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J.33.d.6.3	1/8/18	Battalion in line with Soume as left flank with line running from P.10.D. 3.7. to P.10.D 3.7. Two companies in front line D + E with B in reserve Company Commanders "D" Lt T.S. Lewis, "C" Lt W. Allen, "B" Lt H.V. Petersen "A" Lt J. McLean M.C. No enemy line established in view.	
do	2/8/18	F.L. areas quiet. Sully le Sec strafed during night. Our planes very active throughout. 4 of our balloons destroyed by E.A. Warning of F.L. set about communication trenches dug. Major G. D. Bain Commanding. Weather cloudy and cool. Active patrolling.	
do	3/8/18	Very little activity owing to incessant rain. Working parties employed on support line and C.T. Our patrols in Record Wood. Enemy activity active in Soume valley Sully-le-Sec	
"	3/8/18	Light artillery activity on both sides. Enemy occasionally shelled area between F.L. & support. Our planes active bombing and spotting. Patrols active weather always. Information issued regarding offensive.	
"	4/8/18	Battalion relieved by 39 th and proceeded to Corbie. Relief complete at midnight. Rain in hills by 3 a.m.	
Corbie O.B.A. 1-9.	7/8/18	Battalion resting and being refitted. Working parties at night on C.T. Hamel. Enemy shelled hills with mortars sporadically. Preparations for Aubert Montaigne commenced orders issued and plans and action discussed. Col. Woolcock returned from leave and attached to Division for liaison purposes.	
do	6/8/18	Weather wet and cool. Proximity of guns affected sleep of all. Capt. Wany & Galt returned from Paris leave. Further discussion on offensive and equipment of personnel new draft arrived. Officers detailed for stunt. Area shelled by enemy	
		active activity and bombing on both sides.	

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B.H.Q Culver O.L.A. 3.9	7/8/18	CMB	Final preparations for offensive. "D" tracks for approach march recommitted. Capt O'Brien appointed C.C. Base C. Calver Area shelled by enemy during morning and at noon.	
Gailly Red Station Q.L.D. 1.7	8/8/18	CMB	Approach march commenced at midnight under favourable conditions. Men all placed on assembly tapes by 2.45 a.m. A little uneasiness caused by enemy shelling with 77's in vicinity of assembly. B.H.Q. established at P.F. b. 5. 2 no hour at 4.20 very near moved of the assembly line first objectives gained and consolidated at 7.30 a.m. 4 th Brigade pushed through and advanced to Amiens line. Our casualties, officer killed with 20 R. 20 casualties in all. 300 prisoners captured 3-77's. guns 25 M.G. 7 trench mortars, with a large amount of munitions and stores. B.H.Q. moved forward to Gailly at 9.30 a.m. Advance somewhat held up on north bank of Douve our flank well protected. Corps results 7000 prisoners - 100 field guns.	
do	8/8/18	CMB	Battalion in Green line during day under very quiet conditions. Guns moved to take over from 14 th Bde in Worcester during night and take up same position. Relief complete at midnight and Companies ordered to stand to in anticipation of mopping up scheme in vicinity of Proffit.	
Monsieur	11/8/18	CMB	Weather excellent. Recovery stage of Amiens line. Reconnaissance of Amiens line to be occupied during 4 th attack going up with 20mm very successful.	
Q.L.D. 7.7	12/8/18	CMB	4 th Bde relieved in line at 10 p.m. our front extending from R.12.2.0 to R.7.7.0. Enemy reported to be retiring at 8 a.m. our patrols rapidly advanced and got in touch with the enemy. Desperate fighting ensued during which 110 prisoners were taken - 25 M.G. We advanced our line 3 miles in depth finally our line running from R.20.2.9 to Lons. Pds R.9 central. Lined R.15.0. Central. Special mention made of work done by Lt's Wallace, Baseman & Price. Relieved by Sherwood Foresters at midnight marched to Lons. P.F. b.	

