

# The Transcribed War Diary of the 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF



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WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
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Army Form

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Devonport	15/5/15	4 AM	The Battalion arrived in England at the marginally mentioned time & place
		4 PM	The right half of the Battalion entrained for Westenhanger Station, Kent
		6 PM	The Left half & details of the Battalion entrained for Westenhanger Station, Kent
Westenhanger	16/5/15		The Battalion having arrived at the marginally mentioned station marched to West Sandling Camp to take up quarters there.
West Sandling Camp	18/5/15		Armourer Sergt Major Gibson gives a lecture to the Battalion (by Companies) on the care and use of the Ross rifle
			Sr NCO's attached to the Battalion as Instructors in Interior Economy
	20/5/15		#369 Coy Sergt Major C. Lattion (2) having died at Plymouth Hospital is struck off strength of the Battalion from this date.  <i>Transcriber's note: CSM Lattion's number was later changed to 59569</i>
	21/5/15		The Battalion paraded for Elementary Musketry Training (by companies) on Private Parade ground  One officer and 35 NCO's and men proceeded to Ashford on Garrison Duty
	24/5/15		2 Officers and * NCO's proceed to Ross Barracks, Shorncliffe for Instructional Class in Machine Guns. They will be attached to the 30 <sup>th</sup> Battalion for discipline, rations and accommodation during course.  9 AM – Muster Parade held on private parade ground  The Battalion will be Duty Battalion for week commencing 23/5/15  Guard at Ordnance Depot – Picquet at Red Lion Hotel, Hythe – Picquet at Fountain Hotel, Seabrook.
	26/5/15		One Officer proceeds to Ross Barracks, Shorncliffe for a Machine Gun Course.  5 Staff Sergeants of the School of Musketry reported for duty as Instructors in Musketry, and will be attached to this Battalion for discipline, quarters, and rations from this date.  The Battalion received instructions (by companies) in Fire Discipline and training
	28/5/15	7.30 AM to 10 AM	The Battalion paraded for Musketry and Physical Drill
		10.10 AM	Commanding Officer's parade. New Equipment worn, and taken into use from this date.
	30/5/15	8.00 AM	Muster Parade held
	31/5/15	7.30 AM to 5.00 PM	The Battalion paraded for Musketry Instruction, Physical Drill, Bayonet Fighting, Company Drill, Lectures on March discipline, and Battalion drill.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
West Sandling Camp	1/6/15	7.30 AM to 5 PM	- The Battalion paraded for:- Musketry Instruction, Physical Drill, Coy in attack, Bayonet Fighting, Lectures Protection on the March.
			Usual Training and Battalion Drill
	2/6/15	7.30 AM to 12 Noon	- The Battalion paraded for instructions in:- Musketry, Physical Drill, Coy in attack & Bayonet Fighting
		1:00 PM	- Route March
	3/6/15		Three Officers proceeded to Scarborough for a course of Instruction
			Our Officers proceeds to RMC (Staff College) Camberley for course of Instruction
	7/6/15		Battalion at Hythe Ranges for Musketry Course
	to		
	12/6/17		
	14/6/15		Battalion at Hythe Ranges for Musketry Course
			2:30 PM Battalion paraded Muster which was postponed till the 17 <sup>th</sup> inst.
			Two Officers proceeded to Ross Barracks for special Machine Gun Class
	15/6/15		Battalion at Hythe Ranges for Musketry Course
	16/6/15		60108 Pte W Carruthers taken on strength from desertion
	17/6/15		Battalion at Hythe Ranges for Musketry course
			2.30 PM Battalion paraded for Muster
	18/6/15		Battalion at Hythe Ranges for Musketry Course
	to		
	19/6/15		
	21/6/15		Battalion and Compy Drills – Capt WH Smith (14 <sup>th</sup> Batt Royal Montreal Regt) gave a lecture to the QRMR, QMS & Coy QMS
			Pte CH Fletcher taken on strength on arrival from Canada
	22/6/15		Battalion & Coy Drills & Route March
	to		
	26/6/15		
	28/6/15		Class of Instruction in Bayonet Fighting commenced (Battalion)
	29/6/15		Bayonet Fighting Class, Coy Drill, Battalion Drill
	30/6/15		Bayonet Fighting Class, Coy Drill, Battalion Drill
			Pte Clement charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order & Military Discipline - Tried by DCM
			Pte Carruthers deserted – tried by DCM

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Army Form

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
West Sandling Camp	1/7/15	8.00 am	the Battalion turned out for Muster Parade
		2.00 pm	Battalion sports on parade ground
			One Pte discharged from MONKS HORTON Hosp
	2/7/15		Major CC BENNETT president and Capt HE PENSE, members of a board of Officers on the suitability of the Oliver Equipment.  A lecture on Entrenching and Methods of improving Trenches by Major CE BATTYE, RE, to Officers  2 Ptes struck off Strength on proceeding to CANADA for discharge.
	4/7/15		The Battalion paraded for DIVINE SERVICE, C of E 9.00 AM, RC at 7.00 AM, Protestants, Methodists and other denominations 9.00 AM
	5/7/15		The PIPE BAND and CAMC UNIT paraded at 3.00 pm at H Qrs, 4 <sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BDE.  The BATTALION paraded at 7.30 am
	6/7/15		The following Officers and NCOs duly qualified at Eastern Com SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY – Lieut F INDERWICK, & J EDWARDS, 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Instructors. One Sergeant and a Corporal 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Instructors. One Sergeant "Distinguished"  3 Ptes promoted to rank of Corporal in Machine Gun Section  A Bombing Class consisting of Lieut BLACK, one Sergeant, 2 Corporals & 32 men, commenced at 1.45 pm.  The Battalion paraded at 7.30 am
	7/7/15		7.30 AM – The Battalion paraded at 7.30 AM  3.00 PM – The Pipe Band and CAMC Unit paraded at Hd Qrs, 4 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade
	8/7/15		With reference to recent Signalling Course held at East Sandling, the following Officers & NCO qualified as follows:- Division I, Capt AM Stroud – 99 Division II, Ser W Hazlett – 91  The General Officer Commanding in Chief Eastern Command is pleased to note that at the recent Rifle Course at the Hythe school the under mentioned NCOs passed "Distinguished":- Sergt E Marks, 21 <sup>st</sup> Bn. CEF.  Telegram from The Honorable The Minister of Militia and Defence:- Please convey to all Canadians my appreciation of and congratulations of this splendid work at the front and in Britain.  The Battalion paraded at 7.30 AM

- 9/7/15 Officers Commanding Companies sent in to the Orderly Room names of all NCOs and men who are, or have been employees of the Post Office Dept in Canada
- 7.30 AM – The Battalion paraded at 7.30 AM
- 10/7/15 9.30 AM – Sergt Williams (MG) reports at MG School at 9.30 AM for the purpose of enrolling names
- 2 NCOs discharged from Monks Horton Hosp. One Pte discharged from Newcastle on Tyne Hosp
- 11/7/15 The Battalion paraded for Divine Service
- 12/7/15 Lieut E Bassett attends Course of Instruction at Scarborough
- Ser AP Williams (MGS) attends MG course at Ross Barracks
- Lieut Col WSP Hughes, Major EW Jones, and Capt GS Sparks on the sick list
- One NCO and one Private admitted to hospital
- Three Privates discharged from Hospital. One Private transferred from Moore Bks (Hosp) to Shorncliffe
- Major CC Bennett assumes Command of the Battalion during the absence of Lieut Col WSP Hughes on account of sickness.
- 13/7/15 Lieut Col W St P Hughes returns to duty from sick list and assumes command of the Battalion
- The 39<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion has been affiliated with this Battalion as the Reserve Unit
- Lieut HW Cooper reported for Course of Instruction at Camberley
- 59968 L/Cpl Geo Thomas appointed Corporal  
 59992 Pte AF Tomlinson appointed L/Cpl  
 59458 Pte H Henry appointed L/Cpl  
 59027 Corp J Atkins appointed L/Sgt
- The Battalion paraded
- 14/7/15 Bombing Class consisting of 1 Lieut, 1 Sergt, 2 Corps and 32 men reported to Capt Lindsay
- 59759 Pte J O'Keefe, & 59490 Pte G Hussey appointed Lance Corpls
- One Pte transferred to Hd Qrs Transport  
 One Pte admitted to Shorncliffe Hospital  
 One Pte discharged from Shorncliffe Hospital  
 One Pte discharged from Newcastle on Tyne  
 One Pte reported to Lieut Howard Ridout, Railway Supply Detachment for course of Army Cooking

- 15/7/15 9.00 AM – The Battalion paraded for Muster  
59092 Pte M Bresnahan transferred to the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion and struck off the strength  
4 Ptes transferred to Hd Qrs Sub Staff, 4<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.
- 16/7/15 Divisional Inspection by the Rt Hon Sir Robert Borden CCMG, PCKC, LLD, accompanied by Major General The Hon S Hughes, Min of Mil & Defence  
The Battalion paraded at 6.30 AM Reveille 5.00 AM  
Lieut Edwards, Serg Harrison & Savage reported to Staff Officer at Beechborough 6.30 AM  
3 Ptes admitted Hospital, two of them Shorncliffe, one St Martin's Plain  
One Pte discharged from St Martin's Plain  
One Pte transferred to Monks Horton Hosp  
One Pte transferred to RAMC Hosp, Shorncliffe
- 17/7/15 L/Cpl Tucker 60003, reverts to Pte at own request  
*The diary actually shows this as 17/8/15*  
One Pte admitted to Hospital, St Martins Plain  
Two Ptes discharged from Hospital (Newcastle on Tyne & Shorncliffe)
- 18/7/15 The Battalion paraded for Divine Service  
Two Ptes admitted to Hospital (Shorncliffe & St Martins Plain)
- 19/7/15 7.30 AM – The Battalion paraded at 7.30 AM  
Capt JL Kapele, and two privates detailed for Dental Service and attached to the Battalion  
One Pte admitted to St Martin's Plain
- 20/7/15 8.45 AM – The Battalion paraded for Brigade March and Billeting at 8.45 AM  
Lieut Newcombe transferred to the PPCLI  
Tactical exercises with troops were conducted for Battalion and Brigade Machine Gun Officers  
2 NCOs and a Pte discharged from Hospital (St Martin's Plain & Newcastle)  
1 Pte admitted to St Martin's Plain Hosp
- 21/7/15 7.30 AM – Battalion paraded at 7.30 AM  
One NCO admitted to St Martin's Plain Hosp  
One Pte transferred from Detention Hosp to Shorncliffe
- 22/7/15 7.00 AM – Battalion paraded at 7 AM Heavy Marching order (Mess Tins)  
Lt RW White takes over training of supernumerary MG  
One Pte discharged from Hospital, Shorncliffe

23/7/15 7.30 PM – Battalion paraded at 7.30 PM, Heavy Marching Order

A Bombing Class detailed to parade 8.45 AM, consisting of Lt Wilgress, 3 NCOs and 32 men

2 Ptes discharged from Hospital (Shorncliffe & Newcastle)  
1 Pte admitted to St Martin's Plain Hosp

59331 Cpl FT Ford reverts to Pte (own request)

24/7/15 Lieut J Edwards is appointed Bde MG Officer, and is attached to Bde Hd Qrs.

