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OF
16th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
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WAR DIARY

16th Cdn. Bn. 1st Cdn. Division,
from 1st to 31st December, 1914.

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16th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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16th Infantry Battalion. 1st Division.

From 1st December to 31st December, 1914.

WEST DOWN SOUTH,
SALISBURY PLAIN.
Dec. 1st. 1914.

Companies paraded independently for instruction under their officers in Bayonet fighting, skirmishing, Fire Control etc. 8 P.M. The night work set down for tonight could not be carried out on account of torrential rain. Postponed until Thursday.

Dec. 2nd.

The half Battalion which is still in West Down paraded at 9 A.M. for Route March to STONEHENGE. Advanced guards were put out - both going and returning. G 66

Dec. 3rd.

Camp lines - frightfully muddy. 9 A.M. to noon. Bayonet exercises and skirmishing 2 P.M. until 4.15 practising outposts. 7.45 P.M. paraded for night attack - H. Company formed the advanced guard. Main body marched off at 8 P.M. Marched $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles upon reaching a point about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the farm we were attacking. We deployed and advanced within 100 yards then charged. These movements were carried out silently and as Major Roberts, who was in command - remarked the men played the game well. Col. Turner V.C., O.C. 3rd B'gade dined in our mess tonight.

Dec. 4th.

The 16th - Duty Battalion today furnishing fatigue parties - picquets, etc. for H.Q. 12.20 P.M. Very heavy wind- Mess tent was blown down.

Dec. 5th.

Parades cancelled- as we expect to move camp today- these lines are so awfully muddy. 2 P.M. postponed moving.

Dec. 6th.

Sunday- Church parade 9.30 A.M. Good address by the chaplain, Rev. Capt. Beattie.

Dec. 7th.

Rifles and Bayonets have been turned in for cleaning etc. Bayonets are to be sharpened. 9 A.M. to 12.30 Companies practising, laying out and digging trenches - afternoon drill cancelled on a/c rain- also the night march. We are to move to LARK HILL tomorrow.

Dec. 8th.

Moved to LARKHILL - where we are quartered in huts- which are more comfortable than tents.

Dec. 9th.

Getting settled in new quarters.

Dec. 10th.

Battalion engaged in general fatigues. 8.30 mess meeting. CAPT. RAE elected Pres. CAPT. MORRISON Sec'y. LIEUT. AINSLEE TERRAS. The Pres. to hold office for one month only - we are to do our own messing in the meantime - may let contract to caterer later.

Dec. 11th.

Battalion doing fatigues. Men engaged in making roads- unloading trucks etc. for this work they are to receive 1/6 per day extra. The huts are proving to be much more satisfactory than tents.

- Dec. 12th. Fatigues as usual.
The name Princess Mary's Highlanders which the 16th desired was not granted by War office. We will have to choose another.
- Dec. 13th. Sunday. Day off for the men-
- Dec. 14th. Fatigues as usual - The roads about here are very wet and muddy. We are putting down cinders, which will improve them.
8.30 meeting of officers, re name of Battalion. 16th Battalion Canadian Scottish was decided upon.
- Dec. 15th. Fatigues as usual- digging trenches for water pipes. Unloading railway trucks etc. good work for hardening the men.
8.30 P.M. meeting of Officers - discussing the question of "discipline and other matters- it was decided (Col. Leckie's suggestion) to have a meeting of the officers every Tuesday evening to discuss anything that may come up relating to the Interior Economy of the Battalion.
- Dec. 16th. Fatigues as usual.
Pte. Peden died today. The result of being knocked down by a motor.
- Dec. 17th. Fatigues as usual.
Men have been granted six days Xmas leave. The Government is issuing free transportation which is very much appreciated.
It is rumoured that we may go across to France early in February- All are anxious to get away.
- Dec. 18th. Fatigues.
- Dec. 19th. Fatigues.
Lieut. CHAMBERS was married today in London. The officers presented him with Silver Tea Set.
- Dec. 20th. Sunday - day off.
- Dec. 21st. Fatigues as usual.
Meeting re the advisability of adopting a Khaki Kilt for the duration of the War- It was decided that we should adopt it- if Khaki ones were to be had.
- Dec. 22nd. Fatigues as usual - Many of the men have had colds.
- Dec. 23rd. 50% of the men away on Christmas leave.
- Dec. 24th. Bal. of men engaged in Fatigues.
- Dec. 25th. Christmas day- The men enjoyed a good dinner- Turkey- Plum pudding etc.
- Dec. 26th.
- Dec. 27th. Sunday.
- Dec. 28th. Fatigues as usual.
- Dec. 29th. Do.

Dec. 30th.

Fatigues as usual.

Dec. 31st.

Do.

Some of the men marched in to Amebury for Watch
night Service- Fine clear night. Moonlight.

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16th Battalion
3rd Brigade

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2nd Dec.	The half Battalion which is still in West Down paraded at 9 am. for route march to STONEHENGE. Advanced guards were put out - both going and returning	Free Country
3rd Dec.	Camp lines - frightfully muddy 9 am. to noon. Bayonet exercises, skirmishing 2 P.M. until 4.5 practising outposts 7.45 P.M. paraded for night attack - 11 Company formed the advanced guard. main body marched off at 8 P.M. marched 2 1/2 miles upon reaching a point - about 1/2 mile from the farm we were attacking, we deployed & advanced	Very windy Fine & Clear Windy

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	<p>within 100 yards then charged. These movements were carried out silently and as Major Roberts who was in command - remarked. The men played the game well.</p>	
4 th Dec.	<p>Col. Turner V.C. O.C. 3rd Bgde dined in our mess tonight</p>	
5 th Dec.	<p>The 16th - Only Battalion lectures finishing fatigue parties - picquets, etc per H. B. 12th km. very heavy wind. mess tent was blown down</p>	Raining
6 th Dec.	<p>parades cancelled. as we expect to move camp today - these times are so awfully muddy 2 km. postponed moving</p>	cloudy
6 th Dec.	<p>Sunday - Church parade 9:30 am. good address by the Chaplain Rev. Capt. Beattie</p>	
7 th Dec.	<p>Rifles Bayonets have been turned in for cleaning Bayonets are to be sharpened gun. to 12th Companies practising laying out and digging trenches - afternoon drill cancelled on to rain - also to sing at march we are to move to PARK HILL tomorrow</p>	

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8th Dec.
9th Dec.
10th Dec.

Summary of Events and Information

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Cloudy
a little rain

11th Dec.
12th Dec.

Battalion doing fatigues. men engaged in mending roads. unloading trucks etc. for this work they are to receive 1/6 per day extra The huts are proving to be much more satisfactory than tents
Fatigues as usual
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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
13 th Dec. Sunday	day off for the men -	Bright & sunny up to 3 ³⁰ hrs.
14 th Dec.	<p>Fatigues as usual - The roads about here are very wet & muddy & we are putting down <u>lime</u> cinders, which will improve them</p> <p>8³⁰ meeting of officers re name of Battalion</p> <p>16th Battalion Canadian Scottish was decided upon</p>	then heavy rain
15 th Dec.	<p>Fatigues as usual - digging trenches for water pipes, unloading railway trucks etc.</p> <p>good work for "hardening" the men</p> <p>8³⁰ P.m. meeting of officers - discussing the question of Discipline and other matters - it was decided (COL. HICKIE'S suggestion) to have a meeting of the officers every Tuesday evening to discuss anything that may come up relating to the Interior Economy of the Battalion</p>	
16 th Dec.	<p>Fatigues as usual</p> <p>Pte Peden died today. The result of being knocked down by a motor -</p>	Fine day Cold wind

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17 th DEC.	<p>Fatigues as usual men have been granted six days leave The Government is issuing free transportation which is very much appreciated It is rumoured that we may go across to France early in February. all are anxious to get away.</p>	<p>Cloudy & Windy</p>
18 th DEC.	<p>Fatigues</p>	<p>Weather fine</p>
19 th DEC.	<p>Fatigues - Lieut. Chambers was married today in London. The officers presented him with Silver Tea Set.</p>	<p>Raining heavily last night</p>
20 th DEC.	<p>Sunday - day off.</p>	
21 st DEC.	<p>Fatigues as usual Meeting on the advisability of adopting a Khaki Kilt for the duration of the war. It was decided that we should adopt it if Khaki ones were to be had.</p>	
22 nd DEC.	<p>Fatigues as usual - many of the men have had colds</p>	
23 rd DEC.	<p>50% of the men away on Christmas leave</p>	

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Hour, Date, Place 1714	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
24 th DEC.	Bal. of men engaged in 7 a l i g n e s	
25 th DEC.	Christmas day. The men enjoyed a good dinner. Turkey. Plum pudding etc.	
26 th DEC.		
27 th DEC.	Sunday	
28 th	7 a l i g n e s as usual	
29 th	DO	
30 th	DO	cloudy
31 st	DO	cloudy
	Some of the men marched in to Amelbury for watch night service - Fine clear night moonlight	

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16th Infantry Battalion - 1st Division.

From 1st January to 31st January, 1915.

- LARK HILL.
Jan. 1, 1915. The men celebrated New Years day with a special dinner. The subalterns dining with them. The officers received the sergeants in the mess. The officers entertained in the evening.
- Jan. 2nd. Fatigues as usual.
- Jan. 3rd. Sunday- Raining heavily all day.
Voluntary church parade.
9.30 A.M. Snowing.
- Jan. 4th. Fatigues as usual.
The River Avon overflowing its banks interrupting traffic between the Camp and Comes Rway. *Amusing etc*
- Jan. 5th. Fatigues.
We will start drilling again shortly.
- Jan. 6th. Fatigues - Considerable sickness throughout the Division- not much in the 16th though.
- Jan. 7th. Heavy rains last night and this morning. No working parties sent out on this account. We are to commence drill again on the 14th, 2.30 A.M. Lecture by Serj. McCracken - (returned from the front) on Discipline and general conditions at the front.
Capt. Villieas has been appointed Asst. Adj't
Vice Capt. Ross - who is taking command of B. Co.
Lts. Picton - Ward - McClure and Davis transferred to Kitcheners Army - they left yesterday.
Also Lt. Williams who will leave tomorrow.
They have been seconded from the 16th Battalion.
- Jan. 8th. The C. O. inspected the mens huts and impressed upon them the necessity of absolute cleanliness- as regards themselves and plenty of fresh air in the huts also another very interesting lecture by Gen. McCracken to the officers.
2.30
- Jan. 9th. 9 to 12 A.M. Company drill, Maj. Ross returned to duty after being in hospital for a week.
2 P.M. until 4. Route March across the Downs. The Right half Batt. and the Left half marched independently - put out advanced guard - 4 P.M. Interesting talk by Col. Williams, who has just returned from the front- to the officers of the 3rd Brigade.
- Jan. 10th. Sunday. 10 A.M. Voluntary Church Service.
Lt. Tupper returned to duty after being in hospital suffering from Blood poisoning.
- Jan. 11th. 9 to noon. Company drill and Kit inspection.
- Jan. 12th. Afternoon- Company drill.
9 A.M. to 4 P.M. The Right half Batt. under Maj. Leckie and the left half under Major Roberts - working independently. Company drill afterwards practised.
Battalion in attack - marched through AMESBURY to STONHENGE.

- Jan. 12th Cont'd. 7.15 P.M. The usual weekly meeting of Officers discussed means of preventing the spread of Spinal Meningitis. No cases in 16th Battn. so far. 8.30 A.M. The Sergeants held a concert in their mess - The Col. and several officers attended.
- Jan. 13th. 9.00 A.M. Right half Batt. under Capt. Rae and left half Batt. under Capt. Merritt marched out for the day. Company drill - Battalions drill - Marched about ten miles - returned 4 P.M. 7.30 Col. Leckie read some notes to the officers on musketry.
- Jan. 14th. Battalion Drill in the A.M. Right $\frac{1}{2}$ Batt. under Capt. RAE - Left $\frac{1}{2}$ under Major ROBERTS. P.M. Company Drill. Major LECKIE to take the musketry course at HAYLING ISLAND. Coughs and colds are prevalent amongst the officers, N.C.O.'s and men - probably due to the draughty huts, we are quartered in. The C.O. is taking every precaution to prevent Spinal Meningitis reaching this Battn. about 40 cases reported in the Divisions- Several proving fatal.
- Jan. 15th. A.M. Battalion Parade - a photograph was taken of the Battn. Afternoon - Company drill - and photos taken of the different Companies. 5 P.M. Interesting lecture on "Billeting" by Maj. BROWN, of the Gen. Staff - Col. TURNER, V.C., D.S.O. (Brigadier) announced that the Canadian Contingent would probably be on the Continent by the 7th of Feb. This news received with loud applause.
- Jan. 16th. A.M. Rifle Inspection. The G.O.C. inspected the mens quarters. 1.15 P.M. Battalion parade - under the Asst. Adj. (Capt. VILLIERS) with subalterns in command of Companies. The Battn. will adopt the Double Company System again starting on Monday.
- Jan. 17th. Sunday.
- Jan. 18th. A.M. Battalion and Dble Co'y drill. 2 P.M. until 3 P.M. Battn. drill under Capt. Villiers. Subalterns in command of Dble Co's. 4 P.M. to 5 P.M. Class of instruction in Bayonet fighting for Officers. 2 P.M. O.C's Dble Companies to Bustars to see some trench work.
- Jan. 19th. 9 A.M. until noon Dble Co'y drill. afternoon the same. 7.30 Officers meeting - Capt. MORRISON elected mess Pres. per 1 month. Lieut. Bell Irving - Secretary -

- Jan. 20th. 6.30 A.M. The Battn. paraded and marched off to SHREWTON POLLY Rifle Range - for shooting - returned to Camp 5 P.M.
- Jan. 21st. Battn. at Durrington Ranges.
- Jan. 22nd. To Bulford ranges but shooting called off on a/c of snow - Battn. for Route March instead.
- Jan. 23rd. Battn. to BULFORD Rifle range but could not shoot on a/c of fog.
- Jan. 24th. Sunday - To DURRINGTON Ranges - left half Battn. in the morning - Right half in the afternoon.
- Jan. 25th. Brigade manoeuvres.
- Jan. 26th. Battn. at DURRINGTON ranges.
- Jan. 27th. A.M. Dble Co'y drill.
It is rumoured that we will leave for France early next week.
- Jan. 28th. 2 P.M. Part of the Battn. out digging trenches. 150 men under Capt. Veddes and Lt. Chambers to DURRINGTON Ranges but did not shoot as the order was countermanded. Maj. ROBERTS has left the 16th Battn. to command a Battery of Artillery.
- Jan. 29th. 16th was Duty Battalion today for 3rd Brigade.
- Jan. 30th. 8 P.M. The Battn. have the use of 12 baths at BULFORD Camp for today and tomorrow, every man is to have a bath.
Maj. Leckie gave an interesting talk on musketry to the officers.
- Jan. 30th. LARK HILL. The list of officers to accompany the 16th Battn. overseas came out tonight in orders. Lt. Davis is to command the Base Co. which will be stationed in the meantime at TIDWORTH.
- Jan. 31st. Sunday - The men of the Battn. who have not finished their shooting practise are to go to the DURRINGTON Ranges -
The men who have not had their baths yet will do so at BULFORD CAMP today.

W.A.C.
Sr.

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3rd Brigade

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LARK HILL Jan 1 1915	The men celebrated New Year's day with a special dinner. The Subalterns dining with them. The officers received the sergeants in the mess. The officers entertained in the evening	Raining
Jan 2.	Fatigues as usual	
Jan 3.	Sunday - Raining heavily all day Voluntary Church parade 9 ³⁰ hrs. Snowing	clear again
Jan. 4	Fatigues as usual - The River Avon overflowing its banks interrupting traffic between the Camp & Amesbury	
Jan 5	Fatigues - He will start driving again shortly	
Jan 6.	Fatigues - considerable sickness throughout the Division - not much in the 16th though.	

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Jan 7th

Heavy rains last night and this morning
no working parties sent out on this account
We are to commence drill again on the 14th
2³⁰ hrs. Return by Gen. McCracken. (Returned from
the front) on discipline and general conditions
at the front.

Capt Williams has been appointed asst. Adj't
Vice Capt Ross. who is taking command of B. Co.
Lt. Victor Ward. McCune & Lewis. Transferred
to Kitcheners army - the Capt yesterday -
also Lt. Williams who will leave tomorrow
they have been seconded from the 16th Battalion

Jan. 8th 10³⁰ am.

The C.O. inspected the mess huts and
impressed upon them the necessity of
absolute cleanliness. arranged themselves
splenty of fresh air in the huts also
Another very interesting lecture by Gen McCracken
to the officers

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3rd Brigade

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1915 Jan 9 th .	9 to 12 am. Company drill 2 pm until 4 Rontomarch across the downs The Right half Batt and the left half marched independently - put out advanced guard. 4 pm. Interesting talk by Col. Williams who has just returned from the front - to the officers of 3 rd Brigade	Major Ross returns to duty after being in hospital for a week windy Fine & clear
Jan 10 th	Sunday 10 am. Voluntary Church Service Lt. Tipper returned to duty - after being in hospital - suffering from food poisoning	Drizzle, rain all day
Jan 11 th	9 to noon Company drill and 1st inspection afternoon - Company drill	cloudy & windy
Jan 12 th	9 am. to 4 pm. The Right half Batt under Major Keeble & the left half under Major Roberts, working independently Company drill afterwards - practised Battalions in attack - AMESBURY to STONEHENGE	9 am. stormy cloudy but no rain

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"The Canadian Battalion"

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1915 Jan 12 th (Cont'd)	7 ¹⁵ P.M. The usual weekly meeting of Officers discussed means of preventing the spread of spinal meningitis in 16th Batt - 50 per - 8 ³⁰ P.M. The Sergeants held a exercise in their mess. The Col. & several officers attended.	
Jan 13 th	8 ⁴⁵ A.M. Right half Batt under Capt Rae & left half Batt under Capt Merritt marched out for the day - company drill - Battalion drill - marched about ten miles - returned 4 P.M. 7 ³⁰ Col. Leckie read some notes to the officers on musketry	Cloudy drizzly rain at noon
Jan 14 th	Battalion drill in the a.m. Right 1/2 Batt under Capt RAE - Left 1/2 under Major ROBERTS P.M. Company drill Maj. LECKIE to take the musketry course at HAYLING ISLAND	Cloudy Windy no rain

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jan 14 th Cont'd	Coughs & colds are prevalent - amongst the officers, N.C.O.'s and men - probably due to the draughty huts we are quartered in. The C.O. is taking every precaution to prevent spinal meningitis reaching this Battalion - about 40 cases reported in the Division. Several proving fatal.	
Jan 15 th	am. Battalion parade - a photograph was taken of the Battalion. afternoon - Company drill - and photos taken of the different companies. 5 P.m. Interesting lecture on "Billeting" by Maj. BROWN of the Gen. Staff - Col. TURNER, V.C. D.S.O. (Brigadier) announced that the Canadian Contingent would probably be on the Continent by the 7 th of Feb. this news received with loud applause.	Cloudy Chilly Wind

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3rd B'gade

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Jan 16 th	am. Rifle Inspection - The G.O.C. inspected the mess quarters 1 ¹⁵ p.m. Battalion parade - under the asst. adj. (Capt Villiers) with Subalterns in command of Companies - The Batt ⁿ will adopt the Double Company system again starting on Monday	Windy
Jan. 17 th	Sunday	Clear no Prev. Frost
Jan 18 th	am. Battalion & Dale Co's drill 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Batt ⁿ drill under Capt Villiers Subalterns in command of Dale Co's 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Class of instruction in Lay-out fighting for officers 2 p.m. O.C.'s Dale Companies to Busland to see some trench work	ground Frogs Cold n.w. wind

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Jan. 19 th	9 am until noon Bible's drill afternoon the same 7 ³⁰ officers meeting - Capt MORRISON elected mess Pres. for 1 month Lieut. Bell. Erving. Secretary.	Cloudy windy
Jan. 20 th	6 ³⁰ am. The Batt ^y paraded & marched off to STREWTON FOLLY high range - for shooting - returned to camp 5 P.M.	
Jan 21	Batt ^y at Durrington Ranges	
Jan 22	To Buffers range but shooting called off on account of snow - Batt ^y for Route march instead	2" snow windy

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9 Jan 23	Batt ⁿ to Holtford Rifle range but could not shoot due to fog	Very sleppy underfoot
9 Jan 24	Sunday - To DURRINGTON Ranges - left half Batt ⁿ in the morning - Right half in the afternoon -	
9 Jan 27 th	Brigade manoeuvres	Clear & frosty
9 Jan 26	Batt ⁿ at DURRINGTON Ranges	Fine & clear

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16th Battⁿ 3 B'gade

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Jan. 27 th	am. Dale Co's drill It is rumoured that we will leave for France, early next week -	Cold wind
Jan 28 th 2 P.m.	Part of the Batt ⁿ out digging trenches 150 men under Capt Fiddes & Lt Chambers to BARRINGTON Range but did not shoot as the order was countermanded Maj. ROBERTS has left the 16 th Batt ⁿ to command a Battery of Artillery	cold wind
Jan 29 th	16 th was Duty Battalion today for 3 rd Brigade	frosty moonlight night
Jan 30 th 8 P.m.	The Batt ⁿ have the use of 12 baths at BULFORD CAMP for today and tomorrow, every man is to have a bath Maj. HECKIE gave an interesting talk on munitions to the officers	

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Jan 30 th LARK HILL	<p>The list of officers to accompany the 16th Battnd overseas came out tonight in orders.</p> <p>Lt. Davis is to command the Base Co. which will be stationed in the meantime at TIOWORTH.</p> <p>The following officers will also remain in TIOWORTH until their services are required at the front - Lt. Gray, Lt. Parsons, Lt. Colquhoun St. Lawrence and CHAMBERLAIN -</p>	Cloudy
Jan 31	<p>Sunday - The men of the Battnd who have not finished their shooting practice are to go to the DURRINGTON Ranges -</p> <p>The men who have not had their baths yet will do so at BULFORD CAMP today</p>	Cloudy Warmer

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3rd Brigade.

The Canadian Scottish

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1915 LARK HILL SALISBURY PLAIN 7 Feb 1	9 am. 3rd Brigade paraded and was inspected by the Brigadier Col. Turner V.C. D.S.O. in full marching order including trenching tools - The Brigadier complimented the 16th Batt ⁿ on its smart appearance.	Full moon last night Clear - stormy Clear day milder, Sunny 7 1/2 pm. rain
7 Feb. 2	2 ³⁰ P.M. units of Batt ⁿ paraded under major Ross instruction in pointing out objects to be fired at, by fire unit leaders, judging distance etc.	Showers
7 Feb. 3	am. Right half Batt ⁿ at DORRINGTON Ranges 1. m. Left " " " "	9.15 am. Clear
	am. Company drill P.m. Battalion parade Rehearsal for A.M. The King's inspection tomorrow	Cloudy

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3rd Brigade
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Feb. 4	9 ³⁰ am. Battalion paraded with the Division for inspection by his majesty the King and Lord Kitchener, afterwards the whole Division marched past - returned to Camp 1 ³⁰ PM.	Cloudy Chilly wind
Feb 5	Companies paraded at 9.15 a.m. under their respective company commanders - for indication of target practice and estimation of ranges. The surplus rifles were turned in to the stores.	
Feb 6	Battalion drill in the afternoon. All kit bags were sent to SALISBURY Salisbury to be stored. Company commanders took over their companies for the purpose of organization of new drafts.	

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7 Feb LARK HILL SALISBURY PLAIN Sunday	Parade at 9.30 A.M. for details sent to TIDWORTH to load Ritz on wagons. Officers baggage to be loaded at 10.30 A.M. 2 more men transferred to details. 1 to Div. Coy. and 2 men taken on strength from 11 th Balts	
8 Feb LARK HILL	Coy parades under Coy. commanders at 9. a.m. Battalion parade at 2 p.m. Deficiencies in Men, Ritz & equipment reported on. Orders issued re Supplies for day of departure. Capt. P. F. Villiers transferred in order as Orderly Officer, 3 rd Infantry Brigade vice Capt. H. F. McDonald dated 6/2/16. One man transferred from No 4. Coy to Base Coy. Spare barrels of Machine Guns tested on DURRINGTON Range at 2. p.m.	
9 Feb, LARK HILL	Coy. parades at 9. a.m. Balts parade 2 p.m. 2 men transferred to other units and 2 discharged to take Comm. courses in Kibbenaug Army 1 man transferred to Base Co.	
10 Feb, LARK HILL	Coy. Commanders arrange in morning that Blankets are rolled (1 per man) in section bundles - each section marked. General Camp cleaning Fatigue at 2. p.m. Orders that all rubbish is removed from huts & burnt & the huts put in a thoroughly clean condition. Ammunition drawn to replace that used on ranges. Date of Warrant Book of R.S.M. David Nelson is to be 22 Sept 1914.	

