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On the Field	1-8-17.		By 9:0 A.M. most of the B ^N had returned to ZILLEBEKE PROMENADE. There had been heavy rain all night, & it continued to rain all day.	
		2.0 P.M.	Enemy shelled the BUND & PROMENADE with a heavy high velocity shell. 14 casualties resulted.	
		3.0 P.M.	Orders received from Bde to return to CHATEAU SÉGARD area. B ^N went back by small parties & bivouacked near CAFÉ BELGE. Heavy rain all last.	
	2-8-17		B ^N in bivouacs in CHATEAU SÉGARD area. Orders received from Bde to move back to PATRICIA CAMP the following day. Heavy rain all day.	
	3-8-17		B ^N embussed at 1.30 P.M. & arrived at PATRICIA CAMP about 3.30 P.M. in heavy rain. However, tents were pitched & the men made themselves comfortable.	
	4-8-17		B ^N moved by train & march route to SI SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL, arriving about 4.30 P.M. Still heavy rain.	
	5-8-17		B ^N in billets in SI SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL. Church Parade. Inspections under Coy. arrangements.	
	6-8-17		B ^N in billets in SI SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL. Parade under Coy. arrangements. Op. order received from Bde for march on following day.	
	7-8-17		Marched off at 8.0 A.M. and arrived in billets at ROUGE-CROIX at 9.45 A.M.	
	8-8-17		In Billets at ROUGE-CROIX. Training under Coy. arrangements.	
	9-8-17		In Billets at ROUGE-CROIX. Training under Coy. arrangements. Sports in afternoon.	
	10-8-17		Dropt of 6. O.R. joined for duty. Also 2 LT B.A. J. DUNLOP joined for duty. B ^N Paraded at 7.0 A.M. & marched to camp in No. 15 Area, BERTHEN, via METEREN.	

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In the Field	11-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Parades under Coy. arrangements. Draft of 4 Officers & 88 A.R. joined for duty.	
	12-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Church Parades.	
	13-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Range firing & parades under Coy. arrangements.	
	14-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. R.S.M.'s parade for Ceremonial in the morning. Commanding Officer's ceremonial parade in afternoon.	
	15-8-17		Inspection of 90 th Inf. Bde by Lieut Gen. Sir HERBERT PLUMER, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., A.D.C.,	
	16-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Warning order to move to KEMMEL SHELTERS on 20 th inst. Gas demonstration & testing of Small Box Respirators in a gas cloud.	
	17-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Parades under Coy. arrangements. Draft of 9 A.R. joined for duty. Have to KEMMEL SHELTERS suspended. Raw	
	18-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Church Parades Raw Parades under Coy. arrangements. Draft of 9 A.R. joined for duty.	
	19-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Church Parades.	
	20-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Warning order for move on 22 nd Inst. Parades under Coy. arrangements. Range firing.	
	21-8-17		B ^N in camp in BERTHEN. Parades under Coy. arrangements. Range firing.	
	22-8-17		B ^N marched off at 7.30 AM passing the starting Point at 8.0 AM. Route via WEST-OUTRE & KEMMEL. Marched into camp just S. of the WYTSCHAETE-KEMMEL RD. about 1200 yds from KEMMEL at 11.30 AM.	

