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1915 - 1919.

4TH BATTALION, THE GRAYBIX REGIMENT.

1915. 1915

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July.

RETRIED.

16th. Leave by 2 trains 9.50 p.m. & 11.5 p.m. to embark.
Remaining heavily for both parties.

DETACHED.

17th.

Embark on H.M.T. Ulysses. Ship starts 7 p.m. during morning

H.M.T. ULYSSES.

18th.

Weather fine. Men settling down well. Ordinary ship routine.

28th.

Arrive Alexander's Alexandria

30th.

Leave Alexandria "

31st.

Arr. Port-Said. PORT SAID

August.

4th.

Leave Port-Said "

7th.

Arr: Rhodes-Bay- MADROS BAY

8th.

Leave Rhodes-Bay MADROS BAY.
Arrive Imbasa IMBROS 2 p.m.
Leave for SUVAVA BAY 6.15 p.m.
Disembark. Last Berge left ship 11.45 p.m.

SUVAVA BAY.

9th.

4.15 Move away from 'C' beach where the night had been spent under 160th a.m.

6 a.m. The Battalion was withdrawn from 160th Infy Bde. to go into

Divisional Reserve near LALA BABA Davialson ordered to move to Hill 63 and to come under the orders

of 33rd. Infy Bde. The Battalion came under shell fire for the first time on crossing the ground S of SALT LAKE. The Commanding officer reported to O.C. 33rd. Infy Bde. about 12.15 p.m.

1 p.m. The Battalion was ordered to take 100 rounds extra ammunition and move up to support the left of the 33rd. Bde. attack which was falling

back.
2.15 The Battalion advanced to the attack in lines of Platoons with the move extended to 10 paces the rear Company carrying entrenching

tools. All Bnks were quite steady in this advance. The attack of the Battalion was directed on 108 1/2 with the object of taking Hill 70

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9th
(Cont'd.)

3-30
p.m.

(105 H/9) and supporting the QUEENNS Regt. The attack had reached the line about 105 C/8 - 1/2, at that time there were no troops in touch with our left.

Partly owing to the enfilade fire of the enemy from the right and partly owing to the fire in the scrub this Battalion was unable to hold this advanced position and the Commanding Officer gave orders to hold the line of Turkish Trenches about 105 H/9 - H/3.

4.15
p.m.

The trenches were occupied and troops in front were withdrawn. About this time the enemy were digging and the enemy were digging our left and some difficulty was experienced to maintain the line.

4.30
p.m.

A Battalion of the CHESHIRE REGT. got in touch with our left continuing the line towards 105 H/9-6.

11.20
p.m.

The Commanding Officer was able to report that the Battalion was in touch with the LINCOLN Regt. on the right and the CHESHIRE Regt on the left. Owing to the scattered formation of the Battalion at the end of the day the fighting strength was reduced to 250 the Companies were Officers 1 killed 3 wounded other ranks 11 killed 60 wounded.

10th.

The Battalion was ordered to hold the trenches whilst 53rd. Division attacked - if the attack was successful the Bn. was to follow up.

11th.

The Battalion left Trenches taken over by R. ~~105 H/9~~ WELSH FUSILIERS behind the Right of its line about 105 H/2

12th.

Battalion relieved by YORKS & LANCs Regt. and moved to bench to rejoin 160th. Infy Bde.

13th.

Battalion moved out in Brigade and takes over trenches on line 105 H/3 - H/2 from R. WELSH FUSILIERS

14th-18th.

Work on Trenches.

19th.

Right Trench taken over by QUEENNS REGT.

22nd.

2 Companies relieved 2 Coy. R. W. KENT Regt. Draft of 1 Officer & 175 men arrive.

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July.

27th.

31st.

R. W. KEET REGT relieve 2 left
Companies which go to Ade. Reserve.

Battalion relieved by 5th. WELSH
REGT and moved to Rest Camp
The weather had been hot and fine
throughout the above period.

J. M. HURTON

Capt & Adjlt.

R. Sussex Regt.

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1/4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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Appendix

September STVIA BAY.

1st
7.45
2nd Lieut. PADDOX and draft of 24 men arrived. 'Stood too' owing to noise of heavy firing from firing line about JERSON'S POST.

2nd -
3rd Rest

4th 7.45
p.m.
Went off to relieve 168th Inf. Bde. in Trenches about 118 Q.S.

TRENCHES

6th -
10th
Trench routine - Enemy's sniping severe and from close Range their positions very difficult to locate. Sniping at night especially violent but mainly from Turkish Trenches 300 - 400 yards in front.

11th 2.45
a.m.
Party of 30 - 40 Turks approached Trench held by A Company probably with intention to throw bombs. The alarm was given and fire opened. Enemy halted and returned the fire & did not push attack further. 3 Turks killed & collected 8 rifles & 140 rounds of ammunition were collected also 1 Bomb.

Our Casualties 1 Man Killed.
Relieved by 159th Inf. Bde. and moved to Rest Camp, STVIA BAY.

12th
Rest.

13th -
15th
Moved to trenches at SULATIK to relieve 1/5 R.W.F. (158th Bde).

16th
17th
Trench routine. Less sniping than when formerly in the same lines.

18th 5 p.m.
Heavy shell fire opened on whole line of Trenches - no sign of attack seen from Trenches occupied by Battalion - no Casualties.

19th
Relieved by 7th GLOUCESTER REGT. (39th Bde.) move to SALT LAKE LINES.

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20th -

Rest and occupied on R.F. Fatigue
LALA BABA.

23rd

24th 1930

Move to 'A' Reserve area.

25th

Dig and improve trenches.

26th 0800

Shelled by heavy howitzer (6
about) 2 killed 9 wounded. Men
employed on shore fatigues and
supply fatigues and dig in
spare time.

27th -
29th

Fatigues on 'A' Reserve Area.

J.M. HULTON,
Capt. Adj.

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Appendix

October

- 2nd Battalion moves to ~~SALT LAKE LINES~~
SALT LAKE LINES.
- 5th Major Beale assumes Command vice Lt. Col. Champion to Hospital sick. Battalion moves to dugouts on slopes of M LALA BARA to be employed on R.E. Fatiguea.
- 7th 2nd Lieut. BORNIER, FITCH, DALRY, ANN arrive.
- 19th 2nd Lieut. ~~BRIDGE~~ BRIDGE, PRING, JOHNSTON join.
- 20th Strength of Battalion on this date 17 officers 197 Other Ranks.
- 21st Battalion linked to the QUEENS HEAD. ~~SYSTEM~~ for tactical considerations and local Administration to be known as QUEENS AND SUSSEX BATTALION.
- 22nd Capt. A.H. WENNESS to Hospital. Capt ~~HUTTON~~ HUTTON and 2nd Lieut. MIDDLETON to hospital.
- 23rd 2nd Lieut. FITCH, PRING, JOHNSTON go to trenches for course instruction in trench warfare with Scottish mounted Bde. 2nd Lieut. BULLER to hospital.
- 26th Major R.D. FERR takes command of the linked battalion.
- 30th Draft of 2 officers and 69 men arrives from England from 2/4th R.Sussex Regt. Officers names 2nd Lieut. RINGER and FOY.
- 31st Battalion strength: Officers 24 12 Other Ranks 282.

R.D. FERR, Lieut. & Adj.
1/4th Royal Sussex Regt.

14th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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November

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Battalion has been in reserve on southern slopes of LALA BABA during the whole month. Work has been done on communications and defences of LALA BABA. Casualties to hospital.

2/Lt. J.M. BORNER	1,111.15.
Capt. M.S. GRAY	2,111.15.
Capt. C.T.H. HANKY	5,111.15.
2/Lt. A.S. FITCH	8,111.15.
2/Lt. R.J. PRING	16,111.15.
2/Lt. W.A. SOY	20,111.15.

Officer returned from hospital

2/Lt. W.J. MAXWELL-SWANE	17,111.15.
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December

1st -
15th

Battalion engaged on digging defences and making communications on LALA BABA.

1st
28 men from SINGHAID.

Hostile aeroplane drops two bombs near our dugouts. No damage. Capt. MACARTHUR R.A.M.C. to hospital.

13th

Orders in morning for remainder of 53rd Division (i.e. QUINN'S, SUSSEX, KENT'S, MIDDLESEX, S.A.A. Colman DIVISIONAL CYCLIST COY. and DIVISIONAL H.Q.) to evacuate. Battalion parades at 1730 with QUINN'S. On board lighter at SOUTH PIER by 1915. Embark on EL KARIMA. Sail about 0100.

14th

Arrive MUDDOS HARBOUR about 1000. Transferred to R.H.S. HAVENFORD in afternoon.

15th

Sail from MUDDOS 1530.

19th

Arrive ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR about 0400. Disembark in afternoon. Two trains to WARDAB, MIVOUAE on land. 2/Lieut. C.G.S. RINGER to hospital.

23rd

The following officers rejoin battalion from ALEXANDRIA with draft of 61 men: Capt. HULLIN,

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23rd
(Contd.)

Capt. WARREN, Capt. REID,
2/Lieut. MIDDLETON, Lt. Col.
ASHBORN arrive and take command
of battalion.

30th

Name of camp changed from WANDAL
to BIRI SALAM.

30th -
31st

Battalion engaged in elementary
training.

Strength of Battalion on leaving
Peninsula, Officers 14 O.R. 217
Attached 4 R.A.F.C.

Strength of Battalion at end of
month Officers 18 O.R. 308
Attached 4 R.A.F.C.

R.D. JESS.

Lieut. Adj.
1/4 Royal Sussex Regt.

14th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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January

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DENI SALVA CAMP.

The Battalion has been occupied during the month in Company training and Musketry.

Company training. Companies have been exercised in "close order" and "extended order" work and all ranks show marked improvement in smartness and drill generally.

Musketry. All the B.C.O.s of the Battalion have been through a "Refresher Course" under Battalion arrangements and are now instructing their men in the elementary work. STANDARD TESTS are now in progress and the Battalion should be sufficiently trained to reap advantage from the elementary Field Firing practice.

Proposed in about 2 weeks time. Classes. Signallers. A class of 28 B.C.O.s and men is under training under Battalion arrangements and is making good progress.

Young N.C.O.s. A class for Young N.C.O.s. is receiving special instruction.

Machine Gun. A Class for Machine Gunners is being conducted

under Brigade arrangements.

(1 Officer 27 Other ranks).
Ordnance. A Class for Ordnance under Brigade arrangements is attended by 3 N.C.O.s and 2 privates.

The Health of all ranks has been satisfactory.

All clothing and Blankets have been treated for lice by the Steam Disinfector and fresh

Clothing issued. The last

Medical Inspection showed that 4 men were still suffering from this pest and (the clothing of these men had not been treated at the time of the inspection but have since passed through the disinfector).

The Records of the Battalion during its service at SUVA have been lost in transit to

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1st to
31st
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ALEXANDRIA and all efforts to
find them have failed.
The strength of the Battalion
on 31.1.16. was 19 Officers
336 Other Ranks, 2nd
Lieutenants H. F. RAPPENHAM
and L. N. LISBY joined the
Battalion 28.1.16.

J. M. HULLFOR.

Capt. Adj.
31.1.16.

14TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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February WARDAN.

1st The Battalion was occupied in
to field firing and Company training.

15th

The Battalion with the 160th
Brigade moved to EL AZAB Camp
YAVOU, taking all stores and
kits etc. started from WARDAN
STN. 1000 arrived in Camp EL
AZAB 6 p.m.

EL AZAB

16th -
29th

The Battalion carried on with
training as at WARDAN with the
addition of Route Marching.
At the commencement of the new
camp the restrictions placed
on the use of water for washing
and drinking rather interfered
with the parades - towards
the end of the month the supply
of good water had been improved.
Owing to the presence of good
roads in the YAVOU route
Marching was practised about
3 times a week - It was found
that the men's feet were very
soft and apt to blister - they
are improving now towards the
end of the month. Owing to the
weather becoming hotter the parade
hours were altered to 0700 to
1100 and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The
following Officers joined the
Battalion during the month
Capt. J. B. H. MORTON, LIBYAS.
Lt. S. L. WORSLEY, A. H. LAVARD.
2ND LIEUTS. J. C. FRECKY, R. O.
SMOOSMITH, P. G. S. HARWOOD.
J. H. DEAR, H. W. H. SMITH-MORVARD,
J. A. MATTHEWS. Drafts
totalling 106 Other Ranks also
arrived.

J. H. HUTTON, Capt.
Adj.

14TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SHERIFF REGIMENT

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March

EL AZAB

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1st to
31st

The Battalion was engaged in training at EL AZAB during the whole of the month. Knuckery was continued and the first Collective Field Firing Practice carried out. There were two and sometimes three route marches a week. Also instruction in Bayonet Fighting, Grenade Throwing, Machine gun, Signalling etc. Practice in Night Operations was begun. On account of the heat, hours of parade were altered to 0800 - 0745 and 1630 - 1730 Officers R.C.O.'s and men attended courses of instruction at ZEITOUN and ISMAILIA.

31st

A Company and a half went on detachment to the following posts: FAHR HARIJUS, KOM ABU RADI, KOM SHE SHA.

The following Officers joined the Battalion during the month: 2/Lieutenants G.R. WARRICKS, D.R. FRENCH-GREEN, P.W. LOVERING, C.G. LARKING, T. HARTLEY, R.D. WHEELER. Lieut. W.S.G. BRIDGEMAN. The following Officers left the Battalion during the month in order to reduce the total to 24 32: 2/Lieut. J.C. PERKETT, H.W.H. SMITH-HOWARD, P. HARTLEY, Lieut. A.H. LAYARD. Drafts amounting to 55 in all joined the Battalion. 17 R.C.O.s and men proceeded to base pending discharge. Strength of Battalion on 31.3.16. was Officers 32 Other Ranks 971.

R.D. FERR, Lieut. &
A/Adj.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1918

April

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1st to
20th

The Battalion was engaged in training at ELAZAD during the whole of the month as in March. In addition to other courses of instruction which have continued as before, Lewis Gun Courses have been carried out, 4 guns having arrived for the Battalion.

