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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOURNE	26.9.17	3.00	1 st Battn Royal Guernsey Light Infantry marched out for service overseas. Strength 44 officers 964 O.R.	Op Ord
PARK CAMP		to	Entrained in three train-loads. Detrained 10.30 ~ 14.30 26.9.17	no 1
CANTERBURY		9.00		d/ 25.9.17
SOUTHAMPTON	- " -	17.00	Unit embarked S.W. MILLER and sailed 16.00	
HAVRE	27.9.17	6.30	Arrived Disembarked	
HAVRE	28.9.17		Unit in Number 2 Rest Camp HAVRE	
	to			
	29.9.17			
HAVRE	30.9.17	18.00	Entrained Point 1 in one train-load. Route followed ABBEVILLE – BOULOGNE – ST OMER – PROVEN	Op Ord no 2
PROVEN	1.10.17	22.30	Arrived PROVEN (International Corner Station)	d/ 30.9.17

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			CASUALTIES (continued)	
			‘D’ Coy <u>WOUNDED</u> O.R. 7	Casualty List no 1
STOKE CAMP	15/10/17	10.00	All detached details rejoined unit	
(F5 d 1.6)	17/10/17	6.00	29 DIVN proceeded to VI CORPS AREA around ARRAS and is attached to 3 rd ARMY	Op Order no 4
- " -			This unit proceeded as per margin to PESELHOEK STATION (A.26.b)	D/16/10/17
PESELHOEK	17/10/17	13.00	Entrained	
(A.26.b)				
BEAUMETZ	18/10/17	3.00	Detrained and marched to camp.	
(Q.24.C.2)				
HENDECOURT	18/10/17	5.00	Arrived HENDECOURT No 4 CAMP (X.17.a 4.6) in VI Corps area.	
(X 17a 4.6)				

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Hendicourt	2.11.17		Brigade ceremonial parade presentation of medals to other units of Brigade by G.O.C.	
- do -	13.11.17		Brigade tactical scheme	
- do -	14.11.17		do do do repeated	
- do -	15.11.17		Divisional operations practicing an attack	
	17.11.17	9.30 P.M.	Left Hendicourt and entrained at Boisleux-au-Mont detrained at Peronne at 7 A.M. 18 th Nov arrived at Hautes Allaines at 11 A.M.	
Hautes Allaines	18.11.17	7 P.M.	Proceeded to Equancourt, arrived at 11.30 P.M.	
Equancourt	20.11.17	2 A.M.	Left Equancourt at 2 A.M. proceeded to the Brigade Assembly Area and took up position for attack at 6.20 A.M. Attacked and gained our objective (Nine Wood) at 2 P.M. Consolidated position	
Nine Wood	21.11.17	8 A.M.	Enemy Counter Attack from the North which was driven off. Battn was relieved at 5 P.M. and marched to Marcoing where we went into billets.	
Marcoing	23.11.17	4.30 P.M.	Left Marcoing and took over line at Masniers at 7 P.M.	
Masniers	27.11.17		Lt. Col. Hart-Synnot D.S.O. to over command of the Battn from Lt Col de la Condamine	
- do -	28.11.17		Battn moved into the Catacombes and remained till morning of 30 th	
- do -	30.11.17	7 A.M.	Enemy Counter Attack. Battn took up defensive position in Les Rues Vertes and along the Canal Bank. No enemy infantry attack on the Bn front but considerable artillery activity.	
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			1 st R.G.L.I.	

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Masniers	1-12-17		Batt. held defensive positions round Les Rues Vertes and along the Canal Bank	
"	"	7 A.M.	Enemy barrage followed by strong enemy infantry attack against the Battn front, the attack was successfully repulsed, all positions remaining intact.	In casualty list attached
"	"	3 P.M.	Enemy barrage followed by strong enemy infantry attack forcing the line to withdraw slightly from Les Rues Vertes. The Battn then held the line of the Canal.	
"	2-12-17	12.45 A.M.	The Battn successfully withdrew from Masnier arrived at the Brown Line at 4 A.M.	
Brown Line	"	5 P.M.	Marched from the Brown Line to Ribecourt where the Battn was billeted for the night.	
Ribecourt	3-12-17	9 A.M.	Battn marched out of Ribecourt and awaited orders in the trenches outside the village. At 5P.M. the Battn marched on to Havrincourt Wood.	
Havrincourt Wood	4-12-17	1 P.M.	Battn marched to Fins arriving there at 4P.M. where it was billeted for the night	
Fins	5-12-17	1.15 P.M.	Battn marched from Fins to Etricourt where it entrained at 3P.M. Arrived at the detraining station at 4A.M. on the 6-12-17 and marched to Houvin	
Houvin Houvigneul	6-12-17 to 15-12-17		Battn went into billets at Houvin for rest, refitting and training.	