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In the Field	23-8-17.		B ^N in camp near KEMMEL. Working Party of 150 in two small parties of 75 all ranks each found to work under 200 TH Field Coy. R.E. on DORSET STREET & BOB STREET C.T. ^S No Casualties.	
	24-8-17.		B ^N in camp near KEMMEL. Working Party of 300 in four small parties (A.B.C. & D) each of 75. all ranks found for work on C.T. ^S under 200 TH Field Coy. R.E. 1 O.R. wounded. Draft of 6 O.R. joined for duty.	
	25-8-17		B ^N in camp near KEMMEL. Same Working-Party of 300 all ranks found. No casualties.	
	26-8-17		B ^N in camp near KEMMEL. Church Parades. Same working-party found. No casualties.	
	27-8-17		B ^N in camp near KEMMEL. Working Parties cancelled on account of Bad weather.	
	28-8-17		B ^N in camp near KEMMEL. Same working-parties. Warning order to move to	
	29-8-17.		BRISTOL CASTLE on 29-8-17. Draft of 7 O.R. joined for duty.	
	29-8-17.		B ^N marched off at 6.0 P.M. via SPY FARM & WULVERGHEM. Relieved 17 TH B ^N MANCHE ^R REGT. Relief complete by 8.30 P.M. Whole B ^N situated in trenches & shelters in vicinity of BRISTOL CASTLE.	
	30-8-17		B ^N in vicinity of BRISTOL CASTLE. 3 working-parties found. 1). 1 Off. & 80 O.R. pushing trucks filled with R.E. material up Southern Tramway from WULVERGHEM DUMP to B ^N H.Q. of 17 TH Manch. Regt. 2). 1 Off. & 50 O.R. pushing trucks filled with R.E. material up Northern Tramway from WULVERGHEM DUMP to BLAUWEN MOLEN DUMP. 3). 1 Off. & 50 O.R. working on dug-outs at 17 TH Manch Regt H.Q. Draft of 1 Officer (2LT J.A. ALLAN) & 5 O.R. joined for duty.	

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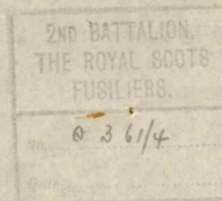
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In the Field	1-9-17		B ^N in vicinity of BRISTOL CASTLE. Same working-parties found as on previous night. Two parties were caught in shell-fire at 17 th B ^N Mch ^r H.Q. resulting in considerable casualties. Casualties:- 2 LI R.N. DEVAR & 2 LI A.C. WOOD wounded, 4 O.R. killed & 21 O.R. wounded. Working order to move on following day. Draft of 17 O.R. joined for duty.	
	2-9-17		B ^N marched off by platoons at 100x interval, the first platoon moving at 7.0 A.M. The whole B ^N was clear by 8.0 A.M. B ^N marched via WOLVERGHAM to a camp on the Southern Slopes of KENNEL HILL. The Vicinity of hill bombed by enemy during night.	
	3-9-17		B ^N in camp on KENNEL HILL. Inspection parades. Vicinity of hill again bombed. A party of 3 Naval officers & 40 men visited the B ^N arriving about 5.0 P.M. They remained in the camp for the night. Officers names:- LI BRIDGE, LI BIRENQUET & Staff Surgeon LLOYD JONES.	
	4-9-17		The Naval Party was conducted to the WYTSCHAETE RIDGE in the morning, and shown the country in front and the old GERMAN lines.	
			B ^N paraded at 6.30 P.M. and marched off by platoons to a camp in the old Support Line about 1500 yds due East ^{WEST} of WYTSCHAETE. B ^N settled by about 8.30 P.M.	
	5-9-17		B ^N in dug-outs & shelters in vicinity of CHINA WALL (W. of WYTSCHAETE). 2 day working-parties & 1 night working party found, each party consisting of 2 officers & 100 men.	

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			was working in the forward area on gun-pits & light railways.	
	6-9-17		B ^N in vicinity of CHINA WALL. Same working-parties found.	
	7-9-17		B ^N in vicinity of CHINA WALL. Same working-parties found.	
	8-9-17		B ^N in vicinity of CHINA WALL. Same working-parties found. Draft of 15 O.R. joined for duty.	
	9-9-17		B ^N in vicinity of CHINA WALL. Church Parade. Same working-parties found. Operation order received for relief of 2 ND YORKS in support to 21 ST Bde in the line on night of 10 TH /11 TH & subsequent relief of 18 TH K.L.R. in the line on night of 11 TH /12 TH .	
	10-9-17		B ^N passed the Starting-Point near CHINA WALL in order D, C, B, A, H ^Q G ^{VT} , the first platoon passing at 7.30 P.M. B ^N took over from 2 ND YORKS REGT (21 ST Bde) in support to 18 TH K.L.R. left B ^N in the line. A raid was expected & dispositions made accordingly, but situation remained normal throughout the night. Vicinity of TORREKEN FM was shelled at intervals. All Coys. were situated between TORREKEN FM & the WYTSCHAETE - MESSINES R ^D .	Map Ref. WYTSCHAETE Sheet 28 S.W.
	11-9-17		B ^N moved out of Support & relieved 18 TH K.L.R. in the line, commencing	

