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Tue, Jan 1, 1918 SOUCHEZ AREA, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ HUTS 1.1.18 Cold & cloudy. The Battalion has its delayed Xmas dinner in SOUCHEZ CAMP.

Wed, Jan 2, 1918 SOUCHEZ AREA, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ HUTS 2.1.18 Fine – a little snow at night. LT. [A.L] MILLS [411169] and 1 O.R. struck off strength.

Thu, Jan 3, 1918 SOUCHEZ AREA, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ HUTS 3.1.18 Colder – fair & clear freezing hard at night.

Fri, Jan 4, 1918 SOUCHEZ AREA, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ HUTS 4.1.18 Clear & cold in early morning moderating in afternoon. In the afternoon the Battalion relieves R.C.R. in the front line leaving LENS JUNCTION by light railway and as far as RED MILL SIDING in LIEVIN – MAJOR [C.J.T.] STEWART commanding. Trench strength 28 officers and 455 O.R. No. 3 Co'y on the right of the line No. 4 on left – both holding the right sub. sector. No 1 & 2 Companies in support in APPROACH & AGUE trenches. B.H.Q. at M.3.a.4.8. (36.C.S.W.1.) This was the same front as the Battalion occupied on its last tour and the front line Companies now disposed in the same way as on that occasion.

Sat, Jan 5, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 5.1.18 Thaw in afternoon. Overcast all day. At 9 p.m. the Enemy attempted a bombing raid on one of our posts, advancing in two parties of six and four respectively. Our post opened up on them with rifle fire – when the raiding parties took cover amongst the ruins of buildings and advanced to within bombing distance when they were dispersed by our stokes mortars commencing a shoot scheduled for that hour. We inflicted several casualties upon the enemy and had none among our own men.

Sun, Jan 6, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 6.1.18 Cloudy. very cold in morning – moderating later – rain in evening.

Mon, Jan 7, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 7.1.18 Thaw. Snow rapidly going. Frost in evening. No. 1 & 2 Companies relieve 3 & 4 in the front line.

Tue, Jan 8, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 8.1.18 Heavy fall of snow clearing in evening.

Wed, Jan 9, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 9.1.18 Heavy snow & wind storm.

Thu, Jan 10, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 10.1.18 Strong wind & thaw – Snow disappears. The Battalion was relieved by R.C.R. in afternoon moving to support area in LIEVIN.

During this tour 4 – 10 as many as ten patrols were sent out, & which thoroughly patrolled our side of the LENS – ARRAS road – but none of the Enemy were encountered with the exception of the bombing raid on the 5th and no identification could be obtained. Our snipers were fairly active during this tour and made 5 observed hits – whilst the result of 8 other targets fired at could not be ascertained. Our casualties for the tour were nil.

There was not very much artillery activity on either side.

Fri, Jan 11, 1918 LIEVIN, FRANCE

Lievin 11.1.18 Wind continues Slight rain in morning. The Battalion is now in Brigade support. B.H.Q. at M.23.c.-Central. No. 3 Co. has two platoons billeted in the area close to R.C.R. B.H.Q. – forming a Counter attack party. The other two platoons were billeted in the vicinity of CROW DUMP and CRAZY REDOUBT. The three remaining Companies back in LIEVIN around B.H.Q. The Distinguished Service Order was awarded to Capt. J.R. MACPHERSON [411064] for gallant and efficient service at PASSCHENDAELE on 30.10.17

1 O.R. struck off strength (23.12.17)

Temp. MAJ. (A/Lt. Col) [Agar] A.S.A.M. ADAMSON D.S.O. to be Temp. LIEUT. COL. (31.Oct.1916.) Temp. MAJOR A. RASMUSSEN resigns his commission on transfer to American Forces (29.11.17) 10 O.R. taken on strength. 2 O.R. struck off strength.

2 O.R. previously reported wounded now reported Died of Wounds.

Sat, Jan 12, 1918 LIEVIN, FRANCE

Lievin 12.1.18 Thawing. Fair. 2 men wounded. Nos. 1, 2 & 4 Coy's supply working & carrying parties by night. This continued during the period 10 – 16

Sun, Jan 13, 1918 LIEVIN, FRANCE

Lievin 13.1.18 Clear fine & frosty. Capt. M. TENBROEKE [*M. TEN BROEKE 51456*] awarded the MILITARY CROSS. No. 1641 C.S.M. BAKER C awarded the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL. Temp. LIEUT G.M. SMITH M.C. to be Temp. Capt. and to remain seconded 31.Oct.1917. Temp. LIEUT. (A./Capt.) M. TENBROEKE M.C. to be Temp. Capt. 31.10.17. LIEUT G.G. REYNOLDS and J.N. EDGAR [507] to be Temp. Captains (31.10.17).

Hon. Capt. R.S. LAKE transferred to England & posted to E.O.R.D. Seaford (29.12.17). 3 O.R. struck off strength – 1 O.R. reported wounded 30.10.17 now reported Died of Wounds 28.12.17

Mon, Jan 14, 1918 LIEVIN, FRANCE

Lievin 14.1.18 Cold – Heavy snowfall.

Tue, Jan 15, 1918 LIEVIN, FRANCE

Lievin 15.1.18 Heavy rain & wind storm all day & night.

Wed, Jan 16, 1918 LIEVIN, FRANCE

Lievin 16.1.18 Heavy wind. Raining in morning. The Battalion moves into front line – No's 3 & 4 Coy's occupying the front line as before

Thu, Jan 17, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 17.1.18 Rain.

Fri, Jan 18, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 18.1.18 Rain in a.m. wind at night.

Sat, Jan 19, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 19.1.18 Dull - windy.

Sun, Jan 20, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS, FRANCE

Lievin 20.1.18 Dull & windy. The Battalion comes out to SOUCHEZ Huts in the evening – being relieved by the 102nd Battn. Very good relief.

During the above tour 17-20 patrols were sent out every day. The snipers were given many targets to shoot at, on the first day, and as a good many observed hits were made on these targets – the enemy kept low during the balance of the tour. FOSSE ST LOUIS appeared to be occupied in fairly large numbers by the enemy in spite of a 6" artillery shoot directed against it [inserted: on] the 16th. A considerable quantity of wire was placed out in front of our outpost line during this tour. On the morning of the 19th a German was killed while approaching our front line and in this manner we secured identification of the Regiment opposite to us (99 R.I.R.) [*99 Reserve Infantry Regiment*]

The tour, though the shortest was the most trying yet experienced on the LENS sector as the heavy rains whilst the Battalion was in support caused the trenches to collapse and the mud and water in places was waist high. These conditions had slightly improved on the night of relief 19/20.

There were no casualties on this tour

[inserted: except 1 O.R. died of wounds 19.1.18.]

Mon, Jan 21, 1918 SOUCHEZ AREA, FRANCE

SOUCHEZ 21.1.18 Dull & windy. Battalion in Souchez huts.

Tue, Jan 22, 1918 SOUCHEZ AREA, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 22.1.18 Dull with some fine intervals turning to heavy rain in evening. Battalion moves from SOUCHEZ huts to hut camp in BOIS DE FROISSART near HERSIN – Transport lines move from FOSSE 10 to COUPIGNY. The G.O.C. 3rd ~~Can. Division~~ 7th C.I.B. forwarded a letter of ~~ap~~ which he had received from the G.O.C. 3rd Can. Div. conveying his appreciation of the patrol work carried on the Brigade front. The award of Dist. [*Distinguished*] Conduct Medal to 1116 C.S.M. C. PEACOCK cancelled and award of MILITARY MEDAL substituted. 10 O.R. taken on strength & 9 O.R. struck off.

Wed, Jan 23, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 23.1.18 Cloudy. Baths at AIX NOULETTE

Thu, Jan 24, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 24.1.18 Cloudy. Wiring parties 10 O.R. struck off strength. Company training by Cos. rest engaged in wiring.

Fri, Jan 25, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 25.1.18 Mist in morning clearing to bright clear day – cold at night. Company training.

Sat, Jan 26, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 26.1.18 Mist in early morning clearing to bright fine day ~~Company having Church Parades~~ Training.

Sun, Jan 27, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 27.1.18 Mist in early morning – clearing to bright fine day clothing disinfected.

Mon, Jan 28, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 28.1.18 Fine & clear. Cold at night. Clothing disinfected. 10 O.R. taken on strength (26th) LIEUT C.K. McRorie [21867] from B.H.Q. to 2 Coy. 120 O.R. taken on strength from 3rd Div. Wing.

Tue, Jan 29, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 29.1.18 Fine & clear. Gas drill. Bombing L. G. [*Lewis Gun*] Platoon in attack Extended order – training.

Wed, Jan 30, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 30.1.18 Fine & clear. Musketry and other training per syllabus. Sports in afternoon.

The Victoria Cross awarded to Sergt. [G. Harry MULLIN](#) [51339]* for gallant behaviour at PASSCHENDAELE in capturing a commanding pill box single handed. This strong point was causing heavy casualties. He ~~also~~ rushed a sniper's post destroyed the garrison with bombs crawled on the pill box shot the two machine gunners and captured the garrison of ten. His clothes were shot through in this enterprise.

2 O.R. taken on strength.

*[on hyperlink please scroll down past Lieut H.M. McKenzie to G.H. Mullin entry].

Thu, Jan 31, 1918 AREA SOUTH OF HERSIN, FRANCE

BOIS DE FROISSART 31.1.18 BOIS DE FROISSART 31.1.18 Cold. Foggy all day.

Training per syllabus.

4 O.R struck off for-~~p~~ Commissions.

[Note transcriber: during January 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Fri, Feb 1, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 1.2.18 White frost & fog – cold at night. The Battalion is inspected by G.O.C. [Brigadier-General H.M. Dyer] 7th C.I.B. 1 O.R. taken on strength.

Sat, Feb 2, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 2.2.18 Fair. No.1 & 2 Co. on wiring parties. No. 3 & 4 training & Instruction. The G.O.C. 7th Brigade writes that he was very pleased with his inspection of yesterday and specially struck with the spirit of the men. He found the turn out of the Transport section excellent and the Cook Kitchens in very good condition.

Lieuts A.C. WHITE M.C. [51266] (4 Co'y) & B.K. SNIDER[1624] rejoin from 3rd Div. Wing C.C.R.C. 1 O.R. off strength.

Sun, Feb 3, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 3.2.18 Fair in morning clouding up in afternoon. Church parade. Officers reconnoitre Blue line.

Mon, Feb 4, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 4.2.18 Bright & fine in morning. No. 4 Co. wiring. The remainder attend a demonstration by special platoon from 3rd Can. Div. Wing C.C.R.C. [Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp]

Tue, Feb 5, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 5.2.18 Mild & fine. Drill & Training. The Belgian CROIX DE GUERRE awarded to 792 C.S.M. SPURGEON C. and Belgian DECORATION MILITAIRE to 23709 Pte(A/Cpl) TURCOTTE J.A.. 3 O.R. taken on strength

Wed, Feb 6, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 6.2.18 Cloudy & mild. Rain at night. 10 platoons from 1. 2. & 4 Co'y wiring. 4 O.R. taken on strength
LIEUT E.M. JACQUES invalided to England

Thu, Feb 7, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 7.2.18 Mild. Rain & wind. Battalion carries on Specialist Training. 1 O.R. taken on strength.

Fri, Feb 8, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 8.2.18 Dull with some rain in a.m. clearing in afternoon. 8 platoons wiring. Remainder at musketry. 21 O.R. taken on strength. 2 O.R. reported missing after 30.10.17 now reported killed in action.

