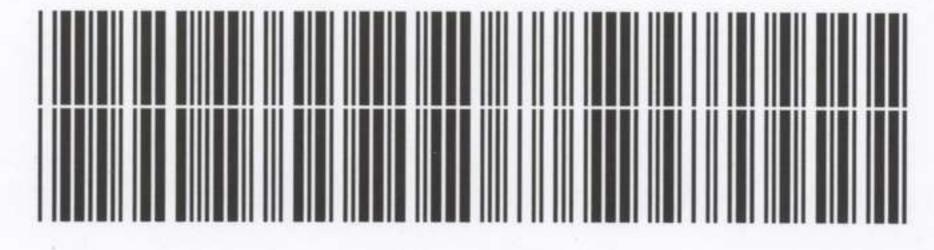
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Place Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Montauban 1/3/17	54th Battal ion in occupation of MONTAURAN CAMP Companies engaged in working on defences.	
Trones Wood 2/3/17	54th Battalion moved to TRONES WOOD CAMP C.Camp.	
Trones Wood 3/3/17	54th Battalion in occupation of TRONES WOOD CAMP. Working party on defences.	
Trones Wood 4/3/17	54th Battalion in occupation of TRONES WOOD CAMP.	
Intermediate 5/3/17 Line	54th Battalien relieved 32nd Battalien in intermediate line. Companies occupied NEEDLE and SWITCH TRENCHES.	
Intermediate 5/3/17	54th Battalion in occupation of intermediate LINE . Companies engaged in improving and reconstructing trenches, Latrines, Shelters etc.	
Front Li ne7/3/17	54th Battalion relieved 29th Battalion in FRONT LINE.	
Front Line 8/3/17	54th Battalien in occupation of FRONT LINE.	
Front Line 9/3/17	54th Battalion in occupation of FRONT LINE.	
FRONT Li ne 10/3/17	54th Battalien in occupation of FRONT LINE (SUNRAY TRENCH) He avy enemy Shelling during the day. Trenches in bad condition owing to Shell Fire from enemy Batteries.	
Intermediate Line 11/3/1	7 55th Battalion relieved the 54th Battalion in FRONT LINE SYSTEM. 54th Battalion went into INTERMEDIATE LINE and (NEEDLE TRENCH). Our heavy Artillery very heavy all day on enemy front line. Finemy Artillery active on our Communications. Enemy used Mi menweifers during the day.	
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and SWITCH	2/3/	7	54th Battalion engaged in trench maintenance NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches. Party 100 mensent to FRONT LINE to clean and improve CAMERON and CENTRAL ALLEY.	
TRENCH NEEDLE TRENCH	13/3/1	7	Enemy Artillery active on MEEDLE THENCH. Our counter Batteries subdued fire at 10-40 Pm.	
F ro nt	14/3/	7	54th Battalion relieved the 55th Battalion in FRONT LINE trenches on night of 14th/15th instant our patrols very active in vicinity of ATOM TRENCH, and found them strongly held.	
	15/3/	-7	Enemy Artillery quiet during last 24 hours. Reflective counter bat tery work has no doubt accounted for this. our Patrols were active and reported enemy working party in front of ATOM.	
	16/3/	17	During the day enemy fired number of "DUD" Shells. Our patrols active and reported trench ATOM held until about 5 am 16th Instant.	
Atom and Thre Trene	17/3	17	At 7-45Am we occupied ATOM and FIRE Trenches of enemy system . At 10-15 we reached BEAULEN COURT. Little or no opposition was met with Machine Gun and Rifle fire only Cne prisoner was taken.	
	h		A fighting Patrol of 1 Off and 17 OR with Lewis Gun left BEAULEN COURT at 3 pmands pushed lowerd to VILLIERS AU FLOS. The 56th Battalion relieved the 54th Battalion from new FRONT SYSTEM on night 15/16th.	
Rose tr and Millers	18/	3/17	One Company remained in told FRONT LINE the remains er moved to ROSE TRENCH and MILLERS SON. Dayt quiet Salvage done by Battalion.	
		3/17	Battalion engaged in cleaning up, salvage work and road making.	
	203	3/17	Pattalion engaged in consolidating and laying duck boards.	
	21/	3/17	Battalion engaged in consolidating work under 5th Pioneers.	
	22/	3/17	Battaliom engaged in consolidating work under 5th Pioneers.	
	23/	3/17	Battalion engaged in consolidating work and resting * A5834 Wt. W4973/M687 750,000 8/16 D. D. & L. Ltd. Forms/C.2118/13.	

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	24/3/17		Recommaisances of Country VILLERS AU FLOS, HARLINCOURT, and BEAULENCOURT carried out by 2 Off.	
	25/3/17		Battalion moved to RMIN COURT and occupied ruins of village. Accomodation good.	
	26/3/17		Battalion engaged in Battalion duties and cleaning up.	
	27/3/17		Battalion engaged in Road making under 15th A.M.	
	28/3/17		Battalion engaged in Road making under 15th A.E. per company	
	29/3/17		Battalien engaged in Read making and cleaning up. One Officer went foward to inspect outpost line beyond MORCHIES.	
	30/3/17		54th Battalion relieved 30th Battalion of 8th Bde from outpost line might 28/29th. Fn my Artillery and aircraft active.	
	31/3/1	7	One prisoner taken by our foward left post. Enemy Aircraft and Observation Baloons very active evidently screening movement.	
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