

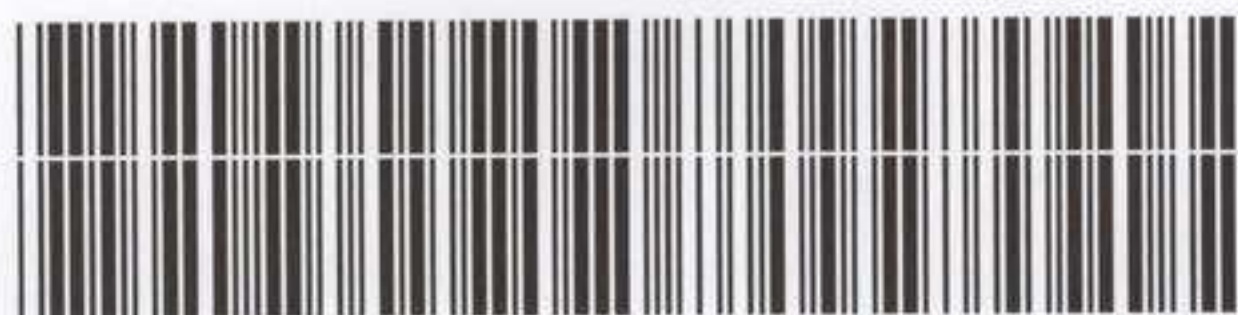
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Albert	1.2.17	-	Battalion carried on training in attack.	
No 4 SITE Bazentin-le Petit	2.2.17	-	Battalion route marched from Albert.	
"	3.2.17		Battalion engaged on fatigues + training Officers visiting the front line	
"	4.2.17		Lieut Col R.B. Jacob assumed command. Fatigues and training.	
"	5.2.17		Fatigues and training of specialists continued.	
"	6.2.17		Fatigues and training of specialists continued.	
"	7.2.17		" " " " " "	
"	8.2.17		" " " " " "	
"	9.2.17		" " " " " "	
"	10.2.17		Orders received to relieve 2nd Bn in support at Heatham Road.	
"	11.2.17		Battalion moved up to support at 1730 Relief completed without incident by 2000.	
Heatham Rd.	12.2.17		Battalion employed in fatigues and carrying parties. Improving communications to front line etc. Gas alarm during early part of night but no gas noticed.	
"	13.2.17		Work and carrying continued. Show commenced. One of our planes No A266 brought down in an air fight on the parapet of FLERIS LINE. An officers guard was placed over it + report forwarded.	
"	14.2.17		Work on YARRA RESERVE + GABY GLIDE + PIONEER AVENUE continued also carrying for front line.	

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HEXHAM ROAD	15.2.17		Thaw continued. Work & fatigues carried on. Salving of material proceeded with	
"	16.2.17		Thaw still continuing. Conditions very muddy. Work & fatigues continued. 6 other ranks killed & 2 wounded at GABY GLIDE. 4 other ranks wounded in front line. Good salving done.	
"	17.2.17		Work and fatigues continued. Fair salving done.	
"	18.2.17		Work and fatigues continued. Orders to relieve 12th Bn in Left sub sector of Brigade front received. Good salving done.	
"	19.2.17		Relief of 12th Bn completed at 2100 A + D in front line B + C in support at Bancourt L'Abbaye. Bn Headquarters situated at corner of Hexham Road & Pioneer Avenue. Conditions normal but very muddy.	
"	20.2.17		Operations normal. Trenches duckboarded & otherwise improved but the thaw caused considerable damage. Salving Salving continued.	
"	21.2.17		Very misty but quiet. Work continued. Platons changed over nightly.	
"	22.2.17		Misty & muddy. Operations normal to quiet. Salving operations continued.	
"	23.2.17		Our "heavies" very active on enemy front line in front of us. Enemy's retaliation very heavy but appeared to pay more attention to his own line than to ours. Pineapple bombing ceased altogether. Our patrols examined enemy wire in front of the HOOIT & reported it very little damaged.	
"	25.2.17		& no sign of the enemy at his front trench. Very few flares were being used by the Germans. Enemy appears to have evacuated front line opposite us.	

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HEXHAM ROAD.	24/2/17		During early hours for about 3 hrs enemy artillery very active on our front line this own. During day very quiet + no sniping on my. fire on part of enemy. Our movements + working parties not hindered - at 2230 we moved forward + occupied GIRD TRENCH.	
"	25/2/17		Very foggy. Consolidating + patrolling during morning. 1300 we attacked + occupied LE BARQUE SWITCH TRENCH. Patrols penetrating well into LE BARQUE. Enemy barraged heavily after positions had been won. Our casualties about 20% (including 5 officers two of which were killed) chiefly due to rifle + my. fire. One my. captured + one prisoner taken. Relieved by 12th Bn by midnight excepting 50 men.	
"	26/2/17		In support on carrying fatigues + laying duck walks to new front line Burying dead.	
"	27/2/17		"Carrying" fatigues supplies for S.P.A. Bombs. Laying duckwalks continued. Relieved by 1st Bn by 10pm. Moved to SITE NO 1 BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT.	
"	28/2/17		Master Roll call, washing, cleaning. orders received for moving to DERNA COURT. Congratulations received for work done at LE BARQUE from G. O'Sci. Division, army Corps + army.	

R. B. Jacob Libal
Bandg 10th Bn