. TYLER attached to 1st Bn 305th Inf. Regt A.E.F. as Company Commander & LIEUT. J.A. DAVINSON attached to 1st Bn. 305th Inf. Regt. A.E.F. as Lewis Gun Officer. 2 Lieut P.A. URSAN attached 2nd Bn 305th Inf. Regt A.E.F. as Company Commander. Lieut H.M. GEARY attached 3rd Bn. 305th Inf Regt A.E.F. as Company Commander.

H. CAMP.

5th Battalion moved off at 2.30 p.m. and proceeded by March Route to ROUSBROUZE Station enroute for AUDRUICQ at 8.30 p.m. Weather very wet.

WITLIES-LES-ADRES.

6th Battalion detrained at AUDRUICQ at 4.0 a.m. and proceeded in G.S. Wagons & Limbers to billets in WITLIES-LES-ADRES. Arrived in billets about 6.0 a.m. Hot Breakfast provided and remainder of day devoted to sleep and rest.

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- 7th Day devoted to refitting, reorganization and general cleaning up. Baths allotted to Battalion the whole day. Weather fine
- 8th Companies at disposal of Company Commanders. Morning devoted to Rifle Inspections. Physical Training, and Arms Drill. Remainsder of day spent in General cleaning up.
- 9th Training carried out during morning as on previous day. Signaling Classes also commenced 2/TIME. A. BBOCKER proceeded to 2nd Army Lewis Gun School for 18 days Course.
- 10th Training carried on from 9 a.m to 12.0 noon. Drill - Musketry - Bayonet Fighting - Box Respirator Drill - March Past. Capt. G. SALTER, M.C. rejoined Battalion from 6 months duty in ENGLAND.
- 11th Usual training carried out as on previous day. No parades during afternoon. Weather fine.
- 12th Church Parades for all ranks at 11.30 a.m. in front of CHAPEL. Football match against 13th R Sues R in afternoon. Capt G. SALTER M.C. took over duties of Second in Command. Capt. H. ANON M.C. took over command of 'C' Company.
- 13th Training carried out from 9.0 a.m to 12.30 p.m. Drill - Musketry - Bayonet fight - Saluting - Gas Helmet Drill - Ceremonial Drill & March Past. Some rain during day. Lieut J.G. ARBITTAGE and 2 Lieut J.R. BAKER rejoined from 116 L.T.M. Battery.
- 14th Usual training carried out from 9.0 am to 12.30 p.m. weather dull, but fine.
- 15th Training carried out as usual during morning. Lieut P.G. ARBITTAGE took over command of "B" Coy. 2 Lieut. J.R. BAKER posted to "B" Coy. for duty. weather fine and warm.
- 16th Usual training continued during morning. weather fine and warm.
- 17th Training continued as on previous days. Capt H.O.F. ROBINSON rejoined Battalion from 29th Divisional Headquarters and took over Command of "D" Company.

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18th

Usual Training carried on. Major A.S. ANDREWS joined Battalion from 14th on Hampshire Regt. Weather fine and very warm.

19th

Church Parades. No training carried out during day. "D" Coy provided working party of 15 men for work on Brigade Gas Ground at GUMLEY. Football match against 13th R. Subs. R. in evening. Divisional Revolves gave free performance to this Battalion at 6.30 p.m. Major A.S. ANDREWS assumed Command of the Battalion. Capt. F.F. DEW M.C. took over duties of Second in Command. Capt G. SALTER M.C. took over command of "B" Company.

20th

Usual training continued. Weather fine and hot. "D" Coy provided working party as on previous day. "A" & "B" Coys. provided working party of 2 Officers and 60 men for work under 23rd Field Coy R.E. on Ranges at GUMLEY. Eveready Battrons taken. Party returned about 4.0 p.m. 2 Lieut E.J. HINSLBY proceeded to ROBEY in charge of party of details from 118 Infantry Brigade. Orders received for Battalion to be formed into a Cadre Training detachment for instructing American Units, surplus personnel and transport to be despatched to Base Depot about the 23rd Inst.

21st

Baths allotted to Battalion from 8.0 am to 12.0 noon and from 1.0pm to 4.0pm. Training carried on when Companies not resting. "C" & "D" Companies provided working party of 2 Officers and 80 men for work on GUMLEY Ranges. Weather very fine and warm.

22nd

Divisional Commander inspected Battalion with the 13th S. Subs. R at 11.0 am in front of the CHATEAU. Medal Ribbons presented to recent recipients of Honours. Remainder of day devoted to general cleaning up and settlements preparatory to the Battalion being disbanded. "A" & "B" Coys. provided usual Working Party for GUMLEY Ranges. Weather fine and hot. 2/Lieut. A. BROOKER returned from Course at 2nd Army Lewis Gun School.

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23rd Surplus Personnel despatched to MARLBOROUGH. Roll Call and Parade at 7.30 a.m. Entrained at ABBINGDON Station at 2.40 p.m. 6 Officers and 267 Other Ranks proceeded under Capt. H.C.T. ROBINSON. Quartermaster of Battalion forming Battalion Training Staff proceeded to billets at LIQUORS at 5.0 p.m. Weather fine with high wind.

24th

LICQUES.

Day employed in reorganising Training Staff and arranging Billets. Lieut G. HAYCOCK M.C. with 38 Other Ranks (Surplus Transport Personnel) proceeded to MARLBOROUGH by march route. 2/Lieut. E.J. HANSLY returned from ROUTE. Weather very wet heavy rain the whole day.

25th

Reorganisation continued. Weather dull, but fine.

26th

Lieut. J.O. WHITING and 2/Lieut. E.J. HANSLY proceeded to MARLBOROUGH with party of 17 Other Ranks. Entrained at ABBINGDON Station. Weather fine & warm. Lieut. C. GRAINGER M.C. joined Battalion for duty as Quartermaster from 1st Bn R.W. Surrey Regt. Lieut. E.B. OWENS, M.C. temporarily acting as Quartermaster returned to 13th R.Suse.R. Baths allotted to details from 2 pm to 3 pm

27th & Battalion standing by pending arrival of American units. Weather fine and warm.

29th

Insurer Parade and Inspection by the O.O. on the Square near the Church at 9.0 a.m. Weather very fine and warm.

20th &

Battalion standing by in Billets awaiting arrival of American troops. Weather very fine & warm. The following Decorations were awarded during the month.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.
Capt. H. AMON M.C.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

2/Lieut. J.A. DAVIDSON.
2/Lieut. E.J. HANSLY.

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Decorations contd.

30th &
31st
(Contd.)THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No 20400 a/R.S.N. H.M. BIRD.

2446 Pte.	C. HENHAM.
528 I./Cpl.	C. SPADIN.
4386 Pte	A. HANVEX.
1766 Sgt.	A. GOLDIE.
2285 I./Cpl.	F. SPEYENS.
14923 I./Sgt	J.A. BAINES.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

No 1084 L./Cpl. C.V. PENNY H.M.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 1270 L./Cpl. S. ROYS.

4822 " "	W. HUMR.
17333 Pte.	F.A. GRISLON.
7952 " "	B. HOLLIS.
17336 " "	O.C. MORRIS.
5925 Cpl.	F. BURCH.
16794 I./Cpl.	W. ILMFORD.
17788 I./Cpl.	W.E. SPEARS.
15512 Pte.	W.J. ANDERSON.
835 " "	H.F. NORMAN.
737 " "	S.M. SINGLE.
6854 " "	J.F. BRINKHURST.
17375 " "	A.C. FAYLOR.
6426 G.S.M.	D.G. HORNWELL.
14047 Pte.	C.R. MILTON.

A.E. ANDREWS Lieut. Colonel, Regt.
Comd'g. 11th Bn Royal Sussex

3rd June 1918.

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Headquarters,
7th Inf. Bde.

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for G.O.C. 11th Bn. Royal
Sussex Regt.

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June.

INCIDENTS.

1st.

Battalion affiliated with 2nd Bn. the 305th Inf. Regt. and 2nd Bn. 26th Inf. Regt. A.F.F. from 12 noon today. Capt. G. BATES, H.C. rejoined from 2nd Army Anti Gas Course. Capt. H. AMOS, M.C. attached to 5th Bn. Black Watch as instructor. Weather fine.

2nd.

Baths allotted to Battalion from 2.0 P.m. to 3.0 P.m. Weather fine and hot. 5 Other ranks surplus to Training Establishment dispatched to Base.

3rd. to
5th.

Training of American Battalions commenced. Slaughter, House Wares, Bayonet Fighting etc. & simple tactical exercises. Also Practising Company in the attack. Weather continued fine & warm.

6th.

Orders received for all American Units of 77th American Division to leave this area. Lewis Guns, Rifles & various stores handed over for safe custody by American Units.

7th.

All instructors attached to 305th and 26th Infantry Regiment A.F.F. returned owing to their Battalions having left the area.

8th. to
10th.

Battalion standing by awaiting arrival of new American troops.

11th.

All Officers & H.C.O. Instructors paraded at LA SOLITUDE. Range for Bayonet Fighting instruction under Sergt. SIMMONS (A.G.S.) Parade lasted from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Capt. P.F. DREW, H.C. and one instructor proceeded to Second Army Anti Gas School for Course.

13th.

Bayonet Fighting Course for all Officers and Instructors continued at same times as yesterday.

15th.

Instruction in Map Reading & Compass work given to all Officers & Instructors by the C.O. from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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All Officers & Instructors carried out an Advance Guard and Attack Scheme under the C.O. at 9.30 a.m.

15th.

Musketry Exercises and firing practises carried out by all Officers & S.G.O.s on LA SOLITUDE Range from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

16th.

Baths allotted to Battalion from 2.0 p.m. to 3.0 p.m. Orders received for Battalion to be attached to 118th Infantry Brigade to assist in training 12th Bn. 120th Infantry Reg. I.E.F. C.O. attended conference at 118th Inf. Bde. Headquarters.

LISTERDALE.17th.

Battalion moved from LIQUEURS to LISTERDALE by march route. Arrived in new billets at 2.0 p.m. Battalion affiliated to 2nd Bn. 120th Inf. Regt. 60th American Brigade. Capt. H. AMON, M.C. & various instructors returned from 9th Black Watch.

18th.

The C.O. and Capt. H. M. TYLER reconnoitred the WINNIZELLE line which was to be occupied by the 120th Infantry Regiment and affiliated British Cadre Battalions in the event of a heavy hostile attack. Capt. S. L. WALKER, M.C. represented the C.O. at a training Conference held at 118th Inf. Bde. H.Qrs.

