

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			attempts to turn the right flank of B Company which were frustrated by the effective firebrought to bear on them by this Company.	
	24/25th		On the night 24/25th a counter-attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX and ground S.W. of the village, was carried out by an Australian Brigade, which surrounded the village, establishing itself on the Eastern outskirts as far as the Old Hangars on the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARPUSSE road, with its right flank thrown back. Its left covered the Northern and North Western parts of the village, and was extended to the right flank of our B Company, where this Company bent back, forming our defensive flank. The Australian left at this time was not in touch with B Companies Right, but the gap was covered by the continuation of our line joining up with the 2nd. Royal Berkshire Regt. Our lines were shelled at intervals throughout the night.	
	25-4-18		The lines held by the Battalion were not attacked on the 25th inst. Readjustments of our lines were carried out early on night 25/26th. B Company front line, 2 Platoons of D Company in Support in positions occupied by A Company when the line was taken over. 1 Platoon of D Company and an amalgamated Platoon formed of remains of A & C Coys in Reserve in old Reserve line. On the night 25/26th the Battalion moved to counter-attack position W. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
	26-4-18		Situation on the S.E. outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX being obscure, orders received from Division were brought to Battalion Headquarters by Brigade Major, 25th Infantry Brigade that a reconnaissance was to be carried out to clear this part of the village if necessary, and make sure of the situation. This was carried out by 2 Platoons of B Company under 2/Lt. McGee, accompanied by the Brigade Major, 25th Infantry Brigade, who carried out the reconnaissance meeting with considerable resistance outside the village. Several casualties were inflicted on the enemy, 2 machine gun teams being put out of action by our fire. The party returned at 2 pm, having suffered casualties.- 2/Lt. McGee killed- 26 Other ranks killed and wounded. The rest of the day passed without further incident.	
	27-4-18		A quiet day. The Battalion remained in counter-attack position and was not called upon to take part in active operations. Casualties Nil. Casualties sustained by Battalion between 23/26th April.- 1 Officer killed- 3 Officers wounded- 2 Officers wounded & missing- 9 Officers Missing.	

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