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Trenches MESSINES.	1/7/16 to 3/7/16.		Intermittent shelling every day. Trenches and wire are in a bad condition, and large working parties are being put out day & night to improve same.	
"	4/7/16		Enemy opened a hurricane bombardment on the right flank of our sector at about 5 P.M. Trenches very badly damaged. Capt. J. D. BLACKET and LIEUT Walter Hosking were killed; LIEUT H. F. WALKER had both legs severely injured. 3 ranks were also killed.	
KORTEPYP CAMP.	5/7/16 to 7/7/16.		At 11 P.M. the Battalion was relieved in the line by 5 th Bde (?) and marched back to KORTEPYP CAMP near NEUVE EGLISE. No casualties suffered during relief, but the men are suffering from the fatigue of a particularly trying period in the line. Period spent in resting & re-fitting with 2 hours parade daily	

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KORTEPYP CAMP.	9/7/16		At 4 P.M. the Battalion marched out of KORTEPYP CAMP and arrived at LA CRECHE (near STEENWERCK) at 6 P.M., where they billeted for the night.	
LA CRECHE.	9/7/16		BATTN. remained in LA CRECHE for the day & night.	
"	10/7/16		Battn. marched out of LA CRECHE at 8 A.M. and arrived at STRAZEELE about 3 P.M. where they billeted for the night.	
STRAZEELE	11/7/16		March re-commenced at 9 A.M. to EBBLINGHEM, which was reached about 4 P.M. Bn billeted here for the night.	
"	12/7/16		Bn marched out of EBBLINGHEM at 11 A.M. and arrived at WIZERNES at 2.45 P.M. "B" Company proceeded ahead of the Bn. to the latter place, and acted as loading party for the train. Battalion entrained at 4 P.M. Train left at 6 P.M. via ST OMER and CALAIS arriving at SAILEUX (near AMIENS) at 4 P.M. on the 13 th . Accommodation on the train was very limited, and the journey was consequently very tedious.	

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SAILEUX	13/7/16		Batta detained at SAILEUX at 4 A.M. and had breakfast near the Station. March resumed at about 6 P.M. and after covering a distance of about 15 miles, we arrived at BERTANGLES about 1 P.M. where billets were allotted. Accommodation here is very poor and scanty. The village is small and the class of house is very inferior.	
BERTANGLES	14/7/16 to 19/7/16		Period spent in billets in Bertangles. Organising Training and Refitting. Training consists of Route-Marching, and Field Practice.	
"	20/7/16		Batta marched out of BERTANGLES at 9.30 A.M. and reached TOUTENCOURT at 1 P.M. Accomodated in huts.	
TOUTENCOURT	21/7/16		Major F.R. CHALMERS evacuated to hospital with broken ankle due to fall from his horse.	
"	22/7/16		Batta received 10 mins notice to march out of TOUTENCOURT CAMP at 7.45 P.M. By 8.0 P.M. the whole Bn was on the march, and proceeded to WARLOY arriving here at about 10.30 A.M. where billets were provided.	

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WARLOY	23/7/16		Bde in billets in WARLOY. Raining.	
	25/7/16			
	26/7/16		Bde marched out at 6 P.M. and bivouaced on Brick Fields near ALBERT for the night.	
ALBERT	27/7/16		Bde remained at Brickfields, and preparations were finalised for coming attack.	
	28/7/16		Bde moved up to LA BOISELLE about 4 P.M. & occupied trenches and dugouts in SAUSAGE GULLY. At 8 P.M. Coys moved forward to jumping off position prior to the attack.	
			At 11.15 P.M. the attack opened with a one-minute intense bombardment on O.G. 1 (Enemy first line) - a one-minute intense bombardment on O.G. 2 (Enemy second line) and a lifting barrage behind. The 5 th , 6 th & 7 th Bdes took part in the attack. The 27 th Bn acted as reserve Bn to the 7 th Bde. On account of the wire not being cut, incorrect shooting on the part of our artillery etc, the attack was a failure, and heavy casualties were suffered.	

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Trenches POZIERES	29/7/16 to 31/7/16		Batter in support line. Enemy shelling heavy & continuous. Large working parties out each night making fresh preparation for another attack.	