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Houvin Houvigneul	16-12-17	11.20 A.M.	The Battn marched to Flers where it was billeted for the night.	Ref Move Order No. 1
Flers	17-12-17	9.10 A.M.	The Battn marched to Le Parcq where it was billeted for the night.	" " " No 2
Le Parcq	18-12-17	9.10 A.M.	The Battn marched to Verchocq where it went into billets at about 6P.M.	" " " No 3
Verchocq	19-12-17	9.00 A.M.	The Battn commenced training.	
-do-	31-12-17		The Battn still in training.	

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VERCHOCQ	1-1-18		Battn in training till 2-1-18	
- do -	3-1-18		Battn marched to TILQUES AREA where it arrived at about 2.30 P.M. H.qus were established at AUDENTHUN. The remainder of the battn billeted in the villages of LEULINE ETREHEM and LEULINGHEM	See Move Order No 4 attached
AUDENTHUN	4.1.18		Battn training continued. Attack under a barrage, attack on a strong point practiced	
- do -	11.1.18		Brigade Ceremonial Parade. Lieut Col T.R. de Havilland awarded D.S.O. The following appeared in Bde orders. The Field Marshall Commanding in Chief under authority granted by H. M. The King has awarded decorations as under: <u>2nd bar to M.C.</u> Major J. A. Walbeoffe Wilson M.C. Middlesex Regt att 1 st R.G.L.I. <u>M. C.</u> Lieut E.J. Stone " H.E.K. Stranger <u>D.C.M.</u> Sgt W.H. Budden " W. le Poidevin	
- do -	13.1.18		Battn paraded as strong as possible for Bde Tactical Exercise	
- do -	16.1.18		Battn paraded at 7 A.M. and marched to WIZERNES where it entrained for BRANDHOEK	See move order
BRANDHOEK	16.1.18		Battn went into BRAKE CAMP	No. 5
- do -	17.1.18		Battn marched to ST JEAN where it went into HASLAR CAMP	
ST JEAN	18.1.18		Battn went up the line and took over the right Sector of the Divisional Front from the 2 nd Royal Berks (Front Line) and 1 st Royal Irish Rifles (Reserve Line)	See operation Order No 1 attached

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In the Line	19.1.18		Battn holding the line (see casualties list attached)	
	24.1.18		A & B Coys relieved by the Hants and went into California Camp	
	26.1.18		A & B Coys marched from California Camp to Brake Camp, Brandhoek	See Relief Orders
	- do -		C & D Coys relieved entrained at Weltje arrived at Brake Camp 4 AM on 27.1.18	
Brake Camp	28.1.18		Cleaning up and training continued.	
	30.1.18		Practice Bde Ceremonial Parade	
	31.1.18		" " " "	
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BRAKE CAMP	1.2.18		Battn in training.	
	3.2.18		Battn relieved the K.O.S.B.s at ENGLISH CAMP. While in this area the Battn was employed on working parties which consisted mostly in digging lines of defence and wiring.	See Relief Orders
	9.2.18		Battn moved to HASLER CAMP, and still employed on working parties	See Move Order
HASLER CAMP	11.2.18		Battn was relieved by 2 nd Royal Fusiliers, and entrained at WIELTJE at 1.30 P.M. detraining at POPERINGHE Station at 4 P.M. where it went into billets.	
POPERINGHE	12.2.18 to		Three Coys of the Battn employed on Trenching and Draining in the forward area, entraining daily at POPERINGHE Station at 8 A.M. and returning each evening at about 5 A.M.	
	19.2.18			
EECKE	19.2.18		Battn moved to the EECKE area where it went into billets	See Move Order
	20.2.18		Battn in training	
	27.2.18		Bde Ceremonial Parade, and presentation of ribbons to the following: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Capt. H.E.K. Stranger M.C. Lieut. E.J. Stone M.C. No 843 Cpl Sealley J M.M. " 841 Pte Robin T.R. -do- " 610 " Yeaghers C.H. -do- </div>	
- do -	28.2.18		Battn in training <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;"> E. A. Dorey LIEUT. ASST. ADJT. 1st R. GUERNSEY L. I. For LIEUT. COLONEL COMMANDING 1st R. GUERNSEY L. I. </div>	

