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Title: 39th Infantry Battalion

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30.4.17	PLOEGSTEERT	Our casualties 1 off 13 O.S. Killed and 2 off 47 or wounded all by enemy shell fire	app. 1 Divisional app. " 2 brigade letters of command etc.
1.5.17	"	" Very much work being done in repairing lines from previous day's bombardment. Enemy artillery active at intervals but no casualties suffered. During night enemy doing much work in his front lines	
2.5.17	"	" Situation normal.	
3.5.17	"	" Normal except for some enemy artillery directed against right sector in which 2 avenues badly damaged	
4.5.17	"	" Situation Normal.	

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5.5.17	FLOEGSTEERT.	Artillery on both sides more active, and fair amount of damage done to avenues on right sector.	
5.5.17	"	Throughout night enemy heavy artillery fired more or less continuously on back areas. our artillery replied by similar shoots. Patrol captured unwounded enemy who had become detached from his own patrol.	
6.5.17	"	Situation normal during day. Relief by 40 th Bn carried out commencing 9 pm. This bn. becoming 'B' battal in FLOEGSTEERT Wood.	T.P. O'Connell L.O. 74 Bn. 1600
7.5.17	" Wood	Situation normal.	

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8.5.17	PLOEGSTEERT Wood.	Day normal: enemy barraged on right of Byde sector about 7.30pm again 8.40pm on same sector and on right coy of Byde sector. Our artillery replied in each case & at 8.45pm & 11pm intense bombardment of enemy's back areas carried out. to which no retaliation was given by enemy.	
9.5.17 12 th 5.17	" "	Situation normal: during whole time Bn. in wood working parties absorbed whole available men	
13.5.17	" " Catacombs.	Relieved by 37 th Pbn & became 'C' batn. at Catacombs. Now received that	

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13.5.17.	CATACOMBS	1008 Lt Col. WARING. C Coy. had been awarded D.C.M. for excellent work	
14.5.17	"	on occasion of enemy raid on 30.4.17 Situation normal except for our	
15.5.17	"	artillery activity. All available men on working parties.	
16.5.17	"	as above. New increased allotment of working parties: water packets	
17.5.17	"	posted on surrounding tanks re. Situation normal: with gradually	
25.5.17	"	increasing activity of our artillery	
26.5.17	"	Enemy artillery increased activity	
27.5.17	"	much damage done to works.	

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27.5.17.	Calacomb	Situation normal all men working parties	
28.5.17.	-	as above	
29.5.17	-	* Capt. Rumble detached Bde. Asst. Bde. Comd.	* P ^{te} OVERALL P.
		* Situation normal gradually increasing activity. Carried out a raid on	awarded D. M. Medal in raid
		* Enemy's trenches at 1-450 ^m positions	* Liew: Lifesaver
		Casualties 4 killed, 33 wounded.	Commended.
		Capt. Smit P.L. O.C. Raid. Gauraid	
		6 th C Assauces & 2 nd Lieut. Cook & Ricketts	
		Raid gained objectives.	
		2 off + 66 OR left for Concentration Camp.	
30.5.17	-	Situation normal. 2 off + 17 OR	

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