

1st Queen's Regt.1916

July

GUINCHY LEFT.Appendix.

1st.

Some T.M. & rifle grenade activity, otherwise quiet. Aeroplanes on both sides very active; one of ours brought down in flames. Casualties, 1 killed, 1 wounded. Our offensive started on the Somme today.

2nd.

Heavy rifle grenade, T.M. & artillery bombardment by us 12.15 a.m. - 1.15 a.m.; 2nd Worcesters and 16th. K.R.R. carried out raids on GUINCHY front; Worcesters very successful, killing many, & bringing in about a dozen prisoners; K.R.R. got enfiladed by M.G. fire & suffered heavily. Our trenches somewhat knocked about by enemy retaliation. Repaired damage all day; some T.M. activity. Casualties, 1 killed, 1 wounded.

3rd

A quiet morning. "Minnie" very active in right & left company frontages in afternoon & evening. Casualties, 4 killed, 2 wounded. At 10.30 p.m., were relieved by 1st. Middlesex, & proceeded to billets in LA QUEBNOY.

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4th.

General cleaning up & rest, after 20 days continuous in trenches. In evening, had company commanders conference. A wet day.

5th.

Working parties of 50 men during day & night. Very few parades in consequence.

6th.

Baths at BEUVRY all day; ordinary company parades. At 3.0 p.m. we received sudden order to be ready to move tonight. Between 11.0 & 12.0 p.m., were relieved by a battalion of Hampshire Regt. (139th. Brigade) & formed up outside billets. Draft of 6 other ranks arrived today.

HUSMATTES.

7th.

After some delay while waiting for transport, moved off at 1.0 a.m. & marched via BATHUNA & UNOQUES to HUSMATTES, arriving 4.40 a.m. Distance, 9 miles. Were billeted here in quite good billets; troops rested all day. In evening, got orders to be ready to move at 1 hours notice next morning.