Sat, Feb 9, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 9.2.18 Colder - cloudy. fair in p.m. Musketry & route march. 1 O.R. died. [Pte Kirby W. 51291 died of heart failure, age 43]

Sun, Feb 10, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 10.2.18 Cloudy - clearing to fine in p.m. church parade. 1 O.R. joins from L.O.C. [*Lines of Communication*]

Mon, Feb 11, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 11.2.18 Cloudy & cool. Platoon tactical training – Battalion Drill. Sergt WHITE E.L. No. 51493 appointed Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant vice R.Q.M.S. DONALD J. [G. 43] to England (30.12.17). CAPT. G.G. REYNOLDS from B.H.Q. to No. 2 Co. LIEUT C.C. ROBINSON to be Signalling Officer.

Tue, Feb 12, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 12.2.18 Cloudy & overcast. Co'y route marches with Box Respirators. Baths. 1 O.R. taken on strength.

Wed, Feb 13, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 13.2.18 Rain. No parades. 7 O.R. rejoin.

Thu, Feb 14, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 14.2.18 Cloudy & mist. Battalion carries out tactical scheme. 2 O.R. taken on strength & 2 struck off. Capt. J.R. MACPHERSON [411064] detained in ENGLAND whilst on leave & detached to E.O.R.D. 28.1.18.

Fri, Feb 15, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 15.2.18 Damp & cold in a.m. clearing ~~at night~~ in evening with frost.

Sat, Feb 16, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 16.2.18 Cold & Bright. In the early morning the Battalion carries out a scheme of attack assembling at BOUVIGNY-BOYEFFLES falling in at 2 a.m. 1 O.R. struck off.

Sun, Feb 17, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 17.2.18 Bright & clear with hard frost in morning. Cold all day. No church parade owing to Enemy shelling in vicinity of Church Hut in COUPIGNY. 1 O.R. taken on and 2 struck off strength. LIEUT. L.E.L. KOELLE [*surname changed to HARVEY in 1918*] invalided to England. (11.8.18)

Mon, Feb 18, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 18.2.18 Bright clear & frosty. Whole battalion wiring

Tue, Feb 19, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 19.2.18 Bright clear & cold. ~~Colour parade and~~ [inserted: Colour Parade] Training

Wed, Feb 20, 1918 HERSIN AREA, FRANCE

Bois de Froissart 20.2.18 Milder. Heavy rain & windstorm in evening. No. 2 Coy. goes to AUCHEL for Course. ~~Colour Parade~~ Tactical training - gas Drill and Company drill. 15 O.R. granted 3 mn [*months*] leave to Canada.

Thu, Feb 21, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

Cellars Camp 21.2.18 Cloudy in early morning clearing to fine bright day. The Battalion moves to CELLARS CAMP at NEUVILLE ST VAAST leaving 8.15 a.m. arriving 12.15 p.m. Transport moves to DALY CAMP on MT. ST. ELOI ROAD. LIEUT. A.R. CHIPMAN rejoins from C.B.D. [*Canadian Base Depot*] 21-2-18.

Fri, Feb 22, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 22.2.18 Cloudy & windy. Working parties & Company training.

Sat, Feb 23, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 23.2.18 Bois de Froissart 23.2.18 Cloudy – no wind. Working parties. No. 1 Co’y is attached to Engineers at PETIT VIMY for work E. of VIMY RIDGE. 1 O.R. taken on and 4 struck off strength.

Sun, Feb 24, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 24.2.18 Cloudy with slight showers. Church parade. 10 O.R. taken on strength. 1 struck off.

Mon, Feb 25, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 25.2.18 Rain in morning clearing to fine in evening. Company training working parties. 6 O.R. taken on & 1 struck off strength

Tue, Feb 26, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 26.2.18 Fine & white frost in morning. Cloudy at night. 1 O.R. taken on strength.

Wed, Feb 27, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 27.2.18 Cloudy. Rain in evening. Working parties.
The VICTORIA CROSS is awarded to LIEUT. [H. MACKENZIE](#) D.C.M. [1158] late Can. MACHINE GUN Co (formerly P.P.C.L.I.) for gallant behaviour in the PASSCHENDAELE Engagement of 30.10.1917 when he assumed command of No. Co’y after all its officers had become casualties and rallied the Co. taking their objective.

Thu, Feb 28, 1918 NEUVILLE ST VAAST, FRANCE

CELLARS CAMP 28.2.18 Fine - with slight sleet showers. Working parties and Company Training. MAJOR M.S. McDOUGALL [*E.S. McDougall*] struck off strength on proceeding to England to report for duty at at Can. Training School BEXHILL.
3 O.R. taken on strength.

[Note transcriber: during February 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson.]

Fri, Mar 1, 1918 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 1.3.18 Snow showers - bright at intervals. The Battalion moves to SUBURBAN Camp at VILLERS AU BOIS in morning.

Sat, Mar 2, 1918 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 2.3.18 Overcast cold. Company training. LIEUT. C.A. GRANT rejoins battalion. (1.3.18). 1 O.R. taken on strength

Sun, Mar 3, 1918 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU BOIS 3.3.18 Cloudy - thawing. Church parades. 7 O.R. taken on strength. PRINCESS PATRICIA of CONNAUGHT is appointed by His MAJESTY Honourary Colonel in Chief of the Battalion. (22.2.18) The following telegram was sent by the Officer Commanding

“Your Regiment having just learned of the great honour His MAJESTY THE KING has conferred upon us, in appointing you our Colonel in Chief, wish to immediately acquaint you with the happiness this has caused amongst all ranks and to express our unceasing loyalty and devotion.”

Mon, Mar 4, 1918 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU bois 4.3.18 Mist & fog all day. The Battalion attends a demonstration of Tanks in the attack at BERTHONVAL Wood.

Tue, Mar 5, 1918 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

VILLERS AU bois 5.3.18 Fair Drill & Training. 45 O.R. join the Battalion. The following telegram was received from The Princess Patricia “Please thank all ranks for kind telegram. I am most proud and pleased at the honour of being appointed your Honourary Colonel-in-Chief and send greeting to you all.”

Wed, Mar 6, 1918 VILLERS AU BOIS, FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 6.3.18 Fine and bright. Training Companies in Tank formation & drill. Lecture on use of Ammonal tubes. The Battalion moves in the afternoon to ANXIOUS Trench (B.H.Q.) and neighbourhood being in Right Support & relieving the 52nd Battn. in right support of AVION SECTOR. No 1 Coy & B.H.Q. by road and remainder of Battalion from DINKYVILLE Jc. (x.13.b.4.3) to LENS J.c (x.11.d.9.3.) by train and rest of way by road. The move was carried out in afternoon & evening. B.H.Q. (S.6.c.1.8.) No. 3 Coy. S.12.b.75.25. LENS – ARRAS Rd. No. 1 & 4 Co. S.12.b.3.5. Red Trench.- No. 2 S.[T.] 8.a.50.65 in Railway Embankment. 49th Battn. in left Support – 5th Brigade on right.

Thu, Mar 7, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 7.3.18 Fine & bright. Working parties. 9 O.R. taken on & 4 struck off strength.

Fri, Mar 8, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 8.3.18 Fine & bright. Cool in evening. Working parties

Sat, Mar 9 to Mon, Mar 11, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 9.3.18 to 11.1.18 Fine bright weather - visibility poor. Situation quiet Working parties.

Tue, Mar 12, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 12.3.18 Fine - bright - clearer. In the night the Battalion relieves the R.C.R. in the Front line, right AVION subsector. B.H.Q. in BEAVER TRENCH. CAPT. ST. C. DUNN [*Capt C. St. Clair DUNN, CAMC*] & 1 O.R. were killed in front line area on 9.3.18. Enemy shelled during relief rather heavily - with some gas shells. 1 O.R. Killed & 1 gassed.

Wed, Mar 13, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 13.3.18 Bright cloudless day. Little Enemy activity. Several patrols were sent out - found our own wire very heavy difficult to get through in places - but in other spots badly cut by shell fire. No Enemy encountered. Some enemy T.M. & artillery work in afternoon & evening. Several enemy planes cross our lines but driven off almost immediately by M.G. fire.

Thu, Mar 14, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 14.3.18 Rain in early morning clearing later in a.m. Increased hostile T.M. and artillery activity - gas shells - An enemy plane tried twice to cross our line but was driven off by our M.G. & rifle fire Enemy have (?) balloon sent over our lines. A patrol was sent out to examine several trenches in front of our position and found them deserted. 6 O.R. join Battalion. Capt. A.G. Thomson (C.A.M.C.) temporarily attached as M.O.

Fri, Mar 15, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 15.3.18 Fine bright & cold. Enemy batteries active throughout the morning - quiet remainder of day. Our batteries very active and very effective barrage laid down on Corps front for 5 C.M.R. ~~bar~~ raid. Our aircraft very active - only one enemy plane observed crossing our line & driven back at once. Numerous patrols were sent out during day and in the early morning Lt [A.C.] White [51266] and a party placed two ammonal tubes in Enemy wire which were exploded to divert attention from a raid which was put on by 5 C.M.R. on our right. We had no casualties. No enemy encountered by our patrols. The enemy put over a number of gas shells (10 C.M. & T.M.) during evening. In the feint attack before spoken of in addition to the ammonal tubes - 50 dummy figures were put out by us. These with the explosion of the ammonal tubes caused the enemy's S.O.S. to be sent up on our front first. A machine gun opened up on the dummies causing 38 'casualties' among them. [inserted: A congratulatory telegram was sent to PRINCESS PATRICIA on her birthday.]

Sat, Mar 16, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 16.3.18 Fine & bright. Enemy artillery active - ours also. Little hostile aerial activity. 2 of our planes - R.E. 8's, were shot down - 1 behind German lines & 1 in our wire. We sent out an officer's party and brought in the pilot & observer - 1 of whom was wounded.

Sun, Mar 17, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 17.3.18 Fine visibility better somewhat cloudy in afternoon. Enemy aeroplanes more active but few cross our lines. 1 Officer & 6 O.R. cut their way through hostile wire & entered enemy's first line trench - two men encountered who ran when fired at. 1 man of raiding party killed.

Mon, Mar 18, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 18.3.18 Fine & bright. Quiet. 31 O.R. taken on strength LIEUT H.M. DOUGLAS [McG 263] struck off strength invalided - & 1 O.R.

Tue, Mar 19, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 19.3.18 Rain in morning - continues all day. The Battalion is relieved in Front line by R.C.R. and moves back to right support in old positions. B.H.Q. at S.6.c.1.8.

Wed, Mar 20, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

BEAVER TRENCH 20.3.18 Rain in morning clearing in afternoon. Working parties. The following message was sent to H.R.H. Princess Patricia on 15/3/18.

“All ranks join in wishing you many happy returns.”

The following reply has been sent “Grateful thanks to all ranks for good wishes.”

31 OR's taken on strength and 6 O.Rs struck off strength.

Thu, Mar 21, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 21.3.18 Weather fine and clear. Battalion on working parties in front line.

Fri, Mar 22, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 22.3.18 Weather fine Situation quiet. Working parties in front line and in salvage

Sat, Mar 23, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 23.3.18 Fine & clear. Situation quiet. Working parties in front line

Sun, Mar 24, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 24.3.18 Fine situation quiet working party

Mon, Mar 25, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF LA COULOTTE (AVION), FRANCE

DORIS 25.3.18 Fine & clear. Situation quiet. Battalion relieved R.C.R. in front line Battalion Hdqrs. T.8.D.5.7. Battalion frontage extended to the right.

Tue, Mar 26, 1918 DORIS TRENCH, FRANCE

DORIS 26.3.18 Fine & clear. Enemy quiet. Our heavies active throughout the day. Hostile shelling light. Numerous small parties of enemy seen around trenches & dispersed by our fire.

