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14th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

From 14th OCTOBER to 31st OCTOBER, 1914<sup>5</sup>.

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WAR DIARY

14th Cdn. Inf. Bn. 1st Cdn. Division,  
from 14th to 31st October, 1914.

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Confidential.

War Diary  
of

14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion, Royal Montreal Regt.

from October 14<sup>th</sup> 1914 to Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1914.

Hour, Date Place.	Summary of events & Information	Remarks & Reference.
October 14.	Arrived Liverpool. SS Montreal docked to unload horses.	HAY EV
15.	Landed at Liverpool 6:30 pm. Marched to Plymouth, embarked at 11:45 <sup>11th</sup> am	HAY EV
16.	Arrived at Ratney. Marched to Deal town South - arrived 9:45 am. Nobody fell out on march in. Settled in tents.	HAY EV
17.	Pte Hartley died.	HAY EV
18.	Fine. no drill. church parade	HAY EV
19.	Left half Battalion arrived.	HAY EV
20.	Hartley buried. Men meeting.	HAY EV
21.	Inspected by C.O. G.	HAY EV
22.	Rain all day.	HAY EV
23.	"	"
24.	Rain. Inspected by Ford Roberts.	HAY EV
25.	Rain all day. Church parade.	HAY EV
26.	Rain. Drill	HAY EV
27.	"	"
28.	"	"
29.	"	"
30.	"	"
31.	"	"

HAY Thompson  
Lieut Asst Adj  
for O.C. 14<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup>  
R.M. 17

Place	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices	Initials.
	1914				
Montreal.	Aug. 6th.		First Recruit enrolled.		
	" 24th.		Embarked for Valcartier.		
	Sept. 6th.		Inspected by Major-General Sir S. Hughes K.C.B.		
	13th.		" by Field Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.		
	20th.		" by Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden G.C.M.G. P.C. K.C. L.L.D. and Major General Sir S. Hughes K.C.B.		
	25th.		Embarked for England.		
	Oct. 3rd.		Sailed from Gaspé Bay.		
	19th.		Arrived in England.		
	22nd.		Arrived at Salisbury Plains.		
	1915				
	Feb. 12th.		Embarked for France.		
	16th.		Arrived in France.		
	22nd.		Entered Trenches for first time.		
	March 3rd.		Took over trenches from Grenadier Guards.		
			Commanding Officer of this Unit advised that current War Diary is being compiled and at expiration of hostilities will be lodged with War Office London and copy of same sent to Canada if permitted., Of the above 12 Officers and 349 other ranks enrolled from the 3rd. Regiment Victoria Rifles of Canada.		

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NOVEMBER

1914.

TEXT.

Novbr.	1st	:	In	Camp	West	Down	South,	Salisbury	Plains.	Rain
	2nd	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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		:								
	3rd	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	4th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	5th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	6th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	7th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	8th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	9th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	10th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	12th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	14th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	24th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	26th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	27th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	28th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	29th	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	30	:	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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*F. S. Meighan Lt-Col.  
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1914

Date.	Summary of events and information.	Remarks & Reference.
Nov. 1st.	Rain.	NAY Lieut
2nd	Rain. Inspected by representative of the King and General Alderson.	NAY Lieut
3rd	Fine. Holiday.	NAY Lieut
4th	Inspected by the King and Queen. Earl Kitchener and Earl Roberts.	NAY Lieut
5th	Rain.	NAY Lieut
6th	Drill. Pte. W. Gould posted as a Deserter.	NAY Lieut
7th	Drill. Sent representatives to the Lord Mayor's Show.	NAY Lieut
8th	Duty Battalion.	NAY Lieut
9th	Drill and Night Outposts.	NAY Lieut
10th	Fine. Drill.	NAY Lieut
11th	A.M. Fine. Very windy in afternoon.	NAY Lieut
12th	Rain and bad storm.	NAY Lieut
13th	Rain all day.	NAY Lieut
14th	Drill in A.M. Sports for men during afternoon.	NAY Lieut
15th	A.M. Rain. Church Parade. Boxing for men in P.M.	NAY Lieut
16th	Duty Battalion.	NAY Lieut
17th	Rain. Lecture on Musketry in afternoon.	NAY Lieut
18th	Frost and very cold. Drill.	NAY Lieut
19th	Fine and frosty. Col. Burland, Lieut. English, 1 N.C.O. and 25 men went to Salisbury for Memorial Service for Lord Roberts.	NAY Lieut
20th	Drill. Lecture by General Alderson to Officers.	NAY Lieut
21st	Drill. Light Rain.	NAY Lieut
22nd	Drew 310,000 rounds of ammunition. Bayonets ordered to be sharpened.	NAY Lieut
23rd	Fine. Drill.	NAY Lieut
24th	Duty Battalion. Sent representatives to Canadian Lodge, London.	NAY Lieut
25th	Rain all day.	NAY Lieut
26th	Rain during A.M.	NAY Lieut
27th	Fine day under General Alderson. Lecture on messages by Col. Gordon-Hall.	NAY Lieut
28th	Rain. Church Parades.	NAY Lieut
29th	Drill. Rain.	NAY Lieut
30th	" "	NAY Lieut

*W. A. Thompson*  
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DIARY

DECEMBER 1914.

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W A R                      D I A R Y  
14th Canadian Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment.      Dec. 1st 1914 to Dec. 31st 1914.

Dec. 1st	In Camp West Down South Salisbury Plains	Training, a.m. Skirmishing; p.m. Battn. in attack. Outpost work at night.
2nd	" " "	Duty Battn. Moved lines to fresh ground about 700 yards south of first location.
3rd	" " "	Company in attack training in morning. Night march.
4th	" " "	Rain all day. Lt-Gen. Alderson met officers of 3rd Brigade at Bde H.Q. and stated he proposed to do away with all distinctive badges of the battalions of the Division, and substitute numerals only for them. Strong protests from all C.O.'s. Lt-Col. Jehn Currie of 15th Bn. told him that if he took any such step he "would be up against public opinion in Canada." Proposal was abandoned.
5th	" " "	Reute march in morning. Rain in afternoon.
6th	" " "	Duty Battn. Church Parade.
7th	" " "	Entrenching work in afternoon.
8th	" " "	Duty Battn. Rifle inspection.
9th	" " "	General training in morning. Holiday in p.m.
10th	" " "	All day rain.
11th	" " "	All day rain. Divisional Drill in morning.
12th	" " "	Rain. Brigade march in p.m. Dismissed to private parades by Brigadier about mile and half from Camp. Raced other battns of Brigade home, all starting level. 14th. beat others by 150 yards.
13th	" " "	Church Parade.
14th	" " "	Duty Battn.
15th	" " "	General training. Squad drill; company in attack; defence of village or wood.
16th	" " "	" " Battalion Drill, and company in attack.
17th	" " "	Battn. ordered to be ready to move to a point in England at short notice. Bombardment of Scarborough caused fear that an attempt might be made to invade England.
18th	" " "	Gen. Turner broke collar bone in motor car accident.
19th	" " "	Lt-Col. Meighen, 14th Bn as senior C.O. of 3rd Bde. assumed command of the Bde during Gen. Turner's disablement. As Lt-Col. Burland, 2nd in Com'd of Battn was on duty at Hayling Island, Major A.C. Shaw assumed command of the 14th.
20th	" " "	Orders to be prepared to move to hutments at Lark Hill.
21st	" " "	Rain. Church Parade.
22nd	Lark Hill	Battn. moved to Lark Hill, Salisbury Plains.
23rd	" "	Duty Battalion.
24th	" "	Rain. Whole Battalion on fatigues at Larkhill.
25th	" "	All available men on fatigue. Midnight mass in hut of No. 4 Co.
26th	" "	Duty Battalion.
27th	" "	Rain. Holiday.
28th	" "	Church Parade.
29th	" "	Duty Battalion.
30th	" "	All available men on fatigues. No training.
31st	" "	Duty Battalion " " " " "

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Camp No 11.  
Lark Hill, Jan 5-15.

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CANADIAN CONTINGENT

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1914 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 1914.

Hour, Date Page	Summary of Events + Information.	Remarks.
West D.S. Dec 1.	Shmuckin in am. Bn in attack in afternoon.	ATTH
2.	outposts in evening.	ATTH
3.	Duty Battalion.	ATTH
4.	company attack in afternoon, route march at night.	ATTH
5.	Rain all day.	ATTH
6.	Route march in morning. Rain in afternoon.	ATTH
7.	Duty Battalion, Church Parade.	ATTH
8.	Battalion training in am. Entrenching in afternoon.	ATTH
9.	Duty Battalion. Rifle inspection.	ATTH
10.	Physical drill, Bayonet & hand drill in am. Holiday pm.	ATTH
11.	Rain all day.	ATTH
12.	Rain all day. Divisional manoeuvres until 1.30 pm.	ATTH
13.	Very little training. Rain.	ATTH
14.	Church Parade.	ATTH
15.	Duty Battalion.	ATTH
16.	Squad drill. Coy attack. Defense of village or wood in pm.	ATTH
17.	Battalion exercises in am. Coy in attack in afternoon.	ATTH
18.	Back held ready to move after Scarborough bombardment.	ATTH
19.	Rain. Lt Col Meighen assumed command 3 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. 15 <sup>th</sup> Div. vice Col. R. W. Turner. Capt Shaw in command of the Bn. vice Lt Col Meighen. Lt Col Durland being on duty at HAYLING ISLAND.	ATTH
20.	Preparing to move to Lark Hill.	ATTH
21.	Rain. Church Parade.	ATTH
22.	Battalion moved to Lark Hill.	ATTH
23.	Duty Battalion. No training.	ATTH
24.	Rain. Bn supplied fatigues for work at Lark Hill.	ATTH
25.	All available men in camp on fatigue work. Training.	ATTH
26.	Duty Bn. Christmas Day. No training.	ATTH
27.	Rain. Holiday.	ATTH
28.	Church Parade.	ATTH
29.	Duty Bn. No training.	ATTH
30.	All available men on fatigue. No training.	ATTH
31.	All available men on fatigue. No training.	ATTH

