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2nd Lieut Richards, Burrell, Barland, Bottomley, Robinson Parwell, Fairlie, & Poly, Capt & Adjt Carslake and Lieut Brown (Signalling Off)
The casualties amongst N C Os was very heavy 20 Sergeants and 50 Other N C Os being among the casualties -

RESERVE BARRACKS.

16th

At about 4.0 a m the battalion was relieved by the 5th Scottish Rifles 19th Brigade and went back to some small pits in the open ground E of MAMETZ WOOD, where Battalion rested and made up ammunition etc - Day was quiet till about 11.0 p m when enemy started sending over gas shells & 2nd Lieut Buist who was asleep was gassed - Shelling went on till about 2.30 a m -
Casualties other ranks 1
Killed 10 wounded -

MAMETZ WOOD.

17th

Battalion remained in bivouacs near MAMETZ WOOD - quiet day until about 8.0 p m when valley was shelled intermittently with 5.9's - At 10.0 p m orders received to prepare to move & relieve 15th North Fus. 5th Div in MAMETZ WOOD. Battalion moved about 11.0 p m and took up position with 3 coys inside N W edge of the wood and one company on west edge - Battn H Cqs in centre of wood near track running N & S through it - Relief completed by 3.0 a m 18th -
Casualties 3 O R wounded -

18th

At about 10.0 a m enemy commenced shelling wood with gas shells for about an hour no casualties - Conference held by Brigadier in Batt H Cqs in afternoon - Battalion ordered to move into WOOD RESERVE Trenches on West of MAMETZ Wood - 9th H L I. to take over all defences of the wood and battalion to be in readiness to move at short notice as a mobile reserve to support or relieve 19th brigade - Relief complete at 6.0 p m - carrying parties of 300 & 90 men were sent up

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to north edge of wood with wire etc - quiet night. no casualties -

19th

quiet day - men resting & improving trenches -
at 9.0. p m ordered to relieve 2nd Worcesters in N edge of wood - Relief complete by 10.0 p m At 10.30 p m message received that 19th Bde with 2nd Worcesters were to attack HIGH WOOD and SWITCH TRENCH next morning and 100th Bde were in reserve and to be ready to move at short notice after 4.0 a m.
Casualties other ranks wounded 5 -
Telegram received from G.H.Q that coy S.M. Reid had been awarded Military Cross -

20th.

Attack of HIGH WOOD by 19th Bde & Worcesters commenced at 5.25 a m - At 10.0 a m attack reported to be progressing favourably - about 6.0 p m orders were received for an immediate move - Conference of C.O.s held by Bde - Queens and 16th K.R.R's were sent up to HIGH WOOD to be under the orders of 19th Brigade. Battalion moved at 9.0 p m to N E East corner of MAMETZ WOOD where Capt Foster met Battrn & held a conference of Coy Commanders - Capt Foster and B & C Coys moved straight to HIGH WOOD led by guides of 5/Scottish Rifles coming under very heavy H F & gas shell fire on the way & Capt Foster was wounded & handed over command to 2nd Lieut Faulkner Lieut Thrupp & 2 coys were sent to report to 212 Coy R 2 at cross roads S of HAZENELLE LA GRAND wood - on the way a report was made by a stretcher bearer that High Wood had been recaptured by enemy - This was reported to 19th bde & 2 coys ordered to stand by -

HIGH WOOD

21st

At about 12 midnight information received that wood was still in our hands and that Capt Foster was wounded - A & D Coys ordered to move at once to the wood arriving about 2.0 a m - Defence of wood was handed over to Queens & 16th K.R.R's under