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11 Feb. LARK HILL	<p>Received 4.30 am. Breakfast 5 AM. Spare blankets handed in by 5.45 am. O.M. Stone loaded by 6 A.M. ^(repacked) Chicago ^{Chicago} rail loaded by 6 a.m. Battalion departed for over ^{front} train ^{train} and ^{of} St. Cat. R.S.G. ^{St. Cat. R.S.G.} det ^{det} in command, Adjutant, M.O., Q.M., T.O., R.S.M., O.P., Q.M. Sgt., O.R. Clerk, Eng. Drummer, Sgt. Cook, Sgt. Warrant, 6 Battal ^{Battal} 17 Signallers, 8 Stable ^{Stable} Bennos, 10 order ^{order} for ^{for} M.O., 2 P.A.M.C. with ^{with} Detail, 6 Rifles, 1 Amo ^{Amo} Sgt. 12 Drummers, Pro ^{Pro} Double ^{Double} Co 227, Pro ^{Pro} 2 ² Double ^{Double} Co 227. - Total 518 Wagons.</p> <p>3 G.A.A., 1 Tool, 1 Water ^{Water} Cart; 1 Officer ^{Officer} Wagon, 1 Machine ^{Machine} Co, 4 Machine ^{Machine} Gun, 4 Tool.</p> <p>2 Transport ^{Transport} Trains</p> <p>Second train load - Major G.S. Dick, D.S.O., in command, M.G. Officer, P.M., Q.M., Sgt. T.S. Sgt. 10 Pioneers, 1 Med ^{Med} Sgt 8 Stable ^{Stable} Bennos, 1 Battal, 3 Water ^{Water} details, 34 Machine ^{Machine} Gun Sec.</p> <p>226 No 3 Double ^{Double} Co, 227 No ^{No} 4 ⁴ Double ^{Double} Co. Total 515. Wagons 2 S.A.A. Carts, 1 Water ^{Water} Cart</p> <p>1 Tool ^{Tool} wagon. 2 Train ^{Train} Transport. Reached GANESBURY Station about 2 1/2 miles.</p> <p>1 Sgt ^{Sgt} + 30 ^{+ 30} men ^{men} formed ^{formed} loading ^{loading} + unloading ^{+ unloading} party ^{party} for ^{for} train.</p> <p>alterations made in above train loads as one hut ^{hut} developed ^{developed} a ^a case ^{case} of ^{of} measles ^{measles}</p> <p>+ 40 men ^{men} + 1 ^{+ 1} officer ^{officer} (H. Mulren) ^(H. Mulren) of ^{of} No. 1 ^{No. 1} Co ^{Co} remained ^{remained} behind.</p> <p>Both trains ^{trains} were ^{were} ready ^{ready} and ^{and} left ^{left} ahead ^{ahead} of ^{of} scheduled ^{scheduled} time ^{time} by ^{by} 9 A.M. ^{9 A.M.} and ^{and} 11 A.M. ^{11 A.M.}</p> <p>First train ^{train} arrived ^{arrived} AVONMOUTH ^{AVONMOUTH} Docks ^{Docks} at ^{at} 1 P.M. ^{1 P.M.} Embarkation ^{Embarkation} of ^{of} both ^{both} train ^{train} loads ^{loads}</p> <p>on Steamer ^{Steamer} "MAIDAN" was ^{was} accomplished ^{accomplished} in ⁱⁿ quick ^{quick} time ^{time} with ^{with} out ^{out} a ^a hitch ^{hitch}. Picked up ^{up}</p> <p>3 stragglers ^{stragglers} from ^{from} other ^{other} battalions ^{battalions} and ^{and} brought ^{brought} them ^{them} along ^{along}. We had none.</p> <p>Regt. stall ^{stall} on ^{on} board ^{board} ships. Officer 30, N.C.O. 4, Men 960, Horses 79, wagons</p> <p>4 wheeled ^{wheeled}. 14. 2 wheeled ^{wheeled} (including limbered ^{limbered}) 21, Cycles 9, Motor ^{Motor} Cycles ^{Cycles} 5.</p>	Mild sunny day.

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3rd Brigade (Infantry)

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AVONMOUTH Eng. 12 Feb.	<p>Ship sailed about 4 A.M. + was escorted by a destroyer until 4.55 P.M. when "Bon voyage + good luck" was signalled + it departed.</p> <p>Parade to assign new quarters at 7.30 A.M. Breakfast 8 A.M. Guard mounting 9.15 A.M. Commanding Officer parade + inspection of ship with Capt. at 10 A.M. Life belts served out + fitted to every man.</p> <p>Launch 1 P.M. Dinner 5.30 P.M. ✓</p> <p>O.C. has room with Major Leckie + Major Gordon. Lt Col. Leckie is O.C. troops.</p> <p>Other troops on board.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>9th Battery - Canadian -</td> <td>2 Officers</td> <td>65 N.C.O. + Men.</td> <td>2 Guns</td> <td>1 4 wheel wagon</td> <td>8 2 wheel</td> <td>1 motor cycle</td> <td>65 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th Battery - ..</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>66 "</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>9 "</td> <td>1 Cycle</td> <td>63 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12th Battery HQ 3rd Coy C.F.A. 1</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>11 "</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>11 "</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>86 "</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lights out + no smoking 9 P.M.</p>	9 th Battery - Canadian -	2 Officers	65 N.C.O. + Men.	2 Guns	1 4 wheel wagon	8 2 wheel	1 motor cycle	65 "	10 th Battery - ..	2 "	66 "	2 "	1 "	9 "	1 Cycle	63 "	12 th Battery HQ 3 rd Coy C.F.A. 1	1 "	11 "	2 "	2 "	11 "	1 "	86 "	<p>Sunshine. Rained in evening + wind coming up.</p>
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13 Feb. At Sea.	<p>Ship had to heave to owing to severe gale. About 70 miles W of USHANT Ship heading S.W. and making 2 knots per hour. Capt. Montador said gale could not be worse. Violent rolling of vessel. Starboard horse shed washed away. Lt. McDonald, of Artillery injured, 4 men hurt. One man washed away while holding horse + came ash down into hold. Excellent work by Lt. Colin Marshall, Transport Officer + Capt Douglas of Transport in saving horses. 2 horses 16th Batts killed. 1 horse 10th Batts + 1 horse 12th Batts killed. Good work by Capt. Gillies N.B. of 11th Batts + Sgt Wolff in looking after sick + injured men. 75% of men seasick. Weather modified in evening and ship resumed her course about 8 P.M. SS "MAIDAN" about 8500 tons - stood sea well. Signaled Uchunt Coast about 10.30 P.M.</p>	<p>Cloudy + Rain. Very heavy gale. Bar. 28.2.</p>
14 Feb. At Sea.	<p>Still blowing strong. O.C.'s parade 11 A.M. Picked up Pilot of BELLE ISLE at 12.30 P.M. Held up for an hour at Signal Station. Find we are first of our brigade to arrive although had to leave AVONMOUTH. Anchored about 4 P.M. Pipe band played on forecastle + bridge. Concert for Officers in Saloon from 7 to 10 p.m. Vote of thanks to Capt + Officers of ship. Here we are to land in ST. NAZAIRE dock early in morning.</p>	<p>Alternate Sun + rain.</p>

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3rd Inf. Brigade

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ST NAZAIRE, France, 15 Feb.	<p>Docked on outer basin about 7 A.M. Ship cleared of everything by noon. Met at dock by Capt. Fleming who had been sent ahead as landing officer. Carried out his job well.</p> <p>O.C. Adj. paid formal visit to Base Commandant. Obtained permission to have march out at 11.15. Men paraded without great coats - Pipe band of 17 pipers & drums played us through the main street ^{and} returned to dock. Regt. cheered by French. Regt. marched to train - 1104 Station at 12.30 P.M. Gave the coats issued at dock. Train left at 5.08 P.M. about 35 men in each goods truck. One similar truck for junior officers. Senior officers in 1st Class Carriage.</p> <p>Route - ST NAZAIRE - SAVENAY - NANTES (left), LA PASSONNIERE (with) ANGERS - SABLE LE MANS. Hot water for men to make coffee or coffee already ^{made} served to men at halts. Water ready for horses. Crowds cheered the train everywhere en route & some waved British flags.</p> <p>R.T.O.s very signable.</p> <p>112 men left at ST NAZAIRE under Capt. Jamison to come by later train.</p>	Warm & bright.

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16 Feb. En route on train	<p>LA HUTTE COULOMBIERE Halt for breakfast at La Hutte Coulombiere. Halt at L'ANGLE. Arrived at DARNETAL in evening. Latrine accommodations for men bad. Behaviour of men on trip excellent. No men left at stations.</p>	Sunshine - Frosty in morning.
17 Feb. En route on train.	<p>ABBEVILLE in early morning. BOULOGNE - CALAIS - STOMER + HAZEBROUCK where we arrived at 12.30 P.M. Disembarked after train very held some time. O.C. left with Major Brown + a French officer in motor car for CAESTRE where we are to be billeted. No chance to send billeting party ahead. ^{O.C.} Arrived at CAESTRE at 3.30 P.M. and found no officer in at Brigade H.Q. as regt. was not expected. Billeting area was rapidly gone over with Capt. Pope when he returned. Regt. arrived at 6 P.M. under Major Leslie having marched from HAZEBROUCK about 7 miles by road. Good billets. O.C. Major Leslie + Major Gordon billeted in M. Defaut (?) house - most comfortable. Sun fine quite available. Assigned billeting area so late it was some time to get regt. billeted in dark.</p>	Rained in afternoon

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18 th July CAESTRE FRANCE	<p>Battalion rested in morning. Parade at 1 P.M. for Redistribution of Billets. Distribution completed by 1.20 P.M. Officers meeting in Orderly Room and address by O.C. 10.20 a.m. 15th Batt (4th Hds) Arrived 1.20 P.M. 14th Batt. later in afternoon and 13th Batt. at 10 P.M. 13th & 14th billeted at FLETRE. Cantin billeted at extremities of billeting area and connected by flying patrol. Headquarters here established. Lieut Col. Keeble, Maj. Keeble, Maj. Godwin, Capt. Markham, Lieut. Greig, Billie, Broome, Lieut. Luff, Marshall, Folger, and Cantin (Interpret attached from French Army) Col. Turner and balance Brigade H.Q. Staff. except Col. Hughes arrived in evening. Lights of firing line show up brilliantly tonight.</p>	<p>fine in morning Heavy rains in afternoon</p>
19 th July CAESTRE.	<p>Reveille 6.30 a.m. played by Pipe Band 10 a.m. Coy Parade 9 a.m. Orderly Room O.C. called at Brigade Head Quarters before 9 a.m. Col. Hughes B.M. had arrived. Companies practiced Bayonet charging and thrusting at Sacks filled with straw, strung on rope between trees. Meeting of O.C.'s at Brigade Head Quarters. General Paultusky, Milne, Campbell and Alderson were present. The first two named visited some our Regimental Head Quarters later.</p>	<p>4th line</p>

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20 th Febry CAESTRE	<p>Caught in rain on return to Drill Room 9 A.M. Parade for Gen. French's inspection 11.15 A.M. which took place in Brigade Parade Ground. Just south of big hill it was here a German Prince was killed earlier in the war. He was buried in cemetery near the hill. Gen. French accompanied by Gen. Smith - Dorrin, and Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Brigade paraded arms, and massed Pipe Bands played while the 4 Batts were inspected. O.C. was introduced to Gen. French by Gen. Alderson. He asked where the men came from. He remarked twice upon the steadiness of the Regiment or told the O.C. he had a very smart Battalion. He said he was glad to welcome the Canadians to the front, and was proudly cheered by the Regiment. In afternoon Companies paraded Bayonet drill at Sackes Heavy firing noticed at night.</p>	<p>Wind in morning storm and hail in middle of day.</p>

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20 th July CAESTRE	<p>Caught in rain on return orderly Room 9 A.M. Parade for Gen French's inspection 11.15 A.M. which took place in Camp. Parade Ground. just south of big hill it was here a Roman Prince was killed earlier in the war. He was buried in cemetery near the hill. Gen French accompanied by Gen Smith - Division, and Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Brigade presented arms and massed Pipe Band played while the 4 Batts were inspected. O.C. was introduced to Gen French by Gen Alderson. He asked where the men came from. He remarked twice upon the sturdiness of the Regiment & told the O.C. he had a very smart Battalion. He said he was glad to welcome the Canadians to the front, and was greatly cheered by the Regiment. In afternoon Companies paraded Captain Montgomery at Sacks. Heavy firing noticed at night.</p>	<p>Thin morning storm and clear in middle of day.</p>

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21 st Feb CAESTRE	<p>10 a.m. Church Parade of Regt held in field on N side of Street. Bayonet thrusting practice at 1.30 P.M. + map. Rehearsal route to MONT DES CATS. and thence through BOESCHEPE to ABEELE in BELGIUM returning via GODEWAEESVELDE. Aeroplanes visible reconnoitering German positions. Maj. Reekie was slightly hurt at BOESCHEPE by his horse falling on him. he was attended to at R.A.M.C. H.Q. and was able to proceed.</p>	<p>Hoggy. Canon Scott. Official.</p>
22 nd Feb CAESTRE	<p>Coy. Drill morning + afternoon. Capt. Dugmore D.S.O. the P.M. 4th Div. came to see us and had lunch. Officers meeting at 7.30 P.M. Orders to march tomorrow morning. Relieving party under Capt. Lamson with interfection sent off to ARMENTIERS.</p>	<p>Hoggy + Cold white frost on ground.</p>
23 rd Feb CAESTRE	<p>Reveille 5.20 a.m. Parade at 8.30 a.m. 16th Batt. last in order of march therefore had to wait. until Engineers and Brigade H.Q. which were late in starting marched off. Regt left at 9.15 a.m. route FLETRE, BAILLEUL, STEENWERCKE - BAC ST MAUR - ERQUINGHAM Reviewed on route by Gen. Alderson after passing FLETRE before reaching BAILLEUL by Gen. Smith Down. who asked O.C. how men were getting along. At last railway Xing. where Regt left column. I for STEENWERCKE. by Gen. Pultney. shortly after stopped an hour for lunch, met at BAC ST MAUR. by Gen. Gordon commanding 19th Brigade to which we are attached.</p>	<p>Alternate Sunshine + Full. Quite Cold</p>

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24 th February. Com	<p>To fire of armoured train, 5 trucks near our quarter master. a large German shell went over our regimental H Q. Major Ross, Lt's Agan, Kennedy, and Rochefort of 201 company and Capt Merritt, Lt's Kemp, Giddint and Dundas of 203 co, left at 5 P.M. under Guides, to spend 24 hours in the trenches for instructional purposes.</p>	
25 th "	<p>General Gordon called with his motor car, for O.C. and inspected each of the platoons of the Canadian Scottish, in turn at their positions. He seemed favourably impressed by the general appearance of the men. Lectures to the officers and men at their various positions by officers and A.C.O.'s - of the Cameronians and a 45 Hobs continued in the morning as usual. Two platoons 201 co and two platoons 203 co paraded at 5 P.M. for 24 hours in the trenches. O.C. attended the parade and gave instructions. The following officers also went to trenches.</p>	<p>Sleet and rain. Snowed considerably in night. ground and trees covered with snow. quite a winter scene. fog in morning; but soon grew milder and snow disappeared.</p>

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25 th February - Con	<p>Regia Ross. Heaven Lt Kemworth, No 1 co and Lt Rochfort of No 1 co, and Lt Francis Giffitt remained in trenches with their platoons. Capt Fleming and Lt Leard of No 2 co, and Lt's Goodall and regulars of No 4 co, went with the party.</p>	
26 th	<p>Orderly room 9 AM. The orderly room is situated on N side Rue de la Lys, about 300 yards E of Rue #2. O.C. lunched with Lt Col Gore O.C. 2nd angle + Sutherland Hdqs at his H 2 at L'ARMEE. Germans shelling British airplanes which was giving range to armoured train. O.C. afterwards proceeded to ARMENTIERES and called at 3rd Can' Brigade H. 2. Col Turner absent. A Platoon of No 1 co under Captain Ross and H 2 staff under Lt Marsball and Nos 10 and 12 platoons No 3 co under Captain Morrison and Lt Kemp, paraded at 5 PM for the trenches. The O.C. and Lt Inspector</p>	fine day

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26 th February	<p>Com accompanied the platoons of No 3 Co to the "Middlesex" trenches. Lt Lindsay and Davis went with 201 and H 2 staff to the trenches of the "West Fusiliers". The O.C. was met by Lt Col. of the Middlesex regt at "Nation Farm" about 7 P.M. and proceeded with him to the trenches. It was bright moonlight - The O.C. slept in the mess room(?) at Burnt Farm, after watching the relieving of the platoons in the trenches. General Gordon called at orderly room in the morning - and O.C. went with him to inspect No 4 Co at the Bittets. This company was not inspected the previous day.</p>	
27 th February.	<p>O.C. left trenches at 5.30 A.M. and returned cloudy. with Lt Supper to H 2. Sniped at on the way out. Sentry at Burnt Farm wounded during the night. General Gordon called at regiment H 2 in morning. O.C. and adjutant went to his quarters at 4 P.M. and had tea there. 2 platoons from No 2 Co</p>	

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27 th January Cor	and 2 platoons No 4 Co went into trenches - officers in the trenches tonight are - Captains: Rae, Fleming, Markham (Sig officer) and Jameson. Lt's: McKean, Ainslie, Hastings. Major Leslie 2 nd in command and accompanied party to trenches.	
28 th January	Church parade at 10 AM in court yard at regiment the Head Quarters. Major Stewart the Chaplain of the 2 nd and 5 th Divs, conducted the Service before lunch, Col Turner, Capt Vickers and Capt Lawson of Brigade Staff called at orderly rooms. After lunch the O.C. rode with Capt Vickers to visit General Gordon. Five High explosive shells - came over No 1 Co's billets - one exploded on edge of RUE DE LA LYS. East of orderly rooms and broken windows in Hospital - injuring one wounded Canadian patient by broken glass. Pte McFarlane No 2 Co, was wounded in chest, during the day, in the trenches.	Bright

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28 th January ^{Con}	<p>2 Platoons from No 2 co, and 2 platoons from No 4 co - went to the trenches. Officers in the trenches tonight - Captains Rae, Geddes, Githens, Major Gregor (Paymaster) Browne (I.M.R.), LTs Davis, Linchay, Hastings and Ainslie. Major Godson the adjutant accompanied the party to trenches.</p>	
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16TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Place	Date 1915.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ST. HAZAIRE.	Feb.	15th.	<p>H.M.T. Maidan docked 7.A.M. - cleared by noon. Captain H.M. Fleming met ship at dock. Lt.-Col. Leckie and Major Godson called on Base Commandant and obtained from him permission to march out Regiment. Regiment marched off at 11-15 A.M. marching order without overcoats. Pipe Band of twenty-four played. Issue of goat skin coats and mitts at dock. Regiment marched to train at 12-30 P.M. Train left at 5.08 P.M. Average thirty-eight men in each truck. Route - ST. HAZAIRE, SAVERNAY, NANTES. (halt) LA PESSONNIERE (halt), ANGERS, SABLE, LE MANS. Hot water for men to make coffee, also hot coffee ready made for men at halts. Water ready for horses. Weather - warm and bright.</p>	
ON TRAIN.	Feb.	16th.	<p>Regiment on train. Halt at LA HUTTE COULOMBIERE for breakfast. Men served with hot coffee, and had opportunity to wash. Halt at L'Aigle. Arrived at DARNETAL in evening. Weather - sunshine, very cold at night.</p>	
do do	Feb.	17th.	<p>Reached ABBEVILLE in early morning - route - BOULOGNE, CALAIS, ST OMER, HAZEBROUCHE. Arrived HAZEBROUCHE 12-30 P.M. Regiment disembarked. Lt.-Col. Leckie left in advance for CAESTRE at 3.P.M. with Major Brown, Divisional Staff, and Interpreter. Regiment marched from HAZEBROUCHE and arrived CAESTRE at 6.P.M. and went into billets in the West end of the Village of CAESTRE. Weather - cloudy - rain in afternoon.</p>	
CAESTRE (France)	Feb.	18th.	<p>Regiment rested in morning. Battalion paraded at 1.P.M. and redistribution of billets made, and completed by 2-30 P.M. Officers meeting at Orderly Room 10-30 a.m. 15th Battalion arrived 1-30 P.M. 14th Battalion arrived later in afternoon. 13th arrived 10-00 P.M. 14th and 13th Battalions proceeded to FLBETRE. Colonel Turner, Brigadier, and Brigade H.Q. with the exception of Colonel Hughes Brigade Major, arrived at Brigade H.Q. CAESTRE this evening. Flare lights on firing line visible from this place, and sound of guns faintly audible. Weather - fine.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAESTRE. (France)	1916 Feb.	19th	<p>Colonel Hughes, Brigade Major, arrived this morning. Pipe band played Reveille in the street at 6.30 a.m. Company parade at 10 a.m. O.C. attended meeting at Brigade Headquarters to meet General Alderson. O.C. met Generals' Poultney, Campbell and Milne at Brigade Headquarters. Generals' Poultney, Milne later called at Regt'l Headquarters. Bayonet thrusting practice carried out with sacks filled with straw and strung out with rope between trees. Battalion parade at 2.30 p.m. and marched out to THIBUSHOUVE and back, about three-and-half mile march. Weather - Fine in morning - rain in the afternoon.</p>	
"	"	20th	<p>Battalion parade at 11.15 a.m. Marched off at 11.30 for Brigade parade ground for inspection by General French, who was accompanied by General Smith-Dorrien and Prince Arthur of Connaught. General French arrived at 12.45 p.m. Massed pipe band played during inspection of Brigade. Bayonet thrusting practice by Companies in afternoon. Weather - Fine in morning, shower and hail in middle of day.</p>	
"	"	21st	<p>Church parade at 10 a.m. Bayonet thrusting by Companies in afternoon. Lt.-Col. and Major Leckie reconnoitred routes and ground north and east of CAESTRE as far as ABEELE, BELGIUM. Weather - Foggy.</p>	
"	"	22nd	<p>Company drill morning and afternoon. Officers meeting at 7.30 p.m. Orders to march to-morrow. Billeting party under Captain Jameson with interpreter sent off to ARMENTIERES. Weather - Foggy, cold, white frost on ground.</p>	
"	"	23rd	<p>Reveille at 5.30 a.m. Battalion parade at 8.30 a.m. Regiment marched off at 9.15 a.m. as last Unit in Brigade. General Alderson and Staff watched troops pass FLETERE. General Smith-Dorrien watched Brigade go by from a point just west of BAILLEUL. General Poultney and Staff were stationed at road junction where 16th Battalion left Brigade and turned off the LILLE road to STEENWEROKE.</p>	

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CAESTRE (Contd.)	1918			
	Feb. 23rd		Regiment stopped one hour on road north of STEENWERCKE for lunch, and marched through STEENWERCKE to BAO ST MAUR, and were there met by General Gordon commanding the 19th Brigade, 6th Division, to which we were attached. Battalion billeted on southern outskirts of BRQUINGHEM. Lt.-Col. Leckie called on General Gordon at his Headquarters at 4.30 p.m. Weather - Cloudy, cold.	
BRQUINGHEM	"	24th	Officers of Cameronians and A.&S. Highlanders arrived at our billets at 8.30 a.m. to give our men instruction. O.C. called on General Gordon at 11.30 a.m. Enemy sent a few shells round our billets - no damage. Officers of No. 1 and No. 3 Companies under Major Ross and Captain Merritt, respectively left for trenches at 5 p.m., for twenty four hour tour. Weather - Cloudy and rain. Ditches frozen last night. Sleet in morning.	
"	"	25th	General Gordon inspected all the platoons of the regiment separately at their billets. Lectures to officers and men at their various billets by officers and H.C.O's. of the Cameronians and 2nd A.&S. Highlanders continued in the morning as usual. Two platoons No. 1 Company and two platoons No. 2 Company paraded at 5 p.m. for twenty four hour tour in the trenches. They received instructions regarding conduct, by Lt-Colonel Leckie, before marching off. Officers of No. 4 Company went into trenches for instructional purposes. Weather - Sleet and rain. Snowed considerably last night.	
"	"	26th	General Gordon inspected No. 4 Company in morning. Lt-Colonel Leckie reported at 3rd Brigade H.Q. in ARMENTIERES in afternoon. Remaining platoons of No. 1 and No. 3 Companies paraded for trenches at 5 o'clock. Lieut-Colonel Leckie went to trenches for twenty four hours. Weather - fine.	