C. T. Root Lt  
Adj 14<sup>th</sup> C. R. M. P.



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JANUARY

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TEXT

Jany. 1st	: Lark Hill, Salisbury Plains	Rain all day.	All available men on fatigues.	No parades.
2nd	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
3rd	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
4th	: " " " "	" " " "	Heavy snow at night. Confidential letter received from 3rd Bde. regarding possible move. Noted and passed to 15th Battn.	
5th	: " " " "	" " " "	Duty Battn. No. parades. All men on fatigues.	
6th	: " " " "	" " " "	No parades. All men on fatigues.	
7th	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
8th	: " " " "	" " " "	Address to officers 3rd Bde. by Gen. McCracken on "Phases of War, and Discipline".	
9th	: " " " "	" " " "	Lecture to officers by Lt-Col. Burland on "Discipline", and by Gen. McCracken in p.m. on "Active Service".	
10th	: " " " "	" " " "	Hut inspection by Lt-Col. Meighen in morning. Lecture to officers in afternoon by Col. V.A.S. Williams.	
11th	: " " " "	" " " "	Rain. No parades.	
12th	: " " " "	" " " "	Training. Battalion route march and drill.	
13th	: " " " "	" " " "	Battalion drill and training.	
14th	: " " " "	" " " "	Lecture to officers by Gen. Turner comd'g 3rd Bde. on "How to combat disease".	
15th	: " " " "	" " " "	Route march. Lecture to officers by Lt-Col. Meighen. Demonstration of Colt Automatic pistol to officers by Arm. Sergt. Parnell.	
16th	: " " " "	" " " "	Morning, Battalion in attack. p.m. Route march. Lecture on billeting by 3rd Bde. Staff Officer.	
17th	: " " " "	" " " "	Lt-Gen. Alderson inspected lines. Assured men that they would soon be eating their dinners in France. Announcement heartily cheered by the men.	
18th	: " " " "	" " " "	Church parade.	
19th	: " " " "	" " " "	Battn. drill and route march. War Establishment received.	
20th	: " " " "	" " " "	Musketry on Durrington Range.	
21st	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	Duty Battalion.
22nd	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	Snow.
23rd	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
24th	: " " " "	" " " "	Duty Battalion. No. 25935 Pte Chandler died of cerebro-spinal meningitis.	
25th	: " " " "	" " " "	Church parade. Received "Notes on Trench Warfare" from Bde.	
26th	: " " " "	" " " "	Inspection by Gen. Turner V.C. comd'g 3rd Bde.	
27th	: " " " "	" " " "	Duty Battn. All day Brigade manoeuvres near West Down South.	
28th	: " " " "	" " " "	Ordered to draft all men unfit for General Service to 12th Battn.	
29th	: " " " "	" " " "	Draft of unfit sent to 12th Battn.	
30th	: " " " "	" " " "	Drawing equipment. Active preparations for move.	
31st	: " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
31st	: " " " "	" " " "	Route march. Lecture to officers by Capt. E.W. Pope, Bde Staff on Military Law.	

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Royal Montreal Regt.*

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of

14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion - Royal Montreal

from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1915 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1915

Date	Place.	Summary of Events + Information.	Page
		1. Rain all day. no parades. All men on fatigues.	2142
		2. Rain nearly all day. no parades. All men on fatigues.	2143
		3. Rain all day. Heavy snow at night. Recd. confidential letter from Brigade H.Qs. Passed came on to 15 <sup>th</sup> BATTALION.	2144
		4. Duty Battalion. no parades. All men on parades.	2145
		5. no parades. All men on fatigue.	2146
		6. no parades. All men on fatigue.	2147
		7. address by Genl. McCracken on "phases of front discipline".	2148
		8. addresses officers by Col. W. BURLAND on discipline & also by Genl. McCracken on active service in pm.	2149
		9. Inspection in am. by C.O. address by Col. V. <del>W. BURLAND</del> at 12.2 pm	2150
		10. Wet. no parades.	2151
		11. Resumed gun training. Route march + Gun Drill. Rain in pm.	2152
		12. Battalion Training.	2153
		13. Lecture by Col. R. E. W. TURNER, V.C. D.S.O. on "How to combat disease".	2154
		14. Route March. Short lecture by COL. MEIGHEN. Demonstration to officers by ARM-SGT. PARNELL, on bolt automatic.	2155
		15. Battalion in attack in am. Route march pm. Lecture on Billposting by Staff Officer.	2156
		16. no parade. GENL. AIDERSON in camp & inspected <sup>some</sup> tents.	2157
		17. no parade, except church parade.	2158
		18. Battalion drill & route march. New establishment received.	2159
		19. Musketry Course started.	2160
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		21. Musketry in am. Snow.	2162
		22. Musketry.	2163
		23. Duty Battalion. #25935, Pte Chandler died of cerebro spinal meningitis.	2164
		24. Church parade. Received notes re benches from Base H.Qs	2165

Lark Hill

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Date & Place	Summary of Events & Information.	Remarks
Lark Hill		
25.	Inspection by G. O. G. <sup>Lark Hill</sup>	JMS
26.	Duty Battalion. Brigade Exercises.	JMS
27.	Arrangements made re draft to 12 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	JMS
28.	Sent draft to <del>Lidwood</del> <sup>Lark Hill</sup> .	JMS
29.	Am preparing equipment, ready to move.	JMS
30.	Battalion preparing to move.	JMS
31.	Route March. Address by CAPT. POPE, on Military Law.	JMS

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14th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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DIARY

FEBRUARY

1915.

TEXT.

February 1915.

Feb'y.	1	:	:	:	:	:	In Hutments, Lark Hill, Salisbury Plain	Completing equipment and mobilization stores. Lt-Col.F.H. Hopkins, Junior Major, transferred to 17th Battn.
	2	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Working on equipment.
		:	:	:	:	:		O.C. and Adjutant reconnoitred ground where King's Review is to take place. Major H.Barré proceeded to France with Advance Party from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brigade
	3	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Balance of waggons and mules received.
	4	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Canadian Division reviewed by H.M.The King, accompanied by Lord Kitchener. The King first walked down the line and the whole Division afterwards marched past. As weather was bad, all ranks wore greatcoats, which made the men seem very big and solid. Afterwards lined both sides of railway as the King left on special train. Men in high spirits, and much cheering.
		:	:	:	:	:		After weeding out unfits, battalion about 100 under strength; received draft from 17th Battn. to complete. Draft arrived with papers in very bad shape, and some of the men very little better than those we had cast. Ordered to leave officers behind to bring numbers down to establishment, so sent Lieuts. Brotherhood, Pearce, G.W.Stairs, Gavin L.Stairs, Leprohon, Hewston to Reserve at Tidworth, greatly to their disappointment.
	5	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Adjutant, Capt. A.P.Holt unfit for overseas owing to attack of pneumonia, Asst.Adjt., Lieut. H.A.Thompson appointed Acting Adjutant, and Lt. Brotherhood recalled from Tidworth to complete establishment.
		:	:	:	:	:		Outfitting draft from 17th Battn. as their clothing was in as bad shape as their documents.
	6	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Orders received to be ready to move in 24 hours.
	7	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Everything complete, standing by.
	8	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Left Lark Hill at 9 p.m. entraining at Amesbury between 10 and 11 p.m. Proceeded direct to Avonmouth Dock, Bristol.
	9	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Embarked on transport direct from train: found a Heavy Battery commanded by Major McDougall already on board. Ship very crowded.
	10	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Sailed late in day, escorted by destroyers.
	11	:	:	:	:	:	On Board H.M.Transport "Australind" (Captain Sidney Angell)	Weather very bad, furious gales, most of officers and men seasick.
	12	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Weather still very bad. One man of battery killed by being thrown against iron stanchion.
	13	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	Weather moderated. Held Orderly Room on deck.
	14	:	:	:	:	:	" " " " " "	

Lt H.B.M. Major J.C. Magee

February 1915.

Feb. 15th: On. Board H.M. Transport "Australind"

French men-of-war came out to escort ships into port of St. Nazaire. Warped into interior harbour, and made fast in afternoon. Orders that no one was to be permitted ashore without pass.O.C. landed to report. Advance party of 50 under Lieut. R.W.Frost left by train for railhead. Short goatskin coats served out to men.

16th: On board train proceeding to front.

Left St.Nazaire at 7 a.m. for railhead. Passed through several large towns on way. No. 4 Company (French-Canadian) sang old French songs during halts, which greatly astonished the inhabitants.

17th: ~~On board train proceeding to front.~~

Discipline on train excellent, though conditions were anything but comfortable for the men. Detrained quickly and in good order.

18th: Hazebrouek.

Arrived Hazebrouek 6 a.m. Picked up advance party under Lieut. Frost, and left by road for Fletre, passing 3rd Bde H.Q. in "The House of the Spy" in Caestre. Pavé roads very trying for the men, accustomed to soft English roads, but no stragglers. Arrived Fletre about mid-day. At last halt before reaching Fletre, H.R.H.Prince Arthur of Connaught rode along column. On reaching Fletre men were billeted in houses in village and surrounding farms. <sup>Lunch</sup> H.Q. in Chateau de Wendigen. On March to Fletre all ranks interested in hearing sound of distant artillery for first time.

