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| Date. | Place and Time. | | 39th Bn | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| 2.10.16 | BUSTARD INN. | Arr. 10.30 am | 10 th Inf. Bde. proceeded to Trenches N.W. of BUSTARD INN. - 39 th Bn. in reserve. Unsettled rainy weather continued on Monday & Tuesday. On Tuesday night attack on enemy trenches made by 37 th + 38 th Bns. 39 th + 40 th Bn. in reserve. Majority of men + blankets soaked with water. no means of drying same + Bde returned to camp at 5p.m on afternoon of 4 th inst. | J. D. Bennett S. O. 39th Bn. |
| 5.10.16 | LARKHILL | 2pm | Inspection of Battalion. with Specialist details - by G.O.C. 10 th Inf. Bde | |

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| 11.10.16 | WOODFORD. | Brigade Tactical Exercises. | |
| | | 11.10.16 Area F+G. South STONEHENGE | |
| | | 8am 39 th Bn. 3 Coys. in Support - A+C | |
| | | to 38 th Bn ; D. Coy to Advanced Guard. | |
| | | B. Coy. as Brigade Reserve. | |
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| 17.10.16-20.10.16. | BUSTARD. | 10 th Brigade proceeded to BUSTARD TRENCHES | |
| | | at 10 a.m. with section of 3 rd Div. Signaller | |
| | | and 10 th Field Ambulance. 39 th + 40 th Bns. | |
| | | to occupy trenches; 37 th + 38 th Bns | |
| | | to be in reserve. Continuous rain | |
| | | from start prevented occupation of | |
| | | trenches on Tuesday - 39 th + 40 th | |
| | | remaining in tents; other 2n billets | |
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| 17-20 th Oct. | BUSTARD | Trenches were occupied early on | |
| (continued) | | WEDNESDAY: 39 th Bn. on right. | |
| 18.10.16 | 4pm | An enemy attack preceded by | |
| 19.10.16 | 3.0am | barrage to be represented by bugles | |
| | | was repulsed. | |
| | | We attacked enemy holding opposite | |
| | | trenches. Communication trenches | |
| | | dug back to our own lines but | |
| | | at 5.30 am. enemy counterattacked | |
| | | + forced us back to our own lines | |
| 19.10.16 | 8pm | 39 th + 40 th Bns. relieved by | |
| 20.10.16 | 8.30am | 37 th + 38 th respectively | |
| | | Drill + fatigues till noon. Return | |
| | | to camp 2 p.m. | |

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