

SUSSEX YEOMANRY BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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APPENDIX.

January.

MEMO A - HAYBURN.

On the 3rd January information was received of War Office Instructions to reorganise the Unit as an Infantry Battalion, with the title of Sussex Yeomanry Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Squadrons were accordingly formed into Companies.

The formation of the fourth Company awaits the arrival of the necessary reinforcements from England, a nucleus of this Company being meanwhile organised.

The Battalion took over the Cavalrons of all Scouts from the 1/1st West Kent Yeo. on the 16th Jan. and on the 19th a 40th Jary moved into the Camp previously occupied by the latter Unit, on the West side of HAYBURN.

Infantry training continued throughout the month.

The weather was cold & storms were frequent - the wind lasting usually from E to S days, and causing bad dust storms.

There was some rain.  
Health of the Troops continued very good.

W. R. D. CUPPERBROOK,  
Lieut & Adjutant,  
Yeomanry Battalion,  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

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20th.

The Unit was re-designated the 16th (Sussex Yeomanry) Bn, Royal Sussex Regt. Reinforcements of 74 other ranks were received from 3rd Line of the Sussex Yeomanry and it was found possible to establish the new fourth company.

3 Officers from other Regiments also arrived and were posted to the Battalion. Training was continued throughout the month.

Br 16. Gen. H.W. Hodgson, C.V.D., C.E., having been transferred to another command, Brig. Gen. A.S. Mc Belli took over command of the Brigade.

The month was otherwise without incident for the Bn, except for the loss by the Unit of a few signallers for the operations against Diwa.

The weather continued cold, and there was considerable rain towards the end of the month.

Health of the Troops considered good. On the 27th orders were received that the Bn, would be relieved and would shortly proceed to Alexandria.

W.H.D. CUMBERSON,  
Lieut & Adjutant,  
16th (Sussex Yeo) Battalion,  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

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March.

BIDI BISHR ALEXANDRIA.

1st.

The 1st Garrison Battalion, Devon Regiment, took over the Garrison duties on 1/3/17 & consequently the Battalion moved from HERBA MATRUH on the 1st, 3rd & 4th March 1917, and proceeded to BIDI BISHR CAMP, ALEXANDRIA for the concentration of the Brigade. Reinforcements were received during the month as under:-

9/3/17	4 Officers	464 Other Ranks
20/3/17	"	24
30/3/17	"	1

These reinforcements came from various reserve units in England, training was continued throughout the month, special attention being paid to work in the field.

The month passed without further incident.

The health of the troops generally was good, opportunity being taken of two Medical Boards to dispose of men who were considered unfit to proceed with the Unit into the field.

On the night of the 29/30th Inst. orders were received for the Battalion to be prepared to move, but this was subsequently postponed.

W. K. W. TAYLOR  
Lieut. & Adjutant  
18th (Bx. Tro.) Batin.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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April. SIDI BISHR.

1st-8th. Training & Equipping of the Battalion was continued.

9th. The Battalion moved from Sidi Bishr to KAHZARA & re-entrained.

DIRR EL BEIR.

10th-16th. Arrived at DIRR EL BEIRAH on the 10th for concentration of the Division. On the nights 14/15 and 16/17 this Unit held temporary Outpost line near Q20 on the WADI GUZZE.

17th. The 74th Division was in general reserve during the attack on QAZA.

TIL EL JEWI.

22nd. The Battalion moved to a point near TIL EL JEWI & dug a line of defensive posts.

SHEIKH NURAH.

28th. On the night 26/29 the Battalion moved to point 130 north of SHEIKH NURAH & dug a wired a system of defensive posts. During the month re-inforcements received as under:-  
3/4/17. 49 Other Ranks.  
The health of the troops generally was good; the Battalion suffered no casualties in action.

W.K.V. TAYLOR  
2/Lieut. & Adjutant  
16th (Sx.Yeo.) Bn. Lt.  
Royal Sussex Regt.



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April.

ARU EL HIRIA.

Reference

Gaza-

Shellal.

1/40,000.

The night of April 30th-May 1st was one of special vigilance, but the night passed with no unusual occurrence.

MAY.

1st-12th.

The system of redoubts was continued close to the 300 contour, west of HIRIA. Wiring was erected to comply with the tactical requirements of the ground. 'A' & 'D' Coys. were in the front line and 'E' & 'G' Coys. in the support trenches behind point 330. During this period the Unit received the thanks of G.O.C. Division for the excellent work done under adverse climatic conditions.

12th.

On the 12th 'G' Coy. relieved an ARZAC line at HIRIA and 'C' Coy. took over Post 16 from the 16th Buffs. 'A' Coy. from the 16th Buffs occupied the support trench vacated by 'C' Coy. 'Zach Coy.' continued to improve the Post occupied by it until the 17th inst.

17th.

At 1700 on the 17th inst, the Unit took over from the ARZAC HOUNDED DIVN. a part of the line East of WADI GUZZA between HIRIA and SHELLAL - 'A' & 'D' Coys. were in support to the 10th Buffs, and 'E' & 'G' were held in reserve by the HIRIA CROSSING. The whole Unit was occupied in improving the support line and the communication trenches from the front line posts to their corresponding support posts & thence to the WADI, until the night of the 26th.

27th.

At 0500 the line occupied by this Unit was handed over to the 6th Royal Welch Fusiliers and 1/1st Herefords. The Coys. then concentrated by Post 21 in the Old Battle Line west of WADI GHUZZA. The concentration was carried out by moving a platoon at a time to minimise the chance of observation from enemy aircraft.

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Mex.WADI HARASSEN.

29th.

At 1900 on 27th the Unit moved out and proceeded to the WADI HARASSEN, in reserve to the SHEIKH ARBAS SALEBY. Movement at night being difficult owing to the lack of distinctive land-marks coupled with the movement of other troops, a line of Posts was laid in advance by daylight. These were able to communicate, by use of electric torches, with the head of the Battalion as it advanced, and the march was carried out in two hours less than the period anticipated by the Brigade Staff.

28th-  
31st.

On the morning of the 28th the Battalion dug itself in in the WADI HARASSEN. Throughout the month the enemy has been active with observation aircraft, & precautions (such as posting aircraft pickets, & disguising trenches, so as to conform with surrounding terrain) were taken.

The health of the Unit has been excellent throughout, and the greatest attention has been paid to sanitation - the importance of the latter has been impressed upon individuals.

Three casualties only occurred. One man was killed at DEIR EL BELAR on 4/5/17 whilst in hospital during a hostile air-raid. One was wounded at RABA & one at DEIR EL BELAR under similar circumstances whilst in hospital.

REINFORCEMENTS Major R.I.P. Edwards (2nd in command) rejoined from leave on the 4th inst. Details returned from hospital, but no fresh reinforcements arrived.

W.K.W. TAYLOR,

Lieut. &amp; Adjutant

16th (Sx.Voc.) Battalion

Royal Sussex Regt.

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June

Appendix1st to  
30thWADI MANDAPUR.

Throughout the month the 230th Infantry Bde. has been in Section Reserve. The Unit has been occupied in supplying Working Parties and in training. As regards working parties, the work has consisted of the improvement and extension of the first & second line defences & of the making of roads. The training referred to is mainly that of specialists such as Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Snipers, Signallers, etc. In spite of the large demand for working parties & the consequent interruption of training, progress has been made in all branches above mentioned. "Square" drill has also received due attention, with a view to tighten up discipline which has a tendency to become lax during periods when a Unit's main occupation is the supply of working parties. One of the most outstanding events has been an extraordinary decrease in flies. At the beginning of the month flies threatened to be a pest and source of danger. The matter was taken in hand and radical improvements effected. Existing flies were killed by the use of fly poison & traps improvised from cigarette & biscuit tins. At the same time the fly was attacked in the breeding stage. All latrine & refuse pits were sealed by the use of kerosene saturated with crude oil. The further improvement of, and attention to, all sanitary contrivances, have doubtless reduced the possibility of spread of disease by the fly & added to the comfort and consequent efficiency of the troops. The provision of definite spots for feeding purposes has eradicated the dangerous habit of eating in dugouts, and this minimized the number of localities in which serape can be dropped. The comparative cool breezes have reduced the amount of drinking water consumed and careful distribution has enabled companies to build up a small reserve for washing purposes, with the result that each man has had the opportunity of a complete wash every other day - apart from his own personal economy.

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30th  
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In the same way the washing of clothes has been effected; sun-baked. On 9/6/17 all ranks proceeded to HELAH for disinfection. Opportunity has been taken of visiting the front line trenches to enable commanders to appreciate the situation. The health of the unit has been good throughout the month. 6 cases of diphtheria & 6 cases of scarlet fever have occurred but prompt isolation and precautionary measures have prevented spread of those diseases. Septic sores continue to be a source of trouble.

CAVALRYMEN: Admitted sick to hospital:

Lieut. Col. G.S. Whitford..

Major A.O. Beyer.

Capt. G.F.P. Edwards.

2/Lieut. H. Hopkins.

\* H.W.F. Pickard Cambridge.

Died of sickness, 1 Other Rank.

WILKINGHAMERS:

Capt. F.D. Hoell.

2/Lieut. A.D. Thornton.

48 Other Ranks.

\* K.E.W. PAYLER, Adjutant.

Lieut. R. Adair.

16th (Dx. Yeo.) Bn. R. Sussex Regt.

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2nd BARRACKS.

1st to  
8th  
The Battalion continued to provide working parties. The training of specialists was continued as far as working parties and isolation of diphtheria contacts would allow.

APPLY HOUSE.

9th

The Battalion was relieved in section reserve and went into Corps Reserve, taking over from the 5th Royal Scots Fusiliers, and being into bivouacs in R.33.C. (Gen.-Shellal 1/40,000 2nd Edition)

10th -  
13th  
This period was spent in re-organizing the Battalion on the new establishment and refitting.

13th  
Training was commenced with Section training & was followed throughout the month by Platoon & Company training.

19th  
The Battalion proceeded to the sea at Regent's Park for bathing and remained there during the night of the 19/10th returning to bivouacs on the 16th.

19th  
The Battalion was inspected by the General Officer Commanding ZanZoren.

21st  
Lieut. Col. G.S. Whitfield, being 30 days in hospital & struck off the strength as from 21/7/17. Major H.F. Powell Edwards assumed command, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

30th  
The Battalion proceeded to the Brigade Training Area, & details from each Coy. bivouacked for the nights 30/21st and 31/1st near TEL EL JIBEL and fired a course of snaretry on the range on the 31st July & 1st August.  
TRAINING The training commenced with Section & Platoon Training, during which special attention was paid to close order drill, snaretry and bayonet fighting. During Company training, the open order attack was steadily practised

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(Ctd.)

A considerable improvement achieved night work, including protection, patrolling, fire-outting, Outposts & Visual Training by night, was practised. The health of the troops improved considerably, but cases of diphtheria continued to occur, necessitating isolation, which continued to interfere with the training.

STRENGTH - 31.7.17.

31 Officers 933 Other ranks.

DISPOSITION - 17.7.17.

OFFICERS 3 O.Rs. Nil.

A.G. HILLIER,  
Adjutant,  
16th (Br.Yeo.) Bn.,  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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"CAPSITY HOUSE".

1st to 7th  
The Battalion was engaged in training. Company training concluded on the 6th and was followed throughout the month by Battalion, Brigade and Divisional training.

West of DEIR-EL-BELAH.

7/8th  
On the night Aug. 7/8th the Battalion was relieved in the "Apsley House" Bivouac Area by the 5th Batt. NORFOLK Regt. & moved into new Bivouac Area West of DEIR-EL-BELAH (V. A. CACA-SHELLAL 1140,000 - 2nd Battalion).

20th to 23rd  
On the 20th the Battalion proceeded to the Field Firing Area at EL ISMAILIY.  
Carried out field training on 21st & returned to bivouac on the 22nd.

27th to 29th  
On the evening of the 27th the Batta. was relieved by the 1/2nd Batta. KENT Regt. & moved to new area at A.2.8. (GADA-SHELLAL 1140,000) the move being completed on the 29th.

The general health of the troops continued to improve throughout the month, cases of Septic Sores being very rare at the end.  
There were only two cases of dysentery throughout the month.

STRENGTH. 31.8.17. Officers 40  
O.Ns. 984.

REHYDRANTS  
DURING THE MONTH. Officers 4.  
O.Ns. 103.

H. I. POWELL EDWARDS.

Major.  
Cmdg. 16th (Br. Yeo) Batta.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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4th DIVISION.

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Near "ROBERT'S PARK".

5/6th Relieved 16th (AYR & LANARK TRO)  
Battalion ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS  
near ROBERT'S PARK in 9.3.

SOYH OF DUBR-SE-BEAR.

20/21st

Relieved by 25th ROYAL WELSH  
FUSILIERS and marched to new  
bivouac at Y.18.

During the period spent at  
ROBERT'S PARK the Battalion  
provided working parties for  
soil sifting, cable laying & also  
helped to build new front line  
trenches on the left from JOHN'S  
POST to JUSLISH RIDGE and  
trenches behind SAMPSON'S RIDGE.

After being relieved & going  
into bivouac at Y.18, the  
remainder of the month was spent  
in training - General Field work  
and Specialist training.

The general health of the  
Battalion continues good.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION. Officers 26  
O. Rs. 939  
Officers - 1  
O. Rs. 3

REINFORCEMENTS.

A. O. MILLER,

Capt. & Adjutant.  
16th (Sx. Yeo.) Batin.  
Royal Sussex Regt.



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October.

Y.18. S. of DEIR-EL-BEHAL.

1st.-  
24th. Battalion continued to train  
& remained in bivouac in Y.18.  
S. of DEIR-EL-BEHAL.

ABU SITTA.

28th. Battalion marched from bivouac  
in Y.18 to ABU SITTA & bivouaced  
there for the night.

SHELLAL.

26th. Battalion moved to SHELLAL and  
relieved the 2/22nd GURKHS (R.W.  
GURKHS) 2 Coys taking over posts  
in the line, the remaining 2 Coys,  
in support.

27th. The reinforcements for the  
forthcoming operations proceeded  
to the reinforcement camp at GAULI.

EL KHASIF.

29th. Battalion proceeded with rest of  
230th. Bde. to EL KHASIF &  
bivouaced there for the night.

30th-  
31st.

On this night the Battalion acted  
as Advance Guard to the 230th. Bde.  
to the position of deployment for  
the attack on the BERRHEHA  
defences subsequently taking up a  
line of night outposts to cover  
deployment of the Brigade. A  
highly successful patrol was  
carried out by Lieut. HILF under  
most trying circumstances.

On the 31st. the Battr. was in  
Bde. Reserve for the attack on the  
BERRHEHA defences & during the  
withdrawal of the Battr. from the  
Outpost line several coys. were  
severely shelled. 3 Officers were  
wounded Capt. R.B. CLARKE,

Lieut. S.O.S. EDWARDS, 2/Lt. C.  
SPONSON, 2 O.Ns. Killed, 22 wounded.  
In the evening the Battr. received  
orders to attack & clear up enemy  
trench system from WADI SABDA to  
the PARA-BERRHEHA Road working up  
from the South. The Battr. carried  
out these orders, attacked at 1930.  
& performed the allotted task by  
2130, the trenches being unoccupied  
except for snipers. 2/Lt. BERRIN  
wounded, no other casualties.

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The health of the Battalion  
continues good.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION  
OFFICERS 37 OTHER RANKS 948  
REINFORCEMENTS DURING MONTH  
OTHER RANKS 2.

A. G. HILLAR  
Capt & Adjt  
16th (Br. Yeo) Battalion.

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SADI SAMA.

1st.

The Battalion remained in bivouac at SADI SAMA and helped to clear up the battlefield after the Battle of DEKRUHABA.

2nd.

The Battalion moved to a bivouac behind old Turkish Position Y.24.d. (Ref: YAHIA Map 2nd.Ed.)

Y.24.d.

3rd.

The Battalion moved as Advanced Guard to the Brigade to about Y.24 (Ref: INDIRIG Map 1st.Ed.) & 4th & "D" Coys. formed an Outpost line.

Y.24

4th.

The Battalion with Brigade moved up to X.3.d. (Ref: INDIRIG Map 1st.Ed.)

X.3.d. - SADI UNIC.

5th./6th.

In the evening orders were issued for the action subsequently known as the Battle of UNIKIE and during the night 5/6th. the Batin. moved to position of concealment in the SADI UNIC - X.31.a. (Ref: INDIRIG Map 2nd.Ed.).

0400

Map used  
INDRIG  
2nd.Ed.

The Batin. deployed at 0400 with its left on SADI UNIC at about U.36.b.4.2. covering frontage of 500 yds. and commenced advance towards Outpost line held by 10th. SUPPS.

0430

Batin. came under heavy rifle and M.G. fire from enemy work Y.46. The line was halted while O.C. directing Coy. Capt. W.D.H.FOWELL-

KIRARDS made personal reconnaissance of ground on his left to try and

get touch with 229th. Bde. Touch

was not gained here but 10th. SUPPS

reported that 229th. Bde. had gone forward some while before unopposed.

0440

O.C. 16th. SURREX ordered advance to continue.

0500

The Battalion having steadily advanced upon Y.46 without stopping the enemy were ejected therefrom by the threat of the bayonet.

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O.C. Directing Coy. Capt. EDWARDS, reported by runner that he was in touch with 5133 & 5034 YBO. (229th. Bde) on his left. Runner (Pte. HOBBS, R.) was badly wounded 200 yds from Pln. H. Q. but managed to deliver his message verbally.

0600

O.C. 3rd Coy (Directing). Capt. EDWARDS, finding that 229th. Bde. had swung away to left conferred and attacked enemy work in U. 21. a. & b. having first cleared enemy from WADI ULASTH in squares U. 22. c. and U. 21. b & d. Enemy N. G. in U. 22. s. then held up D. Coy. who had filled gap between 3rd and 4th Coys. caused by 3rd Coy. having conferred to movement of 229th. Bde. This N. G. was dealt with by L. G. fired by O.C. 4th Coy. himself (Lt. H. H. BILBY). The personnel of the gun having become casualties. This enabled the advance to continue. At this point O.C. 3rd Coy (Lt. C. M. GREEN) was killed.

0630

Lt. FLETCHER 4th Coy. reported that his Coy. Cdr. (Capt. H. L. KIKERITCH) was killed, that his Coy. (C) was in touch with B Coy. to its front. & 229th. Bde. on its left. About 40 prisoners were captured in WADIS in squares U. 22. c. and U. 21. d. and many casualties were caused among the enemy in these WADIS by L. G. and Rifle fire of 3rd Coy. 15 of the above prisoners were captured single handed by C. S. M. BALCOMBE, who advanced upon them alone except for one volunteer PTE. HARVEY, F.