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	<u>1915</u>			
BRQUICHEM	Feb.	27th	<p>Half of No. 2 and No. 4 Companies proceeded to trenches for twenty-four hour tour of instruction at 5 p.m. Weather - Cloudy.</p>	
"	"	28th	<p>Church parade at 10 a.m. conducted by Major Stuart, Chaplain of 2nd A.&.S Highlanders Colonel Turner and officers of Brigade Staff called in morning. O.C. attended General Gordon's H.Q. in afternoon. Pte. McFarlane, No. 2 Company, was wounded in trenches - bullet through chest. First casualty in regiment. Balance of No. 2 and No.4 Coy's., went to trenches for twenty-four hour tour at 5 p.m. Weather - fine.</p>	

THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH
(16th Battn. C.E.F.)

March 15th 1915.

From O.C. 16th Battalion,
The Canadian Scottish,
To Officer in Charge of Records,
London,

Sir:-

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I am enclosing heresin War Diary for month
of February. The delay to this has been unavoidable
owing to the absence, in England, of the Officer in
charge of this work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.G. Edwards Leckie.

Lient. Col.

Comdg, 16th Battalion, The Canadian Scottish.

WAR DIARY.

16th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

From 1st February to 28th February, 1915.

Volume I.

- LARK HILL
SALISBURY PLAIN.
Feb. 1st. 9 A.M. 3rd Brigade paraded and was inspected by the Brigadier Col. Turner V.C., D.S.O. in full marching order including entrenching tools. The Brigadier complimented the 16th Battn. on its smart appearance.
2.30 P.M. until 4. Battn. paraded under Major Ross, instruction in pointing out objects to be fired at, by fire unit leaders, judging distance etc.
- Feb. 2nd. A.M. Right half Battn. at DURREINGTON Ranges.
P.M. Left " " " " " "
- Feb. 3rd. A.M. Company drill.
P.M. Battalion parade.
Rehearsal for H.M. the Kings inspection tomorrow.
- Feb. 4th. 9.30 A.M. Battalion paraded with the Division for inspection by his Majesty the King and Lord Kitchener, afterwards the whole division marched past. Returned to camp 1.30 P.M.
- Feb. 5th. Companies paraded at 9.15 A.M. under their respective company commanders for indication of target practice and estimation of Ranges. The surplus rifles were turned in to S.2 stores. Battalion drill in the afternoon.
- Feb. 6th. All Kit bags were sent to SALISBURY to be stored.
Company commanders took over their companies for the purpose of organisation of new Draft.
- LARK HILL
SALISBURY PLAIN.
Sunday, Feb. 7th. Parade at 9.30 A.M. for details sent to TIDWORTH to load kits on wagons. Officers baggage to be loaded at 10.30 A.M. 2 more men transferred to details. 1 to Div. Coy. & 2 men taken on strength from 11th Battn.
- LARK HILL
FEB. 8th. Coy. parades under Coy. commanders at 9 A.M.
Battalion parade at 2 P.M.
Deficiencies in Men, kit and equipment reported on Orders issued re supplies for day of departure. Capt. P.F. Villiers transferred in orders as Orderly Officer, 3rd Infantry Brigade Vice Capt. H. P. McDonald, dated 6/2/15. One man transferred from No. 4 Coy. to Base Coy. Spare barrels of Machine Guns tested on DURREINGTON Range at 2 P.M.
- LARK HILL
Feb. 9th. Coy. parades at 9 A.M. Battn. parade 2 P.M.
2 men transferred to other units and 2 discharged to take commissions in Kitcheners Army. 1 man transferred to Base Co.

LARK HILL
Feb. 10th.

Coy. Commanders arrange in morning that Blankets are rolled (1 per man) in Section bundles - each section marked. General Camp cleaning Fatigue at 2 P.M. Orders that all rubbish is removed from huts and burnt and the huts put in a thoroughly clean condition. Ammunition drawn to replace that used on ranges. Date of warrant Bank of R.S.M. David Nelson is to be 22 Sept. 1914.

LARK HILL
Feb. 11th.

Reveille 4.30 A.M. Breakfast 5 A.M. Spare blankets handed in by 5.45 A.M. Q.M. Stores loaded by 6 A.M. Officers kits loaded by 6 A.M. Battalion departed for overseas First train load as detailed consisting of Lt. Col. R.G.E. Leekie in command, Adjutant, M. O., Q.M., T.O., R.S.M., O.R.Q.M. Sergt., O.R. Clerk, Sergt. Drummer, Sergt. Cook, Sergt. Stewmaker, 6 Batmen, 17 Signallers, 8 Stretcher Bearers, 1 Orderly for M. O., 2 R.A.M.C. water Detail, 6 Pipers, 1 Armourer, Sgt. 12 Drivers. No. 1 Double Coy. 227. No. 2 Double Coy. 227. - Total 518. Wagons. 3 S.A.A. 1 Tool, 1 water Cart, 1 Officers Mess, 1 Maltese Cross, 4 Machine Guns, 4 G.S. Cook 2 Transport Train.

Second train load. Major J.E. Leekie, D.S.O. in command, M.G. Officer, P.M. Q.M. Sergt. T.S. Sergt. 10 Pioneers, 1 Med. Sergt. 8 Stretcher Bearers, 1 Batman, 3 Water details, 34 Machine Gun Sec. 226 No. 3 Double Co., 227 No. 4 Double Coy. Total 515. Wagons 2 S.A.A. Carts, 1 Water Cart, 1 Tool Wagon. 2 Train Transport. Marched to AMESBURY Station about 2 1/2 miles. 1 sub. and 30 men formed loading and unloading party for each train.

Alterations made in above train loads as one hut developed a case of measles and 40 men and 1 officer (St. McLure) of No. 1 Coy. remained behind.

Both trains were ready and left Amesbury ahead of scheduled time viz. 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. First train arrived AVONMOUTH Docks at 1 P.M. Embarkation of both train loads on Steamer "MAIDAN" accomplished in quick time without a hitch. Picked up 3 stragglers from other battalions and brought them along. We had none. Regl. State on board ship. Officers 30 H.C.O.s and men 960, Horses 79. Wagons 4 wheeled 14. 2 wheeled (including limbered) 21, Cycles 9, Motor Cycles 5.

AVONMOUTH ENG.
Feb. 12th.

Ship sailed about 4 A.M. and was escorted by a destroyer until 4.55 P.M. when "Bon Voyage and good luck" was signalled and it departed. Parade to assign men quarters at 7.30 A.M. Breakfast 8 A.M. Guard mounting 9.15 A.M. Commanding Officers parade and inspection of ship with Capt. at 10 A.M. Life belts served out and fitted to every man. Lunch 1 P.M. Dinner 5.30 P.M.

AVONMOUTH ENG.
Feb. 12th.

O.C. has room with Major Leckie and Major Godson. Lt.-Col. Leckie is O.C. troops. Other troops on board.

9th Battery-Canadian- 2 Officers, 65 N.C.O.'s and men. 2 Guns, 1,4 wheeled wagon-8,2 wheeled wagon-1, Motor Cycle, 65 Horses.
10th Battery-Canadian- 2 Officers, 66 N.C.O.'s and men, 2 Guns, 1,4 wheeled wagon-9,2 wheeled, 1 Cycles, 63 Horses.
12th Battery and H.Q. 3rd Brig. C.F.A. 1. officers, 11 N.C.O.'s and men. 2 Guns, 2, 4 wheeled wagons, 11,2 wheeled, 1 Cycle 86 Horses.

Lights out and no smoking. 9 P.M.

AT SEA.
Feb. 13th.

Ship had to "heave to" owing to severe gale. About 70 miles W. of USHANT, ship heading S.-W. and making 2 knots per hour. Capt. Montador said gale could not be worse. Violent rolling of vessel. Starboard horse shed washed away. Lt. McDonald, of Artillery injured, 4 men hurt. One man washed away while holding horse and came down into hold. Excellent work by Lt. Colin Marshall, transport Officer and Corp. Douglas of transport in saving horses. 2 horses, 16th Battn. killed. 1 horse, 10th Battery and 1 horse 12th Battery killed. Good work by Capt. Gillies, M.O. of 16th Battn. and Sergt. Wolff in looking after sick and injured men. 75⁺ men seasick. Weather modified in evening and ship resumed her course. About 8 P.M. SS. "MAIDAN" about 8500 tons-stood sea well. Sighted USHANT light about 10.30 P.M.

AT SEA.
Feb. 14th.

Still blowing strong. O.C.'s parade 11 A.M. Picked up Pilot at BELLE ISLE at 12.30 P.M. Held up for an hour at Signal Station. Find we are first of our brigade to arrive, although last to leave AVONMOUTH. Anchored about 4 P.M. Pipe band played on forecastle and bridge. Concert for Officers in Saloon from 7 to 10 P.M. Vote of thanks to Capt. and Officers of ship. Hear we are to land in ST. NAZAIRE dock early in morning.

ST. NAZAIRE
FRANCE.
Feb. 15th.

Docked in outer basin about 7 A.M. Ship cleared of everything by noon. Met at dock by Capt. Fleming who had been sent ahead as landing Officer. Carried out his job well. O.C. H. Adj. paid formal visit to Base Commandant. Obtained permission to have march out at 11.15. Men paraded without great coats. Our pipe band of 17 pipers and 7 drums, played us through the main streets and returned to dock. Regt. cheered by French. Regt. marched to train. No. 4 Station at 12.30 P.M. Goat skin coats issued at dock. Train left at 5.08 P.M. About 38 men in each goods truck. One similar truck for 9 junior officers, Senior Officers in 1st Class Carriage.

Route- ST. NAZAIRE-SAVENAY/NANTES(halt), LA PASSONNIERE (halt) ANGERS-SABLE LE MANS. Hot water for men to make coffee or coffee already made served to men at halts. Water ready for horses. Crowds cheered the train everywhere en route and some waved British flags.

ST. NAZAIRE
France.
Feb. 15th.

R.T.O's very agreeable.
112 men left at ST. NAZAIRE under Capt.
Jameson to come by later train.

En Route
ON Train.
Feb. 16th.

Halt for breakfast at LA HUTTE COULOMBIERE
Halt at L'AIGLE. Arrived at DARNETAL in
evening.
accommodations for men bad.
Behaviour of men on trip excellent. No men
left at stations.

En Route
On train.
Feb. 17th.

Abbeville in early morning. BOULOGNE-CALAIS
-ST OMER and HAZEBROUCK where we arrived at
12.30 P.M. Disembarked after train being
held some time. O.C. left with Major Brown
and a French Officer in motor car for CAESTRE
where we are to be billeted. No chance to
send billeting party ahead. O.C. arrived at
CAESTRE at 3.30 P.M. and found no officer in
at Brigade H.Q. as Regt. was not expected.
Billeting Area was rapidly gone over with
Capt. Pope when he returned. Regt. arrived
at 6 P.M. under Major Leckie having marched
from HAZEBROUCK about 7 miles by road. Good
billets- O.C. Major Leckie and Major Godson
billeted in M. Deforts(?) house. Most
comfortable. Gun fire quite audible.
Assigned billeting Area so late it was some
time to get Regt. billeted in dark.

CAESTRE
France.
Feb. 18th.

Battalion rested in morning. Parade at 1 P.M.
for Redistribution of Billets. Distribution
completed by 1.30 P.M.
Officers meeting in Orderly Room and address by
O.C. 10.30 A.M. 15th Batt. (48th Hds) Arrived
1.30 P.M. 14th Batt. later in afternoon and
15th Batt. at 10 P.M. 13th and 14th billeted
at FLETERE. Sentries posted at extremities of
billeting Area and connected by Flying Patrol.
Headquarters Mess established. Lieut. Col. Leckie
Major Leckie, Major Godson, Cpts. Markham,
McGregor, Gillies, Browne, Lieuts. Tupper
Marshall, Forger, and Gantier (Interpreter attached
from French Army) Col. Turner and balance Brigade
H.Q. Staff except Col. Hughes arrived in evening.
Lights of firing line show up brilliantly tonight.

CAESTRE.
Feb. 19th.

Reveille 6.30 A.M. played by Pipe Band. 10 A.M.
Coy. Parade 9 A.M. Orderly Room O.C. called at
Brigade Head Quarters before 9 A.M. Col. Hughes
B.M. had arrived. Companies practised Bayonet
charging and thrusting at Sacks filled with Straw,
strung on Rope between Trees. Meeting of O.C.'s
at Brigade Headquarters. Generals Poultnay,
Milne, Campbell and Alderson were present. the
first two named visited our Regimental Head
Quarters later.

Feb. 19th,
Continued.

O.C. rode out with Col. Turner to see ground on
which parade of Brigade is to be held tomorrow
for Gen. French's inspection. Warn we are to
go into Trenches on 23rd with 8th Division
south of Armoutiers. Regt. to march from here.
Batt. paraded at 2.30 P.M. and marched out to
THIEUSHOUK thence N.W. and back by different
road. Route march of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Pipe Band
played. Caught in rain on return.

CAESTRE.
Febry. 20th.

Orderly Room 9 A.M. Parade for Gen. French's inspection 11.15 A.M. which took place in Brigade Parade Ground, just south of big hill. It was here a German Prince was killed earlier in the war. He was buried in Cemetery near the hill. Gen. French accompanied by Gen. Smith-Dorrin and Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Brigade presented Arms, and massed Pipe Bands, played while the 4 Batts. were inspected. O.C. was introduced to Gen. French by Gen. Alderson. He asked where the men came from. He remarked twice upon the steadiness of the Regiment and told the O.C. he had a very smart Battalion. He said he was glad to welcome the Canadians to the front, and was loudly cheered by the Regiments. In the afternoon companies practised Bayonet Thrusting at Sacks. Heavy firing noticed at night.

CAESTRE.
Febry. 21st.

10 A.M. Church Parade of Regt. held in field on N. side of street. Bayonet thrusting practise at 1.30 P.M. and Major Leckie rode to MONT DES CATS, and thence through BOESCHEPE to ABBELE in BELGIUM returning via GODEWAESVELDE. Aeroplanes visible reconnoitring German positions. Major Leckie was slightly hurt at BOESCHEPE by his horse falling on him. He was attended to at R.A.M.C., H.Q.'s and was able to proceed.

CAESTRE.
Febry. 22nd.

Coy. Drill morning and afternoon. Capt. Dugmore D.S.O. the A.P.M. 4th Div. came to see us and had lunch. Officers meeting at 7.30 P.M. Orders to march tomorrow morning. Billeting party under Capt. Jameson with interpreter sent off to ARMENTIERS.

CAESTRE.
Febry. 23rd.

Reveille 5.30 A.M. Parade at 8.30 A.M. 16th Batt. last in orders of March, therefore had to wait until Engineers and Brigade H.Q. which were late in starting marched off. Regt. left at 9.15 A.M. route FLETRE, BAILLELIE, STEENWERCKE - BAC ST MALIR - ERQUINGHAM. Reviewed on Route by Gen. Alderson after passing FLETRE before reaching BAILLEUL by Gen. Smith Dorrin, who asked O.C. how men were getting along. At the railway ring where Regt. left column for STEEN WERKE by Gen. Pultiney, shortly after stopped an hour for lunch, met at BAC ST MALIR, by Gen. Gordon commanding 19th Brigade to which we are attached.

Febry. 23rd.
Continued.

His Guide took us by mistake to wrong Billeting Area near FLEUR BAIX Billeted on Southern and Western outskirts of ERQUINGHAM. Time of arrival at BAC ST. MAUR, 3.05 P.M. O.C. called on Gen. Gordon at his H.Q. at 4.30. P.M. 12 men fell out on 17 mile march. 5 with Dysentery, balance with nails in Boots, but all came in with Regt.

ERQUINGHAM.
24th Feb.

Slight Sleet in morning. Orderly room at 9.A.M. Officers of Cameronians and A. G. S. regiments came at 8.30 A.M. to give men instruction. General Gordon sent Motor Car for O.C. at 11.30 A.M. to bring him to Brigade H.Q. Information was given the general concerning the Regiment, Nineteenth Brigade consists of 1st Middlesex 2nd Royal Welsh

ERQUINGHAM.
Feb. 24th.

Fusiliers, 1st Cameronians, 2nd Argyll, 1 Sutherland Highlanders, and 5th Scottish rifles. (Senatorial) at 2.30 P.M. Motor Car came for O.C.. Major Leekie, Major Godson, Capt. Browne (I.M.R.) to call on O.C. Cameronians. He was ill so conference was held with Major Oakley, the second in Command and Capt. Darling, Adjutant. One of the enemies shells, replying to fire of Armoured Train, struck near our Quarter Master. A large German Shell went over our regimental H.Q. Major Ross, Lts. Agar, Kenworthy, and Rochefort of No.1 Company and Capt. Merritt, Lts. Kemp, Gilliatt and Duncan of No.3 Co., left at 5 P.M. under guides, to spend 24 hours in the trenches for instructional purpose.

Feb. 25th.

General Gordon called with his Motor Car for O.C. and inspected each of the platoons of the Canadian Scottish, in turn at their billets. He seemed favourably impressed by the general appearance of the men, lectures to the officers and men at their various Billets, by officers and H.Q.O.'s - for the Cameronians and A.S. Hds. continued in the morning as usual. Two platoons No.1 Co. and Two platoons No.3 Co. paraded at 5 P.M. for 24 hours in the Trenches. O.C. attended the parade and gave instructions. The following officers also went to trenches.

Feb. 25th.
Continued.

Lt. Kenworthy No.1 Co. and Lt. Rochefort of No. 1 Co. and Lts. Duncan and Gilliatt remained in trenches with their platoons. Capt. Fleming and Lt. McLean of No.2 Co. and Lts. Goodall and Urguhart of No.4 Co. went with the party.

Feb. 26th.
Continued.

Orderly room 9 A.M. The orderly room is situated on N. side Rue de la Lys, about 300 yards E. of Rgtl. H. Q. O.C. lunched with Lt. Col. Gore, O.C. 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Hdrs. at his H.Q. at L'ARMEE. Germans shelling, British aeroplane which was giving range to armoured train O.C. afterwards proceeded to ARMENTIERES and called at 3rd Can. Brigade H.Q. Col. Turner absent. A Platoon of No. 1 Co. under Captain Ross and H. Q. staff under Lt. Marshall and Nos. 10 and 12 Platoon, no 3 Co. under Captain Morison and Lt. Kemp, paraded at 5 P.M. for the trenches. The O.C. and Lt. Tupper accompanied the platoons of No. 3 Co. to the Middlesex Trenches. Lts. Lindsay and Davis went with No.1 and H.Q. staff to the trenches to the West Fusiliers. The O.C. was met by Lt.-Col. of the Middlesex Regt. at "Nation Farm" about 7 P.M. and proceeded with him to the trenches. It was bright, moonlight- The O.C. slept in the Mess room(?) at Burnt Farm, after watching the relieving of the Platoon in the Trenches. General Gordon called at orderly room in the morning - and O. C. went with him to inspect No. 4 at its Billets. This company was not inspected the previous day.

Feb. 27th.

O.C. left trenches at 5.30 A.M. and returned with Lt. Tupper to H.Q. Sniped at on the way out. Sentry at Burnt Farm wounded during the night. General Gordon called at Regimental H.Q. in morning. O.C. and Adjutant went to his quarters at 4 P.M. and had tea there. 2 Platoons from No 2 Co. and 2 Platoons, No 4 Co. went into Trenches- Officers in the Trenches tonight are- Captain Rae, Fleming, Markham (Sig Officer) and Jamieson. Lts. McLean, Ainslee, Hastings, Major Leckie, 2nd in command accompanied party to trenches.

Feb. 28th.

Church Parade at 10 A.M. in Court yard at regimental Head quarters. Major Stewart the Chaplain of the A and S Hdr's, conducted the Service. Before lunch, Col. Turner, Capt. Villiers and Capt. Cameron of Brigade Staff called at orderly room. After lunch the O.C. rode with Capt. Villiers to visit General Gordon. Five High explosive Shells- came over No.1 Co's Billets, one exploded on edge of RUE DE LA LYS- East of orderly room and broke windows in Hospital- injuring one wounded Canadian patient by broken glass. Pte. McFarlane No.2 Co. was wounded in chest, during the day in the trenches. 2 Platoons from No. 2 Co., and 2 Platoons from No.4 Co. Went to the trenches. Officers in the trenches tonight-- Captains Rae, Geddes, Gillies(M.O.) McGregor(paymaster) Browne(I.M.R.) Lts. Davis, Lindsay, Hastings, and Ainslee, Major Godson the Adjutant, accompanied the party to trenches.

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16th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

FROM FEB. 15TH. TO FEB. 28TH. 1915.

ST. NAZAIRE.
Feb. 15th.

H.M.T. Maidan docked 7 A.M., - cleared by noon. Captain H.M. Fleming met ship at dock. Lt.-Col. Leckie and Major Godson called on Base Commandant and obtained from him permission to march out Regiment. Regiment marched off at 11-15 A.M., marching order without overcoats. Pipe Band of twenty-four played. Issue of goat skin coats and mitts at dock. Regiment marched to train at 12-30 P.M. Train left at 5.08 P.M. Average thirty-eight men in each truck. Route -ST.NAZAIRE, SAVENAY, NANTES,(halt) LA PESSONNIERE(halt), ANGERS, SABLE, LE MANS. Hot water for men to make coffee, also hot coffee ready made for men at halts. Water ready for horses. Weather - warm and bright.

ON TRAIN.
Feb. 16th.

Regiment on train. Halt at LA HUTTE COULOMBIERE for breakfast. Men served with hot coffee, and had opportunity to wash. Halt at L'Sigle. Arrived at DARNETAL in evening. Weather - sunshine, very cold at night.

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Feb.17th.

Reached ABBEVILLE in early morning - route - BOULOGNE, CALAIS, ST. OMER, HAZEBROUCKE. Arrived HAZEBROUCKE 12-30 P.M. Regiment disembarked. Lt.-Col. Leckie left in advance for CAESTRE at 3. P.M. with Major Brown, Divisional Staff, and Interpreter. Regiment marched from HAZEBROUCKE and arrived CAESTRE at 6 P.M. and went into billets in the West end of the Village of CAESTRE. Weather - cloudy - rain in afternoon.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
Feb. 18th.

Regiment rested in morning. Battalion paraded at 1 P.M. and redistribution of billets made, and completed by 1.30 P.M. Officers meeting at Orderly Room 10-30 A.M. 15th Battalion arrived 1.30 P.M. 14th Battalion arrived later in afternoon. 13th arrived 10-00 P.M. 14th and 13th Battalions proceeded to FLETRE. Colonel Turner, Brigadier, and Brigade H.Q. with the exception of Colonel Hughes, Brigade Major, arrived at Brigade H.Q. CAESTRE this evening. Flare lights on firing line visible from this place, and sound of guns faintly audible. Weather - fine.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
Feb. 19th.

Colonel Hughes, Brigade Major, arrived this morning. Pipe band played Revielle in the street at 6.30 A.M. Company parade at 10 A.M.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
FEB. 19th.

O.C. attended meetings at Brigade Headquarters to meet General Alderson. O.C. met Generals' Poultney, Campbell and Milne at Brigade Headquarters. Generals' Poultney, Milne later called at Regt'l Headquarters. Bayonet thrusting practice carried out with sacks filled with straw and strung out with rope between trees. Battalion parade at 2.30 P.M. and marched out to THIEUSHOUK and back, about three-and-half mile march. Weather - Fine in morning - rain in the afternoon.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
FEB. 20th.

Battalion parade at 11.15 A.M. Marched off at 11.30 for Brigade parade ground for inspection by General French, who was accompanied by General Smith-Dorrien and Prince Arthur of Connaught. General French arrived at 12.45 P.M. Massed pipe band played during inspection of Brigade. Bayonet thrusting practice by Companies in afternoon. Weather - Fine in morning, shower and hail in middle of day.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
Feb. 21st.

Church parade at 10 A.M. Bayonet thrusting by Companies in afternoon. Lt.-Col. and Major Leekie reconnoitred routes and ground north and east of CAESTRE as far as ABEELE, BELGIUM. Weather - Foggy.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
Feb. 22nd.

