

OPERATION ORDERS No 61.

by
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 Commdg.13th Canadian Battalion
 THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

23rd,Dec,1915

1. RELIEF.
 The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136-141 inclusive on the night of 24/12/15
2. LOCATION.
 No.1 Coy will occupy 136,137,and 138.
 No 4 Coy will occupy 139,140,and 141.
 No 2 Coy will occupy,with two platoons 136s and 137s,also two platoons at Stinking Farm.
 No 3 Coy will occupy Higginson Ave.
 Battalion H.Qs will be at La Plus Douce Farm
3. TIME.
 Companies will move off in the following order.-
 No 1 Coy. No 4 Coy. No 2 Coy. No 3 Coy.
 No 1 Coy will move off by platoons to reach the Control Post at 5.15p.m.T18.a.6.8. The remaining Coys will move off at five minutes interval between platoons.
4. MACHINE GUNS.
 The 13th Battalion guns will relieve the 14th Battalion guns at 4.30p.m.and will report completion of relief to Battalion H.Qs
 The reserve machine-gun section will be stationed at La Plus Douce Farm.
5. BOMBERS.
 Bombers will be distributed as under -
 10 men with No 1 Coy.
 10 " in 136s and 137s.
 The balance under the Bombing officer will be stationed at Well Road. Bombers will reach Ration Farm at 4.45p.m. On completion of relief Battalion H.Qs will be notified.
6. SIGNALLERS.
 Signallers will proceed to trenches with their respective Coys and take post.
7. TRANSPORT.
 Two G.S.waggons,two limbered waggons,and Maltese cart will report at Kortepyp Huts at 3.00p.m. Transport to reach Ration Farm at 7.00p.m. Officers mounts will report at 3.00p.m.
8. TRENCH STORES AND SANITATION.
 All trench stores will be taken over and inspection of sanitary conditions made.
9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF
 Companies will report as soon as relief completed and send in ~~at~~ disposition return and ration return.
 A list of trench stores and S.A.A.is to be in at Battalion H.Qs duly checked by 10.00a.m.the following morning.
10. CONTROL POSTS.
 No 2 Coy will detail two control posts to take over at commencement of relief.
11. PIPERS.
 Pipers will report to their respective Coys at a time arranged by Os.C.Coys.
12. BILLETS.
 Lt.F.S.Mathewson is detailed to hand over billets to relieving Battalion.

C.J.SMITH,Capt
 Adj, 13th Canadian Battalion.

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LT. COL. F.O.W. LOOMIS, D.S.O.
 Commdg. 13th. CANADIAN BATTALION
 THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

28/12/15.

1. Relief. The 13th. Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th. Canadian Battalion, in trenches 136-141 inclusive on the night of the 29th. December 1915.
2. Time and route. The leading platoon of the 14th. Battalion will pass the control post T.18.a.6.8. at 5.15 p.m.
3. Location. On completion of relief O.C.coys. will telephone Battn Hqrs. The 13th. Battalion will be in Brigade Reserve at RED LODGE. Companies will take over the billets previously occupied.
4. Machine Guns. The 13th. Battalion guns will be relieved by the 14th. Battalion guns at dusk and on relief being completed the M.G.O. will telephone Battalion Headquarters before proceeding to billets. The Reserve machine gun section will take up position in support as under:-
 1 Gun and crew in support line right of Craddock Walk.
 1 Gun and crew in support line FORT OSBORNE.
5. Bombers. O.C.bombers on relief will report by wire to Battn Hqrs and then proceed to billets previously occupied opposite Brigade Headquarters.
6. Forts Eberle & Brandon. No. 3 Company will furnish garrisons as under :-
 1 N.C.O. and 6 men for Fort Eberle.
 1 N.C.O. and 6 men for Fort Brandon.
 This relief to be carried out under an officer at 3.00pm.
7. Brigade Guard. No.3 Coy. will furnish 1 Sergt.1 Corpl. and 6 men to relieve guard at Brigade Headquarters. This relief to be carried out at 2.30 p.m.
8. Receipts & Inventories. Each company will hand over an inventory board of trench stores a copy of which will be handed into Orderly Room, also a receipt for sanitary condition of trench.
9. Transport. 2 G.S.Waggon, 2 Limbers and Malteses cart will report at RATION FARM at 6.30 p.m.
10. Baggage. Officer's baggage and company stores to be at Battn. Hqrs. at 5.30 p.m.
11. Billeting. Lieut. F.S. Matthewson is detailed to take over billets and will check over inventory board of all stoves and braziers. C.Q.M.Sgts. of each company with 2 N.C.O's and 25 men from NO.3 Coy. will be detailed to report to Lieut. Matthewson at Control Post top of Higginson Ave. These men will be detailed by Lieut. Matthewson as guard over huts.

EXTRACTS FROM BATTALION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

25th to 26th December 1915.

On the night of 25th December a party consisting of Lt. W.E. MacFarlane, Cpl. A.A. Harper, E.H. Jarrett, and Ptes. Larin, Jones, Dand, Mitchell, Brooks, Smith, McLucas, Weeds, Kirk, Cossman, Anderson and Visser, patrolled our front from 5.45 to 10.30 p.m.

Party went out at left of trench 136 and worked Northward along STEENBECK. They found no signs of M.G. shown on NO MAN'S LAND MAP as at U.1.B.1.0.1. They did not go beyond intersection of stream and line of trees at U.1.b.10183., as enemy were continually dropping lights at this point, fired from about U.2.a 2.5.

Party then struck east until reaching front line of enemy's wire as far as MESSINES-STINKING FARM ROAD. Crossing the road, they then patrolled all the ground and thoroughly examined all the hedges between 136 and enemy's front line wire.

They found no enemy patrols or listening posts, but came across a disused position at about U.2.c.5.5. For some time they were quite close to the enemy's trench O. Section (above map). There was a working party in this trench all the time, apparently driving light iron stakes. There was quite a number of men in this portion of trench, but patrol could not ascertain whether these were all the garrison or a working party. Men were talking, but not loudly, and walking about a lot. The trench was everywhere paved with wood and sounded perfectly dry, no mud or water being heard. The parapet was silhouetted against the skyline in fairly good light and no sentries could be observed anywhere. Further South, about opposite 134 or 135, a small concert was in progress, a cornet being heard. At the same time a concert could be heard going on in billets behind our lines and the songs could be recognised easily. About 9.30 p.m. a band could be plainly heard behind our lines.

No enemy transport was heard.

At about 10 minutes before midnight 25/26th December a party of 16 men under Lt. Lovett started for the left of trench 141, proceeding down ditch on North side of WULVERGHEM-MESSINES ROAD.

100 yards down road a covering party was left (six men) behind, as follows:-

- 2 men twenty yards South of Road.
- 2 men twenty yards North of Road.
- 2 men on road as connecting file.

The remainder of party then proceeded down the road as far as hedge running off to the North at right angles to road and almost opposite first ruined house. Two more men were then posted to South of Road and two at junction of road and hedge.

The remainder proceeded along under cover of hedge (on West side) in single file, pausing repeatedly and listening and looking through the hedge. At 12.50 p.m. party was challenged in German and fire was opened on the party at point blank range through the hedge from the end of the hedge to a point 100 yards from the road. Our party replied vigorously with revolvers, bombs, and rifles. Owing to the thickness of the hedge, which was about fifteen feet high and stuffed at the bottom to afford cover, it was impossible to throw bombs through, but three Mills bombs were thrown over and all exploded. Enemy's fire continued

Owing to our party being in the open, it was necessary to take up a position in the ditch along the road. Party was therefore retired to this position but here it was subject to direct fire from the first ruined house.

Number of German rifles lining the hedge estimated from 12 to 15. Number in ruin 3 to 4.

Fire quietened down presently and the groans of a wounded German could be heard in the hedge to the left. The machine-gun then opened fire on the road in short bursts from about half left looking up the road.

Sniping along road also continued. Party was therefore withdrawn to trench 141 which all gained in safety at about 1.15 a.m.

26th/27th December 1915.

Lieut. W.E. Macfarlane with the same party as on the previous night and also two signallers and a stretcher-bearer, started patrolling at 7.30 p.m., 26th Decr. Starting at left of 136 they patrolled the STEENBECK as far as U.1.b.7.4.

German listening post was in its old place South of the barricade on the MESSINES-VULVERGHEM ROAD. Work was going on in the house at the barricade and men could be heard nailing wood. All seemed to be suffering from bad colds and coughs. About 50 yards behind the house there is a wire barrier across the road but no entrenchment or breastwork.

The party patrolled back along the same route pausing for long intervals to see if any enemy patrols were moving. None were seen. Party came in about 11.00 p.m.

Lieut. J.H. Lovett and the same party as on the previous night patrolled the right front from 11.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Night 26/27th Decr. Party started out from left of 136 and patrolled the hedges in front of 136 and the STEENBECK as far as the left of 138. They were unable to find any signs of enemy patrols though they examined all cover carefully and waited for long periods for any signs of movements. They came in about 1.30 a.m. at the left of 138.

Sketches by Lt. Macfarlane showing course taken by his patrols and location of enemy wire, to follow.

27th/28th December 1915.

During the night 27th/28th December, the following parties patrolled in front of our trenches:-

6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Lt. Lovett and 7 men.

9.00 to 11.00 p.m. Cpl. F.J. Reid and 8 men

Midnight to 2.00 a.m. Lt. Macfarlane and 8 men.

3.00 to 5.00 a.m. Lt. Macfarlane and 8 men.

They patrolled the STEENBECK as far North as U.1.b.8.4. and all the hedges in front of 136, but could find no signs of enemy except listening posts at U.1.b.7.5. and U.2.a.1.2. Lieut. Macfarlane also removed iron stake from enemy's wire close to their trench at U.2.C.6.7. This stake is round, about 1/2-inch thick, pointed on top, with about three feet above ground and 18-inches below. It screws into the earth, the screw being about four inches wide and comprising about four complete turns. The stake is twisted in three places, forming a kink to fix the wire on. The wire attached was ordinary two-strand iron wire, ungalvanised with small galvanised iron barbs.

28th/29th December 1915.

During the night 28th/29th December, the following parties patrolled our front :-

6.00 to 8.50 p.m. Lieut. Macfarlane and 8 men.

9.00 to 11.00 p.m. Sergt. Mackay and 7 men.

12.01 to 2.50 a.m. Cpl. Gerrard and 8 men.

2.50 to 4.50 a.m. Lt. Lovett and 8 men.

These patrols thoroughly patrolled the ground in front of our lines which they found to be clear of enemy patrols and listening posts except those in vicinity of WULVERGHEM ROAD barricade.

The first patrol also noticed that the enemy were working inside their trench opposite 137 and 138, and also in the house at the barricade referred to above. While the second patrol was out, enemy put up large number of lights from about 10 to 11 p.m. during bombardment to South.

From 1 to 2 a.m. enemy were working on parapet opposite 139 and 140. Our M.G. endeavoured to disperse them with occasional bursts.

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12. Gum Boots. Gum boots will be handed over by all companies to the Sergt. Major. at La Plus Douce Farm. On no account is any Officer, N.C.O. or man to take back to billets any Gum Boots and Os.C. Coys. will be held responsible if this order is not complied with. The Sergt. Major of the 13th. Battalion will hand over to the Sergt. Major of the 14th. Battalion all gum boots and get a receipt for them. The receipt is to be handed into the Orderly Room the next day.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.

Adjt. 13th. Can., Battn.
The ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

OPERATION ORDERS NO 59
by LT. COL. F.O.W. LOOMIS D.S.O.
COMMDG. 13th. CANADIAN BATTALION
THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

December 16th, 1916

1. Relief.

The 13th. Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th. Canadian Battalion in trenches 136-141 inclusive on the night of 16th. December 1916.

2. Location

No. 2 Company will occupy 136, 137, and 138.
No. 3 Company will occupy 139, 140, and 141,
No. 1 Company will occupy with two platoons 136 and 137a also two platoons at Stinking Farm.

No. 4 Company will occupy Higginson Avenue.
Battalion Headquarters will be at Le Plus Douce Farm

3. Time and route.

Companies will move off in the following order ; -
No. 2 Coy. No. 3 Coy. No. 1 Coy. and No. 4 Coy.

No. 2 Company will move off the leading platoon to pass the control post T. 18. a. 6. 8. at 4.30 p.m.

The remaining companies will move off at 5 minutes interval. O.C. Coys. will report completion of relief by wire to Battalion Headquarters.

4. Machine guns.

The 13th. Canadian Battalion machine guns will relieve the 14th. Machine guns and will pass the Control Post T. 18. a. 6. 8. at 4.15 p.m.

The reserve machine gun section will be stationed at Le Plus Douce Farm.

The O.C. Machine guns will report completion of relief by wire to Battalion Headquarters.

Four Salvus Breathing apparatus will be turned over by 15th. Battalion before 12 noon tomorrow to the machine gunners in Fort Osborne. The O.C. machine guns of 13th. Battalion will notify the N.C.O. in charge at once that these are trench stores and are to be handed over to the relieving gunners.

5. Bombers.

Bombers will be distributed as under ; -

- 10 with No. 2 Company.
- 10 with No. 1 Company.

The balance under the Grenade Officer will be stationed at WELL ROAD. Bombers will pass the control post at 4.30 p.m. On completion of relief Battalion Headquarters will be notified by wire.

6. Signallers.

Signallers will take post with their respective companies.

7. Transport.

Two G.S. Waggons, Two Limbered waggons and Maltese cart will report at 3 p.m. Transport to reach Ration Farm at 7 p.m. Officers mounts will not be required.

8. Trench stores & Sanitation

O.C. Coys. will detail one officer and an N.C.O. to proceed to trenches at 12 noon tomorrow to take over trench stores and see to sanitary condition of trenches

9. Control Posts.

No. 4 Company will detail Control Posts to take over at commencement of relief.

10. Billets.

Lt. *Mathewson* is detailed to hand over billets and inventory board to Billeting Officer of relieving battalion and will hand in receipt to ADJUTANT duly signed.

11. Sentries.

No. 4 Company will detail one man who will be responsible for the maintenance of covered way Control Post to Ration Farm at 2 a.m. each day. Rendezvous Engineers Tool Dump, Ration Farm. Nos. 2 and 3 Company will detail 2 men whose duty it will be to collect during the day all tools and material lying about in vicinity of Trenches and stack them in Coy. dump.

12. Railways.

No. 4 Coy. will detail one man for Railway construction.

OPERATION ORDERS NO. 60.
by LT. COL. F. O. W. LOOMIS, D. S. O.
Commndg. 13th. Canadian Battalion.
The ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

19th. Decr. 1915.

- (1). Relief. The 13th. Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th. Canadian Battalion in trenches 136-141 inclusive on the night of Decr. 20th. 1915.
- (2). Time and route. The leading platoon of the 14th. Canadian Battn., will pass control post T. 18. a. 6. 8. at 4.30 p.m. On completion of relief O. C. Coys. will telephone Battalion Headquarters.
- (3). Location. The 13th. Canadian Battalion will be in Divisional Reserve. No. 4 Coy. will occupy the barn and hut previously occupied by No. 2 Coy. and remaining companies will be located by Billeting Officer.
- (4). Machine Guns. The machine gun Officer on completion of Relief of his guns will notify Battalion Headquarters by telephone and on receipt of instructions will proceed to billets.
- (5). Bombers. O. C. Bombers on completion of relief will notify Battalion Headquarters by telephone and on receipt of instructions will proceed to billets.
- (6). Receipts and Inventories. Each company will hand over an inventory of trench stores a copy of which will be sent into the Orderly Room also a receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.
- (7). Transport. 2 G. S. Waggon, 2 Limbers, Maltese Cart and Officer's mounts will report at Ration Farm at 6.30 p.m. Machine Gun limber will report at Ration Farm at 6.30 p.m.
- (8). Gum Boots. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Companies will send down at dusk all Gum Boots to Le Plus Douce Farm and hand them over to the Sgt. Major who will give them a receipt for them. No. 4 Coy. will send their Gum Boots to the Sgt. Major at Le Plus Douce Farm at dusk who will hand them a receipt. Gum boots in possession at Battalion Headquarters will be handed into the Sgt. Major tomorrow afternoon. On no account is any Officer. N. C. O. or Man to take back to billets any Gum Boots, and O. C. Coys. will be held responsible if this order is not complied with. The Sgt. Major will hand over the Sgt. Major of the 14th. Battn. all Gum Boots and those at Dressing station will be included at Le Plus Douce Farm and get a receipt for them. This receipt is to be handed into the Orderly Room at Billets.
- (9). Baggage. All Officer's baggage and company stores to be at Battalion Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

(10). Billeting.

C.Q.M.Sgts. will be detailed from each company to report to Lieut. F.S.Mathewson at the control post top of Higginson Avenue at 2p.m. The C.Q.M.S. will take over company blankets and see that a hot meal is prepared. No.4 Company will detail 2N.C.O.'s and 25 men to be at top of Higginson Avenue at 2p.m. These men will be detailed to guard huts by Lieut. F.S.Mathewson.

(11). Socks.

O.C.Coys. will be held responsible that every N.C.O. and Man under their command hand over tomorrow night one pair of socks to the Q.M. before proceeding to billets. Every N.C.O. and Man must have a change of socks every night whether in Huts.Billets or trenches an the standard of (3)three pairs per man must be adhered to.

(12). Pipers.

Company pipers will meet their respective companies on the main road opposite Brigade Headquarters.

C.J.SMITH, Capt.
Adjutant 13th Canadian Battn.,
The ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

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12. Railways
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to report to Corporal Ross C.E. at Engineers Tool dump Ration Farm at 6p.m. This man will be permanently employed on Railway construction whilst the Battalion is in the Trenches, but will go out ~~with~~ with the Battalion when they are relieved.

G.J.SMITH, Capt.
Adjutant 13th. Canadian Battalion.
The ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

OPERATION ORDER No 57
by Major V.C. Buchanan,
acting O.C., 15th Canadian Battalion,
THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

7-12-15.

1. RELIEF.

The 15th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136-141 inclusive on the night of 8-12-15.

2. LOCATION.

No 1 Coy. will occupy 136, 137 and 138.
" 4 " " " 139, 140, 141.
" 3 " " " with two platoons, 136S. and 137S.
Also two platoons at STINKING FARM.
" 2 " " " HIGGINSON AVENUE.
Battn.Hqrs. will be at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.

3. TIME.

Companies will move off in the following order:-
No 1 Coy., No 4 Coy., No 3 Coy., No 2 Coy.

No 1 Coy. will move off by platoons to reach the Control Post at T.18.a.6.8. at 5.15 p.m. The remaining Coys. will move off at five minutes interval between platoons.

4. GUIDES.

Nos. 1 and 4 Coys. will detail one Officer and four other ranks each to proceed to their positions at 10.00 a.m. to-morrow morning with full kit and rations. The four men detailed from these companies will be a representative from each platoon, and the Officer in charge will detail them as guides for their platoons to be at Control Post, HIGGINSON AVENUE, T.18.a.6.8. at 5.00 p.m.

Nos. 3 and 2 Coys. will detail one Officer and one N.C.O. to proceed to their positions at 10.00 a.m. to-morrow morning.

5. MACHINE-GUNS.

The 15th Battalion machine-guns will relieve the 14th Battalion guns at 4.50 p.m. and will report completion of relief to Battalion Headqrs.

The reserve machine-gun Secn. will be stationed at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.

Lieut. Spendlove will be attached to M.G.Secn. for instruction during this tour.

6. BOMBERS.

Bombers will be distributed as under:-

10 with No 1 Coy.
10 with 136S. and 137S.

The balance, under the Bombing Officer, will be stationed at WELL ROAD. Bombers will reach RATION FARM at 4.45 p.m. On completion of relief Battn.Hqrs. will be notified by wire.

7. SIGNALLERS.

Signallers will proceed to trenches with their respective companies and take post.

8. TRENCH STORES & EQUIPMENT. SANITATION.

All trench stores will be taken over and inspection of sanitary conditions made.

9. TRENCH STORES & COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Companies will report as soon as relief is completed and send in Disposition Return and Ration Return.

A list of trench stores and S.A.A. is to be in at Battn.H.Q. duly checked by 10.00 a.m. the following morning.

1. CONTROL POSTS.

No 2 Coy. will detail two Control Posts to take over at commencement of relief.

2. PIPERS.

Pipers will report to their respective companies at a time arranged by Os.C.Coys.

(9.) TRANSPORT.

Two G.S. waggons, two limbered-waggons one limbered waggon and Maltese cart will report at KORTEPYP HUTS at 3.00 p.m. Transport to reach RATION FARM at 7 p.m. Officers' mounts will report at 5 p.m.

OPERATION ORDERS NO. 58
 by MAJOR V.C. BUCHANAN
 COMD'G. 15th. CANADIAN BATTALION
 THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

- (1) Relief. The 15th. Canadian Battn., will be relieved by the 14th. Canadian Battn., in trenches 136-141 inclusive on the night of the 13th. December 1915.
- (2) Time and route. The leading platoon of the 14th. Battalion will pass the control post T.18. A.6.8. at 5.15.p.m. On completion of relief O's. C. Coys. will telephone Battalion Headquarters.
- (3) Location. The 15th. Canadian Battalion will be in brigade reserve at RED LODGE and vicinity. Company commanders will detail their C.Q.M.S and 1 N.C.O. to report to Lieut. F.S. Matthewson at control post at top of HIGGINSON AVE. at 2 p.m.. to take over billets. Machine gun officer and bombing will detail one man each to report at same time and place to Lt. F.S. Matthewson Coys. will occupy same billets as previously occupied Battalion Headquarters will be at RED LODGE. Lieut Given will be stationed with his grenade section.
- (4) Machine Guns. The 15th. Battn Guns will be relieved by the 14th. guns at dusk and on relief being completed the M.G.O. will telephone Battn. H.QRS. before proceeding to billets. The reserve machine gun section will take up position as under; -
 1 Gun and crew in support line right of Craddock Walk.
 1 Gun and crew in support line. Fort Osborne.
- (5) Bombers. O.C. Bombers, on relief, will report by wire to Battn.H.Qrs and then proceed to billets previously occupied opposite Brigade Headquarters.
- (6) Forts Brandon & Eberle. O.C. No. 2 Coy. will furnish garrisons as under:-
 1 N.C.O. and 4 men for Fort Eberle.
 1 N.C.O. and Fort Brandon.
 This relief will be carried out at 4p.m. under an officer
- (7) Receipts & inventories Each company will hand over an inventory of trench stores a copy of which will be handed into orderly room, also a receipt for sanitary condition of trench.
- (8) Transport. 2 G.S. wagons, 3 limbers and officers mounts will report at Ration Farm at 6.50p.m.
 One Limber will be at Ration Farm to collect all gum boots which will be taken to dressing station. The driver of this limber must make sure that all coys., have loaded these gum boots before proceeding to dressing station.

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- (9) Gum boots. All coys. must bring their gum boots out of the trenches and place them in a limber for this purpose at Ration Farm on the way out. No. 2 Coy. will hand over their Gum Boots to the R. Sgt. Major at 4 p.m. No. 2 Coy. will furnish 1 N.C.O. and 2 men as guard over Gum Boots at Dressing station and see that their rations are delivered each night.
- (10) Officers Baggage. Officers baggage and company stores to be at Battn. , Headquarters at 5.30p.m.
- (11) Billeting. Lieut. F.S. Matthewson is detailed to take over billets and will check over inventory board of all stores and braziers.
- (12) Brigade Guard. No. 2 Coy. will furnish 1 Sergt. 1 Corpl. and 6 men to relieve the guard at Brigade Headquarters. This relief to be carried out at 8.p.m.

C.J. SMITH. Capt.
Adjt., 15th. Canadian Battalion.

OPERATION ORDER No 54
by Major V.C. Buchanan,
acting O.C., 15th Canadian Battalion,
The Royal Highlanders of Canada. 25-11-15.

1. Relief.

The 15th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 156-158 inclusive, on the night of the 26th Novr.

Time & Route.

The leading Platoon of the 14th Canadian Battalion will reach RATION FARM at 6.00 p.m.

On completion of relief, Os.C.Coys. will telephone Battalion Hqrs., and report at Battalion Hqrs. personally on the way out.

3. Location.

Coy. Commanders will detail their C.Q.M.S. and 1 N.C.O. to report to Lieut. F.S. Mathewson at Control Post at top of HIGGINSON AVENUE at 2 p.m. to-day.

Machine-gun Section and bombers will detail one man each to report at same time and place to Lieut. F.S. Mathewson.

Battalion Hqrs. will be at RED LODGE

4. Receipts & Inventories.

Each Coy. will hand over an Inventory of trench stores, a copy of which will be handed in to Orderly Room, also a receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.

5. Machine-guns.

The 15th Battalion guns will be relieved by the 14th Battalion guns at dusk, and on relief will proceed to billets.

The Reserve Machine-gun Section will take up positions in support as under:-

1 gun and crew in support line right of CRADDOCK WALK.

1 " " " " " " " " FORT OSBORNE.

The machine-gun Officer will report completion of relief by wire, and report personally at Battn.H.Qrs.

6. Bombers.

O.C. Bombers, on relief, will report by wire to Battn.Hqrs. and report personally on the way out.

7. Fort's BRANDON and EBERLE.

O.C. No 2 Coy. will furnish garrisons as under:-

1 N.C.O. and 12 men Fort EBERLE.

1 N.C.O. and ~~12~~ 6 men.. Fort BRANDON.

This relief will be carried out at 3 p.m. under an Officer.

Officers' baggage etc.

Officers' baggage and Coy. stores to be at Battn.Hqrs. at 5.30 p.m.

9. Transport.

2 G.S. waggons, 2 limbers, Maltese cart & Officers' mounts, will report at RATION FARM at 6.30 p.m.

10. Billetting.

Lieut. F.S. Mathewson is detailed to take over billets, and guides will meet their respective companies at top of HIGGINSON AVENUE.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
Adj., 15th Canadian Battalion.

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Appendix A.

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OPERATION ORDER No 56

by Major V.C. Buchanan, commdg. 15th Can. Battn.,
THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

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3-11'15.

1. RELIEF.
The 15th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136 to 141 inclusive, on the night of 4th Dec. 1915.
2. TIME & ROUTE.
The leading Platoon of the 14th Canadian Battalion will pass the Control Post T.18.a.6.8. at 4.50 p.m.
On completion of relief Os.C.Coys. will telephone Battn.Hqrs.
3. LOCATION.
The 15th Canadian Battn. will be in Divisional Reserve. No 2 Coy. Coy. will occupy the barn and hut previously occupied by No 1 Coy and remaining companies will be located by billeting Officer.
4. MACHINE GUNS.
The machine-gun Officer, on completion of ~~change~~ of his guns, will notify Battn.Hqrs. by wire, and then on instructions, will proceed to billets.
5. BOMBERS.
O.C.Bombers, on completion of relief, will wire Battn.Hqrs.
6. RECEIPTS & INVENTORIES.
Each Coy. will hand over an Inventory of trench stores, a copy of which will be handed in to Orderly Room, also a receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.
7. TRANSPORT.
2 G.S.waggons, 3 limbers, Maltese cart and Officers' mounts will report at RATION FARM at 6.50 p.m.
Machine-gun limber will report at 6.50 p.m. at RATION FARM.
An extra limber is required for gun boots to be at RATION FARM.
~~All Officers' baggage and coy.~~
8. BAGGAGE.
All Officers' baggage and Coy. stores to be at Battn.Hqrs. by 6.50 p.m.
9. BILLETING.
Coy.Q.M.S. and two men will be detailed from each Coy., one man each from machine-gun Section, Bombers and Battn.H.Q. to report to Lieut.N.M.MacLean at Control Post, top of HIGGINSON AVENUE at 2.00 p.m. These representatives, under their Coy.Q.M.S. will take over their blankets and guard huts allotted.
Arrangements will be made for hot meal on arrival.
Lieut.N.M.MacLean will check over all stoves in Hqrs.billets and Coy. billets and sign the Inventory boards for what he takes over, handing same into Orderly Room.
10. GUN BOOTS.
All gun boots in possession of Coys., mach-gun Secn. and Bombers will be placed on a limber at RATION FARM by each man on way out and his gun boots are to be taken back to billets. This limber will deliver these boots to Dressing Station where a guard will be detailed to look after them.
11. GUARDS.
No 1 Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 2 men who will remain on guard over gun boots at Dressing Station until the Battn. returns to trenches.
12. PIPERS.
Coy. pipers will meet their respective Coys. at Bde.Hqrs. on way out.

C.J.SMITH, Capt.,
Adj., 15th Canadian Battalion.

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15. OFFICERS.

The undermentioned Officers are detailed to Companies for instruction as under:-

Capt. Collins.....No 1 Coy.
 Lieut. Turnbull....." 4 "
 Lieut. Aitchieson is detailed to report to No 4 Coy.
 Lieut. Rust is detailed to Battn.Hqrs. at LA PLUS DOUCE

FARM.

The under-mentioned Officers will report to Mr Hastings at Transport:-

Capt. H.D. Ives
 Lieut. E.W. Waud.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
 Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion,
 THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

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RED LODGE, 1915 Decr. 16 (Continued)	The 13th Canadian Battalion relieved the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136-141 inclusive. Coys. moved off independently, No 2 Coy. leading, followed by Nos. 3, 1, and 4.; at five minutes' interval commencing 4.30 p.m. Nos. 2 & 3 Coys. occupied front line, No 1 Coy. supports and STEINKING FARM. No 4 Coy. was in Battalion Reserve at HIGGINSON AVENUE. CASUALTIES:- No 24159 Pte. J. Forbes - sick - N.Y.D. -	See Appendix "D" Operation Order No 59.
PLUS DOUCE. 17	Weather cold. " 24820 " R. Legett - sick - N.Y.D. - " 24961 " Mackenzie - sick - N.Y.D. - There was little rifle or machine-gun fire during the day. Smoke could be seen coming from enemy front trench, which seems to indicate that they are strongly manned. Talking and coughing could also be heard. Our patrols were out at night and brought in a German bomb picked up about 100 yards in front and to the left of our trench 138. Enemy transport could somewhat to South of MESSINES. Listening post report having seen enemy patrol about 150 yards from our wire. Working parties of 2/0 were busy during the day. CASUALTIES:- NIL.	sent to No 2 F.A. sent to No 2 F.A. sent to No 2 F.A.
18.	Weather:- dull all day; bright moonlight at night. 12 pm. whiz-bangs burst to right of our front. Damage could not be observed. Considerable transport could be heard in rear of MESSINES. Sniper reports German trench extending for about 150 yards from LA PETITE DOUVE FARM appears to be unoccupied. Working parties - totalling 190 - were employed during the day. CASUALTIES:- NIL.	cls.
19.	Weather dull and cold. There was little activity during the day. At night short bursts of M.G. fire could be heard at night, but sniping was almost nil.	cls.
11.30 p.m.	German patrol was dispersed by our rifle fire. This patrol had first been observed by our listening post in front of 138.	

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PLUS DOUCE. 1915 Dec. 28. (Contd.)	<p>Our artillery was also active and retaliated effectively on enemy's front and support lines opposite 157, with heavy howitzer shells. Considerable shrapnel also burst around MESSINES. Enemy wire was damaged opposite our 139, by shrapnel from small field gun.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- No 46285 Cpl. E. Williams - No 46147 Pte. Gazeley, G.W. - shrapnel wound in head - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 46180 L/cpl R. Payne, - contusion left chest, shrapnel right arm - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 15141 Coy. S/Mr. Miles - myalgia - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 46971 Pte. Ainsworth - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 408041 Pte. T.J. Case - debility - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p>	
29.	<p>The weather was still mild and bright in the middle of the day. There was, however, a slight fog in the morning and in later afternoon. The wind was light and veered from S.W. to S.E.</p> <p>The enemy in front trenches were quiet during the day, except for some rifle fire at "Stand to".</p>	
10.45 a.m.	<p>Enemy plane observed patrolling our lines from N. to S. Fired at, but apparently without effect.</p>	
11.50 a.m.	<p>Enemy plane appeared West of PLUS DOUCE FARM and flew over to their lines. A second flew over from their lines and then returned. Both were flying fairly low, and rifle and machine-gun fire were brought to bear on them, but without effect.</p>	
12.25 p.m.	<p>Our own aircraft were active all morning, being seen in twos and threes from "Stand to" till noon. They were mostly heavily shelled by a battery of anti-aircraft guns which the enemy appear to have in the neighbourhood of O.3.2.c. (observed from U.7.a.5.5).</p> <p>A covey of Allied planes - 14 to 18 - passed over our lines going approximately S.E. The majority - if not all returned from a quarter to half an hour later.</p>	

F.W. Morris
CAMP 13th CAN. BATTALION
THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLUS DOUCE	1915 Decr. 29th. (Ctd.)	11.45 a.m. Noon. 1.30 1.30- 5.15	<p>Enemy heavy batteries, apparently firing from direction of U.2.a.5.10, sent 12 rounds in direction of NEUVE EGLISE. Enemy aeroplane appeared to be working in conjunction with this battery, but retired on approach of British plane.</p> <p>77mm. battery fired about 15 rounds from direction of U.3.d.5.5. These were distributed between WELL WALK and STINKING FARM, mostly along CURRIE AVENUE.</p> <p>15 shells, probably same calibre as above, burst in vicinity of 140 and 141. No damage, however, was done.</p> <p>Our artillery retaliated on enemy front line opposite 138. Some shells fired at points further back could not be observed from front line, and weather was too misty for observation from post on Hill 65.</p> <p>German troops seen to-day in trenches are reported to be wearing caps with white bands.</p> <p>Relief by 14th Battalion took place without incident, and was completed by 8.15, Coys. marching independently to Brigade Reserve billets with Headquarters at RED LODGE.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>: - No A14853 Pte. J. Jenkins - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 2 Held Ambulance</p>	cls.
RED LODGE	30.	5.30pm	<p>Weather mild: dull and misty for the most part.</p> <p>The day was spent in the cleaning of equipment etc., adjusting shortages, and in the cleaning up and making comfortable of billets.</p> <p>The following working parties reported to Engineers:-</p> <p>50 men (10 bombers, 20 machine-gun men) at RATION FARM.</p> <p>200 men, with full complement of Officers and N.C.Os., with gun boots, reported at SHRINE.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>: - No 24030 Pte. J. March - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No A14852 Pte. J. J. McDonald - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No A14710 Pte. H. Ralston - self inflicted wound in left leg above ankle while cleaning revolver - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p>	See Appen "G" Oper. Order No 62.
	31.	7.30	<p>Weather foggy - colder.</p> <p>Sick parade.</p> <p>There were no other parades during the day, the time being spent in continuation of the work of yesterday. Clothing etc. was attended to, also hair-cutting.</p>	

Col.
15th CAN. BATTALION
HEADQUARTERS
CANADA.