15th)
16th)

Companies returned from detachment at KAFR MAHFUZ, KOM ABU RADI, KOM SHE SHA, being relieved by the Royal West Kent Regt. The following officers rejoined the Battalion this month:
2/Lieuts. J.C. PEECKETT, R.W.H. SMITH-HOWARD, F. HARTLEY.
The following left the Battalion.
LIEUT. R.S.L. WORMLEY (to England)
2/Lieuts. W.J.F. MAXWELL-STUART (to England), L.N. LISBY (posted to Stokes Gun Battery ISMALIA), F. HARTLEY (posted to Stokes Gun Battery ISMALIA).
Lt. Col. H.S. ASHWORTH has been in temporary command of the Brigade & Majox S.W.P. BEALE of the Batin. since 6.4.18. Drafts amounting to 100 in all have joined the Battalion during the month, 4 N.C.Os and men proceeded to the Base pending discharge (time expired).
Strength of Battalion on 30.4.18. was Officers 26 33 Other Ranks 722.

R.D. JEBB.

Lieut. & a/adj.

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4th BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY DIVISION.

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EL AZAB.

1st to 20th. The Battalion was engaged in training at EL AZAB.

MOASKA.

The Battalion moved with remainder of Brigade from EL AZAB on the evening of the 26th, having handed over their camp to the NORTHGHERY-SHIRE YOCAMARI, and entrained to MOASKA.

FERRY POST CAMP.

27th to 28th. They encamped there the night of the 27th - 28th and proceeded by road on the morning of the 28th to FERRY POST CAMP and encamped there the night of 28th - 29th.

DUNTRON.

On the morning of the 29th, the Battalion marched to DUNTRON CAMP, and three companies followed Australian companies of the 14th. Infantry Brigades at the following posts: GUNDAGAI, KERBLA, and KATOONDA. Battalion H.Q. and one company remained at DUNTRON. On the 30th, two one platoons of the company at DUNTRON joined the company at KATOONDA and manned a trench (by night) on AUSTRALIA HILL. Work at DUNTRON and forward posts consisted chiefly of adapting existing works to defence by the smaller numbers now occupying them. A redoubt was constructed at DUNTRON.

Observation Posts submit Intelligence Summaries daily. Up to the present nothing of importance to report. On the 31st, Lt. COL. H.S. ASHROTH was took over the duties of Outpost Line. Commander of the Brigade and proceeded to RAILHEAD about x 7 miles EAST of FERRYPOST. Major S.W.P. BEALZ took command of the Battalion. Strength of Battalion on 31.5.16 was Officers 30 Other Ranks 636

R.D. JENN

Lieut & Adj.

4th BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT,
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DUNTEROON.

1st to 10th. The Battalion was engaged in adapting existing works at Gundagai, Mt Kemble, Katoomba and Australia Hill, and in manning these defences at night.

6th. Lieut. R.J.P. Frank died as a result of a gunshot wound accidentally received on the 4th inst at Gundagai.

9th. Draft of 5 Officers and 171 Other Ranks joined the Battalion.

10th. Further works were sighted, two between Gundagai and Mt Kembla, and two between Mt Kembla and Australia Hill. These works were of a smaller pattern, with a low command, and were designed to hold 1 Officer and 25 Other Ranks. It was intended to reduce Mt Kembla post to similar dimensions, but in the end this post was left at a garrison of 100.

The Battalion was engaged on the construction of these defences from the 10th to 20th inst. One Platoon of "C" Coy being sent from Dunteroon to assist in the construction of the post N of Australia Hill.

19th. Front line was visited by the Commander in Chief on this date.

On evening of 19th June, the Battalion was relieved in the front line by 2/4th B.R.W. Kent Regt. and proceeded to Rail Head.

FERRY POST.

20th. Two Companies proceeded to Ferry Post and were followed on the 21st by a third Company. On the evening of the 21st the company proceeded to Bench Mark and Ridge Post on detachment duty.

22nd. The fourth Company joined the Battalion at Ferry Post.
A draft of 2 Officers and 123 107 Other Ranks joined the Battalion.

23rd. 2 Officers and 100 other ranks of the Bn. proceeded to the Sea Side Rest Camp 5411 Bldnr.

24th. A casualty occurred from diptheria on this date.

25th. A casualty occurred from diptheria on this date.

26th. Lieut Col. H.S. Ashworth rejoined from Rail Head H.Q. of "B" and

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June.

26th
(Cont'd.)

Section having removed there from Jerry Post. 2 Officers and 21 Other Ranks joined the class at the School of Instruction, Zeiloun.

27th.

The second part of 2 Officers and 104 Other Ranks proceeded to Ben Sidi Rest Camp, Sidi Bishr.

29th.

A casualty occurred from diphtheria on this date.
During the stay of the Battalion at Jerry Post, classes were held in swimming, and lectures on the revival of the apparently drowned, were attended.
The Brigade Bombing classes for men who had attended previous classes, but who had not thrown live bombs were attended.

30th.
Strength of Battalion on 30th June 1916, was 39 officers 887 Other Ranks.

H. B. ASHORTH

Lieut. Col.

Commanding 4th B. Royal Sussex Regiment.

Jerry Post.
1st July 1916.

44TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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July

ZENNY POST.

1st to
23rd

The Battalion noted as garrison
battalion of ZENNY POST.

CLASSES: Classes of instruction
in Signalling, LEWIS GUN, GRENADE
THROWING and RANGE FINDING were
started and good progress was made.

Change of Air Camp, SIDE BUSH.

Parties were sent as follows:-

9/7/16	2	Officers and 50	Other Ranks.
13/7/16	1	"	50
17/7/16	2	"	40

Capt. A. Adjt. J. M. HUTTON was
appointed Brigade Major of the
86th Brigade.

7th

10th

A death occurred from blood
poisoning due to a out while
bathing.

20th

The Battalion received orders to
be ready to move at short notice.

21st

2nd Lt. J. YOUNG was taken on
the strength of the Instructional
Staff at ZENNY.

23rd 1983

Orders were received to be ready
to move that night. ZENNY BARRACK
and RIDGE FORT detachments were
to be relieved at once by a
KENT detachment.

The relief of BENCH MARK and RIDGE
POST detachments was completed.
Orders were received to entrain
at MOUSGAR at 10.00 on the
24/7/16.

2330

2130

24th

ZENNY POST - MOUSGAR - KILTRIDAN.

1000

1700

ZENNY POST garrison duties were
handed over to 2nd B. M. I. REGT.
The Battalion entrained and
proceeded to KILTRIDAN arriving
11.40. Marching out strength
Officers 33, Other Ranks 820.
The Battalion marched to
Halkhead and bivouacked for
the night. Lt. Col. ASHWORTH
took command of the ZENNY
Sub-section. Capt. G. B. COMSTABLE
took command of the Battalion.

KILTRIDAN.

25th 0600

POSTS 41, 42, 43 and 26 were
taken over from the 1/5 BATT
LANOS. These Posts were
garrisoned by 3 Companies less
1 Platoon. The remainder of

1916

July

25th
(Wed.)

23th -
21st

Appendix

The Battalion going into Camp at
RAILHEAD.

Garrisons of Posts were engaged
in repairing existing works.
The remainder of the Battalion
found guards and fatigues in
RAILHEAD area.

Rtd. MIDDLETOWN,
2/Lieut. & Adj. Lt.
for Capt.

4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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August

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1st to
3rd

EL FERDAR.
Work was continued on Posts 41,
42, 43 and 26.

4th 0100

A telegram was received from
H.Q.s. 702 Sub-section ordering
the Battalion to be ready to
entrain at FERDAR at 1600 on that
day.

0630

Outposts were relieved by a
detachment of dismounted
Australian Light Horse. Ralmsed
Camp was taken over by 3 Companies
of the 2/4 Bertrik Regiment.
During the day the Battalion
proceeded in detachments to
FERDAR.

1730

The Battalion entrained for
KATARA arriving at 1900
marched to Hill 40, arriving
at 2330 and took over a standing
camp. Strength 35 Officers
267 Other Ranks.

HILL 40 KATARA.

The Battalion was exercised
in close and extended order
work. Marching over the
desert by day and night was
practised and different
formations tested. A speed of
about 2 miles per hour by day
and 1½ miles per hour by night
was maintained without difficulty.
The most satisfactory formation
proved to be a line of companies
in rows at deploying interval.
CLASSES: Classes were started
but were shortly interrupted

by the move from KATARA.

BIGWALLING

A new class of 24 men.

RANGE FINDER

A class of 8 men
went through a course in the

Bar & Stroud.

LEWIS GUN A former class of 24

continued their course.

FIRST AID A class of 24

attended a course of lectures
from the K.O.

DRILL & MARCHING The latest draft

of 80 men was struck off all

duties for a course of musketry.

GRENADE THROWING A former class

of 36 men completed their course

at the Brigade Grenade School.

ROBBERS A class of 16 men.

5th
to
21st

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Appendix

August

21st 2305

Orders were received by telegram from 160th Brigade to move to BALLAR by route march next day.

22nd

The Battalion marched off at 15.30 arrived at BALLAR 21.00 and bivouacked for the night. Strength 33 Ofc. 808 Other ranks.

23rd

The Battalion proceeded to BALKUMION and took over the 10 front line posts and Ballhead defences from the 1/7th Sussex Regt. The relier was completed by 17.30. A party of 1 Officer and 30 men were sent out about 7 miles as a standing escort to the R.B. working on the new pipe line to HOD-EL-ARAS.

BALKUMION.

24th -
31st

Garrigons of posts and fallhead defences were engaged in repairing the existing works.

The HOD-EL-ARAS pipe line escort which had moved three miles further out was relieved by another party on 28.8.1916. The march of 10 miles over the desert took about 4 hours. The men were in fighting order. The men were GLASS. A class of 16 men was started in Grenade throwing.

H.3. ASHWORTH, Lt. Col.
4th Batt. Royal Sussex Regt.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT
3RD DIVISION

1916.

September

Appendix

BATTENION.

On 1.9.'16 the outer line of defences was evacuated and the Battalion was redistributed round the inner line defence works of Railroad. Work on these defences, which were badly in need of repair, was continued.

TRAINING in Musketry was proceeded with, and the two latest drafts from England were put through grouping practices.

The Battalion was exercised in individual and Collective Field Firing, and two companies carried out an attack with ball cartridges.

The Battalion was relieved by the 1/1st SCOTISH HORSE and moved to BAILAR by route march, bivouacine for the night.

BAILAR.

The Battalion entrined and proceeded to Mosecar, bivouacine for the night.

MOSECAR.

The Battalion was exercised in CLOST ORDER work, BAYONET FIGHTING and MUSEKRY.

Special attention was paid to the training of Specialists.

CLASSES.

Classes of SQUADLEERS,
LEADS COURIERS, RANGERS,
FINDERS, GRENADE THROWERS
and SIKKICHER BEARERS,
were continued or commenced.

2nd/Lieut. BRIGGS embarked for England on 22.9.'16.

A party of 2 Officers and 40 other ranks was sent to the Change of Air Camp, Sidi Bishr on 24.9.'16.
Effective Strength of Battalion on 28.9.'16:-
21 Officers, 34 Sergeants, and 646 Other Ranks.

H. S. ASHWORTH.

Lieut. Col.
Comd. 4th Royal Sussex Regt.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT,
3rd DIVISION.

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October

1st to
5th.

MOASGAR.

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The Battalion was exercised in close order work beyond fighting and musketry. Two days in each week were given to other Brigade or Battalion field exercises.

Companies were instructed in the construction of field works. Special attention was paid to the training of Specialists.

Snappers. A new class of 24 men was started.

Lewis Gunners. " " " "
Classes of Range Finders, " " " "
Scouts and Stretcher Bearers " " " "

were continued.

Grenadiers. Classes received instruction at the Brigade Grenade School.

The Battalion Grenadiers were organised as follows:-

R.Qrs. Grenade Section,
40 Other Ranks,
Platoon Grenade Section,
9 Other Ranks per
platoon.

A party of 2 Officers and 40 O.R. was sent to the Charge of Air Camp. Sgd Blank on 22/10/1916. One man died on 28/10/1916 at 24th Stew Hospital, of Cardiac failure from Diphtheria.

H.S. ASHMORE,
Lieut-Col.
Comd 4th Batin.
Royal Sussex Regt.

WEST SUSSEX RSR OFFICE

4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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November. HOANGAR

1st to
23rd

The Bn. was put through a course of Hushbery. Firing at ranges of 200, 300 and 400 yds. Special attention was paid to training of Specialists. A Coy. were practised in the construction of desert works. Two deaths occurred from dysentery. Draft of 48 other ranks joined Bn. from Zealand on 8th inst. 2nd Lieuten. Cox and Dear were attached to R.F.C.

23rd

Bn. proceeded to FREDDAY by march route and bivouaced for night.

27th

Bn. proceeded to KATPARK by march route.

30th

Bn. was equipped with Camel Transport and proceeded EAST by march route, halting and bivouacking for night as follows -
37th HILL 70.
25th FANABIDU.
29th FOUNANT.
30th RABA. R 979.

H.S. ANTHONY, Lieut.-Col.
Commanding 4th B. H. Sussex Regt.

4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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December.

KIRINA

1st The Battalion arrived at KIRINA and bivouacked for the night.

2nd The Battalion was detached from the Brigade and proceeded by march route to BIR-EL-ABD in Company with the 2/4th QUEBENS.

BIR-EL-ABD.

2nd to
31st
LIEUT. COL. ASHWORTH took command of EL ABD defences. The Battalion was engaged on the construction of the inner line of defences of BIR-EL-ABD. These defences consisted of a number of detached trenches, the whole being within a circle of wire entanglement. The parapets were revetted with sandbags. Lieut. Col. ASHWORTH handed over the command of EL ABD defences to G. C. O. 100th Infantry Brigade on 11.12.1916. 2nd Lieut. F. J. POWELL joined the Battalion on 28.12.1916. Effective strength of the Battalion on 31.12.1916. 50 Coy. 911 O.R.

H. G. ASHWORTH, Lieut. Col.
Commande. 4th Bn.
Royal Sussex Regt.

4th BATTALION, THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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January.

BIR-EL-ABD.

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1st. Lieut. A.C. ROYDEN joined the Battalion.

1st-10th. The Bn was bivouacked at BIR-EL-ABD occupying the inner line defences & was employed in improving the works and barbed wire entanglements.

11th. The Bn marched from BIR-EL-ABD to SALMANA and bivouacked for the night.

12th. The Bn marched from SALMANA to TILUL and bivouacked for the night.

13th. The Bn marched from TILUL to HAZAR.

