

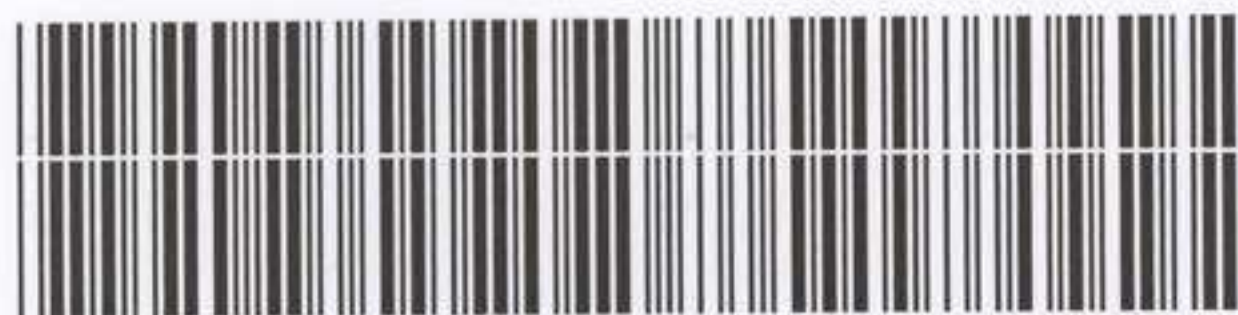
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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices	
TRONES WOOD INTERMEDIATE LINE	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	5 pm 7:30 pm	Strength	38 off 751 OR.	Left TRONES WOOD at 5 pm + relieved 30 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> in Intermediate line. A + C Coy in NEEDLE B + D in SWITCH. Relief completed 7:30 pm.	To Hosp - 25 OR.
do	2 <sup>nd</sup>		do	38 off 750 OR.	In occupation of Intermediate line. Supplied 120 men on working parties. Remainder cleaning up trenches. 2 Lewis gun teams loaded at 5:30 am to 29 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> . They assisted in repelling enemy counter attack. At 6:20 am A Coy moved up to ROSE trench as reserve Coy of 29 <sup>th</sup> had been moved forward.	Wounded 1 OR.
do	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 pm	do	38 off 753 OR.	In occupation of Intermediate line. Working parties supplied 120. A Coy still in ROSE trench. Left Intermediate line at 6 pm. A + C Coys relieved 29 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> in front line. SUNRAY trench CAMERON sep + ZENITH trench with 11 Lewis guns. D Coy at MILLER'S SON B Coy in ROSE trench. Relief completed by 9:30 pm. Our patrols active. One enemy patrol seen.	From Hosp 3 OR.
FRONT LINE SYSTEM		9:30 pm				
do	4 <sup>th</sup>		do	38 off 749 OR.	Front line heavily shelled during the afternoon. Working parties out at night 60 yards laid in front of SUNRAY LEFT and 130 yards in N 28 A. Show began falling at midnight. Our patrols active. - No enemy patrols encountered.	Killed 1 OR Wounded 5 " From Hosp - 2 OR.
do	5 <sup>th</sup>		do	38 off 723 OR.	Front line intermittently shelled with minnies (medium heavy) + pigeons during day + heavily shelled with 5.9 + 4.2 HE + shrapnel from 7 to 8 pm. Working continued. Patrols as usual. Enemy patrols seen on two occasions. B + D Coys relieved A + C Coys in front line. A Coy in ROSE trench C Coy in MILLER'S SON.	Killed 6 OR Wounded 10 OR To Hosp. 10 "
do	6 <sup>th</sup>		do	38 off 709 OR.	Front line heavily shelled all day. Minnies 5.9 + shrapnel. Pigeons containing poison gas also sent over. Battalion relieved by 54 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> . Relief completed at 11:45 pm. B <sup>n</sup> marched to TOWNSVILLE CAMP.	Killed 3 OR Wounded 14 OR.

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TRONES WOOD.	1917 Mar 17		<u>Strength</u> , - 38 Off., 779 O.R. Battalion still engaged on road-making and drain digging. Excellent progress made and vehicular traffic able to pass between LONGUEVAL and FLERS without difficulty.	24 O.R. to Hosp. 1 O.R. from "
do.	" 18		do. 38 Off., 813 O.R. do. do. do.	45 O.R. Reinft. 9 - to Hosp. 1 - to 5th Div Salvoe Coy. 1 - to 1st Aust Army Sub-Port.
BERNAFAY do. "G" Camp.	" 19		do. 40 Off., 831 O.R. do. do. do. Battalion at 2 <sup>nd</sup> removed to BERNAFAY ("G" Camp) 1 Officer + 30 O.R. detailed to assist DEVOIX Regt. road making near THE QUARRY	Captn KRINKS + 24th BULL from Supply Det. 18 O.R. from Hosp.
do.	" 20		do. 40 Off., 831 O.R. Road-making is continued. Since the arrival of a comparatively large number of reinforcements, the work shows further marked improvement. The system of handing over a "job" to a Battalion, to be carried out under the direct supervision of their own officers with technical advice from Engineer Officers, has proved highly successful.	
do.	" 21		do. 40 Off., 841 O.R. Road making is continued.	9 O.R. Reinft. 1 O.R. from Hosp.

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BERNAFAY G Camp.	1917 Mar 22		Strength	39 off	841 OR.	Road making under CRE continued. Lt Col Beardsmore evacuated to Hospital.	Major RA GEDDES transferred to 70 <sup>th</sup> TB <sup>2</sup>
do	" 23		"	39 off	847 OR.	Road making under CRE.	From Hosp 4 Reinfo 2
do	" 24	2pm	"	39 "	847 OR.	Road makings continued. B's H.Q. moved to ROSE TRENCH. Coy went to work in marching order & on completion of day work returned to new camps as follows. B Coy to ROSE D Coy to NEEDLE and C Coy to SWITCH. A Coy remained in camp near GUEDEDECOURT. Transport moved up to GUEDEDECOURT. All officers kits and surplus baggage stored in Hut 15 TOWNVILLE CAMP.	
ROSE TRENCH	" 25		"	39 off	868 OR.	Road making continued.	From Hosp 3 Reinfo 18
do	" 26		"	39 off	868 OR.	do	
do	" 27		"	39 off	868 OR.	do	
do	" 28		"	39 off	869 OR.	do	From Hosp 1 do 3
do	" 29		"	39 off	871 OR.	do	To Hosp 1
do	" 30		"	39 off	864 OR.	do	From Hosp 3 To Hosp 9 T. G. DADOS 1
do	" 31		"	39 off	865 OR.	do	From Hosp 1

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