

# 11th (Service) Bn. South Lancashire Regt. (St Helens Pioneers) War Diary

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Larkhill Camp	06/11/1915			Left Larkhill Camp on 6th Nov for Southampton	nil		
Southampton	06/11/1915		15:00	Embarked on "MONAS QUEEN" & sailed at 5pm. Transport on "Invicta".	nil		
Le Havre	07/11/1915		00:00	Arrived at Havre at 12 midnight & disembarked at 8.0am on the 7.11.15.	nil		
			08:00	Proceeded to Rest Camp about 2 miles outside HAVRE.			
			19:30	Left Rest Camp, Havre at 7.30pm and proceeded to place of Entrainment "GARE des MERCHANDISES"			
			23:59	Left at 11.59pm and arrived at PONT REMY at 6.30am on the 8.11.15.			
Pont Remy	08/11/1915		06:30	Strength arrived at PONT REMY 29 Officers 1007 O. Ranks. 1 Officer & 1 O. Ranks left behind HAVRE as Divisional Embark'n Officer.	nil		
			07:30	Marched out of PONT REMY for Busses Bussuel at 7.30am 8/11/15 about 8 miles from Station. (Note) In Full Marching Order plus Blanket & W.P. Sheet.			
Bussus Bussuel	08/11/1915		16:00	Arr Bussus Bussuel about 4pm 8/11/15. Rest on way & a meal given to men. Road bad.	nil		
BETHENCOURT	16/11/1915			Left Bussus Bussuel on the 16th Nov for BETHENCOURT arriving & billeted by 3pm. Departed on 17th Nov & arr FLESSELLES at 1pm same day.	nil		
FLESSELLES	17/11/1915			On way from Bethencourt to Flesselles we met the 5th S. Lancs & formed up in line & as 5th S Lancs approached us we gave 3 Rousing Cheers for them to which they heartily reciprocated. Fell out for 1/2 hr for chat.	nil		
FLESSELLES MAILLY MAILLET	26/11/1915			2 Coys ("A" & "B") left for MAILLY MAILLET on 26/11/15 at 9.0am for instruction in Trenches and attached to 10th Bde 4th Divn. Stgth 11 Officers 444 O Ranks. Returned from Trenches on 11th Decr. No casualties.	nil		
FLESSELLES BERNEUIL	28/11/1915		09:10	"C", "D" Coys & Hd Qrs left Flesselles at 9.10am & arrived at BERNEUIL at 12.30 same day.	nil		
			12:30				
	06/12/1915			"C" Coy left BERNEUIL for HALLOY-LES-PERNOIS for work on Horse standings in Artillery Area. 6 Offrs & 223 O.R.	nil		
	10/12/1915			"C", "D" & Hd Qrs left on 10th Decr for training in Trenches attdhd 10th Bde - 4th Divn. "C" Coy joined "D" & Hd Qrs at Le Val de Maison at 12.45 on 10th Decr.	nil		
	12/12/1915			"D" Coy (7 Off & 134 OR) went in Trenches for 3 days and 3 nights. "C" Coy (6 Off & 165 OR) working parties	nil		
	13/12/1915			"C" " " ----- ditto ----- & were sniped freely by enemy. Enemy aircraft over MAILLY MAILLET and dropped 2 Bombs in village 1 failed to go off, other exploded near Coy Billets but did no damage.	nil		

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	14/12/1915			"C" " ----- ditto ----- 2 men wounded through enemy sniping.	w. 2 OR		
	16/12/1915			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20523 Joseph Beard]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	19/12/1915			"C" Coy go in trenches for 3 days and 3 nights & portion of "D" Coy. "D" Coy working parties for Trenches. 2 men wounded by enemy snipers. 1 man killed by enemy sniper.	k.i.a. 1 OR w. 2 OR		
				[k.i.a. - Pte. 21005 Harry Taylor]			
	20/12/1915			"D" Coy 1 man killed by enemy sniper & 1 wounded - died 21/12/15.	k.i.a. 1 OR w. 1 OR		
				[k.i.a. - Pte. 21325 Frederick Cartwright]			
	21/12/1915			1 man died of Alcoholic Poisoning at BERNEUIL when on Guard. (Pte. P Critchley) L/Corpl i/c Guard remanded for F.G.C.M.	d. 1 OR d.o.w. 2 OR		
				[d. - Pte. 21793 Peter Critchley; d.o.w. - Pte. 20949 Louis Lambert, Pte. 21481 John Stanley]			
	24/12/1915			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20995 William Groves]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	25/12/1915	09:00		Left MAILLY MAILLETon 25th Decr for BERNEUIL via PUCHEVILLERS.	nil		
	27/12/1915	09:30		Left BERNEUIL as follows Hd Qrs & "B" Coy to PERNOIS "A" Coy Artillery Area "C" Coy to OUTREBOIS. "D" Coy HEM & HARDINVAL Split up in this manner for various work on improvements to Billets &c.	nil		
	31/12/1915	11:30		L/C Smith to be tried by F.G.C.M. in BERNAVILLE.	nil		
	01/01/1916			Battalion divided as per end of last Summary.	nil		
Pernois	05/01/1916			Left Pernois at 9.45am & marched to NAOURS ("A" & "B" Coys & Hd Qrs) "C" & "D" Coys meeting us there.	nil		
PONT NOYELLES	06/01/1916			Battn left NAOURS at 8.50am & marched to PONT NOYELLES	nil		
	07/01/1916			Battn left PONT NOYELLES at 8.30am (less "A" Coy) & marched to CHIPILLY ("C" & "D") & ETINEHAM ("B" & Hd Qrs). "A" Coy left PONT NOYELLES for PUCHEVILLERS for Railway work under R.C.E. 112th Railway Coy RE	nil		
	08/01/1916			Battn less "A" Coy marched to BRAY "D" Coy proceeding to SUZANNE "B" "C" & H Qrs to FROISSY	nil		
	11/01/1916			"D" Coy at SUZANNE had 2 casualties (wounded in action) Enemy shelling Artillery there. "B" "C" Coys working on BRAY-CORBIE Road, BRONFAY Fme Light Railway	nil		
	14/01/1916			Machine Gun Section proceeded to SUZANNE for work under G.O.C. 90th Brigade.	nil		
FROISSY	21/01/1916	18:50		Shelled by Enemy on 21/1/16 at irregular intervals 1 man wounded	w. 1 OR		
FROISSY	24/01/1916	16:00		5 shells sent over. 2 Mules wounded.	nil		
FROISSY	25/01/1916	15:20		11 shells sent over. No casualties.	nil		

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FROISSY	26/01/1916		15:50	8 shells over FROISSY	nil		
			16:20	5 " " "			
FROISSY	27/01/1916		10:58	8 Shells No casualties. End of Hut just behind Bn Hd Qrs blown in	nil		
			11:00				
			14:23	4 " (1 did not go off). Mark on Fuse Cap HZ 14 & 15 apparently fired by 10.5 Light Field Howitzer from direction of FAY.			
SUZANNE	28/01/1916			1 man wounded of "D" Coy. This Coy under orders of G.O.C. 90th Bde.	w. 1 OR		
FROISSY	28/01/1916		07:18	Continually shelled by Enemy, but the majority of shells were somewhat over-ranged falling in a field behind the Bn Hd Qrs. 685 shells were sent over at an average of 1 per minute. 1 man killed	k.i.a. 1 OR		
			16:00	1 wounded. Ordered by Division (30th) to move out of FROISSY this being done about 4.30p.m. about 2pm Artillery was exceedingly active, the enemy attempting to break through the Left of the Trench Lines & Right of our Lines.	w. 1 OR		
				[k.i.a. - Pte. 21144 John Mason]			
BRAY	30/01/1916			Working Parties detailed for urgent work at CAPPY placing Houses in state of Defence, making Machine Gun Emplacements & Redoubts.	nil		
	31/01/1916			Ditto ----- Ditto -----	nil		
				J L Harrington Lt Colonel Comg 11th S Lincs Regt (Pioneers)			
BRAY	03/02/1916			On 3/2/16 "A" Coy arrived at ETINEHEM from PUCHEVILLERS and joined Battalion for duty. Left Billets in BRAY (2 Coy & HQ) & moved to DUGOUTS. Position L8 Map 62C N.W. ALBERT.	nil		
	07/02/1916			"A" Coy took over duties from "D" Coy at SUZANNE. "D" Coy moved to ETINEHEM.	nil		
	09/02/1916			"D" Coy moved into DUGOUTS with Battalion Hd Qrs.	nil		
	14/02/1916			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20958 George Hood]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	18/02/1916			1 man wounded "A" Coy.	w. 1 OR		
	20/02/1916			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20210 Thomas Myers]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	21/02/1916			1 man wounded "A" Coy & 1 of "C" Coy.	w. 2 OR		
	29/02/1916			1 man wounded B Coy & died shortly after & 1 man wounded "A" Coy. During month work on Communication Trenches & making Dugouts SUZANNE & making Dugouts at Bn Hd Qrs to take whole of Battalion. Continuation of work at CAPPY placing same in State of Defence & work in Front Line Trenches.	w. 2 OR		
				John L Harrington Lt Colonel Comg 11th S Lincs Regt (Pioneers)			

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SUZANNE	01/03/1916			1 Man "A" Coy wounded at SUZANNE. [d.o.w. - Pte. 20486 Robert Howard]	d.o.w. 1 OR w. 1 OR		
BRAY	10/03/1916			1 Man "D" Coy wounded. [d.o.w. - Pte. 20145 John Mills]	d.o.w. 1 OR w. 1 OR		
SUZANNE	11/03/1916			1 Man "A" Coy wounded at SUZANNE slightly but returned 12/3/16.	w. 1 OR		
	14/03/1916			Major Gwynn Willians 2nd Comd invalidated to England 13/3/16 & struck off strength.	nil		
	15/03/1916			"A" Coy joined Battn at Dugouts Grovetown Camp Bray on 15th inst.	nil		
	16/03/1916			"A" & "D2 Coys leave Dugouts & march to 7th Div Area at MEAULTE. Hd Qrs to VILLE sur ANCRE. "B2 & "C" Coys move out of Dugouts to Tents on Bank opposite to allow the Sussex Regt Pioneer to occupy.	nil		
MEAULTE	19/03/1916			1 NCO & 2 men "A" Coy wounded by Shell Fire. NCO suffered from Shell Shock he has however returned to duty.	w. 3 OR		
MEAULTE	27/03/1916			2 men wounded "A" Coy owing to Shellfire 1 since returned to duty.	w. 2 OR		
	31/03/1916			"A" & "D" Coys & Hd.Qrs. left Meaulte & Ville respectively & went back to GROVETOWN (under Canvas). Comg Officer sick & has to leave Battn for rest. Major T Potter taking over Command from that date.  T Potter Major O.C. 11th S Lancs Regt (Pioneers)	nil		
	03/04/1916			Dug new Fire Trench in front of front line at Pt F 11 27 & F 11 3 from 1.30 pm to 5 am. 298 NCO & men of "B" & 2C" Coys & 7 Officers took part. Trench completed & manned by 21st Manchestr Regt. Working parties carried on day & night.	nil		
	18/04/1916			Move back to VAUX en AMIENOIS for rest.	nil		
	27/04/1916			Inspection by Divisional Comr Major Genl W Fry CNQCB at 9.30 am. On parade 25 Officers 856 Other Ranks.  J L Harrington Lt Colonel Com 11th S Lancs Regt (Pioneers)	nil		
VAUX en AMIENOIS	02/05/1916		08:50	"B" & "C" Coys under Capt Forester left for BOIS de Celestine nr Chipilly. "C" Coy & 1/2 "B" Coy on road work under Officer i/c Roads 13th Corps at Bois de Tailles; 1/2 "B" Coy under O.C. 142nd Coy.	nil		
	03/05/1916		16:00	"A" & "D" Coys & HQ left Vaux en Amienois at 4pm for Corbie & billeted there for the night.	nil		
CORBIE	04/05/1916		16:00	Left Corbie at 4.0pm for Grovetown Camp.	nil		
	06/05/1916			"A" Coy (2 platoons) went to SUZANNE.	nil		
			16:30	"B" & "C" Coys rejoined Battn at Grovetown Camp.			

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				"C" Coy went on to SUZANNE.			
	07/05/1916			"B" Coy to "F" Ravine.	nil		
	11/05/1916			77 NCO's & men "C" Coy engaged on Rescue Work in Trench Y3 commencing 5.30pm on 11th &	nil		
		13/05/1916		continuing in hourly reliefs until 13/5/16.			
	16/05/1916			Lt Col Sir J L Harrington KCMG, KCVO, CB, comdg Battn went to England (Sick Leave). Whilst there received notification from XIII Corps that he had received appointment as Commandant ARDRICQUE.	nil		
	18/05/1916			1 man "A" Coy wounded (Shrapnel) returned to duty 25/5/16.	w. 1 OR		
	19/05/1916			1 man "C" Coy wounded. 1 Platoon "D" Coy moved to "F" Ravine on 19th inst.	w. 1 OR		
	23/05/1916			1 man "D" Coy wounded 1 man "B" Coy wounded slightly. returned to duty 27/5/16.	w. 2 OR		
	26/05/1916			Lt Col H. F. Fenn (late 21st Royal Fusrs) reported & took over command of Battalion.	nil		
				H F Fenn Lt Colonel Comd XI S Lancs Regt (Pioneers)			
	30/05/1916			2 Platoons "A" Coy & remainder "D" Coy moved to TRIGGER VALLEY	nil		
	31/05/1916			Distribution of Battn evening of 31/5/16:- 11 Platoons in Trigger Valley 5 Platoons in "F" Ravine. Bn Hd Qrs in GROVETOWN DUGOUTS. 2 men wounded 1 of C & 1 of D.	w. 2 OR		
	01/06/1916			Dist'n of Battn TRIGGER VALLEY 11 Platoons ("A" & "C" Coy & pns "D" Coy) F RAVINE 4 " ("B" Coy) DIV Dugouts 1 " ("D" Coy) N E of Bray. Bn HQ TRIGGER VALLEY QM Stores & Transport BRAY	nil		
	03/06/1916			1 NCO ("D" Coy) wounded.	w. 1 OR		
	04/06/1916			21435 Sgt P. McGowan "C" Coy tried by F. G. Court Martial for "When on Active Service Drunkenness" Sentence Reduced to the Ranks. Lt & QM Rice struck off strength effect from 2/6/16 2Lt F Craig transferred to 3 Hussars 6/6/16.	d.o.w. 1 OR		
				[d.o.w. - Pte. 20569 Thomas Roberts]			
	06/06/1916			Capt C. C. Champion appd Temy Major & 2nd in Command of Battn effect from 14/4/16.	nil		
	08/06/1916			2 men wounded "B" Coy.	w. 2 OR		
	11/06/1916			2Lt A. G. R. Hawkes invalided to England. 20086 Pte Pounceby W "B" Coy awarded Military Medal vide London Gazette 3/6/16. (1st decoration for Battn since coming overseas). Lt Col Sir J L Harrington KCMG, KCVO, CB late CO of Battn & 20313 RSM Boden J mentionec	nil		

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				in dispatch by Genl Sir Douglas Haig, GCB. Cr in Chief British Forces in France dated 30/4/16.				
	15/06/1916			Lt G H Walker transferred to R.F.C. 15/6/16. 4 men wounded ("B" Coy).	d.o.w. 1 OR w. 4 OR			
				[d.o.w. - Pte. 20549 George Dean]				
	20/06/1916			[d. - Pte. 20147 Pte. Stanley Foreman]	d. 1 OR			
	21/06/1916			21469 Pte Roberts H "B" Coy thro negligence caused Self Inflicted Wound & tried by F.G.C.M.	nil			
	22/06/1916			1 man "B" Coy killed.	k.i.a. 1 OR			
				[k.i.a. - Pte 20356 Arthur Stubbs]				
	23/06/1916			Battn left for Bray & Etinehem. "C" & "D" Coys to former place "A" "B" & HQ to latter. 1 man "A" Coy killed.	k.i.a. 1 OR			
				[k.i.a. - Pte. 20572 Joseph Richardson]				
	26/06/1916			"A" "B" & HQ move to BRAY. 1 man "C" Coy killed 1 NCO wounded 1 man Shell Shock. Work during month June 1916 chiefly on Trenches & preparing for British Advance originally fix for June 25 1916 but postponed to 1st July.	k.i.a. 1 OR w. 1 OR			
				[k.i.a. - Pte. 20967 Edward Hill]				
	29/06/1916			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20999 William Keogh]	d.o.w. 1 OR			
	30/06/1916			Battn assembled in Trenches at various fixed points by 7-30pm 30/6/16. 1 man "D" Coy self inflicted wound - shot himself thro' finger about 1 hour prior to Coy moving u to Trenches. To be tried by F.G.C.M.	nil			
				H F Fenn Lt Colonel 11th S Lancs Regt (Pioneers)				
				Battn Headquarters changed to COPSE RAVINE evening of the 30th June, 19116. All parties in position by 7.25 p.m. viz. 1. "A" Coy 2 Platoons assembl'd in "U" Works N of Peronne Rd 2. " " 2 " " " "U" ditto 3. "B" Coy 2 " " " Trenches in MARICOURT(S) East Face of NAPIER KEEP (300x of trench 4. " 2 " " " COPSE VALLEY as Divisional Reserve. 5. "C" Coy 4 " " " Trenches in MARICOURT(S) (East Face of NAPIER KEEP( ditt 6. "D" Coy 1 " " " Trenches in MARICOURT(S) (East face & part of South Face of CHATEAU KEEP (140x of Trench) 7. " 1 " " " DIXONS DITCH Trench 8. " 1 " " " STANLEY & MARICOURT AVENUES. (Maintenance Parties) 9. " 1 " " " SUPPORT & WEST AVENUES ( ditto )				
				1. Objective. To open Communication Trench From Sap No 6 (A/9/3) Support Aven) 2. " To open " " " From Sap No 5 (A/9/4) West Aven) 3. " To open " " " From Sap No 3 to German Wood (Stanley Aven)				