0700

All enemy works in squares U. 21 and U. 15 within Battr. Area of attack were captured. 2 L. Gs. and 70 prisoners being captured in enemy works V. 38 & 39 by 1 platoon 3rd Coy. under 2/Lt. LUCAS, and 1 platoon 4th Coy. under

0720

Serjt. HOAD. Advance Coys seen from Battr. H. Q. to be gaining their way on to high ground thought to be in squares U. 7 & P. 12 but subsequently found to be in squares U. 10. 8. 9. On this high ground enemy made determined stand, and a battery of guns in square U. 10. c. which was enfilading 229th. Bde., and M. Os. in the same square which were enfilading the advance of

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this Battalion, were located. O.C. 7th Coy. Capt. EDWARDS immediately ordered 2 I.G. Sections, 2/Lt. WALKER'S Platoon, and 1 Platoon "C" Coy. under Sgt. NYRAM, to seize ground from which these M.Gs. were commanded. This was done and within 10 minutes the guns were silenced. At the same time Capt. EDWARDS ordered Lt./Cpl. TURNER 1/c I.G. Section with an escort of 2 Sections of Riflemen under Sgt. GRINIKS ("C" Coy.) to move to ground from which the enemy battery could be enfiladed. This party was met by Sgt.

0800 JOHNSTON 7th Coy. who took charge and the I.G. in action 100 yds. from Battery, himself emptied his magazine upon the personnel, and called upon them to surrender. This they at once did and 3 Officers and 25 O.Ns. were captured with the guns. The Battalion had seized the high ground in Squares U.10 & 9, the whole Battalion, in the line.

Shortly after this an enemy M.G. was found to be enfilading the 229th. Bde. and I.G. SMOOKS "C" Coy. on his own initiative moved his I.G. forward to a most exposed position & from there silenced the enemy M.G. and remained there until his gun was put out of action.

About this time O.C. 7th Coy. Capt. EDWARDS seized high ground 200 yds immediately in front of him in order to pursue the enemy with fire.

O.C. 7th Coy. (Lieut. HOPKINS) seized corresponding high ground to his front with the same object. For the next 10 minutes I.G.

0830 GARDNER (Range Taken 7th Coy.) gave ranges and observed most effectively, displaying great coolness under heavy enemy M.G. & Rifle fire.

The enemy, having collected reinforcements, made a determined counter attack supported by artillery and M.Gs., resulting in the withdrawal of 7th Coy. advanced elements to their main position and the withdrawal of D Coy. against whom the main weight of the attack fell, to the WADI UNIOS in rear of the high ground in U.10.0. At this point O.C. 7th Coy. Lt. HOPKINS

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ralled his Coy., & a platoon of the DEVON Regt. whom he found there, and retook the high ground at the point of the bayonet. It was then discovered that the enemy under cover of their counter attack had brought up Oxen and were making an attempt to hitch up and withdraw the captured battery. 2/Lt. HOWARD, D Coy, immediately attacked a party of the enemy attempting to withdraw the guns, with his platoon supported by Pte.DAVIS who assumed command of half his platoon. Some of the enemy were bayoneted, some shot by 2/Lt. HOWARD with his revolver. Lt.Cpl. GUY co-operating by boldly rushing forward with his section and retaking the guns. This party of D Coy. were then led forward by 2/Lt. HOWARD to commanding ground beyond the guns, where in spite of heavy enemy shelling & M.G. & Rifle fire they were maintained in the position thru completely re-established. The enemy were finally dispersed by the timely arrival and good shooting of our own field guns.

During this action 4 Officers and 250 odd unrounded O.Hs, a battery of guns, & several M.Gs. were captured. The Battalion's casualties were Officers Killed three Capt. H.L. KRCSICH, 2/Lt. C.K. GREER, & 2/Lt. G.J. WILSON, wounded three 2/Lts. G.BCOY, A.LUCAS, & J.H. WALKER (Died of wounds in CAIRO 22.11.17) Other ranks, killed 19, wounded 98. (since Died of wounds 10) missing 2.

In the afternoon the Batta. was relieved by a battn. (WELSH HORSE) of 231st. Bde. The rest of the day was spent in re-organising the Battalion & collecting the wounded. The Battalion moved in the evening to bivouac near Garden in U.20.c.

Lt.Col. H.I.FOWELL EDWARDS rejoined the Brigade on the night of Nov.5th from Reinforcement Camp. At the request of the B.O.C., he served during the action as Liaison Officer between Bde. H.Q. & the Batta., Capt. A.C.Bayer to whom orders for the action had been issued, prior to Lt.Col. EDWARDS arrival remaining in command of the Battalion until the night of Nov.6th.

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November.NEAR QATAR U. S. O. S.

7th. The Battalion provided parties for clearing battlefield and moved to bivouac in WADI UNION in the afternoon.

WADI UNION.

8th. The Battalion moved to WADI GABA-SHERIA and took up an Outpost Line.

WADI GABA-SHERIA.

9th. The Battalion moved with Brigade to IRHEID en route for KARB.

IRHEID.

10th. The Battalion marched into Bivouac near QOZ-SI-BASAL. This was a 14 mile march in a Khamsan, the latter part of it in clouds of dust. A ras by far the most trying march the Battalion has yet been called upon to undertake. 50 men fell out but 1 only failed to rejoin his unit that night.

QOZ-SI-BASAL.

11th-16th. Remained in bivouac near QOZ-SI-BASAL.

SHEIAL.

17th. The Brigade moved into bivouac at SHEIAL en route for the coast on the S. side of the WADI GHUZZE.

ST. JAMES PARK.

18th. The Brigade moved to bivouac near ST. JAMES PARK, on S. side of WADI GHUZZE.

19th-22nd. Remained in bivouac near ST. JAMES PARK.

23rd. The Regt. with DIVISION moved to bivouac near AUSTRALIA HILL. N. of ALI EL HURYAR. Length of march 8 miles

AUSTRALIA HILL.

24th. Remained in bivouac near AUSTRALIA HILL

28th. The Division marched to and bivouaced near KRIBDEL. Length of march 14 miles

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WEST

26th.

The Division marched to and moved into bivouac about 071-715 (Ref: PALESTINE MAP SHEET 16), near the turn in the WADI SUKRIAR and about 1 mile N. of TEL-SU-SUKRIER. Length of march 11 to 12 miles.

071-715.

The Brigade marched to and bivouaced at JUNCTION station via KATRAM and FHAHERT EL HONHIZIN. Length of march 11 to 12 miles

JUNCTION STATION.

28th.

The Bctm. with 15th. SUFFOLKS remained behind at JUNCTION Station and provided parties for work on the new Aerodrome there while the rest of the Brigade moved to LATRINE

29th.

The Battalion with 15th. SUFFOLKS moved via LATRINE and rejoined the rest of the Brigade and went into bivouac just S. of the village of BEIT NUDA about 088-1.33. (Ref: PALESTINE MAP SHEET 17)

S. of BEIT NUDA.

Remained in bivouac S. of BEIT NUDA.

30th.

GENERAL NOTES.

The following decorations were awarded on the field to the under-mentioned Officers and men for gallantry in the Battles of BEKSHIEMA and BHERIA.

MILITARY CROSS.

Capt. A. C. BAYLE who commanded the battalion in both actions.  
Capt. W. G. H. POWELL-KWARDS,  
Lieut. H. S. BUDT. 2/Lt. V. J. HOWARD,  
2/Lt. A. LUCAS. 2/Lt. J. C. PEARL attd. Light Trench Mortar Battery.

D.C.M.

320001 C. S. M. BALGORE, J. C. S.  
320096 Serjt. JOHNSTON, R. S.

MILITARY MEDAL.

320034 Serjt. ROAD, S.  
320024 Cpl. HARRIS, G.  
320124 Pte. BRIDGER, R. W.  
320712 Lt. Cpl. GARDNER, H.  
320117 Lt. Cpl. TURNER, H.  
320294 Lt. Cpl. LOCK, C. F.  
320464 Lt. Cpl. GUY, H.  
315374 Pte. DAVIS, C.  
320307 Pte. VIDAN, A. L.  
492023 Cpl. WHITHEAD, K. B. -  
R. A. H. C. attached.



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The health of the Battalion continued good throughout operations but on arrival at GOZ-EL-DAGAL there was a mild outbreak of diarrhoea, sore throats, and septic sores, and a few cases of dysentery largely due to the dusty nature of the bivouac. The effects of this was felt throughout the rest of the month. Weather throughout operations was fine & free from rain but on the 3rd, 4th, and 10th insts. Khamsene bliz which caused considerable suffering to the troops who were marching in it on an unworkable short issue of water. Rain fell on 20th & 21st. accompanied by cold weather which however only lasted a few days. The rest of the month was warm and fine.

BRITISH FORCES' ACQUIRED DURINGNOVEMBER

Officers 1

Other Ranks 65.

EXPLOSIVE STORES.

Officers 13.

Other Ranks. 885.

A. C. HILLAR

Capt and Adjutant

16th (Gr. Loc) Battalion,

Royal Sussex Regt.

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1 to 4th Remained in bivouac at Beit Nuba.

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5th Batta. moved up near track into bivouac at KATARRH. Heavy rain fell which made the roads impassable for camels. They had to be unloaded in the middle of the night and the loads man handled to the bivouac.

KATARRH.

6th A dump was established here and the Batta. moved up at 1830 to take over the outpost line (T 28, T 16, T 9) from the 23rd LONDON Regt. The outpost line was taken over at 22.30. Owing to the extent of the line and the darkness of the night, taking over was a slow process. Wet and cold. Men had overcoats, but no blankets or bivouac sheets. Disposition of Batta. was as follows. H.Q. & A Coy. at BEIT SUKIK (Reserve) 'G' Coy - 122 central 'D' Coy - T 16 central 'B' Coy T.9.b. Quiet night.

BEIT SUKIK.

7th Wet and misty - Picquets standing to all day.

8th Attack opened at daybreak. The Batta. remained in reserve at BEIT SUKIK - The Coys in the Outpost line all day. Casualties 1 killed 1 wounded - Shrapnell. Orders were received in the course of the afternoon to move 2 Coys to Y.10 central - 'G' & 'D' Coys moved accordingly. At 2330 a delayed message was received from Bde Hq ordering the Batta to move up to position of readiness in Y.17.d & Y.25.b. and to be in position by 0630.

9th The Batta. was concentrated with great difficulty owing to Coys being scattered along the line, the night being wet and dark and to the fact that most of the Lewis Gun mules were away from the Battalion carrying ammunition for the Bde forward S.A.A. dump. The

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position of Assembly was however reached by 0630. Shortly afterwards information was received that the trucks were retreating and the Batin. was ordered to advance on ML BUNG preceded by a patrol. ML BUNG found to be evacuated by the enemy & was occupied by the Batin. at 1100. In the afternoon the Batin. advanced according to orders and occupied BEIF HAMBILKA. At dusk, orders were received to take up an Outpost line from WADI MD DUBH Y.10. & inclusive to trench on NEBI BAWILL Y.1.d. exclusive. Outpost line accordingly taken up. Night quiet except for snipers but extremely wet & cold and considerable suffering experienced by the troops who then had no overcoats, blankets or bivouac sheets - these having been dumped before operations starting in the morning.

10th Batin. in Outpost Line - Patrols active during the day.

11th Batin. in Outpost Line - Patrol of 'C' Coy under Set HABILIS entered ML Jib and pushing through to northern side found village clear of enemy. Officers patrol under Alt. JENNER moved through squares Y.3.d. Y.3.b. Y.34. C & A to close to POINT 2400 where they were heavily fired upon & had to retire. Otherwise the day passed quietly.

12th Batin. in Support Line - Quiet day.

13th Batin. relieved in outpost line by 10th BUNGS & moved into Brigade Support at ML BUNG (Y.7.)

ML BUNG.

14th Batin. provided working parties for Durai & Salvaqa.

15th Batin. provided working parties. 'D' Coy sent up into the line as Reserve Coy for 10th BUNGS.

16th) 'D' Coy put into line by O.C.  
17th) 10th BUNGS as No.1 Outpost Coy of the line. The remainder of the Batin. at ML BUNG.

18th The Batin. less 'D' Coy at ML BUNG. One platoon 'D' Coy as escort to HQO in reconnaissance

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to KR ADAESH in force by 181st Bde & 10th BUDS. The reconnaissance a failure - KR ADAESH not taken. B.G. and platoon under Slt HOWARD extricated with difficulty - 1 casualty - 'D' Coy heavily shelled - Capt. CUTHERSON & Sgt BOCHRS wounded.

19th

Battn. Joss 'D' Coy at EL BUDS.

20th

Battn. relieved by 2/21st LONDON Regt. and moved with Brigade into Corps Reserve at 9.12 a.m.

9.12 a.m.

21st -  
20th

Very wet & cold. The wettest and most miserable Ymas Day on record.

27th

Turks attacked the line held by 60th Division in the early hours of the morning. Counter attack set in motion from left of 20th Corps (10th Div). The Battn. stood to at 0930 and remained in readiness throughout the day. At 1700 orders received to move in full Marching Order to neighbourhood of BELY ISKA. The Battn. moved at 1830 reaching new bivouac R.34.d. at 2200. Orders received at 2230 to send out strong Officers patrol to ascertain whether EL JUZEIR Ridge was still occupied by enemy or not. 2 Lt. COLLINS and a patrol from 'C' Coy accordingly sent out.

R.34.d.

28th

2 Lt. COLLINS returned at 0145. Reporting EL JUZEIR Ridge & POINT 2462 (R34 central) all clear. At 0700 Lt Adams with 2 platoons of his Coy ('C' Coy) were sent to EL JUZEIR with orders to hold it until Outpost line was pushed out to it. At 0800 Lt. Adams reported that he held EL JUZEIR. At midday the Battn. moved to position S. of POINT 2462 (R.34.d.) preparatory to moving forward for the advance on BAK ALIAR in conjunction with the 60th Division on its right and touch obtained with 2/22 LONDON REGT. - left Battn. 60th Division.

At 1830 orders were received to advance to R.17 & 18 central and threaten BAFAY. The Battn. moved

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Accordingly and at dusk took up an Outpost Line in that position. At this point Lt. ADAMS and his platoon rejoined the Battalion. Shortly after dusk orders were received that the 60th Division would continue the advance on RAVALIAR, at once. The Battalion accordingly deployed for the attack with its right on the WADI ED DEIB, subsequently moving up to level with RAZAF, where touch was again obtained with 60th Division who had however received orders not to proceed further that night. The Battalion accordingly went into bivouac on the Southern slopes of RAZAF Hill.

#### REPORT.

At 0100 the C.O. was summoned to see P.O. and received verbal orders that the advance would continue at 0730. The Battalion moved at 0500, rations which had come up in the night issued and deployed for the advance up the WADI-ED-DEIB and attack on RAVALIAR with the 10th Bury's on the left and 2/22nd LONDON REGT. (Left Batin. of the 60th Division) on the right. Of the Batin. - 'A' Coy (Capt. H. BLUNT R.C.), 'B' Coy (Capt. W.O.H. FOWELL ADWARDS R.C.), were in the front line, 'C' Coy (Lt. ADAMS) & 'D' Coy (2 Lt. W. HOWARD R.C.) in support. The advance proceeded without opposition until the outskirts of the town of RAVALIAR were entered when rifle & H.O. fire was heard at the N.E. end of the town shortly afterwards the Batin. came under M.G. & rifle fire from POINT 2879 on RAVALIAR-BIRCH ROAD. The Batin. took up a line facing Northeast on the outskirts of the town. 'A' Coy. (Capt. H.E. BLUNT R.C.) on the right 'B' Coy (Capt ADWARDS R.C.) on the left & waited for the 60th Division on the right to proceed with the attack on BIRCH. 60th Division were however held up on their right & remainder facing almost due E. and the Battalion was unable to advance without exposing its right flank and therefore remained in the position first taken up throughout the greater part of the day. Heavy enemy

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shelling opened at 1100 and remained paralent until 1900. At this point Capt SMITH M.C. was wounded - 2 men killed 8 wounded. At 1900 the 60th Div. commenced the advance on BIRKH and A & B Coys of the Batin. conforming with their advance, crossed the RAVALLAR - BIRKH Road & took up an Outpost line facing X on the left of 60th Div after the capture by the latter of Point 2879 & BIRKH which fell at 1630. At 1730 orders were received that there would be no further advance that night but at 1915 this order was cancelled & orders were substituted for the whole line to advance and for 290th Inf Bde on the left of 60th Div. to seize KH EL SURJ & the high ground in U 14 & 15. Order of the Battle - The Batin. on the right of the BDR in touch with 60th Div & with the SUPPS on their left & the EUSYOLKS on the left of the Bde line - HOROLKS in reserve. In the Batin. C & D Coys (Lieuts. ADAIR & HOWARD M.C.) in the front line & 'A' & B Coy which were holding the outpost line were intended to come in support after the attack had passed through the outpost line. The attack commenced at 2100 but owing to the shortness of the attacking line & loss of direction by directing Batin. of the 60th Div. The Battalion did not pass through the Outpost line held by A & B Coys with a result that these 2 Coys were not picked up until after the advance was over and touch was not established with the remainder of the Brigade so that in the attack 280th Infantry Bde was represented by 2 Coys of the Batin. The advance continued without incident until about 2215 when heavy M.C. fire was opened on the advancing line at short range by the enemy who however subsequently withdrew. At this point touch had been lost at several parts of the line & it also appeared that the objective had been passed & was now behind the line. It was therefore decided to withdraw the line to the ridge immediately S. of the point which the line had now

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reached. This was accordingly done and an Outpost Line taken up.

29th 20th.

Battn. in Outpost Line - The Battn. relieved by 10th BATTALION in the evening & went into support immediately N of HAWAII.

20th  
31st

Battn. remained in 2nd Support.

GENERAL NOTES.

Throughout the month the health of the Battn. remained good except for slight sores and tender feet caused by the continual wear of boots & the wet & cold weather. The weather was very wet & cold with fine intervals. It was especially bad about Xmas & on Xmas Day rain fell persistently & made lighting of fires impossible. The troops Xmas dinner consisted of Bally Beef, biscuits & cold water.

Strength of Battn.

Officers 33  
O. R. 772

Reinforcements

Officers 1  
O. R. 35

Casualties, Officers wounded

(Capt. CUTHBERTSON -  
KILLED N. C.)

