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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHELTERWOOD CAMP.	6-2-17.		Batt moves from line to S.W.C. (Scotts Redoubt N.) German aeroplane dropped bomb on one of the huts. before move completed - Night uneventful - Pioneer section practically obliterated. Casualties From Hospital 30 R. To Hosp: 1 Off. + 1 O.R.	
SHELTER W. CAMP.	7-2-17.		Batt resting + training. Casualties To Hosp. 5 O.R. From Hosp. 18 O.R. From Reinf. 10 Off. + 10 O.R. "Sup: List 10 Off.	
"	8-2-17		Batt remains in camp. Casualties To Hosp. 1 O.R.	
"	9-2-17.		Resting. Casualties To hospital 6 O.R. From Hosp 1 Off. + 3 O.R. From Reinf 1 Off.	
VILLA CAMP.	10-2-17.		Batt moves to VILLA CAMP in relief of 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn in support - B <sup>n</sup> position on left. Casualties To hospital 23 O.R. From Reinf. 93 O.R. From Hosp. 1 O.R.	
"	11-2-17		In support. To Hosp. 4 O.R.	
"	12-2-17		In support. To Hosp. 4 O.R. From hospital 2 Off. + 7 O.R. To Super: List 10 O.R.	
"	13-2-17		In support To hospital 7 O.R. From hospital 11 O.R. To 5th div. of Coy 1 O.R.	
FRONT LINE.	14-2-17.		Relieved 19 Bn in FRONT LINE left of the TARS. Casualties - Nil	
"	15-2-17		In line. Position normal throughout Casualties W.I.A. 2 O.R. To Hosp. 6 O.R. From H: 10 O.R.	
"	16-2-17		In line. Position normal. Casualties Nil.	
"	17-2-17.		In line. Position normal. Casualties Nil.	
SCOTTS REDOUBT N.	10-2-17.		Relieved by 23 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. moved to Scotts Redoubt N. Casualties - From Hosp. 4 O.R. From Hosp. 12 O.R. " Reinf: 1 -"	

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			Transfd. 1 Off. To Sup. List 1 Off.	
	19-2-17.		SCOTS Redoubt N. Batt <sup>n</sup> resting at Camp. Casualties. To Hospital 5 O.R. From Hosp. 19 O.R.	
	SCOTS Redoubt N. 20-2-17.	"	" " To hospital 2 O.R. From hospital 8 O.R. Secured 10 O.R.	
	"	21-2-17.	" " Casualties Nil.	
	FRONT LINE. 22-2-17.		Batt <sup>n</sup> relieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn in front-line on right of le Sarsagau. Casualties - Killed 1 O.R. Wounded 1 O.R. To Hospital 9 O.R. From Hospital 1 O.R.	
	FRONT LINE 23-2-17		In front line. Situation quiet. Casualties - Nil.	
	"	24-2-17.	In front-line, Patrols sent out at dusk found enemy line unoccupied, enemy withdrawal had commenced. There was noticeable decrease in fears. Artillery areas were wider. We received message to push forward towards the Butte de Warencourt. We pushed forward with little opposition save from bombing patrols. Casualties Nil.	
	FRONT LINE. 25-2-17.		We were pushing forward all night 24/25 and at 11 a.m. 25 <sup>th</sup> we moved Batt H. R. from William Alley to le Sars cutting. Half of a Coy had reached the road extension by noon. Enemy reported occupying le Baquet trench with M.G. Casualties. To hosp. 3 O.R. From Hosp. 1 O.R. Transfd. 1 O.R.	
	FRONT LINE 26-2-17		<del>SCOTS Redoubt N. Batt<sup>n</sup></del> <del>takes over again</del> we continue advancing with the object of	

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FRONT LINE.	26/2/17.	(Cont).	capturing Malt trench. Occupied le Coupe Gueule near Bapaume Road also Warlencourt Road trench. We are relieved at night by 19th A.I.F. and move to <del>the</del> old Bn. Headquarters in Sunken Road. Relief complete 3-30 am. 26/27. Casualties Nil.	
SUNKEN ROAD.	27/2/17.		Line still pushing forward. 6th Bde. on <del>the</del> left and 1st Div. on right. Casualties. To Hosp. 3 O.R. From Hosp. 25 O.R. From. Reinf. 35 O.R. To Cam: Rank 3 O.R.	
"	28/2/17.		Still pushing forward in front. Line now 3500 <sup>x</sup> from Bapaume. Casualties To Hospital 11 O.R. From Reinforcements 1 O.R.	
(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).				