

25TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

- WAR DIARY TRANSCRIPTION -



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INTRODUCTION

The diaries of the Canadian Expeditionary Force's 25th Canadian Infantry Battalion span the Great War years, from the early days of its formation in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in October 1914 to Witley Camp in Surrey, England in April 1919, where preparations were made for its return to Canada. A gap in the information does exist. Despite attempts to obtain a copy of the diary for August 1915, from both Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and the United Kingdom's National Archives, it appears that it may have been another casualty of the Great War. The responses from both organizations have been inserted into the diary for August 1915.

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Lastly, this project was a "labour of love", in memory of my Grandfather, Private Frederick Cyril Legere, 470310, 1896-1962, who served with the 25th Battalion, CEF.

Lest we forget.

1915

Fri., Jan 1, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

New Year day Special dinner provided from Battn funds
Major W.H. CONRAD reported for duty as senior major

Sat., Jan 2, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Battalion organized under Platoon System

Sun., Jan 3 to Sat., Jan 9, 1915 inclusive

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Sun., Jan 10, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Capt. L.H.MACKENZIE majority to date from 4-11-14

Mon., Jan 19 to Mon., Feb 1, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries

Mon., Jan 18, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

First death occurred on this date. Pte. J.W. BURKE of C. Coy. His body shipped to his home

Mon., Jan 19 to Mon., Feb 1, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Tue., Feb 2, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

ARMOURIES over crowded Several cases of diphtheria
350 men transferred to Emmigration Bulding. Deepwater

Wed., Feb 3 to Tue., Feb 9, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Wed., Feb 10, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

100 men recruited enlistment to take [the] places of men discharged medically unfit and undesirable

Thu., Feb 11 to Fri., Feb 26, 1914 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Sat., Feb 27, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Lieut J.H. TUPPER promoted to captain and appointed second in command of A. Company

Sun., Feb 28, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entry.

Mon., Mar 1, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Dinner given at HALIFAX Hotel by Sergts to officers of Battalion

Tue., Mar 2 to Fri., Mar 5, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Sat., Mar 6, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Pte. SCHOFIELDE, C. Coy died at Military Hospital

Sun., Mar 7, 1915 to Tue., Mar 30, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Mon., Mar 8 to Tue., Mar 30, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Wed., Mar 31, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Major D.A MACRAE, D.S. BAULD, J.G. MACKENZIE promoted to major from this date

Thu., Apr 1, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Fri., Apr 20, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Assigned pay remitted in accordance with assigned pay cards after this date.

[Note: entry shows as 20-4-15 but precedes entries for 12-4-15, 16-4-15 and 20-4-15 so was interpreted to mean Fri., Apr 2, 1915.]

Sat., Apr 3, 1915 to Sun., Apr 11, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Mon., Apr 12, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Two Field Kitchens and cheque for \$2.500 presented to the Battalion by the people of NOVA SCOTIA

Tue., Apr 13, 1915 to Thu., Apr 15, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Fri., Apr 16, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

75 Men enlisted to take the place of men discharged as medically unfit or undesirable

Sat., Apr 17, 1915 to Mon., Apr 19, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Tue., Apr 20, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Officers of Battalion held their first Mess Dinner at HALIFAX Hotel

Wed., Apr 21, 1915 to Wed., May 19, 1915 inclusive.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No entries.

Thu., May 20, 1915

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Embarked on H.M.T. SAXONIA after march through the city. Thousands of people were there to see The Battalion aboard ship. The 22nd French Canadian Battalion arrived from AMHERST at 3.00 PM oclock and were embarked about 5 PM The SAXONIA sailed immediately after. Details of ammunition Park were also on board. Total 2274- officers and men. Colonial F.M. GAUDET 22nd Battalion being Senior commanded the troops. Capt J.T.W. CHARLES, C.B.RD RN.R. commanded ship

Fri., May 21, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

No entry.

Sat., May 22, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Passed two large icebergs on port Bow

Sun., May 23, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Church Parade. Roman Catholic 10.30 AM Protestants 11.30 AM

Strong S.E. Winds

Mon., May 24, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Weather fair. Strong S E Wind sight liner on Port Bow stern

11.00 AM bound to NEW YORK. Made allotment of Rafts and boats to Battalion arrived in range of Submarines at 6.30 PM. Deck sports during afternoon

Tue., May 25, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Had fire alarms with boat drill

Wed., May 26, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Life belt and boat drill weather fine - sea smooth N.E. Wind, sports on no 4 hatches

Thu., May 27, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Weather clear with E.S.E winds sighted liner at 3.30 PM had life boat drill. Boats away over side and provision put on board. All ranks ordered to sleep with clothing on. Officers ordered to carry loaded revolvers and have life belt ready to wear.

Fri., May 28, 1915

HIGH-SEAS

Weather clear Strong N.N.E. wind Had life belt and boat drill Medical inspection P.M. sighted two liners 1.20 PM sighted torpedo boat destroyers LAWFORD, No. 4 on port Bow at 2.00 PM Sighted second destroyer at 3.45 PM a third destroyer was visible on horizon First and Second destroyer escorts us to port

Sat., May 29, 1915

PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND

Arrived at PLYMOUTH and dropped anchor at 4.10 AM arrived at dock at DAVENPORT at 8.30 AM. Half Battalion disembarked and went aboard train which left at 1.10 PM Remaining half battalion left on train at 2.30 PM. 1st section arrived at Westenhanger at 10.00 PM. 2nd section about 12 mid night
24th Battalion provided lunch.

Sun., May 30, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Spent day getting settled

Mon., May 31, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

getting settled

Tue., June 1, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Started training. 1st Parade in ENGLAND at 9.00 AM

-- see Appendix No. I.

Wed., June 2, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Weather fine
-- see Appendix No. I.

Thu., June 3, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Weather fine. 34 light draught horses taken on strength
-- see Appendix No. I.

Fri., June 4, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Eight hours daily in future
-- see Appendix No. I.

Sat., June 5, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Half holiday in afternoon
-- see Appendix No. I.

Sun., June 6, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Muster role call at 9.AM Combined Protestant service at 10.00 AM
-- see Appendix No. I.

Mon., June 7, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training as per syllabus.
-- see Appendix No. I.

Tue., June 8, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

In addition to training 3 officers were detailed to take course in map reading and 12 in musketry
-- see Appendix No. I.

Wed., June 9, 1915
EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training
-- see Appendix No. I.

Thu., June 10, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training 10 Riding horses taken on strength from 27th Battn
-- see Appendix No. I.

Fri., June 11, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training.
-- see Appendix No. I.

Sat., June 12, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Eight men per Company detailed to take Machine Gun course. E.J. Brooks granted 7 days sick leave recovering from severe attack of Tonsillitis
-- see Appendix No. I.

Sun., June 13, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Divine service [at] the Battalion parade ground
-- see Appendix No. I.

Mon., Jun 14, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Lt Col. J.A. SPONAGLE transferred to Headquarters LONDON as medical member Pension board Lieut C.K.EVILLE placed on sick list this date
-- see Appendix No. I.

Tue., Jun 15, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Capt CAMPBELL- C.A.M.C has been detailed to take over Col SPONAGLE duty
-- see Appendix No. I.

Wed., Jun 16, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training
-- see Appendix No. I.

Thu., Jun 17, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. Orders issued to cover all windows and conceal light by nights
-- see Appendix No. I.

Fri., Jun 18, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training 34 Bomb throwers under Lieut L.H. JOHNSTONE began course
-- see Appendix No. I.

Sat., Jun 19, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training Half Holiday
-- see Appendix No. I.

Sun., Jun 20, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Divine Service
-- see Appendix No. I.

Mon., Jun 21, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

A and B Company perlmmary range practise Part I at HYTHE
-- see Appendix No. I.

Tue., Jun 22, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training two Companies at range
-- see Appendix No. I.

Wed., Jun 23, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training two Companies at range
-- see Appendix No. I.

Thu., Jun 24, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training two Companies at range
-- see Appendix No. I.

Fri., Jun 25, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training two Companies at range

-- see Appendix No. I.

Sat., Jun 26, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training. 600 Pairs English boots issued to Battalion to replace Canadians boots worn out

-- see Appendix No. I.

Sun., Jun 27, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Divine Service

-- see Appendix No. I.

Mon., Jun 28, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training Two Companies at range.

-- see Appendix No. I.

Tue., Jun 29, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training Two Companies at range.

-- see Appendix No. I.

Wed., Jun 30, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Training Two Companies at range. Capt Holt, C.W. having been found medically unfit has been struck off strength and is returned to Canada this date

-- see Appendix No. I.

Appendix No. I.

Training- -25th Battalion, C.E.F.
by Major L.H. MacKenzie,
Adjutant 25th Battalion, C.E.F.

