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ST ALBANS	1915 9 March		by train route to SOUTHAMPTON - 1st Train B & C Coys with Half Transport - 2nd Train A & E Coys with Half Transport. Battalion left Southampton in 4 ships - Queen Alexandra (588 men) - Copenhagen (2 officers 60 R & F) - Trafford HALL & Transport & officers + 200 R & F) - Viper (5 officers + 250 R & F) strength 29 officers 1048 R & F. Uneventful voyage. Rations issued on board.	APH Capt
LE HAVRE	10 "		Batt disembarked at LE HAVRE at various hours & rendezvous took place on quay at 9.30 am except party of TRAFFORD HALL who proceeded to camp in a separate party. Battalion arrived No 2 Camp HAVRE (distance 5 miles) at 12 noon. Inspected by Camp Commandant & issue of warm comforts to troops. Rations issued to Port till sundown on 11th inst. Mess cart issued which brought Transport up to strength.	APH Capt
"	11 "	7.45 am	Battalion paraded in Camp & marched to LE HAVRE station - arrived 8.30 am	
"	"	11.35 am	Left HAVRE. men 36 to each truck.	1 officer (Lt Rich) + 48 R & F left HAVRE as 1st Reinforcement & sent to No 18 Camp HARFLEUR by way (route)
WINNEZEELE	12 (cont)		Battalion detrained at BAYINCHOVE & marched to billets in & around WINNEZEELE. Trying march & men fatigued due to new boots, lack of sleep in train, unaccustomed to paved roads, D Coy disengaged at RYVELDT & billets here. C Coy disengaged at LE TEMPLE & billets here. Headquarters & A & B Coys to billets at WINNEZEELE. Billets at LE TEMPLE & RYVELDT men in bars. Water from good wells but water scarce. Billets at WINNEZEELE - scattered - men	APH Capt

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	12 (cont)		Chiefly in Bares. Billets covered out by BARON A DE GUNZBERG.	APH Capt
WINNEZEELE	13		Rest day - Men's feet not nearly so bad as expected - 46 paraded with sore feet but nothing serious.	APH Capt
"	14		Companies covered out Musketry instruction & Bayonet fighting ^{after lunch parade} - Heavy firing lead from direct of YPRES - 5 cases of diarrhoea	APH Capt
"	15		Musketry instruction & Night Training in neighbourhood of billets.	APH Capt
"	16		ditto - Firing Lead during afternoon for direct of YPRES.	APH Capt
"	17.		Route March. Orders received that the Battalion ^{is} to hold itself in readiness to move tomorrow. Transport left by mail route at 7.30 pm with orders to billet at HAZERBROUCK ^{CASSEL - STEENVOORDE RD}	APH Capt
"	18.		Battalion left Billets at 8.30 am & proceeded by mail route to a point where it boarded 45 motor busses & proceeded at 10 am to a pt in the HAZERBROUCK - AIRE road 1 mile NE of STEENBEGQUE where it dismounted from the busses & proceeded by mail route to ST VENANT arriving there at 3 pm. Went in to billets on the ST VENANT - AIRE road. Very scattered & a great deal of	APH Capt

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	18/10/41		time was wasted in settling ⁱⁿ billets due to no maps having been previously prepared. Water - good. Billets (all large barns) very comfortable & inhabitants extremely hospitable. Transport joined up at 2.30pm - horses very done after a practically an all night march. APH Capt	
STVENANT & BURBURE	19.	8.30am	Proceeded by mail route to BURBURE via LILLERS - ALLOUAGNE. arriving 2.15pm - Went into Billets here. Water good. Billets fairly comfortable & concentrated. Battalion HQ situated at ESTAMINET. BRANLY BLONDEL very suitable, containing an officers Mess & order Room - Horses all under cover. APH Capt	
BURBURE	20.		Inspection of Battalion by Commanding Officer - 30 cases of sore feet reported by Medical Officer. Training area - poor - mostly under cultivation. APH Capt	
BURBURE	21		Church Parade - Hostile aeroplane observed over LILLERS - two bombs dropped. Battalion arrangements ^{made} re notifying & dealing with approach of hostile aeroplane. APH Capt.	

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BURRURE APR	MARCH			
	22	9 am 2.30 pm	Musketry Instruction + Bayonet Fighting. Inspection of Battalion by Field Marshal Sir John French	APH Capt
"	23		Musketry Instruction + Bayonet Fighting + Digging	APH Capt
"	24.		Field Training under Company Arrangements	APH Capt.
"	25		" " " "	APH Capt
"	26.		Field Training. Recruits musketry at LABAUVRIÈRE — only one target per Battalion. 40 Recruits fired 10 rounds each. Platoons marched to No 4 mine RAIMBERT at intervals for let back.	APH Capt
"	27.		Musketry Instruction + Bayonet fighting — Recruits musketry continued at LABAUVRIÈRE all Recruit who had only fired their Recruits course was completed 10 rounds.	APH Capt
"	28		Church Parade. Musketry Instruction after parade. Lt Col Concanon & two other officers with 3 N.C.O's went up to NEUVE-CHAPELLE & were attached to 1st Batt: South Wales Borderers for instruction in trench work.	APH Capt
"	29.		Partly Musketry Instruction + Bayonet fighting + Running parade. Short service by the Bishop of London. Another party left for trench for instruction (3 officers & N.C.O's). First party returned.	APH Capt
"	30		Digging instruction. Officers carried out Review position. Another party (5 officers & N.C.O's)	APH Capt

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BURBURE	30		provision to trenchers. Second part returned.	A.P.H. Capt
"	31		Digger's Instructions — another part for Trenchers — (3 N.C.O's) — 3rd part returned.	A.P.H. Capt
				A.P.H. Hamilton Capt & Adj 18 London Regt London Irish Regt

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BURBURE	1915 APRIL	1	Course of Sniping commenced - Snipers fired 10 rounds per man on LARAUVERIÈRE range. (4 officers & N.C.O's) Battalion carried out Digging instructions. Another party left for instruction with South Water Borders - previous party returned. 4 men admitted to Hospital.	APH Capt
"	"	2	Digging & Lectures. 6 officers & 4 N.C.O's left for instruction with Gloucestershire Regt - previous party returned - Dinner Service at 3.30 pm.	APH Capt
"	"	3	4 officers & 4 N.C.O's left for instruction with Gloucestershire Regt -	APH Capt
"	"	4	Church Parade - Previous party returned.	APH Capt
"	"	5	Temporary Grenadier Company found for instruction under Lieut MANN. Order received that	
"	"	6	no further parties were to proceed for instruction. Order received that the Battalion will move to BETHUNE on the 7th inst & be accommodated at THE ORPHANAGE & be attached for instruction to 6th Inf Bde	
"	"	6	Company Training & judging distance during morning & early afternoon.	APH Capt
BETHUNE	"	7	Battalion paraded 10.30 am & left for BETHUNE at 11.10 am after a short visit to G.O.C 5th LON INF BDE - distance about 10 miles - via ALLOUAGNE & CHOQUE. Inspected en route by GENL OFR CM 26 1st CORPS - Arrived BETHUNE 2.45 pm & took over quarters in the ORPHANAGE. QUARTERS not particularly clean - one Company accommodated on each floor - the building has been somewhat knocked about - very little glass in the windows. Commanding officer & Adjt proceeded to HQ 6th Bde & whilst the Battalion is	APH

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BETHUNE	<u>APRIL</u> 7 (cont)		attacked & received detailed orders for the instant regiment task carried out during the next 8 days. Buffs - one Coy at BETHUNE, one Coy proceeds daily from BETHUNE to Trunlers for as working parties - one Coy billets at ANNEQUIN with supplies with parties as required - one Coy has 2 platoons in firing line & remaining platoons in support at HARLEY ST. Battalion to be attacked to No 1 A section & immediately ^N of the BETHUNE - LA BASSEE road around the village of CUINCHY. These companies change round every 48 hours & the platoons in the front line change over every 24 hours - thus every platoon in eight days will complete 24 hours in the front line.	
"	8		A Coy paraded at 7.15 am & moved via BREUVRY - ANNEQUIN & HARLEY ST & proceeded into the Trunlers leaving 2 platoons at HARLEY ST. Battalion attacked to 1/K.R.R. B Coy paraded at 7.30 am & moved via same route & carried out digging under supervision of EAST ANGLIAN COY. RE. This Company suffered two casualties (2 Riflemen slightly wounded) by shell fire about 300' W of 6th BDE HQ on the LA BASSEE road. This Coy returned to billets at ANNEQUIN after work was finished. C Coy paraded at 7.45 am & moved via same route reports to D.C.H. FIELD COY. RE for work. D " remained at BETHUNE. Men all extremely cheerful & in excellent spirits & behaved very well indeed during the shell fire on the	APH

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BETHUNE	APL			
"	8 (cont.)		road. O.C. A Coy reported a quiet night in the trenches. No detail in arrangement about the provision of fuel, water & ration to the detached companies.	APH
"	9		Companies carried out same procedure except that the platoons of A Coy in firing line were relieved by the two platoons in support. All communication by telephone carried out through H.Q. II nd DIVISION whose H.Q. are at BETHUNE - No casualties.	APH
"	10		A Coy returned to BETHUNE at 12.30 pm having been relieved by B. Coy. C Coy relieved B Coy at ANNEQUIN & D Coy proceeded to work under the RE. FRENCH blew up German trench about 200' S of the LA BAISSÉE road & this brought on heavy shell & rifle fire. No casualties suffered by the Battalion. A Coy had hot baths provided Regimentally on their return to BETHUNE.	APH
"	11		Same procedure except that the platoons of B Coy in firing line were relieved by the two platoons in support. No casualties. Order received from 6th Bde at ^{11 pm} 10 pm that the Battalion was to have breakfast tomorrow at 5.30 am & to remain in readiness for a sudden move until 7.30 am.	APH
"	12		C Coy: took over firing line & support from B. Coy. B Coy returned to billets at BETHUNE. D Coy to ANNEQUIN. Two men wounded -	

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BETHUNE	April 13		Order received to take over Section A2 from 5th Batt: Leveport. Rgt at 3 pm. One Company in firing line - one in support at COINCHY SUPPORT pt.	APH
	14		Took over the line - A Coy in Firing line. B Coy in support. Trembles shallow with light machine guns with the high clouds in rear. Attended reports forwarded to 6th Brigade during day & following night. All quiet except for a few bombs fired by the Germans with our fire trench which were only 80 yds from the enemy's line. Casualties one man wounded. Heavy shelling of ground about 200* W of COINCHY about 2 pm due to our own artillery firing on Germans & the latter replying. Our artillery appeared to be registering. Relieved by the 20th London Rgt at 3.30 pm. D Coy which had been in with the 8th STAFFORDSHIRE Rgt in A1 came out at 12 noon - C Company have returned from its instruction on the 13th. The whole battalion was concentrated again in the ORPHANAGE BETHUNE by 6.30 pm today.	APH
	15		Company Drill & general clean up.	
	16		Company Training	
	17		Company Training	
	18		Rest day	
	19.		Battalion paraded 11 am & proceeded by road route to GORRE with orders to take over billets.	

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BETHUNE 4 GORRE (cont)	19	-	Here from WORCESTER. REGT and to take over C2 Subsector from H.L.1 on Apr 23rd good billets with excellent water supply - Battalion under orders of FIFTH. BDE. Bde HQ LOISNE - Two working parties of 100 men each found - 1 man wounded.	ARH
GORRE	20		Company Drill during morning. Two Working parties of 100 men each paraded - 1st Relief HQ C2 8pm 2nd Relief 11.30pm for work under RE. Found 1st Relief by A Coy - 2nd Relief by D Coy.	ARH
"	21		Company Training & same working parties found at same hours by B and C Coys	ARH
"	22		Company Training * same working parties found at same hours by B and C Coys	ARH
	23		Battalion Took over Sector C2 from H.L.1 at 10.10pm. First Coy arrived 5.30pm. Coys distributed as follows - A Coy C2(b) front line - B Coy Reserve - C Coy - C2(a) front line D Coy - Support in FESTUBERT village. One casualty shellfired wound during relief. Situation all quiet - Battalion went in rotation for 2 days - very good plan - Coys in support & Reserve supplied water etc to front line Companies	ARH
	24.		All quiet - Battalion Relieved by TWENTY-SEVEN BN LONDON. REGT	ARH

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FESTUBERT	24 (cont)	-	At 11 pm message received that Germans had thrown up a mine on our right in GIVENCHY section. That fourth Bde expects an attack & requires our fire support. C2A stood to arms until 2 pm. Much work done in improving parapet & building fire steps. One Sgt wounded severely - bullet wound jaw. Desultory shell fire all day - Batt: relieved by TWENTY LON REGT 10.30 pm.	APB
"	25			APB
GORRE	26		Rest day.	APB
"	27		Company Drill during morning - Batt: again took over C2 from TWENTY LON REGT 10.15 pm	APB
FESTUBERT	28.		Desultory shell fire during day but little reply by the Germans - little night firing - continued in work of strengthening the parapet & during night 27/28 building up gaps between C2A and C2B.	APB
"	29		Notes of importance occurred - Batt: relieved by TWENTY LON REGT at 10.30 pm. Two men slightly wounded (both bullet wounds)	APB

