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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bleu four	1-8-17)	Battalion engaged in training.	
	2-8-17			
	3-8-17		Battalion moved to NEUVE EGLISE in Motor lorries and from there marched to Front Line in front of MESSINES relieving 44th Battalion.	
	3-8-17 to 9-8-17)	Battalion in Front Line. 3 Companies "A", "C" and "D" in line, "B" Company in reserve. Casualties fairly heavy. Our line severely bombarded on several occasions. (2/Lieut L. BOULLY killed).	
	10-8-17		Battalion relieved by 14th Battalion and returned to billets in NEUVE EGLISE.	
Neuve Eglise	11-8-17		Battalion proceeded to Locrehof Farm, DRANOUTRE and proceeded to reorganise.	
Dranoutre	11-8-17 to 14-8-17)	Battalion in Camp at Locrehof Farm engaged re-equipping and reorganising. Usual training carried on under Company arrangements.	
	14-8-17		Battalion moved direct to support Line, via NEUVE EGLISE relieving 15th Battalion.	
	15-8-17 to 26-8-17)	Battalion engaged on fatigue work, Salvaging etc., and in Supports to 13th Battalion. Casualties slight.	
Neuve Eglise	26-8-17		Battalion relieved and returned to billets at NEUVE EGLISE.	
	27-8-17 to 30-8-17)	Battalion engaged re-equipping etc. Training under Company arrangements.	
	31-8-17		Battalion moved as part of 4th Australian Infantry Brigade to billets near MERVILLE, proceeding via BAILLEUL, OUTTERSTEINE, VIEUX BERQUIN. Inspected by Divisional Commander near BAILLEUL, also marched past 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters Staff in VIEUX BERQUIN. The Battalion left NEUVE EGLISE at 8-30a.m. and arrived in billets at about 4p.m.	

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