Wed, Mar 27, 1918 DORIS TRENCH, FRANCE

DORIS TRENCH 27.3.18 Fine and clear towards evening. Enemy very quiet. Our artillery active during the night. Battle patrol of 1 Officer and 11 O.Rs with Lewis Gun from 1 a.m. to 3 A.M. No signs of enemy. A patrol of 1 Off. and 12 O.Rs patrolled our front in T 4c but had nothing to report.

Thu, Mar 28, 1918 DORIS TRENCH, FRANCE

DORIS TRENCH 28.3.18 Very cold and raw. Rain in the evening. Hostile artillery active in evening. A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 O.Rs went out at 1 AM and fired Stokes gun on enemy machine gun positions.

Fri, Mar 29, 1918 DORIS TRENCH, FRANCE

DORIS TRENCH 29.3.18 Windy and raw. Situation quiet heavy artillery fire on back areas in the evening. 15 O.Rs taken on strength. LIEUT'S MILNE A.R. [410955] McRORIE C.K. [21867] PULEY P.M. [18233] and 5 O.R's struck off strength.

Sat, Mar 30, 1918 DORIS TRENCH, FRANCE

DORIS TRENCH 30.3.18 Raining all day. Situation quiet.

Sun, Mar 31, 1918 DORIS TRENCH, FRANCE

DORIS TRENCH 31.3.18 Fine and windy. Battalion relieved by R.C.R. and moved into Brigade Reserve.

[Note transcriber: until March 22, 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson. He was struck off strength as medically unfit and he was succeeded by Lieutenant-Colonel C.J.T. Stewart March 30, 1918]

Mon, Apr 1 to Sat, Apr 6, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH April 1 to April 6 The Battalion was relieved in the Front line by the R.C.R. returning to support on the night of March 31 - April 1. No 1 Co. in GERTIE trench 2 Co. in DORIS 3 Co. in RED & 4 Co. at LENS ARRAS Rd & RED TRENCH.

During this tour in supports the situation was quiet except that there was fairly continuous Enemy shelling at junction of LENS ARRAS road & Red trench and BETTY Sap. The weather was for the most part fair and the Battalion furnished working parties daily.

On April 5th LIEUT A.R. CHIPMAN was appointed Adjutant (1-3-18) vice Capt L.V. DRUMMOND-HAY to regimental duty. 19 O.R. taken on strength.

Capt. J. THOMSON and LIEUT. A.E. POTTS [McG 268] struck off strength to 3 Can. Div. Wing (31.3.18)

Capt. G.C. McDONALD M.C. rejoined from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] [(4-4-18) assumes duties of 2nd i/c of Battalion. 54 O.R taken on strength (5-4-18).

LIEUT. J. T. LOWNSBROUGH [475924] M.C. & M.J. ROBB [261134] struck off strength (31.3.18). & 1 O.R

Sun, Apr 7 & Mon, Apr 8, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

TRENCHES April 7/8 Battalion relieves R.C.R. in right sub-sector. B.H.Q. at T.8.c.9.5. Companies same disposition as previously.

Mon, Apr 8 to Fri, Apr 12, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

TRENCHES April 8-12 The Battalion remained in the front line from April 7/8 until April 12. During this tour there was more shelling than on previous tour particularly at the corner of DORIS & KEANE trenches & the head of Communication trenches. One man was killed. Patrolling was very active on our part working up to German trenches but enemy not encountered except on night 10/11 when one of their working parties was badly shot up close to the enemy wire.

During this tour a Boche aeroplane flying over low our lines was brought down by Lewis gun fire from the Battalion & fell in No 1 Co. area. We captured the occupants – one wounded Officer and one N.C.O. unwounded.

Thu, Apr 11 & Fri, Apr 12, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

TRENCHES APRIL 11/12 No 3 Co was relieved by the 49th and went back to RED Trench - less 1 platoon which went to LA COULOTTE. Clear & bright weather
52 O.R. taken on strength 9.4.18 14 O.R struck off ~~9-4-18~~ 28-2-18 & 8.4.18

Sat, Apr 13, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 13.4.18 Dull & cold strong wind in afternoon. The Battalion sidesteps to the left in early morning being relieved by the 4th Division (54 & 75) and relieving the 42nd & being in support to the 49th Battalion forming with it the right boundary of 3rd Division. The other Battalions [inserted: of the division] being N. of SOUCHEZ River. No. 1 Co. in right Adept Trench No. 2 in Centre Adept No. 4 in left Adept & Brewery at LA COULOTTE - No. 3 Co Red Trench B.H.Q. at Anxious. 9 Russians (O.R) are struck off strength & 1 other (11.4.18)

Sun, Apr 14, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 14.4.18 Cold & cloudy with strong wind - working parties.

Mon, Apr 15, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

ANXIOUS TRENCH 15.4.18 Cold & cloudy. Situation quiet. In the night 15/16 the Battalion relieves the 49th in the front line taking up a position from the River to ACTRESS

Trench - disposition being as follows: - 1-2-3-4 Coys. B.H.Q. at LA COULOTTE Brewery N.31.c.60.05.

The following message was received from Brig.-Gen HUGH M. DYER G.O.C. 7 C.I.B. dated 12-4-18 "Dear Major Stewart. At this time, when I am asking your Regiment to continue their work in the line after an already long tour, I write to tell you of my perfect confidence that all ranks will continue to show that keenness for fighting, and willing readiness to do good work that has been so marked during the tour. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the evidence all ranks have given me of the splendid spirit which permeates your great Unit. More especially for the very fine offensive patrol work which has been done by you throughout . Will you please express my pleasure to all ranks. Wishing you the best of luck - yours very sincerely Hugh M. Dyer" [inserted: D.S.]

LIEUT. K.C. BURNES [McG 144] to be acting Captain vice Temp. Capt. J.R. MACPHERSON M.C. D.S.O. [411064] (to England) 28/2/16

LIEUT. G.W. GUIOU M.C. [475868] to be acting Capt. Vice Temp/Cap J.N. EDGAR [507] (to Hospital) 11/3/18 2 O.R off strength

Tue, Apr 16, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

~~ANXIOUS TRENCH~~ LA COULOTTE 16.4.18 Cloudy - some rain. quiet. Officers patrol to AVION Church & surrounding area. Three other patrols were sent out. - no enemy encountered. We projected gas which caused slight retaliatory barrage on our front & rear areas.

Wed, Apr 17, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

LA COULOTTE 17.4.18 Cloudy. At 8.45. a.m. 1 off. 11 O.R. & a Lewis gun acted as covering party to a STOKES gun which was set up at N.32 b.70.92. The gun fired 24 rounds on cemetery group & then was withdrawn. Numerous patrols were sent out by us but no enemy encountered. Several enemy planes were driven back from our lines by M.G. & rifle fire.

Considerable artillery fire from our field & heavy guns.

Thu, Apr 18, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

LA COULOTTE 18.4.18 Rain & wind. Cold. We sent out a daylight patrol near AVION Church. Numerous patrols were sent out & examined hostile wire - but encountered no enemy

Fri, Apr 19, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

LA COULOTTE 19.4.18 Cold with snow & sleet showers in morning clearing towards evening. Our artillery active enemy quiet. Four patrols & two battle patrols were sent out.

Sat, Apr 20, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

LA COULOTTE 20.4.18 Fair. Usual patrolling activity. Situation quiet.

Sun, Apr 21, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

LA COULOTTE 21.4.18 Fair. In the night the Battalion moves out to support. No. 1 & 4 Coy's in LA COULOTTE & vicinity No. 3 in ADEPT Trench No. 2 in RED TRENCH near

LENS ARRAS Road. B.H.Q. in Red trench in former Brigade H.Q. S.5.d.80.50. LIEUT. F.L. APPLETON appointed Temp. Captain (26.11.17). LIEUT. N.D. DOW [411006] struck off strength on being posted to 3 T.M. Battery 2 O.R. killed & 4 wounded during last tour in line

Mon, Apr 22, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

RED TRENCH 22.4.18 Cold & windy rain at night. Situation quiet.

Tue, Apr 23, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

RED TRENCH 23.4.18 Clearing, fine in evening.

Wed, Apr 24, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

RED TRENCH 24.4.18 Thick fog in morning - mist all day. Thunderstorm in late evening. Situation quiet.

Thu, Apr 25, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

RED TRENCH 25.4.18 Milder – mist. Every Company furnished tumping * parties to-day as well as every other day while in support.

** [Note transcriber: tumping – a method of carrying a heavy load more usually referred to as a tumpline method.]*

Fri, Apr 26, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

RED TRENCH 26.4.18 Fog & mist all day. 2 O.R killed 1 wounded.

Sat, Apr 27, 1918 SOUTHWEST OF AVION, FRANCE

RED TRENCH 27.4.18 Fog & mist all day. The Battalion relieves the 49th Battalion in the Front line - same dispositions as on previous tour but B.H.Q. in Piano Dug out. 50 O.R. are sent to C.C.R.C. in exchange for 50 O.R. taken on strength from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

LIEUT. J.H. CARVOSSO M.C. [51116] invalided 14-4-18 (sick)

Sun, Apr 28, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

PIANO DUGOUT 28.4.18 Fog & mist. No. 4 Co'y take a German prisoner, who gave valuable information as to enemy's dispositions. A number of patrols were sent out

Mon, Apr 29, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

PIANO DUGOUT 29.4.18 Dull & mist in morning. Rain in afternoon & all night
Lt. Col. A.A.M. [*Agar*] ADAMSON D.S.O. classified P.B. 27. March 1918 and struck off strength (27.3.18). 1 O.R. wounded 17/4 now died of wounds. 1 O.R. wounded 24/4/18. Many patrols sent out to Enemy's wire and valuable observation made.

Tue, Apr 30, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

PIANO DUGOUT 30.4.18 Heavy rain all morning - cloudy & overcast in evening. Situation quiet. Usual patrolling a penetrating enemy wire to Enemy posts.

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Wed, May 1, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

PIANO DUGOUT 1.5.18 Dull & cloudy. No 4 Co attempts a raid but the rain had made No man's land almost impassable and it was found difficult to approach nearer than 50 yards from enemy wire at which point hostile machine guns (3 in number) opened fire - but 2 out of the 3 were silenced with rifle grenades. Situation quiet.

Thu, May 2, 1918 AVION, FRANCE

PIANO DUGOUT 2.5.18 Warm & fine. The battalion is relieved by 60th Brigade - 2 Cos. of K.R.R.'s & 2 Co's of R.B. and entrain to LENS Jc. There taking lorries to HERMIN arriving at 5 a.m. on 3rd. During the ~~previous~~ tour of trenches just completed - 58 days in all - the Battalion was the only one which did not retire or withdraw from any part of the trench system occupied on going into the line.

Fri, May 3, 1918 HERMIN, FRANCE

HERMIN 3.5.18 Warm & fine. Battalion in rest billets - No. 3 Co'y in HERIPRÉ the remainder in HERMIN.

Sat, May 4, 1918 HERMIN, FRANCE

HERMIN 4.5.18 Cloudy. Company training. Capt. E. McG. MACBRAYNE [[Eion MacGregor MacBrayne](#)] and LIEUT. G.C. PLANT [[E.C. Plant](#)] & 4 O.R. taken on strength & 14 O.R. struck off.

Sun, May 5, 1918 HERMIN, FRANCE

HERMIN 5.5.18 Heavy showers of rain. Church Parade & sports.

Mon, May 6, 1918 HERMIN, FRANCE

HERMIN 6.5.18 Clearing - fine in p.m. Route march & Training. C.S.M. Paterson S. 1615 - to be Acting R.S.M.

Tue, May 7, 1918 HERMIN, FRANCE

HERMIN 7.5.18 Heavy rain in morning. Battalion marches to ST. HILAIRE at 7 a.m. arriving at 3 p.m. to billets in COTTES previously occupied in Nov. 1917. Capt. G.W. LITTLE struck off strength to England as Instructor.