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|---------|--|---|
| 1-6-15. | 4 hours route marching, 1½ hours bayonet fighting, 1½ hour musketry, 1 hour physical training. | |
| 2-6-15. | 4 hours route marching, 1½ hours bayonet fighting, 1½ hours musketry, 1 hour physical training. | |
| 3-6-15. | 6.30 to 7.30 a.m.
9.00 to 10.00 a.m.
10.00 to 12.00 noon.
2.00 to 5.00 p.m. | I.T.Sec.13-16,18-19,21-26 & 47-80,
(inclusive).
Physical training.
I.T.Sec.81-96.
Route marching. |
| 4-6-15. | 6.30 to 7.30 a.m.
9.00 to 10.00 a.m.
10.00 to 12.00 noon.
2.00 to 5.00 p.m. | I.T.Sec.13-16,18,19,21-26,47-80, inclusive.
Physical training.
I.T.Sec.81-90.
Route marching. |
| 5-6-15. | 6.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m. | Parade for Divine Service (R.C.).
Parade for Divine Service (Protestant). |
| 6-6-15. | 6.30 to 7.30 a.m.
9.00 to 10.00 a.m.
10.00 to 12.00 noon.
2.00 to 5.00 p.m. | I.T.Sec13-16,18,19,21-26,47-80, inclusive.
Physical training.
I.T.Sec.81-96.
Route marching. |
| 7-6-15. | 5.30 to 7.00 a.m.
7.00 to 7.30 a.m.
9.15 to 10.15 a.m.
10.15 to 11.15 a.m.
11.15 to 12.15 p.m.
12.15 to 12.45 p.m.
2.00 to 5.00 p.m. | Section and platoon drill.
Semaphore signalling.
Musketry.
Bayonet fighting.
Musketry.
Physical training.
Route marching. |
| 8-6-15. | 6.30 to 7.00 a.m.
7.00 to 7.30 a.m.
9.00 to 10.15 a.m.
10.15 to 11.15 a.m.
11.15 to 12.15 p.m.
12.15 to 12.45 p.m. | Section and platoon drill,
Running drill.
Musketry.
Bayonet drill.
Musketry.
Semaphore. |

	1.45 to 5.00 p.m.	Route marching.
9-6-15.	6.30 to 7.00 a.m. 7.00 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 10.15 a.m. 10.15 to 11.15 a.m. 11.15 to 12.15 p.m. 12.15 to 12.45 p.m. 1.45 to 5.00 p.m.	Section and platoon drill. Running drill. Musketry. Bayonet drill. Musketry. Semaphore. Route march.
10-6-15.	6.30 to 7.00 a.m. 7.00 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 10.15 a.m. 10.15 to 11.15 a.m. 11.15 to 12.15 p.m. 12.15 to 12.45 p.m. 1.45 to 5.00 p.m.	Section and platoon drill. Physical drill. Musketry. Bayonet drill. Musketry. Semaphore. Route marching.
11-6-15.	6.30 to 7.00 a.m. 7.00 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 10.15 a.m. 10.15 to 11.15 a.m. 11.15 to 12.15 p.m. 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Platoon drill. Running drill. Musketry. Bayonet fighting. Semaphore. Route marching.
12-6-15.	6.30 to 7.00 a.m. 7.00 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 10.15 a.m. 10.15 to 11.15 a.m. 11.15 to 12.00 noon.	Platoon drill. Physical training. Musketry. Bayonet fighting. Semaphore.
13-6-15.	7.00 & 10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Parade for Divine Service (R.C.). “ “ “ “ (Non Conformist). “ “ “ “ (C. of E.).
14-6-15.	6.30 to 7.00 a.m. 7.00 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 12.45 p.m. 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. 7.30 to 10.30 p.m.	Close order and arms drill. Musketry, preparatory to range practice. Entrenching. Advance guard action. Night marching.
15-6-15.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 12.45 p.m. 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Musketry. Defence of position. Entrenching.

Appendix No. I.

C COMPANY 25TH BATTALION, C.E.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING WEEK ENDING 19 – 6 – 15.

Day.			
16-6-15.	Btn.Hutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry,preparatory to range practise.
	B 28,29 & 4,5.	9.00 to12.45 p.m.	Advance Guard Action.
	Btn.Digging Area.	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Entrenching.
	B 28,29 & 4,5.	7.30 to10.30 p.m.	Night Outpost, patrols and night marching discipline.
17-6-15.	Btn.Hutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry (as above).
	Btn.Digging Area.	9.00 to12.45 p.m.	Entrenching.
	B 28,29 & 4,5.	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Defence of Position.
18-6-15.	Btn.Hutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 p.m.	Musketry (as above).
		9.00 to12.45 p.m.	Musketry (as above).
	24th “ “ “	2.00 to 4.00 p.m.	Bayonet,final assault practise.
	25th “ “ “	4.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Musketry.
19-6-15.	24th Btn.Hutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Bayonet F.A.P.
	Btn.Digging Area.	9.00 to11.00 a.m.	Trench Warfare.
	“ “	11.00 to12.00 a.m.	Musketry (as above).

O.C. Compant[Company] will detach one platoon each following hours.
9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 2.p.m. and 3.30 p.m. and send them to
Battalion Hutment Area to report to Asst. Adjutant for Physical
Training under S.M. Instructor McDonald on 16-6-15 and 17-6-15.
S.M. McDonald will attend at Bayonet Assault Course 18-6-15 and 19-6-15.

Reference. 1: 20000 Shorncliffe Art.Training Map.

Appendix No. I.

25th Battalion. C. E. F.

C Company.

Syllabus of Training- -Week Ending 3-7-15.

21-6-15.	Btn.Hutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry (preparatory to range practice).
	B 27b 7 8.	9 to 12.45 p.m.	Attack,south east from Steple Farm.
	H 4a 7 5.	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Details of attack in trench warfare.
	B 20.	7.30 to 10.30p.m.	March to bivouac at B 20 [?] 6 5, Night outpost with one platoon sent out to attack.
22-6-15.	B 20	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry (as above).
	B 20 26 H 3.	9.00 to 12.45 p.m.	Advance guard east from bivouac via Postling & Cuckoo Lane,not to be east of StMarys Church before 10 a.m.
	Btn.Hutment Area.	2.00 to 4.00 p.m.	Musketry (as above).
	“ “ “	4.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Close order drill.
23-6-15.	“ “ “	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry (as above)
	H 4 a 7 5.	9.00 to 12.45 p.m.	Entrenching.
	B 27b.	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Field work, outpost.
	H 4 a 7 5.	7.30 to 10.30 p.m.	Night entrenchments.
24-6-15.	Btn.Hutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry (as above)
	H 4 a 7 5.	9.00 to 12.45 p.m.	Entrenching.
	B 27d & h 3b.	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Field work,use of ground, advancing under fire, taking advantage of cover.
25-6-15	BtnHutment Area.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	Musketry (as above).
	H 3 [?] & B 27 C.	9.00 to 12.45 p.m.	Rear guard action; south east from line Douglas Farm-Vicarage to be in position at 10 a.m.
	H 3c 9 8.	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Attack; final stages and assault, control by section commanders.
26-6-15.	Btn.Hutment Area, and F.A.P.Ground.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m. 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting. “ “

“ “ “ 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. Musketry (as above).
“ “ “ 11.00 to 12.00 noon Bayonet Fighting.

A and B Companies during Musketry at Hythe range.

Reference: 1: 20000 Shorncliffe Art.Map.

Appendix No.1.

25th Battalion. C. E. F.

Syllabus of Training- -Week Ending 3-7-15.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	<u>Area.</u>	<u>Nature of Training.</u>
Monday, 28-6-15.	A Company.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.
	B Company.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.
	C Company.	6.30 to 7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry, preparatory to range practice.
		7 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commanders on Trench Warfare.
		9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	H.4.C.	Trench warfare, attack and defence.
		2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	H.3.A.	Day outpost,line Douglas Farm inclusive to Tolsford Planation exclusive.
	7.30 to 10.30 p.m.	H.4.C.	Night entrenching, occupying and relieving in trenches.	
	D Company	6.30 a.m. to 7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry, preparatory to range practice.
		7 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	“ “	Bayonet Fighting.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.		H.4.C.	Entrenching.	
Tuesday, 29-6-15.	A Company.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.
	B “	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.
	C “	6.30 to 7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry, preparatory to range practice.
		7 a.m. to 7.30a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commanders.
		9 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	H.4.C.	Entrenching.
30-6-15.	D “	6.30 to 7 a.m.	Btn:Parade	Lecture by Platoon

	Ground.	Commanders on Trench Warfare.
7 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	“ “	Musketry.
9 a.m. to 12 noon.	H.4.C.	Entrenching.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	H.4.C.	Trench Warfare.
7.30 to ½0.30 p.m.	H.4.C.	Occupying and relieving in trenches by night. Night entrenching.

Thu., Jul 1, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training in morning as per Syllabus. Half holiday and sports in afternoon. Capt. C.W. HOLT having been found medically unfit, has been struck off the strength of the BATTN. and returned to CANADA. Two companys at Range

-- See appendix I

Fri., Jul 2, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Muster parade at 8.30 A.M. Other training as per Syllabus. Two companys at range

-- See appendix I

Sat., Jul 3, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range.

-- See appendix I

Sun., Jul 4, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Divine service as follows: 9.00 A.M. Church of ENGLAND and Presbyterians in 26th and 25th lines respectively. Roman Catholics in 22nd lines at 10.00 A.M.

Mon., Jul 5, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per syllabus. One officer, one Sergt. and sixteen men are detailed for bomb Throwing course, also 32 men from A & B coys. for Machine Gun Course. C & D companys at P Range HYTHE

-- See appendix I

Tue., Jul 6, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range

-- See appendix I

Wed., Jul 7, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather Wet. Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range

-- See appendix I

Thu., Jul 8, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range
-- See appendix I

Fri., Jul 9, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range
-- See appendix I

Sat., Jul 10, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range
Field Conduct sheets have arrived and are issued to O.Cs concerned.
-- See appendix I

Sun., Jul 11, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Divine service as follows. Church of ENGLAND and PRESBYTERIANS at 9.00 A.M. in 26th and 25th lines respectively Roman Catholics at 10.00 A.M. in 22nd lines.

Mon., Jul 12, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus. Two Companys at Range. Muster Parade at 7.00 P.M. Capt. W.L. WHITFORD and Mr E.J. Brooks proceeded to SCARBOROUGH and SHORNCLIFFE respectively on Command. The 17th BATTALION has been allotted to the 25th as Reserve BATTALION.
-- See appendix I

Tue., Jul 13, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus. While C & D Companys were returning from the Range they were halted by MAJOR GENERAL the HON. S. HUGHES who complimented the Offices on the fine appearance of the men.
-- See appendix I

Wed., Jul 14, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine in morning. Wet in afternoon. Training as per Syllabus. Two companys at Range.