1 NCO and 3 Ptes discharged from Monks Horton & Shorncliffe hospitals

25/7/15 The Battalion paraded for Divine Service

26/7/15 7.30 AM – The Battalion paraded at 7.30 AM

2 Ptes transferred from Shorncliffe to RAMC Hospital  
1 Pte discharged from St Martin's Plain

27/7/15 7.30 AM – The Battalion paraded:- Nos 1 & 2 Coys & Details at 7.30 AM and Nos 3 & 4 Coys at 8.00 AM

One Pte admitted to St Martin's Plain Hosp

Authority granted for all 5<sup>th</sup> year Medical Students to resume their studies, if they wish.

28/7/15 8.00 AM – The Battalion paraded at 8.00 AM (Entrenching on Tolsford Hill)

The Battalion paraded at 8.45 PM (Cross Country Marching)

2 Ptes admitted to Hospital (ST Martin's Plain & Shorncliffe)  
2 Ptes transferred from Det'n Hospital to Shorncliffe

29/7/15 8.45 AM – The Battalion paraded for Muster

Exercises for Machine Gun Scouts

8.30 AM – A Court of Enquiry assembled at West Sandling to investigate & record absence without leave of 59601 Pte JT Lomax

A Court of Enquiry assembled at West Sandling to enquire into and report upon circumstances under which 60033 Pte Watts E became injured

One NCO and three Ptes admitted to Hospital  
One Pte transferred from Detention Hosp to Shorncliffe

March discipline to Area 4  
Tactical Scheme with flags on Area 4  
Protection on March to Camp

30/7/15 Battalion paraded

Lieut Stewart, 3 NCOs and 32 men report to Capt Lindsay Bde Bombing Office

31/7/15 - - - - -

**War Diary**

**21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division  
From 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July 1915  
Volume 1 Copy 2**

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Appendix 6	O.O. ! dated 29.7.15. Instructions to 21 <sup>st</sup> Cdn. Bn. Re practice attack to be carried out on 29 <sup>th</sup> inst.
Appendix 7	Syllabus of training of 21 <sup>st</sup> Cdn. Bn. For week ending July 31 <sup>st</sup> 1915

21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF  
4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division

**Arrangements for Training**

Week ending July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Hour and Place of Assembly	Training Area and duration of exercise	Nature of Training
Parade Ground 7.30-8.15	Area No 5	Road to Area, March Discipline
8.15-11.15 11.15-12.00	Area No 5	Battalion in Attack Protection on march to camp
1.30-2.15 2.15-4.15	Area No 5	Road to area – advanced guard Battalion in attack Tactical scheme with flags March discipline to camp
4.15-.5.00		
7.30-8.30 8.30-11.00 11.00-12.00	Area No 4	Protection on road to Sellindge Occupation of a defensive in area March discipline to camp
1.30-2.30 3.00-12.00	Parade Ground Area No 5	Battalion Drill Night march to area and night attack
7.30 am to 5.00 pm		Company training consisting of company tactical schemes set by the OC.
7.30-8.15 8.15-11.15 11.15-12.00	Area No 5	March discipline to area Protection at rest Protection on march to camp
1.30-2.15 2.15-4.15		March discipline to area Tactical schemes with flags Attack on a position Protection on march to camp
4.15-5.00		
7.30-9.30	Area No 4	Protection on march to area Rear guard action Protection at rest March discipline to camp
9.30-11.00 11.00-12.00		
1.30-2.15 2.15-4.15	Area No 5	March discipline to area Tactical scheme with flags Attack on a position and retirement Night attack and bivouac
9.00		

Operation Order No 1  
By  
Lieut Col W. St. P. Hughes  
O.C. 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Red Force)

Ref Map  
12<sup>th</sup> Div T Map

A detached force (Blue) consisting of one Battalion (20<sup>th</sup>) & 1 Battery Artillery has been sent out from Canterbury to Collect supplies from the neighbourhood of Stouting and Braybourne.

1" Shorncliffe Art  
Map

A Force (Red) consisting of 1 ½ Battalion Infantry, 1 battery Artillery, & 2 squadrons Cavalry has been despatched from West Sandling Camp to disperse them.

1. (a)
2. (b) The 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion will march to Benstock Wood via Shrine Park – Stanford- Broad Street – Water Farm – tomorrow the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Starting Point – Postling Wents, which the head of the Column will pass at 6.40 am.

Dress- Light Marching Order – without packs – Machine Guns will accompany the Battalion.

Reports will be sent to head of Column.

Transports with Dinners will be at road junction at A-11-a – 11.00 am.

AK Hemming  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF  
RED FORCE

- Orders No 1-2 OC Red Force
- 3 OC No 1 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battn
  - 4 OC No 2 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battn
  - 5 OC No 3 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battn
  - 6 OC No 4 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battn
  - 7 OC Machine Gun
  - 8 OC M.O. 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
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21<sup>ST</sup> Battalion CEF

Programme of Battalion Training for week ending 24<sup>th</sup> July 1915

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

7.30 to 9 am

9 am to 3.30 pm

3.30 to 5 pm

March Discipline to Area 8

Tactical scheme with flags

Protection on March to Camp

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

7.30 to 9 am

9 am to 3.30 pm

3.30 to 5 pm

Protection on march to Area 8

Tactical Scheme with flags

March discipline to camp

Friday (night) 23<sup>rd</sup>

8.30 pm

Night operations and bivouac on Area 8

Saturday (morning) 24<sup>th</sup>

7.30 to 10.30 am

Tactical Schemes

From O.C. 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

To Major CC Bennett 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

West Sandling Camp

July 26/7/15

- (1) The attached copy of 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Orders is forwarded for your information
- (2) You will Command Nos 3 & 4 Companies 21<sup>st</sup> Battn, and will rendezvous at Postling Wents at 8.25 am, which place you will pass at 8.30 am sharp.
- (3) Dress HEAVY MARCHING ORDER as in open wartime
- (4) Instructions regarding TRANSPORT to be carried out to the letter.
- (5) Lieut Flavelle will report to BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS at Starting Point at 8.25 am.
- (6) 2 Cyclists to report to BRIGADE SIGNAL SECTION at 7.50 am.
- (7) Officers will wear revolvers, one Pouch with ammunition clips. Field Glasses, Haversacks, Compasses and Map Cases.

(signed) W.S.P. Hughes  
Lieut Col  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

OPERATION ORDER No 30  
BY  
Lieut Col W. St. P. Hughes  
Commanding ADVANCED GUARD  
CENTRE COLUMN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division

West Sandling Camp 26/7/15

Ref. 12<sup>th</sup> Divisional  
Training Map

1. (a) The Divisional Mounted Troops were in touch with the enemy on the line-GRUNDALE – UPPER HARDRES – BARHAM - last night.
  - (b) The Division will march tomorrow the 27<sup>th</sup> inst in three columns in pursuit of the retiring enemy.
  - (c) The Right column on the LYMINGE – ELHAM – BARHAM – BISHOPSBOURNE ROAD on BRIDGE
  - (d) The Left Column will march tomorrow on the – SELLINDGE – BROBOURNE – HASTLINGLEIGH – WALTHAM – UPPER THRUETED FARM on CHARTHAM.
  - (e) Our Column (the Centre) will march by POSTLING STONE STREET – on CANTERBURY and the Head of the Column will pass the Starting Point – POSTLING WENTS - at 8.30 tomorrow morning.
2. The advanced Guard will rendezvous at Starting Point – POSTLING WENTS – at 7.40 am. The Main Guard will march at 8.05 am and will vigorously engage the enemy wherever met.

DISTRIBUTION as in margin

Van Guard

OC Major Jones of the 21<sup>st</sup> Battn  
Nos 1 & 2 Platoons 21<sup>st</sup> Battn  
7 Battn Cyclists

Main Guard

OC Capt Caldwell of the 21<sup>st</sup> Battn  
21<sup>st</sup> Battn less Cos Nos 1 & 2 Platoons & 7 Cyclists  
1 Sect Bearer Sub Div 5<sup>th</sup> Field Amb.

REPORTS Will be sent to head of MAIN GUARD

AK Hemming  
Captain  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

Issued by Orderly at 7 pm. 26/7/15

Copy No 1	OC Center Column
2	OC Nos 3 & 4 Coys 21 <sup>st</sup> Battan (with main body)
3	OC Vanguard
4	OC Mainguard
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance
6 & 7	War Diary

Operation Order No  
By  
Lieut Col W. St P. Hughes  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

Ref Shorncliffe  
Artillery Map

Information

- (1) A Blue enemy estimated at a Division with complement of all arms is occupying a position along STONE STREET from WICK WOOD in B. 13. b to Smithy in STANFORD

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division has been ordered to attack and drive them back.

The attack will begin at 9.00 am tomorrow. The 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade is attacking on our right

The 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade is remaining in Divisional Reserve under cover of THORN WOOD H. 3e. D dividing line between Brigades CUCKOO LANE and WOOD SOUTHERN, edge of B 19.

- (2) The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade will attack the enemy's line on the frontage WOOD Southern edge B 19. exclusive to STANFORD SMITHY inclusive. It will be deployed on the line running from the POSTLING WENTS SHRINE FARM road in H 2 d. 3d. to the CUCKOO LANE AT B 27 c1 1 at 8.30 am

- (3) The 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion will attack on the frontage WOOD SOUTHERN EDGE of B 19 exclusive to the Northern edge of COPPICE WOOD B 25 a.

- (4) The 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion will attack on the frontage COPPICE WOOD inclusive to STANFORD CHAPEL inclusive

- (5) The 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion will proceed via the POSTLING WENTS-NEW INN GREEN road, leaving same at the South Western edge of HONEYWOOD PLANTATION ROAD ? AND THENCE BY FOOTPATH TO THE STONE road at BELMONT MANOR road in G 6 d and attack the enemy's right flank on the frontage STANFORD CHAPEL HAYTON MANOR.

- (6) The Machine Guns of the 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Battalions will be brigaded under Lieut Edwards, Brigade Machine Gun Officer in the vicinity of contour 90 H 1. 2 NORTH of SHRINE FARM.

- (7) The Brigade Ammunition Reserve will be at Postling WENTS

- (8) No 5 Field Ambulance will open at STONE FARM H 10 o with advanced dressing stations at POSTLING WENTS.