O. R. - Killed 3 - Died of wounds 1.  
wounded 15.

A. G. MILLER.

Capt. & Adjutant.  
10th (S. Yeo) Bn.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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January

RAVAILAH

The battalion went into billets in RAVAILAH - Very Wet Day.

2nd The battalion remained in billets - weather still very bad.

3rd

The Brigade was relieved by the 181st Bde. & moved back into reserve in the DEET IZZA area.

DEET IZZA

4th The Battalion provided salvage and burial parties.

5th

The Brigade moved to DEET LIXIA. The move was carried out in fine weather but rain fell during the night continuously.

DEET LIXIA

The Battalion remained at DEET LIXIA. Orders were received on the 8th to move to KH. HEMLAHI, but was cancelled owing to the threatening rain & the wet state of the ground, rain having fallen almost continuously since the night of the 5-6th.

6,7,8th

The Battalion moved to road at OGG O. 32, c, between DEET UR 2, ZARVA and DEET SIRH, bivouaced beside the road & commenced to make good road. The Brigade making road from DEET SIRH to ZARVA the path, being allotted 1300 yds. immediately west of ZARVA.

9th

The Battalion employed on road making.

10,11,12th

During this period 3 Coys. were employed daily on road making, the fourth Coy. parading for musketry, manual, close order drill, bayonet fighting etc. The training of Reserve Snipers to the number of 66, and Reserve Lewis Gunners in parties of 30 was commenced.

GENERAL NOTES.

Throughout the month the health of the battalion remained good. The weather was very unsettled with periods of very heavy rain.

Strength of Battalion Officers 31 O.Ns. 794  
Reinforcements Officers 1 O.Ns. 311.  
Casualties Officers 111 O.Ns. 311

W. V. HOWARD, 2/Lt. & Acting Adj't.  
16th (Sx. Yeo.) Batin.,  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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March.

SIDI BISHR ALEXANDRIA.

The 1st Garrison Battalion, Devon Regiment, took over the Garrison duties on 1/3/17 & consequently the Battalion moved from HERSEA WARREN on the 1st, 3rd & 4th March 1917, and proceeded to SIDI BISHR CAMP, ALEXANDRIA for the concentration of the Brigade. Reinforcements were received during the month as under:-

9/3/17	4 Officers	464 Other Ranks
26/3/17	-	24
30/3/17	1	1

These reinforcements came from various reserve units in England. Training was continued throughout the month, special attention being paid to work in the field.

The month passed without further incident.

The health of the troops generally was good, opportunity being taken of two Medical Boards to dispose of men who were considered unfit to proceed with the Unit into the field.

On the night of the 29/30th inst. orders were received for the Batta. to be prepared to move, but this was subsequently postponed.

W.K.W. TAYLOR  
Lieut. & Adjutant  
18th (Gr. Yeo.) Batta.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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April.

SIDI BASHR.

1st-8th. Training & equipping of the Battalion was continued.

9th.

The Battalion moved from Sidi Bashr to KAWTARA & re-trained.

10th-16th.

DIRR EL BEKAR.

Arrived at DIRR EL BEKAR on the 10th for concentration of the Division. On the nights 14/15 and 16/17 this Unit held temporary Outpost Line near C20 on the WADI OUZZA.

17th.

The 74th Division was in general Reserve during the attack on QAZA.

22nd.

TUL EL JEMRI.

The Battalion moved to a point near TUL EL JEMRI & dug a line of defensive posts.

28th.

SHIKH BURAH.

On the night 28/29 the Battalion moved to point 330 north of SHIKH BURAH & dug & wired a system of defensive posts.  
During the month re-inforcements received as under:-  
3/4/17. 49 Other Ranks.  
The health of the troops generally was good; the Battalion suffered no casualties in action.

R.N.W. TAYLOR  
2/Lieut. & Adjutant  
16th (Sx.Yeo.) Bn. In.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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April.

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1/40,000.

The night of April 30th-May 1st was one of special vigilance, but the night passed with no unusual occurrence.

MAY.

1st-12th.

The system of redoubts was continued close to the 300 contour, west of HISSIA, wiring was erected to comply with the tactical requirements of the ground. 'A' & 'E' Coys. were in the front line and 'F' & 'G' Coys. in the support trenches behind point 330. During this period the Unit received the thanks of G.O.C. Division for the excellent work done under adverse climatic conditions.

12th.

On the 12th 'E' Coy. relieved an ARMAC line at HISSIA and 'C' Coy. took over Post 15 from the 10th Buffs. 'A' Coy. from the 10th Buffs occupied the support trench vacated by 'G' Coy. Each Coy. continued to improve the Post occupied by it until the 17th inst.

17th.

At 1700 on the 17th inst, the Unit took over from the ARMAC WORKED DIV. a part of the line East of VADI QUEN between HISSIA and BERRIAL - 'A' & 'D' Coys. were in support to the 10th Buffs, and 'E' & 'G' were held in reserve by the HISSIA CROSSING. The whole Unit was occupied in improving the support lines and the communication trenches from the front line posts to their corresponding support posts & thence to the VADI, until the night of the 26th.

27th.

At 0600 the line occupied by this Unit was handed over to the 6th Royal Welch Fusiliers and 1/1st Herefords. The Coys. then concentrated by Post 21 in the Old Battle Line west of VADI QUEN. The concentration was carried out by moving a platoon at a time to minimise the chance of observation from enemy aircraft.

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HEV.WADI KANASSER.

29th.

At 1900 on 27th the Unit moved out and proceeded to the WADI KANASSER, in reserve to the SHEICH ABAS BALIEST. Movement at night being difficult owing to the lack of distinctive land-marks coupled with the movement of other troops. A line of posts was laid in advance by daylight. These were able to communicate, by use of electric torches, with the head of the Battalion as it advanced, and the march was carried out in two hours less than the period anticipated by the Brigade Staff.

28th-  
31st.

On the morning of the 28th the Battalion dug itself in in the WADI KANASSER. Throughout the month the enemy has been active with observation aircraft, & precautions (such as posing aircraft picquets, & disguising trenches, so as to conform with surrounding terrain) were taken.

The health of the Unit has been excellent throughout, and the greatest attention has been paid to sanitation - the importance of the latter has been impressed upon individuals.

Three casualties only occurred. One man was killed at DEIR EL BELAH on 4/5/17 whilst in hospital during a hostile air-raid. One was wounded at RAFA & one at DEIR EL BELAH under similar circumstances whilst in hospital.

REMARKS: Major H. I. P. Edwards (2nd in command) rejoined from leave on the 4th inst. Details returned from hospital, but no fresh re-inforcements arrived.

W. K. V. TAYLOR,  
Lieut. & Adjutant  
16th (Sx. Yeo.) Battalion  
Royal Sussex Regt.

31/5/17.

16TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT.

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WADI MAIRAWAH.

1st to  
5th

Throughout the month the 20th

Infantry Bde. has been in position Reserve. The Unit has been occupied in supplying Working Parties and in training. As regards working parties, the work has consisted of the

improvement and extension of the first & second line defences & of the making of roads. The training referred to is mainly that of specialists

such as Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Snipers, Signallers, etc. In spite of the large demand for working parties & the consequent interruption of training,

progress has been made in all branches above mentioned. "Square" drill has also received due attention, with a view to tighten up discipline which has a tendency to become lax during periods when a Unit's main occupation is the supply of working parties. One of the most outstanding events

has been an extraordinary decrease in flies. At the beginning of the month flies threatened to be a pest and source of danger. The water was taken in hand and radical improvements effected. Kissing flies were killed by the use of fly poison & traps improvised from cigarette & blowitz tins. At the same time the fly was attacked in the breeding stage. All latrine & refuse pits were sealed by the use of kerosene saturated with crude oil. The

further improvement of, and attention to, all sanitary contrivances, have doubtless reduced the possibility of spread of disease by the fly & added to the comfort and consequent efficiency of the troops. The provision of definite spots for feeding purposes has eradicated the dangerous habit of eating in dugouts, and this minimized the

number of localities in which germs can be dropped. The comparative cool breezes have reduced the amount of drinking water consumed and careful distribution has enabled companies to build up a small reserve for washing purposes, with the result that each man has had the opportunity of a complete wash every other day - apart from his own personal economy.

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June

1st to  
30th  
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In the same way the washing of clothes has been effected; clothes are also regularly sun-baked. On 9/6/17 all ranks proceeded to HUKIA for distraction. Opportunity has been taken of visiting the front line trenches to enable commanders to appreciate the situation. The health of the unit has been good throughout the month. 6 cases of diphtheria & 6 cases of scarlet fever have occurred but prompt isolation and precautionary measures have prevented spread of these diseases.

Septic sores continue to be a source of trouble.

CAVALRYMEN: Admitted SICKLE

HOSPITAL:

Lieut. Col. G. B. Whitford.

Major A. C. Bayar.

Capt. G. H. F. Edwards.

2/Lieut. H. Hepkins.

2/Lieut. H. W. P. Howard Cambridge.

Died of sickness. 1 Other Rank.

REINFORCEMENTS:

Capt. G. B. Mason.

2/Lieut. A. C. Thornton.

48 Other Ranks.

W. K. W. PATER, Adjutant,

Lieut. G. Quesset Regt.

16th (Ok. Yeo.) Bn. R. Quesset Regt.

10TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SURREY REGIMENT.

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July

MAJ. HANDELL.

1st to 5th  
The Battalion continued to provide working parties. The training of specialists was continued as far as working parties and isolation of lightning contacts could allow.

ARMY HOUSE.

9th

The Battalion was relieved in section reserve and went into Corps Reserve, taking over from the 9th Royal Scots Fusiliers, and being into bivouacs in R.35.c. (Barr-Shellal 1/40,000 2nd Edition)

10th -  
13th

This period was spent in re-organising the Battalion on the new establishment and refitting.

13th

Training was commenced with Section training & was followed throughout the month by Platoon & Company training.

15th

The Battalion proceeded to the sea at Regent's Park for bathing and remained there during the night of the 15/16th returning to bivouacs on the 16th.

19th

The Battalion was inspected by the General Officer Commanding Buffershoe.

21st

Lieut. Col. G.S. Whitfield, being 30 days in hospital & struck off the strength as from 21/7/17. Major H.F. Powell afterwards assumed command, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

30th

The Battalion proceeded to the Brigade Training Area, & detailed from each Coy. bivouacked for the nights 30/31st and 31/1st near THE EL FINEI and fired a course of snareetry on the range on the 1st July & 1st August. TRAINING. The training commenced with Section & Platoon training, during which period special attention was paid to close order drill, snareetry and bayonet fighting. During company training, the open order attack was steadily practised



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A considerable improvement achieved night work, including Protection, Patrolling, Fire-cutting, Outposts & Visual Training by night, was practised. The health of the troops improved considerably, but cases of dysentery continued to occur, necessitating isolation, which continued to interfere with the training.

STRENGTH - 31.7.17.

SI Officers 959 Other Ranks.

REIMBURSEMENT: 17.7.17.

OFFICERS 3 9.18. 111.

A.O. HILLIER,  
Lieut. & Adjutant,  
14th (Ex. Yeo.) Batin.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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"APPLEY HOUSE".

1st to 7th  
The Battalion was engaged in training. Company training concluded on the 6th and was followed throughout the month by Battalion, Brigade and Divisional training.

West of DEIR-EL-SHAR.

7/31st  
On the night Aug. 7/31st the Battalion was relieved in the "Appley House" Bivouac Area by the 9th Batt. HANTS REGT. & moved into new Bivouac Area West of DEIR-EL-SHAR (V.A. GALA-SHALLAL 1:40,000 - 2nd Edition).

20th to 23rd  
On the 20th the Battalion proceeded to the Field Firing Area at EL IZNAIR.  
Carried out Field Training on 21st & returned to bivouac on the 23rd.

27th to 29th  
On the evening of the 27th the Battalion was relieved by the 1/4th Battn. HERFORD REGT. & moved to Batin. HERFORD REGT. (GALA-SHALLAL New area at A.S.S. (GALA-SHALLAL 1:40,000) the move being completed on the 29th.

The general health of the troops continued to improve throughout the month, cases of Septic Sores being very rare at the end.  
There were only two cases of dysentery throughout the month.

STRENGTH. M. 8.17. Officers 40  
O.N. 984.

REINFORCEMENTS  
DURING THE MONTH. Officers 4.  
O.N. 103.

H. I. POWELL EDWARDS.

Major  
Cade. 16th (Br. Coy) Battn.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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Leet "ROBERTS PARK".

5/6th Relieved 12th (AYR & LARAK TRO)  
Battalion ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS  
near ROBERTS PARK in 9.3.

SOOTH OF DRAIN-DE-BELAK.

Relieved by 25th ROYAL WELSH  
FUSILIERS and marched to new  
bivouac at Y.18.

During the period spent at  
ROBERTS PARK the Battalion  
provided working parties for  
Wall Sinking, Cable Laying & also  
helped to build new front line  
trenches on the left from JORDO  
POST to FUSILIER RIDGE and  
trenches behind SMARSONS RIDGE.

After being relieved & going  
into bivouac at Y.18, the  
remainder of the South was spent  
in training - General field work  
and Specialist Training.

The general health of the  
Battalion continues good.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION. Officers 28  
O. Ss. 939  
Officers 3  
O. Rs. 3

REINFORCEMENTS.

A. O. MILLER.

Capt. & Adjutant.  
16th (Sx. Yeo.) Batin.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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October.

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1st.- Battalion continued to train  
24th. & remained in bivouac in Y. 18.  
S. of DEIR-EL-BEHAH.

ABU SITTA.

25th. Battalion marched from bivouac  
in Y. 18 to ABU SITTA & bivouaced  
there for the night.

SHELLAL.

26th. Battalion moved to SHELLAL and  
31st. relieved the 2/22nd. QUMBE (R. W.  
SNIPERS) 2 Coys taking over posts  
in the line, the remaining 2 Coys,  
in support.

27th. The reinforcements for the  
forthcoming operations proceeded  
to the reinforcement camp at GAWLI.

EL KHASIV.

29th. Battalion proceeded with rest of  
30th. Bde. to EL KHASIV &  
bivouaced there for the night.

On this night the Battalion acted  
as Advance Guard to the 230th. Bde.  
to the position of deployment for  
the attack on the BERRHAKA  
defences subsequently taking up a  
line of night outposts to cover  
deployment of the Brigade. A  
highly successful patrol was  
carried out by 1st Lt. BILBY under  
most trying circumstances.

On the 1st. the Battrn. was in the  
Hide. Reserve for the attack on the  
BERRHAKA defences & during the  
withdrawal of the Battrn. from the  
Outpost line several coys. were  
severely shelled. 3 Officers were  
wounded Capt. R. S. CLARKE,  
Lieut. E. O. G. EDWARDS, 2/Lt. C.  
SPOONER. 2 O. Rs. killed, 22 wounded.  
In the evening the Battrn. received  
orders to attack & clear up enemy  
trench system from WADI SABA to  
the YANA-BERRHAKA Road working up  
from the South. The Battrn. carried  
out these orders, attacked at 1930,  
& performed the allotted task by  
2130, the trenches being unoccupied  
except for snipers. 2/Lt. WEBBER  
wounded, no other casualties.

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The health of the Battalion continues good.

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REINFORCEMENTS DURING MONTH  
OTHER RANKS 2.

A.G. MILLAR  
Capt & Adjt  
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WADI GAMA.

1st. The Battalion remained in bivouac at WADI GAMA and helped to clear up the battlefield after the Battle of BERUBERMA.

2nd. The Battalion moved to a bivouac behind old Turpiah Position Y.24.d. (Ref: YAHIA Map 2nd.Ed.)

Y.334d.

3rd. The Battalion moved as Advanced Guard to the Brigade to about W.24 (Ref: INHOIG Map 1st.Ed.) A Co. & 9th Coys. formed an Outpost lane.

W.24.

4th. The Battalion with Brigade moved up to X.3.d. (Ref: INHOIG Map 1st.Ed.)

X.3.d. WADI UNION.

5th./6th. In the evening orders were issued for the action subsequently known as the Battle of UBERIDE and covering the night 5/6th. The Battalion moved to position of concealment in the WADI UNION - Y.31.a. (Ref: INHOIG Map 2nd.Ed.).

0400 The Bn. deployed at 0400 with its left on WADI UNION at about U.36.b.4.c. covering frontage of 100 yds. and commenced advance towards Outpost lane held by 10th. BPSB.

0430 Bn. came under heavy rifle and M.G. fire from enemy work Y.46. The lane was halted while O.C. directing Coy. Capt. W.G.H. FORELL-

WARDON made personal reconnaissance of ground on his left to try and get touch with 229th. Bde. Touch was not gained here but 10th. BPSB reported that 229th. Bde. had gone forward some while before unopposed. O.C. 16th. SIBERSK ordered advance to continue.

0600 The Battalion having steadily advanced upon Y.46 without stopping the enemy were ejected therefrom by the threat of the bayonet.

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O.C. Directing Coy. Capt. EDWARDS, reported by runner that he was in touch with YIP & KORFAR YCO. (229th. Bde) on his left. Runner (Pte. HORNB, R.) was badly wounded 200 yds from Btr. R.Q. but managed to deliver his message verbally.

O.C. "B" Coy (Directing). Capt. EDWARDS, finding that 229th. Bde. had swung away to left conformed and attacked enemy work in U.21.a & b, having first cleared enemy from WADI ULSTER in squares U.22.c. and U.21.b & d. Enemy M.G. in U.22.a. then held up "D" Coy. who had filled gap between "B" and "A" Coys. caused by "C" Coy. having conformed to movement of 229th. Bde. This M.G. was dealt with by a I.O. fired by O.C. "A" Coy. himself (Lt. H.B. MURR), the personnel of the gun having become casualties. This enabled the advance to continue. At this point O.C. "D" Coy (Lt. C.M. ORRICK) was killed.

0630 Lt. PERCUMER "G" Coy. reported that his Coy. Cmdr. (Capt. R.L. KERKITCH) was killed, that his Coy. (C) was in touch with B Coy. to its front, & 259th. Bde. on its left.

About 40 prisoners were captured in WADIS in squares U.22.c. and U.21.d. and many casualties were caused among the enemy in these WADIS by I.O. and rifle fire of "B" Coy. In of the above prisoners were captured single handed by C.S.M. BALDWIN, who advanced upon them alone except for one volunteer P.M.