19th: In Billets Fletre.

Censoring men's letters. H.Q. Mess established in village inn. Signal lamps placed in Chateau tower for communication with outlying Company H.Qs.

20th: " " "

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade inspected by Gen.Sir John French in field near Caestre. Apparently much pleased. Stated that if we could fight as well as we looked, he was sorry for the Germans. Capt. Holt, Adjutant rejoined battalion, having managed to get War Office to send him over without waiting for vacancy to occur. Overhauling equipment.

21st: " " "

Orders received to be ready to move next day.

22nd: " " "

Left Fletre 8 a.m. marching via Meteren and Nieppe. During halt in Nieppe British officers billeted there asked H.Q.officers to lunch with them. Passed Gen.Pulteney and staff on road. He

23rd: March to Armentières

scrutinized the battalion closely as it passed him and asked



LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE 14th CANADIAN BATTALION R.M. REGIMENT  
WHO LEFT SALISBURY PLAINS FEBY. 10TH. 1915 WITH THE BATTN.

Officer Commanding	Lt-Col. F.S.Meighen.
2nd in Command	Lt-Col. W.W.Burland.
Adjutant	Lieut. H.A.Thompson.
Quartermaster	Capt. W.H.Smith.
Machine Gun Officer	Lieut. G.M.Williamson.
Medical Officer	Capt. H.A.Boyd.
Paymaster	Capt. F.B.D.Larken.
Chaplain (Prot.)	Major F.G.Scott.
Chaplain (R.C.)	Capt. A.Sylvestre.
 No. 1. Co.	 Major A.C.Shaw Capt. J.N.Warminton Lieuts. R.W.Frost R.de V.Terroux C.F.C.Porteous J.F.Adams (Transport Officer)
 No. 2 Co.	 Major P.R.Hanson Capt. R.Steacie Lieuts. A.S.English W.K.Knubley W.C.Brotherhood K.L.McCuaig (Signalling Officer)
 No. 3 Co.	 Major G. McCombe Capt. V.G.Curry Lieuts. W.D.Adams S. Grant W.H.Draper E.A.Whitehead
 No. 4 Co.	 Major H.Barre Capt. E.Ranger Lieuts. H.Desrosiers R.Deserres R.Roy H.Quintal

The following were left in England, being surplus to establishment:-  
Lieuts. G.W.Stairs, G.L.Stairs, H.Pearce, F.S.Heuston, Leprohon.  
They joined the Battalion in France later.  
Attached to British Unit. Lieuts. W.A.Kirkconnell and A.S.Major  
(rejoined later).  
Sick, and unable to leave with Battn. Capt. F.A.Scringer <sup>M.O.</sup> and Capt.  
A.P.Holt (rejoined later).

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*F.S. Meighen*  
Lt-Col  
Comd 14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Batta  
Royal Montreal Regt.

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TEXT

Mar. 1st.:	In Billets Armentieres				
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4th.:	In trenches Rue Petillon				
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6th.:	"	"	"	"	
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7th.:	In billets Rue du Quesne				
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Left Armentieres at 4 p.m. to march to Bac St.Maur where battalion was billeted for the night.

Senior officers Canadians assembled at Corps H.Q. where they were briefly addressed by the G.O.C. Corps whose chief remark was "Gentlemen you are about to face a cunning, cruel, and unscrupulous enemy. If you make a mistake, you will not get the chance to make a second one." Battn. afterwards addressed by Lt-Gen. Aldersen, commanding the Canadian Divn. Just before dusk battalion left billets to proceed to the front line near the Rue Petillon (Fleurbaix Sector) opposite Fremelles where it took over the sub-sector held by a squadron of the Northumberland Hussars (Yeomanry), and the 1st Battn. Grenadier Guards, who were commanded by Lt-Col. Fisher-Rowe, 2nd in command Major Trotter. Relief completed in less than two hours. Guards handed over 3 cows for use of Battn. H.Q. Slight shelling by German "77" guns about noon. Had first man killed in trenches by sniper. Work begun to strengthen line. Nos 1, 2, and 3 Companies in front line, beginning from right, No. 4 Coy. in support in dug-outs opposite Battn. H.Q. about 250 yards in rear. Continuous sniping at night from fixed rifles from German line.

Had 2nd man killed by sniper at corner Saily-Fremelles Road while going up to front line with a ration party; he, with first man killed, was buried in cemetery already established by Imperial units near corner of Saily-Fremelles Road, and Rue Petillon. Again shelled about noon by German "77's". No damage.

Quiet day except for usual shelling at noon. Considerable work done on front line and breastworks around Battn. H.Q. Relieved at night by 15th Battn. and marched back to Brigade Reserve billets on Rue du Quesne. Relief took over three hours to complete, much too long.

Men paid, Battn. resting.

Battn. resting. Senior officers reconnoitred G.H.Q. defence line, which runs immediately south of Rue Du Quesne, consisting of strong points, breastworks and a little wire. Line very rudimentary, and in bad repair. Relieved 15th Battn. at night, in same sub-sector as before. Nos. 4, 1, and 2 Cos. in front line beginning from right, No. 3 in support. Orders received to be ready to attack German line should British Brigade on our right attack. All preparations made.

Mar. 10th	In trenches Rue Petillen	Battle of Neuve Chapelle began with tremendous bombardment of enemy lines by British, about 3 miles to our right, at half past seven in the morning. About 8 o'clock infantry advance began. No sign of movement of British Brigade on our immediate right, but everything was in order for the 14th. to advance if called upon. Would have been difficult operation unless Germans opposite us were attacked on flank, as wire in front of German trenches had not been shelled, and was uncut. Battle continued throughout the day. Very little news came to us, except that British attack had been successful on the right, but that left nearest Canadians had been held up. Were able to observe bombardment from O.P. in our support lines all through the day. Men very much worked up and anxious to be in the fight.
11th	" " " "	Fighting still going on at Neuve Chapelle. Stretcher-bearer Drake recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He went to the assistance of a man who was wounded in the open behind our front line. Drake was almost immediately severely wounded himself but remained with the man after he had bound up his wounds, being under continuous fire, until assistance <del>arrived</del> came which enabled him to get the wounded man back to our lines. The recommendation was approved, and the medal awarded Drake, who was the first man in the 1st Canadian Division to obtain it.
12th	" " " "	Quiet day on our front. Some fighting still going on at Neuve Chapelle. Usual schedule shelling and sniping. Night of 12th/13th lost one man (Pte A Jones) killed, and one man wounded of a patrol which was out in No-Man's Land. They were caught by machine gun fire. Sergt. Lang and 3 men went out and searched carefully, remaining out till dawn, but could find no trace of Jones. It is supposed he was taken either dead or alive by enemy patrol which was known to be out also.
13th	" " " "	Relieved at night by 15th Battn. Relief mere quickly done this time.
14th	In billets Rue Du Quesne	Same billets as last time out. Weather fine.
15th	" " " "	No parades. Men given absolute rest.
16th	" " " "	No parades except rifle inspections. Men played football in the afternoon.
17th	" " " "	Relieved 15th Battn. in same sub-sector at night. Nos. 3, 4, and 1 Cos. in front line, beginning from right, No. 2 Coy. in support.
18th	In trenches Rue Petillen	Fairly quiet. One man killed and two wounded by snipers. Enemy evidently searching for our batteries as they fired six heavy shells into a field near corner of Rue Du Bois and Sully-Fremelles Road, but there was no battery anywhere near that spot.

Mar. 19th:	In trenches Rue Petillen	German aeroplane over our lines, first one we had seen. Too high for rifle fire to be effective.
20th:	" " " "	Heaviest casualties up to date. Three men killed and seven wounded. Troops in German line opposite us had apparently been relieved by others who were much more aggressive. Relieved at night by 15th Battn. No work. Battn. resting.
21st:	In billets Rue du Quesne	" " " "
22nd:	" " " "	Battalion resting.
23rd:	" " " "	Relieved 15th Battn. at night. Nos. 2, 1 & 4 Cos. in front line, beginning from right. No 3 in support.
24th:	" " " "	Quiet day.
25th:	In trenches Rue Petillen	Heavy day. Many wounded. The 3rd Canadian Brigade was relieved by 24th British Brigade, the 14th Battn being relieved by the 1st Worcesters, commanded by Major Grogan. 14th was complimented by the G.O.C. 24th British Bde for the quickness and accuracy with which the trenches were handed over. Left considerable quantity of trench property, such as periscopes, Very pistols, etc. with the Worcesters, and was questioned by 3rd Bde. as to why this was done. Worcesters had lost everything in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle a few days before, and it was impossible as well as dangerous to leave them without these stores. Battn. marched back to rest billets at Estaires, arriving about midnight.
26th:	" " " "	Very comfortable billets in northeast end of town, near cemetery. Battalion being paid, and men sent by Companies to Divisional Baths in Estaires where they had hot baths and clean underclothes were issued to them.
27th:	In billets Estaires	Dammed up the Courant de Meteren-Bocque, a small stream which flowed through our billeting area, and made swimming pool for the men. Allocated it to Companies at regular hours. This was much enjoyed by the men. New clothing issued, and deficiencies in equipment made good.
28th:	" " " "	Estaires bombed by German 'planes. No casualties in the battalion. Training begun, special attention being paid to bombing and entrenching. Training carried on.
29th:	" " " "	
30th:	" " " "	
31st:	" " " "	

*F. J. Maghen Lt-Col*  
Comd 14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion  
Royal Montreal Regt.