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P.H.Q P4.a.4.6	12/8/18	006	Battalion resting. Colonel Woodcock D.S.O returned to command. Refitting of personnel. Meeting of C.O. and company commanders. Enemy planes active bombing. Weather excellent. Capt Galt reported missing from 12th tent. Men bathed and fresh clothes issued. Capt St John returned to duty from hospital.	
do	13/8/18	006	Reconnaissance of routes to Harbourside by officers. Brigade conference of C.O. Company commanders and Adjutants. Personnel resting. Bathing parades. Boats repaired. Planes active. HV guns shooting on Bougainville. Concert in evening.	
"	14/8/18	006	Brigade conference. E.A. bombing. Good weather warm. Recommendations for awards submitted. St John M.C. submitted for V.C.	
"	16/8/18	006	Resting and training. Battalion paid. Capt Wany Paterson departed on English leave. Fine weather. Bathing in cave.	
"	17/8/18	006	Reconnaissance of Rosemary sector by officers. Training of specialists proceeded with. Excellent weather. Punnet concert by Brigade troops.	
"	18/8/18	006	Church parades. Working parties by buildings re-erected at transport lines. Good weather men bathed. Our planes active.	
"	19/8/18	006	Battalion shifted to K.31.C central division taking over 10th of Boume. Area required clearing up now well sheltered. Transport lines shifted to 5.36.	
K.31.C central	20/8/18	006	Meeting of C.O. Company commanders re training and clearing up area. Work of clearing up proceeded with. Weather warm.	65

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B.H.Q K 31. C. 5. 5	21/8/18	[Signature]	<p>Warm weather conditions. Guns quiet and bomb heavily activity of CG & Company Commanders to discuss projected advance W of Somme. Brigade Conference in afternoon. Men held in causal. 3rd Army advance between Arras & Albert French advance W of Soissons capturing 10,000 prisoners. Reconnaissance of Bois des Tailles area by Officer from Coy, B.H.Q also NCO's. Recille 3 am. Full moon turns night to day. Barrage opened at 4.45 am. Batt moved at 5.30 am. and passed through battery area where din from massed artillery was beyond imagination. Corps arrive K 17 c & K 232 at about 7.30 am. and lie up in shell holes & trenches vacated by 33. B.H.Q in old tunnel K 17 d 4.2. Intensely hot day. Enemy drenched Bois des Tailles with Sneezying Gas and Phosgene also large quantity high H.E. 7th Bde gain 2nd objective L 3 d 4.8 to L 9 d 2.2. ENGLISH troops on left counter attacked and very heavily strafed 4 to 5 PM. 9th Bde hold fast. Report from Lt Rice (Liaison) state troops on left retired behind 1st objective in one place & from nearly all 2nd objective. Br at once disposed as follows for N flank protection to Bde: - D Coy K 16 b 6.7 to K 17 a 2.5 A Coy K 17 a 3.5 to K 17 b 2.4 C Coy K 16 c 2.9 to K 16 c 9.2. B Coy K 17 c 0.1 to K 232 5.8 B.H.Q K 17 d 4.2 & B.H.Q A.A. Guns & F.P. less Sig & Runners in G posts from K 17 d 7.3 to K 18 c 0.0 to K 23 b 4.7. latter were withdrawn when 41st Bn took up line immediately N of Bde. E shelling of our area 9.2's & 5.9's very constant. 9.2's & 9's also employed.</p>	
B.H.Q K 17 d 4.2	22/8/18	[Signature]	<p>23/8/18 [Signature] 10 Army route 2 Enemy Divs down South. Enemy counter attack on 33rd Quarry Chalk Pit L 3 d beaten off by rifle & H.G. fire. Bleazing hot day today again. Last couple of days like Island weather. Our Br still in Res. Bde to Div. "Observation" reconnaissance by 1 officer from Coy & B.H.Q of area between Cayton Wood & Bois des Tailles from L 13. 1st Div exploit under Barrage at 2 PM & gain Sq. Wood & Hill 35 (Square 135) & Tanks Under heavy barrage 1 am 5 Bns of London Troops attached on left & regained 2nd Obj of yesterday (Green line). 10th Bde take Bray 33rd Bns flat country in L 36. Beautiful full moon again during night. In afternoon we was again intensely hot. Late in evening Coy move to assembly position 43 & 44 who gain Yellow & Green line. L 5 c to L 11 d under Barrage commencing 2.30 am 25-8-18. Coys assemble in support position in L 9 cut N-S and line. D on N B in centre. A on S C Coy (less 1st Bn) flank support</p>	
