

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MIDDLE CAMP WEST	5.6.17		Casualties:- 2 nd Lieut P. F. Collier Gassed. - 26886 The Count H. 15734 Pte. Payne. H. Pte. Steele Gassed. - 18325 Pte. Gubb. W. 4494 Pte. Brock. E. 20799 L/Cpl. Seale - Wounded.	
D ^o & POSITION OF ASSEMBLY FOR ATTACK. (Old French Trench)	6.6.17		The Battalion details and reinforcements marched to Divisional Reinforcement Camp, Remingheldt. and at 8.50 pm. The Battalion marched to position of Assembly which was accomplished without opposition from the enemy + after arrival no difficulty arose in lying down in the open between Old French + Locally Trenches, where the enemy's barrage had previously been fairly consistently watched + which was allowed for. A draft of 13 O.R. joined the Battalion for duty. 12.10 a.m. We had however a few casualties including 2 nd Lieut M. Moore + 2 nd Lieut Daniels both wounded. At zero hour (3.10 a.m.) we blew a large mine under the enemy's crater at St. Eloi at the same time our Artillery opened barrage, when the 123 rd Brigade commenced attacking - Two hours later we moved up in Artillery formation to the DAMSTRASSE + upon arrival there we deployed into position ready for the attack. Our own barrage	

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DAMPSTRASSE	7-6-17		was excellent on the right but very ragged on the left and centre. At this point we lost Lieut Newman (wounded in leg) 6.50 A.M. We moved forward on our objectives. Many casualties were caused by the guns remaining on the second objective on the left, + it was not until the Artillery were informed, that it was finally occupied, after this barrage ^{had} moved forward. Shortly after reaching final objective Capt. Gorman 2nd Lieut Cooper and 2nd Lieut Wright were wounded 9.10 A.M. It was observed that enemy were moving in the valley beyond Obereuse Row and at 10.15 A.M. 500 men were rushed over the ridge just behind to join them, these were received with pretty heavy Lewis Gun fire, and several casualties were caused, from this period onwards, various attempts to make a local counter attack on Denys Wood were made; these took place at 10 am and 3 and 7 p.m. None of the attacks were in any degree successful and the one at 3 p.m. was unexpectedly met by our own attack carried out by the 24th Division. Prior to these attacks we were subjected to intense	

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			Bombardments, which died away when our Artillery opened fire. Our casualties were not heavy, A Coy suffering most severely + 2nd Lieut Keepe of C Coy was killed.	
OBSCURE SUPPORT	8.6.17		We occupied OBSCURE SUPPORT until 3.15 am. The 8 th when we were relieved by a unit of the 73 rd Brigade + then came back to Old French Trench + remained there, being joined by the Battalion reinforcements in the evening. List of Casualties on Page 14. 15. 16.	
OLD FRENCH TRENCH	9.6.17		The enemy put over a few shells in this area, but doing no damage, otherwise area quiet. A draft of 29 O.R. joined this Battalion 2nd Lieut Crosswell reported for duty.	
D.	10.6.17		Except for occasional shells dropping in the vicinity this area was quiet until 10.25 pm when there was intense bombardment by our Artillery, lasting about an hour + during which the Battalion were 'standing to'. "C" Coy were attached for working parties to R.E. Coy at Dicksbusch.	