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ROYAL MONTREAL REGT.

Date	Particulars.	
March	1	
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Billed in ARMENTIERES

Left Armentieres at 4<sup>00</sup> P.M. and arrived in Bellefosse in BAC-ST-MAUR Billed here for the night

Inspection at Noon by Lieut. General E A Halderson. Left for trenches at 4<sup>00</sup> PM in front Fleurbaix, facing FROMELLE. H. Co on Rue Cebillon. Arrived at trenches about 8<sup>30</sup>. Relieved the 1st Grenadier Guards. Relief completed about 10 o'clock

Trenches - FLEURBAIX

" " Relieved by 13th about 9<sup>00</sup> and proceeded to receive Billed on RUE DU QUESNES.

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Left Montreal at 11:30 PM for  
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Flourish - FLURBAIX

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Date	Particulars	
March 6	Trenches - FLEURBAIX	
7	" " "	relieved by <del>15th</del> <sup>15TH</sup>
	Can Bn about 9 <sup>00</sup> and proceed to	
	Reserve Billets in RUE DU QUESNES.	
8	" " " "	
9	" " " "	Left
	for trenches FLEURBAIX	at 7 <sup>00</sup> PM.
10	Trenches - FLEURBAIX	
11	" "	
12	" "	
13	" "	Left Trenches about 9 <sup>00</sup>
	o'clock for Reserve Billet RUE DU QUESNES	
14	Reserve Billets - <del>FLEURBAIX</del> RUE DU QUESNES	
15	" " " "	
16	" " " "	













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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION.
	Apr. 1st		Rest billets northern outskirts of Estaires. 6 hours per day training. Trench digging, instruction in wiring and dealing with wire, route marching, practising attacking with bombs.
	Apr. 2nd	" " " " " "	G.O. and 2nd in Command went to Fauquissart with G.O.C. 3rd Brigade and reconnoitred German line for proposed attack which however, did not take place.
	Apr. 3rd	" " " " " "	
	Apr. 4th	" " " " " "	
	Apr. 5th	" " " " " "	
	Apr. 6th	" " " " " "	Received orders for move to Cassel.
	Apr. 7th		Left Estaires 6 a.m. Brigade march to Cassel via Neuf Berquin Strazeele Caestre arrived Cassel about 3 p.m. and billeted in eastern outskirts. Men stood march very well.
	Apr. 8th		Billets Cassel all ranks resting.
	Apr. 9th	" " " " " "	Small reinforcing draft, about 25 arrived. Fairly good quality.
	Apr. 10th	" " " " " "	
	Apr. 11th		Inspection 3rd Brigade at Bde H.Q. in morning by Gen. Sir H. Smith Dorian, who was very complimentary in his remarks.
	Apr. 12th		Billets Cassel Comdg. Officers of Brigade went night of 12th/13th with G.O.C. Bde to reconnoitre trenches at St. Julien which the Bde was to take over from the French. Taken through trenches by Commandant Clodeau.
	Apr. 13th	" "	
	Apr. 14th	" "	Lieut G.W. Stairs arrived from England.



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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION.
	Apr.15th		Billets Cassel. <span style="float: right;">Left at 1.30 p.m. for Steenvoorde arriving about 4 p.m. and billeted for night.</span>
	Apr.16th		<span style="float: right;">Left Steenvoorde by motor buses as far as Poperinghe, halting there for mid-day meal. Marched from Poperinghe through Vlamertinghe Ypres St Jean and Wieltje and halted north of Wieltje until dusk when guides from French occupying trenches at St. Julien arrived and guided battalion in. Battn took over trenches from St. Julien-Poelcappelle road east for about 700 yards to sector taken over by 16th Canadian Scottish. French Zouave troops on our left towards Langemarck. Relief of French completed about midnight. 2 companies(1 &amp; 4) in line, No. 3 in support, No.4 Company on left next French. No.3 Company in support in dug-outs 300 yds in rear of No.4 Co., No.2 Co. in local reserve in St. Julien, where Battalion H.Q. were situated One company of 13th R.R.C. also in St. Julien in local reserve. Trenches in very bad condition.</span>
	Apr.17th		In trenches St. Julien. <span style="float: right;">Everything quiet except for considerable amount of sniping. Enemy apparently working in ruined farm-house in No-Man's Land in front of No.4 Coy. Reported to Bde. H.Q. and Artillery shelled house. No. 4 Coy. extended and took over about 50 yards more frontage from French west of Ypres-Poelcappelle Road.</span>
	Apr.18th	" "	<span style="float: right;">Improving trenches, also working on reserve trenches northeast of and just outside St. Julien.</span>
	Apr.19th	" "	" " " "
	Apr.20th	" "	" " " "

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION.
	Apr. 21st		Relieved by 13th Battn R.H.C. Relief completed by midnight. Total casualties in tour, 7 killed 15 wounded. Killed buried in St. Julien, just outside northwest corner of churchyard. Marched by companies, independently, to billets in St. Jean. No. 2 Company under Major Hanson remaining in St. Julien as local reserve to 13th R.H.C. Machine gun section of the battalion under Capt. Williamson also remained with 13th Bn. 2 guns being mounted in ruined houses on outskirts of St. Julien.
	Apr. 22nd	In billets St. Jean.	Heavy shelling of Ypres and vicinity began. At 5 p.m. received orders to stand to. At 6 p.m. the battn. less No. 2 Coy. began to move up towards St. Julien, Shelling continuous. On way up Ypres St. Julien road, one gun of a British R.H.A. battery galloped past battn. and came into action in field on left of road just above Wieltje. 1, 3 & 4 Companies took up position in G.H.Q. line at 3rd Bde Headquarters. No. 1 Co. under Major Shaw, with Major Warmington 2nd in command, and Lieuts. Terroux and Perteus occupying trenches west of 3rd Bde H.Q. (on Pilkem side), Nos. 3 & 4 in trenches east of Bde. H.Q. between them and Ypres-St. Julien road.
	Apr. 23rd /30th		Particulars of operations attached.

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Date		Particulars.
April	1	Rest Billets - ESTAIRS
	2	" "
	3	" "
	4	" "
	5	" "
	6	" "
	7	Left Estairs at 6 <sup>00</sup> A.M. and marched to CASSEL. Arrived there about 3 <sup>00</sup> o'clock P.M.
	8	Billets - CASSEL.
	9	" "
	10	" "
	11	Inspection by Lt Henry Smith-Dorrien
	12	Billets - CASSEL.
	13	" "

MOON ROOM  
 Crossing Barb  
 wire Entanglements  
 4 Rounds Marching  
 6 hours every day.

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Particulars	Date
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Date	Particulars
April 21	<p>Trenches, "ST. JULIEN. Relieved in Trenches by 13<sup>th</sup> Can Battalion about 9<sup>00</sup> P.M. Relief completed about Midnight. Left for <sup>Reserve</sup> <del>St</del> <u>St Jean</u>.</p>
22	<p>Reserve Battalion - ST JEAN About 5.40 P.M. received orders to <del>move to</del>. About 6<sup>00</sup> P.M. received orders to have Machine Gun Crew report to St Julien. 6<sup>10</sup> P.M. One Company ordered to Bde St. Jas. 6<sup>15</sup> P.M. Nos 1 &amp; 3 Cops ordered to defensive position G. H. Q. line, near Bde St. Jas., Willke, No. 2 Coy. being in Reserve in St Julien</p>
22 to 30	<p>Particulars and summary of operations attached.</p>

Capt. T. Holt  
 110th Coy  
 14th Can  
 at moment





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May 6/18

Reference Sheet 28

The 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion took over the left sub-sections of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde, Canadian Div trenches on the night of April 16/17, and remained there for five days being relieved on the night of April 21/22 by the 13<sup>th</sup> Can Bn, & returned to billets @ St Jean with the exception of No 2 Company which took over billets in St Julien as a local reserve to the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

About 5<sup>00</sup> PM on Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> the order was received for the Battalion to stand to arms, & immediately afterwards it was ordered to move up to the B.H. Q. line, & took position in the immediate vicinity of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade H.Q. where the three Companies Nos 1, 3, & 4 dug themselves in.

At 9<sup>00</sup> AM Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> Nos 3 & 4 Companies were ordered to move up to reinforce the 16<sup>th</sup> Bn, in front of the wood in C 17A. These Companies took with them attached 3 Machine Guns & Crews belonging to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn which were @ the disposal of the Off 16<sup>th</sup> Bn, which Battalion were then consolidating their position. When this

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Consolidation was completed, these two Co's of the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn, which were in charge of Lieut-Col Burland, were ordered to move @ dusk on Friday, April 23/16 up to St Julien where they joined No 7 as reinforcements for the 13<sup>th</sup> Bn. No 1 Coy remaining @ G.H.Q. lines, the command of these lines being handed over by the G.O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde to Lt. Col. Preigden, Ofc 14<sup>th</sup> Bn, who remained in charge of G.H.Q. lines throughout the actions. These lines were improved, especially on the left where No 1 Coy of the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn were entrenched, by strengthening parapets & digging communication trenches.

About midnight on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> Bn having refused the left flank of their original alignment on the Poelcapelle Road, the three Companies of the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn joined them in the new alignment & dug themselves in with the 13<sup>th</sup> Bn.