Training of 2nd Battalion 120th Infantry Regt. commenced.

19th.

Training continued. Capt. P. Y. DREW, M.C. returned from 2nd Army Anti Gas Course.

20th.

Training continued. Weather dull and showery.

21st.

2nd Bn. 120th Infantry Regt. proceeded to NORTHWILTINGHEE for Musketry Practises - All Company Commanders, C.S.M.s, C.Q.M.S.s and Musketry Instructors proceeded with American Battalion and bivouaced in neighbourhood of RanGees for 2 days.

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22nd.

Orders received for Battalion to take over 1st Bn. 120th Infantry Regt. then affiliated to 13th R. Suss. R. Battalion moved to Billote at GRASSE FAYETTE by march route and took over from 15th R. Suss. R.

23rd.

Baths at BECQUES allotted to Battalion from 1.0 p.m. to 2.0 p.m. No training carried out. Instructors returned from MONTMIRAILHEVE.

24th.

Battalion took over training of 1st Bn. 120th Inf. Regt. Lt. Col. A. E. ANDREWS and Lieut. H. M. GEAR attached to 120th Infantry Regimental Headquarters. Capt. H. H. TYLER took over duties of C.O. during absence of Lt. Col. ANDREWS.

25th.

Training of Americans continued.

26th.

Warning Orders received for Battalion to hold itself in readiness to proceed to ENGLAND with 25th Division to reconstitute.

27th &
28th.

Training still continued and preparations for departure to England commenced.

29th. 6.30

a.m.

Wire received from 115th Inf. Bde. instructing Battalion to embark at AUDRIQUE at 11.0 a.m. for BOULOGNE. Very hurried departure.

11.20

a.m.

10 Officers and 54 Other Ranks embarked at AUDRIQUE & arrived at BOULOGNE at 2.0 p.m. Party conveyed by motor lorries to OSTROHOVE Camp for the night. Air raid alarm during night.

BOULOGNE.

30th.

Battalion left OSTROHOVE Camp at 9.15 a.m. & marched to BOULOGNE Harbour. Embarked at 10.30 a.m. & left BOULOGNE 12.30 p.m. Arrived at FOLKESTONE at 3.30 p.m. & entrained for ALDRSHOT. Very calm crossing. Arrived at NORTH CAMP Station at 9.0 p.m. & marched to Camp at NICHOLS with other units of 25th Division. All in camp by 9.45 p.m.

H. H. TYLER, Captain,
Comd'g. 115th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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July

INDEPENDENT CAMP, PARRIBROUGH

1st. Instructions received for 50 per cent of Training Staff to proceed on 4 days' leave. Weather very fine and warm.

2nd.

Lieut Col. A.E. ANDREWS, Capt H. AMOR, M.C., Lieut C. GRANGER, M.C., Lieut H.H. GRANT and 2/Lieut P.A. URBAN and 29 Other Ranks proceeded on leave. Capt. H.H. ...

... assumed command of the Battalion during the absence of Lieut Colonel A.E. ANDREWS on leave. Period of leave extended to 7 days. Capt. O. BAILEY, M.C., and 1 Instructor proceeded on leave's gun course at command school, Aldershot.

3rd.

Details standing by in camp, prepared for 1 hours physical training, rifle inspection etc.

4th.

Remainder of details proceeded on leave, with the exception of one instructor in each subject and a few employed men.

5th.

Weather very fine and hot. All details turned out several times during day to extinguish small bush fires near the Camp.

6th.

Capt P.J. DREW, M.C., proceeded on leave. Weather continued very hot and fires caused some trouble.

7th.

Voluntary services at ABEY VAIN CHURCH. Weather still continued very warm.

8th.

Lieut Col. A.E. ANDREWS, Capt. H. AMOR, M.C., Lieut C. GRANGER, M.C., Lieut H.H. GRANT & Lieut P.A. URBAN returned from leave also 29 O.Rs.

9th.

Capt. H.H. TYLER and Capt. E.L. WEALE M.C., proceeded on leave with remainder of details. 2/Lieut P.A. URBAN acted as Adjutant during the absence of Capt. H. WALKER, M.C.

10th.

The General Officer Commanding Aldershot Command inspected the details of the 20th Division during the morning. Capt. H. AMOR, M.C.

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Proceeded on Lewis Gun Course at Command School ALDERBROTH.

11th.

Orders received for Battalion to move to DEAL, Kent, on 13th inst. Preparations for move commenced.

12th.

Orders for move to DEAL cancelled.

13th.

Battalion standing by in Camp.

14th.

Orders received for Battalion to move to DEAL on 16th inst. Lieut H. D. VINT. R.A.M.C. joined Battalion for duty as Medical Officer.

15th.

Preparations for move to DEAL. Lieut. H. H. GEARVY admitted Hospital Sick.

16th.

Battalion moved to Billets at DEAL and came under the authority of the 21st Mixed Brigade for administration purposes. Battalion left NORTH CAMP Station at 12.32 p.m. for WATERLOO. Then marched to CHARING CROSS, departing from this Station at 3.0 pm. and arriving at DEAL at 7.30 pm. All in Billets by 8.0 pm. Men billeted in empty houses Officers at Royal Hotel. Battalion Headquarters at DAGGAR HOUSE, Capt. H. TYLER & Capt. E. L. WEAVER, C. returned from leave.

DAGGAR HOUSE DEAL

17th.

Draft of 30 Other Ranks joined from 3rd Royal Sussex Regt., formation of "D" Company commenced under Capt. H. H. TYLER as Company Commander.

18th.

The Commanding Officer inspected the new draft in Full Barring Order at 9.30 am. 2 Ment J.A. DAVIDSON, L.C. returned from leave.

19th.

"D" Company at the disposal of C.O. Company for Physical Training, Arms Drill &c. Details paraded at BISHWOOD HOUSE at 9.30 am under the C.O. for a skeleton scheme. Draft of 40 Other Ranks joined Battalion from 305th Reserve Employment Coy. Capt. P. J. DREW, L.C. rejoined from leave. Capt. G. SALYER, L.C. granted leave on termination of Lewis Gun Course.

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20th.

"D" Company at the disposal of O.C. Coy. The Commanding Officer inspected new drafts at 9.30 am. Details paraded for skeleton scheme at 9.30 am.

21st.

All men not employed attended Church Parade at St. GEORGE'S CHURCH DEAL. 3 Other Ranks from 3rd Butts joined Battalion.

22nd.

"D" Company at the disposal of O.C. Coy. Details paraded for scheme under Capt. P. J. DRAY, M.C. and 2 Lieut J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. The Commanding Officer inspected billets during the morning. Drafts of 21 Other Ranks from 3rd Bn H. West Kent Regt.; 30 Other Ranks from 3rd R. Sussex Regt. and 21 Other Ranks from East Anglian Brigade, arrived during day.

23rd.

"D" Company at the disposal of O.C. Coy for training. Details paraded for scheme under Capt. P. J. DRAY, M.C. & 2 Lt. J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. The Commanding Officer inspected the new drafts at 9.30 am. Formation of "A" Company commenced under Capt. P. J. DRAY, M.C. as Company Commander. Draft of 23 Other Ranks from 3rd Bn Northants Regt. arrived and posted to Battalion Headquarters moved to RHODA HOUSE, BEACH STREET.

RHODA HOUSE, DEAL.

24th.

"A" and "D" Companies at disposal of Company Commanders. Details paraded for scheme under 2 Lt. J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. The Commanding Officer inspected new drafts at 9.30 am. 2 Other Ranks joined from 4th Res. Bn. Norfolk Regt.

25th.

"A" and "D" Companies at disposal of Company Commanders. Details paraded for scheme under 2 Lieut J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. 2 Lieut J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. promoted Lieutenant on the expiration of 18 months commissioned service.

26th.

"A" and "D" Companies at the disposal of Company Commanders. Details paraded for scheme under Lieut. J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. 5 Other Ranks joined from 4 Res. Bn. Sussex Regt. and 4 Other Ranks from 56th Protection Coy. R.D.C.

27th.

"A" and "D" Companies at the disposal of Company Commanders. Details paraded for scheme under Lieut. J. A. DAVIDSON, M.C. Lieut. H. M. GRAY rejoined from sick leave.

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1 Other Rank joined from 69th Protection Coy. R.D.O. and 5 Other Ranks from 72nd Protection Coy. R.D.O.

28th.

Church Parade under Capt.H.I. WEALE.H.O. at 11.0 am. at ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, DEAL. 6 Other Ranks joined from 3rd Bn's. Capt.G.BALTER.H.O. rejoined from leave.

29th.

"A" & "G" Companies at the disposal of Company Commanders. The G.O.O. 22nd Mixed Brigade visited DEAL and watched Battalion at drill. No special inspection drafts of 1 Other Rank from 4th R. West Kent, 6 Other Ranks from 4 Res Bn R Sussex Regt. 24 Other Ranks from 99 Res Coy. R.D.O. 2 Other Ranks from 65th Protection Coy R.D.O. 10 Other Ranks from 3rd Bn Northants Regt and 9 Other Ranks from 3rd Royal Sussex Regt. joined Battalion during the day.

30th.

Men classified as Class 1. carried out Route March of 5 miles, in Full Marching Order under Lieut H.H. DEARY. Men classified as Class 2. carried out Route march of 5 miles in Drill Order under Capt.G.BALTER H.O. Remainder of companies at disposal of Company Commanders. The G.O.O. 75th Infantry Brigade inspected the Battalion on parade at 11.0 am. The Commanding Officer inspected the new drafts at 9.30 am. 7 Other Ranks joined from 3rd Res. London Regt. and 1 Other Rank from 4th Bn Northants R.

31st.

Class 1 and Class 2 men persuaded for Route March under Lieut H.H. DEARY at 9.30 am. Remainder of Companies at disposal of Company Commanders. Draft of 20 men from 3rd Bn Dorset Regt. posted to A.Coy. Formation of "B" Company commenced under Capt. G.BALTER.H.O. as Company Commander. 41 Other Ranks joined from 3rd R Sussex Regt and posted to "B" Coy. The Commanding Officer inspected all new drafts at 9.30 am.

A.R. ANDREWS. Lieut.Colonel,
Commanding 11th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

Headquarters
75th Infantry Brigade.

Herewith volume 30 of War Diary for August 1918.

E. L. FRANKS

Capt a/Adj't.
For O.C. 11th Bn Royal Sussex Regiment.

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Appendix.

August.

DEAL.

