

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
	1-3-16		<p>Report for previous 24 hours.</p> <p><u>Q2.</u> An officer's patrol went out on night of 28/29 February from Q2 16 reconnoitre the enemy wire opposite. This was discovered to be in good condition, about 10-15* deep, and about 15* in front of their parapet. All reports point to the fact that he is strengthening his wire. All patrols agree that between the wire and the parapet there is a trench which by night is used for some purpose or other, presumably for snipers, advanced parties or standing patrols. Observers report that two loophole plates have been located in front of Q1a trench (O.2. d. 1.7). Also what appeared to be a machine gun emplacement about 5*15 the left. These are being kept under observation. About 4pm. the enemy, during a sharp bombardment from our guns, sent up three flares which broke into red + green. After these flares had gone up the enemy's fire gradually diminished.</p> <p><u>Q2.</u> Parts of Q2 a + b redrained. Reconstruction of Bay 11 begun. Sap under parapet in bay 6 continued. Parapet in Bay 10 DUNCAN LANE raised. During the afternoon our guns shelled the MOUND. There were a good many duds.</p> <p><u>Q1a, b.</u> Parapet and parados raised. At night 2 wiring parties in front of Q1b and left Q1a. At 8.30pm last night the Hun flashed a searchlight along our parapets. This was accompanied by a machine gun, which traversed with the beam of light. Our artillery fired 4 shots at it, and the searchlight did not reappear.</p>	
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	3.3.16		<p>out during the night from left of R1, proceeded along the whole German front line, and report no work in progress.</p> <p><u>Q1a, Q1b.</u> Parados & parapet repaired after bombardment. Enemy trench has been badly knocked about. Up to the present no working parties observed.</p> <p><u>Q2.</u> Fire steps in DUNCAN LANE raised. New bay commenced in DUNCAN LANE. Sap in bay 6 completed. Reconstruction of parados in bay 11 continued. All breeches in parapet after bombardment temporarily repaired.</p> <p><u>INTELLIGENCE REPORT for 3.3.16.</u></p> <p>Observers report enemy busy repairing his trenches along the whole front. The damage done by our artillery is considerable. The armoured plate at 0.2. d. 12. 8½ is still in position. Digging has been seen in progress in front of the MOUND. Snipers employed repairing snipers' posts, which were all destroyed by shelling.</p> <p><u>Q2.</u> All work concentrated on repairing trenches & wire.</p> <p><u>Q1a, Q1b.</u> Trenches drained, parapets repaired. By night working party on repairs. German searchlight used on this trench during the night.</p> <p><u>R1, R3.</u> Two more dugouts in R3 completed. Parapets & parados repaired, fire step rebuilt.</p> <p><u>R2s.</u> Parapets and communication trenches repaired.</p>	

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			R7. One section 77 2. boy R.E. and working party of 6/Dorsets continued work on R7 last night, making good progress both with the drainage and rebuilding of parapets.	
3.3.16			<p><u>OBSERVATION REPORT.</u></p> <p>The enemy has erected another armoured loophole plate at 02. d. 2 8$\frac{1}{2}$, with a vertical slot in centre, similar to that previously reported at 02. d. 1$\frac{1}{2}$. 8$\frac{1}{2}$. These targets have been reported to the I.M. Officer, but he has had orders in the meantime not to use his mortar. The above may possibly be used as observation posts by the enemy. The enemy were working this morning repairing their trenches in front of Q2. Our artillery effectively dispersed them. A sniper's post has been located at 02. c. 9.5$\frac{3}{4}$. This has been under observation some days, but it has not actually been used until yesterday. It appears to be outside the enemy parapet, and looks like a disused dugout.</p> <p><u>WORK REPORT for previous 24 hours.</u></p> <p>Q2. Repairs on trench continued, wiring party ^{out} in front from 10pm (3.3.16) to 12.30am hourly patrols along wire from 1am to 5am otherwise. Nothing seen or heard of the enemy.</p> <p>Q1a. Trenches drained and parapets rebuilt, wiring party sent over from 10-12.30am.</p>	
3.3.16	10pm.			
4.3.16	12.30am			
	11.5am			

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	4.3.16		<p>The enemy again used his searchlight on this trench at irregular intervals during the night.</p> <p><u>R1, R3:</u> Dug out in R3 completed. Drainage of C1. from R6 to 7 YORK R commenced. Two patrols went out along enemy front line, and report no work on the enemy's part.</p> <p><u>PROGRESS REPORT</u> for 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 5.3.16.</p> <p><u>Q2.</u> 1. Repairs and drainage to trench. — 2. Wiring party out from 12.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. — 3. Three hourly patrols before and after this wiring party.</p> <p><u>Q1a.</u> 1. Drainage of the trench. — 2. Wiring party sent out between 11 p.m. & 2 a.m.</p> <p><u>R1.</u> Bombing post on left of trenches, which had partly fallen in, pulled down, rebuilt and resettled.</p> <p><u>R3.</u> 1. Two dug outs which had fallen in rebuilt. 2. Part of parades, which had fallen in, being rebuilt; this work can be done during the day. 3. Parapet in Bay 8 rebuilt. The sandbagging is cracking in a good many places owing to alternate frost & rain.</p> <p>Patrol went out at 2 a.m. across the front, and brought in a negative report.</p>	

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FORMEZZOLE	5/3/16		<p>It is reported that there were not more than 12 shots fired by the enemy during the whole day. Company Commanders all agree that the troops opposite are not the same as those who held the line on the 2/3 March.</p> <p>Battalion relieved by the 9th Northumbrian Fusiliers in right Sector. Proceeded to DICKE BUSCH -</p> <p>Moved on morning of 6th to Camp at OVON ROOM -</p>	
	6/3/16 to 9/3/16	{	<p>Battalion in reserve at OVON ROOM -</p>	
	9/3/16		<p>Battalion proceeded to 6 Trenches Cause Bank taking off trenches 28 - 23 from 10/Ancaster Fusiliers.</p>	
	11/3/16		<p>Battalion relieved by 7th KSLR. A relief force went to RUMMELST.</p>	
	13/3/16		<p>Battalion proceeded to STRAZZOLE by early march</p>	
	14/3/16	{	<p>Battalion in rest at STRAZZOLE</p>	
	20/3/16	{	<p>Battalion moved to LA CRATTE en route to ARMENTIERES</p>	
	22/3/16		<p>Battalion arrived in ARMENTIERES</p>	
	24/3/16		<p>Battalion in town as ARMENTIERES</p>	
	24/5/16		<p>1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.</p>	

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