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				4. " Divisional Reserve. 5. " To open Communication Trench from Sap A.P. 4 to enemy's trenches & onwards (Maricourt Aven) 6. " Prepare Strong Points at A 10 d 1/6 & A 10 a 4/6 7. " " " " A 3 d 6/2. 8 & 9. Maintenance of Communication Trenches and opening of Russian Saps on evening of 1.7.16			
	01/07/1916			Lewis Gun Section assembled in "U" Works on the 30th June and did not move during operation.  The Battalion took part in the Offensive carried out by the 30th Division on the right of the British front. Hour of Zero 7.30 a.m. 1st July, 1916) The duties and objectives allotted to the Battalion as above were carried out to time. At 2.45 p.m. on 1st July 2 Communication Trenches were through to German front Line to a depth of 4 feet. (Nos 2 and 4 from right of sector) At 3.43 p.m. No 1 Communtn Trench was open to a depth of 4 feet. All these 3 were immediately continued and work progressed favourably. No 3 was not ready till much later owing to heavy casualties from Shell fire. At 9.20 p.m. Russian Saps were opened by Trench Communication Parties. Saps from A.P. 3 & 4 and A.P. 5 & 5. Parties also provided on MONTAUBAN - MARICOURT ROAD.  [d.o.w. - L/Cpl. 20087 Bertrand Allander] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21240 Thomas Beckett, Pte. 20057 William Bryan, L/Cpl. 20804 William Cotterill, Pte. 21352 William Davies, Pte. 20628 Albert Edwards, Lt. Reginald Garton, Pte. 20168 James Hodgins, Pte. 21378 Thomas Houghton, Sjt. 20070 Thomas Jackson, Pte. 21779 Patrick Kelly, Pte. 20629 Thomas Kelly, Pte. 20121 Thomas Kinsey, Pte. 21367 James McDonald, Pte. 21803 Thomas Montgomery, Pte. 21473 James Mullen, Pte. 21054 William Oakes, Pte. 21316 Francis Ovens, Pte. 20415 George Parr, Pte. 21909 John Skelhorn, Sjt. 21879 John Small]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 Off 19 OR		
	02/07/1916		14:00 17:00	O.C. Sap working party reported the Saps A.P. 5 and A.P. 6 were uncovered by 2-5 p.m. At Sap A.P. 6 the sap fell in a great deal and so caused the trench to be rather wider than it ought to be. Owing to the bad state of trench East side of MARICOURT-BRIQUETERIE road in the old German lines the communication trench was fixed from A.P. 3 to run via strong point 1/89 along east side of GERMANS WOOD to CASEMENT TRENCH.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 21862 William Gibbons, Cpl. 20402 Harry Preston] [k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 20531 William Mustard]	d.ow. 2 OR k.i.a. 1 OR	72	Clear sky
			19:25 19:30	Communication trench from No 5 Sap A 9/4 is now usable up to strong point 4/21. Communication trench from Sap No 6 A 9/3 usable to strong point 1/21. Communication trench from A.P. 4 via strong points 2/89 through to strong point 2/2 in DUBLIN TRENCH.		75	Clear sky
	03/07/1916			Officer i/c Strong Points 1/89 and 2/89 reported work still continues on Strong Points 1/89 and 2/89. Strong Point 1/89 was heavily shelled on night of 2nd and work was therefore impossible. On examination later it was found that through shelling much damage has been done especially to face work. Shelling still continued at 11.30 a.m. when work on top is attempted particularly. By 3 p.m. all was clear from Sap A.P. 4 and good useable trench through to DUBLIN TRENCH. On the 1st July when our Parties followed the Infantry over the parapet many casualties were caused through the Division on the left being held up. Quite a number of them were caused through Machine Gun fire from the enemy.	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		

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				[d.o.w. - Pte. 21156 William Stanton] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21175 Robert Jackson]		68 <i>Fine, with some cloud and thunderstorms to the SE</i>	
	04/07/1916			On the 4th instant the Battalion went back to rest billets in the BOISE de TAILIES.	nil		
	07/07/1916			On the 7th July 2 Coys were ordered back to the line to be under orders of 21st Brigade. 1 Coy at disposal of 2nd Bn Yorks Regt and other Coy remained in Reserve in Assembly Trenches. Work under orders of 21st Brigade who were to capture Southern end of TRONES WOOD and establish connection with a French attack. Result Coy with 2nd Yorks did very little work. Prior to this move however, viz 5th July 1916 2 Coys were employed on the preparatory work of Cutting lanes from West to East through the Southern portion of BERNAFAY WOOD.		70 <i>Overcast with thunderstorms</i>	
	06/07/1916					70 <i>Overcast with intermittent showers</i>	
	07/07/1916					70 <i>Overcast and showery</i>	13
	08/07/1916					73 <i>Overcast</i>	8
	08/07/1916			Hd Qrs and 2 Coys moved up to COPSE VALLEY, the other 2 Coys joining on the 9 and 10th. Two Coys placed at the disposal of O.C. 21st Brigade to dig trenches and on road work.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 21329 Daniel Cunliffe] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21538 Walter Mullen]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR	72 <i>Low cloud</i>	
	09/07/1916			Disposition of Coys - 2 Coys working under direct orders of 21st Brigade and 2 Coys who went to Glatz Redoubt night of 8th and were not required, in COPSE VALLEY minus 1 platoon on Road work under 238th Coy R.E. Maricourt.  [k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 20985 Joseph Pike, Pte. 20606 John Trotter]	k.i.a. 2 OR	70 <i>Cloudy but fine</i>	
	10/07/1916			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20200 Ralph Kay, L/Cpl. 20786 Albert Roney, Pte. 20189 Charles Webster]	k.i.a. 3 OR	82 <i>Thick cloud, very hot, with no wind</i>	
	11/07/1916			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21682 George Owen] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21526 William Hanley]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR	68 <i>Overcast</i>	

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	12/07/1916			Battalion, less 1 Coy left at disposal of G.O.C. 18th Division for work on the BRIQUETERIE ROAD proceeded to GROVETOWN for rest. 1 draft received of 7 Officers from 14th (S) Bn Worcester Regt.	nil	68 Fine but overcast	
	13/07/1916				nil	70 Overcast, with strog wind and a little rain	
	14/07/1916				nil	70 Fine, but overcast	
	15/07/1916				nil	72 Morning mist clearing to a bright day	
	16/07/1916				nil	73 Dull and overcast	4
	17/07/1916				nil	70 Misty and overcast	
	18/07/1916				nil	72 Overcast	
	19/07/1916			1 Coy under orders of G.O.C. 18th Division rejoined Battalion.	nil	70 Cloudy	
HAPPY VALLEY	20/07/1916			Resting at GROVETOWN and moved to HAPPY VALLEY.	nil	75 Fine morning, clear sky	
HAPPY VALLEY	21/07/1916			Still in HAPPY VALLEY resting.	nil	75 Fine, with clear skies	
TALUS BOISE	22/07/1916			Moved at night to TALUS BOISE Area in accordance with O.O. No 26, as Divisional Reserve, with an Officer representing the Battn at 21st Brigade and 89th Brigade Headquarters.	nil	77 Clear sky, although dull early on (rain trace)	
	23/07/1916			No orders received from Brigades, therefore no work done.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 21454 Frederick Bowen]	d.o.w. 1 OR	68 Overcast	
	24/07/1916			One Platoon worked on Div. Headquarters Dug-outs. Remainder of Battn worked on CABLE TRENCH from BRIQUETERIE to TRONES WOOD. Average depth 3 feet.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 20118 James Parr]	d.o.w. 1 OR	70 Overcast but hot	

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	25/07/1916			One Platoon worked on Divl Headquarters Dugouts. CABLE TRENCH from Signal Station, BRIQUETERIE along North side of SUNKEN ROAD to BERNAFAY ALLEY dug. Cable Trench from TRONES WOOD to BRIQUETERIE dug to depth of 5 feet, except 300 yards dug only 3ft 6 inches.	nil			
						66	Overcast	
	26/07/1916			One Platoon worked on Divisional Headquarters Dugouts. Trench from GLATZ REDOUBT to SIGNAL STATION, BRIQUETERIE and on to SUNKEN ROAD dug. 300 yards of CABLE TRENCH from BRIQUETERIE to TRONES WOOD dug to an average depth of 5 ft. CABLE TRENCH along SUNKEN ROAD lengthened to A 5 d 76.96 dug.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 22006 Albert Haworth]	d.o.w. 1 OR			
						75	Windy	
	27/07/1916			One Platoon worked on Divl Headquarters Dugouts. "C" Coy cut one track through TRONES WOOD 120 yards South of Railway. CABLE TRENCH from TRONES WOOD to BRIQUETERIE completed to depth of 6 feet and floor levelled. CABLE TRENCH along SUNKEN ROAD to A 5 d 76.96 deepened and levelled.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 20663 Peter Houghton]	d.o.w. 1 OR			
						81	Hazy, becoming clearer in the afternoon	8
	28/07/1916			One Platoon worked on Divl Headquarters Dugouts. Trench between BERNAFAY WOOD & TRONES WOOD running N to S about 450 yards long dug. Average depth 4 feet. One Assembly Trench 4 feet deep 120 yards long dug on right of GUILLEMONT ROAD 200 yards E of TRONE WOOD. Reliefs working on Dugouts by BRIQUETERIE in Sunken Road.  [k.i.a. - C.S.M. 21037 Charles Norbury]	k.i.a. 1 OR			
						77	Overcast and hot	
	29/07/1916			One Platoon worked on Divisional Headquarters Dugouts. Two Assembly Trenches dug in front of N.E. side of TRONES WOOD. Average depth 3 ft 9 ins and a parapet of 2 ft. Both 120 yds long. One Assembly trench dug on the right of GUILLEMONT ROAD in front of TRONES WOOD. Average depth 4 ft 120 yards long. Four paths through TRONES WOOD finished and clearly defined with strips of Calico. Reliefs still working on dugouts near BRIQUETERIE in Sunken Road.	nil			
						81	Overcast	
	30/07/1916			Reliefs worked all day on dugouts near BRIQUETERIE in Sunken Road. 2 Officers as representatives of this Battalion reported, one to 89th Brigade and one to 90th Brigade Headquarters. Battn awaited orders for work in connection with O.O. No 28 dated 28th July 1916.  [k.i.a. - Pte. 20132 Peter Maloney]	k.i.a. 1 OR			
						82	Clear and very hot	
HAPPY VALLEY	01/08/1916			Battn resting in HAPPY VALLEY after the previous months operations. Casualties during operations of July 1916 amounting to 190 Other Ranks.	nil			
						86	Very hot	

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HALLENCOURT	02/08/1916			Battn away from Fighting Area to Rest in Back Area viz HALLENCOURT. Entrained at MERICOURT STN for LONGPRE. Arrived late at night and marched to HALLENCOURT arriving there about 2-30 a.m. on the 3.8.16.	nil			
						88		
	03/08/1916			Received orders that we should move on the 4th instant.	nil			
						84	Hot, with clear sky	
	04/08/1916			Battn left HALLENCOURT for PONT REMY Station and thence by rail to MERVILLE. Battn arrived at MERVILLE Station had to march back to MOLINGHEM arriving about 11-30 p.m.	nil			
						79		
	10/08/1916			Remained at MOLINGHEM until 10th instant when Battn moved at 4 a.m. in the morning en route for GORRE, where we arrived about noon after a 15 miles march.	nil			
	11/08/1916			Utilised by men for cleaning up generally.	nil			
		13/08/1916						
		14/08/1916			Battn started work in new area viz FESTUBERT & GIVENCHY areas. "A" Coy right sector of line under 202nd Field Coy. R.E. "B" Coy left sector of line under 200th Field Coy. R.E. "C" Coy village line under O.C. 201st Field Coy R.E. "D" Coy on Drainage of the 30th Divisional Area.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 21696 Albert Tickle]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	15/08/1916			"A" Coy had 4 Casualties on the 1st day in the line (Wounded). "A" Coy had 2 more casualties wounded. "B" Coy had 1 Killed & 5 Wounded.  [Pte. 20336 Thomas Naylor k.i.a.]	k.i.a. 1 OR w. 11 OR			
	16/08/1916			Marched to ACQ about 1 mile and stayed there the day.	nil			
CAMBLIGNEUIL	17/08/1916			Left ACQ and marched to CAMBLIGNEUIL.	nil			
	19/08/1916			Left CAMBLIGNEUIL and marched to SAUT Station and entrained for DOULLENS and re-joined the 30th Division. Marched from DOULLENS to LONGUEVILLETTE.	nil			
	22/08/1916			Coys doing Coy Drill and general training.	w. 2 OR			
		25/09/1916		2 Men of "A" Coy wounded.				
	23/08/1916			5 Officers joined Battn ex 1/3rd Monmouth Regt (T.F.)				
	24/08/1916			The General Officer Commanding, First Army, presented on the 24th instant, on parade, the ribbon of the Military Medal awarded to No 20089 Pte J. FRODSHAM of this Battn "A" Coy for gallantry and devotion to duty.	nil			
	27/08/1916			Battalion left 30th Division, and moved to 15th Corps area by Busses (DERNANCOURT).	nil			
	28/08/1916			5 Officers joined Battn ex 1/3rd Monmouth Regt (T.F.)	nil			

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	31/08/1916			Strength of Battn on the 31st August 1916 Other Ranks 887. (Actually with Bn).  H F Fenn Lt. Colonel Comdg 11th (S) Bn. S. Lancashire Regt. (Pioneers).	nil		
	01/09/1916			Battalion still in the FESTUBERT & GIVENCHY Sectors as per Report of last month. Battalion billeted in GORRE.	nil		
	03/09/1916			[d.o.w. - L/Cpl. 20028 James Large] [k.i.a. - Pte. 22106 John Plumpton]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	06/09/1916			Received a draft of 16 O. Ranks.	nil		
	09/09/1916			Received very urgent orders to be prepared to Move to 17th Corps Area at 1 hours notice. However did not move off until 6 p.m. on the 10th, and marched to BETHUNE Station and there entrained for AUBIGNY Station, and afterwards marched to ECQUVRES arriving there in the early hours of the morning on the 10th.	nil		
	11/09/1916			Coys ordered to proceed to points as follows for work "A" Coy to FORT GEORGE. "B" Coy to the EMPIRE & PYLONES. "C" & "D" Coys to NEUVILLE ST VAAST.	nil		
	15/09/1916			Received a draft of 1 Officer (Q.M.) and 4 O. ranks. Received urgent orders to again move.	nil		
	19/09/1916			Left CAMBLIGNEUIL and marched to SAVY Station and entrained for DOULLENS and re-joined the 30th Division. Marched from DOULLENS to LONGUEVILLETTE.	nil		
	21/09/1916			Left LONGUEVILLETTE and marched to HAVERNAC where the whole of the 30th Division were round about resting.	nil		
	22/09/1916			Coys doing Coy drill and general training.	nil		
	25/09/1916					59	Cloudy and showery
	27/09/1916			Battalion left 30th Division, and moved to 15th Corps area by busses (DERNANCOURT).	nil		
	28/09/1916			Battalion marched from DERNANCOURT to MONTAUBAN. The Germans evidently having noticed the Tents being erected by means of his Observation Balloon shelled during the night in the vicinity. Struck camp at 6 a.m. next morning and moved to various shelters in trenches. 1 man wounded of "A" Coy.	nil		
	30/09/1916			Time during the month taken up chiefly with preparing to move and actually moving. Received a letter of congratulations from G.O.C. XVII Corps on the work done by the Battalion during the short stay with them.  Battalion about 69 Other Ranks under strength on the 30th and 14 Officers under strength.  H F Fenn Lt. Colonel Comdg 11th S. Lincs Regt. (Pioneers).	nil		
MONTAUBAN	01/10/1916			Battn at MONTAUBAN under orders of 41st Division, for work on roads, at BAZENTIN.  [k.i.a. - Pte. 20381 William Kenny]	k.i.a. 1 OR		