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	April 30		Rest day - Reconnaissance route from ESSARS to Rendezvous in event of Battalion being required to reinforce front line as Divisional Reserve. Found two working parties of 100 men each for C & B - one man killed - bullet wound in stomach.	AdH

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GORRE FESTUBERT (C ²)	MAY 1 ST		Steady drill during morning. Took over section C2B from 20 BATT first Coy taking over 8-30 PM - relief complete 10-15 PM. Men rationed for 48 hours. [One man killed in section C2B about 11-30 pm - shot through head whilst on look out.	
FESTUBERT	MAY 2 ND		All quiet - 1 man wounded 1 man killed.	
"	MAY 3		All quiet.	
"	MAY 4		All quiet - 2 men killed.	
GORRE	MAY 5		BATT relieved in C2 by Batt London Regt. - 4 TH LON INF. BDE. BATT proceeded to billets in GORRE.	
LA BEUVRIERE	MAY 6		BATT left for LA BEUVRIERE 2 PM by Companies - VERY hot day & a tiring march.	
	MAY 7		REST day	
1	MAY 8		Left LA BEUVRIERE 12 midnight on sudden order & proceeded to Rendezvous at LES GLAUGMES in BRIGADE area	

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LES GLAUGNES	May 9		The 18th Batt arrived at Brigade Rendezvous LES GLAUGNES West of LE TOURET at 3-40 AM ^{APH} and stood by as part of the first corps Reserve. Notification had been received the night previously that the British would open a heavy bombardment at 5 AM supplemented to a bombardment by the French Artillery during the previous 30 hours. At 2 PM the bombardment by the British was resumed for 40 minutes as a prelude to an assault by the First Russian and Indian Corps in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and the BOIS DE BIEZ. Simultaneously the French troops are assaulting South East of LA BASSÉE in the neighborhood of Loos and CARENCEY. Information was received that GERMAN Machine Guns are apparently firing through bottom of breastworks at 9-45 PM. The Brigade made a move Eastwards to a point in the Rue du Bois about 500 yds West of LE TOURET to stand by in the Second Divisional reserve.	
LES FAONS	May 10		at 5-30 PM the 5th LONDON Brigade (now known as the 141st Brigade of the 47th Division) moved to billets at LES FAONS West of LE TOURET. at 5 PM the billets area was re-adjusted & the 10th Battalion went into billets in the Rue du Bois about 450 yards West of LE TOURET. Battalion Headquarters at the Estaminet LE PLUS. At 11-30 PM the Battalion	^{APH}

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LIE TOURET	11th		received orders to clear out of billets before 7 AM the next day & to go into bivouac at a point on the NORTH Side of the Rue du Bois about 450 yds W of LE TOURET In bivouac all day. At 9.10pm with party 460 proceeded RICHBURG ST VAAST & on to RUE DU BOIS	APH
	12th		Bugase proceeded via ESSARS - to BETHUNE - then Batt. with billets around CEMETERY.	APH
BETHUNE	13th		Batt. rested BETHUNE - Orders received 6.30pm to proceed by canal route at once to GIVENCHY (via S side of CANAL to relieve SCOTS GDS in Sect B2.	APH
GIVENCHY	14th		Sect B2 held as follows - C Coy Right front line - A Coy & 2 sects - D Coy left front line - B Coy in Reserve dugouts - D Coy (less 2 sects) as follows - 1 platoon in KEEP - 1 platoon & 1 sect - GUNNERS SIGHTING - two sections HQ dugouts - 3 sections MAIRIE REDOUBT - 4 MG's - for line / 2 later over for 20th (on Right) - Trucks left in excellent condition.	APH
"	15th		C Coy relieved D. A by B. Confidential order received regarding an attack of INDIAN Coy 7th & 2nd DIVS - 4th DIV in position at GIVENCHY & held on.	APH
"	16th		Attack of 2nd & 7th DIVS commenced 3.15am - attack progressed favourably NE of FESTUBERT our attack broke down - very rep. loss considerable & much shelling of KEEP & neighbourhood. APT LIEUT HOUSTON wounded & 2 other ranks at KEEP.	APH

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GIVENCHY	17/11		Envelope movement + assault of the division on our left column - left of the line being sent round half night to make an echelon movement the column moved towards VIOLAINES] At 4.10 pm orders were received from Batt: to prepare to assault the enemy trenches in front of B2 subsector - Full dispositions were arranged - A Coy ^(for Reserve battle) assault Coy in readiness in front line trenches - Coy in support (C Coy) still holding REEF & HAIRIE REBOURT - remainder of Coy to support the advance - assault was to take place until 19 LONDON on our left had reached enemy trenches - At 7.30 pm orders received from BDE that assault would NOT take place. About 9 pm the enemy exploded a mine on our left front forcing it up with heavy rifle fire - the mine exploded at about 30 yds in front of the line & the enemy did NOT assault. Heavy artillery fire for enemy around throughout night. REEF was shelled by two direct hits. The assault of the BATT would have been much impeded by the fact that our own wire the enemy wire was cut. [Conspicuously message on the work of the Paragade Day the past few days was received from G.O.C 47th DIV.	
"	18		Offensive movement on our left continues but R5 not yet in our hands. Confusion	ARH
LE PREOL	19		offensive movement were distinguished by the violence of the enemy bombardment of B2. Batt: relieved in B2 by 20 LON REGT - relief completed about 1 pm. Batt: to battle at	ARH

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GIVENCHY + LEPREOL	19		LEPREOL	ARH
LEPREOL	20		In hills at LEPREOL. Coy Cdr reconnoitres ^{line} point B3. Work party 400 men found for B3 at 8 pm. Another work party same shift 12 m m.	ARH
"	21.		Suspect - of damaged rifles caused by dirt collect in chamber or bulged barrels due to neglect - trenches - Two work parties sent up 7 pm & 8.45 pm to B3. Parties returned 3 am	ARH
"	22		Still in hills LEPREOL. Batt. order to be held in readiness at 7 am to move at moment when - Later this order was amended that the Batt: was to be in readiness to move at 10 am. Late notice to reinforce front line. Conference of Cdr's Officers at Bde Office 10 am to discuss an attack along the mass (232). Lt Col Concanon Cdr H. Batt: left for SH F/D AMCE on medical officer certificate. Command of Batt: devolved on Major Healey.	ARH
GIVENCHY	23		18 th Battalion LONDON REG to relieve 20 Battalion LON REG in Section B2 in trenches at GIVENCHY. LE LA BASSEE A and C Companies and 2 sections of B Coy in front line B Coy less 2 sections in Reefs and strong posts (MARIE REDOUBT and GUNNER SIDING) and in HQ dugouts, D Coy in reserve (HARLEY ST) relief completed at 4 pm. In the absence on sick leave of Lieut Col Concanon D.S.O. the command of the 18 Battalion is assumed by the Second in	

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"	24		Inspection of trenches section B2 GIVENCHY LES LA BASSÉE by Brigadier General G C NUGENT at 4 PM. The Battalion (22 LONDON) on our left belongs to the 142nd Brigade but is temporarily (while on the defensive) under Brigadier GEM. NUGENT GC. at 7 AM commanding the 141st Brigade. Information received in the forenoon to the effect that the Canadian division had captured work K5. Heavy artillery fire by the enemy throughout the day.	ARTH
"	25		The 47th Div (London) and the Canadian Div made a vigorous assault on the Enemy's trench breastwork line East of GIVENCHY LES LA BASSÉE. The 141st Inf Bde was ordered to continue & hold this line as follows: 17th Battalion on the right (resting on the Canal) Section B'. 18 Battalion Section B2. 19 Batt in reserve in GUNNER SIDING. 20 Battalion in reserve at LE PREOUL. The 142nd Inf Bde on our left to assault the enemy's trenches at 6-30 PM. The assaulting Battalions being the 23rd & 24th London. The Canadian Div to assault at 9 PM. The 21st & 22nd LONDON in reserve in SIDBURY. The assault by the 23rd & 24th Battalion on our left	ARTH

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	May 25 th		quickly succeeded, the 18th Battalion meanwhile keeping up a hot covering fire. [Second Lieut Maginn acted very well as observing officer, on the left of our line. Second Lieut Steele although suffering from a bullet wound in the forehead stuck to his duty in the advanced trenches for several hours before reporting to the first Aid Station. A very heavy artillery fire was poured in by the Enemy throughout the evening & night. The first Aid Dressing station & H Q mess of the 18 Batt was practically destroyed by shell fire. One of the servants (RYAN) & the orderly, room Clerk (Cpl WIMSETT) being wounded. Messages received up to midnight from the 141st Inf Brigade office informed that the 142nd Inf Bde & the Canadian Div had made substantial progress in occupying Enemy trenches. Messages received from Major Gen BARTER expressing his appreciation of conduct of troops under his command.	
	26		Violent attacks & counter occurred on our left in the early hours. The 24th Batt appears to have gained a position in which they are badly enfiladed by the Enemy. The 18 Batt ordered to give all possible support by covering fire. The enemy's artillery fire has been very heavy. Many breaches have been made in our communication trenches and the KEEP has been badly holed. Casualties on our left (24 & 23 LONDON	

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			18 th LONDON REGT.	
	GIVENCHY			
	May 26		BATT appears to be very heavy. Our own casualties not very serious. [Major Healy slightly wounded in head by shell fire. Three riflemen killed and eleven wounded. A sapper of the RE was killed in the Keep] The outcome of the days operations appears to be some trenches gained on our left at a very heavy cost. A quiet night. All necessary repairs to the KEEP and to the communications trenches were immediately carried out.	
	27		The following "Special order of the day" by the 47 th LON DIV reads as follows:- In the field 27 th May 1915 The G.O.C wishes to express to the Brigadier General & all ranks of the 142 nd INF BDE as well as the other units of the DIVISION which cooperated with it, his great appreciation of their behaviour during the operations of the 25 th and 26 th instants. They may be sure that the news of their achievement which was worthy of veteran regular troops, will be received with pride at home. Major General BARTER has also much gratification in recording the following message from Lt Gen Sir CHARLES MONRO KCB My Best.	APH

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	May 21 st		(Continued) congratulations to my old comrades of the 2nd (LONDON) Division in their success. Signed C BARTER Major Gen Commanding 44th (LONDON) Division. The section of the enemy trenches captured on our left by the 23rd & 24th LONDON battalions is commanded by higher ground (known as the Orchard) still in occupation by the enemy & has been heavily shelled & bombed. In the night of 24/28 May the 24th Batt. was relieved by the 20 London Batt C Coy (18 Batt) relieved B Coy in the firing line. The 20 Batt asked the 18 Batt for assistance in repelling the enemy's bombing attack. The 18 Batt sent a bombing detachment at once & good work was done. French mortars & rifle grenades were also used by the 18th to help the 20 Batt. [An inspection of the tactical situation was made by Gen Nugent during the morning. The following special order of the day by the 141st Infantry Brigade reads as follows: In the field 24/5/15	
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			18 th LONDON REGT.	
	May 28 (Continued) GIVENCHY		"The Brigadier has much pleasure in announcing to the Brigade that Major Gen BARTER commanding the 44th (LONDON) Division personally congratulated him on the work of the Brigade during the recent operations. The BCO was especially desirous that all ranks of the Brigade should be made aware of his great appreciation of all they did & the way they did it. The Brigadier wishes to add that he is proud of having the honor of Commanding them. Signed GEORGE C NUGENT, Brigadier General, Commanding 41st Inf. Bde.	
	29		The position occupied by the 20th Batt on our left has given cause for considerable anxiety. It is commanded by the enemy positions on higher ground & has been persistently bombed & shelled. The bombing party of the 18th has been sent to the 20 BATT. (C Company) in the firing line of Section B2 has employed rifle grenades & trench mortars to harass the enemy & to relieve the pressure on the 20 Batt. In the afternoon the 20 BATT. was relieved by the 19 BATT & therefore the enemy resumed his bombing tactics. The 18 BATT communicated with the 19 BATTALION (LONDON) R.F.A & requested them to put a heavy fire into the	APP

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	May 29 th		enemy positions are silent in trench mortars. [Lieut Orr slightly wounded while acting as observing officer in the front trench] The position on our left was reported to the Brigade office with the result that late in the evening there arrived the Divisional Trench Mortar (Vickers) batteries for action next morning. A Coy relieved C Coy in the trenches on the left of our line & B Coy relieved D Coy on the right of our line.		
	May 30 th		The enemy was very active throughout the night 29/30 May evidently apprehensive of attack. He is very strongly wired in opposite our trench in Section 132 and was throwing bombs into his own wire. The position (133) on the left of our line is still occupied by the 19th Battalion & we have continued to afford to them the assistance of our bombing party. [Lieut Col HURBUCK 19th Batt has expressed in a letter to the OC 18 BATTALION his thanks for the assistance so rendered. Rifleman SHIPLEY, 18 BATT was killed while acting as a bomber in the trench occupied by the 19 BATT. Later our Company A.M.S. DILLON A Coy 18 BATT was killed in the trench while making some enquiries regarding SHIPLEY. The enemy has kept up a heavy shell		ARTH ARTH ARTH

