

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



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WAR DIARIES 1914 -1919

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1917

Mon, Jan 1, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

Mont St Eloi 1/1/17 In reserve at the huts in Mont St Eloi. The Battalion was paraded and the presents of Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia of Connaught were given to the Officers and N.C.O's by the Commanding Officer.

Tue, Jan 2, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

2/1/17 The Battalion paraded at 9.30 am. for the General inspection and were inspected at 10 am by Brigadier General McDonnell [*A.C. Macdonell*].

Wed, Jan 3, 1917 LA JOLIE, LEFT SUBSECTION, FRANCE

La Folie left sub sector 3/1/17 Battalion paraded at 3.30 pm for the trenches and relieved the 42nd Battn R.H.C

Thu, Jan 4, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

4/1/17 Situation quiet Usual trench routine carried on.

Fri, Jan 5, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

5/1/17 Situation quiet Usual trench routine carried on.

Sat, Jan 6, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

6/1/17 Enemy trench mortar bombardment on Battalion frontage

Sun, Jan 7, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

7/1/17 Situation quiet. Work in trenches carried on.

Mon, Jan 8, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

8/1/17 Battalion was relieved by 42nd Battn R.H.C. and went into Brigade Reserve in Neuville St Vaast. Working parties were furnished for front line. Battalion received letters from Her Royal Highness [*Princess Patricia of Connaught*] thanking the N.C.O's & men for their Christmas presents to her.

Tue, Jan 9, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

La Folie left Sub sector 9/1/17 Working parties furnished for front line. The following honours and awards were promulgated in orders. Military Cross T/Major D.A. Clark. [[D.A. Clarke](#)] D.C.M. # 618 C.S.M. Gillingham F. Authority London Gazette. Jan. 1st. 1917. Mentioned in dispatches Lt/Col R. T. Pelly D.S.O. Major C.J.T. Stewart D.S.O. Capt. H.W. Niven D.S.O. M.C. Capt. R.S. Lake Lt. H.F. Richardson # 43 R.Q.M.S. Donald J No 1762 Sgt. Cooper E. No 603 Sgt Sinclair N. F. No 883 A/Cpl. Draycott W.M.L. Authority London Gazette Jan 4th 1917.

Wed, Jan 10, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

10/1/17 Working parties furnished for front line.

Thu, Jan 11, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

11/1/17 Working parties furnished for front line.

Fri, Jan 12, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

12/1/17 Working parties furnished for front line.

Sat, Jan 13, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

13/1/17 Battalion relieved 42nd Battn. R.H.C. in the front line.

Sun, Jan 14, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

14/1/17 Situation quiet. Trench improvements carried on

Mon, Jan 15, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

15/1/17 Situation quiet. Trench improvements carried on

Tue, Jan 16, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

16/1/17 Situation quiet. Trench improvements carried on

Wed, Jan 17, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

17/1/17 Situation quiet. Trench improvements carried on

Thu, Jan 18, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

18/1/17 Battalion was relieved by 42nd Battn. R.H.C. and went into Divisional Reserve Mont St. Eloi.

Fri, Jan 19, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

Mont St Eloi 19/1/17 Battalion paraded to Divisional Baths at Marceuil [Maroeuil] at 2. P.M. A football match was played between Right half and Left half Battalion. Demonstration was given by Special platoon training under Major Clark M.C. [*D.A. Clarke*]

Sat, Jan 20, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

20/1/17 Usual training carried out. Football match played in the afternoon.

Sun, Jan 21, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

21/1/17 Demonstration on new Infantry training given by Special Platoon. Drill parades during the day. Major A.A.M. [*Agar*] Adamson, D.S.O. to be a/Col. DR.O. 1415

Mon, Jan 22, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

22/1/17 Platoon training regrouping of Platoons by Platoon Commanders.

Tue, Jan 23, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

23/1/17 Presentation of new draft to their Colours. Platoon training and final inspection by the Commanding Officer preparatory to departure to trenches

Wed, Jan 24, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

La Folie Sub Section 24/1/17 Usual trench routine. Situation quiet. Weather cold and bright.

Thu, Jan 25, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

25/1/17 Usual trench routine. Situation quiet. Weather cold and bright.

Fri, Jan 26, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

26/1/17 A raid was carried out by the Battalion on the German lines between Duffield and Durand Craters for the purpose of destroying listening post & dugouts and capturing any enemy encountered, the raid was successfully carried out by Major A. Rasmussen and a party of two NCOs. and ten men Two prisoners were taken and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy and dugouts destroyed. Our party returned safely to our lines without casualties. Enemy shelled our lines heavily in retaliation but caused no casualties.

Sat, Jan 27, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

27/1/176 Artillery activity on whole of our front, no casualties were inflicted

Sun, Jan 28, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

28/1/17 A small raid at 4. AM. was carried out by Lt [A.N.B.] Mortimer [51259] 1 NCO and 4 O.R. on iron rail post in enemy observation line between Birkin & Common Craters Our party reached the post, killing 2 sentries and returned to our lines, Lt Mortimer and the NCO being slightly wounded.

Battalion was relieved by 42nd Battn R.H.C. and went into Brigade support in Neuville St Vaast

Mon, Jan 29, 1917 NEUVILLE ST. VAAST, FRANCE

29/1/17 Battalion furnished working parties for the front line.

Tue, Jan 30, 1917 NEUVILLE ST. VAAST, FRANCE

30/1/17 Battalion furnished working parties for the front line.

Wed, Jan 31, 1917 NEUVILLE ST. VAAST, FRANCE

31/1/17 Battalion furnished working parties for the front line. Heavy enemy artillery activity around Neuville St Vaast.

[Note transcriber: during January 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Thu, Feb 1, 1917 NEUVILLE ST. VAAST, FRANCE

Neuville St Vaast 1/2/17 Battalion furnished working parties for the front line.

Fri, Feb 2, 1917 NEUVILLE ST. VAAST, FRANCE

2/2/17 Battalion was relieved 42nd Battalion R.H.C. in the front line

Sat, Feb 3, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

3/2/17 Situation quiet. Usual trench routine carried on.

Sun, Feb 4, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

4/2/17 A small camouflet was blown by the enemy on the Battalion frontage. No casualties to the Battalion but the lip of Patricia Crater Post was damaged.

Mon, Feb 5, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

5/2/17 Situation quiet. Usual trench work carried on.

Tue, Feb 6, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

6/2/17 Situation quiet. Usual trench routine carried on

Wed, Feb 7, 1917 LA FOLIE SECTOR, VIMY, FRANCE

MONT ST ELOY 7/2/17 Battalion was relieved by the 42nd Battn R.H.C. & went into DIVISIONAL REST at MONT ST ELOY

Thu, Feb 8, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

8/2/17 In reserve at the huts MONT ST ELOI. Training carried on as per Syllabus.

Fri, Feb 9, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

9/2/17 Route march in the morning. Battalion paraded for Baths in ECROIVRES.

Sat, Feb 10, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

10/2/17 Training as per Syllabus.

Sun, Feb 11, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BRUAY 11/2/17 Battalion moved to Corps Rest Area at BRUAY

Mon, Feb 12, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

BRUAY 12/2/17 Parades carried on as per Syllabus of training. New platoon organisation. Bombing, Bayonet Fighting Rifle Grenadiers with sports at 3.30 p.m. in afternoon.

Tue, Feb 13, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

13/2/17 Parades as per Syllabus of training

Wed, Feb 14, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

14/2/17 Battalion paraded at 10.30 A.M. and were inspected by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief [*Sir Douglas Haig*]. In the afternoon parades as per Syllabus. The following award was promulgated in Orders Military Cross:- Lieut. A.N.B. Mortimer (Authy M.S.H/4729/41 of 9/2/17).

Thu, Feb 15, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

15/2/17 Battalion had a rehearsal of inspection parade and were inspected by the Corps Commander [*Lt-Gen Julian Byng*]. Remainder of day training & sports.

Fri, Feb 16, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

16/2/17 Inspection by General Nivelles Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies in the North and North-East.

Battalion paraded in the evening and attended concert in the Theatre Royale given by Battalion Comedy Company.

Sat, Feb 17, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

17/2/17 Parades as per Syllabus. Divisional School. Special platoon was placed at the disposal of the Battalion in the afternoon.

Sun, Feb 18, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

18/2/17 Church Parade to Theatre in BRUAY. Football match in the afternoon between the right and left half Battn.

Mon, Feb 19, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

19/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training. Battalion Pay parade in the afternoon.

Tue, Feb 20, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

20/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training. Congratulatory message received from Field Marshall the Commander-in-Chief [*Sir Douglas Haig*] & General Nivelles Commanding the French Armies in the N. & N.E. re inspections of the 14th & 16th inst.

Wed, Feb 21, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

21/2/17 Parades as per syllabus. Football match in afternoon between Battalion team and No 10 Can Field Ambulance. Brigade Boxing Tournament in theatre at 6. p.m.

Thu, Feb 22, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

22/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training.

Fri, Feb 23, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

23/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training. Football match in afternoon semi-final in Brigade Championship P.P.C.L.I. vs. 49th BATTALION.

Sat, Feb 24, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

24/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training.

Sun, Feb 25, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

25/2/17 Brigade parade for the presentation of medal ribbons by G.O.C. 3rd Canadian Division [*Maj-Gen L.J. Lipsett*]

Mon, Feb 26, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

26/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training. Bath parade for Battalion at HOUDAIN in afternoon.

Tue, Feb 27, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

BRUAY 27/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training. Brigade Bombing and bayonet fighting competition at MARLES-LES-MINES.

Wed, Feb 28, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

28/2/17 Parades as per syllabus of training. Battalion paraded to practice trenches at HOUDAIN.

[Note transcriber: during February 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Thu, Mar 1, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

BRUAY 1.3.17 Half Battalion, Company training as per syllabus. Half Battalion, attack practice on Practice Trenches. Successful Battalion dinner in the evening prefaced by performance of Comedy Coy. Cloudy, showery weather. Officers "soccer" with the R. C .R's we won.

Fri, Mar 2, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

2.3.17 Attack practices and Company Training. Weather fine.

Sat, Mar 3, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

3.3.17 Parades as per syllabus of training: Half holiday in afternoon. Win for Officer's Soccer team vs. 42nd

Sun, Mar 4, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

4.3.17 Church parade in a.m. cancelled on account of rain. Lieut [J.A.] Haslam arrives from England.

Mon, Mar 5, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

5.3.17 Attack practice and Company Training.

Tue, Mar 6, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

6.3.17 Company Foot ball. Attack practice as usual. Lieut [F.L.] Appleton to Hospital with Typhoid. Draft of 95 men from Can. Ent. Bn. [*Canadian Entrenching Battalion*] arrived today.

Wed, Mar 7, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

BRUAY 7.3.17 Coy. Foot ball: Sports: Attack practices and Coy. Training: Inspection of Draft.

Thu, Mar 8, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

8.3.17 Bn. in attack on Practice Trenches. Baths at HOUDAIN for half Battalion. Coy. Training in p.m.

Fri, Mar 9, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

9.3.17 Bn. spent day on Practice Trenches.

Sat, Mar 10, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

10.3.17 "Bn. in attack" in a.m. on Practice Trenches.

Sun, Mar 11, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

11.3.17 Inspection by H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught in the a.m. Address to Bn. by H.R.H. and a further address to officers. New draft presented to the Colour. Address to draft by Lt.-Col. [Agar] Adamson Weather, fine.

Mon, Mar 12, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

12.3.17 Company training and attack practice.

Tue, Mar 13, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

13.3.17 Battalion at Practice Trenches.

Wed, Mar 14, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

14.3.17 Brigade at Practice Trenches. [inserted: Major] General Lipsett [*G.O.C. 3rd Canadian Division*] present

Thu, Mar 15, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

BRUAY 15.3.17 Repetition of Brigade practice attack. Lieut-Gen. Byng [*Canadian Corps Commander*]. and Major General Lipsett [*3rd Canadian Division Commander*] present. The attack was quite a success Company Parades. Performance by Comedy Coy. for Officers and men of the Battalion.

Fri, Mar 16, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

16.3.17 Company Training. Note of Condolence sent to H.R.H. Princess Patricia [inserted: of Connaught] on the death . of the Duchess of Connaught [*her mother*].

Sat, Mar 17, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

17.3.17 Company Training.

Sun, Mar 18, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

18.3.17 Bde. Church Parade, Square, Bruay. March past. Major Genl. Lipsett [*G.O.C. 3rd Canadian Division*] afterwards.

Mon, Mar 19, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

19.3.17 Company Training. Lt. Morris in advance to DUMPBELL [*Dumbell Camp*].

[*Note transcriber: the Diarist lost track of the dates here, inserting two entries for 21 March and placing the entry for 20 March after them*].

Wed, Mar 21, 1917 [Entry 1] BRUAY, FRANCE

H.Q. Coy. 2 & 3, Coys. moved to DUMPBELL [*DUMBELL*] CAMP. BOIS DES ALLEUX [*MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY)*],. 1 and 4 Coys. remained in BRUAY Camp consists of Bivouacs. Rather uncomfortable.

Wed, Mar 21, 1917 [Entry 2] BRUAY, FRANCE

21.3.17 Lt. Col. [Agar] Adamson goes on Leave to Paris.

Tue, Mar 20, 1917 BRUAY, FRANCE

Move to BOIS DES ALLEUX [*MONT ST. ELOY (ELOY)*]. Still another day in BRUAY. Weather, bad.

Thu, Mar 22, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY) & BRUAY, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 22.3.17 Half Battalion moves to trenches. Bn. H.Q. in GRANGE TUNNEL. 2 Coy. in Line. Bn. holding Coy. Frontage LEFT GRANGE to RIGHT TIDZA. 2 Coy. in PYLONES. Many working parties. Bad weather – snow and rain.

Fri, Mar 23, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & BRUAY, FRANCE

TRENCHES 23.3.17 1 and 4 Coys. move from BRUAY to BOIS DES ALLEUX [*MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY)*]. Major Clark [*D.A. Clarke 1763*] in Command. Transport at GOUY SERVINS. Bad weather Bosch very quiet. Our guns pounding away.

Sat, Mar 24, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

24.3.17 Weather fine. ~~2 Coy. relieves 3 Coy in Line~~

Sun, Mar 25, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

25.3.17 Our guns still pounding. The Bosch quiet. Showery weather.

Mon, Mar 26, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

26.3.17 Raid by Major [A.] Rasmussen – [inserted: 11.p.m.] small party, by stealth. Party seen by Bosch and bombed before they got across. Casualties: 1 killed, 5 wounded.

Tue, Mar 27, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

TRENCHES 27.3.17 Raid by Lt. [A.F.] Neatby [*411085*]. 7.15 a.m. – 6 men. Same place as Major [A.] Rasmussen - between PATRICIA and GRANGE. Stokes barrage on his flanks. Reached Bosch Line. Nobody there. 1 Coy. relieves 3 Coy. in line.

Wed, Mar 28, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

28.3.17 Another daylight raid Lt. Neatby [*411085*] and 8 men Between DUFFIELD and GRANGE. Stokes barrage for flanks and Artillery for Rear. Reached German line but had rough time with a large number of Enemy. Hand to hand fight with Bosches. 5 killed by raiding party and 2 with Snipers. Our casualties: one killed: one wounded and missing. 1 seriously wounded two slightly wounded. The party did wonderfully. Also Corp. Mullen [*G.H. 51339*] & covering party of Snipers and R.G's [*Rifle Grenadiers*] did extremely well. Weather fine.

Thu, Mar 29, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

29.3.17 Bad weather. Working parties from Half Bn at BOIS DES ALLEUX. 4 Coy. relieves 1 Coy in Line.

Fri, Mar 30, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

30.3.17 Practice barrage Artillery on Bde front. 4. p.m

Sat, Mar 31, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

31.3.17 Another barrage – 10. A.M. A better one. 1 Coy, in PYLONES, relieved by a Coy. of 60th Bn. Weather fine.

[Note transcriber: during March 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Sun, Apr 1, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

Bois des Alleux 1.4.17 No 2 & 3 Coy's move from DUMBELL CAMP to billets in VILLERS-AUX-BOIS No. 1 & 4 from line to VILLERS billets. Enemy barraged our Communication Trench PLINE & GRANGE-GIVENCHY Road SOMBARD line – one man wounded. Strong enemy aircraft patrols over our lines

Mon, Apr 2, 1917 VILLERS-AUX-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS-AUX-BOIS 2.4.17 Following message from H.R.H. Princess PATRICIA “Kindly convey to all ranks my heartfelt thanks for kind sympathy” and from [inserted: Lieut] General HON. SIR JULIAN BYNG Comm'g Can. Corps “Please convey to all ranks of Brigade my great appreciation of their repeatedly successful raids.”

Tue, Apr 3, 1917 VILLERS-AUX-BOIS, FRANCE

3.4.17 Lieut's McCARTNEY [*D.H. Macartney* 802] – [C.B.] HICK [489762] – [J.E.] ALMON [773] & [A.J.] KELLY taken on strength.

Wed, Apr 4, 1917 VILLERS-AUX-BOIS, FRANCE

4.4.17 No. 2 & 4 Coys relieve 43rd Battn in trenches Major [A] RASMUSSEN wounded in raid 27-3-17 & Lieut [A.F.] NEATBY [411085] in raid of 28-3-17.

Thu, Apr 5, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & VILLERS-AUX-BOIS, FRANCE

5.4.17 Major A.G. MARTIN M.C.[1266] returned to duty after completing Senior Officer's Course.

Fri, Apr 6, 1917 GRANGE LINE, VIMY & VILLERS-AUX-BOIS, FRANCE

6.4.17 No's 1 & 3 Coys proceed to GRANGE SUBWAY – VIMY RIDGE. Intermittent shelling by enemy – 3 of our planes fell in enemy lines in flames.

[Note transcriber: there is no entry for Sat, Apr 7, 1917]

Sun, Apr 8, 1917 GRANGE LINE, FRANCE

TRENCHES 8.4.1917 Orders received to attack & capture a portion of VIMY RIDGE. Intermediate objective being from S 22 d. 7¾.2 to S 22.d. 3½.5½ junction of BLUE to BEGGAR Trench exclusive. Reference Map VIMY sheet 36 S.W. 1/10000. and Final Objective being BRITT TRENCH from s.23.c.4.5. to Junction with STRAUBWASSER WEG

(S.23.c.3½ .6) Inclusive) Thence to S.22.d.9 ½.9 ½. with strong points at S.23.c.3½.6. and S.23.c.1.8.

Message received at midnight from Brig. Gen. A.G. MACDONELL as follows “I cannot go to bed without wishing you & your gallant lads good speed, best of good luck and victory”

[Note transcriber: the next entries incorrectly begin with 8.4.1917, this should be 9.4.17]

Mon, Apr 9 to Wed, Apr 11, 1917 ASSAULT ON VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

TRENCHES 8.4.17 [9.4.17] through 11.4.17 Operations against VIMY RIDGE successfully carried out – both objectives being reached and effectively consolidated. Detailed narrative of these operations appear in the Appendix referred to in the margin. The weather during the four days operations commenced with heavy showers on 8.4.17 turning to a fine bright day on the 9.4.17 with heavy snow storms on 10/4/17 and 11/4/17.