Wed, May 8, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

ST. HILAIRE-COTTES 8.5.18 Fine. In billets at COTTES. Training. Warning order received to be ready to move forward at 4 hours notice. Kit inspection.

Thu, May 9, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

ST. HILAIRE-COTTES 9.5.18 Bright & clear. Training. 2 O.R. taken on strength.

Fri, May 10, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

ST. HILAIRE-COTTES 10.5.18 Cold & overcast. Musketry & training.

Sat, May 11, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

ST. HILAIRE-COTTES 11.5.18 Cold & overcast clearing in p.m. Drill & Musketry at AUCHY-AU-BOIS Range 30 O.R. struck off strength.

Sun, May 12, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

ST. HILAIRE-COTTES 12.5.18 Slight showers in a.m. Clearing in afternoon. Colour parade followed by Church parade.

Mon, May 13, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 13.5.18 Cloudy with heavy rain in evening. The Battalion carries out attack scheme at LINGHEM area. 2 O.R. taken on strength

Tue, May 14, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 14.5.18 Fine. Brigade operations in LOZINGHEM area - carrying out an attack

Wed, May 15, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 15.5.18 Fine & bright. Company training & sports.

Thu, May 16, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 16.5.18 Fine & warm. Company training

Fri, May 17, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 17.5.18 Fine & warm. Musketry & training.

Sat, May 18, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 18.5.18 Fine & warm. Battalion marches to LINGHEM area to ???????? demonstration by 3rd Div. special platoon. Open warfare training.

Sun, May 19, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 19.5.18 Fine & warm. Church parades & Company training.

Mon, May 20, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 20.5.18 Fine & warm. Divisional manoeuvres in LOZINGHEM area the brigade being on this occasion in defence. 3 O.R. off strength.

Tue, May 21, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 21.5.18 Fine. The Battalion training at LINGHEM area. 19 O.R. taken on strength. LIEUT. B. W. FRANKLIN joins from C.C.R.C.

Wed, May 22, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 22.5.18 Fine & warm. Company parades & gas training. LIEUTS. C.F.H. BIDDULPH [487328] & J.L. McKINNON [*I.L. McKinnon*] taken on & LIEUT. G.C. ALDRIDGE [751] struck off strength

Thu, May 23, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 23.5.18 Cloudy & windy. Musketry & baths. 5 O.R. struck off strength (to England) & 45 O.R. to Can. M.G. Reinf. Depot. 2 O.R. died of wounds - previously reported wounded.

Fri, May 24, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 24.5.18 Heavy rain.

Sat, May 25, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 25.5.18 Fine & warm. Company training & sports.

Sun, May 26, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 26.5.18 Fine. Church parades & sports. CAPT. L.V. DRUMMOND-HAY appointed T/MAJOR. (22.5.18). 1 O.R. struck off strength

Mon, May 27, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 27.5.18 Fine. Divisional manoeuvres at BOMY all day.

Tue, May 28, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 28.5.18 Fine. Battalion sports in LINGHEM area. Capt. J. THOMSON taken on strength (17.5.18). & ??????? on command. LIEUT. R.L. DANIEL & 1 O.R. taken on strength - 2 O.R. struck off

Wed, May 29, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 29.5.18 Fine. Company training. LIEUTS. H.E. ROWLAND [[H.E. Rowlands 411120](#) or A11120] & J.E. KEELER join from C.C.R.C.

Thu, May 30, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 30.5.18 Fine. Musketry & training at LINGHEM area.

Fri, May 31, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 31.5.18 Fine & warm. Training at LINGHEM Area & musketry

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Sat, Jun 1, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 1.6.18 Fine & warm. Brigade rifle meet. The Battalion wins Team match (O.R.) & officers match and 2nd in Distance Judging competition as well 3 first places 2 second and one 3rd in the other 4 events - carrying off the greater part of the prizes. Sports with 42nd in afternoon. LIEUT J.W. JEAKINS [*McG 230*] appointed Ass. Adj. and LIEUT A.J. KELLY Scout officer

Sun, Jun 2, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 2.6.18 Fine church parade after which the G.O.C. Division presents the prizes for rifle meet. In the afternoon - sports with R.C.R. 4 O.R. struck off strength

Mon, Jun 3, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 3.6.18 Fine. Divisional manoeuvres in BOMY area.

Tue, Jun 4, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 4.6.18 Fine. Battn Company training

Wed, Jun 5, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 5.6.18 Fine. Musketry LIEUT. G.C. ROBINSON [[C.C. Robinson](#)] appointed Signal Officer.

Thu, Jun 6, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 6.6.18 Fine. Battalion goes to LINGHEM area for training.

Fri, Jun 7, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 7.6.18 Fine – clouding up in afternoon. Battalion training at LINGHEM in morning. In the evening the Battalion carries out night operations. MAJOR L. V. DRUMMOND-HAY awarded The MILITARY Cross. CAPT. L.M. JOHNSTONE (C.A.P.C.) transferred to Battalion as Quartermaster. 3 O.R. struck off. LIEUT. J.T. LOWNSBROUGH M.C. [475924] taken on strength. 3 O.R. struck off strength.

Sat, Jun 8, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 8.6.18 Fine. Company Training. The D.C.M. awarded to A/C.S.M. NOVIS (C) [1684].

Sun, Jun 9, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 9.6.18 Fair with some rain. Sports with 49th. (10/6)

Mon, Jun 10, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 10.6.18 Heavy rain in morning clearing in afternoon. Divisional manoeuvres.

Tue, Jun 11, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 11.6.18 Cloudy in morning - clearing in p.m. Musketry at AUCHY-au-bois & Company training. Brigade elimination games in afternoon
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Wed, Jun 12, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 12.6.18 Fine. Company in tactical schemes. Demonstration of German Light Machine gun. 1 O.R. taken on strength

Thu, Jun 13, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 13.6.18 Fine. Drill & musketry in morning. Attack scheme with tanks in afternoon near ENGUINEGATTE.

Fri, Jun 14, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 14.6.18 Cloudy with strong winds in p.m. Open warfare platoon training - new formation.

Sat, Jun 15, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 15.6.18 Fine with some rain in morning. Brigade Sports on 42 Batt. grounds St HILAIRE.

Sun, Jun 16, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 16.6.18 Some rain in morning turning fine later. Drill & Church parades

Mon, Jun 17, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 17.6.18 Fine. Divisional operations in BOMY area – 7th Brigade attacking.

Tue, Jun 18, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 18.6.18 Cloudy. Battalion night operations

Wed, Jun 19, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 19.6.18 Rain in early morning - fine in afternoon. 9 O.R join. Battalion attends lecture on kite balloons.

Thu, Jun 20, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 20.6.18 Cloudy in morning & rain in afternoon. Company training.

Fri, Jun 21, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 21.6.18 Overcast. Musketry at FERFAY.

Sat, Jun 22, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 22.6.18 Cloudy & windy in morning turning fine in afternoon. The Battalion marches to LINGHEM- practising Company training in attack. A/R.Q.M.S. WHITE E.L. [51493] promoted Warrant Officer (No. 2) and confirmed as R.Q.M.S.

Sun, Jun 23, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 23.6.18 Cold & cloudy – Turning fine. Battalion marches to LINGHEM for Divisional sports. Meritorious Service Medal awarded Sgt. Brice J.A. [445016] Sgt. Wylie W.T. [159671] Pte. Philpott W. [1033246]

Mon, Jun 24, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 24.6.18 Rain. 3 O R. struck off strength

Tue, Jun 25, 1918 COTTES, FRANCE

COTTES 25.6.18 Fine. The Battalion moves by train from AIRE [inserted: 5 p.m.] to AUBIGNY marching to HAUTEVILLE (5.1.c.) area from AUBIGNY & arriving at destination after midnight.

Owing to the number of men suffering from the epidemic of influenza and other conditions this & subsequent move was not very satisfactory.

Wed, Jun 26, 1918 HAUTEVILLE, FRANCE

HAUTEVILLE 26.6.18 Cold & overcast in morning - fine in afternoon. A number of fresh cases of influenza developed - about 100 men being affected. The Transport which proceeded by road via St POL join battalion here at midday.

Thu, Jun 27, 1918 HAUTEVILLE, FRANCE

WAILLY HUTS 27.6.18 Fine – warmer. The Battalion leaves billets 7 a.m. marching to WAILLY WOOD. - Transport to MONCHIET.

Fri, Jun 28, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

TRENCHES 28.6.18 Fine. The Battalion takes over from 28th Battalion in front line - in the night - with R.C.R. on the right - 49th supporting P.P.C.L.I. and 42nd the R.C.R. The Battalion is now attached to 6th Corps - 3rd Army - and is holding the left of the Corps front - 56th Division on left of battalion - which is holding the left subsector in the NEUVILLE VITASSE Section. B.H.Q. near BEAURAINS SWITCH M.16.d.95.58.

Trench strength 659 O.R. & 27 officers 99 sick officers & men having to be left out of the line - and proceeding to BEAUMETZ billets. Two men of No 1 Co'y were killed by Trench mortar during the night of 28th

Sat, Jun 29, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

TRENCHES 29.6.18 Fine. 25 O.R. evacuated to hospital from BEAUMETZ.

Sun, Jun 30, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

TRENCHES 30.6.18 Fine & hot. Situation quiet.

[Note transcriber: During June, 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel C.J.T. Stewart]

Mon, Jul 1, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 1.7.18 Fine - hot. LT. E.W. DUVAL killed in night while on patrol

Tue, Jul 2, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 2.7.18 Fine & hot with strong wind in afternoon. In the night 2/3 No.1 & 3 Co'ys go back to support - being relieved in the line by 2 & 4 Coys.

Wed, Jul 3, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 3.7.18 Cool & cloudy in morning clearing in afternoon. Lt. P 1 O.R. struck off (29.6) Killed in action & 2 O.R. wounded & struck off (29/6) 2 O.R. wounded at duty 29/6 & 1/7 5 O.R. struck off unfit & 1 died

Thu, Jul 4, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 4.7.18 Cloudy in a.m. clearing to fine in afternoon

Fri, Jul 5, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 5.7.18 fine & warm

Sat, Jul 6, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEAURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 6.7.18 Fair & windy -f warm

Sun, Jul 7, 1918 TRENCHES EAST OF BEURAINS, FRANCE

Trenches 7.7.18 fine. The Battalion is relieved on night (7/8) by 116th Battalion moving to WAILLY Wood Camp at 3.30 a.m. 8th (a long relief) going into Divisional reserve

In the tour just ended the Battalion held 1600 yards from TELEGRAPH HILL to the BEURAINS-NEUVILLE VITASSE road inclusive. The LONDON SCOTTISH were holding on left & were relieved by KENSINGTON Regiment. The Companies were disposed in depth – 2 platoons of each front line Company being in line of observation - the other two platoons being in line of resistance along TELEGRAPH HILL SWITCH. 2 Companies were in line of observation and 2 in line of resistance 2 platoons of support Companies being in the intermediate line about 800 yards in front of TELEGRAPH HILL Switch 9 machine guns in observation & 8 in resistance line. Each Co. supplied defensive patrols 1 Off 12 O.R with Lewis Gun every night which patrolled in front of the observation line during the hours of darkness.