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	03/10/1916			2 Coys laying Duckboards in Fish Alley & Goose Alley, in forward area (Map ref M 30 a 6.4. & N 36 B 5.4.)	nil		
	05/10/1916			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21633 John Creaghan] [k.i.a. - Pte. 22382 Arthur Meek]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	08/10/1916			2 Coys on road work, 3 platoons on night work in GOOSE ALLEY (clearing obstructions) and 1 Platoon on TURK LANE. 3 Platoons clearing obstructions in portions of FISH ALLEY, working from ABBEY ROAD to the rear.  [k.i.a. - Pte. 21706 Frank Baldwin]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	09/10/1916			Battalion ordered to move to a new area at BAZENTIN-le-GRAND, and on arriving there no suitable place to be found anywhere, other Battalions and Bde Hdqrs being there, consequently Battalion received orders to stay where it was prior to moving to Bazentin-le-Grand.	nil		
	10/10/1916			Battalion under orders of 30th Division.	nil		
	12/10/1916		14:00	Battalion moved up to Assembly trench in 21st Bde area S 5 a 6.4. at 2 p.m. also Advcd Bn Hdqrs	nil		
			16:30	Coys left to assemble in trenches for work at 6 p.m. each party sending an Officer and some men ahead to reconnoitre the ground to be worked, in connection with the Offensive to be taken by 30th Division.			
			18:50	Following position and distribution of Battn. Advcd Hdqrs at S 5 a 6.4. Lewis Gunners under 21st brigade at S 5 b 7.3. 2 Coys in Fish Alley at 25 c 6.9. 2 Coys in Goose Alley. Coy unable to go out to dig trenches as per Operation Order No 40 owing to unfavourable situation Orders then received from C.R.E. 30th Div for Coys to work on FISH ALLEY, pioneer lane & GOOSE ALLEY, behind our old front line. A & C Coys then carried out the following work. 2 Coys dug 400 yds of extension of Fish Alley to average depth of 4ft 6inches N 25 c 2.2. to N 25 c 6.9. and deepened 400 yds to a depth of 5' 6" M 36 b 5.6. to N 25 c 2.2. 2 Platoons dug new trench 140 yds long and 6ft deep from end of GOOSE ALLEY M 24 b 6.6. to trench or strong point held by 17th Kings Liverpool Regt at M 24 b 7.8. Remaining 1½ Coys at S 5 a 6.4. with Advcd Headquarters.			
	13/10/1916		14:30	Orders sent out to Coys to return at once. Battalion ordered to go forward again for purposes of digging trench to front line. Disposition. Turk Lane from Goose Alley along Abbey Rd. Result 1232 yds dug 5 feet deep 2ft bottom 4 ft top from point M 30 a 5.7. Junct of Turk Lane & Goose Alley.	nil		
	14/10/1916			"A" Coy and 2 Platoons of "B" on night work on FISH ALLEY extending it so as to be clear of Factory Corner avoiding all German trenches where possible. (idea, to avoid the possibilities of enemy artillery knowing the exact range of their old trenches and consequently shelling them thinking that Infantry etc would use them for assembly)  [d.o.w. - 2/Lt. William Fletcher]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	15/10/1916			2 Platoons "B" Coy on night work clearing out FISH ALLEY. "D" Coy on night work clearing out and completing GOOSE ALLEY. Work done on night 14th/15th Digging and extending FISH ALLEY 250 yds (new dug) Clearing up trench - FERRET TCH - to ABBEY RD 400 yds average depth 5½ feet. Clearing and deepening GOOSE ALLEY for 450 yards.	nil		

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	18/10/1916			Division continue offensive. Battalion moved to forward area also advcd H.Qrs in CREST TRENCH Result of operation. 500 yards fire trench traversed and dug Average depth 4' 3" from end of TURK LANE to approx M 17 d central, & Fire trench traversed dug from M 24 a 8.2. about 500 yds.	nil		
	20/10/1916			Battn Lewis Gunners ordered to report to 21st Bde Hdqrs and to be attached to one of their Battalions to assist in the Line.	nil		
	21/10/1916			1 Coy on TURK LANE, cleared from Front Line to about 100 yards South of GOOSE ALLEY, Sump holes dug at about 20 yds interval and trench boards laid over sumps. 1 Coy on TURK LANE - from Eaucourt L'ABBAYE RD to SUNKEN ROAD in M 35, cleared an sump holes dug. 1 Coy on FISH ALLEY 450-500 yds of trench cleaned and about 12 sump holes dug, starting from the FACTORY - EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE RD and going South. 1 Coy on FISH ALLEY 1000 yards lin widened deepened and made passable for Stretchers average depth 5' 6".  [d.o.w. - 2/Lt. Edgar Parr] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21441 William Helsby, Pte. 21245 Thomas Hynes, L/Sjt. 20345 Samuel Martin, L/Cpl 20467 Thomas Tipton]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 4 OR		
	22/10/1916			Battalion left vicinity of MONTAUBAN (Map ref S 26 b 8.7.) for DERNANCOURT CAMP, N o Dernancourt.  [k.i.a. - Pte. 20161 Frank Hartley]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	24/10/1916			Battalion returned on the 24th to vicinity of MONTAUBAN (Map ref S 26 b 5.5.) for work on railways under the R.C.E. 4	nil		
	25/10/1916			Work continued on Railways until the 5th 11.16 when Battalion rejoined 30th Div on the 6.11.16.	nil		
	05/11/1916			H F Fenn Lt Colonel. Comdg 11th S. Lincs Regt. (Pioneers).			
	28/10/1916			[d.o.w. - L/Sjt. 20294 Robert Sutton]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	01/11/1916			[d. - Pte. 6323 William Brotherhood]	d. 1 OR		
	06/11/1916			Battalion arrived at HUMBERCOURT by Bus from TALMAS, and stayed in billets until the 9th, when Battalion marched out to forward area to take over work from Monmouths. Battalion distributed as follows:- 2 Ptns of "A" Coy "B" Coy and "D" Coy billeted ar BERLES-au-Bois. 2 Platoons of "A" Coy, Qr.Mrs stores and Transport at LA CAUCHIE and "C" Coy at BAILLEULVAL. O.C. responsible for the Defence of BERLES-au-BOIS in case of attack by the enemy, on and from the 9th inst, when Monmouths left the area.	nil		
	09/11/1916						
	10/11/1916			Work carried on as taken over from Monmouths viz., Divisional Line and Defences of Village of BERLES-au-BOIS with the exception of 2 Ptns of "A" Coy on Roads in La CAUCHIE area and "C" Coy on roads in BAILLEULVAL area. Work carried on for the month, with the exception of inter-Coy reliefs on various works and roads Only 3 Casualties occurred during the month of Novr. 1916 all of which were wounded. "Gas" used by us British on our Divisional front on the night of the 12th inst, but no ill effects felt far back as BERLES-au-BOIS. (about 1,800 yds from front line). The "GAS ALERT" has been in force on frequent occasions during the last few days, the wind being favourable for enemy discharge of "Gas".	nil		

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				C. C. Champion Major for Lt. Col. (A.O.L.) Comdg 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).			
	01/12/1916			Battalion distributed as follows:- Bn. Hd.qrs. "B" & "D" Coys & ½ "A" Coy at Berles-au-Bois. "C" Coy at Grosville & Transport at La Cauchie. With the exception of Inter-Coy relieves during the month, work carried on, on the Divisional Line & roads as last month. Work commenced on a new Strong Point "Panets Post" & finished with the exception of a few minor details.	nil		
	09/12/1916			[d.o.w. - Sjt. 20072 Harold West]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	13/12/1916			Owing to our Artillery Operations on the 13th Decr. 1916, men ordered to Bombardment Stations Berles from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on that date, in case the enemy should retaliate on the village.	nil		
	14/12/1916			[k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 22005 Herbert Molloy]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	19/12/1916			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20159 Walter Tierney]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	23/12/1916			[k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 20620 Peter Mills]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	24/12/1916			Enemt artillery very active, trying apparently to find some Big Guns (Siege battery) in position behind Battn Headquarters and again on the 29th Decr. 1916, the enemy artillery shelled Berles heavily.	nil		
	25/12/1916			The Battalion rested on Xmas day, no work being done.	nil		
				H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).			
	01/01/1917			[d.o.w. - Sjt. 21176 Edward Ashby]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
In the Field BERLES-au-BOIS	08/01/1917			Battn moved from Forward area to back area as follows- Battn Hd Qrs to LUCHEUX, "A" Coy to LA FONTAINE Fme "B" Coy Larbret, Baileulmont "C" Coy to LARBRET "D" Coy to La Folie Fme. "A" Coy employed on Felling trees in LUCHEUX Forest & "D" Coy on Huts under O.C. Field Coy "B" & "C" Coys working on Railway Embankment at Crinchon Valley & later employed on Railway Work. During month nothing to report other than above Coys employed on works as above.	nil		
	22/01/1917			"A" Coy moved to forward area "AGNY" for work under CRE 30 Divn.	nil		
				H F Fenn Lt Colonel Com 11th S Lancs Regt (Pioneers)			
	26/01/1917			[d. - Pte. 21788 Frank Burns]	d. 1 OR		
LUCHEUX	01/02/1917			Disposition of Battalion. Bn. Hd. Qrs & Transport at LUCHEUX. "D" Coy at La Folie Farm. "B" & "C" Coys at LARBRET. "A" Coy in forward area at AGNY.	nil		
	02/02/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 21145 George Roy]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
SIMENCOURT	04/02/1917			Battalion (less "A" Coy at AGNY) moved to SIMENCOURT by march route via HUMBERCOURT - COUTERELLE SAULTY - BAVINCOURT - GOUY.	nil		

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	05/02/1917			Battalion (less "A" Coy at AGNY) moved from SIMENCOURT to forward area as follows:- "D" Coy to ACHICOURT, "B" & "C" Coys to DAINVILLE. Transport & Qr.Mr. Stores remained behind at SIMENCOURT, and later moved to MONCHIET (23rd Feby 1917)	nil		
	19/02/1917			[d. - Pte. 21491 Henry Roughley]	d. 1 OR		
	21/02/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21825 John Simpson]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	27/02/1917			"D" Coy moved fom ACHICOURT to AGNY on 27th Feby 1917, the former village having passe to the 29th Division.  Companies employed during the period under review on the construction of Dugouts in the Line. 10 Casualties during month (all wounded). Strength of Battalion on the 28th Feby 1917 :- 43 Officers 908 Other Ranks.  C. C. Champion Major for Lt. Col. (A.O.L.) Comdg 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).	nil		
	01/03/1917	17/03/1917		From the beginning of the month until March 17th 1917 the Battalion was engaged in preparing dugouts, First Aid Posts and Collecting Stations in the forward trenches in front of AGNY.	nil		
	09/03/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 22170 John O'Grady]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	18/03/1917			First news of the enemy's retirement towards the COJEUL SWITCH LINE, which took place durir the night, was received in the morning. All the work was immediately stopped and the Battn stood pending the arrival of fresh orders. These arrived at noon and "A" & "B" Coys went out from AGN to the ARRAS-BUCQUOY the AGNY-BUCQUOY and the Mercatel SWITCH ROADS to prepar them for guns and transport. These roads behind the old German Lines had in several places been blown up. Temporary tracks were made round these spots while the Craters were being filled in an on the ARRAS-BUCQUOY Road a very large concrete barrier which straddled it was removed. Several booby traps were discovered and rendered harmless. "C" and "B" Coys relieved "A" & "B' Coys during the night and the Battalion continued on the work in continuous shifts until the 22nd inst.	nil		
BLAIRVILLE	22/03/1917			Battalion marched to new Billeting area in BLAIRVILLE, which had been evacuated by the Germans. Before leaving they had blown up all buildings likely to provide provide shelter for our troops, but with the material strewn about the village the Battalion were soon able to provide accomodation for itself. Work was continued in making the roads passable for traffic where they h been blown up by the enemy.  H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).	d. 1 OR		
				[d. - Pte. 20290 Samuel Dalton]			
BLAIRVILLE	01/04/1917			Battn. in Billets at BLAIRVILLE.	nil		
	08/04/1917			From 1st April, 1917 to this date Battalion engaged or roads in vicinity of BOISLEUX St. MARC BOISLEUX au MONT BOIRY BECQUERELLE and ARRAS-BUCQUOY Rd, making them suitable for Lorry Traffic.	nil		

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	09/04/1917	11/04/1917		<p>Coys stand to and await orders to move on the most forward roads in connection with the offensive which commenced on this date.</p> <p>At 3 p.m. "D" and "C" Coys moved off from Camp to commence work on the roads which detailed to them through Operation Order issued on the 7th.</p> <p>"D" Coy cleared the MERCATEL - NEUVILLE VITASSE Road for Horse Traffic by 5 a.m. on the 10th. This road was used by lorries before dawn on the 11th.</p> <p>"C" Coy went out to open for wheeled traffic Road running from BOIRY BECQUERELLE at T 7.a.9.8 via Cross roads at T 1 c.7.2. HENIN sur COJEUL MARTIN sur COJEUL, HENINEL WANCOURT, but owing to the unfavourable situation reports received, this Company was unable to work as far as detailed above. They worked on the HENIN - ST.MARTIN Road, which was opened for Horse Transport by the morning of the 11th April.1917.</p> <p>The Arras-BAPAUME Road was reconnoitred and reported on.</p>	nil		
	10/04/1917		06:30	"A" Coy went out to work in relief of "D" Coy and "B" Coy in relief of "C" Coy.	nil		
	11/04/1917			From morning of the 11th until the Battalion was relieved on the 12th work was carried on, on the forward roads. The work consisting chiefly in making the roads passable for Lorries.	nil		
	12/04/1917		17:00	The Battalion left BLAIRVILLE and marched to BASSEUX - BAILLEUMONT area.	nil		
	13/04/1917	14/04/1917		Moved back to St AMAND, arriving there about 2 p.m. At about 11-30 p.m. however, Wire was received from the Division that XVIII Corps orders were that we should be lent to the VII Corps for work on roads, and that we were to march to BOISLEUX au Mont on the 14th. We arrived there about 3-30 p.m. on the 14th and the men finding there was no accommodation readily adapted themselves to the circumstances and speedily erected improvised shelters from material at hand.	nil		
	15/04/1917			Coys went out to work on roads in vicinity of BOISLEUX St.Marc and HENIN.	nil		
	18/04/1917			Received orders from Division that we were to rejoin them on the 19th inst in the vicinity of BEAURAINS.	nil		
	20/04/1917			On the morning of the 20th Coys went out to work on roads in the HENIN St MARTIN HENINEL & NEUVILLE VITASSE areas.	nil		
	23/04/1917			<p>The work set out for the Battn in the operations which began upon the morning of April 23rd consisted in making the forward roads passable for artillery and transport.</p> <p>Later in the day as the result of certain developments in the situation one and half companies were called out to hold positions in the Corps Defensive Line and two platoons formed a protective guard for a battery when the position of affairs appeared for a time to be precarious.</p> <p>"C" Coy paraded at 4-30 a.m. and were working on HENIN ST MARTIN HENINSEL Rd towards CHERISY. They were working on this road up to the outskirts of HENINEL at 6 a.m.</p> <p>"B" Coy followed up two or three hours later with the intention of working on the other side of HENINEL towards CHERISY. Officers were sent forward to reconnoitre, but the situation throughout the morning appeared to be rather uncertain. The enemy shelled HENINEL very heavily and "C" Coy were quite unable to work in that village. "B" Coy found the road from HENINEL towards CHERISY also under very heavy fire. Consequently the two Coys collaborated on the road behind HENINEL and did much useful work, repairing it as far up as possible.</p>	nil		

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				"A" Coy also encountered lively shelling on their road which ran northwards out of HENINEL Village. It was little more than a cart track; the Germans had dug into its bank before it had been used, a short while previously, a part of our front line. The Coy managed to make it passable for transport before they ceased work on it.			
				By the end of the afternoon "C" & "B" Coys reported that the HENIN-ST>MARTIN-HENINEL R was open for Lorry traffic as far as the last named village. In the evening two platoons of "D" Coy were sent out to endeavour to work beyond HENINEL towards CHERISY and arrived at the Reserve Line just as the Infantry were going over again. Here they remained for a short while and were just moving up to their task when, the O.C. of a battery requested their protection for his gun This was immediately given, one platoon digging themselves in 200yds in advance of the Battery and one in line with the guns. After a few hours when the situation had cleared up these two platoons proceeded to their original task and worked on the road between HENINEL and CHERISY.			
				"B" and "C" Coys had returned to camp and the men had just turned in when orders were received for a company to be sent to occupy two strong points in the Corps Defensive Line. The effort and extent of the German counter attack on the right seemed to be doubtful and was the cause of this request. "B" Coy were speedily called out again and with two platoons of "D" Coy were sent off with two Lewis guns to occupy the two strong points. Here the men remained until relieved by the 90th Bde on the afternoon of the 24th.			
				On the following days, the Battalion continued the work on the roads around HENINEL.			
	26/04/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 31248 Albert Bailey, Pte. 20047 Henry O'Reilly]			k.i.a. 2 OR
	28/04/1917			Battalion entrained at ARRAS Station and moved by train to Station about 8 miles S of St.POL. Marched to present Billets in BEAUVOIS.			nil
	01/05/1917			H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).			
	31/05/1917			At the beginning of the month the Battalion was at BEAUVOIS, near ST.POL. It was the first time for many months that the Battalion as a whole had been able to go into training and some useful work was done. On the 15th, a move was made to the adjoining village of OEUF. The Battalion did not stay here long, and, two days later it proceeded northwards by Bus staying on successive nights at ST.HILAIRE, HAZEBROUCK and PATRICIA CAMP Nr. POPERINGHE. From here it marched on the 20th to PALACE CAMP, near DICKEBUSCH. On the following day work was begun under the Chief Engineer Xth Corps upon Corduroy roads and Light railways. On the nights of the 27th, 28th and 29th PALACE CAMP was shelled by the enemy. Upon the 30th Division coming into the area the Battalion rejoined it, and on the night of the 31st marched to the ECOLE, east of YPRES, where it took up its quarters.			nil
				H F Fenn Lieut.Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).			
				[d.o.w. - Pte. 20965 John Potter]			
	27/05/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 21154 Patrick Makinson]			k.i.a. 1 OR
	29/05/1917			[k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 20869 Alfred Foster]			k.i.a. 1 OR

