

Section 287
Interlude IV

7th Battalion July to October 1917

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Semili Ravine
2nd to 18th July 1917

On the 2nd July the 7th Battalion moved up to the front line of J sector holding trenches on the left bank of the Semili Ravine. Here it remained until the 18th working at trenches and carrying out the usual patrols, sometime beyond the ravine.

Pyramid Camp
18th to 31st July 1917

From the 18th July until the the end of the month time was spent uneventfully at Pyramid Camp in the rear.

Glen Smol
1st to 15th August 1917

On the 1st August a further step leftwards was taken to Glen Smol in Brigade reserve on the extreme left of the line.

The glen was a valley reaching the left bank of the Vardar more than three miles behind the front of "M" sector. The battalion was in front line in this sector from the 15th August. There was some artillery activity on both sides, and of course the usual patrols.

Monotony and Malaria
15th August to end October 1917

After this, for several months life in the battalion was monotonous. There were the usual periods of front-line service, with turns in Brigade, Divisional, or Corps reserve.

The front was generally that of "M" sector, with Glen Smol and Smol Hill in the back area. There was much malaria in the summer and autumn months in the Vardar Valley, and it was a much more dangerous enemy in those months than the Bulgar, with whom only occasional shots were exchanged.

Sources

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