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Diary.

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- 1st. Lieut. Fletcher to Etaples for Temp. duty.
2/Lieut. Pollington to Lewis Gun School.
- 2nd. Battn moved 9 a.m. to Meulte, entrained to Bazentin -
thence marched to Longueval for railway construction work.
- 3rd. Built huts at Longueval for Battalion.
- 4th. 1.30 p.m. Battn proceeded to Crest Trench as support to
7th Brigade.
- 5th. "A" and "C" Coys to Cobham Trench in close support to
7th Brigade.
"B" and "D" Coys. ration parties to front line.
2/Lieut. Mahony returned from England.
- 6th "A" and "C" Coys returned 9 p.m. and went on to Longueval
camp. "B" and "D" Coys. carrying rations.
Lieut. Dyte missing - later - wounded.
Lieut. O'Connor evacuated sick.
- 7th Handed over Crest Trench to 20th Battn. "B" and "D"
Coys. returned to Longueval 7 a.m.
Capt. Carr returned from England.
- 8th Battn at work all day on Railway work.
- 9th do
Lt. Col. Watson left to take over 2nd Div. School.
Capt. Trew in temporary command.
- 10th Battalion at work on Railway.
Major Nicholas returned from 2nd Div. and took over
command of Battalion.
- 11th Battalion at work on Railway.
- 12th. Battalion at work on Railway.
- 13th Battalion at work on Railway.
- 14th 120 Off and men of "D" Coy. worked as S.B's from front
line from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Similar party from "A" Coy. relieved them.
5.45 p.m. Major Nicholas left for Cobham Trench with
C. and "D" Coys and Battn Hqrs. to support 5th Brigade.
Major Nicholas killed by shell in Cobham Trench.
Capt. Trew taken temporary command.
- 15th "C" and "D" Coys. in front line trenches. 125 yds. of
German first line occupied by "C" Coy.
"B" Coy. left 2 p.m. for Factory Corner for duty in front
line under C.O. 21st Battn.
12 midnight "A" and "D" Coys returned.
- 16th 3.30 a.m. "C" Coy. returned from front line.
Lieut. Macindoe returned from Wisques School.
2/Lieut. Witton evacuated wounded.
Lieuts. Macindoe and Selleck to front line for duty with
"B" Coy.
Capt. Trew promoted Major to take command of Battn.
temporarily.
- 17th D Coy., 50 men of "A" Coy., Adjutant and Signallers
left in evening for front line. The 2 Coys of 24th
to work under Major Wiltshire.

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- 18th "A" and "C" Coys on road construction at Montauban.
- 19th Afternoon "A" and "C" Coys. plus 2 Off. and 73 O/Ranks of 21st Battn to front line to relieve "B" and "D" Coys.
- 20th Early. "D" and "B" Coys returned from firing line. Lieut. Smythe and Sgt. Murphy to school at Flixecourt.
- 21st 10 a.m. Transport less 2 cooks and Mess Cart left for Dernancourt also billeting party.
- 22nd Early morning. "A" and "C" Coys and Adjutant with H.Q. returned to Camp from front line. Battalion moved to Quarry siding and entrained 10.30 a.m. Arrived Meaulte, detrained and marched to Dernancourt arriving at 2 p.m. Lieut. Rigby left on English leave.
- 23rd Equipping and fitting out men at Meaulte baths.
- 24th At Dernancourt. 2/Lieut. Selleck left for duty at Div. School, Flesselles.
- 25th 12 noon. Battalion moved to Sydney Camp, Fricourt, for one months duty at Road Work. "D" Coy at Pommiers Camp. 2/Lieut. Ellis left on English leave.
- 26th On road work "A" area under direction of Major Sturdee C.R.E. "A" Area.
- 27th Road work.
- 28th Road work. "D" Coy. from Pommiers Redoubt Camp to Sydney Camp.
- 29th "C" and "D" Coys moved to Adelaide Camp. Road Work.
- 30th Road work.

Witness Major.
CO. 24th Bn.