1918

SEPTMBER

15th. A draft of 18 other ranks joined the Battn. Route march at 2 p.m.

16th. Ordinary Routine.

17th. Battn. marched off at 3 p.m and relieved 2/2 L.I in B 2 Section
Casualties Nil.

18th. Ordinary work in trenches
Casualties 1 – 1 killed 8 wounded.

19th. Relieved by 2/2 L.I about 6 p.m.
and marched back to billets near
WREXHAM. Casualties 1 wounded.

20th. Ordinary Routine.

21st. Fie Dickinson accidentally
drowned while bathing in the Canal.

22nd. Relieved 2/2 L.I by 3.30 p.m.
Section B 2 near Givenchy
Casualties 1 – 2 wounded.

IN QUESTION.

23rd. Relieved by 2/2 L.I at 5 p.m.
and marched back to billets in
IN QUESTIONS, Casualties 2 killed and
4 wounded.

SECTION B 2.

24th. Took over our original frontage
in B 2 Section and occupied
positions for attack tomorrow.
Relief completed at 5 p.m.
Draft of 40 joined

25th. Our leading line advanced at 6.7
a.m. and reached the German 3rd line
without great opposition. The
attack was evidently a complete
surprise.

The Battn. advanced on a frontage
of two platoons. D Coy. (Major
BURBURY) on the right and E Coy.
(Capt. Brooks) on the left. The
advance was necessarily slow to
keep behind the smoke. B & D
Companies reached the German lines
and gained touch with the 2/Oxford
L.I. and the 2/3 L.I on the left
and right respectively. The
Support Company (C Coy) under
Captain Needing held on front line
trenches and, at about 8.15
A.M. two platoons of this Company
reinforced B & D Companies, taking
up a supply of bombs with them.
Lieut. E. D. DREW commanded this party.
25th. (cont.)

The Enemy developed a strong
bombing attack on both flanks of
the sector, and our men were unable
to reply effectively owing to lack
of bombs. At about 9.45 am the
two and a half companies were
obliged to fall back into our own
line, under a very heavy three
machine gun fire from the right
flank.

Casualties: 2 Lieut A A BROADHAT,
C D M FOWLER and H B RUSSELL
killed & missing, 2 Lieut I H PLANT
wounded and missing, Major J K H
MOYNIHAN, Capt C H BROOD, Lieut
E D DREW, Lieut H F FOSTER and
2 Lieut E C JOHNSON-HILTON wounded.
Other Rank 19 Killed, 21 Missing
believed killed, 138 wounded, 60
Missing and wounded & missing, 7
suffering from gas. 1 died of
wounds. Total 256 other ranks.
The remainder of the day was
spent in reorganising the line
and in collecting wounded, burying
dead etc.

26th.

Relieved by H & I at 3.30 p.m. and
went back to billets at LE-PHÉL.
Draf of 30 joined.

LE-PHÉL.

27th.

Received orders to stand to at
LE-PHÉL at 4 p.m., ready to
reinforce either the QUIBORDY sector
or the sector south of the LE
BELIÈZE Road. Returned to billets
at 7 p.m. Casualties 11. Draft of 8 joined.

28th.

Received orders to be ready to take
trenches at CAMBREL this
afternoon, but orders cancelled later.
Marched to billets in BEUVRY at 6
p.m. Casualties 11.

BEUVRY.

29th.

Marched to CAMBREL at 2 p.m. and took
trenches from the 10th B.L.I.
Trenches in a very bad state.
Casualties 11.

30th.

Clearing up trenches and collecting
& burying dead all day. Major E
WEDDING wounded. Relieved by 10th
Bde at 11 p.m. and went back to
billets at BEUVRY. the rear of the
Batt’n, did not reach billets until
6 a.m. on the 1st of Oct. 2 Lieut
A J SIME and 2 Lieut H E C
BAINBRIDGE joined the Batt’n.