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	31/05/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 19047 Charles Webb]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
YPRES	01/06/1917			At the beginning of the month the Battalion occupied the ECOLE to the East of YPRES, where it had arrived upon the 31st May, 1917.	nil		
		30/06/1917		<p>Upon the night of the 3rd/4th June, 1917, the whole Battalion was engaged in constructing a new fire trench 700 yards long, sited a distance of approximately 500 yards ahead of the front line. The trench, which ran South East of the MENIN Road, was to be 3ft wide &amp; 3 ft deep and it was arranged that the fire bays only should be dug, the traverses to be completed later.</p> <p>The Battalion paraded 720 strong and the population of No Man's Land that night was increased by a wiring party furnished by the Field Coy R.E., and a covering party provided by the 2nd Bedfordshire Regt. And the 19th King's Liverpool Regt.</p> <p>The first Company started on the work at 11.10 p.m. but the company on the right, which was considerably delayed in reaching its task did not begin much before midnight. Nevertheless by 1 o'clock the Coys had completed all the 77 fire bays together with the two strong points required. At that time the enemy was fairly quiet, orders were issued for the Coys to begin work on the traverses.</p> <p>During the whole night the enemy had been shelling fairly heavily a similar trench constructed shortly before on the left, later in the night they either saw or suspected that we were continuing it further south, because there was considerable machine gun fire, all of which went high, while 50 c 60 Shrapnel &amp; H.E. shells were sent over. However, the only casualty on the work was one man wounded, and before the men were withdrawn at 2 a.m. 24 traverses had been completed and all the others were well under way.</p> <p>When returning to the ECOLE the Battalion ran into a very heavy barrage of Gas shells which also covered the billiets. Although Small Box Respirators were used two officers &amp; 12 men were gassed and several others Killed and wounded.</p> <p>The M.O. did not consider it advisable for the men to work during the next 24 hours as so many were suffering from the effects of the gas. Upon the night of the 6th, however, the fire trench was completed and a communication trench back to the original front line was dug. Congratulatory messages upon the fire trench were received from the Divisional General and the C.R.E.</p> <p>Work on the following nights was continued on trenches and roads. Upon Z day of the Battle of MESSINES, the 30th Division being to the left of the attacking Army, this Battalion stood-to in anticipation of work being required upon the Divisional front.</p> <p>The Battalion remained at the ECOLE until 13th. During that time it was every day very heavily shelled with Gas or H.E. and the larger portion of the heavy casualties suffered by the Battalion were sustained in Billets.</p> <p>On the night of the 13th the Battalion moved to the Railway Embankments Dugouts where it was hoped more rest for the men would be possible. This unhappily was not the case. Every day the quarters were shelled with Shrapnel and heavy calibre shells and between the 13th and 27th fifteen dugouts were smashed in. Gas shells also were sent over on two nights.</p> <p>Since the 13th one Company had occupied bivouacs &amp; shelters near the CHATEAU SEGARD and on the 27th the remaining three companies moved to the same spot. This neighbourhood owing probably to the proximity of batteries soon developed signs of unhealthiness.</p>			

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				<p>Meanwhile the Companies had been working on VINCE ST. WELLINGTON CRESCENT. ZILLEBEKE St &amp; roads in the area which were under close observation by day and were invariably shelled at night.</p> <p>Their most important task was the construction of 3 Assembly Trenches 2 since christened FENN Lane &amp; RIDGE St, together with one Communication trench joining them up &amp; running from RIT St to WELLINGTON Crescent. A Comm Tch was also dug joining up VINCE ST with GOUROCK Rd about 270 yds long &amp; trench boarded.</p> <p>During the month of June, 1917 the Battalion suffered a very large number of casualties 1 Officer being killed, 1 wounded and Died of Wounds later, and 3 Other Officers wounded, one of whom is still at duty. Other Ranks killed 17, Wounded 88, Wounded still duty 38. These figures do not include Gas cases or Shell Shock cases.</p> <p>C C Champion Major for Lt. Col. (A.O.L.) Comdg. 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).</p>			
	03/06/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20993 Robert Makin] [k.i.a. - Pte. 20521 Bernard Davies]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	04/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 26004 William Noonan]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	07/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20855 James Lloyd]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	08/06/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20217 Thomas Hankinson]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	10/06/1917			[k.i.a. - Sjt. 20566 John Parker]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	11/06/1917			[k.i.a. - 2/Lt. Eric Champion]	k.i.a. 1 Off		
	12/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21836 William Burgess] [k.i.a. - Pte. 22347 Norman Leah, Pte. 21213 Samuel Watkinson, Pte. 21741 Benjamin Willett]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 3 OR		
	14/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21404 George Gallagher] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21252 Samuel Woods]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	18/06/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 16180 Henry Garratt]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	20/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21452 James Cooney]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	23/06/1917			[d.o.w. - L/Cpl. 20709 Thomas Lethbridge] [k.i.a. - Pte. 29951 Edwin Davis]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	24/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21318 Joseph Almond, Pte. 22189 Charles Kemp] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21956 Henry Byron]	d.o.w. 2 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	25/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21907 William Brady] [k.i.a. - Cpl. 20640 John Shaw]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	26/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. Pte. 21625 Martin Byrne, Pte. 22389 Terence Pierce, 2/Lt. Richard Shaw] [k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 22279 James Heyes, Pte. 20539 John Price]	d.o.w. 1 Off 2 OR k.i.a. 2 OR		
	28/06/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 296824 John Barlow, Pte. 21173 William Foster, Pte. 15381 George Hill]	k.i.a. 3 OR		

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	29/06/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20883 James McLoughlin] [k.i.a. - Pte. 21170 Charles Borrows]	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
	01/07/1917			At the beginning of the month the Battalion occupied dugouts and shelters in the CHAU SEGARI Area. Practically all the work done was in preparation for the Operations which were to open at the end of the month. It consisted of the construction and upkeep of forward trenches, the making and maintainance of tracks, and the repair of roads damaged by Shell fire. Communication trenches were constructed between RITZ STREET and WELLINGTON CRESCENT - passing through Assembly Trenches built the previous month by the Battalion - and between VINCE ST. & GOUROCK STREET. The activity of the enemy made maintenance parties upon VINCE ST. ZILLEBEKE ST. and the Trenches North and South of ZILLEBEKE LAKE a constant necessity. Roads which also required continual attention were the OBSERVATORY RIDGE ROAD & the SHRAPNEL CORNER - ZILLEBEKE ROAD.	nil		
	02/07/1917			[k.i.a. - Sjt. 20736 Edward Pickles]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	05/07/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20091 William Forshaw, Cpl. 20041 Francis Sutton]	d.o.w. 2 OR		
	08/07/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20158 Thomas Kelly]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	10/07/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20055 Henry Bennett]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	13/07/1917			On the 13th "A" Company left the Battalion and the area, for the remainder of the month to work under the direction of the A.D.L.R. Fifth Army.	nil		
	14/07/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20948 John Edwards, Pte. 22391 Henry Roughsedge]	k.i.a. 2 OR		
	16/07/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 21494 George Sanderson, Pte. 21880 James Wignall]	k.i.a. 2 OR		
	30/07/1917			[d.o.w. - Pte. 19401 James Caddick]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	31/07/1917			Details of work &c on 31st July, 1917 on sheet attached	nil		
				Casualties during the month. Officers. Wounded. 2nd Lieut R J Struthers, 2nd Lieut R.L. Leake; Wounded Still duty, 2nd Lieut W.J. Owen, 2nd Lieut S.T.E. Clench. Other Ranks. Killed 6. Wounded 76 (2 of which have since D of Wounds) Wounded, Still duty 17			
				The following N.C.O. and two men awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry			
				No. 20567 L/Cpl BLAKE W. 20842 Pte Orford J. No. 21825 Simpson J. No. 21420 L/Cpl Saxon M. 21965 Pte Robinson J V.			
				C C Champion Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).			
				[d.o.w. - Pte. 20828 Albert Hall] [k.i.a. - Pte. 39481 John Coombes, Pte. 203184 John Corbett, L/Cpl. 21086 Thomas Dillon]			
				WORK OF THE BATTALION on ZERO DAY (31st July, 1917)			
				The Work on ZERO DAY allotted to the Battalion - less the 1 Company employed under the A.D.L.R. - consisted of opening up tracks to captured territory for the passage of guns and transpo			

and of constructing strong points, in conjunction with the R.E.s, a short distance behind the new British Front Lines.

Under ordinary weather conditions the actual task of making fresh tracks and maintaining the old ones would have produced no unsurmountable difficulties. To lay out "Fine Weather Tracks" in torrential rain proved to be quite another proposition. Very quickly the tracks became little more than quagmires, and work upon them had to be confined to pegging them out, clearing them of barbed wire and other obstacles and filling in or bridging old trenches. A shortage of hard material for filling in the shell holes & trenches added to the difficulties. Furthermore the parties working were shelled persistently.

"B" Company were engaged on the Artillery Track from OBSERVATORY RIDGE ROAD to STILING CASTLE. They left Chau Segard Area 1 hour after Zero. Everything was done to drain the track and to find wood etc. with which to fill in holes, but along it mud was over the boot tops. However by 7 p.m. the way was open for Light Guns as far as the old German Front Line. Owing to the activity of the enemy's Machine guns and snipers, attempts in daylight to work beyond the ridge which was continuously shelled - had to be abandoned.

In the evening "C" Coy which had been in Divisional Reserve continued work on the Track. Orders were received to carry it as far forward as possible as a Track for Mules and to divert it under the ridge out of view in order to escape the heavy shelling. This was done. "B" Coy spent the night in trenches near the Work, and, with the assistance of "C" Coy carried on with the track during the night. Both Coys returned to Camp the following evening.  
Casualties were 1 Officer, wounded, Other Ranks killed one, Wounded 30.

1 Platoon of "D" Coy which set out before Zero, from Chau Segard was engaged on an Artillery Track from ZILLBEKE to I.24.a.8.8. and back. Similar difficulties to those upon the track mentioned above were encountered, but this track was successfully opened and maintained and was early in use by the Artillery.  
Casualties. Other Ranks Killed one, Wounded nine.

3 Platoons of "D" Coy were engaged with part of 200th Field Coy R.E. in constructing Strong Points. This party remained "Standing to" in Zillebeke Street from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. during which time there was very heavy shelling. At 8 p.m. instructions were received to proceed forward and to make 3 strong points just behind the "Blue Line". These were successfully completed, in face of exceptionally adverse conditions.  
Casualties. Other Ranks Wounded 18, Wounded & Returned to duty 2.

Since the particular tasks allotted to the Battalion for ZERO day and Zero day plus one, work has consisted of the maintenance of these Tracks and Tracks Nos. 10 and 11 in addition. The only exception was on the night of August 2nd when 50 men worked with 200th Field Coy R.E. on wiring the new British front Line for a distance of 900 yards.  
Casualties. NIL.

Upon Zero day and upon August 2nd South Lancs Transport provided men and Pack animals for conveying R.E. Material to the line. Several animals were killed. On Zero day, one pack mule lead was wounded; on August 2nd one was killed and two wounded.

C C Champion Lt. Colonel.  
Comdg. 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).

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			9th August 1917.			
In the Field	01/08/1917 31/08/1917		At the beginning of the month the Battn was still in the CHATEAU SEGARD Area, S of YPRES. Work was done upon forward Tracks and between the 1st & the 6th when the Battn. left the area, 1 casualties were 1 O.R. Killed and 15 O.R. wounded.  Upon the 5th the Battn marched to RENINGHELST Stn and entrained for BOIEWAERSENIE. Here it stayed until the 7th, when it marched to STRAZEELE & remained under canvas in the training area until the 11th inst. On that date the Battn marched to EPSOM CAMP, Nr Westoutre and began training. On the 16th however the Battn moved by road to VIERSTRAAT where work was begun upon the MESSINES RIDGE DEFENCES.  Upon the 22nd inst. the Battalion moved from VIERSTRAAT to SPY FARM, Nr. LINIENHOEK taking over its present quarters from the Pioneers of the 4th Australian Divn. Work was done upon MANCHESTER ST (Forward C.T.), forward roads and camouflage.  The casualties between the 8th and the end of the month were two O.R.s wounded, making a total 1 O.R. Killed and 17 O.R.s wounded during the month.  C C Champion Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. lincs Regt. (Pioneers).	w. 17 OR		
	03/08/1917		[d.o.w. - Pte. 21755 James Heslip]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	05/08/1917		[d. - Pte. 21964 Robert Birkett]	d. 1 OR		
	08/08/1917		[d.o.w. - Pte. 20650 Robert Robinson]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	11/08/1917		[d.o.w. - Pte. 36522 William Smith]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	01/09/1917 01/09/1917		At the beginning of the month the Battalion was still in the Camp taken over on the 22nd of August 1917 from the 4th Australian Division Pioneers. (SPY FARM Nr LINDENHOEK). Work was continued during the month upon MANCHESTER ST (Forward C.T.) forward roads, camouflage, and from the 13th, a Company & half employed on the erection of NISSEN HUTS in the vicinity of KEMMEL, also from the 17th inst 1 Platoon engaged in the preparation of Winter Quarters for a portion of the Battalion.  During the month the total casualties were 10 Other Ranks wounded, 1 of whom Died.  C C Champion Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. lincs Regt. (Pioneers).	nil		
	07/09/1917		[d. - Sjt. 20378 Job Wilson]	d. 1 OR		
	09/09/1917		[d.o.w. - Pte. 21815 John Ackers]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
SPY FARM Nr KEMMEL	01/10/1917 31/10/1917		The Battalion was still at SPY FARM, the camp taken over on the 22nd August, 1917 from the 4th Australian Divisional Pioneers. Work was continued on Manchester St (Forward C.T.) until the 30th/31st Oct., on which date the trench was finished. Work was commenced the following night on DORSET ST. and BOB ST. Communication Trenches. During the month work was also carried out on the Roads in the Divisional Area, by 1 Company,	nil		

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				Company on NISSEN HUTMENTS in the vicinity of KEMMEL, and 1 Company on the preparation of WINTER QUARTERS at N.24.c.4.5., and work on SCREENS in Div. Area. Half Company also employed on the construction and laying of a Tramline in the forward area, running from In. De Sterke Cabaret O.15.a.3.2., to RAVINE O.10.d.10.70.			
				On the night 26/27th Octr. 1917, 2nd Lieut. J. Holmes, and 5 Other Ranks went out on Patrol from Post No.13 at O.17.central for the purpose of reconnoitering an enemy Post at BANG FARM and vicinity. Patrol left Post.13 at 12-30 a.m. and continued a parallel route to VERNE Road until they reached the German Wire, which runs N & S and parallel to the Low Fm - Bang Fm Road and abo 20 yards on the West side of the road. Wire only a few strands on Screw Pickets and easily passab. No actual gaps however were found in the wire. The ground west of Bang Fm. was found to be in good condition. When patrol approached enemy wire 6 Germans were observed carrying material which they dumped at O.17.b.90.25 and 25 yards from patrol. They commenced to dig in very muddy ground near the hedge. 2 of the enemy remained on Sentry, but as Patrol orders were to obtain information only, they remained stationary and later examined the trenches in the vicinity, of which were found to have fallen in, and apparently disused.			
				On the night of the 27/28th Oct. 1917, Lieut W.J. Owen and 5 Other Ranks went out on Patrol fro Post No.13 for the purpose of reconnoitering the Post mentioned above, but on this occasion patro only reached a point near VERNE Road at O.17.b.35.10 where an enemy working party was observed 30 yards ahead. At O.17.c.45.10 across the VERNE Road is a double belt of concertina barbed wire, each belt 3 yards apart and each 50 ft in length and which appears to be a road barricade only.			
				On the 28th/29th Octr. 1917 a Patrol consisting of 2nd Lieut, J. Holmes, 1 Warrant Officer and 9 Other Ranks, went out from No.13 Post at O.17.central at 11-45 p.m. for the purpose of continuin; reconnaissance of BANG FARM, and if possible to secure a prisoner. When Patrol had proceeded 2 yards past our own wire, an enemy party of 15 to 20 strong was observed walking to and fro' from O.17.b.63.15 on the VERNE ROAD to the opposite hedge at O.17.b.60.32. The Patrol Leader and N.C.O. advanced to within close view of this party, at the same time protecting their flanks with th remainder of the patrol. As the enemy party considerably outnumbered our Patrol, nothing could b done at the moment other than wait developments. Form the noise of the Iron Pickets being used a pairs of the enemy halting at each Picket, it was obvious that the enemy party was protected by 3 groups of double sentries behind trees on the VERNE Road, each group being 20 yards apart and held connection by occassional patrols between each group.			
				During the month one man was slightly wounded by an aeroplane dud shell, but remained at duty.			
				H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. lances Regt. (Pioneers).			
		22/10/1917		[k.i.a. - Pte. 20963 Richard Melling]			k.i.a. 1 OR
SPY FARM		01/11/1917		The Battalion was still at Spy farm in the same camp as taken over from the 4th Aust. Division Pioneers on the 22nd August 1917. Work was continued on DORSET & BOB ST. Communication Trenches. NISSEN HUTS were constructed in the vicinity of KEMMEL for Brigade Reserve. Tramway Line was laid in the forward area, running from In de Sterke Cabaret O.15.a.3.2. to the RAVINE O.10.d.10.70. All roads in the forward Divisional Area were repaired and maintained. Work done on all screens in the Divisional Area. Winter Quarters for the Battalion were continued with at N.24.c.4.5.			nil
		30/11/1917					