- (9) The 1<sup>st</sup> Line Transport, less ammunition and tool carts, will park with the baggage section Divisional Train at the Junction of the BEACHBOROUGH-CHERITON roads H 11. b3/4

INTENTION

The 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion will march via CHURCH ROAD-CHERITON PLACE-NEWINGTON-STONE FARM-POSTILING WENTS road and will rendezvous in H + 3 a.c. behind SMITHS WOOD and will act as BRIGADE RESERVE, starting Point CHERITON JUNCTION which the head of the Battalion will pass at 7.20 am JULY 31<sup>st</sup>.

Captain  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

Copy No 1 Issued by Orderly at 6 pm  
2 To OC 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
3 Company Commanders  
4  
5  
6 MO 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
7 Brigade Machine Gun Officer  
8 Transport Officer 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division  
21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
Syllabus of Training for week ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1915

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> inst  
7.30 am to 8.30  
8.30 am to 4.00 pm  
4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

March discipline to Area 4  
Tactical Scheme with Flags on Area 4  
Protection on March to Camp

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Brigade Billeting Scheme in open Warfare

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
7.30 am to 3.00 pm  
9.00 pm

Entrenching on Tolsford Hill  
Cross Country Marching by Companies on Area

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
7.30 am to 8.30 am  
8.30 am to 4.00 pm  
4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

March Discipline to Area 4  
Tactical Scheme with Flags on Area 4  
Protection on March to Camp

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
9.00 am to 4.00 pm

128 men of Battn at Tolsford Hill for instruction in sapping.  
(Brigade Coy Commanders Tactical Scheme without troops)  
Company Kit Inspection

Saturday  
7.30 to 12.30

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West Sandling Camp	1/8/15		The Battalion paraded for Divine Service
	2/8/15		<p>7.30 am to 5.00 pm – The Battalion carried out a Tactical Scheme with flags on their allotted area – Entrenching – Tolsford Hill</p> <p>Pte Wilson arrived from Canada and taken on their strength</p> <p>59092 Pte Bresnahan &amp; 59399 Pte Groulx struck off strength from Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> on proceeding to Canada for discharge (Auth'y RO 678 2<sup>nd</sup> Cdn Div)</p> <p>60012 Pte Twigg A (1) discharged from SHORNCLIFFE MILITARY HOSP'L</p>
	3/8/15		<p>8.15 am to 6.15 pm – The Battalion formed part of the Brigade in carrying out a Brigade march and billeting scheme, starting from NEW INN GREEN at 9 am and proceeding via LYMPNE-COURT-AAT.STREET-POSTLING GREEN- and BILGINGTON</p> <p>One Officer and an NCO to WROTHAM for three weeks Pioneer Class</p> <p>Our Company Sergt Major sent to undergo course in Range Finding at HYTHE</p> <p>Weather – Light showers between 7 and 7.30 am. Clouded sky throughout day. Thunder Storm, accompanied by heavy rains from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm</p> <p>Officers Commanding Units to cause KR&amp;O para 462 to be read to UNITS on ????? ????? Parades</p> <p>59399 Pte Groulx A (trans) discharged from SHORNCLIFFE MILITARY HOSPITAL 59092 Pte Bresnahan (3) discharged from SHORNCLIFFE MILITARY HOSPITAL</p>
West Sandling Camp	4/8/15		<p>12.15 pm to 5.30 pm – The Battalion took part in an Inspection of the DIVISION by the Right Honorable Mr Bonar Law, and Major General Sam Hughes</p> <p>2.30 pm – One Officer per UNIT to report to DAA &amp; QMG at the DRILL HALL SHELAN ST-FOLKESTONE at 7.30 pm (RO 674)</p> <p>THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING directs that all Officers except those on duty will be present at the address given by the Right Honorable Mr. Bonar Law at the DRILL HALL ON SHELLAN ST, FOLKESTONE, at 8.15 pm</p> <p>9.30 am – One NCO reported to Major PRISMALL at HYTHE 9.30 am for course in Range Finding</p> <p>Weather:- Morning – fine. Afternoon – at 2.30 pm Thunder storm and heavy rain</p> <p>59636 Pte Marinecia A (4) admitted to Hospital St Martin's Plain 59353 Pte Carling C transferred from Detention Hosp'l to SHORNCLIFFE 59564 Pte Biggs A (2) discharged from Monks Horton (<i>Transcriber's Note: Pte Biggs service number is 59063</i>)</p>

Orders & Instructions on Web Equipment, Binoculars, and Pistols for Officers of the CEF cancelled. These articles issued only on payment

West Sandling Camp	5/8/15	<p>1.30 pm to 5.15 pm – The BATTALION paraded at 1.30 pm and proceeded to TOLSFORD HILL for the purpose of digging 3<sup>rd</sup> line of trenches</p> <p>Weather:- Morning – clouded sky. Heavy rains in afternoon</p>
	6/8/15	<p>8.30 am to 5.00 pm – THE BATTALION paraded at 8.30 am. Heavy marching order. Brigade tactical schemes with flags.</p> <p>59065 Pte Lowe H (1) discharged from ST MARTIN'S PLAIN HOSPITAL 59063 L/Cpl Lanning A (2) transferred from Detention Hospital SHORNCLIFFE</p> <p>Weather fine throughout day, though cloudy towards evening</p>
	8/15	<p>7.30 am – The Battalion paraded at 7.30 am. Nos 2, 3, &amp; 4 Companies carried tools</p> <p>Lieut SPEER appointed Battalion Bombing Officer Lieut MACNEE, 1 Co Sergt Major, 2 Corporals and 32 men reported to Capt LINDSAY, Brigade Bombing Officer.</p> <p>Colonel DE PREE lectures on Divisional Standing Orders to all officers at SPR-JOHN FRENCH'S CLUB-WEST SANDLING at 11.30 am</p> <p>Weather Cloudy</p>
West Sandling Camp	7/8/15	<p>59605 Pte LOWE H admitted to St MARTIN'S PLAIN hospital 59775 Pte PARKINS H (1) transferred from DETENTION HOSPITAL TO SHORNCLIFFE Capt GS SPARKS is appointed First Lieut Transport Officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE One Corpl discharged from Hospital. L/Cpl Foster 59335, struck off strength.</p> <p>9 am to 4 pm – The BATTALION paraded to carry out BRIGADE schemes at TOLSFORD HILL entrenching and bayonet fighting</p>
	8/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded for Divine Services, Protestants at 9 am, RC's at 9.45 One Pte admitted to HOSPITAL</p>
West Sandling Camp	9/8/15	<p>7.30 am to 5 pm – The BATTALION paraded at 7.30 am to carry out a Bn Tactical Scheme with flags on Area 4 15 men per COMPANY placed at disposal of MO for training. Lectures of 5/8/15 postponed to 12/8/15</p>
	10/8/15	<p>7.30 am to 5 pm – The BATTALION paraded at 7.30 am to carry out Tactical schemes with flags on Area 4 1 Pte admitted to Hospital 1 Pte discharged from Hospital</p>
	11/8/15	<p>7.30 am to 12.30 pm – The BATTALION paraded at 7.30 am to carry out Entrenching &amp; Bayonet Fighting on TOLSFORD HILL The BATTALION paraded at 1.15 pm 3 Ptes discharged from hospital 3 Ptes transferred from Hospital</p>

West Sandling Camp	12/8/15	<p>2.00 pm – The BATTALION paraded at 2 pm. Trench attack arranged on a frontage of 150 yards</p> <p>A “Return” showing the Militia Units from which the personnel of the BATTALION was drawn</p> <p>In future the title of the BATTALION will be “21<sup>st</sup> CANADIAN BATTALION”</p> <p>Machine Gun lectures in by Capt LINDSAY in the GARRISON GYMNASIUM SHORNCLIFFE</p> <p>1 Pte admitted to Hospital</p> <p>1 Pte discharged from Hospital</p>
	13/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded to carry out Brigade schemes and continue operations with a scheme set by the DIVISION</p> <p>1 L/C &amp; 3 Ptes reported to A/Sgt CREIGHTON, Brigade shoeing smith for course of horse shoeing</p> <p>Lieut SPEER proceeded to LONDON to attend a special Grenade course</p> <p>Machine Gun Section and Musketry Casuals completing course in Musketry at Hythe</p> <p>1 Pte discharged from Hospital</p>
West Sandling Camp	14/8/15	<p>7.30 am to 12.00 – The BATTALION paraded for Company Kit Inspection</p> <p>The Machine Gun Section and Musketry Casuals completing a course in Musketry at Hythe</p> <p>One Pte discharged from Hospital</p>
	15/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded for Divine Service</p> <p>The Machine Gun Section and Musketry Casuals completed a course in Musketry at Hythe</p> <p>Heavy rains during latter part of day</p> <p>2 Privates admitted to Hosp</p> <p>2 Ptes discharged from Hospital</p>
	16/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded for Divisional Maneuvering</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> CANADIAN BATTALION duty Battalion for WE 15/8/15</p> <p>Lieut BOWERBANK, a Company Sergt Major, one sergeant, 2 corporals and 32 men reported to Capt LINDSAY at 8.45 am</p> <p>3 Ptes admitted to Hospital</p> <p>One Pte discharged from Hospital</p> <p>Weather fair during day, ????? showers towards night</p>
West Sandling Camp	17/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded for Tactical Scheme without Troops for Commanding Officers and regimental Staffs.</p> <p>Parades under Company Commanders. Special classes in Bombing, Scouting, and Machine gun.</p> <p>2 Ptes admitted to Hospital</p> <p>One Private transferred from Hospital</p> <p>Weather cloudy in the morning, hazy rain at noon</p>
	18/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded at 8 am to take part in Divisional Maneuvers (Area No 1) Tactical Scheme</p> <p>The BUGLE and PIPE BAND paraded in the field opposite the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, NEW INN GREEN at 10 am</p> <p>All NCOs and men who have taken Machine Gun Courses to report to M.G. Officer every Saturday morning for parade with that section</p> <p>One Pte discharged in ENGLAND as medically unfit and struck off the strength</p> <p>One Pte admitted to Hospital</p> <p>2 NCOs and one Pte discharged from Hospital</p> <p>Weather – fair</p>

West Sandling Camp 19/8/15 Appointments:-  
To be Asst Adjutant Lieut INDERWICK, vice Lieut FLAVELLE, Machine Gun Officer, Lieut WHITE, Bombing Officer, Lieut SPEER

Platoon Commanders:-

<u>No 1</u>	<u>No 2</u>	<u>No 3</u>	<u>No 4</u>
Lieut MILLER	Lieut RAYMOND	Lieut SHEPHARD	Lieut COOPER
Lieut SHARP	Lieut MORRISON	Lieut CUNNINGHAM	Lieut BLACK
Lieut McGEE	Lieut DENNIS	Lieut HOBART	Lieut STEWART
Lieut WILGRESS	Lieut BOWERBANK	Lieut BROWNLEE	Lieut BASSETT

20/8/15 The BATTALION paraded at 7.30 to take part in Divisional Maneuvers  
4 Ptes discharged from Hospital

19/8/15 The BATTALION paraded under COMPANY COMMANDERS  
Special classes in bombing, Scouting and Machine Gun

Lieut SPRIGGS and FRINK with 20 men are attached to act under Major Bennett as a Flag enemy at the Divisional Maneuvers and during Maneuvers work.

