

64th Inf.Bde.
21st Div.

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1st BATTN. THE EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

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1st Lt. G. H. H. H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT. AND VICINITY.	1 st to 4 th incl.		<p>The battalion moved up to the assembly trenches on the night of 30/1. The following officers moving up with the Bn.:-</p> <p>Hel Qdr Lt. Col. M. B. Stow. Capt. Col. G. Willis. Bombing officer 2nd Lt. J. B. Bailey. Signalling officer 2nd Lt. H. Reeder.</p> <p>Machine gun officer 2nd Lt. F. Smith. M.O. Capt. Winfield R.A.M.C.</p> <p>A Coy. Capt. J. L. J. Hawkesworth. 2nd Lt. D. V. Black. 2nd Lt. Bonchay.</p> <p>B Coy. Capt. C. J. Huntress. 2nd Lt. J. S. Cracknell. 2nd Lt. Moore, Sawyer English.</p> <p>C Coy. Capt. D. F. Cunderson. 2nd Lt. J. S. Bultitude. 2nd Lt. Peregrine, Smith & Gattrell.</p> <p>D Coy. Capt. T. L. Bryant. 2nd Lt. Trounce, Cooper, Lanson.</p> <p>The following were left behind as first reinforcements:- Junior Major:- Major H. C. Saunders.</p> <p>2nd Lt. Rhodes, Marshall, 2nd Lt. James, Dennis, Benson, Stockham, Collier, Williams, Sheffield & Rose.</p> <p>Captain F. F. Pope who had been appointed acting Bde Transport Officer remained with the 1st line transport.</p> <p>On the way up the transport 2nd Lt. Gattrell was killed & 3 other ranks wounded while in the communication trenches, the battalion getting into place at 3.30 am in its position of assembly. A heavy continuous shelling was maintained throughout the night which at 6.30 am became intense & continued until 7.30 am. when the Artillery barrage lifted off the German front line & the infantry moved forward to the assault. The 64th I. B. attached in the following order 9th K.O.Y. L.I. on the Right 10th K.O.Y. L.I. on the left, supported by the 15th D.L.I. right & the 1st Yorks on the left, the 64th Bde M.G. Coy advanced as follows half the Coy behind the 9th & 11th Regts. half behind the supporting battalions.</p> <p>The Battalion attacked in the following formation B. & D Coys in column of platoons at 100+ distance then Bn Hel Qdr, then A & C Coys in a similar formation to the two leading Coys. Although our bombardment had been very severe the German trenches were badly damaged, there were still a few machine guns untouched & there took a heavy toll of the Battalion. In spite of heavy losses the Bde pushed on & seized the first objective i.e. the CROIXIX bridge & the SUMMER Road, though the SHELTER WOOD & BIRCH TREE wood on the N. flank still remained in German hands. This objective line was reached at about 8.5 am. all the units of the Bde had become considerably unlimbered, on our left the line was continued N. by the 34th Div, the 15th & 16 Royal Scots & 27th N.F. being the next in our immediate vicinity.</p>	

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FRICOURT	1st 10 4		<p>While the 63rd Bde was on our right. At about 2 pm the Germans counter attacked in a half hearted manner from the direction of SHELTER WOOD, but were repulsed. It was impossible to advance further owing to the heavy casualties the Bde had incurred & all efforts were directed towards consolidating the position & holding the ground already won. Our artillery vigorously bombarded SHELTER WOOD & vicinity to which the enemy replied on the SUNKEN RD, but his range was not good & although the fire was at times hot, few casualties resulted. At about 7.30 pm. Major Saunders together with Lt Marshall, Mr Barnes, Benson & Stockham arrived & took over command from Capt Willis, who had been in charge of operations since the early morning when Col. Stow had been wounded. Orders were now received that the 62nd Bde would relieve the 64th & the 1st LINCOLNS & 10th YORK R. arrived, owing however to delay on the part of the 12th N.F. the relief was not completed until about 6.30 am. The 64th I.B. then took up a position in the rear, the 9th & 10th R.O.Y.L.I. in a position of the German but with them as the SAVAGE SUPPORT trench, the 15th D.L.I. & 1st YORK, behind them in our original assembly trenches. At about mid-day, 2nd information having been received by the Bde, that parties of Germans still remained in the trench network on our immediate left, which were endangering our communications, the E. York R. were detailed to dispatch a bombing party to remove the ground & clear up the situation. This party was dispatched under 2nd Lt. Eames. A superior number of Germans was encountered & it was while dealing with this situation that Lt Eames was killed. In consequence however of his removal, a strong party of the E. Lancashire were sent up to clear out</p>	