"	23/8/18	[Signature]	<p>24/8/18 [Signature] Under heavy barrage 1 am 5 Bns of London Troops attached on left & regained 2nd Obj of yesterday (Green line). 10th Bde take Bray 33rd Bns flat country in L 36. Beautiful full moon again during night. In afternoon we was again intensely hot. Late in evening Coy move to assembly position 43 & 44 who gain Yellow & Green line. L 5 c to L 11 d under Barrage commencing 2.30 am 25-8-18. Coys assemble in support position in L 9 cut N-S and line. D on N B in centre. A on S C Coy (less 1st Bn) flank support</p>	
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BHQ L8C1.6	25-8-18	JH	behind D Coy & 1 Plt. took over garrison in Chalk Pit L3d. BHQ moved at 11.45 PM to L8C1.6. At 2.30 am the barrage opened. Start line being 300' E of N-S grid between L9 & 10. 43 & 44 met no opposition & gained objective on time & over. D & A Coy went through them respectively & accounted Ceylon. 42 Br garrison Main line (Yellow & Green line) BHQ at L5C1.6 shared with 41st who are held in readiness to exploit B & C line. BHQ moved to 25C1.6 at 9 PM. PAF was at L8C3.7 moved to L4D84. Cays were disposed as follows: front line C in support as nucleus garrison to the Yellow-green line. B Eschelon moved to Chalk Pit. All day enemy shelling of forward area was most violently heavy.	
BHQ L5C1.6	26-8-18	JH	On morning the Br was disposed as follows: line ran trenches L5D & L4D84. A B & D in line. C Coy in support 200' in rear. BHQ as on 25-8-18. Br was shelled heavily throughout the day with all calibres & kinds of artillery. Towards evening enemy artillery activity decreased in a marked degree to an almost insignificant extent. Only for this shelling the Br would have had a decent rest during day. At about 11 AM the 41 & 44th reached a line roughly A27a 5.5 A27d 7.2 G9d 3.2.	
"	27-8-18	JH	At 9.55 am (Zulu) the 41st were to leave their position their objective being a line L27 ent. Quarry L27a. FANON Hill L27 ent (both latter inclusions). The 41st were to stay in their position & C Coy 42 Br were to come forward & garrison front line vacated by 41st. The London Troop on left were to advance on left through Harcourt, (A17b 2.4, A23b 4.4 trench system being the objective. A20 preparatory bombardment brought the jump off time at 5.15 am and 25 before this C Coy were lying up in terraces etc 300' in rear of 41st Br. At about 5.30 am C Coy took up following line A27a 0.7 A27a 25.60 A27a 45.50 thence A27c 45.95 A27c 55.90 A27d 15.60. Support then A27b 9.1 A27a 15.00 A27c 30.98 BHQ A26d 8.9. This Coy were subjected to intense enemy counter barrage put down at 5 am, a peculiar feature being that 75% of barrage consisted of 77's. Simultaneously "L" Copse Valley (Harcourt to Suzanne) was gas shelled with phosgene, mustard & sneezing gas, interspersed very heavily with HE & Hb barrage. Enemy balloons were very prominent & in being reported 2 were attacked & destroyed by our planes. The remainder of the Br were not shelled during the day and remained in the Green line. Casualties in whole Br for this phase were 2 wounded, C Coy miraculously not sustaining a single casualty. On completion of relief by 9 Bde C Coy of this Batt returned to command of Br. having been under command of CO 44 for most of the operations.	