14th. HAZAR Defences North of the railway line were taken over and garrisoned by two Companies.

HAZAR.

15th-31st. Companies were exercised in field firing and desert marching. The training of specialists was continued.

26th. Lieut. Col. ASHWORTH took command of HAZAR Defences.

31st. Lieut. Col. ASHWORTH, handed over the command of HAZAR Bn-section to Lieut. Col. BORTHWICK, 5th R.W.F.

H. B. ASHWORTH

Lieut Col

Comdg 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

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February.

MAZAR.

1st. Battalion marched from MAZAR to MADAR K.125 and bivouached for the night.

HAIDAR

2nd. Battalion marched to HANNAWI K.140, and bivouached for the night.

HANNAWI.

3rd. Battalion marched to EL ARISH, and took over the inner line of the left subsection of the Right Section of EL ARISH Defences.

EL ARISH.

8th. Capt. H. T. S. GRAY and 2nd Lieut R. S. WILLIAMS and H. T. PARRICK and a draft of 53 O.S. joined the Bn from England.

4th-21st.

The Battalion was occupied in wire road laying. Companies were exercised in desert marching. The training of specialists was continued.

22nd.

The Bn marched from EL ARISH to EL MUDJ & bivouached

EL MUDJ.

23rd.

The Bn marched to SHEIKH ZOWAID.

SHEIKH ZOWAID.

24th-28th.

The Bn was in reserve to the outpost line held by 160 Infantry Brigade.

H. S. ASHWORTH
Lieut Col

Commandg 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

29.2.17.

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7th.

SRESIKH FORWARD.

The Battalion was in Reserve to the line held by the 160th Brigade. Detached Officers accompanied many reconnaissances by mounted troops.

8th

The Battalion moved to the LONG VIEW position and held the left section of the outpost line of the 160th Brigade.

14th

Capt. J. R. STURRIDGE R.A.M.C. took over the medical charge of the Battalion.

RAVA FORWARD.

The Battalion moved to the RAVA position and were in reserve to the line held by the 160th Brigade.

21st

KHAN YUNUS.

The Battalion marched by night to KHAN YUNUS and bivouacked.

24th

DEIR EL BELAH.

The Battalion marched by night to DEIR EL BELAH.

25th

26th 0100. The Battalion moved from DEIR EL BELAH at the head of the Brigade.

0240. The Battalion crossed the WADI CHUZEL.

0300. The Battalion reached the position on EL SIKH - EL SHELIDJ ridge.

0310. The weather began to get misty.

0645. Orders were received to push on to EL SHELIDJ.

0755. EL SHELIDJ was occupied. ALL CLEAR.

0915. The mist lifted, and the 156th Brigade seen advancing on the right. The Turkish position became visible, but it could not be determined whether or not it was occupied.

1200. Verbal orders were received to prepare to attack.

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26th 1985. Report to B.G.C. that the attack had commenced.

(contd.) Formation, two lines of companies, in column of platoons with the leading Companies extended.

1230. A Tappich trench was taken with slight opposition. Advance was continued through the next hollow to the crest beyond it. After a small party had advanced from here, further advance was stopped by order of Lieut. Col. ASHWORTH who was shortly afterwards killed. Owing to the fire, the line was withdrawn to the next hollow behind the ridge.

1300. The crest of the ridge was re-occupied.

1330. A Company of the Essex Regt. came up in support in hollow.

1900. Two Companies of the QUESBYS came up.

1920. The Essex Company relieved the line holding the crest, which was prolonged to the left by the QUESBYS, and the line of Essex and Middlesex men fell back to the hollow to reorganise.
Casualties: - Killed, Lt. Col. H. S. ASHWORTH, 2/Lts. D. W. TYRRELL-GREEN, A. S. KITCH and H. F. TAPPICH, and 24 O.R.

Wounded, Capt. STONHROP R.A.M.C., Lieuts. R.O.G. MIDDLETON and C. R. H. WICKERS, 2/Lieuts. W. A. JOY, H. S. WILLIAMS, R. P. YOUNG, H. W. H. SMITH HOWARD, R. BULLOCK, I. J. POWELL and Lieut. A. C. ROWDEN and 194 O.R. Missing, 57 O.R. Missing & wounded, 2 O.R. Attached: wounded 2/Lt. G. W. ARBOLD.

27th 0030. The Essex received orders to withdraw, so it was necessary for the Battalion to withdraw, the number of men being insufficient to hold the line. The Battalion reported at Brigade H.Q.s.
The Battalion concentrated near EL BRIDLOP.

1130. A position was taken up on E.N. slope of ridge facing H.E.
1800. The Battalion advanced in support of the 2/10 Middlesex Regt.
1630. The Battalion was ordered to take up an outpost line, after dark, on the left of the 161st Brigade.

2000. Orders were received to move at 2200.

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27th 2139. The Battalion paraded and marched
(contd.) in Brigade to SHRIKH RASHID.

Casualties:- Missing, Capt. H.T.S.
GRAY. Wounded & missing, 2/Lt.
G.B. JOHNSON. Sick 28.

SHRIKH RASHID.

28th 0300. The Battalion bivouacked at
SHRIKH RASHID - one Company on
outpost.

0800. The Bn. formed the right section
of outpost line with its right
on RAJA GAZA Road.

29th to 29th to
1st. Battalion was in support of the
Brigade.

S.W.P. BEALE.

Maj.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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Let to
18th.

The Battalion was bivouacked
WEST of SHEIKH HASRID.
4 M.C.O's were trained as Gas
M.C.O's.

1 Officer and 8 O.R. were detailed
to form part of the Brigade Smoke
Detachment and trained in their
duties.

All ranks received instruction in
the use of P.R.Gas Helmets, and in
anti-gas training. Lewis Gunners
and signallers were in training
under specialist officers.

7th

A draft of 28 O.R. joined the
Battalion.

14th

Lieut. Col. V.W. BRIDGES joined
and took over command of the
Battalion from Major S.F.P.
BEATS.

18th

The Battalion moved to GARDNER
POST, and bivouacked for the
night, two companies taking
over the outpost line from the
MIDDLESSEX HQ's.

19th 0715.

Battalion concentrated SOUTH of
THE CAVES.

0730. Moved off in support of 2/10
MIDDLESSEX. Kept about 1500 yards
behind then gradually closing up.
Formation during advance:- "A"
and "C" Coys in front followed
at a distance of 400 yards by
"B" and "D" Coys. Each Company
had a front of 200 yards and a
depth of 400 yards. Platoons
moving at distance and intervals
under Company arrangements,
formations being adapted to the
ground.

1000. Spoke to Col. PEARSON through
telephone asking if he would
like any support; he replied
probably a Company. Sent
orderly to Col. PEARSON to tell
him where I was and to locate
his Headquarters.

1030. Orderly returned but had no
request for reinforcements.
1050. Received telegram timed 0950
ordering me to attack.

On receipt of wire moved to
the right of MIDDLESSEX and
formed up "A" and "B"

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Companies behind a ridge about 900 yards SOUTH of the redoubt. Pack animals with LEWIS Guns were brought up to this point. I formed "C" and "A" Coys here about with their LEWIS Guns operating "C" Coy to advance on the HIDDENEX right and "A" Coy. on the right of "C" with special instructions to look out for counter attack on the right, as there was a large gap between ourselves and the TURKS on our right. These two Companies supported by the fire of four machine guns advanced and aligned themselves to the right of the HIDDENEX, "A" Coy keeping its right thrown back and its LEWIS Guns on the right. The remainder of the Bn. I kept in reserve in case of counter attack on the right.

Both "A" and "C" Coys advanced and assaulted the redoubt. "C" Coy and 1 platoon of "A" entering the right of the redoubt as the HIDDENEX entered the left; the remainder of "A" Coy went to the right; both Companies started consolidating. At the request of Col. FEARSON the other two Companies moved forward and aligned themselves on the right of "C" and "A" Coys. Consolidating and digging in until 0300 when the Brigade was relieved. Killed 101 Total Casualties. Killed 15 O.R. wounded: Capt. J. R. WARREN and 50 O.R.

Both to
South

The Bn. was bivouacked in Square R.I.M. Reference Map GAZA (X) 1,40,000. 2,500 yards S.W. of GABSOE RIDGE.
Working parties, as "strong as possible" were sent up each night to assist in digging in and consolidating the line.

I. W. BRIDGES.

Lieut. Col.

Comd'g. 4th Royal Sussex Regt.

30.4.17.

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GAZA AREA.

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1st

The Battalion was in Brigade reserve, bivouacked in Sq.R.1a.

Reference
Sheet
GAZA-
SERIAL
1:40,000

2nd

The Battalion took over 'G' Sector of front line trenches on HENRIOD RIDGE and GIBSON RIDGE from 7th Royal Welch Fusiliers. All four Companies were in the front line. 'A' Coy. on the right, 'C' and 'D' in the centre, 'B' Coy on the left. The Battalion was centre battalion in the Brigade line having the QUEENS on the right and MIDDLESSEX on the left. The Battalion held a line from point P.32.a.7.5. to P.33.d.1.1.

IN TRENCHES 'G' SECTOR.

2nd to
7th

The Battalion was engaged in strengthening the trenches, heightening parapets, and constructing communication trenches. All the trenches held were on heavy sand, and considerable trouble was met with from sandbag parapets falling in. The enemy trenches were nowhere within 1,000 yards, but there was an enemy sniper post on UMBRELLA RIDGE about 500 yards from our trenches. Patrols were sent out nightly, but owing to the heavy fog and distance between the lines, they could obtain but little information. No. 200832 PTE. VANCE K. was wounded whilst on patrol on May 4th B.E. of UMBRELLA RIDGE. He was brought in by the patrol, but died of wounds on the following day. The enemy shelled the line very little, firing only about six shells a day. Several casualties whilst in these trenches. 1 man died of wounds.

7th

The Battalion was relieved by 5th ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS and moved back to bivouac near ST. JAMES FARM.

8th

The Battalion moved to a new bivouac area, 600 yards N.E. of SHEKH KERRAH (Square T.1.b.).

SQUARE T.1.b.

8th to
13th

Shelter trenches were dug and classes commenced. Lieut. S. R. CAMPBELL was attached to 100th Bde. Hqs. as understudy to the Brigade Major on May 11th.

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12th

The Battalion moved to a new bivouac area in WADI KHEUBER Sq.F.10-b.

WADI KHEUBER

13th
to
25th

Training of Specialists was continued working parties were found for R.S. to construct wire roads. 2nd Lieut. L.D. ANN was attached to 53rd Div. Hqrs. to understudy the G.S.O.S. on May 13. 2nd Lieut. R.P. YOUNG was attached to 160th Brigade Hqrs. as Liaison Officer on May 14th.

25th

The Battalion took over the line from the 5th SURVIVIX REGT. The Battalion Sector ran from DUNDELL Hill, Square Y.2d, to Y.13a.5.3. The line was held by a series of 5 strong self contained works surrounded by wire entanglement with a continuous wire fence along the whole front. The works were numbered B.3. E.4. F.1. G.3. F.3. A.C. Coy held works B.3. and E.4. B.C. Coy F.1. G.C. Coy F.2. D.C. Coy F.3.

IN TRENCHES DUNDELL.

25th to
31st

There were no enemy works within 6,000 yards. Further trenches were constructed and the wire obstacle strengthened. Classes of specialists were recommenced. There was no enemy activity on the Battalion front during this period. Honours and Awards.

The following honours were awarded to the undermentioned officers, N.C.O.'s and men for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the field at GAZA

On the dates stated: 36.3.17.

Battery Order: :- 36.3.17.

Capt. GUY BEYTON GORSTABLE.

3. Lieut. WILLIAM ARCHIBALD JOY.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. JACK CHALMERS

Private 19.4.17.

Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) STUART

KIPPEL REID.

D.O.M. 19.4.17.

300353 Corporal PERCY BRYANT.

11. Lieut. Regal. 26.3.17.

200637 Pte. ALFRED CHARLES THOMAS

RICHARDSON.

300140 Sgt. EDWARD FRANK GRINSTEAD.

200784 L./Cpl. ARCHIBALD EDWARD TREGER.

19.4.17.

200673 Pte. JOHN WALKER.

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MAY25th
to
31st
(Ctd)

Strength	Strength with the Battalion on May 1.	Number admitted to hospital Sick during month	Casualties in action (Died or wounds)	Died	To various duties.	Returned from Hospital - Sick.	Returned from Hospital - Wounded.	Returned from various	Effective strength with Battalion on May 31st.
	Offs. O.R. * 24	3	69	1	5	1	3	3	21
			2	2	16	43	43	3	576
			1	7				4	
				68		17		93	

T. M. BRIDGER, Lieut. Col.
Comd'g. 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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1st to
30th

DUBSHELL HILL GAZA.

Effective strength with unit on 1.6.17. 31 Officers 584 O.R.s. The Battalion continued to hold the 5 Works on the left of the Brigade line from DUBSHELL HILL in Square Y.2.d. to Y.13.a.5.2. There was no enemy activity to the Battalion front during the month. The Battalion was engaged during this period in constructing a defended locality in the DUBSHELL HILL area with a view to occupying this locality in lieu of the existing line of works. All classes were cancelled for this purpose.

28th

2nd Lieuts. R.G. WHELEER and R. WILLOCK were selected for employment with the 53rd Divisional Stokes Gun Battery.

The following Drafts were received from ENGLAND.

June 10th 81 O.R.
June 27. 5 Officers and 62 O.R.
Capt. P.S. BARRIDG.

2nd Lieuts. R.J.V. PHILVEREAT,
H.C. SCOTT, A.B. CLAPHAM and
H.T. KERNARD.

Effective strength with unit on 30.6.17. 31 Officers 628 O.Rs.

Casualties:

Joined En.:	Off.	O.R.
From ENGLAND	5	147
" Hospital	2	131
" Various	4	32

<u>11</u>	<u>310</u>
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Left Bn.	Off.	O.R.
To hospital	1	49
Various	1	20

<u>1</u>	<u>69</u>
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Command. 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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July.

Gaza Area.

Effective Strength (with Battalion)
on 1.7.17 31 ofrs. 825 O R's.

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SHELLAL
1:40,000.

1st. The Battalion was holding a line of self-contained works.

Works E3, E4 and F2 were evacuated, and the Battalion was concentrated in a defended locality in square Y 2 b known as the DUNBELL HILL area with one platoon in a detached Post in Square Y 7 d 3.9. - Post named YAPTON.

