

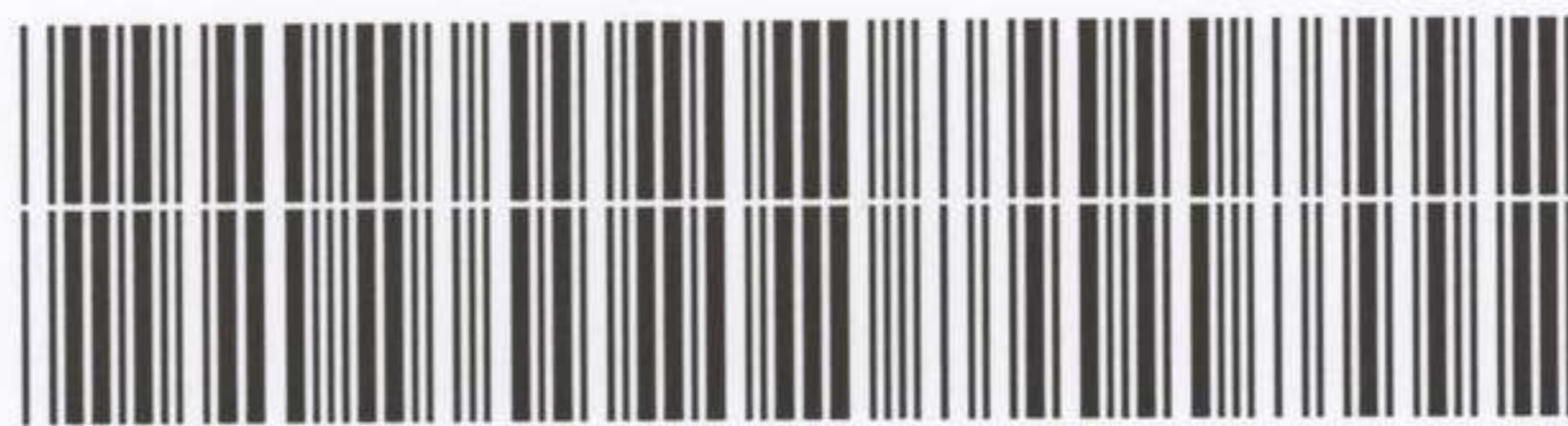
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bendigo	1/3/16		First men taken on Battalion strength on all 201	
Campbell field	5/6/16		Battalion moved here today from Bendigo	
"	14/6/16		Presentation of Kings and Regimental Colours to Battalion by His Excellency Sir R Munro Ferguson K.C.M.G.	
Melbourne	20/6/16		Battalion embarked for England on S.S. 'Runic' 19 th 64.	
Plymouth	10/8/16		Battalion arrived today at 2.15 pm. Entained for Larkhill Camp Salisbury Plains	
Larkhill Camp				
Arrestbury	27/9/16		Reviewed with 3 rd Division A.I.F. by His Majesty the King at Bulford Field	
"	22/11/16		Battalion entained for Southampton for embarkation to Havre via 1 st Brigade A.I.F. order No 40	
Strazelle	26/11/16		Arrived from Havre & billeted here.	
Armentieres	28/11/16		Left Strazelle & marched to Armentieres where Battalion billeted	
"	1/12/16		Relieved New Zealand troops in left sub. sector HOUPLINES area (Reference Map Sheet 36 N.W. 2 $\frac{1}{10,000}$)	
"	4/12/16		We released gas in a favourable wind (West, 8 mph.) against enemy trenches. No visible result	
"	9/12/16		Enemy raid by 7 or 12 men made on our trenches at about C 17 C. 60.05 broken off by Lewis Summers & bombs. One casualties 2/Lieut EMONSON and three O.R. wounded.	
"	10/12/16		38 th Bn. relieved by the 40 th Bn. & retired to billets in ARMENTIERES.	
"	16/12/16		38 th Bn. relieved the 40 th Bn.	
"	21/12/16		38 th Bn. relieved by the 40 th Bn. & retired to billets in HOUPLINES. (CHATEAU-ROSE)	
"	28/12/16		38 th Bn. relieved the 40 th Bn.	
"	1/1/17		At 1 a.m. simultaneous raids were made along the whole Divisional front. This Battalion had four raiding parties none of whom effected an entry into enemy trenches. The party which raided opposite RAID-DITCH were caught in enemy searchlight just as they had finished cutting the wire & fired on by machine guns & bombs. 2/Lieut POOLEY (elder) & 10 men failed to return & are posted as missing	
"	2/1/17		A patrol found one of the missing men from LT. POOLEY'S party & brought him in.	

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HOUPLINES	3/1/17		38 th Battalion relieved by 40 th Battalion + retired to billets in ARMENTIERES.	
"	9/1/17		38 th Battalion relieved the 40 th Battalion	
	13/1/17	8-9 p.m.	Whole front heavily bombarded by enemy - Minnewater, H.E. + Shrapnel being used in great abundance. Great damage was done to the trenches - especially to Locality 14 and CAMBRIDGE AVENUE. Our casualties were 4 O.R. killed + 7 O.R. put out of action (wounded + shell-shock).	
	14/1/17		38 th Battalion relieved by 40 th Battalion + retired to billets in HOUPLINES (CHATEAU ROSE)	
	18/1/17		38 th Battalion retired to No. 2 Hutments STEENWERCK for Brigade Rest period	
	26/1/17		38 th Battalion became Support Battalion in BOIS GRENIER sector.	
	28/1/17		Raid on enemy trenches at HOUPLINES by a party drawn from all units in 10 th Inf. Brigade.	
	29/1/17		Two Companies of 38 th Bn. + two of the 37 th Bn. forming a battalion of 800 strong under Lieut. Colonel DAVIS retired to billets at ERQUINGHEM for special training as a raiding Battalion.	
			The remainder of the two said Battalions was formed into a Battalion (known as X Battalion) under Major R.O. HENDERSON	
	31/1/17		X Battalion relieved the 39 th Battalion in BOIS GRENIER sector	
	10/2/17		X Battalion relieved by the 40 th Battalion	

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