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WAR DIARY

OF

7TH BATTN RIFLE BRIGADE

FROM 1-9-16

To 30-9-16

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COMMDG. 7TH BN RIFLE BRIGADE

In the Field

30-9-16.

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7th Bn Rifle Brigade

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Hour, Date, Place 1916
Sept.

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

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1st Col. J. P. Heriot-Maitland C.M.G. D.S.O. gave up command of
the Battalion on promotion to Brigadier-General in cmd. of 98th Inf. BDE
33rd Division.

Bn resting in Billels WARLUS.

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2/ 2nd Lt. J. L. Knowles reported
wounded after action fought 18th
Aug. now reported killed
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<p>1916 SEPT. 15th account of action fought on this date.</p>	<p>at 6.30 am (zero) The advance began in conjunction with an intense artillery barrage on the enemy's defences. There had been no preliminary bombardment. Operation orders were as follows: - The 8th KRRC & 8th Rifle Brigade in advance were to seize the TEA support trench (reported obliterated) and the 3rd (Switch) Line. 2nd Wave - 7th KRRC on left and the 7th Bn The Rifle Brigade (right) had GAP trench as objective - position 500 yds further N.E. close to village of FLERS. The objectives of the 42nd Bde included the capture of GUEDENCOURT. - TEA trench - in the capture of which the Battle became involved - was found to be strongly held, & it proved a serious obstacle. Both here and before the 1st objective (Switch) the Bn suffered severely. It pushed on in small parties to its final objective (GAP trench) which it captured - here the resistance of the enemy had considerably diminished. He surrendered everywhere in large numbers, showing little fight - he relied solely on his machine guns. The 42nd Bde. now advanced through this line towards the third objective. About 2 hours after the scheduled time for its capture the Battle was finally established in GAP trench - and its flanks in touch with the Guards on the right and the 7th KRRC on the left. It was relieved at about midnight 15/16th by the D.C. Lt. 42nd Bde - after 18 hours hard fighting on an advance of roughly 1500 yds. - The Tanks used for the first time in this action did not come into much prominence in this area.</p>	<p>for list of Killed wounded & missing see APPENDIX W.L. 4.</p>
<p>Casualties</p>	<p>Officers 1 killed (Lt Rogers) 1 missing 7 wounded. O.R. 18 killed 75 missing 210 wounded. This number will no doubt be greatly increased.</p>	<p>Lt Rogers was buried near the Switch trench.</p>

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1916 Sept.		
DERNANCOURT	16 The Battalion moved back to BROWN Trench - about 400 ⁺ parallel to N.E. Edge of Melville Wood - in reserve - it was shelled intermittently during the 30 hours spent here.	Valid
	17 at 7 am The Bn marched back to DERNANCOURT.	Valid
	18 Bn at rest & reorganising.	Valid
	19 " " " " "	Valid
	20 " " " " "	Valid
	21 " " " Transport left for TALMAS en route for LUCHEUX	Valid
LUCHEUX	22 Bn embarked in French Lorry Train for LUCHEUX	Valid
	23 " resting & reorganising	Valid
	24 " " " "	Valid
	25 " " " "	Valid
	26 Bn proceeded by route march to GOUY-en-ARTOIS	Valid
WAILLY Trenches F1 Sector	27 " Went into trenches at WAILLY F1 Sector relieving The G.R.W. Mntngt.	Valid
	28 Quiet day some rifle grenades during night and m/c gun fire	Valid
	29 Quiet day rifle grenades and considerable m/c gun fire all night NB B.830 Rfn E. Parkinson wounded - Bullet	Valid
	30 Enemy fired about 30 H.F. Shells from 4.2 How. Battery during the morning - our field guns retaliated	Valid

Battⁿ Strength

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Officers. 15

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Valid Cdr Major
Cndg 7th Bn The Rifle Brigade