13th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1915 Dec. 19 PLUS DOUCE (Continued)	<p>An Officer's patrol afterwards went out from our front, reaching the enemy barbed wire. Nothing, however, was discovered beyond a German bomb and some used cartridges behind a hedge.</p> <p>Transport could again be heard during the night S.E. of MESSINES. Large working parties were engaged in various parts of our area.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 27742 Pte.S.Boland - died of wound, gunshot in head - buried in cemetery near PLUS DOUCE FARM.</p> <p>No 46237 Pte. Macmillan - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>No 24266 Pte.Hyslop - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>d.S.</p>
20.	<p>Weather bright.</p> <p>The 15th Canadian Battalion was relieved by 14th Canadian Battalion, relief commencing 4.50 p.m., completed 6.45 p.m.</p> <p>Companies marched independently to Divisional Reserve at KORTEPYP HUTS</p> <p><u>CASUALTY:-</u> No A.15203 Pte.W.C.Leary - gunshot wound in head - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>d.S.</p> <p>See Appendix "B" Operation Order No 59.</p>
21. KORTEPYP HUTS.	<p>Weather dull and wet.</p> <p>The day was devoted to the cleaning of equipment etc.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> NIL.</p>	<p>d.S.</p>
22.	<p>Weather wet.</p> <p>Parties proceeding to new Divisional Baths in NEUVE EGLISE ROAD, and in the course of the day, the whole Battalion was covered.</p> <p>The Battalion was also paid.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> NIL.</p>	<p>d.S.</p>
23.	<p>Weather wet.</p> <p>The forenoon was spent in company training, and in the afternoon a lecture was delivered to Officers and N.C.O.s by Capt. Brothers, Corps Grenade Officer.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 23476 Sgt.Allen - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Amb. No A14722 " Sudbury - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance No A14738 Pte.Forrest - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Am b.</p>	<p>d.S.</p>

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1916 Dec. 24	<p>Weather wet. The day was devoted to cleaning up preparatory to proceeding to trenches. Relief commenced 6.00 p.m., completed 8.30 p.m. Coys. marched independently at five minutes interval. Dispositions were as follows:- Nos 1 & 4 Coys. in front line. No 2 Coy. in support and STINKING FARM. No 3 Coy., Battalion Reserve at HIGGINSON AVENUE. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No A15190 Pte. Wagner - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 16854 Pte. Langville - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 24643 Pte. Reilly - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 25097 Pte. Line - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 412736 Pte. Gough - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Operation Order No 60 Appendix "E"</p>
25.	<p>Weather fair, milder. There was some slight sniping during the day, but little activity. Patrols under Lieuts. MacFarlane and Lovett went out during the night, one coming into contact with a German patrol. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- NIL.</p>	<p>See Appendix "r. (1)"</p>
26.	<p>There was little or no activity on our front during the day. Distant cannonade could be heard as if action were going on in some other part of the line. <u>CASUALTY</u>:- Lieut. J.G. Walker - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. Patrols under Lieuts. Macfarlane and Lovett were out during the night. Activity on the part of the enemy was discovered near the barricade on MESSINES ROAD, working party being engaged repairing house.</p>	<p>See Appendix "r (1)</p>

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1916 Decr. 27.	<p>Weather bright and mild. There was very little rifle fire during the day, and no shelling except in retaliation for our own artillery fire. During the night, enemy machine-guns were active. One appeared to be fired from S. bend, covering the STINKING FARM ROAD. 9.10 p.m. Two large red flares were seen, with about two minutes interval between, from behind enemy lines opposite 156. It was accompanied by a large cloud of smoke, but there was no report. During the night the enemy appear to have dug a shallow connecting trench towards their lines, running in a south-easterly direction from their advanced post at U.2.c.9.5. At "P" Secn. (NO MAN'S LAND MAP) they seem to be roofing in their loop-holes with corrugated iron. 6.50-8.50. Patrols were out during the night under the following Officers and N.C.O.: Lieut. Lovett (seven men) 9 - 11 p.m. Cpl. F.J. Reid (eight men) 12 midnight - 2 a.m. Lt. Macfarlane (eight men) 5 - 5 a.m. Lt. Macfarlane (eight men)</p>	<p>See Appendix "F(1)"</p>
28.	<p>Weather:- fair and clear, mild. Sniping was slightly more active than on the preceding day, and German artillery was active. The following places were shelled:- 2-2.30 p.m. Three heavy (about 4 or 5 inch) H.E. percussion shells landed on our wire in front of junction of 140 and 141. Five landed near left of 159, but did no damage. 12.50 - 2.50 p.m. Enemy fired 45 similar shells on new tranway N. of STINKING FARM, and lengthened up as far as MIDLAND FARM. Some of these were lyddite. 4.50 - 4 p.m. Enemy opened fire on front and support lines, 136 and 137 and on sniping post left of 135S. 5.30 - 4 p.m. 7.77 mm. shrapnel around GAMBION FARM; no damage, however, was done.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLUS DOUCE.	1915 Dec. 1		Weather dull with showers. There was little activity during the day, but considerable sniping at night. Enemy bombarded supports 134-136, GAMBION FARM and STINKING FARM, also Battalion Headquarters. 2.50 p.m. Some shells burst in front line 139-141, damaging parapet in several places. Working parties totalling 300 men, were employed in front line draining and replacing bathmats, also on Battn.Hqrs. 66 of above were under supervision of Engineers. It was noticed that enemy repaired damage to parapets with black bags. CASUALTIES:- No 24820 Sgt.Connell - shrapnel wound left leg (slight) - at duty.	o/s
		2	Weather fair but dull: little rain at night. There was little rifle fire during the day, but some sniping at night: considerable machine-gun fire was heard directed on MESSINES ROAD and STINKING FARM. There was comparatively little activity on the part of enemy artillery. Working parties totalling 180 were employed in our area during the day, 66 working with C.E. CASUALTIES:- No A14409 Pte.A.D.McKenzie - missing while absent without leave - reported drowned in canal near ARMENTIERES.	o/s
		3	Weather dull with showers. There was little ordinary rifle fire, but considerable sniping and machine-gun fire during night. Snipers report that all Germans seen on our front are wearing red bands round their caps. Working parties totalling over 250 were employed in our area, 94 of whom were employed with C.E. CASUALTIES:- No 26516 Pte.W.Mell - shrapnel wound, left thigh - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance No A14775 Pte. Towns - shrapnel wound both arms and back - sent to No 2 Field Amb.	o/s
		4	Weather rainy. The general attitude of the enemy was very quiet. Relief by the 14th Battn. commenced at 5.00 p.m. - completed 7.45 p.m. Companies marched independently to KORTEPYP HUTS, Divisional Reserve. CASUALTIES:- No 46646 Pte.A.Murray - Contusion left thigh - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 24590 Pte.C.Ingram - Contusion of right leg - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 63256 Pte.J.Darveau - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance. No 37409 Pte.Walker - gunshot wound chest (self inflicted) - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 25011 Pte.H.C.Wood - fractured skull - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.	See Oper. Order No 56 Appendix "A" o/s

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
KORTEPYP HUTS. PLUS DOUCE.	1915 Dec. 5		Weather dull, but fair for the most part - several showers. The day was spent in cleaning clothing billets etc. There was an inspection of billets by Gen. Plumer, G.O.C., 2nd Army. <u>CASUALTIES:- NIL.</u> Weather dull but fair. The new Divisional bothy, situated on the NUEVE EGLISE ROAD, were placed at the disposal of the Battalion. Men attended in parties of 50 commencing 7.45 a.m. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 15140 Pte. F. Miles - hepoes - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 63219 Pte. E. Cutts - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.	c/s. f	
		10.00 a.m.	Weather dull but fair. The new Divisional bothy, situated on the NUEVE EGLISE ROAD, were placed at the disposal of the Battalion. Men attended in parties of 50 commencing 7.45 a.m. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 15140 Pte. F. Miles - hepoes - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 63219 Pte. E. Cutts - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.	c/s. f	
		6	Weather dull with showers. A programme of platoon and company drill was carried out. <u>CASUALTIES:- NIL.</u>	c/s. f	
		7	Weather clear and fine. Battalion spent day in preparation for moving to trenches. Small fatigue was employed improving conditions at KORTEPYP HUTS.	c/s. f	
		8	Companies marched independently, No 1 Coy. leading, commencing at 4 p.m. Relief completed at 7.45 p.m., Nos. 1 and 4 Coys. occupying front line, No 3 Coy. in support and No 2 Coy. in Battalion Reserve. <u>CASUALTY:-</u> No 46483 Corpl. A. Franklin - wounded (with Mining Section - no particulars given)	See Appendix "B" Oper. Order No 57 c/s. f	
		9	Weather, - dull and wet all day - slight wind from S.E. There was very little rifle fire or sniping, but short bursts of machine-gun fire were heard. Men could be seen working behind enemy trench. Patrols report everything very quiet. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No. A. 14760 Pte. S. Ives Gunshot wound nose. sent to No. 2 F. A.	c/s. f	
		10	Weather dull with heavy showers. There was comparatively no activity in the front line during the day, with the exception of a little machine-gun fire at "Stand to" The enemy artillery were moderately active, particularly at mid-day, doing, however, little damage. During night listening post reported enemy in large numbers driving in stakes. Snipers report having seen man in dark blue uniform without belt or arms, but carrying saw. He was wearing blue hat of the usual type but smaller in size. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u>	c/s. f	

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Plus 1915 Douce. Dec. 11	Weather. Dull all day with showers. There was little activity during the day. It is reported that a rifle battery regularly fired over 136-138s. Very few flares. Snipers report considerable amount of new earth thrown up behind enemy's parapet. The artillery was very quiet. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u>	c/s.
12.	Weather; Dull and wet. The enemy were shelling very little. Relief by the 14th. Batta. commenced at 5.15pm. completed about 7.45 pm. companies marched off independently to RED LODGE and vicinity in brigade reserve. <u>CASUALTIES.</u>	c/s. See Appendix "C" Operation Order No 58.
RED LODGE. 13.	Weather; Fine but cold. Battalion devoted day to cleaning up. Working parties were engaged with the Engineers and at Ration Farm.	c/s.
14.	Weather; Dull and cold. Battalion spent the day in making their huts inhabitable. Working parties were engaged with the engineers. <u>Casualties.</u>	c/s.
15.	Weather. Dull with a cold wind. Battalion spent the day in cleaning up their huts. There were very large working parties. engaged with the engineers. <u>CASUALTIES.</u>	c/s.
16.	Weather. Bright but a very cold wind. The day was devoted to getting ready preparatory to mowing to the trenches. <u>CASUALTIES.</u>	c/s.

OPERATION ORDER No 55
 by Major V.C. Buchanan,
 acting O.C., 15th Canadian Battn.,
 The Royal Highlanders of Canada.

50-11-15.

1. RELIEF.
 The 15th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136 to 141 inclusive on the night of 30th November 1915.
2. LOCATIONS.
 No 2 Coy. will occupy 136, 137 and 138.
 " 5 " " " 139, 140 and 141. Guides from 14th Battn. will meet this Company at STINKING FARM.
 " 4 " " " with two Platoons, 136S. and 137S. also two Platoons at STINKING FARM.
 " 1 " " " HIGGINSON AVENUE.
 Battalion Headquarters at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
3. MACHINE GUNS.
 The 15th Battalion machine guns will relieve the 14th Battalion guns at 4.00 p.m. and will report completion of relief to Battalion Headqrs.
4. BOMBERS.
 Bombers will be distributed as under:-
 10 with No 5 Coy.
 10 in 136S. and 137S.
 The balance, under the Bombing Officer, will be stationed at WELL ROAD.
 Bombers will reach RATION FARM at 4.15 p.m. On completion of relief Battalion Headqrs. will be notified by wire.
5. SIGNALLERS.
 Signallers will proceed to trenches with their respective companies and take post.
6. TIME.
 Companies will move off in the following order:-
 No. 2 Coy., No 5 Coy, No 4 Coy. and No 1 Coy.
 No 2 Coy. will move off by platoons to reach RATION FARM at 4.30 p.m.
 The remaining Coys. will follow on at five minutes interval between Platoons.
7. TRANSPORT.
 Two G.S. waggons, one limbered waggon and Maltese cart will report at RED LODGE at 5.00 p.m., transport to reach RATION FARM at 7.00 p.m. Officers' mounts will not be required.
8. TRENCH STORES & SANITATION.
 All trench stores will be taken over and an inspection of sanitary conditions made.
9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.
 Companies will report as soon as relief is completed and send in DISPOSITION Return, Ration Return, List of Trench Stores and S.A.A.
10. CONTROL POSTS.
 No 1 Coy. will detail two Control Posts to take over at commencement of relief.

11. TRENCHES.

Coys. will detail one Officer and one N.C.O. to proceed to take over trenches early this morning.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
Adj., 15th Canadian Battalion,
The Royal Highlanders of Canada.

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- " B. O.O. 56 dated 3.12.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive in night Dec. 4th 1915.
- " C. O.O. 57 dated 7.12.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive on night Dec. 8th 1915.
- " D. O.O. 58 dated ? 13th Cdn. Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive on night Dec. 12th 1915.
- " E. O.O. 59 dated 16.12.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will be relieved by 14 Canadian Battalion, in trenches 136-141 inclusive on night Dec. 16th 1915.
- " F. O.O. 60 dated 19.12.16. 13th Cdn. Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive on night Dec. 20th 1915.
- " G. O.O. 61 dated 23.12.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive on night Dec. 24th 1915.
- " H. Extracts from Battalion Intelligence Summaries.
- " I. O.O. 62 dated 28.12.16. 13th Cdn. Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive on night Dec. 29th 1915.

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Operation Order No 53
by Lt-Col.F.O.W.Loomis,D.S.O.,
Commdg.13th Canadian Battalion,
The Royal Highlanders of Canada.

30th.Oct.1915.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battalion on the night of the 18/19th Novr. 1915 in trenches 135-138.

2. TIME & ROUTE.

The leading platoon of the 14th Canadian Battalion will enter CURRIE AVENUE, at 5.30 p.m.

The 13th Battalion will move out via CURRIE AVENUE.

No men are to move out till all of the 14th Battalion are in. No 3 Coy. will post a sentry at the junction of NELLIS WALK and LECKIE AVENUE to ensure that no men of the 13th Battalion use the latter trench.

No 2 Coy. will post a sentry on CURRIE AVENUE to ensure that this trench is not used by men of the 15th or 16th Battalions.

On relief of each company being completed, Os.C.Coys. will telephone the fact to Battn.H.Q. on the way out.

Pipers will meet their respective companies at SHRINE at 4.30 p.m.

3. LOCATION.

The 13th Battalion will be in Divisional Reserve at KORTEPYP HUTS.

4. MACHINE GUNS.

The 13th Battn. machine-guns will be relieved by the 14th Battalion machine-guns at 2.00 p.m.

On completion of relief the M.G.Officer will report by wire to

Battn.H.Q. that all teams have been relieved and will report personally at Battn.H.Q. on the way out.

5. RECEIPTS & INVENTORIES.

Each company will hand over an Inventory of trench stores a copy of which will be handed in to Orderly Room also a receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.

6. TRANSPORT.

One G.S. waggon, 2 limbered waggons, the Maltese cart and Officers' mounts will report at RATION FARM at 6.15 p.m. No 1 Coy's baggage will be collected at the SHRINE at 5.30 p.m.

Two machine-gun limbers will meet their guns at 3.00 p.m. at the usual unloading point.

7. OFFICERS' BAGGAGE.

All Officers' baggage and company stores to be at Battn.H.Q. by 5.30 p.m.

8. BILLETING.

Lieut.H.D.Ives is detailed to take over billets.

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Adj., 13th Canadian Battn.

OPERATION ORDER No 53a.,
by Lt-Col.F.O.W.Loomis,D.S.O.,
Commdg.13th Canadian Battalion,
THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

Novr.22nd 1915.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136-138 inclusive on the night of 22nd-23rd Nov.1915. A dividing line between our right flank and 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade, will be as follows;-

Junction of trenches 135-and 136, point where Currie Ave. cuts the support line, Currie Ave. as far as Well Road (common to Both Brigades), Fort Stewart (exclusive) Ormond Ave. (exclusive) T.19.B.9.7., thence along the old dividing line.
(The words exclusive and inclusive refer to this Brigade)

2. POSITIONS.

No 1 Coy. will occupy trench 136 and 136S.
No 4 Coy. will occupy trenches 137, 137S., 138 and 138S.
No 3 Coy. will be in Battalion support.
No 2 Coy. will be in Battalion reserve.
Battalion Headquarters will be at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.

3. MACHINE GUNS.

The 13th Battalion machine-guns will be relieve the 14th Battalion machine guns, and will leave unloading point at 4.15 p.m., under Lieut. Walker.
The reserve Machine-gun section under Lt.Wallis will be stationed at transport.

4. BOMBERS.

The bombers will be distributed in four squads in the support trenches, and will reach RATION FARM at 5.00 p.m,

5. SIGNALLERS.

Signallers will proceed to the trenches at 4.00 p.m. and will take post in their respective positions.

6. TIME.

Coys. will reach RATION FARM as under:-
No 4 Coy. at 5.30 p.m.
No 1 Coy. at 5.40 p.m.
No 3 Coy. will relieve at 5.00 p.m.
No 2 Coy. will relieve at 5.15 p.m.
Headquarter Details will reach LA PLUS DOUCE FARM at 5.30 p.m

7. TRANSPORT.

Two G.S. waggons, two limbered waggons, Maltese cart and Officers' mounts, will report at 4.00 p.m.
Transport will not reach RATION FARM before 7.00 p.m.

8. TRENCH STORES AND SANITATION.

Each Company will send one Officer and one N.C.O., during the afternoon to take over trench stores and inspect sanitary conditions. Lieut.W.F.Peterman is detailed to take over stores etc., at Battalion Headquarters, at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM, this afternoon.

9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Coys. will report to Battalion Headquarters, as soon as relief is completed and send in Distribution Return, ration return, list of trench stores.

All S.A.A. will be checked over and a return sent in by noon of the 23rd inst.

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10. CONTROL POSTS.

No 3 Coy. will detail 2 Control Posts to take over at commencement of relief.

11. MARCH DISCIPLINE.

Os.C.Coys. will see that they march out from billets with their full compliment, any batmen or cooks who are detailed to remain behind in charge of Coy. baggage, will march with the Transport, which conveys that baggage.

12. PIPERS.

Pipers will report to their companies this afternoon, to play their Coys. to the trenches.

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Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.

pleted and send in Distribution Return, Ration Return, List of Trench Stores, and S.A.A. in detail.

10. CARRYING PARTIES.
Detailles left behind to bring in baggage etc. will not enter communication trenches until all the relieved troops have been cleared.
11. CONTROL POSTS.
No 2 Coy. will detail two control posts and No 3 Coy. one Control Post to take over at the commencement of relief.
12. ARMOURERS.
The Armourer Sergt. will report at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM and all Armourer Corporals will proceed to trenches with their companies.
13. ANTI-GAS SYRINGES.
The 15th Battn. will have handed over by the 14th Battn. a set of Anti-gas Syringes and buckets. This method will be compared with the Vermoral Sprayers and a report sent in to Battn. Hqrs. by 3 p.m. Friday.
14. PIPERS.
Pipers will report to their companies this afternoon to play their companies to the trenches.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
Adj., 15th Canadian Battalion.

OPERATION ORDER No 51
by Lt-Col.F.O.W.Loomis,D.S.O.,
Commndg.13th Canadian Battalion.

9th November 1915.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135-138 inclusive on the night 9-10 Novr.1915.

2. TIME & ROUTE.

The leading Platoon of the 14th Canadian Battn. will enter CURRIE AVENUE at 5.30 p.m.

The 13th Battn. will move out via CURRIE AVENUE. No men are to move out until advice has been given that all the 14th Battalion are in.

On relief of each company being completed Os.C.Coys. will telephone the fact to Battn.H.Q. and report in personally to Battn.H.Q. on the way out.

3. LOCATION.

The 13th Battalion will be in Brigade Reserve at COURTE DREVE: -

No 2 Coy. at RED LODGE and adjacent huts.
" 3 " at in huts behind HYDE PARK CORNER.
" 4 " at UNDERHILL FARM.
" 1 " at Battn.H.Q., COURTE DREVE FARM.

4. RECEIPTS & INVENTORIES.

Each Company will hand over an Inventory of trench stores, a copy of which will be handed in to Orderly Room, also a receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.

5. MACHINE GUNS.

The 13th Canadian Battalion machine guns will be relieved by the 14th Battalion guns at 4.30 p.m., and on completion of relief will march back to billets at COURTE DREVE.

Prior to moving out the M.G. Officer will report by wire to Battalion H.Q. that all teams have been relieved, and will report personally at Battn.H.Q. on the way out.

The reserve M.G.Section under Lieut.Walker will occupy the positions vacated by the guns of the 15th Battalion in support, after the completion of the above relief.

6. BOMBERS.

Bombers will be relieved at 5.00 p.m., and will march back to billets at COURTE DREVE. On relief being completed the Grenade Officer will report the fact by wire to Battn.H.Q. and report in personally on the way out.

7. FORTS BRANDON & EBERLE.

No 3 Coy. will detail two parties, each of 1 N.C.O. and 12 men, as garrisons for Forts EBERLE and BRANDON. The relief of these Forts will take place at 5.00 p.m.

No 2 Coy. will take over the forts at 3.00 p.m. and will be relieved by No 3 Coy. as above.

8. TRANSPORT.

2 G.S. waggons, 2 limbered waggons, Maltese cart and officers' mounts will report at RATION FARM at 6.50p.m.

All waggons when loaded will proceed to and leave RATION FARM via road junction T.18.a.7.7.

When empty they will approach it from the West and leave it by that route.

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OPERATION ORDER No 52
by Lt-Col.F.O.W.Loomis,D.S.O.,
Commdg.13th Canadian Battn.,
The Royal Highlanders of Canada.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135-138 inclusive, on the night of the 14th November 1915.

2. POSITIONS.

No 2 Coy. will occupy 135, 135S., and right portion of 136 & 136S.
No 3 Coy. " " the left portion of 136 and 136S., 137, 137S,
138 and 138S.

No 1 Coy. will be in Battalion support.

No 4 Coy. will be in Battalion Reserve.

Battalion H.Qrs. at LA PLUS DOUVE FARM.

3. MACHINE-GUNS.

The 13th Battalion machine-guns will relieve the 14th Battalion guns at 4.30 p.m. and will report completion of relief by wire to Battalion Hqrs.

4. BOMBERS.

The bombers will be distributed in four squads in the support trenches and will carry out the relief at 4.30 p.m.

The bombing Officer will be in the support trenches and will notify Battalion Hqrs. by wire when his relief is completed.

5. SIGNALLERS.

Signallers will proceed to trenches with their respective companies and take post.

6. TIME.

Companies will move off in the following order:-

No 2 Coy; No 3 Coy; No 1 Coy; No 4 Coy.

Nos. 2 and 3 Coys. will move off by Platoons, the leading Platoon to reach RATION FARM at 5.30 p.m. There will be five minutes interval between platoons.

No 1 Coy. will move off at 6.00 p.m.

No 4 Coy. will move off at 6.10 p.m.

7. TRANSPORT.

Two G.S. waggons and one limbered waggon and Maltese cart will report at 4.00 p.m.

Transport should arrive at RATION FARM at 7.00 p.m.

8. TRENCH STORES & SANITATION.

All trench stores will be taken over and an inspection of sanitary conditions made.

9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Companies will report as soon as relief is completed and send in Disposition Return, Ration Return, List of Trench Stores and S.A.A.

10. CONTROL POSTS.

No 1 Coy. will detail two control posts to take over at commencement of relief.

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Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.

OPERATION ORDER No 50
by Lt-Col.F.O.W.Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commndg.13th Canadian Battalion.

1. RELIEF.
The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135-138 inclusive on the night of the 4/5th November 1915.
2. POSITIONS.
No 1 Coy. will occupy 135, 135S. and right portion of 136 and 136S.
No 4 Coy. will occupy left portion of 136 and 136S., 137, 137S., 138 and 138S.
No 3 Coy. will be in support and garrison,-
FORT STEWART
ALTAMOUNT
McHARG PLACE.
No 2 Coy. will be in reserve,-
HIGGINSON AVENUE.
Battalion H.Qrs. at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
Dressing Station " " " "
3. MACHINE GUNS.
The 13th Battn. machine guns will relieve the 14th Battn. machine guns and will have unloading point at 4.15 p.m. under Lieut. Wallis.
The reserve M.G.Secn. under Lieut.Walker will be stationed at Transport.
4. BOMBERS.
Forty bombers will be distributed in four squads in support trenches. The remainder of bombers will be with the Bombing Officer near the reserve bomb magazine at FORT STEWART.
The bomb section will relieve at 4 p.m.
5. SIGNALLERS.
The Signallers will proceed to the trenches at 4 p.m. and take post in their respective positions.
6. TIME.
Companies will enter CURRIE AVENUE as under:-
No 4 at 5.30 p.m.; No 1 Coy. at 5.40 p.m.; No 3 Coy. at 5.50 p.m.
No 2 Coy. will reach HIGGINSON AVENUE at 5.30 p.m.
H.Q. Details will reach LA PLUS DOUCE FARM at 5.30 p.m.
7. TRANSPORT.
2 G.S. waggons, 2 limbered waggons, Maltese cart and Officers' mounts will report at 4 p.m.
Transport will not reach RATION FARM before 7 p.m.
8. TRENCH STORES & SANITATION.
Each Company will send one Officer and one N.C.O. during the afternoon to take over trench stores and inspect sanitary conditions.
9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.
Companies will report to Battn.H.Q. as soon as relief is com-

Waggons will not leave RATION FARM till the arrival of the 14th and 15th transport at 7.00 p.m.

13th Battn. will control traffic at RATION FARM.

9. OFFICERS' BAGGAGE ETC.

Officers' baggage and company stores to be at Battn.H.Q. by 5.30 p.m.

10. BILLETING.

Lieut.I.M.R.Sinclair and 1 N.C.O. from each company and H.Q. Details will report to Battn.H.Q. at 2.00 p.m. where instructions will be given.

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Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.

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1911 Novr. 25. PLUS DOUCE 9-10 p.m.	Weather fine during day: rain towards night. The enemy's sniping was brisk: there was little ordinary rifle fire except at "Stand to". Enemy working party heard left of MESSINES ROAD: evidently driving stakes. Officer's patrol, under Mr Brittan, went out at 10.00 p.m. Could see no working parties other than mentioned. One line of wire has been placed across the barricade on MESSINES ROAD. Working parties - totalling 200 men - were employed in our area during the day.	e/s
26.	<u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 46797 Sgt.F.Davidge - gunshot wound right hand - sent to No 8 Field Ambulance. Weather fair and cold during most of the day - misty. Our artillery were moderately active during the forenoon and earlier part of afternoon. Enemy retaliated with a few high explosives, shelling some of the roads in this area. Relief by 14th Battalion commenced 6 p.m. Boys marched independently marched to Brigade Reserve billets with headquarters at RED LODGE, all being in by 9.10 p.m. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 21618 Pte.J.A.Hawarth - laryngitis - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 412700 Pte.D.Daynes - appendicitis - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance.	e/s
27. RED LODGE.	Weather cold, raw and foggy. The Battalion spent day in cleaning equipment etc. <u>CASUALTIES - NIL.</u>	e/s

See Appendix "F"
Operation Order No 54.

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RED LODGE (Bde. Reserve)	1915 Novr. 28.	9-10; 2 - 5	<p>Weather cold, raw. The usual routine was carried out, consisting of:- Platoon drill. Lecture by platoon commanders on discipline and trench routine. The day was also spent in making up shortages and cleaning billets. <u>CASUALTY</u>:- No 24342 Sgt. D.L. Cerstairs - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	c/s
	29		<p>Weather cold, raw. The usual Brigade Reserve routine was carried out. Working parties were supplied to Engineers. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- NIL.</p>	c/s
	30		<p>Weather cold, raw, wet. The day was spent in preparation for moving to trenches. Platoons marched off at five minutes interval, commencing 4.30. Dispositions were as follows:- No 2 Coy. in trenches 136, 137, and 138. " 3 " in trenches 139, 140 and 141. Two platoons of No 1 Coy. 136S. and 137S. Two platoons of No 4 Coy. at STINKING FARM. No 1 Coy. at HIGGINSON AVENUE. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- N I L.</p>	c/s See Appen "P" Operation Order No. 55.

*Notes of Buchanan
Days
A/c. 13th Can Batta RHC.*

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1915 Novr. 19 KORTEPYP HUTS. 20. 7.00 a.m., 9.00 - 12 Noon. 2 - 4 p.m.	Weather frosty, with mist. Day spent in cleaning in equipment, clothing, billets etc. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 17091 Pte.A.Hall - hemorrhage - sent to No 3 F.A. No 24168 " Alsen - peronitis - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No 14742 " Ralston - rhuematism - sent to No 3 F.A. No 412615 " F.Moon - hemorrhage - sent to No 3 F.A. No 14385 " F.A.Murphy - pleurisy - sent to No 3 F.A. No 15210 L/c.N.W.Baker - appendicitis - sent to No 3 F.A. No 47326 " F.Bailey - bronchitis - sent to No 3 F.A. No 9657 Pte.Calligan - rhuematism - sent to No 3 F.A. No 46568 " T.F.Campbell - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A. No 22987 " S.W.Smith - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. Weather cold - freezing. The following routine was carried out:- Reveille. Close order drill by Platoons. Coy. training. Rifle inspection was held during the forenoon. <u>CASUALTY:-</u> No 79024 Pte.R.W.Venus - debility - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.	
21. 9.15 a.m. 10.15 a.m. 2 - 3 p.m.	Weather cold - frost, however, melting. Foggy. During the day, companies indented to Q.M. for an issue of underclothing, and this was distributed preparatory to going to trenches tomorrow. Companies paraded for bathing in parties of 50, commencing 7.15 a.m. Church Parade was held, followed by Holy Communion - Canon Scott officiated at both Services. Roman Catholic Service was held at FERME OLIVIS. Lectures were delivered by Platoon Commanders on trench routine and orders.	

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<p>5 - 4 p.m. ¹⁹¹⁵ Novr. 21. KORTE-PYP HUTS (Continued)</p>	<p>This hour was devoted to seeing that all equipment, clothing etc. was put in good shape. Hair cut etc. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No D15105 Pte. R. McCall - teeth - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No D15125 " F. McCall - teeth - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No D14481 " J. Lantham - hammer toe - sent to No 3 F.A. No. 78995 " G.T. Kerringham - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 25005 " G. Vokey - piles - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No 29456 " J.G. Decker - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 24878 " E. Latour - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	e/s
22.	<p>Weather cold, clear: hard frost. Companies spent day in preparation for relieving 14th Battalion. Companies marched independently, the first reaching RATION FARM by 5.50. Relief completed 7.05. p.m. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u>:- Nos. 1 and 4 Coys. in front line. No. 5 Coy. in support. No 2 Coy. in Battalion Reserve. Trenches 156-158 only on this occasion were taken over. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No A15507 L/cpl. Greco - debility - sent to No 3 F.A. No 65500 Pte. N. Johnson - venereal - sent to No 3 F.A. No 10184 " Seabrook - eyesight - sent to No 3 F.A.</p>	e/s See Appendix "E", Operation Order 53A.
25 PLUS DOUVE.	<p>Weather frosty with mist; thaw, accompanied by mist and small rain in afternoon. Sniping was rather brisk during the night and there was some rifle fire at "Stand to". Otherwise there was little activity. Eighteen common shells burst round GAMBION FARM, and trenches 156, 137 and 157S. During the night enemy appeared to be unloading iron girders in the direction of MESSINES ROAD.</p>	e/s
12.00 - 1.30 p.m.		