At 3.30 AM Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> a very heavy bombardment was opened by the enemy with high explosive & shrapnel on this new line of trenches, which had apparently been accurately ranged by the German Artillery so almost every shell hit. After about two hours of this shelling the men of the two Battalions were forced to retire having been literally blown out of the trenches. They were rallied beyond the ridge between

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Colicappelle, Road & the Rue des  
Boches & occupied every available  
position there including blastworks  
two lines of reserved trenches & several  
natural folds in the ground. This position  
was held until about 11.00 AM Saturday,  
Apr 7th when the line was rendered  
untenable. The line was then ordered to  
retire to a selected position about 300 yards  
to the right near where there was a line of  
disused trenches. These were held for nearly  
an hour & a half until enfiladed by Machine  
Gun fire & frontal fire from snipers. The  
line was then retired about 200 yards to  
another position where cover was found in  
ditches & natural folds in the ground. This  
was held for some time until what was left  
of the 13th & 14th Bns were ordered to retire behind  
the G.H.Q. lines, being relieved by British Troops  
This order to retire was received about 4.30 PM  
Saturday Apr 7th, the enemy @ the time having  
already got some distance south of St Julien.  
They appeared in considerable numbers on the  
road in C 23<sup>rd</sup> S. 7 but were turned back by  
Machine Gun & Rifle fire from the G.H.Q. line  
& apparently retired in a North Westerly direction  
The three Companies of the 14th which had retired  
behind the G.H.Q. line took up & improved  
Reserve trenches between St Jean & the G.H.Q. line.

No 1 Coy of the 1st<sup>th</sup> Bn remained in the trenches in the left sections of the G. H. Q. line until relieved on Monday night Apr 26/27. The other companies of the Bn had meantime been withdrawn to the transport lines in H 5. On Monday morning Apr 26, Nos 2, 3, & 4 Co's were moved over near La Brique as a support for a French attack, but actually took no part. Later in the afternoon of the same day these companies were moved to Reserve Positions in I. 3<sup>B</sup> where they dug themselves in & also improved trenches already existing. Here these three Co's were joined on Monday by No 1 Coy, relieved that night from the G. H. Q. line. The whole Bn remained in position under continuous & heavy shell fire until Tuesday night Apr 27<sup>th</sup> when it was moved back to the transport lines H 5. Here it remained during the day of Wednesday Apr 28<sup>th</sup>. At dusk that day the Bn was moved into a position on the west bank of the Yser Canal I. 1<sup>B</sup> remaining here during the day of Apr 29<sup>th</sup> under more or less shell fire all the time. On the night of Apr 29/30 the Battalion was moved to the East side of the Yser Canal to a position in C. 70°. The frontage allotted, not being found sufficient for the whole Bn, one Coy dug themselves in, connecting the line between the 16<sup>th</sup> Co Bn & the K.O. Scottish Borderers of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bde. The remainder of the Bn were



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## 14th Canadian Infantry Battalion - "ROYAL MONTREAL REGT."

PLACE	DATE	HOURS	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION.
	May 1.		In Tranches on Yser Canal. ) For particulars see summary attached to April War Diary.
	2		" " " " " )
	3		" " " " " )
	4		Relieved after dusk May 3rd and marched to transport lines north of Vlamertinghe arriving shortly after day-break on the 4th. Remained in transport lines until dusk orders having been received to march to rest billets near Bailleul. Left about dusk and marched through Vlamertinghe, Ouderdom, and Locre to Bailleul. So far the 3rd Brigade moved together, the 14th Bn. now broke off and proceeded to rest billets at Le Nouveau Monde about 3 Kilometres south of Bailleul arriving about day-break May 5th. Long, tiring march, but very few stragglers
	5		In Billets Bailleul (Le Nouveau Monde) All ranks resting
	6		" " " " " All ranks rapidly recovering from strain and fatigue of last two weeks. Men beginning to organize sports.
	7		Large draft of about 275 men arrived from England, mostly men from Toronto and Ontario points. It was discovered that men from Montreal who had come to England with 23rd Bn. C.E.F. and who were mostly from home units of the 14th Bn had been sent to Ontario units in France. Much resentment felt by all ranks at this. Draft sent 14th Bn was, however, of good quality. Lt. Robertson arrived from England and was taken on strength.
	8		" " " " " New men drafted to Companies, several exchanges of men arranged with Ontario battalions and other battalions of 3rd Brigade.
	9		" " " " " 14th Bn inspected by Lt-Gen. E.A.H. Alderson who addressed the original men of the battalion and the new men separately. Congratulated the former on their splendid work, and told latter they would have to live up to standard established by the battalion.

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14th Canadian Infantry Battalion - "ROYAL MONTREAL REGT."

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION.
	May 10		In billets Bailleul (Le Nouveau Monde) Refitting and reorganization of battalion rapidly proceeding.
	11		" " " " " " Bn. Headquarters visited by Lt-Gen. Sir H. Smith-Dorrien and Major-Gen. J.W. Carson. Gen. Smith-Dorrien congratulated O.C. on part the 14th battalion had taken with other Canadian units in the fighting from Apr. 22nd, stating that the Canadian Division had undoubtedly saved the situation.
	12		" " " " " " Battn. inspected by Brig-Gen. Turner V.C. who expressed himself satisfied with reorganization and refitting. Commissions as Lieutenants granted to Company Sergt-Major C.B. Price, and Sergts. Worrall and Leighton.
	13		" " " " " " Preliminary orders that battalion should be ready to move shortly.
	14		" " " " " " Orders received to move to Mont Bernonchon, near Robecq. Left Bailleul in brigade at 6.50 p.m. to march via Estaires and Lestrem. Half-way, a wagon of the 13th Bn. upset and blocked road, and owing to marsh on each side it was impossible to pass. Units in front, 14th being rear battn of the Brigade on this march, had gone on in the darkness. Guide from Brigade H.Q. made wrong turn and battalion took wrong road, marching until daylight without finding destination. Further confusion also caused by two places of same name (Cornet Malo) in same neighbourhood. After daylight mistake was easily rectified.
	15		In billets Mont Bernonchon Arrived about 6.30 a.m. Men very tired but in good spirits. No stragglers.
	16		" " " " All ranks resting. Orders received at night to move early next morning.
	17		Left Mont Bernonchon at 5 a.m. and marched to Le Touret on Bethune-Neuve Chappelle road, Rue du Bois, arriving there about 8 a.m. Took up position in breastworks and trenches just south of the road, where the battalion remained all day.

*mt. Bernonchon*

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION.
	May 17		(continued)
	18	Essars	Rained continuously. Saw 4th Guards Bde and Indian troops march by going into trenches at Festubert. Ordered back to billets at Essars, near Bethune. Left Le Touret at 9 p.m. and arrived at Essars about 10.30 p.m. Raining. After arriving there received orders to be ready to move at 15 minutes notice. Received orders to move back to Le Touret and left Essars at 7 a.m. going to same trenches as occupied on May 17th at Le Touret, where the battalion remained until 2.30 p.m. It then moved forward to assembly trenches at Indian Village east of Rue de L'EpINETTE, the 3rd Brigade having received orders to attack on a frontage near the locality known as The Orchard, the whole ground of these operations being known as Festubert. Major Warminton killed.
	19	Festubert (Indian Village)	Lts. Godwin, Richardson and Sumption arrived from England on May 20th. Lt. Godwin took over command of the battalion Machine Gun Section.
	20	" " "	Relieved by 4th Battn about 9 p.m. and marched to billets in Le Hamel on Rue du Bois between Le Touret and Bethune arriving 11 p.m.
	21	" " "	
	22	" " "	
	23	(see attached report of operations May 16-22nd 1915 )	
	24	In billets Le Hamel	
	25	" " " "	
	26	" " " "	Received orders and left at 7 p.m. for trenches at Festubert, south of The Orchard towards Givenchy (La Bassee) to relieve Seely's Detachment. Took over from the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Battalion of London Regt (Territorials) on our right, 16th Canadian Scottish on left. Some doubt as to exact position occupied by Seely's Detachment, which was cleared up next day. Difficult relief owing to lack of accurate information from H.Q. Seely's Detachment. Relief not completed until 1 a.m. on 27th.



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was as indicated by the guide, viz, to keep mined house @ P 14 on our left, then slightly further on change direction left & eventually occupy position on side of Road from old communication trench to La Quique Rue (about 2 inches S.W. of P 14 to cross roads about 1 inch South of P 11) & in so doing to complete the British line, the Guards having been ordered to advance & take positions with their right on P 14.

When the left of the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn Line arrived @ about N 10 the right was brought around & the line thus described ran from N 10 to the Road connecting with the left of the 16<sup>th</sup> Bn. The men were ordered to take cover here & dig-in temporarily owing to the fact that the Bde on our left whose trenches ran from Q. J to about P 11 had not been successful in their attack & were occupying ground directly in front of our line of advance. The ground ~~directly in front of our line of advance~~ & position was there reconnoitered & it was decided to move the line forward bringing the left of the 14<sup>th</sup> to the Right of the Guards line of trenches & thus fill in the gap & complete the British line. This advance was completed & the line then described ran from P 11 to the British communication trench about 3/4 inch west of M 7. The 16<sup>th</sup> Bn occupying the right & the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn the left of this new line, both Bns then dug in & completed this trench line.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Bn received orders to withdraw from their position @ day break, after arranging with the Guards Bde to take over their section of trenches, & connect up with the 16<sup>th</sup>. This order was carried out & the 11<sup>th</sup> Bn were withdrawn to their original position in the old German trench P 2 to N 4

This operation was carried out under rather trying conditions, the men being subjected to a constant withering shell fire which only diminished about 2:00 AM & the ground over which they had to move being intersected with ditches & streams, all of which were filled with water, & some of them in parts quite impassable the result being everybody was wet through

Officers in Charge

No 1 Coy Major AC Shaw  
No 3 Coy Capt O G Curry

Both the above companies were under command of Lieut. Col W W Burland.