Company drill morning and afternoon. Officers meeting at 7.30 P.M. Orders to march to-morrow. Billeting party under Captain Jameson with interpreter sent off to ARMENTIERES. Weather - Foggy, cold, white frost on ground.

CAESTRE.
FRANCE.
Feb. 23rd.

Revielle at 5.30 A.M. Battalion parade at 8.30 A.M. Regiment marched off at 9.15 A.M. as last Unit in Brigade. General Alderson and Staff watched troops pass FLETRE. General Smith-Dorrien watched Brigade go by from a point just west of BAILLEUL. General Poultney and Staff were stationed at road junction where 16th Battalion left Brigade and turned off the LILLE road to STEENWERCKE.

CAESTRE.
Contd.
Feb. 23rd.

Regiment stopped one hour on road north of STEENWERCKE for lunch, and marched through STEENWERCKE to BAC ST MAUR, and were there met by General Gordon commanding the 19th Brigade, 6th Division, to which we were attached. Battalion billeted on southern outskirts of ERQUINGHEM. Lt.-Col. Leekie called on General Gordon at his Headquarters at 4.30 P.M. Weather - Cloudy, cold.

ERQUINGHEM.
Feb. 24th.

Officers of Cameronians and A. & S. Highlanders arrived at our billets at 8.30 a.m. to give our men instruction. O.C. called on General Gordon at 11.30 A.M.

ERQUINGHEM.
Feb. 24th.

Enemy sent a few shells round our billets - no damage.
Officers of No.1 and No.3 Companies under Major Ross and Captain Merritt, respectively left for trenches at 5 P.M., for twenty four hour tour.
Weather - Cloudy and rain. "itches frozen last night. Sleet in morning.

ERQUINGHEM.
Feb. 25th.

General Gordon inspected all the platoons of the regiment separately at their billets. Lectures to officers and men at their various billets by officers and N.C.O's., of the Cameronians and 2nd A. & S. Highlanders continued in the morning as usual. Two platoons No.1 Company and two platoons No. 2 Company paraded at 5 P.M. for twenty four hour tour in the trenches. They received instructions regarding conduct, by Lt.-Colonel Leckie, before marching off. Officers of No.4 Company went into trenches for instructional purposes.
Weather - Sleet and rain. Snowed considerably last night.

ERQUINGHEM.
Feb. 26th.

General Gordon inspected No. 4 Company in morning. Lt.-Col. Leckie reported at 3rd Brigade H.Q. in ARMENTIERES in afternoon. Remaining platoons of No.1 and No.3 Companies paraded for trenches at 5 o'clock. Lieut.-Colonel Leckie went to trenches for twenty four hours.
Weather - fine.

ERQUINGHEM.
Feb. 27th.

Half of No. 2 and No. 4 Companies proceeded to trenches for twenty-four hour tour of instruction at 5 P.M.
Weather - Cloudy.

ERQUINGHEM.
Feb. 28th.

Church parade at 10 A.M. conducted by Major Stuart, Chaplain of 2nd A. & S. Highlanders Colonel Turner and officers of Brigade Staff called in morning.
O.C. attended General Gordon's H.Q. in afternoon.
Pte. McFarlane, No.2 Company, was wounded in trenches - bullet through chest.
First casualty in regiment.
Balance of No.2 and No.4 Coy's .. went to trenches for twenty-four hour tour at 5 P.M.
Weather - fine.

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March 1st 1915 ERQUINGHEM.	<p>Bright in morning - heavy sleet storm in afternoon, candles had to be lighted in lanes. Blew a hurricane but soon cleared up again.</p> <p>The O. G., Adjutant and O's 6. Companies went with Brigade Staff. at 8.30 AM. to Divisional H.Q. at SAIBLY, thence to H.Q. of 20th Brigade, which the 3rd Cav Infantry Brigade is relieving. The party was addressed by GEN SIR HENRY RAWLINSON. GEN ALDERSON, GEN CAPPER and others were also present. The 16th BATTALION is to relieve 2nd BORDER REGT. (55th) and 2nd GORDONS (92nd) The trip from ERQUINGHEM and back was made in motor-busses. The party returned by 2 PM.</p> <p>The instruction of the Battalion in trenches, and by lectures ceases today. The whole Battalion has now been in the trenches.</p>	
MARCH 2ND 1915 ERQUINGHEM.	<p>Gene today.</p> <p>The O. G. and CAPT. MERRITT left for ARMENTIERS at 8.30 AM. to attend 3rd BRIGADE H.Q.</p> <p>GEN. GORDON arrived at BATTALION H.Q. at 10.30 AM and was conducted by the O. G. to the various billets where the different Companies are billeted, for inspections. He addressed the men at each billet and said Good-bye. The men were very pleased with what the General told them. The O. G. replaced for the men, who cheered enthusiastically.</p>	

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<p>11.15. AM. MARCH 3RD. 1915. BAC. ST. MAUR.</p> <p>6.45 PM RUE PETILLON</p>	<p>The Battalion received orders to move at 5 p.m. We formed behind BRIGADE COLUMN at 5.40 p.m. and passed H Q Bellef. Battalion arrived BAC ST MAUR at 6.15 p.m. and went into billets. were not very good.</p> <p>Cloudy slight rains.</p> <p>The Battalion paraded at 11.15 AM. to be addressed by GEN. ALDERSON, O.C. 1st CANADIAN DIVISION. He arrived at 11.40 AM and spoke to the men giving them advice regarding conduct in the trenches. Three Cheers were given for the General before the parade dismissed.</p> <p>The Battalion again paraded at 4.30 p.m., marched off at 5.10 p.m. in rear of the 14th BATTALION. Arrived at H Q 27th BORDER REGT. on RUE PETILLON at 6.45 PM. We took over from them No. 2. SUBSECTION of NO. 1 (RIGHT) SECTION, 7th DIVISION. CAPTS. MERRITT and MARKHAM were sent in advance to ascertain information concerning relieving. The O.C. also went forward and had a conference with LIEUT COL WOOD, O.C. BORDER REGT. The relief of trenches was carried out quietly and was very well done. No casualties.</p> <p>Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Co's were in firing line from left to right. No. 4 Co in reserve on RUE PETILLON and in FORTE E.</p> <p>The O.C. went with CAPT. WORRALL of the BORDER REGT. into the trenches at 11 p.m., returning to H.Q. at 2 AM.</p> <p>The BORDER REGT. left one (1) Officer per COMPANY and one (1) N.C.O per PLATOON for an extra twenty four (24) hours, in the trenches to instruct our officers and men in their duties.</p>	

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MARCH 5 TH 1915 RUE PETILLON.	<p>Germans shelled CELLAR FARM with Shrapnel and High explosive this afternoon. Building was hit and windows of Cellar blown in and telephonic communication interrupted temporarily. All men in support at CELLAR FARM well under cover. MAJOR LECKIE and Officers have their H.Q. at CELLAR FARM. GEN. ALDERSON and GEN. TURNER called. Germans display six Blue Flag with Belt Spike on Staff on their parapet opposite us.</p>	Asell

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MARCH 5 TH 1915 RUE PETILLON.	<p> Germans shelled CELLAR FARM with Shrapnel and High explosive this afternoon. Building was hit and windows of Cellar blowers and telephonic communication interrupted temporarily. All men in support at CELLAR FARM well under cover. MAJOR LECKIE and officers have their H.Q. at CELLAR FARM.</p> <p>GEN. ALDERSON and GEN. TURNER called.</p> <p> Germans display dark Blue Flag with Red Spike on Staff on their parapet opposite us.</p>	Null

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MARCH 5 TH 1915 RUE PETILLON.	<p>Null</p> <p>German shells hit CELLAR FARM with shrapnel and high explosive this afternoon. Shrapnel hit and windows of Cellar blown in and telephonic communication interrupted temporarily. All men in support at CELLAR FARM with under command. MAJOR LECKIE and officers left their H Q at CELLAR FARM.</p> <p>GEN ALDERSON and GEN TURNER called.</p> <p>German display sort Blue's bag with Capt. Spinks on Staff on their parapet opposite us.</p>	

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<p>MARCH 6TH 1915 RUE PETILLON 3 AM</p>	<p>No 21 Company furnished working party of 50 men for fatigue work in trenches under our CANADIAN ENGINEER OFFICER. Two of the Engineers wounded, and one man sprained ankle.</p> <p>The O.C. inspected the trenches at night with CAPT WORRALL.</p> <p>The O.C. returned from trenches.</p> <p>MAJOR NORSEWORTHY (13TH BATTALION) was with O.C. in trenches No 2908. PTE J INNES, No 2 Co was killed at 5 AM, being shot through temple while on look-out in POST J-1. No 29128. PTE O. J. McDONNELL, No 2 Co was killed, being shot through the lungs, coming out of trenches near corner of Road behind No 8 POST. This occurred about 11 PM after BATTALION was relieved by the 13TH BATTALION. Relief started at 9 PM but was not completed until after midnight.</p> <p>Both men killed were of the SEAFORTH Detachment from VANCOUVER and belonged to No 8 Platoon No 2 COMPANY. PTE INNES was buried in Cemetery near DRESSING STATION about 7:30 PM. The burial party was in danger from flying bullets which seemed to be plentiful this evening.</p> <p>Company's marched independently to billets on RUE de SUR immediately SOUTH of SAILLY. Last of Battalion did not reach billets until 3 AM after a 4 mile march.</p>	<p>Dull and Rainy</p>

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3 AM

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<p>MARCH 7TH 1915 IN. DIV'L. BILLETS RUE DE SUR</p>	<p>Everyone slept late owing to late arrival in Billets. No Parades About 80 men got baths when we were told DIVISIONAL BATHS were reserved for 14TH BATTALION, Service held by MAJOR SCOTT, CHAPLAIN, at 4. P.M. in loft in CANTEEN. LIEUTS. AGER, McLEAN, and KEMP and 4 N.C.O's per Company who had been left in the trenches to instruct reliefs of 13TH BATTALION returned today.</p>	<p>Wet in morning.</p>
<p>MARCH 8TH 1915 RUE DE SUR.</p>	<p>ORDERLY Room at 9 AM and 6 PM. Foot Inspection by Company Officers at 10 AM. COMMANDING OFFICER'S Rifle and Kit Inspection taken by MAJOR LECKIE at 2 PM. O.C. went to BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS on RUE DE QUESNE in the morning and remained for lunch. MAJOR GODSON also reported at BDE. H.Q. in afternoon. Baths were purchased and established in same building as CANTEEN on RUE DE SUR.</p>	<p>Fine and Cold.</p>
<p>MARCH 9TH 1915 RUE DE SUR.</p>	<p>ORDERLY ROOM at 2 PM. GEN. TURNER called in morning and discussed protection against mining, it being reported that enemy is mining towards our trenches opposite H POST. LIEUT. TUPPER went into trenches with CAPT VILLIERS examining Machine Gun posts last night and returned this morning. CAPT MARKHAM went to DRESSING STATION with CAPT FORD</p>	<p>Fine and Cold.</p>

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	<p>BRIGADE SIG. OFFICER</p> <p>The following Officers and men have been mentioned by the Officers commanding their respective Units, as having done good work in the trenches.</p> <p><u>No 1 Company</u></p> <p>LIEUTS. AGER and KENWORTHY, SGT. FYVIE, CORPL JONES, PTES. CORBITT, MCCREADIE, BOULANGER, TISSEMAN.</p> <p><u>No 2 Company</u></p> <p>LIEUT. McLEAN, SGT. BIDDLECOMBE (wounded), SGT. DICBY, SGT. LEMAITRE, CPLs. McLENNAN and BOTHAM, LCCPL. STANFORD, PIPER, MARDONALD and PTES. MOSSMAN, MATHIESON, D.P. SMITH, BLOTT, HOLDER, AVERY McIVOR, BUCHAN, McDOUGALL and BANDERS</p> <p><u>No 3 Company</u></p> <p>LIEUT. KEMP, Co Sgt MAJOR RAMSAY, SGT. MALCOLM, LCCPL. GALLAGHER, ALLISON, BIRD.</p> <p><u>Maxim Gun Section</u></p> <p>SGT. BUSHNELL</p> <p><u>Signalling Section</u></p> <p>PTES. DESCHAMP and MURRAY.</p> <p>All today men were bathing in new baths. It was slow work and the building was draughty and the tubs small.</p> <p>The Battalion received The 13th BATTALION arriving.</p>	

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<p>10th March 1915 Rue Petillon (In firing line)</p>	<p>at DRESSING STATION at 9.30 pm. Allers trenches, without any casualties at 11 pm. Little shooting. Enemy say they are leaving and ask for a truce. At 5. pm. O.C. called on GEN. TURNER at his H.Q. and was informed that 7th and 8th DIVISIONS were going to attack, immediately on our left, tomorrow morning. ARTILLERY to start at 7.30 AM. 8th DIVISION to attack at 8.30 AM. Our Battalion was to be open continuous independent fire at 8. AM. At 6.30 A.M. examined dug outs and had them pumped out. Dual started at 7.30 AM. Enemy replied feebly. We opened fire (16th Battalion) at 8. A.M. Things working well! Good reports from right, left and centre sections. Constant communication with Major Leckie. No. 1 Company on left: No. 2 centre: No. 3 left section of my firing line No 1 in reserve with me.</p>	<p>Sunshine</p>

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<p>11th March 1915 Rue Petillon Dressing Station</p>	<p>Battle resumed by Artillery very early. Orders to carry on with bursts of fire. Heavy rifle fire on left of our brigade especially from 12.15 to 2.30 P.M. Ordered men in firing line to "stand to" ready to take advantage of any move by enemy. Took Lord Dundonald into our trenches by daylight. Sniped at in crossing. Two men slightly wounded to day.</p>	<p>Dull and mild</p>
<p>12th March 1915 Rue Petillon Dressing Station</p>	<p>General Turner called afternoon. Heavy shell fire all day. 14th Battalion on our right had orders to prepare to assault and carry German trenches at Calant on our right front tomorrow. Regiment</p>	<p>Foggy in morning Fine in afternoon</p>

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12 th March (Contd)	had orders to support them with rifle fire from our position if charge were made. Conference at my Head Quarters in evening with General Turner, Capt Macdonald of the Staff Cols. Meighen and Burland of 14 th deciding upon plan of operations. Called a meeting of Major Leckie, Capts. Rae, Geddes, Merritt and Major Ross to discuss plans if we are called upon to assault. Lasted till midnight.	
Rue Petillon Dressing Station March 13 th 1915.	Generals Burstall and Campbell (Colon Rmc) visited subsections. Watched very heavy bombardment of cellar in morning. Called up Major Leckie and told him to keep men under cover. Notified to be relieved to night by 13 th Batt and go to Brigade reserve in billets. Majors Buchanan and McQuaig of 13 th Batt. called to go over situation with G.C. Relieved by 13 th Batt. from 7 P.M to 9 P.M. Billets	Weather excellent.

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March 13 th (Continued) Rue du Bois	by detachments as relieved. Billeto in Rue du Bois from Croix Blanche S.W. Billeto taken over from 13 th Batt.	
March 14 th 1915. Rue du Bois	Rifle and foot inspection of Regiment in morning. Men kept in billets or out of sight behind billets. Billeto shelled by enemy this morning - no damage. At Brigade head quarters interview with Major Paley of 6 th Division. They take over position on Wednesday. Regimental head quarters under rifle fire of enemy.	Weather fine
15 th March 15 Rue du Bois	Order for the Canadian Division to move been cancelled. Billeto shelled to day.	Bright sunshine

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16 th March 15 Rue du Bois	Interview with Colonel Wood in regard to the platoons of N ^o . 1 C. left at Buffford. He reported a draft of 46 men and 1 officer had arrived for us to day. Explained to Colonel Wood plan re protection against mines by holes filled with water. Relieved 13 th Battalion Relief completed 9 P.M. N ^o . 3 C. right of line N ^o . 1 Centre N ^o . 4 left N ^o . 2 reserve. Billets Rue Petillon	Weather fine
17 th March 15. Rue. Petillon Dressing Station.	Balance of draft from Tidworth stayed Q.M. stores last night. Came in this evening. Inspection of trenches N ^o . 2 C. supplied working party of 50 men for trenches.	Bright weather.

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18 ^h March 15 Rue Petillon Dressing station	Capt. Cameron together with Lt. Colonel Gordon Hall discussed second line of defence particularly wire about H. Q. defensive position. Got tape in afternoon and commenced survey of base lines about Rue Petillon N ^o 2 Co. furnished working party of 100 men for trenches.	Weather fine.
19 ^h March 15 Rue Petillon Dressing station	Surveyed down to H. Q. of Reserve Co. 5 th Battalion. Took sights at houses behind German lines. Surveyed in afternoon towards H. Q. 16 th Batt. Relieved by 13 th Battalion. All out by 9 P. M. Quiet day. Interviewed Major Wright Canadian Engineers re wire entanglements for Reserve Co. 11 th Batt.	Snow storm.
20 ^h March 15 Rue du Bois H. Q.	Conference with Major Leckie and Major Ross re recent orders regarding 2 nd line of defence Rue du Bois bombarded. Report to dug outs. 11:2 & 11:4 Co. route march in afternoon.	Bright sunshine.

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21 st March 15 Rue du Bois H. Q.	Continued survey of Rue Petillon with assistance of Cap ^t . Jamieson 13 th Batt. Conference O. Co. Companies to consider plan of occupying G. H. Q. line of defenses. Furnished working party of 1 Officer and 50 men for Trenches.	Bright sunshine and warm.
22 nd March 15 Rue du Bois H. Q.	Inspected all billets. Worked at plans in afternoon Alarm sent at 9 ¹⁰ P. M. and our Battalion acting as Brigade reserve turned out Regiment by 9.45. Instructions to dismount.	Rained hard but afterwards bright sunshine
23 rd March 15. Rue du Bois H. Q.	Interview with Generals Alderson and Turner. Explained scheme against Mons. Brigade H. Q. for meeting of O. Co. Discussed various points. Relieved 13 th Batt. in evening. Regiment intrenched by 8.15 P. M. Quiet night. Working party of 50 men from No. 3 Co.	Rainy

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2 ⁴ March 15 Rue Petillon Dressing Station	Very quiet in trenches Heavy German shelling about 4.45. Working party of 50 from N. 3 Co.	Dull and rainy
25 th March 15 Rue Petillon Dressing Station	Bulleting party sent out. Several Officers called belonging to Northampton Regiment. They relieve us to-morrow. Officers taken to Trenches.	Dull and rainy
26 th March 15. Rue Petillon Dressing Station	Relieved by Northampton's 3rd strong and Sherwood Foresters 2nd strong which occupied reserves and support positions. All men out of trenches by 9 P.M. Marched to billets at Estaires. All billeted by 1.15 A.M.	Rather fine but cold.

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27 th March 15. Éptaires	All Canadian Division billeted here. General inspection of all billets. Meeting of O.C. Battalion of 3 rd Brigade at Brigade H.Q. Foot and rifle inspection	Slight snow fall but fine
28 th March 15. Éptaires	Interviews with General Turner and Colonel Hughes at H.Q. Front trenches inspected with General Turner & Colonel Meighers Visit to Intelligence Office Canadian Division with General Turner & Colonel Hughes. Battalion parades 9 A.M. to 11.30 & 3 to 5 digging trenches, charging etc	Bright but cold.

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29 th March 15 Eptaires	Men had baths and were issued with clean underclothing. Inspected No 4 Co. in advancing and charging. Bishop of London addressed the officers today and the men at 6.30 P.M.	Bright and cold
30 th March 16 Eotaires.	Interview with General Turner re penetration sharp nose bullet and on Regimental matters. Mentioned use of armoured motor car in attack. Morning parade 9 to 12. Afternoon 2-5. Trenching in the morning. Route march in the afternoon.	Bright but sharp.

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<p>31st March 15 Eplaires</p>	<p>Parade 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. Morning charging trench digging 7th Afternoon Route marches. N: 3 Co. training area 10 A.M. for trench digging Inspection of N: 1 Co. in charging. Working at Rue Petillon plan in afternoon</p>	<p>Bright but cold.</p>

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2 nd April 15 Estairs	Rode to Rue Petillon and took measurements for plan. Met Major in command of Lincoln's now holding subsection 2. Brigade H. Q. to meet Sir Douglas Haig. No parades to day. Voluntary church parade afternoon. About 200 attended. From Canadian orders. Kemp, Bell, Irving Goodall, Marshall, Davis, Lindsay & Tupper made Captains. Two men wounded last night.	Bright and warm
3 rd April 15 Estairs	9 A.M. training area. Addressed No. 1, 2 & 3 Coy on sanitation. General Turner there inspecting 13 th Batt. in the attack. Mating of Brigade & Reg. O.Cs. at D.H.Q. Drill at 9 AM and night attack 9 P.M. Well carried out for first attempt. Mud rain and extreme darkness.	Dull and rainy

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<p>14th April 15 Estaires</p>	<p>Worked at plan in morning. Inspected billets of N^o. 1 Co. Pipe band played in Square with bands of 13th and 15th Batt. Company route march afternoon. Voluntary Church parade morning</p>	<p>Dull and rainy</p>
<p>5th April 15. Estaires</p>	<p>Arrangements made for inspection of attack formation. Carried out attack in 4 lines 40 yds. apart. Raining heavily - parade dismissed. Inspection postponed until tomorrow. Arranged for battalions to have baths. Discussed attack formation with General Turner. Conference with O.C.'s companies in evening.</p>	<p>Raining</p>

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<p>6^h April 15 Eptaires</p>	<p>Parade at 9.30 A.M. Meeting of O Co. with Brigadier relative to moving. Orders to be at Brigade starting point at 6.57 A.M. Inspection of Regiment in attack by General Turner. Everything went well. Plan of Rue Petillon sent to Brigade Major. Meeting of O Co. Companies at H.Q.</p>	<p>Fine : windy</p>
<p>7^h April 15 Eptaires</p>	<p>Arrangements made for march to our billeting area just S. E. of Cassel. Regiment left starting point at 6.45 on time 4 motor Busses and two lorries. Took sick lame & others Halted at Cassel from 10.30 to 11.30 for lunch. Arrived at Battalion H.Q. on main Cassel - Billul road about</p>	<p>Dull and heavy.</p>

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<p>7th April 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>1 P.M. Shifted H.Q. to M. Masson's white chateau at M. M des Recollets near Cassel. Use his gardener's house as Orderly Room. Whole Battalion billeted on Cassel-Baillet road between Mont des Recollets outside Cassel and St. Sylvestre Chappel.</p>	
<p>8th April 15 Cassel</p>	<p>Inspection of kit of No. 1, 2 & 3 Companies at their various billets. Taking over trenches near Ypres from the French.</p>	<p>Cloudy. Inclined to rain.</p>
<p>9th April 15 Cassel</p>	<p>Thunderstorm before noon. Kit inspection of No. 4 Company. Orderly Room 2 P.M. Inspection by Sir Horace Smith Dorrion to morrow. Discussed with Cap. Brown new equipment.</p>	<p>Thunderstorm. Cloudy.</p>

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10 th April Cassel	Parade at 9.15. Inspected Regiment and marched off for field at Brigade Headquarters. All 3 rd Brigade present plus Artillery & Engineers. General Smith Dorrison inspected Regiment. and was well pleased. Addressed all the Officers after inspection. General Alderson addressed the Troops and told them we were to take over French trenches near Ypres.	Sunshine
11 th April Cassel	Draft of 17 men from Base Co arrived late. Voluntary church parade morning. Men cleaned up all day & 50 went on pass to Cassel. No 1 Co played French team at Soccer. No 1 won 4 to 2.	Fine

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12 ^h April Cassel	15 Orderly room 8.30 A.M. Draft of 1 Officer and 20 men this afternoon. Orders to go to trenches near Ypres. Report at H.Q. of 11 ^h French Brigade at 2 A.M. with the 4 O Co. companies & 2 Subs. per. Coy. Regiment to take over trenches from French on night of 16-17. 16 ^h & 14 ^h Batts to go into trenches first.	Cloudy but fine
13 ^h April Cassel	15 Orderly room 8.30 A.M. Paraded and inspected draft which arrived under Lieut. Arnout. Maps received during evening showing subsection to be held by 16 ^h Batt. between St Julien & Fort Chappelle facing North. Company parade at 9 A.M. Route marches 2 P.M.	Dull day.