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	May 30 (continued) GIVENCHY		fire on our position all day. The KEEP suffered some direct hits [with the result that two riflemen of the Garrison were wounded, one ending fatally.] Frequent communication by telephone was opened to day with the 22nd Battalion (TF) Howitzer Brigade & as on request they rendered valuable service by shelling the enemy position opposite the left of Section B 2 [2/Lieut MACGINN wounded by shrapnel in the head. Late in the evening Lieut Col MITCHELL Canadian Staff Officer called with the object of reconnoitering our line, as a preliminary of the Canadian Division taking on in the night of 12 June.] Very persistent sniping throughout the day. The position of a sniper has apparently been located & efforts will be made to bomb him out. The Regimental Sgt Major of the 19 BATT. reports that the sniper is so well built in & protected with sandbags that he is practically immune from rifle fire so long as he keeps well back in his den. He is reported to have several loopholes (arranged from wire) from which to fire.	
	May 31 GIVENCHY		No change in the tactical situation. Several officers of the Canadian	

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			18 th LONDON REGT.	
	May 31		(Continues) Division called at H Q 18 Batt (LONDON) Reg. at 7 AM to reconnoitre the position of section B2 (GIVENCHY LEZ LA BASSIEE) from the shrine (exclusive) to the DUCKS GIVENCHY BILL (inclusive) where they are going to take over on the 1st June 1915. The position of the line B2 west of the Shrine (inclusive) will be taken over today by the 4th Division. At an early hour this morning Brigadier Genl NUGENT was killed by a stray rifle shot while inspecting work in progress at SIDBURY MOUND. Funeral at BETHUNE cemetery at 5-30 PM. Two officers & six men to attend from each Battalion in the 141st INF. BDE. The funeral was attended by Generals Monro, Barter, Cuthbert, & Whilloughby. Late in the evening the late Coy Q M Sgt DILLON was buried in the ground attached to the reserve billets in the PONT FIX RD	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 1 st		The Canadian Division took over from the 18 LON REGT the portion of the line (Section B2 from the Shrine (exclusive) up to the point dividing Section B2 from Section B1. The remainder of the line section B2 was taken over on the previous night by the GORDON Highlanders (14 th Division) the relief by the Canadian division was completed at about 6 PM. The 18 LONDON therefore proceeded by march route to billets in the Rue d'Aine at Bethune. Provisional Command of the 141 st Inf Bde has been taken by Lieut Col. GODDING commanding the 14 LONDON.	
	2		Officers Commanding Battalions of the 141 st Inf Bde attended at 9 AM at NOYELLES LES VERMELLES to reconnoitre the line at Vermelles to be taken over to day by the 14 & 20 th Batt from the 1 st Guards Brigade (Gloucesters and Cameron Highlanders). Conference at 4 PM at the Bde office to meet Brigadier General THWAITES now appointed to succeed the late Brig Gen NUGENT. The 18 BATT proceeded in the evening by march route to billets at ANNAQUIN.	
	3		In rest billets at ANNAQUIN	
	4		ditto Working parties detailed for 7-0 PM to night & 6 AM to morrow per Brigade Orders. Billets at ANNAQUIN were shelled by the enemy between 8 & 9 PM	

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ANNAQUIN (Continued)	June 4	5	This day. Inspection of 18 BATT. TRANSPORT at SAILLY LABOURSE by Brig Gen Thwaites. In rest billets at ANNAQUIN. An inspection by the 18 BATT in the afternoon by Brig Gen W Thwaites. Working parties for the trenches as detailed by the Brigade office. Instruction received late in the day from the Brigade office that the 18 BATT is to proceed to tomorrow to LES BREBIS to act temporarily as a Reserve for the 142 nd Inf Brigade.	
		6	Inspection in the morning by Brig General Thwaites accompanied by officer commanding 18 & 19 BATT of the trenches to the east of Fosse No 1 at present occupied by the INNISKILLING FUSILIERS. The 18 BATT proceeded by march Route at 10-45 PM to LES BREBIS to act as reserve in the 142 nd INF Bde.	
		7	Arrived at LES BREBIS at 1 AM & took over Billets vacated by Kings LIVERPOOL REGT. Arrival reported to the 142 nd INF Bde & also to the 141 st INF Bde. Officers commanding Coy's of the 18 BATT proceeded at 10-30 AM to meet guide of the INNISKILLING FUSILIERS at Fosse No 3 & to reconnoitre the trenches to be taken over from them. The 18 BATT left LES BREBIS at 3-30 PM to proceed by march route to Fosse No 1 & took over from the INNISKILLINGS. The Transport of the 141 st INF Bde moved to Houckes.	
		8	Inspection of trenches by Brig Genl W Thwaites. Companies of the 18 Batt detailed as follows	

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(FOSSE N° 4)	June 8		Firing B. C. and D Coy (each less one platoon)	
	(Continued)			
	9		Quiet day in trenches. During night enemy put several shells into parapet but damage repaired before day break. Two men wounded.	
	10		Quiet day. Major Healy went on leave and command of Batt assumed by Major Beresford	
MAZINGARBE	11		Relieved by 20 th Batt went into Reserve billets at MAZAINBARBE five men wounded	
	12		In reserve (Divisional) marched to Noeux les mines arriving about 10 PM	
NOEUX LES MINES	13		Carried out Company inspections & issued Batt with clothing etc.	
	14		Training continued Bombing & bayonet practice	
	15		Ditto Battalion inspected by Brig Gen Thwaites at Houchin Major Healy returned from leave.	
	16		Training continued. Marched 8-30 PM to position of readiness at Mazingarbe Barracked.	
	17		Marched to LES BREBIS & took over billets of 22 nd BATT under orders of 142 Bde	
	18		Relieved 21 st Batt in Subsection W1 A & D in front line C in support B in Reserve	

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	June 19		Major Healy went to Hospital. Command of Battalion assumed by Major Beresford.	
	June 20		Quiet day. Heavy bombardment on our right in French lines.	
	" 21		Quiet. Enemy shelled BRENNY in afternoon wounded several children close to BN HQ. One man wounded.	
	" 22		Quiet. Enemy shelled BRENNY in afternoon wounded three children close to BN HQ. Two men of " wounded in village.	
	" 23		Quiet day. No shelling of our Sections. Heavy Artillery fire on our right in French area. Brig Gen Thiraites inspected trenches. Orders received to destroy all pigeons in area & collect licences. Two men wounded in front trenches.	
	" 24		Relieved by 20 th Batt went into Brigade Reserve at Les Brebis. Relief completed by 12 midnight.	
LES BREBIS	" 25		In reserve billets. Unable to carry out drill owing to proximity of enemy's observation balloons & danger of shelling. Sp bunker probs being dug. Four officers arrived from England with draft of 12 men.	

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LES BREMS	June 25		from Base.	
	(contd) 26		In reserve billets. Digging of splinter proofs proceeded with.	
	27		Reserve billets. Digging of splinter proofs again proceeded with.	
W 3.	28		Ditto. Relieved 20 th Batt Lon Reg in W 3 in evening Relief completed 12.30 AM	
			A B & D in front line C in Reserve.	
	29		Quiet day. Slight shelling by enemy but no damage done work commenced in B LINE.	
	30		Enemy shelled BATT. H.Q. & neighbourhood with H.E. shell 4 casualties. Considerable damage done to north observation station. Work in B line continued.	

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(exclusive)Nature of Trench

From point A, to point half way between point F and point H, trench is about 4 feet deep, 2 ft 6 inches wide with a parapet 9 inches high. The whole trench is cut out of chalk throughout the line. From point half way between F and H, to K, trench is somewhat shallower: from K to N, trench is again 4 feet high. The whole front is protected by an entanglement about 2 ft 6 inches to 3 foot high and about 12 to 15 feet broad.

Position of 2

Suggested disposal of Companies is as follows.

CompaniesLeft Company

From point K to point N where trench is 4 foot deep, on right of this company at point K is a dugout suitable to contain Headquarters. A good field of fire is obtainable throughout this line. The company could keep in touch with broken line of fire trench on the other side of the LE RUTOIRE road.

Right Company

From half way between H and K, to point A on the GRENAY-VERMELLES road

As in the case of the left company there is a good field of fire. Also this company would cover the road mentioned above and would also cover the guns of the R.F.A. which are in position about 100 yds in rear.

The Centre.

This it is suggested should be left unoccupied.

- (1) Owing to the nature of the trench
- (2) Because below easy range mark of the mining village unnamed.
- (3) Because field of fire is not so good as the contour runs in close to the village.

Means of Approach

It is suggested that both companies should approach by day time by the track marked O.

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Means of Approach (contd) Left Company.

(1) Alternative approach by the communication trench in front of FOSSE is dangerous.

(a) It is under observation from the double tower near LOOS. also the communication trench does not cross the LE RUTOIRE ROAD.

(2) Alternative approach by TRACK N is also under observation.

Right Company

Alternative approach via GRENAY VERMELLES ROAD and point A. This is somewhat exposed. troops use small trench running parallel with road. also considerably more time would be taken than when using suggested approach.

Suggested Approach

Both companies just by TRACK O.

Left Company Would turn into unnamed village and use second track in village turning down short communication trenches H. I. J.

Right Company would turn into unnamed village and use first track in village leading down to fire trench via point G and short communication trench point G to point E.

It is suggested that these means of approach would obviate any portion coming under observation by day. Companies would however have to move at necessary intervals.

By night.

Right Company could move as above.

Left Company could use ~~to~~ TRACK M. and enter trench by short communication trench at point L.

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MAROC	July 1st		Enemy shelled neighbourhood HQ at intervals throughout day only, damage done to NORTH observation station. Work continued in B line & repairs to observation station.	
		2	ditto	
		3	Enemy shelled CRASSIER heavily all afternoon. did extensive damage both observation station & compelled withdrawal of observers. Work continued in B line & repairs to damage. Trenches Howitzer Battery reported for duty in Section.	
		4	Heavy shelling round Reserve Coy's splinter proofs in afternoon 1 man killed & wounded. Carried on repairs to observation station & work on B line.	
		5	In trenches Heavy shelling all day men wounded	
		6	In trenches Good deal of shelling during day. Relieved by 15 Batt. at night.	
MAZINGARBE		7	In Brigade reserve. Enemy sent some shells into Town an evening wounding one man.	
		8	Lt Brigade reserve CO & Capt Beamish left for England on 7 days leave	
		9	" " " Drill & re fitly carried on	

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MAZIMBARA	July 10		In Bde Reserve - found working parties during night	APH
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	12		" " " " " " " "	APH
	13		" " " " " " " "	APH
	14		" " " " " " " "	APH
FOSSE NOY	15		Took over XI Section from 21st BN LONDON REGT - relief complete 11 pm	APH
	16		In trenches quiet day. C.O. & Capt Beamish returned from leave	
	17		Adjutant left on seven days leave to England Batt relieved by 20th Batt	
	18			
	19		In reserve. quiet day	
	20		Two platoons Camerons attached for instruction quiet day	
	21		Quiet day Relieved 20th Batt and XI	
	22		Intermittent Shelling Two Coy's 6th Camerons attached for instruction 8 Officers ^{also} attached with 5 warrant Officers	
	23		Enemy shelled front line heavily during afternoon one fell in Sp light proof killing 2 & wounding 3 men	

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Fosse No 7	July 24		Enemy stelled subsection at intervals during day 2 Coy 3 rd R.O.S.B. ^s relieved Camerons, of Adjut & M.O. attached for instructions also 5 Warrant officers & A.C.O.s.	
	25		Quiet day relieved by 20 th Batt in Enemy's	
PHILOSOPHE	26		Billets at PHILOSOPHE. Cellar & dugouts accommodation good Enemy stelled area regularly.	
	27		Quiet day Enemy stelled area in rear	
	28		Enemy sent a few shells into Fosse No 3 insignificant damage apparently searching for batteries in Rear.	
	29		ditto	
MAZINGARBE	30		Relieved by 6 th Battalion. Went into Billets at Mazingarbe in Divisional reserve. Billets good	
	31		Carried out Training. Handling Arms Guard & close order drill.	

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18 Batt. London Reg
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAZANBARBE	Aug 1		Enemy sent a few shells over which fell short of Bellets no damage.	
	2		Training continued. Received orders that Battalion went into Corps Reserve on 3 rd	
	3		Coy devoted to cleaning up.	
ALLOUAGNE	4		Arrived Allouagne 5 am. All men settled in Bellets by 6 am. Day devoted to resting men. Bellets in some cases not very sanitary	
	5		Coy training carried on.	
	6		All men of Battalion bathed at Auchel Mines. Running & close order drill carried out under Coy arrangements.	
	7		Training under Coy arrangements carried on	
	8		Church Parade under Battalion arrangements	
	9		Battalion Route march in morning. 17 miles men marched well very hot day. Musketry in afternoon	
	10		Training under Coy arrangements continued	
	11		ditto.	
	12		Training continued	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLOUAGNE	Aug 13		All men again bathed.	
	14		Battalion drill in morning Battalion sports in afternoon	
	15		Brigade Church Parade. Heavy rain broke up parade. Battalion sports continued in afternoon.	
	16		Brigade Route March Weather cool & made marching easy	
	17		Training continued Brigade sports in afternoon Battalion very successful.	
	18		Moved to Noeux-les-Mines 12 noon arrived 3.30 pm Billets good. Owing to guides of outgoing Battalion leaving before arrival, men were not settled until about 4 PM.	
NOEUX-LES-MINES	19		Digging parties provided for new Third line	
	20		ditto.	
	21		ditto	
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	Aug 25		Quiet day Corps resting	
	26		Move to Les Brebis at 8 PM arrived 9.20 PM. Men billeted by 10 PM Billets good	
	27		Whole Batt digging at night in front of W3 section. New line to be constructed 200 yds in front of present line very moonlight. Enemy did not fire on party. Work commenced 9 PM	
	28		Digging continued. Enemy shelled Batt. at intervals from 11 PM. Our guns replied immediately on enemy front line. Enemy infantry did good deal of sniping. Our losses light. 2 killed 3 wounded	
	29		Communication trenches out to new line finished to 6 feet depth & joining up commenced. Considerable shelling by enemy with 4.7 and Field Guns both High explosive and Shrapnel. 1 officer & 6 men wounded one man dying after reaching hospital. Left LES BREBIS by Motor Bus for Billets at Houchin.	
HOUCHIN	30		Arrived HOUCHIN 4.30 AM took over billets of 19 th Batt slight rain falling. Billets bad & men very crowded. Men very tired & allowed to rest all day.	
	31		Inspected by Brig Genl. Thwaites who expressed himself as being very satisfied.	