0700 HARVEY, J.

All enemy works in squares U.21 and U.15 within Gatin. Aren of attack were captured. 2 L.Gs. and 70 prisoners being captured in enemy works V.38 & 39 by 1 Platoon "B" Coy. under 2/Lt. INCAS, and 1 Platoon "A" Coy. under Serjt. HOLD.

0720 Advance Coys seen from Battr. R.Q. to be gaining their way on to high ground thought to be in squares U.7 & P.12 but subsequently found to be in squares U.10.8.9. On this high ground enemy made determined stand, and a battery of guns in square U.10.c., which was enfilading 229th. Bde., and M.Gs. in the same square which were enfilading the advance of

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this Battalion, were located. O.C. "B" Coy. Capt. EDWARDS immediately ordered 2 L.O. Sections, 2/Lt. WALKER'S Platoon, and 1 Platoon "C" Coy. under Sgt. EYRAM, to seize ground from which these M.Gs. were commanded. This was done and within 10 minutes the guns were silenced. At the same time Capt. EDWARDS ordered L/Opt. TURNER 1/c L.O. Section with an escort of 2 Sections of Riflemen under Sgt. SPRINGS ("C" Coy.) to move to ground from which the enemy battery could be enfiladed. This party was met by Sgt. JOHNSTON "B" Coy. who took charge and the L.O. in action 100 yds. from Battery, himself advanced upon the Battery, emptied his magazine upon the personnel, and called upon them to surrender. This they at once did and 3 Officers and 25 O.Rs. were captured with the guns. The Battalion had seized the high ground in Squares U, 10 & 9, the whole Battalion in the line. Shortly after this an enemy M.G. was found to be enfilading the 229th. Bde. and L.C. BROOKS "C" Coy. on his own initiative moved his L.O. forward to a most exposed position & from there silenced the enemy M.G. and remained there until his gun was put out of action. About this time O.C. "B" Coy. Capt. EDWARDS seized high ground 200 yds. immediately in front of him in order to pursue the enemy with fire.

0830

O.C. "B" Coy. (Lieut. HOPKINS) seized corresponding high ground to his front with the same object. For the next 10 minutes L.O. GARDNER (Range Taken "B" Coy.) gave ranges and observed most effectively, displaying great coolness under heavy enemy M.O. & Rifle fire. The enemy, having collected reinforcements, made a determined counter attack supported by artillery and M.Gs., resulting in the withdrawal of "B" Coy. advanced elements to their main position and the withdrawal of D Coy., against whom the main weight of the attack fell, to the WADI USUD in rear of the high ground in U, 10 & 9. At this point O.C. "D" Coy. Lt. HOPKINS



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called his Coy. & a platoon of the DEVON Regt. whom he found there, and retook the high ground at the point of the bayonet. It was then discovered that the enemy under cover of their counter attack had brought up Oxen and were making an attempt to hitch up and withdraw the captured battery. 2/Lt. HOWARD, D Coy, immediately attacked a party of the enemy attempting to withdraw the guns, with his platoon supported by Pte. DAVIS who assumed command of half his platoon. Some of the enemy were bayoneted, some shot by 2/Lt. HOWARD with his revolver, Lt. Col. GUY co-operating by boldly rushing forward with his section and reloading the guns. This party of D Coy. were then led forward by 2/Lt. HOWARD to commanding ground beyond the guns, where in spite of heavy enemy shelling & H.G. & Rifle fire they were maintained & the position thus completely re-established. The enemy were finally dispersed by the timely arrival and good shooting of our own field guns.

During this action 4 Officers and 250 odd unwounded G.Rs, a battery of guns, & several H.Os. were captured. The Battalion's casualties were OFFICERS killed three Capt. H.L. KEENEYCH, 1st Lt. C.M. GREEN, & 2/Lt. G.S. WILSON, wounded three 2/Lts. G. SCOTT, A. LUCAS, & J. H. WALKER (died of wounds in CAIRO 22.11.17) Other ranks, killed 19, wounded 95. (since died of wounds 10) missing 2.

In the afternoon the Batin. was relieved by a battn. (WELSH HORSE) of 21st. Bde. The rest of the day was spent in re-organising the Battalion & collecting the wounded. The Battalion moved in the evening to bivouac near Garden in U.20.c.

21. Col. R.I. POWELL-KIMMARDIS rejoined the Brigade on the night of Nov. 6th from Reinforcement Camp. At the request of the B.G.C., he served during the action as Liaison Officer between Bde. H.Q. & the Batin., Capt. A.C. DEYER to whom orders for the action had been issued, prior to Lt. Col. KIMMARDIS arrival remaining in command of the Battalion until the night of Nov. 6th.

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7th.

The Batin. provided parties for clearing battlefield and moved to bivouac in WADI UNION in the afternoon.

WADI UNION.

8th.

The Batin. moved to WADI SAHA-SHERIA and took up an Outpost line.

WADI SAHA-SHERIA.

9th.

The Batin. moved with Brigades to INDAIG on route for KARU.

INDAIG.

10th.

The Batin. marched into Bivouac near GOZ-IL-BASAL. This was a 14 mile march in a Khamsen, the latter part of it in clouds of dust, & was by far the most trying march the Battalion has yet been called upon to undertake. 50 men fell out but 1 only failed to rejoin his unit that night.

GOZ-IL-BASAL.

11th-16th.

Remained in bivouac near GOZ-IL-BASAL.

SHERIA.

17th.

The Brigade moved into bivouac at SHERIA en route for the coast on the S. side of the WADI OHUZZA.

ST. JAMES PARK.

18th.

The Brigade moved to bivouac near ST. JAMES PARK, on S. side of WADI OHUZZA.

19th-22nd.

Remained in bivouac near ST. JAMES PARK.

23rd.

The Bde. with DIVISION moved to bivouac near ADSTRALIA HILL, N. of ALI EL KURRAR. Length of march 8 miles

ADSTRALIA HILL.

24th.

Remained in bivouac near ADSTRALIA HILL

25th.

The Division marched to and bivouaced near MUJDEL, length of march 14 miles

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The Division marched to and moved into bivouac about 071-X 15 (Ref: PALESTINE MAP SHEET 16), near the turn in the WADI SHAKRIAH and about 1 mile S. of ENT-EL-MERESH. Length of march 11 to 12 miles.

071-X 15.

The Brigade marched to and bivouaced at JUNCTION station via KATPAR and KHARIBT EL MUDRIZIN. Length of march 11 to 12 miles.

JUNCTION STATION.

26th. The Patrol, with 15th. GRUPOKS remained behind at JUNCTION Station and provided parties for work on the new Aerodrome there while the rest of the Brigade moved to IATPUN.

29th. The Battalion with 15th. GRUPOKS moved via IATHUN and rejoined the rest of the Brigade and went into bivouac just S. of the village of HEIT NUDA about 085-L, 33. (Ref: PALESTINE MAP SHEET 17)

S. of HEIT NUDA.

30th. Remained in bivouac S. of HEIT NUDA.

GENERAL NOTES.

The following decorations were awarded on the field to the under-mentioned Officers and men for gallantry in the Battles of BEHSHREHA and SHERIA.

MILITARY CROSS.

Capt. A. C. BAYLER who commanded the battalion in both actions.  
Capt. W. G. H. POWELL-EDWARDS.  
Lieut. H. W. HUNT. 2/Lt. W. J. HOWARD.  
2/Lt. A. LUGAS. 2/Lt. F. C. PERL attd. Light Trench Mortar Battery.

BAR

320001 C. S. M. BALFOUR, J. C. S.  
320096 Serjt. JOHNSTON, H. B.

MILITARY MEDAL.

320034 Serjt. HOAD, S.  
320024 Cpl. HARRIS, O.  
320124 Pte. BIDDISS, R. W.  
320712 I. Cpl. GARDNER, H.  
320117 I. Cpl. TUNNER, H.  
320204 I. Cpl. LOCK, C. F.  
320464 I. Cpl. GOY, H.  
319374 Pte. DAVIS, C.  
320387 Pte. VIGAN, A. L.  
492023 Cpl. WHITHEAD, E. D. -  
H. A. E. C. attached.

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The health of the Battalion continued good throughout operations but on arrival at 602-EL-DAGAL there was a mild outbreak of diarrhoea, sore throats, and septic sores, and a few cases of dysentery largely due to the dusty nature of the bivouac. The effects of this was felt throughout the rest of the month. Weather throughout operations was fine & free from rain but on the 3rd, 4th, and 10th rains. Khamsens bliz which caused considerable suffering to the troops who were marching in it on an unavoidable short issue of water. Rain fell on 20th & 21st. accompanied by cold weather which however only lasted a few days. The rest of the month was warm and fine.

REQUISITIONS RECEIVED DURING

TOYLA

Officers 1

Other ranks 65.

REQUISITE BIRROGM.

Officers 2.

Other ranks 985.

A.S. WILLIAMS

Capt and Adjutant

16th (Sx. Yoo) Battalion.

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BEIT NUBA.

1 to 4th Remained in bivouac at Beit Nuba.

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6th

Battn. moved up new track into bivouac at KATAFERH. Heavy rain fell which made the roads impossible for camels. They had to be unloaded in the middle of the night and the loads man handled to the bivouac.

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KATAFERH.

6th

A dump was established here and the Battn. moved up at 1330 to take over the outpost line (Y 22 X 16 Y 9) from the 23rd LONDON Regt. The outpost line was taken over at 22.30. Owing to the extent of the line and the darkness of the night, taking over was a slow process. Wet and cold. Men had overcoats, but no blankets or bivouac sheets. Disposition of Battn. was as follows. H.Q. & A Coy. at BEIT SURIK (Bosarra), 'G' Coy - 122 central 'D' Coy - 'I' 16 central 'B' Coy 'I.9.b. quiet night.

BEIT SURIK.

Wet and misty - Frequets standing to all day.

7th

Attack opened at daybreak. The Battn. remained in reserve at BEIT SURIK - The Coys in the Outpost line all day. Casualties I killed I wounded -

shrapnell. Orders were received in the course of the afternoon to move 2 Coys to Y.10 central - 'B' & 'D' Coys moved accordingly. At 2330 a delayed message was received from Bde Hq ordering the Battn to move up to position of readiness in Y.17.d & Y.23.b. and to be in position by 0530.

8th

9th

The Battn. was concentrated with great difficulty owing to Coys being scattered along the line, the night being wet and dark and to the fact that most of the Lewis Gun mules were away from the Battalion carrying ammunition for the Bde forward S.A.A. dump. The

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position of Assembly was however reached by 0630. Shortly afterwards information was received that the Japs were retiring and the Batin. was ordered to advance on HL BUND preceded by a patrol. HL BUND found to be evacuated by the enemy & was occupied by the Batin. at 1100. In the afternoon the Batin. advanced according to orders and occupied BRIT HARRINA. At dusk, orders were received to take up an Outpost Line from WADI ED DUBA Y.10.8 inclusive to trench on HEMI SAHARIL Y.11.d. exclusive. Outpost Line accordingly taken up. Night quiet except for snipers but extremely wet & cold and considerable suffering experienced by the troops who then had no overcoats, blankets or bivouac sheets - these having been dumped before operations starting in the morning.

10th  
Batin. in Outpost Line - Patrols active during the day.

Batin. in Outpost Line - Patrol of 'C' Coy under Sgt HARRIS entered HL 715 and pushing through to northern side found village clear of enemy. Officer's patrol under Lt. JEMMER moved through Squares Y.3.d. Y.3.b. Y.34. C & A to elcose to POINT 2400 where they were heavily fired upon & had to retire. Otherwise the day passed quietly.

12th  
Batin. in Support Line - Quiet day.

Batin. relieved in outpost line by 10th BUNDS & moved into Brigade Support at HL BUND (W.7.)

HL BUND.14th  
Batin. provided working parties for Burial & Salvage.15th  
Batin. provided working parties. 'D' Coy sent up into the line as Reserve Coy for 10th BUNDS.16th)  
17th)  
'D' Coy put into line by O.C. 10th BUNDS as No.1 Outpost Coy of the line. The remainder of the Batin. at HL BUND.18th  
The Batin. less 'D' Coy at HL BUND. One platoon 'D' Coy as escort to MOC in reconnaissance

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to KM ADASEN in force by 191st Bde & 10th SUPPS. The reconnaissance a failure - KM ADASEN not taken. M.G. and platoon under EMT HOWARD exercised with difficulty - 1 casualty - 10<sup>th</sup> Coy heavily shelled - Capt. CURRISHIRSON & SGT FOOTERS wounded.

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Battn. loss 10<sup>th</sup> Coy at EL HUNO.

20th

Battn. relieved by 2/21st LONDON Regt. and moved with Brigade into Corps Reserve at 8.12.a.

8.12.a.

21st -  
20th

Very wet & cold. The wettest and most miserable Xmas Day on record.

27th

Turks attacked the line held by 60th Division in the early hours of the morning. Counter attack set in motion from left of 20th Corps (10th Div.). The Battn. stood to at 0900 and remained in readiness throughout the day. At 1700 orders received to move in full Marching Order to neighbourhood of BELT 122A. The Battn. moved at 1830 reaching new bivouac R.34.d. at 2800. Orders received at 2330 to send out strong Officers patrol to ascertain whether EL JUZEIR Ridge was still occupied by enemy or not. 2 Lt. COLLINS and a patrol from 'C' Coy accordingly sent out.

R.34.d.

28th

2 Lt. COLLINS returned at 0145, reporting EL JUZEIR Ridge & POINT 2462 (R24 central) all clear. At 0700 Lt Adams with 2 Platoons of his Coy ('C' Coy) were sent to EL JUZEIR with orders to hold it until Outpost Line was pushed out to it. At 0800 Lt. Adams reported that he held EL JUZEIR. At midday the Battn. moved to position S. of POINT 2462 (R.24.d.) preparatory to moving forward for the advance on BAK ALIAR in conjunction with the 60th Division on its right and touch obtained with 2/22 LONDON REGT. - left Battn. 60th Division.

At 1820 orders were received to advance to R.17 & 10 central and threaten RADAT. The Battn. moved

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accidentally and at dusk took up an Outpost Line in that position. At this point Lt. ADAMS and his platoons rejoined the Battalion. Shortly after dusk orders were received that the 60th Division would continue the advance on RAVALIAR, at once. The Battalion accordingly deployed for the attack with its right on the WADI ED DIR, subsequently moving up to level with RAVALI, where touch was again obtained with 60th Division who had however received orders not to proceed further that night. The Battalion accordingly went into bivouac on the Southern slopes of RAVALI Hill.

BATAIL

At 0100 the C.O. was summoned to Ade H.Q. and received verbal orders that the advance would continue at 0730. The Battalion was roused at 0500, sections which had come up in the night issued and deployed for the advance up the WADI ED DIR and attack on RAVALIAR with the 10th BATTALION the left and 2nd LORDOI BATTALION the right. Of the Battalion, 'A' Coy (Capt. H. EDWIN H.C.O.), 'B' Coy (Capt. W.O.H. FORELL HOWARDS H.C.O.) were in the front line, 'C' Coy (Lt. ADAMS) & 'D' Coy (2 Lt. W. HOWARD H.C.O.) in support. The advance proceeded without opposition until the outskirts of the town of RAVALIAR were entered when rifle & H.Q. fire was heard at the B.M. end of the town shortly afterwards the Battalion came under H.Q. & rifle fire from POINT 2879 on RAVALIAR-BIRSH ROAD. The Battalion took up a line facing Northeast on the outskirts of the town. 'A' Coy. (Capt. H.W. EDWIN H.C.O.) on the right, 'B' Coy (Capt. HOWARDS H.C.O.) on the left & waited for the 60th Division on the right to proceed with the attack on BIRSH. 60th Division were however held up on their right & remainder facing almost due N. and the Battalion was unable to advance without exposing its right flank and therefore remained in the position first taken up throughout the greater part of the day. Heavy enemy

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Accordingly and at dusk took up an Outpost Line in that position. At this point Lt. ADAMS and his platoons rejoined the Battalion. Shortly after dusk orders were received that the 60th Division would continue the advance on KAWALAH, at once. The Battalion accordingly deployed for the attack with its right on the WADI ED DEIR, subsequently moving up to level with RAJAF, where touch was again obtained with 60th Division who had however received orders not to proceed further that night. The Detachment accordingly went into bivouac on the Southern slope of RAJAF Hill.

#### RAJAF.

At 0100 the C.O. was summoned to Bde H.Q. and received verbal orders that the advance would continue at 0730. The Battalion moved at 0530, platoons which had come up in the night issued and deployed for the advance up the WADI ED DEIR and attack on KAWALAH with the 10th BATTALION on the left and 8/38th LON DOB REGT. (left Battalion. Of the 60th Division) on the right. The Bde C.O. (Capt. H. LUNN R.C.) 1st Coy (Capt. W.G.H. FOWELL EDWARDS R.C.) were in the front line 1st Coy were in the front line 1st Coy (Lt. ADAMS) & 1st Coy (2 Lt. W. HOWARD R.C.) in support. The advance proceeded without opposition until the outskirts of the town of KAWALAH were entered when rifle & M.G. fire was heard at the H.Q. end of the town shortly afterwards the Battalion came under M.G. & rifle fire from POINT 2879 on KAWALAH-DIRER ROAD. The Battalion took up a line facing Northeast on the outskirts of the town. 1st Coy. (Capt. H.G. BLUNT R.C.) on the right 1st Coy (Capt. EDWARDS R.C.) on the left & right to proceed with the attack on DIRER. 60th Division were however held up on their right & remainder facing almost due E. and the Battalion was unable to advance without exposing its right flank and therefore remained in the position first taken up throughout the greater part of the day. Heavy enemy

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shelling opened at 1100 and remained persistent until 1600. At this point Capt FURR M.C. was wounded - 2 men killed & wounded. At 1600 the 60th Div. commenced the advance on BIRER and A & B Coys of the Batin, conforming with their advance, crossed the RAVALIAR - BIRER Road & took up an Outpost line facing E on the left of 60th DIV after the capture by the latter of point 2879 & BIRER which fell at 1630. At 1730 orders were received that there would be no further advance that night but at 1615 this order was cancelled & orders were substituted for the whole line to advance and for 230th Inf Bde on the left of 60th DIV. to seize KH XL SURJ & the high ground in U 14 & 15. Order of the Battle - The Batin, on the right of the BDE in touch with 60th DIV & with the SUZYS on their left & the SUZPOLKS on the left of the Bde line - BIRPOLKS in reserve. In the Batin. C & D Coys (Idents). ADAMS & HOWARD M.C.) In the front line A & B Coy which were holding the outpost line were intended to come in support after the attack had passed through the outpost line. The attack commenced at 2100 but owing to the shortness of the attacking line a loss of direction by directing Batin. of the 60th DIV. The Battalion did not pass through the Outpost line held by A & B Coys with a result that those 2 Coys were not picked up until after the advance was over and touch was not established with the remainder of the Brigade so that in the attack 230th Infantry Bde was represented by 2 Coys of the Batin. The advance continued without incident until about 2215 when heavy E.C. fire was opened on the advancing line at short range by the enemy who however subsequently withdrew. At this point touch had been lost at several parts of the line & it also appeared that the objectives had been passed & was now behind the line. It was therefore decided to withdraw the line to the ridge immediately E. of the point which the line had now

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(Contd.)reached. This was accordingly done  
and an Outpost Line taken up.18th BATTALION.

