**Swinney, JHC. Battle details.**

1917. April. 1st. Battalion in billets at VILLERS-BOCAGE.

2nd. Battalion marched to BEAUVAL.

3rd. Battalion marched to BONNIERES.

4th. Battalion marched to BERICOURT and HONVAL. Btn. Hqrs. and A.B.C. Coys being billetted at former and D. Coy at latter place.

5th. Details (Instructional staff etc.) sent to Divisional Depot at ST.---

7th. Battalion marched to COUY – EN – T—NO?

8th. Battalion marched to BEAUFORT

10th. Battalion marched to WANQUETIN. 2/Lt GRAY joined.

11th Battalion marched through ARRAS to HARP trenches in the middle of a heavy snowstorm.

14th. Battalion moved up in support of 6th N.F. A and C Coys in NIGER and NEPAL Trenches respectively 500 yards east of WANCOURT. D and B Coys along sunken road from N.29. a.8.5 to N.29.b.3.9 (51 B.?.?.) Btn Hqrs at N.29.b.7.4 1 O.R. wounded.

15th. Enemy artillery activity much increased. 1 O.R. killed. 7 O.R. wounded. 1 O.R. missing.

16th. Battalion received orders to relieve 6th N.F. in the front line from WANCOURT TOWER inclusive N.24.d.1.0 to N.24.a.7.2 A and C Coys were then preparing to move between 8.30 and 9pm. when the enemy put down a heavy barrage in the neighbourhood of WANCOURT and the COJEUL? valley, at the same time attacking and capturing the trenches around WANCOURT TOWER and the COTTAGE. At the time the rain was descending in torrents and the night was pitch dark. A bombing attack was organised and launched about midnight by troops drawn from the 6th N.F. and D Coy 7th N.F. who were still in close support in the SUNKEN ROAD.

1917. April.16th (Cont.) The attack failed but valuable information obtained as to the exact amount of trench the enemy had captured and was holding. 2/Lt MILLER I.A.M and 2 O.R. killed. Capt. OUTHWAITE and 11 O.R. wounded. Capt SWINNEY J.H.C. and 1 O.R. missing.

17th. The Battalion attacked and recaptured the trenches lost on the night of the 16th. A and B Coys carried out the actual assault and were sent up from the support line man by man to place of assembly, the bank at N.24.c.4.2 – N.24.c.5.4 B Coy on the right and A Coy on the left. The attack starting at 11.53am. At 11.55am. an intense artillery barrage was put down on the objective which lifted to the original enemy first line by 12 noon.

The enemy garrison bolted before our first wave reached their objective. We took 4 prisoners one being wounded. By dark the whole position was consolidated and connection was established with troops on the right and left flanks. The battalion was relieved that night by the 5th N.F. and moved back to NEPAL and NIGER trenches. 6 O.R. killed 2/Lt HARRIS and 2/Lt WHITEHOUSE and 28 O.R. wounded. 3 O.R. missing.

18th. NEPAL and NIGER trenches shelled intermittently all day. 2 O.R. killed. 6 O.R. wounded.

19th. Battalion moved to ?.G. 1st line M.5.b.

21st. Battalion moved to Caves HONVILLE(?) 1 O.R. killed. 2 O.R. wounded.

23rd. St. George’s Day.

24th. Battalion moved to HARP trench (SOUTH) N>7.a

25th. Battalion moved to billets in HONVILLE(?)

26th. Battalion moved to billets in ARRAS.

27th. Battalion moved to billets in POMME?