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<p>1915 Novr. 25 PLUS DOUCE. (Continued)</p> <p>24</p> <p>5 - 5.50 p.m.</p>	<p>It was reported that the concrete blocks previously destroyed by our artillery have been covered with earth and sandbags. The enemy trench opposite our 138 appears to have caved in in several places. Men were seen repairing same and fixing pumps. Large working and carrying parties were employed during the day on Battalion Headquarters and on the various positions.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No A15220 Pte.M.A.Lynch - gunshot wound in right upper arm (flesh wound only) while on listening post in front of trench 157 - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Weather fair during day; slight rain at night.</p> <p>Our artillery bombarded enemy front line and supports practically day. Great damage was reported to enemy parapets etc. Enemy retaliated with high explosive and high explosive shrapnel, also small shells, on PLUS DOUCE and feild behind searching for our guns. There was, however, very little rifle fire.</p> <p>One small German digging party was observed at night.</p> <p>Reflection of searchlight could be seen to right of trench 136.</p> <p>Working parties totalling 60 men - were employed on the flooring of trenches etc.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 24428 Pte.H.Seiveright - shrapnel wound in left shoulder while at PLUS DOUCE - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No A15801 Pte.E.B.Lloyd - left leg broken - two small wounds in head, owing to dug-out being demolished by enemy shell - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No A15101 Pte.C.Allen - left shoulder bruised and suffering from shock owing to collapse of dug-out - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 47157 Pte.S.Broadway - slight shrapnel wound in back while at PLUS DOUCE FARM - sent to No 3 Field Amb.</p>	<p>EXTRACT FROM BDE.ORDERS 25-11-15.</p> <p>Brig.Gen.Leckie,C.M.G., having been granted leave of absence,Lt-Col.F.O.W. Loomis,D.S.O.,15th Battal- ion, assumed command of the Brigade from Novr.24th.</p> <p>Major V.C.Buchanan took over command of 15th Can- adian Battalion.</p>

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Novr. 9. PLUS (contd.) DOUCE.	<p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> (Contd) No 65407 Pte.F.Hodges - shrapnel wound in scalp - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 24512 L/cpl.T.Muirhead - shrapnel wounds, Leg, head and back - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 46134 Sgt.W.F.Coulter - shrapnel wounds in scalp and leg - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
10. COURTE DREVE.	<p>Weather fair and cold. The following Routine was carried out:- Reveille Physical drill Company drill Company drill. Two working parties of 10 men each reported to Engineers at 2.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. respectively.</p>	c/b i
7.00 a.m. 7.15-7.30 9.00-11.00 2.00-4.00 p.m.	<p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 63512 Pte.C.Kelly - bronchitis - sent to No 3 F.A. No A14312 Pte.R.Baird - pleurisy - sent to No 3 F.A.</p>	
11.	<p>Weather cold and dull, with showers. The same routine as yesterday was carried out. Working party of 25 men reported to 1st Field Coy., C.E., at PLOEG-STEERT- ROMARIN ROAD.</p>	c/b i
	<p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 24662 Sgt.W.J.Young - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A. No 46474 Pte.J.Devalley - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
12.	<p>Weather rainy; cold. The usual routine - with platoon drill in forenoon and company drill in afternoon, was carried out. Small working parties were supplied to Engineers. Payment of Battalion was completed.</p>	c/b i

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<p>1915 NOV. 13 COURTE DREVE (Continued)</p> <p>13.</p>	<p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 46972 Pte. D. Rees - trench fever - sent to No 3 F.A. No A14800 " R.A. Tait - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A. No 14699 " A. McIntosh - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A. No 63949 " T. Watson - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A.</p> <p>Weather wet. The usual Brigade Reserve Routine was carried out. Small working parties were supplied to Engineers.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 63500 Pte. M. Johnson - venereal - sent to No 3 F.A. No 47407 " E.A. Torrence - Ophthalmitis - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 24470 " C.M. Davidson - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A. No A13199 " B.G. Wagner - debility - sent to No 3 F.A. No 15205 " K.W. Hut - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 14026 Sgt. F.R. Oldfield - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance No 46525 Pte. G. Newman - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A.</p>	<p>etc. r</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Weather dull and showery. The forenoon was devoted to preparations for relieving 14th Canadian Battalion in front line (trenches 135-158) Coys. marched to trenches independently, the relief commencing at 5.30 p.m., - completed 7.45 p.m. The Dispositions this tour were as follows:- No 3 Coy. - left half of sub-section No 3 Coy. - right half of sub-section No 4 Coy. - Battalion Reserve. No 1 Coy. - Support.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 10164 Pte. H.G. Seabrook - eyesight - sent to No 3 F.A. No 24051 L/cpl. W.D. Small - eyesight - sent to No 3 F.A. No A14657 Pte. P. Brogan - debility - sent to No 3 F.A. No 24655 " W.J. Smillie - eyesight - sent to No 3 F.A.</p>	<p>etc. r</p> <p>See Appendix "C" Opera- tion Order No 52</p>

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1915 Novr. 15 PLUS DOUVE	Weather cold - frost. Large working parties were busy on front line, re-building parapets, revetting and draining trenches after the recent floods. Carrying parties - totalling 90 men - were employed at STINKING FARM, FLETCHER'S FARM and RAYTON FARM. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 71253 Pte. F. Stafford - influenza - sent to No 1 F.A. No 14389 " T. Donovan - acute bronchitis - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 14516 " A. Good - dermatitis - sent to No 3 F.A.	c/s
5.00 a.m. 16.	Weather, - hard frost - misty. Working parties were employed as on the previous day. There was comparatively little activity during the day. <u>CASUALTY:-</u> No 24058 Pte. Shaw - killed in action by bullet in head - (stray) while near Battn. H.Q. - Buried in Cemetery at H.Q.	c/s
5.00 a.m. 17.	Weather, - hard frost - misty. Battalion stood to, while 7th Battalion made an attack on German front line trenches. This attack succeeded in its object. The front line trenches were entered and 11 of the enemy made prisoner. Working parties were employed as on previous day. <u>CASUALTY:-</u> No 412867 Pte. Saville - died of wounds - Gunshot, thigh and abdomen - buried in cemetery near Battn. H.Q.	c/s
18th.	Weather cold and frosty. Enemy rifle and machine-gun fire comparatively slight. Their artillery, however, shelled PLUS DOUVE FARM with 4 H.E. shells. Relief by 14th Battalion commenced at 5.30 - completed 7.45. Coys. marched independently to KORTEPYP HUIS, Divisional Reserve. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 14737 Pte. S.W. Kelly - debility - sent to No 3 F.A. No 14145 " S. Winn - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 65627 " McDonald - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.	See Appendix "D" Operation Order No 55

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6 - 8.30 p.m. 1915 Novr. 6. PLUS DOUCE. (Contd.)	The enemy fired short bursts of machine-gun fire which did no damage. Our snipers fired on two men working on enemy support trench opposite our 136. One was evidently hit. The two men wore round caps full at the top with red on the band. Their uniform appeared to be grey. Enemy working party was heard driving in stakes - exact location could not be ascertained. Working parties - totalling 400 N.C.Os. and men - were employed in continuation of the work carried on yesterday. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 25101 Pte. A. Moore - debility - sent to No 3 F.A. No 46972 Pte. Rees - influenza - sent to No 3 F.A.	
9-10 p.m.	7. Weather clear and fine, cold; mist in morning which dispersed earlier than usual. Very little rifle fire was reported during the day or the succeeding night. Our machine-guns fired several burst fired several bursts of machine-gun on enemy parapet. Enemy, however, did not retaliate. Our artillery shelled LA PETITE DOUCE FARM. Enemy retaliated on IRISH FARM and vicinity of trenches 130-134. Allied 'plane patrolled considerably to the North of our front. It was not shelled.	
2 - 3 p.m.	Our snipers report that two different Regiments of the enemy appear to be on our front and that they join about 100 yards North of MESSINES ROAD. Those to the South wear headgear similar to that of the British with very large badges on the front. Working parties - totalling 550 N.C.Os. and men - were busy during the day on front line trenches and dug-outs, supports etc. as well as new Battn. H.Qrs. at PLUS DOUCE FARM. <u>CASUALTY:-</u> No 46508 Pte. G. Murray - gun shot wound in left hand - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.	d.S.

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>1915 Novr. 8. PLUS DOUCE.</p> <p>6-7 p.m.</p> <p>9.</p>	<p>Weather clear with cold wind. The general attitude of the enemy to-day was quiet. Our artillery was active during afternoon and latter part of forenoon. Our snipers report absence of periscopes in enemy trenches - the sentries appear to keep watch by looking over parapets. Two 'Allied aeroplanes were seen patrolling in the vicinity of HIGGINSON AVENUE - only two shells were fired at them by the enemy. Bursts of enemy machine-gun fire were heard to our right. There were none, however, on our own front. Working and carrying parties - totalling 600 men - were employed during the day repairing parapets revetting etc. in front line, communication trenches and supports. Work was also carried on at new Battalion Headquarters at PLUS DOUCE FARM. 50 of the above 600 men were from the Canadian Mounted Rifles.</p> <p><u>Report by Snipers:</u> It is reported by our snipers that the enemy - opposite our trench 138 - appear to have a pump working. A pipe was driven through the parapet and one of the enemy was seen to climb over parapet apparently to remove some obstruction from the pipe nose. He was fired at and was later seen to be dragged over parapet. A large cross has been erected behind the German front opposite 139 which has four lines of reading. No sign of a grave can be seen at this point. About a dozen Germans were seen during the day and all wore hats with white bands.</p> <p><u>CASUALTY:</u> No 46180 L/cpl. R. Payne - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Weather clear and cold in forenoon; cloudy in afternoon with rain towards night. There was very little rifle fire by the enemy. His artillery, however, was active, with LA PLUS DOUCE FARM as his objective.</p>	<p>els T</p> <p>els</p>

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
9 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. 1915 Novr. 9 PLUS DOUCE. (Contd)	In all about 50-60 shells, - High explosive, H.E. shrapnel, small percussion and time fuse shells - were sent in the neighbourhood of LA PLUS DOUCE FARM and dug-outs adjacent thereto. They appeared to come from due East for the most part; a few from N.E. Several H.E. shrapnel burst in the farm and court-yard, partially wrecking the buildings and killing two men and wounding other four. Most, however, burst in the moat and field to the West of LA PLUS DOUCE FARM. Several failed to burst. Our artillery retaliated. The enemy have not yet repaired the breeches made in their parapets by our guns.	d/s.
6.30 - 11.30 a.m.	A working party of 55 men reported to Engineers and was employed repairing parapets and peridos. Working parties - totalling over 70 men - were employed constructing dug-outs etc. Relief by 14th Canadian Battalion commenced 5.30 p.m. and was completed 7.45 p.m. Battalion marched to Brigade Reserve with H.Q. at COURTE DREVE FARM. Dispositions were as follows:- No 2 Coy. at RED LODGE and adjacent huts. No 3 Coy. in huts behind HYDE PARK CORNER. No 4 Coy. at UNDERHILL FARM. No 1 Coy. at Battn. H.Q., COURTE DREVE FARM.	
10. COURTE DREVE-	<u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 46134 Pte. A. Prieaux - killed in action by shrapnel while with guard at Battn.H.Q. - buried in cemetery near PLUS DOUCE FARM. No 46070 Pte.T.L.Vegas - killed in action by shrapnel while at Battn.H.Q. - buried in cemetery near PLUS DOUCE FARM. No 24332 Pte.R.Campbell - shrapnel wound in left foot while in Battalion Dressing Station - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance	See Appendix "B" Operation Order No 51.

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1915 Novr. 1	<p>1. KORTEPY HUTS. Weather rainy. Battalion spent day cleaning equipment, uniform etc. Bathing of the Battalion was completed. In the afternoon there was company drill. CASUALTY:- No 14404 Pte.W.R.Cann - nephritis - sent to No 3 Field Amb.</p>	cls.
9.00 a.m. - 12 Noon.	<p>2. Weather rainy. Platoon Commanders delivered a lecture to their commands on "Lessons Learned during Recent operations" embracing attack and defence, also on our own particular front. CASUALTIES:- No 21304 Pte.F.Weir - rhuematism - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No 24655 Pte.W.smillie - defective eyesight - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. CASUALTY REPORTED BY O.C. 1st Field Coy., C.E:- Lieut. J.E.Christie. O.C. 1st Field Coy., C.E., states:- "Lieut. Christie was wounded on the 31st-10-15 about 9 p.m. He was with his working party in front of trench 137. He was wounded in the leg below knee and carried in in and handed to the 3rd F.A. The wound was not considered dangerous" The Officer mentioned was attached to the above Coy., C.E. The following Officers were posted to this Battalion (1st Novr.1915)- Lieut. Percy Norman McDougall - No 4 Coy. Lieut. Wilfred Ferrier Peterman - No 3 Coy.</p>	cls.
9-12 Noon. 2-4 p.m.	<p>3. Weather dull with heavy showers. Os.C. Companies delivered lectures on musketry and fire control. Companies paraded independently and carried out musketry training. CASUALTIES:- N I L.</p>	cls.
4.30 to 7.46 p.m.	<p>4. Weather rainy. Forenoon was devoted to cleaning up preparatory to proceeding to trenches. Coys. marched off independently, starting about 4.30 p.m. and reaching and reaching CURRIE AVENUE 5.40 - 5.30 p.m. Relief completed 7.46 p.m. CASUALTIES:- No 16084 Pte.C.Pelusa - gunshot wound left leg while on carrying party.</p>	cls. See Operation Order No 50 Appendix "A".

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<p>1915 Novr. 4. PLUS DOUCE. (continued)</p>	<p><u>CASUALTIES: (Continued)</u> No 24982 Pte. J.J. Rowe - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 6007 Pte. L. Wragge - strained back - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance No 24321 Sgt. W. Ward - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 F.A. No A15204 Pte. L. Harward - I.T.C. arm - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance No 14420 Pte. G. Stephens - myalgia - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Weather dull and cold but fair. Practically no activity reported to have taken place in the front line during the night. There were very few flares. Owing to the recent heavy rains, numerous working parties - in all about 470 men were employed in the front line and support trenches, repairing parapets, cleaning and draining, re-building dug-outs etc.; At LA PLUS DOUCE FARM Headquarters Dug-outs had to be repaired and in some places re-constructed. Working parties were also supplied to Engineers and were employed at the same work. Allied aeroplane flew over enemy lines and was considerably shelled: retired after 15 minutes. Three other 'planes were also seen far over enemy lines to N.E. They were heavily shelled Our observers report two kinds of headdress worn by enemy opposite our front: some appear to wear flat caps with large badges in front; others are wearing small round caps with neither badges nor buttons.</p>	
<p>4.10 p.m.</p>	<p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 412437 Pte. H. Watson - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 24973 Pte. G. McDonald - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Weather dull and cold - thick mist in morning but cleared towards noon. There was little activity in the front line during the day of a hostile nature. Aeroplane heard overhead, evidently flying low; could not be seen on</p>	
<p>9.00 a.m.</p>	<p>Account of thick fog.</p>	

APPENDIX K.

OPERATION ORDER No. 49
by Lt.-Col. F.O.W. Loomis D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion.

No. 8

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30th October 1915.

1. RELIEF The 13th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battalion on the night of the 30/31st October 1915 in trenches 135 to 138 inclusive.
2. TIME & ROUTE
The leading platoon of the 14th Canadian Battalion will enter CURRIE AVENUE at 5.30 P.M..
The 13th Battn. will move out via CURRIE AVENUE.
No men are to move out till all of the 14th Bn. are in. No. 3 Coy. will post a sentry at the junction of NELLIS WALK and LECKIE AVE to ensure that no men of the 13th Bn. use the latter trench.
No. 2 Coy will post a sentry on CURRIE AVE to ensure that this trench is not used by men of the 15th or 16th bns..
On relief of each company being completed Os.C. Companies will telephone the fact to Battn. H.Q. and report in personally to Battn. H.Q. on the way out.
Pipers will meet their respective companies at SHRINE at 4.30 P.M..
3. LOCATION
The 13th Bn. will be in Divisional Reserve at KORTEPYP HUTS.
4. MACHINE GUNS
The 13th Bn. guns will be relieved by the 14th Bn. mach.guns at 2.00 P.M..
On completion of relief the M.G. Officer will report by wire to Battn. H.Q. that all teams have been relieved and will report personally at Battn.H.Q. on the way out.
5. RECEIPTS & INVENTORIES
Each company will hand over an Inventory of trench stores a copy of which will be handed in to Orderly Room also a receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.
6. TRANSPORT
One G.S.waggon, 2 limbered waggons, the Maltese Cart and Officers' Mounts will report at RATION FARM at 6.15 P.M.. No. 1 Company's baggage will be collected at the SHRINE at 5.30 P.M..
Two machine gun limbers will meet their guns at 3.00 P.M. at the usual unloading point.
7. OFFICERS' BAGGAGE
All Officers' baggage and company stores to be at Battn.H.Q. by 5.30 P.M..
8. BILLETING
Lieut. H.D. Ives is detailed to take over billets.

C.J. SMITH Capt.,
Adj. 13th Can. Battn..



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14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 135-138 inclusive on
night 4/5th November 1915.

" B.

O.O. 51 dated 9.11.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will be
relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 135-138
inclusive on night 9/10th Novr, 1915.

" C.

O.O. 52 dated 1 13th Cdn. Bn. will relieve
14th Cdn. Bn. on night 14th November 1915
(in trenches 135-138 inclusive)

" D.

O.O. 53 a dated 22.11.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will
relieve 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-138 inclusive
on night Nov. 22/23rd 1915.

" E.

O.O. 54 dated 25.11.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will be
relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-138 inc
inclusive on night 26th November 1915.

" F.

O.O. 55 dated 30.11.15. 13th Cdn. Bn. will relieve
14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 136-141 inclusive on
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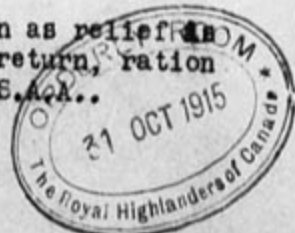
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by Lt.-Col. F.O.W. Loomis D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion.

Records.

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25th October 1915.

1. RELIEF
The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135-138 (inclusive) on the night ~~25~~ October 25-26.
2. POSITIONS
No. 2 Coy. will occupy 135, 136s and right portion of 136 and 136s.
No. 3 Coy. will occupy left portion of 136 and 136s, 137, 137s, 138 and 138s.
No. 4 Coy. will be in support and garrison,
FORT STEWART
ALTAMOUNT
MCHARG PLACE
No. 1 Coy. will be in battalion reserve,
HIGGINSON AVE
Batt. H.Q. at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
Dressing Station at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
3. MACHINE GUNS
The 13th Battalion guns will relieve the 14th Battn. guns in the front line at 2.00 P.M..
The reserve M.G. Section under Lt. MacLean will relieve the section in trenches during the afternoon the latter section returning to 3rd Bde Brenade School.
4. BOMBERS
40 Bombers will be distributed in four squads in the support trenches. The remaining bombers will be with the bombing officer near the reserve bomb magazine at FORT STEWART.
The Bomb Section will relieve at 4 P.M..
5. SIGNALLERS
The Signalling Section will proceed to the trenches at 4.00 P.M. and take post in their respective positions.
6. TIME
Companies will enter CURRIE AVE as follows:-
No. 3 Coy, at 5.30 P.M.; No. 2 Coy, at 5.40 P.M.;
No. 4 Coy, at 5.50 P.M..
No. 1 Coy. will reach HIGGINSON AVE at 5.30 P.M..
H.Q. Details will reach LA PLUS DOUCE FARM at 5.30 p.m..
7. TRANSPORT
3 G.S. waggons, 1 limbered waggon, & Maltese cart will report at 4 p.m.. Waggons will approach RATION FARM from the West by the track running from T.11.b.2.2. to T.12.a.5.5., and will leave by the main road.
8. TRENCH STORES & SANITATION
Each Coy. will send one officer and one N.C.O. during the afternoon to take over trench stores and inspect sanitary conditions.
9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF
Companies will report as soon as relief is completed and send in disposition return, ration return, list of trench stores and S.A.C.A..



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10. CARRYING PARTIES

Details left behind to bring in baggage etc. will not enter communication trenches until all the relieved troops have cleared.

11. CONTROL POSTS

No.1 Coy. will detail two control posts and No.4 Coy. one control post to take over at the commencement of the relief.

12. Capt.PERRY, Lieut GREENSHIELDS, and Lieut.BRITAN with the 50 Men detailed for the Corps Inspection will be at HIGGINSON AVE. No.1 Coy. will detail 13 Men each to Nos.2 and 3 Coys. before those companies move off.

Nos.2 and 3 Coys. will pick up their men now in trenches at MCHARG PLACE.

G.E.McCUAIG Capt.,
a/Adj. 13th Canadian Battalion.

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OPERATION ORDER No 47
by Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battalion on the night of the 20/21st October 1915.

2. TIME AND ROUTE.

The leading Platoon of the 14th Canadian Battalion will enter CURRIE AVENUE at 5.30 p.m.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will move out via CURRIE AVENUE.

No men are to move out until advice has been given that all of the 14th Battalion are in.

No 4 Coy. will post a sentry at the Junction of NELLIS WALK and LECKIE AVENUE to ensure that no men of the 13th Battalion use the latter trench.

On relief of each Company being completed the O.S.C. Companies will telephone the fact to Battn.H.Q. and report in personally to Battn.H.Q. on the way out.

3. LOCATION.

The 13th Battalion will be in Brigade Reserve at COURTE DREVE:-

No 1 Coy. will be in huts behind HYDE PARK CORNER.

" 2 " at RED LODGE and adjacent huts.

" 3 " at UNDERHILL FARM.

" 4 " and details at Battn.Hqrs. COURTE DREVE.

4. MACHINE GUNS.

The Machine Gun Section on completion of relief will march back to billets at COURTE DREVE.

Prior to moving out the M.G. Officer will report by wire to Battn. H.Q. that all teams have been relieved, and will report personally at Battn.H.Q. on the way out.

The Reserve M.G. Section under Lieut. Walker will at 2.00 p.m. occupy the positions vacated by the guns of the 15th Battalion, in support, and will take over from the 15th Battn. the two extra guns in reserve.

5. RECEIPTS & INVENTORIES.

Each Coy. will hand over an Inventory of Trench Stores, a copy of which will be handed in to Orderly Room, also a receipt for sanitary condition of the trenches.

6. TRANSPORT.

One G.S. waggon, 2 limbered waggons, the Maltese cart and Officers' horses will report at RATION FARM at 6.15 p.m. They will approach RATION FARM from the West via the track running from T.11.b.2.2. to T.12.a.5.5. and will leave via the main road.

7. OFFICERS' BAGGAGE ETC.

All Officers' baggage and company stores to be at Battn.H.Qrs. by 5.30 p.m.

8. BILLETING.

Lieut. A.W. Aitchison and 1 N.C.O. from each Coy. and H.Q. Details will report at Battn.H.Q. at 2.00 p.m. where instructions will be given.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
A/Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.



OPERATION ORDER No 47.

AFTER ORDERS by
Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Can. Battn.

20th October 1915.

1. LOCATION.

No 2 Coy. will send out two parties each of one N.C.O. and 12 men as garrisons for FORTS BRANDON & EBERLE.

This relief will takeplace at 3.00 p.m. to-day.

Guides from No 3 Coy. will meet these two parties at HIGGINSON AVENUE at 2.45 p.m.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
A/Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.



APPENDIX "E".

SPECIAL ORDER
by Lieut-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion.

16-10-15.

1. INSTRUCTION OF 42nd Can. Battn.

A Platoon of the 42nd Canadian Battalion will be detailed this afternoon for twenty-four hours instruction.

This Platoon will be met by two guides from No 1 Coy. at the top of HIGGINSON AVENUE at 4.00 p.m. to-day.

2. LOCATION.

The Officers Commanding Nos 1 and 4 Coys. will make arrangements to close in their left and right flanks respectively and leave a sufficient space to accomodate this Platoon on its arrival.

3. GUIDES.

No 1 Coy. will detail two guides to report at Battalion Headqrs. at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

4. INSTRUCTION.

Lieut. H.D. Ives is detailed to take charge of this Platoon during its twenty-four hours tour and will attach himself to No 4 Coy. Sergt. N. Osborne, No 3 Coy. is detailed to act as Sergt. Instructor to this Platoon.

The under-mentioned Corporals are detailed to assist Sergt. Osborne :-

Corpl. Mackay No 4 Coy.

" Macfarlane No 3 Coy.

The Officer in Command of the Platoon belonging to the 42nd Battalion will be attached to No 4 Coy.

5. LECTURES.

The under-mentioned Officers are detailed to deliver lectures to this Platoon on the following subjects :-

10.00 to 11.00 a.m. Capt. C.N. McCuaig - Subject - Trench routine and duties, including listening Posts, sentries, reconnoitring patrols etc.

12 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Lt. S.V. Brittan - Subject - Work in trenches embracing digging, sandbagging, rivetting and wiring.

2.00 to 3.00 p.m. Lt. B.M. Giveen - Subject - Trench fighting and bombing, embracing the use of rifle batteries, sniping, rifle grenades, very pistols etc.

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Capt. G.S. Ramsey, C.A.M.C., - Subject - Sanitation.

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " G.D. McGibbon - Subject - communications.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
A/Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.



APPENDIX "G".

OPERATION ORDER No 44 by
Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion. 8-10-15.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battn. will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battn. in trenches 135-7 on the night of the 8/9th October.

2. TIME AND ROUTE.

The leading platoon of the 14th Battn. will enter CURRIE AVE. at 8.00 p.m., no men to move out until advice has been given that all the 14th Battn. have passed in.

3. LOCATION.

The 13th Battn., on being relieved, will proceed to KORTEPYP HUTS, as Divisional Reserve.

4. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

As each Company relief is completed, they will report to Battn.H.Q. by telephone and will march to billets independently. Coy. Commanders will report at Battn.H.Q. on the way.

5. MACHINE GUNS.

Machine-guns of the 14th Battn. will relieve those of the 13th Battn. commencing at 2.00 p.m. On completion of relief they will proceed to Divisional Reserve at KORTEPYP HUTS.

The 13th Battn. machine-guns will clear CURRIE AVE. at RATION FARM end by 5.30 p.m. and their limbers will arrive at RATION FARM at 6.15 p.m.

O.C. Machine-gun Secn. will report at Battn.H.Q. before proceeding to billets.

6. RECEIPTS AND INVENTORIES.

Each Coy. will hand over an Inventory of trench stores, a copy of which will be handed in to Battn.H.Q. also receipt for sanitary condition of trench.

7. TRANSPORT.

One G.S. waggon, two limbered waggons and Maltese cart will report at RATION FARM at 7.00 p.m. Field kitchens will report to the Coy. billets in the afternoon, so that a hot meal may be ready for the men on their arrival.

All Officers' horses to be at RATION FARM at 8.00 p.m.

All Officers' baggage and Company stores to be down at RATION FARM at 6.00 p.m.

8. BILLETING PARTY.

Lieut. Rust and one N.C.O. from each Coy. will report at once to Battalion H.Q. as billeting party.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.



OPERATION ORDER No. 45
by Lt-Col. F.M.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion. Octr. 14th. 1915.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135-138 (both inclusive) on the night of October 14/15th.

2. POSITIONS.

Coys. will occupy positions as follows:-

No 1 Coy. in RIGHT FRONT LINE :
135 and 135.S.

right half of 136 and 136.S.

No 4 Coy. in LEFT FRONT LINE :

balance of 136 and 136.S.

137 and 137.S.

138 and 138.S.

No 2 Coy. in support and garrison.

FORT STEWART

ALTAMOUNT

McHARG PLACE.

No 3 Coy. in Battalion Reserve

HIGGINSON AVENUE

Battn.H.Q. at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM

Dressing Station at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.

3. MACHINE GUNS.

The Battalion Machine-guns will leave unloading point at 2.00 p.m. and take up their former positions in front line trenches.

The Reserve M.G. Section will remain at LAMPERNISSE FARM for a course in bombing.

4. BOMBERS.

25 bombers will be distributed in four different squads in support trenches each under an N.C.O.

The remaining bombers will be with the Bombing Officer near the reserve bomb magazine.

The bombing Officer will see that Coy. bombers are detailed in front line trenches and that they are supplied with bombs.

The Bomb Section will proceed with the M.G. Section.

5. SIGNALLERS.

The Signalling Section will proceed under the Bombing Officer this afternoon, the operators taking post at their respective positions.

6. TIME.

Coys. will march independently: No 4 Coy. to enter CURRIE AVE. at 7.30 p.m; No 1 Coy. at 7.40 p.m; No 2 Coy. at 7.50 p.m; No 3 Coy. will reach HIGGINSON AVE. at 8.00 p.m.

Stretcher bearers will march with their companies.

H.Q. details will reach LA PLUS DOUCE FARM at 7.30 p.m.

7. TRANSPORT.

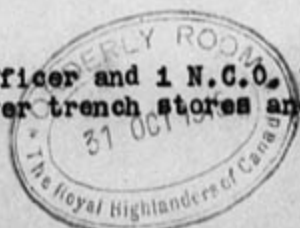
2 G.S. waggons, 1 limbered waggon, Medical cart, and Officers' mounts will report at 5.00 p.m.

Transport vehicles must not reach RATION FARM before 7.30 p.m.

All waggons must be loaded by 6.00 p.m.

8. TRENCH STORES & SANITATION.

Each Coy. and Battn.H.Q. will send one Officer and 1 N.C.O. this afternoon to their new positions to take over trench stores and inspect sanitary conditions.



9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Coys. will report as soon as relief has been made, and as soon as possible send in disposition return, list of trench stores, S.A.A., bombs, and disposition of machine-guns.

10. BATMEN & CARRYING PARTIES.

Details left behind to bring in Officers' baggage etc., must not enter communication trenches until the relieved troops have cleared.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
A/Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.

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OPERATION ORDER No 43
by Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion,
The Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Oct. 4th., 1915.

1. RELIEF.
The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 10th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135, 136 and 137.
2. POSITIONS.
Companies will be as follows:-
No 2 Coy. in RIGHT FRONT LINE.
135 and 135S.
Right half of 136 and
" " " 136 S.
No 3 Coy. in LEFT FRONT LINE.
Left half of 136
" " " 136 S.
137 and 137 S.
No 1 Coy. in support and garrison
FORST STEWART
ALTAMOUNT
MCHARG PLACE.
No 4 Coy. in Battalion reserve, Higginson Ave.
3. MACHINE GUNS.
Battalion machine-guns will take up former positions in front line trenches. The reserve Machine Gun section will proceed back to the transport where they will remain in readiness to move at an hour's notice.
4. BOMBERS.
Twenty-five bombers will be distributed in four different squads in support trenches each under an N.C.O.. The remaining bombers will be with the Bombing Officer near the reserve Bomb Magazine. The Officer in charge of Grenade Section will see that Company Bombers are detailed in Front Line trenches for defensive bombing, and that they are supplied with bombs.
5. HEADQUARTERS.
Battalion H.Q. will be at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
The Dressing Station will be at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
6. TIME.
Companies will march independently; No 2 Coy. to pass RATION FARM at 6.30 p.m. No 3 Coy. at 6.40 p.m. No 1 Coy. at 6.50 p.m. and No 4 at 7.00 p.m. Signallers will march with their Companies. Machine Guns and Grenade Sections will march with No 2 Coy. H.Q. details will reach LA PLUS DOUCE FARM at 6.30 p.m.
7. ROUTE.
All Companies, Machine Gun and Grenade Sections will proceed to their positions via Hill 63, HIGGINSON AVE. and CURRIE AVE. H.Q. details will move by road junction T.23.D.8.3. and road junction T.11.d.1.4. direct to LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.
8. TRANSPORT.
Two G.S. waggons, 1 limbered waggon, Medical cart and Officers' Mess-cart mounts and Machine gun limbers as required, will report at 5 p.m. Transport vehicles moving to RATION FARM must not move till after dark. All waggons must be loaded by 6.00 p.m.
9. TRENCH STORES & SANITATION OF NEW POSITIONS.
Each Coy. will send one Officer and one N.C.O. before 3 p.m. to their new positions to take over trench stores and to inspect sanitary conditions. All companies should see that this order is carefully/



carefully carried out, and that caution is exercised.

10. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

As soon as relief is completed a report will immediately be sent to Battalion H.Q. by Os.C. Coys., O.C. Machine Gun and Grenade Sections. As soon as possible afterwards a complete report will be sent in with regard to Sanitary conditions, Trench Stores, S.A.A., bombs, and Machine Gun positions with sketches.

11. Officers commanding Companies should caution and endeavour to prevent the relieved troops from moving out until all of our companies are in place.

12. BATMEN & CARRYING PARTIES.

Details left behind to bring in Officers' baggage etc. must not enter communication trenches until the relieved troops have cleared.

13. NOTE.

All ranks are instructed to take every possible precaution to avoid delay and to endeavour to complete this relief in the shortest possible time.

C.J. SMITH, Capt. & Adj.,
13th Canadian Battalion.

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OPERATION ORDER No 42
by Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion.

3rd October 1915.

RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will be relieved by the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers on the night of the 3rd inst.

Immediately each company relief is completed the fact will be communicated to Battn.H.Q. when orders will be given to move.

ROUTE.

Companies will march independently to the billets previously occupied by them at COURTE DREVE FARM and will be prepared to take over trenches 135-137 both inclusive on the following night.

MACHINE GUNS.

The machine gun section immediately their relief is completed will march to the billet previously occupied by them at COURTE DREVE FARM.

TRANSPORT.

2 G.S. waggons and one limbered waggon for supplies and baggage, Maltese cart and Officers' mounts will be at GUNNERS FARM by 6.30 p.m.

BAGGAGE.

All company stores and baggage to go on the waggons must be down at Battn.H.Q. by 6.00 p.m. to-night.

TRENCH STORES.

All trench stores will be handed over to the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers and a receipt received for same.

A copy of the receipted inventory will be handed in to Battn. H.Q. the following day.

BILLETS.

Lieut. F.S. Mathewson and one N.C.O. from each Company will report at once at Battn.H.Q. for the purpose of proceeding to take over billets.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
a/Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.

No 1 Copy.....	No 1 Coy.
" 2 "	" 2 "
" 3 "	" 3 "
" 4 "	" 4 "
" 5 "	Q.M. & Trpt.
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NOTE: Os.C. Companies, M.G. Officer, Bomb Officer, will report at Battn.H.Q. on their way to billets.



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1915 Octr. 28. PLUS DOUCE (trenches 135-138) 89.	<p>Weather rainy.</p> <p>There was practically no activity in front line during the day - artillery was also quiet.</p> <p>Enemy working parties could be heard during the night, opposite trench 137, driving in stakes.</p> <p>Our snipers report shooting one man.</p> <p>Our working parties were busy cleaning and improving trenches and in bracing dug-outs. One party of 50 reported to Engineers.</p> <p>CASUALTY:- No 24515 Pte.F.Miles - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Amb.</p> <p>Weather dull with showers.</p> <p>Front line was fairly quiet except for sniping at "stand to".</p> <p>Our artillery was active and enemy retaliated, without, however, doing and material damage.</p> <p>One of our snipers reported shooting a German.</p> <p>Enemy patrol of two men seen by our listening post in 135.</p> <p>Enemy were quiet during night, having several working parties out, on which we kept up a continuous fire.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- No 22840 Pte.J.Burke - rheumatism - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No A14515 Pte.E.Boultier - venereal - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No A14201 Pte.R.Nixon - pleurisy - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No 14699 Pte. A.Macintosh - hemorrhoids - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No A14475 Pte.F.Towns - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Amb. No 48803 Pte.W.Valiquette - appendix - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No A14455 Pte.R.Beveridge - gun shot wound in eye and ear - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	C/S  C/S

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<p>1915 Octr.30 PLUS DOUCE.</p> <p>51. KORTEPYP HUTS.</p>	<p>Weather dull and wet. Trenches 156 and 156s. were heavily shelled by German field batteries first with shrapnel and then with H.E. Apparent direction of battery (taken with prismatic compass) exactly due East of junction of CURRIE AVENUE and 156s. This morning two Allied aircraft patrolled enemy lines for about two hours. They were both heavily shelled by enemy. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 24402 Pte.G.Stratton - shrapnel wound in scalp - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance. No 65708 Pte.G.Pike - shrapnel wounds in right leg and shoulder - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance No 24665 Pte.W.C.Morrison - shrapnel wounds in thigh - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance. Relief commenced by 14th Canadian Battalion - completed 7.10 and Companies marched independently to Divisional Reserve, KORTEPYP HUTS. Weather dull with showers. Battalion spent day cleaning equipment etc. and attending to shortages. Parties went from the various companies to Divisional Baths at intervals during the day. <u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 413095 Pte.Starton - influenza - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance. No 14404 Pte.W.R.Cann - nephritis - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Appendix "K" Operation No 49.</p> <p>ORDERLY ROOM 21 OCT 1915 The Royal Highlanders of Canada</p> <p>Lt. Col. COMD. 15th CAN. BATTALION THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLUS DOWNS FARM	1915 Oct. 16 th		<p>Weather cloudy with mist - cleared towards afternoon. Two snipers reported having seen several Germans looking over parapets - two appeared to be wearing gray forage caps. One helmet was also seen which seemed to be raised on a pole. Searchlights were seen twice during last night - small working party was also observed on wire to right of trench 135. H. G. fire was opened and they disappeared in the fog. It was observed that opposite trenches 134-135 the enemy had dug a pit about three feet wide. Over the top wooden frames had been placed, apparently to support barbed wire. These look like large window frames with nine squares. It is thought this pit might be used as a patrol exit to listening post. Their working parties were busy all day on the following work:- Repairing GOBBIE AVENUE. Building two dug-outs in PORT STEWART. Building dug-outs in 156. S. Working on parapets all along the line. Clearing up KING EDWARD TERRACE. Two working parties reported to C.P. for work at STINKING FARM and PORT STEWART respectively. CASUALTY:- No. A 15215 Pte. W. Westzell - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. This afternoon a platoon of the 92nd Canadian Battalion - from the 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada - arrived at our front line for a course of instruction. They were given a forage between No. 1 and 4 Bays, and a course of lectures on trench warfare was arranged for their benefit. Weather cloudy with mist. 11.50 a.m. Our artillery fired about 15 small time fuse shells which exploded over enemy lines opposite 135 and about a dozen percussion shells which exploded in and around 12.20 p.m. 10 2-2.40 p.m. Enemy fired 25 small time fuse shells which exploded near first line of supports about 135. Our artillery fired four large percussion shells which exploded around ruined houses on crest of hill just within enemy lines. A number of the enemy were seen moving about LA PRATTE DOUVE FARM, apparently taking no pains to conceal themselves. They wore round caps with white bands. Our working parties were busy all day repairing front line parapets, cleaning up trenches & and building dug-outs. Two working parties also reported to Engineers. Weather - mist in morning; cleared during forenoon; clear and fine afterwards. CASUALTIES:- No. 22428 Pte. B. S. Alington - anal fissure - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. Long enemy working parties were observed on their parapets which were quickly dispersed by our fire. No. 24769 Pte. R. Stott - ankle - Not yet discharged - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. 10.00 a.m. Enemy fired four shells into GOOSEBERRY FARM and two in front of trench 135. 12.15 p.m. A biplane, flying very high, was seen going in a northerly direction. There was no shelling. Both our own and German gas were active during the afternoon. A number of H.H. and H.P. shrapnel shells bursting over front and reserve trenches and in the neighbourhood of LA PLUS DOWNS and BUTTON FARMS. Our artillery retaliated on enemy front line and middle buildings behind. Several of our own and enemy shells failed to burst. 2.00 p.m. An allied plane was observed flying high and patrolled over enemy lines. It was heavily shelled and retired. 4-5 p.m. Enemy threw a number of trench mortar bombs which burst beyond trench 134. CASUALTIES:- No. 24215 Capt. R. Ince - gun shot wound in neck and ear, while behind trench 134 - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. No. 4440 Pte. J. Gardner - gun shot wounds - fractured left fore-arm - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. Capt. J. B. Lindsey - inguinal hernia - navel polypus - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See sketch</p>  <p>See Appendix "A" Special Order.</p>



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<p>19th LA PLUS DOUCE FARM. 3.30 P.M. 8.15 P.M. 9.30 P.M.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine, except for mist in morning. Our guns were active all day shelling the enemy trenches and behind the lines. One heavy howitzer battery opened fire on LA PLUS DOUCE FARM - one of the shells failed to burst. Hostile aeroplane was observed flying at a great height to the North. It was heavily shelled and retired to the East. Three allied aeroplanes patrolled enemy lines during the day - two of these were noticeably shelled. Heavy shelled transport was heard behind enemy lines. CASUALTIES: - Capt. G.H. Kennedy - killed in action along with Capt. L. Every, 92nd Battalion, while about 2 days in 16th Battalion's line making investigations. Buried with Military Honours in ARHANTTARRA. N^o 20192 Sgt. L. Marshall - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 24692 Pte. Bishop - fractured arm - accidental - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 94006 " J. Kewen - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 15428 " S. L. Stevens - High temperature, rash on body, not yet diagnosed - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>20th D^o</p>	<p>Weather cloudy. Our guns were active during the day - Enemy sent two H.A. shells near LA PLUS DOUCE FARM about 4.30 pm. Working parties were busy improving trenches, dug-outs etc. Relief announced 5.30 P.M. by 15th Battalion and 15th Battalion marched to Brigade Reserve at COURTH DRIVE FARM. CASUALTIES: - N^o 16650 Pte. J. Nesbitt - slight wound left knee while in front trench - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 21504 Sgt. V. Lewis - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 11966 Pte. J. Duncan - Air Force night foot - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>C/S See Appendices "F" (Operation Order) and "G" (after Orders)</p>
<p>21st COURTH DRIVE 1.00 pm 8.30 am 1.40 pm</p>	<p>Weather cloudy. The funerals of Capt. Kennedy and Every were held to-day in ARHANTTARRA - the Officers of 15th and 92nd Battalions along with firing parties and The Bands being present. The following working parties reported to C.S.:- 45 men in three groups of 25 men each at STINKING FARM. 30 men at SHIRINE T. 18. S. 20 men at SHIRINE T. 18. S. CASUALTIES: - Pte. A. Eaton (N^o 19257) - Not yet diagnosed - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. N^o 49965 Pte. W. J. Sims - cerebral abscess - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 55554 " L. Aeslan - Not yet diagnosed - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>22nd D^o</p>	<p>Weather clear and cold. The usual working parties reported to Engineers during the day. CASUALTIES: - N^o 29675 Lt. Col. J. MacMillan - Influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. N^o 28250 Pte. V. J. Chapman - wounded by High 4 shell by strafing while on working party - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>C/S</p>



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<p>1915 Octr. 25 COURTE DREVE.</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with mist - cold. Day was spent in cleaning up - Bathing was established at COURTE DREVE FARM. Working parties were called for at night as follows:- 50 men in two parties of 25 each reported at KING EDWARD HORSE TERRACE.</p>	<p>cf</p>
<p>7.0 p.m.</p>	<p>Carrying party of 50 men reported at KING EDWARD HORSE TERRACE.</p>	<p>cf</p>
<p>7.50 -</p>	<p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No A63646 Pte. R.W. Murdoch - hemorrhoids - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 26521 Sgt. Phillip, M.G. Secn. - gun shot wound in arm - fracture - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Appendix "H", Operation Order No 48.</p>
<p>24.</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with mist. Day was spent in the usual Brigade Reserve Routine; bathing was carried on at COURTE DREVE, and working parties were furnished for Engineers. <u>CASUALTIES</u>: No 25055 Pte. J. Roberts - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 5 Field Ambulance.</p>	
<p>25</p>	<p>Weather: rained all day. Battalion spent day in preparation for moving to front line. Relief commenced at 5.30 p.m. - completed 7.15 p.m. <u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 22915 Pte. L. Roach - chronic rheumatism - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 22521 Pte. W.S. Ward - contusion of shoulder - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance No 14750 Pte. C. Wright - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance No 24990 Pte. T.W. Robinson - Gingivitis - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance No 65191 Pte. H. Cooke - contusion of hip - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>cf</p>

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1915		
Octr.26 PLUS DOUCE.	Weather clear and fine and cold in forenoon: dull and slight rain in afternoon.	
9.10-) 9.15 a.m.) 9.45 a.m.	Allied 'plane patrolled enemy lines opposite 155. German aeroplane observed over our lines flying low. It was exposed to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire from reserve and support trenches also to heavy shelling from anti-aircraft guns. Allied 'plane also appeared and opened fire. The German was seen to be in distress and fell rapidly over our lines, eventually landing in rear of trench 159s. near LECKIE AVENUE. A second hostile 'plane appeared and fire was opened; this machine, however, although probably hit, and disabled, fell within the German lines. The captured machine was manned by two Germans, one Officer and one pilot. The pilot was killed before the machine fell, the Officer, who was severely wounded, was made prisoner and taken to Brigade H.Q. Major McGibbon of this Battalion secured from the captured aeroplane a camera fixed to a canvas cover and operated by a trigger. This carried a bullet-mark, but was only slightly damaged. It was sent to Brigade H.Q. The 'plane carried a Colt Machine-gun. The captured aeroplane and its vicinity were afterwards heavily shelled by the enemy with High Explosive. Enemy aeroplane passed over our lines from West to East and was heavily shelled.	2/5
9.50 a.m.	Enemy shelled rear of trench 159s. with field guns and fifteen H.E. shells from howitzers.	
3.00 p.m.	Enemy shelled rear of trench 159s. with field guns and fifteen H.E. shells from howitzers.	
27	Do.	
9.20 to 9.25 a.m. 9.25/	Weather dull all day: with heavy showers. The enemy artillery was fairly active during the day, the following places being shelled :- Ration Farm with 6-in. howitzer shells. GABION/	2/5



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1915 9.25 a.m. Oct. 27 PLUS 12.55-40 (Contd.) BOUCE. 1250-55 2.20-2.50 p.m. 3.5-5.10 p.m.	<p>GAMBION FARM with 1 H.E. percussion from field gun - little damage. Enemy shelled locality around aeroplane at head of LECKIE AVENUE with 5 H.E. percussion.</p> <p>7 H.E. percussion at wrecked aeroplane.</p> <p>IRISH FARM, rear of Secn. 154 with 10 H.E. percussion Howitzer shells. H.E. shells from field guns in direction of STINKING FARM.</p> <p>Our artillery shelled enemy's front line opposite trench 158.</p> <p>Considerable work was done during the day repairing parapets, loopholes, peridos etc. Trenches were drained and cleaned in the front line and dug-outs built. Work was also done on HIGGINSON AVENUE and CURRIE AVENUE.</p> <p>The following working parties were supplied to Engineers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">25 men in trench 15830 men in trench 15850 men at HIGGINSON AVENUE.50 men working on machine-gun emplacements at STINKING FARM40 men - carrying party at ALTAMOUNT AVENUE. <p>There was little or no rifle or machine-gun fire at night. Enemy appeared to have large working parties out and to be strengthening his position.</p> <p>It was found that enemy had listening post opposite B6 close enough to observe relief there.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:-</u> No 24196 Pte.C.H.Black - gun shot wound left arm, while carrying mail near RATION FARM - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>No 46881 Pte.C.Rees - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	26



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PEVS DOUVE FARM Trenches 155-17.	Oct. 6 th		<p>Weather cloudy - mist at night.</p> <p>7.30 am Enemy aircraft throwing out earth from support trench 50 yards behind their front line and opposite trench 156.</p> <p>8.45-5.10 am Enemy sent 11 shells to right of trench 155 and between 157 and 158 - both air and graze - our artillery retaliated with four salvo on German parapet - enemy shelling ceased.</p> <p>6.00 pm Hostile aircraft opened fire on our parapet. No damage, however, was done.</p> <p>9.00 pm Six trench mortars were sent from enemy's trench in vicinity of PETITE DOUVE FARM, landing in rear and to right of trench 155. Each mortar was accompanied by 2 flares.</p> <p>Explosive rockets were observed from all our positions in the following order:- one red, one white, one green, one red.</p> <p>12.00 mid Small working parties were heard digging iron and wooden stakes.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- N^o 21200 Lt. R. J. Pige - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 25958 Pte. R. M. Lovelock - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 41276 " L. Jackson - acute rheumatism - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 12683 " J. Conroy - gun shot wounds left hand - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
		7 th	<p>Weather clear and fine - milds.</p> <p>12.55 pm Air observation shells, apparently from field guns, burst around GOOSEBERRY FARM, followed by three howitzer shells, the last of which did not burst.</p> <p>1.30-1.45 pm British H.E. observation shells landed around front and support trenches, Dec. 157. Our artillery retaliated with salvo on German parapet. Enemy answered with three salvo from field guns batteries, which burst just outside the parapet in section 156.</p> <p>9.00 pm Enemy were driving iron stakes behind their front line, probably for wiring of their support trench.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- N^o 21471 Pte. J. E. Ross - sprained ankle - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 25706 " J. J. Chuman - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 15210 " W. A. Baker - influenza - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 216768 " J. Bagman - acute rheumatism - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 17757 Lt. Sid Kelly - acute subterranean - ribe media - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
		8 th	<p>Weather cloudy.</p> <p>Enemy artillery was comparatively quiet during the day. No hostile aircraft reported.</p> <p>4.30 pm Heavy bombardment accompanied by rifle and machine-gun fire heard to the North; also distant bombardment to the South. The rifle fire and bombardment lasted about half an hour and continued sporadically some time afterwards, gradually ceasing.</p> <p>Relief by 29th Battalion commenced and our companies detached off independently to NORTHFIELD HOTS. Relief completed 10.00 p.m.</p> <p>CASUALTY:- N^o 25009 Pte. W. Thompson - ribs - peritoneal abscess - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 63515 " J. Morrison - G.S.M. left forearm - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 62273 " G. Hillon - G.S.M. left foot - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Appendix "i" Operation Under No. 29.</p>



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KOSTRYP HUTS.	14th Oct 9th		Weather fine - cool. Battalion spent forenoon cleaning up and boys made up shortages in equipment.	c/f.
		2.30 p.m.	The Battalion was inspected by Commanding Officer. <u>Notes</u> - Musketry order with greatcoats. CASUALTY:- No. 24545 Pte. A. Barrow - influenza - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance.	
	16th	10.30 a.m.	Weather fine - cool. Church parade was held in the fields behind KOSTRYP HUTS.	c/f.
		2.30 p.m.	The afternoon - commencing at 2.30 p.m. - was spent in boy training and instruction in discipline. Certain men were also instructed in bombing. Heavy bombardment could be heard to the south, lasting all day. No. 415246 Pte. Travers - lumbago, sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance. " 63655 " J. Moran - lumbago - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance.	
	18th		Weather fine - cool. The following programme of training was carried out:-	c/f.
		9.30 a.m.	Recette.	
		9.50 a.m.	No. 2 Coy. and Machine-gun Section will proceed to Brigade Bombing School at LAMPFRANISSA FARM for instruction in bombing.	
		10.00 a.m.	No. 3 and 4 Coy. will parade for boy training and instruction in discipline.	
		10.30 a.m.	No. 2 Coy. will proceed to Brigade Bombing School at LAMPFRANISSA FARM for instruction in bombing.	
		10.45 a.m.	No. 1 Coy. and Machine-gun Section, with parade under Battalion Bombing Officer for instruction in bombing.	
	19th	2.3 p.m.	No. 3 and 4 Coy. will parade for boy training and instruction in discipline.	c/f.
		3-4 p.m.	Co. L. boys will arrange for a lecture to be given to their respective boys, embracing lessons derived from recent operations. Bombardment continued all day. CASUALTY:- No. 25117 Pte. P. A. Brown - G.W. left eye - while between RATION FARM and STINKING FARM - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance.	
19th		Weather fine - cool. The following programme of training was carried out:-	c/f.	
	8.30 a.m.	No. 2 Coy. proceeded to Brigade Bombing School at LAMPFRANISSA FARM for instruction in bombing.		
	9.15 a.m.	No. 2 Coy. and Machine-gun Section with parade under Battalion Bombing Officer for instruction in bombing.		
	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	No. 3 Coy. proceeded to Brigade Bombing School at LAMPFRANISSA FARM for instruction in bombing.		
	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	No. 2 Coy. and Machine-gun Section paraded under Battalion Bombing Officer for instruction in bombing.		
20th	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	No. 1 and 4 Coy. in attack.	c/f.	
	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Co. L. boys will arrange for a lecture to be given to their respective boys, embracing lessons derived from recent operations. During the day the Battalion went to Divisional baths. Heavy bombardment could still be heard to the south. CASUALTIES:- No. 14385 Sgt. L. E. Powers - lumbago - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance. " 15123 Pte. J. M. Call - lumbago (plate) - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance - afterwards sent to Divisional Sanitary Section, NLAFFEB, pending completion of plate.		



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KORTEP HOTS.	15 th Oct. 15 th		<p>Weather cloudy - rain in forenoon. The following machine was received out :- Poville.</p> <p>9.00 a.m. No 4 Coy. with proceeds to LAMPARNISSA FARM (Brigade Bombing School) for instructions in bombing. 9.30 a.m. No 5 Coy. with M. G. sections with parade under Battalion Bombing Officer for instructions in bombing. 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. No 4 Coy. proceeds to Brigade Bombing School at LAMPARNISSA FARM for instructions in bombing. 11 p.m. - 12 p.m. No 5 Coy. with M. G. sections with parade under Battalion Bombing Officer for instructions in bombing. 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. No 1 and 2 Coys. in attack. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. No 1 and 2 Coys. were given a lecture in First aid by the M. O. on parade grounds. 5.30 p.m. Demonstration was conducted on and in the neighbourhoods of our front, this attack of smoke being used to give effect, accompanied by artillery fire. This appeared to have the desired effect on the enemy. Bombardment lasted intermittently all day - bombardment accompanied by machine rifle and machine gun fire was heard at night.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- Pte. A. Haddington - chronic suppuration orbit neck. - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. (No 23011) " M. Fitzgerald - perania - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance (No 23268).</p>	<p>cl. 9</p>
	16 th		<p>Weather overcast and foggy. The following machine was received out :- Poville.</p> <p>1.30 a.m. Company training including extended order drill. 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Battalion in attack.</p> <p>During the afternoon companies prepared for moving to front line trenches. During this tour Battalion took over trenches 158, in addition to the usual 155-157. Relief commenced 6.00 p.m. - completed 9.05. Troop positions:- No 1 and 4 Coys. in front line - No 2 Coy. in support - No 5 Coy. in Battalion Reserve Bombardment could still be heard from KORTEP HOTS - although lessening in volume.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- C/Sgt. G. McNeill No 21780 - gun. shot wounds, right elbow - while in communication trench - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. " No 15289 Pte. A. Sedgewick - contusion of right leg - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. " 65044 - A. J. Harrison - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. " 21941 - H. Dudley - nephritis - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>cl. 5</p>
Tranches 155-158 H. Q. PLUS DOUCE FARM.	25 th		<p>Weather overcast and foggy. Wind very slight and coming from N.E. One of our snipers brought down one of the enemy about 50 yards N. of TRITTE DOUCE FARM. It was looking over the parapet through field glasses. The enemy traversed our parapets with M.G. fire. We retaliated with rifle and machine gun fire. This quietened the enemy and after no fire ceased he appeared nervous and sent up a good many flares. During the day our working parties were busy repairing front line trenches and CHURCH AVENUE, also on Headquarters dig-outs.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- NIL.</p> <p>12.00 p.m. Listening post reported sounds of iron rods or rails being dumped behind German lines.</p>	<p>cl. 9</p>



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1918 Oct. 1 st Des PIRRES FARM	<p>Weather clear and fine - cold.</p> <p>During the day there was considerable artillery fire by the enemy, without however any great damage being done. A dozen small shells (high fuse) burst in the vicinity of support trenches to left of PIRRES FARM. Two large percussion shells in rear of PIRRES FARM. Two large percussion shells burst 600 yards in rear of trench 100. Six H.A. shells burst 300 yards in rear of trench 100. Enemy put three large percussion shells about 300 yards in rear of 101B. Enemy discharged about a dozen rifle grenades near ruined farm on left of trench. One man lanes. Two wounded. Enemy dropped a smoke bomb in back of FORT which burst into flame.</p> <p>Our artillery was also active, bombarding at the following times:-</p> <p>Eight small percussion shells, landing about 1000 yards in rear of enemy front line opposite 101.</p> <p>Four large percussion shells, landing about 1000 yards in rear of enemy front line opposite 101.</p> <p>Our bombers discharged 4 rifle grenades at enemy's trench. Enemy retaliated with 30 to 40 rifle grenades, also trench mortar bombs, all of which exploded in vicinity of trench 101.</p> <p>There was also considerable aerial activity during the day, mostly on the part of the allies. One hostile plane however was seen at 3.40 p.m., going North. It was, however, heavily shelled.</p> <p>Patrol went out under Lieut. Woods of our Bn. and Lieut. Hollander, 11th Lanes. They reported that 30 yards in front of trench 98 there was what was apparently an old barbed wire fence of three strands which were broken 15 yards further on was one strand but wire (barbed) 6 inches from ground. 5 yards further one line of barbed wire right under German parapet - in front of 99 across wire in place of knife rests. Longers in front of trench 98 found to be unoccupied. German line seemed to be strongly occupied judging by noise and sounds of men walking.</p> <p>A patrol under Lieut. Rivers corroborated the above.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- N^o 16077 Gbl. P. D. Holland - left hand torn by barbed wire, while out in front of trench - returned to duty.</p> <p>Weather, clear and fine - cold.</p> <p>Artillery on both sides was fairly active all day. No enemy aircraft was observed.</p> <p>Two incendiary bombs were dropped in wire in front of trench 98 - smoke drifted into trench, but not asphyxiating.</p> <p>During the night enemy working parties were discovered by H. I. fire. A motor cyclist was seen to enter building at trench. No transport seen during night. It is thought that a rail took place from the increased rifle fire. Iron cables (see sketch appended) were seen sticking over enemy parapet - possibly to be wired later on.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- N^o 6256, Pte. J. Ferguson - chronic rheumatism - sent to N^o 1 Field Ambulance. " 29560 " J. F. Black - influenza - sent to N^o 1 Field Ambulance. " A1222 " J. Boulter - influenza - sent to N^o 1 Field Ambulance. N^o 23290 Pte. A. Purrows - influenza - sent to N^o 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p>C.S.</p> <p>C.S.</p> <p>Stakes seen on German Parapet</p> <p>4' 6"</p> <p>C.S.</p>  
11.40 p.m. to 1.45 a.m.		
3.30 a.m.		
6.30 p.m.		

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Des PIERRES FARM (cont'd.)	Oct. 2 nd (cont'd.)		<p>CASUALTIES - (cont'd.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. A14690 Pte. J. White - died of wounds - shot through head (gunshot) buried beside road at Des PIERRES FARM. " 20172 Sgt. W. Morrison - gunshot wounds in left side - sent to No. 1 Field Ambulance. " 20151 Pte. P. Moran - slight wound in side - returned to duty. <p>Weather clear and fine - cold.</p> <p>During the day artillery on both sides was fairly active. Several shells overhead were observed.</p> <p>Battalion spent day in preparation for moving to COURTE DRAVE FARM and trenches to front line trenches in our old area near MASSINNES - trenches 155-157.</p> <p>Relief commenced of our Battalion by 11th Canadian Bn., and companies marched independently to billets with maps, at COURTE DRAVE</p> <p>CASUALTIES - No. A19451 Pte. A. G. McDonald - gun shot wounds in chest and neck - sent to No. 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>cls.</p>
		6.30pm	<p>Weather - dull and cold; showers in afternoon.</p> <p>Battalion spent day in cleaning billets and in preparing to take over front line trenches 155-157.</p> <p>Companies moved off in the following order: - No. 2, No. 3, No. 1 and No. 4, commencing 6.00 p.m. Relief completed 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>CASUALTIES - No. A15329 Pte. W. Whorwood - venereal - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> " 810649 " A. Hill - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 46296 " L. Crossman - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 60004 " A. J. Morrison - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 9657 " A. E. Ballyhugh - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 25027 " M. Corney - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 39429 " A. H. Eagle - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 25282 " L. Keady - influenza - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 46065 " P. Johnson - venereal - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 20752 " W. Gidd - contusion right leg and arm - fractured spine by motor-cycle - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 45272 " G. Hallow - gun shot wounds in left foot white in trench 156 & sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance. " 65513 " S/Cor. J. Morrison - gun shot wounds left fore-arm - fracture - received on road near STURRING FARM - sent to No. 5 R.A. 	<p>See Appendix "A". Operation Order No. 99, Appendix B.</p>
		8.00	<p>Weather fine - milder.</p> <p>A number of working parties were employed during the day on trenches and dug-outs. Trenches were drained and re-floored in places.</p> <p>During the day the enemy was very quiet but at dusk machine-guns were heard on our parapets.</p> <p>Heavy bombardment by the enemy in the direction of WOLVERHAM.</p> <p>During the night the enemy were very noisy & shouting - as if orders were being given to a working party - could be heard on the MESSELINES - WARRINGTON Road, and afterwards the clanking of rails or something of this nature. Enemy working parties were active, five or six Germans being seen working on their parapet at about 6.00 a.m.</p> <p>CASUALTY - No. 15221 Pte. J. P. Moores - sick - N.Y.D. - sent to No. 5 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>cls.</p>



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		4 th	<p>Weather - dull and cold - showers in afternoon.</p> <p>Battalions spent day in cleaning billets and in preparing to take over front line trenches 135-137.</p> <p>Companies moved off in the following order:- No 2, No 3, No 1 and No 4, commencing 6.00 p.m. Relief completed 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- No H15329 Pte. W.P. Whooten - venereal - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- H16149 " A. Hill - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 46296 " L. Crossman - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 65004 " A. J. Harrison - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 9651 " A. E. Ballingham - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 25227 " M. Barney - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 24424 " A.H. Eagle - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 25282 " T. Knight - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 46065 " P. Johnson - venereal - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 27452 " W. Gidd - contusion right leg and arm - knocked down by motor-cycle - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 45272 " E. Bitter - gun shot wound in left foot while in trench 136 & sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 45515 " S/ser. J. Harrigan - gun shot wound left fore-arm - fracture - received on road near STUBBINS FARM - sent to No 3 F.A.</p>	<p>See Operation Order No 33, Appendix B.</p> <p>cls.</p>
		5 th	<p>Weather fine - milder.</p> <p>A number of working parties were employed during the day on trenches and dug-outs. Trenches were drained and re-floored in places.</p> <p>During the day the enemy was very quiet but at each machine-guns were turned on our parapets.</p> <p>Many bombardments by the enemy in the direction of WOLVERHAMPTON.</p> <p>During the night the enemy was very noisy - shouting - as if orders were being given to a working party - could be heard on the MASSINES - WARRINGTON Road, and afterwards the clanging of nails or something of this nature. Enemy working parties were active, five or six Germans being seen working on their parapet at about 6.00 a.m.</p> <p>CASUALTY:- No 15221 Pte. J.P.H. Moores - sick - N.Y.D. - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>cls.</p>



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- " B. O.O.42 dated 3.10.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will be relieved by the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers on night 3rd October, 1915.
- " C. O.O.43 dated 4.10.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 10th Cdn.Bn. in trenches 135 - 137.
- " D. O.O.44 dated 8.10.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn. Bn. in trenches 135 -137 on night 8th/9th October, 1915.
- " E. O.O.45 dated 14.10.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn.Bn. in trenches 135-138 both inclusive on night October 14th/15th.
- " F. Special order dated 16.10.15. Instructions to 42nd Bn. re a platoon to be detailed this afternoon for 24 hours" instructions.
- " G. O.O.47 dated 20.10.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn.Bn. on night of Oct. 20th 21st, 1915.
- " H. O.O.47 dated 20.10.15. Relief of one N.C.O. and 12 men at garrisons for Forts Brandon, and BERLE.
- " I. O.O.48, dated 25.10.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn.Vb. in trenches 135-138 inclusive on night October 25th/26th.
- " J. O.O.49 dated 30.10.16. 13th Bn. will be relieved by 14th Bn. in trenches 135-138 inclusive on night 30th/31st October, 1915.

13 th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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13th Canadian Battn.
THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

11 a.m. Sep. 30th., 1915.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.



Trench 95.
No 1 Coy.

A wiring party went out at dusk last night in front of this trench and at 1.45 p.m. Capt. Perry picked up a bomb the location of which he had carefully marked in the morning. This bomb, on alighting in front of our lines, made no explosion but burned for forty minutes giving forth a bright light with a considerable amount of smoke of a darkish green colour. Capt. Perry went out and picked up this bomb and dropped it to the ground after examination. It burst into flames with a sandbag (which bag I am sending down to H.Qrs. for examination) and brought the remnants in (remnants herewith) I strong smell of phosphorous was emitted when the flame was extinguished.

PATROLS.