Lieut WJS SHARP proceeds to CAMBERLEY for Course of instruction

The following NCOs and men obtained Armourers and Asst Armourers Certificates at the Government Inspection Dept ROSS RIFLE FACTORY, QUEBEC:-

Armourers Certificates:- 59492 Pte AG Ingram, 59725 Pte WA McIntosh, 59360 Pte GE Gerow, 59841 Pte EJ Roberts

Assistant Armourers Certificates:- 59889 Sergt E SLEETH, 59079 A/Sgt Bongard

The following Appointments in the Machine Gun Section take effect from this date:-  
59824 Pte Redpath to be L/C, 59325 Pte FLANAGAN to be L/C, 59695 Pte McBRIDE H to be L/C

3 Ptes admitted to Hospital, 3 Ptes struck off the strength of the BATTALION

West Sandling Camp 21/8/15 Parades under Company Commanders  
Special Classes in Bombing, Scouting, and Machine Gun  
Tactical Schemes without troops for Company Commanders  
4 Ptes discharged from Hospital – 2 Ptes struck off strength of the BATTALION as physically unfit  
Weather fine

22/8/15 The BATTALION paraded for DIVINE SERVICE  
2 NCOs & 2 Ptes admitted to Hospital. – 1 NCO & 3 Ptes discharged from hospital

23/8/15 The BATTALION paraded in Marching Order to take part in DIVISIONAL MANOEUVRES  
COMPANY parade 8.15 am  
BATTALION parade 8.25 am  
1 NCO & 2 Ptes admitted to hospital  
Weather fine

24/8/15	<p>Brown Force continues operations West of the GREAT STOUR          Bivouac along the river          WHITE FORCE, bivouac is at KENNINGTON          COMPANIES parading at 8.15 am, BATTALION at 8.25 am          1 Pte admitted to Hospital, 2 Ptes discharged from Hospital          OC COMPANIES to make arrangements by the end of the coming week to have their          COMPANIES completed to full strength in accordance with War Establishment 1915          Weather Fine</p>
25/8/15	<p>BROWN FORCE building scheme with troops 2<sup>nd</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION only remain in          camp bivouac          WHITE FORCE march to bivouac near SELLINDGE          COMPANIES parading at 8.15 am, BATTALION at 8.25 am.          BRIGADE FIELD OFFICER – MAJOR McLEAN: QR MR – CAPT McCULLY          Weather fine</p>
26/8/15	<p>BROWN FORCE move from billets to attack enemy near ALDINGTON. Units return to          quarters          WHITE FORCE ?????? against 2<sup>nd</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION near ALDINGTON, troops          return to quarters or rest camps on the way to quarters. Rations &amp; bivouacs to be          arranged by A.A. &amp; Q.M.G CANADIAN TRAINING DIVISION          COMPANIES parading at 8.15 am, BATTALION at 8.25 am          Instructions on the REGIMENT proceeding abroad (D.O. 241)          One Pte admitted to Hospital, One Pte discharged from Hospital          Weather Fine</p>
27/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded at 8 am, Dress Drill Order</p> <p>An NCO appointed Coy Sergt Major of the BATTALION BOMBING CO. which employed          in such capacity          One private admitted to Hospital. One Pte transferred (Hospital)          Three Privates discharged from Hospital          Weather fine</p>
28/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded at 8 am Dress Drill Order          Lieut FRINK appointed Act Qr Mr to Details employed under Lieut Col HARKEM at          miniature Rifle Range 21<sup>st</sup> Bn LINES          One Pte discharged from Hospital          5 NCOs and 32 Ptes transferred in the BATTALION in course of bringing Coys up to War          Strength.          Weather fine</p>
29/8/15	<p>The BATTALION paraded for DIVINE SERVICE 8.45 and 9.45 am (RC)          Weather fine in the morning, heavy showers in the afternoon.</p>
West Sandling Camp	<p>30/8/15 The BATTALION paraded for Muster at 8.30 am          A District Court Martial, Major W.H. HEWGILL, 31<sup>st</sup> BATTALION President, assembled in          the lines of the 21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion WEST SANDLING at 10.00 am          Lieut SHEPHERD, 4 NCOs and 32 men reported to Capt LINDSAY Brigade Bombing          Officer at 8.45 am on the 18<sup>th</sup> BATTALION parade Area</p> <p>Weather fine:- chilly in early morning</p>
31/8/15	<p>All NCOs of the BATTALION paraded at 7.30 am till 9 under Lieut EDWARDS.          Remainder of the BATTALION paraded at 8 am          Major BENNETT assumes command of the BATTALION during the absence of Lieut Col          W. St. P. HUGHES on sick leave</p> <p>Weather HEAVY SHOWERS</p>

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From 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August 1915

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Copy No 1

Operation Order No 24

By

Lieut Col W.St.P. Hughes  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF  
Shorncliffe 5.8.15

Ref Shorncliffe Art  
Map

- 1 (a) A Blue enemy consisting of a Division with a proportion of other arms, with its base at MAIDSTONE, has taken up a position along STONE STREET with its right flank resting on STANFORD ??????, and its left on WICK WOOD, B 13 b
- (b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division with its base at SHORNCLIFFE is attacking the enemy at 10 am tomorrow.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade is attacking on our right

The 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade is remaining in Divisional reserve under cover of THORN WOOD B 3 c.d.

The Artillery will commence its bombardment at 8 am and support the attack of the Infantry

Dividing line between Brigades, CUCKOO LANE and WOOD southern edges of B 19.

The Brigade Ammunition Reserve will be at POSTLING WENTS.

- 2 The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade will attack the enemies line on the frontage WOOD southern edges of B 19 exclusive to STANFORD SMITHY inclusive.

It will be deployed on the line running from the POSTLING VENTSJ SHRINE FARM, road in H 2 D 3-9 to the CUCKOO LANE at B 27c 1.1. at 9.30 am

The 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion will attack on the frontage Wood Southern edge of B, exclusive to the Northern edge of COPPICE WOOD, B 25 a.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion will attack the enemies right flank on the frontage STANFORD CHAPEL-HAYTON MANOR.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion and Cyclists (1 Platoon) will remain in Brigade Reserve under cover of SMITHS WOOD H3 a.c.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion will attack on the frontage COPPICE WOOD inclusive to STANFORD CHAPEL inclusive.

Dividing line between Battalions will be fence running north west from H 2 b. 10.4-NORTHERN edge of COPPICE WOOD. Flank Company commanders will select intermediate points in consultation before the attack commences.

The Machine Guns of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Battalions will be brigaded under the Brigade Machine Gun Officer to whom special instruction have been issued.

- 3 The 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion will march via CHURCH ROAD-CHERITON PLACE NEWINGTONJSTONE FARM to POSTILING WENTS Starting point-CHERITON JUNCTION

Time 7.30 am and will attack the enemies line on a frontage COPPICE WOOD inclusive to STANFORD CHAPEL inclusive as follows:-

No 1 Company will deploy for the attack with its right flank on fence running NW from H 2 b 10.4 with left flank on Junction of fence 120 yards SW

No 2 Company will deploy for the attack and continue the line SW to SHEEP PEN H.2.b.6 inclusive exclusive. No 4 Company will deploy for the attack and continue the line SW from H.2.b.6 inclusive to H.2.d.3.9 inclusive.

All of the above Companies will be deployed by 9.20 am. No 3 Company will remain in local Reserve under cover at SMITHS WOOK H.3.a.c.

OC No Q company will select intermediate points in consultation with OC left flank of 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion attack and will send reports as to the movements of the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion attack

4. The Machine Gun Officer will report to the Brigade Machine Gun Officer at 8.30 am with the Battalion Machine Gun Section.
5. The 1<sup>st</sup> Line Transport (less ammunition and tool carts) will report to OC baggage section, Divisional Train at Junction of the BEACHBOROUGH-CHERTION ROADS H.11.b at 0 am

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Transport will rendezvous in the field N of the YMCA Hut at 10.30 am and report to Brigade Transport Officer.

6. No 5 Field Amb will open at STONE FARM H.10.c with advanced dressing stations at POSTLING WENTS. REPORTS to NW corner of SMITHS WOOD.

Captain  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

Issued by Orderly at 7.45 pm

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## SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

21<sup>ST</sup> Battalion CEF, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Can Division

Week ending August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7.30 am to 5.00 pm Entrenching – Tolsford Hill

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade March and Billeting Scheme

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>  
7.30 am to 8.30 am March Discipline to Area 4  
8.30 am to 3.00 pm Tactical Scheme with flags on Area 4  
3.00 pm to 4.00 pm Rearguard action to Camp

7.30 pm March to Area 4 – Night Outpost – and Bivouacs

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
7.30 am to 11.30 am Tactical Schemes with flags on Area 4  
11.30 am to 12.30 pm March to Camp  
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm Company Kit Inspection

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Tactical Scheme with Flags

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
9.00 am to 4.00 pm Tolsford Hill (BRIGADE)  
Entrenching etc.  
Complete Companies must be detailed in turn during this day for Bayonet Fighting.

Lieut Col  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF

Copy No.....

21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion  
ATTACK ORDER No 1

10/8/1915

1. An Attack will be made on the enemy's position on Tolsford Hill tomorrow the 11<sup>th</sup> instant
2. The objective will be the enemy's trenches, marked "A" & "B" on accompanying plan, facing our trenches 4 & 5 with a frontage of about 150 yards
3. The Battalion will attack as follows:-

<u>Right Column</u>	<u>Left Column</u>
No 1 & 2 Companies	No. 3 & 4 Companies

These Columns will cross the trench by gangways and attack side by side – they will seize the enemy's trenches – driving them out and occupying the communication trenches sufficiently far forward for purposes of protection.

When the trench is captured it will be placed in a state of defence immediately.