2nd. 2nd-10th. The Battalion continued to hold the DUNBELL HILL area.

There was no enemy activity to the Battalion front during this period.

10th.

The Battalion was relieved by 5th. H. I. and marched to a bivouac area in Square F26.

13th.

The Battalion marched to a new bivouac area near Bench Mark 341 in Square D5

13th-31st. The Battalion was engaged in training. Classes of Grenadiers, Signallers, Lewis Gunners, Scout Observers, Range Finders and Stretcher Bearers were commenced. Platoons were re-organised by sections on the lines laid down in War Office Pamphlet S.S.143.

18th.

2nd Lieut. G. HILL, joined the Battalion from ENGLAND.

21st.

2nd Lieut. G. BOWELL, Lincolnshire Regt left the Battalion for duty with the R.F.C.
Effective Strength (with Battalion)
on 31.7.17 26 Ofrs 812 O.R.

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Lieut. Col.

Comd'g 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

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B.M. 141 SHEIKH NUBAR

31st.

Effective strength with unit at commencement of month. O.Ts. 23 O.R. 802. The Battalion was relieved at B.M. 341, SHEIKH NUBAR by 2/21 LONDON Regt. and marched to ENLAR bivouacking in Square L 36 (Reference Sheet CAZA-SHERVAL. 1:40,000).

August.

2nd.

The Battalion took over front line trenches on MUSILIAN RIDGE (Square P25) from 6th BULFOKS and one Company 6th BULFOKS. The Battalion line extended from P 25 d.10.6 to P 19 c 2 3. and was on the right of the line held by Brigade.

MUSILIAN RIDGE.

3rd-25th.

The enemy showed little artillery activity on the Battalion front during this period. A few small shells were fired at the front line trenches, but only 2 casualties were suffered, two men wounded, one of whom afterwards died of wounds. Patrols were sent out nightly from our lines towards the enemy's wire, and pamphlets printed in Turkish were left in conspicuous places. The enemy appeared to send out very few patrols. One enemy patrol was fired on by our sentries, and the Warrant Officer 1/c of the Patrol came in and gave himself up as a deserter. One other deserter gave himself up during this period.

9th.

200925 Pte H. Hooker) were accidentally 200929 " I. J. Herds) killed by the explosion of a Turkish Shell Head.

17th.

2nd Lieut. R. C. S. GOYTON SALMOND (3rd. Royal Sussex Regt) joined the 2nd Lieut. H. GRIFFITHS) Battalion (3rd Royal Sussex Regt) } from ENGLAND.

19th.

A draft of 86 O.N.'s joined the Battalion from ENGLAND.

25th.

The Battalion was relieved in the MUSILIAN SECTOR by the 4th BULSK Regt and marched to a bivouac in Square Q. 9 a 8.8.

26th.

The Battalion marched to Southern Reserve area and bivouacked in square H 22

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July.

27th-31st.

The Battalion entered upon a period of intensive training commencing with close order drill, musketry, etc. and Company training.

Effective strength with Unit at end of month:- 26 Officers 891 O.N.

Casualties during month:-

	<u>Offic.</u>	<u>O.N.</u>
Accidentally killed	-	2
Died of wounds	-	1
Wounded	-	1
Accidentally wounded	-	1
Admitted Hospital (Sick)	2	48

From ENGLAND.
Sick Hospital:-
wounded

2	50
2	90
1	40
5	139

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Lieut. Col.
Comdg 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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SOUTHERN RESERVE AREA, BRITISH.

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1st to 30th.

Ref.
1/40,000
Bata
Sq: H. 27. b

Effective strength with Battalion at commencement of month 26 Officers 891 O. R. The Battalion underwent a period of training during this month.

Individual platoon, company, battalion and Brigade training was carried out.

The training of specialists was continued.

On September 8th the Battalion marched with the Brigade to Square B. 28. B. (Sheet GAZA - SERIAL 1/40,000) bivouacked and returned to Southern Reserve area on Sept: 11th. Individual field firing and a demonstration of Artillery and Machine Gun overhead barrage fire was carried out on Sept. 9th and 10th.

1st. A Draft of 18 O. R. joined from ENGLAND.

8th.

2nd Lieut. J. W. BORNER died of Dysentery at First General Hospital, Alexandria. Effective strength with Bn. at end of month:- Officers 26. O. R. 940.

Casualties during month:-

	<u>Offs. O. R.</u>
To Hospital.	1. 30.
" various, courses, etc.	2. 18.
	<u>3. 48.</u>

	<u>Offs. O. R.</u>
From Hospital Sick.	1. 49.
" " wounded.	6.
" " England.	28.
Various, Courses, etc.	2. 18.
	<u>3. 97.</u>

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SOUTHERN RESERVE AREA.

1st to
24th.

Effective strength of Bn.
27 Officers 984 Other Ranks.
The Battalion was in bivouac,
and engaged in training.
Specialist classes were
continued, and the Battalion
took part in Brigade and
Divisional Exercises.

16th.

2nd Lieuten. R.S.P. SHADWORTH and
A.S. HASTENS joined the
Battalion from ENGLAND.

SHELLAL.

24th.

The Battalion marched to SHELLAL
and bivouacked in the WADI
CHURZA, Square K. 21 (GAZA -
SHELLAL 1/40,000) remaining
there until October 26th.

26th.

Orders were received at 0730
to move out.
The Battalion marched off and
moved by stages to a point near
SHELLI Spring, Square B. 8. a.
(SBANI 1, 75,000).

1555.

Orders were received to advance
and make good the ridge. "B" and
"C" Coy's. were detailed to form
the advance guard.

1745.

The Battalion occupied the ridge.
No enemy were seen.

1900.

The Battalion advanced and took
up a pre-arranged outpost position
along the Wadi HAWAZISH.
T. 1. c. 3. 8. to Pt. F. 8. d. 1. 9.
(SBANI 1, 20,000). The Bn. was
in the centre of the Brigade line.

WADI HAWAZISH.

27th
to
30th.

The Battalion held the outpost
along the Wadi HAWAZISH.
A system of short Section and
platoon trenches were dug along the
line and crossings were constructed
across the Wadi HAWAZISH.

31st.

The Bn. crossed the WADI HAWAZISH
and bivouacked in Square T. 9. a.
being in reserve to the Brigade
line.
Effective strength at end of month;
29 Officers, 966 O. R. a.

1914.

October.

31st
Oct:

Casualties:-

To hospital.
" Various.

Offs. O. R.
1. 71.
2. 9.
3. 6.
4. 78.

From hospital.
" ENGLAND.
" Various.

Offs. O. R.
1. 66.
2. 2.
3. 2.
4. 68.

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Commdg. 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

11.11.17.

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Effective strength (A.F. 2213)
at commencement of month:
30 Officers 966 Other Ranks.

WADI HAWAZISH.

The Battalion marched from
bivouac near WADI HAWAZISH,
Square F.9, and proceeded

with the Brigade through
BHERGHEMA to Square 225 where
a halt was made.

The Battalion marched with the
Brigade to a Wadi in Square
W.13 near KHIBRIL EL MURWILAH
and bivouacked for the night.

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Sheet
PALESTINE
XXIII. XXIV.
XXV.
Scale
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2nd. 1015

The Battalion moved out and took
up an outpost line from W.14
central to W.10 central. A
series of small trenches were
dug. The HINDUSSEK held a line
on the Battalion's right, and a
Battalion of the 10th DIVISION
on the left. The line was
slightly shelled during the
afternoon; there were no
casualties.

The Battalion was relieved in the
outpost line by the DEVON Yeomanry
Battalion and bivouacked for the
night in the Wadi in Square W.15.

3rd.

0515

The Battalion marched with the
Brigade-passed TOWAL AND ISRAWAL
and arrived in Square A21 S.E. of
ALY KOWILAH about 1100. From this
point the Battalion supported the
QUENSIS who were attacking the hills
in Squares A4 & S28.

The Battalion was ordered to
reinforce the QUENSIS and advanced
to the high ground N of the Wadi
in Square A15.

Reconnoitering Patrols were sent
out and 4 platoons as picquets were
posted on the hill in Square A4
without opposition from the enemy.
Orders were received to attack and
occupy the following morning the
high ground which had been pointed
out earlier in the day.

4th.

0230

The 4 Platoon posts put out on the
previous night were withdrawn,
orders having been received that
our Artillery were to bombard the
hills at 0500.

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4th 0615
(tent'd.)

0600

The Battalion advanced to occupy the high ground which had been pointed out as the objective. The 8th and 9th Coy's formed the firing line. 7th and 10th Coy's were in support. The 11th Coy's advanced on the left. The advance was supported by overhead fire from machine and Lewis Guns posted on the high ground in A 9.1. and A 10.c. The high ground in A4 was occupied; this appeared to be the objective. The left of the attack was stopped by machine gun fire, which exposed the left flank of the Battalion to enfilade machine gun fire. It was therefore found impossible to advance further, and the Battalion held its ground till midnight, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

2000

The line was strengthened and an outpost line taken up between the QUEENS and the I.C.C.

5th. 1800

The Battalion was put under the orders of the 188th Brigade.

6th. 0230

The Battalion marched to point 1880 - Square A 11 b, and formed up in 4 extended lines of platoons, each Company covering a front of 150 yards. The Battalion was on the left of the 188th Brigade. The Battalion advanced under a creeping barrage on a bearing of 324°, and occupied the hills in Square A4 central and A 28 d.

0420

The hill in A4 central was taken without opposition - 20 prisoners being captured. The hill in A 28 d was strongly held, and was taken with the POWnet by three Coy's. The garrison being annihilated. This hill was then partly taken over by the 188th Brigade, half a Company only of the Battalion being left on it. The remaining Coy's extended the line to the left. The position was consolidated, and several counter attacks delivered by the enemy were repulsed with heavy losses.

1900

The Battalion was relieved by the MIDDLSEX and moved to the Red in Sq: A1b a and bivouacked for the night. 9th Coy were left on the hill in A4 central to support the MIDDLSEX.

8th.

The Battalion marched to T 27 d and bivouacked for the night.

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9th. 0600

The Battalion marched to RAB EL MAQB and took over an outpost line from I.C.C. Line held by Battalion extended from Square T 21 d to T 28 d

RAB EL MAQB.

9th
to
22nd.)

The Battalion held the outpost line; there was no enemy action.

22nd.

The Battalion was relieved in the outpost line by the KEMTS and withdrew to a bivouac area in T 27 of finding one Company on outpost on the left of the KEMTS in T 14 d. This post was withdrawn on 27th.

23rd
to
30th.

Training of Specialists was continued.

13th.

2nd Lieut. R.D. MASON (3rd RL BRIGADE) joined the Bn from ENGLAND.

19th.

Lieut-Col. T.M. BRIDGES was admitted to hospital (sick) on this day

28th.

2nd Lieut. A.P. GOULD (3rd RI BRIGADE). S.M. EDWARDS, E.W. AUSTIN, C.A.H. GEMMITH, and H.J. LAWTON (all of 3rd Cheahires) and a draft of 24 G.R. joined the Battalion from ENGLAND.

The following honours were awarded to the undismounted Officers, N.C.O's and men for Gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.
Military Cross:- Capt. A.N.H. BASKERS. 2nd Lieut. R.F. YOUNG. BASKERS.

Military Medal:- 4.11.17.
200176 Sgt BREWER, J. 200269 CPL HOPPER, H J. 6.11.17:-
200346 Sgt WHITING, R.S.
200326 Opl (A/L.Sgt) HARWOOD, J.
200304 L/O ROBBINS, W.
200399 Pte BATEMAN, S.W.
200365 Pte HOLD, R.
200360 Pte ROSEBELL, A.K.
200344 Pte COOK, B.
Officers' Casualties:-

Killed in Action 4.11.17:-
2nd Lieut. F.B. WILLIAMS.
Killed in Action 6.11.17:-
2nd Lieut W.A. JOY, R.C.
Wounded: 4.11.17:-

Lieut. J.C. FRICKETT, F.G.
Enc. Leaders: L.H. LISBY, H.C. SCOTT,
C.H. HERRISH, A.B. MACTERD,
W.C.V. POWLER and H.T. KENNARD.
Died of Wounds 5.11.17:-
and Lieut. W.K. TIDY.

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Effective strength (A.F.D213)
at end of month:- 26 Officers
668 O.R.
Casualties during month:

	Offs.	O.R.
Killed in action	2	44
Wounded.	6	188
Died of wounds.	1	11
Missing		5
Sick	4	121
Various		2
	<u>11</u>	<u>341</u>
From ENGLAND	Offs.	O.R.
.. Hospital	6	28
.. Various	3	32
	<u>9</u>	<u>60</u>

R.C.G. MIDDLETON

4th Bn Royal Sussex Regiment.
Cape & Adjt

30.11.17.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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PAS. Lt. BACH.

1st to
3rd.

Effective strength (A F B 213) at commencement of month 25 Officers 668 C.Re. The Battalion was in bivouack. Training was continued. 2/Lieut. A.R.F. JACKSON joined from ENGLAND on 2nd inst.

Reference
Sheets
PATERSTINE
No. 17, 21,
and Composites
Sheet Nos.
23, 24 and 25
1/65, 360.

HERBON.

4th

The Battalion marched to a point one mile S. of HERBON and took up an outpost line from V.24.d. to S.29.b.

5th

No move was made.

The Battalion marched off with the Brigade but was halted just N. of HERBON. In the evening orders were received to take up an outpost line covering HERBON facing N.E. A line was taken up from S.17.b. to S.24.a.

6th

The Battalion marched off and rejoined the Brigade near the WADI EL ARAB. Square P.19. The march was then continued to the WADI EL BIAR. Square P.4. The afternoon was very cold and wet.

At nightfall orders were received to take up an outpost line facing E. A line was taken up from P.4.b. to G.29.b.

7th 0630.

The Battalion marched off and rejoined the Brigade near the WADI EL ARAB. Square P.19. The march was then continued to the WADI EL BIAR. Square P.4. The afternoon was very cold and wet. At nightfall orders were received to take up an outpost line facing E. A line was taken up from P.4.b. to G.29.b.

8th

The Battalion marched to G.23.b. (Sheet 17) and bivouacked for the night. One Company was left holding the hill in G.29.b.