The casualties suffered by the 11<sup>th</sup> Can Bn during this operation amounted to

2 officers  
65 other ranks, including  
18 RCO's

The whole Bn remained in German trenches P 5 to N 4 & P 5 to P 4 until May 27<sup>th</sup> where they were subjected to a constant heavy shell fire, & suffered an additional Casualty List of



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making a total Casualty List  
for the four days of  
3 Officers +  
138 OR

C. F. Holt  
Lieutenant

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for Lt. Col  
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Report of Operations  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1915-

References

Mrs. Violaines, Festubert Sheet.

On the afternoon of May 26<sup>th</sup> the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn. left billets at Led Hamel and marched to trucks at Festubert. Arrived there about 9 P.M. and occupied lines of trucks from Willow Road to the left for about 300 yds together with the 3 front lines of fir trucks -

Relief was completed about midnight the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn taking over from Perley's detachment -

On the following day an examination of our front line showed that while we were supposed to be occupying a point K 5 in reality this point was still in front of our line and on more or less disputed ground.

It was then decided to reconnoitre and afterwards occupy this position.

The reconnoitering party reported favourably and a party with bombs was detailed to attack - When this party advanced the enemy retired and the position was occupied without

any serious opposition -

Then there existed a line of trucks extending from K 5 north to a point L 8.

A reconnoitering party with bombs was then detailed to examine this truck. As the party advanced up the truck the enemy retired and was finally cleared out altogether leaving two wounded behind who were taken as prisoners by us.

A barricade was then built at the end of truck and another barricade about 150 yards nearer K 5 during the night we occupied the first barricade only owing to bad condition of remains of truck. While this period of occupation was being completed the enemy re-occupied the balance of truck from barricade to L 8. and when morning came were still in possession.

A platoon from # 7 Coy was detailed to attack the position when, as they approached the enemy retired to a position on our left front. This move left us in full possession of the whole position.

A double barricade was then built

at L 8 and the whole position put  
in a good state of defence.

On the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> the enemy  
attacked on our left with bombs  
but owing the nature of the barricade  
the attack was easily repulsed &  
the attackers dispersed with bombs  
from our truck together with rifle fire -

Later on the same evening we  
were relieved by the 13 Battalion  
Companies occupying fire trucks

N<sup>o</sup> 2 Coy Capt. A.S. English

N<sup>o</sup> 3 " " W.D. Adams

Whole operation under direction  
of Lt. Col. W.W. Rowland -

After being relieved we retired to  
reserve trucks and remained there  
until May 31<sup>st</sup>

A. Holt  
Battalion

for  
hot bands  
St. in a tank  
at Montreal Regt.

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14<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN BATTALION - MAY 1915

ROYAL MONTREAL REGT.

Date		Particulars.
May	1	In Reserve Trenches on Upper Canal.
	2	" " " " " "
	3	" " " " " "
	4	Arrived outside FLAMERTINGHE at 4 <sup>30</sup> AM. Stayed there until 8.00 P.M.
	5	Arrived in BAILLEUL at 2 <sup>30</sup> AM and went into Billets - about 3 Kilometres from Bailleul.
	6	Billets. - Bailleul
	7	" "
	8	" "
	9	" " Inspection by Lieut. Genl E. H. Alderson.
	10	" "
	11	" "
	12	" " Inspection by Brig. Genl R. E. Innes. Lombrows to

For particulars  
see Summary  
attached to  
April  
Diary

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Date	Particulars	
May. 19	Trenches - Indian Village	
20	" " "	
21	" " "	
22	" " Relieved in Trenches about 9 <sup>00</sup> PM and marched to billets in LE HAMEL arriving about 10 <sup>45</sup>	
23	Billets - Le Hamel	
24	" "	
25	" "	
26	" " Battalion left for Trenches in Fesubert 7 <sup>30</sup> P.M.	} see attached summary.
27	" Fesubert	
28	Relieved in Trenches and went into Reserve	
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31	do do do left for Rest Billets at midnight in OBLENHEM.	

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Date	Particulars.
May 13	Temp. Tent being granted to those N.C.O.'s Billets - Bailleul
14	" " Left Bailleul at 6 <sup>50</sup> PM
15	" Mont Bermerchon - Arrived at about 6 <sup>30</sup> AM
16	Billets - Mont Bermerchon.
17	" " " Left for Le Touret at 5 <sup>00</sup> A.M. During the day stopped in Reserve Trenches in Le Touret on Rue du Bois. Rained all day. Left for billets about 9 <sup>00</sup> PM. Arrived at Billets in Essars about 10 <sup>20</sup> PM.
18	Left Essars at 7 <sup>00</sup> am for Reserve Trenches on Rue du Bois. Left for Trenches in Indian Village at 2.30 P.M.

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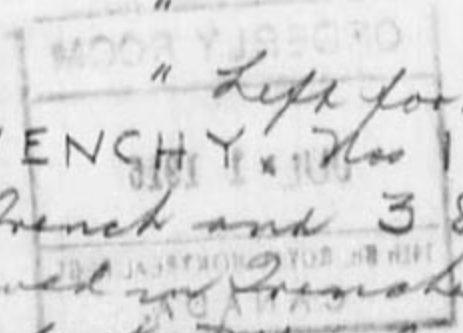
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Date		Particulars.
June	1	Rest Billets - OBLENGHEM
	2	" " "
	3	" " "
	4	" " "
	5	" " "
	6	" " " Left for Trenches
		Trenches in GIVENCHY. Nos 1 and 2
		Companies in First Trench and 384 Coys
		in Support. Arrived in Trenches
		about about 8 o'clock PM relieving
		the 10 <sup>TH</sup> CAN. BN. Relief completed 9:30 PM
	7	Trenches - GIVENCHY.
	8	" " "
	9	" " "
	10	" " Left for Rest Billets



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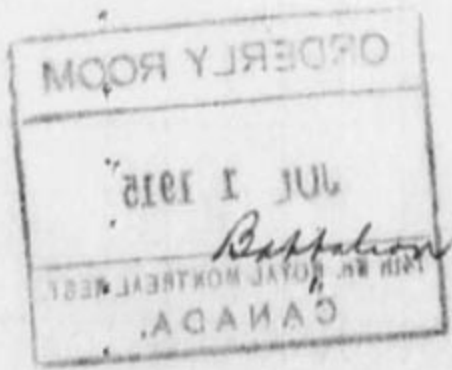
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Date	Particulars.
June	in BETHUNE arriving there about 8 <sup>30</sup> P.M.
	11 Rest Billets - Bethune
	12 " "
	13 " "
	14 " "
	15 " "
	16 " "
	17 " "
	18 " "
	19 " "
in LE QUESNOY, arriving there at about 7.00 P.M.	
20 Reserve Billets - LE QUESNOY,	



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	Particulars	Date
	BETHUNE	11
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 20th Bn. ROYAL MONTREAL REGT.  
 CANADA.

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Date	Particulars
June	21 Reserve Billets - LE QUESNOY
22	" " Battalion left for B.3 section GIVENCHY Trenches
23	Trenches - GIVENCHY.
24	" " Relieved in Trenches by 2nd Bn Gordon Highlanders. Proceeded to Reserve Billets in LE QUESNOY
25	Reserve Billets LE QUESNOY
26	" " " Left Reserve Billets at 6 <sup>00</sup> for NEUFBERQUIN arriving there at about 4 <sup>00</sup> AM June 27 <sup>th</sup>
27	Billets - NEUF BERQUIN. Left here at 7 <sup>00</sup> P.M. for OUTERSTEENE, arriving there there about 10.45 P.M. Billed.









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14th Canadian Infantry Battalion - "ROYAL MONTREAL REGIMENT"

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.
	June 1		Rest Billets Oblinghem Resting and refitting
	2		" " " " " "
	3		" " " " " "
	4		C.O. and Adjutant reconnoitred trenches at Givenchy-La Bassee which were to be taken over by 14th Bn.
	5		" " " " " "
	6		" " " " " "
	7		Left at 5.30 p.m. for trenches at Givenchy, where battalion relieved the 5th Bn (Lt-Col. Tuxford) Took over sector from the La Bassee Canal on the right to a point where the line crossed the road northwest of H.1. About 800 yards following the trench line - Arrived about 8 p.m. and relief was completed by 9.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Cos. in front line, Nos. 3 and 4 in support. Very good trenches and in good condition except that the front line did not consist of a continuous fire trench, but of redoubts connected by communication trench. Whole system had been built by Brigade of Guards under supervision of Major Russell Brown R.E. Relief in this sector could be done in daylight.
	8		Trenches Givenchy Quiet except for slight intermittent shelling by enemy, and constant sniping at certain points. At night sniping from fixed machine guns and rifles especially along Canal bank, shots mostly from South bank of Canal. Weathercock fixed at Batn. H.Q. to observe direction of wind for possible gas attack. This was first to be so made use of in 1st Canadian Division.
	9		Lt Godwin in command of Machine Gun Section had ranged roads behind German line used for transport. Hearing wagons moving on these roads about 10 p.m. he got permission to fire, at point about G.17, range 1000 yards and evidently found target, as waggons were heard to increase pace to a gallop to get away. Work on front line which had been begun on 7th was completed, and front of sector occupied by 14th Bn was now a continuous fire trench. Bde H.Q. had suspicions that point near H.1. was occupied by enemy party with machine gun, and asked for

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14th Canadian Infantry Battalion - "ROYAL MONTREAL REGIMENT"

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.
	June 9		Reconnaissance and report. This was carried out by patrol from No. 1. Co. and position reported unoccupied. No sign of enemy. Sounds as if mining heard and reported to Bde H.Q. Some weeks afterwards enemy exploded mine in this sector.
	10	Trenches Givenchy.	Relieved late in afternoon by 3rd Battn(Lt-Col.Rennie) and marched to billets in Bethune, on north bank of canal, arriving at 8.30 p.m.
	11	Rest billets Bethune	Lt Johnston arrived from England and taken on strength. Men bathing and making great use of canal for water sports.
	12	" " "	
	13	" " "	Gen. Turner and C.O's of 3rd Bde made early morning reconnaissance of front opposite sector just vacated by 14th Bn for attack towards La Bassee through Canteleux, but this operation was afterwards carried out by 1st Canadian Bde.
	14	" " "	Battn parade and drill at 3rd Bde H.Q. Drill very good, especially as there had been no opportunity for such for many weeks.
	15	" " "	Battn. ordered to stand to.
	16	" " "	Battn. standing to.
	17	" " "	" " "
	18	" " "	Order for stand to cancelled, conditions normal.
	19	" " "	Left for Reserve billets at Le Quesnoy about 4 p.m. Lt-Col. Meighen recalled to Canada by Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia for special work in connection with training. Command of Battn. taken over by Lt-Col.W.W. Burland previously 2nd in Command.