1st

The G.O.C. 25th Division inspected the Battalion on Parade at 11.30 a.m. Draft of 5 Other Ranks arrived from 4th Res Bn Oxford & Bucks L.I. and posted to 'g' Company. The Commanding Officer inspected reserve drafts at 9.30 a.m.

2nd

Companies at the disposal of Company Commanders for Physical Training, Drill, Musketry, Bayonet Fighting, etc. Barring and recreational training during afternoon.

3rd

Companies at the disposal of Company Commanders for training as on previous day. The Commanding Officer inspected Ballets of 'A' & 'C' Coys. during the morning.

4th

Battalion paraded as strong as possible for church parade at St. GEORGE'S CHURCH, DEAL at 11.0 a.m. No other parades during the day. Revd G.S. PAYNE G.F. C of E Chaplain attached to Battalion from today.

5th

Companies continued training as on previous days.

6th

Companies continued training as previously. The Brigadier General Commanding 75th Inf Brigade visited the Battalion during the morning & watched Companies training.

7th

Companies continued training. Five Officers joined Battalion from 3rd Bn Hampshire Regt joined Battalion 8/12.1919. SAILSBURY to 'b' Coy. 2 Lt. C.A. STOOKMAN to 'c' Coy. 2 Lt. A.W. BBOYD to 'd' Coy. 2 Lt. A.J. HOLLIS to 'd' Coy. 2 Lt. H.J. PLATT to 'A' Coy. Draft of 46 O.R.s joined from 3rd F. Sussex Regt. and posted to 'b' Coy. 1 man transferred to No. 442 Agricultural Employment Coy. for Agricultural work.

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8th

Training continued. The Commanding Officer inspected new drafts at 9.30 am. Draft of 12 O.Fs joined from 51st Gen'd Bn. Devon Regt. & posted to B Coy.

9th

Training continued. Medical Board assembled at the Aid Post at 2.30 pm. Draft men from D Coy examined. 25th Divisional Pyrethos gave entertainment to Battalion at the X.M.C.A. at 6.45 p.m. Five Officers arrived from 1st Res. Garr. Bn. Suffolk Regt. and posted as follows: LEVY, F.J. NORMAN to A Coy. 2 Lt. H.S. WOODIE to A Coy. LEVY, A.H. GRAYMAN to 1st Coy. 2 Lieut. A.W.B. FULFORD to 1st Coy. 2 Lt. G.F. V. RYNINGTON to 1st Coy.

10th

Training continued. Medical Board re-assembled at 10.0 am. and completed examination of unfit men. 123 Other Ranks classified as unfit for service with Battalion. Draft of 59 O.Fs joined Battalion from 52 Dred. Bn. Royal Fussex Regt. Formation of 1st Coy commanded with this draft under Capt. HANON M.C. as Company Commander. 10 Other Ranks joined from 6th F. Fusillers & posted to B Coy. 2 Lt. G.H. SOLESBURY joined from 1st Res Garr. Bn. Suffolk Regt. & posted to 1st Coy.

11th

Church Parade at 11.0 am. at St. GEORGE'S CHURCH DEAL.

12th

The Divisional Commander inspected the Battalion on 1st COYS Parade Ground at 12.20 p.m. Draft of 3 O.Fs joined from 4 Res. Royal West Kenton. & posted to B Coy. 2 Lieut. G.S. BERRINGTON DAVIES joined from 5th Bn the Rifle Brigade and posted to 1st Coy. Training of Lewis Gunners under Battalion & Company Instructions and Lewis Gun Officers. Capt. E. SPARKS joined from 3rd R. Fussex Regt. & posted to D Coy. 2 Lieut. A.W. ARBOLT, G.A. STODOLIN, H.J. PLANT, E.W. SALISBURY granted leave from 12.9.18 to 12.6.19.

13th

D Company carried out Firing Practises (Parts 1 & 3 Gen. Shutebury Course) on Range at SANDWICH from 9.0 am to 1.0 pm. Remainder of Battalion continued usual training.

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1 O.R. from P.D.C. & 6 O.Fs from
3rd R. Fusilier Regt. joined and
posted to 'B' Coy.

14th

D Company continued firing on Range
at SALDWICH from 8 am to 1.0 pm.
Remainder of Companies continued
training. 1 man transferred to
3rd R. Fusilier Regt. 2 Lieut.
P.O. SAUND joined from 5th Bn Rifle
Brigade & posted to A Company.

15th

'D' Range SANDWICH allotted to B
Coy from 8 am to 1 p.m. Remainder
of Battalion arrived on with
training until 11.0 a.m. The G.O.C.
221st Mixed Brigade present long
Service & Good Conduct Medal to
No. 5577 Sgt. Torle W. In YFROGRIA
PARK DEAN at 11.15 a.m. A "C"
& "D" Companies attended 80 Other
Ranks arrived from 3rd Essex Regt.
& posted to C Coy. Lieut. A.F.
ERLSON joined from 18th Bn.
Gloucester Regt.

Lieut. H. LAMBERG joined from 6th Bn
Somerset L.I. and posted to 'B' Coy.
2 Lieut. G. H. THISS joined from 18th
Gloucester Regt. & posted to C Coy.

16th

'B' Company allotted Range at
SANDWICH from 8.0 am. to 1.0 p.m.
Remainder of Companies continued
usual training. Draft of 28 O.Fs
arrived from 4th Reserve R. Fusil. R.
(20 of these were trained Signallers)
and posted to 'C' Coy. 4 O.Fs from
3rd Bde. posted to 'B' Coy. Lieut.
H.O.L. CALDWAY joined from 18th
Gloucester Regt. and posted to A Coy.

17th

Companies continued training. Range
allotted to 'C' Coy. during day.
Lieut. J.G. MAODING joined from 1st
Res Garrison, Suffolk R. & posted
to C Coy. 2 Lieut. A. F. HILL joined
from 18th Gloucester Regt. & posted
to 'A' Coy. 2 H.O. Os joined from
4th R. Warwick R. & posted to 'C'
Coy. 8 O.Fs joined from 3rd Bn
Norfolk Regt & posted to B Coy.

18th

Church Parade at St. Georges Church
DEAN at 11.0 am.

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Training continued. D & B Coye carried out Anti Gas Training under Divl. Gas H.Q.O. 'C' Coy continued firing on the range from 12.30 pm. to 8 p.m. 122 Unit men detached to 14th Bn Suffolk Regt at 6.45 am. under Capt. E. SPARRE. 2 Ident. F.O. MAUND proceeded on Gas Course at Aldershot Area Gas School GLAYCRAVE HILL.

20th

Training continued. 'C' and 'A' Coys carried out Anti Gas Training under Divisional Gas H.Q.O. The Brigadier General Commanding 75th Infantry Brigade visited Companies at training during the morning. Draft of 18 O.Rs from 4th Res. Bnns Regt joined Battalion & posted to B Company.

21st

'A' Coy allotted Range at SANDRICH from 2.0 pm. to 8.30 p.m. Postmaster of Companies continued training. 5 O.Rs from 4 R. Harwicks and 5 O.Rs from 81st Gnd. Bn. Beds Regt, posted to 'C' company.

22nd

Usual training continued. Lecture to all Lewis Gunners at 2.0 pm. 5 O.Rs joined from 3rd F. Sussex. F. and posted to 'C' Coy.

23rd

Companies continued training. Medical Board assembled 11.30 a.m. 30 men classified as Unit. 31 signallers detached to Garrison Signal School for further instruction. 3 O.Rs joined from 3rd Bn Gloucesters F. & 1 O.R. from 3rd Bn. Essex R. and posted to C Coy. 2/Lt. A. J. HOLES granted leave from 23.8.18 to 3.9.18. 2 Lt. G. W. V. RAYINGTON & 2 Lt. H. S. HODDLE attended Medical Board at SANDRICH and sent to Hospital pending results.

24th

Training continued. A Coy allotted Range at SANDRICH from 8.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. but recalled at 10.0 a.m. when orders received for Battalion to move to Aldershot on 25th inst. 2 Ident. G. T. HAINES sent to Col. VANCE M.I.Y.D. (War Office) for duty. 1 Unit man transferred to 14th Suffolk Regt. Holt. 6 O.Rs from 3rd R. Harwicks Regt and 15 O.Rs from 3rd Bnns Regt posted to 'C' Coy.

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25th Battalion moved to ALDERSHOT, starting at 8.30 a.m. Detained at 11.0 am. and arrived at Aldershot at 3.0 p.m. Marched to WYCHESLE CAMP arriving 4.30 p.m. Battalion accommodation under canvas.

26th Companies continued training as at DEPT.

EXERCISES.

27th Drilling carried on as on previous days. Class for Junior N.C.Os. commenced and Specialized Classes increased in numbers. 13 O.Ps. from 17th Bn, posted to 'C' Coy. Capt. H. M. TILLY took over the duties of 2nd Lt Owens from today. Capt. D. SPARK took over Command of 'D' Company vice Capt. H. M. TILLY.

28th Re-4 Range (A&E) allotted to Battalion from 8.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. All Companies fired on the Range. 1 O.P. joined from 3rd Bn, Regt. & posted to 'G' Coy.

29th Companies continued training. Major General HOWARD K.C.B. K.C.M.G. Inspector of Infantry, visited the Brigade on the training ground during the day. A/Capt. C.A.G. SUGGESS joined from 3rd Bn, Sussex, R. and posted to 'D' Coy.

30th The O.I.O.S. inspected the 76 Inf. Brigade at 4.30 p.m. Preliminary rehearsal by Brigadier General Comd. at 11.0 a.m. O.I.O.S. expressed himself very pleased with appearance & turn out of Brigade.

31st Companies continued usual training. Divisional Gas Officer visited Companies and superintended anti-Gas training. 2 Lieut. H.S. HODDIE rejoined from Home Mail classified as fit for Home Service.

A.E. ANDREWS
Lieut. Colonel,
Comd. 11th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

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September

MITCHELL CAMP, FARNBOROUGH.

1st

Church Parades on Parade Ground at 10.0 a.m. No other Parades during day.

2nd

Battalion fired on No. 4 Range, ASR from 1.0 p.m. to dusk. Previous to proceeding to Range Companies carried out Special Training, Rifle Drill, Bayonet Fighting etc. Draft of 22 O.R.'s arrived from 1st Mes. Garr. Bn. Suffolk Regt. and posted to "A" Coy.