Battalion relieved on 11.4.17 and moves to La Motte Camp

Appendix No A

Thu, Apr 12, 1917 LA MOTTE FARM [MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY)], FRANCE

LA MOTTE 12.4.17 3 to 4 inches of snow on ground – rapidly melting – Bright turning to snow showers. Camp in very bad condition. Lieut. L.V. DRUMMOND – HAY appointed Adjutant (27.12.16). LIEUT J.E. PIKE [475991] taken on strength - posted No. 3 Co & LIEUT N.D. DOW [411006] to Battn. H.Q. A/Major H.E. SULIVAN invalided sick to England. LIEUT [W.H.] MORRIS M.C. [410512] to be Bombing officer – Lieut. R.L. HAGGARD [1768] assumes Command No 3 Co.

Fri, Apr 13, 1917 LA MOTTE FARM [MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY)], FRANCE

LA MOTTE CAMP 13.4.17 Showery. Following message received at 5 p.m. 13.4.17 “Congratulate all ranks heartily on the recent Canadian successes. I have heard of your doings with pride” PRINCESS PATRICIA” to which the following reply was sent by the Officer Commanding “All ranks of Your Royal Highness’ Regiment appreciate most keenly your gracious telegram and send further assurance of our devotion.”

Sat, Apr 14, 1917 LA MOTTE FARM [MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY)], FRANCE

LA MOTTE CAMP 14.4.17 Military Medal awarded to No 487390 L/Cpl Campbell S.H. & 489766 Pte HENRY H.N. Lieuts LALOR C.F. SCOTT L. [640] & GODBER H.J. taken on strength posted No. 1 2 & 4 Co’s.

LIEUT R.H. SIMONDS, [411056] R.L. SLADEN & A.F. WAGNER [411111] killed 9.4.17 VIMY RIDGE

63 other ranks killed 137 wounded 3 missing. 10 died of wound Officers 3 killed 8 wounded

Sun, Apr 15, 1917 LA MOTTE FARM, [MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY)], FRANCE

15.4.17 Rain. Following message from H.R.H. Princess Patricia through H.R.H. Prince ARTHUR of CONNAUGHT “I am very proud to hear of the gallant part taken by the Regiment in the Capture of VIMY RIDGE and I send them my most hearty congratulations. I sincerely trust that their Casualties were not heavy” to which the following reply was sent him

“All ranks of Her ROYAL HIGHNESS Regiment most thoroughly appreciate the very kind message just received from you. We have already cabled our Colonel – in – Chief acknowledging previous cablegram.” Signed AGAR ADAMSON LT. Col. P.P.C.L.I. Congratulatory messages were received from the Commander in – Chief [*Sir Douglas Haig*], & [*General H.S. Horne*] The Commander First Army [inserted: and Sir Robert Borden] addressed to G.O.C Canadian Corps [*General Sir Julian Byng*]. Major A.G. MARTIN M.C. [1266] assumes duties of 2 i/c vice Major D.F.B. GRAY D.S.O. (appointed G.S.O. 3). Lieut L. SCOTT [640] assumes command of No. 2 Co. vice Major ~~GRAY~~ Martin Capt. A.G. PEARSON [51383] apptd. Acting Major vice Major C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. invalided (10.2.17). Lieut. J.R. MACPHERSON [411064] to be Act’g Captain and Lieut. A.C. WHITE [51266] to be Act’g Captain whilst employed as Instructor 3rd Can. Div. School. Lieut. B.K. SNIDER [1624] taken on strength. Battalion moves to billets in GOUY SERVINS.

Mon, Apr 16, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

GOUY SERVINS 16.4.17 Rain. Lectures and training.

Tue, Apr 17, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

GOUY SERVINS 17.4.17 Lectures & Training. Rain. Congratulatory messages addressed to the C. in C. by H. M. The KING and by The SECRETARY of STATE for WAR and by the C. in C. French N. & N.E. Armies General NIVELLE referring to the action of VIMY RIDGE received.

Lieut TAGGART W.J. and WILLIAMS M.W. [*McG 145*] taken on strength.

Wed, Apr 18, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

GOUY SERVINS 18.4.17 Rain. Congratulatory message from Major – General TURNER Comg Can. Troops in ENGLAND to Corps Commander referring to VIMY RIDGE action. Lectures and training

Thu, Apr 19, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

GOUY SERVINS 19.4.17 Showery. Training

Fri, Apr 20, 1917 GOUY SERVINS, FRANCE

GOUY SERVINS 20.4.17 fine. Training. Battalion moves into Quarry Line on VIMY RIDGE at midnight. Major [A] RASMUSSEN reported back from hospital.

Sat, Apr 21, 1917 QUARRY LINE, VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

Trenches 21.4.17 fine. Transport lines at LA TARGETTE

Sun, Apr 22, 1917 QUARRY LINE, VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

Trenches 22.4.17 fine.

Mon, Apr 23, 1917 QUARRY LINE, VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

TRENCHES 23.4.17 fine. No 2 Co'y relieves a Co. of 2 C.M.R. in T.19.b.

Tue, Apr 24, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 24.4.17 fine. [inserted: but cloudy] Nos 4 1 Co. & 3 Co. relieve 1 ½ Coys of 4 C M R. in right sub-section front line & No. 4 Coy one Co. 2 C.M.R. Ref. Map. 36C S.W. 1/20000. B. H. Q. at T.19 b. 8.4

Wed, Apr 25, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 25.4.17 Fine. [inserted: but cloudy] B. H. Q – railway embankment – 1 & 3 in front line 2 & 4 in support.

Thu, Apr 26, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 26.4.17 Fine. [inserted:& warmer but cloudy] A prisoner was captured by patrol at 1 a.m. Much patrolling. both aggressive & reconnaissance done – 2 new trenches being dug – a support line and Second line – Considerable hostile shelling.

Fri, Apr 27, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 27.4.17 Fine. Situation normal.

Sat, Apr 28, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 28.4.17 Fine. In night of 27-28 Nos. 2 & 4 Cos. relieve 1 & 3 in front line No. 1 & 3 retiring to Support. Normal

Sun, Apr 29, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 29.4.17 Fine. On 28th a Corps and a Division made a successful attack on our right capturing ~~Arleu~~ ARLEUX & part of OP.PY. Considerable hostile shelling

Mon, Apr 30, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD, FRANCE

TRENCHES 24.4.17 Fine. On night of 29-30 2 Cos. 52 Batl.n relieve Nos. 1 & 3 in Cos. in support. – 1 & 3 going back to Quarry line.

Fine. Bombarded with enemy gas shells from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2 minor casualties. Much discomfort experienced. otherwise quiet. No. 1 & 3 Cos. proceed to billets at Villers au Bois. Total Casualties from 24 to 30 April. Officers – nil O.R. 6 Killed in action 2 Died of wounds 4 wounded still at duty. 22 wounded 9 shell shock & gas poisoning – Total 43. Major [D.F.B.] GRAY D.S.O. to be G.S.O. 3 3rd Can. Div. vice Major A.P.O. MEREDITH

[Note transcriber: during April 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

APPENDIX A

PRINCESS PATRICIAS LIGHT INFANTRY

OPERATION ORDERS No.7:

By Lieut. Col. Agar Adamson, DSO, Comdg. PPCLI.

In the Field.

5th April 1917.

[inserted: Map Ref. 36 B. & 51C]

Operations will take place on day (date of which has been communicated verbally to all concerned)

1. INTENTION. No.2 Co. will relieve Centre Company of the 43rd Bn on W/X night.

No.4 Co. will relieve a Coy of the 43rd Bn in PYLONES on W/X night.

Nos.1 and 3 Companies will proceed to trenches and will be accommodated in GRANGE SUBWAY entering via QUARRIES line on X/Y night.

2. STARTING POINT. X.19.d.3.3. (Map Reference 36B)

3. ORDER OF MARCH. W/X night – 2,4 and H.Q.Details.

X/Y " - 1 and 3 Coys.

4. INTERVAL. 100 yards between platoons.

5. TIMR OF START. 7.45 p.m.

6. ROUTE. VILLERS AUX BOIS – LAMOTTE FARM – (F.2.d.4.9. to F.9.a.0.7. – F.9.a.5.4. – F.4.c.0.3. – F.4.c.2.1) – BERTHONVAL FARM and plank road.

7. DRESS. Battle order. Jerkins will be worn and one blanket carried.

Blanket will be returned to Transport on Z night.

8. REPORTS. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Bn. HQ by runner.

9. OFFICERS KITS Trench kit and mess stores for Nos.2 and 4 Coys and HQ

MESS STORES & will be piled ready for loading outside No.1mCo's billet
TRANSPORT. at 3 p.m. today and Nos.1 and 3 Coys same time and place,
April 6th.

Spare kits, men's packs and extra blankets rolled in bundles of ten
will be placed in Canteen billet No.42 under Co. arrangements and
handed over to Q.M.

10. BOMBS. Nos.2 and 4 Coys will draw bombs and other supplies to be
carried at billet No.7 at 1 p.m. today.

Nos.1 and 3 Coys at same place and time on April 6th 1917.

11. SANDBAGS. Each man will carry one sandbag to enable him to carry
rations etc which will not go in haversack. Sandbags will be
issued in accordance with para.10.

Issued by runner at

Sgd. L.V. Drummond Hay Lt. & Adjt.

Copy No.1 2nd i/C

2 Adjt

3 O.C. No.1 Co.

4 2

5 3

6 4

7 O.C. Bn. Hqrs

8

9 T.O.

10 Q.M.

11 7th C.I.B.

12 War Diary

13 M.O.

APPENDIX B

SECRET

Copy No.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY.

OPERATION ORDERS No.8

By Lieut. Col. AGAR ADAMSON, DSO Comdg. PPCLI.

In the Field.

7th April 1917

Reference Map – Vimy Sheet 36 SW. 1/10,000

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1.

INTENTION. On Z day 7th Cdn. Inf. Bn. will attack and capture a portion of the VIMY RIDGE.

2. TIME

Zero hour will be communicated separately to all concerned.

3. BOUNDARIES. (a) Intermediate Objective.

From S.22.d.7¾.2 to S.22.d.3½.5½

Junction of ~~BEGGAR~~ BLUE TRENCH and BEGGAR TRENCH (exclusive).

(b) Final Objective.

BRITT TRENCH from S.23.c.4.5. to Junction with STAUBWESSER WEG (S.23.c.3½.6) (Inclusive); thence to S.22.d.9½.9½, with Strong Points at S.23.c. ½2.6 and S.23.c.1.8.

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4. THE INTENTION The Battalion will attack from the OBSERVATION LINE on a ASSAULTING TROUPS. two Company frontage: Nos.1 and 3 Coys capturing the Intermediate Objective; Nos.2 and 4 Coys passing through and capturing the Final Objective.

Nos.1 and 2 Coys on the Right; Nos. 3 and 4 Coys on the Left.

5. OBJECTIVES.

No.1 Co. from S.22.d.7¾.2. to S.22.d.5½.3½.

No.3 Co. from S.22.d.5½.3½. to S.22.d.3½.5½.

No2 Co. BRITT TRENCH from S.23.c.4.5. to S.23.c.2.7.

No.4 Co from S.23.c.2.7. to S.22.d.9½.9½.

6. STRONG POINTS.

No.1 Co. with attached Engineers and Machine Guns will establish and hold S.P.6 at S.22.d.8½.5 with minimum garrison of 50 men.

No.2 Co. will establish S.P. at S.23.c.3½.6 and

No.4 Co at S.23.c.1.8.

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7. PATROLS TO
BOIS DU CHAMP
POURRI

After reaching Final Objective, Nos.2 and 4 Coys will push patrols forward towards BOIS CHAMP DU POURRI (S.23.b) to ascertain whether the defences of these localities are occupied. Protective barrage will be lifted to enable this to be done. (Orders covering this will be issued later)

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9. BATTALION H.Q. Will be in GRANGE SUBWAY at S.27.d.93.96.

9. ARTILLERY
BARRAGE AND
INFANTRY
ACTION.

At zero hour the intense shrapnel barrage will open on the enemy's front line system, a short distance east of his crater posts and continue for three minutes. Small parties of the leading Coys will push forward into the craters and enemy crater posts, if the barrage permits.

At plus 3 the barrage will move forward in accordance with Artillery Barrage Time Table previously issued until at plus 35 it is 150 yds beyond the Intermediate Objective. The Assaulting Troops will follow it up closely to the Intermediate Objective which will be mopped up and consolidated by the Coys detailed for this work. Parties will be pushed out in front and up Communication Trenches close under the barrage to protect the Consolidation Parties. The barrage will remain 150 yards ~~the~~ beyond the Intermediate Objective for 40 mins. during which time the troops detailed to capture the final objective will form up in rear of the Intermediate Objective.

A short time before Plus 75 the troops detailed to take the final objective will creep forward and form up close under the barrage in front of the Intermediate Objective, to assault the Final Objectiv

At Plus 75 the barrage will move forward in accordance with the Artillery Barrage Time Table until at Plus 95 it finally stops 300 yards beyond the Final Objective. The assaulting troops will follow the barrage closely, mopping up as they go, spe special attention being given to the ECOLE COMMUNE.

Battalion will detail part of their Coys proceeding beyond Intermediate Objective to provide covering parties and to construct the Strong Points in LA FOLIE WOOD. The remainder of these Coys will mop up consolidate and garrison the next trench in rear of and approximately parallel to the Final Obhectivr.

The actual advance into LA FOLIE WOOD will be preceded by scouts and covering parties who will be specially detailed for this work.

The barrage will ultimately lift to enable patrols to be pushed forward in accordance with para.7.

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10. MOPPERS UP.

Two sections of the 49th Bn. (E.R.) will be detailed to each

Coy to act as moppers-up. They will be under the orders of the Coys to which they are attached and will accompany the attack. After completing mopping-up they will act as stretcher-bearers, making two trips to Regimental Aid Post and then report to O.C. 49th BN. (E.R) at MACHINE GUN FORT. Moppers-up to be in "P" Line to left of GRANGE C.T. two hours before zero.

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11. 7th CANADIAN T.M. BATTY. One Officer will be in charge of one Gun and Crew and will be attached to No.2 Co. To be in Assembly Trench two hours before zero.

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12. 7th CANADIAN M.G. COY. One Officer in charge of one Machine Gun and Crew will be attached to No.1 Co. to be in Assembly 1½ hours before zero. A second Machine-gun will be in reserve at Bn. HQ until Final Objective has been captured when it will take up a position in S.P._6.

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13. ENGINEERS. One Officer and four sappers of the 7th Field Co. C.E. will accompany No.1 Co. to assist in the construction of S.P.6. This party will take up position in [inserted: assembly] trench two hours before zero.

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14. S.O.S. SIGNAL. The S.O.S. Signal will be RED, either rockets or Very lights. As many as possible fired in quick succession.

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15. DISTINUISHING FLAGS. When objectives are reached the Divisional distinguishing flags will be waved NOT stuck in the ground. Flags will be carried as follows: 3rd CND.DIV...BLACK & RED.
4th CDN.DIV...RED.

16. SMOKE BARRAGE. No.4 Special Co. R.E. will arrange for a Smoke Barrage from 4 inch Stokes Mortars to cover the BLACK Line from O. to Plus 15, provided the wind is then between North West and South West. The decision as to the employment of smoke will rest with the Officer in charge of the 4 inch Stokes.

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17. CONTACT PATROLS. Contact aeroplanes will fly at the following times:-
(a) Zero plus 50 minutes
(b) Zero plus two hours.

18.

REPORTS.

Will be sent to Bn.HQ in GRANGE SUBWAY S.27.b.93.96. until Final Objective has been ~~gained~~ captured when Bn. HQ will be in FAMINE TRENCH S.22.d.5.3½.

19.

Watches will be synchronised at Bn. HQ three hours before zero.

Issued by runner at

Copy No.1 C.O.

2 2nd i/C

3 Adjutant

4 O.C. No.1 Co.

5 2

6 3

7 4

8 R.C.R.

9 42nd Bn

Sgd. L.V.DRUMMOND HAY Lieut.& Adjt.

10 49th Bn

11 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde

12 7th Cdn. T.M. Batty

13 7th Cdn. M.G. Co.

14 War Diary

APPENDIX C

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

April 8th-9th-10th-11th, 1917.

On April 8th 1917 the Battalion was holding the line on VIMY RIDGE from SUFFIELD SAP to TIDZA CRATER with one Coy in line, two Coys in GRANGE SUBWAY and one Coy in EMPIRE REDOUBT, Battalion H.Q. in GRANGE SUBWAY. All details and general preparations had been completed and Bn. was under orders to attack and capture VIMY RIDGE.

Brigade Orders covering the attack were received on the morning of the 8th and Battalion Operation Orders [inserted: as] attached (marked "A") were accordingly issued.

8th April 1917

6 p.m. Message received from Brigade notifying Zero hour to be 5.30 a.m. 9th April 1917.

8 p.m. Instructions issued to Coys to be in Assembly Trenches ready to jump off at 4.30 a.m.

9th April 1917.

9th April 1917

4.30 a.m. Rum issue to all Coys.

5.30 a.m. Artillery opened and leading wave commenced to climb up our lip of craters.

7.10 a.m. Message No.1 received from Lieut. R.L. Haggard O.C. No.1 Co, stating that his Coy had reached FAMINE TRENCH with few casualties and that he was in touch with R.C.R. on right and No.3 Coy on left Prisoners taken belong to 262 Regiment.

8 a.m. Major McDougall went from Bn. HQ and established Advanced HQ in FAMINE TRENCH.

8.30 a.m. Message No.2 received from Lieut. Lownsborough, O.C. No.4 Co, stating his Coy reached final objective at 7.40 a.m. with few casualties. Lieut. R.L. Sladen killed, Lieuts. Cloran and Plumer [[Plummer](#)] wounded. Patrol sent down into wood in front and both his flanks connected up.

9.30 a.m. Message No.3 from Lieut. Tenbrocke [[TenBroeke](#)], O.C. No.2 Co, stating his Coy in final objective. 4 German Officers and 14 O.R. Taken prisoners. Casualties pretty strong. Enemy resistance weak. Enemy artillery firing on FAMINE TRENCH. Patrol sent out in direction of BOIS DU CHAMP POURRI. Flanks connected up.

9.45 am. Message No.4 received from Lieut. Tenbrocke [[TenBroeke](#)], O.C. N.2 Co, calling for bombs, S.A.A. and rifles grenades. Enemy reported to be fairly strong in front.

9.50 am ~~Lieut~~ Message No.5 from Lieut. Lownsborough O.C. No.4 Coy, calling for bombs, SA.A. rifle grenades and flares.