On 29/6 a daylight patrol of 2 scouts reconnoitred hostile saps & wire meeting no enemy. On 3/7 4 O.R. in early morning reconnoitred Enemy trench and made a thorough examination of an enemy pill box at TAGESFONTEIN and discovered further on an enemy post at N19a.78.58 occupied by 4 men. Shots were exchanged with no known casualties. On 5th July LT [S] LOPTSON [McG 227] and 3 scouts left our line at 5 p.m. entered Enemy trenches N.19 b 19.71 and proceeded for some distance in 2 directions discovered a bombing post and afterwards a light Machine gun post occupied by 2 men. Both men were jumped by 3 of the party and immediately put up their hands but refused to remain quiet and made so much noise that it was found necessary to shoot them. The noise attracted attention of Enemy in other parts of the trench and rifle fire was opened up. Our party then made their way back ~~ret~~ under fire returning to our line at 7 p.m. without suffering any casualties. Other daylight patrols were sent out during this tour but no incident occurred. The situation during the whole of the time was quiet with the hostile artillery not very active - ours more so. Our F.A. [*Field Artillery*] shrapnelled hedges day & night but the liaison with them was bad - retaliation when asked for being frequently delayed.

No enemy patrols were encountered - but once 2 Bosches came within 200 yards of our line 9 a.m. but left at once. The enemy positions very ill defined and their posts constantly changed their location. At times the enemy trench mortars were active but not much damage done. Our total casualties were 1 Off 2 O.R. killed 6 O.R. wounded (3 at duty)

CAPT. J.R. MACPHERSON D.S.O. [411064] rejoined 2.7.18 Capt. G. [G.] REYNOLDS struck off effective strength to 3 Div Wing CCRC. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] 3 O.R. taken on 3 struck off strength

Mon, Jul 8, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

WAILLY WOOD 8.7.16 Cloudy with a little thunder & rain in evening.

13 O.R. taken on strength. LIEUT. J.M. CHRISTIE M.C. [1576] struck off unfit for service in France.

Tue, Jul 9, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

WAILLY WOOD 9.7.16 Wind & some showers. Specialist training carried out 2 O.R. struck off 1 died in hospital pneumonia & t

Wed, Jul 10, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

WAILLY WOOD 10.7.16 Heavy showers. Specialist training. 10 O.R. struck off & 1 died of wounds.

Thu, Jul 11, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

WAILLY WOOD 11.7.16 Heavy showers. Company training - Officers & N.C.O.'s practice skeleton Assembly [inserted: in battle positions] in case of hostile attack ~~in batt~~ 1 O.R. taken on strength.

Fri, Jul 12, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

WAILLY WOOD 12.7.16 Rain. Company training. MAJOR C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. rejoins [inserted: from leave] & assumes command.

Sat, Jul 13, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

WAILLY WOOD 13.7.16 Cloudy with slight showers. Company training & route march

Sun, Jul 14, 1918 WAILLY, FRANCE

Wailly Wood 14.7.18 Cloudy & windy in a.m. rain in p.m. In the night the Battalion relieves the 2nd C.M.R. in MERCATEL Sector left ~~support~~ subsector right section - in support

Mon, Jul 15 to Thu, Jul 25, 1918 MERCATEL, FRANCE

Support Trench 15/7/18 to 25/7/18 During this period there was no incident of any importance. The weather nearly every day was cloudy with frequent thunder storms & rain showers. There was little activity on either side although our artillery was much more in evidence than that of the enemy. The Battalion was engaged in working parties constantly. On 20/7 LIEUT PLANT & 1 O.R. were wounded. & on 19/7 2 O.R. were wounded (at duty)

The Battalion was relieved in the night of 25/26 by 2/6 Durham Light Infantry - a bad relief - and inexperienced troops. The Battalion entrained at BLAIREVILLE Siding R.34.d.05.20 for DAINVILLE billets arriving there at 4.30 a.m.

Fri, Jul 26, 1918 DAINVILLE, FRANCE

DAILVILLE [*DAINVILLE*] 26.7.18 Cold & overcast - ~~fine in p.m.~~ Heavy showers. The following Officers mentioned in C. in C. despatches LIEUT-Col. A.H. GAULT D.S.O. (.Seconded) Capt. G.G. REYNOLDS (7-4-18)

CAPT. W.D. CRUIKSHANK attached as Medical Officer 18-7-18 CAPT. J. THOMPSON [*Thomson*] struck off strength on reporting to Adj. GEN. D.M.F.C. LIEUT. W.G.

JOHNSTON [552] struck off strength to E.O.R.D. [*Eastern Ontario Regiment Depot*] Seaford as B 2 . CAPT. A.G. THOMPSON (C.A.M.C. [*Canadian Army Medical Corps*]) ~~str~~ ceases to be attached. 3 O.R. rejoin.

Sat, Jul 27, 1918 DAINVILLE, FRANCE

DAILVILLE [*DAINVILLE*] 27.7.18 Heavy showers. Clothing & pay parades. LIEUT. H.B.J. OGILVIE [475977] reported for duty from 24 Batt. Royal Fusiliers. 21 O.R. join from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Sun, Jul 28, 1918 DAINVILLE, FRANCE

DAILVILLE [*DAINVILLE*] 28.7.18 Cloudy. Battalion furnishes a working party of 550 O.R. Warning order received to move on 29.7.18 or 30.7.18. LIEUT T.S. HEASLIP joins from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] & 2 O.R.

Mon, Jul 29, 1918 DAINVILLE, FRANCE

DAINVILLE 29.7.18 Fine. Company training

Tue, Jul 30, 1918 DAINVILLE, FRANCE

DAINVILLE 30.7.18 Warm & Fine. The battalion moves by road from DAINVILLE to IVERGNY about 30 kilometres via WARLUS GOUY En ARTOIS & SAULTY arriving in evening. Billets.

Wed, Jul 31, 1918 IVERGNY, FRANCE

IVERGNY 31.7.18 Fine & warm. Orders received at 1 a.m. for move. Battalion marches to BOQUEMAISON entraining there to SALEUX (9.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. thence to DOURY [*DURY*] by road arriving at latter place in late afternoon. Most of the Battalion were forced to camp in open field ????? owing to the scarcity of billets. The transport remained in IVERGNY (except cooks & L.G. limbers) to proceed by road under Brigade T.O. The cooks & L.G. limbers entrained at DOULLENS in early morning meeting the Battalion in SALEUX

[Note transcriber: During July, 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant-Colonel C.J.T. Stewart]

Thu, Aug 1, 1918 DURY [SOUTH OF AMIENS], FRANCE

DURY 1.8.18 Fine. Battalion billeted in DURY for the most part in open fields after entraining at BOQUE MAISON at 9.30 a.m. arriving at SALEUX at 1.15 & marching to DURY

Fri, Aug 2, 1918 DURY [SOUTH OF AMIENS], FRANCE

DURY 2.8.18 Heavy rain starting 6 a.m. continuing most of day. ~~Bn.~~ moves at 6 p.m. to very dirty billets at ST FUSCIEN ~~Bn Transport and ?? having marched by road~~

Sat, Aug 3, 1918 ST FUSCIEN, FRANCE

ST FUSCIEN 3.8.18 Fine. Bn. moves at 9 p.m. back to HÉBECOURT billets being relieved by 52nd Battn. C.O. goes up to reconnoître line preparatory to attack.

Sun, Aug 4, 1918 HÉBECOURT, FRANCE

HÉBECOURT 4.8.18 Fair.

Mon, Aug 5, 1918 HÉBECOURT, FRANCE

HÉBECOURT 5.8.18 Rain in Morning - heavy in Evening. Battn. moves at 9 p.m. back to billets in ST FUSCIEN

Tue, Aug 6, 1918 ST FUSCIEN, FRANCE

ST FUSCIEN 6.8.18 Rain throughout the day. Instructions for the attack received. The Battn. moves 9 p.m. to GENTELLES Wood bivouacking in open. Transport moves to BOIS de BOVES

Roads blocked with Tanks - infantry - artillery & transport &c - moving up

Wed, Aug 7, 1918 WEST OF GENTELLES, FRANCE

GENTELLES Wood 7.8.18 Fine. Bn. moves at 10 p.m. to MEKNES ALLEY in readiness to jump off on 8th the day fixed for surprise attack by Canadians - in conjunction with Australians on left & French on right to clear AMIENS PARIS railway

Thu, Aug 8, 1918 NORTHWEST OF DOMART, FRANCE

VALLEY Wood 8.8.18 The morning of the attack opened with a dense mist making it impossible to see more than a few yards – clearing later but remaining over cast all day. The offensive opened at 4.20. The 9th Brigade with 2 battalions of the 8th were to jump off and capture the enemy's positions up to the Green line (approx DEMUIN to road near Valley Wood) and the 7th C.I.B. were to pass through the 9th at Zero + 260 min (The operation orders having been changed) and capture the Red line (approximately the line of railway running from CAYEUX EN SANTERRE to AMIENS – ROYE Rd. (DEMUIN MAP - 1/20000 - Ed. 1). 1 ½ Co'ys of Tanks were assigned to operate with the 9th - ½ Coy. with the 8th and 1 Coy. with the 7th Brigades - all available tanks to advance with the latter from the Green line. Supply tanks were also allotted to carry S.A.A., bombs, water, tools, sandbags &c. The disposition of 7th Brigade was - R.C.R. on right - 42nd in centre - 49th on left with P.P.C.L.I. in Support following 800 yards behind the 42nd Battn.

There was no preliminary bombardment, but the action commenced with a short but very heavy barrage and the attacking battalions going over at Zero hour advanced to their objective, apparently taking the enemy completely by surprise. At 4.40 a.m. the Battalion left MEKNES Trench by Companies and ~~and~~ advanced to the Bridge crossing the river LUCE at DOMART at 6.15. Some shelling was experienced at this point. At 6.45 the Battalion assembled in the trench on the river East of road, behind the 42nd (500 yards) and continued to advance without any check - passing along 85 contour and [inserted: 1 & 2 Coys were] over hill 102 by 8.00 a.m. Bad shelling was experienced after passing HORGES but not many casualties. At 7.45 we passed the B.H.Q. of the 52 Battn at C 5 c 6 8 and by 8.15 a.m. had reached & taken up the required position in the valley behind Hill 102 and established B.H.Q. at D.7.b.3.1.

1 German Machine gun and 2 Lewis guns - which were being used by the enemy were captured on the way up - together with a considerable quantity of material & documents. No.

3 Coy captured a German Battalion Commander and his staff & their documents - [inserted: who] together with 120 other prisoners taken by the battalion were passed to report centre. Everything appeared to be going well but the French were temporarily held up at VILLERS AUX ERABLES at 10 a.m. The Battalion bivouacked at Valley Wood for the night. Total casualties for the day being 1 O.R. killed , 4 wounded. Lt. JEAKEINS was wounded, these casualties occurring while passing through the swamp.

Fri, Aug 9, 1918 VALLEY WOOD [WEST OF BEAUCOURT], FRANCE

9.8.18 This and all the following days of the AMIENS battle were fine & hot, with moonlit nights. The Battalion moved from Valley Wood at 11 a.m. to starting point at B.[inserted: or D?]14 d 6 1 and rendezvoused at just outside BEAUCOURT waiting there until the evening at 9 p.m. when they moved E. along the ROYE ROAD to a field at K 16 d near FOLIES the P.P.C.L.I. leading the main body followed by R.C.R. 42nd and 49th in the order named - 4 Coy forming the flank guard.

The 8th Brigade passed thro' the 4th Division to FOLIES while 1st Division were on the left.

Sat, Aug 10, 1918 WEST OF FOLIES, FRANCE

10.8.18 A very hot day. The Battalion remained in bivouac all day & night. The 8th Brigade reported to have taken QUESNOY after hard fighting. The 32nd Imperial Division went through the 8th Brigade to attack PARVILLERR and suffered severe casualties. They were reported not to have advanced. The enemy shelling around FOLIES not very great, but from now on night bombing was abundant around FOLIES and further back owing to the great concentration of troops and bright moonlight.