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<p>14th April Cassel</p>	<p>Meeting of O. C. at Brigade H. Q. at 11 A.M. Company drill in the morning Route marches in afternoon Left in 2 Motor busses for Ypres with number of officers. Marched to Wickste & went to French Brigade H. Q. Got guides and proceeded to trenches in front of Fort Chappelle via St Julien. Called at H. Q. of French Major commanding the Battalion of the 79th Regt which we are going to relieve. Went with guide through N° 1 Sub-section trenches.</p>	<p>Slight rain in morning.</p>
<p>15th April 15 Cassel.</p>	<p>Brigade H. Q. to interview General Turner. Left with Regiment at 2 P.M. from N° 2 Co billets for Steenwoorde. Arrived 3.30. H. Q. in house of Brewet on Main Sq. Orders to stand ready to</p>	<p>Fine.</p>

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15 th April (Continued)	15 move at moment's notice. Attack expected. Message 8 P.M. that Major Ross wounded - shot through arm and in head - latter seems light.	
16 th April Steenwoorde	15 Regiment left 9 A.M. by 25 Motor buses. Arrived at Slamerlinge at 11.45. Men had lunch and marched off at 2.30. Met at Ypres by Officers. Skirted the town on the West and North side and marched to Willige. There till 8.30. Left by Companies under guides through St. Julien to the trenches. N° 1 Co. right post N° 2 continue N° 3 left. N° 4 in support about 900' in rear of line. 3 Platoons No 4 Co. in reserve in St. Julien. Met the Major commanding the Batt. & the Colonel commanding the 79 th Regt. Left 1 after relief.	None.

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^a 17 April 15 Poelcappelle Trenches	Notified attack by enemy was expected. Started shelling our support trenches. Heavy fighting in direction of Gillebikes. Began at day light.	Fine
^b 18 April 15 Poelcappelle Trenches	Fight at Gillebikes renewed. Went into Trenches with General Turner & Capt. Pope. All through sub. section. 1 man killed and 3 wounded.	Fine
^c 19 April 15 Poelcappelle Trenches	Generals Alderson and Turner called at 11. General Alderson proceeded to Artillery observation post. East of H.Q. Reserve trenches shelled slightly. St. Julien bombarded by high explosives.	Fine

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19 th April (Continued)	15 Telephone put out of order and 4 men wounded. Went with Captain Villiers in afternoon to reconnoitre position for machine gun in rear of trenches so as to enfilade German communication trench.	
20 th April Poelcappelle trenches	15 Relieved in trenches by 15 th Battalion (48 th Highlanders of Canada) Relief completed by 10 P.M. 1 man wounded and two died of wounds. Billeted in Ypres!	Dull
21 st April Ypres.	15 After relief Battalion resting in billets. H.Q. N. of Hack & Canal on W. side of Rue Desormede. Bombed periodically. Nothing of importance to report.	

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22 nd April 15. Ypres	<p>Afternoon heavy shelling of H.Q. Windows of H.Q. smashed. Everyone belonging to Regiment ordered to go out along Canal. Panic among inhabitants! Many casualties. Orders to hold ourselves in readiness to move at once. Went to arms. Went immediately to Regimental billets on West side Canal. Paraded Regiment and lined Canal West side occupying old trenches and digging in where there were no trenches. French refugees pouring in and French soldiers principally Fouavers in flight. Looked as if French had been routed. Ordered at 7.40 P.M. proceed at once to Brigade H.Q. near St Julien. Called transport, and ammunition served out. Moved off within half an hour. Learned that French had been driven out of their trenches ad-</p>	Fine.

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<p>22nd April (Continued)</p>	<p>15 - joining our line to the left and had 1st Canadian still holding their line. We were to check the German advance. On arrival at Brigade Head Quarters informed that my task was to support closely the 10th Battalion which had already arrived and attack the enemy at 10.30 P.M. so as to clear the wood N. West of St. Julien. Attack delayed until 11.30. Formed up in the moonlight about 1000 yds from the enemy and close to St. Julien road. Formation adopted: 10th Batt. in front on two company width: double rank thus forming 2 lines 30 yds. apart. 16th Battalion formed up in 4 lines single rank 30 yds. behind 10th Battalion and lines 30 yds. apart.</p>	

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22 nd April (Continued)	15. No 4 Co. on right and No 2 on left of front line. No 1 and 3 in rear of 4 and 2 respectively. Advance made about midnight. When about 300 yds. from enemy he opened rapid fire with rifles and machine guns. We then doubled and when flames went up lay down. When we made the charge the enemy fled. Many were bayoneted while others surrendered. They must have lost at least 30 prisoners about 100 killed and 250 wounded. After a few minutes pause the 16 th Batt. were led into the wood and there we came across 4 big guns - presumably the guns the French left behind. I guided the men	

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<p>22nd April 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>by the aid of the North Star and led them through the wood. There several Germans were disposed of. Many surrendered but I thought it would be imprudent to release men to take them in charge as there were none too many of us. Men were cautioned against dealing harshly with prisoners. I led the Party a few hundred yds. on the other side of the wood at the same time calling for the 16th Batt. and thus gathering up stragglers. After establishing the line on the far side of the wood, I placed Capt Roe in charge and returned through the wood to send him more men. I had first informed</p>	

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22 nd April 15 (Continued)	The 3 rd Brigade by message what had occurred asking for reinforcements. Those to remove guns. Capt. Rae, Capt. Mc Gregor and Major Mc Laren were with me in the front line. On returning through wood met Lt. M Loran and a party of men. Directed him to report to Capt. Rae and showed him the way. Returning to first line of German trenches I examined same and ascertained what portion to the flanks was retained by the Enemy. 2 nd Batt. under Colonel Watson arrived and I directed him to clear out German redoubt on S.W. end of wood but sufficient men were not sent and they were repulsed. As day light approached Capt. Rae withdrew his men	

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22 nd April (Continued)	15 to captured line of German trenches which were now consolidated and held. Sentinels placed in wood over recaptured guns. Sent for Major Leckie to discuss situation. Many wounded and dead brought in and sent to Brigade Head Quarters.	

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<p>23rd April Trenches South of Wood 2m^s West of St. Julien</p>	<p>Many wounded and dead about. Very arduous time at dressing station. Germans did not counter attack but sat tight. Left Major Leckee in charge. Left with Lt. Col. Burland to dispose of 2 Coy. 14th Battalion which had come up in reserve. On return found Station badly shelled. Many killed and wounded. Rapid fire from enemy in evening but no attacks. Good telephone connection with Brigade H. Q. and with Cap. Ral in trenches.</p>	<p>7 Fine</p>

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<p>24th April 15. Trenches S of Wood W. of St. Julien.</p>	<p>Dawn broke without counter-attack. 4 A. M. received orders 2nd Battalion to go into trenches and 16th and 10th Batts. to be withdrawn. Day-light operation carried out in close contact with the enemy and controlled in the trenches by Cap. Rab. Men sent out one at a time as replaced in proper order. Sent Major Leckie to Brigade H.Q. There the 16th were directed. Remained until whole of 16th had gone. Occupied General H.Q. line of defense N. of Wiltje the redoubts of which were already in the hands of the Buffs. We alternated short positions with them. Made my H.Q. adjutant's house used as dressing station. Shelled very heavily by Cross fire. Also under rifle fire. 2nd Battalion ordered to retire from trenches we had captured.</p>	<p>4. Five</p>

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25 th April 15 Holding H.Q. line N of Wiltje	Very heavy cross shell fire during the day. Had to report to Brigade H.Q. with other O.C. High explosive shells drove out Brigade Staff and set fire to Brigade H.Q. 175,000 rounds of S.A. ammunition destroyed. Capt. Macdonald badly wounded and brought to my H.Q. General Turner Lt. Col. Hughes and Capt. Villiers came to my H.Q. for remainder of the day. Trenches badly shelled. Relieved during night beginning 1 A.M. by the West Yorks. Sent off in detachments to La Bruere General Turner and Staff surprised to find Regiments gone to H.Q. S of Breillon? (Breillon)	Dull and cold.

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26 th April 15 Bivouac South of Brielen	Word that we must leave almost at once for La Brique. Orders from Brigadier. Paraded Regiment at 9 ³⁰ and issued rations and ammunition (1/2 rounds). Parade state 500 men 113 officers. Marched mud on route an raid, passing near Brielen. Heavily shelled. Word sent to Brigadier and course taken across fields. Halted West of La Brique after crossing Yser Canal. Dug out selves in. Left after 3 for St. Jean where we dug in S. E. side of the village. Very heavily shelled. Great damage done in St. Jean.	Fine
24 th April 15 St. Jean (Brielen)	Heavily shelled all day. Very trying day. Moved out at 8 ⁴⁵ and returned to Regimental H. Q. South of Brielen. No. 1 Co. which had been left behind reported at St. Jean shortly before we moved off. They had remained all night on West side of Yser Canal through unauthorised order passed along.	Fine

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28 th April 15 Brouac South of Brielen	New draft arrived as follows: - 91 men from Gordons - these left quarantined in England: draft of 220 men under Major Peck Visit from Major Panet. Ordered to move at 7.45 P.M. and relieve 1 st Batt. on West side of Yser canal about 3000 ⁺ N. of Ypres	Fine
29 th April 15 Yser Canal.	In trenches along West embankment all day. Orders to move to reserve trenches on East side of Canal. Had to change line under order of Engineer Officers & make proper defensive trench. 17 th Batt supposed to be on my right but they withdrew except for 50 men under Capt. Adams	Fine

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30 th April Trenches East of Yser Canal	Heavy shelling all day. French attacked in force at 11 A.M. Artillery duel all day. 1 P.M. batch of 32 prisoners came in. French carried two lines of trenches. 16 th Batt. in support with 15 th Batt. ordered to support. Sirhind brigade to night. May have to advance. Troops very tired and need reorganisation	Foggy morning but fine later

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Ordinary shell fire in morning. Casualties
to noon for past 24 hours - 1 killed and 8 wounded by
shell fire. Sent telegram stating Regiment not in proper
condition to take offensive. Promised relief to night. Failed
however. Lines heavily shelled.

Fine

1st May 15
Trenches East of
Yser Canal

Ordinary shell fire in morning. Casualties
to noon for past 24 hours - 1 killed and 2 wounded by
shell fire. Lost 2000 lbs of ammunition. In a
condition to take offensive. Promised relief to night. Said
however. Lines heavily killed.

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2 nd May 15 Trenches East of Yser Canal	Casualties 1 man wounded. Strength in trenches 24 Officers 762 N.C.O.'s & men. Heavy shell fire early morning. Quiet later on until about 5 P.M. About 5.30 dense heavy fumes were observed on our right. Attack made on our 12 th Brigade. Many officers of our Regiment overcome with gas. Had Regiment "stand to" ready to assist if called upon. Fused artillery duel. Four of machine gun section killed by high explosive shell. Orders to be relieved by 10 th Bde. 2.15 tomorrow morning.	Dull some rain
3 rd May 15 Trenches East of Yser Canal	Heavy firing due East in morning. Casualties 16 noon for past 24 hours - 4 killed and 6 wounded. Strength in field 24 Officers 749 other ranks. Regiment relieved 2.30 morning. Arrived in Broisac 1 mile N. of Nametinghe about 4 A.M. Got wet marching.	Dull with rather heavy rain later.

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<p>4th May 15 Bwouac 1 mile North of Mamertinshe</p>	<p>Brigade Head Quarters to interview General Turner. Thanked for the way the Regiment behaved on the night of 22nd 23rd April. Gallant action saved the position for the British. Men went swimming. Orders to march at 8 P.M. Arrived at billets S of Bailluel at 2.45. H. Q. Maison Blanche. Very slow march many stragglers.</p>	<p>Fine.</p>
<p>5th May 15 Maison Blanche</p>	<p>H. Q. at house of M. Geloën. Orderly room there also. Saw Brigadier at H. Q. met General Alderson. Described the charge we made. Received his congratulations. Later General Smith-Dorrien addressed the Officers & congratulated the Regiment. Delightfully quiet after strenuous time. Much needed rest!</p>	

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6 th May. 15 Maison Blanche.	Foot and rifle inspection of Regiment. 1st inspection and list of deficiencies made up. Meeting of O. Co. at Brigade H Q. General Turner and Colonel Wood present. Questions re draft administration honours taken up. Re best means of protecting men from gas poisoning we have received Jodicum Hyprosulphite to be placed in masks. Heavy work in Orderly room.	Rain in morning. Fine in afternoon
7 th May. 15 Maison Blanche	15 men belonging to 16 left at Base and sent as draft to 13 th Battalion were returned to us. Re-organization and rule marches carried out. Inspected Capt. Sturdees draft of 213 men from Gordons (Victoria) 712 Batt. Orderly room # 30.	Alternate rain & sunshine

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7 th May (Continued)	Had talks with General Turner re honours. Have recommended Major Godson, Major Gal, Captains Marshall Merritt Geddis, Ager M ^o Gregor & M ^o Lean	
8 th May Maison Blanche	Returned men on draft belonging to different Regiments and sent 180 of my men to 15 th Battalion to equalize strength. Received presents from Queen Alexandra for officers and men. Notice to be ready to move at 1½ hrs. notice after 8 A. M. tomorrow. Inspected N ^o 2 Co at drill in morning.	F. J. J.

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9 ^h May 15 Maison Blanche	Sent forward honour list for N.C.Os and men. Inspection of Regiment and address by General Alderson General Turner Lt. Col. Hughes and Staff Officer present. Elementary church parade at 7.30. Route marches for Companies in forenoon. Photos of Regiment and Officers who survived charge.	Fine but cold towards evening
10 ^h May 15 Maison Blanche	Acknowledged Queen Alexandra generous gifts. Arranged to get money from Nieppe to pay mess. Company parades as usual!	Fine and warm.
11 ^h May 15 Maison Blanche	Orders to have 10 men sent to 13 ^h Batt. difference between mess sent and returned. Colonel Wood & Lt. Col. Hughes called in reference to honours list. Drills 9 to 11 & 2 to 4.	Warm

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12 ^h May 15 Maison Blanche	Interviewed Capt. Putnam about new uniform. Khassbi kills shortly. Inspected drill grounds. Signed transfer of 5 men to A.S.C. Drills 9:11 - 2 1/4. Orderly Room 4:30. Orders to move 1 1/2 hours notice cancelled. Regiment ordered to parade for inspection by G.O.C. noon tomorrow.	Warm.
13 ^h May 15 Maison Blanche	Inspection cancelled owing to rain but Regiment to stand by ready. Quiet day.	Rainy
14 ^h May 15 Maison Blanche	Inspection ordered for 11 AM. Orders to move. This evening Billeting party sent out. Brigade and Colonel Hughes called 10:30. I cancelled inspection. Move to Pacaut South of Merville. Billets at Quentin H.Q. in house at cross-roads. B. H. Q. at Robecq. Arrived at 1 AM. Transport 4 AM. Few stragglers.	Rain in morning. Fine in afternoon

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15 th May Quenton	15. Inspected billets Rifle foot and ammunition inspection 3 P.M. Orders to report to Brigade H.Q. with other O.Co. Interviewed Lt Colonel Hughes and Capt. Villiers at Brigade H.Q. Attack likely to take place to night 11 P.M. In all probability may have to move. Maps for O.Co. Roads to Rue l'ÉpINETTE reconnoitred.	Fine but cold.
16 th May Quenton	15. Awakened 5.40 to receive message from H.Q. Battalion must be ready to move 9 A.M. Got 3 new Machine Guns. Heavy firing all day.	Fine

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<p>14th May Quentin</p>	<p>Orders at 12 AM. to move early. Battalion assembly point at Sacaut road junction at 5.45. Reported arrival of Battalion to General Turner at 6.55 AM. Marched to Tourlet. Halted about an hour. Marched towards Ruel l'Épinette and occupied G. H. Q. line of trenches. Several hundred prisoners passed during the day. Informed to be ready to move at moment's notice. Brigade H. Q. in farm east of line. Meeting of O. C. at 9.15 AM. Battalion marched off 8.15 P.M. to billets at Essars 16th Batt. near Canal crossing on road to Bethune. H. Q. about 300' East of Canal on South side Main R. Orders at 4 AM. to be back at General H. Q. line at 8.30 AM.</p>	<p>Early morning fine. Rain evening.</p>

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<p>18th May Essars</p>	<p>Parade in front of H.Q. at 6.45 A.M. All on time. Marched off at 6.55. Passed through Essars 7. A.M. Arrived at General Head Quarters line S. East of Le Tourlet at 8 A.M. Went to Brigade Head Quarters and got orders to occupy trenches West of Indian Village just East of Rue l'Épinette. Marched off at 2 P.M. via route "B" - 100 yards between companies in fours. Met General Turner and staff at Rue l'Épinette. Ordered to make an advance with 14th Batt. on our left. One company of 16th to make flank attack on orchard South of La Quingue Rue</p>	<p>Cloudy.</p>

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<p>18th May. 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>Marched up to Indian Village just behind old British line and detached No 4 Co under Capt. Hastings to make flank attack. No. 2 Co. under Capt. Rae to make front attack in conjunction with two Companies under Colonel Burland. 16th on Right. 14th on left. No 1 and 3 Companies supporting Capt. Rae remained in 1st line of German trench. 14th Batt. swung too much to the right pushing us in that direction also. We occupied portion of our assigned line. 14th Batt. did not. Flank attack was not proceeded with owing to non-</p>	

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<p>18th May. (Continued)</p>	<p>- arrival of covering detachments. Captain Hastings casualties 4 killed and 40 wounded Major. Rai's casualties 20 wounded. Asked to attack and clear wood if troops in position but 14th not in position consequently did not advise attack. Stormuous night. Got in touch with Major Rai by phone and had him adjust line so as to connect up with British troops on both flanks. 14th got on to our left and connected up with Guards & we connected with Wilts. on our right. Colonel Burland took 14th away before daylight and left gap of about 200' between us and Guards.</p>	<p>-</p>

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<p>18th May (Continued)</p>	<p>Placed machine gun on our flank next this gap sent up No 1 and 3 Companies under Major Peck and Capt. Mowson at 11.30 to dig in. They did not arrive owing to great darkness until 2 AM. but completed the trenches. No. 2 and 4 companies came out to reserve trenches. No. 2 in German 1st line and No. 4 in British 1st line. Major Peck in charge of line for the day. Major Rae and Capt. Hastings having come out.</p>	
<p>19th May Festubert.</p>	<p>orders to attack orchard to night 16th to take position after the Artillery had bombarded the wood until 10 P.M. Issued orders for the attack to</p>	<p>Bloudy damp and cold.</p>

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<p>19th May 18 (Continued)</p>	<p>take place at 10.15. No. 3 to make the attack supported by No. 1 Company. Nos 2 and 4 were to be in reserve occupying the trenches as they were vacated by Nos. 3 and 1. Attack called off in afternoon. Ordered to send out patrols to reconnoitre houses East and South of us. Patrol to East had 6 casualties & Patrol to South none but was nearly cut off. This was in the morning. In afternoon got orders to establish advanced post in front of our line near road junction La Quingue Rue. Advanced post was established with two machine guns in house just S.W. of above road junction. Commenced at midnight and worked till day light. Sent two platoons each from No. 2 and 4 Companies to assist Garrison of 30 men.</p>	

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<p>20th May Festubert (Trenches)</p>	<p>In communication with front trenches and gave orders regarding strengthening of line and cover trenches in case of shell fire. Heavy bombardment by Germans beginning at 12.30. Force until 1.50. Our guns replied but did not appear to be nearly as strong - but I probably was mistaken in the great din. Wire to advanced line broken twice but immediately repaired. Lt. A. Stewart and Private Hardwick in the thick of heavy shell fire connected the broken wire. Telephone message from Brigadier saying attack planned for tonight is cancelled. Called later to meet Brigadier at Indian village at 3.30 and then told we were to attack orchard at La Quingue Rue with one company at 7.45. Gave orders for attack with 11:30</p>	<p>11 Fine</p>

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<p>2^o May 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>Company under Capt. Morison & No. 1 Company under Major Peck to support. House S of orchard also to be attacked. 15th to attack houses some distance on our right at same time. Placed Major Rai in charge of operations as Major Leckie left on leave for 96 hours. The attack succeeded and Capt. Morison with great gallantry led the charge followed by Lieut. Duncan. Major Peck directed two platoons towards the house South of orchard but was checked by Machine gun fire. Two platoons of No. 1 in reserve under Lieut. Wallis. Attack on woods successful and Capt. Morison cleared the whole orchard and adjacent houses digging himself in on</p>	

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<p>20th May 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>far edge of wood just inside enclosing hedge 50'. Wallis brought up his supports with Machine gun and opened on house. He put enemy's machine gun out of action. House S of orchard occupied by Morrison's men later. Got in touch with Major Rae by phone and directed him to establish line extending from left 9th Can. Batt. along main German communication trench to South end of orchard including house and orchard and along East side of orchard to Quinque Rue road junction. Directed him to withdraw men of 16th Batt. when line had been taken over by 13th Batt. which was done at 3 A.M. Sent up 20 men 10 each from No. 2 Coy. to assist 13th at request of their O.C. Balance came out at 3 A.M.</p>	

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<p>21st May Festubert (In trenches)</p>	<p>Orders to prepare to move Battalion to "stand to". Desultory artillery fire, chiefly British otherwise quiet. Enabled 13th Batt. to consolidate position won by 16th Battalion. Two new machine guns to replace those smashed in action. Heavy fire on our left at 10 P.M. after considerable bombardment by our guns.</p>	<p>Fine.</p>
<p>22nd May Ossars</p>	<p>Brigade H.Q. for conference of O Co. Orders to report at General Seeley's H.Q. on Rue l'Epimette at 9 P.M. with my Battalion. Sent Major Rae and 3 officers to report to General Seeley's H.Q. as soon after 1 P.M. as possible. Reported at 2.45. Marched through Festubert up La Quingue Rue road to British lines where I made my H.Q. Placed No 2 Co in front line. No 1 and 3 under Capt Morison in support in old German line. No 4 in reserve under Capt Hastings in old British line.</p>	<p>Fine. Ema for 26th See 26th entry</p>

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May 22 nd - 15 Festubert. (Reserve trenches)	Man accidentally shot in leg by one of the pioneers who was changing his rifle. Recreated off line. Visit from Major Elmsley. Orders to move to Essoars about 6.30 P.M. Instructed companies to move by platoons and concentrate just west of le Tourlet road junction. Remained in trenches until news had gone. Rode with Regiment to west of Essoars where we went into same billets as before except No. 4 Coy which took billets next to Essoars. Transport at 6. M. Stores remained at Les Ylaugmes.	Fine.