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HOUGHIN.	Aug 31 (contin)		with work done and with the appearance of the Battalion read message received from Major General Barter that C. R. E. had reported the excellent work done & especially remarked on the steadiness of the 18th who carried out task uninterruptedly under considerable fire. The Major General directs that report be communicated to all ranks & wished to express his complete satisfaction with the organization & work performed. A message from C. R. E. was also read thanking the officers & men of the Battalion for the good work done.	

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HOOCHIN	Sep 1 st		Battalion paraded 9.15 AM and practiced attack on second line trenches. No work in afternoon. Orders received 4 PM for 200 men to proceed to LES BREBIS work under orders of RE and Brig MG officer. A & C Coy's detailed & marched off 6.30 PM under command of Capt Hobbs.	
"	"	2	Battalion parade 9 AM attack practice continued	
"	"	3	C.O. & Adj. proceeded at 9.15 AM to front line to reconnoitre ground in front. Further 100 men sent off to join party working under RE.	
"	"	4	General Training	
"	"	5	General Work.	
"	"	6	Working party returned from LES BREBIS	
"	"	7	Attack practice carried out by whole Battalion in lines marked to correspond with German trenches. Brig Gen Thwaites commented very favorably on the way it was carried out.	
"	"	8	Batt. proceeded 9.30 for inspection - close order drill. Moved to Les Brebis in evening for work in trenches. Worked until 2 AM & returned to billets at LES BREBIS	
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LES BREBIS	Sep 9		Bullets LES BREBIS worked in Trenches at night	PM
	10		ditto worked at night in Trenches.	PM
	11		Moved by bus route to NOEUX LES MINES arrived 4 AM Bullets good taken over from 20 th Batt. Men rested all day.	PM
NOEUX LES MINES	12		Bullets NOEUX LES MINES Drill & training carried on	PM
	13		ditto.	PM
	14		ditto	PM
	15		ditto	PM
	16		ditto	PM
	17		ditto	PM
	18		ditto moved by bus route to LES BREBIS 6 PM for working in trenches for work at night. Bullets taken over from 19 th Batt.	PM
	19		Bullets at LES BREBIS men resting all day. Command of Battalion assumed by Maj J. R. TREDENNICK, Dublin Fusiliers	PM
	20		Bullets at LES BREBIS men resting all day.	PM
HOUCHIN.	21		Moved to HOUCHIN by Bus route. arrived 4 AM Bullets very crowded not good.	PM

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Houchin } LES BREBIS }	Sept 19 th			
	22		Houchin. moved in Evening to LES BREBIS by BUS Route.	W
	23		LES BREBIS men resting all day.	W
LES BREBIS	24		LES BREBIS . The Battalion moved from LES BREBIS at 11.15 am for Pt. Tremblay W.S. to take up a position prior to the attack on the following day. All final instructions were issued during the day.	W
LOOS	25 th		By 2 am the Battalion was assembled in the 1st & 2nd Line Trenches between Saps 6 & 18. ndi. Bn's Preliminary Instructions Sheet 2 & 3. [The hour of zero (commencement of Gas attack) was ordered for 5.50 am. Time for assault. 6.30 am. For objectives, order of Battle etc, see Bn Instructions Sheet 1.] — Punctually at 5.50 am the gas & smoke attack started & was soon answered by a heavy fire from the enemy, but during this extremely wild shooting of the enemy & the splended trench the men occupied practically no casualties occurred during the 40 minutes gas & smoke attack. but a certain number of men suffered from the effect of gas. The wind was very light & it was raining slightly & the gas & smoke appeared to hang heavily in front of our own trench & proceeded very slowly towards the enemy's lines. Many of them in our front line said that it did not appear to reach the enemy's front line for a considerable period. — At 6.30 am the leading platoons	W

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Loos	Sept 25 th		cleared our parapet. & moved off in quick time towards the enemy front line. Although not more than 300 yards away it was not to be seen owing to the dense cloud of smoke which now enveloped it. In the space of a few minutes the front line had reached the enemy's wire, which was well cut. But a heavy rifle fire was being met with many casualties occurred. Which included many NCOs & the officers commanding the line. But this in no way checked the survivors who, without a halt passed quickly over the German trench & pushed on towards their final objective. The 2nd German Line. The 1st Line operation was closely followed by the 2nd 3rd & 4th Lines. as per scheduled time. each line suffering casualties at the German front line. as the lines passed over & moved towards their final objective the enemy's fire followed them till the 5th line arrived. This line consisting of Company 100 20 50 20 20 20 20 & some German NCOs. The German Trench & in a very short space of time the trench was clear of the enemy. & both had been gained with the 1400 Boys on the right & the 10th Division on the left. In the mean time the 2nd 3rd & 4th Lines were pushing on to the German 2nd Line & this was gained with very little loss. as the enemy had been taken completely by surprise & had not occupied the 2nd Line Trench West of Loos.	

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Loos	Sept 25 th		They were however holding the houses on the West side of the town. but the leading line of the 20th Bn on our right & the 19th Bn on our left were sweeping through us & very soon the town was in our hands. The remarkable feature of the attack was the manner in which direction was maintained throughout. The whole of the enemy's position was enveloped in a dense cloud of smoke, but with the single exception of two platoons of Alog who were ^{had} about 300 yards ^{to the} left. All the ^{the} attacking Corps arrived within the boundaries of the objective according to plan. This was due to the carefully prepared instructions issued before hand. & to the fact that a careful reconnaissance of the ground had been made by all officers & also the day previous to the attack. The scheme for the attack, the objective etc was carefully explained to every man of the attacking force the day before the assault, and as all ranks were well acquainted with the position of the country, the Bn having occupied these trenches for a considerable period, every man in the Battalion knew what was required of him. By 6.55 am the leading platoon had reached the German Second line & CEMETERY. which was found unoccupied and by 7 am the Bn consisting of 12 officers & ^{about} 300 other ranks had occupied a line from the LENS Road on the right at a point G 35 C. 62 to a point 50 yards North of the CEMETERY. Consolidation was	1577 Wt. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOOS	Sep 25 th		immediately started & Machine guns got into position near the LENS Road. By mid day every man had constructed a sufficiently serviceable fire step for himself but in many places the trench was much too shallow & the process of deepening it could not be started till well on in the afternoon owing to the shortage of heavy entrenching tools. A fresh supply of tools arrived during the afternoon & by dark the trench was in a serviceable condition. During the first 2 hours of consolidation the working parties were practically unmolested by the enemy but after this period any exposure on the part of the working parties drew a heavy rifle & machine gun fire from the enemy occupying Force 11. Casualties: Our casualties for the day. Officers killed 4 & wounded 5. Other ranks killed 66. Wounded 144. Missing 27. Practically all our casualties occurred in front of the German front line trench after this was crossed, although the attacking line had about 1000 yards of open country to move over, practically no casualties occurred. Enemy's Casualties. It is difficult to estimate this accurately. Between 20 & 30 prisoners were captured in the town by the German 2nd Line near the CEMETERY by the Bn. but a large number of Germans were killed in their own front line by 2 platoons of B Company & a section of Canadians dropped by the Bn. en route. The bulk of the prisoners	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOOS	Sept 9/18 26 th		appeared to be in a very demoralized condition. Though none were suffering from the effects of gas. There appeared to have been taken completely by surprise in LOOS as a number of them were found sleeping in the cellars when the first troops entered. There 2nd this was an occupied which was indeed fortunate as the were in front of it was very strong & well intent. 8pm As it was quite dark at this hour a party was sent out from each Coy to collect chickens, geese & cut the German wire. This was hampered across the front by an obstacle from front.	My
LOOS	Sept 10/18		Night passed fairly quietly, enemy's light artillery action during the early part of the night but no damage was done. As much rest as possible was given to the men. Work of consolidating positions during the morning. Between 9 am & 11pm during the temporary evacuation of North West of Hill 70 our left flank became exposed but as the enemy did not assume the offensive the ground was soon reoccupied by our troops. At dusk Machine & water were sent up. Brigade Head Q^r was established at the VALLÉE Cross Roads about 200 yards behind our line. At dusk more wire was put in front of our line. This was taken from German entanglements.	My

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOOS	Sep 27 th		Silent occupation of and consolidating German trench west of LOOS. Fighting continued to our left front for possession of Hill 70. LOOS shelled during the night. In spite of a heavy shrapnel & machine gun fire throughout the day, practically no casualties have occurred among our men. The trench is now very deep & well fire trapped. A column amount of old German wire was transferred across to our front during the night. German domain attacked during the afternoon on our left - Ogerinc CHACK PIT - PUTS 14. 2 of 22nd Bn inspected line this afternoon with a view to taking over.	My 1401
LES BREBIS	Sep 28 th		All quiet last night. No manual shrapnel & machine gun fire during the day. Battalion relieved by 22nd Bn. [Orders were received early in the day for the Bn to occupy W3 on relief. but this was cancelled about 7.30 pm. & orders to proceed to billets at LES BREBIS. Entrenched] By 9 pm the relief started and as the Bn was clear of German trench by 9.45 pm. The relief was different owing to there being one trench the communication trenches. in order to prevent congestion as each man was relieved he was ordered out of the trench & to face in with his bayonet on the open behind the trench. The relief was carried out in the open. no casualties occurred. By 10.30 pm the whole of the Bn were assembled in billets at LES BREBIS.	My 1401

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LES BREBIS	Spt 29 th		Battalion rested during the day. [Bugader Gen Phuanh reached the Bn during the morning.]	my
HESDIENEUL	Spt 30 th	9.30am	Bn paraded at LES BREBIS church & marched off at 9.45am to occupy billets at HESDIENEUL arriving 12 noon. As billets could not be allocated till 3pm the Battalion did not get under cover till 4pm. Owing to the movement of a large number of troops eastwards, transport was hindered by a circumlocution route & did not arrive till 3.30pm.	my

S E C R E T

Sheet 1

18th. BATTALION LONDON REGIMENT LONDON IRISH RIFLES

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

BASED ON SECRET B M 36 RECEIVED FROM 141st INF. BDE. and ISSUED TO O.G.COYS.

- (1) OBJECTIVE. The Battalion has been ordered to Capture the Hostile Second line of trenches from point 51 to point 63 and having done so to consolidate the captured position with the greatest possible speed.
- (2) TROOPS. The following troops are under the orders of Officer Commanding London Irish Rifles for this purpose:
- London Irish Rifles
 - 2 Vickers light guns
 - London Irish Grenadier Platoon
 - 2 Sections 18th Battalion Grenadier Platoon
 - A party of 6 R.E. (for mine searching)
- (3) INFANTRY , ORDER OF BATTLE. The attack will be carried out on a three Platoon frontage from Sap 6 to Sap 18 both inclusive.
- A Coy will attack on the Right on a One Platoon Frontage
 - C Coy will attack in the Centre on a One Platoon Frontage
 - D Coy will attack on the Left on a One Platoon Frontage
 - B Coy (less Two sections) in LOCAL RESERVE.
- (4) OBJECTIVES of ATTACKING COYS.
- A Coy-- Hostile SECOND line from point 51 inclusive to Communication Trench at G 35 c 75 exclusive
 - C Coy-- Hostile SECOND line from Communication Trench G 35 c 75 inclusive to S.W. Corner of CEMETRY exclusive.
 - D Coy-- Hostile SECOND line from S.W. Corner of CEMETRY inclusive to point 63 inclusive.
- (5) MACHINE GUNS 2 Vickers light guns will move with the LOCAL RESERVE.

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- (6) **GRENADIERS and LEFT FLANK GUARD.** One Section from the Battalion Grenadier Platoon will be attached to each attacking Coy. (total 3 Sections) and will move with the SECOND Platoons of each Coy.

No. 8 Platoon under Lieut. Lane.

2 Sections 19th. Battalion Grenadier Platoon.

(8) **FORMING UP PLACES**

- (a) In New Front Line
Leading Platoons of A Coy - between Sap 6 and Sap 8 as far North as the fire bay between short bays 70 and 71 inclusive (total 6 bays)

Leading Platoons of C Coy - from the First fire bay immediately South of Sap 8 inclusive to Sap 12 but NOT to include the fire bay into which Sap 12 leads (total 4 long bays (fire) and 1 short fire bay)
Sap 13 will be now given to C. Coy.

Leading Platoon of D Coy. Two Sections 19th. Grenadier Platoons less one group (to form up from the right in the order named i.e.,

Only the 36 foot bays are available for use there is to be an Officer or an N.C.O. in each fire bay.