30th

Battn. in Outpost Line - The Battn.  
relieved by 10th BATTALION in the  
evening & went into support  
immediately N of RAHALLAH.

31st

Battn. remained in Pde support.

GENERAL NOTES.

Throughout the month the health  
of the Battn. remained good  
except for deep-sea sores and  
tender feet caused by the  
continual wear of boots & the  
wet & cold weather. The weather  
was very wet & cold with fine  
intervals. It was especially  
bad about Xmas & on Xmas Day  
rain fell persistently & made  
lighting of fires impossible.  
The Xmas dinner consisted  
of Bally Beef, biscuits & cold  
water.

Strength of Battn.

Officers 23

O.R. 772

Reinforcements

Officers 1

O.N. 36

Casualties, Officers wounded

(Capt. CUTHBERTSON -

BLIND N.C.)

O.R. - Killed 3 - Died of wounds 1,  
wounded 15.

A.G. MILLER.

Capt. & Adjutant.  
10th (Sx. Yeo) Bn.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

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16th (Sussex Yeomanry) B.C. Coy.

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RAHAYLAH

1st The battalion went into billets in RAHAYLAH - Very Wet Day.

2nd The battalion remained in billets - weather still very bad.

3rd The Brigade was relieved by the 181st Bde, & moved back into reserve in the BRIT IZZA area.

BRIT IZZA

4th The Battalion provided salvage and buried parties.

5th

The Brigade moved to BRIT LITIA. The move was carried out in fine weather but rain fell during the night continuously.

BRIT LITIA

6, 7, 8th The Battalion remained at BRIT LITIA. Orders were received on the 8th to move to KH. NEILABDI, but was cancelled owing to the threatening rain & the wet state of the ground, rain having fallen almost continuously since the night of the 5-8th.

9th

The Battalion moved to road at QDQ. O. 32. 5. between BRIT UR XI, FARHA and BRIT GIRA, bivouaced beside the road & commenced to make Good road. The Brigade making road from BRIT GIRA to FARHA the Bctn. being allotted 1500 yds. immediately west of FARHA.

10, 11, 12th The Battalion employed on road making.

13 - 31st

During this period 3 Coy's. were employed daily on road making, the fourth Coy. parading for musketry, manual, close order drill, bayonet fighting etc. The training of Reserve Signallers to the number of 66, and Reserve Lewis Gunners in parties of 30 was commenced.

GENERAL NOTES.

Throughout the month the health of the Battalion remained good. The weather was very unsettled with periods of very heavy rain.

Strength of Battalion Officers 31 O. Ra. 794  
Reinforcements Officers 1 O. Ra. Nil.  
Casualties Officers Nil. O. Ra. Nil.

W. J. HOWARD, 2/Lt. & Acting Adj't.  
1st Bn (Sr. Troop.) Battalion,  
Royal Sussex Reg't.

Ref: PALMSTON Map. BRITISH XVII.

WEST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE  
RSP/MS 7.25

MARRIAGE

OF

1664. BR. ROY. SURREY. RICH.

16TH BR. 107. SUBSEX ACOT.

Appendix.

1918.  
Feb.

1st. TAHIA  
a. Battalion employed in road making.

REP.  
PATRIOTISM  
SAP  
BRIGHT XVII.

2nd. Battalion received 1st dose of  
Cholera & T.B. inoculation

Battalion employed on road making.

4th. LATON  
b. Moved to LATON en route to JURUJION  
for disinfection & bivouaced in  
E 22 C next to AYR & LARAMEE bivouac

6th. Moved to JURUJION DIVISION & bivouaced  
in F 22 9. Wet day.

7th. JURUJION  
Disinfection of Battalion commenced.  
60 men per hour & 500 during the  
whole day. were disinfected

Disinfection of Battalion completed  
by midday. Insectant r in  
throughout the day.

8th. LATON  
Battalion returned by LATON and  
bivouaced on ground recently  
vacated by AYR & LARAMEE in E 22 9 -  
rain continued

10th. Battalion returned to old bivouac  
area at TAHIA arriving at 1420

11th. TAHIA  
to Battalion employed on road making  
16th.

Church parade in area of 15th  
Portfolks. D.A.D.'S. Inspected area  
occupied by battalion.

Battalion employed on road making.

18th. Battalion finished HIGHWAY OVER ROAD  
to TAHIASHA CORNER.  
22nd. Battalion received 2nd dose of  
inoculation.

24th. Battalion received 2nd dose of  
inoculation.  
26th. Battalion started making new road  
due west from TAHIASHA CORNER to  
J 83 CENTRAL.

26th. Battalion employed on roadmaking  
27th. Wet all day - no work done.

20th. Battalion employed on headmarking.

8.  
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GENERAL NOTES

The training of REEFERS GLOBAL and  
LESLIE DUNNINGS & HOUNSLEY was continued  
and an R G C course was commenced  
and the Battalion runners underwent  
a weeks refresher course.

The health of the Battalion remained  
good.

The weather was very unsettled with  
periods of very heavy rain.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION	OFFICERS 24
	0 N's 664
REINFORCEMENTS	OFFICERS
	0 N's 811
CASUALTIES	OFFICERS 111
	0 N's 811

R.F. HOWARD.

2 Lieut. a/sdjt.  
16th (Sx.Yeo) Batt.  
Royal Sussex Regt.



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1st-2nd

AppendixTATAN

Battalion employed on Road work. Road finished by 2nd.

Battalion packing up to move. Division having received orders to relieve 53rd Division.

3rd

4th

Battalion left TATAN at 12.30 and arrived at DIER IBSIA at about 1600 - bivouaced for night.

5th

DIER IBSIA

Battalion left DIER IBSIA at 0900 and bivouaced at F 22 B for midday & evening meal - left at dusk and arrived at U 4 Central at about 21.30.

6th

U 4 Central

Battalion reported to R.A.R.F. at midnight for roadwork in H 16 A & H 11 a - under CAPT. EDWARDS, R.C.

7th

Colonel summoned to Brigade H Q at 0945.

8th

Received operation orders at 0900 and Administrative orders at 1645.

19.30

HARENDAVIE.

Battalion moved to concentration point in rear of 15th SUPPOK with a view to deploying in their rear, on reaching point of deployment and to support their attack by advancing some 1,000 yards in rear against works at BURJ BARDAVIE.

22 30

Battalion arrived about H 12 0 7.9 to await cleaning of YERUD by 10th SUPPS

2400

Information received that 10th SUPPS had failed to take YERUD-held by 3 or 4 H.Q. and small Garrison. Orders received that advance would proceed so as to assault BURJ BARDAVIE works at dawn.

9th 0145

Battalion moved off in rear of 15th SUPPOKs to point of deployment - "G" Coy (Capt. A. Fletcher) "B" Coy (Capt. H. Pope) "A" Coy (Capt. H. M. Mount H.C.) "D" Coy (Capt. H. Hopkins).

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- 9th (cont'd) 0500 O.C. "A" Coy (Capt H. E. Blunt H. C.) reported that Battalion was not in correct position for attack on MUR BARDAVILIX and that 10th Buffs (1 Coy) and 15th SUFFOLKS were all intermingled in very rough ground SOUTH OF YERUD and that he & Capt. A. Fletcher (C) were deploying in very rough ground in slopes W 6 in rear of part of 15th SUFFOLKS YERUD, not having been carried, orders were given for "C" & "A" Coys to move round MERT flank of village and endeavour to outflank it - "D" Coy to move on the village - "B" Coy to remain in support. This move was successful and "A" Coy entered the village about 0500. About this time Capt H. Hopkins was wounded and 2 Lt. F. Lockett took over command of "B" Coy. The Adjutant 2 Lt. F. Howard H. C. had been wounded about 0200 and the Orderly Room Sgt - Sgt Lave became a casualty owing to a twisted ankle about 0800 the regulator of messages is therefore broken & of not much value.
- 0900 Battalion was reorganized and crossed Wadi EABR of YERUD to position about H 31 d for assault on MERT BARDAVILIX works which were kept under heavy fire by our artillery.
- 1030 MERT BARDAVILIX occupied without opposition and Battalion moved to left of 15th SUFFOLKS - K 30 a K 29 b for advance on second objective, the high ground K 12 central.
- 1100 Orders received - 12th NORFOLKS would replace 15th SUFFOLKS in further advance.
- 1430 Advance commenced but on arriving at high ground about MERT KURDY overlooking KALIBS ROAD the landing lines came under heavy H.O. fire from front & flanks (K 16 d & K 11 C & D). Ground in front was a series of steep and deep terraces falling to the road & mostly devoid of cover. After personal reconnaissance, the G.O. reported to H. G. C. that any further advance by day could only be made at cost of heavy casualties.
- 1700 Orders received to continue advance at 1830

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9th 1830  
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Advance continued in conjunction with 12th HONPOLKS. formations at first - 2 lines of skirmishers followed by lines of platoons in (Pours), but the forward slopes of K 24 were, in many places impracticable and eventually the whole of HONPOLK, SUSSEX, & SUZPOLK Battalions followed one another down the terraces in the order indicated in file or single file. HONPOLKS were to deploy on right and SUSSEX on left of bridge in K 24 for attack on K 12 central but owing to confusion in descent of K 24 both Battalions deployed along MARJIS ROAD, WSBY of the bridge. SUSSEX on the right HONPOLKS on left.

2400 Deployment completed and advance up the Hill K 24 a & b commenced - terraces were very high rocky & steep and it was only owing to the great determination displayed by all ranks that the men, Lewis Guns, Bombs, and Ammunition were got up the hill at all. The enemy maintained a continuous fire of rifles K. G's and Bombs from 1830 onwards.

10th 0500 At this hour the two Battalions had arrived at about the summit of the first main crest of hill in K 12 central (about K 24 b 5.10) and after brisk fighting in which bombs, Lewis Guns & rifles were all used, the enemy retired. Headquarters and Battalion reorganized for further advance. Battalion with HONPOLK Battalion reached point K 18 b 10.4

0600 Enemy were seen retiring on to K 12 central and 3 H G's observed being got in position. H G fire was also opened on Battalion from left front. P O O No 7 (Howitzer Battery) started to reloader but found great difficulty in doing so. 15th SUZPOLKS were sent for to support the advance.

0800 Lt Col JARVIS (15th SUZPOLKS) arrived and 10th SUZPB ordered to advance in support.

1000 Enemy seen evacuating K 12 and D's Coy (2 Lt W. Lockett) was pushed forward on to the hill followed by several other Battalions. Orders were received to consolidate & that 10th Inf's would pass through and attack WY TRILL & SARKLAY.

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10th 1030  
(cont'd)Appendix

Battalion withdrawn into Brigade reserve for the night and bivouaced about K 69. Night was wet & cold. During the night, the MUFFS occupied the line XI TELL - BAKIAT as an outpost line

11th

Owing to the extremely bad approaches from KARUIS ROAD to the bivouac - rations & water were very late in arriving with the Battalion, and the advance could not be resumed until the afternoon - The 10th Buffs & 12th WODVOIKS then advanced upon SIKTEL followed by SUPPOLKS & SUSSEK then the BUFFS & HORVOIKS arrived on high ground SOUTH of SIKTEL, the enemy shelled them and also SUPPOLKS & SUSSEK who were concentrated about BAKIAT where there were old enemy gun emplacements with a considerable dump of shells.

1700

Orders received to advance from BAKIAT in support of 10th BUFFS who held high ground SOUTH of SIKTEL about J 32 central. The advance was heavily called at the start, the enemy having the exact range of the walled Gardens at BAKIAT. Order of advance - 1st COY (Capt H.B. Smart R Q ) 2nd COY (Capt A. Fletcher) 3rd COY (Capt H. Pope) 1st COY (2 Lt W. Lockett). The Battalion concentrated in support of the 10th MUFFS at about 1615. Orders received to be prepared to resume advance at dawn. The night was wet & cold. 10th BUFFS reported that ground to their front was most unfavourable and the proposed new line was very low lying.

12th 0400

Orders received cancelling further advance and ordering a patrol to reconnoitre round on right flank of 10th BUFFS with a view to movement of Infantry. 2 Lt H.W. Williams moved out and found no obstacle to passage of Infantry. - G.O.C. XXIII CORPS arrived 1030.

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(Cont'd)CASUALTIESAppendix

Capt H. Hopkins - wounded gunshot  
 2 Lt W. F. Howard H. C. wounded gunshot  
 2 Lt G. S. Price, wounded gunshot  
 2 Lt H. M. Johnston D. C. H.  
 wounded gunshot - since died of  
 wounds.

<u>KILLED</u>	<u>WOUNDS TAKEN</u>
<u>OFFICERS</u> - 5	<u>OFFICERS</u> - 1
O R	O R

<u>WOUNDED</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u> - 4	
O R	- 22

Acting Adjutant - Capt. G. K. P. Edwards  
 re-joined from duty as Adjutant  
 Officer - 3rd Brigade - 10th  
 Division on 10th March to undertake  
 the duties of Adjutant.

13th

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

To support to 10th INFANTRY -  
 J 32 & 34 - Capt H. E. Munt H. G  
 & Capt A. Fletcher made reconnaissance  
 of SIKTEL and reported on enemy  
 defenses in ANH EL AVJ across  
 HAVING ROAD to XI BUNG -  
 Commanding Officer to H. G. 24th  
 B. V. T. preparatory to taking over.  
 Forward party to improve camel  
 tracks from SIKTEL to HAVING ROAD  
 under 2 Lt. S. Head H. K. - 20 15  
 0330.

14th

1800

In support to 10th INFANTRY -  
 J 32 & 34  
 Battalion moved to relieve 24th  
 B. V. T. (23rd Bde) (L. 9)  
 Relief completed 1930.  
 No 1 Coy - 5th Coy - No 2 Coy  
 3rd Coy - Local reserve 7th Coy  
 Battalion reserve 4th Coy.

15th

L. 9

Outpost line as 14th. L. 9.

16th

Outpost line - L. 9. No 1 Coy "A"  
 No 2 Coy "B" local reserve 7th  
 Coy Battalion reserve "C" Coy.

17th

Outpost line - L. 9 - as 16th.

18th

Outpost line - L. 9 - No 1 Coy -  
 "A" Coy - No 2 Coy - 7th Coy -  
 7th Coy followed "A" Coy 0900  
 "C" Coy followed "B" Coy 1800.

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19th

Outpost line - I 9 -  
No 1 Coy - "D" Coy - No 2 Coy  
"C" Coy local reserve "A" Coy -  
Battalion reserve "B" Coy. Capt W.R.D.  
Guthbertson rejoined & took over D.Coy -  
Capt A Adams to be 2nd in command of "B"  
Coy - 2 Lt S.J. Willard to "C" Coy.

20th

Outpost line as 19th - R.S.M. Pettit and  
draft rejoined. Note - 15-19 Continuous  
rain & mist - Enemy shelling 5.9 & 7.7am  
slight - Intermittent shillery at  
SH GRIM

21st

Outpost line as 19th

22nd

Outpost line as 19th - Raid by 12th  
HOBOLKS & 229th Bde ( J 21 & KR  
AUMIER respectively).

23rd

Outpost line as 19th } Relief by 10 BUZZS  
} postponed owing to  
} weather conditions,  
} almost continuous  
} downpour of heavy  
} rain - thick mist  
} necessitating Coys  
} standing to for a  
} great part of each  
} day.

24th

Outpost line as 19th

25th

Outpost line as 19th

26th

Battalion relieved by 10th BUZZS -  
Moved into Brigade Reserve at I 8 d 8 B -  
"A" Coy stood to - to support BUZZS  
line during raid - but raid cancelled  
owing to heavy going.

27th

I 8 d 8 B

Working party 350 men under Capt.A.  
Pletcher for road work I 8.

28th

Working party - 300 men under  
Lt A Means H.C. for roadwork  
South of I 13 b 7.9.

29th

Working party - 150 men under  
Capt H.M. Blunt H.C. for roadwork  
I 13 central.

30th

Working party - 100 men under  
Capt W R D Guthbertson for roadwork  
I 13. Scheme for raid by "B"  
Coy sent to H Q 74th (Yeomanry)  
Division - (for night of 31st.)

31st

Raid postponed.

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31st 1550  
(Contd)

Stand to ordered on verbal  
information from Brigade Major -  
100 TRENCH advancing on BIRKEL.  
2. H. 361 received - information  
from 1st Brigade.  
1645 1st Coy - (Capt W R D  
Guthbertson) ordered to move  
up in support of 10th BATTALION -

1700 1645 verbal orders.  
2100 1st Coy returned to bivouac  
2130 1st Coy returned to bivouac  
All clear for remainder of  
night.

**TRAINING** :- The training of additional  
Lewis Gunners, of Officers in Lewis Gun,  
of Signallers, Bombers, and Petrols was  
started on 28.3.18 -

**HEALTH** :- The General health was good  
throughout the Battalion during the  
month of March - There were 39 Sick  
admitted Field Ambulance - Cholera  
inoculation, interrupted by Operations,  
was carried out at the end of the month -

STRENGTH OF BATTALION		Officers	34	O R	770
Reinforcements	"	"	4	"	29
Casualties - Wounded	"	"	4	"	23
" Killed	"	"	Nil	"	5

I. H. FORELL, EDWARDS  
Capt. & Acting Adjutant-  
16th Bn R Sussex Regt.

V A R D I A R Y

Q Z

16TH R. QUARRY REPORT.

ZOH

APRIL, 1918.

VOLUME I.



REPORT.

From: O.C.  
16th (Sx.Yeo.) Batin.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

To: D.A.D.  
3rd Koholon, G.H.Q.,  
B.S.P.

Herewith our Diary of this battalion for the month of April. It is regretted this could not be forwarded before but the battn. was on the move at the time it should have been sent in.

H.I. POWELL EDWARDS,  
Lieut. Col.  
Comdg. 16th (Sx.Yeo.) Batin.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

In the field,  
13.5.18.

