

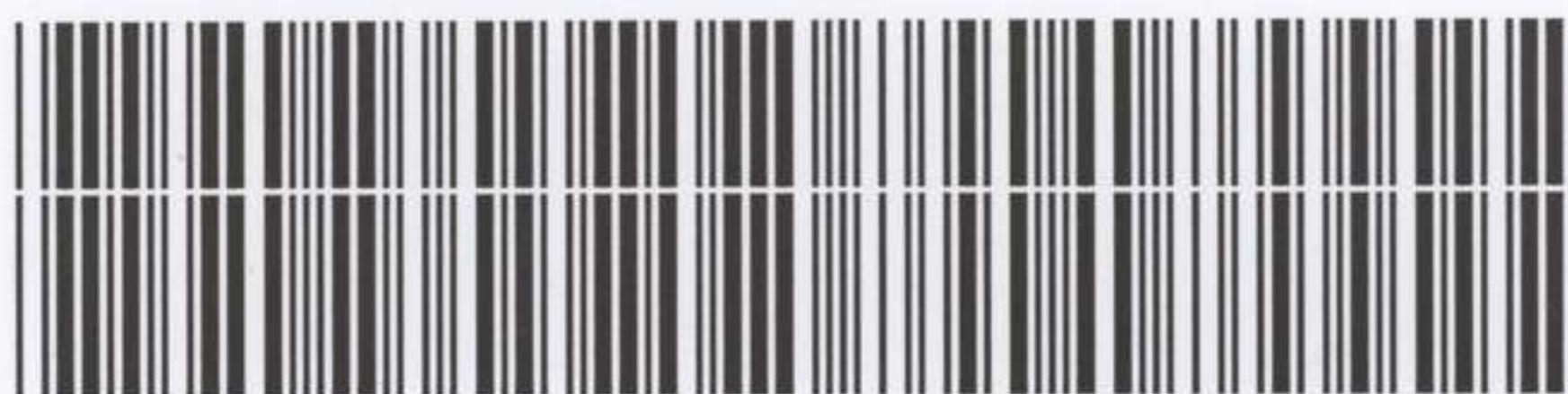
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30-5-17.	Palicomba	left for Conc. Camp.	
1-6-17.	-	Hyde Park Dump blown up by explosion of Stokes mortar shells and casualties 2 K & 19 W. increased Artillery activity.	
2-6-17	-	Relieved at 9 pm by 10th Bact ^{ns} , New Billed "Posthouse Farm" arrived safely no casualties, our Artillery carried out heavy Barrage & bombardment on Enemy's defences, Enemy retaliated shelling roads & Batteries.	
3-6-17.	Posthouse F27	Men resting	
4-6-17	-	forced working parties Enemy Artillery active blowing up our Ammunition Dumps.	

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4. 6. 17.	Dosthoite FM	Enemy gassed the farm & billets with gas shells from midnight	
5. 6. 17	-	to 4 AM. 5 casualties (2 Officers + 3 OR). Effects of gas felt very much.	
6. 6. 17	-	all preparations complete for MAGNUM OPUS. Enemy shelled billets during the evening	
6. 6. 17.	-	casualties killed 4 Wounded. Enemy & our own Artillery quiet.	
		Battalion moved up into line for MAGNUM OPUS. at 11. 42pm.	
		Enemy shelled all roads & PLOEGSTADT Wood with gas shells	

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6.6.17	OOSTHOPE FM	Casualties unknown at present.	
7.6.17	SHEET REF PLEEGSTEERT W ^o 28 S.W. 4 B	MAGNUM OPUS ZERO HOUR. 3.10 AM. Attacked Enemy regained all objectives although	badly gassed.
8.6.17	U. 14. 10. 45	La. Douve. 2 nd AD FM. GREY FM Black Line B ^{ns} consolidating, casualties heavy in wounded. (Killed light)	
9.6.17		14 Officers wounded. 285 OR. 24 killed OR. 145 missing. Relieved 1.5 AM. by NIEPPE no casualties in relief.	
10.6.17		Reserves from MORBECQUE reported today except two officers Capt. P. Smith + 1.9. B ^{ns} . accounting for casualties	
11.6.17	T. 10. 40. 45. near Kennell.	Orders to move to new position working parties remaking MESSINES R ^o	

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12.6.17	T.M.A. 40.45	Working parties on MESSINES R ² . No shelling in this vicinity two Coy's in morning & two Coy's in afternoon.	
13.6.17	-	Shelling fairly heavy on MESSINES R ² . Everything normal. aeroplanes active	
14.6.17	-	Coy's reorganising.	
15.6.17	-	Same working parties. Ball is Cyprian	
16.6.17	-	Situation normal.	
17.6.17	-	Coy's practically reorganised. Lieut Howson. 2 nd Lieut, Linton a Christie arrived from reinforcements.	
18.6.17	-	Working Parties as usual.	
19.6.17	DE SEULE AREA	Battalion moved to DE SEULE AREA.	

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20.6.17	DE SEULE AREA	Training + Working Parties	
21.6.17	-	do	
22.6.17	-	do.	
23.6.17	HILLSIDE CAMP.	Battalion moved to HILLSIDE CAMP. for one night	
24.6.17	T2 CENTRAL.	Battalion moved to T.2 Central NW of NEUVE EGLISE (RESERVE Bdge) for 18 days training + reorganisation	
25.6.17	-	Training started on Bull Ring Systems	
26.6.17	-	- as usual etc.	
27.6.17	-	do.	
29 th to 7 th July	-	do as above	
8 th	-	Battalion Competitions	
9 th	-	Brigade do Military (winners 40.37 th 39.38 th)	
10 th	-	do Sports Cup won by 37 th	

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