A patrol was sent out about 2.15 a.m. with the object of getting as close as possible to the enemy's line. Capt. Perry and Sergt. Murphy accompanied this patrol which got to within fifty feet of the enemy's line. They were not noticed nor were any shots fired. A bombing party was then organised consisting of five bombers each with two bombs. No 2 Coy. were notified on explosion of the first bomb to make all the noise possible they could in the way of sheering in order to draw the enemy's fire and disclose if possible their their strength in front line. On explosion of bombs only five rifles were observed to fire. Patrols were then sent out to leave a daily paper on the enemy's wire. The patrol reports that they are of the opinion that the enemy's front line is weakly garrisoned.

No 2 Coy.

At 2.30 a.m. on a bomb signal from No 1 Coy. a loud cheer was sent up by this Coy. which resulted in the enemy opening fire from thirty rifles according to estimate. This fire was delivered on trench 95. At 2.45 a.m. the enemy opened rapid fire on trench 99 and 100 from about the same number of rifles. As twenty-five minutes elapsed between the cheer sent up by this Company it is their opinion that the enemy moved troops that fired from trenches covering 96 & 97 and concentrated their fire on trench 99 in order to make it appear that their trench was thickly occupied. We continued firing actively at the flashes of their rifles which all appeared to come from the top of their parapets.

TRANSPORT.

There was no sound during the night of transport or any work whatever.

C.J. SMITH, Capt. & Adj.,
13th Canadian Battalion.

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APPENDIX "N".

S C H E M E O F D E F E N C E

Trenches 95-101 inclusive.



In case of attack by the enemy, the following instructions are to be carried out:-

1. The different positions must be held to the last, and if any trench or part of a trench should be temporarily occupied by the enemy, it is essential that the rest of the line be held with increased determination, and that a counter-attack be immediately delivered and the position re-taken.
2. The duties of the supports are: FIRSTLY. To check the enemy's advance or occupation by rifle fire. SECONDLY. As soon as possible after occupation by the enemy to launch a counter-attack and drive the enemy out.
3. Should any section of a trench be occupied by the enemy, Bombers on both flanks should attack this portion and bomb the enemy out.
4. Battalion Headquarters and trench Commanders on right and left of any section of a trench occupied by the enemy must be immediately informed of the situation.
5. Should the enemy attack with Gas or Liquid Fire, every man must understand that all positions MUST be held. In the event of Gas being seen to windward, it must be immediately reported to the nearest Officer, who will, on satisfying himself that the gas will envelope our lines, order the gas alarm to be sounded and every man will then put on his helmet. Vermoral sprayers and solution should also be inspected at this time to see that they are in proper order. In the event of an attack with Liquid Fire, the men should be instructed to protect themselves with blankets and great coats, and take advantage of any other protection available in trenches. Where possible small ramps and gutters should be constructed in the bottom of trenches nearest the enemy, to collect any burning liquid which might fall into the trench. Loose earth should be kept at these points to extinguish any such burning liquid. It should be carefully explained to every man that any use of Liquid Fire or Gas by the enemy cannot be of long duration, and that the above precautions if carried out will prove effective.

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IN THE EVENT OF TEMPORARY OCCUPATION BY THE ENEMY OF ANY PORTION OF OUR FRONT LINE THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF COUNTER-ATTACK SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE PUT INTO OPERATION.

Trench storming parties must be carefully instructed and told off at all times.

Their organization will be substantially in this order:

- (a) The Bayonet men to cover the party.
- (b) The bombers. Each bomber should as a rule be accompanied by a carrier.
- (c) The remaining carriers.
- (d) The sandbag men who carry sandbags half filled.

DISTRIBUTION OF GARRISON.TRENCHES 95 to 101 inclusive.

RIGHT COY. (95.....50 rifles
 (96.....60 " including 4 bombers: 1 M.G.
 Garrison (95s....60 " " 12 "

CENTRE COY. (97.....45 rifles
 (98.....30 "
 (99.....35 " 1 M.G.
 (97s....30 "
 (98 s...40 " including 12 bombers
 Garrison (98s....20 "

LEFT COY. (100....40 rifles 1 M.G.
 (101....40 "
 (100s...50 " including 12 bombers.
 Garrison (101s...40 "

BATTALION RESERVE (PATERNOSTER ROW....100 rifles.
 (95s.....80 " 1 M.G.
 (Battn. H.Q.....45 "

DEFENDED LOCALITY: (SEVEN TREES. (34 rifles - 4 bombers.

Should any portion of the front line be lost, bombing parties from both flanks must immediately attack that portion. Rapid rifle fire should also be delivered from points in our front line where possible.

At the same time a counter-attack must be delivered from the support line and this counter attack must be overland and not through the communication trenches. A counter attack should normally consist of eight bombers with the necessary complement of bayonet and sandbag men supported by 25 rifles. Rapid rifle fire should be delivered from the support onto the front trench occupied by the enemy until the counter-attack is delivered. By taking advantage of old parapets, hedges and other protection the counter attack should be able to go overland without undue loss.

DEFENDED LOCALITY: SEVEN TREES. This position is to be held to the last man and the garrison is to remain there and not to be used for a counter-attack.

BATTALION RESERVE. The three platoons at PATERNOSTER ROW may be used to support any part of the line necessary.



IMPORTANT POINTS. All men driven from any of the front positions will be collected in the immediate support lines as necessary.

Signals used to show that our counter-attacks have been successful and the position re-occupied will be as follows:-

- Day-time.....Our flag waved in the air.
- Night-time.....Very lights fired towards the enemy's lines.

Every Officer and N.C.O. is to be acquainted in detail with these instructions, and also to thoroughly know the different positions, trenches and avenues.

Frequent inspections will be made by the Battalion Commanding Officer to see that the above instructions are carried out, that the parties are detailed and instructed, and that the individuals know their exact duties.

Howe LT. COL.
 COMMANDING 13th C.M. BATTN.
 ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

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APPENDIX "L".

OPERATION ORDER No 41
By Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commandg. 13th Canadian Battn.

37th Stpt.



RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 6th Buffs in front line trenches to-night.

DISPOSITION.

Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Companies will be in front line trenches. No 3 Company will be in Battalion Reserve.

GUIDES.

Guides will be met by each Company at Des PIERRES FARM, Map location C.3.C.8.7. where they will be conducted to their respective positions.

MARCH.

Each Company as soon as they reach cross-roads where there is a gasometer, will form into single file.

SIGNALLERS.

Signallers will march in front of Companies they are at present with.

MACHINE GUNS.

Three machine guns will be in the front line; one machine gun at Battalion H.Q.

RENDEZVOUS TIME.

No 1 Company	will be at	DES PIERRES FARM	at	7.30	p.m.
" 2	"	" " " " " "	"	"	7.45 p.m.
" 3	"	" " " " " "	"	"	8.15 p.m.
" 4	"	" " " " " "	"	"	8.00 p.m.
Machine Gun Section	"	" " " " " "	"	"	7.30 p.m.
Bombing Section	"	" " " " " "	"	"	7.30 p.m.

C.J. SMITH, Capt. & Adj.,
13th Canadian Battalion.

c/s

September 24th, 1915

RELIEF

The 13th Battalion will be relieved tonight by the 14th Canadian Battalion.

GUIDES

Two guides from each section of trench will meet the 14th Battalion at road junction N. 33 c.9.7. at 6.45 P.M. Guides will lead platoons of relieving Battalion as follows:-
E.4, 15, 14, & S.P. 7 via KINGSWAY
E.2, E.6, E.1, E.3, & S.P. 8 via REGENT STREET, VIGO STREET, PICCADILLY.

ROUTE

On relief of each Company being completed, companies will assemble at Battn. H.Q. where they will be met by guides and march to BADAJOZ HUTS, LOCRE via DRANOUVRE.

MACHINE GUNS

One guide from each of the foll wing trenches 15, E,2 F,2, to be at road junction N.33 c.9.7. by 3.45 P.M. to meet machine guns of the 14th Battn.

One guide from S.P.7 and S.P.8 of the 15th Battn. to be at REGENT STREET DUGOUTS at 4 P.M. where they will find guides from the 16th Battalion.

The machine guns of the 13th Battalion on relief, will move to KREMBEL SHELTERS, the gun teams will not consist of more than 6 men.

TRENCH STORES & SANITATION

A receipt will be received for trench stores handed over, also a receipt for the sanitary condition of the trenches: these receipts will be turned in to Orderly Room later.

TRANSPORT

2 G.S. waggons, 1 limbered waggon, Maltese cart and officers mounts will follow the waggons of the 14th Battalion, and report at TEA FARM at 7.30 P.M. returning by the same route.

EQUIPMENT

Any equipment and company stores to be sent out on the waggons must be at TEA FARM before 5 P.M.

BILLETING

Lieut Mathewson will report at Battalion H.Q. at noon tomorrow with 1 N.C.O. from each company, when instructions will be given.

C.J. Smith, Capt, & Actg, Adjt.
13th Canadian Battalion.

c.s.

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APPENDIX "H".

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OPERATION ORDER No 39
By Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion. 25th September 1915.

1. PARADES.

The Battalion will parade about 10.30 p.m. at the Battalion Alarm Post in rear and E. of No 1 Coy's bivouacs, facing West, and will proceed to billets at ALDERSHOT.

2. MARKERS.

Markers will report to the Sergt. Major on the parade ground at 10.15 p.m. and the signal will be given then to fall in.

3. ORDER OF MARCH.

Order of march will be as follows:-

- Pioneers
- Signallers & Scouts.
- Pipe Band
- Bombers
- No 1 Coy.
- " 2 "
- " 3 "
- " 4 "

4. TRANSPORT.

One G.S. waggon will call at Coy.H.Q. for Officers' kits.
Balance of transport will move indigently as per instructions to Q.M.

C.J. SMITH, Capt.,
a/Adj., 13th Canadian Battalion.

c/s

OPERATION ORDER No. 40
By Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
Comm'dg. 13th Canadian Battrn.

26-9-15



1. RELIEF.

The Battalion will parade on parade ground at 4.30 p.m. and will march so as to reach road junction T.29.d.7.7. at 6.30 p.m., where guides will be met to conduct it to billets.

2. DISTRIBUTION.

One Coy. each at the following billets:-

- No 4 SOYER FARM.....C.S.C.
- " 3 CHAPELLE-ROBIEUX.....C.7.C.
- " 2 SALFORD VILLAGE.....C.S.A.C.S.
- " 1 FARM.....U.S.C.C.S.

Headquarters at CONVENT, PLONGHEMENT.

3. MACHINE-GUNS.

The machine-gun Section under Lieut. Maclean will parade at 4.00 p.m. and will proceed to road junction T.27.a.5.5. where it will await orders.

The machine-gun sections will be brigaded and the order of march will be as follows:-

- 15th Battalion
- 14th "
- 16th "
- 13th "

4. COOKS.

Os.G. Coys. will detail one cook per Coy. to remain behind with transport.

5. TRANSPORT.

Transport will remain in its present position.

Two G.S. waggons, one limbered wagon and Maltese cart will call at once for Officers' and Orderly Room baggage.

This transport must not pass T.19.d.7.7. before 7.45 p.m., when a guide will meet it.

G.J. SMITH, Capt.,
acting Adj., 13th Canadian Battrn.

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APPENDIX "E"

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 36 by
Major V.C. Buchanan
a/o.C. 13th Canadian Battalion

17th September, 1915



RELIEF

The 13th Battalion will be relieved tonight as follows:-

The 7th Batta., will relieve trenches 135 & 136 and the support Trenches behind them, also in Fort Stewart, Altamount, and McHarg dugouts. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade will relieve Trench 137 and it's support line.

TIME & ROUTE.

The relief by the 7th Batta will commenced at 4 p.m. No guides are needed. The 13th Battalion will move out via CURRIE AVENUE. No man is to leave the communication trench till the top of the hill is reached. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade will enter CURRIE AVENUE at 6 p.m. and one guide will be at bridge by the junction of the subsidiary line and the main communication trench at 5.45 p.m. The portion of the 13th Battalion in 137 will move out via SEELY AVENUE. No. 2 Company will move off at 5 p.m. and the remaining companies will report to Battalion H.Q. before moving off.

MACHINE GUNS

The guns in 135 and 136 will be relieved by the 7th Battalion at 2.30 p.m. and these teams will move off as soon as relieved by CURRIE AVENUE. The gun in 136 will be relieved by the Cavalry Brigade at 5 p.m. and a guide will be at the above mentioned rendezvous at that time ~~xxxxxxx xxxxx~~ to guide in the relieving team. When leaving the team will move out by SEELY AND CALGARY AVENUES.

BILLETS

The battalion will be accomodated with the 14th and 16th Battalions at ALDERSHOT HUTS and their vicinity. Distribution will be notified later.

TRANSPORT

2 G.S. waggons, one limbered waggon, Maltese cart and Officers mounts will be at RATION FARM at 7.30 p.m.

TRENCH STORES
& SANITATION

A receipt will be received for trench stores handed over and also a receipt for the sanitary condition of the trenches. These receipts will be turned in to the Orderly Room later.

EQUIPMENT

Any equipment to be sent out on the waggon must be sent up to Ration Farm during the afternoon.

G.K. McCuaig Capt.,
Adj. 13th Canadian Battalion

/S.

c/s

APPENDIX "F".

OPERATION ORDER No., 37
by LT-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.
Commdg. 13th CANADIAN BATTALION

September 20th, 1915



RELIEF

The 13th Battalion will relieve the Cheshire Regt. and part of the Welsh Regt. in the Right Section on the night of the 20th-21st.

POSITIONS

No. 1 Coy. will occupy 14A, 14B and 14S.
" 2 " " " 15 and 16S.
" 3 " " " E1, E4 and E3
" 4 " " " E6, E2, S.P.7 and S.P.8.
Battalion H.Q. will be at TEA FARM.

SCHEDULE OF

GARRISONS

<u>Front trenches</u>			<u>Support trenches</u>		
	rifles	M.G.		rifles	M.G.
E.2	60	1	E.6	50	
E.1	80		E.3	40	
E.4	50		15.S	60	
15	100	2	14.B.	50	
14.a	50		14.S.	40	
			Supporting point.No.8,25		1
			Supporting point No.7 25		1

ROUTE

The Battalion will parade at 4.30 p.m. and march by road junction S.10 b.2.2. S. 12 a. 7.3. S. 6.b.7.1 N. 31. d.o. 1 so as to reach road junction N. 33.c.7.6 at 7 p.m.

GUIDES

Guides for E. 2 and S.P. 8 from 6th Welsh Regt. for E.6 E1, E3 from Cheshire Regt., route Regent St. Vigo St. Piccadilly.

For E4, 15, 15S, 14a, 14b, 14S, S.P. 7 from Cheshire Regt. via Kingsway.

There will be two guides from each trench Supporting trench and supporting ~~point~~ point.

Parties will be told off for each position before arrival at rendezvous.

MACHINE GUNS

The Machine Gun section will march so as to be at N. 33 c.7.8. at 4.30 p.m.

2 guides from Welsh and two guides from Cheshire Regt. will meet them at that point.

SIGNALLERS

The Signalling Section, less two operators will march so as to be at N. 27 c. 8.7. at 3 p.m. where they will meet the Bde. Signalling Officer.

TRANSPORT

The transport will march, brigaded, as already ordered under Capt. Morrissey, the 13th Batn. transport proceeding to M. 20 a 7.9.

One G.S. waggon, 2 limbered waggons, Maltese Cart and 2 Water carts will accompany the Battalion.

G.E. McCuaig, Capt.
Adjt. 13th Canadian Battalion

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Appendix "C"

OPERATION ORDER No 34
By Major V.C. Buchanan,
acting O.C., 13th Canadian Battn.

8-9-15



1. RELIEF.
The 13th Canadian Battn. will be relieved by the 14th Canadian Battn. on the night of the 6/9th September.
2. TIME AND ROUTE.
The leading Platoon of the 14th Canadian Battn. will enter CURRIE AVENUE at 10.45 p.m. The 13th Canadian Battalion will move out by that Avenue.
No men are to move out until advice has been given that all of the 14th Battalion has passed in.
3. LOCATION.
The 13th Battalion will be in Brigade Reserve,-
No 1 Coy. will send out two parties, each of one N.C.O. and 12 men under an Officer as garrisons for Forts BRANDON and EBERLE. Guides will meet this party at the Control Post at T.18.a.6.7. at 4.00 p.m.
No 3 Coy. will send out a Brigade Headqrs. Guard of one N.C.O. and three men to report to the Adjutant, 15th Battalion, COURTE DREVE FARM at 6.00 p.m.
No 1 Coy. will be in huts behind HYDE PARK CORNER.
" 2 " at RED LODGE and adjacent huts.
" 4 " at UNDERHILL FARM.
" 5 " all details and Battn. Headqrs. at COURTE DREVE FARM,
Each Coy. should have an Officer both in front and support trenches so that they can move out in separate parties as soon as relieved.
Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Coys. will send a non-commissioned officer to Battn. H.Q. at 6.00 p.m., and they will be sent to join the reserve sections of their companies in HENKER AVENUE. These reserve sections will move out to the Road above Control Post at T.18.a.6.7. at 12 midnight and will join their companies as they pass by.
4. MACHINE GUNS.
The machine guns of the Battalion, directly they are relieved in the front line, will occupy position as follows:-
1 gun in 136.S.1. 2 guns in FORT OSBORNE BARRACKS.
1 " " 138.S.1.
The machine-gun section in reserve at the Transport lines will report to Battn.H.Q. at 6.00 p.m. to relieve section in trenches.
5. TRANSPORT.
One G.S. waggon, two limbered waggons and the Maltese cart will report at RATION FARM at 8.30 p.m. Field kitchens and second water-cart will report to the Company billets during the afternoon, so that a hot meal may be ready for the men on their arrival.
6. RECEIPTS & INVENTORIES.
Each company will hand over an Inventory of trench stores, a copy of which will be handed in to Battn.H.Q., also receipt for sanitary condition of trenches.
7. STORES.
All Battalion stores such as altiscopes and tube helmets and smoke helmets will be brought out.
The Brigade stores such as sniperscopes, bayonet periscopes recently issued etc., will be handed over.
8. BILLETS.
Lieut. E.W. Waud will report to 15th Battalion H.Q. to-morrow afternoon to take over the billets.

G.E. McCUAIG,
Capt. & Adj., 13th Canadian Battn.

Copy No	No 1 Coy.
" 1	" 2
" 2	" 3
" 3	" 4
" 4	" 5
" 5	" 6
" 6	" 7
" 7	" 8
" 8	" 9
" 9	" 10
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" 11	" 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17
" 12	Records.

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APPENDIX "D"

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OPERATION ORDER No 35 by Major V.C. Buchanan,
acting O.C., 13th Canadian Battalion.

12-6-15.



1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battn. will relieve the 14th Canadian Battn. in trenches 135 to 137 inclusive on the night of Sept. 13/14th.

2. POSITIONS.

No 1 Coy. will occupy Secn. 135 and the right half of Secn. 136.
" 4 " " " the left half of Secn. 136 and Secn. 137.
" 3 " will be in support at McHARG PLACE and ALTAMOUNT AVENUE.
The Headqrs. of the Canadian Secn. will be at PORT STEWART.
No 2 Coy. will be in reserve in dug-outs along HENEKER AVENUE.
Battn. Headqrs. will be at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.

3. MACHINE GUNS.

The machine-gun Secn. will relieve 14th Battalion machine-guns at 3.00 p.m. --

4. CONTROL POSTS.

The Coy. in reserve will detail two Posts of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men each at T.12.a.6.1. and T.18.a.7.7.
The Coy. in support will detail a Control Post of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men at T.12.b.10.6.
These guards will be detailed beforehand and posted as the Coys. move in.

5. TIMES.

The leading Platoon will enter CURRIE AVENUE at 9.45 p.m.
 platoons will move at five minutes' intervals; and Coys. in the following order:-
No 4, No 1, No 3, and No 2.

6. TRANSPORT.

Two G.S. waggons and one limbered waggon, the two water-carts and the Maltese cart will be used to bring up Battalion supplies. They must reach RATION FARM at 10.00 p.m.

7. REPORTS.

As soon as possible after getting into positions Coys. will send in Disposition Reports and Ration Returns.
Stretcher-bearers and machine-gun men are not included in Coy. Ration Returns.

G.E. McCUAIG, Capt.,
Adj., 13th. Canadian Battalion.

No 1 Copy.....No 1 Coy.
" 2 " " 2 "
" 3 " " 3 "
" 4 " " 4 "
" 5 "M.G. Off'r.
" 6 "Grenade Off'r.
" 7 "Transport Off'r.
" 8 "Q.M.
" 9 "C.O.
" 10 "Brigade H.Q.
" 11 "Office Copy.
" 10,13,14,15,16 & 17.....Records.

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Appendix "A".

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OPERATION ORDER No.33
by Lt.-Col. F.O.W.Loomis D.S.O.,
Commdg. 13th Canadian Battalion.

Sept. 3rd, 1945



RELIEF

The 13th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 135-137 inclusive on the night 3/4 September.

POSITIONS

No.4 Company will occupy Section 135; No.3 Coy. Section 136; No.2 Company, Section 137; No.1 Coy. dugouts in Altamount Avenue; Grenade Section H.Q. PORT STEWART; Batt.H.Q. LA PLUS DOUCE FARM.

CONTROL POSTS

The company in reserve will detail three guards of ~~which~~ 1 N.C.O. & 3 Men each, which will be posted as the company marches in.

TIME

The leading platoon of No.2 Company will enter CURRIE AVE at 8 P.M.. Platoons will march at five minute intervals. Order of March of companies-- No.2, No.3, No.4 No.1 and H.Q.Grenade Section.

ROUTE

Companies will move in via CURRIE AVENUE, which must be entered not nearer the trenches than where it crosses the PETITE DOUVE RIVER.

TRANSPORT

Two G.S.wagons, one limbered wagon for tools and bombs, and two water-carts will accompany the battalion.

REPORTS

Companies will report their dispositions as soon after they have been taken over as possible.

EQUIPMENT

Every man is to have the standard amount of S.A.A., a respirator, 24 hours rations, and water-bottle filled.

/s.

G.E.McCUAIG Capt.,
Adj. 13th Canadian Battalion.

Copy No.1-----No.1Coy.
" " 2-----" 2 "
" " 3-----" 3 "
" " 4-----" 4 "
" " 5-----M.G.Officer
" " 6-----Grenade Officer
" " 7-----Transport Officer.
" " 8-----Q.M.
" " 9-----C.O.
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Appendix "A".

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OPERATION ORDER No.33
by Lt.-Col. F.O.W.Loomis D.S.O.,
Commndg. 13th Canadian Battalion. Sept. 3rd, 1918



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APPENDIX "B".

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EXTRACT FROM BATTALION ORDERS - 4th September 1919.



CONTROL POSTS.

Control posts have now been established at various points in this area, to prevent unauthorised persons (civil or military) from entering the prohibited area behind the lines.

All N.C.Os and men passing these posts or pickets by day or night, whether on duty or not, must be provided with either,-

(a) A temporary pass signed by the O.C. the unit to which the individual belongs,

or

(b) Coloured card pass stamped and signed by a Provost Marshal or Assistant Provost Marshal.

In the case of Officers, they will be stopped by night and must be in the possession of the proper pass.

C.Os are responsible that any Officer, N.C.O. or man of their unit proceeding on duty is provided with a proper pass.

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RIFLE GRENADES.

It has been decided that sixteen rifles per Battalion shall be set aside solely for use of firing rifle grenades.

Such rifles as are bulged or badly scored will be immediately selected for this purpose and marked on the butt with a "G" to show that they are to be used for grenade work.

Companies will please report to-morrow morning how many such rifles they have in their possession.

G.E. McCUAIG,
Capt. & Adj.,
13th Canadian Battalion.

o.s.

1st Canadian Battalion
The Royal Highlanders of Canada

Army Form C. 2118.

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WAR DIARY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. CONFIDENTIAL.
(Erase heading not required.)

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
8.30 pm. 15 th D ^o	Working party of 50 men under Lieut. Bolton reported at BAYTON FARM. CASUALTIES: M. 25099 Dr. J. Johnson - sprained knee - sent to N ^o 3 Field Ambulance. M. 25075 - A. Macintosh - wounded by shellburst in buttocks while on working party - sent to N ^o 3 Field Ambulance. The Battalion supplied the following working parties: 50 men under Lieut. M. Thomson reported at UNDERHILL FARM at 7.45 a.m. and proceeded to BAYTON FARM. 1 N.C.O. and 40 were reported by Sgt. Juggas at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to SHRINE. They were absent in preparing to receive 198 Canadian Battalion, on front line, between 135 to 138. Battalion moved into front line, moving by Watsons at five minutes' interval. Regt. in the following order: R. 4; N ^o 1; N ^o 3 & N ^o 2. Regt. completed at 11.30 p.m.	
9.45 pm. 15 th D ^o	Enemy, having apparently heard relief sent up a rocket opposite our front. Their artillery fired about 6 rounds. No one could see the direction from the location of the burst, we assumed it to be merely "fog" fire. Enemy sent four shells to the left of trench 136, without, however, doing any damage. The remainder of the night passed without incident, except that enemy working parties were observed, a working party active. CASUALTIES: M. 65120 Dr. E. Farn - influenza - sent to N ^o 2 Field Ambulance. " 65158 S. Hill, J. Lang - influenza - sent to N ^o 2 Field Ambulance. " 19979 Dr. Perry - sprained knee - sent to N ^o 2 Field Ambulance. " 26119 - Lt. Rowland - killed - sent to Brigade Hospital.	See Appendix "D"
1.30 a.m. 15 th D ^o	Weather fog and drizzle. Two aeroplanes, flying very high, patrolled over our right flank. They were thought to be British. Enemy fired 5 mortar shells, two landing in front and one behind parapet in 136. Search lights to H.H. shells in vicinity of parapet of 136, one striking parapet and partially demolishing it. About the same time a dozen H.H. shells landed near new set of trench, one of which partially destroyed parapet. During the night the enemy set up several flares & red rockets. Our patrols were active and gave search useful information.	
1.50 p.m. 15 th D ^o	CASUALTY: M. 28058 Dr. J. Johnson - perforated fore-arm - sent to N ^o 3 Field Ambulance. Weather fine all day.	
2 pm. 15 th D ^o	British Airplane flew over Headquarters after patrolling our front. Was heavily shelled by enemy, the explosion falling in the rear of Headquarters. Enemy Artillery more active than usual, but no damage or casualties reported.	
3 - 5 p.m. 15 th D ^o	Successful probing upon the enemy is being done by our Patrols, one today succeeded in locating a NEW MACHINE GUN position. Other interesting information is furnished by our patrols, indicating how really alert these patrols of ours are.	



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<p>1915 Sept. 25 Des TIERRE FARM.</p> <p>6.20 - 7.00 a.m.</p> <p>2.00 a.m.</p> <p>8.20-85 a.m.</p> <p>1.10 p.m.</p> <p>3.45 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather cold - clear and fine in morning - showers in afternoon - heavy rain at night.</p> <p>Three allied planes flew over German lines one going South, one West, another NE. All were heavily shelled but apparently without damage.</p> <p>Enemy light aircraft crossed our lines going North - there was no shelling.</p> <p>Some light percussion shells drifted in our lines - one just on parapet.</p> <p>Bomb's discharged rifle grenades on enemy working party in trench. Effect could not be observed.</p> <p>Enemy dropped two light percussion shells in our lines.</p> <p>Enemy did practically no sniping. Our sentries were active and report one enemy periscope smashed. It also reported that practically all the enemy's wire has been taken in vicinity trenches 100 and 101.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: - No 2325 Dr Scott wounded in left hand by piece of small shell - while on duty in trench sent to No 1 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>- 2906 Dr. H. Kierstead - wounded by piece of shell in mouth while on sentry go in trench sent to No 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>CS</p>
<p>1915 Sept 25</p> <p>8.45 - 9.20 a.m.</p> <p>9.30 - 9.40 a.m.</p> <p>1.15 p.m.</p> <p>5.10 p.m.</p> <p>9.00 - 11.10 p.m.</p> <p>2.25 a.m.</p>	<p>Weather cold - heavy showers.</p> <p>Some men of this Battalion were detailed to work under Brigade at CLARENBERG FOREST.</p> <p>Two British aeroplanes flew over our reserves and support lines. They were not shelled.</p> <p>Enemy artillery fired about a dozen small time fuse shells which burst in our left over reserves.</p> <p>Our artillery fired 15 small shells (two fuse shells) which burst over enemy reserves. Being replied with about same number which burst over supports and reserves to our left.</p> <p>Enemy artillery fired two small time shells, bursting in same place.</p> <p>Heavy rifle and machine-guns fired, and bombardment on our left. Patrols sent out as far as listening post - 50 yards in front of trench - but no information gathered. It was afterwards found to be at trenches 155 - 159. Where the 2nd Canadian Division, fearing an attack by the enemy, had made a demonstration.</p> <p>The line stood to and upon signal of a megaphone, 10 rounds rapid was fired followed by others. 12 star lights were sent up by enemy and there was practically no sniping.</p> <p>The objective of a dummy head over the parapet for a period of 5 minutes resulted in 20 hits.</p> <p>No transport was heard during night.</p> <p>Useful work was done at night by patrols.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: - No 2965 Dr. Ferguson - gun shot wound right foot - while on sentry go in trench - sent to No 1 P.A.</p> <p>- 2936 - G. Gray - dent superficial skin's media - sent to No 1 P.A.</p> <p>- 2675 - E. Tellane - dent superficial skin's media - sent to No 1 P.A.</p>	<p>CS</p>



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<p>8.00 p.m. Sept 26th Des DIRTARS TARM.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine - cold. Five H.A. shells (12 mm.) dropped in our area. Two burst in front of trench 95 - remainder along trench AT 1000. No damage was done. Enemy party noticed carrying timber to a point in their front N. of "FOOT". What appeared to be an H.A. emplacement was noticed in a house 950' from Tpt bearing 150° N. The position is on ground floor; walls have been strengthened by sandbags on inside. Downy windows are covered with sds. Enemy force was studied through a released pipe 200' and the following observations made - 1st line was for the most part, of one weak line of bottles. 2nd line also seems weak, it consists of one line only in front of trenches 95 and 96 and two lines in front of 97. 3rd line: There is no line in front of 95 & 96. At 97 there are two lines of strong high wire. CASUALTIES:- No 23514 Mc. G. Bennett - slight wound in face received while on sentry duty in front line, sent to No 1 Field Ambulance. " 25425 Lt. J. Haddock - lacerated wounds, left hand - fracture, very slight - sent to No 1 Field Ambulance. " 55075 Mr. D. Provost - influenza - sent to No 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>Scheme of Reference for trenches 95-101, see Appendix II.</p>



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1915 Sept 20 th Aldershot. Camp	Batteries moved into French Camp on 26 Linden Park gun. Thence to replace equipment and conduct in G. procedure to the trenches.	See Operation Order 27 Appendix P
9 a.m.	Batteries fell in and moved to French Camp, where guides supplied by the 2 nd Machine and 6 th Para. Week Regiment - the Battalion is relieved - Conducted on different Companies to their allotted places.	etc
9 ¹⁵ p.m.	By day here the relief was completed and the outgoing battalions were away. Conditions were fairly quiet on the front up to midnight.	etc
21 st Linden Hook. 7 th Trench Bn. Hdq.	Between 1 and 2 a.m. heavy dew over what appeared to be fresh footprints which landed in front of and to left of Bell Ring. No damage done. Everything quiet otherwise and heavy appeared to have no working parties out. For Ammunition, the Battalion did not little work but night owing to late arrival. No Company report being raised fire except at evening portion of trench of position night of 14 th . Brig. Gen. Rickie toured trenches at 7 ¹⁵ a.m. Casualties. No 63 Coy. 75 E. Ostend. M.S. Salm. Fuller Sound, edge of left east. Sent to No 3. Field Ambulance.	etc
22 nd do	The night passed rather more quiet than usual. But at day break the enemy sniping became rather thick and during the whole day a fair amount of activity was maintained. Aeroplanes, both hostile and friendly were several appearances & were, on either side, frequently shot. Enemy fired 25 rounds Shrapnel which landed near trench 14 - in its rear. A little before this the New Artillery sent over a very heavy shell of 7 1/2 in, 8 of which landed in the distance near trench K 2. Some were seen sniping from the parapet facing our trench 137. Was disguised had to pass in Sandbags & after being observed by our tank driver was shot at and driven away from the position he had been using. Whether he was injured or not could not be ascertained. Enemy working parties small numbers were seen at different times & frequently fired at by our rifles & Machine Guns.	etc