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				<p>The foregoing work was carried on by the Battalion until the 8th Nov. 1917 when orders were received from the Division for the Battalion to be prepared to move on the following morning to BAILLEUL. On the 9th November, we were relieved by the 5th Australian Pioneer Battn. who too over SPY FARM Camp, and all work in the Divisional Area which the Battalion had been employ on. On the 11th inst Battalion moved by BUS from BAILLEUL to YPRES (S.W.)</p> <p>On the 13th inst. The Battalion was ordered to move to Salvation Corner N.W. of YPRES and tool over the Camp of the 2nd Bn. Canadian Pioneers. On the 14th inst the Battalion was employed on forward roads in the Passchendale Sector, in order to get these roads open for and repaired for Fiel Artillery &amp;c. for a contemplated operation. On the 24th inst. Orders were received for the Battalion to move to I.31.d.5.5. (Sheet 28) Nr. VORMEZEELLES, and take over the camp and work from the 13th Gloucestershire Regt. Owing to the urgency of the opening and clearing of the ST.JEAN-BELLEVUE Road, two Coys were ordered to remain behind to complete the work, and join Battalion on 25th at I.31.d.5.5. All work was taken over from the Gloucestershire Regt. and consisted of work on PERTH AVENUE C.T., and construction and maintenance of all Plankroads Mule Tracks and Infantry Duckboard tracks.</p> <p>On 26th November, orders were received to move 2 Coys to ZILLEBEKE BUND, on 29th a furth Coy to ZILLEBEKE BUND, and on 30th remaining Coy to RAILWAY DUGOUTS. Battn Hd. Qr &amp; details moved to ZILLEBEKE BUND on 1st December, 1917.</p> <p>On and from 26th November, 1917 the Battalion work was re-arranged and more work taken on which included 1 Coy under orders of G.O.C. Brigade in Line, 1 Coy under orders of Field Coy R. in Line on Supporting Points.</p> <p>Casualties incurred during the month were Other Ranks Killed 1, Wounded 9, Wounded, still duty</p> <p>H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. Lancs Reg. (Pioneers).</p>			
ZILLEBEKE BUND	20/11/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20648 Hugh Thomas]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	01/12/1917			Battalion Hd. Qrs. And 3 Coys still in Dugouts at ZILLEBEKE BUND. 1 Coy in Dugouts (RAILWAY)	nil		
		31/12/1917		Disposition the same as reported in last War Diary for November, 1917.			
				<p>Work carried on during the month of December as under -</p> <p>1 Company on Tracks (Infantry Duckboard Tracks). 1 Company on Mule Tracks. 1 Company under the orders of G.O.C. Brigade in Left Sector. 1 Company under orders of O.C. Field Coy R.E. in Line.</p> <p>2nd Lieut. Holman A.E. and 2nd Lieut. J.J. Acton wounded during December, 1917. Other Ranks - Killed 4, Wounded 20.</p> <p>Sergt. W. Smart, L/Cpl. Bishop J. &amp; Pte Prescott W awarded Military Medal for Gallantry in Actic in the Field.</p> <p>H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th S. lancs Regt. (Pioneers).</p>			
	02/12/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20376 John Woods]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	03/12/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 20777 Charles Gill]	k.i.a. 1 OR		

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	04/12/1917			[d.o.w. - Sgt. 20882 Herbert Wilkinson]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	09/12/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 39433 George Harper]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	15/12/1917			[k.i.a. - Pte. 17082 George Atkin]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	01/01/1918			At the beginning of the month the Battalion occupied Dugouts at ZILLEBEKE BUND (B.H.Q. & Coys) and RAILWAY DUGOUTS (1 Coy). Regt Transport & Q.M. details billeted at DICKEBUSCH.	nil		
	04/01/1918			Regimental Transport moved from DICKEBUSCH by march route to RACQUINGHAM, arriving there in the evening of the 5th January.	nil		
	05/01/1918			Battalion moved on the 5th instant to RACQUINGHAM, proceeding by rail from DICKEBUSCH.			
	08/01/1918			Battalion and Regt Transport moved from ACQUINGHAM to AMIENS area, marching to STEEBECQUE from where the Battalion entrained. On arrival at detraining station, LONGEAU, Battalion marched to a new area and billeted as follows:- B.H.Q. BLANGY TRONVILLE CHATEAU. 2 Coys GLISSY 2 Coys BLANGY. Until the 12th inst. Time spent in training.	nil		
	13/01/1918			The Battalion and Transport proceeded to PROYART by march route, a distance of 15 miles.	nil		
	14/01/1918			The Battalion and Transport marched from PROYART to CURCHY & ETALON area, B.H.Q. and 2 Coys being billeted at CURCHY and 2 Coys at ETALON. On the evening of the same date orders received for 2 Coys to move to OFFOY (3 miles W of HAM.) on the following morning by march route for attachment to XVIII Corps. The remaining 2 Coys (C & D) billeted with B.H.Q. at CURCHY carried on with Training until the 18th inst when orders were received that Battalion, less the 2 Coys detached, would move on the following day to NESLE for work under the orders of C.R.E. 5th Army Troops.	nil		
	20/01/1918			Work commenced on the renovation of Billets &c preparatory to the 5th Army Headquarters arriving in NESLE.	nil		
	22/01/1918			1 Officer and 50 Other Ranks proceeded by Motor Lorries to BONNEUIL CHATEAU for work on HANGARS and mens huts.	nil		
	25/01/1918			1 Officer and 6 Lewis Gun Teams with Guns proceeded to VILLERS-ST-CRISTOPHE and HAM for Anti-Aircraft protection, in accordance with orders received direct from XVIII Corps.	nil		
	31/01/1918			Final dispositions of Battalion on the 31st January, 1918 -  2 Coys located near ETREILLERS & GRAND SERAUCOURT for work under XVIII Corps. 2 Coys & Bn. Hd. Qrs at NESLE under orders of C.R.E. 5th Army Troops. 1 Officer & 50 men at BONNEUIL CHATEAU under orders of C.R.E. 5th Army Troops. 1 Officer & 6 Lewis Gun Sections at VILLERS-ST-CRISTOPHE and HAM for A.A. protection.  2nd Lieut. Helman A.E. and 2nd Lieut. J.J. Acton returned from Hospital on the 21st and 24th insts having been wounded in December 1917.  Other Ranks Wounded 2.  Lieut. (Captain) A.G. LEAN awarded the Military Cross for Gallant Service in the Field. London Gazette 3.1.1918. L/Sergt. Potter J. awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallant service in the Field. London	nil		

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				Gazette 5.1.1918.			
				Total strength of Battalion on the 31.1.1918. 37 Officers and 869 Other Ranks.			
				C C Champion Major for Lt. Colonel. (A.O.D.) Commanding 11th South Lancashire Regt. (Pioneers).			
	01/02/1918			At the beginning of the month the Battalion was located as reported in the last portion of the War Diary for the month of January, 1918.	nil		
	13/02/1918			Work carried on as usual until the 13th Feby. 1918 when orders were received that Bn. Hd. Qrs and 2 Coys would move from NESLE on the 14th Feby. 1918 to destination as under - Hd. Qrs. To DRURY - "C" Coy to ROUPY - "D" Coy to SAVY.	nil		
	17/02/1918			In the meantime "C" and "D" Coys were employed on the improvement of their Billets, after which date, they were employed on work under the orders of O.C. Field Coys R.E. preparing Defence Line.	nil		
	20/02/1918			"A" Coy. 3 Platoons moved from ATILLY to DURY for the purpose of erecting NISSEN HUTS for the Divisional Headquarters who moved in to DURY on the 26th Feby. 1918, remaining Platoon c "A" arrived at DURY on the 22nd inst. To assist in erection of NISSEN HUTS.	nil		
	23/02/1918			[30th Division takes over the front line near St Quentin in the area around Manchester Redoubt.]  At that time the Forward Zone trenches were nearly complete: the Battle Zone trenches were well wired but the trenches themselves only in most cases marked out. The front was held by two brigades each on a one battalion front: the remaining two battalions per brigade were employed in digging the trenches in the Battle Zone and training. The Battle Zone was divided into three battalion sectors with a fourth battalion, giving extra depth, in the ETREVILLERS Defences. Battalions were detailed to sectors and thus reaped the the inestimable advantage of making the actual trenches in which they knew they were to fight.  From the time when the Division took over the line, until the day of the attack, battalions were detailed to work in the trenches. Training was combined with work and took the form of the attack on, and defence of, the trenches in which the troops were working. [30th Division HQ War Diary - Narrative of Operations 21st to 30th March 1918]	nil		
	26/02/1918			On this date Bn. Hd. Qrs and Transport vacated Billets at DURY and moved to FLUQUIERES in the forward area, the 3 Platoons remaining behind at DURY for the purpose of finishing off erection of Nissen Huts and completing Billets. 1 Platoon of "A" Coy moved to AUBIGNY to erect NISSEN HUTS and Bunking Barns.	nil		
	28/02/1918			One platoon moved from DURY to FLUQUIERES for the purpose of erecting NISSEN HUTS for R.A.	nil		
	01/03/1918			At the beginning of the month the Battalion was located as reported in the last portion of the War Diary for the month of February 1918.  Work carried on on the Forward Zone, Battle Zone & redoubts and Keeps in the SAVY - ROUPY Area. (N of ST. QUENTIN).  A further platoon moved from DURY to FLUQUIERES for the purpose of erecting HUTS at VAU  The following is the final distribution of the Battalion on the 1st March 1918.  "A" Coy H.Q. and 1 Platoon at DURY. 1 Platoon at AUBIGNY and 2 Platoons at FLUQUIERES.	nil		

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				<p>"B" Coy located at SAVY working under orders of 200th Field Coy R.E. in Forward Zone.            "C" Coy located at ROUPY working under orders of 202nd Field Coy R.E. in BATTLE ZONE.            "D" Coy located at A.8.a. (Sheet 66d N.E.) under orders of 201st Field Coy R.E. working on REDOUBTS &amp; KEEPS (Battle Zone).</p> <p>No casualties suffered during the month of February 1918.</p> <p>H F Fenn Lt. Colonel.            Comdg. 11th S. Lancs Regt. (Pioneers).</p>			
	08/03/1918			<p>On the 8th March 1918 the Battalion was reorganised from 4 Coys to 3 Coys in accordance with G.H.Q. instructions, consequently dispositions of Coys were changed and read as under -</p> <p>"A" Coy H.Q. and 1 Platoon at ROUPY. 1 Platoon at A.3.d. (Sheet 66c N.W.)            1 Platoon at DURY. 1 Platoon at AUBIGNY.</p> <p>"B" Coy H.Q. and 4 Platoons remained at SAVY WOOD.            "C" Coy H.Q. and 3 Platoons remained at ROUPY. 1 Platoon at FLUQUIERES.</p>	nil		
	20/03/1918			<p>Work was continued until the 20th inst (inclusive)</p> <p>RE and Pioneers were located in the line according to the work they were engaged on. Their order in case of attack were: if in the Forward Zone to remain and fight under the nearest unit; elsewhere withdraw to Assembly position about ETREVILLERS.</p> <p>Numbers and Morale. Owing to the big leave allotment, on any one day 1,700 to 1,800 men were away on leave. This number, added to the usual large numbers away on courses, seriously depletes the fighting strength of battalions, none of which were over 600 strong on the day of attack.</p> <p>Since leaving Flanders, early in January, the Division had been through quiet times in peaceful sectors; this added to a long spell of fine weather had raised their morale to a very high standard.</p> <p>All ranks had had the scheme of defence thoroughly explained to them and had great confidence in it. Battalions in the Forward Zone realised their position, but felt confident in being able to stop the enemy. All were eager for the enemy to attack.</p> <p>[30th Division HQ War Diary - Narrative of Operations 21st to 30th March 1918]</p>	nil		
	21/03/1918			<p>Report on Operations from 21st to 28th March 1918 (inclusive) attached hereto.</p> <p>Casualties incurred during the month as under -</p> <p>Officers - 2nd Lieut. J.P. Mallalieu. Wounded 21.3.18            2/Lt. G. Thomson. Wounded. 23.3.18.            Capt. H.A. Hodges. Missing believed Killed 22.3.18            2/Lt. H.C. Harvey. Wounded 23.3.18.            Lieut. C.R. Featherby. Wounded. 22.3.18.            Lieut. N.S. Ramsbottom. Wounded. 27.3.18.            Lieut. J.C. Lidgett. Killed. 23.3.18.            2/Lt. A. Knight. Killed. 23.3.18.            2/Lt. A.E. Holman. Wounded. 28.3.18.            Lieut. S.W. McLeod-Braggins. Wounded. 28.3.18.            2/Lt. C.R. Tomkinson. Wounded. 28.3.18.</p> <p>Other Ranks. Killed. 14. Wounded 195. Wounded &amp; Missing 5. Missing 194. (During Operations)            Other Ranks. Wounded 1 on the 17.3.1918.</p>	nil		

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				[k.i.a. - Sgt. 21168 John Aitken, Pte. 20971 Robert Briscoe, Pte. 21789 John Foster, Pte. 20675 Peter Halliwell, L/Cpl. 21474 Harry Lenton, Pte. 22001 Thomas Nicholson, Pte. 29928 Edward Robbins]			
	21/03/1918			On the morning of the 21st. My Battalion was situated as follows :-  One Company at Savvy Wood Dugouts. One Company in Roupy. One Company split up between L'Epine de Dallon - Roupy and the back area.  In accordance with Divisional Defence Scheme, as soon as enemy artillery fire made it seem probable that an attack was imminent, all Companies proceeded to Fluquieres. The Company in Savvy Wood lost a certain number of men owing to the fact that the enemy put down a heavy barrage of Gas and H.E. Shells. A few men who were working with the R.E.s. in L'Epine de Dallon did not get clear.  15:00 At 3 o'clock p.m. we were ordered to withdraw from Fluquieres to the quarry behind Aviation Wood. This was done and picquets were posted on the East side of Aviation Wood.  19:30 About 7.30 p.m. G.S.O. 3 30th Division informed me that I was to be responsible for my own defence. I accordingly took up a line between Hill Wood and Aviation Wood running from F.25.B.3.2. - F.25.D.6.8. - to L.1.b.5.0. - L.1.D.3.2. This line was dug and partially wired.	nil		
[Dury]	21/03/1918		04:40	Heavy enemy bombardment started. "MAN BATTLE STATIONS" ordered.	nil		
			11:25	CRE reports all 11 South Lancashire, 202 Field Company, 2 sections of 200 Field Company and 2 sections of 201 Field Company concentrated at FLUQUIERES.			
			12:55	11 South Lancashire and 3 Field Companies ordered to move to QUARRY west of AVIATION WOOD.			
			17:15	CRE reports South Lances Pioneers and Field Companies arrived QUARRY in rear of AVIATION WOOD. [30th Division HQ War Diary]			
	22/03/1918			I informed G.O.C. 21st Brigade my position and received orders that I was to hold on to the position and if the infantry in front were compelled to withdraw, they would withdraw through me and reform behind. The Battalion remained here, with picquets out in front Aviation Wood and one each flank until 6 p.m. on the 22nd.  About that time two Companies of the 17th. Kings withdrew on to our line and were being placed into position to strengthen our line when orders were received that all troops were to withdraw in an orderly fashion on HAM. At the time we withdrew the enemy was just coming into view on the cr S.E. of Aviation Wood.	nil		
[Ham]	22/03/1918		09:00	On arrival at Ham I received orders to bivouac at EPPEVILLE. GSO1 informs 21st Brigade that GOC puts Pioneers at their disposal to be used to cover retirement if necessary. They must not be taken into the fight.	nil		
			11:30	11th South Lancashire Pioneers arrived ESMERY-HALLON. Billet 42.			
			14:00	11th South Lancashire told they would receive definite orders from 21st Brigade whom they should get in touch with at once.			
			19:00	Orders issued as follows: 30th Division will withdraw tonight from battlezone and occupy position in and behind the Somme Defences from SOMMETTE EAUCOURT exclusive to CANIZY			

				exclusive. ... 11th South Lancashire to bivouacs at FLAMICOURT Q.2.b. [30th Division HQ War Diary]			
	23/03/1918			<p>About 4.30 on the morning of the 23rd. a certain amount of enemy machine gun fire was heard. I received information from small Units of the 36th. Division, T.M. Batteries - R.E.s. that everybody was retiring, the enemy was in Ham and that the R.E.s. were waiting for the last troops to come through to blow up the bridge over the canal at K.32. b. 1.7. (66D)</p> <p>I sent one Platoon as a covering party to the R.E.s. at the bridge. 1 Platoon to my front to take up position near the canal N. of Eppeville and one platoon on the left towards Canizy while the remainder of the Battalion had breakfast on the road.</p> <p>As I had received no orders of any kind and did not know what was happening on either flank or even if it was intended to hold the line of the canal, I sent to the 89th. Brigade at Esmerly Hallon for orders. I waited there until 7 a.m. during which time the canal bridge had been blown up and a considerable number of small units had withdrawn down the Ham-Eppeville Road. A number of men of the 23rd. Entrenching Battalion who stated that they were holding the front line also withdrew through us. I accordingly sent the Battalion under Major Champion along the Ham-Eppeville Road to wait at the cross roads at J.33.b.6.2. until I could get further information from the Brigade. Shortly after, I met the G.S.O 1, 20th. Division in a car. I told him the situation as far as I knew it and he informed me that Canizy was being held and that the 30th. Division was supposed to hold the line of the canal. I brought the Battalion back and intended getting into trenches which I understood had been dug along the canal bank with my left on Canizy and try and get into touch with somebody on my right.</p> <p>The head of the Battalion had reached about J.35 central when information was received from some men of the 19th. Kings that the enemy had crossed the canal and was coming on.</p> <p>I then posted two Companies in some trenches on the high ground about J.35.c. to about J.35.d.4.7 protecting the right flank and one Company on the Railway embankment from J.34.a.6.2. to J.34.b.4.1.</p> <p>Men of the 19th. Kings under Capt. Smith were in trenches from about J.34.b.3.1. to about J.35.c.7.8. The 23rd. Entrenching Battalion were also holding trenches and part of the Railway towards Canizy but for a considerable time I had no exact knowledge as to where they were.</p> <p>I was not in touch with anyone on my right.</p> <p>I then sent out a patrol to reconnoitre the Eppeville-Ham Road as far as the cross roads at K.31.b.8 This patrol reported no signs of the enemy. I accordingly sent out two companies to hold the line of the Railway from J.35.b.4.0. to J.36.d.3.7. with orders to send out a patrol to try and get in touch with someone on our right. About 10 a.m. I received information that the enemy appeared to be massing on the north of the canal and then until about 12.30 there was a considerable number of the enemy moving about in the wood J.29. and J.30. and fairly heavy rifle fire. The enemy appeared to have intended to attack but did not succeed in reaching our line.</p> <p>About 2 p.m. the 182nd. Brigade was seen advancing from our left in the direction of Verlane. They informed me that they intended to attack Verlane, which I knew to be unoccupied by the enemy and to proceed in a north-easterly direction towards Ham.</p> <p>Just previously, my right Company on the Railway Embankment observed the enemy advancing in</p>	k.i.a. 1 Off 21 OR		

