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| 1 st Aug | PLEURBAIX | 50 men under Lt Smyth. of recent reinforcements attached for instruction to 55 th Bn in front trenches. | |
| 2 nd - 3 rd Aug | " | Various men on bombing, gas etc classes. Working parties etc - Transport lines moved. | |
| 4 th Aug | " | 9 th Earners killed on working party in trenches. | |
| 5 th } Aug | " | Into first line trenches Sections 40 - 43. | |
| 6 th } | " | AB Coy (combined) under Capt Thompson on Right. C D Company under Capt Murray in centre. Light Horse under Maj Tomlinson on left. HQ at FORAY FARM. | |
| | | Relieved 55 th Bn AIF. | move |
| | | Completed about midnight | |

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| 6 th Aug. | night | Tpr Guppy CE (No 557) of LH wounded (serious) | |
| 7 th | | | |
| 8 | | quiet, little sniping or shelling | |
| 9 | | working on parapets and dugouts - | |
| 10 th Aug. | | Corpl Gunnell (3302) 53 rd wounded (serious) | |
| " | | Sgt Bailey (9/3) LH " (slight) | |
| " | | Tpr Seddon (1045) LH " (slight) | |
| 11 th Aug | | Pte Brown L (3014) 53 rd " (accidental) | |
| " | | Pte Pett E (1717) " killed | |
| 12 " | | " Read H (1408) " killed | |
| " | | Sgt G. E. Prudden (33678) " wounded | |
| " | | Lpl Moroney (3555A) " wounded | |

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| 12 th Aug | Trenches. | Plt Pickering (3598) ^(53rd) wounded (slight) | |
| 13 th Aug | | Plt Newman (5424) ^{53rd} wounded | |
| " " | | " Williams (3454) ^{53rd} " | |
| " " | | " Weatherby (4890) ^{53rd} " (accidentally) | |
| " " | | Lpl Murray (308) LH " | |
| " " | | Tpr Thomson (1160) LH killed. | |
| 14 th Aug. | | Tpr Seddon (1045) LH wounded (slight) | |
| | | Trench mortar used with good effect replied to by enemy artillery sniping and machine fire | more general wounded. |
| 16 th Aug | | Tpr Stoney (1430) LH | wounded. |
| 17 th Aug | | Artillery active both | side |

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| 20 th Aug | 11pm | Relieved from front trenches by 55 th Bn. AIF and to billets at FLEURBAIX. with 150 men under Lt. Fullerton (LH attached) at CROIX MARÉCHAL. T ^{pt} Herman (280) LH (attached) seriously wounded. | |
| 21 st Aug to 30 th Aug | | In billets at FLEURBAIX. finding large fatigue from day & night for front line & communication trenches dug-outs etc. | |

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