10.20 am. Message No.6 from Major McDougall advising German snipers very active on left. Hill 145 still in hands of enemy.

11.05 am Message No.7 from Lieut. Lownsborough stating that wire put out in front of his position

11.25am 49th Bn.moppers-up reorganised and carried ammunition to front line.

11.30 a.m. Telephone communication established between rear and advanced Bn.Headquarters.

4.10 pm. No.4 Coy reports enemy in small parties along BRACKEN TRENCH

and across country. Enemy Officers seen to ride up, leave horses at Slag Heap in rear and walk up towards the trenches. (Message No.8)

8.20 pm. Message No.9 from Major McDougall reports enemy shelling our front and support lines.

[10]th April 1917.

12.50 a.m. Information received from First Army through Brigade that enemy bringing up reinforcements from MERUCOURT to VIMY.

10.30 am The following report covering situation sent to 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde.:-

"The Battalion reached Final Objective with about 35 to 40 casualties. Consolidation was at once proceeded with and by 11 a.m. the first and second lines had been made continuous with the exception of 50 yards in second line. During the afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m. the enemy shelled both our lines with 5.9s, 4.2s and 7.7. mm doing a great deal of damage to our trenches and causing many casualties. This shelling kept up till 2 a.m. to-day, the first line suffering particularly heavy. All Corporals and Sergeants of No.2 Co, except Sgt. Fergus are casualties. Casualty report is attached.

At the moment of writing there are six machine guns in action but crews are short four men. One Stokes Gun is in front line, but we need ammunition for it and crew.

No.4 Coy is at present occupying a quarter of 42nd Bn front line. S.P.6 has been almost flattened out and I have withdrawn machine guns, two to second line and three to STRAUBWESSER WEG just behind S.P.6.

As you will can see from Casualty Report, No.2 Coy is disorganised. I am sending up two N.C.Os to help reorganise No.2 Coy.

Work is well under way and expect S.A.A. bombs, tools and salvage dumps will be completed today.

Sniping is still fairly active from the left.

Owing to weather and shelling the men are not as fr4sh as they might be.

I got into touch with R.C.R. Officer who reports that they are still O.K with certain reinforcements.

Excuse lack of continuity but blame Germans for keeping me up.

10.4.17

10.30 a.m.

CASUALTY REPORT.

Total Casualties.

No.1 Co. 40
No.2 Co. 75
No.3 Co. 68

No.4 Co. 32
215

Stretcher cases not cleared.

No.1 Co. 2 (including 1 German)
No.2 Co. 11 „ 3
No.3 Co. Nil
No.4 Co. Nil

13

Dead not buried.

No.1. Co. 13
No.2 Co. 37
No.3 Co. 13
No.4 Co. 0
63

No.2 Coy is very uncertain re figures. Am doing my best to get names and shall ~~do my best~~ send it in as soon as possible

10.4.17

10.30 a.m.

12.30 pm. [inserted: A patrol consisting of Lt. W.H. Morris, 2 Bn. Scouts and 20 OR. went out to ascertain position of enemy & on return Lt. Morris made the following report:-]

A patrol consisting of Lieut. W.H. Morris, 2 Bn. Scouts and 20 O.R divided into two parties explored ARTILLERIE WEG and STAUBWESSER WEG.

1. The party which went down ARTILLERIE WEG consisted of 2 Corpls. and 9 O.R. preceded by Scout Bettridge and 1 O.R. They travelled a distance of 130 yards from junction of ARTILLERIE WEG with our FRONT LINE reaching a point S.23.c.6½.6. After the party had proceeded 100 yards vigorous sniping was commenced by the enemy. the bullets lining the top of the trench. Scout Bettridge pushed ahead and looked over the top and ahead about 15 yards distant he saw what he said to be 25 or 30 Germans in the trench. He was observed by the enemy and showered with stick-bombs. Enemy sent up orange shower. The party then returned. Scout Bettridge reports trench at this point to be in fairly good shape.

2. The party which went down STRAUBWESSER WEG, consisting of one Officer, 1 Corporal, 1 Scout and 9 O.R. preceded by Scout Elder and 1 O.R. Party proceeded a distance of 100 yards reaching a point S.23.c.5½.7. About 60 yards down on the right side of trench there are two deep dugouts with wide entrances, very close together. Scout Elder walker [walked] about 10 yards from entrance of second dug-out when two Germans rushed out and only a miss-fire prevented him killing one of these. The rest of party rushed past dug-outs, the Officer in rear guarding one entrance and 1 O.R. the other. These Germans seemed to join a larger party and give warning for immediately we were bombed with stick-bombs, these falling short. One German shot at Scout Elder from what appeared to be a breast work on the left side of trench but before he could shoot again was hit in the hit by

Scout Elder; his helmet seemed to fly off in the air. Six men were seen in this breast work. The guard on the near dug-out shot one of the enemy in stomach when party was returning. The Officer remaining to bring up rear took two shots at one of the enemy in the far dug-out. This fellow appeared to think that the show was over and evidently was making for the breastwork. He fell back into dug-out entrance. There were five or six dead Germans in the trench between the dug-outs and the breastwork. The trench between these points showed signs of considerable damage usage. The trench became better as we approached breastwork from dug-outs.

Party went out.....12.50 p.m.
 Party returned..... 1.20 p.m.

11th April 1917.

1.00 am No.1 Co. relieved No.2 Co. in front line, No.2 Co. returning to FAMINE TRENCH.

1.30 am No.3 Co. relieved No.4 Co, No.4 Co. returning to FAMINE TRENCH.

2 a.m. Message No.10 received from Brigade advising Battalion will be relieved by daylight and proceed to Brigade Support Area, with one Coy in "P" line, two Coys in EMPIRE REDOUBT and PYLONES, two platoons in MACHINE GUN FORT and two platoons in QUARRIES LINE.

3.20 pm Message No.11 received from Brigade advising that on completion of relief Battalion will proceed to LAMOTTE CAMP.

8.15 p.m. Relief completed and Battalion on the way to LAMOTTE CAMP.

SUMMARY. In submitting this narrative I would like to express my appreciation of the excellent work done by the two platoons, afterwards increased, by the 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment) who in accordance with Brigade Orders, acted as moppers-up, stretcher-bearers and ammunition-carriers.

TROPHIES. Battalion captured three enemy trench mortars and three machine guns.

CASUALTIES.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed	3	54
Died of Wounds		6
Missing		10
Wounded	7	142
Wounded at Duty	1	1
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	11	213

Sgd AGAR ADAMSON Lt. Col.

Comdg. P.P.C.L.I.

APPENDIX F D

“A” Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO {R.C.R.	49th Bn.	3rd Cdn. Div.	9th. CIBde
{P.P.C.L.I.	7th C.T.M.B.	8th. C.I. Bde.	
{42nd Bn.	7th. C.M.G.C.	Billeting Offr.	
		Forward Area.	
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
* D.359.	20th.		

(1) The 7th.Cdn. Inf. Bde. less the R.C.R. will move the vicinity of QUARRIES LINE tonight, where they will be in Corps Reserve ready to move at half hours notice after 6.00 am, 21st inst. aaa (2) Battalions will move off from their billets as follows aaa 49th. Bn 12.01 am 21st. inst aaa 42nd Bn 12.30 am 21st. inst. aaa P.P.C.L.I. 12.15 am 21st. inst aaa Trench Mortar Battery to follow P.P.C.L.I. aaa (3) Route VILLERS AU BOIS – LAMOTTE FARM – PLANK ROAD aaa (4) Billeting parties will be sent forward at once and will report to Major Walkem, GRANGE SUBWAY, who will arrange accommodation aaa The 49th Battalion will be billeted in the most forward position aaa (5) Packs will not be carried aaa (6) Brigade Headquarters MACHINE GUN FORT aaa C.Os or Seconds-in-Command with Runners will be accommodated in the Machine Gun Fort and will report there by 4.00 am, 21st. inst aaa (7) ACKNOWLEDGE aaa Addsd P.P.C.L.I, 42nd. Bn, 49th Bn,. 7th. C.T.M. Bty, rptd all concerned.

From 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.
Place
Time 8.20 pm.

(Z)
Sgd. A.O.MEREDITH,
Major.

APPENDIX F

“A” Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO: 7th. Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

* G.999. 30th.

Warning Order aaa The 7th. Cdn. Inf. Bde will move to the vicinity of the Quarries Line to be in position by 6.00 am 21st. inst where they will be in Corps Reserve ready to move at half an hours notice aaa Hqrs MACHINE GUN FORT aaa A & Q will allot accommodation aaa Addsd 7th. Cdn. Inf. Bde. A & Q, rpted all concerned. aaa ACKNOWLEDGE.

From 3rd. Canadian Division.
Place
Time 6.37 pm.

Tue, May 1, 1917 WEST OF MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE ROAD TRENCHES & VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 1.5.17 Fine. Remainder of 52nd Battn relieve 2 & 4 Cos. in line – 2 & 4 Cos. proceeding to Billets in Villers-Au-Bois.

Wed, May 2, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 2.5.17 Fine. Battalion resting. Baths.

Thu, May 3, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 3.5.17 Fine. Company training. Four Other Ranks reported died of wounds received April 9/10 1917 and one of Sickness – pneumonia. Battalion sports.

Fri, May 4, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 4.5.17 Fine. Training in a.m. Sports in afternoon. A/R.S.M. JORDAN W. (1199) promoted R.S.M., Warrant Officer Class 1 (19.2.17). Pte. [S] BROWN (769740) previously reported killed 9/10-4-17 now reported wounded

Sat, May 5, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 5.5.17 Fine. Training in a.m. Presentation of new drafts and officers to the Colour. Pte.[inserted: 552239] Baker V.R. previously reported Missing (9/10-4-17) now wounded, 817732 Pte. Harris J.A. ditto. Slight showers in evening.

Sun, May 6, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 6.5.17 Fine. Church Parades at VILLERS. 709643 Pte JOHNSON [R.J.] previously reported missing (9/10-4.17) now wounded

Mon, May 7, 1917 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 7.5.17 Fine – Redistribution of officers (effect 6.5.17). Battalion moves to PYLONES Shelter on VIMY RIDGE – Companies taking 5 officers each only. Remaining and details O.R. in Camp at LA TARGETTE – Major [D.A.] CLARKE [1763] in command.

Tue, May 8, 1917 PYLONES AREA [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

PYLONES 8.5.17 Fine – Instructional class formed at LA TARGETTE for Officers & details

Wed, May 9, 1917 PYLONES AREA [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

PYLONES 9.5.17 Rain in a.m.

Thu, May 10, 1917 PYLONES AREA [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

PYLONES 10.5.17 Fine & warm

Fri, May 11, 1917 PYLONES AREA [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

PYLONES 11.5.17 Fine.

Sat, May 12, 1917 PYLONES AREA [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

PYLONES 12.5.17 Fine. Battalion moves forward over VIMY Ridge – relieving 1st C.M.R. in Brigade Reserve. Battalion H.Q. in LA CHAUDIERE. 1 & 2 Companies in VIMY DEFENCES 3 & 4 Companies under Command of Lt. Col. HILL R.C.R. in front line. 2nd Can. Division on right R.C.R. on left. Major [A.G.] Martin [1266] 2 i/c reports to O.C. R.C.R. to remain there while these two Companies are in Line

Sun, May 13, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 13.5.17 Fine – slight showers in p.m. Heavy shelling about [La] Chaudière One enemy shell landed in entrance of dug out occupied by No 1 Co. in Railway Embankment killing 4 and wounding 7 men. No. 1 & 2 Companies supply working parties for the front-line each night
30 O.R. taken on strength. A/Major A.G. PEARSON [51383] Lieut [S.B.] PLUMMER [411051] Lieut. E.P. CLORAN [440396] Lieut. J. [H.] CARVOSSO [51116] – struck off strength – invalided England

Mon, May 14, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 14.5.17 Showery. Persistent shelling of LA CHAUDIERE continues.

Tue, May 15, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 15.5.17 Cloudy & Cool. LIEUTs C.A. GRANT & J.R. RIDDELL [411142] taken on strength. 6 O.R. from C.B.D. taken on strength. Capt. A.G. PEARSON [51383] relinquishes rank of Acting Major on ceasing to command a Company. Quiet on the front. Casualties from 12.5.17 to date 4 O.R. killed and 13 wounded including 7 shell shock

Wed, May 16, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 16.5.17 Overcast & cold turning to heavy rain in evening & night. No. 3 Company relieved from front line and proceeded to billets in VIMY DEFENCES. No. 4 Company should have been relieved but relief did not turn up. Owing to this No. 4 Company lived for the next 24 hours on their iron rations.

Thu, May 17, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 17.5.17 Cloudy with mist. No. 4 Company relieved and moves to billets in VIMY DEFENCES

Fri, MAY 18, 1917 VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 18.5.17 Cloudy. Whole Battalion now supplying working and carrying parties for the front line.

Sat, May 19, 1917 VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 19.5.17 Cloudy,- clearing to fine. Great deal of aerial activity

Sun, May 20, 1917 VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 20.5.17 Fine. Relieved by 52nd Battalion. Relief completed by 11 p.m. The Battalion proceeded to GRANGE SUBWAY

Mon, May 21, 1917 GRANGE SUBWAY, VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 21.5.17 Showery Battalion spends morning cleaning up and marches in afternoon to VILLERS HUTS in VILLERS-AU-BOIS

Tue, May 22, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 22.5.17 Heavy Rain. Battn parades and training. Lieuts C.K: McRORIE [21867] D.A.WRIGHT and E.M. JACQUES [411061] taken on strength. The under-mentioned O.R. awarded MILITARY MEDAL No. 1065 SGT. S.J. RIDLEY McG 116 SGT. R.C.M. FERGUS, 487334 Cpl. R. LAVERS, McG 186 SGT. F.T. MABSON, 489753 L/C. W.A. WARNER, 475453 Pte. W.G. ELDER, 446134 G. THORNDYKE

489779 J.E. LIVETT, 411018 P.H. FERGUSON, 487371 E.H. NEWTON, 1033128 C. PORTER, 21409 Cpl. (A/SgT.) R. SAVAGE, (Att. 7 C.T.M.B) 475306 Pte. F.W. CRAWFORD (Att 7 C.I.B.)

Wed, May 23, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 23.5.17 Fine. Battalion & Company drills & training & Baths. In addition to previously mentioned casualties, one O.R. killed and 8 wounded in operations 12-5-17 to 21-5-17. MAJOR A.G. MARTIN (M.C.) [1266] assumes command of Battalion temporarily from 21.5.17 vice Lieut. Col. AGAR ADAMSON (D.S.O.)

Thu, May 24, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 24.5.17 Fine Drills, lectures and training.

Fri, May 25, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 25.5.17 Fine – Battalion carries off second prize in C.A.S.C. Competition for our light draft team and limbered waggon - active service conditions - open to Units comprising 3rd Division R.C.R. first prize. Lieut. G.W. Guiou [475868] appointed Bombing officer (temporarily) and Lieut. J.A. HASLAM temporarily Assistant Adjutant

Sat, May 26, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 26.5.17 Fine. Drill lectures and training in a.m. Battalion sports in afternoon. 7 O.R. taken on strength from C.B.D.

Sun, May 27, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 27.5.17 Fine. Church parade in morning Brigade sports in afternoon

Mon, May 28, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 28.5.17 Cloudy. Company training

Tue, May 29, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 29.5.17 Cloudy & Cold. Musketry and training

Wed, May 30, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 30.5.17 Fine with showers Musketry and training. LIEUT. A.L. MILLS taken on strength from 3rd Can. Ent. Battn MAJOR D.A. CLARKE (M.C.) [1763] struck off strength from 23.5.17 on proceeding to England. 3 O.R. taken on strength from C.B.D (29.5.17)

Thu, May 31, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 31.5.17 Fine. Parades & musketry. Practice over tape trenches in p.m.

[Note transcriber: during May 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Fri, Jun 1, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS-AU-BOIS 1.6.17 Fine - Parades - lectures & training. Military Medal awarded to No. 1086 Corporal F.C. HAVELOCK. 1 O.R. taken on strength

Sat, Jun 2, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS-AU-BOIS 2.6.17 Cloudy. Parades & training. CROIX DE GUERRE awarded to LIEUT. E.P. CLORAN [440396].

Sun, Jun 3, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS-AU-BOIS 3.6.17 Fine. Hostile aircraft made several night raids on Camps in vicinity of LA TARGETTE dropping numerous bombs -

Mon, Jun 4, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS-AU-BOIS 4.6.17 Fine. Parades & training. Air raids at LA[insered: TAR] GETTE repeated.

Tue, Jun 5, 1917 VILLERS-AU-BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS-AU-BOIS 5.6.17 Fine & warm. LIEUT. COL. [Agar] ADAMSON returns from England Assumes command of the Battalion (4.6.17). 1 O.R. taken on strength & 1 struck off on transfer 3 Can. Div. Hdqtrs.

Wed, Jun 6, 1917 GRANGE SUBWAY AREA, VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

VILLERS-AU-BOIS 1.6.17 6Fine & warm – turning in afternoon to dust storms followed by heavy rain-showers. Battalion moves in afternoon to MONTREAL CAMP near GRANGE TUNNEL.

MAJOR C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. taken on strength from England & assumes duties of 2nd in Command [inserted: (4.6.17)] CAPT. P. MOLSON taken on strength from England assumes Command of No. 2 Co (4.6.17)

Thu, Jun 7, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 7.6.17 Warm with showers. Battalion relieves 1st C.M.R. Battalion in 3rd line VIMY DEFENCES in evening. (Ref. Map VIMY 36 c S.W. Battn H.Q. LA CHAUDIERE S.18.d.8.2 – Each Company going in line with three platoons and four officers. Details Camp near Transport lines at LA TARGETTE MAJOR [A.G.] MARTIN M.C. [51383] being O.C. details.

Fri, Jun 8, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE, 8.6.17 Cloudy with slight showers. Battalion in support.

LIEUT GEN. Byng sends message of goodbye to the CANADIAN CORPS on relinquishing Command.

Sat, Jun 9, 1917 LA CHAUDIERE AREA & VIMY DEFENCES, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 9.6.17 Cloudy. Battalion relieves 4th C.M.R. in front line right Subsection on night 9/10 June. Nos. 1 2 3 Coys in front line No 4 in support. Battalion H.Q. at T 13 d. 4. 9

42nd Battn on left 2nd Battn (1st Div.) on right.

Sun, Jun 10, 1917 TRENCHES EAST OF LA CHAUDIERE, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 10.6.17 Very hot - Quiet

Mon, Jun 11, 1917 TRENCHES EAST OF LA CHAUDIERE, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 11.6.17 Very heavy showers in early morning clearing later in day. Situation quiet

Tue, Jun 12, 1917 TRENCHES EAST OF LA CHAUDIERE, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 12.6.17 Fine & warm. Patrol advanced as far as enemy's line but did not succeed in capturing any prisoner

Wed, Jun 13, 1917 TRENCHES EAST OF LA CHAUDIERE, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 13.6.17 Fine. On night of 12/13 enemy put up barrage in front & behind front line also field gun flares.