-- See appendix I

Thu., Jul 15, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine in morning. Wet in afternoon. Training as per Syllabus. Two company's at Range.

-- See appendix I

Fri., Jul 16, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine in morning. Wet in afternoon. A rehearsal by the Division was held at BEACHBOROUGH opposite to QUEENS HOSPITAL, preparatory to a review by the HON SIR ROBERT BORDEN and MAJOR GENERAL the HON S. HUGHES. Training in afternoon in ceremonial dries [dress]

Sat., Jul 17, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather wet in early morning, but cleared up about 9.00 A.M. The Division paraded at BEACHBOROUGH at 7.00 AM. SIR ROBERT BORDEN, and MAJOR GENERAL the HON. S. HUGHES inspected it about 10.00 A.M. after which the three Infantry Brigades "Marched Past" All the Officers of the Division were then addressed by the PREMIER. Half Holiday in afternoon.

Sun., Jul 18, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Divine service as follows. Church of ENGLAND and Presbyterians at 9.00 A.M. in 26th and 25th lines respectively Roman Catholics in 22nd lines at 10.00 A.M.

Mon., Jul 19, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Muster Parade at 9:00 A.M. Training as per Syllabus rest of day. 1 officer, 1 sergt, 2 corpls. and 31 men detailed for Bomb Throwing Course, and 16 men from C & D Coys for Machine Gun Course.

-- See appendix

Tue., Jul 20, 1915

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus.

-- See appendix

Wed., Jul 21, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine Training as per Syllabus. The Battalion occupied the trenches during the night and remained in them until morning

-- See appendix

Thu., Jul 22, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Wet weather. Training as per Syllabus. The Battalion was inspected at work by MAJOR GENERAL DICKSON who expressed himself as being very well satisfied with them and complimented the Commanding Officer on the work and appearance of the men.

-- See appendix

Fri., Jul 23, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine in morning, Wet in afternoon Training as per Syllabus.

-- See appendix

Sat., Jul 24, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather cool with occasional showers. Training as per Syllabus in morning. Half holiday in afternoon.

-- See appendix I

Sun., Jul 25, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. With occasional showers. Divine service as follows. Church of ENGLAND and Presbyterian at 9.00 A.M. in 26th and 25th lines respectively. Roman Catholics at 10.00 A.M. in 22nd lines.

Mon., Jul 26, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus. 25th is Duty Battalion for the week, furnishing all guards and piquets in 5th BDE Area.

-- See appendix I

Tue., Jul 27, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather cool with showers. Training as per Syllabus.

-- See appendix I

Wed., Jul 28, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per syllabus.

Thu., Jul 29, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine in morning. Cool and showery in afternoon. Training as per syllabus.

-- See appendix I

Fri., Jul 30, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus

-- See appendix I

Sat., Jul 31, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fine. Training in morning as per Syllabus. Half holiday in afternoon. First games in Inter Battalion Base Ball and Football Leagues were played. Hon. Capt. EE. GRAHAM and HON CAPT D MACPHERSON proceeded to the DARDANELLES and are struck off the strength of the Battalion from this date.

Appendix No.1.

Syllabus of Training - - 25th Btn. C.E.F.			Week Ending July 3rd, 1915.			
Thursday, 1-7-15.	A	Company.	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	P. Range	Musketry.	
	B	“	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.	
	C	“	7.30-8.30 a.m.	B 26.a.8.7.	Musketry.	
			8.30-9 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commander on attack and final assault.	
			9-12.45 p.m.	Bivouac to Hut Area	Tactical Scheme, advance guard and final assault.	
			2-3.00 p.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Bayonet fighting.	
			3-5.00 p.m.	“ “	Musketry as above.	
	D	“	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.	
			7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lectures by Platoon Commander.	
			9-12.45 p.m.	B 26 A.	Outposts by day.	
			2-7.30 p.m.	B 26 A.	Tactical scheme.Advance Guard to B 26 A 8.7.Outposts by night. Bivouac.	
	Friday, 2-7-15.	A	“	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.
		B	“	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.
C		“	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry,preparatory to range practice.	
			7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commander on discipline.	
			9-11.45 a.m.	“ “	Musketry as above.	
			11.45-12.45 p.m.	“ “	Cloase order & arm drill.	
			2-5.00 p.m.	H.4.C.	Entrenching.	
D		“	6.30-7 a.m.	B 26 A 8.7.	Lecture by Platoon Commander.	
			7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Bayonet fighting.	
			9-12.45 p.m.	H. 4. A.	Attack & defence, trench warfare.	
			2-3.00 p.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.	
			3-4.00 p.m.	“ “	Close order & arm drill.	
			4-5.00 p.m.	“ “	Bayonet fighting.	
Saturday, 3-7-15.	A	“	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.	
	B	“	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry.	
	C	“	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Bayonet fighting.	
			7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture on care of arms.	
		9-10.30 a.m.	“ “	Musketry, preparatory to range practice.		

D	“	10.30-12 noon.	“	“	Bayonet fighting.
		6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade		Musketry.
			Ground.		
		7-7.30 a.m.	“	“	Lecture by Platoon Cpmmander.
		9-10 a.m.	“	“	Bayonet fighting.
		10-12 noon.	“	“	Musketry.

Appendix no. I

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING.

25th B A T T A L I O N. C. E. F.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Company.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Nature of Training.</u>
Monday, 5-7-15.	A	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commanders on outposts.
		9-12.45 p.m.	Junction Douglas Farm & Postling Road.	Day outposts.
		2-4 p.m.	F.A.P. Area.	Bayonet fighting.
	B	4-5 p.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
		6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture “Entrenching”.
		9-12.45 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Entrenching.
	C	2-5 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Trench warfare.
		3.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
	D	3.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
		No.1 and 5 platoons will do trench digging in Trench Area.		
Tuesday, 6-7-15.	A	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commanders, “Advance Guard”.
		9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Via StoneFarm Postlings, Lyminge.Rhodes Munis Parkwood Road.	Advance Guard Scheme, Wood fighting, Parkwood. Bivouac half mile N.W. The Gate.
	8-11 p.m.	Parkwood.	Night outposts, one platoon to attack. Enemy coming from north, via Stone St.	
B	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.	

		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture “Bayonet Fighting”
		9-12.45 p.m.	Btn.Digging Ground.	Entrenching.
		2-3.30 p.m.	F.A.P.Ground.	Bayonet fighting.
		3.30-5 p.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.
	C	3.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
	D	3.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
	No.2 and 6 platoons will do trench digging in Trench Area.			
Wednesday, 7-7-15.	A	6.30-7 a.m.	Bivouac.	Musketry
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commander.
		9 a.m.-5 p.m.	S.P.Wheel- Barrow Town via Rhodes Munnis, Lyminge. 13 Newhorn Road.	Advance Guard Scheme, culminating in attack on Telsford Hill. Telsford to be attacked via footpath 400 yds.N.of New Barn.
	B	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture,Advance Guard.
		9 a.m.-5.30 p.m..	Btn.Parade Ground to Park Wood	Advance Guard Attack. Wood Fighting.
		7.30-10.30 p.m.	½ mile north of the gate, No.3 Training Sub.Area.	Night outpost,one platoon to attack, bivouac, cooking rations in mess tin.
	C	3.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
	D	3.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe,
	No.3 and No.7 platoons will do trench digging in trench area.			
Thursday, 8-7-15.	A	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commander, trench warfare.
		9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Entrenching.

	7.30-10.30 p.m	“ “	Night entrenching.
B	6.30-7 a.m.	Park Wood.	Musketry.
	7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture, “Rear Guard”.
	9 a.m.-12.45 p.m.	“ “	Defence.
	2-5.30 p.m.	Park Wood to Btn.Parade Ground.	Rear Guard Scheme.
C	3.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	3.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

No.4 and No.8 platoons will do trench digging in Trench Area.

Friday,
9-7-15.

A	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
	7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture by Platoon Commander, Rear Guard.
	9-12.45 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Attack & defence, trench warfare.
	2-5 p.m.	“ “ “	Entrenching.
B	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn Parade Ground.	Musketry.
	7-7.30 a.m.	“ “ “	Lecture,Night Entrenching.
	9-12 noon.	Btn Digging Ground.	Entrenching.
	12-12.45 p.m.	“ “	Musketry.
	2-3 p.m.	F.A.P. Ground.	Bayonet fighting.
	3.30-5 p.m.	Btn. Parade Ground.	Musketry.
	7.30-10.30 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Night Entrenching.
C	3.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	3.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

Saturday,
10-7-15.

A	6.30-7.30 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Lecture by Platoon Commanders, “Discipline”.
	9-10 a.m.	“ “	Musketry.
	10-11 a.m.	F.A.P.Area.	Bayonet Fighting.

	11-12 noon.	Hutment Area.	Close order drill.
B	6.30-7 a.m.	Btn.Parade Ground.	Musketry.
	7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Le-cture, “Care of Arms”.
	9-10 a.m.	“ “	Close order drill.
	10-11 a.m.	“ “	Musketry.
	11-12 noon.	F.A.P.Ground.	Bayonet Fighting.
C	3.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	3.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

Appendix no I

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

25th B A T T A L I O N. C. E. F.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Company.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Nature of Training.</u>	
Monday, 12-7-15.	A	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.	
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Bayonet Fighting.	
		9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Entrenchment and trench warfare.	
		7.30-10.30 p.m.	Stone Farm east via Etchinghill-Newborn Rd to junction Postling-Douglas Farm Rd.	Night Marching-Advance guard-Night outposts.	
	B	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.	
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Bayonet Fighting.	
		9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Entrenchment and trench warfare.	
		7.30-10.30 p.m.	Stone Farm east via Etchinghill-Newborn Rd to junction Postling-Douglas Farm Rd.	Night marching-Advance guard-Night outposts.	
	C	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.	
		D	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
	Tuesday, 13-7-15.	A	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
			7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Bayonet Fighting.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.			Btn.Digging Area.	Entrenchment and trench warfare.	
B		6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.	
		7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Bayonet Fighting.	
		9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Btn.Digging Area.	Entrenchment and trench warfare.	
C		4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.	
		D	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

Wednesday,
14-7-15.

