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7th BATTN. THE KING'S (SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY).

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BOISDINGHEM	1916 July 1 st		2 nd Lt Lord W O joined 4 th K S L I. Move orders, parade 9.45 p.m. We commence our journey S. Marched to WIZERNES, from whence we departed 2.12 am, 2-7-16. Passed BOULOGNE, CALAIS, ETAPLES, ABBEVILLE, to FIENVILLIERS.	
FIENVILLIERS	2 nd 3 rd		News of great advance. We march to FLESSELLES, very warm. Many fall out on line of march.	
FLESSELLES	4 th		Stay here for 1 day. Marched to CARDONETTE arriving 11.30 p.m. Capt Hugh D. Cox reports from the Base.	
CARDONETTE	5 th		Marched to CORBIE, arriving about midnight. Good billets. 2 nd Lt Lloyd joined the Battalion. During this move S.	
CORBIE	6 th		2 nd Lt DELL proceeded in advance of Battalion, to act as billeting officer. 2 nd Lt Richmond proceeded in advance to recon reconnoitre the roads. From CORBIE the C.O., 2 Coy Comd'g & Intelligence Officer proceeded to CATENPILLAR WOOD and reconnoitred the captured ground, & were met in NO MANS LAND by G.O.C. 3 rd division at 4 p.m., who was also reconnoitring captured ground.	
LESCELESTINS WOOD	7		Marched to this wood, which we reached 10. am. In the morning we proceeded to BONFAY FARM, where we rested in the open fields during a rain storm. The Battalion then went on to CARNOY and found ourselves again in dug-out.	
CARNOY	8-13 th		During our stay here every effort was made to study scheme of attack. Officers patrolled NO MANS LAND each evening, men were trained during the day, & grey detail was gone into by the C.O. On the 10 th we were informed of the ground which we were to take. 400 ^x of German 2 nd line which included front & support trenches. The King's Liverpool of the 9 th Bde were on our left, the S.E. Yorks of our Bde on our right. We were also informed that other divisions were attacking on our flanks the same morning. On night of 12/13 th the Bde's Battalion Intelligence officers ran up against a German in NO MANS LAND. This man was shot by Bde's Intelligence officer & was found to belong to 16 th Bavarian Regt. Casualties, 12 th 1 killed 3 wounded, 13 th 1 OR wounded 2 nd Lt Ince & 2nd Lt wounded	

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CARNOY	1916 July 13 th		Strength of 4 th KSLI. Offer 34. OR 993. The advance by night towards enemy trenches. We were in 4 waves at 30' interval. The first wave at 2.30 am 14 th was 100' from German trenches lying flat awaiting final orders. In front of the 1 st wave were the Battalion Scouts.	
The Attack	14 th	3.30 am	Battalion advanced toward German trenches and were held by barbed wire. Remains buried into shell holes & consolidated along road 200' from German trench. 11 am. We were informed the 2 nd Royal Scots were bombing along German trench on our left, which had been taken. At 12 pm Battalion again charged & captured both 1 st & 2 nd trenches, & also 250 prisoners. When all Battalion were collected & consolidating German 2 nd trench, we found 5 officers were untouched, the remainder were wounded or killed, the losses in the ranks were found to be heavy. Losses:- Officers Lt-Col Regus R.E. wounded, Major Johnston J. wounded, Capt Rigby E.W. killed, Capt Pilvester G.F. Died of Wounds, Capt Wright E.L. died of wounds, Capt Hughes Hallett R.M. wounded, Lieut Caesar C.P. killed in action, 2 nd Lieut Davies W.L. died of wounds, 2 nd Lt Hope & Lt H.L. wounded, 2 nd Lt Johns A.W. wounded, 2 nd Lt Lucas ^{Lucas} wounded, 2 nd Lt McGarry killed in action, 2 nd Lt Dell L.M. killed in action, 2 nd Lt Green C.E. killed in action, ^{Blond O.R.} 2 nd Lt Ford W.O. wounded 2 nd Lt Allday R.P. wounded. OR. 147 killed, 278 wounded (16 of which subsequently died), 16 missing. <u>Messages.</u> BA 446. 14 th AAA. 13 th Corps wire begins AAA LONGUEVAL VILLAGE is now in our hands AAA. The 7 th division will stand by to advance on HIGHWOOD at 5.15 pm AAA 2 nd Inf Div will stand by to advance on right flank & 7 th Div, but will not cross captured German trenches until ordered to do so by 13 th Corps AAA. Objective as already ordered AAA. Ends. Our N barrage must stop at 5.15 pm AAA acknowledge all. Addressed Dance repeated Pfeffer, said must acknowledge. Pfeffer 4.44 pm	

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In the Field	1916 July 15 th - 19 th		Major Heathcote of 2 nd Royal Scots took over command of 4 th K.S.L.I. During these 5 days Battalion was in captured German 2 nd trench consolidating, during which time trenches were not shelled, and the days were passed comparatively quietly. Pickets were sent out each night to guard against surprise. At this time the 8. E Yorks were on our right, and 2 nd N.F.s on our left. Casualties 16 th 2 wounded, 14 th 1 wounded.	
MONTAUBAN	" 20 th - 22		4 th K.S.L.I. were relieved by 1 st R.W.F.s and proceeded to MONTAUBAN. On 21 st draft 1290 R. 2 Officers 2 nd Lt Allday & 2 nd Lt Arland. During our stay at MONTAUBAN, Battalion held 1 st line German defences. Strength Officers 21, OR 804.	
BERNAFAY WOOD	" 23 - 26 th		Orders were received for Battalion to take German trench NE WATERLOT FARM, and also dig a communication trench from WATERLOT F.M. A Coy were detailed to attack German trench, but were not able to reach position in time owing to disorganisation of various units. B Coy were detailed to dig C.T. which they did from WATERLOT F.M. to DEL-VILLE WOOD. This trench B Coy eventually converted into fire trench, facing both ways. During this period Battalion HQ was at BERNAFAY with remainder of Battalion. A & B Coy held our front trench along WATERLOT F.M. On 24 th B Coy had orders to attack German front trench, this order was cancelled later. 26 th A & B Coy were relieved by 2 nd H.L.I. also the whole of 4 th K.S.L.I. Battalion then proceeded to HAPPY VALLEY (w BRAY). Reinforcements 176 OR & 4 Officers 2 nd Lt Bonebrake & 2 nd Lt Powell VE, 2 nd Lt Bush H. 2 nd Lt Munmerley P. Base. Casualties 25 th OR 2 killed, 10 wounded, 7 missing. 26 th 1 killed, 6 wounded, 3 missing.	
HAPPY VALLEY	26 th			
MEAULETE	27 th - 31 st		4 th K.S.L.I. proceeded to MEAULETE in search of rest, re-equipping etc. Weather during July very hot & dry. Casualties not yet reported. OR 1 killed 13 wounded, 2 shell shock. Strength Officers 23. OR 470. Training very severe owing to poor quality of draft, who are Derbyites.	

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