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1915.		
Sept 25 th LINDENHOOK DEA. FARM.	Night passed much as usual. No Sniping was more active, particularly at "Stout's" last night.	
9 pm - 10 pm.	Our Machine Guns fired a few rounds at enemy working party going over R.R., working between his front trench and a mine, forty yds ahead.	CS
8 - 9.	A hour prior to this, enemy opened a MACHINE GUN, at short rapid intervals, several of its bullets striking our parapets in trench 15.	
8 ³⁰ - 9.	Four Forward were sent up between the Veeb. Low ash, breaking into many red stars. These came from enemy trench facing our R.1, and the noise, sounding very peculiar as to their making - if they have any particular meaning - should be noted. "Do you know what that meant?" Much sniping followed and word nothing. Gun fire.	
2 ³⁰ - 3 ³⁰ p.m.	Enemy heavy field several rounds shrapnel over Sec. R.1 - landed far in rear. No damage or casualty is reported. Activity firing continues in the district N. and N.E.	
3 ³⁰ - 4 ³⁰ p.m.	Enemy field battery very active sending over many 38 pounders just behind enemy's front. Also a 2.5 inch of factory fired 6 rounds landing near 500 yards behind forward front which faces R.2. Both general activity (both sides friendly) was in evidence in morning and evening.	
From during night.	Our working parties were fairly successful last night and did various useful jobs.	
24 th LINDENHOOK DEA. FARM.	High again quiet but no sniping at dawn then usual. The incident whether probably accounted for this.	
	Enemy artillery sent over a couple of "coal boxes" and shelled with shrapnel a little this morning.	CS
12 noon to 2 ³⁰ p.m.	Our artillery very active between Resolours, firing chiefly 39 pounders, into the enemy reserve and back into HASSINES.	
6 ³⁰ p.m.	The Battalion was relieved by the 23 rd Battalion, commencing 6.30 p.m. and finally completed at 10.00 p.m.	
25 LOESE VILLAGA	Printed	See Operation Order, Appendix "G". CS



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Sept. 25th LOOS VILLAGE	<p>Rained heavily all night and continued throughout the morning. We were prevented by hilly in a village, something we have not done for a long, but as we expected to move at any hour but little advantage could be taken of this, as confinement to billets was strictly enforced.</p>	<p>DS</p>
26th ALDERSHOT HOPS	<p>Orders for a move were received late this afternoon, and we fell in at 10.30 p.m. for a march to ALDERSHOT HOPS where we arrived at about 12.30 a.m. The huts were hastily occupied on our arrival and the whole left in a most unsatisfactory condition. Weather fine and condition of roads somewhat improved, although still in very bad condition for marching. In the morning the Battalion was paid, and the day was spent in preparing for a move into pillbox trenches previously occupied by 35th Brigade. During the day news of British successes on this front reached the Battalion and was received with great enthusiasm.</p>	<p>See Operations Order, Appendix "H."</p> <p>DS</p>
7.30 p.m.	<p>The Battalions assembled preparatory to moving off 3 shell factories captured by British and French were visible on parade. The Battalion moved into pillboxes to the right of our old quarters in ALDERSHOT HOPS - BATTALION HEADQUARTERS were in ALDERSHOT HOPS CONVICTS. The relief was completed at 8.00 p.m. and most comfortable quarters for all ranks our billets proved to be.</p>	<p>See Operations Order, Appendix "H."</p>
27th ALDERSHOT HOPS CONVICTS	<p>Weather fine during day - heavy shower in evening - clear again at night. Ray sent by Battalion standing by - all ranks were confined to pillboxes awaiting orders. Orders arrived that we were to move to night to co operate with 131st Brigade relieving 35th Brigade in front line and supports as 35th Brigade was moving to ALDERSHOT HOPS and its support attack made 10th South: 15th Battalion to relieve 6th Buffs in front line. Orders received and relief commenced; NO 1, 2, 3 Coy moved to front line - NO 3 to support - Bn. H. Q. at Des ALDERSHOT HOPS Relief completed by 9.30 p.m.</p>	<p>DS</p>
7th p.m.	<p>CASUALTIES:- NO 16181 Pte. P. Reilly - Not yet diagnosed - sent to NO 1 Field Ambulance. - 74939 Gtl. J. Chapman - Not yet diagnosed - sent to NO 1 Field Ambulance. - A19711 Pte. E. E. How - Not yet diagnosed - sent to NO 1 Field Ambulance. - 25290 - Unknown - Not yet diagnosed - sent to NO 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Operations Order, Appendix "H."</p>



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1918 Sept. 28 Des FERRERS FARM 6.20 - 7.00 a.m. 8.00 a.m. 8.20-8.35 a.m. 9.10 p.m. 9.45 p.m.	<p>Weather cold - clear and fine in morning - showers in afternoon - heavy rain at night - Three attacks, first one over Marmah Hill, one going South, one West, another N.E. All were heavily shelled but all by without damage. Enemy airplanes crossed our line going North - there was no shelling. Some light reconnaissance shells dropped in our lines - one just in front of Bombing discharge rifle grounds on enemy working party in trench. Effect could not be observed. Enemy trapped four light reconnaissance shells in our lines. Enemy did practically no work. Our position more active and report on enemy from coke pits asked. It was reported that practically all the enemy work had been done in afternoon from the 100 and 101 CASUALTIES: - No 2555 In front of position, in left hand by piece of small shell - while on duty in trench sent to No 1 Field Ambulance. - 4906 Pte H. Stewart; wounded by piece of shell in position while on duty in trench sent to No 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	
29 th D ^r 6.45: 7.30 a.m. 9.00 - 9.05 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 5.10 p.m. 9.00 - 11.30 p.m. 2.45 a.m.	<p>Weather cold - heavy showers. Four men of this Battalion were detailed to work under the name of CLARENCEVILLE POWERS. Two British airplanes flew over our position and dropped bombs. They were not shelled. Enemy shelling fired about a dozen small time fuse shells which burst in our left hand trench. Our shelling fired 25 small shells (two fuse shells) which burst over enemy position. Enemy fired with about same number, which burst over our position and caused no damage. Enemy shelling fired two small time shells, bursting in our trench. Enemy rifle fire was very quiet, and only occasional sniping. Patrols sent out for no returning foot - no gas. No 1 trench. But no report on gas. At one of our posts fired at by at least 100 - 150, where the 100 Canadian Battalion, firing an attack by the enemy, had made a diversionary attack. The line about 100 yards from signal of a mortar, 10 rounds fired followed by three. In other lights were sent of by enemy and there was probably no shelling. No dependence of a heavy band of the mortar for a period of 5 minutes resulted in no fire. No transport was heard during night. Casualty work was done at night - by habits CASUALTIES: - No 2545 Pte. Davidson - gun shot wounds, right foot - while on duty in trench - sent to No 1 P.A. - 29356 - C. Gray - severe sufferings, shins media - sent to No 1 P.A. - E. Lellane - acute sufferings, shins media - sent to No 1 P.A.</p>	



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<p>Sept. 1. 7.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Weather cold and showery. Physical drill. Company training. Inspection by C.O., Division, which was to have taken place this afternoon, was cancelled and notice given that one would be held tomorrow by C.O., 5th Army. Company drill was held in afternoon, but owing to rain, not much could be done. CASUALTIES:- No 46326 Pte. O. W. Knicker - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. " 20732 " W. Kidd - gastro-enteritis - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Operations Order, Appendix A.</p>
<p>2. DE 4.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. to 10.30</p>	<p>Weather cold; fine during forenoon - heavy rain in afternoon. Physical drill. Company training. Battalion and Battalion Transport fell in for inspection by Gen. Plummer, commanding the 2nd Army Corps. The inspection lasted till about 12.30 p.m. Gen. Plummer complimented the Battalion on its smart appearance. Bathing parades were held during the afternoon to Divisional baths. About 8 o'clock a heavy bombardment commenced on the left of our area, and lasted until dusk. NOISE was also heard with H.E. Rapid rifle and machine-gun fire were also heard as if an attack were in progress.</p>	<p>See Operations Order, Appendix A.</p>
<p>54 DE 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. 12.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather - heavy rain accompanied by mist, lasting all day. They spent the forenoon in preparation for moving to front line, principally in distributing and replenishing equipment. Owing to bad weather there was no rehearsal of parades. The companies fell in and marched at 5 minutes interval to take up the following positions in trenches 155-157: No 2 Coy. trench 155; No 3 Coy. trench 156; No 2 Coy. trench 157; No 1 Coy. reserve dug-out AT MOUNT AVEZ DE; Machine section Headquarters PORT STERRET. G.A.M. Headquarters LA FLEUR DOUCH FARM. Mail completed 10.30 Transport was heard by our listening posts behind enemy lines. During the night enemy bombing parties were heard. One party was observed to leave front line and move back into the open. Bomb was placed and the party lay down, afterwards continuing. CASUALTIES:- No 24970 Pte. J. McNamara - organic bronchitis - sent to No 3 F.A. No 28098 Pte. H. Jones - Bronchitis - sent to No 3 F.A. " 25335 " J. Steel - Bronchitis - sent to No 3 F.A. " 7922 " Pte. J. Jones - tooth - " 25335 " J. Smith - tooth - sent to No 3 F.A. " 25698 " Dr. C. Conroy - tooth - " 257</p>	<p>See Operations Order, Appendix A.</p>



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8:30 pm. 14 th D: 15 th D: 16 th D:	<p>Working party of 50 men under Lieut. Britton reported at RATION FARM.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: - M3599 Dr. J. Johnson - sprained knee - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>M3579 " A. Buchanan - wounded by shrapnel in buttocks while in working party. sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>The Battalion supplied the following working parties:</p> <p>30 men under Lieut. M. Pearson reported at UNDERHILL FARM at 7:25 a.m. and proceeded to RATION FARM.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. and 40 men reported to Bala. Hospital at 8:30 a.m. and proceeded to SHRINE.</p> <p>They were about in preparing to release 29th Canadian Battalion, on front line, trenches 195 to 234.</p> <p>Battalion moved into front line, moving by 7th Battalion at five minute intervals. Boys in the following order: 24; 21; 20; 22.</p> <p>2nd completed 11:30 p.m.</p> <p>Enemy having apparently heard relief sent up a rocket above our front. Their artillery fired about 6 rounds, do we could not tell their objective from the location of the burst, we assumed it to be merely "frightfulness".</p> <p>Enemy sent four shells to 2nd left of trench 195 without however doing any damage.</p> <p>The remainder of the night passed without incident except that enemy working parties were observed, a sapping party active.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: - M 6252 Dr. C. Foyon - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>" 6255 J. H. & E. Gray - influenza - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>" A 1977 Dr. Perry - sprained knee - sent to No 2 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>" 46119 " M. Rowland - knee - sent to 2nd Brigade Hospital.</p>	<p>See Appendix D</p>
1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:50 p.m.	<p>Weather cool and cloudy.</p> <p>Two aeroplanes flying very high, travelled over our right flank. These were thought to be British.</p> <p>Enemy fired 3 unexploded shells, two landing in front and one behind parapet in 226.</p> <p>Enemy dropped 6 H. H. shells in vicinity of parapet of 156, one striking parapet and partially penetrating it.</p> <p>About the same time a dozen H. H. shells dropped near rear end of trench, one of which partially destroyed parapet.</p> <p>During the night the enemy set up several flares & red rockets. Our patrols were active and gave much useful information.</p>	
15 th D:	<p>CASUALTY: - M 28098 Dr. J. Johnson - perforated fore-arm - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	
2 pm. 3 - 5 p.m.	<p>Weather fine all day.</p> <p>British Aerplane flew over Headquarters after patrolling our front. Was heavily shelled by enemy, the top of one falling in the rear of Headquarters.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery more active than usual, but no damage or casualties reported.</p>	
9 pm to 12 am	<p>Successful probing upon the enemy is being done by our Patrols, work today succeeded in locating a NEW MACHINE GUN position. Other interesting information is furnished indicating how really alert the patrols of ours are.</p>	



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10-30 11 ^{am} 16 th Coy. N.S. Bn. Poore	<p>Weather continues fine About 20 H.E. Shells were fired at trench 136 and in the rear. Two of them fell immediately behind this section of trench and two others struck directly ^{and} rear trench support this front. The 1st damaged a little of the parapet without injuring anyone; the other struck a dugout occupied at the time by two men, but luckily neither were hurt other than minor lacerations or two. The stocks of 2 rifles were completely smashed. Sniping active. One enemy machine, particularly troublesome until silenced by our snipers. Enemy Machine Gun fire - few rounds - a few hitting parapet of trench section 136 all through "Stena to" the enemy snipers were particularly busy and considerable firing was done from the enemy trench facing our Sec 136. Casualties: No. 63243. Lt. W. Zitzger. Wounded slightly in face. " No. 14375. Sgt. Mannes. " No. 63469. Lt. Sedrons. Wounded slightly left hand wounded slightly in face. " 63134. - RS. Roll</p>	<p>els r</p>
2-45 8 pm 7-30 pm 3-45 AM.	<p>Weather still excellent - hardly any wind. No. 2 Coy. in the front achieved a quiet night, with nothing more than the usual sniping. Relieved this afternoon by Cavalry Brigade and Bealey's Horse, and the case of the battery reached the Divisional Reserve this evening at 8 pm. Weather continues fine. Only part of day spent in cleaning up, as is usual on coming out of trenches. At 2^{pm} this afternoon the intention imparted by Major Buckson - Acting O.C. who took the opportunity - the first that had occurred - of welcoming our new draft after parade the usual fall games were played. This morning was spent at the Divisional Bath - the company following and other at half-hour intervals. At 9 AM Capt. Bringle took our customary Church Service - when out the time falling. benches - and this was attended by all except those at the</p>	<p>els r</p>
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18 th Aldershot Camp 2 PM.	<p>Weather still excellent - hardly any wind. No. 2 Coy. in the front achieved a quiet night, with nothing more than the usual sniping. Relieved this afternoon by Cavalry Brigade and Bealey's Horse, and the case of the battery reached the Divisional Reserve this evening at 8 pm. Weather continues fine. Only part of day spent in cleaning up, as is usual on coming out of trenches. At 2^{pm} this afternoon the intention imparted by Major Buckson - Acting O.C. who took the opportunity - the first that had occurred - of welcoming our new draft after parade the usual fall games were played. This morning was spent at the Divisional Bath - the company following and other at half-hour intervals. At 9 AM Capt. Bringle took our customary Church Service - when out the time falling. benches - and this was attended by all except those at the</p>	<p>els r</p>
19 th do	<p>Weather still excellent - hardly any wind. No. 2 Coy. in the front achieved a quiet night, with nothing more than the usual sniping. Relieved this afternoon by Cavalry Brigade and Bealey's Horse, and the case of the battery reached the Divisional Reserve this evening at 8 pm. Weather continues fine. Only part of day spent in cleaning up, as is usual on coming out of trenches. At 2^{pm} this afternoon the intention imparted by Major Buckson - Acting O.C. who took the opportunity - the first that had occurred - of welcoming our new draft after parade the usual fall games were played. This morning was spent at the Divisional Bath - the company following and other at half-hour intervals. At 9 AM Capt. Bringle took our customary Church Service - when out the time falling. benches - and this was attended by all except those at the</p>	<p>els r</p>



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8.10 p.m. Sept 5 th PLUS DOUCE FARM (continued)	Enemy heavy driving iron spikes in the vicinity of La PETITE DOUVE FARM. The objects which arrived yesterday were distributed evenly among the companies, but put under the temporary command of Lieutenant Johnson and Sergeant Fott, who reported from Badet School, G. H. Q.	
6 th D	CASUALTIES - Nil. Weather - clear and fine. Enemy aircraft were busy during the forenoon, there being seen at 9.50, 10 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. These all retired on being shelled by our anti-aircraft guns. Enemy fired about 45 H.E. shells in the neighbourhood of PLUS DOUCE and STINKING farms, two of which dropped close to Bata. H. Q. without however doing any damage. Our artillery replied and enemy shelling ceased. Enemy shelled in reply of our front line trenches. Our artillery retaliated on German trenches and on reverse side of hill near MESSINES.	
11.40 a.m.	German aeroplanes came towards our lines, but retired after being shelled.	
9.35 p.m.	CASUALTIES :- N° 1 15503. Pte. J. Marford - not get diagnosed - sent to N° 1 Field Ambulance. - 25055 - J. Roberts - both sent to N° 1 Field Ambulance.	
5.30 p.m.	Weather clear and fine. Working parties of 20 men reported to Bata. Regt. Some unshelled enemy machine gun noise. During the forenoon aeroplanes were seen, but both retired on being shelled. Our artillery shelled German lines and PETIT DOUVE FARM. Enemy retaliated by shelling our front at sections 15504 & 15505. Working parties of 100 men reported at STINKING FARM. Three German tanks flew towards our lines at 3.50, 5.35 and 5.50 respectively. During the night German working parties could be heard all along their line at 12.00 a.m. and working ceased.	
9 th D	CASUALTIES :- N° 24298 Pte. W. G. Clements - web head - sent to N° 1 Field Ambulance.	
9.30 a.m.	Weather clear and fine. They went to freshening gun relief. Working parties of 100 men reported at STINKING FARM and 30 men at Bata. Regt. Several enemy working parties observed, both at Bata and enemy, but none very close. Enemy shelled in the vicinity of PLUS DOUCE FARM without doing any damage. Enemy shelled working parties close to Bata. Several wounded and sent to N° 1 P.A. At night the 7 th Bata. was relieved by the 16 th Bata., relief being completed by 2.00 a.m. The Bata. moved to Brigade Reserve with Weather at COURTH DREVE. CASUALTIES :- N° 1 15504 Pte. G. Fisher - shell wound in back - sent to N° 1 P.A. - 124952 - G. White - shell wound in upper back - sent to N° 1 P.A. - 52007 - G. Wain - shell wound in left arm - sent to N° 1 P.A. - 24675 - Sgt. S. Anderson - shell wound in head and left arm - sent to N° 1 P.A. N° 9020 Field. J. O'Keefe - shell wound in left hand, sent to N° 1 P.A.	



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<p>9th 9. COURTESY MEETING 7.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. Detachment sent Adv cleaning kit and equipment. A working party of 100 men reported to Engineers at BAYTON FARM. Working party of 100 men reported to Engineers at BAYTON FARM. CASUALTIES: N^o 15118 Pk. 1. Spr. - gastro enteritis - sent to N^o 1 Field Ambulance. - 29716 - 9. Hardier - sprained ankle - sent to N^o 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>2/5</p>
<p>10th D^o 7.45 a.m. 8.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 4.45 p.m. 8.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine - good. The Battalion supplied the following working parties:- 50 men under Lieut. Pitt reported at BATH. Agns. and proceeded to BAYTON FARM reporting to Engineers at 9.30. One M.C.O. and 20 men reported at SHRINE. One M.C.O. and 20 men reported at SHRINE. 150 men under Lieut. Mansfield, Mathewson and J. Thomson paraded at Bath. Agns. and reported at BAYTON FARM at 7.30 p.m. Lieut. Thigo and 50 men reported at BAYTON FARM. The transport waggon (45) and five timbered waggons reported to Engineers at 8.00 a.m. and were employed during the day in conveying 6,700 bricks for paving trench sides. CASUALTIES: N^o 63922 Pk. A. Nelson - dysentery - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>2/5</p>
<p>11th D^o 7.45 a.m. 8.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. The Battalion supplied the following working parties:- Lieut. Johnson with 20 men paraded at UNDERHILL FARM and reported at BAYTON FARM at 8.30 a.m. 1 M.C.O. and 20 men reported at SHRINE. 1 M.C.O. and 20 men reported at SHRINE. CASUALTIES: N^o 50097 Pk. G. Macdonald - foot and detection kick - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. - 159422 - 26. Bellings - killed in action - gunshot wound - when working party near BAYTON FARM.</p>	<p>2/5</p>
<p>12th D^o 7.45 a.m. 8.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. Working party of 20 men under Lieut. Johnson paraded at UNDERHILL FARM and reported at BAYTON FARM at 8.30 a.m. 1 M.C.O. and 20 men reported at SHRINE. 1 M.C.O. and 20 men reported at SHRINE. Main Parade was held in the afternoon as follows:- N^o 1 by 2.00 p.m.; N^o 2 by 2.30 p.m.; N^o 3 by 3.00 p.m.; N^o 3 Coy. and all details at 4.30 1 M.C.O. and 3 men each from N^o 1 & 2 Coy. and 1 M.C.O. each from N^o 3 & 4 Coy. paraded at Bath. Agns. and proceeded to 3rd Brigade Headquarters. Working party of 150 men under Lieut. Smith and Lieut. Mathewson and Pitt paraded at Bath. Agns. and reported to BAYTON FARM at 9.30 p.m.</p>	<p>2/5</p>
<p>1 p.m. 6.45 p.m.</p>		



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Appendix A.

- " B. O.O.33 dated 3.9.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn.Bn. in trenches 135-137 inclusive on night 3rd/4th September.
- " C. Extract from Battn. orders dated 4.9.15. re control vote.
- " D. O.O.34 dated 8.9.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will be relieved by 14th Cdn.Bn. on night 8th/9th September.
- " E. O.O.35 dated 12.9.16. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn.Bn. in trenches 135 - 137 on night September 13th/14th.
- " F. O.O.36 dated 17.9.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will be relieved to-night by 7th Bn. and Cdn. Cavalry Brigade.
- " G. O.O.37 dated 20.9.15. 13th Bn. will relieve Cheschire Regt. on part of 6th Welsh Regt. in the right section on night of 20th/21st September, 1915.
- " H. O.O.38 dated 24.9.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will be relieved tonight by 14th Cdn.Bn.
- " I. O.O.39 dated 25.9.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will parade at 10.30 p.m. and proceed to billets at Aldershatt.
- " J. O.O.40 dated 26.9.15. Bn. will parade at 4.30 p.m. and will march to Road Junction T.29.d.7.7.
- " K. O.O.41 dated 27.9.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve the 6th Buffs in front line trenches tonight.
- " L. 13th Cdn.Bn. Intelligence report at 11 a.m. September 30th, 1915.
- " M. 13th Cdn.Bn. scheme of defence in trenches 95-101 inclusive.

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1918 Sept 9 PLUS DOUCE FARM (continued) 6.25 a.m. 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. 10.25 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 5.30 p.m. 5.50 p.m. 6.05 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	<p>Weather - fine in early part of forenoon; rain commenced about 11.30 and lasted all day. Allied aeroplanes flew over Hottelmas Lines. It was heavily shelled but continued on its way. Enemy sent over about 8 shrapnel shells in the vicinity of PLUS DOUCE FARM and RATION FARM without, however, doing any damage.</p> <p>Our artillery dropped four shells on enemy forward at about U. 2, c. 5.9.</p> <p>Enemy fired three H. H. shells in rear of section 134, one of which failed to burst.</p> <p>Our artillery shelled enemy front line and supports - the effect, however, was not observed.</p> <p>Enemy aeroplanes observed flying low; it did not cross our line and soon retired.</p> <p>Our artillery shelled in the direction of MESSINES - the effect could not be observed as the object was apparently out of sight.</p> <p>From about 7.15 p.m. a heavy bombardment was heard some distance to the North.</p> <p>The night of 9/10 September was very quiet, no German working parties or transport could be heard. One mining post was located a short distance in front of enemy's line.</p> <p>Party of 245 men from 24th Reserve Battalion reported at our transport. They were wearing gasmasks and Black Watch, Indian, Kilt.</p> <p>On 10 night's Bala. Orders sent. E. D. Ward was appointed acting Quartermaster <i>vice</i> Lieut. Col. Bowler (transferred to Canada 9.9.18).</p> <p>Orders re hospital posts for the provision of unauthorised persons passing through barbed wire and orders re gran-ade rifles were received through our Brigade and published in Battalion Orders.</p> <p>CASUALTIES:- N^o 21990 Sgt. D. Allen - 40000 mg. chronic - sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance. " 24541 Pte. F. E. White - 40000 mg. sent to N^o 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See Appendix "B" - Extracts from Battalion Orders 8-9-18.</p>
5 4.00 p.m. 4.15 p.m. 4.30 p.m. 5.55 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	<p>Weather - dull and cold, with several heavy showers.</p> <p>The iron plate - such as used by the enemy as protective cover - was discovered in a tree at U. 2, c. 5.0. This is between our lines and our listening post. When found it had evidently been disintegrated for some time.</p> <p>Allied plane flew high over enemy's lines opposite 136. It was heavily shelled by the enemy.</p> <p>Our artillery shelled enemy front line with shrapnel and H. H. opposite trench 134.</p> <p>Enemy dropped real gas shells 134.</p> <p>Two German planes coming from the direction of MESSINES made three trips along enemy's lines opposite our front 135-134. One plane on the second circuit was seen to signal by means of white lights. One the third trip an allied plane appeared and engaged enemy machine-gun posts being exchanged & enemy driven off. The other enemy plane was shelled by our anti-aircraft guns and also driven off.</p>	



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<p>1915 Aug 22 COURTS DRIVE (continued)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather fine. Working party of 150 men reported to 1st Field Coy, C.E. at RATION FARM Ebrisch's stretcher - afterwards July communications - bases, both situated at both services. Working party of 50 men reported at RATION FARM to 1st Field Coy, Engineers. CASUALTIES - NIL.</p>	<p>014 015</p>
<p>25th DE</p> <p>9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather cloudy. Movement to front line trenches, which was to have taken place to-day, has been postponed till to-morrow. Major V. G. Buchanan returned from 15th Battalion. Working party of 100 men reported to 1st Field Coy, C.E. CASUALTIES - NIL.</p>	<p>016 017</p>
<p>29th DE</p> <p>TRENCHES 135, 136 & 137 In Coy. La ELUS DOUVE FARM</p>	<p>Weather dull but fair. Two Officers of the 15th Battalion, Lieuts. Ebrisch and Macdeane, left to-day to take Divisional Machine Gun course. Ray was absent in preparation for relieving 15th Canadian Battalion in front line; trenches 135, 136 and 137. at 5 p.m. The companies marched off in the following order: - No. 2, 1, 3 and 4: No. 2 Coy. to occupy trench 134; No. 1 Coy. trench 136; No. 3 Coy. trench 135, and No. 4 Coy. and garrison seeking the Battalion support at RATION FARM. The companies moved at intervals of 10 minutes. The relief was com- pleted at 7.10 p.m. (See Appendix B.) While No. 3 Company was passing down communication trench in the neighbourhood of RATION FARM, when the enemy having apparently observed movement in the vicinity, shelled the communication trench with H.E. shells, wounding 5 men of No. 3 Coy. CASUALTIES: - No. 29220 The (S. Campbell) wounded by shell in communication trench, in the back and left arm. - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance. - 29516 Dr. D. Hill, wounded by shell in the scalp, while passing down communication trench sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance. - 28210 The J. Wilson, wounded by shell in left knee - in communication trench - sent to No. 3 P.A. - 29750 - G.H. Johnson, wounded by shell in right arm - while in communication trench - sent to No. 3 P.A. - 28482 - B. Brown, wounded by shell in the scalp, while in communication trench. sent to No. 3 P.A. - 29775 - E. J. Higgins, sick, not yet diagnosed - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance. - 29595 - P.H. McCall, - strained ankle - sent to No. 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>018 019</p> <p>See Operation Order, Appendix B</p>





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- TIME.
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3. ROUTE.
Companies will move out by SKELY'S AVENUE.
The communication trenches are on no account to be left in order to move across the open.
4. GUIDES.
No 4 Coy. will send four guides to junction of communication trenches at hedge behind RATIONFARM at 8.00 p.m. to guide the Reserve Coy. of 14th Battalion.
Guides will meet our Companies at PLUS DOUCE FARM and lead them by the shortest route to KORTEPYP HUTS, T.26.d.
5. TRANSPORT.
Two G.S. waggons for supplies and baggage and one limbered waggon for tools and bombs will be at RATION FARM at 8.00 p.m. Anything to be sent back by waggon will be sent out by 8.00 p.m. to PLUS DOUCE FARM, including all Battalion tools.
6. TRENCH STORES.
All trench stores will be handed over to 14th Battalion and receipt received for same. A copy of the receipted Inventory will be handed in to Battn. Headquarters the following day.
7. TUBE HELMETS.
All tube helmets including those sent down to Companies last night and those brought in by our own Battalion and all respirators sent down to Companies last night will be distributed in boxes or by other other means along the trenches and handed over with trench stores
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1915 Aug. 19 th FLUS DOUVE (continued)	<p>a number of our men as three shells landed in WABE WALK and the Signalling Officers of the 15th and 16th Battalions were killed passing through the trench after our men had been withdrawn. The relief was completed at 6.10 p.m. and the 15th Battalions went out to Brigade Reserve in billets at Traz-Ving with Headquarters at Bourke Street.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 26154 Pte. J. Higgins - gunshot wounds in arm - fractured radius - able in communication track sent to No 5 Field Ambulance. " 26165 Ltbl. W.P. Boulter (Sig. Sec.) sent to hospital (No 1 Field Ambulance) not yet diagnosed. Liaisons of 2 N.C.O.s and 8 men was placed in Fort EBELER and garrison of 2 N.C.O.s and 5 men in - Fort BRANDON.</p>	<p>15 15</p>
16 th COURTA DREVAL	<p>rather steady.</p>	
8.30 a.m. 9 8.50 p.m.	<p>Battalions both were improvised at Bourke Street Farm by collecting together some old canteens and huts. - During the day about 200 men were able to have a good hot bath. Working parties of 95 men supplied for work at BAYTON FARM and 110 men, also at BAYTON FARM. Arrangements were made whereby bathing could proceed more readily to morning.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 24226 Pte. E. Irvine (No 2 Coy.) - infection of cellular tissue in left foot - sent to No 1 Field Ambulance. " 26284 " E. Blaeson (No 2 Coy.) - sick - not yet diagnosed (left knee) sent to No 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>15 15</p>
21 st DE	<p>at noon of this date Major V. G. [unclear] of this Battalion took over temporary command of the 15th Canadian Batta. in the absence of Major [unclear]. The following working parties reported to 1st Field Coy, C.E., at BAYTON FARM:- 25 men reported to bottle Qua. 25 men reported to Capt. Hutchins, and 30 men to bottle floors. 25 men reported to Lieut. Drummonds. 25 men reported to Staffer Lake. 20 men to Lieut. Bennett.</p>	<p>15 15</p>
8.30 p.m.	<p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:- No 23275 Pte. J. McChely - refractive. } Both these men were sent to No 1 Field Ambulance. " 26192 " J. Alkemp - enteric. }</p>	



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1915 Aug. 24 th Le PLUS DOUVE (continued)	<u>CASUALTIES</u> :- N° 1941 Lt. W. Brown - antheropium - sent to N° 1 Field Ambulance. .. 65326 Pte. Esser - influenza - sent to N° 1 Field Ambulance.	at 5
10.45 a.m.	25 th D Weather clear, fine and warm. German aeroplane passed over our lines coming from the East. It was chased back by an allied machine which was heavily shelled by the enemy.	
6.45 p.m.	Enemy fired two rockets which burst into smoke in the air about 50 yards in rear of trench 197, evidently to learn which way the air currents were moving over our lines. The night of August 25/26 was passed very quietly with scarcely any sniping. During the night considerable work was done improving dug-outs and strengthening communication trenches. Heavy transport was heard behind the German lines, and the unloading of what seemed like steel was heard.	at 5
5.00 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	26 th D <u>CASUALTIES</u> :- Nil. Weather clear, fine and warm.	at 5
9.30 p.m.	Bombardment by an artillery of enemy position behind MESSINES.	
10.30 p.m.	Working party of 30 men sent carrying party of 55 men reported to 1 st Field Coy, C.E. at BATION FRENCH aeroplanes heard over lines, flying fairly low - presumed to be an enemy machine withing observations.	
9.00 a.m.	27 th D Weather clear, fine and warm. It was reported that German working party was working in German occupied line trench about 300 yds. W. of MESSINES ROAD - and that stone and wooden stakes have been driven in by enemy. The wooden stakes being supported by wire. It was also reported that leaves and brush were being used on one side of trench as a screen.	at 5
9.50 a.m.	German aeroplane observed flying over our and enemy lines. While over his own base they dropped two sacks and	
10.00 a.m.	Bombardment by our artillery of two PETITE DOUVE TRENCH. 24 B.L. shells were fired in all, 12 of which failed to burst. Several direct hits on the enemy trenches were observed.	
1.30 p.m.	Pte. Ellison, our sniper, brought down a sniper who was watching over the parapet.	
10.30 p.m.	Sniping having become rather heavy and interfering with our working parties, all men in front were withdrawn and rapid rifle fire and machine-gun fire were opened on the enemy trenches. There was practically no retaliation.	
	<u>CASUALTIES</u> :- N° 2425 Pte. A. Steel - not yet diagnosed - sent to N° 3 Field Ambulance. .. 4615 " S. B. Parkhouse - influenza - sent to N° 3 Field Ambulance.	