WEST SUSSEX RSP MS RECORD OFFICE

1918.  
April.  
1st -  
6th

L.S.D.S.E.  
The battalion in reserve at  
L.S.D.S.E.

Appendix.

HEV.  
PALESTINE  
MAP  
1:80,000.

7th

Battn. relieved by 7th Bn.  
R.S.F. (53rd Div) and moved into  
bivouac at K.39.c. on HADJIS  
Road.

K.39.c.

8th

Battn. marched with Brigade to  
KEHM SKIYAN en route for IJUD-  
KARTARA and FRASER.

KEHM SKIYAN.

9th

Battn. marched to HEIT SIRIA. A  
trying march - very hot. Many  
men fell out.

HEIT SIRIA.

10th

Battn. marched with Brigade to  
KURAD on LATHOH-SAMISH Road.

KURAD.

11th

Battn. marched with Brigade to  
IJUD area and went into bivouac  
near ADLAFIND.

IJUD.

12th

Remained in bivouac.

13th

First party of battn. A & D Coy.  
and some H.Q. Details entrained for  
KARTARA at midnight.

{14th  
{18th

Remainder of Battn. entrained for  
KARTARA at midnight arriving  
KARTARA evening of 15th.

KARTARA.

16th to  
20th

Training, re-equipping etc. in  
KARTARA Camp.

20th

On the night 29/30th. the  
battalion entrained at KARTARA  
west for GADHANI Docks  
ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA.

30th

The battalion embarked on H.M.T.  
'GALINDONIA'.  
Embarked with battalion. 36  
Officers B26 O.Ns.  
Already embarked on other Ships.  
Transport Personnel. 1 Officer  
23 O.Ns.  
Vehicle Noort 3 O.Ns.  
Travelling with 74th (Yeo). DIV.  
H.Q. 10 O.Ns.  
Travelling with 230th Bde. H.Q.  
3 O.Ns.

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Apr.

30th

Base details left behind at YHO.  
 SAIR DETOY KAWAIA to follow on.  
Effective 31st/18th. Officers 40  
 Other Hanks 878  
Reinforcements during month.  
 Officers 1 Other Hanks 5  
 The health of the troops continued  
 good.

A. MILLER.  
 Capt. & adjt.  
 16th (Yeo) Battalion,  
 Royal Sussex Regt.

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From: O.C.  
(Br.Yeo.) Battr.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

To: H.Q.  
230th Bde.  
.....

Herewith War Diary for the month of

May.

W.G.H. POWELL-EDWARDS, Capt.  
(Br.Yeo.) Battr.  
Royal Sussex Regt.

31.5.18.

16TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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MAY            ALEXANDRIA.

1st            Galled from ALEXANDRIA on R.M.T.  
'CAIROHIA'.

AT SEA

2nd -            At sea.

6th

MARSHALLS.

7th -            Arrived MARSHALLS & went into  
8th            camp at No. 10 Rest Camp.

9th            Returned for the north.

10th -            In the train.

11th

12th

Arrived at SOERBAE and went  
into billets as follows:-  
H.Q. A. Coy. B Coy. (less 1 platoon)  
B Coy. at HARTE.  
D Coy. & 1 platoon B Coy  
at FOURHOLLS.

NOERAY.

13th -            Training & re-equipping - lectures  
14th            on Gas and Bayonet fighting.

22nd            Detained at HUR for LIMY  
SR. STOCHET and went into billets  
in SOERBAE BIGNERTZ.

SOERBAE BIGNERTZ.

23rd /            Remained in billets.  
24th

25th            Marched to & went into billets  
at MARIN.

MARIN.

26th /            Training.  
27th

29th            The Battalion was inspected by  
D.O.C. 74th (Yeo.) Division.

29th /            Training.  
31st

General Notes.

The health of the troops  
continues Generally Good but  
there have been several cases

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Key39th -  
50thof colds & fever as a result of  
the change of climate.Belhlorrensouth.Officers 8. Other Banks 7.Effective 8/20/18.Officers 41 Other Banks 850.

O.R. POWELL EDWARDS,

Capt.

Cdr. (Sr. Lieut.) Batin.

Royal Sussex Regt.

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16TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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June

BARIN.

1st - The Battalion carried out open warfare training, including practice attack with ZAKO throughout this period.

23th

The Battalion moved NORTH & went into billets in ZLORIN.

ZLORIN.

26th -  
30th.

The Battalion continued open warfare training.

Reinforcements during month  
4 Officers 119 Other ranks.  
Effective strength 43 Officers  
920 Other ranks.

The health of the troops on the whole continued to be good throughout the month but a large number of ZLORIN soldiers have occurred and the complaint appears to be largely on the increase.

A.O. MILLER,

Capt. & Adjt.

YONGLENG BARTIN,

Royal Sussex Regiment.

16TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL BRESSEX REGIMENT.

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July.

ZIGZAG.

Training continued throughout this period.

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FRANOS.  
Sheet 36a.  
1/40,000.

10th.

Battalion moved to and went into billets at GUARESCQUE.

GUARESCQUE.

11th to  
16th.

The Battalion went into the line and relieved the 2/7th R. WARWICK REGIMENT in the left sub-section of the ROUESQ Sector, holding the front line from Q.14.e.2.9. to Q.8.a.0.3. Battalion Headquarters at LES AVISOIRES, two Companies in the front line, A. Coy. (Capt. LASCELLES) on the right, B. Coy. (Lieut. ADAMS) on the left, D. Coy. (Capt. OUTHBERTSON) in support, C. Coy. (Capt. T. A. R. EDWARDS) in reserve, 15th SUZPOLKS holding the right sub-section, with 10th SUZPS as Brigade reserve. The relief was carried out without undue incident and the Battalion only had one casualty during the course of the relief.

IN THE LINE.

13th to  
14th.

The Battalion remained in the line. 2/Lt. G. F. BASS wounded on patrol night 14th.

15th to  
16th.

On the night 15/16th the front line Companies were relieved by the Companies in support and reserve, "C" Coy. relieving "A", "D" Coy. relieving "B", "E" Coy. coming into support, "A" Coy. into reserve. The relief was carried out without incident and there were no casualties.

17th.

Nothing to report.

18th to  
19th.

The Brigade line was re-distributed the Battalion taking over the front line and support posts from the 15th SUZPOLKS, thereby extending its front to the right to the GALOISSE-ROUESQ ROAD inclusive. At the same time the 15th SUZPOLKS took over 7 posts in the reserve line held by the Battalion. The re-distribution was carried out without incident or casualties.



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July.

20th.

Nothing to report.

21st to  
22nd.

On the night 21/22 a raid was carried out on enemy house and surroundings in about 9.0.0.8.6. The raiding party consisted of 20 O.R. "J" Coy. under the command of 2/Lt. B. J. W. WEBBER. The raid was carried out with artillery co-operation and was completely successful the enemy line being entered and 3 unwounded prisoners being brought away affording valuable identifications. Casualties to raiding party 2 wounded.

23rd to  
24th.

On the night 23/24 the Battalion was relieved by the 16th (Yeomanry) Battalion BAYON (McKINNEY and moved with remainder of the Brigade into Divisional Reserve, the Battalion billeting at GUARRECOQUE. The relief was evidently known to the enemy who heavily shelled the area during the relief with H. H. and gas. Battalion H. Q. at LES AMUSOINES especially being heavily shelled from 12 mid-night to 2 a.m. The relief was however completed with only 10 casualties to the Battalion.

GUARRECOQUE.24th to  
31st.

This period was spent in refitting and training.

GENERAL NOTES.

Health of the troops:- The outbreak of 3 day fever continued at the commencement of the month, declined during the second week and disappeared entirely during the third and fourth weeks, the health of the troops during the latter end of the month being good.

STRENGTH. Ofcs. 37. O.Rs. 936.

REINFORCEMENTS. Ofcs. 3. O.Rs. 39.

CASUALTIES. Ofcs. killed Nil.  
wounded 1 (2/Lt. C.T.  
2AS8, Sx. 700.).  
O.Rs. killed 2,  
wounded 17.

A. G. MILLER, Capt. & Adjutant,  
"YEOMANRY BATT",  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

10TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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Appendix

AUGUST.

Map Refcos.

1st -

The Brigade continued in Divisional Reserve and the Battalion was employed in training.

FRANCE  
36A S.E.A

4th

1/20,000

On the night 4th/5th the Battalion relieved the 29th Bn. R.W.F. in the line in the left subsection of the ST. FLORIS sector.  
'A' Coy (Capt. LASSBELL) in the FRONT LINE.  
'B' Coy (Lt. A. ADAMS) in the IC' Coy (Lt. E. G. EDWARDS) RESERVE LINE.  
'D' Coy (2/Lt. S. LOCKETT) in the ANDOVERS-BAVERBERGHE LINE.  
BATTALION H.Q. at P.5.0.2.9.  
Relief quiet - no casualties.

IN THE LINE.

In the line - no incident.

5th/6th

6.30  
p.m.

Information received from the Division on the night that the enemy was withdrawing - 74th Division ordered to advance and occupy evacuated trenches.  
Orders received that the Batten would advance at 6.30 p.m.  
1st Objective being enemy trenches across OLD RIVER LYB from K.31.b.10.2. to 9.3.a.5.1.  
Left of 'A' Coy was held up by RIVER LYB for a considerable time, all bridges having been destroyed by the enemy except one which was covered by H.G. fire. The night was ~~xxxxx~~ experienced in maintaining touch and keeping direction.

8th 4.15  
a.m.

By this time the leading Coy. (A Coy) were across the river, temporary bridges having been thrown across by R.E's and were holding a line across the OLD RIVER LYB, COHNEY WILD INCLUSIVE, and were in touch with 10th Buffs on the right.  
2nd Lt Taylor was wounded during the night and subsequently died of wounds.

5.40  
a.m.

'C' Coy ordered to advance through 'A' Coy as far as the line drawn due SOUTH from Ferry to K.33 central and to consolidate the line as far as the OLD RIVER LYB.

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'B' Coy. were ordered at the same time, to advance on the right of 'C' Coy to continue their line SOUTH keeping touch with the SUPPS. This move was carried out by 7.30 a.m. 'B' & 'D' Coy ordered to advance to line of OLD RIVER LWS from Q.3.b.3.7. to K.33.b.3.3. 'C' Coy to remain in present position and consolidate.

'A' Coy to consolidate in platoon groups in approximate position. BATTN. H.Q. moved forward to EAST end of ST. ZOBHIS.

This objective was reached with little opposition except from scattered K.Gs. from far side of OLD RIVER LWS.

9 a.m.

9th

During the early hours of the morning 3 bridges were thrown across the river between Q.3.b.3.7. and K.33.b.3.1. & bridgeheads established on the E Camp. Later

in the morning a very daring enterprise was carried out by 2Lt. H. VAUGH & 1777 Cpl. SPICKERHILL of 'B' Coy. 2Lt. VAUGH saw an enemy H.Q. section moving forward to an already prepared emplacement. Accompanied by Cpl. SPICKERHILL, he crawled out to the emplacement, bombed and rushed it, capturing two prisoners, the rest running away. He brought the prisoners in & returned to the post to see what he could find. 2Lt. H. VAUGH was awarded the M.C. & 1777 Cpl. SPICKERHILL 'A' was awarded the M.M. for this act of gallantry.

10th

On the evening of the 10th/11th there was a redistribution of the Divisional Front. The entire front being held by 230th BRIGADE. The 10th SUPPS & 15th SUPPOKS holding the front line with this BATTN. in support in the old BRITISH front & Support lines. This redistribution was carried out with little incident.

Battalion in support as above.

11th -

13th

14th

On the night 14th/15th the BATTN. followed the 10th SUPPS in the left section of the Brigade front. 'A' & 'C' Coy. in front line (C Coy now commanded by Capt. A. Zetcher) 'D' Coy (now commanded by Capt. F. R. D. Cuthbertson) held the position assigned to the "Counter attack" Coy in K.33.C.1.4. 'B' Coy (now commanded by Lt. A. Lucas, M.C.)

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holding the position assigned to the "Strong Point Coy." in K.33.C.8.6.

15th  
In the line - no incident.

16th  
On the night 16th/17th the Batta. was relieved in the line by 25th Bn. R.W.F. (231st Brigade) and on relief went in to billets at HARRY BILLET.

HARRY BILLET.

17th - Major A.C. BAYNE, M.C. took over command of the Batta. on the 16th vide Lt. Col. H.I. POWELL, EDWARDS to Reinforcements. During this period the Batta. was employed in harvesting.

24th  
The Brigade was relieved in Divisional Support by 231st Brigade and moved into Divisional Reserve. The Batta. however, remained in present billeting area & commenced training.

25th  
Training continued.

26th  
The Division was withdrawn from the line, the Batta. moving to BOURBONQ and billeting there.

BOURBONQ

The Batta. at BOURBONQ.

27th -  
28th  
29th  
The Batta. entrained at 7.41 A.M. at MILLENS Station for HEILLY which was reached in the early hours of 30th.

HEILLY.

At HEILLY awaiting Orders.

30th  
31st  
The Battalion received orders to embark at 4 p.m. with the intention of the Brigade, relieving a Brigade of the 50th Division in support in the line N.W. of PERONNE. On arrival at a point short of HARCOURT orders were received to leave the buses and march forward to a point E. of HARCOURT where a guide would meet the Battalion.

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No other orders were received. The Battalion found the Guide who shortly lost himself and the Battalion, and at 5 a.m. on the 1st Sept. the Battalion halted for the night in a field at about B.36.d.9.9. (Map Ref. P1A108 62:0.1/40,000). The health of the troops was good throughout the month. Reinforcements Ofrs. 6.0.Rs.20. Effective strength. Ofr. 40. 0.Rs. 916.

A.G. HILLER,  
Capt. & Adjt.  
Yeomanry Batt.  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

WEST SUSSEX RECORD OFFICE  
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HER WOOD.

1st.

The Battalion arrived in the vicinity of HER WOOD in the early hours of the morning after a very tiring march from the debussing point. In the evening, the C.O. was summoned to Hqs. and given orders for the operations of the following day.

The 74th Division, in conjunction with the Australian Division on the right would attack at 5.30 a.m. the objective of the Division being the spur W. and S.W. of HURLU, and of the Australian Division, MIDDERYK TREK. Of the Division, the 229th Bde. were to carry out the attack on a line S. of MOISLINGS, with the 230th Bde. in support, and the 231st Bde. in reserve. Within the 230th Bde. the Bttn. was to be disposed near the road junction in G. 26.b. and 27.a. in readiness to move forward in close support. The SURFOLKS and BURYs in support and reserve to it.

MAJOR A.G. SAYER, M.C. was in command of the Bttn. LT COL. EDWARDS remaining with "B" Toms for this tour of duty of the Bttn.

2nd.

The Bttn. moved out from bivouac at 2.45 a.m. and proceeded to the position of assembly, indicated above, which was reached at 5.25 a.m. the Bttn. being disposed in old bits of trench and shell holes just as dawn was breaking. The 16th Devon (Reserve Bttn. to 229th) were found on the same ground. Our barrage started at 5.30 a.m. and produced a fairly lively reply from the enemy, on to the area on which the Bttn. was lying, fortunately not causing many casualties.

At 6 a.m. the 229th commenced to advance, and at 6.30 a.m. the ISVOUS moved on.

At 7.35 a.m. the Bttn. was moved forward to keep in touch with the attack, and at 7.45 on receipt of a report to the effect that the Australians on the right were

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making good progress, had crossed the CARAL DU BORD, and were advancing up the opposite slopes to the PAROISSE-BURLU Road, Major Sawyer decided to advance the Batn. on a two Company front to obtain touch with the Australian Division, and to seize and hold the approximate line AIENCOUR to junction of roads in G.20. b.O.5. Orders were consequently issued, and at 8.30 a.m. the Batn. moved off D. Company (CAPT. W.R.D. QUINTERSON) Flight front company, B. Company (LT. A. LUCAS, R.O.), left front company. D. Company to direct. C. Company (CAPT. T.A.H. EDWARDS) in close support, A. Company (CAPT. K.H. PURR) in reserve, rebanded to left. The Batn. was very heavily shelled during the advance, particularly whilst crossing the CARAL DU BORD, but advanced with great steadiness as far as BRUIS TRENCH, S.F. of HAUTZ ALLAIRES. At 10 a.m. no further advance having been observed from Batn. H.Q. the G.O. himself went forward to ascertain the position. On the way forward, personnel of the 229th Bde. were seen falling back R.W. of the Ganal and an Officer of the 229th, gave the information that the Bde. had been heavily counter-attacked, and driven back from the objective, across the Ganal, he with remnants of various Regiments proposed to hold SCUTARI TRENCH. At 10.45 the G.O. arrived at BRUIS TRENCH, and found the Batn. disposed in it and neighbouring trenches, on the right of the Australians; the position was in direct view of the enemy gunners, and a fairly hot enfilade fire was maintained by them on the Batn., the Bde. on the left having withdrawn, the left of the Batn. was in the air. Further advance was out of the question, and the position as it was, was not a pleasant one. After consultation with the G.O. 27th Batn. A.I.F., the G.O. moved two Companies, (B.A.O.) to trenches a few hundred yards to the N. the left hand company right back to the village of HAUTZ ALLAIRES, with the object of linking up as far as possible with the 229th in SCUTARI TRENCH,

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and of forming a defensive flank. This was done, but it was not possible to extend the left as far as SCUYARI TRENCH, and a large gap existed. The Battalion in this position all day, under direct observation of the enemy. All movement was observed and shelled, and communication to the rear (runner only) was very difficult. At 5.30 p.m. that evening, a Company of the SUFFOLKS reported on the left, and closed the gap between it and the 289th. The night was spent expecting a counter-attack, which as a matter of fact, never came off. Casualties for the 2nd were 3 Officers wounded. 12 other ranks killed, and 35 wounded.

CHAPTER 9. 2. OF HAVES ATLAIRS.

The Battalion remained holding the above position throughout the day. During the morning, on receipt of a report from 2de, that the enemy were falling, two Officers' patrols were sent out, one from B. Company, under 2/Lt. R. VAUGH, U.C. and one from G. Company under 2/Lt. OVENDEN. Both these patrols were fired on both by artillery and machine guns, very soon after they left the trench, but pushed on with great determination to obtain definite information, until 2/Lt. VAUGH was severely wounded, and of 2/Lt. OVENDEN's patrol, of 3 men, 2 were wounded. The patrols then withdrew with very tangible proof that the enemy was still there. All wounded were got in, and the affair reflected very great credit on all who took part in the patrol. During the afternoon, a 5.9 shell burst in the dugout, in which was CAPT. T.A.R. EDWARDS, (G. Company) and several men. Two of the men were severely wounded, and the dugout wrecked, but Capt. Edwards was unhurt, except for a very severe shock, which necessitated his handing over the Coy. to 2/Lt. Ovensden.

