

Extract from War Dairy/Intelligence Summary
6th Battalion Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)
1 – 9 October 1916

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
On the March	1st	By lorries to CARDNY CORNER thence by route march to trenches East of ALBERT. Relieved Northumberland Fusiliers. Relief complete 10.30am. Casualties 1 OR [Other Rank] killed.
Trenches	2nd	Some trenches shelled during the day no casualties – nil -
ditto	3rd	Raining. Trenches very muddy.
ditto	4th	Raining all day. Relieved 7 th East Surrey Regt. In GIRD PIONEER and BULL ROAD trenches at night. Relief took 7.5 hours, completed at 1.30am. Casualties 4 Other Ranks.
ditto	5th	Shelled heavily from the direction of GUEDICOURT (sic) [Guedecourt] but only had two casualties. A fine day, trenches very muddy.
Ditto	6 th	A fine day. Heavy shelling went on all day – At night moved up to front line trenches and relieved the 6 th Queens, ready for the battle on 7 th .
GUEDICOURT	7th	Heavily shelled during the morning & lost 18 men by a shell which landed in trench. Attacked at 1.45pm was met by fierce machine gun and rifle fire and held up under the bank about 150y from our trench. C Coy who was on the left managed to get as far as the sunken road & hung on until night & then withdrew bringing their wounded with them. During the afternoon the enemy kept up a constant barrage on the front line. Relieved by the 6 th Queens at 12 midnight. Casualties 2 officers killed, Lts J S Longuelaye & G M Gray. 3 officers missing Captain AK Hall, Lt S Wilks & 2Lt WEM Stuart. 6 Officers wounded, Captains Williams & Carre, 2Lts P Paulson, MN Dickinson, RB Dunt, FR Hogbin. Other Ranks Killed 23, Missing 89, Wounded 185.
BULL ROAD	8th	Resting
ditto	9th	Resting and cleaning up. A fine day.

Transcriber's notes: This short section sets out proceedings around the attack of 7th October within which Frank Exell and his fellow Private, Edward William Reed won their awards.

At the time of the battle the battalion's OR strength was 842, some 140 short of establishment, so the battalion's OR killed, missing & wounded (297) accounts for ~35% of its strength.

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