3rd

Battalion allotted Bayonet Fighting Course at BLACKDOWN from 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. each Company using the course for 1 hour. All Officers recomotored the Training Area of the 1st Res. Bn. London Regt. at 10.0 a.m. Medical Board held at 10.0 a.m. 28 O.Rs classified as unfit. Draft of 12 O.Rs arrived from 4th Res. Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. and posted to "A" Coy.

4th

Battalion Drill under the O.C. carried out from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 17 Targets on No. 4 Range. ASR allotted to Battalion from 1.0 pm. to dusk. All Companies fired on Range. Draft of 10 O.Rs from 3rd Bn. R. Sussex R. arrived and posted to "A" Coy.

5th

Usual Training carried out during day. Lewis Gunners of "A" & "B" Coys fired on Range from 1.0 p.m. to dusk. E/Lieut. A.S. JOHNSON and E/Lt. F.W. ROSS joined from 51st Grad. Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

6th

Battalion paraded in Pull Marching Order for Route March at 9.0 am. Route via MITCHELL PARK - FRIELAY GREEN - FRIELAY - FARNBOROUGH - NORTH CAMP STATION. 7 O.Rs Unfit transferred to 3rd Bn. Essex Regt. and 4 O.Rs Unfit transferred to 3rd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. E/Lieut. J.D.A. COMMOULT joined from 3rd Bn. Cheshire Regt. and

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took over duties of Battalion Signaling Officer.
2/Lieuts. E. W. H. IUGAS and W. A. REDBROTT joined from 51st Grad. Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. Orders received for all Overseas Kit to be issued to Battalion at once and to stand by for orders to proceed on Active Service in Northern Russia.

7th

Battalion allotted Bombing Ground at PIRRIEHEAD during morning - one hour per Company.
2/Lt. E. W. H. IUGAS despatched to School of Aeronautics, READING for attachment to R. A. F.

8th

Church Parades abandoned owing to inclement weather. 112 Under Age Boys transferred to 3rd Bn. P. Sussex Regt. 2/Lt. H. G. KENDALL and 2/Lieut. R. M. J. PENNYCOOK joined from 3rd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

9th

Battalion carried out Route March parading at 8.30 a.m. Route via MYTCHETT - PRIMLEY - COLONY GATE - DESERTOR BRIDGE. Physical Training, Huketry & Gas Drill carried out from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Steel Helmets worn on all parades during day. Drafts of 259 O. Rs from 13th East Surrey Regt. - 275 O. Rs from 21st Bn. Middlesex Regt. and 11 O. Rs from 3rd Bn. Wilts. Regt. joined and distributed amongst Companies. 2/Lieut. C. HARKIN joined from 51st Grad. Bn. R. Sussex. R. and 2/Lieuts. A. FLAUNT - A. W. THREW - N. W. TOPP and F. S. BROWN joined from 4th Res. Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

10th

Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for re-organisation. All Drafts which arrived yesterday inspected by G. O. C. 76th Infantry Brigade at 9.15 a.m.
2/Lieut. N. POLLEY joined from 3rd Bn. Suffolk Regt. 4 O. Rs joined from 13th Bn. S. Surrey Regt. and 10 O. Rs from 21st Bn. Middlesex Regt.

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- 11th
The G.O.C. 28th Division inspected the Battalion at 10.0 a.m. Dress - Clean Fatigue. Remainder of day Commanders at disposal of Company Commanders for re-organisation and equipping for Overseas. The following Officers Medically boarded as unfit were transferred to their original Battalions:-
Lieut. E.C.L. CALHAWAY to 3rd Bn. Gloucester Regt.
2/Lieut. H.S. MOODIE to 1st Res. Garr. Bn. Suffolk Regt.
2/Lieut. F.O. LAUND to 5th Bn. Rifle Brigade.
- 12th
Commanders at disposal of Company Commanders for re-organisation and equipping.
A/Major J.W.C. AUSTIN joined from 2/6th Bn. Suffolk Regt.
2/Lieut. F.R. PALRY joined from 4th Res. Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.
- 13th
Battalion inspected by Commander in Chief, Aldershot Command at 9.0 a.m. Dress, Full Marching Order: Lieut. H.W. GRANT and 12 O.Rs with all transport vehicles and as much baggage as possible left at 7.0 a.m. for ALBERT DOCKS, LONDON for embarkation to Northern Russia on H.M.T. LAURENCE.
- 14th
Commanders at disposal of Company Commanders for usual Training etc. Battalion Headquarters personnel inspected by C.O. at 2.15 p.m. Orders received for Bn to hold itself in readiness to entrain on night of 16/17th for a Northern port for embarkation to North Russia.
- 15th
Ranges allotted to "A" and "D" Coys from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and to "B" & "C" Coys from 1 p.m. to dusk.
- 16th
Day devoted to packing and despatch of remaining baggage. 50 Unit O.Rs despatched to 15th Bn. Devon. Regt. Orders received that more to be postponed 24 hours.
- 17th
General clearing up etc. during day. Bn paraded at 9.50 p.m. marched to GOVERNMENT SIDING, ALDERSHOT where it entrained for

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two trains at midnight for
LEITH. 34 Officers and 945
O.R.s proceeded.
Lieut. A.H. GRANTON left in
Camp in charge of all Details
left behind.

LEITH.

Battalion travelled North via
READING - OXFORD - BANBURY -
LITCHFIELD - NOTTINGHAM - SHEFFIELD
YORK - DURHAM - BERTHOLOMEW -
to LEITH. Train stopped at YORK
Station at 9.0 a.m. for 15 minutes
while breakfast issued.
Battalion embarked on H.M.S.
LITCHFIELD about 5.0 p.m.

19th

Boat sailed at 1.0 p.m. and
anchored again at dusk in entrance
of Firth of FORTH.

H.M.S. LITCHFIELD.

20th

Continued voyage at 10.30 a.m.,
keeping close in shore. Weather
bright & fresh in morning - some
rain during afternoon. Companies
each carried out 1 hour's Physical
Drill on deck. Inspection of Ship
by Commander of Ship, O.C. Troops
& Ship's Adjutant at 11.0 a.m.
All troops standing by at Boat
Stations during inspection.

21st

Voyage continued - lost sight of
land during day. Usual Routine -
Physical Drill and Inspection of
Ship - Weather stormy towards
evening - High wind & some rain.

22nd

Very stormy day & heavy seas
running. Wind extremely high
& walking on Upper Deck very
difficult. Wind dropped towards
evening & rain ceased during
night.

23rd

Weather improved & seas not so
high. Some rain during day.
No parades & day spent in recover-
ing from previous days Gale &
cleaning up decks etc.

24th

Weather improved & sun shone
most of day. Sea quite calm.
Usual Routine continued.

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25th

Weather dull but fine - sea quite calm. Usual Physical Drill Parades & Inspection. Medical inspection at 2.0 p.m.

26th

Weather wet & cold. Vade good progress & sighted land about 3.0 p.m. Very barren & rocky coast. Vessel anchored outside MURMANEK about 9.30 p.m.

H. K. C. MARGSPERLING, MURMANEK

27th

Vessel towed in to quay early in the morning. Battalion remained on board waiting orders for disembarkation.

28th

B & C Companies disembarked & proceeded to KOLA by train during afternoon under Capt. H. E. TYLER. Remainder of Battalion disembarked about 7.30 p.m. and re-embarked on board the R. S. CALKSON sailing about 8.30 p.m. for ESTORNGA. No accommodation & all troops on top deck the whole night. Very wet & cold & most uncomfortable voyage.

ESTORNGA.

Arrived in ESTORNGA HARBOUR about 2.0 p.m. Moored alongside H. M. S. COCHRANE and troops taken ashore in boats. 2 platoons of "A" Coy under Capt. R. R. MAIR sent to TRINIPON. Remainder of "A" Coy, "D" Coy & Bn. H. Qrs marched to billets at the HAWTHED HOUSE, ESTORNGA. Arrived in billets about 9.0 p.m.

Remainder of baggage came ashore from S. S. CALKSON. Day spent in arranging accommodation & fixing up new quarters.

A. R. ANDREWS,

Lt. Colonel,

Command. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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PETCHENGA.

- 1st
Remainder of "A" Company under Capt. P. J. DREW M.C. proceeded to UPPER MONASTERY at 9.30 a.m.
"D" Coy carried out Rifle Exercises, Physical Training etc. during morning. Weather fine & cold.
- 2nd
"D" Coy. at disposal of Company Commander for Drill, Physical Training. Inspections etc.
Weather fine during day but some rain in evening.
- 3rd
Two Platoons of "D" Coy. under Capt. O.A.G. BURGESS (100 All Ranks) relieved the two platoons of "A" Coy. at TRYPHINOFF, under Capt. R.P. LAIR. Capt. LAIR'S party returned to PETCHENGA and took over billets at HAWTHED HOUSE vacated by "D" Coy.
- 4th
Working parties of 125 O.Rs. provided for improvement of Billets. Turf Cutting. Excavating & constructing dug-outs & defenses & preparing Birchhouses on COORHANE & WATERFALL HILLS.
Working Hours 8.30 a.m. to dusk.
- 5th
145 O.Rs. employed on Working Parties as on previous day.
Weather fine & mild.
- 6th
2 Officers, 160 O.Rs. employed on fatigues & working parties.
Weather rainy & mild.
- 7th
1 Officers 101 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties.
- 8th
3 Officers 191 O.Rs. detailed for working & carrying parties. All men not employed on working parties, bathed during afternoon.
- 9th
2 Officers 186 O.Rs. detailed for working parties as previously. Remainder of Battalion bathed on return from Working Parties.

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- 10th 2 Officers 177 O.Rs. detailed for usual working parties. Lieut. H. H. GRANT and 32 O.Rs. and remainder of DeSage's and transport vehicles arrived from MURMANSE.
- 11th 2 Officers 184 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties. Dinner performance given in the Loft at HAUNTED HOUSE by H. E. S. COCHRAN at 6.0 p.m. and 6.0 p.m.
- 12th 2 Officers 204 men employed on various parties. Entertainments given by the Concert Party of H. H. S. COCHRAN in the Loft at HAUNTED HOUSE at 3.30 p.m. and 7.0 p.m.
- 13th 2 Officers 185 men employed on working parties during morning. Work ceased at 1.0 p.m. Voluntary Church of England Service at 6.0 p.m.
- 14th 2 Officers 173 men employed on usual working parties. Two platoons of "D" Coy at TRYPHIOZP returned to HAUNTED HOUSE, leaving 2 Lt. H. S. COCHRAN and 20 men behind as "Guard".
- 15th 3 Officers 175 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties.
- 16th 4 Officers 216 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties.
- 17th 3 Officers 215 O.Rs employed on usual working parties.
- 18th 3 Officers 222 men employed on usual working parties & fatigues.
- 19th 3 Officers 215 men employed on usual working parties.
- 20th 3 Officers 233 men employed on usual working parties. Work ceased at 1.0 p.m. Voluntary Services at 8.30 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.
- 21st 3 Officers 194 men employed on usual working parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Baths allotted to "A" Coy. Bn. H. Qrs. & 70 men of "D" Coy. from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.