4. The attack will be made simultaneously in four Columns in lines of Platoons of fours. Every Column will be given two wooden gangways for crossing our own trenches. Men will carry the entrenching tools and every third man a pick or shovel. Every man will carry a sandbag. Six men of the leading sections will be given wire cutters. All men except leading section of each Column will carry their pack. Companies will be drawn up before the assault in the Communication trenches and immediately in rear of our first line trench.
5. Each Column will be formed for the assault as follows:
  - (a) Axe men to cut enemy's wire
  - (b) Bombers to cover these
  - (c) Riflemen with fixed bayonets, men with sand bags, loopholes and entrenching tools
  - (d) Flanking parties with Bombers. Rifle men and sand bag men to extend by bombing the length of trench captured – These parties will be furnished with large flags to facilitate Artillery observation
6. The Machine Gun Officer will arrange for 1 Machine Gun to accompany each Column – and for covering fire from his remaining guns.
7. OC No 1 & 4 Companies will detail a digging party of 1 NCO and 12 men each to connect up our Sap with enemy's trench immediately after assault.
8. The assault is to be carried out with all the rapidity & energy of which all ranks are capable
9. The troops in our fire trenches will form a reserve & cover the attack by a vigorous fire on the flanks of the enemy's line
10. Each man will carry on him 200 rounds of ammunition and OC Companies will arrange for a sufficient reserve supply
11. OC Companies will arrange that necessary Engineers stores are issued before the attack takes place
12. The Signalling Officer will arrange for necessary communication with enemy's trench as soon as assault is successful
13. The Artillery bombardment will open at 1 pm and at 1.55 pm will lift its fire. Our attack will take place at 2. pm

AK Hemming  
 Captain  
 Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion

Issued by Orderly at  
 4.30 pm

Copy No 1	OC 4 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade
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5	OC No 4 Co., 21 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion
6	Quartermaster, 21 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion
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2<sup>nd</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION ORDER No T.1

Ref:- 1" Shorncliffe Training Map 13-8-15

1. The Division will carry out a Divisional Route March on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., as a march on a line of communication where protection is being provided by other troops
2. The road to be followed will be POSTLING WENTS-NEW INN GREEN-SMEETH-SMEETH STA-SYMNELL-ALDINGTON CORNER-BELLEFUE-BERWICK-NEW INN GREEN. On arrival in NEW INN GREEN, on the return march, Units will return to peace quarters independently.
3. Starting points will be as follows:-
  - a. POSTLING WENTS cross roads
  - b. The road junction where the road from 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Inf Bde Headquarters meets the line of march
  - c. The road junction where the road from WESTENPANGER meets the line of march
  - d. The road junction where the road from OTTERPOOL meets the line of march
4. The Division will march as follows:-

	<u>Starting Point</u>	<u>Time</u>
Divl Mounted Rifles.....	D	9.0 am
Divl Cyclist Co.....	D	9.3
Div HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Echelon.....	D	9.6
6 <sup>th</sup> C Inf Bde.....	D	9.10
2 Ambce Wagons No 4 Field Ambce..	D	9.40
4 <sup>th</sup> CFA Bde (less Ammn Col).....	C	9.17
No 6 Fd Co CE.....	D	10.2
4 <sup>th</sup> C Inf Bde.....	B	9.7
2 Ambce Wagons No 5 Fd Ambce....	D	10.35
No 2 C. Heavy Battery.....	D	10.37
No 4 Fd. Co. CE.....	A	9.3
Div HQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Echelon.....	A	9.33
5 <sup>th</sup> C. Inf Bde.....	A	9.36
No 5 Fd Co CE.....	A	10.16
4 <sup>th</sup> CFA Bac Ammn Co.....	C	11.4
2 <sup>nd</sup> C Heavy Battery Ammn Col.....	D	11.31
No 4 Fd Ambce (less Motors & 2 Wagons).....	A	10.23
No 5 Fd Ambce (less Motors and 2 Wagons).....	D	11.35
No 6 Fd Ambce (less Motor Vehicles)	D	11.37
No 8 Co Div Train.....	A	10.29
Div Train (less No 8 Co).....	D	11.41
Div Ammn Col.....	D	11.47

5. The head of the main body will halt at 11.50 am. Units in rear will make good any distance they have lost, before halting on this occasion. Orders for the resumption of the march will be issued from these headquarters, but at least one hour will be allowed for dinners. Efforts will be made during this halt to water animals with buckets at neighboring farms.
6. Particular attention will be paid by all Officers at all times to the points mentioned in Standing Orders Chapter II.
7. The Baggage Section of the Train will not be loaded up.

(Sd.) H. De Pree, Col.,  
General Staff

Issued to Signals at 4 pm

BRIGADE TRAINING – 2<sup>ND</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION

TACTICAL EXERCISE - AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>

GENERAL IDEA

Reference:- 1" Shorncliffe Training Map

Ashford is a railway center and its possession by White is regarded as indispensable for the defence of East Anglia. It is held by a White Force consisting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade, with a proportion of troops of all arms, and Garrison troops.

A Brown mixed force, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade, with proportion of and comparatively strong in artillery with sufficient garrison troops to secure an Overseas base, is landing at Dimchurch and everything points to an immediate attack by this force on ASHFORD.

The only bridges over the Military Canal which have not been destroyed are the three S. of BONNINGTON, BILSINGTON and RUCKINGE.

CONFIDENTIAL

BRIGADE TRAINING – 2<sup>ND</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION

TACTICAL EXERCISE.....AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>.

Special Idea (Brown)

- (a) The following force, under the orders of the GOC 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade will move to DYMCHURCH on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> inst. And go into bivouac there:-

- 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade
- Divisional Artillery Headquarters
- 4<sup>th</sup> CFA Brigade (Less 1 Battery)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Battery
- No 2 Sect Div Signal Co
- No 4 Field Co CE (with establishment of bridging material)
- No 6 Co Divisional Train
- No 5 Field Ambulance
- Divisional Mounted Troops (less 2 Platoons Cyclists)

This move will be completed and outposts put out by 6.30 pm. All Troops of this force will be East of the POSTLING WENTS-LYMPHERG by 2 pm. This road is allotted to the White force after 2 pm.

- (b) It will be assumed for the purpose of the exercise that the landing of the troops mentioned above is not completed until 6 am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

No troops except the mounted troops will move beyond a radius of 1 mile from DYMCHURCH church before 7.30 am on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

- (c) The Divisional Mounted Troops less 2 Platoons Cyclists will join the Brown Force at 8 pm 13<sup>th</sup> inst at DYMCHURCH
- (d) The GOC is at liberty to send forward cavalry or cyclist patrols at any time after 8 pm 13<sup>th</sup> inst. No other sources of information are available. No Brown reconnoitering parties will be allowed to approach closer to the canal bridges than 200 yds, or to cross the canal during daylight.
- (e) Refilling point for the Brown force RD Junc just East of BURMASH at 3 pm.

### NOTES

- (1) The very greatest care will be exercised by all ranks to prevent damage to standing crops. When fields of growing cereals are found to block operations, umpires are authorized to permit the troops to be withdrawn, and placed without penalty (other than loss of time) at the furthest edge of the field in question.
- (2) The White Force is to wear White cap bands, umpires will wear white arm bands
- (3) The DAAG will allot a Brigade bivouacking area at DYMCHURCH. The Staff Captain 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade will get into communication with him.
- (4) The orders for the move of all the Units will be issued by the Brigadier General 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.
- (5) The Newingreen lamb sales will be taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, it is therefore important that any flocks of sheep and lambs that may be met on the roads be given free movement.

4<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.

COPY NO.....  
14-8-15

Ref. 1" Shorncliffe Training Map

- 1 The 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade will march on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> instant as follows:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
18 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Road Junction near Sir John French Club	9.08 am
19 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Do	9.13
20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Do	9.18
21 <sup>st</sup> Battalion	Do	9.23

Route as in Divisional Order circulated herewith

- 2 The nine wagons as detailed in Divisional Order No 723 of August 8<sup>th</sup> last, will follow in rear of units.

- 3 Battalions may take cookers if they wish and these, if taken, will follow in rear of the above wagons with each unit.

- 4 On the return march when opposite the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade at OTTERPOOL, all Bands will be detached from units and parade in the field to East of and opposite 27<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

- 5 Units will send mounted representatives as usual with Brigade Headquarters.
- 6 Billeting Parties will march immediately in rear of the Brigade Signal Section
- 7 Reports to head of Brigade

Issued to Signals at 6.30 pm

- Copy No 1 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
 2 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
 3 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
 4 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
 5 Bde Transport Officer  
 6,7 & 8 War Diary

21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion  
 Order No.

Copy No.....

17/8/1915

Ref. 1" Training Map

- 1 (a) A German Force believed to consist of about a Corps, has begun landing between NEW ROMNEY and DUNGNESS. It has established a covering Force on the line NEW ROMNEY-LYDD.  
 (b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division is to hold the line of the Military Canal from HAM STREET to WEST HYTH (inclusive) and prevent the enemy moving North at all costs.  
 (c) The 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade will march tomorrow via LYMPHE-BELLEVUE.  
     Starting Point.....NEW INN GREEN  
     Time.....8.30 am  
 And occupy "C" Section from BILSINGTON exclusive to WEST HYTHE inclusive.
- 2 The 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion will march tomorrow  
     Starting point.....NEW INN GREEN  
     Time.....8.42 am  
 And occupy "B" sub-section from Bridge over Military Canal South of GOLDENHURST FARM exclusive to Foot Bridge over Military Canal (1 mile South of COLD HARBOUR) inclusive.
- 3 The sub-sections on our right and left will be held by the 19<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Battalions respectively. The 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion will be held in Brigade Reserve at COURT AT STREET.  
 1 Section 4<sup>th</sup> Field Company CE will be attached to our sub-section  
 The line of the Canal will be the line of resistance.
- 4 Advanced Dressing Stations will be opened at BONNINGTON COURT and BELLEVUE
- 5 The Machine Gun Section will report to Brigade Machine Gun Officer at 8.00 am
- 6 Brigade Ammunition Reserve at POSTLING GREEN
- 7 Transport will follow in rear of Battalion
- 8 Reports to head of Battalion Column

Signed AK HEMMING  
 Captain  
 Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion

- Copy No 1 OC 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Inf Brigade
- 2 OC No 1 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- 3 OC No 2 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- 4 OC No 3 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- 5 OC No 4 Co 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- 6 OC Machine Gun Section
- 7 MO 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- 8 TO 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- 9-11 War Diary

Syllabus of Training

21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division

Week ending August 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 am to 5.00 pm	Tactical Scheme with Flags on Area 4
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 am to 5.00 pm	Tactical Scheme with Flags on area 4
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 to 12.30 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Entrenching and Bayonet Fighting on Tolsford Hill Trench attack to be arranged on a frontage of 150 yards
Thursday & Friday	Brigade Scheme, Bivouac, Thursday night and continue operations Friday with a scheme set by the Division
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 12.00	Company Kit Inspection

Lieut Col  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion

21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Battalion

The Brigade will take part in a Divisional tactical exercise tomorrow the 18<sup>th</sup> instant.

The starting point will be THE ROYAL OAK INN at 8.30 am.

First line transport as laid down for training will accompany units, water carts will be taken but not cookers.

A haversack ration for the mid-day meal will be carried and the troops will return to quarters during the afternoon.

Units will be as strong as possible

Scouts and Machine Gun Sections will accompany units.

The Bombing Class will carry on as usual.

Operation and March Orders will be issued this evening.

West Sandling  
17-8-15

Brigade Major, 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Inf Bde.

21<sup>st</sup> Battalion

4<sup>th</sup> CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No

COPY No.