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<p>BHQ L5C 1.6</p>	<p>28-8-18</p>	<p>(J)</p>	<p>C Coy pull out at daylight this morning from L27 & take up position L118. During day B rested and equipment & organisation were checked. Light drizzly rain fell once or twice during day for very short periods. 5 DIV reported officially crossed Somme at Bri today. 2 DIV hold line H 29, 23, 17. 9 & 10 Bde B 23 cent B 29 cent H 5 cent.</p>	

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B.H.Q. H 12 10.15 (FRANCE 62 ^E N V) 62	3-9-18	29	<p>In morn. of 29th Aug. Br was holding Green-Yellow line L5b2.2 L11d2.4 with P.B. 3A Coy in line in that order from N to S & C Coy 200' in rear in Support. B.H.Q. at L5C 0.2.</p> <p>At 9.30 am Bde notified Br that a move forward was to take place at noon. 42ND Br leading. The Br arrived in Maricourt - Suggone Valley between 2.15 & 2.45 PM and then came under command of 9 Bde who were situated at A26c89. The Br having been fed the Br moved forward & took up position as follows: - D Coy A30b1.9 C Coy A30b cent. A Coy A30d5.4 B Coy A30d12. B.H.Q. was situated in shell hole in hillside A30d9.1. Br was reserve Br to 9 Bde.</p> <p>Line at noon seen (9th Bde) Crucifix A30b. Lumber Chapel, Summit Copse (H223.9), Quarry Pt (H2b9.8) where junction with 10 Bde. During morning fighting the 35 Br having sustained heavy casualties stayed in reserve position at Furmay Hill. Hence reason for our attachment to 9 Bde. Our touch with 9 Bde maintained by liaison officer & later in day by liaison runners & subsequently by telephone. B.H.Q. to Coys by Ol lamp & runners.</p> <p>At 5 PM 33 Br in Hindley Wd. B26 C16. 34 Br pushing forward Hindley Wd. (H42). LH Patrols (46H) between Hill 110 & Copse 5. London troop seen advancing 500' E Battery Copse. (B20) at 1.25 PM.</p>	
	3-9-18	30	<p>On Friday 30-8-18 In Breakfast 5 am. Weather fine. Stand by prepared move at 1/2 hour's notice. "A" Luchel Transport under Lt Col moves everywhere with B.H.Q. At 11.30 am move to HINDLEY Wd. which position just vacated by 33 Br. Enemy shelled Albert-Peronne Road yesterday afternoon & today very constantly with 5.9" 8" & 9.2" especially in vicinity Flem Wood. Disposition as follows: - B.H.Q. B26d0.7 B Coy B26d2.7 C Coy B26c50 (Summit Copse), D Coy B26c7.7, A Coy B26d0.8 RAP B26d9.0. "A" Luch. Transport B26c1.6. Under barrage this morning 9 Bde objective roughly French system C 25 28C. They reach line approx 300' West of objective. At 10 PM B Coy passes to command of 33 Br and move into terrain to (B29b2d) as 33rd Supp. Coy.</p>	
	3-9-18	31	<p>On SAT 31-8-18. At 3 am B Coy moved to terraces B30a. 34 Br holding line approx. B C 8 H 9 grid line (N95) (L9C00). 33 Br leapfrog them at 5.10 am plus 20' Preparatory Bombardment. Rate of adv. of Barrage c'der to C 25 c 2.5). Our B Coy move forward behind 33 Br. and as very heavy and determined enemy resistance met with in 100'. C/O 33 Br had to throw in Res Coy to gain objective. (EXPLOIT) Bethune-Chan Thierry Rd. Desperate hand to hand fighting took place in the maze of trenches in this locality and the large number of 4 Reg. Queen's Augustas Grenad. Guardsmen who lay dead at their posts from effect of R.G. fire, rifle fire and bombs, bears ample testimony to the stubborn resistance offered us by the fresh enemy troops. Three enemy planes dropped about 40 "eggs" in vicinity of Br positions during last night but without effect other than necessitating the extinguishing of all lights. Br during this time was still Res. Cox. to 9 Bde and was in communication with latter by phone. During day EA were conspicuous by absence. At 10.30 am Br moved to B30 arriving 11.30 am. B.H.Q. with 33 Br at B30c77. A, C, D Coys in terraces B30a. 33 Br were reported C 21b to 28a (untrue, discovered later) 33 Br were to exploit "Red Line" approx. C 16 cent to C 17 cent. (both inclusive). 34 Br C 17d 8C23b. 42ND were to be in Reserve to 9th Bde in C 21 Cent. & possibly farm house (defensive flank) facing N on left of 33 Br approx C 21a & C 15d.</p>	

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Continued.	31		<p>The line in reality reached by 33 B^N plus B^N 42ND ran C20 d 2.6 South along Bethune - Chan Thierry Rd. down Fontenay Tr. At C26 b 25 20. This fact becoming known the above mentioned "Ret Exploit. Line" operation was cancelled and Coy were stopped in C20 c at 2 PM. (approx). B Coy joined 33 B^N with Artil strength C3 all ranks. and at about 3 PM had 40 rifles. Coy O/C's conference was held at BHQ (B 30 C 7.7) to discuss projected relief 9th Bde and subsequent "hop-over" for morning of 1st Sept.</p>	

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During the month of August the Battalion took part in no less than 9 attacks on the following dates :- 8th 11th. 12th. 22nd. 24th. (2) 26th. 28th. and 30th. which was quite a good record.

Except in the case of the 8th. when the big offensive was commenced dispositions and plans had to be made hurriedly and by use of Map only, and unfortunately without any reconnaissance. More often than not they were received at a Brigade Conference and then passed down at a Coy. Commanders conference, and just as often as plans and orders were received and issued, so were they cancelled - alterations being made to deal with the tactical situations as they arose.

We were unfortunate in the whole of the operations in being the Left Battalion of the left Brigade of the Division linking up in every case with English Divisions. This presented several difficulties and it was very hard to keep in touch with them or get any accurate information. Quite often they didn't reach their objectives and they had a peculiar habit of giving wrong map ~~references~~ co-ordinates and also of leaving big gaps in their right flanks. Each Coy. Commander generally made his own dispositions for the attack as being on the spot he could decide what formations were best suited to the ground and conditions, thus being allowed freedom of movement. It speaks well for the high standard of training and discipline which exists in the Battalion that all operations during the month could be carried out so successfully without any special practice or training for offensive warfare. Communications generally were good being made by Signals and telephones, O.L. Lamp, Flappers, Pigeons, Message Rockets and Runners. Owing to the continuous moving and the nature of the fighting - open warfare - very little telephone work was carried out, though, where possible, a line was speedily run out to Coys. The O.L. Lamp came in for a lot of work but not enough use was made of Message Rockets. Throughout we were always in direct communication with Brigade by telephone.