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- 22nd
4 Officers 220 men employed on usual working parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Remainder of "B" Coy & all casualties bathed from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
- 23rd
4 Officers 202 men employed on usual working parties.
- 24th
4 Officers 213 men employed on usual working parties.
- 25th
4 Officers 178 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties.
- 25th
5 Officers 235 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties.
- 27th
5 Officers 206 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties. Work ceased at 1.0 p.m. Voluntary Service at 6.15 p.m.
- 28th
4 Officers 135 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties. Lt. J.A. DAVIDSON and 75 O.Rs. proceeded to TRZYKINOWY to carry up Ganten Stores - Hall etc. which had arrived from BUREBARSK. Baths allotted to 2 Bn.H.Qrs. "A" Coy. & 70 men from "D" Coy. from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Working parties ceased work at 4.30 p.m. Serbian Artillery registered Ground between NORTH ROAD & FROCHENKA River during morning.
- 29th
5 Officers 210 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties. Remainder of "D" Coy and casualties from "A" Coy. & H.Qrs bathed from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Working parties ceased work at 4.30 p.m.
- 30th
4 Officers 210 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties.
- 31st
4 Officers 210 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties. Lieut. J.G. MACJURE and 11 O.Rs. proceed to MURKANSK to obtain Ganten stores etc. for the Garrison for the winter.

A.E. ANDREWS,
Lieut. Colonel,
Comdg. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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REPOCHENGA.

- 1st. 4 Officers and 194 Other Ranks employed on various Working Parties for improvement of Camp - Defences - Blockhouses etc. from 8.15 a.m. till dusk. 2 Lieut. A.W. ARBOTT and 8 O.R.s from "D" Coy. proceeded to COCHRANE HILL as Garrison for Blockhouses.
- 2nd. 4 Officers and 194 Other Ranks employed on usual working parties.
- 3rd. 4 Officers 174 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Work ceased at 1.0 p.m. Voluntary Services in the Nonsectary Church at 9.30 a.m. and at the HANDTID HOUSE at 5.15 p.m.
- 4th. 4 Officers 182 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Baths allotted to Battalion from 8.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
- 5th. 4 Officers 174 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
- 6th. 3 Officers 163 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties.
- 7th. 4 Officers 184 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Artillery practice carried out from 10.0 a.m. to 3.0 p.m.
- 8th. 4 Officers 166 men employed on usual Working Parties. 10 Other Ranks proceeded to COCHRANE HILL to Garrison the OCTAGONAL BRICK HOUSE.
- 9th. 4 Officers 166 men employed on various Working Parties.
- 10th. 4 Officers 166 Other Ranks employed on various Working Parties. Work ceased at 12.30 p.m. Voluntary Services at the SOMERSET CHURCH at 9.0 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
- 11th. 4 Officers 174 Other Ranks employed on various Working Parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Artillery practice carried

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- 11th Octd. out between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Concert given by 280th M.C.Coy. at NAVAL BARRACKS for the 11th R.Sus.R. at 7.0 p.m.
- 12th. 4 Officers 147 Other Ranks employed on working Parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
- 13th. 4 Officers 155 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
- 14th. 4 Officers 154 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Artillery practices carried out from 10 a.m. to 3.0 p.m. The Commanding Officer visited "A" Coy. at the UPPER MONASTERY to inspect the Detachment. Capt. R.P.MAIR acted as C.O. during absence of Lt. Col. A.E.ANDREWS.
- 15th. 4 Officers 162 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties.
- 16th. 4 Officers 153 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. The Commanding Officer returned from UPPER MONASTERY. Regimental Concert given at the HAWTHED HOUSE at 6.30 p.m.
- 17th. 4 Officers 158 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties. Work ceased at 12.30 p.m. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 9.30 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. 1 M.C.C. and 10 men from "A" Coy. proceeded to COCHRAN'S HILL as Garrison for No. 1 Blockhouse. Heavy fall of snow during day.
- 18th. 4 Officers 177 Other Ranks employed on usual Working Parties until 12.30 p.m. Battalion paraded at 3.0 p.m. in Drill Order under the C.O. for inspection - Drill - Physical Exercises etc. Snow fell at intervals during day. Baths allotted to Bn. from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.

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4 Officers 156 Other Ranks employed on usual working parties. Employed men who did not parade yesterday were paraded at 2.0 p.m. inside corridors of HAUNTED HOUSE at 2 p.m. for inspection, Arms Drill etc. Fore snow fell during day and high wind making many drifts.

20th.

3 Officers 149 Other Ranks employed on working parties. Battalion paraded at 2.0 p.m. for Drill & Physical Exercises also for lecture by Medical Officer. Lecture given to all Garrison troops by Capt. V. SMALL at the HAUNTED HOUSE at 6.15 p.m. on "RUSSIA". Ident. J. G. HARRING and party returned from VIMURVANSK with Canteen Stores.

21st.

3 Officers 135 Other Ranks employed on usual working parties. Work ceased at 4.30 p.m. Usual parade for Regimentally employed men at 2.0 p.m.

22nd.

3 Officers 145 Other Ranks employed on usual working parties. Work ceased at 12.30 p.m. Battalion paraded for exercise at 2.15 p.m. under Company Commanders.

23rd.

2 Officers 139 Other Ranks employed on usual working parties. No parade during afternoon.

24th.

2 Officers 129 Other Ranks employed on working parties. Work ceased at 12.30 p.m. Voluntary Services held in the Memorial Church at 9.30 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

25th.

2 Officers 138 Other Ranks employed on working parties. Work ceased at 12.30 p.m. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements at 2.15 p.m. for Exercise & Drill. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.

26th.

2 Officers 149 Other Ranks employed on working parties. Usual parade for men Regimentally employed at 2.15 p.m. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.

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- 27th. 2 Officers 136 Other Ranks employed on various working parties. Battalion paraded for Drill and Exercise under Company arrangements at 2.15 p.m.
- 28th. 2 Officers 143 Other Ranks employed on various working parties. Parade for Regimentally employed men at 2.15 p.m. Weather much warmer & slight thaw set in during day. Temperature only - 0.5°.
- 29th. 3 Officers 149 men employed on usual working parties till 12.30 p.m. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements at 2.15 p.m. for Drill & Exercise. Concert given by the UPPER NONINFANTRY Concert Party at the HAUGHTON HOUSE at 6.0 p.m. Temperature - 4.7°.
- 30th. 3 Officers 140 men employed on various working parties. No parade for employed men during afternoon. Large Mail from ENGLAND arrived during day.

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- 1st No fatigues carried out during day. Voluntary Services held in the Monastery Church at 9.30 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
- 2nd 3 Officers 142 other ranks employed on usual working parties for improving Camp defences etc. until 12.30 pm. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill and exercises, at 2.15 p.m. Batshe allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
- 3rd 82 men employed on various working parties during day. 2/Lieut. P.S. BROWN and 48 men from "A" Coy. proceeded to YORBA. Batshe allotted to Battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. 2/Lieut. A.W. HEW and 47 O.Rs. returned from TRYPHOMOFF. Regimentally employed men paraded for drill & exercise at 2.15 p.m.
- 4th 129 men employed on usual working parties till 12.30 p.m. Ski-ing classes commenced from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. 15 Squads under-going instruction. Battalion paraded at 2.15 p.m. for drill and exercise. Lecture by C.O. to D. Coy. at 6.15 p.m.
- 5th 111 Men employed on usual working parties. Parade for drill and exercises for Regimentally employed men at 2.15 p.m. 10 Men of "D" Coy. carried out firing practices on the Range during morning, special attention being given to firing from the kneeling position - the usual position when ski-ing. Lecture by C.O. to "A" Coy. & Battalion Headquarters at 6.15 p.m.
- 6th 118 Men employed on usual working parties till 12.30 p.m. Ski-ing classes continued. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill & exercise at 2.15 p.m.

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- 7th 118 Men employed on various working parties during day. No afternoon parade held. Ski-ing courses continued as usual.
- 8th No working parties during day. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 9.30 am. and 8.15 p.m. No Ski-ing classes held. Mail arrived during evening.
- 9th 122 Men employed on usual working parties till 12.30 pm. Ski-ing courses continued as usual. Battalion paraded at 2.15 p.m. under Company arrangements for drill & exercise. Baths allotted to battalion from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0. p.m.
- 10th 122 Men employed on usual working parties. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 2.15 for drill and exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2/Lieut. A.F. Hill and 2/Lieut. A.W. FREW proceeded to MURAVSK to be attached to the C.O.O. 2/Lieut. H.G. KENDALL with 12 O.Rs. proceeded to MURAVSK for Canteen Stores. 3 O.Rs. from Transport Section proceeded to the KAMDALAKHA Detachment in charge of stores and to remain with that Detachment for duty. 80 O.Rs. from 7th Coy. proceeded to TRYKHONOFF for work under the M.L.O.
- 11th "A" and "D" Coys. & Bn. H.Qrs. paraded as strong as possible at 0830 for working parties under C.R.R. till 12.30. Battalion paraded at 14.15 for drill and exercise under Company arrangements. Ski-ing classes continued as on previous days. 20 O.Rs. from "D" Coy. proceeded to WATERFALL HILL as garrison for Blockhouse.
- 12th "A" and "D" Coys. and Bn.H.Qrs. paraded as strong as possible at 08.30 for working parties under the C.R.R. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 14.15 for drill & exercise.

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Ski-ing classes continued as on previous days. Detachment of "A" Coy. from UPPER MOHARTERY under Capt. P. J. DREW, M.C., returned to FETTERNOVA and accommodated in the HAUTRID HOUSE. Weather extremely cold, temperature - 21.70 Centigrade.

13th

102 Men employed on usual working parties. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Battalion paraded at 14.15 for drill & exercise under Company arrangements.

14th

1 Officer 103 Men employed on various fatigue & working parties. Ski classes continued as on previous days. No parade held in afternoon.

15th

No fatigues carried out during day. Voluntary services held in Messengers' Churn at 9.30 and 10.15. No Ski-ing classes held.

