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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARRAS	12/4/17		OUT ARRAS still in the caves	
Map	13/4/17		Battalion moved to HARP TRENCHES, in support. Trench strength 19 Officers 507 other ranks	
Sheet 51 B	14/4/17		+ 76 Pts + 163 details, including Transport personnel, 8th Mts Staff + band left to Arras.	
S.W. 20,000	15/4/17		Abolished 6 Officers in Hospital Due des Tranchées Georges, 6th Pts at 38 Boulevard de la Courte	
			Transport moved at Transport lines	
	16/4/17		In HARP TRENCHES. At 10 45 P.M. under order to perform on counter attack if needed	
N.I.	17/4/17		In HARP Trenches, chiefly occupied with Salvage Work.	
	18/4/17		Moved up the shelter + dugouts at approx N 14 to 1-6. Commenced to man by platoons	
	19/4/17		at 1 P.M. Considerable intermittent shelling. Casualties 1 Officer (2/15E Gyugny) + 2 6th Pts	
	20/4/17		Major A. B + 1/2 D Coy moved into front line trenches at approx N 24 to + N 30 to 0-7.	
	21/4/17		1 Coy + 1/2 D remained at N 14 to 1-6. Casualties 4 other ranks.	
	22/4/17		In front line trenches. At about 3.45, enemy attack made, mostly on our right + some separate	6 0 22 to
	23/4/17		with loss. 1 Coy + 1/2 D Coy moved up to Batt. H. Q. to, Casualties 5 other ranks (1 killed).	Casualties
			At 4.30 A.M. a quarter of an hour before Zero hour - the Battalion were in position	+ 3 Parapets
			to advance behind our barage + were in the line N 24 to 2.0 to N 24 to 0.7 sheet 51 B SW	+ 10 other ranks
			(appendix). There was a single trench + in it the first line was in position with	
			the second line lying down close behind the barage. 1 Coy forming the third	
			line were lying down 40 yds in rear of the center. Companies were in the	
			order from left to right - D. A. B + each of these companies had two platoons	
			in front line + two in second line	
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ARRAS sheet 513 SW appendix	28/4/17		At 4.45 AM the ^{1st} Parage from 84. 18 pm. guns + 30. 4.5 howitzers opened, shells fell very short + at once we had serious casualties from them amongst Officers, N.C.O.s, + men. The two flank companies especially suffered + it was not long before all Officers in their companies were either killed or wounded. Enemy machine gun fire in the main trench had begun to fall. The fact that these companies early lost not only all their Officers but also nearly all their N.C.O. Leaders threw the Battalion into some confusion and direction was not altogether kept. A Coy pushed on unchecked to the vicinity of the first objective + although their casualties were heavy they started to dig in about 100 yards east of the wood on 19. d. where they had at first met with serious opposition. D Coy + B Coy held on inclining rather towards the flank of A Coy + fought with the 4th Yorks, who were themselves being checked by heavy machine gun fire was lost. A part of B Coy managed to get to the first objective + succeeded in digging in about 0.26. a 3.6., facing S.E. In the meantime a battery of 77 mm. guns were sent with just 5 W. of the wood on 19. d. + these were captured by men of D A + B Coys who had become somewhat intimidated. C Coy coming on in close support also lost heavily. The Coy commander being wounded early in the advance + two subalterns at this time the Battalion strength was about 36 Officers + 200 other ranks remaining in action. Neither the 30th Division on our right nor the 16th Division on the left of the 4th Yorks Regt., had made any progress, with a result that our flanks were in the air & entirely exposed to enemy counter attack. At about 7 AM the enemy launched a vigorous counter attack from the direction of VIS-EN-ARTOIS and also from CHÉRISY. The 4th Yorks Regt. and our left were pressed back after having won heavily and the Battalion was quickly surrounded. When the enemy reached his original front line trench - the Battalion had lost all its company Officers + the Battalion signalling Officer.	

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ARRAS sheet 5135.W. appendix	23/4/17		The total casualties in killed wounded & missing were 17 Officers & 352 other ranks. Batt ⁿ Headquarters were withdrawn to WANCOURT about midnight. Lieut Pollitt & the remainder of the Batt ⁿ remained in an original front line under orders of C.O. 8 th D.I. & returned to N 15 on during the night by order of 15 th Inf. Bde.	
	24/4/17		At about noon H.Q. moved to HARP trench picking up Lieut Pollitt & his party on the way.	
	25/4/17		At 9 P.M. Battalion marched into ARRAS to billets having been relieved by a unit of the 14 th Division. Capt. Seed re-joined from 50 th Div. Depot Bt ⁿ .	
	26/4/17		At ARRAS in billets. Trench strength which includes details that had been left in ARRAS out of the line: - 6 Pps 10. 6 other ranks 215	
	27/4/17		Embarked at ARRAS about 8 P.M. & proceeded to MONDICOURT ST ⁿ & marched thence to billets in GRENAS arriving about midnight.	
	28/4/17		At GRENAS	
	29/4/17		At GRENAS. Capt. Maxwell & 7 reinforcements joined from the base, also Lieut Mays re-joined from Hospital & 2 Pps. Gallett & Gammitt with 58 other ranks re-joined from 50 th Division Depot Bt ⁿ .	
	30/4/17		At GRENAS.	

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Commanding 4th East Yorks Regt.

30/4/17