

WALTER JAMES KEEVILL Staff Sergeant T876 (Armourer)
 Son of Henry John and Elizabeth Keevill, originally from London residing in Leicester
 Royal Army Ordnance Corps attached to 42nd Brigade R.F.A.
 killed in action on Wednesday 10th October 1917, aged 31
 remembered with honour, together with 35,000 others on Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing
 Mentioned in dispatches - unsure as to why and there seems to be no information on his medal record.

WAR DIARIES extract
42nd BRIGADE ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY
THIRD YPRES - OCTOBER 1917
42nd Brigade (3rd Division)

OCTOBER

ZEVENCOTE

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| 4th | 2.0 - 7.0PM | Batteries move forward to positions in D26 A & B near ZEVENCOTE |
| 5th | | Infy consolidate successfully. Evening shelling unimportant. 3rd Austr Div Infy relieved by 66th Div Infy (199th Bde) |
| 6th | 6.0 PM | 42nd Bde rejoins No.1 Group. Major Newland remains in direct tactical control under OC No. 1 Group (Col G.J. Mair, DSO) SOS lines shifted 400x N of RAILWAY (YPRES-ROULERS). Bde H.Q. moves to position vacated by 129th BG I.5.D.5.D "GULLY FARM". |
| 7th | 6.10 AM 4.0 PM | Practice Barrages. Ammunition supply kept up under heavy rain. Mud v. deep. |
| 8th | 6.15 AM 11.30 AM | Practice Barrages. During night 199th Bde relieved by 197th & 198th. Weather v.bad. |
| 9th | 5.20 AM | Zero. Attack by 197th & 198th who were unable to complete assembly owing to weather. Creeping barrage carried out by 42nd Bde R.F.A. |
| | Noon night. | Obscure - appears to have taken 1st Objective - a line through WATER-HOUSE - AUGUSTUS WOOD - KEERSELAARHOEK) Still obscure. Net result appeared to be an advance of 500x on our front. |
| 10th | 4.45 PM | Consolidation Army Preparatory Barrage Maj R.R.M. Percival M.C. cmdg 29th Bde R.F.A. wounded. Cpr P.W. Lee taken command & is killed in action on same day. Cpr. S.G.B. Marsh takes command. |
| 11th | 5 AM 4.30 PM | Army Preparatory Barrage Corps Preparatory Barrage 9th Austr Bde on Rt & 10th on left relieve 66th Div Infy.Cpr S.G.B. Marsh cmdy 29th Btn slightly wounded remaining at duty in Bde but is relieved of command of 29th Btn by Cpr R.T. Coulson M.C. |
| 12th | 5.25 AM | Zero. Objective PASSCHENDAELE & ridge. Resulted in only very slight advance of our line. Weather extremely bad & opposition v. heavy. |