

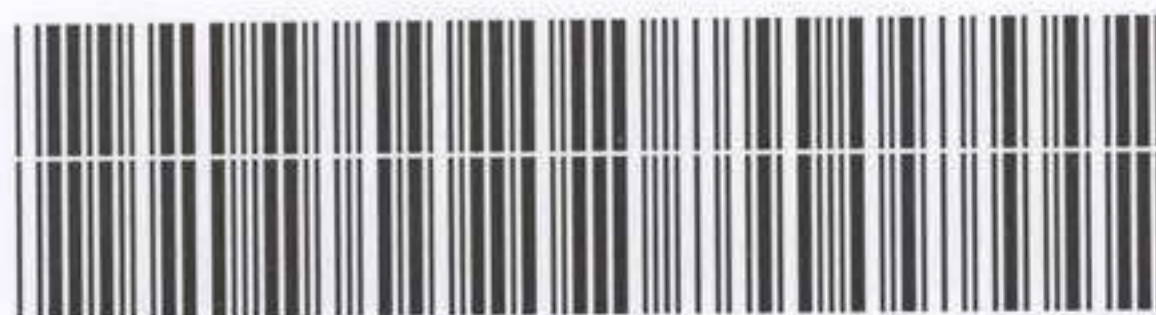
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MESSINES	1-7-17 to 7-7-17		35 th Bn. occupied Support Trenches just S. West of MESSINES (The Brigade being in Support). The Bn. H.Q. was situated in our old front line. Enemy was fairly quiet except for Caunter's Battery work which was very constant. During this tour men were constantly employed digging and improving communication trenches towards new front line and also in laying lines. On 1/7/17 2/Lieut. M. E. LYNE was wounded by a shell coming into his dugout. Capt. F. H. Jarrett was wounded on 5/7/17 by a piece of shell entering his dugout. He died of wounds received at 2 p.m. in Main Dressing Station on same date.	
	7-7-17	3 a.m.	33 rd Bn. A.I.F. relieved 35 th Bn. A.I.F. in Support Trenches MESSINES SECTOR. 35 th Bn. went to Billets at NEUVE EGLISE. Casualties during tour of duty in MESSINES SUPPORTS 28 including 4 killed	
NEUVE EGLISE	7-7-17 to 11/7-17		Rested and trained and rested while in Billets and also supplied small working parties.	
MESSINES	11/7/17	2 a.m.	Relieved 43 rd Bn. A.I.F. in Close Supports Messines Sector (RIVER DOUVE to STIGNASTFARM) Brigade Relief. Supplied working parties while in Supports. We were at times subjected to fairly severe enemy shell fire while in Close Supports. Casualties from 11-7-17 to 17/18-7-17 were 134 including 6 killed.	
	17/18/17	2 a.m.	Relieved 35 th Bn. A.I.F. in front line Messines Sector. 19 th Lieut. Warden wounded while supervising transport of rations over Messines Ridge.	
	23/24/17	2 a.m.	Relieved by 33 rd Bn. A.I.F. and 35 th Bn. move back to close Support position. Casualties during tour in front line 45 including 12 killed. 2/Lieut. J. L. Gray was wounded 25/7/17.	

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MESSINES	24/27/17	2 a.m.	<p>Relieved 33rd Bn. in front line. Capt. H. J. Kennell was buried by a shell in front line on 28/7/17 and evacuated.</p> <p>on night of 25/7/17 enemy placed a heavy barrage on 35th Bn. front (DOUVE RIVER to STEIG WAST FARM) and finally attempted to raid our right Company - "A Coy" - on the RIVER DOUVE. They were successfully repulsed with considerable loss to themselves - our Counter Barrage both Machine Guns and Artillery being excellent. Capt. A. C. D. Cadell was in command of A Coy. Our trenches were badly damaged, but no entrance was affected. Our men - though very tired and worn - fought splendidly.</p>	
MESSINES	29/30/17	2 a.m.	<p>35th Bn A.I.F. Relieved by 41st Bn. A.I.F. (Brigade Relief). 35th Bn. moved back to DOUVE RIVER CAMP. Casualties during tour 27-30/7/17. 41 including 13 killed.</p>	
<p>The month was one of the most strenuous in the history of the Battalion (not including the big offensive in June) as the new ground in front of MESSINES was in a very wet and muddy state, and hastily constructed trenches combined with long tours in the line, and the natural desire of the enemy to prevent us settling down - made conditions very trying for all ranks.</p>				

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