

## Section 265

# Interlude III

### **The 5th Battalion May-June 1917**

*This covers the short period between the withdrawal of the 5th from the Battle of Arras to the opening of the Third Ypres campaign.*

During this period the 5th Royal Berks were employed in holding the gains made at the Battle of Arras.

#### **Third Battle of the Scarpe** 3/5/17

On the 3rd May the 35th Brigade was again sent forward to the brown line to act in support of the 36th and 37th Brigades attacking NE of Feuchy. The 5th were in support of 37th Brigade on the right but were not called upon in any of the three days of the battle.

On the 6th May the 35th Brigade relieved the 37th Brigade NE of Monchy with a much straightened line before them although there was still a salient east of Monchy.

The 5th Royal Berks saw no further action other than the 'normal' trench warfare. They were relieved and returned to Arras for the rest of May and June.

#### **Bibliography**

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