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4th.

At 1 a.m. the Australian Division, having pushed forward, in conjunction with an advance by the 231st Sde. (74th Div.) on the left, the Battalion was withdrawn to bivouac in C.26 a. a. 60.

IN BIVOUAC AT C.26, A. A. 60.

6th.

During the morning orders were received that the Batin. must be prepared to move, the Sde. having been allotted the duty of advance guard to the Division in the pursuance of the enemy, who were now retiring backwards. At 2.15 p.m. definite orders to move to D.26 c. in reserve to SUPPOLKS and HUGGS, were received, and at 3 p.m. the Batin. moved off to the destination, which was reached at 4.45 p.m. Some shelling was experienced on the way to this new position, and after arrival at it. There was little cover on the open slopes, but the Batin. lay down in artillery formation, and had very few casualties. Patrols were pushed out and liaison established with SUPPOLKS and HUGGS. During the night the Companies were moved into MIDWINTER TRENCH and two Companies were pushed forward to D.27 a. a. 6. to act as support to advanced Batin. and deal with any counter-attack from direction of HIRSCOURT.

ALLEGENT D.26, c.

6th.

At 11 a.m. verbal orders were received from B. G. C. 230th Inf. Sde. to occupy TERPLETUX TRENCH with two Companies, and to keep the country to the N.E. under observation. A. & D. Companies were therefore ordered forward. C. & D. Companies advancing in support to them and the above dispositions taken up, the HUGGS moving forward as the Batin. came up behind. At 8 p.m. the Batin. moved to the vicinity of TERPLETUX LA FOSSÉ, and then took up a defensive position for the night. Two men of B. Company were badly wounded by the explosion of a beebay trap in an old trench during the night.

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7th.

At 9 a.m. orders were received to move out forthwith, and form a defensive flank on the R. of the 231st Bde. who were to continue the advance. The Batin, accordingly moved out via LOHOUAVERIES, B. Company to occupy high ground in E. 21. d. and G. Company, now commanded by CAPT. FLINTONER in B. 21. b. which ground commanded a view to the north. Although itself open to heavy shelling from that direction, A. & D. Companies were kept in hand at E. 26. b. where also Batin, H. q. were established. The Batin, was again subjected to considerable shelling on its way to these positions, one un lucky shell falling amongst Batin, H. q. and knocking out 6 Signallers and 2 runners. As soon as the above positions were reached liaison was established with the attacking Batin, of the 231st Bde. and there being no need for the formation of a defensive flank, the Batin, remain disposed of as above throughout the day, until the evening, when the Bde. passed into Div. reserve. The Batin, remained where it was. B. & G. Companies were called in and all bivouaced in E. 26. b. Batin, H. q. in a small quarry in that square.

E. 26. b.

The Batin, rested.

8th &  
9th.

10th.

At 5.10 p.m. orders were received that the Batin, would take over the portion of the front line now held by the 16th DEVONS, and would have the BUYS on the left, the SUFFOLKS being in Bde. reserve. Information had been received earlier in the day that this relief would take place and liaison had been established with the DEVONS and routes reconnoitred. At 7.30 p.m. the Batin, moved out of bivouac and at 8 p.m. arrived at SPUR QUARRY which was the H. q. of the DEVONS, the whole relief was completed by midnight without casualty to the Batin, the disposition being as follows.

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Three Companies in the line, B.A.4. C. In reserve, D. Coy. under bank in K.5.b.2.3. Each front line Company held a counter-attacking platoon in reserve. The front line held by the Battalion, ran from L.1.0.5.5. when it joined up with the Australians to F.19.4.3.5. where it joined the BUZZB. Battalion, H.Q. in SPUR QUARRY.

SPUR QUARRY.

11th.

The G.O. (Major A.O. Beyer, M.C.) having looked at the ground in daylight, decided to reorganise the defence, and in accordance with his orders, A. Company was withdrawn from the line, which was now held by two Companies, B. on the right and C. on left, with A. and D. Companies dug in in Platoon Groups, in support in A.6.a. b. and B.30.a.b.4. d. respectively.

12th.

Patrolling was vigorously carried out by day and night, and on this night a trap was laid for a party of this enemy who were suspected of having a night post in HOUISANIX WOOD No. 2. J.26.b. Corporal DOWLING of B. Company, with 6 men and a Lewis Gun, went out at dusk and laid up for them; shortly after they got there some 20 of the enemy appeared, the Lewis gun opened fire on them but jammed at the 3rd round and the Boche endeavoured to rush the party. Cpl. Dowling and one man, however, kept them off with bombs, while the gun which was hopelessly jammed was withdrawn. They then got back themselves and though not successful, this was a very gallant little affair.

13th.

No incident marked this day, except that in the evening, an enemy airman came down in a parachute from a burning aeroplane, landed badly wounded in No Man's Land and was brought in by C. Company.

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14th.

The Divisional dispositions were altered and the Div. front was redistributed to be held by two Bdes. Instead of one, the 231st Bde. taking over the left sector, and the 230th, the right. Of the Bde. the Bttn. continued to hold the NORTHBRIDGE sector, with the SUPPLIES on the right, between it and the Australians. At the same time the Companies in the line were relieved, A. & D. taking over the front line, C. Company coming into support and B. to reserve in railway cutting.

Immediately E. of SPUR QUARRY. This was a most unfortunate night for B. Company, for after being relieved and whilst they were getting themselves into this cutting, the enemy heavily shelled the area, their 5.9's. falling right among the Company, killing 4 and wounding 17 other ranks. The Company was therefore moved out of the cutting, and brought into SPUR QUARRY which in turn, got shelled rather badly.

15th.

The enemy continued to shell the area heavily and at 1.30 a.m. Major Sawyer, M.O. (who had commanded the Bttn. throughout operations from Dept. 1st) was wounded in the leg and such against his will sent down to the Dressing Station, Capt. W.R.D. CUTBERTSON, assuming command of the Bttn.

16th.

Orders received for attack on the 16th. On this night the enemy heavily shelled the area with mustard gas, the bombardment lasting two hours. The whole area was contaminated with mustard gas, but as there was nowhere to move to, the Bttn. had to remain in the gassed area and suffered a considerable number of casualties in consequence.

17th.

The day was passed in issuing orders and making preparations for the attack on the 18th. In brief, the orders were as follows. The 74th Div. with the 1st Australian Division on the right, and the 56th Div. on the left,

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were to attack and capture the enemy positions forward of the HINDENBURG line. In the Division, the 230 Bde. would attack on the right and the 231st Bde. on left each Bde. had one Batin. of the 229 Bde. attached to it, the SOUKRETS to the 230th & the DEVONS to the 231st Bde. Within the Bde. the SUFFOLKS on right & the Batin. on left were to attack and capture the GREEN LINE (first objective) namely, trench system from I.4.b.2.5. to J.26.b.4.3. of this the Batin. being responsible from J.26.d.3.C. to TOINIS WOOD J.28.b.4.3. i.e. CUNBOR POST to TOINIS POST both inclusive. The SUFFOLKS were to come at TERPFLUX in GUERARD from the S.E. leave the Coys. to mop it and the quarries up and press on to first objective, the Batin. was responsible for mopping up that portion of the large quarries which came in its area. The advance was to be made under cover of a creeping artillery & M.G. barrage. The SOUKRETS were to follow up behind the Batin. and the BUFFS behind the SUFFOLKS and the first objective being gained were to leap-frog over the two attacking Batins. and to continue the advance to the RED LINE (second objective), trench system in A.25.d. J.30.e. & n. to cross roads in J.29.b.9.0. A subsequent line, BLUE LINE, known as the exploitation line was to be occupied if possible at any rate tactical points in it, this line was the line immediately in front of the HINDENBURG LINE comprising QUEBECROFT FARM, MALAKOFF WOOD, running through A.26.d.4.b. REMO hour was to be 5.30 a.m. at which time attacking Batins. would be formed up closely behind the barrage line in front of our wire. This was roughly the General Scheme: Within the Batin. "A" Coy. (Capt. Lascelles) were to attack on the right "D" Coy. (Lt. West) on the left, "A" Coy. to direct, in support "C" Coy. (Capt. Fletcher) on right, "B" Coy. (Lt. Lucas, M.C.) on left. All Coys. on a two platoon frontage the Batin. in four waves.

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At 3.45 a.m. the Batt. moved up to position of assembly with the exception of A. & D. Coys. who were holding front line and who had been responsible for gaps in our wire and taping the joining up line. Bn. H.Q. moved to front line trench at road in 7.25 a.m.

At 5.30 our barrage started, at 5.23 it commenced to lift forward and the Batt. advanced behind it to the attack.

The morning was very dark and it was raining hard. In addition the smoke of our barrage destroyed what little visibility there was and in the early stages of attack it was impossible to see a man five yards away, this undoubtedly made it impossible for the enemy to know that was coming, but it also made it impossible to get information back to Batt. H.Q. by any means, runner included; it was therefore some time before any definite news as to how the attack was getting on could be obtained, but at 6.15 a.m. Batt. H.Q. having moved to a garden in 5.26 d. 5.4, our troops could be seen storming up the huge mounds about the granaries in 5.27.6 and in point of fact the first objective was gained by 7.30 a.m. Throughout the attack the barrage was extraordinarily good and our troops followed so closely behind it that they were upon the enemy before they had time to recover; the chief difficulty lay in leading straight, especially during the early stages of the attack when the atmosphere could only be compared to a particularly dense London fog. The greatest credit is due to Capt. Laseelles (A.Coy.) who personally directed the advance and with extraordinary skill had the Batt. on to its objective to a yard. Casualties were happily few, taking into consideration the length of the advance and the natural strength of the country over which the attack passed; on the other hand a large haul of prisoners was made, the Batt. itself capturing between four and five hundred unwounded prisoners, beside many machine guns and trench mortars. In view of statements in the papers to the effect that our troops went round the chalk quarries at TRAPLEUX IN QUERARD under cover of smoke screens" it is

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Interesting to note that Capt. Lascelles and about 15 men of A. Coy. went straight up the side of the biggest mound, over the wire at the top in the face of some 70 enemy machine guns the whole lot of whom they either killed or captured. The Battalion remained on the first objective to consolidate, meanwhile the Batts. in the rear passed through them and advanced on the RED LINE which they subsequently captured, it was not found possible to advance to the BLUE LINE. The Battalion that night was disposed as follows. "A" Coy. in COMMON POST, "D" Coy. in TOILE POST, "C" Coy. dug in in support to "A" and "B" in support to "D" Coy. H.Q. in HERWOOD TRENCH F.27.d.4.4. Casualties for the day:-  
Officers: wounded Lt. Lucas H.C. & Lt. Skinner.  
Other Rank: killed 5, wounded 43 missing 1.  
At 6.45 "C" Coy. were moved forward to F.27.b.1.5. with orders to keep in touch with SOMERSETS.

HERWOOD TRENCH.

19th.

Battn. remained disposed as above throughout the day but in the evening took over the line from the BLACK WATCH & SOMERSETS in the sector of the Bde. Front from F.30.c.1.9. to cross roads at F.29.b.9.9. B. & C. Coys. in the line. A. Coy. in support at ARTAKKES post, D. Coy. in reserve in TEMPLEUX SWITCH. During the night orders were received to occupy the sunken road in front of our line in F.30.a. accordingly patrols under two officers were sent forward backed up by Lewis Guns, who occupied the road subsequently digging in during the night. Battn. H.Q. were now at dug-outs in TEMPLEUX SWITCH.

TEMPLEUX SWITCH.

During the afternoon orders were received from Bde. ordering the resumption of the attack on the BLUE LINE. The direction of the attack to be in a NORTH WASTERLY direction, the Bde. objective being

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French line from A.20.0.3. to A.1.0.0.4. The main, to attack on the left from A.20.0.0.0. to 3de, north boundary with the BUZZY on the right and the 31st Bde. on the left. The SUPPLIES in support. The attack to be carried out under a creeping barrage similar to that on the 18th. Orders were issued to Companies in accordance. C. Coy. to attack on the right, B. Coy. on the left with A. Coy. in support and D. Coy. in reserve; the front line Companies to go straight to the objectives. A. Coy. to send one platoon to follow the advance, but if not required to reinforce, to establish itself in locality of QUENETZ LOW TRESE (T.20.0.). BATTN. H. 0. and H. 4.2. to be at ARKADIAN POST. The system of forming up behind barrage to be similar to that obtaining on the 18th. ZERO hour to be 5.40 a.m.

21st.

At 4.30 the reserve and support companies commenced to move forward to the forming up ground and at the same time BATTN. H. 0. moved up to ARKADIAN POST, the enemy shell fire at this time was already fairly heavy amounting almost to counter preparation fire, especially on our front line; forming up however was carried out without any confusion but with several casualties Capt. Fletcher (O.C. 7th Coy. directing company) being wounded a few minutes before ZERO hour. At 5.40 a.m. our barrage opened and was immediately answered by a very heavy enemy barrage both on the front line and support lines, a heavy enemy machine gun fire also opened on the advancing troops; from now onwards the enemy fire never slackened and was exceedingly heavy in all calibres. Communications at once went wrong, all wires being instantly cut and runners becoming casualties before they could deliver their messages. The attack proceeded steadily in the face of this fire but a large number of enemy machine guns were passed over and subsequently gave great trouble; our own barrage did not appear to be anything like so good as on the 18th, whereas enemy fire of all sorts was far more formidable.



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During the early stages of the advance troops on our left lost direction and swept across our front carrying the whole attack too far to the right and leaving the flank attack exposed. Elements of the two leading Companies actually reached the objective, but were too few to hold it and were forced back again to No 0 trench, here A. Coy. under Capt. Isaacelles had established themselves with D. Coy. on the left and various elements of the Bde. on the left and here they remained from 6.30 a.m. to midday, subjected to the heaviest possible enemy fire of all description from both flanks and even machine guns from the rear, from enemy machine guns that had been passed over in the advance, at midday being now reduced to a mere handful and there being no available supports ready to come up the order was given to withdraw to the Sunken Road from which the advance had started, to accomplish this withdrawal the remaining Lewis Guns had to be sacrificed to give covering fire and the survivors had to fight their way back. Casualties were very heavy, all Company Commanders being knocked out and only 3 Officers remaining in all companies. The Battalion fought throughout with the greatest gallantry and innumerable cases of exceptional gallantry occurred but very few witnesses remained to give evidence of them: throughout the whole engagement Capt. Isaacelles himself sounded brave displays the most admirable courage and self sacrifice, encouraging and controlling not only his own Company but remnants of others that he collected round him and subsequently organizing and carrying out the withdrawal of the remnants of the Battalion, only going to the H.A.P. to have his wounds dressed when he had got his men back to our lines. This was a very bad day for the Battalion, only three Officers & 51 O.C.'s, got back to our lines in the first instance though several stragglers turned up later. The Battalion had gone into the fight weak and had fought magnificently for six hours against greatly superior numbers knocked up

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by exceptionally heavy and well directed shell fire. In the evening the remnants of the Batin. were relieved and came out of the line, Companies occupying TEMPLEUX SWITCH and Batin. H.Q. TOINE POST.

POIRER POST.

Batin. occupied line from COGNON POST exclusive to POIRER POST inclusive, Batin. H.Q. moved to trenches in 7.28.a.7.2.

23rd.

Batin. H.Q. and two Coys. moved back into SHERWOOD TRENCH, two Coys. in trenches in 7.28.a.7.2.

SHERWOOD TRENCH.

24th. The Batin. with the division was relieved and marched to and went into bivouac near TEMPLEUX DE JOSEF.

TEMPLEUX DE JOSEF.

25th. Batin. marched to PERONNE and then entrained to VILLERS BRAYTORREUX whence it marched to and sent into billets at FOUILLY.

FOUILLY.26th to  
27th.

Batin. entrained at HEILLY for LILLES whence it marched to and went into billets at L'ESCLERE.

29th.

Orders received that the Batin. would take over the line from a Batin. of the 19th Division on the night OCT. 1/2, thus being given no time either to reorganize or rest.

30th. Advanced party of Coy. Commanders went up to the line to be taken over.

RECOGNITIVE STRENGTH OF UNIT 30/9/18.OFFICERS 57. O. R's. 866.REINFORCEMENTS during month.OFFICERS 8. O. R's. 6.CASUALTIES for month.OFFICERS.

KILLED 1.

WOUNDED 14.

MISSING 5.

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<u>CASUALTIES for month (Contd.)</u>	
O.R.'s.	KILLED. 47.
SINCE BORN OF WOUNDS.	10.
(SERIAL GAS)	WOUNDED. 222.
	8.
	MISSING. 50.

MONTHLY ROLL OF OFFICERS

<u>RETIROMENTS.</u>	
Lt. H. Tapp.	R. Sx. R.
" H. R. Mount.	Sx. Yeo.
2/Lt. D. H. Christie,	R. Sx. R.
" J. Goldring,	"
" A. P. Spadland,	"
" W. J. Wright,	"
" Papineau,	Sx. Y.
" Baker,	"

MONTHLY ROLL OF OFFICER CASUALTIES.

Lieut. 2/Lt. D. H. Christie,	R. Sx. R.
SCUNDS. Maj. A. C. Sayer,	R. C. Sx. Yeo.
Capt. J. W. Lascelles,	"
" A. Fletcher,	"
Lieut. A. Lucas,	K. C. Gen. 1st.
"	(R. Sx. Reg.)
" E. F. Skinner,	R. Sx. R.
" J. T. Smith,	Sx. Yeo.
" J. A. West,	R. Sx. R.
2/s E. F. Everland,	Sx. Yeo.
" C. A. Foster,	"
" R. Waugh,	K. C. R. Sx. R.
" B. Hoad,	M. C. Sx. Yeo.
" H. J. V. Smaen,	"
" C. H. Ovenden,	R. Sx. R.
" W. R. Richards,	"
Lieut. H. Briggs,	"
2/Lt. W. E. Thomas,	"
" A. Boardman,	"

Health of troops throughout month  
GOOD.

H. I. PURILL EDWARDS,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Cmdg. Sussex Yeo. Batin.  
ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

16th BATTALION THE ROYAL GRENZ REGIMENT.

1918

October

Appendix

1st. 15th.