16th

1 Officer 109 Men employed on various fatigues and working parties till 12.30. Battalion paraded at 14.15 under Company arrangements for drill and exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 16.00. Ski-ing classes continued during day. New classes for training of the Mobile column from "A" Coy. commenced.

17th

1 Officer 113 O.Re. employed on various working parties. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 14.15. Baths allotted to Battalion from 16.00. 2/Lieut. A.S. JOHNSON took over the duties of Machine Gun Officer from LIEUT. J.G. MALDRE, pending the latter Officer's transfer to ENGLAND.

18th

1 Officer 109 Men employed on usual working parties until 12.30. Battalion paraded at 14.15 under Company arrangements for drill & exercise. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Baths allotted to Battalion from 16.00 onwards.

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1 Officer 122 Men employed on usual working parties. Parade for Regimentally employed men at 14.15 for drill and exercise Ski-ing classes continued as usual.

20th

85 Men employed on various working parties till 12.30. Battalion paraded at 14.15 under company arrangements for drill & exercise. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Capt. R.P. HAIR appointed Garrison A.P.M. as from 19.12.18.

21st

85 Men employed on various working parties. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. No parade held in afternoon. Concert given in Garrison Theatre at 17.30.

22nd

No fatigues carried out during day. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 09.30 and 18.15. No skiing classes held. Ball from ENGLAND arrived during day. 2/Lieut. H.G. KENDALL and 12 O.Rs. returned from MURMANSK with Canteen Stores.

23rd

99 O.Rs. employed on usual working parties till 12.30. Battalion paraded at 14.15 under Company arrangements for drill and exercise. Ski-ing classes continued during day. Baths allotted to Battalion from 16.00.

24th

89 Men employed on usual working parties during day. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Baths allotted to battalion from 16.00.

25th

Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 08.15 and 10.00. Xmas dinner at 14.00. O.C. Troops visited all dinners. Concerts given in evening.

26th

No fatigues carried out during day. Sergeants Mess Dinner at 16.30.

27th

89 Men employed on usual working parties, till 12.30. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements at 14.15 for drill & exercise. Ski-ing classes continued as usual.

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89 Men employed on usual working parties. No afternoon parade. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Capt. C.A.C. BURGESS proceeded to MURMANSK to obtain leave for ENGLAND.

29th

Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 09.30 and 18.15. No ski-ing classes held during day.

30th

56 Men employed on various working parties till 12.30. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements at 14.15 for drill & exercise. 2/Lieut. H.G. KENDALL proceeded to WATERBAIL Hill to take charge of garrison there. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1800.

31st

56 Men employed on usual working parties during day. Parade for men regimentally employed at 14.15 for drill and exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 16.00. Lieut. J.G. HADLURE proceeded to TRYKHONOFF as M.L.O. to relieve 2/Lieut. H.W. ROPE who returned to HAUNTED HOUSE.

A. E. ANDREWS, Lieut. Colonel,
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January PERIODICAL

- 1st 62 men employed on various working parties under O.R.E. till 1230. Battalion paraded at 1415 under Company arrangements for drill and exercise. Ski-ing classes continued as usual.
- 2nd 22 men employed on working parties under O.R.E. Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1415 for drill and exercise.
- 3rd Working party of 1 N.C.O & 11 men provided for work under O.R.E. "A" Coy. at disposal of Company Commander during morning for training. Ski-ing classes continued. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements at 1415 for drill & exercise.
- 4th 12 men employed on work under O.R.E. No parade in afternoon. Ski-ing classes continued. Cinema Show given in Garrison Theatre at 6.0 p.m.
- 5th Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 9.30 and 1915. No fatigues or ski-ing classes held during day.
- 6th 12 men employed on work under O.R.E. Battalion paraded at 1415 under Company arrangements for drill & exercise. Ski-ing classes continued. Battalion allotted Baths from 1600.
- 7th 12 men employed on work under O.R.E. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1415 for drill & exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 8th 12 men employed on work under O.R.E. Battalion paraded for drill & exercise at 1415 under Company arrangements Ski-ing classes continued as usual.
- 9th 12 men employed on work under O.R.E. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1415 for drill & exercise. Ski-ing classes continued. Cinema Show at Garrison Theatre at 1800.
- 10th 12 men employed under O.R.E. Battalion paraded at 1415 under Company arrangements for drill & exercise. Ski-ing classes continued.

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- 11th 13 men employed under O. R. E. Ski-ing classes continued. Concert in Garrison Theatre at 1800.
2 Lieut H. V. TOPS returned to TRIPONDOPF and took over duties of H. L. O.
- 12th Voluntary services held in Monastery Church at 0930 and 1815. No Ski-ing classes held during day.
- 13th 12 men employed under O. R. E. Battalion paraded for drill & exercise at 1400 under Company arrangements.
Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 14th 12 men employed under O. R. E. Parade for men regimentally employed at 1400 for drill & exercise
Ski-ing classes continued. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 15th 12 men employed under O. R. E. Battalion paraded for drill & exercise under Company arrangements at 1400.
Ski-ing classes continued. Mail arrived from ENGLAND during evening.
- 16th 12 men employed under O. R. E. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1400.
Ski-ing classes continued.
- 17th Ski-ing classes continued. Battalion paraded at 1400 under Company arrangements for drill & exercise.
- 18th Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Lieut J. G. HADLERS proceeded to MURMANSK - en route for ENGLAND, having been recalled to resume his aviaion employment. 1 O. R. proceeded to MURMANSK to proceed to ENGLAND for 1 month leave. Concert held in Garrison Theatre at 1800.
- 19th Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 0930 and 1815. No ski-ing classes held during day
- 20th Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Addresses by the O. O. C. in G. read out to the whole Battalion on parade, by the Commanding Officer at 1400. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 21st Ski-ing classes continued as usual. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1400 for drill & exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.

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- 23rd Skiing Classes continued as usual. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill and exercise at 1400.
- 23rd Skiing Classes continued as usual. Parade for men Regimentally employed for drill and exercise at 1400. Small mail arrived during evening. Capt E. SPARKS proceeded to FRYBROOKSF.
- 24th Skiing Classes continued as usual. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill and exercise at 1400.
- 25th Skiing Classes continued as usual. No parade in afternoon. Concert in Garrison Theatre at 1800.
- 26th Voluntary Services held at 1000 and 1815 in Monastery Church. 2 Lieut E. J. L. PLATT proceeded to MURKANSK K&R to purchase Canteen Stores. 2 O.Ss proceeded to MURKANSK for transfer to ENGLAND.
- 27th Skiing Classes continued as usual. Battalion paraded at 1400 under Company arrangements for drill & exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600. Lieut Colonel A. E. ANDREWS., Capt R. F. DEW. R.O., 2 Lieut W. A. MCDERMOTT and 4 O.Ss proceeded to CHALK LAKE to reconnoitre route & accommodation etc. prior to portion of Mobile Column being stationed there.
- 28th Skiing Classes continued. Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1400 for drill and exercise. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 29th Skiing Classes continued. Battalion paraded for drill and exercise under Coy. arrangements at 1400.
- 30th Skiing Classes continued. Parade for men Regimentally employed for drill and exercise at 1400. Large mail arrived from England during evening. 2 Lieut E. J. L. PLATT returned from MURKANSK with Canteen Stores.

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31st

Skiing Classes continued. Battalion
paraded under company arrangements
for drill and exercise at 1300.
Very high wind blowing all day &
night. Many drifts found & all
movement outdoors difficult.

E I BEALE

Capt & Adjutant.
For O.C. 11th Bn Royal Sussex Regiment.

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11TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT

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February

PETROBRAGA

- 1st. Ski-ing Classes continued as usual. Some snow fell during day and wind still high. Lieut Colonel A.F. ANDREWS, Capt. P. Z. DREW, M.C., 2 Lieut. W.A. HODDRIOTT and 4 Ore returned from CHADY LAKE.
- 2nd. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 0930 and 1815. Heavy falls of snow at intervals during day.
- 3rd. Ski-ing Classes continued as usual. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill and exercise at 1400. Weather still very bad and considerable snowfall during day. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 4th. Ski-ing Classes continued as usual. Parade for men Regimentally employed for drill and exercise at 1400. Weather slightly improved but snow still fell at intervals during day. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 5th. Ski-ing Classes continued as usual. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill and exercise at 1400.
- 6th. Ski-ing Classes continued. Parade for men Regimentally employed for drill and exercise at 1400.
- 7th. Ski-ing Classes continued. Battalion paraded for drill and exercise under Company arrangements at 1400.
- 8th. Ski-ing Classes continued. Concert in Garrison Theatre at 1800. Considerable fall of snow and high wind blowing during day.
- 9th. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 0930 and 1815. Mail arrived from England during evening.

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- 18th. Advance party of H. Qrs. proceeded to KOIA from MURRAVERK. Men regimentally employed paraded at 14.00 for Drill and exercise. Baths allotted from 16.00. Temperature 26 degrees below.
- 19th. Battalion paraded at 14.00 for Drill & Exercise. Temperature 20 degrees below.
- 20th. Regimental Emplly paraded at 14.00 for Drill & Exercise. Temperature 20° below.
- 21st. Battalion paraded at 14.00 for Drill & Exercise under Company arrangements. Temperature 14 degrees below. Weather mild.
- 22nd. Football Match between R. S. A. and 11th R. Suss. R. during afternoon. Temperature 16 degrees below.
- 23rd. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 09.30 and 18.15. Ski-ing competition held by 11th R. Suss. R. open to all Pechanga Garrison. Garrison Championship gained by 2/Lieut. S. S. BROWN, 11th R. Suss. R. Temperature 15 degrees below.
- 24th. Battalion paraded at 14.00 for Drill & Exercise under Coy. arrangements. Baths allotted from 18.00. Temperature 13 degrees below.
- 25th. Regimental Emplly paraded at 14.00 for Drill & Exercise. Temperature 8 degrees below.
- 26th. As for 24th. Temperature 5 6 degrees below.
- 27th. As for 25th. Temperature 13 degrees below.
- 28th. As for 24th. Do. Do.