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23 rd May Essars	Heavy thunderstorm during night. Foot and rifle inspection 3 P.M. General Turner called in afternoon and thanked men for their good work in the capture of orchard at La Quingue Rue. Men have had good rest. Sent in report on engagement of 20 th May and wrote report on operations May 18 to 21 st . Total casualties 266 which includes 7 officers. Killed 23. Wounded 215. Missing 31.	Fine: warm
24 th May Essars	Conference of O.C. Brigade H.Q. Sent Lt. Locke and 11 men to Brigade Barracks.	Warm bright sunshine

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May 24 th (Continued)	Orderly room 2 P.M. 3 rd Battalion Canadians made successful attack and captured K. 5. Heavy artillery fire during night. Sent in recommendations - operations May 18 - 21 st . Distinctions for Capt. Morison, Major Rae, Lt. Duncan and Pl. Appleton.	
May 25 th Essars	Meeting of O.C. Decided to amalgamate No. 1 and 3 Co. under Captain Morison. Recommended Gordon Tupper, Forbes, Henry and Sachs for commissions. Summing parade for all men in La Bassie Canal. Route march.	Bright and warm

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<p>May 26⁶ Ersars</p>	<p>Brigade H.Q. for conference of O.C. Orders to report at General Seeley's H.Q. on Rue l'Épinette at 9 P.M. with my Battalion. Sent Major Ral and three officers to report to General Seeley's H.Q. as soon after 1 P.M. as possible. Reported at General Seeley's H.Q. at 7.45. Marched through Festubert up La Quingue Rue road to British lines where I made my H.Q. Placed N° 2 Co in front line N° 173 under Capt. Mowson in support in old German line & N° 4 in reserve under Captain Hastings in old British line.</p>	<p>Fine</p>

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May 27 th Festubert (Frenches)	Orders to establish three Advanced posts some distance beyond front line. This was done under direction of Captain Rae and working party of 25 men from N ^o 3 Co. under Lt. Colquhoun. Detailed to report to Capt. Macdonald of the Engineers who laid out trench to connect the most forward part of trench occupied by 14 th Batt. with the right of our front line. Each advanced post was garrisoned by one N ^o Co. 75 men. One section of line not bombarded. Adjoining sections were	Fine
May 28 Festubert	To be relieved 10 P.M. Orders to advance our three advanced posts 100 yds. further East	Fine

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<p>May 28th (Continued)</p>	<p>and to complete trench from 14th Battalion. Advanced position to right flank of our first line - also to make communication trench in 14th Battalion section from German trench to old British trench - work to commence at 10 P.M. Advanced post by Lt Cotton and 24 men - connecting trench by Lt Colquhoun 750 men Balance of Regiment relieved by 15th Battalion during night and went into reserve trenches and billets on Rue l'ÉpINETTE near Brigade H.Q. Left one of our machine guns in middle advanced post at request of 15th Battalion.</p>	

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<p>May 29th 15. Rue l'Épomette reserve position</p>	<p>Interviewed General Turner at noon. Heavily shelled at 2 P.M. Several landed in No. 1 Co billets and wounded nine of our men - four seriously. Orders to send working party of 50 men and 1 officer to firing line to report to O.C. 13th Battalion cancelled later owing to heavy shell fire. Draft of Officers received by Regiment.</p>	<p>Fine</p>
<p>May 30th Rue l'Épomette reserve position</p>	<p>Intermittent shelling all day. Furnished working party of 200 men under Capt. Wood and Lt. Duncan, Locke, Carstairs, & Cotton - 80 men from No. 173 and 60 each from 2 & 4.</p>	

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<p>May 30th (Continued)</p>	<p>Dug communication trench in section of line held by 3rd Brigade. Relieved tomorrow by 20th Brigade of the Division. Heavy gun fire during the night. Instructed Major Gale to telephone and ascertain cause.</p>	
<p>May 31st Rue l'Épauvette. reserve position</p>	<p>Interviewed General Turner. Walked to Pont Lévis on La Bassée Canal in order to see if route all right. No. 2 and 4 Companies left for billets at Obblonghem via Bethune at 6.30 P.M. No. 1 Coy remained until I left at midnight. Enemy bombarded trenches during relief about 9 P.M. Quite severe. Arrived Obblonghem 1.15 A.M.</p>	

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June 1 st 15. Obbinghem.	Regiment rested in the morning. Interview with General Turner in afternoon at head quarters. Foot and rifle inspection at 3 P.M.	Fine
June 2 nd 15 Obbinghem.	Full marching order with respirators. O.C.'s inspection of entrenching tools, arms, packs and respirators. All men were inspected as to adjustment. General Turner had two men try relative merits of German and British entrenching tools. Once the crust is through, German tools seem preferable. British best however in hard soil. R.A.K. Mustering parade at 3 P.M. Of whole Battalion 612 all ranks including detached men at Brigade H.Q. 572 men of whom 22 officers & 4 1/2 men available for trenches.	Fine.

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June 3 rd Oblinghem	<p>Bathing parade for Battalion beginning at 7.15 A.M. - 50 men and N. Co.' every half hour to Bethune. Orderly room at 2.30. Interview at Divisional H.Q. at 8. P.M. Attack to night by 7th Division on left of trenches held by Canadians. Canadians hold Givenchy from La Bassée Canal North to Shrine.</p>	Delightful weather.
June 4 th Oblinghem.	<p>Meeting of O. Co. at Brigade H.Q. at noon. Instructed to go to trenches with O. Co. companies tomorrow to inspect them prior to taking them over. Inspected Pipe band in their new kilts. Attack last night successful. 1st line of German trenches taken but bombed out this morning.</p>	Cloudy but fine

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June 5 th 15. Obblingham.	Left at 7.45 for inspection of trenches we are to occupy. Went over all trenches in B2 Section with Lt. Col. Odhams of 7 th Batt. To command 15 th and 16 th Battalions and take over B2 Sub section from 7 th and 8 th Battalions 2 nd Canadian Brigade. Orderly Room at 4.30. Appointed Lt. Cotton bombing officer for Battalion and told him to organize bombing section of 40 men.	Fine
June 6 th 15. Obblingham. R.B.H.	Orders to move at 12.30 P.M. by companies at 15 minutes interval. Went to Divisional H.Q. and handed in plan and description of gas proof dug ^{out} for machine guns which I designed. Arrived at trenches about 5.15 and relief completed about 6.45. Saw Lt. Col. Lysoett and discussed situation. Went round front trenches on right of my sub-section - especially around Dues's Bill. (Continued)	Very hot.

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June 6 th Continued	Right Coy No. 4 Firing line 90; Support 25. Left Co No. 1 Firing line 137 support 20. Support in Piccadilly in rear of No. 4 Co. In support of No. 1 Company 34 men across base of Duck's Bill salient and 25 men garrison for keep. Scouting party of three sent out.	
June 7 th Givonchy.	General Turner and Captain Villiers arrived to see Major Marshall and myself at Conference at my H.Q. The companies of 15 th were relieved by King Edward Horse 1 st Squadron under Major Hildox. Major Harding second in command stayed at my H.Q. Went up to trenches in evening and inspected Duck's Bill salient with respect to means of getting over parapet. Inspected support trench. Placed R.E.H. detachments in Gunners siding & ^{MARIE} Mass Redoubt. Attacks by Surreys on our left to occupy	x x x x

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June 7 th (Continued)	15. mine crater in front of position - done with bombs. Engineer Officer and bomb officer inspected support trench.	
June 8 th Lywenchy.	15. Orders we are to be relieved to night of all our line except 1 st Coy. front at Quaker's Bill by 7 th Division. Orders subsequently cancelled. Orders at night to start redoubt. Went out with Major Hilder K. E. H. and Lt. Cottors and located site for the fort. About midnight took Lt. Harrison R.E. and showed him site for Redoubt. During day had reports that sounds were heard under Curzon Street (trench) about 20 yds. South of Berkeley Street and in Oxford Street (front trench) as if enemy were mining. Gave instructions for examination at once by R. E. officer who inserted listening cone and	Very hot forenoon. Rain and thunder storm afternoon.

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June 8 th (Continued)	15. put down several holes 10 to 15 feet deep. No results. Ordered men cleared from both sides of suspected point. Sand bags ready to block off trenches if necessary. Artillery bombardment of enemy wire all day. Several of our shells fell into our line. No damage however. Lines very close 40 to 100 yds. apart. Pfc Tolmie investigated German wire in day time by crawling through long grass and reporting to Artillery.	
June 9 th Epionchy. <i>BBB</i>	15 Got up early and started working party of K. E. H. under Major Hilder to complete Redoubt. Worked until 3 P.M. Redoubt almost completed and communication trench well under way. O. C. Queen's Regiment called to see me about relief at 9 A.M. Attended meeting of G. Co. at Distillery on Canal. General Turner and others present.	Fire but rain in afternoon and evening.

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June 9 th (Continued)	At 3 P.M. went to see Hilder Redoubt and later on to Orchard Farm to locate dug outs. Working parties formed for dug outs and redoubt and for the carrying of material. Reported that enemy was countermining at Duck's Bill. Had trench connected across base of salient. Officers of 1 st Canadian Brigade visited our lines to inspect the position. Took all precautions re counter mine. Captain Wood went out in day light to determine in long grass and reported on condition of enemy's wire. Major Cartwright in charge of Squadron in close support.	
B.H. June 10 th Givonchey.	Orders that Brigade will be relieved to-night. Hilder redoubt completed. Bombardment as usual by our artillery - cutting of enemy's wire.	Cloudy. Rain later.

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June 10 th (Continued)	Visited firing line. Interviewed Engineer officer in charge of mining. Says no suspicion of enemy counter-mining at Ducks' Bill. Mine in 165 feet. 50 feet still to go. Went to Windy Corner to meet O.C. Royal Scots Fusiliers at 9 A.M. Left of our position was relieved by R. S. F. at 7 P.M. and the right by 2 nd Canadian Battalion by 10 P.M. Captain Morrison looked after relief in firing line. Battalion marched into billets by platoons and arrived in early morning.	
West of Crosses. June 11 th - 15.	Orderly room at 11.30. Interviewed General Turner and Captain Villiers re reconnaissance of Ducks' Bill approaches. Arranged programme for Regimental Aquatic sports - tomorrow afternoon. Men resting	Dull.

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June 12 th West of Cassars.	15. Meeting of C. Co. at Brigade H.Q. General Alderson informed me liked idea of gas proof dug out for machine gun & was having one made. Regimental sports in afternoon in La Bassou canal. Quite a success. Orderly room 11 3. Company parades at 9 A.M.	
June 13 th West of Cassars.	15. Parade 2 P.M. for all that in Regiment having Ross Rifles. March to Obtinghem where Lee-Enfield's were issued in exchange for the Ross rifle. Orders to report at Vauhall Bridge (Givonchy) at 3.4.M. Monday. All Co. in the Brigade and 1 officer per Battalion to report and to reconnoitre the enemy's position in front of La Bassou.	Fine.

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June 14 th West of Essars.	Left for Givonchy at 2.30 with Captains Hastings in accordance with instruction. Rode to Windy Corner <u>via</u> S. side of Canal - from there to observation posts in Orchard and April Bank. Arrived back at 6.15. Company parade as usual.	Fine.
June 15 th West of Essars.	Orders to be ready to move the Battalion any time after 4 P.M. Meeting of O. Co. at Brigade H. Q. at 4 P.M. Heavy bombardment on our front commenced 5 P.M. Ambulances full of wounded. Liable to be called into action at any time. At 1 P.M. news that the Canadians were ejected from captured positions by bombs and rifle fire. All passes cancelled today. Company parades morning and afternoon.	Fine.

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June 16 th West of Essoars.	Company parades in morning at Brigade H.Q. General Turner inspected each company in turn. Orders to stand to and prepare to move off any time after 4.30. 9 P.M. orders that "stand to" cancelled. 2 nd Brigade would relieve 1 st . Heavy explosion of our mine.	Pleasant.
June 17 th West of Essoars.	Battalion parade 9 A.M. for promulgation of sentence on Pt. Tolmie and Pt. Nearing. Tolmie two years. Nearing 1 year. Transport inspection by Lt. Col. Simpson at 9.30 A.M. Company parades	Fine
June 18 th West of Essoars.	as usual. Parade by companies at 9 A.M. Inspection of Battalion & Coy. drill by General Turner at Brigade H.Q. 2 P.M. march past with pipe band. Regiment did well but diversity of uniforms had jarring effect!	Fine but cold at night.

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June 19 th 15 West of Epsoars.	Company parades: Rifle inspection swimming 7 th at 9 A.M. Sergts. Brussey & Henry and Lt. Sacks promoted to be Officers. General Alderson again referred to gas proof dug out: impressed!	Fine.
June 20 th 15 West of Epsoars.	Transport sports this evening: success. Church parade for Battalion - Brigade H.Q. Canon Scott officiating. Orders for trenches right of 22 nd - 23 rd June. Given command of section B2 in front of La Bassée. Command 15 th and 16 th Battalions. Interviewed Lt. Col. Armstrong re protection from mines.	Fine.

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June 21 st 15 West of Essars.	Rode with officers to inspect Givonchy trenches. Saw General Currie and Lt. Col. Lipsell, Odium and Elmoley. Went along trench running out in front of our parapet close to enemy's lines. While there enemy shelled Duck's Bill destroying two sections of parapet 5. Meeting of B. Co. at Brigade H.Q. at 3.30. Battalion Drill 2 P.M.	Fine.
June 22 nd 15 West of Essars. R.H.	Company parades 9 A.M. Interview with General Turner and Lt. Col. Loomis at Brigade H.Q. Hear attack is probable during our period in the trenches. Battalion relieved 8 th Battalion in trenches at Givonchy leaving billets about 7 P.M. by companies $\frac{1}{2}$ hour intervals. Relief to commence 9 P.M. Relief completed about 11 P.M. Saw Lt. Col.	

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June 22 nd (Continued)	Lipsell and discussed situation. Commanding Section B2 with 15 th & 16 th Battalions. Col Loomis on left commanding B3 Section with 13 th and 14 th Battalions.	
June 23 rd 15. Ywenchy.	Went out with Capt. Urquhart at 4 P.M. and inspected Keep, Hilders Redoubt, and Mairie Redoubt. Quiet night in trenches. General Buckley, Lt. Col. Gordon, Hall & Armstrong & Capt. Villiers and Moressey arrived to go through trenches. The General is C.R.C. 4 th Army Corps to which we now belong. Went to left of our front line of trenches and then on to Section B3. Went with Capt. Hastings over our line to Duck's Bill. General Turner sent for me at 4 P.M. to discuss attack. Message we are to be relieved tomorrow night if nothing unforeseen happens.	Cloudy with occasional showers.

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June 25 th 15. West of Epsars.	<p>^{June 24th} The following names of Officers and men appeared in the London Daily papers as having been mentioned in dispatches: - Lt Col R. G. Edwards Leckie; Major G. Godson-Godson Capt C. M. Merritt; Corp. G. C. Heath; Sgt. A. W. Minchin, Motor cyclist and Private J. Bizley.</p>	
<i>M.H.</i>	<p>^{June 25th} The following honours according to Daily News papers are gazetted: - Lt Col R. G. Edwards Leckie to be Companion of the Most noble order of St. Michael and St. George - order to date from 3rd June. Major G. Godson-Godson - Distinguished Service Order.</p>	X
1247 W 2209 206,000 (E) 8/14 J.R.C. & A. Form C. 2118/11.	No parade to day. Men resting	

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June 26 th 15 West of Essars Ryle	Brigade Head quarters in morning. Saw Colonel Fomer and went out with General Turner to watch the bombers at work. German high explosive shell fire caused French observation balloon E. of Bethune to descend. Germans bombarded road S.E. of Bethune and killed 4. Billeting party sent to Neuf Berguin. Company parades in the morning. Battalion to march out at 10.15. Marching out at 26 Officers and 660 other ranks. Passed canal bridge 3/4 mile N.E. of orderly room at 11.30 P. M. Order of march 13 th 16 th 14 th 775 th . Arrived at billets Neuf Berguin 3.30 A.M. Route 10 minutes every hour. Slight rain on route. Capt. Morrison went on leave this morning.	Fine

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June 27 th Neuf Baguion	Foot and rifle inspection by companies. 15 Billiting party sent out at 2.30 to Noste Bomm. Column to move off at 9 P.M. Parade of Regiment called for at 9.15 about 1 1/2 miles to starting point. Orders of march same as 26 th . Arrived at our old billets at La Maison Blanche about 10.30 P.M. Did not go to Noste Bomm	Cloudy with occasional showers.
June 28 th - 15 La Maison Blanche R.S.K.	Company parades and inspection at 11 A.M. Meeting of representatives from the different companies to form an advisory recreation committee to look after purchase of comforts for the men and organization of concerts and games. Capt. Marshall & Forgie to be executive committee. The Advisory Committee all N. Co. and men - two from each company and staff.	Cloudy with some rain.

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June 29 th 15 Maison Blanche	Interview at Brigade Head Quarters. Saw Generals Turner and Campbell. Company parades 9 to 11.30. Went to see gas proof machine gun dug-out chambers had made for me. Baseball games in afternoon and concert in evening. Private Hearing sentenced to one year's imprisonment sent away with Provost Marshal.	Cloudy. Rain in evening.

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June 30 th 15 La Maison Blanche	Battalion Parade 9.30 A.M. Inspected men with smoke helmets on: then short route march. Baseball and football matches in afternoon. Finals of baseball tournament played in evening. 14 th Battalion moved out towards Belgium line. 15 th somewhere in Belgium. Orders that 5 N.C. Os. and men per week to be granted 7 days leave. Captain Hastings on leave. Troops will be ordered to help farmers get in crops.	Cloudy with occasional showers.

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<p>July 1st 15 Maison Blanche Billets</p>	<p>Company parades 9 to 11.30 A.M. Examined gas proof machine gun emplacement. Not yet complete but looks favourable. Dominion Day celebrated - sports in the afternoon, concert in evening: great success.</p>	<p>Cloudy but fine.</p>
<p>July 2nd Do. Do.</p>	<p>Company parades 9 to 11.30 A.M. Interview with Brigadier General Turner and examined with him gas proof emplacement. 3rd Brigade to relieve 1st Brigade in trenches on Monday next. 14th and 15th Battalions in firing line 13th support 16th reserve.</p>	<p>Fine.</p>
<p>July 3rd 15. Do. Do.</p>	<p>Orders to be at 1st Brigade H. Qo. on Plogsteurt Road at 2.30. All O.Co. companies & M.G. officers to be present. The line to be taken over by us on Monday in Plogsteurt Wood. The 16th Battalion relieves Col. Rennie's Battalion.</p>	<p>Fine: hot.</p> <p>J.H.</p>

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July 4 th 15. Maison Blanche.	Church parade 11 A.M. Canon Scott officiating. Day quiet and men resting.	Fine: very warm.
Billets. July 5 th 15 Do. Do.	Company parades 9 to 11 A.M. Orderly Room 10 A.M. Marched off 5.45 P.M. Arrived at Pifferies Floegsturt about 9.15 P.M.	Cloudy.
July 6 th 15. Pifferies Floegsturt. (In local reserve)	General Turner called in morning and afternoon. Message received that Lieut. Chambers was wounded while examining machine gun emplacement at 11 P.M. Died at Niippe hospital at 4.30 A.M. Majors Leckie and Peck and Capt. Morison arrived tonight. Attack by 12 th Division on our left at 6.30 P.M. Working party of 320 men and 7 officers sent out!	J.H.

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7 th July 15. The Piggeries	<p>Officer commanding Lt Colonel Leckie D.M.S. left on leave of absence this morning. Major Leckie D.S.O. to be acting commanding officer. Brigadier General Turner called in afternoon Major Leckie and Major Peck inspected trenches 16th are to occupy. At 3 P.M. party of 268 returned from fatigue and at 6.30 A.M. working party of 92 went out. Returned at 4 P.M. At 7.45 night working party of 260 paraded. Of the day fatigue party there were three casualties. One since reported fatal. Otherwise day quiet with no bombardment to speak of.</p>	Very windy with occasional showers.

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8 th July 15 The Pigerries	Major Leckie D.S.O. acting Commanding Officer. Working party of 260 officers and men returned at 2 AM. At 7.30 AM. working party of 141 went out. Returned at 4.15 P.M. 7.45 P.M. night working party of 200 went out. Orders were received to prepare Machine gun Emplacement for gas test. Day quiet.	Windy but fine.
9 th July 15. The Pigerries	Major Leckie D.S.O. acting Commanding Officer. Night working party of 200 returned at 2.30 A.M. Quiet in the forenoon. No parades. Men resting. At 3.45 message from head quarters for 16 th Battalion to relieve 15 th Battalion in the trenches. Battalion marched off within 40 minutes - 15 minutes interval between Companies. Relief complete by 6 P.M.	Cloudy with rain in afternoon. J.M.

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9 ^h July. 15. (Continued)	No 1 Company Captain MORISON commanding on right occupying trenches No. 126-7. No 4 Company in centre Captain Urquhart commanding occupying trenches 128-9. No 2 Company on left Captain Bell-Spring commanding occupying remainder of trench 129 and 130. Nothing of any importance to record. Practically no rifle or artillery fire and snipers have been quiet. Head quarters established in house on Messines Road close to "Hyde Park" corner.	
10 ^h July 15. Trenches 126 - 30	Fighting strength <u>540</u> men and 20 officers Major Leckie D.O. acting Commanding officer. Party of 11 men selected from the Pipe band working on Head quarters dug outs. 11 A.M. meeting at the	Fine but cloudy. JWh

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10 th July 15. (Continued)	Figgeries of officers Commanding Battalions. General Turner presiding. In forenoon Major Leckie made inspection of trenches. Very quiet in the trenches. Practically no rifle or artillery fire. Capt. Markham went on 7 days leave.	
11 th July 15 Trenches 126 - 30	Major Leckie D.I.O. acting Commanding officer. About 6 A.M. enemy shelled but not to any extent Messines Road. Fragments struck Head quarters wounding Battalion Sergeant Major Nelson W.O. Party of 10 men selected from Pipe band working on Head quarters dug out. Chateau de la Hutte shelled at 10.30	Windy and chilly JH

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<p>11th July (Continued)</p>	<p>Interview with Brigadier General Turner in afternoon. Extremely quiet in the trenches with nothing of importance to record. Interruption of all day. Lt. Long killed by snipers at 11.30. Buried in the evening off Messines Road. Party of five from pipe band sent out to trenches with sand bags at 9 P.M.</p>	
<p>12th July. Trenches . 126 - 30.</p>	<p>Major Leckie D.O. acting Commanding officer. Party of 10 from pipe band at work on Head Quarters. Party of 20 men from Transport reported at Head Quarters and proceeded to the trenches. Brigadier General Turner takes the place of General Alderson <u>pro tem</u> and Colonel Loomis</p>	<p>Cloudy with slight showers in the morning. Fine later.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p>

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12 ^h July 15. (Continued)	takes the place of Brigadier General Turnet also <u>pro tem</u> . Major Leckie made inspection of trenches in the forenoon. Movement of Enemy's transport was heard in direction of Messines. Enemy busy with wire in front of us. Day very quiet with nothing of importance to record from the trenches. No casualties.	
13 ^h July 15 Trenches 126 - 30	Major Leckie D.T.O acting Commanding officer. Party of 10 men from pipe band finished dug out at Head quarters. Slight shelling of Messines Road and rear to H.Q. in the forenoon. No damage. Cathedral at Ploegsteert shelled in the forenoon. Colonel Loomis called at H.Q. in	Fine cloudy. Jh

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<p>13th July. 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>the afternoon. Interview with Major Leckie. Inspection of trenches was made in the afternoon by Major Leckie. Orders were issued for all ranks to "stand to" at 9.50 on account of the blowing up of mine at 9 P.M. in front of trench 121. Orders to "stand down" to come from Head Quarters. 9.40 orders to "stand down" were issued. Blowing up of mine brought about bombardment but nothing worthy of record. From 9.30 to 11 P.M. there was some heavy movement of enemy's transport proceeding from Messines Road: believed to be guns and metal beams. Enemy busy driving stakes for wiring especially in new works on left front 130. Hostile aeroplane hovered over Ploegsteert wood and disappeared eastward 4.40 Battalion was to be relieved to night. Cancelled. Trenches very quiet on our front. No casualties.</p>	

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14 th July 15 Tranches 126 - 30	Major Leckie D.S.O. acting Commanding officer. Quiet day. No bombardments and extremely quiet in Tranches. Relieved in afternoon. 8 th Battalion took over tranches 130-129 from 16 th Battalion. 15 th Battalion took tranches 128-127 and 126 from 16 th Battalion and French 125 and left half of 124 from 13 th Battalion. Relief complete by 6 P.M. M.P. 1 Co., Grenade Section and Machine Gun section took up various points in support close to firing line. Billeted in farm La Grande Manque close to Piggeries. Working party of 22 paraded at 8 P.M. and returned at 2.20 P.M. No casualties.	Fine morning but heavy rain in afternoon and evening.

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July 15 th 15. La Grande Manque close to Figeriac (in support)	Major Leckie D.S.O. Acting commanding officer. Party of 22 men returned at 2.20 in heavy rain. Quiet: men resting. Rifle inspection in forenoon. Bombardment again of Protestant Cathedral. In afternoon bombardment of Neuve Eglise with some effect. Tower blown off and later on was seen to be in flames. Otherwise quiet. Comfortable billets!	Fine but windy.
July 16 th 15 D. D.	Major Leckie. D.S.O. Acting commanding officer. At 4.30 A.M. working party of 106 paraded. Returned at 3 P.M. One casualty. Pte Hamilton wounded. At 8 P.M. working party of 11 went out and returned at 11 P.M. Also working party of 23 paraded at 8 P.M. and returned at 1 A.M. Two platoons from 701 Company left in support returned to billets in afternoon. Day very quiet with no incidents of importance.	Fine in the morning Rain late in the afternoon and evening. Jhr

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July 17 th La Grande Mangue Procourt (In support)	15. Major Leekie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Night party of 23 returned at 1 A.M. Working party of 56 paraded at 9 A.M. and returned at 3 P.M. 162 officers and men went out at 8 P.M. and returned at 3 A.M. one casualty. Colonel Loomis acting Brigadier called in afternoon. Interview with Major Leekie. Lieut Henry left for Machine gun training at St. Omer. Parade for foot and rifle inspection. Little bombardment and day extremely quiet.	Windy, showery & cold.
July 18 th D. D.	15. Major Leekie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Working party of 162 returned at 3 A.M. At 8.30 A.M. working party of 56 paraded and returned at 4 P.M. 11.30 Church parade - Canon Kott officiating. Orders were received for 16 th Battalion to	Windy but fine.

