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			<p><u>Confidential</u></p> <p>WAR DIARY</p> <p>Of</p> <p>¼ B^N OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE</p> <p>LT. INFANTRY</p> <p>[145th Infantry Brigade. 48th Division]</p> <p>Volume XIX</p> <p><u>October 1916</u></p>	<p>P 19</p>
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In Billets WARLUZEL	Oct 1 st	9 AM. 10.45 AM.	Orders received to move to WARLINCOURT area Battalion moved off and marched via COUTURELLE and WARLINCOURT halts. Billeting area – huts on hillside found N of WALINCOURT, - reached 1 PM. Huts still occupied. Battalion had dinner in field, and moved into huts about 4 PM. Accommodation very crowded, and huts not weather proof. (Draft of 5 OR. Only 1 new man).	
Huts etc. WARLINCOURT	Oct 2 nd		Wet day. Company training very considerably interfered with. In the evening the question of accommodation became even more difficult owing to the arrival of the Divisional Artillery in the area.	
Do	Oct 3 rd		Very wet in the morning, but cleared up in the afternoon, and a certain amount of Company training possible. All available tailors at work making canvas covers for steel helmets.	
Do	Oct 4 th		Another wet day. Company training carried out as far as possible.	
Do	Oct 5 th		Company training as yesterday. Brigade Headquarters moved to SOUASTRE from WALINCOURT, and then billets taken over by Battn. H.Q.	
Do	Oct 6 th		Company training carried out as before. Physical Drills, Bayonet fighting, Close order drill etc.	
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WARLINCOURT	Oct 7 th		Company training. Final stage of attack practised. CO. & Adjn to HEBUTERNE to reconnoitre trenches etc.	
Do	Oct 8 th		Sunday. Voluntary church services. Weather state bad. Practically whole Battalion to baths in village. The rest of the Brigade frequently moving between WARLINCOURT, HENU & SOUASTRE, but the Battn fortunate enough to remain in same place.	
Do	Oct 9 th		Company training as before. OC. Coy's to HEBUTERNE to reconnoitre. Revolver practice in afternoon.	
Do	Oct 10 th		Company training. Lecture given on bayonet fighting given by Major CAMPBELL, Assistant instructor in bayonet fighting.	
Do	Oct 11 th		Company training. Practice in line taking started.	
Do	Oct 12 th		Training carried on as before.	
Do	Oct 13 th		Coy training. Football match, Officers v Sergts, won by the latter 2 - 1.	
Do	Oct 14 th		Coy training. Football match between Officers of the Battalion & Officers of the BUCKS, won 3-1.	
Do	Oct 15 th		Sunday. Voluntary church service. 2 Coy's on fatigues all day near GAUDIEMPRES, covering up water pipes. Rest of Battalion to baths.	
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Billets & huts WARLINCOURT	Oct 16 th		Coy training as before. Information received that Battalion would relieve 1/8 WORSTERS in trenches on 18 th inst.	
Do	Oct 17 th		Two Coy's working party near GAUDIEMPRE. Rest of Battn Coy training.	
Do	Oct 18 th		Battn due to start for trenches, 10 AM.	
		8.30 AM.	Relief cancelled. Battalion to remain in WALINCOURT. Coy training as result.	
		11.30 PM.	Advanced order received that Battn would move to WARLUZEL on 19 th , starting 10 AM.	
Do	Oct 19 th	10 AM.	Battalion moved off.	
		10.25 AM.	Orders received on line of march to return to WALINCOURT and not start before 2 PM. These orders cancelled on telephone from BELLEVUE, and Battn continued march to WARLUZEL via BELLEVUE & COUTURELLE, in drenching rain. WURLUZEL reached 12 noon. Area not vacated by 49 th Division: till 1.30 PM. Billets crowded. Lieut. W.D. SCOTT found Battalion.	
Billets WARLUZEL	Oct 20 th		Coy training. Weather cold but fine. Following Officers joined the Battn. 2/Lt's J.L. ETTY, T.A. Hill and H.H. DYE, & posted to B, D, & C Coy's respectively.	
Do	Oct 21 st		Coy training. Good weather. Orders received to move to BEAUVAL in Oct. 22 nd .	