9th

The Battalion marched to ROAD JUNCTION in G.11.b. and halted. The Company which had been left on Post in G.29.b. rejoined. Orders were received to proceed to HEYRICHEN and bivouack

1600.

Companies along the road through the town to protect the telephone wire which had been cut several times during the day.

ELWELLHAM.

The telephone wire was patrolled continuously.

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14th 1900.

The men were quartered in houses in the town. Orders were received to send two Companies at once to RUSSIAN HOSPITALS on the MOUVE of OLIVAS. "A" and "D" Companies marched out at 1900.

ABU DIS.

15th

The Battalion marched to ABU DIS Square J.28.b. and took over a line from the 4th CRENSHES. Posts were held at the following points:- "G" Coy J.28.b.0.0.
"A" Coy J.28.d. Central.
"B" Coy J.35.b.0.2. and J.35.c. Central. "D" Coy a Post near KH JUBS BR NUM 1.9.a.7.5.

16th

"A", "B" and "C" Coys were relieved by two Companies of the 4th CRENSHES, and concentrated after daylight at J.35.b.5.1.

17th 0530.

"A" and "B" Coys advanced under an artillery barrage and occupied the high ground from J.28.d.10.0. to J.29.d.10.9. known as SCHAG HILL and SUSSEX RIDGE. 1 Officer and 29 Prisoners were captured and 30 enemy dead were counted.

Our Casualties: Killed:- 2nd Lieut. S.H. JUBS/ABUS and 7 O.R.s. Died or Wounded:- 2nd Lieut. R.P. YOUNG.

Wounded. 19 O.Rs.
Awarded. No.200869 Pte. HOLLANDS, A.S. This awarded the Military Medal by G.O.C. 20th Army Corps.

18th to 27th. The line captured on the 17th was consolidated.

24th

There was no enemy activity on our front during this period except desultory sniping. 2nd Lieut. R.H. FORTSCOUS (3rd Lt. Sussex) joined from England.

27th

2nd Lieut. P.O.S. HARWOOD was wounded.

28th 0300.

The Battalion was relieved in the line by the MIDDLESEX and 3 Companies were ordered to relieve a Middlesex Company

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28th
(Contd.)

Company which was being attacked at DEIR IBN OBEID L.23.b. central. The high ground round KH. EL HARADAN L.16 and L.17 was occupied without resistance.

0800.

One platoon was pushed forward and occupied the ground S of the Monastery.

The enemy were observed to be retiring to the S.

The Battalion remained in position during the day covering the withdrawal of the OBEID garrison. The Battalion returned to ABU DIS.

1900.

DIS and took over the line vacated in the morning from the MIDDLESEX.

29th

"A" Coy was relieved by the MIDDLESEX and JUBB SR RUK Post and came into reserve at ABU DIS.

"B" Coy took over Posts on KENT RIDGE J.28.b. central to J.28.c.5.8. from the R.8. Kenes. Reliefs were completed by 0600.

30th to
31st.

No move was made. The enemy were found to have retired from our front.

Casualties during month:-

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O. Rs.</u>
Killed	2	7
Wounded	1	19
Sick	5	68
Various	—	6
	<u>8</u>	<u>100.</u>

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O. Rs.</u>
From England	2	4
" Hospital (sick)	2	98
" Hospital (wounded)	—	37
Various	—	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>143.</u>

Effective Strength (A.F.b. 213) at end of month: 21 Officers 711 O.Rs.

T.M. BRIDDGS.

Lieut. Col.

Command 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

31.12.17.

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AMU DIA.

Jan. 1st

Effective strength of Am at commencement of month 21 officers 711 O.I.I. The Battalion was relieved in the outpost line by the 2/15th LORAINS and marched to Khaballah, and bivouacked for the night. The day was very cold and wet.

KHABALLAH.

2nd
to
10th

The Battalion was in Divisional reserve at Khaballah. On the 4th '53, '54 and '55 Coy's moved into billets in the AMERICAN SCHOOL. '56 Coy remained in bivouac. Working parties were found daily for the R.S. for road repairing.

11th

The Battalion relieved the 7th CREWTERS in the outpost line. The Battalion was on the left of the Brigade. Posts were held as follows:-

Reference Palostine 1/53, 550.
Sheet XIV: '56 Coy at 099.
U 2 R. '53 Coy at 099 R. 27. c.
'54 Coy at 099 U. 3. '51. '56 Coy in reserve at 099 U. 3. c. Battalion H.Q. at SHEIKH YUSSEF. at 099 U 4 c.

12th
to
17th

The Battalion held the line. There was very little enemy activity. Light sniping at ranges varying from 1,200 to 2000 yards. No shelling. A draft of 85 U.S.A. joined from HEMDAM on the 13th. Quality good.

18th

'56 Coy advanced their line without opposition, and took up a post at 099 H 27 a in conjunction with an advance by the 2/4 R.W. KERR BATT. on the Battalion right.

19th

The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 2/4 (GUMINS) R.W. SURVEY REGT and went into brigade reserve in bivouac at 099 U 9 b. '56 Coy were left at 099 U 3 c in reserve to the GUMINS.

20th
to
29th

Working parties were found daily for the R.S. to make roads. 2nd Lieuten H. H. CLAYDON, J. and G. KNOTT, both of 3rd Gloucestershire Regt joined from HEMDAM on the 20th.

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26th

"B" and "C" Coy's were relieved by two Companies of the 1/1 HEREFORDS and proceeded to KUDUKODIA, 099 W. 22 N., to keep the road in repair. One platoon "A" Coy went to 0.99 P. 11 c and relieved a post of 1/6 N. W. G. at that place with orders to watch the WADIS HADIS and HUKU.

27th

The remainder of the Battalion was relieved by the 1/1 HEREFORDS, and proceeded to billets at RUKATYAH.

28th
to
31st

The Battalion was in billets at RUKATYAH. Working parties were found for the H.K. on road-making. Training of specialists was continued. Effective strength at end of month: 27 Officers 801 Other ranks.

Casualties during month:-

Joined Battalion.	Officers	O.H.
Wounded from England.	3	39
From hospital (sick)	2	09
" (Wounded)	3	34
" Various	7	104
		4

Left Battalion.	Officers	O.H.
To hospital (sick)	1	80
" Various		23
Wounded.	1	04

W. S. BRIDGER,
Lieut. Col.
Comdg. 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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BAR ALBERT.

Left with strength of Battalion at commencement of month: 27 Officers 789 C.R.V. Reference PARISHINE 1 inch 080 up and "g" Coy proceeded to BELTIN and bivouacked for the night in U 17 b.

BELTIN.

The Battalion took over the line NORTH of BELTIN from the 5th WELSH REGT. Plans were held as follows:- "g" Coy and 2 Platoons "A" COY GARDNER WILK. 0 98 R 98. "D" COY CHISHAM RIDGE V 2 overtook. "g" COY BOUTLER 2 Platoons "A" Coy and 2n H.C. V 7 a.

The Battalion was in the line; the weather was wet and cold. No enemy noticed by our Battalion except for intermittent shelling of GARDNER WILK Forest.

The Battalion was relieved by the 2/4th GURKHS and moved into bivouac at 0 98 U 17 b.

12th

The Battalion was in bivouac.

13th 1930

"g" Coy proceeded to DEER BURN and came under command of G.C. 2/4 R. W. KINGS. During the night this Company advanced and occupied Hill in V 28 which was a operation.

14th

The Battalion moved to a bivouac in V 15 b. "g" Coy were relieved by a Company of 2/4 R. W. KINGS and rejoined. The Battalion was in bivouac. Working parties were found for the R.F. on road making.

15th
to
17th

The Battalion proceeded to junction of LAIR KAMAH'S and MAIN NORTHEN - V 16 b marching off at 1900 on 18th. Patrols were pushed out. "G" Coy advanced up the hill in V 18 at "g" Coy up the wall at AIR to the small wall in V 11 a.

18th
to
19th

19th 0830 The Hill in V 0 a was occupied without opposition. The Battalion was then disposed as follows:-

February.

18th
(contd.)

One Coy holding posts on hill in V 6 c. One Coy in support at V 6 c. E. O. 2 Coys in reserve in V 11 d. Bn H. Q. Wndt Junction V 17 a. The front line was heavily shelled during the day. No casualties.

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20th

1890

WADI MURKISH.
Lieut. H. R. J. MACDONALD joined from 6th DEVONS.

An advanced outpost line was pushed out and held by night only. This line consisted of 4 platoons from V 6 a central to V 6 b central.

21st

3 Posts of the night outpost line in A 1 a and d were taken over from the MIDDLESEX. Patrols were sent out nightly to the road in S 25 d.

22nd
to
25th

The Bn held the line with an advanced outpost line by night. On the 23rd and following days, half the garrison of the advanced line remained out by day. No enemy activity other than intermittent shelling with 77 H. H. shells.

26th

The Battalion was relieved by the 5th FRENCH Regt and moved to a bivouac in Square V. 8. c.

27th
28th

The Battalion was in bivouac and found food making parties for the F. R. on the WADI MURKISH Road.

Effective strength at end of month 77 Officers 989 O. R. Casualties during the month:-
Killed 2
Wounded 2
Sick 2
Left Battalion 1

	Offs. O. R.	Battalion.	Offs. O. R.
From England	2	To Hospital	1
" Hospital	1	(sick)	21
" (sick)	47	" various.	4
" (wounded)-	35		
" Various.	2		
	3	95	5
			65

F. E. O. BRIDGER, Lieut. Col.
Commandg. 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

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Effective strength of Battalion at commencement of month 27 Officers 869 O.Ns. Reference Sheets PATRIOTIC, 1:83,360. Sheets Tod XV and XVII. 1:20,000. Sheets BIRAH (H.10) SIRJIL (F.10) MUGHDIR (J.10) MUKHAS (H.11) JERUSALAM (O.10)

WADI MUGHEIR.

The Battalion was bivouacked in the Wadi MUGHEIR (BIRAH, V 8 c) and carried out work on the road, down the wadi under the supervision of the R.N. Brigade Pioneer Company was formed, the Battalion contributing 2 N.C.O.'s and 27 men.

One Platoon was sent to take over a Post in Wadi EL AIN (MUKHAS, N 29 c 7.5) from the 159th Brigade.

This Platoon came under the command of O.C. 2/4. QUEENS.

One Company (D) took over Posts from QUEENS at N 27 b, N 21 c, N 20. a and b (BIRAH).
The Platoon in Wadi EL AIN was relieved and rejoined the Battalion.

CHORHAN RIDGE

The Battalion, less "D" Coy, marched to CHORHAN RIDGE (BIRAH, V 1 b) and went into bivouac. The Battalion rested.

Orders were received to commence work on the TEL ASUR road from N 20 c to N 9 a (BIRAH)
This stretch of road was made fit for wheeled traffic during the day.
The Battalion bivouacked for the night in N 20 a (BIRAH).

Work on the TEL ASUR Road was continued during the morning. The Battalion marched off from bivouac and proceeded to L 22 d central (MUGHDIR, 1:20,000).

"A" and "C" Coys advanced and occupied a line in I 16 a and C with little opposition. 5 Pioneers and 1 Automatic rifle were captured.

The enemy had evidently made a hurried retirement, as 12 ammunition wagons and 3 wounded men had been abandoned by them,

11th 0030

10th 1930

7th and
8th 1900

9th 0700

6th 1800

5th

1st
to
5th

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also many shell cases and live shells.

Orders were received to occupy line in I 6 central to L 7 c /0/0. The Battalion therefore concentrated in Wadi in I 17 a 5 2 (MUGHER 1,20,000).

Orders to advance were cancelled. The Battalion took over defence of the ridge in I 17 d from the 5th R.W.G. Two Coy's ("B" and "D") in the line, two in support.

12th

The 2/4 R.W.KERR'S having occupied the ridge in I 12 a (MUGHER 1:20,000), the Battalion came into Brigade reserve, with one Company "B" in reserve to the KERRS. The day was wet and cold.

13th 0830

The Battalion was relieved by the 1/6th R.W.F. and marched to bivouac in Y 3 C (MIRRH, 1:20,000). The rain continued.

14th 0830

The Battalion marched to BETHIN and bivouaced in U 18 b (MIRRH 1:20,000).

15th 0900

The Battalion marched with the Brigade to the MOUNTS of OLIVES, and bivouaced in Y 25 d. (JERUSALEM 1:20,000). The day was wet, windy and cold.

16th

JERUSALEM

The Battalion rested in bivouac. 2nd Lieut E.E. BURDER joined. Rain continued.

17th 0900

The Battalion marched with the Brigade to TALLAT ED DUMR and bivouaced in G 13 c (1:65,360 Sheet XVIII).

TALLAT ED DUMR.

The Battalion marched with the Brigade to the Wadi FUSAIYER and bivouaced for the night in K 4 b (1:65,360 Sheet XVIII)

18th 1600

WADI FUSAIYER AND TELLUD.

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Each Company being responsible for one locality.

1918
March
20th
21st }

ARU TELUI.

Appendix.

The Battalion held the line. Considerable enemy movement was noticed on the Battalion front and the whole of the Battalion area was intermittently shelled during the day.

22nd 1200

About 300 enemy infantry were observed advancing in extended order from the NORTH towards HUSALLAKH Post.

At the same time this Post was heavily shelled by 77 H.M. and 4.2 Guns from the H.V. The attack continued throughout the afternoon, some of the enemy coming within 100 yards of our Post.

The enemy were finally driven off about 1800 having suffered heavy casualties.

Our casualties 4 O.R.'s killed 18 O.R.'s wounded.

Estimated Enemy casualties 100.

23rd 0400

*D's Coy relieved *A' Coy on HUSALLAKH Post

24th
25th }

Enemy shelling of Battalion area continued fairly active. Enemy patrols approached in the early morning to within a few hundred yards, but were dispersed with Rifle Grenades

26th

Lieut Col *M. BRIDGES was admitted to hospital (Sick): Major S.W.P. HEALD assuming command.

A Raid was organised on the hill in W 28 (1163, 360 Sheet XV)

Captain J.O. PASKETT was in command of the raiding party. The enemy retired during the preliminary bombardment. Our casualties were nil.

27th

The Battalion was relieved by the 2/4 R.W. KERIS, and went into Brigade reserve, bivouacking in Y 29 b (1:63, 360 Sheet XV) One Coy (*C's) finding 2 Posts at Y 28 d 5 5 and H 4 0 0 5.

