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	1916		<p>In billets at DERNAUCOURT</p> <p>Moved to camp at MONTAUBAN. Advance parties sent off to reconnoitre front line</p> <p>3rd Nov 4<sup>th</sup> H. 5.</p> <p>Look over front line from 5<sup>30</sup> PM A.I.F. Trenches in very bad order in mud from 12 inches to 3 feet deep. Location M. 24. A. GUTDECOURT. Map.</p> <p>General work improving front trenches &amp; preparing for attack of next day</p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn in conjunction with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn &amp; Coys of 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> Bns who were on our Right and the British Division on our left made an attack on the German line known as GIRD TRENCH. Owing to the inaccuracy of our Artillery fire, through lack of observation, the enemy were not kept down in their trenches by our barrage and the advancing troops were subjected to very heavy rifle &amp; machine gun fire which prevented them reaching the objective. Our losses in this attack were 1 officer (Lieut W.R. MOORE) killed and <del>three</del> wounded (Lieut F. Miller, Lieut A.W. CURRIAN.) Previous to the attack four officers were wounded. Capt. R.C. PHILLIPS, Lieut M.G. HAMMOND, Lieut C.C. FLOWER, Lieut R.H. GILL. The casualties of other ranks were as follows. 58 killed, 166 wounded, 50 missing. 29 other ranks were evacuated to Hospital suffering from effects of wet exposure.</p>	

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	1916 Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Troops on relief moved back to MONTAUBAN Camp reaching there at intervals during the day. The journey out was most trying for tired troops & all were in a fatigued condition. Everyone very wet & covered in mud.	
	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>		Remained at MONTAUBAN supplying various fatigue parties & refitting and replacing shortages.	
	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>		Look over front line at M. 24. A from 19 <sup>th</sup> + 25 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief completed at 2.15 am. Small portion of GIRD TRENCH was occupied. 5 <sup>th</sup> East Yorks held 100 yds on our left with that flank in the air whilst our right flank was in the air. 3 Coys A. D. & C. in front line, B Coy in support in JUMPING OFF TRENCH.	
	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>		At about 4.30 pm enemy launched a heavy bombing attack on EAST YORKS on our left in GIRD TRENCH and drove them out on to us. Our left & centre Coys attempted to counter attack and resisted until forced to withdraw by very heavy fire & a flanking movement. All Coys of front line withdrew to JUMPING OFF Trench & took up defensive positions there. S.O.S was sent up but not observed by Artillery.	



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	1916			
	Nov 16		Lieut. A. BROWN was wounded whilst organising a counter attack to recover ground lost by E. YORKS. Lieut. R. BARBER was also wounded whilst carrying on this work and is missing. Our casualties on this afternoon were Officers 1 wounded, 1 wounded & missing. Other ranks 7 Killed 32, wounded 41 missing 1 Officer & 1 OR	
	Nov 17		Moved to left <sup>to hospital</sup> handing over jumping off trench up to TURK LANE to 24 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Trench on left improved as much as possible but ground was very wet & broken up. Ground frozen hard.	
	Nov 18		A slight fall of snow followed by rain. Relieved by 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief completed 5.10 am 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	
	Nov 19		Moved back to FRICOURT CAMP. Men arrived at irregular intervals during the day. The long march in heavy going was very hard on all.	
	Nov 20		Remained in FRICOURT CAMP	
	Nov 21		Marched to billets at BIEURE.	
	Nov 22		Remained at BIEURE doing general fatigue work and refitting	
	Nov 23			
	Nov 24			

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