1 Ref: 1" Training Map

19.8.15

The 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade will march tomorrow morning, the 20<sup>th</sup> inst, to a position of assembly, just South of BRABOURNE as follows:-

Route:- SELLINDGE-STONE HILL-BRABOURNE LEES

UNIT	STARTING POINT	TIME
18 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Road immediately N of OTTERPOOL	8.25 am
19 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Road immediately N of OTTERPOOL	8.30 am
20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Road immediately N of OTTERPOOL	8.35 am
21 <sup>st</sup> Battalion	Road immediately N of OTTERPOOL	8.40 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Fd Coy CE	Road immediately N of OTTERPOOL	8.45 am

2 Transport will follow in rear of Units. Brigade Headquarters Transport in rear of Signal Section

3 Reports to Head of Column

Lieut Col  
Brigade Major, 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade

Issued to Signals at 3.00 pm

Copy No 1 to 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Copy No 2 to 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Copy No 3 to 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Copy No 4 to 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
Copy No 5 to 4<sup>th</sup> Fd Coy CE  
Copy No 6,7,& 8 to War Diary

#### NOTES

Units will send mounted representatives to Bde Headquarters at the Starting Point.

Cookers will not be taken, but haversack rations and buckets for watering horses will be carried.

Billeting parties will march in rear of Brigade Headquarters transport.

Divisional Standing Orders on March Discipline should be studied. One Officer per Battalion will be detailed to act as umpire and will report to Bde Headquarters at the position of assembly.

(21<sup>st</sup> Battalion)

ALL BATTALIONS

Training for week ending Aug 21<sup>st</sup> will be as follows:-

- Monday Divisional Maneuvers
- Tuesday (a) Tactical Scheme without Troops for Commanding Officers and Regimental Staffs  
(b) Parades under Company Commanders. Special Classes in bombing, Scouting and Machine gun.
- Wednesday Divisional Maneuvers
- Thursday Same as Tuesday para (b)
- Friday Divisional Maneuvers
- Saturday Same as Tuesday para (b)

Tactical Scheme without Troops for Company Commanders

AREAS 18<sup>th</sup> Battn....No 2....19<sup>th</sup> Battn....No 3  
20<sup>th</sup> Battn....No 4....21<sup>st</sup> Battn....No 1

No syllabus need be rendered.

(Signed) KD Murray  
Captain  
Staff Captain, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade

11.8.15

4<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 1

Copy No. 6  
21/8/15

Reference 1" Training Map

- 1 (a) A White Division is mobilizing at MAIDSTONE and is occupying the line of the GREAT STOUR River.  
(b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division is to advance on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, to defeat the covering force and prevent the further mobilization of the White Division. It is to bivouac in HATCH PARK, and FORDWATER.
- 2 The 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Inf Brigade will march on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, as follows to bivouac in HATCH PARK, Route via SELLINDGE:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Sir John French Club	8.30 am
21 <sup>st</sup> Battalion	Sir John French Club	8.35 am
18 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Sir John French Club	8.40 am
19 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	Sir John French Club	8.45 am

Rear Guard, 1 Platoon 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion will follow in rear of the Column

- 3 The 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 1 Platoon Divisional Cyclists, who joined the Column at OTTERPOOL. OC Lieut Col Allan will form an Advanced Guard from the time the Column reaches STONE HILL road junction. A halt will be made at this point to allow the Advanced Guard to gain its distance.

- 4 First Line Transport, ie. 9 wagons, 2 water carts and cookers, will follow in rear of units

Baggage section of the train, ie 4 wagons, will be loaded and remain parked in camp. They will be collected and removed under orders of No 6 Coy Train.

Supply wagons, ie 2 per Unit will march with 1<sup>st</sup> line Transport and pull out at the re-filling Point at SELLINDGE

- 5 Refilling Point SELLINDGE at 11.00 am
- 6 Reports to Head of Column

(Signed) R Gordon Stewart  
Lieut Colonel  
Brigade Major 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade

Issued to Signals at 7.00 pm

Copy Nos 1 & 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Battalion
3	18 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
4	19 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
5	20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
6	21 <sup>st</sup> Battalion
7	Divisional Cyclists
8	No 6 Coy Divisional Train
9,10 & 11	War Diary

DIVISIONAL TRAINING  
2<sup>ND</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION

4<sup>th</sup> Tactical Exercise

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 1915

GENERAL IDEA

War has been declared between a Western country – WHITE and an Eastern country – BROWN, whose frontier is the Railway from CANTERBURY to RYE.

A white division is mobilizing at MAIDSTONE and a Brown Division (2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division) at FOLKESTONE. On Aug the 22<sup>nd</sup> the mobilization of the Brown Division has been completed, but only two Infantry Brigades of White together with a Brigade of Field Artillery and a Mounted Brigade are in a fit state to move.

On this date the Brown Military authorities decide to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Div in a dash across the frontier to break up the mobilization taking place at MAIDSTONE.

The GOC White Div at MAIDSTONE decides to push forward all available troops to EASTWELL PARK to hold the Brown Division on the line of the GREAT STOUR.

DIVISIONAL TRAINING  
2<sup>ND</sup> CANADIAN DIVISION

4<sup>th</sup> Tactical Exercise

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. 15

SPECIAL IDEA  
BROWN

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division moves from FOLKESTONE on the morning of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, in accordance with operation orders to be issued separately, in the direction of ASHFORD, with a view of defeating the WHITE covering force and marching on MAIDSTONE.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> FA Bde West Lancashire Artillery  
1 How Batty (5") Lancashire Artillery  
1 Heavy Batty (4.7") Lancashire Artillery

join the force at HATCH PARK & FORDWATER under separate instructions.

APPENDIX "A" ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING OF BOMBERS

Brigade Company

1 Officer  
1 Company Serg Major or acting CSM  
4 Corporals or acting Coporals  
124 Privates

The Officer, CSM, 4 Corporals, and 4 privates are permanently attached. The remainder are attached from Battalions for periods of 6 days.

Battalion Company

1 Officer  
1 Sergeant or Act Serg  
4 Sections (one with each Company)

Company Section

1 Serg or Act Serg  
2 Corporals or act Corporals  
18 Privates

Men trained in excess of the above Company Section establishment are used as working parties with the Bomb Section and as a reserve from which to keep up the strength of the Company Section.

The Battalion Bombing Officer is responsible for the training of and the supply of Grenades to Company Sections, in all other matters Company sections are under Company Commanders.

The Company Sections are to remain distinct organizations as Bombers, the most efficient men as such being retained and the less efficient weeded out and returned from time to time from the ranks for ordinary infantry use. For this purpose an elimination test should be held two or three times a month.

For the supply of Grenades in action, a sufficient number of men (as mutually arranged) is to be detailed by Company Commanders to the Battalion Bomb Officer.

PROGRAMME OF 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF DIVISIONAL TRAINING OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CANADIAN DIVISIONAL  
1915

WHITE FORCE

Composition

1<sup>st</sup> South Eastern Mounted Brigade (From Canterbury)  
3 or 4 Battalions Canadian Training Div  
Flag enemy of about 80 men and 9 Officers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division  
2<sup>nd</sup> FA Bde West Lancashire Artillery

MONDAY AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

Assemble near Kennington at time and place to be selected by Col Skinner, General Staff Canadian Training Division.  
Night operations on GREAT STOUR R- for advanced troops - White Force - Bivouac near KENNINGTON

TUESDAY AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

Continue operations West of GREAT STOUR, Bivouac near KENNINGTON

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

March to Bivouac near SELLINDGE

THURSDAY AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

Operate against 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Div near Aldington, Troops return to quarters, or rest camps on the way to quarters.

Rations and Bivouacs to be arranged by AA QMG Canadian Training Division

(Sd) H.DE Pres  
Colonel  
General Staff

2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915

## WAR DIARY

Army Form

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
West Sandling Camp	1/9/15		Company transfers effected from today to make up Strength according to War Establishment. 1 NCO transferred to 39 <sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion. One NCO transferred to COC CEF. One NCO transferred to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Supply Column. One Pte transferred to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Divisional Supply Column One Pte admitted to Hospital. One NCO reverts to ranks. One Pte discharged from Hospital Weather – fine
	2/9/15		The Battalion paraded at 8.30 am The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division was inspected by His Majesty The King. Dress marching order. Officers not to wear swords Weather – fine
	3/9/15		Commanding Officer's parade at 7.30 am in Marching Order for Trench Warfare 1 NCO deprived of lance rank. One Pte discharged from Hospital One NCO proceeds to Pay and Record Office. Temp duty One Pte discharged from hospital. One Pte transferred (Hosp) Weather – Heavy showers
West Sandling Camp	4/9/15		Commanding Officer's parade at 8 am, dress Marching Order 12 men from each Company and 2 men from Machine Gun Sect paraded under Lieut Dennis at 1.45 am and reported to Brigade Machine Gun Officer for Musketry Two Ptes discharged from Hospital. One Pte admitted Hospital Weather – fine
	5/9/15		The Battalion paraded for Divine Service Weather – fine
	6/9/15		Lieut WO Frink ceases to be acting QM to the Details employed at the Miniature Rifle Range 2 NCOs revert to the ranks One Pte admitted to Hospital. Three Ptes discharged (Hosp) Weather – fine
West Sandling Camp	7/9/15		Commanding Officer's parade at 7.30 am Company parades at 7 am. Dress marching order Lieut Miller, 4 NCOs and 32 men reported to Capt Lindsay, Birgade Bombing Officer at 8.45 am 2 NCOs promoted Weather – fine
	8/9/15		Company parades at 8 am. Commanding Officer's parade at 8.30 am. Rifle loading contest (by clips) by Companies. Weather – fine
	9/9/15		Company parade at 7.30 am. Battalion Paraded at 8 am, and marched to Tolsford Hill for Bayonet Fighting and filling in trenches. 2 NCOs revert to rank of Pte. 1 NCO transferred to 9 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Reserve Weather – fine

