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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERS	$\frac{1}{17}$ $\frac{1}{17}$ $\frac{6}{17}$		"D" Battalion employed on working parties. 2 officers & 80 other ranks at Raiding School training under Capt Leahy. Lieut R.W. MAY & Lt E. YELLAND. Major J. FARRELL left for England 2/17 to attend C.O.'s school.	
TRENCHES	$\frac{6}{17}$		Relieved 44 <sup>th</sup> Battalion becoming "B" Battalion (Raider coming in also). Casualties 1 OR killed 2 OR Wounded.	
	7		Casualty 1 OR (Wounded).	
	8		Casualties 1 officer Capt T. MILLS. wounded 3 OR Wounded	
	$\frac{9}{17}$ $\frac{6}{17}$ $\frac{13}{17}$		Casualties 1 OR killed 2 OR wounded (4 <sup>th</sup> ). Weather: Rainy & cold,	
	$\frac{13}{17}$		Relieved by 44 <sup>th</sup> Battalion & became "C" Battalion (Raider returned to Raiding School).	
ARMENTIERS	$\frac{13}{17}$ $\frac{19}{17}$ $\frac{19}{17}$		"C" Battalion employed on working parties. Raiders in training. <del>Relieved 44<sup>th</sup></del> 2/Lt H.V. PETERSEN. joined Battalion 17-2-16.	
	$\frac{19}{17}$		CAPT. A.C. MOYES re-joined Battalion 18-2-16.	
TRENCHES	$\frac{20}{17}$		Relieved 44 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. Casualty 1 O.R. (Wounded). Casualties 2 O.R. Wounded. Localities 5, 6 & 7 subjected to intense bombardment particularly Loc 6. with Mbinnewerfer and H.E. Casualties. 1 officer Capt D. BINNIE (shell shock) 2 OR killed 9 OR wounded 3 OR wounded and returned to duty.	

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TRENCHES	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Casualties 6 OR wounded	
"	24		Relieved by 44 <sup>th</sup> Bn becoming 'D' Battalion	
ARMENTIERES	25		Working parties. 25 <sup>th</sup> 3 casualties in Raiding School from bomb	
	to		explosion 1 Killed 2 wounded (OR). 1 OR Wounded on working party.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		26 <sup>th</sup> 1 OR wounded 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 OR Killed (both on working parties).	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved 44 <sup>th</sup> Bn becoming 'B' Battalion. less 1 company 'D' sent	
			to 10 <sup>th</sup> Brigade on loan forming part of a composite battalion 'X'	
			adopted system of holding 3 localities with 3 companies having	
			6 platoons in subsidiary line.	
TRENCHES	30 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion Hdqrs shifted from WILLOW WALK to Subsidiary Line on account	
			of bombardment by enemy few days previously.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Casualties 4 OR wounded.	

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