Thu, Jun 14, 1917 TRENCHES EAST OF LA CHAUDIERE, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 14.6.17 Fine & warm. Dummy trench about 600 yards in front of front line dug along No. 1 & 2 Co's front.

3 Division Horse Show held at BERTHONVAL FARM. The Battalion carries off 2nd prize for transport R.C.R. frist entitling both to ~~pla~~ enter in Corps show.

Fri, Jun 15, 1917 QUARRY LINE AREA, VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 15.6.17 Fine. The Battalion is relieved on night of 14/15 by 116 Battn and proceeds to Toronto Camp in QUARRY Area VIMY RIDGE. Patrols were out every night during the Tour 9/15.

Cap. (A/MAJOR) J.W.H.G.H. VANDENBERG [[J.W.H.G. Van den Berg](#)](att 7 Mach. Gun. Co) made a Companion of DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER and CAPT. P. MOLSON and LIEUT. A.C. WHITE [51226] (Div. Training School) awarded MILITARY CROSS in Birthday Gazette of June 1917.

Sat, Jun 16, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 16.6.17 Fine and warm -Working parties. LIEUT G.W. LITTLE from ENGLAND taken on strength. A/MAJORS D.A. CLARKE [1763] and A.G. PEARSON [51383] relinquish that rank on ceasing to command Companies the former from 23.5.17 the latter from 9.4.17.

1 O.R. killed 13.6.17 and 8 wounded 10/6 to 13/6.

Sun, Jun 17, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 17.6.17 Fine and warm ~~with showers in p.m.~~ Working parties.

Mon, Jun 18, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 18.6.17 Fine - thunder showers in p.m.

Tue, Jun 19, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 19.6.17 Heavy thunderstorms & rain in evening. Canadian Corps Horse Show. P.P.C.L.I. take 2nd prize for Transport R.C.R. 1st prize.

Wed, Jun 20, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 20.6.17 Clearing. Showers in evening. Working parties.

Thu, Jun 21, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 21.6.17 Cloudy followed by heavy showers. Battalion still in Support in Quarries Area & furnishing working parties

Fri, Jun 22, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 22.6.17 Cloudy & cool. Heavy showers in p.m. Capt. H.E. SULIVAN from England taken on strength & posted to No. 2 Co.

Sat, Jun 23, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 23.6.17 Fine. Battalion while in support is training & furnishing working parties

Sun, Jun 24, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 24.6.17 Fine. MAJOR [A.H.] GAULT returns from England and is attached to 3rd Division. 2 O.R. struck off strength for Commissions

Mon, Jun 25, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 25.6.17 Cloudy. First Army Horse Show. P.P.C.L.I. take 2nd prize for Infantry Battalion Transport. LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS first prize. Heavy rain at night

Tue, Jun 26, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 26.6.17 Fine & cool. H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT at CAMBLAIN L'ABBÉ this Battalion furnishing Guard of Honour under Command of Major C.J.T STEWART D.S.O.

LIEUT D. MACLEAN [411060] from 3rd Canadian Entrenching Battalion taken on strength posted to No. 2 Co. 1 O.R. taken on strength from 3 C.T. Battn.

Wed, Jun 27, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 27.6.17 Fine with slight showers. LIEUT. J.E. Pike [475991] and W.E. Ford [410953] struck off strength invalided to England. Heavy rain in night.

Thu, Jun 28, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 28.6.17 Thunderstorm with very heavy rain in evening.

MILITARY CROSS awarded to LIEUT J.H. CARVOSSO [51116] – LIEUT G.W. GUIOU [475868] – LIEUT J.T. LONSBROUGH [475924]. On 27.6.17 GUARD of HONOUR parades at CAMBLAIN L'ABBÉ before H.R.H. THE DUKE of CONNAUGHT

Fri, Jun 29, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 29.6.17 Heavy rain – Cold -

Sat, Jun 30, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

LA TARGETTE 30.6.17 Cold with rain. Battalion receives warning order to take over portion of line held by 85th Battalion.

The following message received from Major General LIPSETT Com'g 3 Can. Division to the O.C. P.P.C.L.I. “Will you please convey my hearty congratulations to LIEUT. M. ALLAN [1742] and N.C.O.S and men of your Transport for their success at the Army Show. The P.P.C.L.I. have set the high standard for Transport in the Division and have kept it up consistently which is something a Battalion may well be proud off.”

[Note transcriber: during June 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Sun, Jul 1, 1917 TORONTO CAMP [NORTH OF NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST], FRANCE

CARENCY 1.7.17 Cold and cloudy. The Battalion relieves 85th Battalion in the line in evening. Map reference 36 C S.W. 1/20.000. Battn. moved off from Quarries area 9.30 p.m.

No 1 & 2 Co's to front and outpost line relieving 85th Battn. Nos. 3 & 4 taking over from 72nd in support in PARTRIDGE BORDEN & IRISH Trenches. Bn. H.Q relieve 72nd in 'Piano' Dugout S.6.b. 1.1. Boundaries of positions as follows: - Southern S.6.c.1.1. along road through S.6 Central to N.31.c.8.4½ (road inclusive) thence VIA PARTICK TRENCH (inclusive) to N.31.d.9½.6½ – N.32.a.2½. ½ to Cross Roads N.26.d.3.1. Northern Souchez River. On the left the 42nd hold the line. R.C.R. in support. Relief completed at 2.30. Situation quiet, Casualties nil.

Mon, Jul 2, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 2.7.17 Fine and warm. Battalion Transport lines move to near CARENCY. Situation quiet in line. Two casualties. Lt. Col. [Agar] ADAMSON being admitted to hospital MAJOR C.J.T. STEWART assumes Command.

Tue, Jul 3, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 3.7.17 Fine. Detail camp (185 of all ranks) near CARENCY. AVION Trench & outpost in front held by No.1 Coy shelled heavily between midnight and 3 a.m. Five casualties one killed and four wounded. Remainder of day quiet

Wed, Jul 4, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 4.7.17 Heavy showers. At 12.30 a.m. Enemy raided an advance post in front of AVION. Trench held by No. 1 Coy Lewis Gun Crew. Enemy party consisted of 5-7 men and entered post from unblocked trench taking the occupants by surprise. Four men wounded and one missing believed prisoner. At 10 a.m. the enemy exploded two mines a short distance a short distance in front of our post raided previously. No damage. Casualties for 24 hours 5 wounded one missing.

Thu, Jul 5, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 5.7.17 Clearing. Enemy shelled heavily. No. 2 Co. suffering particularly from Trench Mortar fire in outskirts of AVION when CAPT. P. MOLSON M.C. Commanding No. 2 Co'y and LIEUT. D. MACLEAN [411060] were both killed by concussion from a heavy MINENWERFER. Two O.R. with these officers were also killed. Enemy also shelled support trenches and No. 3 Coy. had one killed and three wounded. Total Casualties for day 4 killed 1 died of wounds seven wounded

Fri, Jul 6, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 6.7.17 Fine. H.R.H. The DUKE OF CONNAUGHT sends message of Congratulation to CANADIAN CORPS and was much impressed by the appearance and turnout of the Guard of Honour furnished by the P.P.C.L.I. & 24 Can. Battalion. Lieut G.S. STRATFORD [McG 187] taken on strength (No 1 Co) 30 O.R. taken on strength from 1.7.17 and 5 O.R. from 4.7.17 3 from L.O.C. [*Lines of Communication*] the rest from C.B.D. [*Canadian Base Depot*] 1 O.R. struck off invalided. Lieut. C.A. GRANT struck off invalided 17-6-17. 2 officers killed & 4 O.R. 1 O.R. missing and 17 O.R. wounded & shell shock - struck off 2/7 to 5/7

Sat, Jul 7, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 7.7.17 Fine - Clouding up in evening. At night [inserted: of 6th] 3/4 3 & 4 Cos relieve 1 & 2 in front line. Relief quiet. No 2 moves from Supports to ONTARIO & CANADA trenches a position closer to line, advanced posts shelled by enemy trench mortars. 3 casualties

Sun, Jul 8, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 8.7.17 Very heavy thunderstorms in early morning. Rain at night. In evening our front line heavily shelled from direction of MERICOURT by 2 5.9 at rate of 2 shells per minute. Several direct hits. No 4 Co. 3 killed 3 wounded

Mon, Jul 9, 1917 LA COULOTTE-AVION AREA, FRANCE

CARENCY 9.7.17 Dull and some rain. Battalion is relieved by 4 C.M.R. in night 9/10 and move back to Detail Camp near CARENCY bivouacking there.

Tue, Jul 10, 1917 CARENCY, FRANCE

CARENCY 10.7.17 Fine. Battalion moves to NIAGARA CAMP at Bois de la Haie 5 O.R from L.O.C. [*Lines of Communication*] & 1 from C.B.D. [*Canadian Base Depot*] taken on strength. 4 O.R. killed 11 wounded 5 to 9th July.

Wed, Jul 11, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 11.7.17 Fine. Fumigation – parades – Lt. Col. Adamson rejoining from Hospital assumes Command. 1 O.R. taken on strength.

Thu, Jul 12, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 12.7.17 Fine – Training and parades. LIEUT. A. J. ROBINS [1280] from 3 Can. Ent. Batl. [*3rd Canadian Entrenching Battalion*] taken on strength

Fri, Jul 13, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 13.7.17 Fine with rain in evening. Major LIEUT. GEN. LIPSETT [*3rd Canadian Division Commander*] and LIEUT BRIG.-GEN. DYER commanding 7th Brigade inspect Battalion. MAJOR-GEN. A.C. MACDONELL late commanding 7th Brigade inspects Brigade at in afternoon and delivers a farewell address on assuming command of 1st Division.

Sat, Jul 14, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 14.7.17 Heavy thunderstorms. Rain all night. Parades – Training Musketry

Sun, Jul 15, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 15.7.17 Heavy rain in morning clearing later. MAJOR A.H. GAULT D.S.O. taken on strength 12.6.17 posted to B.H.Q. attached 3 Can Div. Hqrs. 2 O.R. struck off 1 taken on strength.

LIEUT. G. R. STEVENS [*McG 85*] taken on strength from 3 Can. Ent. Batl.(No 2) [*3rd Canadian Entrenching Battalion*] & LIEUT. J. MACKAY [*1683*] from C.B.D. (No 4) [*Canadian Base Depot*].

Mon, Jul 16, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 16.7.17 Fine. Training & Musketry A/MAJOR A.G. MARTIN M.C. [*1266*] struck off strength on proceeding to England for duty (15/7/17) Examination of N.C.O.s for promotion. 1 O.R. struck off strength.

Tue, Jul 17, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CHATEAU DE LA HAIE 17.7.17 Fine. Parades - musketry - training. 1 O.R. taken on s. Award of Good Conduct Badges to L/Cpls & privates. on completing two years service without reprimanded entry

Wed, Jul 18, 1917 BOIS DE LA HAIE (GOUY-SERVINS), FRANCE

CARENCY 18.7.17 Heavy rain showers. Battalion relieves 52 Battalion in HALIFAX AREA ZOUAVE VALLEY in evening going into billets there

Thu, Jul 19, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCY 19.7.17 Rain

Fri, Jul 20, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCY 20.7.17 Cloudy and Cool. Working parties. 1 O.R. taken on and 1 struck off strength. Capt H.W. NIVEN reported for duty & assumes Command of No 2 Co.

Sat, Jul 21, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCY 21.7.17 Fine - working parties

Sun, Jul 22, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCY 22.7.17 Fine.

Mon, Jul 23, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCY 23.7.17 Fine. MAJOR A.H. GAULT D.S.O appointed A.D.C. to G.O.C. 3 Can. Div. [*Lt-Gen Lipsett*] 20/6/17

Tue, Jul 24, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCY 24.7.17 Rain in morning - clearing later. 48 O.R. taken on strength

Wed, Jul 25, 1917 ZOUAVE VALLEY [EAST OF CABARET ROUGE], FRANCE

CARENCEY 25.7.17 Heavy rain in morning clearing later. Battalion marches to billets in Verdrel in afternoon

Thu, Jul 26, 1917 VERDREL, FRANCE

LA PUGNOY 26.7.17 Cloudy & overcast. Battalion marches in morning to billets in LAPUGNOY via BOIS d'ULHAIN – BARLIN – BRUAY 31 O.R. taken on strength.

Fri., Jul 27, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LA PUGNOY 27.7.17 Cloudy but fine & warm. Newly joined reinforcements presented to their colour. 1 O.R. taken on strength

Sat, Jul 28, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LA PUGNOY 28.7.17 Fine & warm. Inoculation.

Sun, Jul 29, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LA PUGNOY 29.7.17 Very heavy thunderstorm & rain in morning. Drill training & musketry

Mon, Jul 30, 1917 LA PUGNOY, FRANCE

LA PUGNOY 30.7.17 Cloudy & overcast. Musketry drill & training.

Tue, Jul 31, 1917 LA PUGNOY, FRANCE

LA PUGNOY 31.7.17 Cloudy. No 4 Co'y moves to billets in LA BEUVRIÈRE
Memorandum from G.O.C. 3rd Can Division [*Lt-Gen Lipsett*] published in Battalion orders, referring to successful operations of 3rd CAN. DIV since March 16 and their advance of approximately 4 ½ miles since MARCH

[Note transcriber: during July 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Wed, Aug 1, 1917 LAPUGNOY & LABEUVIÈRE, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 1.8.17 Steady rain in morning. Orders received that Battalion is to be prepared to reinforce any one of the Divisions of the Canadian Corps - also the Divisions on right & left of Corps - and that Battalion should be prepared to carry out Practice Assembly. Battalion training - musketry

Thu, Aug 2, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 2.8.17 Steady rain all day. Route march - musketry

Fri., Aug 3, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 3.8.17 Rain off & on all day. Musketry & training & Baths.

Sat, Aug 4, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 4.8.17 Cloudy – some rain. Training

Sun, Aug 5, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 5.8.17 Fine.- Church parade-

Mon, Aug 6, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 6.8.17 Mist and cloudy all day. LIEUT. J.M. CHRISTIE [1576] taken on strength and 23 O.R.

Tue, Aug 7, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 7.8.17 Dull & cloudy. The Corps Commander [*General Arthur Currie*] inspects Battalion.

Wed, Aug 8, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 8.8.17 Heavy thunder showers. Route marches – bathing Musketry

Thu, Aug 9, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 9.8.17 Cloudy with showers.

Fri., Aug 10, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 10.8.17 Cloudy with showers. Battalion marches to MARLES LES MINES for Brigade sports

Sat, Aug 11, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 11.8.17 Cloudy in morning with showers. Heavy thunderstorm in evening.

Sun, Aug 12, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 12.8.17 Cloudy with showers in evening. Battalion prepares to march to FEBVIN-PALFART as part of main guard for operations – but order cancelled in afternoon

Mon, Aug 13, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 13.8.17 Cloudy with showers. Training & musketry as usual

Tue, Aug 14, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 14.8.17 Cloudy & overcast. Tactical exercises – parades &c.(?)

Wed, Aug 15, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 15.8.17 Cloudy. Battalion marches to LOZINGHEM. Gas School
LIEUT G S CURRIE M.C. to be temp. Capt. & to remain seconded 8-12-16 LIEUT
(A/Capt.) R.L. HAGGARD [1768] vice Capt G.S. Currie M.C. seconded 20-1-17. LIEUT
L.V. DRUMMOND-HAY promoted a/Capt. 10-5-17

Thu, Aug 16, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 16.8.17 Fine - slight showers. On August 12th a telegram was sent by the O.C.
to H.R.H. The PRINCESS PATRICIA “On the third anniversary of the formation of your
Royal Highness’ Regiment all ranks extend to you our devotion and determination to carry on
to a finish”. Telegrams expressing best wishes to the Battalion on its anniversary received
from Brig Gen. R.T. PELLY and from O.C. 7th Reserve Battalion as well as from LIEUT-
COL C.H. HILL D.S.O. commanding Royal CANADIAN Regiment.

Fri, Aug 17, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 17.8.17 Fine. A telegram was received from H.R.H. THE PRINCESS
PATRICIA addressed O.C. P.P.C.L.I. as follows: “Deeply appreciate kind telegram . I have
absolute confidence that the Regiment will uphold its glorious record of the past and add
many successes to its name. Please convey to all ranks my heartiest good wishes
8 O.R. taken on strength from C.B.D.

Sat, Aug 18, 1917 LAPUGNOY, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 18.8.17 Fine. Orders received to proceed to forward area on 19.8.17 at 9.10
a.m. To be Acting Major while commanding a Company – Capt T.M. PAPINEAU M.C. as
from 26/5/17. Capt. R.L. HAGGARD [1768] as from 10/4/17 to 4/6/17. To be Acting
Captain LIEUT. W.H. MORRIS M.C. [410512] from 10/5/17. Capt H.E. SULIVAN
transferred from No. 2 Co. to No 1 & assumes command of No 1 16/8/17 vice A/MAJOR
MACDOUGALL proceeded to England. 48 O. R’s taken on strength of Bn. from Can. Corps
Reinforcement Camp.

Sun, Aug 19, 1917 HERSIN, FRANCE

LAPUGNOY 19.8.17 Fine. Battalion moves to Billets in HERSIN.

Mon, Aug 20, 1917 HERSIN, FRANCE

LES BREBIS 20.8.17 Fine. Battalion moves to Billets in LES BREBIS ~~proceeding in even~~

Tue, Aug 21, 1917 LES BREBIS, FRANCE

LES BREBIS 21.8.17 Fine – windy – Lt [B.K.] SNIDER [1624] & 104 O.R. proceed to
Corps School. Battalion proceeds to Brigade Reserve at FOSSE 11 at CITÉ St PIERRE –
Seven (7) officers remaining out and proceeding to BULLY- LES – MINES. Transport lines
move to PETIT SAINS FOSSE 10. on 22.8.17

Wed, Aug 22, 1917 FOSSE 11, CITÉ ST. PIERRE (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 22.8.17 Fine – ~~Heavy~~ windy during most of day. Battalion relieved 24th Battn in Brigade Reserve. 15 casualties from gas [inserted: 1 O.R. wounded] not serious. Considerable shelling at CITÉ St PIERRE

Thu, Aug 23, 1917 FOSSE 11, CITÉ ST. PIERRE (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 23.8.17 Fine. Heavy winds. Enemy doing considerable counter battery work [inserted: 3 O.R's slightly gassed & 1 wounded]

Fri, Aug 24, 1917 FOSSE 11, CITÉ ST. PIERRE (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 24.8.17 Windy & cloudy in a.m. finer with wind in afternoon Shelling by enemy around CITE St PIERRE directed at our batteries

Sat, Aug 25, 1917 FOSSE 11, CITÉ ST. PIERRE (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 25.8.17 Fine & windy. In evening Battalion relieves R.C.R. in front line. Relief effected satisfactorily, Nos 1 & 2 Companies relieving A & B Companies of the R.C.R. in the front line, whilst our Nos. 3 & 4 Companies relieved C & D Companies of the R.C.R. in close support. The R.C.R. took up positions in Reserve. Bn. on our left - 1st Yorkshires – On our right – 52nd Can. Bn. H.Q. at L.7.b.5.8. (Map Ref France 36 c.)

