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Infantry

**Item number:** 23/45/13

**Title:** 28th Infantry Battalion

April 1916



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28<sup>th</sup> Bn 7<sup>th</sup> Bde.

Date.	Place and Time.	War Diary. Vol I	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Apr 1/3.	LA BELLE		
	HOTESSE	Bn still in billets.	
4	do	Marched to billets at OUTER STEENE.	
5		" " " " FORT ROMPU.	
7	FORT ROMPU.	During night of 7/8. Bn occupied firing line in front of BOIS GRENIER line, becoming the right battalion of left Brigade in Divisional frontage.	
8	TRENCHES.	Rather heavy shelling directed principally against our salient during afternoon and early evening. Few casualties to 7.15 p.m.	

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Apr 9/11	TRENCHES.	Without incident. Desultory shelling on both sides.	
" 12	"	Bn moved to billets. A+B Coys at RUE MARLE. C+D Coys near ERQUINGHAM-LYS. Trenches taken over by 26 <sup>th</sup> Bn	
" 13/16	RUE MARLE.	In billets. Bn occupied with fatigue and working parties for front line. Weather wet.	
" 17	"	Relieved 26 <sup>th</sup> Bn in front line trenches Nos 57. to 61.	
" 18	TRENCHES.	No 61 heavily bombed with aerial torpedoes. Little damage to works.	

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Apr 19/20	TRENCHES	Except for occasional shelling, a quiet period.	
" 21	"	About 100 shells, principally HE of 4.2 to 5.9" calibre fell in vicinity of Bin Hqs and support line between 3pm and 3.15pm. About 10% failed to explode. No Casualties. Little damage.	
" 22/3	"	Without incident.	
" 24	"	Heavy shelling of 59/60 right through the afternoon. Dugouts and parapets damaged in places. No 61 SALIENT heavily bombed (87 Aerial torpedoes) in retaliation on our bombers.	
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Apr 25.	TRENCHES	<p>Morning quiet. From 12.45 pm to 4 pm. a number of HE shells fell in vicinity of PARK ROW. SALIENT again heavily bombarded. Evening quiet. 26th Bn took over trenches at night and B'n marched to trenches and billets in support as "C" B'n.</p>																									
Apr 26/30	RUE MARLE	<p>As B. Coys in billets. Cd in support trenches BOIS GRENIER line.</p>																									
	<p><i>As per memo 26th Bn 7th Bde</i></p>	<p>Casualties for April 1916.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Killed.</th> <th>Wounded.</th> <th>Sick.</th> <th>Died Wounds.</th> <th>Died Sickness</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordnance</td> <td>2</td> <td>11</td> <td>47</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>2 Officers.</td> <td>62 OR.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Killed.	Wounded.	Sick.	Died Wounds.	Died Sickness	Officers			2			Ordnance	2	11	47	1	1	Total	2 Officers.	62 OR.				
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