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1915 Aug. 28 th PLUS DOUCE (Continued)	Weather fine and warm. No enemy aircraft observed during the day, but our own aeroplanes were unusually active. Enemy felt free to graze between the lines of opposite trench, 139. No records attempt were made to fire the grass between the lines, this time by means of a flare, which burnt for several minutes without, however, succeeding in its purpose. Reconnoitering parties went out along hedge running in N.E. direction from right of trench 135 then along road of tall trees in front of 139 continuing towards enemy's line and returning along front of enemy's wire. They returned about 12.00 midnight and reported that transport was again moving along NESSINES-ROSIGNOL ROAD. This was shelled by our artillery and galleded away. Motor transport could also be heard, also a locomotive at great distance behind NESSINES.	cl 7
7.00 p.m. 11.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m.	BULFORD CAMP. CASUALTIES - NIL.	
29 th D ^o	Weather: fine in morning - rain in afternoon. Day spent in preparation for relief which was to take place at night by 14 th Battalion. Relief commenced at 9.00 p.m. Boys vacated trenches about 10.30 and marched independently with fire trucks interval to BULFORD CAMP near NAUVE BULLSH, arriving there about 11.50. CASUALTIES: N ^o 2985 Pte. Ed. Ellison - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to N ^o 3 Field Ambulance. - 6352i - Pte. McKeown - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to N ^o 3 Field Ambulance. (See Appendix C)	cl 7
30 th D ^o	Weather fine. Battalion spent day cleaning up. The different companies were paid during the day. Rallying parties to provisions, baths. CASUALTIES: N ^o 4410 Sgt. W.S. Farley - eyesight - sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance. - 6322 Pte. - hook - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance. - 24952 Sgt. of Staff - injured eye - sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance.	cl 7 See Operation Order, Appendix C. J. W. ... LT. C.M. COMMANDING 13 th CAN. BATT. ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CAN.
2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.		
31 st D ^o	Weather cooler but fine. Physical drill. Rallye marching by Companies. CASUALTIES: N ^o 22076 Pte. A. Moulder - neural - sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance. - 45754 - Pte. M. M. M. - hernia - sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance. - 45754 - M. Mills - sick - not yet diagnosed - sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance.	cl 7
7.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.		

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Appendix "A"

OPERATION ORDER³⁰ by
 Lt-Col. F.O.W. Loomis, D.S.O.,
 Comdng. 13th Canadian Battn.

Aug. 15th. 1915.

1. RELIEF.

The 13th Canadian Battalion will take over Trench 137 from the Canadian Cavalry Brigade and Trenches 135 and 136 from the 10th Canadian Battalion on the 15th inst.

2. POSITIONS.

No 2 Coy. will occupy Trench 137; No 1 Coy. 136; No 4 Coy. 135; Major Buchanan's H.Q. will be at STINKING FARM, with No 3 Coy. and the Grenade Section. Battn.H.Q. at LA PLUS DOUCE FARM, T13.a.6.5.

3. ROUTES.

Major Buchanan, with No 2 Coy., 6 Scouts and Signallers (less 3) will parade at 1.30 p.m., pass starting point T.26.a.7.9. at 1.45 p.m. and proceeds via cross roads at T.27.c.6.7., cross-roads at T.17.c.8.9., reaching LA PETITE BUNQUE FARM at 5.00 p.m. The balance of the Battalion will parade at 6.15 p.m. and march so as to reach the road junction T.16.g.7.9. at 8.00 p.m., where guides from the 10th Battalion will meet it.

4. MACHINE GUNS.

The Machine Gun Section will relieve the machine guns in 135, 136 and the support trench.

The Section will march so as to reach road junction T.16.c.7.9. at 7.15 p.m., where guides will meet them.

5. TRANSPORT.

The G.S. waggon and one limbered waggon to carry tools, two water carts and Maltese cart will accompany the balance of the Battalion at 6.15 p.m..

The remainder of the Battalion will move to LA PERMISSE FARM.

6. EQUIPMENT.

Each man will have 70 rounds of S.A.A. in his pouches and 50 rounds in bandolier; 3 sandbags which are not to be used; 24 hours rations; water-bottle filled.

The M.O. will see that the smoke helmets and respirators are in serviceable condition.

No man is to have his pack carried on the Transport.

G.E. McQUAIG,
 Capt. & Adj.,
 13th Canadian Battalion.

Coy No 1.....No 1 Coy.
 " " 2....." 2 "
 " " 3....." 3 "
 " " 4....." 4 "
 " " 5.....C.O.
 " " 6.....2nd in Comnd.
 " " 7.....Q.M.
 " " 8.....M.G.O.
 " " 9.....Signalling Off'r.
 " " 10.....Bomb Coy. Off'r.
 " " 11.....Orderly Room.
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OPERATION ORDER No 31
by Lt-Col. F. G. W. L. Smith, D.S.O.,
Command, 15th Canadian Battalion.

30rd August 1918.

1. RELIEF.
The 15th Canadian Battalion will relieve the 14th Canadian Battalion in trenches 136 to 137 inclusive on August 24th.
2. POSITIONS.
No 1 Coy. will occupy trench 1 7; No 1 Coy. trench 136; No 3 Coy. trench 137; No 4 Coy. and grenade section in reserve; Batta. H.Q. at PLUS BEAUX FANS.
3. GUIDES.
Guides will report to the companies before they move off.
4. ROUTE.
Incoming troops will move via GURRY AVENUE and no one will be allowed to move outside of the trenches over open ground.
5. INTERVALS.
Companies in the following order, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 starting at 8.00 p.m. will move off at intervals of 10 minutes.
6. TRAFFIC.
The reserve company will immediately on arrival relieve the posts for traffic control.
7. MACHINE GUNS.
The relief of machine-guns will be carried out to-day at 4.00 p.m. and the machine-gunner who are not on duty will be relieved and will report back to the Transport.
8. TRANSPORT.
Two G.S. wagons, one for Eng. material and another for equipment and one liberated wagon for tools and bombs will report to Battalion H.Q. to-morrow afternoon at 3.00 p.m. and proceed to NATION FARM after dark.
9. EQUIPMENT.
Every man must have a serviceable smoke or tube helmet and respirator, or two respirators, 100 rounds of S.A.A., 5 sacks, 24 hours rations and water bottle filled.
10. RETURNS.
Companies must hand in the following returns as soon as possible after arrival; disposition, showing number of rifles (including machine-guns) R.G.'s, Signallers and Stretcher-bearers in front and support trenches, ration return, and list of trench stores.

G.S. MCCUIG, Capt.,
Adj., 15th Canadian Battalion.

Copy No 1. No 1 Coy.
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" " 5. G.O.
" " 6. and in Command.
" " 7. Q.M.
" " 8. H.Q.O.
" " 9. Signalling Off'r.
" " 10. Bomb Coy. Off'r.
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	<p>Company under Capt. Perry to go forward and occupy the craters. At 9 p.m. machine gun and rapid rifle fire was opened on the enemy, and the mines were exploded at the same time. Heavy firing continued by ourselves and the enemy for twenty minutes, and then gradually moderated. A party of Bombers and riflemen went forward and occupied the position, and a working party with Engineers dug a fire trench connected with advance trench dug on the night of the 9th instant. Owing to the intense darkness it was found impossible to do as much work as was expected. The position however was consolidated and some wire put out. The position was held after daylight by a small party.</p> <p>Sniping was continued and succeeded in dispersing working parties behind the German parapets and it appeared as if several of the enemy had been hit.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u></p> <p>No. 24182, Pte R. Skuce slightly wounded in face and arm by a bullet. No. 46790, Pte A. Webb slightly wounded in the finger by a bullet No. 882, Pte E. Starr slightly wounded in the leg by a bullet These men were all removed by No. 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	

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14th PLOEGSTEERT. 4 P.M.	Weather cloudy and cool in morning Rain in afternoon. The Battalion remained in front line and support trenches till 3 p.m., and the new position in front of trench 121 was held by an a small party of Bombers and riflemen.	C.P.S.
3 p.m.	13th Can. Battalion was relieved by the 14th Can. Battalion and the relief was completed by 6 p.m. The Battalion then moved to the PIGGERIES in Brigade reserve and furnished a night working party of 300 men to work on the second line trenches north west of PROUSE POINT.	
9 P.M.	Our snipers did good work, and it was reported that several of the enemy had been hit. <u>Casualties.</u> No. 24957. Pte A. D. Loveridge was slightly wounded in the foot by a bullet. No. 24998. Pte J. Clarkson was also wounded in the same place by a bullet. No. 24498. Pte C. Kelly was slightly wounded in the Temple and neck by a bullet. All these men were removed by No. 1. Field Ambulance. Furnished working party of 300 men on subsidiary line near St. Yves.	

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<p>15th PLOEGSTEERT</p> <p>10.15 a.m.</p> <p>9 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather clearing and cool. The day was spent in cleaning and washing. No 24318 Pte E. Jolicoeur was accidentally shot in the head. He was taken to No 1 Field Ambulance where he died an hour afterwards. He was buried in cemetery near HYDE PARK Corner. A working party of 300 men was supplied to work on second line support trenches behind PROWSE POINT and ANTOINE Farm.</p>	<p>e.f.s.</p>
<p>16th Same Place</p> <p>2 p.m.</p>	<p>Weather fine in morning. Turning to rain in afternoon Day was spent cleaning and washing etc. MUSTER roll and inspection The night of the 16th being wet, no working parties were supplied.</p>	<p>e.f.s.</p>
<p>17th</p>	<p>Weather showery. Battalion remained in Brigade Reserve at the PIGGERRIES. Physical exercises in the morning. Washing and cleaning in the afternoon.</p>	<p>e.f.s.</p>
<p>18th</p> <p>9.00 a.m.</p> <p>10.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Weather fine and clear. Morning spent in preparation for proceeding to trenches. Holy Communion } Canon Scott officiated both Services. Divine Service }</p>	<p>e.f.s.</p>

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<p>8.00 p.m. 18th (cont.) PLASSART</p>	<p>Battalion marched and relieved 14th Canadian Battalion in the right sub-section in front line trenches. Three Companies occupied the front line and one Company at St YVES: No 2 Coy. occupied the right. No 3 Coy. occupied the centre. No 4 Coy. occupied the left. No 1 in support at St YVES. Battalion Headquarters at GLOUCESTER HOUSE. Parapets were repaired and trenches cleaned. Patrols examined the enemy's wire. Lieut. Foot and Corporal Wright succeeded in getting within 15 yds. of the enemy's line. No pipes were observed. Casualties: NIL.</p>	<p>C.I.S.</p>
<p>19th</p>	<p>Weather fair with clouds. It was found that the enemy were doing considerable sniping. One man was killed shortly after daylight. Steps were immediately taken to post snipers. It was not long before the enemy's snipers were practically silenced. Trenches were cleaned up during the day and considerable work was done on the parapets where they had been demolished by the explosion of mines. Casualties:- No 18164 Pte. W. Oxley, killed in action; shot through the head. Buried in STRAND CHURCHYARD. No 24315 Sgt. W.J. Anderson, slightly wounded; on duty.</p>	<p>C.I.S.</p>
<p>20th</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine Sniping was continued and our snipers returned hitting small number of the enemy. During the morning a successful bombardment by our trench mortars and rifle grenades and bomb throwing catapults was organised and succeeded in doing considerable damage to the enemy, a working party being dispersed and the parapets knocked down. Work was continued cleaning up trenches, building dug-outs, repairing parapets, cutting grass, improving wire entanglements. CASUALTIES: No 1870 Pte. H. Hadfield, slight, head, (wounded) No 18222 Pte. S. Dow, wounded, slight, knee. No 18222 Pte. H.H. Street, wounded, severe, head.</p>	<p>C.I.S.</p>

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21 st FLEGGSTYET (contd.)	Weather fine and cool. Our snipers were now well organised and succeeded in making the enemy keep under cover. Working parties were observed and immediately dispersed. Snipers reported hitting several of the enemy. The 15 th Canadian Battalion relieved the 15 th Canadian Battalion, relief being completed at 9.30 p.m. The 15 th Canadian Battalion then reconnoitred at the FLEGGSTYET and approached from there to huts S.W. of NEUVES ÉGLISES.	c.l.s.
8.30 p.m. 22 nd ALDENHOT CAMP.	CASUALTY: M (5212) Plc. S. Daw; wounded, slight, ice. Weather cool with showers. Battalion in huts S.W. of NEUVES ÉGLISES. Working party was supplied for G.H.Q. lines.	c.l.s.
23 rd " "	Weather cool with showers. Physical drill. Battalion proceeded to bathes and were supplied with clean shirts and all had a wash. CASUALTIES: NIL.	c.l.s.
24 th " "	Weather cloudy. Physical drill. Large working party was supplied for G.H.Q. lines. Usual routine drill carried on.	c.l.s.
25 th " "	Weather fine and cool. Physical drill. Church Service: afterwards Holy Communion. The Battalion paraded at 10.00 a.m. for Devine Service. Canon Scott officiated. All hawkers were ordered to remove from Brigade area, and this order was carried out in the 15 th Canadian Battalion area. A working party of 200 men under Capt. Perry reported at HYDE PARK CEMETERY at 7.00 p.m.	c.l.s.
10.00 a.m.		

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25 th ALDERSHOT HURTS D ^c	Markety course for drafts.	c/s
26 th (Continued) D ^c	Weather clear and fine.	c/s
7.00 a.m.	Physical drill. Afternoon: Company training and route marching.	c/s
27 th D ^c	Weather: light showers in morning; clear and cool in the afternoon.	c/s
7.00 a.m.	Physical drill. Two Officers reconnoitred front line occupied by 2 nd Canadian Infantry Bde. C.S. Battalion and G.O.C. Brigade met at Brigade Hqs. at 2.30 p.m. One working party reported at HYDE PARK CORNER at 2.30 a.m. and returned 6.00 p.m. One working party reported at KATTON FARM at 2.30 a.m. and returned 6.00 p.m.	Officer SO O.R.) - do - do -
28 th D ^c	Weather cool with showers.	
7.00 a.m.	Physical drill. Company training and route marching. Working party of 4 Officers and 200 men reported at 2 nd Field Coy. C.E. at 2.30 a.m.	c/s
29 th D ^c	Weather warm and fine.	
7.00 a.m.	Physical drill. Morning spent in preparation for marching to trenches.	c/s
6.00 p.m.	Battalion fell in in preparation for marching to trenches.	
6.40 p.m.	Battalion marched to the PIQUERRIES. Went into Brigade Reserve.	
PIQUERRIES.	No examining Posts established at MASSING - PLOUGHSTANEY ROAD: one at HYDE PARK CORNER.	

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27 th PIGGERRIES. (continued) 8.00 p.m.	and one at junction of STRAND. Relief completed of the 1 st Battalion.	c/s
30 th D ^e	Weather fine and clear. Working party of 50 men supplied to work on subsidiary lines under Engineers.	c/s
8.00 p.m. 31 st D ^e	Working parties 300 strong supplied to work on subsidiary lines under Engineers. Weather clear and fine.	c/s
8.00 p.m.	Working party of 50 men supplied to work on subsidiary lines under Engineers. Working parties of 300 men were supplied to work on subsidiary lines under Engineers.	

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C.O.30 dated 15.8.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will take over trench 137 from Canadian Cavalry Brigade and trenches 135 and 6 from 10th Cdn.Bn. on 15th instant.

" B.

C.O.31 dated 23.8.15. 13th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 14th Cdn.Bn. in trenches 135 - 137 inclusive on August 24th, 1915.

" C.

C.O.32 dated 29.8.15. 14th Cdn.Bn. will relieve 13th Cdn.Bn. in trenches 135-137 inclusive on night August 28th/29th, 1915.

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1915 Aug. 1. FLOOQSTREET FIGGERTIES.	Weather clear and warm: Battalion in Brigade Reserve. A working party of 50 men reported to ENGINEERS at BARRIER. Holy communion: Canon Scott officiated. Church service held in field behind Battr. Agns: Capt. Pungle officiated. Officers commanding companies reconnoitred S. 1. and S. 2. trenches. Working party of 300 men reported to ENGINEERS at BARRIER. <u>CASUALTY:</u> - One man while on duty at the Examining Post, HYDE PARK CORNER was wounded by shrapnel: N ^o 23235 Pte. H. Banks - shot through arm. He was sent to N ^o 1 Field Ambulance.	C.S. 1
9.00 a.m.		
9.30 a.m.		
10.00 a.m.		
9.30 p.m.		
2. D2	Weather: clear and fine in morning, showery in afternoon. Working party of 150 supplied to work with Engineers. Prepared to receive 12th Battalion in front line. Battalion marched at 4.30 p.m. commencing relief at 6.25 p.m. Positions taken as follows:- Trenches 121, 122, 123, 124 and 125, with S. 1 and S. 2. trenches, ROTTEN ROW and St. YVES and old CRATERS outside of trench 121, Battalion Agns. at GLOUCESTER HOUSE. Patrols were detailed, and examined the grounds in front of the above trenches. Nothing unusual reported. <u>CASUALTY:</u> - NTC.	C.S. 2
9.00 a.m.		
2.30 p.m.		
3. FLOOQSTREET. (Front line)	Weather: cool with showers. Considerable work done improving parapets and fire positions; working on wire, cutting grass and improving sanitary conditions. Considerable activity on the part of our snipers who reported several hits. Our troops worked Agns. two bombs and forty rifle grenades with effect. Enemy attempted retch- eations but we established superiority. Patrols covered area in front of our line at night and reported the discovery of enemy's listening Posts which are being destroyed.	C.S. 3



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1915. Aug 4. FLORESTEREAT (contd.)	Weather showery. Work continued on wire entanglements for front line. Work continued re-arranging machine and positions for bombs, ammunition, removal sprays, solutions, rifles, etc. in trenches. Our snipers were active and reported several hits. Considerable activity by our trench mortars and with rifle grenades. At night one of our platoons came into contact with the enemy. There was an exchange of bombs, one of our men very slightly wounded. Casualties: - N° 46213 Pte. E. Walker wounded by rifle grenade in arm.	e/s 
5. Do	Weather fine. Patrols were out all night. They located position of an enemy machine-gun and reported that a relief was being made by the enemy on our front. CASUALTIES: - NIL.	o/s
6. Do	Weather cloudy with showers. Trenches and positions were put in clean and tidy condition and the Battalion made preparations to be relieved and to return to billets at ALDERSHOT. Relief commenced at 7.30 and was completed about 10.30. The 1st Canadian Bn and the 3rd Canadian Bn. relieving the 15th Canadian Bn. Bn. marched to ALDERSHOT. H.Q. Companies the 1st reaching there by 12.30. Casualties: - N° 21955 Pte. W. Wilson, gunshot wound of shoulder while on sentry, go in trench.	o/s
7.00am. 4. ALDERSHOT HUT	Weather cool and cloudy. Physical drill. Working party of 100 men supplied to 2nd Field Coy, C.B. Company drill and training. CASUALTIES: - NIL.	o/s

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10 th Aug. 9.00 am 10.30 a.m.	WEATHER warm and cloudy. No commission. Bands slack officiated. Divine service by Capt. Strick. Muster Roll. Working party of 100 men supplied to 2 nd Field Coy., C.F. Concert for the men held at 7.00 o'clock.	c/3
7.00 p.m.	CASUALTIES: - NIL.	c/3
9 th D ^c 7.00 a.m.	Weather cloudy sultry and hot. Physical drill. Bathing parades. Working party of 100 men supplied to 2 nd Field Coy., C.F.	c/3
10 th D ^c	CASUALTY: - No. 25631 Pte. G. Bland, gunshot wounds in left knee, while on working party.	c/3
7.00 a.m. 8.00 a.m. 8.30 a.m.	Weather hot and sultry. Showery in afternoon. Physical drill. Platoon of 5 men reported to Capt. in charge of Divisional baths. 50 men reported to 2 nd Field Coy., Engineers, at advanced R.H. Park.	c/3
D ^c	50 men reported to 2 nd Field Coy., C.F., at HYDR PAKK CORNER. CASUALTIES: - NIL. Lecture on trench routine - New demonstration in case of fire - Lecture by Officer of Coy.	c/3
11 th D ^c 7.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 8.50 a.m.	Weather hot and sultry in morning - fine in afternoon. Physical drill. Working party of 25 men reported to Divisional Signal Coy. Working party of 75 men reported to 2 nd Field Coy., C.F. Lecture on trench routine.	c/3
	CASUALTIES: - NIL.	



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1915 Aug. 12 ALDRSHOT HTS. (continued)	Weather warm and fine. Physical drill. Working party of 25 men reported to Divisional Signal Coy. Working party of 40 men reported at HYDE PARK CORNER. Working party of 60 men reported to 1 st Field Coy., C.H., at BARTON FARM. Working party of 100 men reported at advanced R.H. Park. achieved on British routine. <u>CASUALTIES - NIL.</u>	
7.00 a.m. 8.00 a.m. 8.50 a.m.		
8.50 p.m.	Brigadier-General R. E. W. Turner, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., commanding 3 rd Canadian Infantry Brigade, moved to England to assume command of Second Canadian Division, and Lieut.-Col. R. H. G. Leckie, C.M.G., assumed command of 3 rd Canadian Infantry Brigade with rank of temporary Brigadier-General.	
13 th	D ^g	
7.00 a.m. 7.50 a.m.	Weather warm and sultry. Physical drill. Working party of 150 men reported to 2 nd Field Coy., C.H., at advanced R.H. Post. <u>CASUALTIES - NIL.</u>	
14 th	D ^g	
7.00 a.m. 7.50 a.m.	Weather fine. Physical drill. Working party of 50 men reported to 2 nd Field Coy., C.H., at advanced R.H. Post. Working party of 125 men reported to Divisional Signal Coy.	
11.30 a.m.	Commanding Officer, Op. Co. Coy., and Machine-gun Officers reappointed, trenches 134 to 142, inclusive held by Sully's Brigade and 135 and 136 held by 10 th Bn., 2 nd Canadian Infantry Brigade.	
15 th	D ^g	
	Weather rainy. Preparation for relieving 10 th Bn. in trenches 125 and 126 and Sully's Brigade in trench 137	



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<p>1915 Aug. 15th BLDERSHOT. (contd)</p>	<p>No 2 Coy. marched at 1.30 p.m. and completed relief of trench 134 at 4.50 p.m. Nos 1, 3 Bns & Corps. marched at 6.30 p.m. and completed relief of trenches 135 and 136 and Reserve Coy. at 10.50 p.m. (See Operation Order Appendix A.) The enemy were quiet during the relief and for the balance of the night. CASUALTIES:- Nil. SIG:- No 63755 Sgt. G. Pany, sent to Hospital from Brigade Hqs.</p>	<p>See Operation Order, Appendix A</p>
<p>16th Le PAS DOUVE FARM.</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with showers. The left of our positions, trenches 134, front line and S. 1 line occupied by No 2 Coy. were found in poor condition. The front line was in very bad repair and parapets not bullet-proof. The support line not completed and requiring firing positions and dug-outs. Trench 136 occupied by No 1 Coy. The front parapets were found in bad shape, not bullet proof and practically ready to fall over. The support trench was not completed. Trench 135 was occupied by No 3 Coy. The front line of the trench in better condition but requiring considerable work. Machine-gun emplacements were very poor and required re-building. The support trench was not completed and requiring firing positions, dug-outs and were commencing trenches with the front line.</p>	<p>See</p>
<p>11.50 a.m.</p>	<p>All the above work was commenced but little progress was made owing to lack of materials. There was no the above frontage was found in fairly good shape but needing repairs in some places. This work was at once commenced. The enemy were quiet during the day. Apparently a relief was made by No 4 Coy. [No 21809 Pte. J. Beacomfield (No 5 Coy) Greshamite. No 3 Field Ambulance. [No 21812 Lt. J. L. Hill, headless head, sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. (No 5 Coy) CASUALTIES:- Nil. SIG:- Capt. J. R. Lindsay - influenza - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. [No 21876 Pte. J. McLaughlin - collection of ectoparasites (head) - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. The enemy became more active with sniping and rifle fire. The snipers were also active. Considerable work was done improving dug-outs and parapets and work commenced on machine-gun emplacements. Very heavy rain and it was found that the commencing and support trenches inevitably collected water in some places so deep that snipers were active with sniping and rifle fire. [No 50 inches CASUALTIES:- No 21809 (S.M.) Greshamite gunshot wounds in neck received while in rear of headgear. No 4 Coy. sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. SIG:- No 21706 Pte. B. Sidorovitch (A.G.) slipped knee - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. No 21850 Pte. G. Bombell (S.B. No 3) not yet diagnosed - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. - 21917 - J. McLach (No 5 Coy) not yet diagnosed (right knee) sent to No 3 Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>See</p>



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1915 Aug 19 th PLUS DOUVE	<p>Weather clear and fine.</p> <p>During the very heavy rains of the previous day the Battalion spent a very uncomfortable night, the men being out long. The parapets of the front line of trenches 155, 156 and 157 - the Battalion's frontage - developed serious weaknesses, the bags being old and rotten and the parapets very thin. In several places the parapets collapsed, and it was considered desirable to re-construct the whole of the parapets of the above mentioned trenches by pulling in the front parapet against the fascio and re-constructing new fascios and also dug-outs. This work was commenced on night 156. In the dug-out trenches the dug-outs were never completed. The result was there was no protection from the rain for the men. A considerable work was done draining the fire trenches and communicating trenches and returning where the rain had washed in the fascios.</p> <p>The enemy shelled with H.E. in the vicinity of PLUS DOUVE and BERTON farms and along the communicating trenches of the front line.</p>	
1915 Aug 20 th DE	<p><u>CASUALTIES</u>:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25059 Sgt. A. Thomas, killed in action by gunshot bullet in trench 157 just below fire - trench that night 1915. He was buried about 100 yards S.W. of PLUS DOUVE FARM near WILVERSHAM. 25052 The B. Barber, gunshot wounds in right and right side of neck (fractured vertebrae) received while in support trenches - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. 25050 Sgt. G. Johnson - slight wounds in right fore-arm by shrapnel bullet received while in communicating trenches near BERTON FARM - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. 25054 The E. Howell - gunshot wounds in left shoulder, side, buttock and stomach, received while in support trenches - sent to No 3 Field Ambulance. <p>Weather cloudy in morning - clear and fine in afternoon.</p> <p>The Battalion continued to clear the fire and communicating trenches; worked on parapets, fascios and dug-outs and prepared to be relieved by the 15th Canadian Battalion at 4.00 p.m.</p> <p>The attacking troops marched in and in order to prevent delays in the communications trenches it was decided to have the troops continue in the front trenches until just before the relieving troops had arrived. During the relief the enemy shelled the communicating trenches and in rear of the front line with H.E. shells. Apparently they had observed some relieving troops coming in. In places the communicating trench was now dug with water and it may have been that some of their men got out on the bank to escape this and the enemy may have observed them. Fortunately the enemy started shelling most of our men were withdrawn from the front line and in the vicinity of 1000 METERS and no doubt this saved the lives of</p>	

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8 th PLOEGSTEERT	<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with showers and wind. Supplied large working parties for improvement of new support line.</p>	c.f.S.
9 th Same Place	<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and warm. Large working parties supplied.</p>	
4 p.m.	<p>Relieved 14th Can. Battalion in front and support lines. Trenches 124 to 124 inclusive. Relief completed at 8. P. M.</p>	c.f.S.
9 p.m.	<p>Two mines exploded by Engineers order under Corps orders. The right Company under Capt. Perry sent a party forward and occupied the craters and consolidated an advanced trench.</p>	
	<p>This operation was carried out in an excellent manner under Capt. Perry. Although heavy firing occurred and the enemy remained active during the whole night we suffered no casualties.</p>	
10 th Same Place	<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and warm. Battalion remained in front and support lines and improved position; building dug-outs, cleaning up the communication trenches etc.</p>	c.f.S.
	<p>Organized sniping was commenced by the different Companies and accounted for a number of the enemy. Casualties, Nil.</p>	
11 th Same Place	<p>Fine and cool. Battalion remained in front and support lines, and continued to work on improvements; building dug-outs and consolidating firing positions in front of Trench 124.</p>	c.f.S.
	<p>Sniping was continued, and practically stopped sniping by the enemy.</p>	

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10 to 11 th May, 1915. Hamertingha.	<p>Battalion in Divisional Reserve at Bala.</p> <p>Battalion, paradid 7:30 AM and marched to Bellef for purpose of reconnoitering and settling two wire Soots of BULLSOL. ROUTE:- VILMERTINGHA - FENINGHALLS - LOCKE - BRIDGER - to Bala. In address delivered by General Alderson to the Battalion on its work in the field.</p> <p>Battalion marched to Bellef on side W of ROBSON ROUTE - ESTERIZ - LA GORUD - LESTER - amount 2:30 AM.</p> <p>Battalion marched to pass trenches GOMQUE?</p> <p>The following order was received:-</p> <p>"(i) The 16th Canadian Battalion will assault the locality of the breach M4 - N13 and the house M10 at 7:45 PM today.</p> <p>(ii) The 15th Canadian Battalion will assault the locality L1 - L12 at 7:45 PM today.</p> <p>(iii) Two companies each Battalion are to be used in each attack.</p> <p>(iv) On the attack of the 15th Battalion being opened through they will be relieved by two companies of the 16th Battalion in the new position and the remainder of the 15th Battalion in the trench. The 16th Battalion will withdraw to the former front position trenches now held by the 15th Battalion.</p> <p>(v) Both localities will at once be placed in a state of defence.</p> <p>(vi) The attack will be prepared by a heavy artillery bombardment until 7:45 PM. The Artillery will then lift.</p> <p>The assaults are to be made at 7:45 PM without fail, without respect to Artillery Bombardment.</p> <p>(vii) Engineer parties will report at both localities after the assault to assist.</p> <p>(viii) The 10th Battalion in Reserve Reserve.</p> <p>Important reports to Brigade Hqs.</p> <p>Attacks to be made in as open a formation as possible."</p>	<p>C/S.</p> <p>T/S.</p> <p>C/S.</p> <p>C/S.</p> <p>C/S.</p> <p>C/S.</p> <p>C/S.</p>

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9 P.M. 20 th May 1915 Gorgotte Rd	<p>The Battalion advanced from their position in the old British trenches at Indian Village as per order. This advance was made under very heavy shell fire from the enemy.</p> <p>The attack of the 16th Batt. was successful. No. 1 Coy of the 13th Batt. immediately took up the position taken by them. Strengthened it in some cases.</p> <p>No. 1, 2 & 3 Coys occupied the firm's line and No. 4 Coy in support in trenches immediately in rear in conjunction with the former work was carried out all night. Many areas being taken to consolidate the position by constructing traverses etc.</p>	C/S
2 nd -d-	<p>The enemy attempted an attack on our position in the orchard but were driven off by one Mch Gun and 100 yds.</p>	C/S
20 th -	<p>The Battalion was relieved by the 1st Canadian Batt. and moved out to Bellefleur in Essars. Where it remained until 26th.</p>	C/S
7-50 P.M. 26 th -	<p>The Battalion moved into Reserve trenches between Rue du Bois and Rue Epinette.</p>	C/S
9 P.M. 28 th	<p>The Battalion relieved 11th Canadian Batt. in trenches in areas Kf, Ls, Lb, Lc, Ks in British trench in rear.</p> <p>No. 4 Coy occupied the strong trench in front from Lc to Ks with 3 Mch Guns.</p> <p>- 3 - - 1 trench in rear from 50 yds N of Lb to Ks and placed an outpost in trench between Ks and K3.</p> <p>No. 2 Coy occupied trench between Lc and K3 with one Mch Gun.</p> <p>No. 1 - occupied old British trench from Bellefleur north with one Mch Gun.</p> <p>Battalion relieved by 2nd Gordon (20th Bde) and moved back to Bellefleur.</p>	C/S
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<p>1915 June 1. HINGES</p> <p>4 A.M. 11 A.M.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. Relief by 2nd Bde completed about 2 a.m. The Battalion marched to HINGES via CANAL TOW-PATH and BETHUNE. Arrived in B. Blets 7 a.m. Received order from Corps Headquarters to vacate B. Blets. Hqs. Men were allowed to rest during the day.</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>June 2. "</p> <p>5 P.M.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. Instructional drill by Platoons. Obligated to move:- N^o 3 company, N^o 4 company and Transport</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>June 3. "</p>	<p>Bivouaced in fields - Corps Order. Remained in same bivouac and B. Blets.</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>June 4. "</p>	<p>Physical and Instructional drill by Platoons.</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>June 5. "</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. Remained in same B. Blets and Bivouacs. Physical drill and route marching by companies. Officers reconnoitred trenches and positions N. of LES BASSERES CANAL at GIVENCHY-1st-1st-BASSERES</p>	<p>C/S</p>
<p>June 6. "</p> <p>3 P.M. GIVENCHY.</p>	<p>Weather clear and fine. At 3 p.m. Battalion marched to positions N. of and adjoining LES BASSERES CANAL relieving the 5th Canadian Battalion in sub-section B.1., reserve. 2 companies in trenches and day. out. 1 company in B. Blets. 1 company near B. Blets. Hqs. in bivouac.</p>	<p>C/S</p>

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<p>1915 June 6 (continued) GIVENCHY (contd.)</p> <p>Sub Section B-1</p>	<p>The following sketch shows the position of Battalion B. Col. Maglin in command of sub-section B-1-</p>	

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29:5 June 7 GIVENCHY (contd)	Weather clear and fine. Trenches and positions found in a most unsanitary condition: main efforts of all ranks employed to improve these conditions.	
June 8 "	Weather clear and fine. The Battalion in same positions. At 1 p.m. enemy's trenches bombarded moderately by our artillery. Battalion busy improving positions, building new splinter-proofs and improving sanitary conditions.	
June 9 "	Weather clear and fine. During the day in the rear trenches and positions sanitary conditions were improved and a considerable quantity of disinfectant used.	
6.2.33.	1st Battalion relieved 16th Battalion in the front line trenches. During the night firing positions and machine-gun placements were more improved: shells from artillery fire were also constructed.	
June 10 "	Weather fine and clear in the morning. Work was done on firing positions in the front line fire trenches. Bay-net splinter-proofs and communication trenches were improved by the support companies. Between 6 p.m. and 12, midnight, 15th Battalion was relieved by 4th Canadian Bde., and marched back to billets at Essoars. Weather turned cloudy with rain.	
June 11 ESSOARS.	Weather - rain and cloudy. Ray spent in cleaning, washing, re-filling and by training and improving sanitary conditions which were bad. Battalion HQ in the Parochiale in rear of Essoars church.	