Sun, Aug 26, 1917 CITÉ ST. LAURENT (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 26.8.17 Fine – heavy rains in the evening. Lieut [G.W.] Guiou M.C. [475868] & 10 other ranks established a block 80 yds. up Commotion Trench (Map Ref. France 36c.N8 b 9.9) no casualties during the operation which was a complete success. Scout section wiped out by a single shell – total casualties for the day:- 6 O.R's killed – 7 O.R's wounded.

Mon, Aug 27, 1917 CITÉ ST. LAURENT (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 27.8.17 Fine but showery. Situation quiet. O.R. Casualties: - 1 killed – 8 wounded.

Tue, Aug 28, 1917 CITÉ ST. LAURENT (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 28.8.17 Heavy rains with northerly wind. Inter - company reliefs - No 3 relieving No. 1 & No 4 relieving No.2. On our left 1st. Yorkshires were relieved by 5th. Chesshires [*Cheshires*] – on our right the 58th. Can. Bn. relieved the 52nd. Can. Bn. Situation quiet – Casualties:- 1 O.R. wounded.

Wed, Aug 29, 1917 CITÉ ST. LAURENT (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 29.8.17 Heavy rains with North Westerly winds. Situation normal. Heavy shelling on our right. Casualties: – 4 O .R's wounded. 1 O.R. wounded 26.8.17 died of wounds in Barlin.

Thu, Aug 30, 1917 CITÉ ST. LAURENT (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 30.8.17 Fair – occasional showers. Situation normal. Heavy counter-battery work in the evening. O.R. Casualties – 2 killed – 13 wounded

Fri, Aug 31, 1917 CITÉ ST. LAURENT (LENS), FRANCE

PETIT SAINS 31.8.17 Fine but showery. Situation normal. O.R. Casualties:- 2 killed – 4 wounded .Relieved between 11.30 p.m. & 12 midnight by the 49th Can. Bn. – 42nd Can. Bn. went into Reserve. Bn. took up billets in Fosse 10 PETIT SAINS.

[Note transcriber: during August 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Sat, Sep 1, 1917 SAINS-EN-GHOELLE, FRANCE

PETIT-SAINS 1/9/17 Heavy South Easterly winds – showery. ~~Battalion moves to billets in GOUY—SERVINS.~~ LIEUTS. R.D. MILYARD [*Millyard* 478280] & M.J. ROBB [261134] taken on strength, also 3 O. R's O.Rs. struck off strength:- 67 Casualties, 2 invalided to England & 1 transferred to 1st. Can. Inf. Bde. H.Q. LIEUT. C.K. McRORIE [21867] appointed active Assistant Adjutant. The following congratulatory message from Major-General Lipsett [3rd Canadian Division Commander] to Brigadier General DYER [7th Canadian Infantry Brigade Commander] was published in Bn. Orders under this date:-

"My dear General,

" Please convey to Lieut-Colonel ADAMSON my
"appreciation of the good work done by Lieut. Guiou and his
"party. As far as I can judge; this work was well carried out
"under trying conditions with coolness & courage, & was in
"keeping with the high standard of the Regiment.

" Yours sincerely,

" L.J. Lipsett,
" Major-General."

Sun, Sep 2, 1917 SAINS-EN-GHOELLE, FRANCE

PETITS-SAINS 2.9.17 Fine – cold. A few shells put into PETIT-SAINS. 2 civilians killed. [Inserted: Strength Increases:- 6 O.Rs strength Decreases:- 2 O.Rs]

Mon, Sep 3, 1917 SAINS-EN-GHOELLE, FRANCE

3.9.17 Fine. Bn. moves to billets in GOUY-SERVINS. Strength increases:- 6 O.R's LIEUT. W.J. TAGGART struck of strength on being invalided to England. Hostile aeroplanes visited this vicinity in the evening & few bombs were dropped. There were no casualties.

Tue, Sep 4, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

4.9.17 Fine & quite warm. Strength Decreases:- 3 O.Rs. (attached to 3rd Can. Div. Troops)

Wed, Sep 5, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

5.9.17 Fine & warm. In the early morning heavy bombardment heard in the direction of MERICOURT.

Thu, Sep 6, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

6.9.17 Fine – cool.

Fri, Sep 7, 1917 GOUY-SERVINS, FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEAUX 7.9.17 Fine & quite warm. Bn. moves to Fraser Camp, Bois des Alleux. [*Mont St Eloi (Eloy)*]. Strength Increases:- LIEUT J.H. CARVOSSO [51116]; M.C. & 4 O R's. Majors A.T HUNTER and R.G. McDOWELL (attached, supernumerary Officers struck off strength on return to England. [*Both supernumeraries had been previously taken on strength 19 Feb 1917*])

Sat, Sep 8, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

8.9.17 Fine & warm.

Sun, Sep 9, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 9.9.17 Quite hot. MAJOR C. J. T. STEWART returns to England sick. (.....entry erased.....)
The officers of the Bn turned out "en masse" to bid farewell to him. Capt. H. W. NIVEN assumes the duties 2nd i/c Lieut-Colonel A. [Agar] ADAMSON goes to England & Major HAMILTON GAULT assumes command of the Bn. LIEUT K C BURNES [McG 144] & 38 O .R's authorized to wear the 3rd. Canadian Divisional badge of a DUMBell (in black) showing their pre-eminent proficiency in their work.

Mon, Sep 10, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

10.9.17 Fair. – Working party furnished.

Tue, Sep 11, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 11.9.17 Fine & clear - Training.

Wed, Sep 12, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), France

BOIS des ALLEUX 12.9.17 Dull in a.m. fine & breezy in p.m.

Thu, Sep 13, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 13.9.17 Foggy in morning & cold – cloudy in afternoon – Musketry.

Fri, Sep 14, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 14.9.17 Fair & cool. Battalion drill & Training.

Sat, Sep 15, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 15.9.17 Slight rain in early morning - turning to fair later. Baths - Working party of 300 men furnished in evening

Sun, Sep 16, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 16.9.17 Overcast - clearing in afternoon. Warning order received for move to forward area to-morrow

Mon, Sep 17, 1917 MONT ST. ELOI (ELOY), FRANCE

BOIS des ALLEUX 17.9.17 Cloudy. Battalion relieves the 43rd Battalion in Brigade Support (No.2.3. & 4. Coys) and one Coy of 52nd Battn in Railway Embankment T.T.26.C. Central (Reference : 51 c – 51 b N.W – 36. c S.W.). The Battalion moved up to NEUVILLE ST. VAAST by light Railway to ZIVVY SIDING leaving billets at 5 p.m. B.H.Q. at ~~BEEHIVE~~ – T.27.d.3.7

Tue, Sep 18, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

Trenches 18.9.17 Overcast – clearing later

Wed, Sep 19, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

Trenches 19.9.17 Fine & hazy

Thu, Sep 20, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

Trenches 20.9.17 Cloudy in a.m. Windy

Fri, Sep 21, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

Trenches 21.9.17 Fine – cold at night

Sat, Sep 22, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

Trenches 22.9.17 Fair

Sun, Sep 23, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

Trenches 23.9.17 Cloudy & warmer

Tue, Sep 18 to Sun, Sep 23, 1917, incl. [AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE]

[Added comment for all six days]

During this tour in the trenches the situation was very quiet with little artillery activity on either side but considerable aerial activity. The Battalion furnished working parties daily

Mon, Sep 24, 1917 MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE, FRANCE

Trenches 24.9.17 Fair The Batt. Battalion moves up to the front line relieving the R.C.R. right subsector 1.2. & 3. Coys in front line each supporting themselves with two platoons in close support, in QUEBEC TRENCH the front line being in TOTNES trench. , No. 4 Co'y in NEW BRUNSWICK Trench in Support. Battalion H.Q. at T.22.d.8½.2½ 5 officers left at Transport lines at LA TARGETTE.

The 49th Battalion held the line on the left and the 14 East LANCASHIRE on the right – the 42nd Battalion being in support.

Tue, Sep 25, 1917 MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE, FRANCE

Trenches 25.9.17 Fair. 6 O.R. taken on strength Major C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. invalided and struck off strength as at 17.9.17 LIEUT . C.F.H. BIDDULPH admitted to hospital while on leave is struck off strength as at 4.9.17.

Wed, Sep 26 to Sun. Sep 30, 1917 MERICOURT-ACHEVILLE, FRANCE

Trenches 26.9.17 to 30.9.17 During this tour in the front line the situation was quiet - the line being held lightly making a slight rise. The top of this rising ground was held with a series of listening posts in depth and width. Patrolling activity constituted the chief feature. Enemy patrols were occasionally encountered in no man's land and casualties inflicted. Six casualties occurred during the entire tour 2 from our own anti-aircraft shells. On the night of 29/30th an ammunition dump was exploded by Enemy shells on MOUNT FORÊT QUARRY causing 35 or 40 casualties of whom 3 killed (Θ-R's and) one wounded (all O.R.) belonged to this Battalion (4 Coy.)

On night of 29/30th the Battalion was relieved by R.C.R. and took up the positions in support held by the 42nd Battn. - No. 1, Co. in CANADA TRENCH from T20.b.4.6 to T.21 a.5.4 No. 2 Co same trench on immediate left of VANCOUVER ROAD No 3 Co.- 3 platoons in NEW BRUNSWICK TRENCH - one MONTREAL TRENCH. No 4 in CANADA from T 21 a.5.4. joining up with 49th Battn. ap to approximately T 21 d.2.8. No 1 & 4 being in support of left & No 2 & 3 of right Battalion.

B.H.Q. in C.P.R. Trench at approximately T 27.a.5.7.

Clear still weather prevailed during the tour with bright moon lit nights

[Note transcriber: during October 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Mon, Oct 1, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

C.P.R. TRENCH 1.10.17 Very fine & clear. No 1 Co. goes out to NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST for baths – working parties supplied

Tue, Oct 2, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

C.P.R. TRENCH 2.10.17 Very fine & clear – No 2 Co. & part of B.H.Q. out for baths - working parties

Wed, Oct 3, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

C.P.R. TRENCH 3.10.17 Fair. No. 3 Co & part of B.H.Q. out for baths – working parties

Thu, Oct 4, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

C.P.R. TRENCH 4.10.17 Cloudy & cool in morning. Heavy wind & rain storm in evening & night. No. 4 Coy out for baths - working parties

Fri, Oct 5, 1917 AREA NORTH OF WILLERVAL, FRANCE

C.P.R. TRENCH 5.10.17 Cold & cloudy – some rain. Battalion moves to LA PORTIQUE dump near NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST in night.

Sat, Oct 6, 1917 NEUVILLE-ST-VAAST AREA, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 6.10.17 Heavy rain in morning to MONCHY-BRETON billets marching to ECURIE thence by light railway to LA BELLE EPINE – thence by road

Sun, Oct 7, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 7.10.17 Frost in early morning – Heavy rain with bright intervals in day Kit inspection

Mon, Oct 8, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 8.10.17 Fair & breezy in morning turning to rain in afternoon & evening

Tue, Oct 9, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 9.10.17 Fair with strong wind in morning turning to rain in p.m. Musketry

Wed, Oct 10, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 10.10.17 Rain in morning clearing in afternoon - fine & cold in evening Baths -

Thu, Oct 11, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 11.10.17 Fair in day - showers in evening & night. Brigade inspection by Army Commander who expressed his entire satisfaction with the appearance and steadiness of the Battalion Major Capt. H.W. NIVEN D.S.O. M.C. assumes command of the Battalion temporarily vice Major A.H. GAULT D.S.O. on leave. LIEUT. G.W. GUIOU M.C. [475868] was awarded BAR to the MILITARY CROSS (29.9.17) LIEUT. T.I. GIBSON [411040] joined (27-9-17) & 10 other rank. MAJOR A. RASMUSSEN struck off strength (7.9.17) on taking up duties of Instructor in AMERICAN Exp Force LIEUT. DOVE M.C. [823] struck off strength retained in England medically unfit (11.6.17) 2 O R die at C.C.S. [*Casualty Clearing Station*] of sickness LIEUT. M. TEN BROCKE [[Ten Broeke 51456](#)] to be acting Captain vice Temp. Capt. (a/g Major) E.S MACDOUGALL [[McDougall](#)] to England 30-8-17. 1 O.R. taken on strength 3/10/17

LIEUTS C.J. LIGHTBODY [410948] – G.H. BEESTON [475344] – A.R. CHIPMAN – H AGAR [748] and 3 O.R. taken on strength

Fri, Oct 12, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 12.10.17 Rain all day & night. Heavy in evening. Training & route marches. 19 O.R. rejoin Battalion

Sat, Oct 13, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 13.10.17 Rain - intervals of sunshine during the day. ~~Church Parades~~

Sun, Oct 14, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 14.10.17 Showery in a.m. fair in afternoon. 1 O.R. joins 2 struck off. Church Parades.

Mon, Oct 15, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 15.10.17 Fair - some showers. Training.

Tue, Oct 16, 1917 MONCHY-BRETON, FRANCE

MONCHY-BRETON 16.10.17 Fair – clouding up in p.m. rain in night. Battalion marches to SAUVY [SAVY] and entrains there for CAESTRE arriving at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. then marching to billets near CAESTRE – B.H.Q. at W.7.a.8.5 [inserted: Le Peuplier] sheet 27 BORRE 1/40,000 26 O.R. ~~arrive & ??~~ rejoin 15/10/17

Wed, Oct 17, 1917 LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

LE PEUPLIER 17.10.17 rain early in morning - fine later - clouding in afternoon - rain in night. 5 O.R. rejoin 9 struck off strength. During the rest at MONCHY BRETON Physical Training, Drill, lectures Bayonet Fighting & Musketry were carried out.

Thu, Oct 18, 1917 LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

LE PEUPLIER 18.10.17 Fair. Training. CAPTAIN H.W. NIVEN D.S.O. M.C. to be Temp. Major A/g Capt. J.R McPHERSON [[MacPherson](#) 411064] to be Temp. Capt. A/g Capt. L.V. DRUMMOND-HAY to be Temp. Capt. Lieut. G.W. LITTLE to be Temp. Capt. LIEUT A.R. MILNE [410955] taken on strength from C.B.D. LIEUT. R.D. MILLYARD [478280] struck off on proceeding to 38th Battn. 1 O.R. taken on & 2 struck off strength.

Fri, Oct 19, 1917 LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

LE PEUPLIER 19.10.17 Cold & overcast all day. Co'y Route marches in a.m. drill lectures & training. LIEUT. J.E. PIKE [475911] taken on strength from O.C.R.C. [C.C.R.C. *Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Sat, Oct 20, 1917 LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

LE PEUPLIER 20.10.17 Fair Training &c. LIEUT-Col [Agar] ADAMSON D.S.O. assumes command having returned from leave. LIEUT C.O. DOWLING [[G.O. Dowling](#)] taken on strength from C.M. Gun Co'y 1 O.R. taken on strength

Sun, Oct 21, 1917 LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

LE PEUPLIER 21.10.17 Fair – Church Parades

Mon, Oct 22, 1917 L LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

LE PEUPLIER 22.10.17 Rain in morning early clearing later. Battalion marches to Brigade Inspection near BORRE by H.R.H. The Duke of CONNAUGHT. Order received to move to forward area tomorrow

Tue, Oct 23, 1917 LE PEUPLIER [SW of CAESTRE], FRANCE

YPRES 23.10.17 Rain – clearing somewhat later in day. Battalion entrains at CAESTRE early in morning detraining at YPRES. Transport proceed by road from LE PEUPLIER to ST JEAN AREA (BELGIUM 28) via GODVAERSVELDE [*Godewaersvelde*] –BUSSEBOOM & VLAMERTINGE – establishing lines at I 2.d.1.10. Owing to Camp at ST JEAN AREA not being available Battalion remained in YPRES ruins. Much enemy aerial bombing at night

Wed, Oct 24, 1917 YPRES, BELGIUM

YPRES 24.10.17 Raining with clear intervals. Battalion furnished working parties carrying artillery ammunition in forward area. The Battalion is in Brigade reserve. Orders received to move on 25th to x camp near WIELTJE & advance party sent to take over – but later in the day this was cancelled owing to the accommodation in YPRES being better. Enemy aeroplanes coming over YPRES in squadrons of 11 & 13 - & bombing in day time. Our planes seem unable to cope with these formations. The plank road from WIELTJE to KANSAS CROSS blown up in 8 places.

Thu, Oct 25, 1917 YPRES, BELGIUM

YPRES 25.10.17 Morning clear with strong breeze clouding up later. Working parties again furnished. Enemy bombed and shelled YPRES & transport lines the latter being forced to move back of YPRES in consequence

Fri, Oct 26, 1917 YPRES, , BELGIUM

YPRES 26.10.17 Very heavy rain & wind in morning continuing until evening when clear moonlight . Working parties. The first portion of the Can. Corps PASSCHENDAELE offensive was carried out this morning by 8th & 9th Brigades.

Much enemy bombing on YPRES & back areas in evening & night. LIEUT. F.L. APPLETON & O.B. REXFORD [*McG 77*] and 19 O.R. taken on strength from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] Two men wounded from shell fire.

Sat, Oct 27, 1917 YPRES, , BELGIUM

YPRES 27.10.17 Fine. Working parties (300 O.R.) Continued aerial activity on part of enemy planes. Ypres was shelled with High velocity shells and the town and surrounding areas heavily bombed in the moonlight.