A	6.30-7 a.m. 7-7.30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hutment Area. “ “ Btn.Digging Area.	Musketry. Bayonet Fighting. Entrenchment and trench warfare.
B	6.30-7 a.m. 7-7.30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hutment Area. “ “ Btn.Digging Area.	Musketry. Bayonet Fighting. Entrenchment and trench warfare.
C	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

Thursday,
15-7-15.

A	6.30-7 a.m. 7-7.30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hutment Area. “ “ Btn.Digging Area.	Musketry. Bayonet Fighting. Entrenchment and trench warfare.
B	6.30-7 a.m. 7-7.30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hutment Area. “ “ Btn.Digging Area.	Musketry. Bayonet Fighting. Entrenchment and trench warfare.
C	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

Friday,
16-7-15.

A	6.30-7.30 a.m. 7-7.30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 8-11 p.m.	Hutment Area. “ “ Btn.Digging Area. “ “ “	Musketry. Lecture by Platoon Commanders. Entrenchment and trench warfare. Trench warfare.
B	6.30-7.30 a.m. 7-7.30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 8-11 p.m.	Hutment Area. “ “ Btn.Digging Area. “ “ “	Musketry. Lecture by Platoon Commanders. Entrenchment and trench warfare. Trench warfare.
C	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	4 a.m.-3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

Saturday,
17-7-15.

A	6.30-7.30 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Lecture by Platoon Commanders,Discipline, Care of Arms.
	9-10 a.m.	“ “	Musketry.
	10-11 a.m.	F.A.P.Area.	Bayonet Fighting.
	11-12 noon.	Hutment Area.	Close order drill.
B	6.30-7 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
	7-7.30 a.m.	“ “	Lecture,”Care of Rations”
	9-10 a.m.	F.A.P.Area.	Bayonet Fighting.
	10-11 a.m.	Hutment Area.	Musketry.
	11-12 noon.	F.A.P.Area.	Bayonet Fighting.
C	3.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.
D	3.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	P Range.	Musketry, Hythe.

25th BATTALION. C. E. F.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING.

Week Ending July 24th 1915.

Date.	Unit.	Hour of Assembly.	Training Area.	Nature of Training.
19-7-15.	25th Btn.	6.30-7.30 a.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	Musketry & Bayonet Fighting Close Order & Arms Drill.
		9.a.m.-12.45 p.m.	POSTLING	Attack HILL 150,B,20? d,8,3.
		2-12. p.m.	B.20. a & b.	Outpost by day;line FULLER WOOD POSTLING WOOD, both exc. Advance Guard via LYMINGE-NEWBARN-B PATH to H.4.C.Outpost by Night CASTLEHOUSE SHAW-LITTLE STONE WOOD both exc. Night entrenchment.
20-7-15.		6.30-7.30 a.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	Bayonet Fighting & lectures by Platoon Commanders.
		9.a.m.-5.p.m.	B. 7. b.	Attack & Defence; ROUND DOWN WOOD.
		5.00 p.m.	BTN.PARADE.	Lecture Officers & N.C.O's by Lieut. Morgan.
21-7-15.		6.30-7.30 a.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	Musketry & Lectures by Platoon Commanders
		9.a.m.-12.45 p.m.	B. 20. 4.	Advance Guard, Postli WENTS.POSTLING—THE ?? PENT FARTHING COMMON Attack FULLERS WOOD & FANCOMBE WOOD.
22-7-15.		2.p.m.-midnight.	E. 4. a.	Trench Warfare.
		Midnight-12.45.p.m.	E. 4. a.	Trench Warfare.
		2-3. p.m.	Btn.HUTMENT AREA.	Close order & arms drill.
		3-4.p.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	Bayonet Fighting.
23-7-15.		4-5.p.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	MUSKETRY.
		5.00.p.m.	BTN. PARADE.	Lecture to Officers & N.C.O's by Lieut. Morgan.
		6.30-7.30.a.m.	BTN.HUTMENT	Bayonet Fighting &

		AREA%.	Lectures by Platoon Commanders.
	9.a.m.-5.p.m.	STOWTING.	Rear Guard Action; STOWTING via ROUND DOWN WOOD-STORE. STREET-POSTLING WOOD NEWBARN-BRIDLE PATH TOLSFORD HILL.
	5.00 p.m.	BTN.PARADE.	Lecture to Officers & N.C.O's by Lieut. Morgan.
24-7-15.	6.30-7.30 a.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9-10. a.m.	“ “ “	“ “
	10-11.a.m.	“ “ “	Close Order & Arms Drill.
	11-12.a.m.	“ “ “	Bayonet fighting.

Reference. 1:20000 Shorncliffe Artillery Training Map.

25th Battalion. C. E. F.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING

Week ending July 31st,1915.

Date.	Hour of Assembly.	Training Area.	Nature of Training.
26-7-15.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	No.3 Area.	Advanced guard and day outpost, to include march discipline, reconnaissance patrolling and map reading. P.M. Defence of position based on above scheme. Outpost patrols find enemy approaching. O.C.Btn. reconnoitres and decides on disposition and moves into position. Return to camp.
27-7-15.	6.30 to 7.30 a.m.	BTN.HUTMENT AREA.	Bayonet fighting. Lecture by platoon commanders on trench warfare.
	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	H.4.a.	Trench warfare Defence and counter attack successful counter attack reversing his trenches, sapping back to our line and forward to enemy's imaginary new line.
28-7-15.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	No.3 Area.	Advanced guard to include reconnaissance. Have flag enemy in position. Attack flag enemy. Hold ground taken and bivouac for lunch on position taken. Rear guard action to camp.
29-7-15.	8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 30-7-15.	No.3 Area	An enemy has effected a landing. Btn .detailed for rear guard. Rear guard action. Halt. Night outposts bivouac. Return to camp Friday morning.
30-7-15.	7 p.m. to 5 a.m., 31-7-15.	H.4.a.	Trench warfare. Attack on trenches by night. Digging by night. Sapping forward, listening posts, repelling counter attacks, reversing enemy's trenches etc.

Sun., Aug 1, 1915 to Tue., Aug 31, 1915, inclusive

From: [McKenna Ilene](#)

To: 'Lynn Lane'

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 10:35 AM

Subject: RE: WWI War Diaries

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Sincerely,

Ilene McKenna

Reference, Genealogy and Circulation Division

Library and Archives Canada

From: [DocumentsOnline](#)
To: 'Lynn Lane'
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Subject: RE: War Diaries

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Wed., Sep 1, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather rainy all day. Battalion Details paraded to "E" Range [inserted: Hythe] for Musketry Practice at 5. o'clock A.M General clean up of huts in afternoon.

Thu., Sep 2, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair, showery at times, rained in afternoon. Inspection of 2nd Division on Beachborough Hospital grounds by His Majesty King George V and Lord Kitchener.

Fri., Sep 3, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Battalion paraded to West Sandling. 21st Battalion leaves for complete overhauling and reaming of rifles. Rained afternoon

Sat., Sep 4, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

General cleaning of Battalion grounds, lines and huts. Weather fair. (Half holiday) Major A.A.P. Weston took over Quartermaster 25th Battalion.

Sun., Sep 5, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair and warm. Church of England parade at 9. a.m. in 26th Battalion lines. Roman Catholic parade at 11 a.m. Beachborough Hospital grounds

Mon., Sep 6, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Battalion was issued with Webb Equipment in morning. Battalion sports afternoons.

Tue., Sep 7, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Battalion fitting new Equipment and returning old equipment Battalion sports afternoon.

Wed., Sep 8, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Brigade trench attack on Tolsfords Hill, as per special Idea. Brigade sports.

See appendix "A"

Thu., Sep 9, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Instructions given in use of new entrenching tool.

Fri., Sep 10, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Inspection by Brigadier Lieut Col Watson [inserted: in] marching order in morning. Filling in of trenches on Tolsfords Hill afternoon.

Sat., Sep 11, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair. Instruction in use of Smoke Helmet respirater in morning. Divisional sports afternoon.

Sun., Sep 12, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Fine day. Church parade at 8.30 and 9.55 A.M.

Mon., Sep 13, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Fine day. 3 officers and 112 O.R being Machine Gun and Transport Sections, left for France via Southampton. Muster parade in afternoon by Paymaster.

Tue., Sep 14, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Weather fair in morning rainy afternoon and evening. List of Officers, N.C.Os and men transferred to 17th Reserve Battalion, published in Daily Orders.

Wed., Sep 15, 1915

EAST SANDLING, KENT, ENGLAND

Fine day. Left grounds in good condition. Ammunition issued to each man (120 Rounds). Left Camp for Overseas at 6.30 P.M. arriving Folkstone at 9. oclock. Left Folkstone at 10 P.M. arriving Boulogne at 1. A.M. 16th.

Thu., Sep 16, 1915

IN THE FIELD – BOULOGNE, PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Lovely day. Marched from Boulonge wharf to rest camp at Ostrohove, three miles distant, arriving there at 2. a m left at 11.45 A M for Pont de Briques where we entrained, distance marched about three miles. At Pont de Briques we met the Transport from Havre, and all went forward in same train. We passed Calais en route and arrived at Wizerness near St.Omer at 7 P.M. At 10 P.M we left on foot for Lynde but did not reach there, so bivouaced at Blende[c]ques for the night. French Interpreter Monsieur Martin joined us at Ostrohove

Fri., Sep 17, 1915

IN THE FIELD – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Lovely day. Left at 8.30 A. M and arrived near Lynde at 12.30 P.M had dinner in a beautiful field, remained there until 4.P.M. Motor Lorries carried valises of all ranks to Prudelle Commune. Battalion arrived at Commune about 11 P.M Head Quarters is shown in red on map attached hereto. The Battalion bivouaced at Head Quarters for the night.
see appendix “B”

Sat., Sept 18, 1915

IN THE FIELD – PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE

Lovely day. Men were Billeted as shown on map annexed hereto marked “B” in Nos, 34,36,38,40,39,54,41,42,43,44. Muster parade showed all present, not a man had dropped out so far. The Brigadier visited the Battalion.