28th
to
31st }

Lieut Col F.M. BRIDGES rejoined from hospital on the 29th. The Battalion rested in Brigade reserve.

Effective strength of Battalion at end of month.

27 Ofcs 802 O.R.

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March } (contd).
28th }
to }
31st }

Casualties during month.

Appendix.

To hospital (sick)	OFF.	O.R.
" (wounds)	1	39
Killed	-	30
Died of wounds	-	6
To various	1	1
	2	17
		<u>93</u>
From hospital (sick)	OFF.	O.R.
" (wounded)	1	15
" Various	1	3
	2	<u>18</u>

31.3.18. S.W.P. BEAUMT, Major.
Commanding 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

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OF

THE 2ND ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

APRIL 1918.

1918
April

Appendix

1.

Effective strength of Battalion at commencement of month. 27 Officers, 602 O.R.
Reference MAP PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND, one inch. Sheets No. d., XIV, XV, XVII and XVII.

WADI AUJAH

The Battalion was in reserve to the Brigade, and bivouacked on the bank of the WADI AUJAH (113. Y 30 a. Sheet XV).

The Battalion marched with the 2nd Brigade, and bivouacked in 113. K.10.c. (Sheet XVII).

TEL ES SUTAN

The Battalion bivouac area was bombed by a formation of enemy aeroplanes. Casualties 4 O.R.s wounded.

The Battalion marched with the 2nd Brigade to TALAT ED DUN, and bivouacked in 113. G 13 c (Sheet XVIII).

TALAT ED DUN

The Battalion marched with the Brigade to SHAFAT, and bivouacked in O 99 Y 30 c (Sheet XVII)

SHAFAT

The Battalion marched with the Brigade to BIRAH, and bivouacked in O 99. U 16 c (Sheet XIV)

BIRAH

The Battalion rested in bivouac. 2nd Lieuts. F.R. GELTING.

E. Yorks. Regt.
N. DUNREY.
Ox. & Bucks Lt. Infy. } joined
H.W. HARRISON, } the
York & Lancaster } Bn on
Regt. } this day.
J. SHARMAH, }
Rl Sussex Regt }
W. JACKSON, }
Lancs Fusiliers }
S. HLAOG. }
Kotts and Derby Regt }
F. J. HEKKE. }
Ox. & Bucks Lt Infy }

J. SHARMAH, }
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Lancs Fusiliers }
S. HLAOG. }
Kotts and Derby Regt }
F. J. HEKKE. }
Ox. & Bucks Lt Infy }

The Battalion marched with the Brigade and bivouacked near TEL ASUR O 99 N 4 c (Sheet XIV)

Reference
Sheet
TEL. PTT,
1:40,000
2nd Edition.

8th

end

1918
April
9th

THE ASUR

Appendix.

10th
to
30th

The Battalion relieved the 15th Devon (Yeomanry) Bn, and one Company of the Somerset (Yeomanry) Bn in the line.
A system of 3 defended localities was held.
(1) q 33 b. (2) q 26 d - q 27 c.
(3) q 20 e - q 19 d.

Battalion H.Q. and reserve Coy at q 32 b.
The Battalion held the line. The enemy showed little activity other than intermittent shelling on the Battalion front during this period.
Barrages were strengthened, and covered ways dug from day areas to the front line
Battalion H.Q. was moved to q 32 a 3 8. on the 29th.

All cisterns in the area were treated with oil to destroy mosquito larvae.

The weather was fine but cool. A Battalion Garden was started with seeds issued by Brigade.

Effective strength of Bn at end of month. 33 Officers, 773. OR.

Casualties during month.

Joined and Rejoined.

	From Hospital	Sick	Offs.	O.R.
"	England	wounded	1	33
"	Trade Tests		9	9
"	Non combatant Units (transferred)		2	2
"	Various		-	8
			-	21
			<u>8</u>	<u>77</u>
				<u>4</u>

Struck off Effective Strength.

	To Hospital (Sick)	Offs.	O.R.
"	Various duties (wounded)	-	46
"	Various duties	2	9
(W/G Coy, T.M. Batty.	Trade Tests, etc.)	-	51
		<u>2</u>	<u>106</u>

30.4.18.

W. S. G. BRIDGER, 14ant, Col.
Commanding 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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4TH BR ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

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Effective strength of Battalion at commencement of month 33 officers 777 O.Rs.

KEEP MARK.

The Battalion continued to hold the KARR MARK Group. There was little enemy activity on the Battalion front during this period - Occasional slight shelling with 77.4. H. shells.

Reference
Sheets
JERUSALEM
1:40,000.
TEL. PT.
1:40,000.

The Battalion was engaged in erecting a wire entanglement round each post, and in construction of rifle pits in each locality. 2nd Lieut J. THURBURY, Lance Reft., joined the Battalion on May 7th. 2nd Lieut R. T. YOUNG, Northumberland Fusiliers joined the Battalion on May 11th. Captain W. J. AUSTIN, Royal Sussex Reft., joined the Battalion on May 21st.

The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 5th B. W. F., and went into bivouac at 9.31 a.

Working parties were found for the 5th B. W. F.

The Battalion marched to H 3 d. and bivouached.

All regimental equipment and transport was handed over to the 21st PURFABIA.

H 3 d.

The Battalion paraded, and was addressed by the Divisional Commander, Major General S. F. MOY, on leaving the Division.

The Battalion left the 53rd Division, and marched to HARK HILL (U 17 d) and bivouached for the night.

HARK HILL.

The Corps Commander (Lieut. General Sir PHILIP CHERRILLS). Visited the Battalion, and washed all ranks forewell on parade.

The Battalion marched to SEVAB and bivouached for the night.

Effective strength of Battalion on this day 32 OFFICERS 819 Other Ranks. Casualties during month:-

Joined and Rejoined.

From Hospital Sick
" " wounded

OFF O.R.
- 21
10

31st 0830

1700

30th 0900

29th 1600

28th

27th

26th

24th

23rd

1st
to
22nd

1918
NAV
List 0030
(contd)

Joined and Retained (contd)

Approved

From Various	OFF.	OR.
" " " "	4	12
" " " "	-	2
" " " "	-	47
" " " "	-	1
Trade Tests	5	123
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	123	186

Left Battalion:

To hospital	OFF.	OR.
" " " "	2	70
Trade Tests	2	15
" " " "	2	1
" " " "	2	0
Various	5	31
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	13	97

GUY S. CONSTABLE.
Captain.
Command 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regt.

4th BATTALION THE HONOUR REGIMENT.

Appendix

1615

1918.

June

22nd

Strength of Battalion at commencement of month 32 Officers and 619 Other Ranks.

The Battalion marched to LATROU, and bivouacked for the night.

1st.

LATROU

2nd. The Battalion marched to SURAZEND, and bivouacked for the night.

3rd.

SURAZEND.

3rd. The Battalion rested in bivouac.

4th.

The Battalion entrained for KAFRANA arriving 0400 on the 5th.

4th. 1300.

KAFRANA.

Lieut. Col. F. K. BRIDGES was admitted to hospital on the 6th, and Major G. B. CONNORIAN took over command of Battalion.

5th. to 16th.

Box Respirators were issued and fitted.

The Battalion received a draft of four Officers and 115 Other Ranks to complete to establishment.

The Officers were :-

2nd Lieut. P. B. BOTHER,	Royal	}} Joined
Warrant Regt.		
" V. J. REDDAWAY,	Royal	}} on
" G. CHEWELL,	Sussex	}} 6th.
" K. G. VALKOR,	Regt.	}}

The following Officers proceeded to No. 1 I.S.D. on 16th as being unfit to re-embark

Capt. W. J. W. AUSTIN	Royal
2nd Lt. H. ORLBYSTER	Sussex
" G. H. NORSBERG	Regiment.
" J. G. VALKOR	Regiment.
" H. B. BRIDGES	Regiment.
" G. CHEWELL	Lincs. Regt.
" F. THIRLBY	Northumberland
" R. W. YOUNG,	Gas!

16th.

The Battalion entrained for ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA.

17th.

The Battalion embarked on H. M. S. "RAIWA" for TARANTO.

1918.

June

18th)
19th)
20th)

At Sea.

21st.

The Battalion arrived at TARANTO.

TARANTO.

22nd.

The Battalion disembarked and entrained for FRANCE.

23rd to
27th.

In train via GENOA, NARBONNE.
2300. The Battalion arrived at STAPLES, detained, and went into a Rest Camp for the night.

STAPLES.

28th. 1900

The Battalion entrained for PROVEN.

30th. 0600

The Battalion detrained at PROVEN and went into billets at HERZELING. Effective strength of Battalion at end of month 29 Officers 941 O.Ss.

G.H. CONSTABLE, Major
Comdng. 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

4th BATTALION THE ROYAL SHERIFF BROT.

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Appendix

1916

July

HERZELT.

Strength of Battalion at commencement of month: 29 Officers 941 O.Bs.
The Battalion was in billets near HERZELT.

1st.

PROVEN.

The Battalion marched to PROVEN, and went into a hutsent camp.

2nd.

3rd to
12th.

The Battalion rested at PROVEN. Men were put through Gas training and Close order Drill.

ST. JAR TER BIEREN.

The Battalion marched to Espeel Camp ST. JAR TER BIEREN.

13th.

14th.)
15th.)

The Battalion rested in Camp.

PROVEN.

The Battalion entrained at PROVEN.

16th.

17th.

In Train.

CHAVITILLY.

The Battalion detrained at CHAVITILLY, and marched to bivouac near VINCENIL.

18th.

VAUDIKENBERG.

The Battalion embussed for VAUDIKENBERG, and billeted for the night.

19th.

FUSIBOUX.

The Battalion marched with Brigade to FUSIBOUX arriving 5 a.m. following morning.

20th.

21st.)
22nd.)

The Battalion remained in billets at FUSIBOUX.

22nd.

The Battalion marched to a point west of PARRY TIGRY and were in Brigade reserve bivouacked in a wood.

PARRY TIGRY.

23rd.

The Battalion bivouack was heavily shelled during the day.

During the morning 3 Companies were sent up to support the L. W. LANGE in their attack. These Companies were not required and returned to BIVOUAC.

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Casualties during the day from shell fire:-
Killed:- 2nd Lt. J. W. AUSTIN,
Cheshire Regt., attached, and 14 C. Rs.
Wounded:- 2nd Lt. H. BURROUGHS, Royal
Sussex Regt., and 47 C. Rs.

24th.
25th.
26th.)

The Battalion remained in Divgrade Reserve. Casualties founded 2 C. Rs.

PARCY STONY - BOIS DE BOEUR, ST. REMY BLAIZY.

27th.

The Battalion was relieved by the French, and marched to bivouac in the BOIS DE BOEUR, west of ST. REMY BLAIZY.

BOIS DE BOEUR, ST. REMY BLAIZY.

28th.

Orders were received for the Battalion to proceed to a point of assembly along the railway D.V. of BOIS DU BERTREAU.

The advance from there to commence at 4.10 a.m. on the 28th under a creeping barrage, the advance to be continued within 300 yards S. of the GRAND HOZOY - BERTREAU ROAD, where a halt was to be made until 6 a.m. Thence the advance was to continue to the final objective which was approximately the COURBOUX - BERTREAU Road, artillery support being called for as required.

The Battalion marched to the point of assembly lead by a French guide who completely lost direction.

29th. 8.45

The Battalion arrived at the point of assembly.

3 a.m. Capt. A. H. WICKES, M. C. was killed, and Capt. S. W. REID, M. C. was wounded by enemy shell.

Capt. R. G. WIDDOWSON, M. C. took command of the Battalion with Capt. T. C. FISKE, M. C. as Second in Command and Adjutant.

4.10
a.m.

The Battalion advanced from the point of assembly on a two platoon frontage. Touch was kept with the GUEMENS on the left and K. O. S. B. on the right. The BOIS DU BERTREAU was cleared with little opposition. The advance continued to within 300 yards of the GRAND HOZOY - BERTREAU ROAD when a halt was made according to programme. Very few casualties had occurred up to this point.

6 a.m. The advance was continued across the road into the BOIS DU BERTREAU where the line was held up by enemy machine guns in the wood. It was found impossible to obtain artillery support owing to lack of communication, and the line was withdrawn to the road and re-organized.

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The wood was then successfully rushed with the bayonet, a number of the enemy being killed and several machine guns captured.

7 a.m.
The R. S. edge of the wood was reached, and reverse M.G. fire was encountered in entlade from both flanks. The advance was continued as far as the BEMONTUX - COURBOUX ROAD. On reaching this point, it was found impossible to advance further without artillery support, and the line was withdrawn to the R. S. edge of the wood.
Owing to continued softade M.G. fire, and field artillery salvoes at point blank range from the R. S. it was found necessary to withdraw the line to the GRAND ROZOY BEMONTUX Road. This Road was entladed with machine guns both from GRAND ROZOY and BEMONTUX, owing to the withdrawal of troops on the flanks.

8.45 a.m. The line was withdrawn to the old PARIS line of Defence, N. of BOIS DU MONTREAU and consolidated. This line was held during the day.

Casualties during day:-
O.F.C. O.R.
Killed 3 49
Wounded 4 125
Missing 24
Missing 5

Officer Casualties killed in action:-

Capt. W. H. THORNTON, V. O. Royal Sussex Regt.
2nd Lt. S. J. BINKER, Ox. and Bucks. L. Infy. (attached).
* S. BRADY, Wotts. and Derby. Regt. (attached).
Wounded.

Capt. S. A. REID, M. G. Royal Sussex Regt. (Died of wounds 30.7.18.)
2nd Lieut. A. V. BROWN, Royal Sussex Regt.
2nd Lieut. H. J. LAYTON, Cheshire Regt. (attached).
2nd Lieut. S. H. ERIOTT, Royal Sussex Regt.

GRAND ROZOY - BEMONTUX ROAD.

In addition, wounded Revd. F. H. AGIOTRY, O. T. M. O.
Outposts were pushed out to the line of GRAND ROZOY - BEMONTUX Road. No infantry engagement during day. Enemy artillery active.

30th.

2 a.m.

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quiet during day. Orders were received to advance at 4.45 a.m. the following morning, and occupy the objective assigned for the 20th. The artillery were to assist with a creeping barrage. Casualties during the 24 hours. Other ranks killed 2, wounded 9, missing 1.