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				<p>south-westerly direction on their right rear. As the Company Commander had failed to get in touch with anyone on his right and as the enemy was on three sides of him, both Companies withdrew to their former positions.</p> <p>About 6 p.m. I met the O.C. 182nd. Brigade, the O.C. 23rd. Entrenching Battalion and the O.C. of composite Battalion which was on the left of the 182nd. Brigade and we arranged to reorganize so to hold a consecutive line. The O.C. Composite Battalion stated that he was holding a line with his left on the Sucrerie at K.31.a.3.2. It afterwards proved that he did not know where his line was and as a matter of fact his left was about 500 yards in rear of it.</p> <p>I arranged to get in touch with him with my right flank that night at the Sucrerie which turned out to be held by the enemy and the Officer was either killed or captured. At the same time heavy enemy machine gun fire was directed on us from the right flank straight down the Railway line. The enemy also sent up the S.O.S. and turned his Artillery and Trench Mortars on to the Railway cutting. When things became quiet I went to the O.C. 182nd. Brigade and informed him what had happened.</p> <p>[k.i.a. - Pte. 10213 Albert Asman, Pte. 21097 Thomas Barclay, L/Sjt. 20567 William Gladstone, Pte. 32641 James Boore, Pte. 21334 William Carroll, Pte. 32627 Charles Chamberlain, Pte. 21453 William Clarke, Pte. 21205 Joseph Critchley, Pte. 21392 George Crook, Pte. 22361 Norman Dakin, Cpl. 20001 Robert Davies, Pte. 20542 Henry Elliott, L/Cpl. 20089 John Frodsham, Pte. 20315 Edward Glover, Pte. 266342 James Halmshaw, Pte. 28744 Thomas Handforth, L/Cpl. 20892 David Hughes, Pte. 20153 John Hughes, Cpl. 21243 Richard Kinder, Lt. John Lidgett, Pte. 266155 Sidney Taylor, Sjt. 20511 Joseph Topping]</p>			
[Ercheu]	23/03/1918		08:00	Orders for 11th South Lancashire to be attached to Brigades: HQ and 2 companies to 89th Brigade 1 company each to 21st and 90th Brigades.	nil		
			11:25	XVIII Corps notified that 11th South Lancashire are holding a good line between J.35.a.0.1 and J.36.d.8.2.			
			12:35	90th Brigade report 23rd Entrenching Battalion, 11th South Lancashire and details of Kings still in front of VERLAINES. [30th Division HQ War Diary]			
	24/03/1918			<p>The O.C. 23rd. Entrenching Battalion could not be found until 5 o'clock in the morning when he admitted that he had made a mistake as to his front line.</p> <p>As it was then too late to dig a new line back to the Composite Battalion position and as my position would have been untenable in daylight, I arranged with the O.C. 182nd. Brigade to withdraw to my old position and to have some men in support in case the enemy came through the gap between our right and the Composite Battalion's left. About 7 a.m. I saw men of the 23rd. Entrenching Battalion withdrawing from the direction of Canizy. I at once sent orders to the Company in reserve to come up but before they could get into position the troops were falling back on both flanks. The two Companies who were holding the line J.35.c &amp; d. were almost entirely surrounded, their only line of withdrawal was across the stream in J.35.c. which was lined with barbed wire. Owing to the magnificent way in which the Lewis Gunners remained firing at the enemy until they were either killed or wounded, parts of the two Companies withdrew and fought a rearguard action, across the canal near Moyencourt, where they held trenches.</p> <p>Meanwhile Battalion HQs. Were compelled to withdraw and attempted to find the Company in reserve. This proved impossible owing to the large number of troops retiring. A number of these men were reformed and acted as a covering party to various batteries in turn. When about 1 kilo. East of Libermont, I met General Goodman who told me to take up a position there. This was held from 1:</p>	d.o.w. 1 OR		

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				noon until about 6.30 p.m. when I received orders to withdraw through the French and take up a line in rear of the Division, between Moyencourt and Cressy. On arrival I reported to the 189th. Brigade and was ordered to hand over the men to their Units and report to Divisional H.Q.s. The reserve Company had fought a rearguard action to Moyencourt when it joined up with the remainder of the Battalion. Major Champion attempted to join up with the reserve company on his left but when about 100 yards from them discovered that it was the enemy and not the reserve Company that he was approaching. The Companies were mixed up with other Units largely Y.C.V.s. who retired in a S.W. direction but fell back gradually towards Ramecourt. When a little N.W. of Esmery Hallon, General Williams rode up. The enemy were then nearly 1000 yards away and there was no difficulty in stopping their advance straight ahead. Owing to troops on right or left continually withdrawing, however, it was impossible to stay in our position indefinitely. A battery was covered while it withdrew (A 92) and a point level with Emery Hallon held about 11 a.m. Ramecourt bridge was crossed at 1 p.m., a Staff Captain riding out and telling us to come back over the bridge. The Battalion was then collected and reported to Lt. Col. Rolle who had command of the defences. We were ordered to Roieglise about 10 p.m. getting there at 5 a.m. 25th.			
[Ercheu/Solente]	24/03/1918		01:24	[d.o.w. - Pte. 32601 Benjamin Jacobs] 11th South Lancashire report that they are holding front line from J.35.b.4.1. to K.31.a.3.3. and are not therefore complying with [Operation Order] G.367.	nil		
			07:25	61st Division inform that a Pioneer Battalion of 61st Division will relieve composite force of surplus personnel in front of VERLAINES. 61st Division informed no objection provided relief carried out by daylight. [n.b. see battalion position on previous day.]			
			12:30	11th South Lancashire holding out East of LIBERMONT.			
			17:10	Warning Order to three brigades and 11th South Lancashire. (1) French will take over this (30th) Division's Front Line from LANNNOY Farm inclusive to LIBERMONT bridge. (2) 30th Division will take over line from LANNNOY Farm exclusive to BUVERCHY bridge inclusive. [30th Division HQ War Diary]			
	25/03/1918			On the 25th. Battalion withdrew to Roieglise. During the day I was ordered to take command of a Divisional Composite Battalion. At 5 p.m. the Composite Battalion was ordered to proceed to Plessier where it was billeted at 1 a.m. 25th.	d. 1 OR d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		
				[d. - Pte. 43332 John Roberts] [d.o.w. - Pte. 20989 John Jones] [k.i.a. - L/Cpl. 20795 William Atherton]			
[Solente/Roieglise]	25/03/1918		10:15	Situation at 10 am. Our front held from BUVERCHY crossing to LANNNOY Farm crossing. Light enemy attacks driven off. Both our flanks in close touch with flank divisions. Guns in action above ERCHEU. RE digging a line on Eastern outskirts of OMENCOURT and SOLENTE.	nil		
			16:35	Composite Battalion under Col. Fenn to march as soon as possible to PLESSIER.			
			20:20	Orders issued to all concerned that the Division would withdraw to an area around HANGEST-EN-SANTERRE: . . . 11TH South Lancashire to PLESSIER. [30th Division HQ War Diary]			
	26/03/1918			26th. At 10 a.m. on the 26th. I was ordered to proceed with the Composite Batt. to take up a line between Rouvrey inclusive to le Quesnel returning as many men as possible to their Units on the march. All men of other Units were handed over. On arrival at the Rouvroy-Bouchoir Road I met G.O.C. 89th. Brigade who ordered me to take up a line in some old trenches with my left in front of Rouvroy and informed me that the 19th. Kings would come in on my right when they arrived. This was completed about 2 p.m. I was then in touch on my left with a battalion of the Royal	nil		

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				Warwickshire Regt.			
				Shortly after, the Warwicks withdrew from the line. I reported to 89th. Brigade and 150 men of 17th. K.L.R. were sent to hold the line in front of Rouvroy at about 8 p.m. At 11 p.m. O.C. 17th. K.L.R. reported they were in touch on their left.			
				As a number of old communication trenches ran back from the enemy to my front line I had them filled in for 100 yards in front.			
				Patrols were sent out about 1000 yards in front and got in touch with the enemy over the crest, at 4 p.m. Patrolling carried on all night.			
[Hangest-En-Santerre]	26/03/1918		08:50	Orders issued to all concerned as follows: 30th Division will take up a line which will be pointed c	nil		
				by Staff Officers from ROUVROY (6 miles NW of ROYE) to Le QUESNOY inclusive southward with strong points on AMIENS-ROYE road. . . . Officers to proceed at once and reconnoitre line. Troops to be got moving at once. 11th South Lancashire to be attached to 89th Brigade.			
			17:40	30th Division Order No. 160 issued. Dispositions: 30th Division will hold a defensive position about BOUCHOIRE and ROUVROY and along the road joining these two villages with a strong point on the main ROYE-AMIENS road at BUCHOIRE. . . . [90th Brigade on right, 89th Brigade on left, 21st Brigade in reserve]. Intention: The GOC intends to delay the enemy as long as possible. Present positions must be held at all costs. . . . [30th Division HQ War Diary]			
	27/03/1918			At 9 a.m. on the 27th. men of the 17th. Kings commenced to move to their right along my front line they were ordered to return to their trenches which they did. About 10 a.m. the 17th. K.L.R. withdrew behind Houvroy without informing me of their intention. I heard that the troops on their left had also withdrawn. I ordered my left Company to form a defensive flank and reported to the 89th. Brigade. I consulted with Lt. Col. Rollo and we decided that we could hold on but wanted supports sent up on our left as enemy snipers had by then occupied Rouvroy and were enfilading r trenches. At about 10.45 a.m. I received orders from Brigade by telephone to withdraw on a line Hangest Flessier. I understood that troops on right of Divisional line had also withdrawn.	k.i.a. 8 OR		
				The 19th. K.L.R. and 11th. South Lincs. then withdrew in extended order giving each other covering fire until they reached a point S. of Folies where they got into Artillery formation, and withdrew as far as the quarry on the Roye-Amiens Road, W. of Folies.			
				The rearguard again got into touch with the 17th. K.L.R. due W. of Rouvroy. The officer in charge was ordered by the brigade Major 72nd. Brigade to hold on there, which he did until the 61st. Division had dug in just in rear of him. He then rejoined the Battalion at about 8 p.m.			
				At the Quarry was met by a Colonel on horseback who said the withdrawal was due to a mistake. I then reformed my Battalion into extended order and counter-attacked together with the 2nd. R.S.F 2nd bedfords, 19th. K.L.R., and a Battalion of Manchesters on the left.			
				We advanced to a line running in front of Folies and along road from Folies towards Arvillers, where we were held up by Machine Gun and Trench mortar fire from Arvillers and Souchoir. We then occupied an old trench with a few men on the road in front. I consulted with Colonel Kelso, R.S.F. and Major Wynn of the Bedfords and as the trench was too packed with men, we decided to reorganize at dusk. Bedfords to hold the right in touch with some Manchesters. South Lincs. to dig support line 300 yards in rear with 19th. K.L.R. in reserve, already dug in 400 yards in rear again.			

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				[k.i.a. - Pte. 20372 James Burrows, C.S.M. 21019 Matthew Carroll, L/Cpl. 20885 John Griffiths, Pte. 266523 John Lewis, Pte. 20333 William McConnell, Pte. 45132 Alexander Robertson, Pte. 336570 Albert Smith, Pte. 22039 Isaac Whelan]			
[Hangest-en-Santerre/Braches]	27/03/1918		10:55 11:20 12:45 20:20	Various reports received that troops are retiring on both flanks of the Division and that some of our troops are commencing to retire. 90th Brigade report line still holding but men are rather shaken. Divisional Order No. 161 issued at 8.20 pm. 30th Division to be relieved in the line tonight by 113rd Division (French). No time can be fixed for the relief which will probably take place at a late hour. As soon as British units are relieved by the corresponding French units the former will be withdrawn to a place of rendezvous to be appointed by Brigadiers. No British units will withdraw from the forward zone until they have been properly relieved. From the places of rendezvous units will march to bivouacs or billets. . . . 89th Brigade to bivouac on HANGEST-PLESSIER road just W of HANGEST. Brigadiers will arrange relief of all units attached to or else in close contact with their own units and all commanders will make every effort to see that no portion of our troops are left behind. . . . Cookers and watercarts will be sent to the bivouacs detailed above. Divisional HQ is at BRACHES. [30th Division HQ War Diary]	nil		
	28/03/1918			On the morning of the 28th. the enemy commenced to shell our positions, it became necessary to remove some of the men in the support line to the left flank.  At 11.30 a.m. the R.I.R. on the right flank withdrew under orders of an Officer of that Regiment. I sent one Company across the road to defend the flank. By 12.15 p.m. all R.I.R. on right flank had withdrawn. It became necessary to send all the 11th South Lancers. and some of the 19th. K.L.R. on the flank in order to keep the enemy from debouching from Arvillers. This was successfully done. 1.30 p.m. I was informed by 89th. Brigade that the French had relieved us and that we were to withdraw through them. I arranged with Col. Rollo and Col. Kelso that we would hold the flank until the troops in the front line had withdrawn. This was successfully accomplished.  The Battalion then withdrew to Rouvrel.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 21847 James Burgess, Pte. 22357 Joseph Collins, Pte. 21679 Lawrence Hannon, Pte. 20909 Thomas Mather, Pte. 22023 Michael McCarthy] [k.i.a. - Pte. 20143 James Chisnall, Pte. 21753 Henry Deacle, Pte. 20359 Matthew Houghton, Pte. 21024 Hugh Jones, Pte. 21104 Joseph Ratcliffe, Pte. 21472 Edward Rigby, Pte. 20322 Joseph Wilkinson, Pte. 21664 Thomas Wylie]	d.o.w. 5 OR k.i.a. 8 OR		
[Braches/Estrees]	28/03/1918		09:00 10:00 22:30	89th Brigade report still in line E of FOLIES and have not yet been relieved by French. 90th Brigade report enemy shelling front line heavily. Message sent to XVIII Corps as follows. Division handed over the line from main AMIENS Road north and east of FOLIES now firmly held to the French at 1.30 pm today. All enemy attacks from noon yesterday had been repulsed with severe loss to the enemy. Division is now concentrated at ROUVREL. Infantry brigades average 500 strong. [30th Division HQ War Diary]	nil		
	29/03/1918			[d. - Pte. 21630 John Pye] [d.o.w. - Pte. 21892 Michael Cooney, L/Sjt. 20043 Frederick Pendlebury] [k.i.a. - C.S.M. 240010 Herbert Boyer]	d. 1 OR d.o.w. 2 OR k.i.a. 1 OR		