- (b) In Trench Fifty Feet In Rear Of New Front Line
Second and Third Platoons of A Coy. Grenadiers Sections attached.

Second & Third Platoons of C Coy. Grenadier Section Attached.

Second & Third Platoons of D Coy. Grenadier Section Attached.

2 men of the R.E. will be attached to each attacking Coy as mine searchers - these will move with the third lines.

Same amount of frontage to be occupied as is allotted to Companies in the New Front Line Trench.

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(7) (c) PRESENT FRONT LINE from trench 24 inclusive to Sap 18 inclusive.

4th. Platoon from A C and D Coys will be formed up in Old Front Line as follows--:

A Coy Platoon from Sap 6 towards Sap 7
C Coy Platoon from Sap 8 towards Sap 9 & 10
D Coy Platoon ~~from~~ towards Sap 18

Great care must be taken to see that all gangways are kept clear.

The Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each of these Platoons will be at the head of his Platoon ready to lead into the Saps.

EXACTLY 10 minutes before TIME these Platoons will move--

A Coy into Sap 6

C Coy into Sap 8

D Coy into Sap 12

The Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each Platoon will halt when he arrives at the junction of these Saps and the NEW TRENCH 50 feet behind the NEW FRONT LINE--

Men will be spaced in the Saps at 4 paces interval and when halted in the Saps will kneel down and NOT close up.

(8) FORMING
UP OF LOCAL
RESERVE AND
R.E.

(a) LOCAL RESERVE B Coy will form up in present front line as in THREE Platoons the Centre Platoons being named in these instructions as the CENTRE Platoons B Coy.

RIGHT PLATOON B Coy.--Grenadier Group attached between Saps 7 & 8 (Grenadier Group being nearest Sap 7).

CENTRE PLATOONS B Coy and two Vickers guns & 1 Section Battn. Grenadier Platoon towards Sap 11.

LEFT PLATOON B Coy between Saps 11 & 12.

(9)
COMMUNICATION
TRENCHES TO
BE USED BY
COMPANIES TO
REACH THE
FORMING UP
PLACES.

The following Trenches only will be used

D Coy. Trench 26 and Sap 8

A Coy. Trench 24 and Sap 6

C Coy. Trench 26 and Sap 8

B Coy. Trenches 24 & 26

Coys will move in the above order but definite instructions will of course be published later.

O.C. Coys will ~~be~~ ensure that every Officer and Platoon Sergt. is thoroughly acquainted with the route laid down for his Coy.

BN.HQ.

During the preliminary waiting for the attack and until the attacking Coys have left our present system of Trench Battalion Headquarters will be situated in Trench 26.

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MOVE OF THE ATTACKING COMPANIES.

THE HOUR
OF THE
ASSAULT

(a) In accordance with Appendix 1 of Secret E.M. 36 the GAS and SMOKE attacks will take place for 40 minutes prior to the hour named for the ASSAULT. This hour will be notified to all concerned later. This hour (the actual time when the Assault is to commence) ~~will~~ will be known in these instructions as "TIME" and all movements having relation to this word will be carried out at the VERY SECOND laid down.

(b) Exactly 5 minutes before TIME all men except those in the Saps will be ordered to fix bayonets but all men are to be cautioned against allowing any bayonet to show over the parapet. At TIME the leading platoons of the attacking Coys will at once move forward - getting out of the Trench by scaling ladders provided (2 in each bay)

(c) Exactly 30 Seconds after TIME the SECOND line will advance from their places of formation getting out by the footholds and hand pegs provided and will move forward in rear of the FIRST line doubling over the New Front Line Trench.

(d) Exactly 42 Seconds after "TIME" the THIRD line will advance from the same place of formation getting out in the same manner as the Second line and moving forward in rear of that line.

(e) IMMEDIATELY the THIRD line has left the Trenches the Platoons forming the FOURTH line at present in the Saps, will quickly file into their place of formation in the Trench 50 feet in rear of the New Front Line lately occupied by the Second and Third lines of their Coys and on arrival will at once fix bayonets and will advance in like manner as the THIRD line-- distance in rear of the latter to be as nearly as possible 150 yards.

The SIGNAL for this advance will be given by the O.C. Coy in the Centre of the Line by One Long blast on the Whistle but in default of this signal Platoons will move forward at TWO MINUTES 15 SECONDS after TIME.

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MOVE OF THE LOCAL RESERVE.

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Two minutes 15 Seconds after TIME the Platoons of B Coy will move as follows--

RIGHT PLATOON preceded by the Grenadier Group attached will move into Sap 7 and will debouch from there--men extending to both flanks (except the Grenadier Group who will extend to the RIGHT) and covering the exact frontage laid down A Coy.

CENTRE PLATOON will move One Platoon through Sap 9 and One Platoon through Sap 10, men extending immediately on reaching the open and will cover the frontage laid down for C Coy the Vickers Guns will follow closely the Platoon moving through Sap 9.

The Section Battn. Grenadier Platoon will follow these two platoons moving through Sap 10 (distance 50 yards)

LEFT PLATOON will move into Sap 11 and will debouch from there--men extending to both flanks and covering the exact frontage laid down for D Coy.

3 sharpshooters will be attached and moved with the Centre Platoons B Coy.

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SHEET 6

ACTION ON ARRIVAL AT HOSTILE FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

(14)

(a) All Platoons of Attacking Coys will lead straight forward over it.

(b) When the Local Reserve (B Coy) reaches the Hostile Front Line Trench - The RIGHT Platoon under Lieut BATEMAN with the Grenadier Section attached will immediately jump in to the Trench and will work South along it to connect with the 140th Bde at G 34 c 18 2.

The LEFT platoons under Lieut. LANE on arrival at Hostile Front Line will immediately jump into the Trench and work NORTH up the front line from G 34--- G 34 a 65 to establish and maintain connection with the 44th. Bde. ~~1/2~~

The Two Sections 1st. Grenadier Platoon less one group together with the leading Platoon, D Coy will be detailed to make straight for the Trench Junction G 34 b 4. 5. The Grenadiers will work back from G34 b 45

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ACTION IF OPPOSITION IS ENCOUNTERED DURING ADVANCE

Energetic action must be taken at once -- The Platoons in rear, closing upon the leading platoons, the company reserve being also employed as rapidly as possible.

The Commanding Officer does not of course propose to lay down any instructions on the action to be taken - this must be entirely in the hands of Company, Platoon and even Section Commanders. He wishes to however remind Officers and N.C.Os that a rapidly executed attack on a Hostile flank is generally effective.

EXAMINATION OF LOCALITIES DURING THE ADVANCE

All buildings, low ground etc., passed during the advance must be rapidly examined--any men ordered to enter a cellar for purposes of examination must LOWER their smoke helmets.

INFORMATION DURING THE ADVANCE

Every effort must be made to keep Battalion Headquarters informed of the situation as often as possible. It is probable that during the early stages of the attack a good deal of the information will have to be sent back by Runners--Two men per platoon will therefore be told off as Runners within the Coy in addition to those detailed with BN. HQ. The value of NIL reports must be remembered.

DISTINGUISHING FLAGS!

Each attacking Platoon of the first Line of the attack will be issued with FOUR Divisional Discs (Yellow Color) with a Black Cross, and carried by each of the Two Platoons of B Coy ~~14~~ detailed to work in the Front Line Trench.

These flags are to be carried by specially selected men and other selected men also told off to carry them on the event of the first men being casualties.

The Commanding Officer directs that these flags be looked upon for the time being as Battalion Colours and are therefore to be brought forward at all costs.

These flags are to be carried NOT planted and should be periodically waved to attract the attention of our Artillery.

It is notified for information that the 15th. Divisional Mark is a Yellow Flag.

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SHEET 8

ACTION ON ARRIVAL AT GERMAN SECOND LINE TRENCHES.

- (a) No Officer, N.C.O. or man of the Battalion except the Grenadiers will on any account whatsoever proceed further forward than the GERMAN SECOND LINE. The big task of the Battalion is the CONSOLIDATION of the GERMAN SECOND LINE and this must be carried out as rapidly as possible.

FIRE AND WORK (b)

O.C.Coys will make careful arrangements to ensure that one man in every THREE acts as lookout and carries on the pursuit by FIRE, all other N.C.Os and men will immediately commence the work of Consolidation -- the most careful supervision of junior Officers and of all N.C.Os is essential to see that labour is not wasted. The normal procedure will be for the whole of the leading Platoons of the attacking Coys assisted by chosen men from the Second line to carry on the pursuit by fire until Coy Commanders are able to detail their best shots to take these mens places -- this should be done however as rapidly as possible in order to ensure greater fire effect.

GRENADIERS (c)

Immediately on arrival Grenadier Sections attached to Coys will work down all Communication Trenches leading towards the enemy and also down the Second Line Trench itself to either flank to obtain and maintain communication with the Brigades on either flank.

Section of the Grenadiers attached to C Coy will be responsible for communication Trenches G 35 c 75 and G 35 c 78. Section of Grenadiers attached B Coy will be responsible for the triangle at point 63 and will work down the German Second Line towards point 96 to connect with 15th. Div.

In addition Grenadier Sections attached to Coys are responsible for any other Communication trenches in their Coy attack Sectors which may be found to exist and which are not enumerated above. Section of Grenadiers attached A Coy will be responsible for working SOUTH along German Second Line to gain trench with 140th. Brigade.

Grenadiers will only proceed sufficiently far down Communication trenches to ensure that the enemy are kept out of Bombing distance -- barricades should NOT be built unless absolutely necessary to ensure safety.

O.C.Coys will make arrangements for all dead Germans to be immediately thrown out of the trenches. This is to be done at once.

Men are to be instructed that if wounded they are to immediately hand over their ammunition to the next man to them -- the collection of ammunition from casualties is to be done under Coy arrangements and Platoon Reserve Depots of ammunition provided from this source.

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SHEET 9

NOTES.

- (1) Extensions. All extensions are to be to 5 --this is most important and requires the utmost supervision.
- (2) PACE This will be regulated to a certain extent by the GAS but the normal pace will be a quick rifle step varied by steady doubling if necessary to get rapidly out of a particular fire Zone but Platoon and Section Commanders are held responsible that men arrive at German Second Line Trenches not only capable of beating down any resistance that may be offered but also of commencing work at once.
- (3) STRETCHER BEARERS will proceed in rear of the last Platoon of each Coy.
~~is/~~ No attempt is to be made by stretcher bearers to evacuate wounded during the advance. These men should be made as comfortable as possible and placed in any cover ~~that~~ such as shell holes etc., that can be discovered near by. NO stretcher bearers of B Coy will accompany the Two Platoons working along the German First Line Trenches.
- (4) SMOKE HELMETS The Two Platoons of B Coy and section of Grenadiers working along German First Line Trench and the Two Sections Grenadiers 19th. Battalion with the Two Sections B Coy as Flank guard will be most careful to have their smoke helmets lowered and tucked well into their jackets Before dropping into the trenches.
- (5) German screens if any in captured trenches should not be pulled down as they are a signal to German Artillery not to fire on the trenches where they are placed.
- (6) All men should be warned against the probable misuse of white flags and signs of surrender by the enemy. The enemy have been known to sham death and then to shoot into the backs of our assaulting troops. Officers are reminded of the procedure of dealing with prisoners found with expanding or reversed bullets.
- (7) PRISONERS OF WAR These will be sent back at once over the open with a very small escort under Coy arrangements this will normally be done by slightly wounded men--They will be handed over to an Officer of the Battalion in occupation of the New Front Line of our present system of Trenches. Officers taken prisoners will be sent separately.
- (8) Position of Battalion Aid Post will be notified later.
- (9) TRANSPORT Cocks wagons will accompany the Battalion as far as NORTH MAROC.

No other Transport will accompany the Battalion. Special instructions re -transport have been issued to TPT Officer.

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SHEET 10/ 11.

- (1) PACKS The following only will be carried in the Pack
 1 Waterproof Cape-(at the bottom of the Pack)
 2 Canteen
 3 Service Dress Cap.
 4 Towel, Washing & Shaving Materials.
 5 Iron Rations-remainder of days rations & cheese ration, if not already consumed.
- (2) SANDBAGS 3 sandbags will be carried by each man. The method of carrying these has been explained to O.C. Coys.
- (3) SMOKE HELMETS All ranks will WEAR their last issued helmets The other being carried in the usual way. The Helmets will be worn with the front rolled up above the face ready to be lowered should troops enter trench in which Gas is still hanging.
- (4) DRESS FOR OFFICERS Absolutely as for the men. All leather cases must be properly covered. This can be done by SERGT. HIGGINS. from Officers Hdkfs, etc.
- ORDERS & PLANS No orders or plans of our own trenches will be taken into the trenches by any member of the Battalion.

 B

WIRE CUTTERS. 1 Wire Cutters will be distributed as follows

Leading Platoon of each ATTACKING Coy.-	
9 Pairs per Platoon	Total Pairs 27
Second Platoon of each ATTACKING Coy	
6 Pairs per Platoon	Total Pairs 24
All Sections Batt. Grenadier Platoon	
2 Pairs per Section	Total " 6
Right & Left Platoons *B* Coy	
2 Pairs per Platoon	Total " 4
Total.-----	63 Pairs.

