

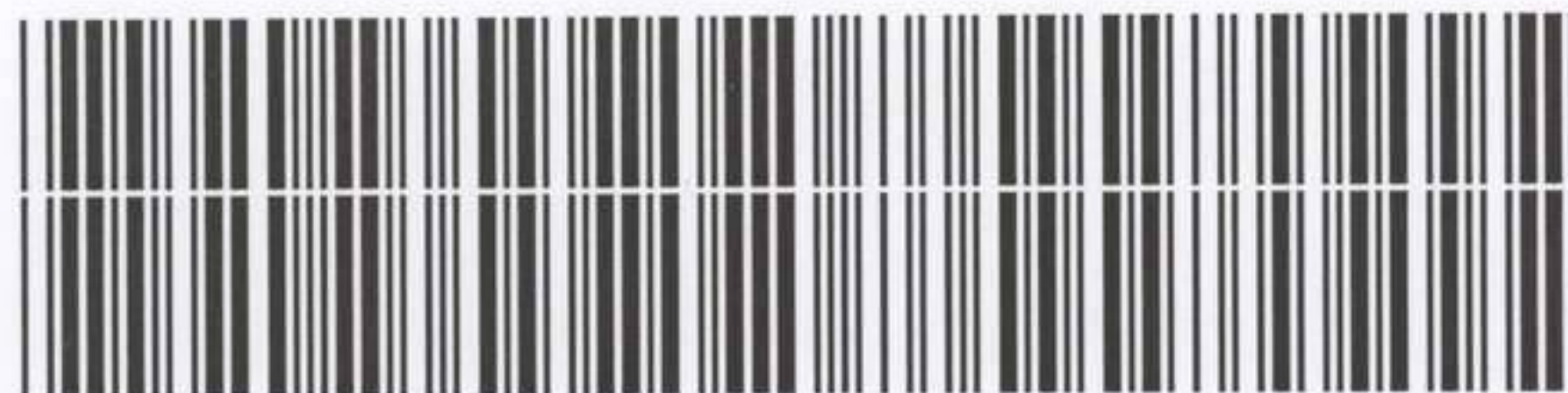
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

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Title: 27th Infantry Battalion

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War Diary

28.2.17

LIEUT Parkes. C. Coy. & 650 R's at 2-30 PM went up Loupard Rd to make an entry in MALT trench owing to mine being uncut & stout resistance from enemy enterprise had to be abandoned. Casualties on our side were 3 K & 200 R's Wounded.

1.3.17

Quiet day orders for attack were issued by Bde 26th Bn to attack MALT trench frontally from intersection of Gampa Malt trenches to Loupard Rd 1 Coy 27th Bn. Day Capt Judge to enter MALT trench at Loupard Rd & Bomb along to connect up with 17th Bn 5th Bde AIF on our right. Time 2-30 AM night of 1/2.3.17

2.3.17

~~Consolidated~~ At 3 AM our barrage was put down & at 3.4 it lifted to second phase & the men went over. The first 130 Yds of objective was easily gained then the enemy flanked our men & turned them out & a counter attack was immediately organised by Capt Devonshire led by Lieut Davies it was entirely

2-3-17

Successful. & the work of Consolidating the position was hurried on a fog was hanging over the position which was of immense value as it screened our men from view of the enemy in GREVILLERS line. By night a trench 500 yds long, well traversed & 6' deep was dug. During the engagement Capt Judge M.C. was severely wounded while Lieut R.H. Botten & Lucas were killed. 2nd Lieut Caldwell was also killed. 28 enemy prisoners were ~~3-2-17~~ taken & over 60 ENEMY were killed. Our Casualties in O.R.s were 22 Killed 95 Wounded.

3.3.17

Very quiet day with a little shelling by the enemy.

4.3.17 27th Bn was relieved in front line by 25th Aus Infy Bn relief complete by 10 PM.
27th Bn went back to 26th LESARS & became B Battalion

5.3.17 Bn was at LESARS D & C Coys Scotland French A & B Coys FLERS Support.

6.3.17 Bn was relieved by 25th Bn AIF & became C Battalion with

6-3-17 HQS C & D Coys in 26th AVENUE
A & B Coys Gun Pitts Road

7.3.17 Still in 26th Avenue A & B Coys
were heavily shelled with 5.9's
2 D.R.s were killed & 4 wounded

8.3.17 Bn relieved 26th Bn in LESARS
C. Coy Scotland Trench D Coy
Acqueduct Rd. A & B Coys FLERS
line

9.3.17 Still at LESARS as B Battalion

10.3.17 Still at LESARS " " "
at night were relieved by
17th Bn AIF & Bn marched out
to BECOURT Hutments.

11-3-17 At Becourt Hutments reorganising

12 3 17 BECOURT. Men sent to baths
Pay day

13-3-17 Reorganising & practice of attack
Germans evacuated GREVILLER
Line

14-3-17 Training for Mobile Warfare at
Beaumont Camp

15-3-16 As Above

16-3-17 G.O.C 7th Aus Inf Bde inspected
Bn good turn out everything
up to the mark. Splendid