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EECKE AREA	1.3.18		Battn in training	
- do -	7.3.18		Battn moved to the BRANDHOEK AREA and was billeted at RED ROSE CAMP	See Move Order No 7
BRANDHOEK AREA	8.3.18		Battn moved to the IRISH FARM CAMP and took over work in ARMY BATTLE ZONE	See Move Order No 8
IRISH FARM CAMP	17.3.18		Battn relieved the 1 st LANCS. FUS. in the right sector of the POELCAPPELLE sector	See Relief Orders
BELLEVUE	23.3.18		Battn was relieved by the 2 nd ROYAL FUS. And proceeded to CALIFORNIA CAMP	See Relief Orders
CALIFORNIA CAMP	27.3.18		Battn relieved the 1 st LANCS. FUS. in the left sector of the Bde front.	- do -
BELLEVUE	29.3.18		Battn was relieved by the 1 st BORDER REGT And proceeded to WARRINGTON CAMP for rest and training.	- do -
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WARRINGTON CAMP	1.4.18		Battn in rest and training	
Do	3.4.18		Battn relieved the ARGYLL and SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS in the PASCHENDAALE sector	See Relief Orders
IHAMBURCH	7.4.18		Battn was relieved by the 12 th EAST SURREY REGT. and entrained at BORREY FARM detraining at WARRINGTON CAMP where the Battn was billeted	"
WARRINGTON CAMP	9.4.18		Battn embussed at BRANDHOEK at 8.30 P.M. and proceeded to VIEUX BERQUINS where it debussed and marched into billets about 1000x west of NEUF BERQUIN	"
NEUF BERQUIN	10.4.18		Battn proceeded to take up a position in support at DOULIEU and dug in for the night beyond the village	
	11.4.18		Battn filled up gap in front line between 40 th Div. on the left and 87 th Bde on the right	
	12.4.18		At 1.30 A.M. the Battn took up a new position 3000 yds SW of DOULIEU being forced to withdraw.	
	13.4.18		Battn again heavily attacked and forced to withdraw to a position at the farm BLEU	
	13/14.4.18		Battn relieved by the AUSTRALIANS and proceeded into billets between CAESTRE and ST SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL.	
ST SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL	14-19.4.18		Battn formed into provisional Battn with 1 st LANCS. FUS. And employed on working parties	
HONDEGHEM	19.4.18		Provisional Battn moved to HONDEGHEM, still employed on working parties	
do	27.4.18		Battn was relieved in the 86 th Bde, owing to casualties not being replaced, by the DUDLIN FUS. And moved to EBBLINGHEM	
			Battn entrained detraining at ETAPLES where it went into Rest Camp for the night	
ETAPLES	29.4.18		Battn moved to ST AUBIN and went into billets	
ST AUBIN	30.4.18		Battn attached to GHQ troops	
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ST AUBIN	1.5.18		Battn in billets	
"	10.5.18		Battn moved to EQUIRES and took over Guard and Duties at GHQ	See Move Order
EQUIRES	11.5.18 to 31.5.18		Battn employed at GHQ furnishing Guards and Duties. The Commander in Chief's guard was inspected by General Foch, Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces on 16.5.18	No 8
			E. A. Dorey LIEUT. A/Adjt. For OC 1 R. Guernsey L. I.	
			31-6-18	

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RANG-Du-FLIERS	1-11-18 4-11-18		<p>HQ and Band C Companies start training (Company)</p> <p>A & D Companies move from ECUIRES to RANG-du-FLIERS (Movement Order No 3 attached)</p> <p>Company training by all companies for the remainder of the month</p> <p>30-11-18</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GS Dixon CAPTAIN</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ADJUTANT 1st R. GUERNSEY L.I</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For Lt Col. Comdg</p>	

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RANG-DU-FLIERS	1/1/19 to		Company training by all Companies	
	2/1/19		Battalion moved to ECUIRES (Movement Order attached)	
			Took over all duties from 1 st Bn H.A.C.	
ECUIRES	2/1/19 to		Guards and Duties furnished for G.H.Q for remainder of the month	
	31/1/19			
	24/1/19		Kings Colour consecrated by the Right Rev Bishop Gwynne C.M.G.D.O. and presented by The Chief of the General Staff Lieut General the Honble Sir H A Lawrence K.C.B.	Colour carried by Lt N.R. Ingrouille M.V.O
			T.A. de Havilland Lieut Col Comdg 1 st (S) Bn R. Guernsey L.I.	
			ECUIRES 1/2/19	

