

Appendix.

1916

Nov.

GUILLEMONT.

1st

Remained in Bivouacs. Two companies (A & B) were moved forward to OX TRENCH to be in close support during an attack on BARIJSKA TRENCH by the 9th H.L.I. These companies were not used during the operations. The weather continued bad. The bivouacs chiefly consisted of shell holes the greater part of which were half full of water. Material for building shelters was not to be had. A & B Coys had 7 casualties amongst other ranks.

2nd

Orders were received that the Bn would relieve the 9th H.L.I. on the right front thus becoming the right battalion of the British line and joining with the 86th (French) Infantry Regt. During the morning verbal instructions were received to the effect that the Battalion would attack BARIJSKA TRENCH at a time to be fixed by the C.O. on 3rd. The Bn left GUILLEMONT at 4.15 p.m. and met guides at GUINCHY CORNIER and arrived at Bn H.Q. of the 9th H.L.I. at about 8 p.m. The Brigade had been asked to provide a working party to continue the trench partly dug parallel to BORITSKA and about half way between that trench and ANTELOPE TRENCH. This was never done owing to the digging party missing the guides. That portion of the trench already dug was known locally as NEW TRENCH. Companies were ordered to occupy the following positions. "B" Coy NEW TRENCH, A Coy ANTELOPE TRENCH, D Coy GERMAN TRENCH & C Coy MUGGY TRENCH. Bn H.Q. was in the sunken road S.W. of LES BOEUFs. vide attached sketch marked A. B Coy was no less than nine hours getting into position from the time they left Bn H.Q. The trenches were in a dreadful state and men were standing up in mud and water up to well above the knee. Some found it impossible to move and had to be dug out after remaining in the mud for some hours.

LES BOEUFs

3rd

The orders for the attack on BARIJSKA and MIRAGE are attached and marked B 1, B 2, B 3, 2-4-