

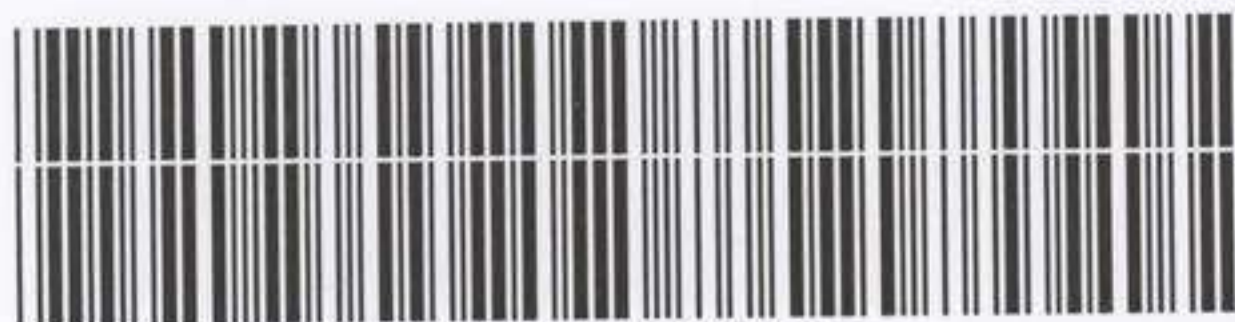
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MESSINES TRENCHES	1/7/16	12.30 AM	Raid carried out on our right by the 2nd Brigade. Our front shelled by enemy's artillery and machineguns.	
	3/7/16	5pm	Enemy shelled STINKING FARM with 5.9" H.E. Two casualties here.	
	5/7/16	11.30 pm	Our artillery shelled MESSINES trenches heavily for 45 minutes. Enemy's retaliation was very weak.	
	6/7/16	10pm	Marched to billets between NEUVE EGLISE and DRANOUTRE	
	8/7/16	4pm	" " " " at LA ROSSIGNOL near STEENWERCK.	
	10/7/16		" " " " PRADELLES.	
	11/7/16		" " " " CAMPAGN.	
	12/7/16		Marched to WIZERNES and entrained at 3.20 pm.	
	14/7/16		Detained at SALEUX at 2 am. Marched to BERTANGLES at 10 am.	
	15/7/16		In billets at BERTANGLES.	
	19/7/16		Marched to billets at HERISSART	
	20/7/16		" " " " WARLOY.	
	22/7/16		" " " " bivouac at ALBERT.	
	26/7/16		" " " " Trenches in SAUSAGE VALLEY.	
	27/7/16			



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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SAUSAGE VALLEY.	28/7/16	6 pm	Battalion marched to position of deployment for the attack on German Trenches OG1 and OG2. NORTH of POZIERES.																									
	29/7/16		Battalion was in position in four waves, ready for the advance by 11.30 pm. At 12.10 am enemy opened up a heavy fire with H.E. Shrapnel & machine guns, causing a number of casualties. Our artillery placed a heavy barrage fire on enemy trenches. As soon as this lifted the men rushed forward in perfect order, and were met with heavy fire from rifles, machine guns and artillery. The first wave was held up by the enemy's sand which was intact and very strong. The four waves reached the sand and unavailing efforts were made to find openings or make them in the face of intense machine gun fire. Heavy casualties resulted. A very intense artillery barrage of the enemy prevented any reports of the situation getting through and it was not until 2.5 am that orders for withdrawal could be delivered. From this hour onwards the men were withdrawn and ordered to return to SAUSAGE VALLEY. <u>Lieut Col Collett was wounded, three Company Commanders killed, one severely wounded, and 8 other officers killed or accounted.</u> About 11 am the battalion marched to TARA HELL to bivouac.																									
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