Sun., Sep 19, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Lovely day. Lt Col LeCain, officers commanding companies, Machine Gun officer and two subalterns from each company left at 6.30 A.M for the trenches by Motor Bus. Battalion left about 9. A M. and bivouaced in a field for dinner after about six miles march. Major Conrad was in command of the Battalion. Left the bivouac at 2 P.M arriving at the temporary rest camp near Locre at 4.30 P.M. where we bivouaced for the night. Every man in the Battalion marched into camp which is a Record in either English or Canadian Divisions.

Mon., Sep 20, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Lovely day. Inspection by Lieut General E.H.A. Alderson C B Commanding Canadian Corps, Major General R.E.W Turner, V.C., C.B., D.S.O commanding 2nd Canadian Division and Brigadier General Watson. About 5.30 P.M. platoons No 1. 3. 5.7.9.11.13.15. with their officers left for the trenches. Lieut Bullock was placed in charge of Brigade Mining Sections and selected seventy (70) men from this Battalion to for [m] part of the (100) hundred men under his command. Machine Gun section went to trenches under Command of Lieut J A Delancey. Operation Order “C”.

Tue., Sep 21, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Lovely day. Balance of Battalion furnished guards. #68251 Pte Gardiner M. shot himself in the leg while cleaning [crossed out: a revolver] an automatic Pistol

Wed., Sep 22, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Lovely day. Balance of Battalion went to the trenches. Details remained on Bivouac overnight. Operation Order.
see Appendix “D”

Thu., Sep 23, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Lovely day. Battalion Details including Quartermaster, Transport Officer and Paymaster removed to Locre which is the rest camp of the 25th Battalion and Orderly Room established there. The 25th Battalion took over the trenches from the 2nd Kings Own on the evening of the 22nd completing relief at 8.45 P.M this being two hours and fifteen minutes from the time the even numbered platoons reported at the Barrier on La Clyte-Kemmel Road. Platoons occupying the following trenches:

A. Company No 1. G 4 a., No 2. G 4 , No 3. F 1 a., No 4. H 1., B. Company No5. S P 11., No 6. F 5., No 7. H 2, No 8. H 3., C. Company No 9. F 4., No 10. J 1., No 11. J2., No 10. J 10., D. Company No 13. J 3 R, No 14. J 3 New., No 15. J 3 L., No 16. J 4., J 11 and SP 12 occupied by sections of different Platoons [crossed out: Operation Order “D”]

Work The following work was carried out on the night of the 22nd and 23rd. Improved 10 yards of floor in J trench raised parapet around Latrines, improved 20 feet of communication trench from J to J 10 continued work on slits started by 2nd Kings Own. revetted parapets in bays of trenches. J 10 Communication Trench improved by repairing flooring. Began work on new dug out in J 10 lines. Casualties up to midday – Nil. Wind, light North East.

Fri., Sep 24, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

A heavy bombardment was carried out on the 5th Corps front on our left from 3.50 A M to 4.50 A M. Everything was quiet on our front during the night. Work Wire in front G 4 a. and H 1 a. repaired last night. J 1. furnished draining communication trench. Repaired sap out to listening Post, started a new dugout in J 1, heightened parapets and replaced damaged sand bags in J2. 20 yards of parapet improved. New slit added in communication trench. In J 3 R and J 3 L raised and repaired parapet, Cleared trenches of damage caused by rain. Casualties #68356 Pte Etchells, J. accidentally shot himself in the foot. A very heavy bombardment was carried out by our Artillery from 4. P M to 5 P M the enemy’s reply was very weak. Wind South, light with scattered showers. Monsieur Martin French Interpreter was transferred from our Battalion.

Sat., Sep 25, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Received orders that general advance of French army was taking place on this date. Smoke bags were issued to us with instructions to use them when wind conditions were favorable. Unfortunately weather conditions did not permit of their use. We were to be ready to advance in two hours if necessary. A very heavy bombardment took place from 4 to 5 am. very weak reply from Germans. Work Repairing parapets. very little work done on account of extra vigilant watch kept for indicating any move on the part of the enemy. News received that successful assault had been carried out at different parts of the line to the south of us. Operation orders. See Appendix "E"

Casualties. Had one man killed in action. #67563 L/Cpl McLean J.A was sniping and succeeded in hitting two Germans. He was in the act of taking a third shot when he was hit in the head, almost the whole top being shot off. He lived two hours but was unconscious. He was buried at 2.30 P.M. 26:9:15 in the new 5th Canadian Brigade cemetery. In selected plot of ground for the 25th Battalion immediately north of the 22nd French Canadian Battalion at N16 b 5-2 Belgium 1/10,000 sheet 28 at Laiterie. Weather Scotch mist hung over everything in the morning, slight wind with rain.

Casualties #68349 Pte McEachern A [inserted: "D Coy"] wounded in action shot in cheek bone. #67669 Pte Marshall E. D.Coy. wounded in action shot in calf of leg. #68360 Pte Baker H A.Coy wounded in action, shot in right eye. Monsieur Stass A joined us this date as Belgian Interpreter

Sun., Sep 26, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

The enemy fired [crossed out: five] twelve high explosive shells in Kemmel between 5.30 am and 6 am. one hitting the spire of the church, Scattered rifle fire took place all day. Reported that the enemy were using derricks to repair their trenches throwing the earth in front of their parapets. Patrols out during the night report that they discovered the enemy's listening Post met no enemys patrol. Between 10.30 and 11.00 P M heavy firing was indulged in by the enemy. Work J1 worked on Communication trench between J1 and J2 relaying bottom boards whaer loose, carried on work on new Dug out in J2. H4 improved. J10 repaired wall. G4a. raised floor bottom and repaired damage caused by rain. In H2 cleaning and repairing generally. In S.P.11. improved parapets, in J3L improved drainage as also in J3N. Weather, Fine, with light west wind

Casualties –Nil.

Mon., Sep 27, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

At 2.50.A.M. the Germans opposite our lines shouted charge and then opened fire with Machine Guns on our parapets firing 10 rounds in succession at intervals of 5 or 10 minutes. Enemy seemed nervous sending up a large number of flares all night. At 10.30 A.M. enemy were observed using a Derrick for the purpose of repairing their trenches, throwing the earth in front of their parapets. One of our patrols located a listening Post. Companies report that they believe new troops are opposite them, as they shoot more accurately and have better fire control. Work Repairing parapets, building up Parados, working on slits H5, making communication trench in H 4, revetting in J1. J2 and J10. sapped two yards in front of barbed wire, parapet and dugout repaired in H1a. Front wire straightened and tightened, 10 new stakes put in and roll

wire strung on them. H1 Parados and Dugout repaired. In G4 building up traverses. In SP12 repairing and reroofing dug out + machine gun emplacement. J4 building up walls and deepening for drainage. Weather [-----] west wind.

Casualties #67396 Pte Lewis. L. "A. Coy" was shot in the head at 5.30 P.M. and died while being carried back to the dressing station. about 7.20 P.M. he was buried in the 25th Battalion cemetery beside L/Cpl McLean.

Tue., Sep 28, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

The men in J3L were occupied this morning in exchanging shots with two Germans in a trench directly opposite, the Germans were excellent shots and smashed three Periscopes in quick succession. They wore round black caps and one man had a long black beard. The enemy appeared quite nervous all night using rapid fire at frequent intervals and many flares. Sergt Logan in J3 new shot one of the enemy 500 yards away, he was one of a working party which had been very active near a small bushy tree, his body lay there all day. About 3.00 P.M Pte Fri[---]el D Coy succeeded in hitting one of the enemy who was sniping. German snipers use a black cap when firing over a parapet with black sand bags on it, and a grey cap when firing over ordinary parapets. Weather rained all day. The Battalion were relieved by the 24th Battalion in the evening. Operation Order.

See appendix "F"

Wed., Sep 29, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rained all day. B. Co'y did not go to the rest camp, but went to Seige Farm as a reserve Co'y. Major A.N. Jones went to hospital to-day suffering with hysteria.

Casualties #67889 Corpl Hunter B (B. Coy) wounded in action struck in the shoulder with Shrapnel. #67835 Pte Ashworth J. (D. Coy) accidently wounded being shot through the foot by himself.

Thu., Sep 30, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rained all day. Major L.H. MacKenzie Adjutant went to hospital this date with poisoning. Sergt Major Miles H.F went to hospital with Rheumatism. #67301 Pte Nadeau W. transferred from 5th Infantry Brigade to our Battalion.

“A”

5th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Trench Warfare Scheme.

SPECIAL IDEA.

The Army Headquarters has ordered an attack by the Canadian corps on either flank on Wednesday morning 8th September. The 2nd Canadian Division has been given an eight hundred yard frontage and of this frontage the 4th and 5th Canadian Infantry Brigades have each been allotted a four hundred yards frontage.

The 4th Brigade has been allotted the network of trenches [inserted: R. T. U. Y.] [crossed out: 4.5.7.6]., to our right, in which to mass prior to the attack.

The 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade has been allotted the network of trenches R.T.V.X.

The 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade is being kept as a Divisional Reserve in the rear of the network of trenches R.T.V.X., In order to make the assembly for the attack practical in existing trenches the following points will have to be imagined.

