

85th Brigade.

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3rd Royal Fusiliers

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1 st April. 1915.	Artillery on both sides active - [VOORMEZEELE shelled in the afternoon but no casualties -] Bn. relieved by 2 nd Buffs and returned to billets in DICKERBUSH. Casualties	
2 nd April	Casualties during tour of duty in trenches at ST ELOI [wounded 2LT A.D. DAMPIER - other tanks] killed 12 wounded ¹⁺ 28. In the evening Bn. moved to YPRES [and went into billets in the Cavalry barracks.	
3 rd April.	Bn. moved into the trenches immediately N of the YPRES - COMINES Canal	
4 th April	In the trenches.	
5 th April	Relieved by the Dorset Regt. Casualties during tour, other tanks killed one wounded four -	
6 th April.	Reached huts near VLAMERTING about 5 a.m. Bn. went into billets.	
7 th April	In billets -	

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8 th April.	Bn. inspected by Sir Horace Smith - Doreen Army 2 nd Army - In huts.	
9 th April.	In huts.	
10 th April.	Bn. left huts at 10.30 am. & marched via YPRES to ST JEAN [where they arrived at 1 p.m. and went into billets] The bn. and the 8 th Bn. Middlesex Regt acted as reserve to the remainder of the 85 th Bde who took over a line of trenches from in front of ZONNEBECK from the 136 th Regt French Infantry.	
11 th April	In billets	
12 th April.	Two companies moved to dugouts W. of ZONNEBEKE to act as Bde. Reserve.	
13 th April.	Bn. moved into the trenches at BROODSEINDE, 3 coys in the firing line and 1 in support. The relief took place very late as the 2 nd Buffs had received orders to	

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14th April.15th April.

make good a small post which had been captured by
the enemy from the French two nights previously.

In one portion of our line our trenches were only four
yards distant from the enemy.

In the trenches -

* Information received to the effect that the enemy
contemplated an attack somewhere along the YPRES
Salient - Special vigilance ordered - firing line was
reinforced by two platoons from reserve company. Bn.
were relieved by the Northumberland Fusiliers of the 84th
Brigade and moved to a position of readiness at
St JEAN. During the 48 hours the enemy employed
a large trench mortar which did great damage to
trenches and caused considerable casualties. Our
artillery were unable to silence it.

Casualties during 48 hours low. Officers killed

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[LIEUT. R. R. WADDELL - DUDLEY.] Killed other ranks
32 wounded 39 -
16th April Bn. left ST JEAN at 7 am. & moved to [YPRES -
Left YPRES at 1 p.m. and arrived at billets 1½
miles E of POPERINGHE at 6.30 p.m.
17 April } In billets
18 - - - }
19 - - - Left Billets at 10 am and moved to YPRES.
20 - - - Left YPRES at 5 pm owing to shelling; & moved to ST JEAN.
Left there at 7.30 pm & moved to left Sector of GRAVEN-
STAFEL trenches: Nos I, III & IV Coys in trenches, No II
Coy in support dugouts.
21 April } Quiet days except for occasional shelling
22 - - - }
23 - - - Quiet morning - about 1 pm sounds of heavy firing
on left. Enemy's artillery active on trenches &
ground in rear during evening.
24th - - - Enemy's Artillery very active all day. Much damage
to trenches - Canadians on left of left Coy