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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BROODHINDE RIDGE.	1-11-17.		Battalion moved up and relieved 102nd Canadian Battalion in front line from D.12.C.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 - D.12.C.9.4.- D.12.C.6.3.- D.18.A.9.8.- to D.18.A.5.6. (Map reference ZONNEBEKE 28. N.E. k 1/100000). Relief completed at 2030. Lt. CHESTER E.J. evacuated Gassed.	JH
LINE.	2-11-17.		3 Patrols went forward at 2300 and returned at 0100 without encountering enemy. Quiet day. Lieut. F.S.CONRY evacuated Gassed.	JH
"	3-11-17.		Two Patrols in force moved out to O.12.D.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. and ASSYRIA (D.18.B.) respectively and gained touch with enemy. Our line moved forward at 1800 and now runs D.12.C.0.8.- D.12.C.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.00.- to D.18.A.9.5. - D.18.C.00.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. This was completed without incident. At 0630 enemy heavily bombarded our position and attacked, dislodging a few of our Posts which were immediately replaced with the exception of one. An attack was organised on the Post occupied by the enemy and at 1400 a detachment of men moved forward under cover of Rifle Grenades. The attack was successful and the Post captured. 2 Officers and 9 Other ranks remaining in our hands as prisoners. Lieut.'s P.DEVINE and D.BAILEY killed, Lieut. C.W.BLUETT, M.C. Died of Wounds, 2/Lt. A.W.WHEATLEY wounded.	JH
"	4-11-17.		Two fighting patrols moved out to D.12.C.95.00. and ASSYRIA (D.18.B.) respectively at 2200. ASSYRIA gained touch and were engaged by enemy. Patrols returned without casualty. A. and B. Coys relieved C. and D. Coys in the line- relief completed by 2030 without incident. Enemy persistently shelling our position throughout the day. Quiet night. 2/Lt. J.H.BRYSON wounded.	JH
"	5-11-17.		Quiet day. Battalion relieved by 2nd. Battalion A.I.F. in the Line. Relief completed by 2030. Total casualties during tour in the Line 7 Officers and 102 Other Ranks. Battalion moved from front line in small parties to encampment at ESPLANADE SAP, YPRES.	JH
YPRES.	6.7-11-17.		Battalion occupied in re-organising and cleaning of arms, equipment and clothing.	JH
"	8-11-17.		As for 6th. Battalion received orders to move to-morrow to Halifax Camp.	JH
"	9-11-17.		Battalion moved to hutments in HALIFAX CAMP. Men entertained at a Cinema show in afternoon. 2/Lt. C.E.PICKFORD and 71 Other Ranks joined Battalion.	JH
HALIFAX CAMP.	10-11-17.		Battalion resting and making preparations for move to-morrow.	JH
	11-11-17.		Battalion moved by Bus to RENESCURE AREA.	JH
RENESCURE.	12-11-17.		Light training and preparation for move to-morrow.	JH
"	13-11-17.		Battalion moved to LEDINGHAM by Route March- 20 miles- 1 man only falling out.	JH
LEDINGHAM.	14-11-17.		Bn. resting - foot washing parades held.	JH
"	15-11-17.		Training by Companies- 1 hour as a Battalion during the day morning. Recreational training in afternoon.	JH
"	16.17-11-17.		As for 15th.	JH



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SAMER "C"	18-11-17.		Battalion moved by Route March to SAMER "C" AREA. Battalion occupies 10 villages owing to very poor accommodation. Villages occupied are :- DOUDEAUVILLE, THURENTAUVILLE, CAMPALIARE, HERIMEZ, MUSLETTTE , VERVOIS , SEQUIERES, LA-HOUSSEY, DALLE, GRANDALLE.	<p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p>	
	19-11-17.		Battalion engaged in cleaning of billets and cleaning of equipment, etc.		
	20-11-17.		Light training and kit inspection.		
	21-11-17.		Companies marched to a Central Parade Ground where Battalion and Specialist training was carried out. Syllabus of training attached.		
	"	22-11-17.			As for 21st. 25 men per Battalion are now being granted leave to visit BOULOGNE between the hours of 1400 and 2000.
	"	23-11-17 to 29-11-17.			Battalion training continued.
		30-11-17.			On account of the weather Sports which were to have been held to-day were postponed and Companies carried on with training.

James
Lieut. Col.

Commanding. 9th Battalion.



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RESUME OF OPERATIONS.PERIOD 31/10/1917 to 9/11/17.

The Battalion moved to Reserve Area (WESTHOCK RIDGE) on 31/10/17 arriving without casualties and took over from 11th Battalion.

On 1/11/17 The Battalion moved forward to Support position on ANZAC RIDGE relieving the 9th Battalion (Order attached Appendix 1). The day was quiet and no casualties were received.

The Battalion supplied carrying and working parties on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th. The parties were frequently interrupted by enemy shell fire by both Gas and High Explosive. Casualties however were slight.

On the afternoon of the 5th the Battalion moved back to Reserve Battalion Position on WESTHOCK RIDGE, relieving the 4th Battalion (Order attached. Appendix 2).

During the 6th, 7th and 8th the Battalion was employed in improving and constructing accomodation.

On the morning of the 9th the Battalion was relieved by 66th British Division and moved back to HALIFAX CAMP (Order attached. Appendix 3).

Casualties for Period.

	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed.	4.
Wounded	23.
Missing.	-
Gassed.	11.
Gassed. (Remained at Duty)	3.
Sick.	<u>6.</u>
Total.	<u>47.</u>