R. L. WEAVER,
 Capt & Adj't.
 for Ident: Colonel,
 Comdg. 11th Bn. R. Sussex Regt.

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- 10th. Skiing classes continued. Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill & exercise at 1400. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 11th. Skiing classes continued. Parade for men Regimentally employed for drill and exercise at 1400. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1600.
- 12th. Skiing classes continued. Bn paraded for drill and exercise at 14.00 under Company arrangements. Weather fair. Temperature 17 degrees below zero (centigrade)
- 13th. Parade for men Regimentally employed for drill and exercise at 14.00. Cinema Show in Garrison Theatre at 17.30. Temperature 13 degrees below.
- 14th. Battalion Parade at 14.00 for drill and exercise and Company arrangements. Weather fair with occasional slight blizzards. Temperature 23 degrees below.
- 15th. Advance Party of Lieut & Cr. Mr. O. Grainger 2/Lieut P.A. Urban and 25 O.R. from Bn. H. Qrs. and Capt. R. F. Mair 2/Lieut W. A. Ledermott and 27 O.R. of "A" Coy paraded at 09.30 and marched to TRYKHONOVY and embarked on B.S. KOSHINA for HURBANSK. 1.O.R. proceeded to BUKALD on leave. Practice firing over river by Trench Horror Bty. between 10.00 & 12.00 Temperature 28 degrees below.
- 16th. Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 09.30 and 18.15. Temperature 31 degrees below zero. High winds and slight snowfall during day.
- 17th. Advance Party arrived at HURBANSK and those of "A" Coy proceeded to KANDAKSEHA. Battalion paraded at 14.00 for drill & exercise under Company arrangements. Baths allotted from 16.00 Very cold & windy day. Temperature 36 degrees below.

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March.

PERCHINGA.

Mail from England arrived during evening. Concert at Garrison Theatre at 1800. ZLERNY, P. A. URRAN and 2/Lieut. G. S. BERRINGTON DAVIES promoted to Lieutenants on completion of 18 months commissioned service.

2nd Voluntary Services held in Monastery Church at 9930 and 1915.

3rd Battalion paraded for drill and exercise under Company arrangements at 1400. Batts allotted to Battalion from 1600.

4th Parade for men Regimentally employed at 1400 for drill and exercise. Batts allotted to Battalion from 1600 Cinema show in Garrison Theatre at 1715.

5th Battalion paraded under Company arrangements for drill and exercises at 1400. Preparation for move of Mobile Company overlaid to KOIA commenced. Lecture in afternoon to those proceeding by Capt. SQUARBY O.C. Reindeer Transport and demonstrations of cooking Mobile Nations.

210 Reindeer sledges and drivers arrived to move Mobile Column to KOIA. Demonstration of sledging packing given by Capt. SQUARBY. Column moved off in parties of 20 - first party leaving at 1100, last party 1800. Total strength 6 Officers 164 O.Rs. 1 Lieut. Colonel A. E. ANDREWS proceeded with party.

6th Preparations for move of Battalion Headquarters and details to HURVAHSK by sea commenced.

8th The "S. S. ZOSHIMAR" and Ice Breaker arrived at TRYPHONOFF to convey Battalion H.Qrs. & details to HURVAHSK. All stores & surplus kit despatched to TRYPHONOFF for loading. English mail arrived.

9th Battalion H.Qrs. and details paraded at 12.30 p.m. and proceeded to TRYPHONOFF and embarked on S.S. "ZOSHIMAR". 3 Officers 122 Other Rank proceeded. D. Coy. remained at PERCHENGA under Capt. E. SPARKS. Boat sailed 1900. Much difficulty experienced through floating ice.

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10th.

MURRAESE.

G.S. "ZOSHIMAN" arrived at MURRAESE about noon. Personnel disembarked and proceeded to KOIA by rail, arriving in about 1730 and accommodated in billets at KOIA STATION. Lieut. Colonel A.E. ANDREWS took over duties of O.C. No.1. Section lines of Communication & Defence. Lieut. P.A. URMAR took over duties of Adjutant of No.1 Sect. I. of C & D.

KOIA.

11th

Mobile Company carried out training on skis & snowshoes during day. Battalion H.Q.s. employed on cleaning up billets, and for fatigues. Lieut. Colonel A.E. ANDREWS took over command of 236th Inf. Bde. during absence of Brig. Gen. H.H. TURNER, C.B., O.B.E. at KARDALAKSHA.

12th

Mobile Company continued training during morning. Baths allotted to Battalion from 1330 to 1930.

13th

Mobile Company continued training during day. The Commanding Officer inspected Billets at 1000. Medical inspection by Camp Medical Officer at 1700.

14th

Mobile Company continued training. Weather much colder in evening.

15th

Mobile Company continued training. Weather very cold.

16th

Church Parade held in Y.H.C.A. Hut at 11 a.m. Lieut. Colonel A.E. ANDREWS relinquished command of 236th Infantry Brigade on return of Brig. Gen. H.H. TURNER from KARDALAKSHA. Very cold wind & some snow during day.

17th

Mobile Company continued training. Strong blizzard blowing all day. Very high wind and considerable snowfall. Parade formed Regimentally employed at 1330 under Capt. J.A. DAVIDSON, M.C. for half an hours. Muckety exercises. English mail arrived.

18th

Mobile Company continued training. Parade for men Regimentally employed for half an hours Muckety instruction at 1330 under Capt. J.A. DAVIDSON, M.C. Orders received for 'A' Coy. to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to KARDALAKSHA.

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19th Mobile Company continued training and preparations for move.

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21st

Mobile Company employed in loading up train and arranging sleeping accommodation. Orders received for them to entrain at 0700. 22nd Inst. for KAMDALAKSHA. Orders received for small force from 11th R.Sues. R. - 420 Bty. R.F.A. and 67th Italian Regt. to stand by in readiness to proceed to MUMBAIK with Lewis Guns &c. on Saturday 22nd as disturbances expected from civilised population. Force to be commanded by Capt. E. I. WEALIE, M.C. and to be known as "WEALIE'S FORCE".

22nd

Mobile Company entrained at 0900 and proceeded to KAMDALAKSHA. "Wealie's Force" paraded at 0945 and proceeded to Range for Musketry and Lewis Gun firing. Later this force entrained at 1730 for MUMBAIK to Ford Quay Stores &c. All guards doubled and extra precautions taken to prevent any disturbances in Camp during night.

23rd

Church parade held in Y.M.C.A. at 11.00 All ranks confined to Camp during day. All trains searched before entering Station & all precautions taken to prevent disturbances. Nothing happened however during day.

24th

Normal Routine reverted to from noon today. General situation very quiet.

25th

Capt. E. I. WEALIE, M.C. & his force returned by 0830 train. Warning order received for Bn. H. Grs. to proceed to KAMDALAKSHA as soon as possible.

26th

Lieut. Colonel A. E. ANDREWS, Lieut. P. A. URSAR and 6 O. Rs. proceeded to KAMDALAKSHA at 2300 to take over No. 2. Section I. of C. & D.

27th

Orders received for Bn. H. Grs. to be prepared to move to KAMDALAKSHA that evening, but subsequently move postponed till 28th inst.

28th

5 Officers 104 O. Rs. proceeded to KAMDALAKSHA by train at 2230. Lieut. Col. A. E. ANDREWS took over Command of No. 2. Section I. of C. & D. from Lieut. Colonel LAWRENCE, R.F.A. who returned to command No. 1. Section.

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29th

Train arrived at KANDALAKSHA at 2100 troops remaining on train all night.

30th

Bn. H.Qrs. detained at 1000 and took over accommodation vacated by 6th Bde. R.F.A. and 29th London Regt.

31st

Bn. H.Qrs. employed on settling in new billets & improving quarters. Mobile Coy. carried out training under Company arrangements during day.

A. E. ANDREWS,

Lieut. Colonel.

Comd'g. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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RSR MS 7123

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April.

KANDIANKSHA.

1st. Mobile Company continued training. Weather bright and cold.

2nd. The G.O.C. 236th Infantry Brigade with the G.S.O.(1) and Brigade Major 236 Bde. arrived during afternoon. 2 Platoons of Hurmanek Detachment under LIEUT. H. POLLEY & 2/Lt. C.A. STOCKEN also came as escort.

3rd. Conference held by G.O.C. & G.S.O.(1) at 10 am. with representatives of FINNISH REGIMENT and meeting of Finns held later in day.

4th. Defence Scheme issued & precautions taken in case of any disturbances occurring with Finns. Capt. G. SALTER, Capt. H.F. GEARRY, 2/Lt. H.G. KESMIDL and 5 O.Rs. proceeded to U.K. on leave.

5th. The G.O.C. & G.S.O.(1) left for KIVAJAVA GUBA for conference with Finnish leaders, returning some evening. Satisfactory solution of difficulties arrived at and everything returned to normal conditions.

6th. Two Platoons of "D" Coy. (66 O.Rs) arrived from PERCHENGA during afternoon and accommodated in Blasen huts near the Station.

7th. The G.O.C. and G.S.O.(1) with escort returned to MURVANSEK about 0900. Lieut. H. POLLEY remained at KANDIANKSHA in charge of "D" Coy. Detachment.

8th. Usual training continued and spare men employed on improvements to billets & surroundings and to sanitary conditions.

9th. Baths allotted to Detain at Government House from 1330 to 1700. Remainder of day occupied in improvements to camp &c.

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- 10th. Usual training continued. All spare men employed on improving accommodation and clearing up surroundings generally.
- 11th. Ditto.
- 12th. Ditto.
- 13th. Voluntary Services held in Y.M.C.A. at 1100 and 1815. Weather very mild and slight thaw set in.
- 14th. Preparations for building new quarters for personnel at present accommodated on shore of White Sea in the village. Thaw continued, weather dull & some snow fell at intervals during day.
- 15th. 2 Lieut. A.W. ABBOTT and servant arrived from PERCHENVA. Weather still dull and very mild. Bunks allotted to details at Government House from 1330 to 1700.
- 16th. Cleaning up Camp and construction of new quarters continued. Thaw still continued and considerable amount of rain fell during night.
- 17th. Cleaning up continued. Thaw still developing and rain fell during day.
- 18th. Weather more bright and slightly colder. A company of K.R.R. Corps from England arrived by train en route for SOROKA about 1900 hours and stayed for hot meal at KARDALAKSHA.
- 19th. Lieut. M. POLEY and 5 Other Ranks returned to NURNANSK by evening train. Weather much colder & more bright. Usual work and improvements carried out all day.
- 20th. Voluntary services held at Y.M.C.A. at 0800, 1100 and 1815. Very keen wind blowing and some snow fell during evening.
- 21st. Usual work on improvement of Camp continued. Weather mild and dull.

