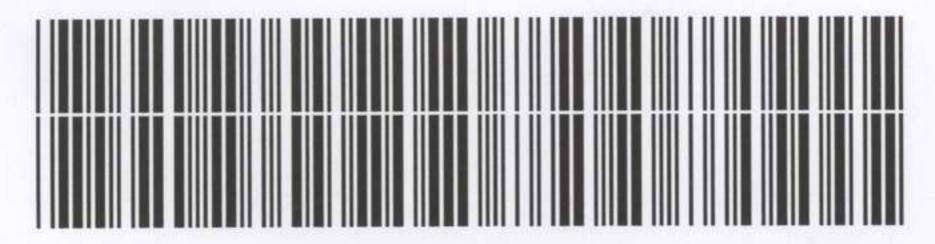
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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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ARREWAGE				
NEAR	lst.		Battalion in Billets. Company Parades.	
CREPY	2nd.		Battalion moved to Crepy in Motor Lorries.	
	and.		Battalion engaged in training and re-organising.	
	to 17th.			
STAPIE	18th.		Battalion embussed and moved to Billets near STAPLE.	
	19th.		Battalion engaged on training.	
STEENVOORDE	20th.		Battalion marched to STMENVOORDE, arriving at Billets at 2 p.m.	,
· YPRES	22nd.		Battalion moved to the CANAL AREA, YPRES, where they bivousced in an open field for the night.	
	23rd.		Battalion relieved the 22nd BATTALION in the Support Line.	
	24 th		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.C. and Lieutenant	
			BRADIEY reconnoitred NO MANS LAND preparatory to laying out tapes for forming up.  A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.	
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	1917 SEPT.			
YPRES	25th.		Final preparations made. After dark tapes were laid for forming up, also flank and centre	
		a.m.	direction tapes.	
	26th	2-30	Battalion moved up to Jumping Off mark followed by 14th and 15th Battalions night very quiet	
		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 objec-	
			tive 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 cas-	
			ualties 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.		
-		3-00	The enemy were seen coming over a ridge about 1,000 yards to our direct front. Our artillery	
			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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	1917 SEPT			
YPRES	27th.		The Front and Support Lines were thinned out considerably and at	
		3-00	we were drawn back from supports in the RED LINE to relieve the 13th BATTALION in our old	
			Front and Support Lines. Engaged on Working Parties.	
	28th.		During the night, the Battalion was relieved by the 48th BATTALION and moved back to Billets	
			in the CANAL AREA in rear of YPRES.	
	29th.		Battalion moved to VANCOUVER CAMP, where arrangements were made for bath for all Companies.	
	30th.		Battalion moved in Busses back to STEENVOORDE AREA arriving there at 8-30 p.m.	
			900age.	
			Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.	
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