Sun, Aug 11, 1918 WEST OF FOLIES, FRANCE

FOLIES 11.8.18 The 32nd [inserted: Div.] being still unable to advance the 7th Brigade were ordered up to relieve them, and take over from Royal Scots, Argyll & Sutherland & Lancashire Fusiliers and moved out after dark leaving behind at FOLIE the Transport & rear details.

Mon, Aug 12 to Thu, Aug 15, 1918 PARVILLERS, FRANCE

12/15 Aug The operations 12 – 15th are detailed in the narrative in Appendix 1 & the Battalion moved back to FOLIES on the night of the 15th. The casualties incurred 8 - 15 were

Officers: Major L.V. DRUMMOND-HAY M.C. and LIEUT D.A. WRIGHT - killed & died of wounds respectively.; LIEUTS G. GRANT - C.B. REXFORD [[O.B. REXFORD](#)] – J.

CHRISTIE and M.L. HANCOCK wounded. LIEUT J.W. JEAKEINS wounded at duty

Other Ranks: 23 killed & died of wounds. 113 wounded & 9 missing.

LIEUT D.H. MacCartney joined from C.C.R.C. 29-7-18 acted as Liaison officer with 116th.

2 O.R. struck off 29/7 [18] & 11/7 [18] 4 O.R. struck off 6/7/18

LIEUT C.B. Hick struck off to Can. Mach. Gun Corps 17/7/18

58 O.R. joined 11/8/18

Fri, Aug 16, 1918 FOLIES, FRANCE

VALLEY Wood 16.8.18 Fine & very hot. Battalion marches to Valley Wood - bivouac

Sat, Aug 17, 1918 VALLEY WOOD [WEST OF BEAUCOURT], FRANCE

VALLEY Wood 17.8.18 Cloudy & threatening. Battalion resting

Sun, Aug 18, 1918 VALLEY WOOD [WEST OF BEAUCOURT], FRANCE

VALLEY Wood 18.8.18 Cloudy. The 7th Brigade is inspected at Valley Wood by Premier CLEMENCEAU Field Marshall Sir Douglas HAIG and Sir HENRY RAWLINSON commanding 4th Army.

A message is received from Brig. Gen. DYER Commanding 7th Brigade in appreciation of the "very gallant work" performed in the PARVILLERS battle and from the Commanding Officer of the 42nd Battalion to same effect.

51 O.R. join on 13th & 46 on 17th & 18th.

LIEUTS R. CUMMING & H.G. ROBB [[M.J. Robb](#)] join the 19th & LIEUT H.S.

PARTRIDGE on 11.8.18.

Mon, Aug 19 & Tue, Aug 20, 1918 VALLEY WOOD [WEST OF BEAUCOURT], FRANCE

On the 19th at 8 p.m. the Battalion left Valley Wood & marched via THENNES to BOVES entraining there about 2 a.m. on 20th for BOQUEMAISON arriving there in morning of 20th - Transport proceeding by road via AMIENS. The battalion marched from to IVERGNY billets.

Wed, Aug 21, 1918 IVERGNY, FRANCE

IVERGNY 21.8.18 Fine & hot. Battalion resting

Thu, Aug 22, 1918 IVERGNY, FRANCE

IVERGNY 22.8.18 Clear & hot. Transport rejoins at 2 a.m. At 10 p.m. the Battalion marches to billets in GIVENCHY LE NOBLE. The men very tired.

Fri, Aug 23, 1918 GIVENCHY LE NOBLE, FRANCE

Y CAMP 23.8.18 Cooler. The Battalion marches off at 6.30 p.m. to Y huts on AUBIGNY ARRAS road junction with road from AGNEZ – LE – DUISANS. Some rain

Sat, Aug 24, 1918 WEST OF ETRUN, FRANCE

Y CAMP 25.8.18 Rain in early morning. LIEUT C.F. LALOR taken on strength.

Sun, Aug 25, 1918 WEST OF ETRUN, FRANCE

TRENCHES G 25 25/8/18 Fine morning. Heavy thunderstorms in evening. The Battalion moves in morning through ARRAS to positions on CAMBRAI Road preparatory to attack to be made next morning & occupying old British Front line in G35 (Ref. Maps. 51B 1/40000 & 51C 1/40.000

On the morning of the 26th the Battalion went over. A detailed narrative of the following 4 days operations Aug. 26 to 29 will be found in the attached Appendix numbered 2

Fri, Aug 26 to Wed, Aug 28, 1918 EAST OF MONCHY-LE-PREUX, FRANCE

[*Note transcriber: there are no entries for these dates*]

Thu, Aug 29, 1918 JIGSAW WOOD, EAST OF PELVES, FRANCE

ARRAS 29/8/18 The relief was a very difficult one not being completed till 9 a.m. on the 29th the last Company not reaching ARRAS before till 11 or 12 a.m. Everyone very exhausted.

LIEUTS A.L. DOVE [[A. Le N. Dove](#)] & B.K. SNIDER rejoin Battalion

Fri, Aug 30, 1918 ARRAS, FRANCE

ARRAS 30/8/18 Some rain. Men in cellars, officers billeted in cellars of ruined HOTEL DE VILLE.

ARRAS shelled

Sat, Aug 31, 1918 ARRAS, FRANCE

ARRAS 31/8/18 Rain in early morning - cloudy all day. Men not getting much benefit from the rest owing to the unsanitary billets

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App. 1 [*Operations near Amiens 11-15 August 1918*]

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS – AUGUST 11th/15th 1918.

(Reference Map – France Sheet 66 E.N.E.)

On the evening of August 11th 1918 the Battalion was ordered to move forward to take over front line Trenches occupied by Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Royal Scots of the 32nd Division. The area being the old British Front Line system from approximately L.27.a.70.00 to ROUVROY-PARVILLERS ROAD at L.16.c.95.9 5.

The Relief was extremely difficult on account of the Guides not being familiar with the locality, and it was 6.00 a.m. before all four Companies were in position; with Battalion Headquarters at L.20.d.95.90.

Disposition of the Battalion:- 3 Companies in the front line (No. 2 Coy on the Right, 1 Coy in the Centre and No. 4 Coy on the left) with No. 3 Company in Support in the neighbourhood of Battalion Headquarters.

The 116th Cdn. Battalion on the Right and 42nd Cdn. Battalion on the Left. R.C.R. in Right Brigade Support.

During the night of the 11th/12th and throughout the following day there was a certain amount of German shelling of our trenches. Casualties light.

At Noon on August 12th., an Operation Order was received from the 42nd Battalion concerning an attack which they were going to carry out from FOUQESCOURT [*FOUQUESCOURT*] with the object of driving the Germans out of PARVILLERS. It was decided to attempt an operation from the South, in conjunction with the attack of the 42nd Battalion. Information was received from the Brigade Major that the 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde. held certain Posts South of PARVILLERS (L.28.a.20.55 – L.28.c.80.20 – L.35.a.15.70 – L.34.d.80.85)) which could be used for Jumping Off purposes. In consultation with the Brigade Major, it was decided to send a Company to make an attack from the first three of these positions and the old German Front Line at L.27.d.50.90.; at the same time asking the 116th Cdn. Battalion to co-operate in protecting our Right Flank. The plan of the Company was, to bomb down trenches of the Old German Front Line system and the trenches leading into PARVILLERS, from L.28.c.80.20. to L.35.a.15.70.

When the Company arrived in their Assembly position in the old German Front Line in the neighbourhood of L.27.d.50.50., it was discovered that the four Posts referred to above, had not been occupied by the 9th Brigade and were still in the hands of the Germans. It was decided however, to proceed with operations, capture these jumping off positions and carry on the attack. The Commanding Officer of the 116th Cdn. Battalion co-operated in every possible way and ordered a Company of his Battalion to move forward and protect the right flank of the attack.

The attack was commenced at 8.00 p.m. and met with heavy resistance from the start, particularly on the left flank, where only small progress was made. On the right flank Captain MacBrayne personally led a Bombing Section down the Trench south and east of MIDDLE WOOD and into position L.35.a.15.70. and from there made good the trench westwards towards L.28.c.80.20. During these operations the Company inflicted very heavy casualties on the Germans; at

least thirty dead were counted in the trenches as a result of the bombing attacks. Twenty six German machine Guns were captured and dismantled. Had it not been for a shortage in the supply of bombs, Captain MacBrayne's party would undoubtedly have made a further advance, but they had exhausted all their supply of bombs, including a number that they had borrowed from other Companies before the attack. They used in addition a considerable number of enemy Stick Bombs, which they gathered from his trenches, until these also were exhausted.

At 6.00 a.m. on the following morning, before the Company from the 116th Battalion had come into position on our right flank, the Germans counter-attacked heavily from PARVILLERS and DAMEROY [*DAMERY*] coming out of the Woods in close formation (having been observed marching towards PARVILLERS on the Road through ~~L.a and e.~~, [inserted:L.35.b & d] in column of route with a strength of approximately a Battalion) and attacked across the open. This attack forced the Company to retire to the trenches in the old German Front Line system, which they continued to hold in L.27.d. and L.28.c. Two platoons were cut off in the trench east and North of MIDDLE WOOD, but succeeded, after very heavy fighting, in getting back. During this counter-attack, the Company inflicted extremely heavy casualties on the Germans, as they advanced across the open. All the Company's Lewis Guns were firing point blank at the Germans in column of route, and their casualties could not have been less than 100. One German Officer and 14 other ranks were taken prisoner in the Bombing attack, and turned over to the 116th Cdn. Battalion.

Our casualties during the whole operation; one Officer (Lieut. D.A. Wright) killed, three other ranks killed and twenty one other ranks wounded.

During the 13th instant, it was decided to send No. 1 Company over to reinforce No. 3 Company, for the purpose of continuing the operation. In the evening the Battalion received orders from Brigade to make a joint attack with the 49th Cdn. Battalion, with the purpose of capturing PARVILLERS. The necessary arrangements were made and the Battalion, standing to, awaited instructions from Brigade, which arrived at 12.35 a.m. 14th A limited objective of the old German Front Line system west west of PARVILLERS was given to Battalions.

The Battalion moved across into Assembly Position in trenches in L.27.d. – establishing Battalion Headquarters at L.27.d.40.70. – All in position by 3.00 a.m. - Artillery barrage on objective from 6.15 to 6.30 a.m. – The Battalion jumped off at 6.30 and had gained all objectives by 6.50, joining up with the 49th Battalion.

Company Commanders immediately sent out Patrols into PARVILLERS and proceeded to follow up the success, and received orders from the C.O. to push forward. They succeeded in getting

right through the Village of PARVILLERS, to the orchard in L.29.a. with very few casualties. It was then reported that the Battalion co-operating on the left, which had advanced with us had received orders to retire to their first objective. The Germans, seeing this retirement, immediately took advantage of it and came into PARVILLERS in considerable force on the left, behind our left advanced Company. As this left both flanks in the air, it compelled a retirement which was carried out successfully, but regret to say with considerable casualties, including Major Drummond-Hay, killed, and three Officers wounded. [inserted: and 35 O.R. casualties.] The Battalion then took up position in its first objective. During this operation we took eight unwounded and one wounded prisoner.

During the afternoon the Germans showed considerable force in the Village of PARVILLERS and at one time it looked as if they were preparing to counter-attack; but a very well directed Artillery shoot was placed on PARVILLERS and in front of trenches on the left, which must have inflicted very heavy casualties. On account of the extreme heat of the day and the length of the engagement, we were extremely fatigued and although quite capable of a defensive action, an offensive action was out of the question, for the time being.

at 11.00 p.m. the Royal Canadian Regiment on their most successful operation, passed through the Battalion, which stood to in support during the night, until report was received that the operation had been successful and the line in front of PARVILLERS consolidated.