The undermentioned officers, all of the Royal Sussex Regt., joined the Bn. on 17.7.18:-
2nd Lieut. H. BURTON.

" A. V. SHIVERS.
" J. H. COLLINS.
" I. H. LEAD.

Strength of Battalion at end of month:-

Officers 23. Other ranks 686.

Casualties:-

	Offrs.	O.R.
Left Bn.	4	58
Killed.....	4	179
Wounded.....	1	4
Died of Wounds.....	1	25
Missing.....	-	5
Wounded and Missing...	-	46
Sick admitted Hospital 1		

	10	317
Joined Bn.	Offrs.	O.R.
From Scotland.....	4	12
" Hospital Sick....	4	12

G. S. COMSTABLE, Lieut. Col.,
Command, 6th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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GRAND NOZOLY

Strength of Battalion at commencement of month. Officers 23. Other Ranks 836. The Battalion was assembled 100 yards South of the GRAND NOZOLY - BEUJEUUX ROAD. Formation for the attack - four lines of Companies. The line advanced through the BOIS de BEUJEUUX. The enemy retired in disorder leaving many machine guns in our hands. A number were killed with the bayonet and prisoners were taken.

6 a.m.

The BEUJEUUX-BOUVOUX Road was crossed and the objective occupied. The Battalion was now in touch with the QUEMENS on the left and the 105th Striders on the right. The line was consolidated and the Battalion reorganized.

6.45

Orders were reissued to advance

8 a.m.

The line for 600 yards.

7 p.m.

The Battalion advanced with QUEMENS on the left & 8th SCOTTISH BATTALION on the right, and occupied the line with little opposition, capturing 6 machine guns. The new line was consolidated.

9 p.m.

Our artillery put down an intense barrage, but no enemy was observed by us. Casualties during action:- Other ranks. Killed 10. Wounded 38 Missing 3.

BEUJEUUX

2nd

The Battalion remained holding the line. The enemy appeared to have retired from our front. French troops passed through our line, and advanced in pursuit of the enemy.

3rd

The Battalion remained in bivouac.

BEUJEUUX - ROUVILLE.

4th

The Battalion embarked for ROUVILLE, and went into billets for the night. Lieut. Col. G.S. COMSTABLE rejoined and took over command.

ROUVILLE.

6th

In billets at ROUVILLE.

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Quiet day.

The enemy were reported to have retired from KUMBER, HIND, 7th Coy were placed at the disposal of O.C. I.N.N. LABOS and 1st Coy at disposal of O.C. QUERRE. They were not made use of.

6 p.m. 8th and 9th Coys were ordered to advance and occupy the original front line from H.8.b. to H.13.b. 8th Coy moved to H.10. Sergeant of Battalion at end of month 40 officers 219 O.Bs. Casualties during month. Joined and Rejoined:

Reinforcements. Offs. O.Bs.
Rejoined from 17 561
Hospital. 1 6

Deserters. 18 397

Killed Offs. O.Bs.
10

Wounded 38

Missing 3

Sick 1 30

To Base Superannuary 3

1 74

The following Officers joined the Battalion during the month:
5.8.18. 2nd Lieut. B.A. BARRHOLLOMER
7.8.18. Capt. F.L. Lewis.
7.8.18. Lieuts. L.A. Kiesel,
E.F.E. Gave and J.J. Debble.
2nd Lieuts. C.W. Allen,
G. Choeseman, G. Kekelvey,
H.C. Byrne, D. Souly, E. Marks,
A.T. Richardson, E.H. Fover,
F.H. Woolley and F.H. Penton.
11.8.18. 2nd Lieut H. Onak.
14.8.18. Lieut Col. W.R. Campbell, D.G.O.

W.R. CAMPION, Lieut Col.
Command. 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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KENNEL.

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9 a.m.

Strength of Battalion at commencement of month Officers 40, O. Ranks 919. Orders were received for the Battalion to advance and occupy a line from about N.20.d.central to N.16.c.central following the advance of the remainder of the Brigade with one company "C" as a flank guard about ROSSIGNOL WOOD N.22.a.5.0. This operation was completed by 10 a.m. without casualties.

4 p.m.

Orders were received to advance through the L.H. lanes, who had reached a line BEAVER HAT N.25.c. - N.23.central and occupy a line FETTER BOIS - WARREN GRAVER (N.24.c.). The advance commenced at 6 p.m. and the leading company reached a line N.34.a.4.0 - N.24.n.4.8. It was not considered advisable to advance further owing to the presence of a large number of machine guns in FETTER BOIS and to the fact that the troops on either flank had not come up. A number of patrol encounters took place during the night, but no serious fighting.

2nd.

The line was held. Owing to its advanced position the forward company suffered considerable inconvenience from machine guns on either flank. The Battalion was relieved in the evening by the 1/1st Herefords and moved into Brigade reserve about N.20.d.4.9. Casualties during these operations. Killed 2nd Lieut. BYRNE, 7 O. Ranks. Wounded 2nd Lieut. Mackelvey, 17 O. Ranks. Missing 1 O. Rank.

3rd.

The Battalion rested in the reserve area during the day.

4th.

2.30 a.m.

The Battalion was sent to the 102nd Brigade who were to continue the advance. The Battalion moved out and took up positions on a line N.29.central to N.22.d.central.

3 p.m.

D. Company moved up to a line N.23.central - BEAVER HAT to support the 1/1st Herefords.

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4th 9 a.m. D. Company were withdrawn to their original position.

5th. 8 p.m. The battalion remained in the position during the day. The battalion took over the right of the line from the 4th and 7th Cheshires. The positions taken over were approximately 'B' Company K.20 p.5.0. - K.28 p.8.3. 'A' Company K.20 p.4.2. - K.29 p.4.4. with 'C' and 'D' Coy's. in support.

6th. The Battalion held the line. Enemy artillery fairly active throughout the day and apparently expecting an attack.

7th. The Battalion front was extended to the left as far as F.23. d. central. 'D' Co. took over the rear portion of the front from a company of the Herefords. 'C' Coy. relieved 'A' Co. on the right and extended the line to the Southern Brigade boundary about K.35 p.6.6.

8th. A line of posts were pushed forward after dusk to a line K.25 d.7.2. - H.28 d.8.6. No opposition was met with. The night was very dark and it was raining hard. Quiet day.

9th. The Battalion was relieved in the line by the Queens and went into Brigade Reserve in the HERMEL DESERTS.

11th & 12th. In reserves. Continuous rain.

13th. The Battalion relieved the Queens in the right sector.

14th. Enemy artillery normal.

15th. The Battalion was relieved by 4th Cheshires and went into Divisional reserve in the SCHREIBBERG - LA CLYTES area.

16th to 21st. In reserve. Lewis Gun classes and close order drill were carried out. The weather was fine and the men had a good rest.

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22nd.

The Battalion followed the 4th Grenadiers in the right sector.

23rd.

Lieut. P. W. LOVING, Battalion Intelligence Officer made a personal reconnaissance of SPANBROCKMOLEN GRAVER with two men. He entered the crater alone and killed one of the enemy. The crater had a garrison of 12 to 15 men but no lookouts was being kept.

26th.

Patrols pushed out at 2 p.m. and occupied SPANBROCKMOLEN GRAVER. Report of the operations by Lieut. H. B. MASON who was in command is attached. Following the capture of SPANBROCKMOLEN GRAVER, PATRIAM CHAPER was occupied by one of our posts without operation.

26th &
27th.

No change in the line. The new forward posts were consolidated.

28th.

The Battalion was ordered to advance at 7.30 p.m. and occupy a portion of the WISCHAVEN ridge. Owing to the darkness of the night and bad state of the ground which was pitted with shell holes and covered with old wire little progress could be made.

29th.

The advance was continued at 5.30 a.m. little opposition being met with. 1 Officer and 15 men 2 machine guns and 1 field gun was captured. The advance was continued as far as OOSTVAERDEN where the Battalion was ordered to halt and the 7th Grenadiers passed through. The Battalion was withdrawn to a rest area on the SUICIDE ROAD, sheet 26, H.29.a. and b. H.30.e.

30th.

No move.
Strength of Battalion at end of month, Officers 34, O. Nanks 815. Casualties during month.
Joined. O. R.
Reinforcements. 43
Hospital. 39
1 82

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Casualties during month (Cont'd:)	
Avy.	Officers.
Killed.	1
Wounded.	5
Sick.	68
Base &c.	36
	13
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30th. Lieut. J.A. Campbell joined.

W.R. CAMPION, Lieut. Col.,
Commdg. 4th B. R. Sussex Rgt.

Report on occupation of SPANDEGRADTZE GRATER.
29th Sept. 1918. 7.5th 1918

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Ref. Sheet W/10000.

Two sections were ordered to push forward at 2 p.m. to work forward and rush the Grater. French mortar battery to fire two rounds every five minutes from 1.40 p.m. to 1.55 p.m. One platoon to be in readiness to push forward immediately the Grater was occupied and consolidate the position. At 2 p.m. accordingly the two patrols left posts in our front line ~~spandegradtze~~ and ~~N. 29.4.91.89.~~ and pushed forward the MSR towards the Grater but almost as soon as they got into the open they experienced machine gun fire from their left flank NORTH of the Grater, and they accordingly attempted to work round right handed to the SOUTH, only to find that the enemy were thoroughly awake to the situation having been roused by the operations of the Battalion on our right (~~Spandegradtze~~) and all chance of a surprise being effected was impossible. At this stage an enemy machine gun and several snipers opened fire on the patrols from the high ground about ~~N. 30.0.91.89.~~ holding up the advance.

At this point I received orders to take forward two more sections and endeavour to work round the Grater from the NORTH - we accordingly left our line at ~~N. 29.4.91.89.~~ but when some 25 yards from that point experienced rifle fire from our left front (~~approximately N. 30.0.91.89.~~). I therefore crawled forward with five men and taking advantage of shell holes and formation of ground we succeeded in getting within some 200 yards of the position occupied by the enemy snipers without being observed and opened fire, four of the enemy were observed to drop whilst one other was hit as he retired towards the rear of the

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Strength of Bn at commencement of month, 34 Officers
813 Other Ranks

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1st.

The Battalion marched from H 29.a. to a bivouac area East of the YPRES-COMBES Canal Square 0.6.

2nd.

The Battalion rested in bivouac.

3rd.

The Battalion moved to a bivouac area in J.33.

4th.

The Battalion rested in bivouac.

5th.

The Battalion moved to an area in J 35 d and was in reserve to the front line.

6th.

No move.

7th.

The Battalion took over the front line from the 4th and 7th CHESHIRE REGIMENT. The line held ran from Q.10.a.9.5 to Q.8.c.5.3.

The line was held by a succession of Platoon posts located in front of concrete pill boxes or farm houses.

8th)
9th)
10th)

All quiet on Battalion front. Slight enemy machine gun and shell fire at night, but no activity by day.

11th.

Two Platoons of 9D^e Coy under CAPT. LEWIS and LIEUT READ carried out a raid on a pill box 300 yards in front of the line. The enemy ran, but one prisoner was caught who gave our requisired identification. Our casualties - NIL.

12th.

The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 4th and 7th CHESHIRE REGIMENT and went back into reserve in J.33.

14th.

The Battalion relieved the 26th ROYAL FUSILIERS in the front line. The line taken over ran approximately from L 36 o to L 34 d.

RIVER IYX

The line was advanced to a line about 300 yards from the RIVER IYX from H.8.c.1.1. to H.4.c.0.0.

15th.

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16th.

The Battalion crossed the IYX at dusk by a footbridge at H.10.a.6.3 without opposition and occupied a line from H 17 a central to H.21.c central.

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17th.

18th.

19th. 0830

Slight enemy shelling was experienced and some W/G fire
No move. Enemy shell fire appeared to have diminished, but machine guns were still in HARKER, and on the high ground in H 18 a

1400

The QUEENNS and I.N. LAROS passed through the Battalion line, and the Battalion became Brigade reserve
The Battalion marched up to a reserve position. Squares H 30 d and H 36 b.

20th.

The Brigade became in reserve and the Battalion moved to billets at ROLLINGSTONE N 20 b and d.

21st-26th.

FOLLINGBENDE.
In billets. Training was confined to Lewis Gun and Close Order Drill.

26th.

DESSLEIGHEN.
The Battalion marched with Brigade to billets in DESSLEIGHEN. O 21 a.

27th.

The Battalion took over the line from the 9th B.I.F. and 12th B.I.R. The line ran from J.27 b central to J 16 4.0.0.
Slight shelling was experienced at night.

28th.

The Battalion at dusk advanced the line - J 29 c central - J 16 d.5.0. without opposition in conjunction with the French on the left.
The Battalion was then relieved by the 8th Scottish Rifles, and moved back to billets in DESSLEIGHEN

29th.

HARRISBERG.

The Battalion marched with the Brigade to HARRISBERG, and went into billets in H 12 b.

30th+1

No move

31st.

The Battalion marched to DEERLYCK T.15.a. and went into billets in Reserve.
Strength of Battalion at end of month 30 Officers 730 Other Ranks.

Joined Battalion.
from England
Reinforcements
from Hospital etc)

	Offs.	O.R.
	8	2
	2	30
	10	82
	1	38
	-	48
	5	71
	-	3
	6	165

Left In-
killed.
wounded.
Sick.
to Base under age.
.. England.

From England:

Capt. J. CORING 9.10.18.
2nd Lieut. A. J. BODDARD 20.10.18.
" H. B. TRIST 9.10.18.
" H. W. BAGGER 20.10.18.
" R. A. HEWMAN 29.10.18.
" G. PERRY 9.10.18.
" A. BOURNE 16.10.18.
" C. MACEY 20.10.18.
Posted to Battalion.
CAPT. H. J. WITTS, CAPT. H. SPARKS.
All of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

To England.

A/Capt S. G. PATCHING 23.10.18
Lieut H. W. H. SMITH HOWARD 31.8.18.
2nd Lt. J. COLLING 19.10.18.
CAPT. F. CORING 26.10.18.
Lieut G. BOOTH 21.10.18. (wounded 9.10.18)
2nd Lieut. R. H. WOOLLEY 29.10.18.

W. R. CARPION

Lieut. Col.

Commanding 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regiment.

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DEERLYOK.
Strength of Battalion at commencement of month 38 Officers, 720 O. Ra. The Battalion marched to HARBEBREK and went into Billets.

HARBEBREK.