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July 1st	In billets - LA CRECHE	<del>ATTN</del>
2nd	" " " "	<del>ATTN</del>
3rd	" " " "	<del>ATTN</del>
4th	" " " "	<del>ATTN</del>
5th	The Battalion relieved the 4 <sup>th</sup> CAN. BN. in PLOEGSTEERT TRENCHES x Relief completed by 10 <sup>00</sup> P.M. Nos. 1-2 & 4 Coy in Trench No. 3 in support.	<del>ATTN</del>
6th	Trenches - PLOEGSTEERT	<del>ATTN</del>
7th	" " " "	<del>ATTN</del>
8th	" " " "	<del>ATTN</del>
9th	Battalion relieved by 13 <sup>th</sup> CANADIANS.	<del>ATTN</del>
10th	Relief completed by 9 <sup>00</sup> P.M. Battalion moved to Reserve Billets in the PIGGERIES.	<del>ATTN</del>
11th	Reserve Billets - THE PIGGERIES. Battalion	<del>ATTN</del>
12th	supplied working parties of 150 by day and 150 by night for work with engineers, on various Trenches & Reserve Trenches. 3 Officers with each party.	<del>ATTN</del>
13th	Reserve Billets - PIGGERIES. Working party supplied of 3 Officers & 150 OR. Two mines in front of TRENCH 121 exploded at 9.00 P.M. Battalion "stood to"	<del>ATTN</del>



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July 13 <sup>th</sup> (cont'd)	from 8 <sup>50</sup> P.M. until 9.45 P.M.	<del>CATM</del>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Battalion relieved 13 <sup>th</sup> CANADIANS in PLOEGSTEERT TRENCHES. Relief completed by 8.15 P.M. Nos. 2 & 3 Corps Front line and NOS. 1 & 4 support	<del>CATM</del>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Trenches - PLOEGSTEERT	<del>CATM</del>
16 <sup>th</sup>	"	<del>CATM</del>
17 <sup>th</sup>	"	<del>CATM</del>
18 <sup>th</sup>	Battalion relieved in Fine trench by 13 <sup>th</sup> CANADIANS. Two Companies Nos. 1 & 4 took over defended locality NORTH of STRAND from the BERKSHIRE REGIMENT while Nos. 2 & 3 Corps proceeded to Reserve Billets in LA GRANDE MONQUE FERME.	<del>CATM</del>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Billets - GRANDE MONQUE FERME, Supplies	<del>CATM</del>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Day and Night Working Parties. On the night of 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn "stood-to" from 9.15 P.M. until 10.45 P.M.	<del>CATM</del>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Relieved by 2 <sup>nd</sup> CANADIANS and Battalion proceeded to Stuts - DIVISIONAL RESERVE.	<del>CATM</del>

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July 22nd	Divisional Reserve	<del>CATB</del>
23rd		<del>CATB</del>
24th		<del>CATB</del>
25th	" "	<del>CATB</del>
26th		<del>CATB</del>
27th		<del>CATB</del>
28th	" "	<del>CATB</del>
29th	Battalion relieved 4 <sup>TH</sup> CANADIANS in Trenches PLOEGSTEERT. Nos 1-3 & 4 Coy 3rd Trench and NO. 2 in Support. Relief completed by 8.30 P.M.	<del>CATB</del>
30th	Trenches - PLOEGSTEERT. Patrol sent out under Capt. H. D. Adams, particulars of which appears in Intelligence Summary, 1st Canadian Division, #12, August 1/15.	<del>CATB</del>
31st	Trenches - PLOEGSTEERT.	<del>CATB</del>

*A. T. HOTT*  
Capt & Adjt  
14<sup>th</sup> Canadian Bn.

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Place	Date	Hour	14 <sup>th</sup> Batt. P.M.R. - (Canadians)	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ploegsteert	August 1 <sup>st</sup>			In Trenches at PLOEGSTEERT. (from July 29 <sup>th</sup> )	J.F.S.
Piggeries	2	8 P.M.		Left Trenches, went to Piggeries.	J.F.S.
	3	-		Supplied working Parties - 200 men for improvement + Trenches etc. under Engineers	J.F.S.
	4	-		"	J.F.S.
Reserve	5	-		"	J.F.S.
	6	6 P.M.		Battalion moved to "Reserve" line, for Trenches 135 to 138; Batt Haglin. The Lodge.	J.F.S.
	7	-		Inspection of Battalion by Gen <sup>l</sup> Sir Sam Hughes. + Staff;	J.F.S.
	"	"		Working Party of 50 men, - J	J.F.S.
	8	11 am		Church Parade	J.F.S.
	9			supplied 125 men working Party.	J.F.S.
	10	10 am		200 men and all officers not on duty, marched to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade Haglins for purpose of going	J.F.S.
Divisional Reserve	"	"		thru test of Helmets through poisonous Gas. Gen Alderson + Staff were present,	J.F.S.
	"	9 P.M.		14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, moved to Authent's (Billet's) Divisional Reserve,	J.F.S.
	11			In Divisional Reserve	J.F.S.
	12	8 AM		Batt. Bathing Parade, by Companies, No 1 Coy starting by 8. AM. -	J.F.S.
	13			Parade called (3) three times for purpose of reading special orders -	J.F.S.
	14			Divisional Reserve, supplied working Parties of 150 daily, under Engineers.	J.F.S.
	15			"	J.F.S.
	16			"	J.F.S.
	17			"	J.F.S.
	18			"	J.F.S.
Trench 135 126-137	19	3 P.M.		Inspected by Sec. of War Lord Kitchener, on Bailent Road	J.F.S.
	20			Battalion moved to Trenches No 135. 136. 137. 2 + 4 Co's, front line, No 3 Coy in Reserve	J.F.S.
	21			and Relieved 12 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders.	J.F.S.
	22			Flag was fetched in which Germans had placed 1/2 way between lines, on which was written	J.F.S.
	23			of the fall of Nova Georgevick, as per report by Brigade of this date.	J.F.S.
	24	8 P.M.		"	J.F.S.
	"			was relieved by (5 <sup>th</sup> R.N.) 13 <sup>th</sup> Batt Highlanders, + proceeded to Reserve. Hagl's at Court Drive, with No 1 Coy in Barrs. 2-3+4 near the Lodge.	J.F.S.

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Court Drive	Aug. 25		Battalion in Reserve Hagler at Court Drive	J.F.S.
	26		Supplied Working Parties of 150 men by day + 150 by night, under engineers -	J.F.S.
	27		"	J.F.S.
	28		"	J.F.S.
	29	11 AM	Church Parade in field next to Court Drive.	J.F.S.
Trenches 135, 136 - 137 -		8.30	Left by Coy's, 20 min interval + relieved 18 <sup>th</sup> Batt. in Trenches 135 to 137 1/2 No's	J.F.S.
			2, 3, 4. Coy's. front line No 1 Coy. Reserve at Altamont Ave. Batt Hagler	J.F.S.
			La Plus Douce Farm. Batt Bombers reserve at Fort Stewart.	J.F.S.
			Ration Farm + La Plus Douce Farm, shelled by the Enemy.	J.F.S.
			Reserve Coy, supplied working Party 75 men for work of deepening Currie and communication trench.	J.F.S.