Left Le Glens for Richbourg Lavons and Battalion proceeded to take over the line from 9th Welch Regt. (19th Division) at 1600. Relief completed by 2300.

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RICHBOURG.

Battalion advanced at 1435 and took the first objective, Bata Trench S.13.n. by 1500. The advance continued and the Battalion took up a line on the Road from T.14.n.3.0. to T.8.d.6.7. reaching this line about 2000 - this was accomplished without casualties. The 10th Buffs were on our right and the 15th Buffs on our left.

HAIPREARRE

At 0730 orders were received and the advance continued. The Battalion advanced to line of Railway from U.8.c.3.0. to U.7.9.8 and thence Northwards to East edge of wood in U.7.b.4.9. Battalion H.Q. were established at Le COCQUERREZ FARM.

LE COCQUERREZ FARM.

Orders were issued for the Battalion to go into Brigade Reserve. 15th Buffs passing through, with 10th Buffs in support, to continue the advance on a one Battalion front. The 15th Buffs having passed through & established a line West of LAUTRE at 1400, the flight Tank being refused to conform with Brigade on right. Further advance of 15th Buffs being held up, the Battalion was ordered to hold line U.11.b.and U.7.d. as a Support line.

Quiet day - No advance was made by 15th Buffs - The Battalion was employed in improving their accommodation. 3 Companies billeting in village of HAIRONHIM-EN-REPERE.

Another quiet day - Battalion employed in the night, digging a new line of retention U.8.b.&.d. Owing to shell fire, 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Companies were withdrawn to huts in CHATEAU WOOD in U.7.n.&.b.

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2nd.

3rd.

4th.

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7th.

The Battalion relieved the 10th  
Buffs in Support Line in U.S.b.s.d.

8th.

quiet day.

9th.

quiet day. Enemy shelling increased during the night - Casualties were, however quite slight.  
Orders were received for the Battalion to take over a line held partly by 10th K.S.L.I. & 10th Buffs, and reconnoitering was duly carried out by the Commanding Officer and Company Commanders.

OPERATIONS DE LA VALLEE.

10th.

The relief was duly carried out by 1030 and the line then held by the Battalion running along railway from U.S.b.s.d. to U.S.b.7.6. thence N.W. through O.35.d.O.O. to road junction in O.34.b.9.4. Battalion H.Q. being established in Chateau de la Vallee.

During this period active patrolling was carried out as reports were received that the enemy was about to retire.

11th.

Normal day - The left flank troubled by T.M.shelling. Heavy artillery informed who shelled the area in question with little result.

12th.

Lt.Col.H.I.Powell Edwards (Sussex Yeomanry) handed over command of the Battalion to Major J.B.Dodge, D.S.O. (Machine Gun Corps).  
Orders were issued for plans for further forward movement to be submitted. A fighting patrol of 1 Officer & 11 men supported by an artillery barrage attempted a raid on the western edge of LA HAIE wood to obtain an identification but failed to achieve its object owing to secrecy of artillery support and concrete pill-box with 2 Machine Guns strongly held.

13th.

At 0610 the enemy put down a heavy barrage and attacked 'A' Company's left hand post with a force of between 30 & 40 men. Under this barrage our post had to withdraw and afterwards re-established themselves although every man had become a casualty. The situation was restored by 0600, the enemy failing to get any identification.

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Vigorous patrolling was carried out during the day and a patrol sent out at 1630 found trench East of Railway unoccupied and posts were established on a line running U.6.c.5.9 - U.6.a.2.6. - 0.36.c.0.0. - 0.35.d.8.3. - 0.35.d.6.3. - 0.35.c.7.2. - 0.35.c.5.8. Orders received that the 15th Suffolk would take over the line and the Battalion would go into reserve. Relief completed by 2300 and Battalion occupied huts vacated by 10th Buffs in Chateau grounds in F.7.a.b. b.

14th. Quiet day - devoted to cleaning up and rest.

15th. Information received that the enemy was preparing to withdraw. The Battalion to stand by ready to move at short notice.

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1/40,000.

47th Division received orders to continue advance next day and the Battalion moved up to position on Corps line of resistance in U.8.b.d. O.39.d. Battalion H.Q. at MOURESS.

16th. Quiet day - Battalion being in Brigade Reserve.

PLEQUIERIN.

Advance was continued and the Battalion was ordered to go forward and billet in BARREN area. On arrival further orders were received to proceed via HARBONDIN to PLEQUIERIN where the Battalion were billeted for the night and were withdrawn into Divisional Reserve. Battalion all in billets at 2100.

BORCHIN.

16th. The Battalion left PLEQUIERIN at 1530 en route for BORCHIN where it arrived at 1630 and billeted for the night.

CHIEURIN.

16th. Battalion left BORCHIN at 1700 and proceeded to CHIEURIN where they went into billets on arrival at 2000.

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OctoberGARRRIN

20th. Battalion left CHARENBO at 0900 for GARRRIN arriving there at 1030 and went into billets.

21st. Training in Lewis Gunney and signalling started and general cleaning up and overhauling of kits etc. took place.

22nd. Quiet day - Training continued.

23rd. Orders to relieve the 13th Somerset Light Infantry at ONOQ received and reconnaissances made. Orders were subsequently cancelled.

24th. 23rd Brigade relieved 22nd Brigade in the line. This Battalion relieving the 13th Somerset Light Infantry in support and proceeded to MARQUAIS arriving there at 1730. 10th Buffs. in the line 16th Sussex and 15th Suffolk in support.

MARQUAIS.

Reconnaissance of area allotted as line of Retention made by Commanding Officer and Company Commanders at 0530. Line of Retention running from 0.35.d.3.0. 0.35.b.2.0. - 0.19.central - 0.13.d.0.0. - 0.13.m.5.0. of this Sussex holding from 0.19.central to 0.13.m.5.0. with right being 15th Suffolk. Disposition of the Battalion were as follows:-  
 9th Company on right, 7th Company on left, supported by 8th & 6th Coyrs. respectively. Posts on these lines being subsequently dug in the night. 9th Trench arrived at Transport lines from Divisional Reception Camp and 4 reinforcements arrived with the Battalion from the same place.

26th-27th. Battalion in support - Lewis Gun training and firing continued.

28th. Battalion relieved 2 Left Companies of Buffs in the line.

29th. Gas barrage put down on one Company's post - 9 casualties.

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30th.

Battalion relieved by 24th WZSR.  
Relief completed by 2300 and the  
Battalion went into billets at ISMAIL.

ISMAIL.

31st.

Day devoted to cleaning up generally.

The Health of the Troops remained on  
the whole, good throughout the  
month.

Reinforcements during the month -

Officers.....9

O. Nks.....3

Effective Strength of Battalion -

Officers.....28

O. Nks..... 538

J. B. DODGE, Lt. Col.  
Commanding Sussex Yeomanry Bn.  
ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

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16TH. BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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APPENDIX.

November.

LAMPAIR.

1st to 3rd. Battn. Getting ready for new duties in TOURNAI. Time devoted mostly to cleaning and mending clothes, re-equipping etc.

4th. Battalion starting training in Ceremonial Drill, marching past etc. Signalling class started.

5th. Inspection by Brigadier General Commanding postponed owing to bad weather.

6th. B.G.O. inspected the Battalion at 1100, and also presented ribbons to the recipients of the M.M.. "B" Team joined the Battalion.

7th. Training continued. The Battalion placed under orders to move at 1 hour notice.

8th. Battalion moved at 0730 with the intention of entering TOURNAI but were stopped at MARQUAIS owing to the enemy still holding East Bank of the River SOHRELT. Battalion returned to original billets in LAMPAIR.

9th. Battalion marched to TOURNAI at 0730 and ploughed the entrances to the Town from the South and South East. Battalion was billeted in the Infantry Barracks in the Southern outskirts of the Town, relieving the 15th KINGS. TOURNAI.

10th. Battalion continued 14's ploughed duties.

11th. Battalion received orders to move EASTWARD, being relieved by 70th LONDON Regiment. At 0900 news of the signing of the Armistice was received and the Battalion was ordered to stand fast, but subsequently, at 1130 marched eastward to the Villages of PIRE & HORTHOUL-AN-BOIS.

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12th. Battalion continued the march eastwards to SARRIAU in the PIMONCH Area.

SARRIAU.

13th. Training continued. E Companies a day working at cleaning and draining the roads.

PIMONCH.

16th. The Battalion marched to  
PIMONCHES.

PIMONCHES.

17th. Special Church Parade for  
Thanksgiving Service.

18th. Battalion worked on Road  
Craters - Half the Battalion  
working in the morning and  
half in the afternoon.

19th. The Commanding Officer  
inspected half the Battalion.

Remainder of the Battalion  
inspected by the Commanding  
Officer.

21st -  
23rd. Work on the Road Craters  
continued. Class of  
instruction for H.O.O.'s  
started.

24th. Church Parade Services in the  
morning. Battalion inoculated  
(W.A.B.).

25th. Work on the road continued  
H.O.O.'s class also continued.

26th. Work will continue on the  
Road. In the afternoon a  
Transport competition was  
held which included Turnout-  
Harness - and Driving  
competitions.

27th. Work on the Road continued.

28th. Work on the road continued.  
In the afternoon, the  
Battalion attended a Lecture  
by Lt.Col. Dowling on "Civil  
employment after the War"

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29th.

Battalion continued working on the Road. The Commanding Officer inspected the H.C.O.'s Class and was satisfied with the result of the Course.

30th.

Battalion went on a Route March - distance about 5 - 6 miles, in the morning and worked on the road in the afternoon.

During the Month the preliminaries of the Education Scheme were taken in hand and such particulars as were necessary were taken and registered.

An epidemic of influenza caused a larger percentage of men to be admitted to field ambulance than usual.

Effective Strength.

Officers 42  
Other Ranks. 732

Reinforcements.

Officers 5  
Other Ranks. 248

The weather was mostly very wet and cold throughout the month.

H. B. BURR,  
Captain & A/Adjutant,  
Sussex Yeomanry Bn.  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

In the Field. B.S.P.  
November 30th 1918.

16th BATTALION, ROYAL SASK. REGIMENT.

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December

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THIMOURIES.

- 1st Church Parade - Battalion received 2nd Innoculation for T-A-B.
- 2nd Work continued on the Road Craters.
- 3rd Work continued on the Road Craters.
- 4th Half the Battalion went to Baths at Barry - the other half continued work on the Road Crater at THIMOURIES.
- 5th Half the Battalion worked on road repairs in the neighbourhood of KAUDIS - the rest of the Battalion went to the Baths at Barry.
- 6th The Road Craters being finished the Battalion was engaged in Ceremonial Drill and Recreational Training.
- 7th The Battalion lined the Road near HAZARD Station to greet the KING on his visit to the 111 Corps.
- 8th Battalion Church Parade.
- 9th Battalion engaged in Drill & Recreational Training.
- 10th Educational Classes started - French & Shorthand being well attended. The rest of the Battalion being engaged in helping local farmers in Agricultural work - pulling & carrying sugar beets carrots etc.
- 11th to 14th Agricultural Work continued.
- 15th The Battalion marched to FRANSES and billeted there for the night. ~~at night.~~
- 16th March continued at 0900 to OGY and the Battalion arrived at this place at 1400 and stayed the night in billets in this village.
- 17th OGY.  
The Battalion continued the march to RIVENS and arrived at 1300.

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18th Battalion employed in cleaning up billets etc.

19th to Battalion engaged in Education and Recreational training.

25th Year Day - The C.O.C. 74th (Yeomanry) Division ordered that no funds were to be mounted either today or the next.

27th The Battalion was engaged in Physical Training and Education.

28th Battalion went for a short Route march. Educational training continued.

28th The Battalion Armourer commenced an inspection of the Arms of the Battalion.

29th Church Parade.

30th Battalion engaged in Physical Training and Education. The Armourer continued the inspection of the Arms of the Battalion.

31st Battalion went on a Route march and was also engaged in Educational Training.

The health of the Troops continued to be excellent during the month which was, on the whole, wet and cold.

The Education Scheme was taken well in hand and approximately 33 1/3% of the Battalion attended classes.

Effective Strength 43 Officers.

732 Other Ranks.

Reinforcements, 2 Officers.

28 Other Ranks.

J. B. DODDS.

Lieut. Col.

Commanding Sussex Yeo Battalion.

ROYAL SUSSEX HOLIDAY.

16TH BATTALION THE ROYAL GUNNER REGIMENT.

1919

January

REVIEWS

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1st to  
31st

The month passed without incident. 1 hour each weekday morning was spent in either physical training or close order drill. These were attended by all. In case of men engaged in education no other parade was compulsory. From 1000 to 1300 each day was devoted to educational classes which were attended by an average of 80% of the Battalion. Mr. Robinson of Winchester College delivered two lectures on the 18th. Major A.C. Sayer M.C. from Divisional Headquarters and Major Tomsonby from 10th Buffs came over to deliver special lectures. The afternoons were mostly devoted to sports. The Battalion was engaged in playing off matches of the Zetia Football League which was started some months ago and also the Brigade League. Two Cross Country runs were held during the month, but the weather favoured the end of the month was very bad and consisted mainly of heavy falls of snow which mitigated against outdoor sports to a large extent. A Boxing tournament was held to find talent for the Divisional Boxing Contest to be held next month. The Battalion is fortunate in having a good theatre in the village, baths and also good recreation rooms. Nearly every evening some form of entertainment was provided, such as Whist and Bridge Driven, Debating Societies. The Battalion Concert Party showed three times during the month and visits were received from the Concert Parties of the following Units etc. 230th Field Ambulance, 289th Field Ambulance, Divisional Concert Party and also the 10th Buffs Pantomime Party. These visits were greatly appreciated by the Battalion. On the whole, the monotony of country life in a Belgian Village was considerably relieved. Demobilisation has proceeded smoothly and 4 Officers and 212 Other Ranks were either despatched for dispersal or were

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31st  
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retained in England for  
demobilisation. The health  
of the Troops remained good  
throughout the month.  
Effective strength.  
Officers 39.  
Other ranks 620.

H.B.WURT, Captain & Ad.  
16th (Sx. Yeo.)  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

16TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1919

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February WINTER

1st to  
22nd

The Battalion continued Educational Training in the mornings in addition to Physical Training as per last month. In the afternoons the sports were continued as far as the weather conditions would allow, and also various forms of amusements were provided in the evening, such as Whist & Bridge Drives Dancing and Boxing. The Battalion Concert Party gave three concerts to the men of the Battalion during the month in addition to giving various concerts to the Buffs and at the 3rd Corps Concentration Camp. Owing to members of the Concert Party being demobilized and re-ascending to the Army of Occupation, the party (nursed ~~the concert~~) has now broken up. On 30th the Battalion sent 5 Officers and 130 other ranks to join the 17th Bn. ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT thus providing a draft for the Army of Occupation therefore reducing the Battalion to a very small number.

23rd  
Orders were received that the Battalion would move to GRAUNTOFT on 35th and preparations were made for the amalgamation of the Battalion into one Composite Company.

24th  
The Battalion reorganized and now consists of one Composite Company with Capt. G. S. W. Price in Command. In the afternoon Orders were received that the move to GRAUNTOFT was postponed until 27th.

25th &  
26th  
Owing to a draft being sent for Demobilisation the Battalion became reduced to under strength of Grade "g".

27th  
The Battalion moved to GRAUNTOFT and the move was completed satisfactorily notwithstanding the small numbers remaining with the Battalion.



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FebruaryGRANDPORT.

20th

The Battalion was engaged in organization of billets and stores etc. Owing to the death of the A/Adjt. (Capt. H.E. Hunt, R.C.) on 16th while in Hospital Capt. E.D.S. Edwards was appointed A/Adjutant.

The health of the Troops was good during the month. The weather was not very good owing to snow and rain.

Effective Strength:

Officers 29. Other Ranks 139.

E. EDWARDS, Capt., A/Adjt.  
16th (Sussex Yeas.) Bn.  
ROYAL SUSSEX INFANTRY.

GRANDPORT.

16th BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1919

March

Appendix

- 1st Cleaning of limbered wagons and harness preparatory to packing.
- 2nd Church Parade.
- 3rd and 4th Twenty four animals despatched for demobilisation.
- 6th to 17th The cleaning of wagons, harness and equipment of the unit, preparatory to inspections of visiting Ordnance Officers proceeded with.
- 18th Thirty two animals despatched to Lessines for demobilisation sale.
- 20th Two Officers and thirteen other ranks despatched to join 1/4th Batin. R1. Sussex Regt. for the Army of Occupation.
- 21st Two Officers left for England for duty as draft conducting officers also one Officer for demobilisation.
- 24th Two Officers & fifteen other ranks proceeded to U.K. for demobilisation.
- 27th The remainder of O.Rs eligible for demobilisation (nine) left for U.K.
- 28th) All harness and equipment not 29th) actually in use soaked or boxed preparatory to the moving of the "CADMS".
- 30th Church Parade.
- 31st All remaining other ranks above the "Cadre" establishment despatched from the unit & proceeded to join the 1/4 Batin. Royal SUSSEX Regt. for Army of Occupation. The unit is now (with the exception of 2 extra Officers) at "Cadre" establishment (nine of to be retained to provide against casualties).
- Divisional Inter-Cadre mounted sports were held in the after.

16TH. BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT.

1919.

APPENDIX.

GRASSHOPPER REGIMENT.

1st to  
30th.

The Cadre engaged in General work preparatory to embarking to United Kingdom, such as cleaning, disinfecting and packing all harness, saddlery and general Mobilisation stores.

Vehicles have been cleaned, overhauled and oiled. The remainder of the animals were sent for demobilisation on 20.4.19.

Pleasure trips were arranged for the troops to visit places of interest.

The health of the troops throughout the month has been excellent.

B. J. WEBBER,  
Lieut & A/Adjutant,  
Surrey Trenchery Bn.,  
Royal Sussex Regiment.

1931, BATTALION THE ROYAL GRENADIER REGIMENT.

1919.

May.

1st to  
31st.

GRANDFORT REGION.

APPENDIX.

The Cadre remained billeted in GRANDFORT throughout the month.

Nine other ranks were despatched for demobilisation on the 6th, and one Officer on the 11th, following an order for the reduction of the Cadre to 3 Officers and 36 men.

Sports and entertainments were organised and arrangements made for troops to visit places of interest, such as Ostend, Waterloo, and Bruges.

Five other ranks proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom during the month. The health of the troops was good.

B. J. WILSON  
Lieut & Adjutant,  
Queen's Yeomanry Battalion,  
Royal Grenadier Regiment.