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FRIGOUNT	15 th to 4 th		<p>the enemy + fighting took place in the network which lasted throughout the day + resulted in the killing or capturing of all the enemy who had occupied it. on the following morning ^{the 3rd} in order to clear up any doubts as to the state of things on our left, a further reconnaissance party under Lt. Marshall was despatched. He executed a useful reconnaissance which attracted the favourable notice of the Brigadier + reported all clear. On this A.C. + D. Coys under Capt. HAWKES WORTH were despatched to construct a defensive flank in the gumam network facing N.E. A+B. Coys remaining in their original positions. At 4.30 pm. Lt. Rhodes accompanied by 2nd Lt. Dennis, Collier, Williams, Sheffield + Bore arrived at 5 pm. A+B. Coys under Lt. Rhodes relieved C. + D., the former returning to their original positions. At 8 pm. the Bde received orders that they were to be withdrawn from the battle + proceeded to the railway siding near the village of DERNANCOURT where they bivouached for the night.</p> <p>At 9. am. on the 4th the Bde entertained at DERNANCOURT + proceeded by rail to HILLY SUR SOMME where they detained + proceeded by road to YEUX, where they went into rest billets, arriving about 4 pm.</p> <p>The following is the list of casualties amongst the officers.</p> <p>Killed. Capt. C. T. Hunkins. Lieut. R. F. H. Gatrell. J. P. Peregrine. B. R. Boncker. A. C. J. Smith. 1.7.16.</p> <p>Died of wounds Lt. C. C. S. HEILLY. — Lt. Col. M. B. Shaw. — 1.7.16. — Lieut. C. S. E. English wounded + missing believed Killed — 1.7.16. — 2nd Lt. A. H. Earnes. Killed 2.7.16.</p> <p>Total officers Killed 8.</p>	

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FRICOURT.	1 st 1 st 4 th		<p>Officers wounded: — Captain D. D. Anderson, Capt. T. L. Besant, Lieut. E. P. Cooper, Bullitude, W. R. Moore T. S. Cracknell, J. W. Sawyer, D. V. Black, R. Truance, J. B. Bailey — Lt. T. F. Smith. Total 12. Slightly wounded returned to duty — Captains G. Willis, J. L. I. Stockham, Lt. A. S. Stockham. Other ranks. Killed. 35. — Wounded. 239. — Wounded missing. 9. Missing. 15-8. Total casualties officers killed wounded. 19 — Other ranks 441. The following trophies were captured by the battalion. One light gun. One machine gun.</p>	
YZEUX.	5 th		<p>A fine bright day. Btn inspected by Brigadier at 10 am & congratulated on its gallantry during the battle. Remainder of the day devoted to rest & cleaning up. Admissions to Hpl. Nil. Casualties Nil. Lt. A. Bullitude arrived & was posted to C. Coy.</p>	HERWounded Major.
YZEUX.	6 th		<p>A fine bright day. Divisional commander inspected the Bde at BELLOY at 10 am. & congratulated them on their fine performance during the battle. Admissions to Hpl. Nil. Casualties Nil. —</p>	HCPA.
FOURDRINOY.	7 th		<p>A wet dull day. Btn moved by road to FOURDRINOY leaving YZEUX at 1 p.m. arriving at 3.15 p.m. Casualties — Nil — Admissions to Hpl. Nil. —</p>	HCPA.
"	8 th		<p>A fine bright day. C.O. attended conference at Bde Hd. Qrs at REINCOURT at 11.30 am. Admissions to Hpl. 2. Casualties — Nil —.</p>	HCPA.