Supplies were generally easily obtained and no difficulty was experienced by shortages. On the 12th. Ammunition ran short but was soon made up again by carrying parties from B.H.Q. Everything we asked Brigade for in this respect was furnished without delay.

FEEDING. Feeding arrangements were excellent. Every day the men received two hot meals regularly except on the 12th. when it was prepared and the carrying party lost themselves on the way up to the line. Breakfast generally arrived just at daylight and tea at dusk, leaving the dry ration for the mid-day meal. Supplies of Cigarettes, Chocolates and Tinned Fruit were also issued being purchased from the Canteen out of Regimental funds.

Very little sickness was experienced throughout the month - if anything, despite the conditions, it was below the average. We were fortunate in having such good weather.

POINTS NOTICED. More attention should be devoted to Map Reading by all ranks. In these times of rapid moves a Junior Officer often finds himself and Coy. Commander and likewise a junior N.C.O. a Platoon Commander. Training in the use of enemy Machine Guns - thus enabling them to be used immediately when captured. Training of Sigs. in use of O.L. Lamp.

Robert Murdoch
Adjutant 42nd Bn.
1/9/18

Appendix (2)

DIARY FOR AUGUST 1918.TRANSPORT SECTION.

Owing to the grand offensive being on and the weather being fine our animals were consequently kept moving, and on the 8th. August Transport Lines were move to La Neuville. To follow the Battalion in the stunt in which Hamel was taken after Fritz had been pushed out the Lines were established behind Vaire being handy to water and good facilities for grazing horses, which, by this time, were beginning to pick up condition.

On the 22nd. during the offensive North of the Somme, the captured country in which Lines had been established, was cleared of almost everything in shape of Horse Fodder. The animals dropped condition slightly owing to additional work keeping up supplies and moving forward.

Having now organised an "A" Echelon of Transport consisting of Molybe Ammunition, Cookers, Water Carts and Pack Animals, meant extra work for Transport but much better feeding arrangement for the front line. "A" Echelon was kept as far forward as was considered moderately safe, getting in an old quarry or some cover usually about a mile from the front line. Horses again started to fall off owing to several swift moves East along the Somme chasing Fritz.

Losses in animals for moth 2 H.D. 2 Mules and 2 Rides.

Sgd. H.A.R. Squires. Lieut.
Transport Officer.

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M.O's REPORT FOR MONTH AUGUST. 1918.

HEALTH. Considering the amount of work carried out by the Troops, the general health was exceptionally good. Beyond a few cases of skin disease and boils there were no general complaints.

BATHING. Owing to the War of movement, bathing facilities were not up to standard but no opportunity in this respect was allowed to pass.

CLOTHING. The supply warranted a complaint ~~being made~~, being much below the average, especially the condition of clothing supposed to have been washed.

SANITATION. The ground and billets vacated by the enemy were left in a very unsanitary condition. Urinals and latrines were conspicuous by their absence and the carcasses of horses etc. were allowed to remain where they fell for indefinite periods ~~and~~ without any treatment whatsoever. As soon as the ground was occupied by us proceedings were taken to clean up billets, establish latrines etc. and to treat the carcasses with lime. This meant much fatiguing work for our men, and in many instances, owing to speedy advances, even this could not be carried out. Fly proof latrines were always provided but towards the end of month, owing to a change of weather, flies became less numerous.

Sgd. G.W. Faithfull. Capt.
RMO. 42nd. Bn. AIF.

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Q.M's REPORT FOR MONTH AUGUST.

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RATIONS. The supply was up to normal with the exception of Fresh Vegetables, although Dried Vegetables were supplied in lieu thereof.

SALVAGE. Particularly good, the Battalion putting up a record during the month of ~~about~~ £11,000.

GREASE. About 700-lbs. This is good considering that the Battalion was in the Line for the greater part of the month.

CLOTHING. Supply good although quality of Breeches not the best - second hand articles, especially M.G. breeches, were supplied in one or two instances.

HORSE FODDER. The ration was reduced during the month. Quality well up to the average.

Sgd. L.W.C. Anderson Capt.
Q.M. 42nd. Bn. A.I.F.

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