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	11-9-17		at 7.30 P.M. Relief reported complete at 12.10 A.M. 12TH Inst Dispositions: 'D' Coy, Right Front Coy.; 'C' Coy, Left Front Coy.; 'A' Coy, Right Support Coy.; 'B' Coy, Left Support Coy.; B^N H.Q. at DERRY HOUSE. Frontage:- From JUNCTION BUILDINGS (O.17.c) where in touch with 89TH Bde on left, to BEEK FARM (O.29.b) where in touch with 18TH Manch^{re} Regt on right. Method of Holding Line:- (1) The "outpost line" consisting of a series of 9 small posts advanced to from 150 ft to 300+ in front of (2) The "Picquet line", consisting of a nearly continuous line, which however, requires a great deal of work. This is the main line of Resistance, & is reinforced from (3) The "Y.LINE", a nearly continuous and fairly good line running ^{past} as through squares O.15. O.21 & O.27. The night was very quiet & the relief was carried out without difficulty.	Ref. WTSCHAEDE SHEET. 28. SW.

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In the Field	12-9-17		Day fairly quiet. Enemy did a certain amount of shooting behind PICQUET LINE with 5.9's & 4.2's. Observation was good, and our guns did a considerable amount of shooting.	
	13-9-17		Intermittent shooting was kept up all night by both sides. GUN FARM, roads & tracks and areas immediately behind front line were shelled by 5.9's, 4.2's & 77mm shells. Day was fairly quiet. Observation was extraordinarily good. Casualties: - 1 O.R. killed, 2 O.R. wounded. Enemy aeroplane flew low over our left Coy. picquet line just after "stand-down" in the morning and observed fire for T.M.S. Great air activity on both sides.	
	14-9-17		Same intermittent gun-fire during night. Hostile artillery very quiet during the day. Observation good. Great air activity on both sides again. About 2.0 P.M. an enemy squadron flew over at a great height. When over the WITSCHAETE-MESSINES RIDGE, they turned & flew	

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In the field	14-9-17		back to their own lines, dropping bombs about every 200x between the ridge & the BAY FARM ROAD. About 3.30 P.M., one of our aeroplanes was shot down & crashed near POACHER'S POST. Observer seriously injured.	
	15-9-17		Casualties:- 2 O.R. wounded. A considerable amount of artillery fire on both sides during night, harassing roads & approaches to front line. Day fairly quiet. Casualties:- 2 O.R. Killed & 7 O.R. wounded.	
	16-9-17		Artillery active during night. Patrol located enemy post about 100x away from our No. 9. Post. C.T. dug from Cap. H.P. (WALL FM) to PICQUET LINE. Our artillery carried out two practice barrages on our front, one at 10.0 A.M. and another at 4.0 P.M. Enemy retaliated, causing us a certain number of casualties. Casualties:- CAPT J.W. MERRY, wounded & duty. 9 O.R. Killed & 18 O.R. wounded.	

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Lt. Field	17-9-17		During night, our artillery carried out another practice barrage, which drew very little retaliation. The usual night harassing fire was carried out.	
" "	18-9-17		Day was quiet. Practice barrages were fired on right & left of Div. front. Again enemy retaliation was weak. Usual night harassing fire carried out by both sides. Our artillery carried out a practice barrage at 5.45 A.M. & 12.0 Noon. In both cases the enemy replied, but not very heavily, and only one casualty (wounded) resulted. Otherwise the day was quiet. Warning order received from Brigade for move to DENNY'S WOOD area of night of 21 st /22 nd into support of left Bde. Sector.	
" "	19-9-17		Enemy artillery especially active around DERRY HOUSE and GUN FARM during night, gas shells being chiefly used. Our artillery fired practice barrages at 6. am. & 3.0 P.m. Again enemy reply was very weak. Final Operation order for move to DENNY'S WOOD.	

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