On the next day, the 15th., enemy shelling became rather heavy in the afternoon and some few casualties were caused. The Battalion had a most successful relief by the 15th Canadian Battalion and moved to the neighbourhood of FOLIES WOOD.

(Signed) G. C. McDonald
Major
for
Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding, P.P.C.L.I.

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Copy No...10....PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY SECRET
Ref. Map:-
DEMUIN TRENCH MAP

1. (a) The Canadian Corps is taking part in an Operation with the object of driving back and defeating the enemy, and so freeing the Main Line of Railway between AMIENS and PARIS.
- (b) The 3rd Canadian Division is taking part in this Operation, with the French on the right and the 1st Canadian Division on the left.
- (c) The objective of the 7th C.I.B. is as shown on the attached Map.
- (d) The 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade, with two Battalions of the 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade, will capture the enemy's positions up to, and including, the GREEN LINE.
The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will pass through the GREEN LINE at Zero plus 4 hours, and capture the enemy's position up to, and including, the RED LINE. (Approximately the line of the Tramway).
- (e) Disposition of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade:-

R.C.R. - RIGHT
42nd Bn - CENTRE
49th Bn - LEFT
P.P.C.L.I. RESERVE.
P.P.C.L.I. follow 800 yards behind 42nd Battalion.
- (f) Artillery, Tanks, Machine Guns and Cavalry are co-operating, together with the other branches of the Service.
2. On the night of the 6th/7th August 1918 the Battalion will move from ST.FUSCIEN to GENTILLES [*GENTELLES*] WOOD.
3. On Y/Z night the Battalion will move from GENTILLES [*GENTELLES*] WOOD to MINERS ALLEY. (U.19 a & b.)
4. At Zero plus 150 minutes the Battalion will commence to cross the LUCE RIVER by the Bridges, south of the ROYE-AMIENS ROAD, No. 49, 50, 52, 53 and 54 respectively; and will move into position in Trenches astride the ROYE-AMIENS ROAD in front of KOURGAS.
5. The Battalion will follow 800 yards in rear of the 42nd Battalion, which crosses the GREEN LINE at Zero plus 4 hours

6. The Battalion will take up position in D.7.b.?d.
7. When the RED LINE has been captured, Battalions will consolidate their positions, and organize their defences in depth.
Defences are to be sited so as to ensure the holding of HILL 102, which is the main tactical feature on the Brigade front. Detailed instructions re consolidation will be issued later.
8. ARTILLERY-
There will be no preliminary bombardment.
The advance of the GREEN LINE will have been covered by a shrapnel barrage, and this barrage will lift from in front of the GREEN LINE, at Zero plus 4 hours.
There will be no barrage forward of the GREEN LINE
The advance of the Brigade will be covered by Heavy Artillery firing on selected points, and by long range field guns firing H.E.
Forward Sections of Field Artillery are being detailed to co-operate with the Infantry.
Further instructions re Artillery will be issued later.
9. TANKS & MACHINE GUNS – Instructions will be issued later.
10. TRENCH MORTARS – Two Stokes Guns from the 7th T.M. Battery will be attached to B.H.Q.
11. COMMUNICATION – Instructions to be issued later.
12. Officers and Other Ranks left out of the Line will remain at SAINS –EN-AMIENOIS.
13. ANTI-AIRCRAFT PROTECTION –
Every effort must be made to deal with low flying D.A.
A.A. Lewis Guns must be mounted at every stage of the Advance.
Special attention should be paid to A-A protection of Transport, both halted and on the move.
14. LIGHT SIGNALS
The following Light Signals will be employed by:-

	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
(1) Cavalry	White Star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1 and a half inch Very Pistol	Advanced Troops of Cavalry are here.

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| (ii) Australian Corps | (1) No. 32 Grenade
GREEN over GREEN
over GREEN | S.O.S. |
| | (2) No. 32 Grenade
WHITE over WHITE
over WHITE | Success Signal; i.e.,
We have reached
objective |
| (iii) Canadian Corps | (1) No. 32 Grenade
RED over RED over
RED | (a) S.O.S.
(b) We are held up and
cannot advance without
help.
(c) Enemy is counter-
attacking |
| | (2) No. 32 Grenade
GREEN over GREEN over
GREEN | (a) Lift your fire, we
are going to advance.
(b) Stop firing |
| | (3) Three WHITE
Very lights in
quick succession | We are here |
| (iv) XXXL French Corps | To be notified later. | |

15. R. A. F.

(c) Contact Patrols

- (i) No. 5 Squadron will work with the Canadian Corps
- (ii) No. 8 Squadron will work with Tanks
- (iii) No. 6 Squadron will work with Cavalry
- (iv) Those Machines will carry special markings as follows:-
 - (1) Machine working with Tanks – Black Band on middle of right side of tail.
 - (2) Machine working with Cavalry – Two streamers on both inside struts.
 - (3) All contact patrol machines – Rectangular panels 2' x 1' on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.

(b) Red ground flares will be used.

(c) Bombing and Machine Gun work

- (i) Approximately 5 day bombing Squadrons and 4 night bombing squadrons will be working on the Army front.
- (ii) 22nd Wing, 8 Squadrons of scouts, will be evenly distributed over the Army Front and employed in

engaging ground targets by bombing and machine gunning

These Scouts will operate in two phases – from Z to X plus 4 hours – eastwards of the GREEN LINE and from Z plus 4 hours onwards eastward from the RED LINE

- (iii) In addition, Scout Squadrons of the 9th Brigade will provide high patrols.

SUPPLY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. BRIGADE RESERVE

Brigade Reserve of S.A.A. will be formed by one S.A.A. Limber from each Battalion reporting to Captain Nicholls Brigade Transport Officer, at T.11.c.9.9. (62 D) – Northern edge of BOIS DE GENTILLES [*GENTELLES*] at 7.00 p.m. 7th instant. 48 hours' rations and forage will be carried.

2. S.A.A. SUPPLY – Requirements will be notified to Battalion Hqrs., stating quantity required in rounds.

3. RATIONS –

- (a) Rations up to the evening of the 7th instant will be carried on the men and Cookers.
(b) 800 Iron Rations will be delivered by Transport at BOIS DE GENTILLES. [*GENTELLES*]
(c) Cookers, Machine Gun Limbers and two Water Carts will accompany the Battalion to the BOIS DE GENTILLES. [*GENTELLES*]

DRESS –

- (a) Battle Order with Greatcoats. Greatcoats will be left at BOIS DE GENTILES [*GENTELLES*] with a Guard of one man from each Company.
(b) Each man will carry two full Water bottles.
(c) Each man will carry 170 rounds of S.A.A., with the exception of 1s and 2s of Lewis Guns and two Rifle Grenadiers per platoon, who will carry fifty rounds each.

4. BOMBS, VERY LIGHTS, ROCKETS, ETC. Instructions to be issued later.

5. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS- Regimental Aid posts will be situated at:-

U.27.c.1.5.)
U.26.d.1.2) Sheet 62 D
U.23 central)

6. TRANSPORT LINES – at BOIS DE BOYES.

7. LOCATION OF B.H.Q. night of 6th/7th August – BOIS DE GENTILLES. [*GENTELLES*]

8. Officers Trench Kits will be ready outside Company Headquarters at 7.00 p.m. Mess Stores at 8.00 p.m.

Issued at 6.30 p.m.
6th August 1918.

(Sgd.) J. W. Jeakins
Lieut. & Asst. Adjutant
P.P.C.L.I.

Copy No. 1 – C.O.
2 – 2nd i/c
3 – Adjutant
4 – O.C., 1 Coy.
5 – O.C., 2 Coy.
6 – O.C., 3 Coy.
7 – O.C. 4 Coy.
8 – O.C., B.H.Q.
9 – R.S.M.
10 – Q.M.
11 – T.O.
12 – M.O.
13 – 7th C.I.B.
14 – War Diary
15 – File
16 – R.C.R.
17 – 42nd Battn
18 – 49th Battn

P.P.C.L.I.
6th August 1918.

O.C. 1,2,3,4, & B.H.Q.

1. The Battalion will move to GENTELLE WOOD at ~~9.30~~ 9.00 p.m. tonight.
2. Order of march B.H.Q.-1-4-2-3.
3. 200 yards between companies will be maintained until reaching RIVER AVRE. From this point they will proceed by platoons by most direct overland route to wood.
4. Starting point on ST. FUSCIEN – BOVES ROAD south of N in ST.FUSCIEN. B.H.Q. will pass this point at 9.00 p.m.

5. R.S.M. will report to "A" Mess for the Colours at 8.40 p.m
6. Every precaution must be taken to prevent movement of troops outside wood by daylight. There must be no smoke by day, or fires of lights by night. Companies will detail special police to see the above is strictly adhered to.

(Sgd.) A. R. Chipman Lieut. & Adj.

<u>Trench</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>25.</u>
		<u>8.</u>
		18.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R's</u>
No 1. Coy.	4	131
2.	4	127
3.	4	130
4.	4	129
B.H.Q.	7	65
	<u>23</u>	<u>582</u>

Includes M.O. & Padre.

582
23
605

(1) Relief complete 5.15 p.m.- Delay due to fact that guide had not the remotest idea of route and got me hopelessly lost which meant I had to wait till day began to break to find my own way in –

(2) Am not sending any reports until called for –

- (3) If we are to be here two or three days I would like trench kits and Officers ????? to come up – also great coats if possible –
(4) Where will ration dumps be –

12-8-17

[Sgd] L.V. Drummond-Hay
Major O.C. 4 Coy

[Note transcriber: obviously Major Drummond-Hay was slightly wrong about the date...]

To Adj.

P.P.C.L.I.
From:- Lieut. D.H. Macartney.

Have arrived at 116th. Bn. Hq. (about 300 x due East of LE QUESNOY).
No operations under way. Relief made too late. C.O. & party are presently in front line discovering its location which seems vague – they believe their left post lies in front of Parvillers but are not certain – they, therefore cannot be in touch with our left.
Will report as soon as possible on return of party.

[Sgd] D.H. Macartney
Lieut.
P.P.C.L.I.

See [Grid Map](#).

To:- Adj.

P.P.C.L.I.
From:- Lieut. D.H. Macartney.
P.P.C.L.I.

(Map. Ref. 66 D E.N.E.)

116th. B.Hq. L 33 a 1. 2.
Front line left post at L 27 D 5. 8.
116th. presently pushing out posts
as shown in Map section (A) –
object being to strengthen same
- to push further & even finally
outflank Demery. [Damery]
Am proceeding to front line
to try & establish communication
between our right & 116th left

posts.

(Sgd.) D.H. Macartney
9.15 a.m. Lieut
12.8.18. P.P.C.L.I.
By runner.

Wire Report 12.8-18.

1 N.C.O. & 2 men left our line at L.27.a.30.20 and proceeded through sap L.27.a.70.28 where we found trench in good condition unoccupied and on through sap L.27 a 80.20 which was blocked with wire. The main German line of wire 10 yds in front of above position was from 8 to 10 yds wide 3 ft high and fairly thick supported by knife rest and steel stays. German Red Cross men were heard talking close to this position. Patrol returned through sap L.21.d.10.30.

(Sgd.) Corpl. M Wernick
Pte R. Teevan Pte. [A. Teevan]
Pte H.B. Essery.

Wire Report 12-8-18.

3 O.R's left our line at F.22.a 30.70 at 4.45 a.m. & proceeded along sap to F. 22.a 40.55 going due east for 200 yds where 2 wounded scottish were picked up by us and brought to our lines. Enemy wire could be seen it was very heavy knife rest and concertina, 1 belt 40 to 50 ft wide 3 ft high. There were apparently no breaks in wire. Capt McPherson advised not going out again as enemy snipers were busy. After each shot we could hear bolt action and presume he was in sap at F.22.a 90.40

(Sgd.) Cpl Woodard F
Pte Russell G
„ Philpott W.

