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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE MARLE	11.2.17		Capt. J. Lambden received M.C. D.R.O. 159, also Fleiter of 39th. J.M. attached to D.H.Q. for training as Brigade Major.	
CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES	14.2.17	6 p.m.	37th Specialists relieved 39th Specialists in left Subsection } X. Battalion.	
	15.2.17	6 p.m.	37th Commenced relief of main body of 39th	
	16.2.17	9.30 p.m.	Relief of 39th by 37th Completed.	
	17.2.17		Enemy minenwerfer fire active	
	18.2.17		Enemy minenwerfer fire active on front & support line.	
	23.2.17	5.50 a.m.	Enemy barraged our front & support line with heavy T.M.³ Pineapples 4.2. 770 m. H.E. & Shrapnel. 37th had 6 (Casualties WOUNDED) Enemy penetrated as far as parapets of Battalion on right, but were at once ejected having 3 dead & two wounded prisoners.	
		5.30 p.m.	5.30 p.m. I. night message received in connection with raid by Composite Battalion. Heavy bombardment to commence at 10.30 p.m. Enemy retaliated only little. To-day is WD day. Our Divisional artillery in conjunction with Corps Heavy artillery barraged enemy front line. Zero hour 10.30 p.m.	
	24.2.17		Our artillery active all day. To-day X day. A heavy bombardment to commence at 2 p.m. by Corps & Divisional artillery.	
		10.30 p.m.	Heavy bombardment by Corps & Div. artillery at 10.30 p.m.	
	25.2.17		To-day Y day quiet. Specialists from 40th came in to relieve X Bn.	
26.2.17		Zero day. Zero Hour 12.30 a.m. on 27.2.17. Preparations on night of 26/27. Relief of X by 40th Completed. Heavy preliminary bombardment commenced at 9.40 p.m. lasted until 10 p.m. Enemy retaliation severe. We had no casualties.		
RUE ALLEE BILLETTS.	27.2.17		Some details of raid available. We secured 17 prisoners 1 machine gun 1 search-light & medical officers equipment. Two minenwerfer emplacements were destroyed & many of enemy killed. Our casualties were slight.	
	28.2.17		All quiet. Presentation by General Plumer of decorations to Officers & men of the 3rd Division.	
Forwarded to ←	1.3.17		Specialists went in to relieve 39th in Right Subsection.	
34th Echelon 2.3.17	2.3.17	8.37 p.m.	Relief of 39th Battalion. Completed. Three Corps in Line one in Subsidiary.	
	6.3.17		Normal	
	7.3.17	1.45 a.m.	Rein received to effect that advanced parties of 57th Division would move into 105 Bde area this morning 50% of 37th to move into reserve. To night, remaining 50% on night of 8th.	

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