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<p>July 19th 15 (Continued)</p>	<p>relieve 15th Battalion in the trenches. Battalion moved off in companies half-an-hour interval between each and relief was complete by 7 P.M. N^o. 1 Company Capt. Morrison commanding on right occupying trenches N^o. 126-7. N^o. 4 Company in centre Capt. Urquhart commanding, occupying trenches 128-9. N^o. 2 on left Capt. Bell Spring commanding, occupying remainder of trenches 129 and 130. Head quarters on Messines Road near to Hyde Park corner. Fighting strength 5:5. The usual intermittent bombardment but nothing of importance to record.</p>	
<p>July 19th 15 Trenches 126-30 Ploegsteert.</p>	<p>Major Leckie D.L.O. acting commanding officer. Enemy shelled hill immediately above Hyde</p>	<p>Slight wind and much warmer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M.</p>

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July 19. (Continued)	<p>Park corner off and on all day. Several casualties but none as a result from 16th Battalion. Company commanders report trenches very quiet with situation unchanged. Patrols reported enemy driving stakes and sawing timber as if strengthening of barbed wire. Shortly after 7 P.M. our artillery opened fire on Le Petit Douve - 3rd Artillery: excellent shooting! Germans retaliated slightly! Major Leekie examined all trenches in the evening. 7.30 two shells burst on right of 126. One man wounded. On the whole no incidents of importance. Capt. Ueguhart went on leave of absence.</p>	
July 20 Trenches 126-30 Flogstart.	<p>Major Leekie D.L.O. acting Commanding officer. Slight shelling of Hyde Park corner in early morning. But for this extremely quiet all day. Inspection of trenches by Major Leekie. Report from usual fatigue work on support trenches writing, entrenching 1st company commanders report little of importance. Day monotonous with no episodes. Capt. Markham reported for duty after leave of absence.</p>	<p>Warm. Light wind S.W. by W.</p> <p>JH</p>

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July 22 nd 15. Bulford Camp. France.	Huts comfortable. Day free from Bombardment. Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Company parade 11 A.M.: foot and rifle inspection. No Battalion parade: men rotating. Eight men wounded returned from hospital and reported for duty. At 4 P.M.	Windy but fine. Rain. late in afternoon and evening. Wh

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<p>July 22nd (Continued)</p>	<p>386 reinforcements from 43rd Battalion arrived. They were accompanied by five officers who made examination of trenches and who return to England this afternoon (Friday 23rd). Reinforcements met by Pipe band. All Camerons: fine healthy lot of men. An unfortunate accident occurred to the 3rd Brigade Grenade Company. As a result of experimenting on new bomb 1 officer and 4 men were wounded - one man since died of wounds. Lieut. Rochfort of the 16th was the officer wounded. Heavy bombardment during evening could be heard clearly in the distance.</p>	
<p>July 23rd Huto Bulford Camp France.</p>	<p>Major Peckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. New draft paraded to companies. N^o. 1. 121. 2. 72. 3. 117. 4. 76. Total 386. Company parades in the forenoon. Working party of 1 Officer and 53 N.C.O's.</p>	<p>Windy and cold with heavy showers at intervals</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jhr</p>

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July 23 rd (Continued)	and men paraded at 7.30 A.M. and returned at 4 P.M. 1 officer and 26 N.C.s. and men paraded at 7 A.M. and returned at 4 P.M.; and 1 officer and 52 N.C.s. and men paraded at 6 AM. and returned at 3 P.M. A supply of sun curtains ordered. Men enjoying change and rest!	
July 24 th Huts: Bullford Camp France.	Lt. Col. Leckie C.M.G. returned from England. Company parades 9 to 11.30. Working party of 200 paraded at 7 P.M. Day quiet!	Windy with occasional showers.
July 25 th D.O. D.O.	Lt. Colonel Leckie C.M.G. commanding officer. The following services were held: Roman Catholic Mass and communion 10 A.M. Church of England 11 AM. Presbyterians: communion service after Church of England service. Major the Rev R.H. Steacy and Capt. D. John Pringle officiating. Musketry party of 50 paraded 1.30 and returned 5.30. Inter-view at D.H.Q. in afternoon. Sports for the men in afternoon	Fine. JH

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July 26 ^E 16. Huts: Bulford Camp.	Lt. Col. Leckie C.M.G. commanding. Company drill for one hour in morning. Muster parades extending over greater part of the day. Two working parties of 1 officer and 50 men each paraded at 6.40 and returned at 3.30. Musketry party of 1 officer & 50 men from new draft paraded at 8 AM. - returned at 1 PM. Also musketry party from N ^o 1 Co. 1 officer and 150 men paraded in the afternoon. Staff officer of 83 rd Brigade called in afternoon in order to look over billets. Every precaution is being taken against outbreak of typhoid. Day peaceful.	Time: very warm.
July 27 ^{hi} 15. Do. Do.	Lt. Col. Leckie C.M.G. commanding. Company parades 9 - 11.30. All Col. Leckie addressed reinforcements. Working party of 200 paraded at 6.40. Returned at 5.30. No incidents to record.	Time. JLH

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<p>July 28th 15. Huts: Bulford Camp France.</p>	<p>Major Leekie D.S.O. acting Commanding officer. Bathing parades for the whole Battalion extending over the whole day. The following working parties paraded:- 4 Officers and 200 N.C.O.s and men at 6.40 A.M. returned at 4 P.M. Musketry: 50 paraded at 8 A.M. and 50 at 1.30. Returned at 5.30. Working party of 22 paraded to assist Engineers at Baths. For distinguished conduct on the field Captain Morrison has been honoured with the D.S.O. As usual day extremely quiet!</p>	<p>Fine: cold wind in the evening.</p> <p>Y.M.</p>

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July 29 th 15. Hute Bulford Camp. France.	Lt. Col. Leekie C.M.G. Commanding officer Pay parade extending over whole day. No Battalion parades. Battalion relieved 3 rd Battalion: Ploegsteert reserve. Moved off in companies 6.45 and relief com- plete by 9 P.M. The companies were posted as follows: No. 1 Company Major Peck commanding in support La Grand Manque. No. 2 Company Capt. Irving command- ing: in reserve Chateau de la Hulle W 14.5 W 14 C: Barrie Breadworks N. of Barrier. No. 3 Company Capt. Morrison commanding - Mot. Farm; Dead horse corner; Hunter's avenue N. of Grand; Bunkhill Row; Fosse de la Barre; Beck's Fort and Bedford Fort. No. 4 Company Capt. Urquhart com- manding: Wood U 19 A 1.3 Total fighting strength: 851 No casualties and little of interest to record. Head quarters La Grand Manque.	Hot during day: Chilly at night. JH

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July 30 th 15. Reserve and support tranches: Ploegsteert. For disposition see July 29 th	Lt. Colonel Leekie C.M.G. Commanding Officer. The following fatigue parties from N ^o . 1 Company paraded. 9.10 AM. 50 N.C.O.s and men and 35 N.C.O.s and men. 8.25 AM. 1 officer and 100 N.C.O.s and men. Orderly Room 2.30. Heavy bombardment could be heard in the distance early in the morning, otherwise day extremely quiet.	Warm.
Do. Do. July 31 st 15	Lt. Colonel Leekie, C.M.G. Commanding Officer Company officers report everything quiet. The following parades:- 21 at 8 AM. 1 officer and 50 at 8.10 AM. 21 at 8 AM. and 1 officer and 50 at 8 AM. 9 officers and 100 at 8.10 P.M. Airplane extremely active all day and bombardment at intervals.	Fine JH:

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches in reserve and support Ploegsteert. For disposition see July 29 th	August 1 st	15	Major J. Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Working parties: 2 Officers and 150 men paraded at 8 AM. and 4 Officers and 200 men paraded at 8 P.M. Major Leckie made examinations of dispositions in afternoon. Church service at 11 AM. Company commanders report everything quiet. Intermittent shelling of Ploegsteert, otherwise quiet as usual.	Very hot 4 th pr CWI
No	Aug 2	15	Major J. Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Working party of 2 officers and 150 men paraded at 8 AM. Major Leckie made examination of trenches in the early morning. Orders that 16 th Battalion relieve 15 th in trenches. Relief complete by 5 P.M. The following are the dispositions - No 1 Company Major Peck commanding 128 S2, 129 S2 Post Farm No 2 company Capt Bell. Irving	Heavy showers at intervals 4 th pr CWI

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Place *	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	August 2 nd		Continued. commanding 130. No 3 company Captain Morrison D.S.O. commanding 126, 127. 126 S.I., 127 S.I. No 4 company Captain Wood acting commanding officer 128, 129. Machine Gun Lt. Fowles in command 128. 30 Head Quarters Kent House Messines Road. Total strength 867. Company commanders report little of importance. Orderly room 10.30. Captain Urquhart acting Adjutant ⁵ Capt Kemp on leave of absence. Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Day	
	August 3 rd		extremely quiet. Brigadier General Turner called at H.Q. in the Evening.	Cold and raw with heavy showers at intervals.
	August 4 th		Colonel Leckie made inspection of trenches Orderly Room 9.30. No casualties very quiet.	Fine shower at intervals at intervals.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 126.30 Pleystant	Aug 5 ¹⁵		Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Company commanders report progress in the various trenches. Day comparatively quiet with no casualties.	Cloudy but much warmer. Heavy showers at intervals.
D.O.	Aug 6 ¹⁵		Lt. Colonel Leckie C.M.G. commanding. At the request of the Brigade an S.O.S. call was put in at 1.45 and responded to by No 3 Battery. Inspection of all dispositions was made by the commanding officer at 4.30 A.M. Day quiet in the trenches. Orders received that No 2 Battalion would relieve 16 ⁵ . Relief complete by 9 P.M. Housed at Bullford Camp.	Dry at camp
Bullford Camp France	Aug 6 ¹⁵		Lt. Col. Leckie commanding. Battalion parade 10.45. Inspection by Major General the Hon. P. Hughes. In the course of an address he <u>inter alia</u> referred to the bravery of the Brigade. The following working parties paraded: 1 officer and 50 men & 1 officer and 75 men at 6.45 A.M.	Cloudy and relaxing at camp

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bulford Camp	Aug 15		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Orderly Room 9.30 AM. Voluntary Divine service 11 A.M. Working parties 1 officer and 25 men at 6.40 and 1 officer and 75 men at 6.40 AM. 150 men and 2 officers 1.55 P.M. - pitching tents	Bright and warm. No wind
Do.	9		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Orderly Room 9.30. Company parades: foot and rifle inspection bathing. Following are the working parties 1 officer and 50 men 6.50 AM. and 1 officer and 50 men 6.50 P.M. Day quiet!	Hot and oppressive. No wind
Do.	10		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Orderly Room 9.30. Working parties 1 officer and 78 men at 6.40. 1 officer and 26 men at 7 AM. Company parades in the morning, also musketry. Day quiet.	Very hot. No wind
Do.	11		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Orderly Room 9.30. Court Marshal 10 AM. D.H.Q. Company parades and pay parades. Working parties 1 officer and 50 men at 7.20 AM. and 1 officer and 50 men at 7.20 P.M. Day quiet.	Warm.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bulford Camp.	Aug 12	15	<p>Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Lt. Col. R. G. Edwards - Leckie C.M.G. assumes command of 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade from this date. <u>vice</u> Brigadier General R. E. W. Turner V.C.; C.B. who proceeds to the United Kingdom on duty.</p> <p>Court Martial 10 A.M. D.H.Q. Company parades 9-11.30. Pay parade all day. 6.40 four officers and 200 N.C.O.s. and mess working party. Day quiet as usual.</p>	Day very hot & I was out
D.	13	15	<p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. commanding officer. Company parades 9 to 11.30 AM. Orderly Room 9.30. Working party of 175 men and 4 officers paraded at 6.40 AM. Nothing to record.</p>	Very hot & I was out
R.C.	14	15	<p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. commanding officer. Orderly Room 9.30. At 6.40 AM a working party of 200 men and 4 officers paraded. Day quiet.</p>	Nothing to record

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bulford Camp	Aug 15/13		<p>Major J. Edwards D.S.O. Commanding officer voluntary church parade 11 AM. Orders issued that Battalion will take over trenches 138-142 near Wolverhampton. Companies moved off at 2.30. Relief complete by 8.30. Head quarters in dug-outs opposite Plus Douce farms. The following are the dispositions - Trenches 138-9 Captain Bell Irving commanding (No. 2 company) Trenches 140-142 Capt. Wood commanding (No. 1 company) S 139-141 (No. 2 company) S 139-140 Grenade Fort Osborne and King Edward Terrace (No. 3 company) Captain Morrison D.S.O. commanding. S 12 A 4 1-2-3. Captain Urquhart commanding (No. 4 company) Total strength 292. one casualty.</p>	<p>Rain in the forenoon Fine later. D 2 24 per wire</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tranches 138-142 Near Wulverfen	Aug 16/15		Major J. E. Leckie D.S.O. Commanding officer. Intelligence reports by officers commanding reveal little of importance. Day comparatively quiet.	Fine w/ wind I put wind Heavy rain at intervals w/ wind I put wind
N ^o .	Aug 17/15		Major J. E. Leckie D.S.O. Commanding officer. Day quiet along our front. Nothing of interest to report.	Warm with occasional showers w/ wind I put wind
N ^o .	Aug 18/15		Major J. E. Leckie D.S.O. Commanding officer. Company officers report day very quiet along our front. Nothing worthy of record.	Bright and warm. wind
N ^o .	Aug 19/15		Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Major J. Edwards Leckie was removed to hospital at 3 P.M. Day quiet as usual. Orders issued that Battalion would be relieved by 15 th Battalion. Relief complete by about 8.30. Battalion on huts Kordipyo. Major Markham killed while reconnoitering.	

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Kortepys Auto.	Aug 20 th / 15		Major CW. Peck acting commanding officer. Rifle and foot inspection. The following working parties paraded 1 officer and 50 men at 7 AM. and 1 officer and 50 men at 6.30 PM. Day quiet. Men resting.	Warm corp
Do.	Aug 21 st / 15		Major CW. Peck acting commanding officer. Company parades 9 to 11.30 AM. Following working parties paraded 1 officer and 50 men 7 AM. 1 officer and 50 men 7 PM. Major Markham buried at 11 AM. Military cemetery Armentiers. Day quiet!	Heavy rain forenoon. corp
Do.	Aug 22 nd / 15		Major CW Peck acting commanding officer. Orderly Room 9.30 AM. Bathing parades forenoon. The following working parties paraded. 1 officer and 50 men 7 AM. and 1 officer and 50 men 7.15 AM. Usual quiet day.	Fine corp

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Kortepuff Huts	Aug 23 rd /15		Major CW Peck acting commanding officer. Orderly Room 9.30 AM. Bathing parades and Company parades forenoon. Officers commanding companies examined trenches to be taken over. Men resting in the afternoon. No incidents to record.	Hot and depressing curl
190.	24 th /15		Major CW Peck acting commanding officer. Orders issued that Battalion take over trenches 138-142 near Wulverghem. Battalion moved off at 9.15 AM. Relief complete by 12 P.M. Headquarters in dug-outs opposite Plus Douce farm. The following are the dispositions - Trenches 138 and 139 T/1 138-9 Lt-142 Captain Horwood (No 3 Company) 140/1 - 142 No 4 Company Capt. Urquhart Fort George and King Edward Terrace (No 1 Company) also T/2 a 4.1 Capt. Wood S/139 - 140/1 also part of 138-9 (No 2 Company) Capt. Bell. Irving	Very hot curl

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches	Aug 139-142	25/15	<p>August 24th (Cont'd)</p> <p>Grenade S1 139/140. Total strength 892.</p> <p>Major C.W. Peck acting commanding officer.</p> <p>The gist of the intelligence reports sent in by officers commanding companies shows that during the Battalion's stay in the trenches <u>i.e.</u> from August 24th to August 29th inclusive there was little of consequence to record. Everything reported to be quiet along our front. One casualty. Battalion relieved by 15th Battalion on 29th. Relief complete by 1 P.M. 30th August. Billed Court Drive and immediate neighborhood.</p>	<p>Especially hot:</p> <p>comp</p> <p>comp</p>
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>From the 25th to 29th August - Continued.</p> <p>During this stay in the trenches new defensive works were begun. A new line was started cutting across in front of 138-9 with the object of crossing behind 140-172 and connecting with British line. A special reconnaissance was carried out with the object of ascertaining the position and extent of new German works in front of 140-172 and of the feasibility of constructing a new low front line trench around the salient in front of above trenches. As a result of this reconnaissance the above trench was recommended to the Brigade by the Commanding Officer. The Germans were very active during this stay - new works and trenches. It is believed they have a new advanced post in front of trench 142.</p>	<i>cont</i>

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Cocals Draw Billets	Aug 30 th / 15		Major C. W. Peek, acting commanding officer. Foot and rifle inspection. Working party of 3 officers and 250 men paraded at 8.30 P. M. Billets shelled about 11 A.M. 4 casualties, otherwise quiet day.	Cloudy but warmer. wind
No.	Aug 31 st / 15		Major C. W. Peek acting commanding officer. Pay parades all day. Day very quiet.	Faint wind

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Courte Dron Bellefleur Belgium	Sept 1/15		Major C. W. Peck, commanding officer. Rifle inspection and pay parades. The following working parties paraded 2 Officers and 200 men at 7.30 P.M. and 1 Officer and 50 men at 7.30 P.M. Working party shelled by the enemy: three casualties: one killed two wounded.	Showers at intervals and
D.	Sept 2/15		Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Company parades and pay parades. Working parties 2 Officers and 200 men at 7.30 P.M. and 1 officer and 50 men at 7.30 P.M. Shelling by enemy in neighbourhood of Battalion Head quarters more persistent. Working party (night) also shelled.	Morning fine rain afternoon and
D.	Sept 3/15		Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Orders for Battalion to relieve 15 th Battalion in the trenches 138-142 near Wulverghem. Relief complete by 9.30 P.M. The following are the dispositions. No. 2 Company 138-9140	Heavy rain all day. and

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Trenches 135-142	Sept. 3 rd	Continued	<p>(Capt. Bell. Irving Commanding.) No. 1 Company 142-141 and Dragon Alley (Capt. Wood Commanding) No. 4 company. King Edward Terrace, Fort Coborn and part of T 12 a 4.1 (Capt. Urquhart Commanding) No. 3 Company T 12 A 4.1. (Capt. Morrison D.S.O. Commanding) Grenade Lt. Sacks in command 139 S 1 and Dragon Alley Machine Gun Lt. Henry (acting) in command 140-1-2. Head quarters N. of La Rue Drou. Strength 781.</p>	Curt
140	Sept. 4 15		<p>Major C. W. Peak commanding officer. The intelligence reports show little activity on the part of the enemy. Very little sniping. Trench 140 and Ration Farm received about 6 High explosives each. Three pigeons at 20 minutes interval were seen flying from our rear across Trench 140 to German lines between 5.30 and 6.30 A.M. 4 Casualties. Capt. Wood Commanding No. 1 company wounded. Pk. Evans and Court. Killed.</p>	Cold and heavy showers at intervals Curt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 138-42	Sept. 5 th / 15		Major C.W. Peck commanding officer. Six or eight shells on trench 139 at 6.40 P.M. No damage and spasms of shelling on Co. H.Q. trench 140 9.45 A.M. and 5.30 P.M. No apparent damage. An enemy search light was used from Messines. Day however very quiet with little of interest.	Much warmer Camp
Do.	Sept. 6 th / 15.		Major C.W. Peck commanding officer. Enemy sniping active at dawn on trenches 138-9. and enemy patrols observed on front opposite 138-9. 13 th Battalion H.Q. shelled at 11.30 A.M. and 4.30 P.M. Patrol party from No. 1 Co reported rounds from small enemy working party in front of trench 141 as if unrolling drums of wire and attaching same to steel stakes at 9 P.M. On the whole the attitude of the enemy was quiet.	Hot. Camp
Do.	Sept. 7 th / 15		Major C.W. Peck commanding officer. Enemy unloading steel during the night apparently where trench crosses Messines Road. About	Hot. Camp

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Trenches 138-42	Sept 7 th		About 5 P.M. German aeroplane observed above British line. Same machine came over a second time at 5.30 P.M. about 8000 ft. up. Believed to be signalling in Morse with his machine gun to his artillery. Statement is born out by several men of the company on the right flank. About 6.15 P.M. a flying machine was observed over the "Dollo House" - believed to be German. It was seen to drop six white star shells. Day quiet as usual.	
	Sept 8 th 10		Majr Cw. Peck commanding officer. Day quiet with no incidents worthy of record. Battalion relieved and relief complete by 10.30 P.M. Battalion in huts Kozto pup.	Very hot. ewp
			<u>N.B</u> During this stay in the trenches i.e. 4 th to 8 th Sept inclusive the following progress work is reported. Parapet right flank Trench 140 sand-bagged and strengthened. Company H.Q. dug-out rebuilt and roofed. Machine gun emplacement pulled down and rebuilt. Several dug-outs rebuilt and made rain proof and the usual fatigue work.	

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Kotte pup Huts	Sep. 9 th 15		Major C.W. Peek commanding officer. Company parade: foot and rifle inspection. Day quiet and men resting	Brilliant sun-shine
D.	10		Major C.W. Peek commanding officer. Battalion parade for promulgation of Court Martial sentence. Day without incidents	corp do corp
D.	11		Major C.W. Peek commanding officer. Battalion parade: ^{10 AM.} Inspection by Brigadier-General Leckie, C.M.G. Concert in the evening. Nothing of importance to record. Working party of 20 paraded in the morning and 20 in the evening	do. corp
D.	12.		Major C.W. Peek commanding officer. Divine service 9.30 AM. Canon Scott officiating. Battalion parade. Day quiet. About 5.30 PM four high explosives fell in neighborhood of huts but no casualties as a result.	corp

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Kortepuis Huls France	Sept. 13/15		Major C.W. Peck commanding officer. At 8 P.M. Enemy aeroplane brought down. Day otherwise quiet. Orders received that 16 th Battalion relieve 15 th Battalion - French 138-42 near Wolverphen. Relief complete by 9.20 P.M.	Fine but cloudy and slight rain evening. CWP
Fronches 138-42	Sept. 14/15		Major C.W. Peck commanding officer. The gist of the intelligence reports sent in by Company commanding officers is as follows: The enemy was fairly active until 2 A.M. 3 whiz bangs were placed between old and new Co. H.Q. (141) at 12 P.M. Working party of 100 in front of 141 fired on at 10.45 six Minenwerfers over front in front of 138-9. In hollow left of Wolverimphon - Messines Road 100 yds from 140, 5 or 6 bombs were fired as well as intermittent rifle shots. Surmised enemy imagined our patrol in that vicinity. Snipers were active on our left. Sergeant Thompson killed.	Fine CWP

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Franches 138-42	Sept. 15/5		<p>Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Attended meeting of C. O.'s at Brigade re promotions. Visited trenches afternoon. Daily intelligence summary is as follows:- French 139. 140 heavily shelled between 5 P.M. and 6 P.M. French 141 shelled at 7.15 A.M. Shelling intermittent throughout the day, but on the whole the attitude of the enemy was quiet. At 11 P.M. wire working party on left of Wulveringham - Messines Road were fired on. Three casualties. Two of them very slight.</p>	Brilliant sunshine corp
D.	Sept. 16/5		<p>Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Day almost without incidents. Enemy artillery fired on 140-1. 2 principally in rear of old company St. G. Breach made in parapet 140-142. "Father's Walk" also shelled almost entire length. Enemy own working at house about 200 yds in front of extreme left of 142. No casualties.</p>	corp D.

