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RIBEMONT.	1-6-17.		Training continued.	
"	2-6-17.		Training Continued. Tests carried out to decide which Company will represent the Unit at the Divisional Competitions.	
"	3-6-17.		Brigade Church Parade. Lieut. LITTLE evacuated to Hospital.	
"	4-6-17.		Training in connection with Brigade Competitions continued "C" Coy. decided as Champion Company of Battalion.	
"	5-6-17.		Training Continued.	
"	6-6-17.		Training for Brigade Competitions. Transport judged and won by this Battalion.	
"	7-6-17.		Battalion judged and won Brigade Competition by 20 points- "C" Company won Company Drill by 20 points. This Unit also won Lewis Gun Competition and Signalling Competition.	
"	8-6-17.		Battalion moved out at Mid-night 7/8th for a practice attack on BRESLE at day light.	
"	9-6-17.		Practice attack carried out. Battalion then moved to VAUX and rested all day.	
"	10-6-17.		Moved back at mid-night and carried out practice attack on RIBEMONT at daylight. Rested all day.	
"	11-6-17.		Training carried out.	
"	12-6-17.		Divisional Sports held at HENENCOURT WOOD. Battalion moved out at 0600 and attended sports.	
HENENCOURT WOOD.	13-6-17.		Battalion bivouacked in wood adjacent to Sports ground. Sports continued. Lieut. Col. MULLEN returned from leave.	
"	14-6-17.		Battalion moved back from HENENCOURT WOOD to RIBEMONT.	
RIBEMONT.	15-6-17.		Training continued. One Company on Rifle range at BUIRE. Lieut. H.L. NORRIS evacuated to Hospital sick. Lieut. F.W. PERRETT joined Battalion from 25th Bn. 19 O.R. joined Bn from Base.	
"	16-6-17.)		Battalion proceeded to VAUX-SUR-SOMME and bivouacked on the banks of the SOMME returning to RIBEMONT on the evening of the 17th.	
"	17-6-17.)		Training continued. Lieut. R.M. WHITE evacuated to Hospital from 5th Army School, suffering from an injury to the knee. Lt. S.A. RICHARDS left on transfer to the 15th Bn. Lieut. H.L. NORRIS rejoined from Hospital. 15 O.R. joined Bn. from Base.	
"	18-6-17.			
"	19-6-17.)			
"	20-6-17.)		Training Continued.	
"	21-6-17.)			
"	22-6-17.		Training carried out. Major. M. WILDER-NELIGAN, D.S.O. transferred to temporarily command the 10th Bn. Capt. N.G. ARMSTRONG rejoined from Seconded.	
"	23-6-17.		Advice received that the following decorations have been awarded to members of this Bn :-	
			<u>THE MILITARY CROSS.</u>	
			Capt. C.F. St.P. ROSS.	
			Lieut. R.W. BROWN.	
			" S.J. CHAPMAN.	
			" W.C. HENZELL.	
			<u>THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.</u>	
			No. 2860a Sergt. W. GREAVES.	
			5448 " W.A. PORTER.	
			1922 Corp. H.J. BULL.	
			1712 Pts. J.R. ATKINS.	
			4607 " V. DEARDEN.	



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23rd RIBEMONT.	23-6-17.		Training continued.	
MAILLY-MAILLET.	24-6-17.		Battalion moved to Hutted Camp in MAILLY-MAILLET Area to carry out Brigade exercises. In the afternoon Officers proceeded to reconnoitre ground on which advanced Guard & Outpost Scheme are to be carried out. Lieut. G.H. KOCK evacuated to Hospital sick. 8 O.R. joined from Base.	
"	25-6-17.		Officers and Sergeants of the Bn. carried out an Advanced Guard and Outpost Scheme in the morning. At night same scheme was carried out by the whole Bn. Lt. KING reported for duty from Hospital and 10 O.R. joined from Base.	
"	26-6-17.		Musketry training carried out during morning. In the afternoon an Advanced Guard Scheme developing into an attack on a ridge held by the 10th Bn. was conducted successfully, the Bn. returning to Camp at about 6 p.m.	
"	27-6-17.		Men rested during the day and carried out a Brigade Outpost Scheme at 10 p.m. returning to Camp at 7 a.m. on 28th. 12 O.R. from Base joined the Bn.	
"	28-6-17.		Men rested in the morning. A Lecture was given by Archdeacon WARD and Lt.Col. BUTLER, D.S.O. on "the Physical, National and Moral effects of Venereal Disease" during the afternoon. 10 O.R. joined from Base.	
"	29-6-17.		A Divisional Advanced Guard and Outpost Scheme developing into an attack was carried out; commencing at 8 a.m., the Bn. returning to Camp at 2.30 p.m.	
"	30-6-17.		TRENCH WARFARE PRACTICE. A practice attack with 4 objectives was carried out by the Bn. this morning, commencing at 9.30 a.m., returning at about 11.30 a.m.. Positions for Divisional Trench warfare operations to be carried out on 2nd proximo reconnoitred by Officers and N.C.O's.	

J.M. Muller

Lieut. Col.

Commanding.

9th Battalion.