

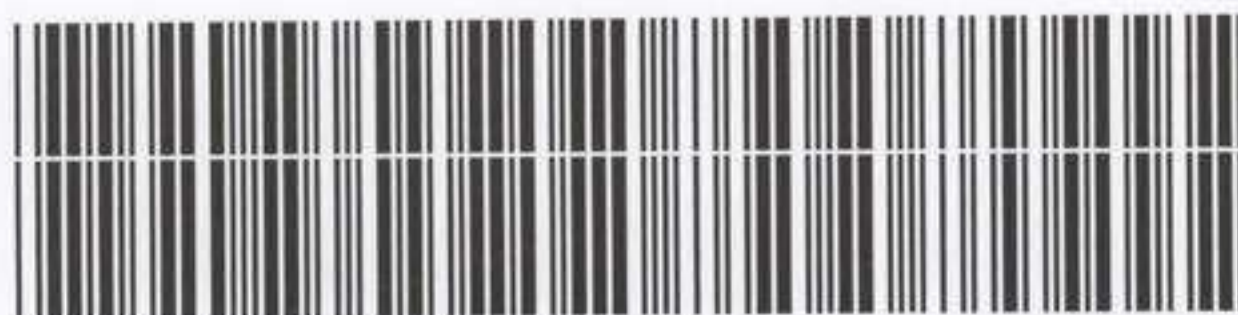
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mahutonga Camp	1-6-17)		Battalion engaged on working parties at PETIT DOUVE Farm, on Railway Construction.	
"	to 6-6-17)			
"	7-6-17	10pm	The Battalion moved up to the vicinity of LA PLUS DOUVE Farm T.12.A.52. as reserve.	
La Plus Douve)	8-6-17	6pm	The Battalion moved back again to its old Camp behind NEUVE EGLISE.	
Mahutonga Camp)	9-6-17		During the evening the Battalion relieved a New Zealand Battalion in the Support Line, back of MESSINES from O.32.c.16. to U.2.d.90 (approx.) and remained here until the evening of the 11th June 1917. Whilst here the men were engaged on various fatigue works: burying cables etc. At intervals these support trenches were heavily shelled, and we suffered some casualties.	
"	11-6-17		Between 10p.m. and midnight we relieved troops of the 3rd Australian Division in the Front or GREEN LINE, and in the Secondary or BLACK LINE. The Battalion frontage was bounded on the South by LA DOUVE River and on the North by a line drawn from BETHLEHEM FARM (U.3.d.57.) to U.4.a.92. On the Right we joined up with a New Zealand Battalion and on the left with the 13th Battalion of our own Brigade. Simultaneously with the relief, patrols were sent out ahead to try the ground from U.4.b.95.35. to LA DOUVE River at U.4.d.81. Meeting with no enemy resistance, a full Company was pushed out, and during the night a line was established here. This operation was carried out in conjunction with a similar one by the Battalion on the left.	
"	12-6-17		From 10p.m. to midnight the Battalion was relieved by the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Regiment, and moved back to billets at RED LODGE U.18.d.74. Our casualties were only slight.	
Red Lodge	13-6-17)		Battalion at RED LODGE. During this period supplied fatigues. "D" Company engaged on salvage	
"	to 16-6-17)		fatigue. Battalion engaged reorganising and equipping.	
"	16-6-17		Battalion, less "D" Company moved to T.10.Central.	

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	16-6-17)		Battalion, less "D" Company at F.10. Central. engaged reorganising. Specialists trained under Instructors. Companies on Bayonet Fighting and Gas Helmet Drill. Battalion also supplied Fatigues, road mending etc.	
	to) 27-6-17)			
	23-6-17	10am	Battalion moved to RED LODGE en route for Front Line. Transport moved to Camp near PONT de NIEPPE.	
	29-6-17	11-30am	"D" Company moved up to relieve a supporting company of the 4th Battalion of the 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade at LANCASHIRE SUPPORT Farm. From 10p.m. onward, the remaining Companies of the Battalion relieved the Front Line and close support system from LA TRUIE Farm U.17.a.61. to the WARNAVE River at U.28.b.03. Battalion Headquarters were established at the CONVENT U.27.b.83.	
	30-6-17		The situation was normal throughout the day.	


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