West Sandling Camp	10/9/15	Company parades at 7.30 am. Battalion parade at 8.00 am. Dress, clean fatigues for trench filling on Tolsford Hill Hon Capt WE Kidd has been appointed Chaplain to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade One NCO reverts to ranks Weather – fine
	12/9/15	Transport, Machine Gun Section, and portion of Signals left Sandling Camp in Charge of Major CC Bennett for the front. Entraining from Southampton. Disembarking at Havre.
	14/9/15	Remainder of the Battalion in Charge of Lieut Col W.St.P. Hughes left Sandling Camp for Folkstone for the front. The Battalion embarked at Folkstone and when about halfway across was ordered back by the Naval Authorities. They eventually sailed from Folkstone the following morning reaching France about mid-day. After a days halt at the Rest Camp, they entrained for St. Omer where they were joined by the details under Major Bennett.
	16/9/15	Departing from St Omer they marched to Renesure arriving there at 7.00 am. The Battalion breakfasted and rested until 11.00 am when they marched to Eecke which was reached at 6.00 pm. The night was spent in Billets. Weather – fine, very hot
	17/9/15	Battalion rested until 5.00 pm when they were inspected by General Alderson, Commanding Canadian Division
	18/9/15	Officer Commanding Battalion accompanied by several other officers left billets 6.00 am and proceeded to trenches being then held by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battn East Surrey, 85 <sup>th</sup> Brigade. The Battalion in charge of Major Bennett proceeded to Dranoutre where they went under canvas for the night. Weather – fine, very hot
Dranoutre	19/9/15	Battalion paraded for Muster. All present and correct Battalion (with the exception of Nos 1 & 3 Coys) rested for the day Nos 1 & 3 Coys left camp at dusk and proceeded to the trenches (“C”) held by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battn East Surreys Weather – fine and warm
	20/9/15	No 2 & 4 Coys rested in Camp. No 1 & 3 Coys in trenches. No Casualties
	21/9/15	No 2 & 4 Coys took over the remaining “C” trenches from the East Surreys Relief completed at 9.00 pm. No Casualties
	22/9/15	Battalion snipers reported eight probable hits and some “possibles” Wind SE Weather – fine & dry Bombardment by our artillery at 4.00 pm
	23/9/15	Situation normal. Sniping active Enemy active 10.00 to 11.00 am & 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

"C" Trenches	24/9/15	Our Artillery active from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. Wind SE. Casualties one (wounded accident) One shell burst 25 yards from Battalion Headquarters at 11.00 am. Progress of work. Reconstruction of Dugouts and party under Canadian Engineers sloping sides and leveling Trenches, also deepening and widening "Surrey Lane"
	25/9/15	At 4.56 am Smoke Bags thrown out in front of fire trenches and fire by our Machine Guns & Snipers also heavy fire from our Artillery. Enemy replied with heavy fire in our trenches. Casualties wounded – four – Remainder of day quiet - Wind SW
	26/9/15	Enemy bombarded trenches in afternoon and did considerable damage to C1 Diagonal. Casualties – 3 wounded. Wind SW Work carried on. Repairing fire Trenches damaged by shell fire also dug-outs
	27/9/15	Enemy bombarded trenches in afternoon around C2 for a short time. Parapet in fire trench slightly damaged. 2 Coys 20 <sup>th</sup> Battn relieved Coys in C1 & C3, relief completed 9.45 pm. These Coys marched to Dranoutre for rest, with the exception of 2 platoons of No 4 Coy which were left at Souvenir Farm. 2 Coys from C2 & C4 relieved by the 20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, relief completed 10.30 pm and marched to Dranoutre for rest.
Dranoutre	27/9/15 to 2/10/15	Battalion resting in billets & under canvas until 6.00 pm 3/10/15 when they marched back to trenches to relieve 20 <sup>th</sup> Battn. Relief completed 9.00 pm - Weather fair

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Trenches	3/10/15		Morning quiet – our artillery active. Enemy fairly active during night. Many flares came over. Our straffing gun kept busy. One casualty shot dead
	4/10/15		Situation normal. Afternoon enemy shelled our front line and communication trenches. Wind – NW. One casualty shot in head, dead. Enemy fairly active during night. 2 Ptes buried at 5.30 pm St Quintons Farm
	5/10/15		Situation normal. Wind – NE, weather fine Afternoon usual artillery dual. Proper trench matting laid in Surrey Lane
	6/10/15		Quiet all day until evening, when a burst of artillery fire broke our own section (from enemy). Wind NE. Casualties six wounded. Situation normal.
	7/10/15		Situation normal. Wind NE, weather fine Artillery fairly active. Casualties five wounded
	8/10/15		Enemy's attitude quiet, wind NE, weather fine. Artillery quiet, rifle fire heavy during night. Enemy's working parties observed from C1 Bay 2, C3 Bay 5, & C2 Bay 4.
	9/10/15		The battalion was relieved in the trenches on the night 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> battalion and proceed into close billets at La Clytte where they remained until the 15 <sup>th</sup> inst.
La Clytte	15/10/15		The battalion proceeded to trenches to relieve the 20 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. The relief was carried out without any casualties and was completed at 4.00 pm
Trenches	16/10/15		Situation normal. Artillery practically nil. Numerous rifle grenades fallen in N6-O2 trenches. Casualties nil Enemy's working parties observed at 1.30 pm in rear of trench SE of N6 General attitude – except for bombing – quiet.
	17/10/15		Situation normal. Wind N. Artillery – nil Rifle grenades again falling in rear of N6 No working parties observed Attitude quiet, casualties four wounded.
	18/10/15		Situation lively. Artillery very active sending over numerous shells. Enemy's trench mortar also very active. Bombs again dropping in rear of N6. Machine Gun, Rifle Firing & Sniping practically nil. Attitude of enemy, alert. Many flares sent up during night. 1 casualty (wounded)
	19/15/15		Situation still lively. Enemy's artillery being very prominent, and persistently wasting shells in empty fields in rear of our trenches. Several working parties observed in morning and after noon. Enemy's aircraft flew over apparently endeavoring to ascertain the result of their artillery fire.

	20/10/15	Situation still lively. Artillery firing several rounds. Enemy's patrol met and dispersed by bombs at 1.30 am. Enemy's working parties observed in afternoon about 4.00 pm repairing damage in their front line trench from our artillery fire. Attitude of enemy nervous sending up an average 17 flares an hour during night followed by fixed rifle battery fire. 1 casualty.
	21/10/15	The battalion was relieved at 4.00 pm by the 20 <sup>th</sup> Battn and proceeded to Brigade Reserve at RIDGEWOOD.
RIDGEWOOD	22/10/15	4 casualties, (2 killed & 2 wounded) occurred while a fatigue party furnished by this battalion was working in POPPY LANE.
	23/10/15	Enemy's artillery very active during evening firing many shells over Brigade Reserve Billets. Fatigue party of 490 men detailed from this battalion to act near trenches during the evening.
	24/10/15	Battalion resting in Brigade Reserve at Ridgewood
	to 27/10/15	The battalion relieved the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion on the night of 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> . No casualties.
Trenches	28/10/15	Situation quiet. German artillery firing only 6 rounds. Enemy dropped 6 Rifle grenades in rear of N6. Enemy were busy repairing their front line, as flattening of sand bags could be distinctly heard. On the whole a quiet and uneventful day. One Casualty (slight)
	29/10/15	Enemy artillery very active and attitude more aggressive than usual. Our retaliation to their artillery caused much damage to their 1 <sup>st</sup> Line parapets opposite O2. 2 casualties (fatal) 3 wounded.
	30/10/15	Activity of enemy still continues sending over about 63 shells during day. Little damage however was done by them. Our aircraft was very active all day, and the Germans ante-aircraft guns were kept quite busy, although non-effective 3 casualties (slight)
	31/10/15	Activity of German artillery continues. 59 shells being sent over our lines, but little damage was done. Bombing by the Germans also active, the enemy managed to place about 30 yards of new wire in front of O2 trench. Our patrol reports enemy very busy at night rebuilding front parapet, damaged by our artillery.

Transcriber's Note: The following is a report from the Battalion Medical Officer

Dranoutre	1/10/15	15 men reported sick. Repacked ?????? & boxes, went to Bailleul in afternoon with Capt Brown of Toronto. Returned 6 pm
	2/10/15	Packed up to move to trenches. Moved off at 5.00 pm. Arrived at RAP C trenches 7.30 pm. Ambulance called at 10.00 pm
RAPC Trenches	3/10/15	A quiet day – 59497 Pte Hopkinson got a scalp wound. Bullet struck his rifle barrel, was deflected downwards, went through his cap badge and furrowed his scalp. His head was a foot below edge of parapet. At 11.30 pm medical assistance was called for. Man was dead when I reached Headquarters. This is the first fatal casualty. Had a very depressing effect.

Transcriber's Note: The above entry is incorrect. There were 2 men in the Battalion named Hopkinson. Neither man was killed. 2 men are recorded as being killed on this date, Pte J Bowyer, 59086, and Pte W Starkey, 59908.

	4/10/15	One man shot in the head and killed. Had a double funeral at 5.00 pm today.
	5/10/15	Woken up at 6 am by arrival of a man shot through the arm. Later his friend arrived suffering from nervousness. Another wounded casualty followed later. I came near to being a casualty myself, a spare bullet passing just over my head & lodging in a tree.
	6/10/15	Four men wounded today by shrapnel
	7/10/15	Two men were badly wounded by accidental discharge of a rifle. One other man was wounded and one man was sent down with report that "his nerves were all gone to pieces." We officers make the men worse by talking to them in this strain. All he needed was a good night's sleep.
	8/10/15	At 2.30 am a man with a self inflicted wound was brought in. We prepared to move out. Late in the afternoon three men were brought in wounded – one of them a stretcher bearer. Had to send a stretcher after dark for a man from No. ? Co. who had cramps and should have been made to walk. Ambulance called at 8.00 pm. We moved off at 11.00 pm after being relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion. Arrived in La Clytte at 1.00 am. Slept in a wagon box.
La Clytte	9/10/15	Spent the day looking after sanitation of Billets which were left in a very dirty condition.
	10/10/15	30 men paraded sick. Major Jones was told at 5 <sup>th</sup> FA that he had whooping cough and was sent to a rest camp for a while. Am quite sure he has no whooping cough.
	11/10/15	40 men paraded sick. Camp is clean and in good condition. Bathing parade was held.
	12/10/15	50 men paraded sick – they are resting and have nothing else to do.
	13/10/15	Went to inspect our new trenches today. They are in very poor condition.
	14/10/15	25 men paraded sick
	15/10/15	Inspected water supply of our trenches. Battalion moved to Dickebush trenches at 11.30 am. Billets left in fair condition
La Brasserie	16/10/15	Four men wounded today. Our MP is in the cellar of La Brasserie alone to Battalion Headquarters.
	17/10/15	One man wounded. The trenches are very poor. The bullets came right through the parapet.
	18/10/15	No casualties today. Very quiet
	19/10/15	Artillery quite active but no casualties occurred
	20/10/15	One man killed today. He was shot in the head by a sniper.
	21/10/15	No casualties today. Battalion moved out of trenches into Brigade Reserve in Ridgewood
	22/10/15	40 men paraded sick. Lieut Black was sent to hospital with enteritis

23/10/15 Working party was surprised. Two men were killed and two wounded – one of the latter being fatally wounded

24/10/15 Church parade was held this am. Day was very quiet

25/10/15 No casualties. Major Wolfrain was sent to hospital suffering from gastritis

26/10/15 Very quiet day. Some artillery activity

27/10/15 One casualty today. Battalion moved into trenches from Brigade Reserve

28/10/15 No casualties. Rained all day. Trenches very muddy. Parapet fell in in two places. Men's dugouts fell in on top of them.