2nd

No move.

3rd

The Battalion marched to billete in the WEVLOHNE area.

WEVLOHNE.

4th to
13th

In billete at WEVLOHNE, training was carried out chiefly in shooting. Close Order Drill, and in temporary bridging of rivers.

14th

The Battalion marched to COYCHEM, and went into billete.

COYCHEM.

15th

The Battalion marched to the CELLIS area, and went into billete.

CELLIS.

16th

The Battalion marched to ELLESZELMS, and went into billete.

ELLESZELMS.

17th

No move.

18th

The Battalion marched to the OLLIGHISS area, and went into billete.

OLLIGHISS.

19th to
30th.

In billete in OLLIGHISS area. Close Order Drill and Route Marches were carried out. Preparations were made for the commencement of the scheme of education.

27th

The G.O.C. Division inspected the Battalion.
Strength of Battalion at end of month 44 Officers 869 Other Ranks. The following officers joined the Battalion during the month:-

*20 Nov to 1 Dec 1918
Lt Col [unclear]
[unclear]*

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Lieut. C.H. WILKINS M.C., 22.11.18.
 " N.C. OLIVER 16.11.18.
 2/Lieut. W.R. SHILLS, 16.11.18.
 " B.G. CHALKER, 22.11.18.
 " R.W.A. JESSEL, 22.11.18.
 " F.A. DAVIES, 26.11.18.

Joined and rejoined.

From England	Offrs.	O.R.
" of 1.B.D.	0	100
" Hospital	-	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>69</u>
		170

Left Battalion

To hospital	Offrs.	O.R.
	-	31

GUY S. COCHRANE.

Major,
Comd'g 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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OLLIGHIES.

Strength of Enact commencement of month: 44 Officers 868 Other Ranks. Reference Sheet 1100,000 TOURNAI.

1st -
11th

The Battalion was in billets at OLLIGHIES. Recreational training Close Order Drill and Route Marches were carried out. Battalion Classes were formed by the Education Officer in accordance with the scheme of Education.

OLLIGHIES - SOIGNIES.

12th

The Battalion commenced the journey to the HAVRE area by marching with the Brigade to billets at SOIGNIES.

SOIGNIES.

13th

Battalion in billets. Reference Sheet 1100,000 HAVRE.

HOUWING GOIGNIES.

14th

The Battalion marched to billets at HOUWING GOIGNIES.

HOUK.

16th

The Battalion marched to billets at HOUK.

HOUWING SUR SAMBRE - FOSSE.

17th

The Battalion marched to billets at HOUWING SUR SAMBRE and to FOSSE on the following day. The weather during these two days was very inclement.

MALDRE.

19th

The Battalion marched to MALDRE and occupied the INSTITUTE SAINT BERTHOUT.

19th -
31st

Battalion Education Classes were formed for instruction in the following subjects French English (Reading Writing and Arithmetic) Garpentry. Tailoring. Horse shoeing. Shoemaking. Shoehand. Hygiene and First Aid. Farming and Gardening. Lieut. Col. V. R. CAMPION D.S.O. rejoined from

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leave on the 21st and assumed command. Training was devoted to Reorganisation, route marching, musketry and close order drill. 8 Coal miners, 4 long service men and 2 Demobilizers were despatched to HIGHLAND for demobilisation. Strength of Battalion at end of month. 43 Officers 337 Other Ranks. Joined Bn.

Rejoined Battalion

Offs. O.Rs.

From Hospital.

- 37

Left Battalion

Offs. O.Rs.

1

2nd Lieut. S.A.

BATHOLMEW I H.

17.12.18.

Admitted Hospital

To England for

Demobilization.

To Base

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OUR S. COMSTABLE, Capt.
Lieut. Col.
Commandant 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

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January.

1st-16th.

MAIDNEY.

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Strength of Battalion at commencement of month 43 Officers 327 O.Ns. The Battalion was billeted in the Institute at MAIDNEY. Educational classes were proceeded with. The demobilisation of Priority Groups and pivotal men was commenced.

17th. 1900 The Battalion entrained for SIEGBURG at NAMPTON.

SIEGBURG.

18th. 1800 The Battalion arrived at SIEGBURG and was billeted for the night in the Prison.

NEUNKIRCHEN.

19th. The Battalion marched to NEUNKIRCHEN, and took over a section of the COLOGNE Bridgehead from the 19th DANADIANS.

A system of ten control Posts was established on the roads entering our lines from the unoccupied area.

20th-31st.

The Battalion held the NEUNKIRCHEN section of the COLOGNE Bridgehead. No educational classes could be held owing to the scattered nature of the billet area.

9 Other ranks re enlisted for the Post Belgium regular army during the month. The men suffered great discomfort from vermin owing to the failure of the supply of clean clothing and to the non possession of a second shirt or suit or underclothing. Strength of Battalion at end of month 32 Officers 703 O.Ns

Joined and Retained

Offs. O.Ns.

From England
" Hospital

1	-
1	16
1	16

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Left Battalion.

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O. Re.</u>
To Hospital	8	28
.. England demobilized	8	109
.. England - Regular	-	10
Soldiers		
.. Loco. Works		
.. SR. ENGINE	1	-
.. X Corps Demobilized	1	2
.. tion Camp		
.. England Course	1	-
.. " " Over	1	-
.. 30 days leave	1	-
	<u>12</u>	<u>149</u>

Capt. V. Goring - from England
11.1.19.
To England Demobilized:-

2nd Lieut M. Dabrey (Ox & Bucks L.I.)

1.1.19.

Lieut. J. A. Campbell 8.1.19.

11.1.19:-

2nd Lieut J. Sherrman. Lieut H. C. Olive.

Capt. C. Peckett. Capt. S. L. Lewis.

2nd Lieut. E. M. Power. 2nd Lieut.

B. E. Trett. Lieut G. Hill to X Corps

Demobilization Camp.

Lieut. H. Cleaverley to Oxford to

attend course 1.1.19.

Capt. H. Sparks. To England

(awaiting demob:)

Lieut E. V. K. Gave, To Loco: Works.

St Etienne.

R. C. G. MIDDLETON

Capt & Adjt

for Captain

Commanding 4th Bn Royal Sussex Regiment.

8.2.19.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1919

FEBRUARY

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SIREBORG.

1st Strength of Battalion at commencement of month 32 Officers 703 Other Ranks.
The Battalion marched to SIREBORG and took over billets from the 2nd Bn. ROYAL HONGKONG INFANTRY.

2nd to 6th In billets at SIREBORG.
Lieut. COL. W. R. CAMPION D. S. O., M. P. left for ENGLAND to take up his Parliamentary duties and Major G. S. CORNWALL M. O. took over Command of the Battalion.

HENNEY.

7th The Battalion marched to HENNEY and took over the line of Control Posts from the 2/4th Bn. The QUEENS REG'T.

8th to 23rd In billets at HENNEY. Guards were furnished for the Control Posts.

VAHNE.

24th The Battalion was relieved by the 1/5th A & B. R., and moved by train to VAHNE Barracks.

25th to 27th VAHNE. Exercises in Ceremonial Drill and Handling of Arms were carried out.

SHIELSCHREID.

28th The Battalion moved to SHIELSCHREID in Motor Lorries and took over the line of Control Posts in this sector from the 1/5th K. O. S. B.
Strength of Battalion at end of month 29 Officers 685 Other Ranks.
Joined and Rejoined Bn.

	Offs.	O. Ra.
From Hospital	-	-
From X Corps	1	2
Demobilisation Camp	1	-
Posted to Battalion	1	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>

1919

February

28th
(Contd.)

Left Battalion.

	<u>Offs. O.Rs.</u>
Invd. to England	2
England Demobilised	3
Hospital Demobilised	115
Regular Soldier to England	15
for duty.	<u>1</u>
	<u>5</u>
	<u>129</u>

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Officers Left Battalion.

Lieut. Col. W. R. CAMPION, D.S.O. To
England (Demobilized) 8.2.19.
2nd Lieut. A. MOORE, to England
(Demobilized) 6.2.19.
Capt. H. J. WHITE, E.C. Demobilized
in England, 15.1.19.
2nd Lieut. F. W. DAVIES, To England
(Sick) 21.2.19.
2nd Lieut. P. R. GILLING, To England
(Sick) 28.2.19.

Joined and Rejoined Battalion.

Lieut. A. MACLARDIAN M.C. (Royal
Scots) Posted to Bn. 15.2.19.
Lieut. G. HILL. From X Corps
Demobilization Camp, 1.2.19.

GUY S. CONSERABLE.

Lieut. Col.
Commanding 4th Bn. Royal
Sussex Regiment.

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From 8th Battalion
2nd Lieut. L. D. READ.
" " G. J. C. POTTER.
14.3.19.
21.3.19.

From 10th Battalion
Lieut. H. G. PRING.
2nd Lieut. A. P. SHAWLAND.
24.3.19.
23.3.19.

From Base
Capt. W. T. D. MAXWELL STUART
20.3.19.

From 73rd I. C. F. B.
Lieut. A. Gasp. H. L. WELSHAM,
E. C.
27.3.19.

From 31st F. of V. Coy.
Lieut. W. FENIX.
10.5.19.

From 7th Battalion.
Lieut. R. S. BROWNING.
" H. J. PRASER
" V. St. G. SMITH
" G. St. PHILIP (Z. Yecke).
28.3.19.
28.3.19.
12.3.19.
10.3.19.
6.3.19.
" F. H. BULLER
" A. BURNETT
" F. W. RHODES
" G. CHAPMAN
" G. B. WALKERLEY
(The butte).
31.3.19.
26.3.19.
6.3.19.
25.3.19.
6.3.19.

Deceased:-
Mobilized:-
Lieut. A. Capt. R. B. MARJOR, M. C.
29.3.19.
2nd Lieut. C. MAGEY.
15.3.19.

To General School of Instruction,
D. SHAPPELAND, 29.3.19.
Lieut. F. H. WINTON, M. C.

G. COMPTON, Lieut. Col.
Command, 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.

7.4.19.

4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1919

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May
1st

WAHR
Strength of the Battalion at the commencement of month.
Officers 52 Other Ranks 688.

1st to
15th

The Battalion occupied WAHR Barracks. Scheme of Parades for the month embraced, Individual Collective and Recreational Training. Compulsory education for soldiers under the age of 23 was continued.

15th

The Battalion vacated WAHR Barracks and moved to the Prisoners of War Camp, WAHR.

19th

The Battalion (with the 1st Eastern Infantry Brigade) was inspected by the Commander in Chief British Army of the Rhine.

20th

Lieut. Colonel G.S. CONRATHKE, M.C. proceeded to U.K. for demobilization.

24th

Brevet Colonel A.H. GLASSCOCK, D.S.O. joined Battalion and assumed Command from Major (Lt. Col.) H. BENNOR the latter who took over Second in Command.

26th

The Battalion was inspected by the G.O.C. Eastern Division.

31st

Strength of the Battalion at the end of month.

Officers 60. Other Ranks 890.

QUALIFYING DURING THE MONTH.

ADDRESS

Private A. H. GLASSCOCK, D.S.O. from 58th Inf. Bde. 24.5.19.
Lieut. R. A. F. MELLISHAM from 5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regt. 25.5.19.

DEPARTURE

Lieut. Col. G. S. CONRATHKE, M.C. to U.K. for demobilization.
20.5.19.
Lieut. (A/Capt.) F. L. PADDOCK, M.C. to CALADA on leave (six weeks).
Rebarked 23.5.19.

2/Lieut. H. CHALK. } 70 U.K. for
2/Lieut. A. F. WOODWARD } Demobilization
3.5.19.

INTERREGNUM

From 2nd Inf. Royal Sussex

O.Rs.

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From BRYER
From Hospital

42

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31st
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Decrease	C.F.R.
Transferred to Home	
Establishment Compensation	
Grounds	1
To U.K. for demobilisation	16
To Hospital	23

40

1.6.19.

A.E. GLASGOW, Colonel,
Commanding 4th Bn. Royal Sussex
Regiment.

4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1916

June

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1st

VAINE
Strength of the Battalion at the commencement of month.

Officers 50. Other Ranks 390.

1st to 15th

The Battalion remained in the Prisoners of War Camp, VAINE. Training and Education were continued.

19th.

The Battalion embused at VAINE for HENNES where it was close billeted preparatory to forming the Advance Guard into Germany providing the Peace Terms were not signed.

30th to 30th

The Battalion remained at HENNES in a state of readiness.

30th

Strength of the Battalion at the end of the month.

Officers 50. Other Ranks 376.

CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH.

HORRASE.

Lieut. (A/Capt.) F. J. PADDOH. Leave to CANADA cancelled.

Taken on strength.

2/Lieut. F. E. BISHAM M.B.E.

Posted from 6th Bn. R. W. KEAT Regt. and located Divisional H.Q.

From Hospital

" 2nd Bn. ROYAL

SUSSEX Regt.

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A. E. GLASSBORO, Capt.
Commanding 4th Bn. ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

1.7.19.

Regt.

4th BATTALION ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1919
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1st

HENNEY.

Strength of the Battalion at the commencement of the month

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
80	876

The Battalion took over the line of Control posts in the HENNEY Sector, from the 31st Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment.

1st to
31st

The Battalion found the Control Posts in the HENNEY Sector.

10th

Col. A. S. GLASGOW, G.M.C., D.S.O. was recalled to ENGLAND to take command of 1st Battalion.

13th

Capt. (St. Major) T/Lieut. Col. F. H. EDWARDS, M.C. took over temporary command of the Battalion.

14th

The Battalion sent an Officer (Lieut. I. L. READ) and 4 Other Ranks to take part in the PARIS Victory March.

31st

Strength of the Battalion at the end of the month.

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
80	863

CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH.

Increase.

Capt. (St. Major) Temp. Lieut. Col. F. H. EDWARDS, M.C. joined from 1st Bedfordshire Regt. 19.7.19. (Commissioned in Bedford Regt.)

O.Rs.

From Hospital.
" Base.
" Various.

12

Decrease.

Major E. BISHOP, D.S.O. (East Kent Regt.) to 10th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt. 21.6.19.
Brevet. Col. A. E. GLASGOW, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Sussex Regt., transferred to U.K.

O.Rs.

To U.K. for Demobilisation
" Hospital
" Various

25

F. H. EDWARDS.

1.8.19. Lieut. Col.
Commanding 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.