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1915 June 12. ESSARS.	Weather - cloudy and rain. In billets at ESSARS - day spent in improving sanitary conditions. Company training - physical exercises.	CS
June 13. "	Weather clearing. - In Billets at ESSARS. Day spent improving sanitary conditions.	CS
June 14. "	Battalion Parade for Devike Service by Canon Major Scott. Weather fine - In Billets at Essars.	CS
June 15. "	Battalion C.O. and company Officers proceeded to trenches at sub-section B.1. to make observations. Battalion spent day in company training and route marching.	CS
June 16. "	Weather fine and clear. Morning spent in company drill and physical exercises.	CS
June 17. "	Battalion was ordered to stand to ready to move at a moment's notice. Weather fine and clear - ESSARS Billets.	CS
June 18. "	Battalion spent day in route marching. Weather fine and clear - ESSARS Billets.	CS
June 19. "	Battalion spent day in route marching. Weather fine and clear - ESSARS Billets.	CS
June 20. "	Battalion spent day in route marching. Weather fine and clear - ESSARS Billets.	CS
June 21. "	Weather fine and clear - ESSARS Billets. Battalion proceeded to field near Pde. Agrs. for Battalion drill.	CS

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1915 June 20	BSSARS (contd.) Weather fine and clear. Bites BSSARS. Battalion parade for Troop service 10 a.m.	
June 21	Weather fine and clear. Bites BSSARS - route marching.	
June 22	Weather fine and clear. BSSARS Bites.	
	Battalion prepared to move to trenches at GIVENCHY sub. section 3.3. at 9 a.m. The Battalion relieved the 10 th Canadian Battalion in front line and support trenches, the 10 th Battalion being in reserve. Positions as shown on sketch. D. Ed. Loomis in command of sub. section 3.3.	

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<p>1918 June 23. GIVENCHY.</p>	<p>Weather fine and clear. During the day the Battalion improved fire positions and constructed additional shelter, proofs and dug-outs, cleaning of communication trenches and improving sanitary conditions. Enemy very fairly active - considerable infiltration Heavy Artillery fired about the sunken road. Trench mortars and rifle grenades also being used by the enemy - Our artillery retaliated and our trench mortars and rifle grenades and hand bombs were used with effect, considerable opportunity developed for our snipers and effective work was done. Lieut Eagle and two scouts wounded while on patrol reconnoitering vacant German trench near sunken road.</p>	<p>cl</p>
<p>June 24 "</p>	<p>Weather in the morning fine and clear; cloudy and rain towards night. Wind was favourable for enemy's gas during the middle of the day. Our snipers were active and took advantage of several opportunities. The Battalion was relieved by the 2nd Gordons and the 6th Gordons between 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Casualties during this tour in the trenches - 2 killed, 5 wounded. The Battalion marched to billets at ESSAIS.</p>	<p>cl</p>
<p>June 25 ESSAIS.</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with rain. Battalion spent day washing, cleaning, repairing equipment and physical drill.</p>	<p>cl</p>
<p>June 26 "</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with rain. Battalion prepared to move and marched at 10.55 p.m. to NEUF BROQUIN.</p>	<p>cl</p>
<p>June 27 NEUF BROQUIN.</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with rain. Arrived at NEUF BROQUIN at 30 p.m. Battalion marched at 9.45 p.m. and arrived at billets at LA BECQUE at 11 p.m.</p>	<p>cl</p>

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<p>2915 June 28 Les BRECQUE</p>	<p>Weather cloudy with rain. Morning spent in cleaning, washing, physical exercises. Afternoon - Platoon drill. Meeting of Officers at Battalion Hqs. to discuss discipline, uniformity of dress and equipment, condition of Personal Effects etc.</p>	<p>01/2 7</p>
<p>3.50 pm.</p>		
<p>June 29. "</p>	<p>Weather rainy, but clearing. Battalion spent day route marching.</p>	<p>01/2 7</p>
<p>June 30. "</p>	<p>Weather cloudy in morning - clearing in afternoon. Company training.</p>	<p>01/2 7</p>
<p>A.M.</p>	<p>Commanding Officer's inspection.</p>	
<p>3. P.M.</p>		
<p>4.30 P.M.</p>	<p>The Battalion moved to billets in A.M.C. about 1 mile N.W. of STRANWARRICK.</p>	

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1 st A. & C. about one mile back - west of STEENWERCK A.M. 11 A.M. P.M.	<u>Dominion Day</u> Weather Cloudy Physical Drill, washing and cleaning Balance of day declared a holiday. Football match between Right half and Left half Battalion. SPORTS 100 yds dash, 220 yds sprint, throwing the cricket ball, relay race kicking the football, hop-step and jump race, tug of war, putting the shot. All the events were well contested and the sports thoroughly enjoyed by the whole Battalion.	c.f.s.
A.M. P.M.	2 nd Same billets Physical and Company drill. Bathing Parade at BAILLEUL. Company training and Route marching.	c.f.s.
3 rd Same billets 7 A.M. 7.30 - 8.00 - 9.00 - P.M. 2.30 -	Weather clear and fine Reveille Physical Drill Breakfast Practising aiming, loading and unloading by Platoons, and Company training by Platoons. Route marching by Companies Commanding Officer, 2 nd in Command, D.S.C. Companies, Machine Gun Officer and Signalling Officer reconnoitred positions in front of PLOEGSTEERT Wood.	c.f.s.
A.M. 12 NOON	4 th Same billets Weather clear and warm Physical Drill and cleaning Church Parade	c.f.s.

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5 th A & C above / note re-Division of STEENWICH A.M. P.M. 6-15	<p><u>Weather:</u> Morning cool and cloudy. Afternoon clear and warm. Physical drill. Practising loading and unloading, and Company Training. Preparation for moving to trenches. Marched to PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, passing ROMARIN cross roads at 8 P.M. Relieved 15th Battalion in support. Relief completed at 10.35 p.m. <u>POSITIONS:</u> One Company BONHILL ROW. One Company, and one Platoon at MUD LANE, MESSINES Road and fortified position at Chateau LA HUTTE. Two Companies less one Platoon at GRANDE MUNQUE farm. All Battalions Machine Guns were sent forward with Battalions occupying front line. Battalion Headquarters at LA GRANDE MUNQUE farm. 15th Battalion Machine Gun section marched at 3.15 P.M. under command of Brigade Machine Gun Officer, whilst nearing HYDE PARK Corner a shell killed one man and wounded two others. Two horses were killed. The man who was instantly killed was No 24268 Pte. T.A. Morgan. He was buried by No. 1 Field Ambulance near HYDE PARK Corner and a cross erected to mark his grave. Pte. K. Donohoe who died at NIEPPE in hospital, was buried at that place by No 8 Casualty ^{Company} Station, July 7th 1915. Pte G. B. Carter was wounded in the shoulder, and was sent to No. 1 Field Ambu- lance on July 5th.</p>	e.l.s.
6 th PLOEGSTEERT	<p>Fine and warm. Officers reconnoitred front line and supporting positions. Battalion supplied working parties, improving second line.</p>	e.l.s.
7 th Same Place	<p>Weather cool and cloudy with wind. BERKS FORT, OXFORD FORT and FOSSE LA BARRE being prepared for occupancy. One Platoon sent to HUNTER'S AVENUE.</p>	e.l.s.

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
11 th PLOEGSTEERT	<p>Casualties. Lance Cpl. W. Allen, No 24452. Machine Gun Section, was shot in the head and killed. At the time he was in a communication trench in St Yves. The bullet which killed him was evidently a stray one. He was buried in the cemetery on the Strand and a cross erected to mark his grave. No. 63074, Pte J. C. Boyd was slightly wounded by a bullet in the shoulder. He was removed by No. 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	C.I.S.
12 th Same Place	<p>Cloudy with rain. Battalion remained in same positions in front line and support trenches, and continued to improve firing positions and parapets and to construct new dug outs. It was observed that the enemy threw an increased number of shells into our area. Sniping was continued and two of the enemy accounted for. Casualties. No. 46508. Pte G. Murray was slightly wounded by a bullet in the scalp. No. 24235. Pte S. Chandler was slightly wounded by shrapnel in the scalp. Both these men were removed by No. 1 Field Ambulance.</p>	C.I.S.
13 th Same Place	<p>Weather fine and clear. Battalion remained in same positions and continued to work improving positions, consolidating the new trench in front of trench 121. Corps ordered that two mines be exploded in front of trench 121 at 9 p.m. Preparations were made by No. 1.</p>	C.I.S.

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St. Julien	April	22nd	Quiet all day until about 5 p.m. when enemy commenced a terrific bombardment and also sent over a great cloud of gas on the frontage held by the Turcos on our immediate left. The Turcos had to retire and this left our left flank open to the enemy. No. 3 Company were called up from Reserve, and one Company of the Buffs also reinforced us. Major Buchanan assumed charge of the front line	
		23rd	Shelled and "Gassed" all day. The Battalion were ordered to evacuate trenches which was done without the loss of a man.	
		24th	Heavily shelled and bombarded, Machine guns very busy. Held the line until 7.30 a.m. when the Battalion was forced to retire to Reserve Trenches. Held the Reserve Trenches until 2 p.m. when we were shelled out and retired to the G.H.Q. trenches.	
		25th	Sunday. Held trenches all day and the marched to Brayling arriving there at 4.30 a.m.	
		26th	Holding old French Reserve trenches - Divisional Reserve.	
		27 th	Still in Divisional Reserve, battle still in progress.	
		28th	Marched off to the trenches again. Heavily shelled both day and night. Received a draft of 270 men.	
		29th	Holding position. Quiet and uneventful.	
		30th	Heavily shelled. British making an attack; Battalion "stood to" in readiness to advance or support as required.	

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Armentieres	March	1st	The two Companies in the trenches left at 5 p.m. and arrived in billets without a casualty.	
		2nd	Busily engaged in preparing to move. Fell in at 5.50 and marched eight miles to SAILLY.	
		3rd	The Battalion paraded at 8.15 a.m. and at 10.45 a.m. were inspected by General Rawlinson.	
		4th	The Battalion paraded for route march at 8.15, marched about 7 miles.	
		5th	Resting and preparing to move into the trenches.	
		6th	The Battalion proceeded to trenches at 6.50 p.m.	
		7th	Sunday. Enemy quiet.	
		8th	Heavy shelling by both enemy and own artillery.	
		9th	The Battalion was relieved tonight by the 16th Canadian Battalion.	
		10th	Day entirely devoted to washing and cleaning up.	
		11th	Time spent in lectures and route marching.	
		12th	Day spent in preparing to proceed to the trenches.	
		13th	Battalion paraded at 8.40 p.m. for the trenches. Road to our frontage, bad	
		14th	Sunday. All quiet.	
		15th	Fairly quiet with the exception of enemy snipers, who were active. General Turner visited the trenches at mid-day.	
		16th	Relieved at dusk, proceeded to Reserve billets.	
		17th	Battalion was inspected at 1 p.m. by O.C. No other parades or drills, the men spent the day in various sports.	
		18th	Battalion was again inspected by Companies at 1 p.m. No sports or games allowed on account of enemy shell fire.	
		19th	The morning was spent in preparing to move to the trenches. Battalion fell in at 7 p.m. and reached the trenches without a casualty.	
		20th	Little rifle fire, but enemy artillery active. Snipers as usual very troublesome.	
		21st	Sunday. Very quiet.	
		22nd	Enemy still very quiet, little rifle or artillery fire.	
		23rd	Battalion was relieved at 10 p.m.	
		24th	Companies paraded and marched 5 miles to the baths.	
		25th	Quiet day. Men generally cleaning up equipment etc.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Seilly ESTAIRE	March	26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st	The Battalion paraded at 5.50 p.m. and marched to ESTAIRE. Very hard marching over cobble stones Weather fine. Day was spent in resting. The Bishop of London spoke to a large crowd in the Square at ESTAIRE. Weather warm. Lectures and instruction by Companies. Weather still fine. Day was spent in the usual lectures and instruction. Fine, warm weather. Most of the day was spent in trench digging.	

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Estaire	April 1st		The Battalion was given a lecture by Sgt-Major Jeffery on discipline in the morning. In the afternoon Companies paraded for a bath. At 7.30 p.m. Companies paraded for practice trench digging.	
			2nd. Battalion paraded at 9.50 a.m. and went on route march. Afternoon was a general holiday.	
			3rd The Battalion paraded at 9.50 a.m. and practiced Battalion in attack. The afternoon was devoted to Regimental sports.	
			4th Rained all day, too wet to parade.	
			5th Rain again, no parades ordered.	
			6th. Weather improved. Inspection by O.C. in the afternoon, followed by a 5 mile route march.	
			7th Reveille at 4 a.m. Battalion fell in and marched to CASSEL, 17 miles, very hard walking.	
			8th Rained all day. No parades.	
			9th Weather better. Battalion resting and cleaning up.	
			10th Battalion paraded at 9 a.m. and were inspected by General Smith-Dorrien, who gave great praise for the amount of work done in the trenches.	
Cassel		11th Sunday. Quiet.		
		12th There was a Muster Roll to-day. A draft of 17 men arrived from the Base.		
		13th Day devoted to instruction, lectures etc.		
		14th Battalion paraded for route march-bathing parade and proceeded to STERNVOORD.		
		15th Battalion fell in at noon and marched to a village called A'Bele, about eight miles away.		
		16th Battalion paraded at 11 a.m. and marched about half a mile, and then boarded buses. Motored near to YPRES, and then marched again to a village called St JEAN, about a mile or so from ST JULIEN. The Battalion was billeted here, but ordered to hold themselves in readiness to move at a minutes notice.		
		17th Every evidence of severe fighting going on all around. Quiet in our immediate vicinity.		
		18th Weather splendid. Still quiet in our vicinity.		
		19th Generals Alderson and Turner paid the Battalion a visit to-day.		
		20th. Weather fine and warm. Own and enemy artillery both very active.		
St Jean		21st. Battalion paraded for the trenches at 9.50 p.m.. Arrived without a casualty. Trenches in poor shape		
		Many unburied dead between the lines. Weather all that could be desired.		

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O.C. 13th Coy. Buffs
Royal Highlanders Canada

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1914 Westdown Sta SALISBURY PLAIN. 9 AM to 12 noon. 1 st Dec 1914.	Entrenching.	
2 PM to 4 30 PM -	Bayonet fighting and Courbaux Drill.	
9 AM to 12 noon. 2 nd Dec. 1914.	Courbaux in Attack, and Close order Drill.	
2 PM to 4 30 PM -	Mud drills, Judging Distance, and Extension.	
9 AM to 12 noon. 3 rd Dec. 1914.	Buttress.	
9-5 PM. -	Battalion Parade for Night March. Route - SHREWTON via TILSHEAD starting from the head in the SHREWTON ROAD, SOUTH of WESTDOWN SOUTH CAMP by compass bearing across the Downs 250° to the road running to the West of WESTDOWN SOUTH CAMP and thence 290° compass bearing across the Downs to TILSHEAD thence S.E. by the SHREWTON-DEVIZES ROAD to SHREWTON via MADDINGTON	
4 th Dec. 1914	Plain - Exercise Economy.	
5 th - 1914.	Battalion on Fatigue.	
6 th - 1914.	9 AM. Battalion Parade for Line Exercise.	
9 AM to 12 noon. 7 th - 1914.	Courbaux in Attack.	
1-3 PM to 4 PM. - do -	Entrenching.	

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9 AM to 12 noon, 25 Dec. 1914.	Battalion Route March.	
1-30 PM to 4 PM	Pamung - Company lectures.	
9 AM to 12 noon, 10 Dec. 1914.	Coy in Advance Guard.	
1-30 PM to 4 PM	Pamung - Lecture by Coy Officer.	
11 AM - 1914.	Battalion Route March.	
9 AM to 12 noon, 12 Dec. 1914.	Battalion Parade for Dinner Service.	
9 AM	Musketry - Judgment Assistance and Care of Arms.	
9 AM to 12 noon, 14 Dec. 1914.	Coy in Attack and Defense.	
1-30 to 4 PM.	Pamung - Coy lectures.	
15 Dec. 1914.	Advance Party proceeded to Larkhill (one Coy) Remainder prepared to follow.	
16 Dec. 1914.	Battalion proceeded to Larkhill and went into Huts.	
LARKHILL. 17 Dec. 1914.	Law spent in unloading equipment and supplies.	
18 Dec. 1914.	Rice Digging.	
19 Dec. 1914.	Battalion Parade for Dinner Service.	
9-30 AM. 20 Dec. 1914.	350 men on fatigue at Water Supply for digging Trenches. 20% on Christmas Leave.	
21 Dec. 1914.	300 men - do - do - do -	
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1914 LARKHILL SALISBURY TRAIN.	Christmas Day. 20% on Christmas leave	20% on Christmas leave	
25 th Dec. 1914.	Road working in vicinity of Hubs.		- do -
26 th Dec. 1914.	Snow laid.		- do -
9 a.m. 27 th - 1914.	Road working		- do -
28 th - 1914.	- do -		- do -
29 th - 1914.	100 men on fatigue.		- do -
30 th - 1914.	50 men. - do -		
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N ^o 10 CAMP, LARKHILL. 1 st January, 1915.	New Year's Day.	
9 AM to 12 noon 2 nd	Road Digging.	cf. 1/15
9-30 AM 3 rd	Battalion Parade for Divine Service.	cf. 1/15
9 AM to 5-30 PM 4 th	11 Officers 140 N.C.O.'s and men on DUNNINGTON RIFLE RANGE Sabote. Rewards of Batt.	cf. 1/15
5 th	on Road Digging.	cf. 1/15
6 th	Training - Physical Drill in Huts, and lectures on Musketry.	cf. 1/15
7 th	Road Digging round camp.	cf. 1/15
8 th	-do- -do-	cf. 1/15
9 th	-do- -do-	cf. 1/15
7-30 to 7-45 AM 9 th	Physical Training.	cf. 1/15
9 AM to 12 noon -	Battalion Drill.	cf. 1/15
-	N ^o 24618 Pte G. H. H. Guinness of E Coy died of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.	cf. 1/15
9-30 AM 10 th	Battalion Parade for Divine Service.	cf. 1/15
7-30 to 7-45 AM 11 th	Physical Training.	cf. 1/15
9 AM to 12 noon -	Battalion in Defence.	cf. 1/15
2 PM to 3-30 PM -	-do- -do-	cf. 1/15
7 PM to 8 PM -	Lectures on Musketry to Coys by their N.C.O.s.	

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No 10 CAMP, LARKHILL.		
7.30 to 7.45 AM. JANUARY, 12 th	Physical Training.	
9 AM. to 12 noon - -	Battalion in Attack.	
2 PM. to 3.30 PM. - -	-do-	cls
7 PM. to 8 PM. - -	Lectures on Musketry to Coys by their N.C.Os.	
7.30 to 7.45 AM. - 13 th	Physical Training.	
9 AM. to 10.30 AM. - -	Battalion Drill.	cls
- - - - -	Training - Physical Drill in Huts and lectures by O.C. Coys	
7.30 to 7.45 AM. - 14 th	Physical Training.	
9 AM. to 12 noon - -	Night Outposts for a Bn.	
2 to 4.30 PM. - -	-do- -do-	cls
7 PM. to 8 PM. - -	Lectures to Coys by N.C.Os on Musketry.	
7.30 to 7.45 PM. - 15 th	Physical Training.	
9 AM. to 12 noon - -	Battalion Route March.	cls
2 PM. to 4.30 PM. - -	Coy Training.	
- - - - -	No 2, 4359 Pte H. Gardner of 'C' Coy died of pneumonia.	
7.30 to 7.45 AM. - 16 th	Physical Training.	
9 AM. to 12 noon - -	Battalion in Advance Guard.	cls

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N ^o 10 CAMP. LARKHILL.		
9 AM. 19 th JANUARY, 1915.	Battalion Parade for Service Service.	
- - -	N ^o 24133 Pte M. Goodwin A Coy. died of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.	
18 -	Battalion organized into 2 Coys.	
9 AM. to 12 noon. 19 th	Battalion Drill.	
2 to 4 PM.	-do-	
7-30 AM. 20 th	Batt. Parade for BULFORD Ranges to fire Marksmanship Course.	
7-45 AM. 21 st	- - - SHREWTON - - -	
- - - 22 nd	- - - -do- and DURRINGTON - - -	
- - - 23 rd	- - - -do- -do- - - -	
8 AM. 24 th	Casuals parade for DURRINGTON RANGES.	
2 PM. - -	Officers Revolver Practice -do-	
8-15 AM. 25 th	Batt. Parade for Brigade Field Day.	
8-15 AM. 26 th	-do- -do- -do-	
- - - 27 th	Casuals on DURRINGTON Ranges remainder. Route March	
- - - 28 th	- - - -do- and SHREWTON - - -	
- - - 29 th	Rainy - Exterior Economy.	

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No 10 CAMP, LARKHILL. 30th JANUARY, 1915. 9.30 AM. 31st - -	Raining - Physical training in Huts and lectures by 6C. Coy. Balk. Parade for Airline Service.	c/s. c/s. +

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S. Nazaire.	Feb	16th.	Disembarked from ship and boarded train at 8.30 P.M.	
		17th	On train. Rained steadily all morning.	
		18th	On train, passed through ROUEN, CALAIS, and BOULOGNE.	
		18th	Arrived at HAZEBROUCK. Got off train stiff and sore after our long and cramped journey, fell in and marched eight miles, through pouring rain, to FLETRE.	
		20th	Battalion paraded at 9.30 p.m. for inspection by General French. Marched 3 miles, and were inspected at 12.30 p.m.	
		21st	Sunday. Resting.	
		22nd	Battalion paraded at 8.15 a.m. and went on route march until 12 noon.	
		23rd	Paraded at 8 a.m. and marched to ARGENTIERES, 17 miles, very hard on the feet, roads paved with cobble-stones nearly all the way. Arrived at ARGENTIERES at 2.30 p.m. and were billeted in the Workhouse.	
		24th.	The Battalion was inspected to-day by the General Commanding the 16th Brigade, to which we were attached. Nos 1 and 2 Companies went into the trenches, which were occupied by the Buffs	
		25th	Nos 3 and 4 Companies relieved the other two Companies, Nos 1 and 2, in the trenches.	
		26th	Foggy. Nos 3 and 4 Companies left trenches at 8.30 got out safe.	
		27th	The Battalion had instruction in bomb throwing; and also lectures and route march. Two Companies again proceeded to the trenches.	
		28th.	Sunday. Quiet.	

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- 1914.
- October 15. The Battalion disembarked from SS. "Maunick" in two sections one of 682 all ranks, and another of 472, all ranks, and entrained at two different stations at 9.30 P.M. and 10.15 P.M. *etc.*
- October 16. The first section arrived at PATNEY at 3 A.M. and marched into Camp at WESTDOWN SOUTH, SALISBURY PLAINS, a distance of 10 miles. The second section, arrived half an hour later. *etc.*
The day was spent in settling down to quarters.
- October 17. 10 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL.
2.30 P.M. to 4 P.M. COMPANY DRILL. *etc.*
- October 18. Sunday - Service was held at 9.30 A.M. *etc.*
- October 19. 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. BATTALION DRILL.
10 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL. *etc.*
2 P.M. to 3.15 P.M. BATTALION DRILL.
3.15 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. COMPANY DRILL.
- October 20. 9 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. BATTALION DRILL.
10.30 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL.
2 P.M. to 5 P.M. BATTALION IN ATTACK. *etc.*
- October 21. 9 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. BATTALION DRILL. *etc.*
10.30 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL.
1.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. BATTALION ROUTE MARCH. *etc.*

- October, 22. 9 A.M. to 12 noon. ORGANIZATION OF DOZEN COMPANIES. *cls* 2
 2 P.M. to 3 P.M. BATTALION PARADE IN - do
 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. PLATOON DRILL.
- October, 23. 9 A.M. Raining.
 10:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. parade for inspection by Field Marshal Earl Roberts.
 2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. BATTALION ROUTE MARCH. *cls*
- October, 24. 9 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. BATTALION DRILL
 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL. *cls*
 P.M. No parade.
- October, 25. 9:45 A.M. Brigade Church, parade at which Major General Alderson
 was present. *cls*
- October, 26. 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. BATTALION DRILL.
 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL. *cls*
 2 P.M. Battalion parade for Route March. This was cancelled and
 rifle issued to Battalion.
- October, 27. 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. BATTALION IN ATTACK.
 11 A.M. to 12 noon. COMPANY DRILL. *cls*
 2 P.M. to 3 P.M. BATTALION DRILL.
 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. COMPANY DRILL.
- October, 28. 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. BATTALION DRILL.
 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. BRIGADE ROUTE MARCH - ROUTE - TILSTEAD -
 SHREWTON and CAMP (9 miles) *cls*
- October, 29. 9 A.M. to 12 noon. Company Drill. Coy in Advance Guard. *cls*
 2 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. BATTALION ADVANCE GUARD to BRIGADE.
 No. 24768 Pte. S. H. SMITH, F Coy 1st Buff Grenadier Bn
 and was instantly killed by falling on his head.
- October, 30. 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. BATTALION DRILL.
 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon. BAYONET FIGHTING. *cls*
 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. ROUTE MARCH.

October 31. 9 AM. to 10 AM. COMPANY DRILL.
10 AM. to 12 noon, BAYONET FIGHTING.

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WEST DOWN SOUTH CAMP, SALISBURY. 10 AM Sunday, 1 st Nov. 1914.	Battalion Parade for Service Service.	S/S
9 AM Monday, 2 nd Nov. 1914. Tuesday, 3 rd Nov. 1914.	Battalion Parade for rehearsal of services of Division by His Majesties the King and Queen. By order of G.O.C. this day observed as a holiday. Battalion lines cleaned.	S/S
9-30 AM Wednesday, 4 th Nov. 1914. Thursday, 5 th Nov. 1914.	Battalion Parade to proceed to BUSTARD POND for inspection by the King and Queen. No parades. Heavy rain.	S/S
Friday, Nov. 6 th , 1914. 9 AM to 12 noon Sat. 7 th Nov. 1914	Sonneon rain. 2 PM to 4-30 PM Battalion Route March. Ammunition Drill.	S/S
2 PM -do- 10 AM Sunday, 8 th Nov. 1914.	Sul's struck, and pitched to better position. SOUTH. Battalion Parade for Service Service.	S/S
9-15 AM to 9-30 AM Mon. 9 th Nov. 1914. 9-30 AM to 10 AM -do-	Physical Exercises. Bayonet Fighting.	S/S
10 AM to 11 AM -do- 11 AM to 12 noon -do-	Platoon Drill including extended order. Extended order by companies, also company in attack.	S/S
2 PM to 4-30 PM -do-	Battalion Route March.	S/S

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WEST DOWN SOUTH CAMP SALISBURY. 9.15 AM to 9.30 AM Tues 10 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	d/s
9.30 AM to 10 AM. -do-	Physical Bayonet Fighting.	d/s
10 AM to 11 AM. -do-	Extended order by Companies and Platoons.	d/s
11 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Musketry instruction, including Fire Control, and Firing Exercises.	d/s
2 PM to 4.30 PM. -do-	Platoon Drill and Arm Drill.	d/s
9.30 PM. -do-	Battalion Parade for night march. Route WEST DOWN SOUTH through TILSHEAD to ORCHESTON and back to WEST DOWN SOUTH.	d/s
9 AM to 9.30 AM Wed. 11 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	d/s
9.15 AM to 9.30 AM. -do-	Bayonet Fighting.	d/s
9.30 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Extended order by Platoons and Musketry.	d/s
2 PM to 4.30 PM. -do-	Battalion. Route March.	d/s
9 AM to 9.30 AM Thurs 12 th Nov 1914.	Physical Drill.	d/s
9.15 AM to 9.30 AM. -do-	Bayonet Fighting.	d/s
9.30 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Extended order by Companies.	d/s
2 PM to 4.30 PM.	Platoon Drill and Musketry instruction.	d/s

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WEST DOWN SOUTH CAMP, SALISBURY.		
9 AM. to 9:30 AM. Friday, 13 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	d/c.
9:15 AM. to 9:30 AM. -do-	Bayonet Fighting.	
9:30 AM. to 10:30 AM. -do-	Platoon Drill.	
10:30 AM. to 12 noon. -do-	Musketry and Arm Drill.	
2 PM. to 3:30 PM. -do-	Exercises order by Platoons, and Passing of Orders.	
3:30 PM. to 4:30 PM. -do-	Musketry. Fire Control.	
9 AM. to 9:30 AM. Sat. 14 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	d/c.
9:15 AM. to 9:30 AM. -do-	Bayonet Fighting.	
9:30 AM. to 11 AM. -do-	Exercises order by Platoons.	
11 AM. to 12 noon. -do-	Musketry.	
9:15 AM. Sunday, 15 th Nov. 1914.	Battalion Parade for Line Service.	d/c.
9 AM. to 9:30 AM. Monday, 16 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	d/c.
9 AM. to 12 noon. -do-	Drill (Coys), Bayonet Fighting, and Musketry.	d/c.
2 PM. to 5 PM. -do-	Outposts.	

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WEST DOWN SOUTH CAMP, SALISBURY.		
9 AM to 7:30 AM Tues. 17 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	etc
9 AM to 10 AM -do-	Musketry.	etc
10:30 AM to 12 noon -do-	Bayonet Fighting and Company Drill.	
6:30 PM -do-	Battalion's Parade for night Outposts.	
7 AM to 7:30 AM Wed. 18 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	etc
9 AM to 10:30 AM -do-	Company Drill and Bayonet Fighting.	etc
10:30 AM to 12 noon -do-	Musketry.	
2 PM to 5 PM -do-	Battalion's Route March.	
9 AM to 7:30 AM Thurs. 19 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	etc
9 AM to 11 AM -do-	Company Drill and Musketry.	etc
11 AM to 12 noon -do-	Platoon Drill.	
2 PM to 3 PM -do-	Musketry.	
3 PM to 4 PM -do-	Drill.	
4 PM to 4:30 PM -do-	Bayonet Fighting.	

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WEST DOWN SOUTH CAMP, SALISBURY.		
9 AM to 9:30 AM, Friday, 20 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	
9 AM to 10:30 AM. -do-	Drill and Bayonet Fighting.	+10
10:30 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Musketry.	
2 PM to 4 PM. -do-	Battalion Drill.	
9 AM to 9:30 AM, Sat. 21 st Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	
9 AM to 11:30 AM. -do-	Drill and Musketry.	+10
11:30 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Bayonet Fighting	+10
10 AM Sunday, 22 nd Nov. 1914.	Battalion Parade for Service Service.	+10
9 AM to 9:30 AM, Monday, 23 rd Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill. Rain during day.	+10
9 AM to 10 AM, Tuesday, 24 th Nov. 1914.	Much Drilling and Working Party Drill.	+10
10 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Musketry (judging distance and care of arms)	
2 PM to 4:30 PM. -do-	Battalion Drill.	
9 AM to 9:30 AM, Wed. 25 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	
9 AM to 12 noon. -do-	Outposts by Day.	+10
2 PM to 5 PM. -do-	Musketry (judging distance and fire discipline)	

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WEST DOWN SOUTH SALISBURY	Physical Drill.	c/s.
7 AM to 9:30 AM. Thurs 26 th Nov. 1914.	Firing Exercises and Care of Arms.	r
9 AM to 10:30 AM. -do-	Rifle Exercises, Bayonet Fighting and Judging Distance.	c/s.
10:30 AM to 12 noon -do-	Battalion Parade for Linnival movement under Major General Alderson.	c/s.
9:30 AM. Friday 27 th Nov. 1914.	Physical Drill.	c/s.
9 AM to 9:30 AM. Sat. 28 th Nov. 1914.	Battalion Drill.	c/s.
9 AM to 11 AM. -do-	Battalion Parade for Linnival Service.	c/s.
10 AM. Sunday 29 th Nov. 1914.	Raining. Linnival Camp.	c/s.
Monday 30 th Nov. 1914.		

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