- (1). That a starting parallel 1 yard in width has been made in front of our wire entanglements during the night of September 7th and 8th and that communication trenches linking up the first line trench [crossed out: s] with the starting parallel have been constructed in the proportion of [crossed out: two] one per platoon for the 1st line attack.
- (2). That support trenches for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th line reinforcements have been constructed in the rear of the 1st line fire trench [inserted: and have been - -hed off with the 1st line Fire Trench] in the proportion of two communication trenches per company.
- (3). That in the rear of our network of trenches, shelters have been made for the assembling of the reserve two Battalions.
- (4). The two communication trenches have been reserved solely for the evacuation of casualties, these two trenches: - note: the means of bringing up rations and especially assuring a supply of water, no less in the firing line than in existing works will be studied and arranged for in the attack.

See [Diagram](#) – Sheet 27 – France and Belgium

[crossed out: "B."] "C"

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[crossed out: SPECIAL ORDER No] 1
25th BATTALION No 1.

Reference Trench Sketch 1

(1) The following platoons, 25th Battn will take over the Trenches opposite their numbers on the night Sept 20 – 21.

Number	1	Platoon	G4	Strength	40
"	3	"	H1a	"	60
"	5	"	H 5	"	75
"	7	"	H 3	"	40
"	9	"	J 1	"	50
"	11	"	J 10	"	35
"	13	"	J 4	"	50
"	15	"	J 11	"	35

(2) The platoons will pass the starting point Btn guard Post as follows

No 1	Platoon	G4	5:30
3		H1a	5:33
5		H 5	5:36
7		H 3	5:39
9		J 1	5:42
11		J 10	5:45
13		J 4	5:48
15		J 11	5:51

Two Subalterns will accompany each platoon. The platoons will be met by guides carrying a slip of paper [crossed out: two] showing number of platoon.

Leading platoon will arrive at barrier at 7.15 P.M. where they will march in single file.

(3) Each man will carry a days rations [crossed out: of Chee] water bottles will be filled. One cook per platoon will accompany. Each man will carry rubber sheet in pack. Blankets will not be carried. All wires must be removed from NAVAL Pattern Caps.

(4) One Signaller per company will be detailed to J 4

One Signaller per Coy to J-1

One Signaller " No platoon H 3

" " " G 4

" " " S.P. 11

These Signallers will be detailed from Companies by Signalling Sergt who will attach them to necessary platoons.

(5) The M.G. Section will receive instructions from Brigade M.G. Officer

Signed,

L.H. MacKenzie Major
Adjt 25th Battn

[crossed out: "C"]"D"

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25th Can. Battalion

Operation Order No 2

Ref: Trench Map
YPRES 1/40,000 Sheet 28

22/9/15.

1. *Companies will march their remaining platoons via Road M 22 c d[,] M 23 c d, M24 a b, N19 a b, N13 d, to Road junction N 14 c thence S.E. to barrier N 20 b, 6.8. where they will be met by guides from 2nd K.O. Rgt at 6.30 p.m. who will conduct them to the trenches they are to occupy.
No 2 platoon will move past Guard Tent at 5.00 p m. and be followed by platoons No 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 at intervals of 100 yds.
Platoon Commanders will be held responsible that connection is kept with preceding platoon.*
2. *Each man will carry dry ration and full water bottle. Meat ration and fuel will be transported to Dumping Ground where ration parties from Companies will fetch them.*
3. *Companies will have blankets rolled in bundles of ten and properly tagged. They will be returned to R. M. stores at 2.30 p.m. today. Rubber sheet will be carried on the men.*
4. *The Bomb Officer will detail 4 bombers to be placed on the flanks of each platoon. These bombers are to be given definite positions and instructions.*
5. *O. C's Companies will report to Battalion Head quarters by wire when relief is complete*

(sgd) *L.H. MacKenzie Major*
Adjt 25th Battalion

Issued to Signals at 1 A.M.

Copy No 1 H Q

2 A Coy

3 B Coy

4 C Coy

5 D Coy

6 Bomb Officer

7 Q M.

8 } War Diary

9 }

[crossed out: "D."] **"E"**

25th Battalion

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Operation Order No 3

24/9/15

- 1(a) *The French Army are about to assume the offensive. Our 1st Army will co-operate*
(b) *The 1st Canadian Division will make the enemy believe that they are about to attack the Salient at LA PETITE DOUVE farm.*
2. *The 2nd Canadian Division will, if the wind is favourable, light smoke sacks and throw them over the parapet at 4.56 A.M. on Sept 25 to stimulate gas. These will be at 4 yards interval. Smoke bombs if in possession of units will be thrown out between 4.56 am and 5.30 am during which period the bombardment of the rest of the front will be carried out. Artillery and Infantry Units will be on the look out and if the enemy exposes himself either over the parapet or in bringing up reserves, full advantage will be taken of this*
3. *Infantry in reserve will stand to arms at 5.00 am and the Division will be prepared to advance at 2 hours notice. Packs will be lightened and all surplus equipment etc. stored in Brigade Area.*
4. *Care will be taken that every Officer and man is in possession of a tube smoke helmet in case the Germans on vacating their trenches fill them with gas.*
5. *It is the Corps Commanders wish that the 2nd Canadian Division front should be quiet if possible as he does not wish to bring retaliation on the troops which have just gone in but if any occasion offers and targets are offered any opportunity of destroying Germans should be seized*
6. *Officers Commanding Companies will report the general situation every two hours commencing at 4 oclock, starting if the wind will permit of using smoke bags*
7. *Watches will be set between 12 midnight and 1. am. The time will be telephoned from Battalion Hdqrs and must be immediately passed on to every Coy Officer in the Battalion*

Signed, L.H. MacKENZIE

major

Adjt 25th Battn.

Issued to Signals at 11.45 P.M.

Copy No 1 to Hdqrs

2 " A Coy

3 " B Coy

4 " C Coy

5 " D Coy

6 " M.G. Officer

7 " M.O.

8 " *O.C. 25th*
9 " *War Diary*
10 " " "

“F” 25th Battn Order No 4

A – 29 28-9-15

Relief The 24th Battn will relieve the battn Tonight.

GUIDES Each trench will be represented by two guides who will report to battn H Qs at 6 PM each carrying a slip of paper with the Trench number on it.

Trenches O's C are held responsible that trenches are handed over in a Sanitary condition and receipt to this effect will be taken and handed to Adj..

Stores A triplicate – receipt will be taken for trench stores handed over one copy left with relieving officer and 2 handed in to Btn Hdqs tonight. 3 Sandbags carried by men will be collected by coy commanders and handed over as trench stores. No sandbags will be carried out of the Trenches.

Relief will be carried out as follows

A Coy relieved by B Co 24th Btn Via Ge[---]

C “ “ “ C “ 24th Btn Via V.C. Rd

D “ “ “ D “ 24th “ Via The Fosse

Trench Groups will be led from the barrier on LA CLITE-KEMMEL Road via above routes in Single file and as each Coy is relieved O.C. will report to Hqrs by phone and move out in Single file to Barrier then form up platoon and march with 100 yds distance between to LOCRE-CHURCH when they will be met by guides an[d] taken to Camp.

Bombers, Btn BOMB Officer will detail guides to take A Coy's bombers to their places.

Signals The Signallers will remain at their stations until the relief of battn is complete.

MGs Two Machine Guns of Btn will be left at Seige Farm with 1 N.C.O and 12 men form 2nd half of Bn M.G reserve section

Hdqs Btn Hdqs at ROSSIGNOL ESTAMINE will close when relief is complete and will open at Billets -- LOCRE at 11 PM

O.C. Reliefs Major W H Conrad will take guides from Btn Hqs to LA CLYTE-KEMMEL [crossed out: RD] BARRIER at 6 30 PM and Super vise reliefs

Issued at 3.45 PM

Copy No 1 – Hdqs

“ “ 2 – A Co

3 – C Co

4 – D Co

5 – M G

6 – BOMB Officer

7 – MAJOR CONRAD

8 – WAR DIARY

L.H. MacKenzie Major

Adj. 25th Battn.

Fri., Oct 1, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. In evening B Company at Seige Farm was relieved by A Company.

Sat., Oct 2, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. One man wounded.

Sun., Oct 3, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Father Doyan held service for R.C.'s in Loce Church, and Capt SHATFORD for other denominations in The Field south of Orderly Room, [--] One O.R. Killed in action.

Mon., Oct 4, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Battalion left at 5.30 P.M for trenches. Relief was completed at [crossed out: about] 10.25 P.M. Work General repairs to trenches. One O.R. wounded in action. 22nd Battalion was on our left, Enemy very watchful sending up many flares, Fine Day.
See Appendix "G"

Tue., Oct 5, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Weather Fine in forenoon, rainy in P.M. Lieut. Fred TANNER wounded in action. One O.R killed, fourteen O.R wounded. Heavy bombardment of trenches by Germans.

Wed., Oct 6, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine weather. Heavy bombardment of our trenches, little damage done however. General work in trenches done by us.

Thu., Oct 7, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Cloudy day. Two O.R wounded in action. Enemy Artillery quiet [inserted: in a.m.]. Enemy Air Craft busy. In afternoon our trenches actively bombarded by enemy, fifty light shells and twenty heavy ones falling close to our trenches.

Fri., Oct 8, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Major D.A MacRae wounded slightly. Terrific bombardment of our trenches commencing at 5.30 P.M. and lasted thirty minutes. This was preceded by the explosion of two German mines by the enemy at H. 4 The explosion entirely destroyed the trench leaving a crater 65 x 35 feet and 25 feet deep. The Casualties this date were two O.R killed, twenty wounded, ten [inserted: O.R] missing probably killed. Battalion behaved nobly under the fire.

Sat., Oct 9, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. We began a fierce bombardment with our Artillery from 4.30 P.M – 5.30 P.M and dig [did] considerable damage to enemies trenches. During the night we repaired our trenches. Two O.R. reported missing after explosion of the mine were found tied together in front of H.4. trench, with line attached running to German trenches. Two O.R wounded. Machine Gun section relieved by 24th M.G. section at 6. P.M.