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[Estrees]	29/03/1918		13:30	Strength of Division reported to be 21st Brigade 450, 89th Brigade 1,000, 90th Brigade 500 and 1 machine guns. Division temporarily organised as one brigade, each brigade making one composite battalion, the whole of the infantry being under the command of General Stevens. [30th Division HQ War Diary]	nil		
	30/03/1918			The Battalion entrained at SALEUX for VALERY-Sur-SOMME. On the 31st March Battalion located at LANCHIERES, near VALERY-Sur-SOMME.  H F Fenn Lt. Colonel. Comdg. 11th (S) Bn. South Lancashire Regt. (Pioneers).	nil		
Lanchieres	31/03/1918			The Battalion located as reported in the last portion of the War Diary for the month of March 1918 viz. LANCHIERES, Nr. Valery-sur-Somme.  [d.o.w. - L/Cpl. 20099 John Batten]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	03/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20532 William Pye]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	04/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20930 George Lees]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	05/04/1918			At midnight the battalion marched to FOUQUIERES, there entraining at 6 a.m. and detraining at ROOSBURGGE at 9 p.m. From detraining station conveyed by Lorries to YORK CAMP, N.W. of Poperinghe.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 22399 Frederick Thomason]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	07/04/1918			Battalion marched from York Camp to TURCO CAMP, N.E. of YPRES (Sh.28/C.15.c) Transport located at OTTER CAMP A.12.a.1.5. (Sh.28)  Battalion relieved the 1st Division Pioneer Battn. and took over work on Duckboard Tracks and Roads in front of the STEENBEEK and within Divisional Boundaries.	nil		
	08/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21131 Thomas Webster]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	09/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 32629 Thomas Goddard]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	10/04/1918			On the 10.4.18 all Coys paraded as strong as possible for work on the wiring of the BATTLE ZONE	nil		
	11/04/1918			1 Coy continued work on roads, 1 Coy work on Tracks, and 1 Coy work on Forward Posts.  [d.o.w. - Pte. 20416 James Kay]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	13/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 43569 Richard Griffiths]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	16/04/1918			Battalion moved to LOCHAEL CAMP (Sh.28. B.15.c.9.2.) Coys moving to this Camp after completion of work on Strong Points and Battle Zone area.  [d. - Pte. 240176 Walter Wright] [d.o.w. - Pte. 20682 George McKie]	d. 1 OR d.o.w. 1 OR		
	18/04/1918			Battalion moved by march route under orders of 21st Inf. Brigade to Camp situated at G.23.c.6.4. Nr. RENINGHELST.	nil		

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	19/04/1918			Coys working on, on the Strong Points situated Nr. Ouderdom until 25.4.18 when Battalion was ordered to remain in Camp and be prepared to move at half hour's notice. No work was carried out on 25.4.18 due to the enemy heavy bombardment and subsequent attacks. At 3 p.m. received order to move at once to LAWRENCE CAMP G.11.c.6.5. (Sh.28)	nil		
	23/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21056 Peter Grumley, Pte. 43398 William McMahon]	d.o.w. 2 OR		
	25/04/1918			Work carried on, on the Strong Points Nr. Ouderdom until the 25.4.18 when Battalion was ordered to remain in Camp and be prepared to move at half hour's notice. No work was carried out on 25.4.18 due to the enemy heavy bombardment and subsequent attacks. At 3 p.m. received orders to move at once to LAWRENCE CAMP G.11.c.6.5. (Sh. 28)	nil		
	26/04/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 21659 Horace Boardman]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	27/04/1918			Battalion attached to the C.R.E. 49th Division for work on and from 6 a.m. 27.4.18.	nil		
	28/04/1918			Battalion moved to L.23.c.9.9. (Sh. 27) and prepared camp for occupation, Coys joining B.H.Q. after completion of work on Forward roads that day.	nil		
	30/04/1918			<p>On the 28.4.18. Major C.C. Champion. D.S.O. was Invalided to England.            Captain J.E.S. Pethick M.C., took over the duties of 2nd in Command on the 14.4.18 the date on which Major C.C. Champion was admitted to Hospital.            Acting Rank of Major given to Captain J.E.S. Pethick M.C. with effect from 29.4.18.</p> <p>Work continued on Forward roads under the orders of C.R.E. 49th Division.</p> <p>Battalion located at L.23.c.9.9., with Transport at L.21.d.5.6.</p> <p>The undermentioned Officers, W.O. and men were awarded honours as shewn for gallantry in action during the heavy fighting and withdrawal on the ST.QUENTIN front in March 1918.</p> <p>Major. C. C. Champion. D.S.O.            Capt. J.E.S. Pethick. M.C.,            2nd Lieut. J.J. Acton. M.C.,            Lieut. S.E. Boulton. M.C.,</p> <p>No.20581 R.S.M. J. Harrington. M.C., D.C.M.,            No.22007 Sergt. W. Twinning. D.C.M.            No.20818 Sergt. H. Sandford. M.M.            No.20280 L/C. Milligan A.M. M.M.            No.21043 Pte. W. Seaton. M.M.            No.20377 Pte. Prescott J. M.M.,            No.21479 Pte. J. Percival. M.M.            No.21612 Pte. Jones T. M.M.,            No.20813 Sgt. J. Taylor. M.M.            No.21132 Pte. A. Atherton. M.M.</p> <p>No.20569 Cpl. (L/Sgt) Blake W. M.M., Bar to Military Medal.</p> <p>Strength of Battalion on the 30.4.1918 : 23 Officers. 494 Other Ranks.</p> <p>The casualties incurred during March 1918 as under, and cancel those shewn in War Diary for</p>	nil		

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				March 1918 which were not complete as regards verification with the Hospital Sheets the latter no having been received at time of forwarding War Diary. Officers casualties as shewn in last Diary - Other Ranks. Killed 14. Wounded. 149. Wounded and Missing. 34. Missing. 176. Died of Wounds. 14. Wounded and since rejoined 20.			
				Major G.F. Beal, and 2nd Lieut. A. Hughes have both been struck off the strength of Battn during the month, having been invalided to England in the case of the latter Officer, and Major G.F. Beal unfit to return from leave, and Medical Board ordered by War Office.			
				H F Fenn Lieut. Colonel. Comdg. 11th (S) Bn. S. Lancashire Regt. (Pioneers).			
L.23.c.9.9. (Sheet 27)	01/05/1918			Battalion located at L.23.c.9.9. as shewn in last month's Diary, with Transport at L.21.d.5.6.	nil		
	03/05/1918			Continued work on forward roads under orders of C.R.E. 49th Division. Lieut. W. Bretherton and Lieut. C.H.N. Symon reported to Battn. for duty after a tour of light duty for 6 months in England.	nil		
	05/05/1918			Changed location on the 5th inst. And moved to new Camp near St. Jan-ter-Biezen.	nil		
	09/05/1918			Work continued on the OUDERDOM SWITCH Line, under 33 Divn parties being conveyed to sit of work by train. Captain A.T. Champion, and Capt. C.J. Dixon M.C. reported to Battn. for duty after a tour of light duty for 6 months in England.	nil		
	10/05/1918			Battn. moved by Bus to the LEDERZEELE Area, and located in Billets in vicinity of B.28.a & b (Sheet 27) Instructions received that the Battalion was to be broken up, all surplus Officers and Other Ranks over and above establishment of 10 Officers and 51 O.R.s being disposed of as under	nil		
				12.5.18. 301 Other Ranks transferred to the 19th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 300 Other Ranks transferred from the 19th Lancs Fusiliers to this Battn.			
				13.5.18. 30 Other Ranks proceeded with the Battalion Transport, less Offers Mess Cart, 1 Water Cart, and 1 A.S.C. Supply Wagon, to the 30th Div. Transport Concentration Camp, CUC			
				14.5.18. 381 Other Ranks and 7 Officers (names as under) transferred to the Base Camp, ETAPLES for disposal as reinforcements to other Units.  Officers - Captain A.T. Champion. Capt. R.G. Dunthorne. Lieut. W. Bretherton. Lieut. C.H.N. Symon. Lieut. B.F. Mackenzie. 2nd Lt. A.D. Hurley. 2nd lieut. K.N. Harpur.			
				15.5.18. Lt. Colonel H.F. Fenn, D.S.O. ordered to proceed to take over Command of the 19th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers.			
	11/05/1918			Authority received for Capt. A.T. Champion and Lieut. S.E. Boulton M.C. to wear the badges of the rank of Major and Captain respectively, pending notification in the London Gazette.	nil		
	12/05/1918			[d. L/Cpl. 22137 Frederick Marsh]	d. 1 OR		
	14/05/1918			[d.o.w. - L/Sjt. 20984 James Flanagan]	d.o.w. 1 OR		

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	15/05/1918			<p>The remainder of the Battalion, known now as the Battalion Training Cadre, for an American Battalion, received orders to move on the 15.5.18 to EU Training Area. Proceeded by March route to AUDRUICQ there entraining for WOINCOURT Railhead.</p> <p>Bn. Training Cadre, located at BEAUMONT CHATEAU, Nr. EU.</p> <p>Major J.E.S. Pethick M.C. took over Command of the Battn Training Cadre, on Lt. Colonel H.F. Fenn. D.S.O. being ordered to proceed and take over Command of the 19th Bn. Lancashire Fusilie</p>	nil		
	16/05/1918			<p>[d. - Pte. 235420 Henry Sillitoe] [d.o.w. - Pte. 235405 Matthew Cadwallader]</p>	d. 1 OR d.o.w. 1 OR		
	18/05/1918			Capt. C.J. Dixon. M.C. and Lieut. H.M. Fieldhouse appointed Divisional Range Officer and Div. I & B.T. Officer respectively, and reported to Div. H.Q. accordingly for duty.	nil		
	19/05/1918			Bn. Training Cadre moved from BEAUMONT CHATEAU, to TOUFFREVILLE, where the 110th Engineer Regt. were billeted.	nil		
	20/05/1918			<p>Commenced Training of the Coys and H.Q. 110th Engineer Regt. in Musketry, Gas &amp; P &amp; B.T.</p> <p>On the 20th May, 1918 the following award appeared in Divisional Routine Orders</p> <p>His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the VICTORIA CROSS to No. 20765 CORPORAL J.T. DAVIES. this Battalion, for conspicuous bravery whilst serving in the Expeditionary Force, as set forth below:-</p> <p>For the greatest courage and devotion to duty under heavy rifle and machine gun fire on March 24th 1918, near EPPEVILLE.</p> <p>When his Company on being outflanked on both sides received orders to withdraw this N.C.O. knew that the only line of withdrawal lay through a deep stream lined with a belt of barbed wire and that it was imperative to hold up the enemy as long as possible. He mounted the parapet, fully exposing himself, in order to get a more effective field of fire and kept his Lewis Gun in action to last, causing the enemy many casualties and checking their advance.</p> <p>By his very great devotion to duty he enabled part of his Coy to get across the river which they otherwise would have been unable to do so, thus undoubtedly saving the lives of many of his comrades.</p> <p>When last seen he was still firing his Gun with the enemy close on top of him and was in all probability killed at his Gun. (Authy. XVIII Corps Wire A/68 dated 19.5.18).</p> <p>Information has since been received that Cpl. J.T. Davies is unwounded and a Prisoner of War in Germany.</p> <p>J E S Pethick Major. Commanding 11th (S) Bn. S. Lancs Reg. (Pioneers)</p>	nil		
	27/05/1918			<p>Orders received to move Training Staff to ARGOEUVES along with the 110th American Engineer Regt. who were to be employed on the construction of a G.H.Q. Line of Defence in rear of AMIEN Area.</p> <p>2 Coys per day of the Engineers Regt. at our disposal for Training Purposes, the Staff being divide up in to 2 portions in order to meet the requirments and dispositions of the Coys of American Engineers.</p>	nil		

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	28/05/1918			[k.i.a. - Pte. 17932 William Noble]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
	29/05/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20030 Thomas Bradbury]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	19/06/1918			[d.o.w. - Pte. 20970 Job Webster]	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	28/06/1918			[d. - Pte. 266346 James Hornsall]	d. 1 OR		
	10/07/1918			[d. - L/Cpl. 20577 Joseph Garner]	d. 1 OR		
	20/07/1918			[d. - Pte. 32628 Arthur Dally]	d. 1 OR		
	22/07/1918			[d. - L/Cpl. 26414 Robert Sumner]	d. 1 OR		
	21/08/1918			[k.i.a. - Pte. 34530 Percival Elliott]	k.i.a. 1 OR		
Le Havre	07/10/1918			1/2 Bn arrived at Le Havre from Aldershot Area.	nil		
	08/10/1918			Remainder arrived at Le Havre from Aldershot Area.	nil		
	10/10/1918			The Battalion on arrival from England was composed mainly of "B" men & a total of 36 Officers. Marched up to No 1 Rest Camp Le Havre & stayed there until the 10th Oct 1918 in the meantime all ranks were being fitted up with deficiencies in clothing & equipment prior to proceeding up the line.			
ROISEL	11/10/1918			Battn arrived by Train at ROISEL Railhead & remained under canvas there for the night, moving	nil		
	13/10/1918			following day the 12th Oct 1918 by march route for ESTREE staying there the night & proceeding on 13th Oct 1918 by march route for PREMONT. On the 11th Oct 1918 the Battn came under the orders of the 25th Divn to which we were to be Pioneers. The attached is a copy of brief narrative part taken by Battn in operations from 13th Oct to 31st Oct 1918.			
	13/10/1918			The Battalion joined the 25th Division on the 13/10/18 and went into Billets at PREMONT. On th	nil		
	14/10/1918			14/10/18 work was carried out by all 3 Coys on Roads in the PREMONT - SERRIN - ELINCOURT Area under the C.R.E. 25th Division.			
	15/10/1918			On the 15th inst work was contnued on Roads in the above area which consisted of the filling in c shell holes, craters, and drainage.	nil		
	16/10/1918			Orders were received to move the Battalion to forward area; the assembly of Battalion was as unde 2 Coys in Railway Cutting South of MOUROIS and 1 Coy at P.17.a.central. East of REUMONT. preparatory to work in connection with operations by XIII, Corps on Le CATEAU Sector on 17/10/18.	nil		
	17/10/1918			1 N.C.O. & 40 men worked on the Bridging Park under C.E. Corps for purpose of loading Lorries. Remainder of Company standing to waiting orders. Later the party on the Bridging Park was increased to half Company. 1 Company worked in reliefs on Railway Bridge, clearing road at Q.15.b.4.1. Work on this job wa carried on overnight in half Company reliefs. 2 Coys under orders of C.E. Corps carried out work on clearing of the MARETZ - LE CATEAU Road. Half Coy working on Bridge No 1 Le Cateau with R.E.s.	nil		
	18/10/1918			Headquarters Details moved to Billets at HONNECHY. 1 Coy worked on clearing of debris at Railway Bridge, also cleared Road Le Cateau from K.34.a.6.2. to Bridge. No 1 after which they joined B.H.Q. in Billets at HONNECHY.	nil		

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	19/10/1918			<p>1 Coy still located. at Bridging Park. Half Coy of which worked on Bridge No.1 at Le CATEAU.</p> <p>Battalion moved from HONNECHY to ST. BENIN.</p> <p>The party working at the Bridging Park and on Bridge No 1 were relieved in the afternoon by the Sussex Pioneer Bn. After relief the party joined us at ST BENIN.</p> <p>1 Company proceeded to work on following roads in 8 hour reliefs commencing at 19.00 hours.</p> <p>(i) Q.22.a.6.4. - Q.4.b.5.0. (ii) Q.4.b.5.0. - Q.17.d.</p> <p>(iii) Q.4.b.5.0. - K.34.d. thence South to Q.18.d.B.4.</p> <p>(iv) Q.18.d.8.4 - BAZUEL.</p> <p>The adjoining roads were also reconnoitred and reports forwarded to the C.R.E. 25th Division.</p> <p>The above Company was relieved and work continued on the same roads up to 13.00 hours 20/10/18.</p>	nil		
	20/10/1918			<p>Relief again took place by a further Company at 13.00 hours, but the majority of the labour was concentrated on Q.14.b.5.0. Southwardsto Q.17.d.</p> <p>Orders received to work on fallen bridge at Q.4.d.5.0. This work was very important and half Company reliefs were carried out night and day commencing at 17.00 hours in 4 hour shifts.</p>	nil		
	21/10/1918			<p>On the 21st work was still being carried on by reliefs.</p> <p>1 Company assisting the 182 Tunnelling Coy R.E. on the Flank Road Deviation in Q.5.c.</p>	nil		
	22/10/1918			<p>Work still continued on the above Bridge and Plank deviation.</p>	nil		
	23/10/1918			<p>In connection with operations to be carried out by the 3rd &amp; 4th Armies, the following work was allotted to the Battalion.</p> <p>1 Coy to clear Block at Railway Bridge at R.1.d.0.4. so that road from K.35.d.6.0. to R.8.b.6.5. BAZUEL was practicable for all Transport</p> <p>1 Coy on road from K.35.d.6.0. to POMMEREUIL Road to be opened for all traffic, including 6" Guns Mk VII.</p> <p>1 Coy to open road from BAZUEL through R.3.a.central to POMMEREUIL and also ensure the road from Q.18.a.9.4. through BAZUEL kept open for all traffic.</p> <p>All forward roads were reconnoitred closely behind the Advance and work carried out immediately on the roads as far as the advance would permit.</p> <p>Roads detailed and worked upon as far as possible.</p> <p>(i) K.35.d.6.0. - BAZUEL at R.8.a.9.5.</p> <p>(ii) L.20.b.2.0. - G.2.c.4.0.</p> <p>(iii) L.16.b.5.3. - G.13.b.9.5.</p> <p>(iv) L.26.d.9.4. - L.20.b.2.0.</p> <p>(v) L.26d.9.4. - L.29.a.4.4.</p> <p>The whole of the roads detailed above were working upon as far as Advance permitted, and kept open for all traffic during the day. Reports were prepared by Reconnoitring parties and forwarded the C.R.E. 25th Division.</p>	nil		
	24/10/1918			<p>1 Company worked on Forward roads.</p> <p>1 Company worked on Fallen girder bridge at R.1.d.0.4. in half Coy reliefs.</p> <p>1 Coy remained in Camp in Reserve. This Company relieved the Company working on the Fallen Girder Bridge in the evening.</p>	nil		

