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FRANCE ROUGE DE BOUT	1916 MAY 19	2000	<p>At 2000 the enemy suddenly opened up a heavy shell attack on our billets in the vicinity of ROUGE DE BOUT - at that hour several working parties from our Battalion were marching along road between ROUGE DE BOUT & TWO TREE farm, several shells exploded quite close to HQ & INTELLIGENCE BILLET. also BOMBERS BILLET. all within a few hundred yards of ROUGE DE BOUT Two officers viz. Capt Charles Joseph BATES and 2 Lieut Harold Baxter SHAW. also 3570^B Priv T. C. O'MALLEY. were killed & 7 other ranks wounded. All ranks at once vacated billets & took cover in dug outs & slits shelling ceased at 2100 but @ 2300 a second bombardment commenced but was of short duration. During the 1st shelling MR MINAGALLI. horse which he had ridden up to ROUGE DE BOUT. was killed by shell fire. The QM. having a very lucky escape. During the first bombardment when seven men were wounded on the road No 1583 Sgt INWOOD & 168 Cpl HAMILTON - at great personal risk ran to the assistance of the wounded men & carried them to shelter. Their brave action no doubt saved the lives of the wounded men -</p>	Vol 2 + 3
	20		<p>At about 1815 a sharp heavy shelling in the vicinity of Measbrook house but no damage done to any of our billets - altho some fell very close to billets occupied by C. Coy near STONY LANE</p>	
	24		<p>During the morning a number of heavy shells fell along road RUEO-BIACHE - between ROUGE DE BOUT & MARE'S NEST - (ie 3 Bgn HQ) doing considerable damage to road -</p>	

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BOUGE DE BOUT	1916 MAY 30	2030	<p>At about 2030 enemy commenced a heavy bombardment, our Artillery responding most vigorously replying - by 2100 the noise was terrific as we were ordered by Bgt HQ to <u>stand to</u> - at 9.45 (2145) we were ordered to proceed to our Alarm post which we did - C Coy proceeded to C assembly trenches - A. D. HQ + LEWIS MG - BOMBERS + INTELLIGENCE proceeded to and occupied J assembly trenches whilst B Coy manned CHARRED + WINDY POST - being in position by 2245 - at 2315 Recd message from Bgt to resume normal conditions leaving one Coy (I detailed D Coy) - as I lying quiet - Having advised OC 9th Bⁿ that D Coy was occupying J trenches I ordered return of Bⁿ to billets + shortly after 0100 we were settled down again - It was a very dark night cold + the roads were very sloppy - The enemy's shell fire broke our phone line to Bgt HQ + we consequently had to keep in touch by messengers - A raid by Germans was made that night on 11th Bⁿ -</p>	