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Trenches 138-42	Sept. 17/18		<p>Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Orders that Battalion be relieved Relieved by General Suley's Brigade and relief complete by 9 P.M. Day very quiet with little shelling. Company officers' intelligence summary reveals nothing.</p> <p>A. B. During this stay in the trenches i.e. 13th to 17th Sept. inclusive the following is the progress report:- Dugouts cleaned out and strengthened as well as ports etc. Headquarters dug out completed and location of barricade decided upon. Excavation for Company Headquarters shelled parapet restored in several places. Constructing wire work on frontage of 150 yds. Shelter trench rebuilt and strengthened. Beginning made on proposed line trench in front of 141/42.</p>	Brilliant performance. w/p w/p

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Huto Aldershot France	Sept. 18/ 15		Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Very heavy bombardment could be heard on our left - went on for several hours. Rifle inspection and pay parades. Quiet: men resting. Concert in the evening.	camp

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Aldershot Huts France 19 th Sept. 15.	Major C. W. Peck, commanding officer. Church parade 10 A.M. Cols. Burland and Fisher with detachment of 14 th attended. Visited Brigade Bathing parade for men. Day quiet.	Fine CWP
Do. 20 th Sept. 15.	Major C. W. Peck, Commanding officer. Orders for Battalion to march off 9.30 A.M. with Pipe band for Laerehof Farm. Arrived 11 A.M. Remained there until 3 P.M. Made trench dispositions and marched to Derrin. Relieved Northumberland Regt in G 3.2.1 and #5.4.2 and supports. Visited trenches with Battalion Sergeant Major after midnight	Brilliant sunshine. CWP

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Trenches Berrier 21 st Sept 15.	Major C. W. Peck, commanding officer. Visited and inspected trenches in afternoon. Day extremely quiet with no incidents of importance.	Bright. cwp
No. 22 nd Sept 15	Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Reconnoitred Battle Head Quarters and new routes. Went to Artillery O. P. viewed our position and positions on the left as far as Ypres. Daily intelligence summary is as follows. Enemy shelled front trenches between 5 and 6. During the day we accounted for 3 periscopes and two of the enemy. Nothing however worthy of record.	Cloudy. cwp
No. 23 rd Sept 15	Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Visited trenches in afternoon. Made report to Brigade on	cwp Colden Train

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23 rd Sept (Cont'd)	wiring in front of our positions as of no value whatever. Also reported on bombing, recommending bomb proof shelters in crater. Considerable activity with bombs and grenades in front of G, between b and 7. Two enemy aeroplanes believed to be Albatross type seen at 12 noon. Enemy plane again heard using machine guns for signalling.	cwp
Fronches Barricade 24 th Sept 15.	Major C. W. Peck commanding officer made inspection of Fronches - forenoon. Attended meeting of C.O.s at Brigade. Intelligence summary reveals little of importance. Day quiet. Relieved by 15 th Battalion 7 to 9 P.M.	Rain cwp

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Kermond Shelters 25 th Sept 15	Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Occupied 2 nd by H. of lines at 4.30 A.M. to support 15 th in case of attack. The enemy lines was to be attacked at certain points and a general fight took place over a very extensive front. Returned to Kermond Shelters at 7.30 AM.	Rain CWP
RD. 26 th Sept. 15.	Major C. W. Peck commanding officer. Left Kermond Shelters at 1 A.M. Marched in company to Aldershot Huts. Arrived between 4 and 5 A.M. At 5.30 P.M. ordered to support 14 th Battalion near Droystant relieving 7 th Norfolk.	Foggy in morning but bright later. CWP
In support near Droystant. Sept. 27 th 15	Major C. W. Peck, commanding. Visited company in the morning. In afternoon Major Natrix & Lt. Grant called. Went with them and Capt. Urquhart.	Bright but much colder CWP

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27 th Sept. (Contd)	to front line and went over whole Brigade frontage. Really nothing of importance to record. Major C.W. Peck, commanding. Visited Companies morning and Brigade H.Q. afternoons.	Rain cont
Do 28 th Sept 15.	Day very quiet with no.	cont
Do 29 th Sept 15	Major C.W. Peck commanding. For us quiet but heavy bombardment to the North in the evening. Visited Companies in the morning. Brigade in the afternoon.	Heavy rain & very cold. cont
Do 30 th Sept 15.	- Major C.W. Peck commanding. Visited Companies in forenoon. Aeroplane activity at night and heavy bombardment North of us. 6.30-7.30. Little to record from this Battalion.	Raw and cold: rain in evening. cont

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October 2 nd 15 H.O.	Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches 127. 8-9; also companies in morning and afternoon. Nothing of importance to record.	Fine Wh
October 3 rd 16 H.O.	Major Peck commanding. Divine service. Day very quiet. Relieved by 8 th South Lancashires at 5.30. Relieved General Seeley's Brigade in 139. 40-1-2. Relief complete by 9 P.M. Quiet and unimportant.	Fine. Wh

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October 2 nd 15 W.D.	Major Peck commanding Visited trenches 127-8-9; also companies in morning and afternoon Nothing of importance to record	Fine Jph
October 3 rd 16 W.D.	Major Peck commanding. Divine service Day very quiet. Relieved by 8 th South Lancashires at 5.30. Relieved General Seeley's Brigade in 139-40-1-2 Relief complete by 9 P.M. Quiet and unimportant.	Fine Jph

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<p>October 4th 15. Trenches 138-42.</p>	<p>Major Feek commanding. Visited trenches in afternoon and after dark. Day extremely quiet. Took over Trench 138 from 10th Batt. afternoon. The following is the gist of the intelligence reports. Some activity in enemy artillery, shelling in rear of T12 ac. also in rear of Trenches 140 & 139. The attitude of the enemy on the whole was quiet with little of interest.</p>	<p>Showery and much colder. JH</p>
<p>October 5th 15 Do.</p>	<p>Major Feek commanding. Visited trenches in afternoon. Usual shelling. one man killed. An analysis of intelligence reports shows little of interest. Enemy quiet and day monotonous. Lt. Colonel J. Leckie arrived and took over command.</p>	<p>Cold and raw JH</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 136-42	6 ^h 15.		Lt. Colonel Speckie D.S.O. commanding. Made inspection of trenches with Major Peck. Usual shelling but attitude quiet and uninteresting. Intelligence reports reveal nothing likely to be of value.	Fine but cold. Jm
No.	6 ^h 7 ^h 15.		Lt. Colonel Speckie commanding. Visited trenches with Major Peck in morning. Conference in afternoon re proposed defence works. Between 2 & 4 P.M. enemy artillery bombarded our trenches. Heavy transport heard moving behind lines opposite trench 140 - reported to sound like traction engine hauling heavy transport. Intelligence reports show day to be uninteresting.	Cold and cloudy. Jm
No.	6 ^h 8 ^h 15.		Lt. Colonel Speckie D.S.O. commanding. Visited and inspected trenches in forenoon with Major Peck. Little shelling and day quiet. Relieved by 15 th Battalion and relief complete by 8.30 P.M. Reserve Billets Court's Drive.	Cloudy Jm
			11.13 In addition to pressing details there was the usual progress and fatigue work. The stay in the trenches i.e. from 4 ^h to 8 ^h 6 ^h inclusive may be summed up as follows - nothing of tactical importance. Arrangements were made to cooperate with the Engineers (1 st Field Coy. C.E.) in carrying out important improvements to our front line defences, we agreeing to supply 120 men every 24 hrs.	

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<p>October 9th - 15 Courte Drevr, Belgium (In support)</p>	<p>Lt. Col Leekie D.S.O. commanding. Meeting at Brigade H.Q. in morning. Rifle inspection in morning. Day quiet.</p>	<p>Fine JH</p>
<p>October 10th - 15 Do</p>	<p>Lt. Col Leekie D.S.O. commanding. Durne service. Heavy bombardment to the South. For us quiet.</p>	<p>Fine JH</p>
<p>October 11th - 15 Do</p>	<p>Lt. Col Leekie D.S.O. commanding. Meeting of C. Co' at Brigade in the morning. No incidents worthy of record. Company drill and the usual working parties.</p>	<p>Fine but colder. JH</p>
<p>October 12th - 15 Do</p>	<p>Lt. Col Leekie D.S.O. commanding. Aeroplanes busy all day. Men ready to "stand to" all afternoon - anticipated bombardment. Inspected huts in the morning. Working parties and the usual details.</p>	<p>Fine JH</p>

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13 th October 15 Courte Drive Belgium	Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. Commanding. Company drill morning and the usual working parties sent out. Afternoon heavy bombardment of German trenches. Apart from this day quiet and uninteresting.	Fine JK
14 th October 15 D.O.	Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. Commanding. Orders issued to relieve 15 th Batt. in afternoon - trenches 138-42. Relief complete by 6 P.M. Day void of interest.	Fine JK
15 th October 15 Trenches 138-42.	Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Inspected trenches in morning. Following is the gist of intelligence reports. Attitude of enemy nervous but alert. The usual shelling, but on the whole very little of interest to record.	Misty JK

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16 th October 15. Trenches 138-42.	Lt. Col Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Inspection of trenches in morning. Following is a summary of intelligence reports. Very little rifle fire. Usual amount of sniping. Less enemy glare. Enemy quiet and alert on our right front but nervous on our left. All night enemy working party could be heard opposite 140 - wire. Reported that a French bullet was fired from a German trench to left of 140. Bullet identified by Colonel Leckie. Day quiet.	Foggy. JH
17 th October 15 Trenches 138-42.	Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. French inspection in early morning. Platoon of 42 nd arrived in the morning for 24 hrs. instruction. Intelligence reports reveal little. An artillery observer has reported that our artillery yesterday made several direct hits on Enemy M.G. emplacements and it is surmised that at least 1 gun was put out of action.	Morning foggy; bright later. JH

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October Frenches 138-42	18 th		<p>Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. French inspection morning. Enemy artillery very active. Scored three direct hits on parapet. 141. There is little however of interest to record. From intelligence reports it may be said day quiet.</p>	<p>Foggy but fine later. M</p>
October Frenches 138-42	19 th		<p>Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Usual inspection of Frenches. Attitude of enemy quiet. It is judged that the enemy hold the line opposite our front with a very small number of troops. Day without incidents.</p>	<p>Fine but cold. M</p>
October Frenches 138-42	20 th 15		<p>Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Frenches in the morning. Day extremely quiet. Relieved by 15th Batt and relief complete by 9 P.M. Batt. housed in huts Kottzpf. M.B. During this stay there was the usual progress and fatigue work. Summing up intelligence reports it may be said there is little of interest to record and certainly nothing of historical value.</p>	<p>Dull M</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
October Huls Kottbus.	21 st 15		Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Rifle inspection. Nothing to record. Men enjoying well earned rest.	Dull & cold. Fine M
October D.	22 nd		Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Company drill and bathing parades. Quiet. Nothing of interest	Fine. M
October D.	23 rd		Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Company drill and bathing parades. Usual quiet day.	Fine. M Rain in afternoon
October D.	24 th		Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Dawn service, Canon Scott officiating. Inspection of Battalion by Commanding Officer. Quiet without incident	
October D.	25 th		Lt. Col. Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Quiet morning. Orders to relieve 15 th Batt. late afternoon. Relief to complete by 8 P.M. Nothing to record.	Cold and heavy rain M

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FORM - 200 (Rev. 4-22-1917)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 138-42	Oct. 26.		<p>Lt. Col. Leckie commanding. Visited trenches in morning. The following is an analysis of intelligence reports. Between 3.10 and 3.26 P.M. about 20 H. E. shells probably 5.9 fell in Dragon Alley. Fathers walk and front parapet 141/2: no damage. German biplane brought down by Allied airman 10 P.M. Descended near Leckie Ave and Dragon Ave. Pilot killed, observer wounded and surrendered. Day quiet. Usual amount of flares and the usual aerial shelling to no purpose.</p>	Brighter J.M.
D.O.	Oct. 27.		<p>Lt. Col. Leckie D.O. commanding. Trenches in early morning. Activity of enemy - negligible. Machine gun emplacement located opposite trench 142 - position shown to the Howitzer Battery Officers. Reported sounds of mining in front of 139. Notice to be seen on German trench with words resembling "Zweht Landwehr". To be investigated.</p>	

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Fronts	Oct 28 th 139-42	15	Lt. Col. Leekie D.S.O. Commanding. Visited trenches in morning. Daily intelligence summary gives little of importance, the quietness of enemy lines very evident.	Rainy and cold. M
Do.	Oct 29	15	Lt. Col. Leekie D.S.O. Commanding. Trench inspection in early morning. Daily intelligence reveals little of interest. Enemy artillery fairly active M.G. emplacement opposite head of Seely Ave seems to be improved and attempt towards concealment made - Location 310 deg Mag. from Seely Ave. Enemy on the whole quiet.	Chas. M
Do.	Oct 30	15	Lt. Col. Leekie D.S.O. Commanding. Usually quiet with nothing of the slightest importance to record. Relieved by 15 th Batt. late in evening. In support Courtis Drive. <u>N.B.</u> During stay usual progress work. From a careful analysis of intelligence reports and diary of Commanding Officer, it will be seen that this term in the trenches is from 26 th to 30 th incl. is void of interest.	Dull. M
Courtis Drive	Oct 31	15	Lt. Col. Leekie Commanding. Rifle inspection 11 AM. Quiet and men resting	Dull 9, 7, 10 M

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Court Draw In subd.	Nov 1 st 15		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Interview at Brigade Headquarters. Day exceedingly quiet. Little of interest to record.	Very wet. Wh
D ^o	Nov 2 nd		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Quiet with nothing to report.	Very wet. Wh
D ^o	Nov 3 rd		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Visited La Plus drive in morning. All under water. New Battalion H. Co. started. Usual quiet day.	
D ^o	Nov 4 th		Major Peck commanding. Visited La Plus drive morning and afternoon. Relieved 15 th Battalion 6 P.M. and relief complete 8.30 P.M. Lt. Colonel Leekie on leave. Day quiet with usual intermittent bombardment.	Fine but misty. Wh

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Trenches 139.42.	Nov 5 th		Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. Engineers utterly failed to carry out what they undertook. Intelligence reports show activity negligible. Working parties heard during night and our listening posts report hearing enemy unloading iron. There was the usual progress work - repairing dug outs, parapets etc. Day shown to be quiet.	Cloudy D chowery M H
Dc.	Nov 6 th		Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. New Battalion head quarters chosen. Increased enemy artillery. Activity on our left front. It was observed that several enemy shells failed to explode. From the fact that enemy parties travelling our land are observed more frequently it is assumed	Fair M H

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Trenches 139-42	Nov 6 th		Continued that their communication trenches have also suffered during the recent rains. On the whole the attitude of the enemy was quiet. The usual progress work but little of interest to record.	<i>ph</i>
ND	Nov 7 th		Major Peck commanding Made usual visit to trenches Interview at Brigade H.Q. in morning. Our artillery bombarded enemy heavily in the afternoon. There was little response. Engineers again failed to carry out programme. Usual progress work. Intelligence summary shows little. Several Germans observed looking over parapet - all wearing blue grey uniform and forage caps. Quiet as usual.	<i>Four bat- misty</i> <i>ph</i>

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Trenches 139-42	Nov 8 th		Major Peck commanding. Enemy bombarded front trenches in the morning. Visited trenches afternoon and evening. Usual progress work. Attitude of enemy quiet on the right - but nervous on the left. Little activity shown on either side.	Fine JK
W.	Nov 9		Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches afternoon and evening. Attended meeting of O. Co's at Brigade. Attitude of enemy busy but quiet. Very little sniping or rifle fire. Slight bombardment on our front line at intervals. Nothing much of interest. Relieved by 15 th Battalion and relief complete by 8-30.	Cloudy Heavy rain JK
Hut Kotikyp.	Nov 10		Major Peck commanding. Visited Brigade afternoon. Interview with General Currie. Rifle inspection. Day quiet.	Showery and rain. JK
D.	- 11		Major Peck commanding. Meeting of officers in forenoon to discuss matters in general. General Leckie attended. Usual working parties and day uninteresting.	JK

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Huts Kotepyp.	Nov 12 ⁴		Major Peck commanding. Too wet for any kind of work. Day quiet and uninteresting	Very stinky heavy rain M
Co.	13 ⁴		Major Peck commanding. Interview at Brigade H. Q. Heavy floods. Day may be summed up as quiet	Wet and stormy M
Co.	14 ⁴		Major Peck commanding. Church parade 10.30. Relieved 15 ⁴ Battalion 5.30. and relief complete 8 P.M.	Fine; M cool
Trenches 139-42	15 ⁴		Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches. Front-trenches shelled Six casualties - one fatal. Intelligence reports gives attitude of enemy as very quiet. Usual progress work. Lt. Colonel Leckie returned to duty	Fine M

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Trenches	19.42	16 ^h	Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Busy with work on Battalion H.Q. our artillery bombarded enemy intermittently from 9 AM. to 4 P.M. Made inspection of trenches. Rifle fire and sniping quieter than usual - artillery (Enemy) fairly active. Day quiet on the whole.	Cloudy M
Do.		17 ^h	Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. 7 th Battalion on night entered enemy's trench at 2.30 AM. and took 12 prisoners. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. Usual progress work chiefly draining. Attitude of enemy extremely quiet. Day quiet all round.	Cloudy and shower M
Do.		18 ^h	Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Visited trenches morning Intelligence reports show quietness. Received by 15 th Battalion 5.30 - 8.30	Cloudy M

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Billetts Red Lodge In support	Nov 19 ^E		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Rifle inspection. Day quiet.	Fine but Cold. <i>W</i>
D ^B	Nov 20		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Company parades and the usual working parties. Day quiet and free from incident. Man killed in working party in evening.	Cold. <i>W</i>
D ^B	21		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Company parades forenoon. Interview at Brigade H. Q. Day uninteresting.	Cold <i>W</i>
D ^B	22		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Some enemy shelling during day, otherwise very quiet. Usual company parades and working parties. Relieved 15 ^E Battalion.	Foggy <i>W</i>

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Trenches 139-42	Nov 23		Lt: Colonel Leekie commanding. Artillery fire all day. Corp. Thomas machine gun killed. No activity to speak of. Usual progress work.	Fine. Jh
139.	24		Lt: Colonel Leekie commanding. Bombarded enemy heavily during afternoon 1 1/2 to 3.30. Enemy made response. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. Progress reports show repairing and strengthening. Attitude of enemy alert. Signaller Murray, killed at Batt. H. Q. and Corp. Buck wounded by sniper.	Cloudy. Jh
139.	25		Lt: Colonel Leekie commanding. Very little artillery and intelligence reports show day very quiet. Nothing of real interest to record.	Cloudy Jh

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Tranches 139.42	Nov 26 th		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Inspected trenches in the morning with Colonel Lewis. German aviators busy diving shelling of our batteries. Altitude of enemy aircraft but very quiet. Intelligence reports reveal little. Relieved by 15 th Battalion: their Machine Gun officer wounded.	Showery JH
Huts Kortepuff	27 th		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Rifle inspection. Men resting: day quiet.	Cold. JH
15 th	28 th		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Quiet all day. Nothing of interest.	Very cold. JH
15 th	29 th		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Balking parades. Very quiet.	Very cold. JH
15 th	30 th		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Quiet. Relieved 15 th Batt. 4.30 Y relief complete 8.30	Very cold Train in evening JH

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1 st December 15 Frenches 139. #2	Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Heavy shelling in afternoon 13 casualties - 3 killed. Our artillery replied to some purpose. Visited trenches in afternoon and stayed all night. Attitude of enemy alert. Listening post on left of trench 142 reported on seeing 4 of the enemy cutting wire on our front. Bombers threw three bombs, all of which exploded and the enemy retired. Enemy trenches were seen to suffer considerably in yesterday's artillery duel. Usual progress work.	Cloudy & windy Fair
2 nd December, 15	Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Little	

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Trenches 139-42	2/12/15		<i>Continued</i> Shelling. Visited trenches in afternoon with Major Beck Attitude of enemy very quiet. Intelligence report reveals little of interest and the day maybe summed up as quiet.	<i>gh</i>
Trenches 139-42	3/12/15		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Alleged spy arrested All quiet along enemy's front and nothing of interest to record.	<i>Misty</i> <i>gh</i>
Trenches 139-42	4/12/15		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches in the morning. Enemy bombardment off and on All day. One man wounded. Relieved by 15 th Bn.	<i>Fair</i> <i>gh</i>

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Red Lodge In support	5/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Rifle and foot inspection. Day quiet. Bay parade.	Fine ✓
do.	6/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. The usual working parties. Lecture to Officers in the afternoon. Red Lodge shelled at noon, otherwise day quiet.	Rain. ✓
do.	7/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Day quiet and nothing of interest to record.	Fine ✓
do.	8/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Quiet. Relieved 15 th Bn. and relief complete by 8.30 P. M.	Fine. ✓
Trenches 199 - 42	9/12/16		Lt. Colonel. Leckie Commanding. Enemy very quiet. and intelligence summary has little or nothing to report.	Very Quiet. ✓

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Trenches 139-42	9/13/16		Continued Major Beck reported having examined wire and found it very poor.	
do.	10/12/16		Lt Colonel Leckie Commanding. Visited trenches in the evening. One man wounded. Attitude of enemy very quiet. Some shelling in afternoon. Engineers arrangements fell through. Inspected wire of trench Working parties busy draining water and mud out of trenches.	Wind and showers
do.	11/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Visited trenches in morning and evening. Inspected wire in front of C.I. The general attitude of enemy was quit on	Very wet.

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Trenches 139 - 40	11/12/16		Continued our left, but nervous on our right. Nothing to report of historical interest. Usual progress work.	
do.	12/12/16		Lt. Colonel Lechie Commanding. Visited trenches in afternoon. Heavy enemy shelling in afternoon. Enemy nervous on our right and enemy artillery active on our left. Small patrols of Germans were observed travelling overland, opposite C.1. and 141. The day on the whole quiet, but for above mentioned shelling. Relieved by 15 th Bn. Relief complete 7 P.M.	Very stormy
Kortputz Huts	13/12/16		Lt. Colonel Lechie Commanding. Foot and rifle inspection. Day quiet and men resting.	Fair

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Kotkopyo	14/12/15		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Day quiet with little of interest. Bathing parades.	Cloudy M
Huk	15/12/15		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Inspected billets. Bathing parades.	Raw M
D.	14/12/15		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Made inspection of Transport & Q M. Stores. Relieved 15 th Battalion 4-30. 6-30. Visited trenches evening. Everything very quiet.	M
Trenches 139.42	14/12/15		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches morning. Very quiet day. Usual program work, but nothing in intelligence summary worth recording	cloudy with rain M

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 139-42	18/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Enemy attacked heavily around Hooze in early morning. Visited trenches morning and evening. Attitude of enemy extremely quiet on our front. Nothing to report. The usual progress work.	Cloudy <i>ML</i>
do.	19/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Visited trenches morning and evening. The usual repairs to dugouts and Rifle fire and sniping very brisk at times. Number of lights sent up. Attitude of enemy quiet and day uninteresting.	Cloudy <i>ML</i>
do.	20/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Again another quiet day. Visited trenches morning and evening. Working party heard in enemy's lines about 5 a.m. Resembling metal striking metal. Patrols and listening posts	Fair <i>ML</i>

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December 24/15

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Report all very quiet on front during the night. Relieved by 15th Bn. 4.30-6.30 P.M. Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Rifle and foot inspection. Day quiet.

Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Day void of interest. Usual parties for progress work sent out.

Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. The usual progress work and day quiet. Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Day quiet. Relieved 15th Bn. 4.30-6.30 P.M.

Rainy.

Much Rain.

Wet

Windy with showers

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Trenches 139-42.	25/12/15		<p>Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Not a shot was fired on our Battalion front either by us or by the enemy during the whole day. Visited trenches in the morning. Our men and the enemy waved at each other over the parapet. We were able to walk about in the opens behind our lines all day without being fired upon. Major General Currie and Brigadier General Leckie made the rounds of the trenches at 2 AM to wish everyone the compliments of the season.</p>	<i>ML</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 139-42	26/12/15		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Very quiet day. Visited trenches morning and evening. Enemy nervous and alert. Much rain at night. Very small amount of Rifle fire and sniping.	Fair. M
do.	27/12/15		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Visited trenches morning and evening. A few red lights were used by the enemy. The intelligence summary shows general attitude of enemy very quiet. Between 230-330 P.M. quite a number of the enemy were seen filling sand bags in the open near their line on hill at a point 325' magnetic bearing from a point two yards to right of Coy. Hq. C.1. and carrying them to point 335' magnetic bearing in their line. On the whole day very quiet, with very little shelling.	Fair Windy M

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Trenches 139-42	28/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Visited trenches morning and evening. Enemy shelled South Midland Farm very heavily and one man of machine gun section in dugout was killed. The general attitude of the enemy was active and alert. There was the usual progress work but day was void of interest	Mild <i>M</i>
do.	29/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Small amount of shelling and day quiet. Visited trenches morning and evening. Relieved by 15 th Bn. and relief complete by 6 P.M.	Fair <i>M</i>
Kortefryk Huts.	30/12/16		Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding. Battalion parade 10.30 A.M. for promulgation of Court Martial sentence day quiet and men resting	Cloudy but fair <i>M</i>

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December 31/16 Kortepyh Auts.	<p>Lt Colonel Lickie Commanding Foot and Rifle inspection. Day quiet In the evening the usual dinner parties to celebrate New Year's Eve. <u>N.B.</u> The month of December on the whole may be summed up as quiet with very little of historical interest.</p>	<p>Shower at intervals Jsh Jsh</p>