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TRONES WOOD	1917	Mch. 1.	Battalion (less A + D Coys) moved from C Camp, TRONES WOOD to INTERMEDIATE LINE.	
		" 5	A + D Coys moved forward to join Bn, the whole then proceeding to front line to relieve 56th Bn	
FRONT LINE		" 7	<u>casualties</u> - Wounded - 2 OR.	
"		" 8	" 1 officer (Lt. A. B. Elliott) slightly wounded.	
		" 9	Battalion relieved by 56th Bn. & returned to INTERMEDIATE LINE (C. Coy returned to TRONES WOOD CAMP)	
		" 11	<u>casualties</u> - Killed 1 OR Wounded 1 OR (injury to back)	
		" 11	<u>casualties</u> - Killed 1 OR Wounded - 5 OR.	
		" 12	<u>casualties</u> - Wounded 5 OR.	
		" 13	Bn. moved from INTERMEDIATE LINE to FRONT LINE.	
		" 13	<u>casualties</u> - 2 OR. Killed 4 OR. Wounded.	
		" 13	<u>Reinforcements</u> - 19 OR. marched in.	
		" 14	<u>casualties</u> - 1 Officer Killed. (Capt. Francis) 3 OR. Killed	
		" 15	<u>casualties</u> - Wounded 2 OR.	

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FRONT LINE	Feb 16		Casualties: Killed - 1. OR. Missing 1. OR.	
	" 17		" Wounded 1. OR. Bn. moved forward, entering HEAVEN TRENCH at 4-17 A.M. just as the enemy was leaving same, and established the Bn. front line on the old enemy BEAULENCOURT - TRANSLOY line. The Batta. was relieved the same evening by the 56th Bn. and returned to old front line.	
	18		Reinforcements - 3. OR. marched in.	
	" 23		Bn. moved forward to TRANSLOY and BEAULENCOURT casualty. Killed 1. OR. (Bomb - accidental).	
	" 24		Reinforcements - 5. OR. marched in.	
	" 28		Bn. moved forward & took up position as Right Bn. in Outpost line. The C. O. appointed O.C. Outpost line & Major J. J. Murray assumed command of the Batta.	



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OUTPOST LINE	1917 Feb 29		<u>casualties</u> . Killed - 1 Officer (P. Cooper) 5 OR. Wounded - 15 OR.	
	" 31		<u>casualties</u> . Killed - 3 OR, Wounded 6 OR. Missing 3 OR.	

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