Sun, Oct 28, 1917 YPRES, , BELGIUM

YPRES 28.10.17 Fair with ground mists. Much enemy bombing & shelling on back areas. At 3.00 p.m. the Battalion moved off from YPRES to GRAVENSTAFEL AREA relieving the 9th Brigade to attack 2nd objective in the PASSCHENDAELE offensive. No 1 Co. relieving 43rd No. 2 Co'y – 52nd and No. 3 Co- 58th Battalion No. 4 Co'y being temporarily attached to 49th Battalion but taking up their position on the front from which the P.P.C.L.I. were to attack – and relieving the 116th Battn. in DAD TRENCH (see Appendix B)

Mon, Oct 29, 1917 GRAVENSTAFEL, [WEST OF PASSCHENDAELE], BELGIUM

YPRES 29.10.17 Cloudy in a.m. fine & clear in afternoon

Tue, Oct 30, 1917 MEETCHEELE, [WEST OF PASSCHENDAELE], BELGIUM

YPRES 30.10.17 Fine in early morning rain in afternoon

Wed, Oct 31, 1917 MEETCHEELE, [WEST OF PASSCHENDAELE], BELGIUM

YPRES 31.10.17 Cloudy - clear & cold at night

The Battalion attacked on the morning of the 30th October going into the line 600 strong including 28 officers. A detailed narrative of the offensive successfully carried out by the Battalion is attached marked as APPENDIX “B”

The offensive was completed and a line established in advance of MEETCHELE. [Meetcheele]. The 72nd Battn. attacked on the right and the 49th on the left. The Battalion came out of the line at miding [midnight] on the 31st October being relieved by the [no entry – should read 42nd Bn] and proceeded to POMMERN CASTLE 245 strong having suffered the following casualties

Officers – Maj. PAPINEAU M.C. – CAPT. H.E. SULIVAN – CAPT. W.H. MORRIS M.C. [410512] – CAPT. R.L. HAGGARD [1768] – LIEUTS. M.W. WILLIAMS [McG 145] – J.E. ALMON [773] – H.E. AGAR [748] J.R. RIDDELL [411142] – C.J. LIGHTBODY [410948] – All killed or died of wounds = 9 and LIEUTS. G.G. REYNOLDS (at duty) - C.F. LALOR – J. McKAY [MacKay 1683] – G.H. BEESTON [475344] – T.I. GIBSON [411040] – J.E. PIKE [475991] – A.J ROBINS [1280] – A.R. CHIPMAN – D.H. MACARTNEY [802] (at duty) G.R. STEVENS [McG 85] (Gassed = 10 & Capt. D.A. MACLEOD M.O. gassed –

O.R.	<u>Killed</u> – 93	<u>Died of wounds</u> – 3	<u>Missing</u> 38
	<u>Wounded</u> 199	<u>shell shock</u> 1	
	<u>Total Casualties all ranks</u> 354		

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APPENDIX A

Copy PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY. SECRET.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OFFENSIVE.

1. INFORMATION.

The 72nd Canadian Infantry Battn will attack on the Right of the P.P.C.L.I. and the 49th Cdn Infantry Battn (E. R.) on the Left.

2. OBJECTIVE & BOUNDARIES.

Map will be issued as soon as possible.
Boundary between Battalions will be the GRAVENSTAFEL VINDICTIVE/CROSS-ROADS Road. This Road will be inclusive to the P.P.C.L.I.

3. PLAN OF ATTACK.

(a) The Battalion will attack on a two-Company frontage. The R.C.R. will be in Brigade Support and will supply carrying parties.

The 42nd Battalion R.H.C. will be in Brigade Reserve.

(b) Nos. 2 and 3 Coys, (2 Coy on the right, 3 Coy on the Left), will capture, consolidate and garrison the Blue Objective, on map to be issued.

Nos. 1 and 4 Coys (4 Coy on the Right and 1 Coy on the Left), will consolidate and garrison a Support Line to the Blue Objective as shown on map. (Less Moppers-up, see following Sub- paragraph).

(c) Moppers-Up. All Moppers-up, including moppers-up for the Area between the Blue Objective and the Support Line, will be supplied by the Companies detailed to consolidate and garrison the Support Line. The number of men to be detailed by these two Companies will be decided upon later.

(d) Stokes' Guns. Two Guns of the 7th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery will be allotted to each of the attacking Battalions. It is not expected that these Guns will go forward in the attack. They will probably go forward shortly after the Attack, and take up defensive position in the Support Line.

The remaining four Guns will be in Brigade Reserve.

4. BATH MAT TRACKS & MULE TRACK.

As soon as possible after the Attack Bath Mat Track No. 6 and Mule Tracks will be pushed forward as far as possible and will run via WATERLOO-Northern

Slopes of BELLEVUE and MEETCHEELE Spurs.

5. ASSEMBLY.

When the Battalion relieves a Battalion of the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the Line, the Battle Front only will be taken over, On the night preceding the Attack the Assaulting Troops will be formed up to their Assembly positions one hour before Zero.

6. NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TO BE LEFT OUT OF LINE.

To be issued later.

7. LIAISON.

Lieut. A. J. Kelly, with Runners, is detailed as Liaison Officer to the 72nd Battalion attacking on our Right. Lieut. C. K. McRorie, with runners, is detailed as Liaison Officer with the 49th Battalion, attacking on our Left. The duties of Liaison Officers are:- Keep his own Unit apprised of what the situation is in front of the Unit to which he is attached and to be thoroughly xxxxxxxx familiar with the plans and dispositions of this Battn.

8. SIGNAL COMM-UNICATON.

Lieut. J. A. Haslam will be responsible for the Signalling temporarily during the absence of Lieut. Reynolds, and will see that the following instructions , as far as they concern this Battalion ,are thoroughly carried out:-

(a) Before the Attack.

Brigade will have a speaking circuit to all Battalion HQrs, a line to propose[d] Brigade Report Centre, (T.S.) at BELLEVUE, (D.4.c.6.1.) and a speaking and Fullerphone Circuit to Division, and Brigades on Right and Left.

Brigade O.P.s will have a line to Brigade HQrs or Brigade Report Centre (T.s.)

As much as possible of above communications will be by buried cable.

A wireless set will be working from Brigade to Division.

(b) After Zero Hour.

The Brigade Signal Officer, six men with Power Buzzer, and four Runners will go forward with Staff

Captain "T" to locate Advanced Brigade Report Centre (R.C.), at approximately D.5.c.90.95. A Blue and White Signal flag, or, if this is undesirable a Blue and white sign on the Pill Box will be here to guide runners. Battalions and Coys may send reports to this Point, if their communications to Battalion HQrs are out. They will be sent back by Power Buzzer to Brigade Report Centre (T.S.) and from there forward to Battalion HQrs.

As soon as possible after attack is launched a party will start from Brigade Report Centre (T.S.) to lay cable above ground to Advanced Brigade Report Centre (R.C.)

Power Buzzer will be used until such time as the cable is laid, and if the cable is cut.

Two Signallers from each attacking Battalion will go forward with Brigade party to Advanced Brigade Report Centre (R.C.) From there they will lay a laddered telephone line to their respective Advanced Brigade Report Centres. The location of the latter to be selected by Battalions concerned and the co-ordinates forwarded to Brigade as soon as possible.

In addition the Signallers of each Attacking Battalion will lay a laddered telephone line from their Battalion HQrs to their Advanced Battn Report Centre.

If Battalion HQrs move forward to take up Advanced HQrs, an Officer will be left at former HQrs until communication is established with the new HQrs.

No Battalion HQrs are to move without Brigade permission.

Six pigeons will be supplied to each Battalion to be used under their own arrangements.

Messages sent to Advanced Brigade Report Centre (R.C.) should be as brief as possible to allow all reports to be handled quickly. Long messages are not necessary and only delay other and more important ones.

A Lucas Signalling Lamp and Signalling flags will be taken to Advanced Brigade Report Centre (R.C.) and to each Battalion Report Centre. A Brigade receiving station will be established either at Brigade Report Centre (T.S.) or at WATERLOO.

A Divisional Receiving Station will be established on ABRAHAM HEIGHTS, in touch with a transmitting Station on Hill 35, which will be in touch with advanced Divisional HQrs WIELTJE. Assaulting Battalions will arrange to open communications with the station on ABRAHAM HEIGHTS as soon as possible.

Runners will only be used when other means of

communication fail. The lines with dabs of luminous paint (for night work) will be laid from Brigade HQrs to Advanced Brigade Report Centre (R.C.); from the latter to their respective Battalion HQrs. Important messages should be sent in duplicate with runners at 100 yards interval.

Battalions will be supplied with the necessary equipment to send and receive messages from aeroplanes.

Battalion HQrs will be marked at night by three lights arranged as follows:

R.C.R. – In form of a triangle, thus – . . .

P.P.C.L.I. – In line parallel to ground- . . .

42nd Battn – By inverted triangle - . . .

49th Battn. – In vertical line - . . .

Brigade Headquarters and Brigade Report Centres will be marked by a single red lamp.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Instructions as to Water Dumps, Prisoners, Salvage, etc, will be issued by the Staff Captain “ A & Q”, 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde.

10. DRESS , EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS.

(a)

Each man will carry:- 170 Rounds of S.A.A. with the exception of Signallers, Scouts, Runners, Lewis Gunners and Bombers, who will carry 50 Rounds.

One Aeroplane flare

Two Iron Rations in haversack, unexpended portion of day’s rations, one tin of solidified alcohol and three sandbags.

(b) Each Bomber will carry ten Mills Grenades,

(c) All available wire cutters will be carried.

(d) Two Rifle Grenades will be carried by all Other Ranks except Bombers and Lewis Gunners.

(e) Companies will carry:

24 S.O.S. Rifle Grenades No. 32.

100 Shovels, and as many Watson Fans as may be issued.

(f) Rifle Grenadiers will each carry ten Rifle Grenades. Extra blank ammunition will be carried by Rifle

Grenadiers.

(g) Muzzle Protectors will be used on all rifles.

11. MAPS.

One copy of PASSCHENDAELE sheet 1/10,000 will be issued to every Officer, R.S.M, C.S.M.s, Platoon Sergeants and Section Commanders.

12. ADVANCE POSTS.

Particular attention to be paid to pushing forward Advance Posts and take up Commanding Positions immediately upon arriving at our Objective.

13. GREAT COATS.

Great Coats will be worn and will be piled in Coy Dumps previous to Zero Hour, and it is expected will be conveyed to the rear area by carrying party from the R.C.R.

14. ADDITIONAL.

Further particulars, maps Barrage Maps etc. will be available later.

(Signed) L. V. DRUMMOND – HAY
Captain & Adjutant.

APPENDIX “B”

PRINCESS PATRICIA’S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

October 28th, -29th-30th-31st and November 1st 1917.

On the 17th October the Battalion moved to CAESTRE near HAZEBROUCK to complete training for the PASSCHENDAELE Offensive. Strenuous training was carried out in the Area until 23rd October when the Battalion entrained at CAESTRE and detrained at YPRES in heavy rain. The Battalion was ordered to proceed to “X” Camp in WIELTJE Area, but owing to the fact that the 9th Brigade had not cleared the Camp we were to move into, temporary billets were obtained in YPRES, which subsequently became permanent billets until the 28th October. During the

time the Battalion was in YPRES, preliminary orders were issued by Brigade including maps, showing objectives, boundaries, etc. and subsequently Battalion Orders attached marked "A", "B", "C", were issued together with Secret Map No. 4 marked "D" attached. All men were also fully equipped with the various articles for the attack as laid down in Operation Orders.

On the morning of the 28th October orders were received from Brigade that we were to relieve the 43rd, 52nd and 58th Battalions on GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE, with Battalion Headquarters at OTTO FARM. The Battalion, less No. 4 Company, moved off from YPRES at 3-00 p.m. in accordance with attached Operation Order marked "E", and proceeded to WIELTJE CORNER and from WIELTJE CORNER Via Bath Mat Track No. 5 to GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE. Very heavily shelled going in but very few casualties. No. 4 Company was attached to the 49th Battalion and came under Officer Commanding 49th Battalion tactically, and took up a position on the front which the Battalion was to attack from. No. 4 Company relieved the 116th Battalion in DAD TRENCH, as shown in attached [map marked "F"](#). The 116th Battalion were to have pushed a line forward into the SNIPE HALL this night previous to the relief, but were unable to do so. This operation was carried out later in the night on completion of relief by No. 4 Company. The line was consequently pushed to SNIPE HALL and at daybreak No. 4 Company was situated as shown on attached [map marked "G"](#).

Up to this time Barrage Map had not been issued by Brigade as information regarding the result of the operation on the night of 28th/29th, which would decide the jumping-off trench, was not available. On the morning of the 29th a reconnaissance of our position was made and subsequently the jumping-off trench was decided upon and Barrage Map was issued as per Secret Map attached marked "H".

A Company Commanders Conference was called at Battalion Headquarters at OTTO FARM at 11-30 a.m. on the 29th, and final instructions were given. It was also explained to Company Commanders that for numerous reasons it had become necessary the draw back the jumping-off trench slightly to a line along which we were able to connect with both flanks. Following this Conference and to corroborate points taken up, attached Instructions marked "J" were issued to Companies.

At 3-00 p.m, 29th inst, telegram received from Brigade notifying Zero Hour would be 5-50 a.m. Message attached, marked "A" "K"

Orders then received for Battalion, less No. 4 Coy to move from GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE and to assemble in Jumping-Off Trench. On arrival of Nos. 1,2, and 3 Coys, No. 4 Coy

withdrew to Right Support Trench and Battalion assembled in positions they were to jump off from the following morning. Battalion Headquarters moved to WATERLOO.

At 11-05 p.m. 29th, the following message received from Major T. M. Papineau M.C, marked "L" and attached to War Diary copy of Narrative:-

"All four Companies are now reported to be in their Assembly Positions. No. 3 Company has two Posts in Front where No. 4 Company's leading Platoon was. Each Post one N.C.O. and 6 men. Will be withdrawn about 5-00 or 5-30 a.m. Relief was seen by the enemy as it came in and was actively fired upon. No. 3 Company had one man killed, No. 1 Company one man killed, No. 2 Company one man killed, No. 4 Company one man killed and one man wounded. Germans reported to be wiring in approximately on road across our immediate frontage."

Several casualties in Assembly trenches. Lieuts. LALOR, MACKAY and BEESTON were wounded.

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1-00 a.m. Two Platoons of R.C.R. now in Reserve position in DAD TRENCH.

4-00 a.m. Major H. W. Niven D.S.O, M.C, Lieut. J. M. Christie, three Scouts and three Runners proceeded forward to establish Advanced Battalion Report Centre at BELLEVUE.

4-30 a.m.- Telephone communication working well, between Advanced Report Centre and Battalion Headquarters. The Lucas Lamp Signal Stations at Battalion Headquarters and at Advanced Report Centre in good working order.

5-50 a.m.- Barrage opens and advance commences.

The following messages regarding the Attack sent back from Advanced Battalion Report Centre

7-05 a.m.
Message No.1: "All Coys going ahead in good order."

7-45 a.m.
Message No. 2: "Right Coy seems unable to keep up with barrage owing to smoke."

7-50 a.m.
Message No. 3: "Number of prisoners now coming in."

9-25 a.m.

Message No. 4: "Crest of hill taken. Large Pill box surrendered. Our Machine Guns established."

10-00 a.m.

Message No. 5:- "Many Stretcher cases on the field. Stretcher Bearers wanted."

10-30 a.m. Sgt Mullin, Scout Sergeant, returns from Front Line and reports Battalion to have captured Pill Box on crest of the highest ground on our front and to be consolidating on enemy's side of the crest, just in front and along road running through MATCHEELE. Strength of Battalion estimated at 225.

11-15 a.m. Message No. 6:- "Reinforcements badly needed forward.

11-20 a.m.

Message No.7:- "No. 1 Company about 40 strong. Strength of four Companies about 250."

11-25 a.m. Two platoons of R.C.R. held in Reserve in DAD TRENCH sent up to reinforce.

11-30 a.m. Two more Platoons R.C.R. from GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE brought up to Reserve in jumping-off trench.

1-45 p.m.

Message No. 8:- "100 magazines filled for Lewis Guns wanted at front line at once.

2-20 p.m. Position of Battalion now settled and reported to Brigade as follows:-

"We are established on the high ground in front of MATCHEELE with a line running approximately parallel with road running through METCHEELE across our front. We are in touch with the 49th on our left. Our position is now definite".

3-15 p.m. Officer casualties very heavy and reported to Brigade as follows:-

Major T.M. Papineau M.C.	Killed in Action	30-10-17.
Capt. R.L. Haggard.	" " "	"
Capt. W.H. Morris M.C.	" " "	"
Lieut M.W. Williams	" " "	"
Lieut J E. Almon.	" " "	"
Lieut H.E. Agar.	" " "	"
Lieut J.R. Riddell.	" " "	"
Lieut G.H. Beeston.	Wounded.	30-10-17.
Lieut J.E. Pike.	"	"

Lieut A. J. Robins.	„	„
Lieut C.F. Lalor.	„	„
Lieut J. Mackay.	„	„
Lieut A.R. Chipman.	„	„
Lieut T.I. Gibson.	„	„
Lieut G.R. Stevens.	Gassed.	28-10-17.
Lieut G.G. Reynolds.	Wounded at Duty.	29-10-17.
Lieut D.H. Macartney.	„ „ „	30-10-17.

3-20 p.m. Message sent to Rear to have Captain H.E. Sullivan, Lieuts. C.K. McRorie and C.J. Lightbody sent up at once.

4-25 p.m. Line along which Battalion has consolidated as per attached map marked “M”. Notified to Brigade S.O.S. Barrage line settled.

5-05 p.m.
 Message No. 9 received from Lieut. P.M. Puley No. 1 Company:-
 “There are about 100 men out inf front of Pill-Box marked “X” on previous report. These are in charge of 3 Corporals and 1 Lance-Corporal. They are supported on right by party sent up by R.C.R. Position for fire is a good one. They have 2 Lewis Guns.

Another party of 75 rifles command ridge and valley below on the left and join up with 49th. We have Lewis Guns but a limited supply of ammunition. A party of Germans approached our trench at about 1.0.0. The artillery replied to our S.O.S. and had several direct hits, dispersing the party. At present they are moving around under cover of a white flag, picking up wounded. Reported to F.O.O. several “heavies” dropping short. Cannot locate Lucas Lamp in the trench”.

5-05 p.m.
 Message No. 10 received from Lieut Puley:-
 “Could you supply party for ten stretcher cases to report at Pill-Box marked “X”.
 These men could work in daylight as we hold the ridge”.

6-50 p.m. Arrangements being made to get extra troops as Stretcher Bearers to clear Battle Field of numerous wounded. Some parties came up but owing to shelling few of them are able to get beyond ridge.

8-00 p.m. Strength of Battalion now estimated about 180.

8-30 p.m. Company of the R.C.R. detailed to go forward to garrison and consolidate a line in close support to the

line now held by the Battalion.

9-30 p.m. Captain H.E. Sullivan and Lieuts. C. K. McRorie and C. J. Lightbody report from Rear. Captain Sullivan detailed to go forward and take charge of the firing line. Lieut McRorie detailed to No. 2 Company and Lieut Lightbody detailed to No. 1 Company.

10-00 p.m. The 3 Officers to reinforce the line move forward together with Company of R.C.R. detailed to consolidate Support Line.

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1-30 a.m.

Message No. 11 received from Capt. Sullivan:-

“I find our line consisting of shell holes running about level with pill-box. Well held in small separate posts. Capt. Wood of the R.C.R. brought up his Coy. of 30 Other Ranks and has dug in 50 yards behind Pill-Box. There are only 8 R.C.R. left in the front line with 2 Officers. We have 6 Lewis Guns in working order and hold the crest of the ridge. The enemy have apparently dug themselves in 200 yards in front of us. One of their patrols has just come up to our line but was beaten off. I figure I can hold this line against any counter-attack they put across. The sniping from our left in the worst feature. I am sending out Lieut Macartney who is all in and has been slightly hit in the wrist. Capt. Macpherson is pretty well all in. Lieut Puley has done very well and was in charge of the front line when I took over. We have about 15 stretcher cases in this Pill-Box as well as others outside. The enemy were using white flags today with their stretcher parties. I suggest that you send up stretcher parties by daylight to-morrow with white flags. We want water, S.O.S. Signals, S.A.A. and Bombs. Also a few rounds of blank.”.