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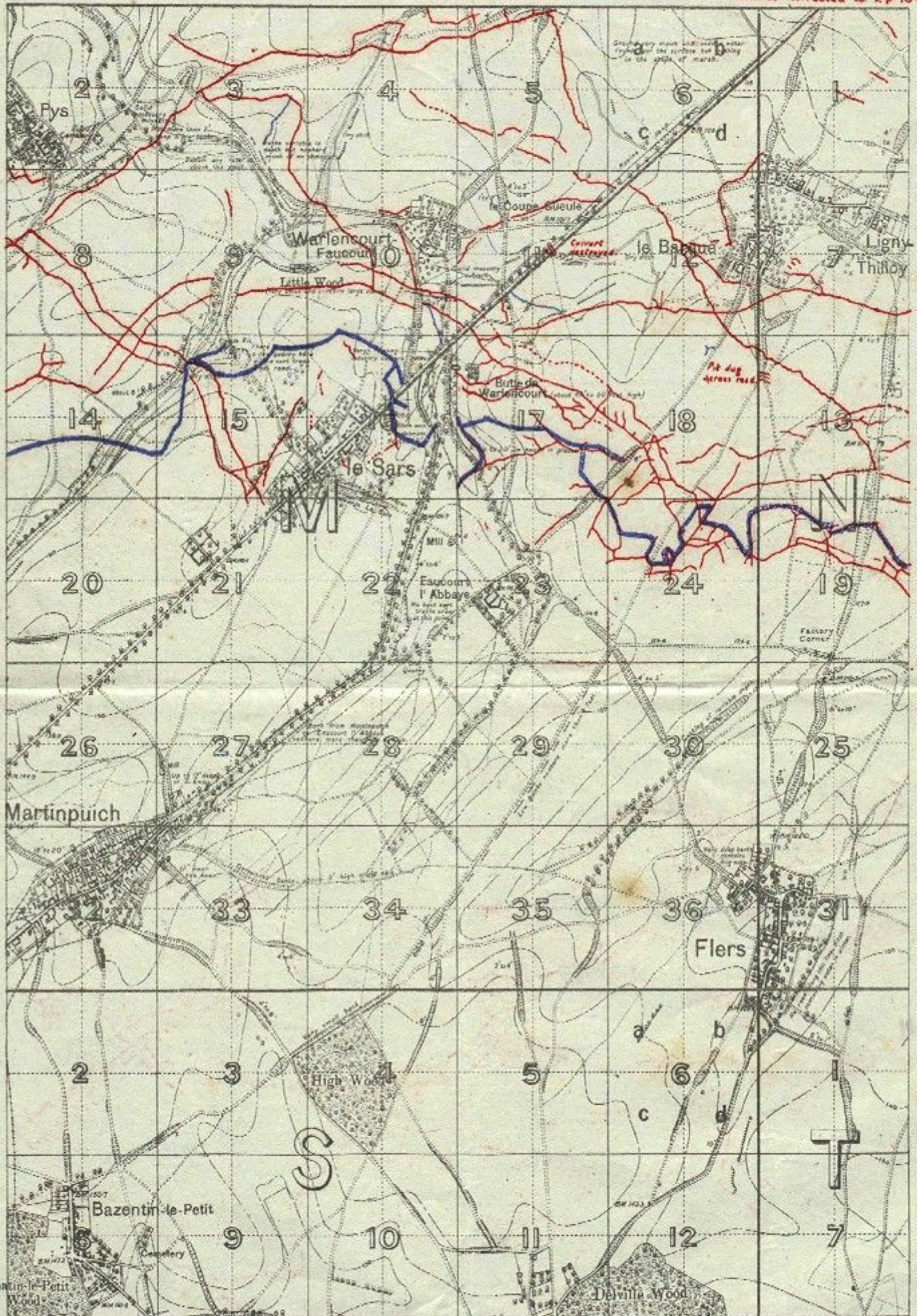
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Billets WARLUZEL	Oct 22 nd		<p>Battalion marched off 9.45 AM. Order of march in Bde. GLOSTERS, BERKS, BUCKS, OXFORDS. Marched via HUMBERCOURT – LUCHEUX - GROUCHES – Eastern edge of DOULLENS to BEAUVAL which was reached about 3 PM.</p> <p>Halt for about 20 minutes N of DOULLENS, otherwise no long halts. Dinner on arrival. Battalion billeted in same area for the fifth time.</p> <p>Cinema show in the evening.</p>	
Billets BEAUVAL	Oct 23 rd		<p>Brigade moved to TALMAS. Order of march of Brigade, BERKS, BUCKS, OXFORDS, GLOSTERS. Battalion moved of 1.45 PM, & in billets TALMAS before 4 o'clock. Fine sunny afternoon; cold but good for marching.</p>	
Billets TALMAS	Oct 24 th		<p>Battalion moved off 7.40 AM. Order of march of Brigade, BUCKS, OXFORDS, GLOSTERS, BERKS. Marched via RUBEMPRE – PIERREGOT – MOLLIENS–Au – BOIS – MONTIGNY – BEHENCOURT to LAHOUSOYE, where Battalion and BUCKS billeted. [Rest of Brigade billeted in BEHENCOURT. Billets reached about 12.30 PM.</p> <p>Very bad day for marching. Raining hard, and roads hilly and in very bad condition.</p>	
In Billets LAHOUSOYE	Oct 25 th		<p>Wet day. Men occupied in cleaning up etc.</p> <p>Detachment of 45 OR. Under 2/Lt PLOWMAN sent to MERICOURT to work under No 6 RE. Park</p>	
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In Billets LAHOUSOYE	Oct 26 th		Coy training. Weather still bad. Following Officers joined Battalion, 2/Lts C.F. DADLEY, V. GARLICK and E.H. FAWCETT, posted to D, B & C Coy's respectively	
Do	Oct 27 th		Coy training.	
Do	Oct 28 th		Coy training. Orders received for Battalion to move to MILLENCOURT on next day. Later in day orders received that move postponed till 31 st .	
Do	Oct 29 th		Sunday Voluntary services. A detachment of 50 OR. Under 2/Lt AFFLECK sent to MILLENCOURT, to keep billets "warm". Weather still unsettled and rainy.	
Do	Oct 30 th		Coy training. Orders received to move to MILLENCOURT on 31 st inst.	
Do	Oct 31 st		Battalion marched to MILLENCOURT via Main AMIENS – ALBERT Road and LAVIEVILLE. 100 yards interval kept between Platoons on account of heavy traffic along the main road. Battalion in billets by 11.15 AM.	
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