17-3-17 Training for Mobile Warfare
Lts Purdine & McClean from Div School

18-3-17 Sunday Church Parades.

19-3-17 Bn moved forward to La Coupe
Guel. & went into Tented Camp for
the night very wet reached the
Camp at 9 pm.

D Coy under Lieut Hosking went to
Gordon Camp CANTALMAISON also
details. 'D' Coy went on to Road
work between L.E. SARRS & BAPUME.

20-3-17 The 27th Bn less 'D' Coy. moved up
to BEUGNATRE & went into billets there
Still wet Major Devonshire Capt
Fredericks & Mr Beddome rode forward
& reconnoitred the forward line

21. 3. 17 Moved forward to VRAUCOURT
arriving there at 9pm. A Coy took
over in front line from B Coy 26th Bn
B Coy took over from C Coy 26th Bn
C Coy took over from D Coy 26th Bn.
H.Q.S. in Lunken Road near Crispice
22. 3. 17 Prince Charles of Prussia shot down by 32 R.F.
Major Deunshire wounded by
H.E. Shell not serious. 1 Man A Coy
Killed 5 wounded SER^g Treddale Killed
- 23 3 17. Post of B Coy surprised enemy
Killing 3 + wounding several others
our casualties 1 K 5 D.R. wounded
2 observers also wounded
Attack on LANGICOURT N.E. will be planned
for 5 AM 24-3-17
Our planes very active enemy artillery
very active + shooting a bit wild
- 24 3 17 C Coy relieved A Coy in Trenches
front line. 9 D.R.s wounded by
H.E. Schrapnell.
- 25 3 17. Still in Lunken Rd.
25th Bn took over our left post
which was held by 1 platoon
of B Coy B Coy relieved C Coy
in front posts

26.3.17 C & A Coys attacked objective
 Dunker Road between Lagricourt
 & Noreuil at 5.15 AM. Objective
 gained & prisoners sent back at
 5.30 AM. 26th Bn & 2 Coys 28th Bn
 took LAGRICOURT
 Our casualties during 26th-3.17 operations
 were 11 O.R.'s & 29 O.R.'s wounded
 at 8 PM we were relieved by
 the 20th Bn. A.I.F.
 B Coy Dunker Rd. A C & D Coys HQs
 in Vrancourt

27.3.17 Bn marched back to Hutment
 Camp at BEVER Road Camp. Long
 march finishing in the rain

28.3.17 Bn marched at 11 AM to Hutment
 Camp at SCOTS Redoubt South

29.3.17 Men to Baths Started refitting

30.3.17 Coys inspected by O.C. Coys

31.3.17 Platoon drill exercises

1.4.17 Pay day Church parades
 C.O. on leave to ENGLAND

Summary for month MARCH. 14
 Struck off strength officers Sick It Wood. AF

Officers 3 Killed 3 Wounded
 Lt BOTTEN. R.H. Capt JULGE. P.E.
~~1st~~ Lt CALDWELL. D.W. Mj. Devonshire W.P.
 2nd Lt Lucas. A. Capt Gould. E.S.
 Total 7 officers

O.R.s Killed 42. Wk 95 Wounded 167

7th T.B. Salisbury England 1 officer
 Lt COOMBS. W.S.

O.R.s Transferred to other units

Taken on strength from Hospital 19
 O.R.s 99

Reinforcements 15th 2
 16th 2
 17th 5
 18th 13
 19th 3
 20th 1
 21st 1
 22nd 2
 23rd 1
 24th 10
 25th 10
 26th 10
 27th 10
 28th 10
 29th 10
 30th 10

Officers from Hospital Lt Dickens 5/50th 13
 50th Lt MCLEAN 9/10 3
 Seconded list Lt Hornwood 5th 1
 Lt Burton 20/10 2
 Returned to Bn from 108 Tunnelling Coy Lt Woods 7th 1
 Returned to Bn 108 Lt Loy 10th 10
 Officers 5. Total 139 O.R.s