Wire Cutters are to be attached to the shoulders straps and stuck in the belt. They will of course be distributed amongst men who have received instruction in wiring, and are thus familiar with their use. All men in possession of Wire Cutters will wear a White patch on the right shoulder strap. Rear Platoons will be responsible for the collection of all the wire cutters from any men wearing these White Patches who happen to be casualties.

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SHEET 12

PICKS & SHOVELS.

Picks and shovels will be carried by Companies as follows.-

	SHOVELS	PICKS	SHOVELS	TOTAL PICKS
First line of Platoon	---	---	---	---
Second " "	8	4	24	12
Third " "	8	4	24	12
Fourth " "	8	7	24	21
Centre Platoons B Coy	28	25	28	25
		TOTAL-----	<u>100</u>	<u>70</u>

Tools will be drawn from the R.E. No Battalion tools except Wire Wire Cutters will be taken.

Company Commanders have been shown the correct manner of carrying these tools, and tools will not be carried in any other way.

All Sanitary men will carry shovels. These shovels will NOT be included in the Number arranged for above.

NOTE Men selected to carry Picks must be tall and strong.

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HESDIGNEUL	1 st Oct.		at 10am the Bn. paraded as strong as possible. 14 officers & 559 other ranks & were addressed by Brigadier Gen. W. Thwaites, Commanding 141 st Infantry Brigade. The General complimented the Battalion on this spirit & dash during the recent operation & the splendid discipline which carried the battalion through a very trying period. - At the end of his address the men were given for the general. - Remainder of day was spent in refitting & reorganizing battalion. 2Lt. J. A. O. MASON reported and was taken on strength of Bn.	JAY
"	2 nd Oct		The day occupied in refitting men. Each company carried out an hour drill during the day. Gen. Barles, Commanding 47 th Division, visited the men here today & said a few words of praise to B Company on the company parade ground. All names for honours were sent in today.	JAY
"	3 rd Oct	9.30am	Battalion paraded as strong as possible, dress, marching round without packs, for a brigade church service. The Col. 47 th Division was present at this service. After the service the returned to billets to pick up their packs & paraded again, with 1 st Linc. Transport heavy out a short route march. Route LABOISSIERE - HAILLICOULT & back to billets. Battalion returned by 1.30 pm.	JAY
"	4 th Oct		Battalion paraded as strong as possible at 8.45 am for Brigade route march - Route HAILLICOULT - GOSNAY and back to billets. It rained heavily during the march. Battalion got back to billets by 11.30 am.	JAY
HAILLICOULT	5 th Oct		Company & battalion training was carried out during the morning. Battalion paraded at 4 pm & proceeded to HAILLICOULT to occupy billets at this place. Battalion arrived at the billeting area at 5 pm. but owing to some confusion about billets the Bn. did not get in till after 7 pm. It rained incessantly throughout the operation of changing billets.	JAY

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HAILICOURT	6 th Oct		Day spent in refitting men with equipment. ^{4 organising men in billets} Lieut Maginn, Steel & Lewis reported their arrival & were taken on strength of Bn.	
"	7 th Oct.		Commanding officer inspected the Bn in marching order starting with A Coy at 10 am and other Coys at 15 minute intervals. The turn out was good considering the difficulty in getting equipment at short notice.	
"	8 th Oct.		Battalion paraded at 8 am to take part in a brigade battle march and Outpost Scheme battalion review billets at 2.30 pm. Battalion was placed on 4 hour notice from 5 pm to 8 am.	
"	9 th Oct.		Battalion paraded at 10.30 am as strong as possible dress marching order, for inspection by Corps Commander. The whole of the 141 st Bde with other details were present on the parade. Gen Sir H Robinson came after riding round the ranks. addressed the parade & complimented all ranks on their achievement during the recent operation. After this Corps Commander had left. The 141 st Brigade marched past General Phelan.	
"	10 th Oct.		Battn. resting. Voluntary Church parades for C.E., Nonconformists & R.C. Oc & acting Adjt attended a conference at Brigade H.Q. (141 st) in connection with Op.O. no 14. 141 st INFTRY BDE.	Pr.
"	11 Oct.		Battn paraded at 9 am as strong as possible, and practised opening to Artillery formation and lines of skirmishers. The Brigadier Genl. visited the Battn during the exercise. Lieut Keane, Staples and Munro joined and were taken on strength of Battn - also Capt & Adjt H.P. Hamilton rejoined.	Pr.
"	12 Oct.		Company training was carried out from 9 am to 10 am. Remainder of morning preparing to move billets.	Pr.
MAZENGARBE	"	8 PM	Battalion arrived and was billeted by 8.30 pm. 1 st Line Tspt at NOEUX LES MINES.	Pr.
"	13 Oct		Battalion under orders to move at half an hour's notice from 10 am. Men remaining in billets resting.	

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MAZENGARBE	14 Oct		at 8 pm. Draft of 100 O.R.s arrived from Base and were taken on strength. Trench section joined from NOEUX LES MINES. Rear Head Co formed. Battalion remained under orders to move at half an hour's notice. Men confined to billets resting. at 5 pm orders received to move to line of trenches G. 30. d. (ref TRENCH MAP 36 EN.W. 3.) to relieve Münster Fusiliers. Battalion moved at 6.45 pm and took over at 8 pm. Lieut Dircks + 2 O.R. wounded.	sketch map. App. No 1. <i>Pr.</i>
TRENCHES North of 003	15 Oct		Front line trenches in good condition except portion thrown in by shell fire whilst at present it is deemed not to occupy - still communication trench to front line very shallow - line shelled by light HE for direct Hill 70 + heavy HE for direct HULLUCH. Work on our wire + deepening of whole line commenced - Front line C B D Coys - Support A Coy	<i>Pr.</i>
"	16 Oct		Support line shelled by light HE shells - retaliation by 18 pdrs on German front line - 2 LT TIVY joined for HAVRE. - 1 other Rank wounded	<i>Pr.</i>
"	17 Oct		Quiet - 1 other Rank wounded. - Continuation of improvement of front line trenches - haul salvage of arms + equipment collected + sent down.	<i>Pr.</i>
"	18 Oct		Shelling by both light + heavy HE shells - Wounded other ranks 7.	<i>Pr.</i>
"	19 Oct		Pioneer Battalion R. Welch Fusiliers commenced new front line in front of PUILS 14 bn.	<i>Pr.</i>
"	20 Oct		Fairly quiet day - about 80 bodies buried during past 4 nights - Wounded other ranks 5. R.W. Fusiliers completed new front line to a depth of four feet.	<i>Pr.</i>
"			2 LT MONYPENNY and 26 O.R. for BASE - Battalion was to have been relieved by	<i>Pr.</i>

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	20th (Cont)		17 LON REGT hit our position ^{possibility} of attack. This was postponed until tomorrow. French Coy on our Right as to means of covering their left flank shells to the attack - Decided to move one Coy & one H. over to new front line. This was carried out at 6 pm - Sentries ordered to be especially vigilant. Heavy shell of old front line by HE. No attack was launched.	Pr
	21st.		Intermittent shell of whole of old front line (Heavy HE. communicate heard. How in places & intermittent shells by light H.V. guns. Battalion relieved by 17 Lon Regt - Relief complete 8.15 pm. Battalion moved to Reserve. Thunders close on North side of LOOS - plenty of dug out around. Killed O.R. 3. Wounded 10 O.R. Men sleeping most of day - working part of day for work on CHALK PIT ALLEY at 6 pm.	Pr
	22nd		Men resting - Took over A2 Subsector (CHALK PIT and CHALK PIT WOOD) from 20 LON REGT at 7 pm. - Front line A C) Coys - in support B Coy - 17 LON REGT on our Right - 19 LON REGT on our Left.	Pr
	23rd.			Pr

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In trench	24th		Line in bad condition due to heavy shelling - difficulty of communication between B.N. HQ & troops owing to being in CHALK PIT which is unsheltered. Shells all day - Wire constant in front of left Coy - Wounded 12. Other Rank.	Pr
"	25th		Intermittent shelling all day - retaliation by our artillery - direct of hostile shell - CITE ST ELIE and BOIS HUGO. Heavy & intense shelling of whole sector from 2.20 - 4.30 pm. - practically unknown owing to all shells falling short. Wounded O.R. 2.	Pr
"	26th		Patrols showed useful information re enemy work on front line - enemy appear to be working hard to improve their wire - shelling of sector all day - Wounded 5. Other Rank.	Pr
"	27th		Very heavy shelling of whole sector from 9 am till dusk - LT BG DALE & 2nd F.A. BURY wounded. Killed O.R. 4. Wounded 13. Retaliation on 9.2's & heavy howitzers.	Pr

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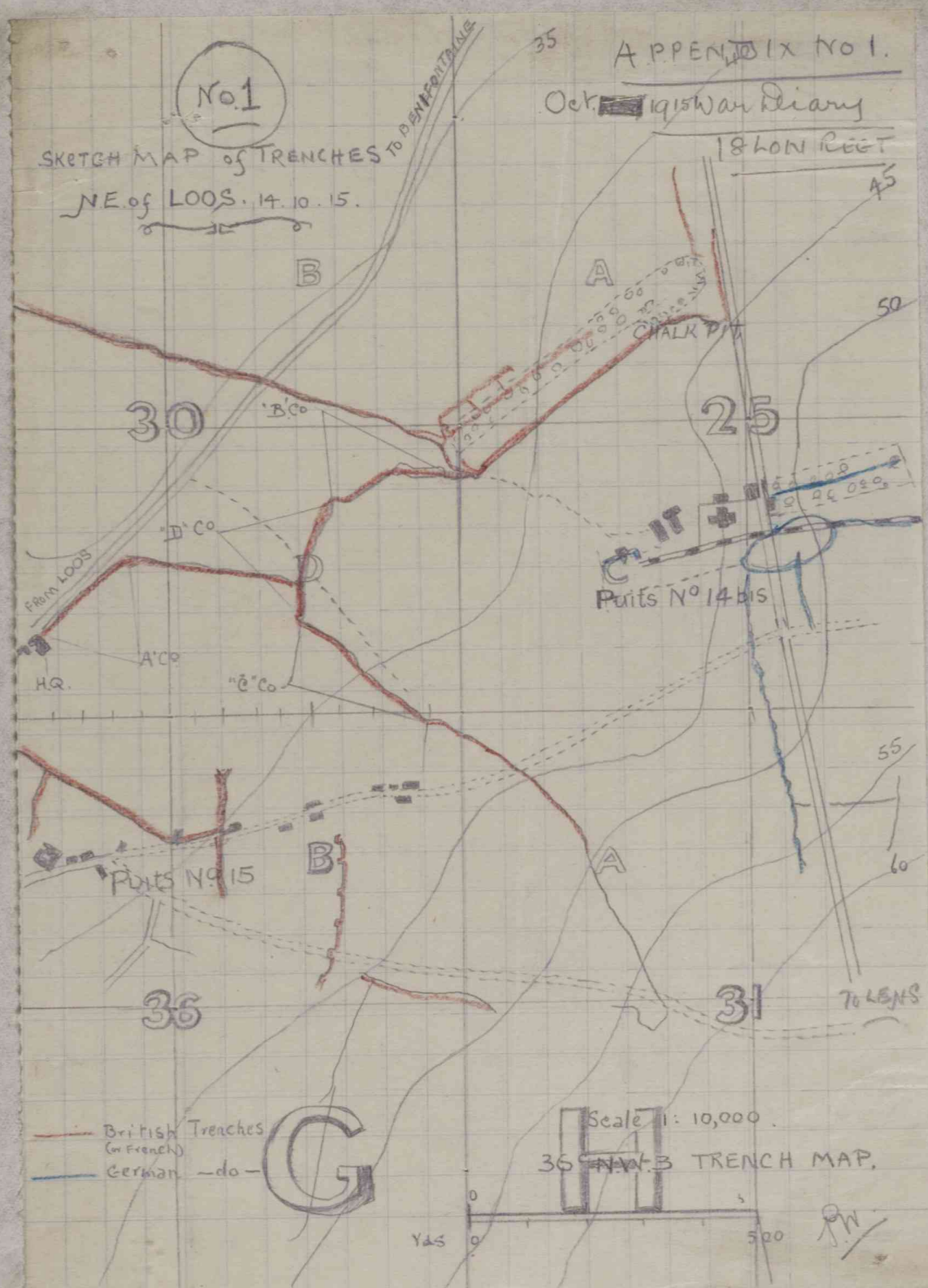
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In Trenches	<u>Oct 28th</u>		Hostile shell continue - 3 direct hits on BN HQ but no casualties - Wounded 1st Pals 12	Pr
"	<u>29th</u>		Heavy shell all day - Killed 1 Wounded 5. Hostile shell same by our sub- Battal Relieved by 29 LON REGT - Relief complete 9.30 pm. Battal Moved to Reserve Trenches N of LOOS.	Pr
"	<u>30th</u>		Battal Resting in Reserve Trenches.	
"	<u>31st</u>		Battal Resting in Reserve Trenches - Battal moved to billets at HAZINGARBE being relieved in Reserve Trenches by 6 LON REGT. Relief complete 10.35 pm - Brigade now in DIVISIONAL Reserve	Pr

