

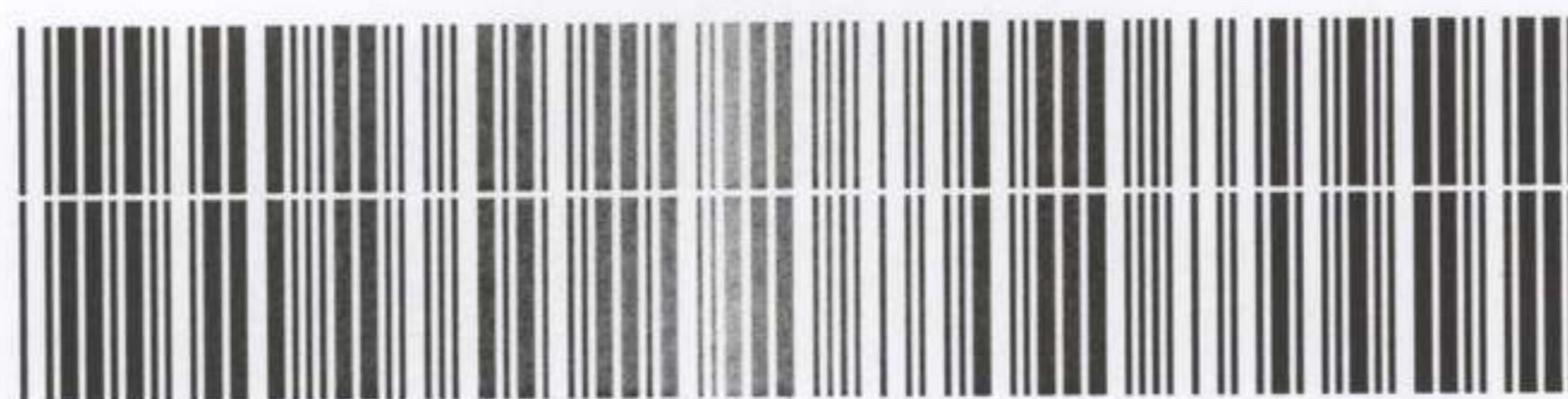
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of 6TH BATT^N. A.I.F.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	1.9.16		<p>Battⁿ still as Brigade Reserve. H.Q. at SWAN CHATEAU I.19.C3.6</p> <p>A Coy. at WOODCOTE HOUSE I.20.C4.2.</p> <p>B Coy. in G.H.Q. lines W. of SWAN CHAU.</p> <p>C. Coy two platoons in BEDFORD HOUSE I.26.A.5A. one platoon S.P.7 I.33.B.7.8. one .. S.P.8. I.28.C3.1.</p> <p>D. Coy in support to 7th Battⁿ in BLUFF DUG OUTS I.33. central + also in support lines.</p> <p>During the 13 days in this pos. battⁿ furnished fatigues by day + night who worked on support lines + communication trenches + also on ration + engineer fatigues. + tunnelling under Canadians.</p> <p>Two platoons of C Coy. at BEDFORD HOUSE move up to BLUFF DUGOUTS and two platoons of D Coy into support lines. Officers from all coys reconnoitre the line held by 7th Battⁿ.</p> <p>Battⁿ moves up + relieves 7th Battⁿ. Relief completed by 2300. No casualties during relief.</p> <p>Battⁿ frontage is from YPRES CANAL on right to end of trench 32. at I.34 B 3.0. on the left.</p>	<p>Ref. Maps HAZEBROUCK. 5.A. BELGIUM 28.N.W</p>
	7.9.16		Two platoons of C Coy. at BEDFORD HOUSE move up to BLUFF DUGOUTS and two platoons of D Coy into support lines. Officers from all coys reconnoitre the line held by 7 th Batt ⁿ .	
	12.9.16	2030	Batt ⁿ moves up + relieves 7 th Batt ⁿ . Relief completed by 2300. No casualties during relief.	

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YPRES	12.9.11		<p>Line was held as follows:—</p> <p>Each coy. had approximately 1 platoon in front line, remainder in support + reserve trenches. D Coy held the CRATERS, C Coy Trenches 29 + 30, A Coy Trench 31 + B Coy Trench 32.</p> <p>Coys at once started further improvements especially on front line + C.T.'s near front line. Meanwhile the engineers worked on C.T.'s from the rear.</p> <p>During the 13 days in, the mornings were without exception always quiet. Towards 4 P.M. daily Germans threw over Minenwerfers + Rifle grenades which were replied to at once by our Stokes + M.T.M.B. + field guns. This usually had the effect of quietening enemy. He occasionally retaliated with 5.9 H.E. + 4.2 H.E shrapnel. This in turn was subdued by our 4.5 H.E.'s + 60 lb. T.M.</p> <p>A large amount of patrolling was carried out by officers patrols at night with a view to ascertaining strength of enemy wire + also to obtain if possible the number of garrison of enemy's front line. Both of these objects were ascertained.</p> <p>Large amounts of wire were put out by all coys. especially around the new CRATER, the defences of which were largely improved throughout.</p>	

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Y. PRES	12.9.16 to 25.9.16		New sniping posts were erected with good fields of fire & a new observation post "CANNON'S POST" was erected in THE GLIDE on the summit of the bluff.	
			Total Casualties for month. <u>Killed 6. Wounded 22.</u>	
	24.9.16	2200	Lt. Webster & a party of bombers, covered by parties on the flanks, carried out a successful bombing expedition on enemy listening post at I. 34 D13. About 6 bombs were dropped well into the post. & whole of the party returned safely.	
	25.9.16	2100	Batt ⁿ was relieved by 1 st Batt ⁿ A.I.F. & Relief passed off quietly & quickly without casualties. Batt ⁿ marched by platoons to railway siding at YPRES ASYLUM. Tentained	
	26.9.16	0300	at 0300 on the 26 th , travelling to BRANDHOEK ST ⁿ .	
			Retained there & marched about two miles to DEVONSHIRE CAMP.	
			G. 22. B. B. 7. into huts.	
			Lt. Col. Pennett. C.M.G. resumes command of the battalion, from brigade.	
			Remainder of the day was spent in cleaning up camp. New clothing was issued & all men had clean up.	
	27.9.16		Work programme commenced including short route marches in the morning and general work in the afternoon. Hours 9AM - 11AM & 2PM - 4PM.	
			Several officers leave batt ⁿ for various schools.	

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30.9.16 DEVONSHIRE CAMP	30.9.16		<p>Battn sports were held in ground near BUSSE BOOM & went off successfully. Cricket & football materials also obtained & concerts arranged to make the spell as Divisional Reserve as beneficial to men as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. B. Rogers Lt. I.O. 612 B.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">d/inf/16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. G. Bennett Lt Col Cmdy 612 B.</p>	