Sun., Oct 10, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Battalion were relieved in evening by 24th Battalion. - Operation Order appended hereto marked “K”

Three O.R wounded.

See appendix “K”

Mon., Oct 11, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Muster held by Paymaster Capt J.W. Margeson. Battalion also went to Baths.

Tue., Oct 12, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Lieut MACKINNON D went to Hospital with Rheumatism. 300 O.R sent to the trenches as working Party.

Wed., Oct 13, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. 300 [crossed out: Officers] [inserted: O.R] went to trenches as a working Party. A very heavy bombardment took place on our front this date. This Battalion was ordered to “Stand to”. One O.R killed in mining section.

Thu., Oct 14, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. 400 O.R detailed as working party, with 10 Officers. The bodies of two O.R. lost in mine explosion 8/10/15 were recovered.

Fri., Oct 15, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. 10 Officers and 400 O.R detailed as working party. Machine Gun Section went to trenches relieving 24th M.G.S'. One O.R died in Hospital this date

Sat., Oct 16, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. This battalion relieved 24th Battalion. Operation Order appended hereto marked "L" [crossed out: See appendix "L"]

Lt Col G.A LeCain and Major W.N. Conrad second in Command resigned this date. Major E. Hilliam 5th Can. BATTN was placed in Command, Major D.S. BAULD second in Command. Major WESTON was made O.C. "D" Coy. Two O.R killed, one wounded. #67457 Pte McInnis Joseph who was killed, distinguished himself in the evening of 8/11/15 by saving two Comrades from the Crater on the occasion of the explosion of a mine by the Germans. Capt W. P. PURNEY went to Hospital with a severe cold.

Sun., Oct 17, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dull misty day. Lieut J.W. Grant appointed "Works Officer" and plans laid for digging new trenches

Mon., Oct 18, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. One O.R killed, six wounded. Our men report Germans sapping near our lines.

Tue., Oct 19, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Six O.R wounded. Our Machine Guns very active. Much repair done and new trenches started

Wed., Oct 20, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. One O.R. killed, two wounded. Artillery and rifle fire quiet. much work done in trenches getting same in shape.

Thu., Oct 21, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Enemy threw twenty heavy shells over our trenches. Enemy exploded another mine but no damage done. Extension work on trenches proceeds.

Fri., Oct 22, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. One O.R killed, four wounded. Relieved by 24th Battalion at night

Sat., Oct 23, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Lt Col Hilliam had a conference with all Officers and decided in future to meet them at 9.am. each day when in Rest Billets.

Sun., Oct 24, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. R.C service conducted by Capt Doyan, Protestant by Capt SHATFORD.

Mon., Oct 25, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Eight Officers and three Hundred and fifty men were detailed to work at R.E Farm and R.C. Farm.

Tue., Oct 26, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Battalion at Baths

Wed., Oct 27, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rained in morning. Cloudy in P.M. His Majesty King George V and The Prince of Wales accompanied by General Plummer of The 2nd Army and other staff Officers visited [crossed out: Locre] LOCRE. The 25th BATTN. supplied a guard of Honor which fell in on Parade Ground at 1.30 P.M under Lieut J. D. MACNEILL The 25th BATTN also lined the streets, this which he passed.

Thu., Oct 28, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rainy Day. 25th BATTN relieved 24th in trenches at 8.30 P.M.

Fri., Oct. 29, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rainy Day. Enemy shelled KEMMEL. Men busy repairing damage done by rain

Sat., Oct 30, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rainy Day. One O.R wounded. Heavy Artillery fire both by Enemy and Ourselves. Much work done in trenches.

Sun., Oct 31, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dull Day. two O.R wounded. Enemy active all day. Our Battalion retaliated with considerable rifle fire.

“G”

Battalion Order no 5.

**Copy no 8
Oct 3rd/**

By

Lt Col G.A. Le Cain Commdg 25th Battn

Ref Map Sheet 28.

1. The 25th Battalion will relieve the 24th Battalion in tren[ches] tomorrow night 4-10-15, and will march past the star[ting] point (LOCRE CHURCH) aT 5.30 PM. in the the follow[ing] order: - “C” Co’y, “B” Co’y. – “D” Coy will march past the starti[ng] point at 3 PM and will relieve “A” Coy at SEIGE FAR[M] immedi ally on arrival.
2. “C” and “B” Companies will carry one days rations and water bottles filled. “D” Coy will carry remainder of Rations on han[d]
3. One cook will accompany each platoon.
4. The Signal Sergeant will arrange with Signal Sergeant 24th Battn to take over all wires of the Sector during the afternoon of the 4th inst. the 24th Bn will leave its operations at their stations untill the relief is completed
5. Details of Garrisons will be handed to O.C. Co’ys at 11 a[m] tomorrow.
6. The Bomb Officer will detail bombers to the various garrisons and give definite instruction as to position[s]
7. O’s C Co’ys will report by wire to Battn Hdqtrs as soon as relief has been completed.

Issued to Signals at 8 PM

Copy No 1 H Q

“ “ 2 A Co

3 B “

4 C “

5 D “

6 Bomb Officer

7} War Diary

8}

[crossed out: 9]

[Signed]

WL Whitford Capt

act adjt/25th Battalion

“K”

25th Btn Operation Order No 6

10 – 10 – 15 Copy No 10

Ref Map Belgium-Ypres Sheet 28

1 Relief

The 25th Bn will be relieved by the 24th Bn on the night of the 10-11 Oct The 25 Bn going into reserve billets at LOCRE

One Coy of the 24th Bn will relieve “D” Coy at SIEGE FARM

2 GUIDES

Two Guides per garrison of the 25th Bn will be at the Barrier on LA-CLYTTE-KEMMEL Rd at 620 PM for the [p---ho--e] of guiding the relieving Bn to their locations. The GUIDES will report at Bn HQS at 6 PM

3 SIGNALS The signal section of the 24th Bn will arrange with the signal section of the 25th to take over the wires on the afternoon of the 10th Inst. The 25th Bn leaving its operation of their stations until relief is completed

4 Reports of relief. The O.Cs Coy relieved will immediately report completion of relief to Bn Hqrs: The Coy’s will then proceed independently to Rest Billets [inserted: at LOCRE] unless otherwise ordered.

[5] O.C’s Companies will be responsible for the turning over of their respective trenches latrines etc. in a clean and sanitary condition. Receipt to that effect will be obtained. OC’s companies will obtain receipt[t] for stores handed over to 24th Bn the same being handed into Orderly Room tomorrow morning

Dixies will be handed over to the 24th Bn, a separate receipt for which will be obtained.

6 T. Officer The T.O. will arrange to [crossed out: ? ?] at Bn dump of horses suitable to facilitate the removal of regimental & Coy Baggage.

The T.O. will arrange that Officers horses will be at the Barrier at the proper [?]

Copy No 1 24th Bn

2 OCA Coy

3 B

4 C

5 D

6 T.O.

7 Bn N 1

8 Major Conrad

9

10} WAR DIARY

[Signed]

WL Whitford Capt

for Lt. Col.

Commanding 25th Bttn

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO *Officer Charge Adjutant Generals
Office at Base*

Sir

I enclose War Diary for October.

D.A.A.G. Canadian Section

Passed.

29/11/15

*GStaff Major
M.D.A.A.G. (1)*

From *J.W. Margeson Capt*
Place *25th Battalion*
Time *for O.C. 25th Battn*

Mon., Nov 1, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Three O.R wounded. Both Enemy and ourselves showed Considerable Artillery Activity during the day. Looked like Railway train back of enemy lines.

Tue., Nov 2, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

One O.R wounded. Everything quiet except – Enemies snipers were active.

Wed., Nov 3, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

One O.R died in Hospital. Enemy artillery active sending one hundred shells over our trenches in A.M. In P.M our artillery replied effectively. 25th Battalion relieved by 24th as per Operation Order attached marked “M” Four O.R wounded, one O.R Killed in action See Appendix “M”

Thu., Nov 4, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

A Coy volunteered to remain near the trenches instead of taking their rest at the Billets. This Company was under the Command of Capt J.H TUPPER. who was highly complimented by the Corps Commander and the G.O.C 5th Brigade.

Fri., Nov 5, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Rest day at Billets, OC Companies holding muster Parades.

Sat., Nov 6, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day.

Sun., Nov 7, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. Divine services for R C's conducted by Capt Doyan, for Protestants by Capt Shatford. A working party of three Officers and 200 men went to the trenches.

Mon., Nov 8, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day.

Tue., Nov 9, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

FINE Day. [crossed out: One O.R wounded]. Kemmel heavily shelled by the Enemy. The 25th relieved the 24th in the trenches

Wed., Nov 10, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rainy Day. two O.R killed and four O.R wounded in action this date. Scout Morris who was killed had done very valuable work & made excellent sketches of ground explored.

Thu., Nov 11, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine in Morning, rainy in afternoon. Lieuts MacAloney, Young and Mather reported for duty.

Fri., Nov 12, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rained all day. Trenches in dreadful state. Lt Col Hilliam left on leave for England. Major Bauld in Command of Battalion

Sat., Nov 13, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Cold Rainy windy day. Five O.R wounded in action

Sun., Nov 14, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Cold day. Two O.R wounded.

Mon., Nov 15, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day. One O.R killed, nine O.R wounded. 24th relieved 25th this date

Tue., Nov 16, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day.

Wed., Nov 17, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day.

Thu., Nov 18, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine Day.

Fri., Nov 19, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine and cold. 25th relieved 24th in trenches

Sat., Nov 20, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine Day One O.R killed, one O.R wounded.

Sun., Nov 21, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine & Cold.

Sun., Nov 21, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine and cold [Note from transcriber: This date is repeated in the War Diary, as the diarist changed on this date.]