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HILL 63	1		Bttn in trenches 135-136-137 x Bttn St. Jea "INNESVILLE" - LA PLUS DOUCE FERME x La Plus Douce Ferme shelled at 8 <sup>45</sup> AM.	Law
	2		In trenches	Law
	3		do	Law
	4		Bttn relieved in trenches by 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians, and moved to Divisional Reserve in KORTEPYP.	Law
KORTEPYP	5		Divisional Reserve KORTEPYP	Law
	6		do do do	Law
	7		do do do - 10.00 AM C's Inspection 5.00 PM Inspection by GENL. PLUMMER	Law
	8	10:45 PM	Bttn. relieved 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians in trenches by 135-136-137 x Nos 1-2 & 3 Coys in front line and No. 4 Coy in Reserve x St Jea at LA PLUS DOUCE FERME	Law
HILL 63	9		Bttn in trenches	Law
	10		do	Law
	11		do	Law
	12		do	Law
	13		Bttn relieved in trenches by 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians, and moved to Brigade Reserve in COURTE DREVE.	Law

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
COURT DREVE	14		Battalion Reserve - COURT DREVE.	Law
	15		do do do do	Law
	16		do do do do	Law
	17		Battalion relieved as Battalion Reserve by the K. E. H. and proceeded to billets - Nos. 2-3 and 4 Coys in KORTEPYP, No. 1 Coy and details in vicinity of WESTHOF FERME.	Law
	18		Battalion in billets - KORTEPYP and WESTHOF	Law
	19		do do do do do do	Law
	20		do do do do do do	Law
LOCRE	21	6:30 AM	Battalion moved to LOCRE, arriving there about 10.30 AM and went into billets. Battalion St. Tro. CHATEAU-LOCRE.	Law
	22		Billets - LOCRE	Law
	23		do do	Law
	24	5:45 PM	Battalion relieved 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians in trenches 14 <sup>A</sup> -14 <sup>B</sup> -14 <sup>C</sup> -15-15 <sup>A</sup> -E1-E2-E3-E4-E6-SP7-SP8-NEWPORT, all near LINDENHOEK. Battalion St. Tro. at TEA FARM	Law
	25		On the morning of this day a false attack was to have taken place but owing to the wind being unfavourable the	Law.

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LINDEHOEK	25		demonstration was cancelled. To carry out this operation bags filled with straw, and damped with Paraffine oil, were to be lit and thrown over the parapet.	
		6:00 PM	Battalion received orders that the 29 <sup>th</sup> Canadian would relieve sometime during the night of 25/26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	
WESTHOF and KORTEPYP	26		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 29 <sup>th</sup> Canadian - relief completed at 3.10 AM.	
			Battalion moved to same Bellets as they previously occupied on the 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept, i.e. WESTHOF and KORTEPYP. Bttn arrived in the Bellets about 5.00 AM.	
		6:45 PM	Bttn left Bellets and proceeded to Trenches & Relieved the BERKS in Trenches 113 to 120 inclusive & Nos 1, 3 and 4 Coy in front line, with No. 2 Coy in support & Bttn St. Dns. in RIFLE HOUSE	
	27		Trenches 113-120	
	28		do do do	} Instructed Platoons from C.M.R. and 11 <sup>th</sup> Cheshires in trench warfare.
	29		do do do	
	30		do do do	

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TRENCHES	1		Battalion in Trenches 113-120 inclusive x No. 1. 384 Coy in Front Line and No. 2 Coy in Support. Bty. N. Tro Rifle House, Instructed C.M.R and 11 <sup>TH</sup> CHESHIRE in Trench Warfare.	Law
	2			Law
ALDRSHOT	3		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 11 <sup>TH</sup> CHESHIRE x Relief completed about 9.00 PM x Battalion proceeded to Billets - ALDRSHOT CAMP arriving there about 11.00 PM	Law
COURT DREVE	4	5.29 PM	Battalion moved to go into Brigade Reserve at COURT DREVE	Law
	5		Brigade Reserve - COURT DREVE	Law
	6		do do do	Law
	7		do do do	Law.
HILL 63	8	8.00 PM	Battalion Relieved 13 <sup>TH</sup> Canadians in Trenches 135-136-137; No. 2 & 4 Coy in Front; # 1 in Support and # 3 Coy in Reserve x Relief completed 9.40 PM. N. Tro. LA PLUS DOUCE.	Law.
	9		Battalion in Trenches	Law
	10			Law
	11			Law
	12			Law
	13			Law
	14		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 13 <sup>TH</sup> Canadians and then proceeded to Divisional Reserve KORTEPYD	Law

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KORTEPYP	15		Dimensional Reserve - KORTEPYP.	Law
	16		do do do	Law
	17		do do do Bttn in attack for 42 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian	Law
	18		do do do AM - Co's Inspection	Law
	19		do do do Battalion Sports.	Law
TRENCHES	20		Bttn relieved 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians in Trenches 135-136-137-138. Nos 1 and 3 Coy in Front line; No. 2 in Support and No. 4 in Reserve x Relief completed 7 <sup>10</sup> P.M. Bttn H. Co LA PLUS DOUCE FME.	Law
	21		Battalion in Trenches	Law
	22		do do	Law
	23		do do	Law
COURT DREVE	24		do do	Law
	25		Battalion relieved by 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians and proceeded to Brigade Reserve at COURT DREVE.	Law
	26		Brigade Reserve - COURT DREVE. 150 men of Bttn inspected by His Majesty the King at LOCRE.	Law
TRENCHES	27		Brigade Reserve - COURT DREVE.	Law
	28		do do do do	Law
	29		do do do do	Law
	30	5.30	Battalion relieved 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians in Trenches 135-136-137-138. Nos. 2 & 4 Coy in Front line Nos 3 in Support No. 1 Reserve x Relief completed 7.20 P.M. Bttn H. Co LA PLUS DOUCE FME	Law
	31		Battalion in Trenches.	Law

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TRENCHES	1		Battalion in Trenches 135-136-137 & 138	See
	2		do do do	See
	3		do do do	See
KORTEPYP	4		Bttn relieved in Trenches by the 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians and proceeded to	See
	5		Dimensional Reserve KORTEPYP	See
	6		do do do	See
	7		do do do	See
	8		do do do	See
TRENCHES	9	4.00	Bttn relieved <del>2</del> by 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians in Trenches 135-6-7-8	See
			No. 3 and 1 Coy in Front Line, No. 4 in Support and No 2 in Reserve	See
			Relief completed 6 <sup>40</sup> PM x Bttn N. Tro. LA PLUS DOUCE FME.	See
	10		Bttn in Trenches	See
	11		do	See
	12		do	See
	13		do Bttn N. Tro. flooded 5 <sup>00</sup> AM x Headquarters moved to	See
			Brigade Bttn N. Tro. No. 4 Coy had to evacuate the Support Line	See
			and proceeded to Bellets in rear of Reserves.	See
	14		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 13 <sup>th</sup> Canadians and proceeded to	See
			the Reserve COURT DREVE	See
	15		Battalion left Bellets at Court Dreve owing to 2nd Inf Bde taking	See
			over that Bellet, and proceeding to RED LODGE in PLOEGSTEERT	
			WOOD.	

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RED LODGE	16		Battalion Reserve - RED LODGE.	Law
	17		do	Law
TRENCHES	18	4:30 PM	Battalion relieved 13th Canadians in Trenches 135 to 138 inclusive, Nos 2 and 4 Coy in Front line, No. 3 in Support and No. 1 in Reserve x Relief completed 6.50 PM x Btkn St. Tro.	Law
	19		LA PLUS DOUCE FME x Battalion in Trenches	Law
	20		do do	Law
	21		do do	Law
KORTEPYR	22		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 13th Canadians and proceeded to Dimensional Reserve in KORTEPYR x Relief completed 7:25 PM	Law
	23		do do do do	Law
	24		do do do do	Law
	25		do do do do	Law
TRENCHES	26	4:30 PM	Btkn relieved 13th Canadians in trenches 136-7-8-9-40-41 x Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Coy in Front line, No 4 Reserve x Relief completed 6.45 PM.	Law
	27		Btkn St Tro LA PLUS DOUCE FME x Battalion in Trenches	Law
	28		do	Law
	29		do	Law
	30		Btkn relieved in Trenches by 13th Canadians and proceeded to Brigade Reserve RED LODGE x	Law

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RED LODGE	1		Battalion and Brigade Reserve - RED LODGE.	Law
	2		do do do do do do	Law
	3		do do do do do do	Law
TRENCHES	4	4.30 P.M.	Battalion relieved 13th Canadians in Trenches 136-141 incl. Relief completed 6.50 P.M. Nos. 1 & 4 Coys in Front line, No 3 in support and No. 2 in Reserve. <u>Battalion</u> LA PLUS DOUCE	Law
	5		Battalion in Trenches	Law
	6		do do do	Law
	7		do do do	Law
KORTEPYP	8		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 13th Canadians. Relief completed 7.10 P.M. Battalion moved into Divisional Reserve at KORTEPYP	Law
	9		Divisional Reserve - KORTEPYP	Law
	10		do do do	Law
	11		do do do	Law
TRENCHES	12		Battalion relieved 13th Canadians in Trenches 136-141 incl. Relief completed 7.00 P.M. Nos. 2 and 3 Coys in Front, No. 4 in support	Law
	13		No. 1 Coy in Reserve	Law
	14		Battalion in Trenches	Law
	15		do do do	Law

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RED LODGE	16		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 13th Canadians. Relief completed 7.10 PM. Battalion moved into Brigade Reserve at RED LODGE	See
	17		Brigade Reserve RED LODGE	See
	18		do do do	See
	19		do do do	See
TRENCHES	20		Battalion relieved 13th Canadians in Trenches 136-141 incl. Relief completed 7.05 PM. Nos 1 & 4 Coys in front No 2 in support and No. 3 in Reserve. BATTN HQ. FISHERS PLACE near LA PLUS DOUCE FME.	See
	21		Battalion in Trenches	See
	22		do do do	See
	23		do do do	See
KORTEPYP	24		Battalion relieved in Trenches by 13th Canadians. Relief completed 6.50 PM. Battalion moved into Divisional Reserve at KORTEPYP	See
	25		Divisional Reserve. KORTEPYP	See
	26		do do do	See
	27		do do do	See
	28		do do do	See
	29		Battalion relieved 13th Can. in Trenches 136-141, Nos. 2 & 3 Coys in front line No. 1 in support. No 4 in Reserve. BATTN HQ. FISHERS PLACE.	See
	30		Battalion in Trenches	See
	31		do do do	See