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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917			
	SEPT.			
ARREWAGE NEAR MERVILLE	1st.		Battalion in Billets. Company Parades.	
CREPY	2nd.		Battalion moved to Crepy in Motor Lorries.	
	2nd.		Battalion engaged in training and re-organising.	
	to 17th.			
STAPLE	18th.		Battalion embussed and moved to Billets near STAPLE.	
	19th.		Battalion engaged on training.	
STEENVOORDE	20th.		Battalion marched to STEENVOORDE, arriving at Billets at 2 p.m.	
YPRES	22nd.		Battalion moved to the CANAL AREA, YPRES, where they bivouaced in an open field for the night.	
	23rd.		Battalion relieved the 22nd BATTALION in the Support Line.	
	24th.		During the day, as many Officers and N.C.O's as possible, made personal reconnaissance of route to be taken by Battalion when it moved up. In the evening, the I.O. and Lieutenant BRADLEY reconnoitred NO MANS LAND preparatory to laying out tapes for forming up.	

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YPRES	1917			
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	25th.		Final preparations made. After dark tapes were laid for forming up, also flank and centre direction tapes.	
	26th	a.m.	Battalion moved up to Jumping Off mark followed by 14th and 15th Battalions night very quiet	
		2-30		
		4-30	until about 4-30 a.m. when the "Hun" commenced to "strafe" the back areas. Fortunately all Battalions were well forward by this and so escaped casualties. The 16th Battalion's objective was the RED LINE running from approximately J.4.c.8.3. to J.4.a.6.3., a width of 600 yds., the depth of the advance to be between 800 and 900 yards.	
		5-50	Punctually. The barrage commenced and the Battalion crept forward, keeping close up to barrage	
		6-50	The Battalion had gained its objective and was consolidating, having suffered very slight casualties during the advance. We lost a number through Snipers and Machine gun fire during the time taken in digging in.	
		7-30	The 14th and 15th Battalions went through us and advanced against the BLUE LINE which they took and consolidated.	
		p.m.	The enemy were seen coming over a ridge about 1,000 yards to our direct front. Our artillery	
		3-00	opened and shattered the counter-attack which was in progress. In consequence the enemy did not get within 300 yards of our position, and suffered severe casualties.	

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