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April 10th 1917.

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April 9th:

Lieut. J. A. Lalanne left and two Scouts, left BETHUNE ARRAS Road at about 9.30 a.m. to reconnoitre ground captured.

At about noon, the same day, "A" Company moved from the west side of the BETHUNE-ARRAS Road, advanced by sections to our old front line, taking up a position in the Observation Line from CHASSERY to ALBANY Craters.

April 10th:

While in the above positions, our Company had six casualties during this day, the Officers of our Company, reconnoitred up to the SWISCHEN-STELLUNG. Lieut. J. A. Lalanne and two Battalion Scouts reconnoitred, all ground captured by the 3rd Division, and looked over ground in front - this being for 6th Brigade.

April 11th:

Lieut. J. A. Lalanne along with two N.C.Os., went forward from the Observation to the 1st C.M.R. front. After reconnoitring, they returned to guide Companies in. The Company left about 8.45 p.m. to proceed to relieve the 1st C.M.Rs. We arrived in position about midnight, Lieut. Dunning and No. 3 Platoon taking up a position S.30.a.7.1: No. 1 and 2 Platoons holding from S.20.d.7.w to S.20.d.7.6.

April 12th:

We remained in the same position. At 4 p.m. on the afternoon of the 12th., Lieut. Lalanne, along with 19 men, went forward on instructions from the C. C., to find out if the enemy's trenches, FLIT, FLUTE and FLICKER were occupied. Mr. Lalanne reached their trenches without casualties. He found them unoccupied and in a very bad state. It was impossible for the men to work up the trenches owing to the mud. Mr. Lalanne returned with the party and reported, "No enemy in sight".

April 13th:

We were in this position during on the 13th. During the afternoon of the 13th., Lieut. Lalanne with seven O.Rs. proceeded from S.30.a.6.2 to see if the town of VIMY was occupied. They proceeded through the town and met with no opposition. Mr. Lalanne, on finding this, ~~sent~~ at 4.15 p.m., sent up three flares. No. 3 Platoon of "A" Company, then went across into VIMY, the remaining Platoons of "A" and "C" Companies proceeded over by sections. "A" Company took up a position on the east side of VIMY from the station, inclusive, to T.10.b.7.6-1/2. Our Company was in position at 8.25 p.m. and sentry groups, were immediately placed 100 yards in front of our picquet line.