1-45 a.m. Capt. H. E. Sullivan seriously wounded and Major H. W. Niven D.S.O. M.C. detailed to go forward and take charge of front line. Lieut. J. A. Haslam goes up to take charge of Battalion Advanced Report Centre.

2-00 a.m. Information received that the Battalion will be relieved on the night of 31st/1st by the 42nd Battalion. Their advance parties go up during the night.

3-00 a.m. Advised by Brigade that all 123th [*123rd Pioneer*] Battalion and details from other Battalions will be forward by 5-30 a.m. to clear Battle Field of Stretcher cases.

5-00 a.m. Information received that Captain H. E. Sullivan Died of Wounds.

4-15 a.m. The S.O.S. went up along our front. Artillery reply very good, Enemy did not attack.

7-00 a.m. Stretcher Bearing parties arrive and work of clearing Battle Field of wounded commences.

8-15 a.m.

Message No. 12 received from Major Niven:-

“Have been around all posts and sniping not good today. Think shelling yesterday spoilt the Bosch nerve. I send a map with of Tenbrocke No. 2 Coy. position with No. 4 Coy. He has two Lewis Guns. Could see with glasses 4th Division on our right front about 500 yards away, but swamp between makes visiting difficult. 49th Battn. seems a long left flank to this position of No. 1 Coy and No. 4 Coy. and all the sniping is coming from their front”..

8-15 a.m.

Message No. 13 received from Major Niven:-

“Have 7 Lewis Guns all in working order and mounted ready to fire. S.O.S. went up from 4th Division about 4-00 a.m.”.

1-00 p.m. Attached Orders marked “N” and “O” sent out in connection with the relief of the 42nd Battalion.

5.30 p.m. The S.O.S. goes up on our front. Our artillery opens and enemy retaliation becomes heavy, which delays [inserted: relief] which was to have commenced at 6-00 p.m.

6-00 p.m. Battle FIELD REPORTED CLEAR OF ALL WOUNDED.

7-00 p.m.

Message No. 14 received from Capt. J. R. Macpherson:-

“Owing to mixture of Coys. still existing here I cannot give close estimate of strength. We have about 30 of the R.C.R. whom we are using in close support just in rear of Pill-Box which is H.G. No. 4vCoy. is about 50 strong, No. 2 Coy. very weak. Accompanying sketch map shows disposition as I am given it on left and I know it to be on right. Enemy observed in considerable numbers on road where marked “X”. Appeared to be in full marching order as if making a relief. Fire of Lewis Guns failed to check this movement. Sniper who was in or near Graf House no longer active. Had house searched tonight and found it vacant. Machine Guns on low ground (49th Battn) front very troublesome, also snipers. Only a line of shell holes held on frontage. No wire or trench. Capt. Sullivan was shot through chest tonight and carried out. Very bad I believe. Tenbrocke* and McRorie are on right. Lightbody and Puley on left. Lieut Allan and Grant-Suttie and Capt. Wood of R.C.R. here. No

immediate attack expected, but shelling heavy at intervals.”.

* [*Tenbroeke*]

7-00 p.m.

Message No. 15 received from Major H.W. Niven:-

“Have been over to 4th Division on our right and talked the matter over with Major Hamilton and we both agree that it will be impossible to connect. Quiet day so far, no casualties. Am arranging to have all dead buried before leaving and sending a note to Haslam to do the same in his Area.

7.15 p.m. Lamp Signal communication maintained throughout whole operation until 6-35 p.m. when Sergt Crock, operating the Station at Advanced Battalion Report Centre was wounded, and Station blown up. New station erected at once and signal communication organised and maintained until completion of relief.

7-20 p.m. Artillery slackens up and relief commences.

12-00 midnight. Relief complete and Battalion proceeds to POMMERN CASTLE. Enemy shelling GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE and Area with gas shells necessitating the wearing of gas masks during the march to POMMERN CASTLE.

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3-00 a.m. The Battalion arrives at POMMERN CASTLE. 49th Battalion also here and composite Battalion formed. Accommodation very limited.

Lieut A.J. Lightbody seriously wounded on arriving at POMMERN CASTLE. He later died from these wounds.

The Battalion ordered to proceed to “X” Camp, St. JEAN AREA on completion of relief by 13th Battn, but owing to shelling which commenced about 10-00 a.m. the Battalion moves off at once, takes up a position in Field near WIELTJE CROSS ROADS and remains there until arrangements could be made to get into “X” Camp.

The Battalion remained in “X” Camp on the night of 1st/2nd and proceeded on the morning of the 2nd to YPRES, entraining for ABEELE. Arrived at ABEELE about 11-30 a.m. detrained, and marched to WICTOU AREA, where we are now billeted.

nNote. All maps referred to and report maps received from time to time, together with all original messages received, attached to War Diary copy of this narrative.

4-11-17.

(Signed) Agar Adamson.

Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding P.P.C.L.I.

B

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OFFENSIVE NO. 2.

ROYAL FLY)
ING CORPS.

(a) A contact patrol aeroplane will be furnished by No. 21 Squadron R.F.C. to fly and call for flares at Zero plus 4 hours. The contact aeroplane will be marked as follows:-
In addition to the ordinary Squadron marking (a dumb-bell on the fusilage behind the national marking), and a big "A" in front of the national marking) contact machines will have a small black rectangular plaque behind the lower plane on each side.

(b) The most advanced Infantry will signal their position on the aeroplane calling by Klaxon horn or showing white lights by lighting WHITE flares and signalling with Watson fans. Flares must be lit in the bottom of trenches or in bottom of shell holes. The extreme importance of communicating their position must be impressed upon all Units as one of the chief difficulties in the recent type of fighting is the accurate location of our own front line, and unless the Infantry make their position known they cannot expect effective support from our Artillery in case of emergency

(c) In addition to the contact machine a patrol will be furnished to fly at ZERO plus one hour and remain in the air the whole day for the special purpose of locating and informing the Artillery of any signs of counter-attacks. This machine has no special markings.

ANTI-AIR
CRAFT DEFENCE.

It must be clearly understood that the duty of defending themselves against low flying aircraft rests with the Infantry. Our own aeroplanes cannot effectively deal with them, but recent experience on this front has conclusively proved that rifle and machine gun fire from the ground is most effective for the purpose. Four or five hostile machines have been brought down by these means in one day.

FLIGHT

(a) S.O.S. Signal.

SIGNALS.

On the Second Army front the S.O.S. is a rifle grenade signal showing three parachute lights, vis, RED over GREEN, over YELLOW. This signal will remain in force on the Canadian Corps front until further orders.

The S.O.S. on the Fifth Army front is a succession of rifle grenade signals bursting into two RED and two GREEN simultaneously.

(b) S.O.S. Signals

It has been found advisable to establish S.O.S Relay posts to repeat the signal from the front line back to Supporting Battalions and Artillery. Infantry Battalions in the front line will arrange for Relay post to their Battalion Headquarters. The Staff Captain "T" 7th Canadian Brigade, will arrange for Relay posts from Headquarters of Battalions to Brigade Headquarters.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

The signalling Officer will take a synchronized watch to Brigade Signal Office at 9.15 a.m, and 6-1 5 p.m. daily to check the time.

Reliable watches must be used for synchronization, and they must be sent so that the second hand minute hands agree. Watches without a Second Hand must not be used for synchronization.

In synchronizing watches the exact error of the watch should be noted and written down.

No attempt should be made to set the watch to the exact right time.

5. PATROLLING OF NO MAN'S LAND.

Several cases have occurred on which the enemy have occupied No Man's Land just prior to the bombardment and managed to get inside our barrage. Assaulting Battalions must be warned of this. In order to prevent this, patrols must be pushed out into No Man's Land and kept out until a few minutes before Zero hour.

6. LEWIS GUN POSTS.

As soon as the BLUE OBJECTIVE has been captured, attacking Battalions will each push out three Lewis Gun Posts to positions in shell holes about 100 yards in front.

Particular attention will be paid by these posts to ascertain the positions of posts on their flanks. This especially applies to posts on flanks of Battalions.

7. ACTION IN
CASE PART OF
LINE HELD UP.

Should any part of the line be held up by Machine Guns, wire or other unforeseen circumstances, units on the flank will push on and endeavour to envelop the obstacle. In the case of wire, units who cannot get through themselves should endeavour to assist neighboring units by using covering fire of rifles, etc, to keep the enemy's heads down while reserves are pushed through the gaps.

(Sgd) L. V. Drummond-Hay.
Captain & Adjutant.
P. P. C. L. I.

SECRET (c)

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY. C

Instructions for Offensive No.3.

- (1) Reference previous instructions and Map "B" which was entered to date at conference to-day.
- (2) The Battalion will capture and consolidate the Blue Objective (2nd Stage) on 30th October, 1917, with Nos. 2 and 3 Coys (2 Coy on Right and 3 Coy on Left.) Nos. 1 and 4 Coys will support the Attack. No. 4 Coy on Right and No. 1 Coy on Left, and will consolidate Intermediate Objective as entered on Map "B".
- (3) Zero hour will be notified later.
- (4) There will probably be a halt of 20 minutes at Intermediate Objective.
- (5) Battalion will Attack in four waves- - two waves to each Company. The leading wave of Assaulting Companies will jump off in line. The remainder of Battalion in Artillery formation. Distance between waves approximately 30 yards. (Sections in file.)
- (6) Boundaries between Assaulting Corps [Coys] will be as arranged between Company Commanders.

- (7) Support Coys will be responsible for the Mopping-up and will each detail one Platoon to Mop-up between Intermediate and Final Objectives on their own front. Moppers-up will be in third wave.
- (8) One Machine Gun from the 7th Canadian M.G.Coy will be attached to each Assaulting Coy and will go forward in Third Wave. Guns will be placed upon reaching Final Objective. A Section of 8 men has been detailed to carry ammunition under arrangements to be made by Lieut. H. McKenzie, 7th Canadian M.G.Coy.
- (9) One Lewis Gun and Crew from Support Coys will be attached to Assaulting Coys as arranged.
- (10) One Stokes Gun will be attached to each Assaulting Coy and will be accompany Fourth Wave.
25 Men from the R.C.R. Coy will be detailed to carry ammunition under directions of Capt. A.P. Gregg, O.C. 7th Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.
- (11) One Company of R.C.R. will be available for carrying and 2 Platoons of R.C.R. will be held in reserve.
- (12) Artillery barrage maps will be issued as soon as received from Brigade. If wind is favorable smoke will be used to indicate the pause on the Intermediate Line and the Final Protective barrage.
- (13) Immediately upon reaching Final Objective, two Advanced posts from each Coy will be pushed out and will take up a Commanding position roughly 100 yards in advance of Final Objective.
No. 3 Company will place two Lewis Guns with these posts, and No. 2 Company, one Lewis Gun.
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- (14) Paragraph 3 (sub-para. B) of "Instructions for Offensive No.1" is cancelled insofar as it refers to Support Line to Final Objective.
- (15) Battalion ration and water Dumps will be WIMBLEDON Dump. (D.5.a.8.2.)
- (16) Particular attention will be taken to have escorts obtain receipts for any prisoners conducted to Rear and handed over to A.P.M.

NOTE:- Part of this information was more fully covered

in previous orders.

(Sgd) L.V. Drummond-Hay.
Captain & Adjutant.

Appendix E

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY. SECRET (c)-

REFERENCE SHEET
8, N.W. & S.E.
1/20,000.

- (1) The Battalion less No. 4 Coy will relieve the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the Gravenstafel Road Area to-night, (night of 28th to 29th.)

No. 4 Coy will be tactically under Command of "O.C." 49th. Battalion, and will take over Battalion frontage. No. 4 Company will proceed to "X" Camp, ST. JEAN AREA and report to "O.C." 49th Battalion at a time to be notified later.

- (2) The Battalion will relieve the 9th Brigade as follows:-
 - 1 Coy will relieve the 43rd Battalion
 - 2 Coy will relieve the 52nd Battalion
 - 3 Coy will relieve the 58th Battalion.
- (3) Time to Start. To be notified later.
- (4) Order of March. 1, 2, 3, and H.Qrs.
- (5) Starting Point. The Battalion will form up in

Column of Route on the Main Road running past the Prison facing the Square. Head of the Column to be in line with the Prison.

- (6) Dress:- Full Marching Order.
- (7) Advance Party. One Officer and 4 Other Ranks per Coy will proceed to the forward area as already arranged. Lieut. Christie will proceed at once and report to 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, and arrange to have guides supplied for the Battalion at the rate of 2 guides per Platoon. These guides will meet the Battalion at Otto Farm at about 5.30 p.m. Particular attention will be paid to ensuring that these guides are thoroughly familiar with the road from Otto Farm to the Area their Coy is to proceed to. Sergeant Mullen will be responsible that guides are available to guide Battalion to Otto Farm. D.15.a.8.0.
- (8) Officers' Kits. Mess stores, blankets rolled in bundles of 10 will be piled outside Coy Headquarters by 12 noon and will be picked up by T.O, and conveyed to Transport Line.
- (9) Captain H.E. Sullivan will be "O.C." Details and will issue his own orders.
- (10) Sanitation. Owing to the fact that all Billets at present occupied by the Battalion were taken over without authority, particular attention will be paid to the cleanness of billets.
- (11) No. 4 Coy will report "T.O." 49th Battalion at Wieltje Farm. The Transport Officer will make arrangements to convey Lewis Guns by limbers as far as possible, which will probably be Wieltje Cross Roads, from which point they will have to be carried.
- (12) On completion of relieve, Coys will report by Runner to Battalion Headquarters. Battalion Headquarters will be Otto Farm

(Sg) L. V. Drummond-Hay. Capt. & Adj

Appendix F: [No. 26 Message map](#)

[Map](#) showing advance of No 4 Coy on night of 28/29th after 9th Battn went out –

Appendix: [MESSAGE FORM](#)

Report from No. 4 Coy to ADJT. PPCLI, 3.15 a.m, 29.10.17:

“Enemy seen on our front in numbers at distance of 250 yds. Are now 100 yards in advance of 49th Bn and cannot find battalion on ~~left~~ right, so do not consider it safe to move company farther forward”

Appendix G

[Barrage Map](#) (Enfilade Barrage)

Appendix M

[No. 26 Message Map – advanced positions](#)

Appendix O*

PRINCESS PATRICIA’S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY. SECRET (O).

31st October 1917.

Lieut. J.A. Haslam,

The 2 Platoons under your Command at BELLEVUE will be relieved by 42nd Battalion to-night. I will arrange guides for the incoming Unit. You will remain with these 2 Platoons until they are relieved, and then report to me at WAERLOO HOUSE. These 2 Platoons will remain under the Command of “O.C.O.” P.P.C.L.I. for the present. When relieved they will proceed to OTTO FARM where they will be met by Lieut. Guiou who will supply a guide to POMMERN CASTLE where Battalion will be billeted to-night.

Each man will carry our 25 rounds of S.A.A. only. All other ammunition will be handed over to the 42nd Battalion.

Signed "L.V. Drummond-Hay,

Captain & Adjutant.

* [*Mistakenly named Appendix N by ???*]

Appendix N

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY. SECRET (N)

31st October 1917.

Major Niven,

The Battalion plus the 2 Platoons of the R.C.R. under Command of Lieut. Allan and Grant Suttee will be relieved by 2 Coys of the 42nd Battalion to-night.

The Coy of the R.C.R. that went in last night in Support of our line will not be relieved.

Please have eight guides being one guide for each Platoon report to me at WATERLOO at 5.30 p.m. to-day to guide in relief.

On completion of relief Battalion plus 2 platoons of the R.C.R. will proceed to OTTO FARM where they will be met by Lieut. Guiou who will supply one guide for each Coy to POMMERN CASTLE where Battalion will spend the night.

The 2 Platoons in BELLEVUE AREA will be relieved under arrangements being made direct with Lieut. Haslam.

One Platoon of the 42nd Battalion may be used for this purpose.

On completion of the relief you will please report to the Commanding Officer at WATERLOO.

Each man will carry out 25 rounds of S.A.A. only. All other ammunition will be handed over to the 42nd Battalion.

Please acknowledge.

Signed "L.V. Drummond-Hay,
Captain & Adjutant.

Thu, Nov 1, 1917 WIELTJE AREA, BELGIUM

WIELTJE C 1.11.17 Cloudy & cold. The Battalion moves out of the line into Camp near WIELTJE

Fri, Nov 2, 1917 WIELTJE AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 2.11.17 Cloudy & cold. The Battalion marches to YPRES and entrains to ABEELE marching thence to SCOTS CAMP near WATOU – Camp location K.12.a.3.3. (Belgium 28) – the Transport moving by road. Billets scattered and crowded - barns and tents

Sat, Nov 3, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 3.11.17 Mist & clouds – cold with rain at night. Muster parade.

Sun, Nov 4, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 4.11.17 Mist & clouds – Church parade. 45 O.R. join from C.R.C.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]
2 O.R. rejoin & 1 struck off strength.

Mon, Nov 5, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 5.11.17 Fine in morning - clouding up in the afternoon. Baths.
The following messages were received

From H.R.H. Princess Patricia “Just heard of the magnificent work done by the Battalion on Oct. 30th. Heartily Congratulate all ranks; deeply grieved for all the losses sustained and for Major PAPINEAU’s death

From Major A .H. Gault “The greatest regret of my life is that Army Orders prevented my being with you. God bless you all.

From MAJOR GEN. L. J. LIPSETT C.M.G. Commanding 3rd Can. Div. to Brig. Gen. H.M. Dyer D.S.O. G.O.C. 7th C.I.B.

Dear General DYER I have not been able to see your Battalion Commanders to express to them my appreciation of what they and their Battalions have done. I congratulate you and all the Brigade most heartily. The Battalions have done magnificently. The P.P.C.L.I. have many fine actions to their credit during the war – but I am sure none could be finer than their advance of the 30th

From FIELD MARSHALL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG, Commander in-Chief to G.O.C. 2nd ARMY. “The successes gained by your troops yesterday under such conditions are deserving of the highest praise. While all the troops did well and constituted materially to the results achieved – the performance of the 3rd CANADIAN DIVISION in particular was remarkably fine. The ground gained is of high importance – and I congratulate you and all under you on the results of the great efforts made”.

Mon, Nov 5, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 5.11.17 Fair in morning – clouding up in afternoon. Baths

Tue, Nov 6, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 6.11.17 Cold with rain – clearing at night. Baths.

Pte Hill [F.] 447542 awarded the MILITARY MEDAL.

