

7TH BATTALION, SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY.Appendix.1916August.CRATERS CARNOY.

31st 10 p.m. Bn. moved into support at the Briqueterie to 59th Bde. 2 Coys at Briqueterie. 2 at Craters. Germans used many tear & gas shells which caused about 20 Casualties.

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1st 10 p.m. Still at above named places. Gas & tear shells still falling. fewer casualties from this cause.

2nd 10 p.m. Preparing to move to Craters, to prepare for advance on 3rd

GUILLEMONT.

3rd 10 p.m. Came back to Craters CARNOY, at 12 midnight 2/3 Sept. Left Craters at 8.30 am & marched to trenches W of TROMES WOOD & there assembled in support of attack by 59th Bde. Advance in support at 12 noon. Coys in lines of two platoons in file. Men advanced steadily thro German Barrage. 59th Bde having taken 2nd objective - 2 Coys Som L.I. pushed on and advancing close under our artillery barrage took 3rd objective - the enemy garrison 46 men & 1 officer having retired to two dugouts surrendered on our arrival. Other units of 59th Bde arrived and trenches consolidated. At 8 pm 2 coys ordered to dig a support line E of GUILLEMONT at 8 p.m. 5 Coy sent to reinforce 47th Bde on N side of GUILLEMONT COMBLES Rd. Casualties 1 officer killed 9 wounded including C.O. 140 other ranks killed & wounded.

4th 10 p.m. A quiet day - consolidation proceeding - at 8 pm 2 1/2 Coys sent to dig & hold a trench from S.W. corner of LEOZE WOOD to G - COMBLES RD a front of 300 yds. A perfect deluge of rain came while this work was proceeding & this detachment was exposed to our heavy shell fire the whole night but maintained their position and dug in.

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- 5th 10 p.m. 7th & 8th Inniskilling Fus relieved the Bn. at 8 a.m. Enemy started sniping during relief on 3rd & again 2nd J.H.Hill, under orders, reconnoitred LEUZE WOOD & found it unoccupied. Reached CRATERS CARNOY at 10 a.m. very tired but men in good spirits.
- CRATERS CARNOY.
- 6th 10 p.m. Battn resting and refitting.
- 7th 10 p.m. Marched to SANDPITS Nr. MEALTE. Transport remained in HAPPY VALLEY.
- MEALTE.
- 8th 10 p.m. Marched to MERICOURT L'ABBE with transport.
- MERICOURT.
- 9th 10 p.m. Battn resting and refitting bathing parade in river.
- 10th 10 p.m. Church parade - addressed by Div. Commander Gen. Smith on good work at Battle of GUILLEMONT & afterwards march past. Men bathed in river. New clothes & uniform issued.
- 11th 10 p.m. Battn. inspected by C.O.
- SANDPITS MEALTE.
- 12th 10 p.m. Moved from MERICOURT to Sandpits - Meaulte.
- 13th 10 p.m. Sandpits, Coys under Coy Commanders.
- CITIDAL.
- 14th 10 p.m. Moved from Sandpits to Citidal.
- WATERLOT FARM.
- 15th 10 p.m. Moved in the morning from Citidal to Waterlot TALUS BOISE where the Battn formed up and awaited orders. At midday orders received and Battn moved up to
- 16th WATERLOT FARM.

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TRENCH IN FRONT OF LESBOEUF.

16th 10 p.m. Midnight 15-16. Battn moved up through GINCHY to a position 600 yds in front of German line protecting LESBOEUF & dug in at 9.35 ZERO + 10 men the Battn attacked and captured the German front line on a front of 150 yds to left of GINCHY LESBOEUF road and held this while a new line was dug just behind west of it. They captured in this operation about 50 prisoners & two Lewis guns. Having used up all their bombs and also all those captured from the Germans they were forced to fall back into the new trench and held this until relieved on night of 16-17 by Shropshire L.I. After relief Battn marched back to trenches E of BERNAFAY WOOD.

TALUS BOISE.

17th 10 p.m. Battn marched from BERNAFAY WOOD to TALUS BOISE. Coys under O.C. Coys for reorganising. Casualties of previous day found to be 10 officers and about 162 O.R. C.O. Maj M.L. Lyons was killed.

18th 10 p.m. Battn resting at TALUS BOISE rained hard all day. Coys under O.C. Coys for reorganisation.

19th 10 p.m. Battn resting at TALUS BOISE. Coys under Coy Commanders for reorganisation. Still raining hard.

CITIDAL.

20th 10 p.m. Battn moved from TALUS BOISE to Citidal relieving 1st Coldstream Guards.

21st 10 p.m. Remained at Citidal got change of clothes for men Coys under O.C. Coys.

MEAULTE.

22nd 10 p.m. Battn marched from Citidal to billets in MEAULTE.

23rd 10 p.m. Battn resting Coys under Coy Commanders for reorganisation.

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24th 10 p.m. Same as previous date.

CITIDAL.

25th 10 p.m. Battn marched from MEAULTE  
to Citidal.

QUADRALALERAL.

26th 10 p.m. Battn in reserve moved up to  
QUADRALALERAL relieved B Coy  
16 R. Warwicks.

27th 10 p.m. Battn in reserve at  
QUADRALALERAL about 12  
casualties.

28th 10 p.m. Battn moved back to CARNOY.  
Not relieved by anyone.

W. C. WATSON,  
Lt for Major.  
Comdg. 7th Bn. Somerset Lt. Infantry.



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7th Service Bn  
Somerset Light Infantry

Nolleston Camp  
Shrewton, Wilts

"This is Eddie's address.  
Don't you think he is  
looking well?"