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WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Month of MARCH 1917

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Reference ALBERT COMBINED SHEET 4000

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRONT LINE, FLERS SECTOR	1/3/17	-	Bn. occupied front line which consisted of a connected line with outposts in front. D Coy occupied front line (BARLEY TRENCH) and post. A Coy were in support in PORK TRENCH and BAYONET TRENCH. B & C Companies remain in support in HAY RESERVE. Late in evening Bn. received information from Bde. that enemy was likely to send out strong reconnoitring patrols to obtain identification information. Accordingly S.P. at N8 Post was strengthened by addition of 1 Lewis Gun & crew.	N8 C.D.
	2/3	0530	Enemy opened barrages on our lines & under this cover strong patrols attacked our lines. One patrol who strong attacked left post of 59th Bn. on our left & captured 7 prisoners & then swung round & attacked our No 1 Strong Point. They were driven off leaving dead & retreated to the rear towards PORK TRENCH. Great credit is due to L/Cpl Lindhe H & L/Cpl Patterson & Pte Tweedie F.A. of No 1 Strong Point, who showed great courage & promptitude in dealing with the attack. At PORK TRENCH the patrol was engaged by A Coy under Capt. TAYLOR	N14 A.B.

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	2/3/17	2000	<p>who sent out strong patrols & killed, wounded and captured the whole of the patrol. The captures were 20 unwounded prisoners & 4 wounded prisoners including an officer. The 4 men of the 59th Bn. were released & returned safely to their unit. Bn. was relieved by 8th Bn. A.I.F. Bunkers was established at BURLS Rd, A Coy occupied SWITCH TRENCH, B Coy were in FLERS, C Coy in GRASS ALLEY & D Coy in GAP EXTENSION.</p> <p>The tour of duty in the front line had been notable not only for the success against the German Patrols, but also for the great amount of salvage that was collected and dumped by the Bn. This salvage included over 3000 German grenades of all descriptions, scores of German & English rifles & pieces of equipment and many other things of value.</p>	<p>Albert Cowbin Sheet 4000</p> <p>N 31</p>
3 FLERS	3/3/17 5/3/17		<p>Bn in support to 8th Bn. Time was occupied by providing necessary working parties on various works & in particular by commencing the restoration of the road through FLERS. 2LT AG. BILL took the work in hand & had almost prepared the road for the traffic of even very heavy guns, when the Bn. was ordered to MAMETZ CAMP.</p>	

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FLEERS	5/3/17	1400	Bn. moved to MAMETZ CAMP at F4 D.	Albead
	7/3/17	1100	Bn. moved to DERNANCOURT, B, C, D Companies being billeted in the town while A Coy & H.Q.s were in the camp at E15 Central	Combric Sheet 40000
DERNANCOURT	8/3/17		Reorganisation of Bn. according to Army memoranda proceeded with.	
	9/3/17		Bn. commences training under conditions imposed by new organisation. Training consisted of practising of specialists, route marching, attack formation etc. Lectures were a feature of the training.	
MAMETZ	14/3/17	1000	Bn. moved to MAMETZ CAMP at F10 B. Time was occupied in attack practices, route marches & training of specialists in their various duties.	
	21/3/17	1045	Bn. moved from MAMETZ to BUIRE. The four Companies and Bn H.Q.s were billeted in the village.	
	22/4/17		Training was pushed on apace. Most of the time was devoted to Practice attacks under semi-open or open warfare conditions. Lectures for officers under Bn. Bde or Divisional arrangements of frequent occurrence.	
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