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MAZANGARBE	1915			
Nov 1st.	1		Reserve Billels. 1 Coy in strong posts in Line old first German line.	On
	2		Reserve Billels - Billels had - dirty	Pr
	3		ditto ditto. - - -	Pr
	4		" "	Pr
	5		1 Coy in strong post in old German first line.	Pr
	6		3 Coys were inspected by Lord Mayor of London. remainder of day resting.	Pr
	7		In Trenches Section B2 1st line. Left Sector Loos very quiet. Weather bad. Trenches in bad condition. 20th Lon Regt on Right; 19 Lon Regt on left.	Pr
	8		quiet. 1 D.R. wounded.	Pr
	9		Shells of Communication Trench. "Navy Alley" HAIE ALLEY.	Pr
	10		Support Trenches in Sect. B2 ret.	Pr
	11		" " " " - " -	Pr
	12		" " " " - " -	Pr
	13		MAZANGARBE. Balt billeted in Abbatoir & new Huts. - Crowded but clean.	Pr
	14		LILLERS. Arrived by train from NOEUX-LES-MINES at 3 PM. Balt billeted 6.5 PM very crowded. Fine bright day. in Corps Reserve.	Pr

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18 Lon Regt L.I.R.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Raimbert	Dec 1 st		Div Route exercise. Idea formulated by 47 th Lon. Div. Staff. Route march to have started to day - postponed until tomorrow.	M.C.
Raimbert -	2		Route Exercise - Left Raimbert 8 AM arrived Rebecque - 5.30 PM	M.C.
- Rebecque	3		went into Bullets - Left Rebecque 9.30 AM of the 3 rd arrived Raimbert 3.30 PM.	M.C.
Raimbert	4		BN. at disposal of ofc - one hours steady drill - remainder of day resting.	M.C.
	5		Church parade.	M.C.
	6		Training resumed - Range practice commenced.	M.C.
	7		" 4 range practice - Senior officer - outpost exercise	M.C.
	8		Bathing (3 boys) - Range practice	M.C.
	9		Training & musketry	M.C.
	10		ditto ditto	M.C.
	11		ditto ditto.	M.C.
	12		Church Parade. - Sgts of Batt reunion dinner	M.C.
	13		Entrained from Lillers 9.20 AM arrived Noeux-lez-Mines 11 AM	M.C.

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NOEUX, LES MINES LA BOURSE.	Dec 13		marched into Billels at LA. BOURSE - Billels good - resting in Div Reserve	J.B.C.
	14		In Trenches - relieved Black Watch in Sub Section known as "HAIRPIN."	J.B.C.
	15		In "Hairpin" Section. The Enemy made a small bombing attack on our Barricade in Essex Trench about 9 AM this morning but were easily dealt with. About 5 of the Enemy accounted for climbing over their own Barricade by our rifle fire & those who succeeded in getting into the space between the barricades were easily cleared by our bombers. It is difficult to say if any were killed by our bombs owing to nature of the ground but our bombing was extremely accurate & completely stopped the Enemy's attack. Enemy's Snipers were very active yesterday & today but have been silenced by our Snipers. The remainder of the day the Enemy kept very quiet. About 7 PM a German succeeded in crawling down SHIPKA SAP. as far as our barricade & looked over the top & appeared to be reconnoitering the ground, a bomb was immediately hurled at him & he disappeared. This	J.B.C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAIRPIN. Section.	(Cont) 1 Dec 15		Together with the fact that the enemy had made an attack that morning led us to believe that the enemy was contemplating a further attack. A sharp look out was kept and the Grenadier officer Lt Munro moved his two Reserve Sections closer to the Saps. A patrol was sent out about 8 PM. who reported our bombs had done considerable damage to the enemy's barricades in Essex Trench, but the enemy did not appear to be doing any work on it. All was quiet till 11-45 PM when a German officer suddenly appeared behind our barricades in SHIPKA Sap. and fired 3 rounds from his revolver at our bombers, at the same time the bomb attack commenced. Our bombers fell back a little at first to avoid the enemy's bombs, which were well directed and were thrown from the right flank of the Sap as well as the front. In a few seconds our bombers were reinforced & speedily drove the enemy back over his own barricade, but the bombing duel continued for over ¾ of an hour. The German bombers were well concealed on our Right front & flank & some of their bombs fell as far as 40 Yds down our Sap. About 12-20 AM it was decided to ask for	RL.

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Harpen. Section.	Night of 15/16		Artillery Support, which was immediately given. The bombing on the part of the Enemy ceased. The enemy used rifle grenades during their attack presumably with the idea of forming a barrage behind our bombers but the fire of these were badly directed & exploded harmlessly in no mans land between Essex Trench & our Front Line. The attack was of a determined nature & was directed by an officer who could be seen observing as the bombs were thrown & then shouting orders to his party. He could not be seen if any casualties were inflicted on the enemy owing to the darkness. They kept remarkably quiet for the rest of the night. At dawn our bombers became aggressive & bombarded the German barricade but received small encouragement from the Enemy and the affair died down.	
	16		Went into Support	
	17		In support.	
	18		Relieved by 14 th Batt & marched to VERQUIN.	

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VERQUIN.	19 th		Batt billeted in 'Chateau Verquin'	J.B.C.
	20		Resting in Verquin.	J.B.C.
	21		" " "	J.B.C.
	22		" " "	J.B.C.
	23		Relieved 23 rd Batt Lon Regt in HOENZOLERN Section	J.B.C.
HOENZOLERN Section	24		7 AM British exploded own & German mine 18 th Batt occupied Crater	J.B.C.
			16 Killed 11 Wounded, heavy hostile shelling	J.B.C.
	25		Relieved by 19 Batt Lon Regt. Relief very difficult owing to terrible state of Trenches. 2 feet of mud. Relief started 6 PM 25 th & relief effected 10 AM	J.B.C.
			26 th Men very tired Many Gum Boots had to be left in mud to enable men to extricate themselves from trenches.	J.B.C.
SAILLY	26		In Sailly. Men Resting	J.B.C.
	27		Resting in Sailly. Cleaning up proceeded with deficient in 200 gum boots.	J.B.C.
	28 th		Relieved 19 th Batt in Hoengolern Section	J.B.C.
	29		In Section Hoengolern.	J.B.C.

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VERMELLES.	Dec 30		Relieved by 19 th Batt went into Support in VERMELLES. Coy "A," in Lancashire Trench Coy "C," in Line. D Coy. in function keep & Ry. keep B Coy in Vermelles.	
	31		Relieved at Vermelles by 8 th Batt at 9 am & marched to Bellels at La Bourse.	73C 73C

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	JAN. 1916			
ABDURSE	1 st		In Billets at La Bourse. Billets good	J.P.C.
VERQUIN	2		Moved to Verquin. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining officers Billets.	J.P.C.
LES BREBIS	3		Marched to Les Brebis & went into Billets by 1 PM. Passed Corps Commander at Level Crossing in (L 14. C)	J.P.C.
LOOS	4		Relieved the French in Loos Centre Sub Section Relief commenced & effected between 6 PM & 10 PM.	J.P.C.
	5		2 Officers wounded - Quiet - supported by French Artillery.	J.P.C.
	6		Dull day - Hostile heavy shelling on Crassier	J.P.C.
	7		Quiet day.	J.P.C.
	8		Relieved by 17 Batt & went into Support 2 Corps Loos 2 Coys	J.P.C.
			N. MAROC	J.P.C.
	9		In Support	J.P.C.
	10		Relieved 20 th Batt in Right Sub Section Loos.	J.P.C.
	11		Quiet day.	J.P.C.
	12		Relieved by 8 th Batt & went into Billets at Les Brebis.	J.P.C.

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LES. BREBIS	JAN 13		In Billels at Les Brebis	13c.
	14		" ditto " ditto " Batt bathed.	13c.
	15		" ditto " ditto " Resting	13c.
MAROC	16		Relieved 21 st Batt in Maroc Centre Sub Section Relief commenced	13c.
Centre	"		affected between 4-30 PM & 8-30 PM - 2 platoons 47 th Div. Cyclist	13c.
Sub Sect.	"		attached.	13c.
	17		In Maroc Sub Sect. - Information received that mining operations	13c.
	"		were in progress at Base of Southern Crassier	13c.
	18		Quiet day.	13c.
	19		Mining expert arrives to verify suspicion re mining -	13c.
			Experts decision "no hostile mining was in progress."	13c.
	20		Relieved by 20 th Batt went into support.	13c.
	21		In Support. - at 9 PM heavy hostile shelling of Maroc 2 killed	13c.
	22		Relieved 19 th Batt in Left Sub Sect. Maroc	13c.
	23		At 2 AM. Mine was exploded in Centre Sub Sect. Loos - Very slight	13c.
			retaliation on the part of the enemy. Officer of 6 th Batt came up to rec-	13c.

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	JAN			
	Dec			
	23			
	(Cont)			
	24		In Support line. Batt HQ shelled intermittently during day - Relieved by 6 th Batt. went into Billets at BRAQUEMENT. house-les-mines arrived 10-15 PM.	M.C.
	25		In Billets at Braquement - Billets good.	M.C.
	26		In " " ditto. Working party furnished 2 off - 100 men.	M.C.
	27		Ditto ditto ditto ditto At 6-30 PM	M.C.
			Stand to! Enemy attempted attack on 15 th Div. - Stand easy 8-15 PM.	M.C.
	28 th		Relieved 22 nd Batt in Left Sub Section 1005. - Col Frederick Sick.	M.C.
	29		In Support line & Crassier - Shelled in the afternoon	M.C.
	30		Normal disposition were resumed	M.C.
	31		Quiet.	M.C.

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18. LON REG. (Low IRISH RIFLES)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOOS	1		In Loos Sect Quiet.	H. R. H.
	2		Enemy observed doing little work.	H. R. H.
	3		Left Coy. heavily bombarded from 4-30 PM to 7 PM also support line communication trench behind that Coy.	H. R. H.
	4		quiet day.	H. R. H.
	5		relieved by 6 th Batt.	H. R. H.
LES BREBIS	6		Les Brebis.	H. R. H.
	7			H. R. H.
	8			H. R. H.
MAROC	9		Went into support in Maroc Section.	H. R. H.
	10		quiet	H. R. H.
	11		shots -	H. R. H.
	12		2 platoons B Coy sent to reinforce 19 th Batt Lon Regt in the central Sub Section.	H. R. H.
	13		practice Gas attack quiet day.	H. R. H.
	14		quiet	H. R. H.

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18. LON REGT (Low Irish Rifles)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	15		Proceeded to Les Brebis in the Evening, relieved by 2 nd Royal Sussex	H. P. H.
RAIMBERT	16		Marched to Moenc-le-Mines & entrained there for LILLERS at 10-30 am arrived Lillers 11-30 am - Marched to billets in Corps Reserve at RAIMBERT - very strong gale blowing. - Billets good.	H. P. H.
"	17		Resting & cleaning up - From mid night 17 th to mid night 18 th became B.H.D. troops under 9 hours notice to entrain.	H. P. H.
"	18		Cleaning up - defecences noted - issues of clothing etc made to men - Baths - Baths.	H. P. H.
"	19		Baths.	H. P. H.
"	20		Church Parade.	H. P. H.
"	21		Individual training commenced	H. P. H.
"	22		2 nd day individual training	H. P. H.
"	23		3 rd - ditto - ditto -	H. P. H.
"	24		Batt route March - Floringhem - Terfay - Raimbert	H. P. H.
"	25		5 th day individual training.	H. P. H.

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OFFICER COMMANDING
B^N, C^O OF LONDON

H. L. H.

Standards for 20. 17. Ralph Home -

afterwards Major-General Sir Ralph Home

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18 LOW REST (Low Rank Rifle)

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RAIMBERT	1	-	Range practice.	N.R.H.
"	2	-	— ditto —	N.O.H.
"	3	-	— ditto —	N.R.H.
"	4	-	Proceeded by route march to ERNY ST JULIEN. (in First Army Training Area.) Left Raimbert at 8.50 AM & arrived 3.30 PM. in heavy snow storm marched via Estrie Blanche - Enquingatte & went into billets in Erny St Julien - Barracks good.	N.R.H.
ERNY ST JULIEN.	5		First day field Training - Artillery formation practiced returned to Billets about 4.30 PM.	N.R.H.
"	6		Owing to severe weather. Field training postponed - Lectures in Billets.	N.C.H.
"	7		Defence scheme carried out - Idea - defence of Erny St Julien.	N.R.H.
"	8		Field exercise - The Attack.	N.C.H.
"	9		Moved to Sachin. Rd very slippery - great difficulty with transport - Arrived & went into billets at Sachin at 3.30 PM.	N.R.H.
SACHIN.	10	-	Marched from Sachin to BRUAY with 19 th Batt.	N.R.H.

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BRUAY	10	(cont)	difficulty in finding billets owing to Staff Capt. having missed billeting representatives.	
	11		In BRUAY.	N.R.
	12		Church parade.	N.R.
VILLERS.	13		Moved to Villers au Bois & Carency took over from 2 nd Northants.	N.R.
CARENCEY Section	14		Went into left Sub Section. Carency Sect relieved 1 st Sherwood Foresters.	N.R.
"	15		Sig dug out & blown in by Aerial torpedo - Sgt Jones D.C.M. Sig Sgt. & Sig Rigger killed 3 others wounded. all of Sig section. Lt/Col Norman 14 th Batt arrived to reconnoitre line.	N.R.
Carency & Villers	16		Relieved by 17 th Batt. 2 Coys proceeded to Carency & 2 Coys to Villers au Bois.	N.R.
	17		Supplied working parties.	N.R.
	19		BN HQ was moved to Town Mayor's house in Villers au Bois.	N.R.