Wed, Nov 7, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 7.11.17 showery

Thu, Nov 8, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 8.11.17 Cold & cloudy turning to rain in evening & night. New draft is presented to the colour. H.R.H. Prince ARTHUR of CONNAUGHT visited the Battalion yesterday and conveyed to the C.O. the following message from the PRINCESS PATRICIA “I have the greatest pride in my regiment and while deploring your great losses I feel that the spirit and endurance of the Regiment which I love so well may always be depended on to uphold the highest ideals of the Empire”.

The following message was received from Lady EVELYN FARQUHAR “Will you convey to all ranks of the Regiment my deepest admiration for their gallantry and grit. While I deplore the heavy losses I know that it can always be depended on to be a credit to the service.

Fri, Nov 9, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 9.11.17 Cloudy & overcast with clear intervals. Training

The following message was received from the Officer Commanding 43rd Battalion (Major CHANDLER)

Dear Colonel Adamson. Your very kind appreciation of the work done by my lads on bearer parties for your Regiment is more than ample praise for the small service they rendered. I have read your letter to them and they desire me to say that they did no more than their duty to their comrades who were carrying on the fight; being just out of the fighting themselves and knowing the conditions they could do no less than their best. It may be your turn on some future occasion to help us out. The Camerons will always welcome any opportunity of doing anything they can for a Regiment for which they have so much admiration as ~~for the~~ they have for the P.P.C.L.I. and though we never had the chance, we still look forward to the day when we may race the ‘Patricia’s’ to their objective. May I offer my congratulations on the splendid performance of your Regiment. I am sorry your casualties are so heavy – but you always rise again like a Phoenix stronger than ever – so that the P.P.C.L.I. even if badly cut up will still remain the same old fighting dogs.

CAPT. J. THOMPSON rejoins – posted to No. 3 Co. CAPT. H.C. DUNN (C.A.M.C.) [C. [St Clair Dunn](#)] posted to P.P.C.L.I. from 8 Can. Field Amb. 1-11-17.

2 O.R. taken on & 1 struck off strength. Training & parades

Sat, Nov 10, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

Rain & cold. Warning order received to move back to PASSCHENDAELE AREA. Training & parades.

The officer commanding 7 Can. Mach. Gun Co'y write to C.O. "The officers and men of this Company very greatly appreciate your letter regarding the unfortunate death of LIEUT [H.] McKENZIE [P.P.C.L.I. - 1158] and also wish to thank you for your kind remarks as to the work of this Co'y during the recent action. All ranks feel the greatest admiration for your Battalion and although now Divisional Troops – we hope that we will always be associated with the 7th Brigade when in the line. The Esprit de Corps of the P.P.C.L.I. men with this Unit is most remarkable and you may rest assured that you will always get the best support possible.

The following message from Lieut.-Col. W.B. KINGSMILL Comg. 123rd Cdn. Pioneer Battn to Lt. Col. ADAMSON " Nothing has occurred since our arrival in France that has given me more unqualified gratification than your very kind and appreciative letter regarding the behaviour of my men after your Regiment's glorious attack on the 30th October. While all ranks of my Unit feel most gratified to receive such praise it is however only natural that they should have done everything that was humanly possible to get your brave chaps to the Dressing Station where they could receive the attention they so richly deserved. ~~From~~ The accounts I have received of the wonderful achievement of your Battalion show how thoroughly the officers and other Ranks are carrying on the splendid tradition of your Regiment. The only thing to regret is that such wonderful deeds should be at such great cost." Major C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. rejoined and assumed the duties of 2nd i/c. LIEUTS. R.S MACPHERSON [411056] and A. [R.] JONES [410954] taken on strength. Capt D.A. McLEOD (C.A.M.C.) ceases to be attached on returning to 9 Can. F. Amb. MAJOR [H.W.] NIVEN returns to No. 2 Co'y. as C.O.

Sun, Nov 11, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 11.11.17 Showery in morning clearing in afternoon. Xmas pay

Mon, Nov 12, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 12.11.17 Fine. Training & parades. 3 O.R. struck off – 1 taken on strength.

Tue, Nov 13, 1917 WATOU AREA, BELGIUM

SCOTS CAMP 13.11.17 Dull & cloudy in morning clearing in afternoon. The Battalion moves by bus to B Camp near WIELTJE – Transport by road.

Wed, Nov 14, 1917 WIELTJE AREA, BELGIUM

WIELTJE CAMP 14.11.17 Cloudy – Drizzling rain in evening. The Battalion relieves 43rd Battn. in ~~the~~ night. No's. 1 & 2 Co'ys take over close support positions near VINDICTIVE CROSS ROADS (Reference PASSCHENDAELE Sheet)

This consisted of a series of disconnected lengths of trench and improved shell hole positions along a line running approximately V.30.c.75.30 to V.30.d.30.30. No. 1 Co. on the right & in support to R.C.R. No. 2 Co'y on left supporting 42 Battn. No. 3 Co'y in rear supports but supplied garrisons for the fortified positions at MEETCHEELE & BELLEVUE. B.H.Q. in pill box at BELLEVUE Pill Box

Thu, Nov 15 to Sat, Nov 17, 1917 NORTH & WEST OF PASSCHENDAELE, BELGIUM

BELLEVUE 15.11.17 to 17.11.17 During the period 14./15./16/ the weather was fair but cloudy with frequent ground mists and the whole of the support area – but particularly 1 & 2 Co'ys was subjected to heavy artillery fire. This lasted practically continuously - and also throughout the 17th – ~~per~~ the only quiet period during the entire tour 14/17 being between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. on 17th. The front and rear areas were shelled with gas during the nights 15/16 & 16/17

No. 1 & 2 Co'ys were under control of 42nd & R.C.R. – messages being sent to the H.Q. of these Battns. at MEETCHEELE.

Aeroplane activity on the part of the enemy was very marked at all times especially on the 15th – mist & fog interfering with them on the other days. Our activity in the air was slight and not sufficient at any time to drive off enemy planes which besides directing artillery fire – also flew low and played upon our trenches with machine guns.

The Battalion suffered 59 Casualties – chiefly in 1 & 2 Co'ys – Lt. STRATFORD being killed and Lts. [A.R.] JONES [410954] [J.H.] CARVOSSO [51116] & [R.S.] MACPHERSON [411046] wounded – the latter two at duty. O.R. killed & died of wounds. wounded & missing.

The Battalion was relieved on the night of 17/18 by the 2nd Royal Berks [Berkshire]. There was a good deal of confusion as the Companies taking over were nearly twice as strong numerically as our own and had therefore to provide extra cover for themselves & as a consequence the relief was unduly prolonged

Sun, Nov 18, 1917 NORTH & WEST OF PASSCHENDAELE, BELGIUM

WIELTJE 18.11.17 Cloudy. Battn. moves back in early morning to B Camp at Wieltje & remains there all day. Considerable Enemy shelling during the night. Transport moves to HONDEGHEM

Mon, Nov 19, 1917 WIELTJE AREA, BELGIUM

19.11.17 Cloudy. Battalion moves by bus from KRUISSESTRAAT to ROBECQ - & the Transport by road to same place

Tue, Nov 20, 1917 ROBECQ, FRANCE

COTTES 20.11.17 Cloudy. Battalion & Transport move from billets in ROBECQ to billets in COTTES – St HILAIRE

Wed, Nov 21, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 21.11.17 Cloudy – Battalion settling down in Billets

Thu, Nov 22, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 22.11.17 Cloudy – Colour parade in the afternoon LIEUT A.N.B MORTIMER [51259] carried the colours. Large draft of eleven Officers and 92 OR's taken on strength. LIEUT'S A.N.B. MORTIMER. [51259] G. GRANT. [602] R.G. BARCLAY [487394] A E. POTTS. [McG 268] A.L. CLARKE. [[W.L. Clark 411080](#)] S. LOPSTON. [[S. Loptson McG 227](#)] W.E. [E.W.] DUVAL. N.F. GAMMELL. [475265] M.L. HANCOCK. [McG 39] W.S. RAMSAY [[W.T. Ramsay 487369](#)] J.W. JEAKINS [McG 230].

Fri, Nov 23, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 23-11-17 Bright & Cold – Battalion training carried on under Company arrangements.- LIEUT A.R. LINNELL [[A.P. Linnell](#), 475919] taken on strength and posted to No 3 Company – 2 OR's struck off strength casualties 17-11-17

Sat, Nov 24, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 24-11-17 Rain & Cold – Battalion training carried on under Company arrangements Battalion Bath parade at LILLERS.

Sun, Nov 25, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 25/11/17 Cloudy & Cold – Training as per Syllabus of training. Battalion pay parade in the afternoon. MAJOR C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. assumes command of the Battalion during the temporary absence of LIEUT-COLONEL AGAR ADAMSON D.S.O. acting Brigadier – 33 OR's taken on strength

Mon, Nov 26, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 26/11/17 Local showers – Battalion training as per Syllabus of training. Battalion parade in afternoon. 4 OR's taken on strength 2 OR's struck off strength

Tue, Nov 27, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 27/11/17 Bright & Cold – Battalion training as per syllabus of training. Lieuts. G.C. Aldridge [751] and B.M. BENSON [487520] taken on strength also 8 O.R's 5 OR's struck off strength on reporting to 7th Cdn Trench Mortar Batty

Wed, Nov 28, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 28/11/17 Bright & Cold – Battalion training as per syllabus. LIEUT C.C. ROBINSON taken on strength and posted to No 3 Company. Also 1 OR.

Thu, Nov 29, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 29/11/17 Bright & Cold – Battalion route march and Bath parade to Lillers by Company's. The following ~~Aw~~ decorations have been awarded 487413 a/Sgt Moore L.L. 487446 a/Sgt Prideaux A. 51156 Frederickson C. 540106 [[540108](#)] Pte Sparling J.G. 487387 Cpl Bainbridge J.W. 207939 McMillan J.L. 770037 Pte McDonald T. [[MacDonald](#)] 678881 Pte Mitchell E.J. 124402 Myers T. 476068 A/Sgt Wood R. 487368 L/Cpl. Lappin W.I. LIEUT T. I. GIBSON [411040] struck off strength invalided to England 17/11/17 1 OR. struck off strength.

Fri, Nov 30, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 30/11/17 Bright & Cold – Battalion training as per Syllabus MAJOR H.W. NIVEN D.S.O. M.C. struck off strength on being granted 2 months leave to Canada. 3 ORs struck off strength. 1 O.R. reported died of wounds.

[Note transcriber: during November 1917 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Sat, Dec 1, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 1/12/17 Bright and cold – Battalion training in morning as per Syllabus Sports in afternoon. 1 O.R. taken on strength from L.O.C. [*Lines of Communication*] LIEUT J.E. PIKE [475991] struck off strength on being invalided to ENGLAND

Sun, Dec 2, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 2/12/17 Fine & Cold – Battalion Church parade in morning.

Mon, Dec 3, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 3/12/17 Cloudy but fine – Nos. 1 and 2 Coys firing on Ranges Remainder of Battalion training as per syllabus. 1 O.R. taken on strength. MAJOR J.O. SHARP [*180th Bn*] attached [*19 Feb 1917*] supernumerary struck off strength [*5 Sep 1917*] Authority Canadian Corps A 29-4-2 dated 1-12-17

Tue, Dec 4, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 4/12/17 Fine & Cold – Battalion tactical scheme carried out in the morning. Inter platoon football match in afternoon.

Wed, Dec 5, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 5/12/17 Bright & Cold – Battalion training as per syllabus. LIEUT. COLONEL AGAR ADAMSON D.S.O. on ceasing to be Acting Brigadier assumes command of the Battalion. 9 O.R.s taken on strength from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Thu, Dec 6, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 6/12/17 Dull and warmer weather – Battalion training as per Syllabus. 2 O.R's struck off strength

Fri, Dec 7, 1917 ST HILAIRE, COTTES & FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 7/12/17 Dull & showery – Battalion training as per syllabus – The following decorations have been awarded – A11013 [*411013*] SERGT. CHRISTIE H.F. No 4 Coy Distinguished Conduct Medal 1649 SERGT. CROOK H. Military Medal MAJOR E.S. McDOUGALL taken on strength and assumes Command of No 3 Coy.

Sat, Dec 8, 1917 ST HILAIRE, COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 8/12/17 Dull but fine – Battalion training in morning as per Syllabus.- Sports in afternoon – 8 O.R's taken on strength – MAJOR A. HAMILTON GAULT D.S.O. has been granted the local rank of LIEUT-COLONEL while commanding 3rd Canadian Divisional Wing C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Sun, Dec 9, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 9/12/17 Raining heavily all day – Battalion church parade in morning.

Mon, Dec 10, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 10/12/17 Dull & cloudy – Training. 1 O.R. taken on strength

Tue, Dec 11, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

ST HILAIRE COTTES 11/12/17 Cloudy – Battalion engaged in tactical scheme in morning In afternoon – Battalion Drill. LIEUTS. A.J. KNOWLING [475414] H.M. DOUGLAS [McG 263] – M. MACKAY [579] & L.E. KOELLE [*surname changed to HARVEY in 1918*] join from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] and 4 O.R. attached from 49th for duty with Band. [inserted: 10.12] LIEUT. A.R. JONES [410954] struck off strength invalided

Wed, Dec 12, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES ST HILAIRE 12/12/1917 Dull & cold – clearing in evening. Battalion drill & training. Major H.W. NIVEN D.S.O.M.C. awarded a Bar to the D.S.O. LIEUT J.M. CHRISTIE [1576] and MAJOR T. McCARTHY (chaplain) awarded Military Crosses. 35 O.R. taken on strength from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Thu, Dec 13, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES ST HILAIRE 13/12/1917 Dull & cold. Training under Company arrangements in morning. Lecture to Battalion on the Civil Educational Training to be carried out during the winter.

Fri, Dec 14, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES ST HILAIRE 14/12/1917 Milder & drizzling in morning, clearing in late afternoon. Baths & Company training

Sat, Dec 15, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES ST HILAIRE 15/12/1917 Bright & clear. Musketry in morning & afternoon Military Medal awarded to Sergt. ROSS H.A.[105111] – L/Cpl OLSEN O. [261098] Pte. McLARTY J.M. [489786] for gallantry at PASSCHENDAELE on 30.10.17 23 O.R. join from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] & 1 from L.O.C. [*Lines of communication*] 1 O.R. struck off.

Sun, Dec 16, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 16.12.17 Cloudy. New reinforcements are presented to the Colour. Church Parade

Mon, Dec 17, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 17.12.17 Snow in morning clearing later in day. Warning order was received on 16th for battalion to proceed to CAMBLAIN L'ABBÉ en route for AUX RIETZ but were afterwards cancelled.

Tue, Dec 18, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 18.12.17 Clear & bright with hard frost. Battalion route march. Warning order having been received to proceed to LIEVIN Area – An advance party is sent up to look over the line. 1 O. R. struck off strength.

Wed, Dec 19, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 19.12.17 Cold & clear. Battalion training. 1 O. R. taken on strength.

Thu, Dec 20, 1917 ST HILAIRE & COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 20.12.17 Cold – hoarfrost. Training under Co. arrangements in new battle formation.

Fri, Dec 21, 1917 MARQUEFFLES FARM [AIX-NOULETTE], FRANCE

MARQUEFFLES HUTS 21.12.17 Cold & misty. Battalion moves by lorry to MARQUEFFLES CAMP. (Huts) Transport by road to FOSSE 10 (PETIT SAINS) Owing to lorries not arriving at COTTES until late in the afternoon the Battalion did not arrive in Camp until after midnight. A very uncomfortable move & camp.

Sat, Dec 22, 1917 MARQUEFFLES FARM [AIX-NOULETTE], FRANCE

MARQUEFFLES HUTS 22.12.17 Cold & cloudy in morning clearing later to bright frosty day

Sun, Dec 23, 1917 MARQUEFFLES FARM [AIX-NOULETTE], FRANCE

LIEVIN 23.12.17 Hard frost – cloudy. In the evening (4. p.m.) the Battalion entrains at AIX NOULETTE detraining at AUSTRALIAN Siding (M 22.d. Central ref. 36 C S. W. 1) relieving the 13th Battalion in the [inserted: front] line right subsector. The men taking in packs and one blanket. Bn. H.Q. at M.3.a.4.8. 3 & 4 Companies in front line supported by 1 & 2 Companies.

Mon, Dec 24, 1917 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

LIEVIN 24.12.17 Thawing - some snow in the evening. Quiet but some sniping by the enemy whose line is not defined - [*indecipherable word*] is supposed to be holding the houses – across the street from ~~the~~ our front line of outposts in the outskirts of LENS. 1 O.R. wounded.

Tue, Dec 25, 1917 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

LIEVIN 25.12.17 Snow flurries in morning turning to heavy snowfall in the evening.
Situation quiet

Wed, Dec 26, 1917 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

LIEVIN 26.12.17 Snow flurries – cold & clear in the evening. 1 & 2 Co's relieve 3 & 4 in the front line

Thu, Dec 27, 1917 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

LIEVIN 27.12.17 Cold & cloudy

Fri, Dec 28, 1917 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

LIEVIN 28.12.17 Cold & cloudy

Sat, Dec 29, 1917 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

LIEVIN 29.12.17 Cold & cloudy. The Battalion is relieved by R.C.R. in the evening and marches to reserve billets in King's Cross Camp – ZOUAVE VALLEY. Cold and uncomfortable Camp consisting of small corrugated iron huts holding 6 or 8 men each. During this tour of trenches there was little activity on either side. Casualties amounted to 6 other ranks wounded. Major STUART D.S.O. [C.J.T. STEWART] took the battalion into the line with a trench strength of 28 officers and 480 O.R. The Battalion's right rested on the SOUCHEZ RIVER and on the left the 8th Brigade held the line. Lt. COL. [Agar] ADAMSON took over the command on 25/12.

Sun, Dec 30, 1917 SOUTH EAST OF SOUCHEZ, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ HUTS 30.12.17 Cold & cloudy with some snow. Bn. in huts resting

Mon, Dec 31, 1917 SOUTH EAST OF SOUCHEZ, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ HUTS 31.12.17 Cold & clear. H.R.H. PRINCESS PATRICIA wires ~~th~~ "Thanks Kind Telegram. I congratulate Battalion on the 3rd anniversary of its arrival in France where its heroic achievements have ever given me cause for being justly proud." This was in reply to a telegram sent H.R.H. by the Battalion on 20.12.17 on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary referred to. The following telegram was also received from H.R.H. Princess PATRICIA addressed to Lt. COL. ADAMSON "I wish you and the Officers N.C.O.s and men of the Battalion a very happy Xmas and the best of luck in the New Year. May 1918 bring us a Victorious Peace." Xmas greetings received from Major Gen. L.J. LIPSETT C.M.G. commanding 3rd Can. Div.

The Dist. [Distinguished] Conduct Medal awarded to 1116 C.S.M. Peacock C (No. 3 Coy) for gallant behaviour in the PASSCHENDAELE action (30.10.17)

LIEUT. J. CHRISTIE [475260] taken on strength & 2 O.R. 6 O.R. struck off.

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