

JUNE, 1916.

Monday 12

Came off at "stand-down" & was put on fatigue till about 6 a.m. About 5 a.m. "Fritz" called out to us. Things were very quiet. Two officers came up & put up two notices giving details of the recent naval battle. After a bit the Germans put their heads up & shouted to us. We did the same & were talking for an hour or so if they could talk English quite well. We signalled to them to get down & the rifle fire started again. No more bombs this afternoon. Sentry at top head again.

Tuesday 13

Very wet, miserable night. Trenches are in very muddy condition. Came off at stand down. Had a sleep & did 8 hrs sentry after dinner. No more bombs again after tea. They blew up our headquarters and one of the cook-houses. Only two minor casualties. Observing again to night.

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Wednesday 14

Usual stand-to & guards to day. Had some big bombs over again to-day some of them landed near us. Very wet & miserable. Short rations.

Thursday 15

Had a sleep when we came off this morning. Packed up this evening and were relieved at 10:30 p.m. Went down the slope to "we dug-outs" in the reserve line. Sold off to a bivvy & turned in for a good sleep.