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	25/10/1918			Work on the above carried out.	nil		
	26/10/1918			Headquarters moved fom ST BENIN to LE CATEAU, 2 Coys joining us there after work that day, on Defensive Support Positions. 1 Company located at R.1.d.0.2.			
	26/10/1918			2 Coys worked on Defensive Support Line which was prepared and taped out by the C.R.E. G.1.d. central - G.1.d.8.4. G.2.c.0.3. - G.2.c.1.0. - G.8.a.2.7. thence along contour crossing the roa from FONTAINE to G.15.b. a few yards S.E. of the Red Tree, thence to about G.7.c.3.5.	nil		
	27/10/1918			1 Company employed on clearing of Block at R.1.d.0.4. 2 Coys employed on Defensive Support Positions.	nil		
	28/10/1918			The Defensive Support Position was amended and taped out by the Commanding Officer. New lin taped out was from Road at G.8.a.3.7. via G.8.a.5.4. & G.8.a.4.0. across road to G.8.c.3.9. 2 Coys employed on the above Defensive Support Position. 1 Coy on clearing of Block at R.1.d.0.4.	nil		
	29/10/1918			Works as above carried out.	nil		
	30/10/1918			1 Coy clearing road at R.1.d.0.4. forward.  1 Coy repairing road L.16.central - L.29.a. and L.24.a.0.0. cleaning of roads from Q.4.d.6.0. to Q.4.b.5.0. and the road from K.35.d.6.0. to L.29.a 1 Company completing work in hand on the Defensive Support Positions. After work, one Company changed billets and moved to HONNECHY preparatory to being employed in Operations to be undertaken at a later date.  [d. - Pte. 21368 William Grounds]	d. 1 OR		
	31/10/1918			1 Coy working on Bridging at R.1.d.0.4. which opened for all traffic. 1 Coy working on Forward Roads. 1 Coy located at HONNECHY (Training).  Dispositions of the Battalion on 31/10/18. Bn. Hd. Qrs. Transport and 1 Company at ST. BENIN. 1 Company at R.1.d.0.4. 1 Company at HONNECHY. Sheet 57 B used for all Map references.  Casualties incurred. 2nd Lieut. R. CARR & 32574 L.C. LORD S Missing 23/10/18 whilst reconnoitring forward roads last seen 6 pm 23/10/18. Lieut. H.V. Worrall wounded 26/10/18.  9 O.R.s wounded and 1 O.R. Wounded (Gas) during the period under review.  C C Champion Lieut. Colonel. 1/11/18. cdg. 11th Bn. South Lancashire Regt (Pioneers)	nil		
	01/11/1918			The Battalion was rested this day pending forthcoming operations, and all men were occupied in Special Training with the exception of "A" Coy who were located near BAZUEL and responsible for the keeping open of the road from POMMEREUIL to FONTAINE for all traffic.	nil		

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	02/11/1918			<p>Dispositions as on the 31/10/18. Special training for all Battalion except one Coy responsible for maintenance of main POMMEREUIL - FONTAINE Road for all traffic and a special party detail for the 105th Field Coy R.E. to unload lorries from dump for the Bridging Park.</p> <p>There was a practice and demonstration Nr ST BENIN for the crossing of the SAMMRS-OISE CANAL a portion of the work being allotted to "B" Coy who were working in conjunction with 105th Field Coy R.E., 25th Division.</p> <p>[d.o.w. - Pte. 204919 Henry Hagger]</p>	d.o.w. 1 OR		
	03/11/1918			<p>November 3rd 1918 was known as "Y" Day and in accordance with Operation Orders received movements as under were completed. "B" Coy together with 105th Field Coy R.E. moved from HONNECHY to their forward positions at L.26.a. and at dusk moved to assembly positions in Fro Line, after which all materials were drawn from the advance dumps already prepared by "A" Coy. "B" Coy with the R.Es were ready at midnight with the Infantry to commence the advance at ZERO hour which was at 5.45 am on the 4th.</p> <p>"C" Coy moved from ST. BENIN to the Railway Cutting in front of LE CATEAU.</p>	nil		
	03/11/1918			<p>Advance B.H.Q. opened at POMMEREUIL at 18.00 hours and on Z. day advanced Report Centre moved at 05.00 hours at MALGARNI with 75th B.H.Q.</p>	nil		
	04/11/1918			<p>A call was made on the Coy in reserve to supply 1 Platoon to maintain and keep open the Road POMMEREUIL to FONTAINE, particularly at FORRESTERS HOUSE &amp; MALGARNI which was being heavily shelled. The Officer and 2 O.Rs reconnoitring the work were all wounded. Work commenced at 8.30 am. on Z day also 1 Platoon warned to be held in readiness for work with the 130th Field Coy R.E. for the purpose of assisting in bridging of the PETIE HELPE RIVER.</p> <p>Report received that O.C. "C" Coy (Capt M.D. Robinson) was wounded and heavy shelling experienced during assembly. Work on Forward roads progressed well and Road party supplied m to assist R.E. Coy on approaches for two Pontoon bridges across Canal at LANIRECIES LOCK.</p> <p>Orders received to move the whole of the Battalion (less "B" Coy) to FONTAINE au BOIS. Rear H.Q. Q.M. Stores, Transport &amp; Coy Details accordingly moved forward at 8 pm from ST. BENIN. "A" Coy remained for the night in Bivouacs near POMMEREUIL. 1 Platoon of "A" Coy ordered at 10.15 pm to proceed to report to O.C. 130th Field Coy R.E. at L.18.a.8.6. for work until further orders.</p> <p>[d.o.w. - C.S.M. 16443 James Leigh] [k.i.a. - Pte. 49314 Reginald Andrews, Pte. 241151 Edward Greenough, Pte. 48996 Frank Rogers, L/Cpl. 204914 Percy Russell, Pte. 46601 Hezekiah Rylance, L/Cpl. 34080 Percival Townsend]</p>	d.o.w. 1 OR k.i.a. 6 OR		
	05/11/1918			<p>The 25th Division attacked on the 4/11/18 and Zero hour for the attack was at 5.45 am. The 25th Division were required to cross SAMERE A L'OISE and capture LANIRECIES and to capture further objectives which involve the crossing of PETITE HELPE RIVER. The following is the det: of work for this Battalion in connection with the above operations.</p> <p>"B" Coy with the 105th Field Coy R.E. to ferry over the SAMERE-OISE Canal. This operation was successfully completed and the Company then moved back to neighbourhood of POMMEREUIL.</p> <p>"A" Coy at Zero plus 1 hour moved to L.28.a. and were held in reserve. This Coy supplied 3 N.C.O.s &amp; 24 men to work with "B" Coy bridging the SAMERE-OISE CANAL.</p> <p>"C" Coy were detailed to work on forward roads as under.</p>	d.o.w. 1 OR		

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				<p>Coy moved on 'Y' day from ST. BENIN to Railway Cutting in vicinity of R.1.c.  They marched on 'Z' morning in time to start work from our present front line on that date at G.14 at Zero plus 2 hours.  Roads worked on - The POMMEREUIL - L.29.a. - MALGARAI - L.19.a.7.8. - G.13.d.7.0. - G.14.c.4.4. - G.20.a.9.5. - G.15.d.6.4. route.  MALGARAI-le-FAUX - G.13.b.9.8. - G.20.a.8.6.  Le FAUX - FONTAINE-AUS-BOIS - FAUBOURG - BOYERES - LANIRECIES and subsequent to the crossing of the canal, forward roads as follows:- MALGARAI-le-Faux - LANIRECIES Rd, with special attention to road Junction and railway crossing in G.16.d.  Along the roads - Min Road LANIRECIES to MAROILLES and the road LANIRECIES - LA BLANCHISSERIE to OLD MILL DEPRES.</p> <p>"B" Coy moved forward to FONTAINE au BOIS.  Work carried as under on this date.  1 Coy. Filling in crater &amp; making corduroy track West of LANIRECIES on LANIRECIES-MAROILLES Main Road.  2 Coys. Clearing, draining &amp; repairing main LANIRECIES-MAROILLES Rd.</p> <p>[d.o.w. - Pte. 16525 John Boardman]</p>			
	06/11/1918			<p>1 Coy employed making approaches to Pontoon Bridges Les Mill Despres. This Company moved MAROILIE after work. 1 Platoon with 130 Field Coy R.E. bridging.  1 Coy moved to LANIRECIES and worked there on craters &amp; roads. In the afternoon Coy moved to MAROILLES.  1 Coy worked on roads in front of LANIRECIES and billeted in the town.  B.H.Q. moved in the morning from FONTAINE au BOIS to LANIRECIES and in the afternoon received orders to move immediately to MAROILLES with 2 Coys. This was done.</p> <p>[d.o.w. - Pte. 42248 Leonard Parkey, Pte. 49067 Thomas Smith]</p>	d.o.w. 2 OR		
	07/11/1918			<p>1 Platoon Bridging with 130th Field Coy R.E.  3 Platoons on Bridge at DOMPIERE J.2.a.0.3.  1 Coy working on MARBAIX ROAD. Coy moved to TASMIERES.  1 Coy moved from LANIRECIES to MAROILLE in the morning and moved on to DOMPIERRE in the afternoon.</p>	nil		
	08/11/1918			<p>Coy worked on Craters on LANIRECIES-MAROILLES Rd. This Coy moved back to MAROILLES in order to be nearer the work and the 1 Platoon which had up to then been with the 130th Field Coy R.E. joined them there.  1 worked on Bridge and new road at RAISNIERES.  1 Coy worked on Corduroy track and crater in DOMPIERRE railway Station.</p>	nil		
	09/11/1918			<p>Work carried out as on the 8/11/18.</p> <p>Casualties incurred during the Operations under review as under:-</p> <p>Officers wounded. Lieut. H.V. Worrall. 26/10/18. 2nd Lieut. N. Carr. Missing 22/10/18. Captain M.O. Robinson. wounded 4/11/18. 2nd Lt. H. Jones. wounded 4/11/18 (Died of wounds). 2nd Lt. Kirkpatrick. wounded 4/11/18. Lieut. L. Henshaw. Wounded still duty 4/11/18.</p> <p>O.Rs. Killed 6. O.Rs Wounded 32. wounded still duty 2.</p>	nil		

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				C C Champion Lieut. Colonel. 1/11/18. cdg. 11th Bn. South Lancashire Regt (Pioneers)			
	10/11/1918			Battalion employed on the cleaning, filling in of Craters &c in the vicinity of Landrecies & Maroilles.	nil		
MAROILES	11/11/1918			Battalion moved to Billets at SARS-POTERIES At 07.30 hrs on 11/11/18 wire was received that hostilities would cease at 11.30 hrs that day.	nil		
	12/11/1918			Bn employed on work filling in of Craters in vicinity of SARS POTERIES.	nil		
	15/11/1918			BHQ & B Coy moved to vicinity of AVESNES where 'C' Coy had moved to on the 13/11/18.	nil		
	18/11/1918			Battn moved by march route to ORS staging the night 18/19th at TASNIERES arriving ORS 19th Nov 1918.	nil		
	19/11/1918			[d. - Pte. 32573 Sydney Lord]	d. 1 OR		
	20/11/1918			Battn employed on Salving & clearing of devastated area in the vicinity of ORS BAZUEL & POMMEREUIL.	nil		
	25/11/1918			Continued work on Salving & clearing of areas.  [d. - Pte. 49142 Henry Foster]	d. 1 OR		
	29/11/1918			Moved to QUIEVY by march route on 29/11/18 & continued on clearing & cleaning of Billets occupied by Battn.	nil		
	01/12/1918			Battn still at QUIEVY as per previous report.	nil		
	04/12/1918			His Majesty the King passed thro' QUIEVY at about 2.30 pm. The Battalion with the 7th Inf Bde formed up on the side of the road & gave His Majesty 3 cheers. H.M. the King walked along the li & conversed with the officers & men.	nil		
	16/12/1918			The Battn moved from QUIEVY to YIESLY & occupied Billets at this latter place on same date.	nil		
	17/12/1918			Information recd that the u/m were awarded Immediate Awards for Operations during Nov 1918.	nil		
				Lt S E Boulton MC Bar to M.C. Lieut L Henshaw M.C. 61090 Pte Redstone V. D.C.M. 204866 Pte S Rumble M.M.			
	18/12/1918			115 ORs proceeded to Interviewing Centre Cambrai on date stated in margin for transfer to Army Reserve (Mining). On dates other than Wednesday & Saturday afternoons Battalion employed on Training & Salvaging of Area in vicinity of Billets.	nil		
	31/12/1918			Strength 34 Officers 582 ORs.	nil		
	01/01/1919			Battalion located at YIESLEY employed on Salving & training until 12.1.19 when a move from YIESLEY was made to SOLESMEs on 13.1.19.	nil		
	13/01/1919			Battalion employed on Salvage work up to end of month.  Demobilization of the men of Battn commenced 18/1/19 & 151 men sent for dispersal up to end o month leaving Battn strength on that date 437 ORs & 33 Officers.			

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			C C Champion L'Col. Cdg 11th Bn S Lancs Rgt (Pnrs)			
	17/02/1919		The Battalion still at SOLESMES employed on Salvage work.	nil		
	18/02/1919		The Battalion moved from SOLESMES to ESCADOEUVRES on this date & occupied Billets at t latter place, and employed on Salvage work.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	26/02/1919		Information received that the undermentioned had been awarded the "MILITARY MEDAL" No 48993 Sergeant H. McCoy.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	28/02/1919		Demobilization of the Battalion has progressed steadily throughout the month. Number demobiliz during Feby:- 7 Officers & 162 Other Ranks.  Strength of the Battalion at end of month :- 26 Officers & 255 Other Ranks.	nil		
			C C Champion Lt. Colonel. Commanding 11th Bn. South Lancs Regt. (Pioneers)			
Escaudoeuvres	01/03/1919		The Battalion still at ESCADOEUVRES employed on Salvage Work.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	22/03/1919		Information received that the undermentioned had been awarded the "Medaille Barbayie si Credin 3rd Class (Roumanian Decoration) No 20015 Private James Marsh.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	31/03/1919		38 Other Ranks re-enlisted under A.O. IV of 10/12/18, 35 of which have been finally approved an sent to the U.K. on furlough. 170 Other Ranks available for the Armies of Occupation under A.O. 55 of 1919 and awaiting disposal, which leaves the Battalion at CADRE Strength.  Strength of the Battalion at end of month : - 17 Officers & 213 Other ranks.	nil		
			C C Champion Lt Colonel Comdg 11th Vn. South Lancs regt. (Pioneers)			
Escaudoeuvres	01/04/1919 30/04/1919		The Battalion still located at ESCADOEUVRES and employed on Salvage work.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	30/04/1919		Total Re-enlistment to date is 41 all of which have been finally approved and sent to the U.K. on r enlistment furlough.  The Strength of the Battalion at the end of the month is as follows :-  Cadre 4 Officers and 41 Other Ranks. Personnel eleigible for Army of Occupation 144 Other Ranks Volunteers for Army of Occupation 7 Officers Detached from Unit 2 Officers 13 Officers and 185 Other Ranks	nil		
			C C Champion Lieut. Colonel Comdg 11th Bn. South Lancs Regt. (Pioneers)			
Escaudoeuvres	01/05/1919		The Battalion still located ar ESCADOEUVRES.	nil		

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Escaudoeuvres	07/05/1919			2 Officers left the Battalion to report for duty with the 67 P.O.W. Coy ETAPLES.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	17/05/1919			2 Officers left the Battalion to report for duty with the 191 P.O.W. Coy ETAPLES.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	27/05/1919			1 Officer & 70 OR's left the Battalion to report for duty with the 67 P.O.W. Coy ETAPLES.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	28/05/1919			1 Officer & 59 OR's left the Battalion to report for duty with the 191 P.O.W. Coy ETAPLES. The remainder of OR's eligible for Army of Occupation are employed with the H.Q. Cambrai Sub-Area.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	29/05/1919			5 O.R's on reduction of Cadre establishment sent for dispersal.	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	31/05/1919			The strength of the Battalion at the end of the month is as follows :- 6 Offs & 38 Other Ranks.  C C Champion Lieut Colonel Comdg. 11th Bn. South Lancs Regt. (Pioneers)	nil		
Escaudoeuvres	01/06/1919			The Battalion Cadre located at Escaudoeuvres.	nil		
	06/06/1919			Instructions received for the formation of a Battalion Cadre & and Equipment Guard.	nil		
	08/06/1919			The Bn cadre entrained for Cambrai for dispatch to the U.K. Embarked on 12th June 1919.	nil		
	13/06/1919			The Bn Equipment Guard entrained at Cambrai Ville with Baggage, Equipment and Wagons for despatch to the U.K. Embarked on the 19th June 1919. All the Cadre personnel of this Unit on the completion of duties were sent for demobilization.  C C Champion Lieut. Colonel Comdg. 11th Bn. South Lancs Regt. (Pioneers)	nil		