29/10/15 One man killed and three wounded by one of our own shells falling short

30/10/15 Three men wounded today by shrapnel. Visited by the ADMS today

31/10/15 Heavy artillery duel but no casualties occurred

Signed by Capt KE Cook CAMC  
MO I/C 21<sup>st</sup> Cdn Battalion

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WAR DIARY  
OF  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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| Trenches | 1/11/15  |  | Enemy's artillery still busy, 48 shells being thrown at us, otherwise quiet. Our bombers were successful in dispersing working party engaged on repairing wire entanglements opposite O1A. Battalion snipers report two hits. One of the victims having a ?????? around his head and shoulders.<br>The battalion was relieved by the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion and proceeded to Ridgewood where they stayed the night in Brigade Reserve.                  |
|          | 2/11/15  |  | The battalion proceeded to La Clytte and formed Divisional Reserve, staying there until the afternoon of the 7 <sup>th</sup> .  |
|          | 3/11/15  |  | Bathing of the battalion was carried out also platoon and company drill, special instructions being given to bombers & Machine Gun men.   |
|          | 7/11/15  |  | Clothing and feet inspection also Smoke Helmet Drill and a route march.<br>The Battalion proceeded to the left subsection of trenches to relieve the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion during the afternoon of the 7 <sup>th</sup> . Relief being completed by 4.30 pm. Casualties Nil   |
|          | 8/11/15  |  | Enemy artillery quiet only 14 shells coming at us.<br>Germans were observed pumping water over their front line trenches.<br>Our trenches are very wet being over knee deep in water in many places, making a diving suit more serviceable than the ordinary issue of clothing.   |
|          | 9/11/15  |  | Enemy artillery fairly active only 22 shells being presented to us. Rifle fire very little and on the whole the attitude of the Germans unusually quiet. The Huns were observed bailing water over front line parapet opposite N5 & N6 thus proving they could also benefit by diving suits instead of their ordinary suits. Casualties one wounded.  |
|          | 10/11/15 |  | Enemy today quite lively about 120 shells being fired by their artillery. Huns were again busy bailing water out of there front line trenches opposite N5 & N6.<br>Our bombers were successful in landing 3 bombs, 2 of them getting square into a working party.<br>Wet weather still continues and from observation made is giving the enemy as much trouble if not more than us, especially as regards communication trenches.<br>Casualties one serious |
|          | 11/11/15 |  | Enemy artillery moderate, only 3 shells being sent over our lines. Bombing and Rifle fire also quiet.<br>Extract from our patrol report "We went out to the enemy wire and continued working where we left off previous night and this time were successful in bringing back one 1 1/2 " Auger and a Bailing Dipper from their lines.<br>The flag we had hoped to get had gone.<br>Casualties 1 killed and 2 badly wounded.                                 |
|          | 12/11/15 |  | Enemy's attitude quiet, their artillery continued with sending us 16 shells of light caliber. They were still very busy bailing water out of their trenches and a pump could be hard working in same.<br>Our sniper was successful in bagging one Hun who was foolish enough to show his head and shoulders over the parapet.<br>Casualties 1 killed and 4 wounded.   |

Ridgewood	13/11/15	The battalion was relieved by the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion and proceeded to Brigade Reserve at Ridgewood where we remained until the 18 <sup>th</sup> . While in this Brigade Reserve we found practically all the fatigues for the front line left subsection and for all Engineers and Miners fatigues as well. This tour being the hardest one of all up to the present. 1 Casualty in one of the above mentioned fatigue parties occurred on the 17 <sup>th</sup> .
Ridgewood and trenches	18/11/15	The battalion proceeded to the left subsection trenches and relieved the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion. Relief was reported complete by 8.00 pm with no casualties
Trenches	19/11/15	Enemy's attitude quiet – artillery only sending us 25 rounds Enemy's front line appears to have been under repair as new sandbags abound.
	20/11/15	Enemy artillery little more active, 48 shells being fired at us. On the whole the day was exceptionally quiet. Casualties Nil
	21/11/15	Attitude of Germany still quiet, only 10 shells being fired. New sandbags were noticed on top of Germany's parapet opposite N6, apparently placed there during the night of the 20 <sup>th</sup> . 2 slight casualties
	22/11/15	Artillery quiet, nothing special occurring all day long. The battalion was relieved by the 20 <sup>th</sup> Battn during afternoon. This was carried out owing to the weather being foggy and in our favour. The battalion proceeded direct to La Clytte, where they stayed until the 26 <sup>th</sup> The usual bathing and company parades were carried out.
La Clytte	26/11/15	The battalion relieved the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion in the left subsection today. Relief being completed 7.30 pm. Casualties nil
Trenches	27/11/15	Enemy fairly active shelling us with 52 rounds. Battalion snipers report one hit. Enemy seen during day walking up trench at 0.8.A.1.7 All wearing grey uniforms and caps – one being blessed with a sheepskin collar. This was a bad day for the Battalion having 6 killed including one officer, and our artillery retaliated quite heavily on the Huns and obviously doing a great deal of damage.
	28/11/15	Enemy artillery fairly active giving us only 34 rounds. Several working parties of enemy were noticed opposite 0.1.A trench. Battalion snipers report one hit. In evenings communication trench at 0.8.A.17 about 50 Huns were seen all dressed in grey uniforms. None wore equipment, and only one carried a rifle. One casualty fatal.
	29/11/15	Enemy artillery <u>NIL</u> , apparently saving up for finer weather, as today was extremely foggy Battalion snipers report one hit. Patrol out could do nothing with an enemy patrol as they were unable to get in touch with them.
	30/11/15	Enemy artillery very active sending over 69 rounds. Our snipers were successful during day, claiming one officer and 7 men. Except for the above, nothing unusual occurred during the day.

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N and O Trenches	1/12/15		Enemy artillery fairly active – 36 shells – otherwise very quiet. One of two Hun airplanes flew over our lines about 11.00 am this morning. Casualties Nil. Our snipers bag one Hun. The battalion was relieved in the afternoon by the 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn and proceeded to Ridgewood and formed Brigade Reserve. Casualties Nil
Ridgewood	2/12/15		The battalion rested here till the afternoon of the 5 <sup>th</sup> when it proceeded to N and O trenches to relieve the 20 <sup>th</sup> Battn. This relief was completed at 7.00 pm. No casualties. Continuous fatigue and working parties were supplied to the N & O trenches during this stay.
N and O Trenches	6/12/15		Enemy artillery lively, 59 rounds being fired. Their sniping was also very active, paying particular attention to an exposed crossing at Bombers Hollow, rear of N 12. At 3.30 pm a white rag was waved by the enemy opposite N6. This is a trick frequently used by German snipers to encourage our men to expose themselves, as on previous occasions an observer through a telescope has detected a rifle muzzle some yards to the flank of the rag. One casualty, not fatal.
	7/12/15		Enemy artillery quiet in comparison to our own, number of rounds fired by them dropping in our area – 45. A pump was heard in the German front lines and water could be seen coming from the enemy's parapet during the day. Our snipers bagged one Hun. German Ante-Aircraft guns wasted much ammunition in endeavoring to bring down one of our airplanes this am. Casualties nil
	8/12/15		Enemy artillery fairly active – 57 rounds being fired. Our artillery gave good retaliation smashing their front line parapets in many places. The pump reported yesterday still working. One of the Hun planes attacked one ours but without any good result. Casualties two – non fatal.
	9/12/15		Enemy artillery and our own fairly active. Shells fired by the Hun in our area being 46. Enemy machine guns being active on Sniper's Barn Road, otherwise everything quiet.
	10/12/15		The battalion was relieved in the afternoon by the 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief completed by 7.00 pm. Casualties – They proceeded to billets in La Clytte for rest until the 16 <sup>th</sup> inst. The usual bathing parade, gas helmet drill, also ???? and company drills were carried out during the stay here.
La Clytte	16/12/15		The battalion proceeded to the N & O trenches and relieved the 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn in the afternoon. Relief completed 7.45 pm. Casualties nil
N & O trenches	17/12/15		Enemy artillery nil. Our artillery fairly active. Enemy machine gun very active last night from Piccadilly Farm traversing Sniper's Barn Road. Otherwise quiet on our front. Casualties – 2 slight –

N & O trenches	18/12/15	Enemy artillery quiet, 25 shells being fired in our area. Machine gun fire active from same direction as reported yesterday. The enemy made a good attempt to place knife rests at 0.7.C49, but were dispersed by our rifle fire Casualties – one not fatal
	19/12/15	Everything quiet in our area, but the effects of enemy's gas attack north of our position was felt here in the early morning. No serious effects were felt from this gas, but many suffered eye and throat trouble. The gas was noticed for about 3 ½ to 4 hours. Our artillery were extremely active during last night and all today north of our position. Casualties nil
	20/12/15	Enemy artillery quiet only 5 rounds being fired at us. Machine gun was rather active. Our artillery was very active. Pump was heard working at 07C 4.8 ½ all day. Many fires were lighted in Bois Quarant. Our snipers claim one hit. Casualties – one fatal, 3 minor –
	21/12/15	Today was indeed very ? Artillery on both sides hardly firing at all. Weather bad for observing. Casualties nil
	22/12/15	Artillery nil on both sides. German working parties were observed apparently repairing trenches damaged by our shells. The Germans were successful in establishing posts consisting of 3 steel loop holed plates each plate about 6' X 3' slanted back from top of parapet. Enemy nervous during night sending up large number of flares. The battalion was relieved by the 20 <sup>th</sup> battalion and proceeded to Ridgewood and formed Brigade Reserve. Casualties nil
Ridgewood	23/12/15	The usual tedious fatigue and working parties were provided by the battalion, and the accommodation at Ridgewood was far from pleasant.
	25/12/15	Christmas Day – REST DAY – No fatigues or working parties. Celebrated in a very quiet manner with plenty of Xmas puddings.
	28/12/15	The battalion proceeded to N & O trenches to relieve the 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief completed 8.00 pm. No Casualties
N & O trenches	29/12/15	Enemy artillery fairly active – 28 rounds being fired in our area. Machine gun fire on enemy's part more aggressive than usual traversing Chicory Trench and Bois Carre Position of gun 07C.69. Some new wire has been put up overnight at 08A 1.7 ½ A squadron of 19 allied planes flew over our lines at 12.15 pm flying SE and were seen to drop bombs on enemy's trenches. They all returned safely in spite of the efforts of the Huns ante-aircraft guns to destroy same. Our snipers bagged on Hun.
	30/12/15	Enemy artillery again nil on our front. Four rifle grenades fell in rear of 01A trench this morning. An allied plane crossed enemy's lines flying in a southerly direction was very heavily shelled by the Huns but without any result. Casualties One fatal
	31/12/15	Enemy artillery still nil. Our artillery active and doing good work. Enemy Machine gun fairly active. Two of our shells landed at 08A 17 ½ at 1.15 pm and waves of water could be seen in the trench and overflowing. Casualties one fatal, 3 minor.