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VERDREL	20		Moved to Verdrel billets for men good, difficulty for officers.	H.C.N.
-	21		Working party at Bouy 5 off. 250 men for 138 A.T. Coy R.E.	H.C.N.
-	22		Same working party furnished as the 21 st .	H.C.N.
-	23		Bathing at FRESNICOURT	H.C.N.
-	24		Inspection of Coys by C.O. impossible to be carried out owing to snow.	H.C.N.
-	25		Bde Ceremonial - Corps Commander Lt Gen H Wilson inspected the Brigade - snow very thick on ground.	H.C.N.
BOUVIENY	26		Batt moved to Bouvigny huts - took over from 20 th Batt relief completed by 11 am - pelting rain.	H.C.N.
	27		Relieved by 19 th Batt in Bouvigny huts relief completed by 6-30 PM. Still raining - Took over the Lorette Trenches from 24 th Batt.	H.C.N.
LORETTE SECTOR	28		The Major Gen & Brig Gen & Bde Major came to BN HQ at 7pm too dark for them to go round line.	H.C.N.
	29		C.O. went to Gd Servins in order to proceed to England for his investiture.	H.C.N.

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LORRETTE RESERVE TRENCHES	1	-	In Reserve Trenches. (Lorrette)	H.P.H.
	2	-	Villers au Bois	H.P.H.
	3	.	.	H.P.H.
VILLERS au BOIS.	4	.	.	H.P.H.
	5	-	.	H.P.H.
	6	.	.	H.P.H.

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Verdrel	7		At Verdrel - In Div Reserve	N.P.H.
	8		.	N.P.H.
	9		.	N.P.H.
	10		.	N.P.H.
	11		D. Coy proceed to Isolation Camp	
			owing to case of German measles breaking out in their hut.	
	12		At Verdrel	N.P.H.
	13		.	N.P.H.
	14		Proceed to Boug. in Support	N.P.H.
	15		In Boug - in Support.	N.P.H.
	16		.	N.P.H.
	17		C Coy proceed to Isolation Camp.	
	18		Supplied working & fatigue parties.	N.P.H.
			HQ Sigs & 19 OR A Coy proceed to Isolation Camp.	
	19		In Support at Boug. - The Brig General inspected New draft - Staff Sgt arrives to supervise Physical Training	N.P.H.

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Gouy	19	(Contn)	- for one day only.	
	20		Look over A Sub Section night of 20/21 st from from 21 st Batt. with 2 Coys together with 1 Coy 20 th Batt & L M Gunners. Relief very slow owing to slippery mud. Relief complete 2.30 AM.	H.R.H.
A. Sub Section.				H.S.H.
"	21		Very quiet - arrangements made for patrolling - Gas Alert on Brig came up at 5 PM. NO Trench Stores arrive.	H.R.H.
	22		Quiet - very wet day. - Front line trench occupied by Right Coy. full of water in several places - pumping resorted to. - No patrolling possible. - Arrangements for artillery, Straafe cancelled.	H.R.H.
	23		Quiet. —	H.R.H.
	24		Dry weather - trenches improve - Left Coy. strafeed enemy with Rifle grenades - Enemy replied with heavy mortars on whole front. - Support line & Communication.	H.R.H.

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A, Sub Section	24	(Contn)	Trenches damaged - 10 Casualties. - Rt. Coy seek Artillery retaliation which was given on enemy's front line. - Patrol out from mid night till 2 AM. Enemy apparently relieved at 12.30 AM night of 24/25.	H. P. H.
	25		at 3-30 AM mine was exploded on right of Coy. on our Right. Enemy at once began consolidation of crater. - At 3-35 AM a second mine was sprung about 80 yards to left of the first. - At 4 PM a mine exploded on Right of Batt. on our left. - 18 th supported by opening rapid fire.	H. P. H.
	26/24 th		Quiet. - relieved by 14 th Batt. at 1.20 AM (when relief was completed).	H. P. H.
	27.		Arrived in Billets in Maisnil Bouche' at 4.30 AM.	H. P. H.
	28		In support at Maisnil - The Major General inspected the Batt.	H. P. H.
	28 29		In Maisnil Bouche'.	H. P. H.

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MAISNIL	30	-	In maisonil Bouche! for OFFICER COMMANDING 18 BN, CO OF LONDON REGT J. M. du Captain	H.C.H.

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18 Batt
Low Regt.
L.I.R.

Month of May 1916

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAISNIL BOUCHE.	May			
	1	-	Maisnil Bouche - In Reserve.	W.P.S.
	2	-	Moved to Bouvigny Huts in support.	W.P.S.
	3		In Bouvigny Huts	W.P.S.
	4		"	W.P.S.
	5		"	W.P.S.
	6		"	W.P.S.
	7		Moved to Villers - In support. - Went into Bellets for 1 night	W.P.S.
Q.B. Centre Sector	8		Relieved the 24 th Batt in Garencey Q.B. Centre Sector - Quiet	W.P.S.
	9		3 Companies in Line - In close touch with Div. Artillery. French Mortar Activity rather considerable on night front. at 7.45 PM. Mine exploded 80' right of New Cut - heavy barrage fire - Unable to occupy the Crater owing to the fact of being enfiladed from Enemy lip of New Cut. Trenches damaged - work continued.	W.P.S.
	10		Little work possible by day. - R.E. tunnelling in touch with Batt. at 7.10 PM Bombing attack reported ^{on} New Cut & Alders Crater. - Batt replied hotly with bombs - Enemy Re.	W.P.S.

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	10 (Continued)		Then called on his Artillery - We retaliated with French Mortars & Artillery barrage - Intense & fierce fighting - quietened about 9.15 PM. - Much work in repairing trenches & in consolidating them.	W.M.
	11		Work continued on trenches by day - at night operations commenced on New Out Crater as Enemy supposed to be mining inside ..	W.M.
	12		Enemy trench Mortars very active, especially on right. - Mine exploded on front of Dugout on our right. - Work at night progressing well except on Sap towards Fresh Crater which was slow.	W.M.
	13		Fresh Sap pushed 25 ft forward during night.	W.M.
	14		Very quiet day. Proceeded to Maunil Bouche' night of 14/15 th .	W.M.
	15		In Billels at Maunil Bouche' In Reserve (Bale in Reserve)	W.M.
	16		- - - - -	W.M.
	17		- - - - -	W.M.

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Regt.

D. J. R.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maennil Bouché	18	-	In Maennil Bouché (Bde in Reserve)	W.N.I.
	19	-		W.N.I.
	20	-	Moved to Cabaret Rouge	W.N.I.
	21 st	-	Heavy enemy bombardment commenced at 3 PM. Orders to move up to Bapelle line received at 3.50 PM. Enemy attacked at 4.45 PM.	W.N.I.
	22	-	at 2.10 am A Coy Counter Attacked - 2 off & 35 OR missing. Counter attack not successful. Quiet during day.	W.N.I.
	23	-	at 9.30 PM. A. D. & B Coy were relieved. (20 men C Coy. Lewis Guns & Bombers alone remain in line) Returned to Valler. Attack by 141 st Bde 142 nd Bde & 2 nd Division arranged for. - 1.30 am postponed. Attack next arranged for 8.25 PM. - at 8 PM the Germans had a false alarm & barraged intensely. This lifted at 8.20 PM but never the less only portions of the line attacked with the result that they had to retire. - although penetrating to Brig. G.I. upwards wounded. 1600 J.P. proceeded to Bde to act as Bde Commander. - at 4.45 am. 18th was ordered up to support at Cabaret Rouge - 2 Coy. attached to 20 th Batt (Lt Low Regt) & C remain at Cabaret Rouge.	W.N.I.
	24	-		W.N.I.

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L.I.R
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	24 (continued)		dug outs. at 2 am A & C move down to Villers	W.M.
	25		13 & D. Lewis guns & bombers relieved. - moved to Camblain	W.M.
	26		Abbe' 141st Inf Bde proceeded to Corps reserve 18th Batt. Billeted in Marest. near Pernes. Major Trinder proceeded on leave Capt Malin Lt Col command of Regt.	W.M. W.M. W.M.
	27		In Marest. Corps reserve	W.M.
	28		"	W.M.
	29		"	W.M.
	30		"	W.M.
	31		"	W.M.

R. W. Trinder

OFFICER COMMANDING

18th BATT OF LONDON REG

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAREST.	1st		In Corps reserve. Marest.	WNS
r	2		ditto - ditto.	WNS.
r	3		ditto - ditto	WNS.
s	4		ditto - ditto	WNS.
r	5		ditto - ditto. Draft of 75 arrived.	WNS.
s	6		ditto - ditto. Draft of 31 arrived.	WNS.
s	7		Bde. Ceremonial Parade.	WNS.
s	8		In Corps Reserve Marest.	WNS.
s	9		ditto - ditto.	WNS.
s	10		ditto - ditto. Major Trinder resumes command of Batt.	WNS.
MAREST & COUPIGNY	11		Moved to Barleux by Train & thence by March Route to Bellefleur in Coupigny.	WNS.
	12		Moved into Line A Sub Section (^{augus} Callonne Section). - Quiet	WNS
	13		In Line - Quiet.	WNS.
	14		In Line - ditto	WNS
	15		ditto - ditto.	WNS
	16		ditto - ditto	WNS

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ANGRES CALLONE SECTOR d	17.		Moved to Bouvigny Huts. In Divisional Reserve	W.M.
BOUVIGNY.	18		In Bouvigny huts. Major W. Parker. 26 th BN. The London Reg took over command.	W.M.
	19		ditto - ditto	W.M.
	20		ditto - ditto	W.M.
BULLY.	21		Moved into Support in Bully. - BN 146 in Bully Trenches in Support Trenches.	W.M.
	22		ditto - ditto.	W.M.
	23		ditto - ditto	W.M.
ANGRES. CALLONE SECTOR.	24		ditto - ditto.	W.M.
	25		Moved into A Sub Section ^{Angres.} Callone Sector.	W.M.
	26		In Line ditto - ditto. - Quiet.	W.M.
	27		In Line. In accordance with arrangements a bombardment of Enemy's front line System. Strong points began at 11.14 PM. - The bombardment was a preliminary to a gas & smoke attack under cover of which raids were to be made. The object of the raid was to cause loss to the Enemy, identification of Enemy troops & further to destroy or capture any rifle grenades, batteries, trench mortars, machine guns or ammunition which may be found, also to locate suspected Mine Shafts. - This minor operation was	W.M.

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18th Batt Low Regt.
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	27 th (Continued)		part of a System of Raids at present carried out along the British front. At 11.15 PM the gas & smoke attack was delivered in front of AMARESS. Section which continued for 2 hours. The raiding party consisting of part of the 19 th Batt. & 11 bombers 18 th Batt. then entered the Enemy trenches, remained there 15 minutes & then returning to our own lines after carrying out the object held in view. One prisoner was captured.	WNS.
	28 th		Still in Line. - Quiet.	WNS
SAINS & Bully.	29 th		Moved to Sains. HQ & 2 Coys. - 2 Coys Bombers & LMG section in Bully. In Bde reserve.	WNS!
	30.		ditto - ditto.	WNS.

William Parker
Major
Command 18th Low Regt.

141st Brigade.

47th Division.

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FOSSE 10.	1st		At Fosse 10. in Bale Reserve.	was
	2		ditto - ditto	was.
BOUVISNY	3		Moved to Bouvisny in Div Reserve	was.
"	4		In Bouvisny - Div Reserve	was.
"	5		ditto - ditto	was.
"	6		ditto ditto Draft of 99. OPs arrived.	was.
SOUCHEZ (1)	7		Moved to Line Souchez (1) Line has bad	was.
"	8		In Line - Quiet.	was.
"	9		More shelling than usual - 22 nd Batt Low Regt. carried out gas attack raid on Angres 2. section. - Div Arty demonstrated over our Batt front. - Enemy reply not severe - Our Batt casualties 1 OR killed - 10 PR wounded - 7 OR wounded.	was.
"	10		In Line. Souchez (1) - Quiet	was.
"	11		" " " ditto	was.
"	12		" " " ditto	was.

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18. 18th Ldn Regt

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SOUCHEZ (1)	13		In Line - Souchez (1) - Quiet - Relieved by 14 th Batt &	WNS
"	14		moved to LORETTE HEIGHTS with BN HQ in ABLAIN.	WNS
ABLAIN &	15		In Support. - Quiet.	WNS
LORETTE HTS.	16		ditto - Quiet.	WNS
"	17		ditto - Quiet.	WNS
"	18		ditto - Quiet.	WNS
"	19		ditto - Quiet Relieved by DRAKE Batt. (RND)	WNS
			& moved to Billé in BOUVIGNY.	
BOUVIGNY	20		In Reserve - Lt Col JP. TREDENNICK took command of Batt.	WNS.
"	21		ditto at BOUVIGNY	WNS
"	22		ditto. Brigadier General Commanding	
			14 th Inf Bde. inspected Batt.	WNS.
"	23		In Reserve - at BOUVIGNY.	WNS
"	24		ditto - ditto.	WNS
"	25		ditto - ditto.	WNS
"	26		ditto - ditto.	WNS.