

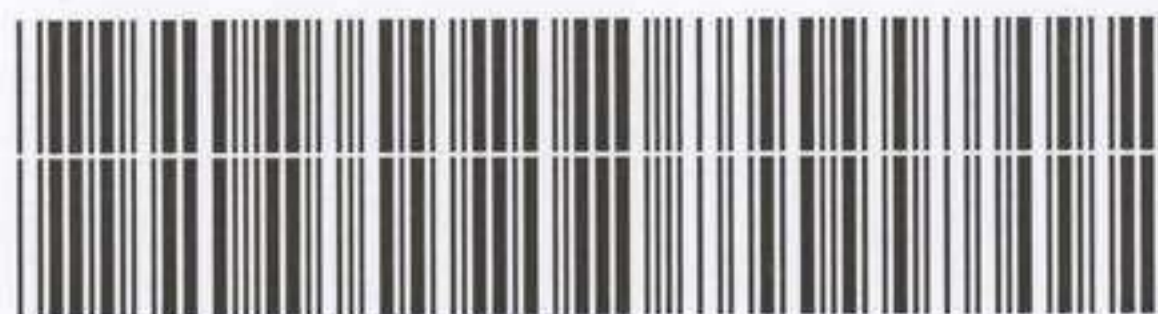
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41st. Battalion, A.I.F.

41st. BATTALION,  
9 SEP 1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<i>MAP REF WARNETON.</i>	
MESSINES	1st. to 5th. July 17		Battalion in occupation of line from U.11.0.30.30 to U.5.0.20.50. in support to 43rd. Bn. A.I.F. Night of 5th/6th. Relieved 43rd. Battalion, A.I.F. and took over the front line.	
	6th. July 17		Strength: - Officers 39 other ranks 824. (Casualties O.R. 2 killed 15 Wounded) General- 5.9 came into dug-out wounding headquarter's staff. Major A.R. MERON, DSO was sent from the 42nd. Battn. A.I.F. to Administer command.	
	7th. July 17		Casualties Officers 4, O.R. 4 wounded. <i>(Lt. Col. Board &amp; J. (C.O.) Major Kinnish (43rd act &amp; ad in command) Lt. Wilacphson Capt. adj. Capt. H.D. Chumleigh adj Lt. G.S. Duddle (C.O.))</i>	
	8th. July 17		Casualties Officers 1 killed, (Lieut. WILSON, G.C.C.) O.R. 9 killed, 11 Wounded.	
	9th. July 17		Casualties O.R. 7 wounded.	
	10th. July 17		Casualties O.R. 3 killed, 2 wounded.	
	11th. July 17		Casualties Officers 1 wounded O.R. 3 wounded. <i>(Lt. C Butler)</i>	
	Night 11/12th. " 17		Relieved by the 9th. Brigade A. I.F. Relief completed by 2a.m. 12th/7/1917. Battalion moved back and camped at T.2. central.	
	13th. July 17		General- The Battalion was holding the line with the 42nd. Battn. A.I.F. on left and 4th. Div. A.I.F. on the right, weather snowery.	
MT. KEMBE	12th. July to 29th. July		Strength - Officers 38 O.R. 852. Battalion resting, re-organizing, training and Working Parties, weather snowery.	
MESSINES	Night 29/30th. July		Relieved the 30th. Battn. A.I.F. in right sector MESSINES, occupying old position. Distribution of Coys from right to left "A" "D" "B". "C" Company in Support. Companies-Each 2 platoons in Front Line - 1 in Support and 1 in Corps Line (Special Platoons) 276 men left at Details Camp. Casualties Nil.	
	30th. July 17		Strength - Officers 40 O.R. 960	
	31st. July 17		At 3.50a.m. 43rd. Battn. A.I.F. moved through our line to assault enemy Strong Points and establish	

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MESSINES	July	31st.	Red Posts (VI) U.5.b.65.40. (VII) U.5.b.8.5% 10. (VIII) U.5.d.70.83. and Red Dotted Line U.5.b. centre	<p>These were established and consolidation commenced, but enemy counter attack at 9.45pm recaptured Post VII.</p> <p>Casualties- O.R.4 Killed 10 wounded.</p> <p>General:- Heavy rain throughout the whole occupation. Conditions-Bad due to mud.</p>	

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