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Volume 9. April 1917. Sheet 3.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In front of SOUCHEZ HILL 145	9	10 ³⁰ PM	Weather - cold and showery. The Battalion remained in the QUARRIES until Orders were received to move to the MUSIC HALL Support line. This movement was completed before midnight.	See Appendix A - O.O. 117 and Appendix B - O.O. 117 17 th of 9-4-17 R.S.
HILL 145.	10.	12 noon	Lt.-Col. L. F. Page reconnoitered ground in the vicinity of HILL 145 and orders for attack were issued. Disposition of companies as follows - Major J. F. Costigan "A" Coy - Left Assault. Capt. W. J. Burleigh "B" Coy - Left Support. Capt. L. C. Brendson "C" Coy - Right Assault Major L. G. Caswell "E" Coy - Right Support.	
		3.15 pm	The Battalion moved to Assembly point BASSO Trench Road Junction S 15 d. 7. 3. to Junction of BASSO and BILLY trenches arriving at 2.45 PM.	See Appendix B - O.O.
		11 pm	Zero hour and companies were in position at BEER trench at that hour. The enemy put up strong resistance but objectives were reached and consolidation commenced at 3 ⁴⁵ PM. Over 125 prisoners belonging to 18 th and 261 st Regiments were captured also 2 Machine guns and 1 Trench Mortar. The Battalion was relieved by the 47 th Battalion and moved back to the MUSIC HALL line. Relief being completed by 1 A.M. April 11 th .	No 117 ^A of 10-4-17. R.S.

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HILL 145.	10.	(contd)	Casualties were very heavy as follows. - Officers - Killed: Major J. P. Coshgan. Lieut. G. P. Yerka. " J. J. MacCallum. " J. E. Stauffer. " H. M. Blomb. Wounded: Capt. W. J. Corleugh. " W. R. Cameron. Lieut. G. W. Stever. " H. Heeres. " G. S. Leonard. " G. Stubbs.	Weather - Some snow, cold and windy. O.P.s - Killed 57. " - Wounded 129. " - (at duty) 1. " - Missing 31 Total 218. O.P.s. R.R.
MUSIC HALL	11.		Weather - Cold and showery.	
SUPPORT LINE			The Battalion was re-organized into two Companies. - Capt. L. O. Swendsen in command No 1 Coy. with fighting strength of 150. Major. L. G. Caswell " " " " " " " " 150.	
			The following officers reported - Major. R. B. Eaton, Major H. L. Keegan, Capt. J. Allen, Lt. G. E. Ambury, Lt. S. A. Moore, and Lt. A. S. Maculloch.	
		4 P.M.	Orders were issued for the attack on the "PIMPLE". R.R.	
In front of	12		Weather - Blinding snow storm and strong S.W. wind, mud waist deep in places.	See Appendix D - 00's No 18 of 11/17 + No 15 of 7/17.
SOUCHEZ	1.45 AM		The Battalion moved to Assembly point and were in position at 4 ¹⁵ A.M. with Batt ^y HQ. in SOUCHEZ TUNNEL.	
	5 AM		Zero hour. Battalion moved forward but could only go very slowly. R.R.	

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In front of SOUCHEZ	12	(Contd.)	<p>The enemy put up a good fight but thanks to the snow-storm could not see our men more than 20 or 30 yards away. About 15 Prisoners of the 5th Prussian Grenadier Guards were captured. A great many of the enemy were bombed and bayoneted. All objectives were reached at 5⁴⁵ AM.</p> <p>A company of the 102nd Battⁿ arrived in the evening to strengthen the line but owing to the darkness and terribly muddy ground only about one-third arrived at destination. During the day and throughout the night of 12th/13th snipers and enemy artillery were very active. The men continued in excellent spirits in spite of hardships and superhuman tasks.</p> <p>Casualties were very light on account of snowstorms - as follows -</p> <p>Officers - Lieut. R. E. Cordiner, killed. O.R.s - Killed 3. Wounded 38</p> <p> " J. H. Keeland wounded Wounded (absent) 2 Missing 7</p> <p> " A. McEachern wounded W^d and Missing 1 Total. 51 O.R.s. <i>R.S.</i></p>	
No.	13	2 ³⁰ AM	<p>Enemy appeared to be massing for a counter attack. All Lewis guns opened up and nothing further developed. Considerable enemy sniping from the left and artillery fire during the day. <i>R.S.</i></p>	