

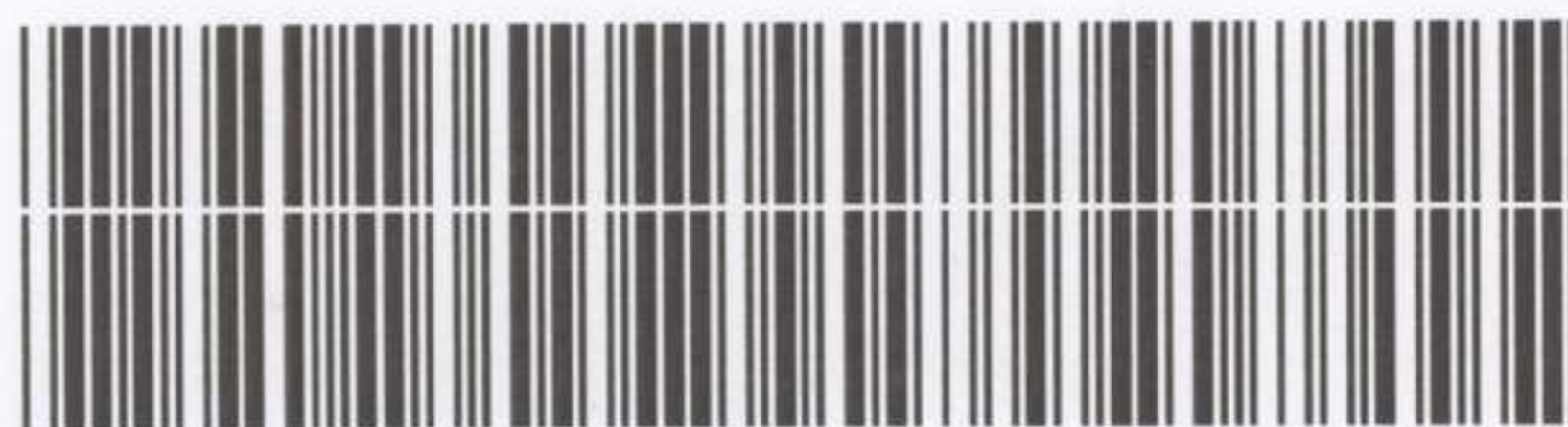
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Messines Sector	1/7/17 PX		<p>The Battalion was engaged on work as under:-</p> <p>"A" Coy, General trade work & maintenance & repair of Div Camps, Roadwork.</p> <p>"B" Coy, Working under Front Line Brigadier.</p> <p>"C" Coy, Construction & maintenance of trench trams, under C. P. E.</p> <p>"D" Coy, Resting & Training</p> <p>Workshop Party, Maintenance of Palmer Baths, Div. Workshop etc.</p> <p>Casualties, 2 other ranks wounded.</p>	
	2/7/17	PX	Casualties, 3 other ranks wounded, 1 other rank died of wounds, 1 OR killed	
	3/7/17	PX	Casualties, 2 other ranks wounded.	
	5/7/17	PX	Casualties, 2 other ranks wounded, 1 other rank killed.	
	6/7/17	PX	Casualties, 6 other ranks wounded,	
	7/7/17	PX	Casualties, 1 other rank wounded,	
	9/7/17	PX	Casualties, 1 other rank wounded,	
	10/7/17	PX	Casualties, 1 Officer & 1 other rank wounded,	
	12/7/17	PX	Change over day. Work re-allotted as follows:-	
			"A" Coy, Resting & Training. B Coy relieved C Coy on Trench Trams	

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Messines Sector.	12/7/17	A	C. Coy relieved A Coy on General Trade work & maintenance D Coy relieved B Coy on Front Line work. Casualties, 1 other rank killed & 3 wounded.	
	16/7/17	A	Casualties, 1 other rank wounded.	
	17/7/17	A	" 1 " " "	
	18/7/17	A	" 1 " " "	
	19/7/17	B	" 1 " " "	
	22/7/17	B	" 4 " " "	
	23/7/17	B	" 1 " " killed	
	26/7/17	B	1 Platoon "C" Coy detailed for training in use & employment of smoke candles. Casualties 2 other ranks killed & 2 wounded.	
	28/7/17	B	" 5 " " wounded & 2 died of wounds.	
	31/7/17	B	1 Platoon "C" Coy detailed for duty to discharge a "Smoke Cloud" for the purpose of screening our right flank, during mopping up of enemy post etc in No Man's Land, by 11th Inf. Brigade. Discharge was to take place from U II Berthal, but owing to time being altered for operations by Division	

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Messines Sector.	31/7/17	17	<p>on our right, the smoke was discharged from vicinity of Flemme de la Croix. On account of wet weather, sloppy nature of the ground and long distance of Transport, many obstacles had to be overcome. The discharge started at 3.00 hour & continued for 1 hour 50 minutes, the wind being 1 to 2 degrees north of west and weather favorable. From 3.50 to 4.20 am the personnel discharged smoke from U.S.d. 5-2 to U.S.d. 4-8, from 4.20 am, the wind having shifted, discharge took place from U.S.d. 5-2 to U.II. 6 5-7. Quantity discharged totalled 1350 candles, approximately 1 1/4 tons of smoke. Casualties, 3 other ranks suffered from gas and exhaustion. The Battalion changed over & work was distributed as under:- "A" Coy relieved D Coy on Front Line work. "B" Coy " " C Coy on general maintenance. "C" Coy commenced period of rest and having "D" Coy relieved B Coy on Trench Tramways Workshop Party engaged on maintenance & general running of Palmer Baths & Div. Workshops. Casualties 1 other rank wounded.</p>	<p><i>W. H. Law</i> C.O. 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. A.I.F. Lt. Col.</p>