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- 22nd. Usual work on improvement of Camp continued.
- 23rd. Usual work in Camp continued during morning. Batches allotted to Details at Station from 1230 to 1600.
- 24th. Usual work in Camp continued. Weather still very mild and thaw developing.
- 25th. Usual work continued. Capt. E.L. WEALE M.C. proceeded to MURAVSK by evening train.
- 26th. Usual work continued. Parties sent to British Hospital for inoculation and Vaccination during morning.
- 27th. Voluntary services held in Y.F.C.A. at 1030 and 1615. Inoculation of men continued. Orders received for 2 Platoons of D Coy. to be sent to MURAVSK at once.
- 28th. Usual work in Camp continued. Capt. E.L. WEALE M.C. returned from MURAVSK by afternoon train.
- 29th. Usual work in Camp continued. Two Platoons of "D" Coy. (61 O.Rs) under 2 Lieut. A.W. ABBOTT proceeded to MURAVSK by train at 1040. Weather considerably colder.
- 30th. Usual work in Camp continued. Weather still cold & some snow fell during night and early morning.

A. S. ANDREWS.
Lieut. Colonel.
Comd'g. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.

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1918.

MAY.

KANDALAKSHA.

1st.

Usual work in Camp on improvements & constructing new accommodation continued. Baths allotted to Battalion Headquarters from 1330 to 1700.

2nd.

Usual work in Camp continued. G.O.C. in C. with Staff passed through KANDALAKSHA at 1430 en route for KEM stopping about an hour for conference with the C.O.

3rd.

Usual work in Camp continued. Bn. H.Qrs personnel stationed in Village moved to Missen Huts near the Station recently vacated by D Coy. Orders received for 236 Bde. Band to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to MURMANSK as soon as possible.

4th.

Voluntary Services held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 1030 and 1815.

5th.

Usual work on Camp improvements continued.

6th.

Usual work in camp continued. 236 Bde. Band proceeded to MURMANSK by train at 0250. Baths allotted to Bn. H.Qrs. from 1330 to 1700. Cinema started in the Village Hall.

7th.

Usual work in camp continued.

8th.

Usual work in Camp continued. No. 36921 L.Cpl. H. Langford died from burns at MURMANSK. 3 O.Rs rejoined Battalion from KOHA.

9th.

Usual work in Camp continued.

10th.

Usual work in Camp continued. L.Cpl. Langford buried in English Sector Russian Cemetery, MURMANSK.

11th.

Voluntary Services held in Y.M.C.A. at 10.30 and 1815. No. 36888 Pte. MARDELL C.F. died at British Hospital KANDALAKSHA from suspected Typhoid.

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12th.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Funeral of Pte. Hardell took place at 1800 in the Russian Cemetery at KANDALAKSHA.

13th.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Baths allotted to Sm. H. Qrs. from 1330 to 1700.

14th.

Usual work in Camp continued.

15th.

ditto. ditto.

16th.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Lt. Col. A. E. ANDREWS proceeded to MURMANSK by passenger train to inspect Detachment there.

17th.

Usual work in Camp continued.

18th.

No services held today owing to absence of Chaplain. Lt. Colonel A. E. ANDREWS awarded the Order of St. Anne 2nd Class by General MILNER Governor General of North Russia for "Gallantry and valuable services in connection with the formation of Russian fighting units in the Northern Region".

19th.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Lieut. & Q. M. C. GRAINIGER M. C. proceeded to MURMANSK by passenger train to hand in Arctic kit to Ordnance.

20th.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Baths allotted to Battalion Headquarters personnel from 1300 to 1700.

21st.

Usual work in Camp continued.

22nd.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Capt. P. F. DREW M. C. proceeded to MURMANSK to await leave & Lieut. J. D. CORNOLLY proceeded to MURMANSK for duty as Brigade Signal Officer.
Capt. R. P. MAIR took over Command of A Coy. from this date vice Capt. P. F. DREW M. C. proceeding on leave.

23rd.

Usual work in Camp continued.

24th.

Usual work in Camp continued.
Informal celebration of Empire Day at 1800 & Fir Tree planted to celebrate event by 11th R. Sussex Regt. Capt. J. A. DAVIDSON M. C. & 2 O. Rs proceeded to MURMANSK by pack train to await leave.

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MAY.

- 25th. Service held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 1030.
- 26th. Usual work in Camp continued. Lt. Colonel A. E. ANDREWS returned from MORNARSK by passenger train at 1430.
- 27th. Usual work in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Br. H.Q. from 1330 to 1700.
- 28th. Usual work in Camp continued. Weather fine & very warm.
- 29th. Do. Do.
- 30th. Do. Do.
Capts. P. F. DREW, M.C. & J. A. DAVIDSON M.C. proceeded to U.K. on leave.
- 31st. Usual work in Camp continued.

A. E. ANDREWS, Lieut. Colonel,
Comdg. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex
Regiment.

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Appendix.

June.

KANDALAKSHA.

- 1st Voluntary services held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 10.30 and 1919.
- 2nd Usual work in construction of new quarters and improvements to sanitary conditions of Camp continued.
- 3rd Usual work in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Hqs. from 1300 to 1700. Capt G. SAFFER M.C. & 2 Lt H.G. KENDALL returned from leave to U.K.
- 4th Usual work in Camp continued.
2 Lieutenants A.W. FLEMING & W.A. WOODKROFT & 5 ORs proceeded on leave to U.K.
- 5th Usual work in Camp continued. Lieut C GRAINGER M.C. returned to KANDALAKSHA from KURBANSK by passenger train.
- 6th Usual work in Camp continued.
- 7th Usual work in Camp continued. Major R.H. TYLER, Capt HAMON, M.C. Lieut J.D. CONNOLLY & 33 ORs proceeded on leave to U.K. 1 O.I. returned from leave from U.K.
- 8th Voluntary Service held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 10.30.
- 9th Usual work in Camp continued. Instructions received for all winter clothing & equipment to be handed in to Ordnance as soon as possible.
- 10th Usual work in Camp continued.
- 11th Usual work in Camp continued. Lieut Colonel A.F. ANDREWS proceeded to KOVDA to visit G O C 236th Brigade.
- 12th Usual work in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Hqs. from 1300 to 1700. All winter clothing despatched to Ordnance at KURBANSK by pack train during evening.
- 13th Usual work in Camp continued. Lieut Colonel A.F. ANDREWS returned to KANDALAKSHA with G.O.C. 236th Brigade who proceeded to KURBANSK same evening.

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- 14th Usual work in Camp continued.
- 15th Voluntary service held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 1030.
- 16th Usual work in Camp continued. Lieut J. HUDSON M.C. General List (Commonwealth Pampers) reported for duty and attached to "A" Company.
- 17th Usual work in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Bn H Qrs personnel from 1330 to 1700. Cinema re opened in Village Hall at 1900 each evening.
- 18th
(to)
21st) Usual work in Camp continued.
- 22nd Voluntary Services held in Y.M.C.A. at 1030.
- 23rd Usual work in Camp continued. Lieut P. A. URBAN proceeded to MURMANSK to await leave to U.K.
- 24th Usual work in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Bn H Qrs. from 1300 to 1700.
- 25th) Usual work in Camp continued.
26th)
- 27th Usual work in Camp continued. Capt. G. S. PAYNE G.F. proceeded to MURMANSK to await leave to U.K.
- 28th Usual work in Camp continued.
- 29th No services held owing to absence of Chaplain.
- 30th Usual work in Camp continued.

A. E. ANDREWS Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg. 11th Bn Royal Sussex Regiment.

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APPENDIX

1919

July

KARDAVAKSHIA

1st.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued. Bunks allotted to Battalion Headquarters from 1300 to 1700. Capt. G. S. FAYER and Lieut. F. A. URBAN proceeded to U.K. on leave.

2nd.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued.

3rd.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued. Capt. S. L. WALKER, M. C. proceeded to KEM by passenger train to hand in old currency roubles to Command Paymaster.

4th.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued.

5th.

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Lecture on India given by Revd. F. W. KERRIE in old Y.M.C.A. Hut at 20.30. Message received from 336th Brigade that all troops who spent winter in RUSSIA would be home by end of August.

6th.

Voluntary Services held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 1030 and 1800.

7th.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued. Capt. E. I. WALKER, M. C. returned from KEM by passenger train.

8th.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued. 2 Lieut W. A. McDERMOTT & 6 ORs disembarked at IRKUTSK from leave to U.K.

9th.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued.

10th.

Usual fatigue parties in Camp continued. 2 Lieut H. J. I. FLINT & 2 ORs proceeded to KEM by passenger train for week end trip to SOLOVETSKI ISLAND. 2/Lieut W. A. McDERMOTT rejoined from leave to U.K.
8th Company concentrated at 1800 for move to 237 Brigade Area to relieve tired troops in forward Area. 3 Officers 149 ORs embarked at midnight 11/12th. at IRKUTSK.

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- July
- 11th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. "B" Company's train arrived at KADDAKASHA at 1630. Lieut J. HUDSON and 3 O.R.s of "B" Coy. attached to "A" Company rejoined "B" Coy on train. Train left at 1830.
- 12th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
- 13th. No services held owing to no Chaplain being available.
- 14th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. Weather very warm & thunder storm during evening.
- 15th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Bn. H.Q.s. from 1300 to 1700.
- 16th. &) Usual fatigues in Camp continued. Weather dull, showery & cooler.
- 17th.)
- 18th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. 7 O.R.s having volunteered to remain in Russia till November proceeded to POBOP by the passenger train to proceed to U.K. on short leave.
- 19th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
- 20th. No Services held as no Chaplain available. Major H.H. TYLER, Capt R. ATON H.Q. and 4 O.R.s returned from leave to U.K.
- 21st. Usual fatigues in camp continued.
- 22nd. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. Baths allotted to Bn Qrs from 1300 to 1700.
- 23rd. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. 2 Lt. H.M. J. PENNYCOOK & 14 O.R.s having volunteered proceeded to U.K. on leave.
- 24th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
- 25th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued. 13 O.R.s having volunteered to remain in Russia till 30th Nov. were sent to KURMANSK to proceed to U.K. on short leave at first opportunity.
- 26th. Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
- 27th. No services held as no Chaplain available.

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July

28th.

Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
3 ORs who had volunteered proceeded to HURMANIX by passenger train to await leave to U.K.

29th.

Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
Baths allotted to 3rd Hqs per-
sonnel from 1300 to 1700.
Platoon of "A" Coy stationed at
FOIRM 2 were called in and
accommodated in Missen huts on
Station.

30th.

Usual fatigues in Camp continued.

31st.

Usual fatigues in Camp continued.
Weather dull & showery & thunder-
storm during afternoon.

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