

War Diaries 1/7<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Foresters June/July 1916.  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	June 19		The Battalion moved into new billeting area at BIENVILLERS leaving 505 ST LEDGER at 7 pm. Sgt Neville was transferred (sic) to England.
	19		While at BIENVILLERS the Battalion found numerous parties for potatoes in the trenches which were in a very bad state being in many places and the Boches in water. Trenches for shelter from shell fire were dug near Company billets. There were often more than 250 men dug a trench 140 yards out on "no man's land". Several fighting patrols were furnished by the Battalion and also parties who were sent to examine the enemy wire.
	21		A Draft of 48 men joined the Battalion from 46 <sup>th</sup> Div Base Depot Sgt Gull having received a commission in the 19 (S) Battalion Sherwood Foresters proceeded to England.
	24		Major L. A. Hind assumed command of the Battalion 16 <sup>th</sup> May 1916 See Lt Col A. W. Brewell D.S.O. V.D. Lt Lt A. Charles joined the Battalion and was posted to the Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>London Bayets. The following officers of this Battalion were mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch dated April 30<sup>th</sup> 1916, and issued from the War Office 15 June 1916. Lt Col and Brevet D.S.O. V.D. Capt D.P. Forman, Hon Lt-Quart. E. Steinmetz, 2/Lt H.D. Hempton proceeded for attachment to 139/2 T.M. Battery, after digging the advance trench 140 yards out on No Man's Land, the following telegram was received from the G.O.C. Division.</p> <p>The Major General commanding wishes to congratulate all members of the Battalion concerned on their good work in advancing the line last night and also to those who worked out the land previously.</p> <p>The result has been most satisfactory and has been obtained with a minimum of casualties.</p> <p>2/Lt N.C. Robinson wounded at BIENVILLERS by shell fire.</p> <p>Officers are included in the prohibition regarding the purchase of alcoholic drinks other than beer, cider, and light wines at Hotels, Cafes etc in the Third Army area.</p> <p>Working parties and patrols sent to trenches.</p>	

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	June 27		Following officers joined the Battalion 4th Lt. Squire, 4th Lt. Clarke B. Coy. 4th Lt. Bishop, Coy.	
	29		A strong patrol consisting of 2 officers and 32 men were sent from BIENVILLERS up to the trenches to examine the enemy, were which was supposed to have been cut by our Artillery. All men blacked their faces. Unfortunately when about 50 yards from the enemy were large numbers of Germans were discovered lying out in the open to surprise our patrol. 4th Lt. Flint and Tortell and P. were now wounded but all got back to our trenches.	
	30		Battalion moved into the trenches East of FOMQUEVILLERS preparing to the attack	
			H. S. G. Goller Major.	
			O.C. 1/7th (Robin Hood) BATTN. (SHERWOOD FORESTERS) (NOTTS & GENEV. REGT.) T.F. (Imperial Service.)	

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FONQUEVILLERS 1-7-16

Battalion in Trenches, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn Sherwood Foresters on its right, and was ordered to attack Enemy Trenches, commencing at 7.20am.

Report by Major CH Spalding on the attack of July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916, by the 7<sup>th</sup> (Robert Hood) Bn Sherwood Foresters.

In accordance with the Brigade Orders the 7<sup>th</sup> Bn (St) Robert Hood, attacked the German lines, the objective being the capture and consolidation of the German Trenches from the point of the LITTLE Z to the junction of FONT and B.T. ORINOCO

The Battalion was detailed to attack in 5 waves, the first four waves were composed of "A" "B" "C" boys in lines of Platoons, the 5<sup>th</sup> wave "D" Coy being a carrying and digging company.

The first wave was formed up in our new front line trench, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and third waves in our old front line trench, the 4<sup>th</sup> wave in the 1<sup>st</sup> retrenchment and the 5<sup>th</sup> wave in GREEN ST.

As detailed in orders the smoke was discharged at 7.27am and at the same time the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave commenced to file through the gaps in our wire. The first wave moved out at 7.30am from the new advanced trench, the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave commenced to move out through the gaps in our wire when the second wave got clear. Owing to the density of the smoke these three waves were soon lost to sight from the old front line. Out of these 3 waves only about



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Major L.A. HIND, Comdg Officer. Missing believed killed.  
 Captain R.M. GOTCH, Adjutant. Missing believed Wounded.  
 W.E.G. WALKER, Sig Officer. Killed.  
 A.A. WALTON, OC 'G' Coy. Wounded.  
 W.H. ROUND, 'D'. Killed.  
 T.H. LEMAN, 'A'. Missing, believed killed.  
 Lieut. J. MACPHERSON, 'B'. Killed.  
 Lieut W.E. FLINT, 'Missing believed killed'.  
 Lieutenants, A.H. WILKINS, J.H.C. FLETCHER, A. CHARLES, 'Missing believed killed'.

2nd Lieut C.M. SHELTON. Wounded.  
 SE. CAIRNS.  
 S.L. LANCASTER.  
 CH. BURTON. Missing.  
 H.D. HEMPTON. WOUNDED.  
 S.E. BANWELL. Wounded.  
 J.E. GARNER.  
 J.F. BISHOP. Missing.



CASUALTIES 'OTHER RANKS'

Ranks	Killed	Missing believed killed	Missing believed Wounded	Missing	Wounded	Wounded at-Sea	Total
C.S.M.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sergeants	4	2	1	2	14	-	23
Corporals	3	1	1	1	6	1	13
L/Cpls, Ptes & Bugles	36	23	8	113	169	38	387
Totals	43	27	10	116	189	39	424

FONQUEVILLERS, 1-7-16. 9-11 PM.

Battal withdrawn and marched to BIENVILLERS, being relieved in Trenches by 8th Bn. S. Hunter Regt.