Mon., Nov 22, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Foggy Day Three O.R. wounded in action

Tue., Nov 23, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Foggy Day one O.R killed and two O.R. wounded in Action Relieved by 24th Battalion relief completed at 8 P.M.

Wed., Nov 24, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine Day - Col Hilliam returned from leave in ENGLAND

Thu., Nov 25, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine untill noon then wet remainder of day quite cold. 4 officers and 200 O.R were on Working party repairing trenches One O.R wounded. LIEUT O.B. Jones taken on strength.

Fri., Nov 26, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Light fall of snow in forenoon Fine and cold in afternoon Capt J W MARGESON having been sent for by the Minister of Militia to organize pay service in New Nova Scotian battalions left for home His duties as Paymaster were temporarily taken over by Major LH. MacKenzie

Sat., Nov 27, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day Took over trenches from 24th Battalion and relief completed at 8 PM.

Sun., Nov 28, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine Day Very cold Roads frozen up hard

Mon., Nov 29, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dark Day Some shrapnel and H.E were thrown over our lines without damage.

Tue., Nov 30, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dark Day Cold. Our Support Companies were shelled without effect 1 O.R. killed in trenches.

“M” [crossed out: Copy No 10]

25th Battalion Order NO. 10

by

3-11-15

Lt Col. E. Hilliam Com'd'g 25th B'n

Ref Belgium – Ypress sheet 28

- 1 -- *The 24th Battalion will take over the trenches from the 25th Batt'n on the Afternoon of Nov 3rd, arrangements for relief will be made by batt'ns*
- 2 *The signalling Serg't of the 24th Batt'n will arrange with the Sig. Sergt of the 25th to take over the wires on the afternoon of the 3rd Inst the 25th operators remaining at their Stations until relief is complete.*
3. *OC's Companies will notify Battn Headquarters when relief is complete and march their companies direct to Billets VIA N20 C 3.JM.24,d.9.3. M 23 d 9 9 Q.M.S will meet their Coys at Cor KEMMEL-Ypress Road and guide them to billets*
- 4 *OC's Companies are responsible that their trenches, kitchens, katrines are handed over in a sanitary, cleanly condition, and receipts taken*
- 5 *Receipts of stores will be taken and given in duplicate to the O.C. taking over and sent by him to Batt'n Headquarters*
6. *The transport Officer will arrange for transport of Btn Hq Stores and will have Hqrs Officers horses at Hqrs at the proper hour. Company Commanders will make their own arrangements.*
- 7 *The O.C. will hold Orderly Room at 9 AM. tomorrow. O.C. Coys, M.O. Transport Officer & QM will be present*
- 8 *Coy Commanders will hand into the Orderly Room before 8.00 AM tomorrow a certificate that rifles and Equipment are complete and in good shape or otherwise. C.Q.M Sgts will collect Iron Rations and keep them until next tour of duty in Trenches.*
- 9 *The R.S.M will detail 1 N.C.O and 6 men as piquet to patrol streets of village until half an hour after roll call each night NCO'S and men are not to leave billets at any time without a pass from Coy Commander or O.C. Details*

Copy No 1 Hdqrs

2 A Coy

3 B

4 C

5 D

6 MG

7 GO

8 Q.M. T.O.

9 24th Bn

10 25th Rest Billets

11 WAR DIARY

[Signed] L H MacKenzie Major

Adj't 25th Battn.

Wed., Dec 1, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine day. Relieved by the 24th Battalion and returned to REST BILLETS. Reinforcement of 18 OR [crossed out: [?]] arrived from Base.

Thu., Dec 2, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine day. Battalion had a rest

Fri., Dec 3, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dark day. Muster parades by Companies by Paymaster. Violent wind storm at night Working party 200 out

Sat., Dec 4, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine day Right half Battalion paraded for bathes. LIEUT G C FARISH reported for duty.

Sun., Dec 5, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fairly fine day. Quite warm. Left half Battalion paraded for bathes Church parade at 10 AM. Working party of 200 out

Mon., Dec 6, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Cold Rainy Windy day. Took over trenches from 24th Battalion who went into BILLETS at RE FARM

Tue., Dec 7, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

The 26th Battalion took over BILLETS vacated by 25th Battalion tour of duty increased to 5 days

Fine day 1 O.R. killed in trenches during the preceding night.

Wed., Dec 8, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Very fine mild day. 2 O.R. wounded

Thu., Dec 9, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Dark wet day 2 OR. wounded

Fri., Dec 10, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Changeable day Raining at times

Sat., Dec 11, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
AM Fine PM very wet CAPT MACGILVIRAY [MacGillivray] R C Chaplin reported for duty.

Sun., Dec 12, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Wet AM. Dark & cold PM. Relieved by 24th Battalion.

Mon., Dec 13, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine day. No work. Paid the 4 companies MAJOR L H MACKENZIE called over to ENGLAND

Tue., Dec 14, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine day Cold. Companies went to Baths.

Wed., Dec 15, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine and Cold.

Thu., Dec 16, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Fine and Cold Battalion went for Route March to Baillieul pipe Bande leading

Fri., Dec 17, 1915
IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM
Dark and Cold.

Sat., Dec 18, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dull – took our trenches from 24th Btn. who came back to Rest Billets

Sun., Dec 19, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine & Cold. Gas attack on our left after heavy bombardment abt 4 am.

Mon., Dec 20, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Very Dull. Lieut ER Fletcher reported for Duty as Paymaster

Tue., Dec 21, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Cold & Raining. Very quiet on our front

Wed., Dec 22, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine AM. then rain. 1 O R Killed and 1.O R wounded

Thu., Dec 23, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Cold & Raining 1.O.R Killed very quiet.

Fri., Dec 24, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dull. Battalion relieved by 24th. And went into Brigade Reserve at RE farm

Sat., Dec 25, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Cold & raining

Sun., Dec 26, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine & Cold, 2 O.R from Hospital and 39 O.R. reinforcements arrived

Mon., Dec 27, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Rainy. Major L.H. MacKenzie left for England

Tue., Dec 28, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine – paid the battalion. 1-O.R killed by shell fire

Wed., Dec 29, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine. La Clytte shelled in the afternoon

Thu., Dec 30, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Fine. Lieut Grant A W recalled to England left at 4.15 Lieut Douglas C.J reported for duty relieved 24th Battalion (See appendix)

Fri., Dec 31, 1915

IN THE FIELD – FLANDERS, BELGIUM

Dull – 1 O.R. Wounded – Capt Bennet returned to England

Operation Order No.35

by,

Lt.Col. R. Hilliam, Commanding 25th Canadian Battalion.

Ref.Map Sheet 28 1/20.000.

30-12-15.

- (1) During the day and night of the 30th instant the 25th Battalion will relieve the 24th Battalion carrying out relief as follows: -
- (2) B Company will move from billets as soon after 12.30 p.m. as possible and relieve company of 24th Battalion at SIEGE FARM by small parties. An officer of this company and the required number of N.C.O's will go to the front line trenches tomorrow morning and discharge all duties required for the taking over of stores and occupation of trenches, and report to O.C. of Company on any matters requiring his attention. Special attention will be paid to quantity and condition of ammunition.
On arrival of D Company at SIEGE FARM B Company will proceed to the trenches and carry out relief as usual. All garrisons must be in place and supply of ammunition and grenades complete by 6.30 p.m. Rubber boots for entire company will be in readiness at SEIGE FARM.
- (3) D Company will relieve B Company at SIEGE FARM at 3.30 p.m. and take over all stores and material transferable, and on succeeding night will relieve B Company in the trenches. Marching Orders as in B Company. (Para 2)
4. A Company will relieve company of the 24th Battalion in S.P.12 and TURNERTOWN as soon as light will permit, moving by platoons at 200 yards interval. One officer and required N.C.O's will proceed to trenches in advance of company and arrange for the taking over of stores and report to O.C. of Company as to quantity of ammunition and any matters needing his attention.
5. C Company will proceed from billets as soon as light will permit safe movement of men by platoons at 200 yards interval and relieve the company of the 24th Battalion in K.I.A. and S.P.13. One officer and required number of N.C.O's will proceed to the trenches in advance of the company and assume responsibility of taking over stores and ammunition and report to O.C. of Company on any matters requiring his attention.
6. Grenade Section will proceed to the relief of the 24th Grenade Section as soon as light allows [crossed out: s] safe movement of men. The supply of grenades in the front trenches will receive the attention of the Grenade Officer, and he will confer with the O.C. B Company as to his wishes for the supply for these trenches and give special attention to condition and fitness of all supplies.
7. The Signal Section will relieve the Signal Section of the 24th Battalion as soon after noon

as possible. 24th Signallers will remain in position until entire relief is completed.

8. The M.G.S. will relieve the M.G.S. of the 24th Battalion tonight.
9. O. C of Companies and Sections will arrange all details of rations, water, removal of blankets etc., as soon as possible and advise Orderly Room as to these arrangements so that transport may be in readiness. Transport Officer will oversee[crossed out: m?] the movement of all Company and Staff baggage and direct disposition of supplies.
10. Quarter Master will be at billets and give receipt for billets handed over in good condition. He will be responsible that this condition is satisfied before incoming battalion arrives.
11. Every precaution will be taken for the safety of the men and overland routes will only be used by small parties.
12. Additional ammunition for men is available at Orderly Room. Extra supply for trenches will be taken from Rossignol Headquarters.
13. Completion of relief to be wired to Headquarters.

[Signed] *JA Delancey* Lieut.
Adjutant 25th Battalion.

- No. 1 copy to A Coy.
- No. 2 Copy to B Coy.
- No.3 C y to C Coy.
- No.4 Copy to D Coy.
- No.5 Copy to Grenade Officer.
- No.6 Copy to Transport Officer.
- No.7 Copy to Headquarters.
- No.8 copy to Quarter Master.
- No. 9 and 10 for War Diary.