Observation Report – 12-8-18.

Enemy Defences –

Enemy appears to be holding a strong line along old trenches in 27 b and d. SQUARE WOOD is especially strongly held by M.G. as many as 5 distinct posts being observed along edge facing us

No Anti-tank guns or T.Ms [*Trench Mortars*] could be observed.

Wire –

Enemy line seems to be heavily wired, wire being old. Unable to note condition of wire.

Observation – Good

(Sgd.) Pte C.G. Schmitt
,, P. MacFarlane.

Observation Report: 12-8-18.

M.G. Fire - Ours - Limited to firing on aircraft.
Enemy - Occasional bursts from posts in 27 b.

Enemy Movement:-

Isolated – Sentries on post and M.G. posts could almost at all times be seen along edge of SQUARE WOOD in 27 b.

M.G. posts also observed at approximately 27d 55.90. Man using field glasses could occasionally be observed at left edge of SQUARE WOOD.

Enemy Planes:-

Enemy low flying plane attempted to cross our lines but was driven off by M.G. fire.

(Unsigned)

Observation Report 12-8-18

Time 10.00 A.M. – 6.00 P.M.

Map Ref: 66E N.E.

O.P. – 2 Coy. Hdqs.

To T.O.

P.P.C.L.I. –

Attitude of Enemy: Quiet but very watchful and alert

Artillery:

Ours – Quite active all day.

Enemy – Fairly quiet. 1.00 PM – 3.00 P.M. – Enemy

shelling 3 of our damaged Tanks in 27.a
with 4.5's setting 2 on fire.

T.M.'s-Ours - 3.40 P.M. Enemy posts in 27 b fired on by
our T.Ms.

Enemy – nil

No. 5 Date.12/8/18 Time 6.15 Place

To Adj. P.P.C.L.I. Place
Operation I (116th.)

Party of 2 N.C.O's & 12 O.Rs made their way into
Square Wood about 12 noon encountering large body of
Germans. Party destroyed Enemy block but had to withdraw
before superior strength.
6 Germans killed. 116th. party – 1 slightly wounded
Identification 63 collar strap.

From D.H. Macartney
Lieut.
P.P.C.L.I.

No. 6 Date. 12/8/18 Time 6.20 Place

To Adj. P.P.C.L.I. Place

Operation II (116th.)

Patrol of 1 officer & 6 O.Rs investigated sap to Middle
Wood. Block was found about 50x from wood – 3 of enemy
seen & heard digging post on far side of block – block was
forced – party of 20 Germans sighted who put M.G. in action –
M.G. party retired – Patrol returned.

2 Germans killed.

116th. party – no casualties.

(Sgd.) D.H. Macartney
Lieut.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO K

42nd at 5.30 had taken first objective and were pushing south-west towards town aaa

FROM Cagrant 6.30 PM
PLACE & TIME

O.C. P.P.C.L.I.

I am in touch with 42nd Bn – They have advanced along trenches leading S.W. from Fouquescourt and at 5.30 P.M held line of Rouvroy & Parvillers and from L 22 B to L 29 A and are advancing toward town – I am moving two platoons into front line at once but at present can take no further action nor do I think I will be able to from what the 42nd explain they intend to do- Two Coys of 49th are [inserted: expected to] move up on my ~~right~~ left to take over trenches vacated by 42nd Bn-

6.30 p.m. (Sgd.) L.V. Drummond Hay
By Runner Major OC 4 Coy

C.O.

116th Bn.

Do you object to me sending a coy to work up your communication trench in order to bomb into PARVILLERS from the SOUTH. We will try to pass your H.Q. at 3.30 P.M.

report (Sgd.) C.J.T. Stewart
Lt. Col. Commg
P.P.C.L.I.

12/8/18

O.K. Lead on please
(Sgd.) THM
Lieut.

Aug 12/18.

To Col Stewart.

I should be pleased to co-operate with you in the proposed enterprise. I have already sent a platoon up the communication trench to fight and hold every inch of ground they take. I shall be only too pleased to give you any assistance such as guides etc. that I can.

(Sgd.) G.C. Pearkes
Lt Col.
C.O. 116th Cdn Inf Bn.

12/8/18.

To The Adjutant

I have found it impossible to establish a continuous line in forward trench as it is all blocked and the approaches are only open in two places on this Coy front. I have decided to place posts at the heads of C.T's [*Communication Trenches*] that are open through, and also one post on the road [inserted: on right], This in effect provides an observation line forward of present living trench which I now have organized as the battle position. I shall endeavour to have wire obstacles cleared from forward trench but till this is done I shall hold position as herein stated.

I trust this meets with your approval.

Gerald W. Guiou
Lt. O.C. 2 Coy.

9.45 PM. O.K.

OC P.P.C.L.I.

42nd show going well – They have run short of bombs and at request of OC 42nd I am turning over my complete supply to them – Please send me up eight boxes to replace them as soon as possible to include a portion of # 36-

42nd Bn is now all forward in vicinity of Parvillers and I am therefore sending a small carrying party with bombs.

(Sgd.) L.V. Drummond Hay
Major OC 4 Coy
12-8-18
7 P.M.-

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO Adjutant P.P.C.L.I.

42nd having a rather hard time. Have been counter-attacked twice & had quite a few casualties. The 49th are reinforcing with two Companies. The 42nd present line

to east of Rouvigny [*Rouvroy*] – Parvillers road is from L 22 B 6.4. along trench north-easterly to 17 C 5.2 thence S.E. to ~~23~~ a 23 a 8.9 then north-easterly to 17 b 7.6.

From C.A. Grant Lt.
Place
Time 8.15

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix ...S.M.... Code...MRAM Words 52 Received Sent or sent out Office Stamp
From ...CzQ... Bu
ByD??... 13/8/18

Service Instructions

.....C z Q

Received 12.15 AM

TO Go B ?

* Sender's Number Day of Month. In reply to Number AAA
G 43 13

Our left Bn reports our line as follows aaa From L18 a 9.9 along trench through L 18 central L 23 Central to main road at L 23 c 5-2 aaa Situation SE of main road andain VARVILLERS [*PARVILLERS*] is uncertain aaa Fighting continues and is now severe aaa Timed 7.30 Pm

(Sgd.) J.W.D.

FROM 7th Cdn Inf Bde

P.P.C.L.I. Personal.
The Adjutant
P.P.C.L.I.

Will be over as soon as possible to let you know of the scrap what looked like a very successful fight has turned out to be right the other way. ??? Wright was wounded and died we have several NCOs here wounded, & dead.

Fuller & Ogilvie all right Would like an Officer over here to assist for the time being ~~would~~ if possible

Fuller collecting 9 & 11 Platoon now

Have collected all wounded.

(Sgd.) E. MacG. MacBrayne

No. 8.

To. Adj.

From:- Lieut D.H. Macartney.

Re. Capt. McBrain's [MacBrayne] re-inforcement chit – O.C. 116th. has [inserted:
since]
sufficiently reinforced him to hold out against any counter-attack – though not
sufficiently to penetrate village any further.

Sent by runner

13/8/18

(Sgd.) D.M. Macartney

Lieut

2.55 a.m.

P.P.C.L.I.

No 11

To:- Adj.

P.P.C.L.I.

From:- Lieut. D.H. Macartney.

Please furnish another L.O. [*Liaison Officer*] to enable me to go forward & take
Wright's place.

Situation unchanged. (Sgd.) D.H. Macartney

Lieut

13/8/18.

P.P.C.L.I.

9.45 a.m.

Sent by runner.

TO

P.P.C.L.I.

* Sender's Number

Day of Month.

In reply to Number

AAA

?? 10

11

Bm [*BM – Brigade Major*] will meet Bn C.O's and their Adjutants ??? ????? H.Q. at
7.45 p.m. Bn C.O's to
be prepared to go forward with Bm Adjutants to get instructions re moving
Battalions tonight.

From

7th CIB

Abstract from THE CANADIAN GAZETTE pages 511 & 512.

Aug.16.

"The Capture of Parvillers and Damery.

The initial attack on Parvillers was opened at a quarter-past six by a hurricane bombardment by specially concentrated artillery, another wonderful show by our magnificent gunners. Fifteen minutes later the men went over the top and captured the village with only five casualties. One unit with a very distinguished record pushed on straight through the village but found that a large enemy force had worked round to their rear. Nothing daunted, our men faced about and, fighting a rearguard action on its former front, fought its way back and out of a critical situation. Reforming behind a line of enemy trenches, it later, with the aid of other troops took the village by a concentric movement. All enemy counter-attacks failed. He made three distinct assaults, coming on four deep from two different directions, leaving several hundred dead before the village. An officer described that as the hardest infantry fighting since Mouquet Farm."

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[Operations near Arras 25-29 August 1918]

App. 2

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS – AUGUST 25th/29th 1918

(Reference Map:- [CAMBRAI ROAD](#) 2nd Ed)
[inserted: 1/20.000]

On Sunday night, August 25th 1918, the Battalion moved from "Y" Camp to Assembly position in the neighbourhood of BLANGY, to take part in an attack next morning, with the object of clearing ARRAS and the opening up of the ARRAS-ALBERT RAILWAY.

At 3.00 a.m. on the morning of the 26th., the 8th Cdn. Infantry Brigade attacked and advanced through ORANGE HILL to MONCHY.

At 6.45 a.m. the Battalion received orders to attack, and assembled on the Western slope of ORANGE HILL; further orders to

attack were not received until 9.30 a.m. when the Battalion moved forward in the following order:- No. 1 Company on the RIGHT, No. 2 Company on the LEFT, No. 4 Company in SUPPORT and No. 3 Company in RESERVE. The total Trench Strength of the Battalion being, 24 Officers and 582 Other Ranks. On the RIGHT the Royal Canadian Regiment, on the LEFT the 49th Cdn. Battalion, whose Orders were to throw out a protecting screen on our left flank. The 51st Divsn. co-operating on our left to the North of the SCARPE.

The Battalion leap-frogged through the 8th Cdn Inf. Bde. along MILAN TRENCH, and advanced with some opposition and taking a number of prisoners with but slight casualties, as far as FACTION TRENCH, where they were subjected to very heavy Machine Gun fire from the Village of PELVES on the left and in FUEL TRENCH and from Crest of Ridge. The final objective was a line running from JIGSAW WOOD on the North to BOIS DU SART on the South.

Two Tanks were allotted to the Battalion, and when the Advance was held up in FACTION TRENCH, the Tanks were sent forward to overcome the Machine gun posts, but were put out of action on the way up and were of no further assistance; though the crews of the tanks materially assisted by dismantling their tanks and using their machine guns with our men in the trenches. This check occurred at about 12 Noon, and we advanced no further on that day. All through the afternoon, the front line Companies suffered severe casualties from Machine Gun enfilade fire and snipers.

B.H.Q. was established in MUSKET TRENCH (I.31.c.3.8.) which was subjected to heavy shelling during the afternoon with 5.9 and 8"

During the afternoon, the enemy shelled MONCHY and the SUPPORT LINE heavily. Thus SUPPORT Company took up their position in DEVILS TRENCH. As the Front Line Companies had suffered severe casualties, all four Platoons of the Support Company were sent up to reinforce the front line: this was early in the afternoon and as No. 1 Company had lost all of its Officers, Lieut WHITE assumed command of the Right Front Line Company, Captain TENBROCKE [*Tenbroeke*] being still in command of the Left.

At this time, the Right Front Line Company consisted of what was left of No.1 Company and 2 platoons of No. 4 Company.

Later in the afternoon, a platoon of No. 3 Company under Lieut MACKAY was sent up as a further reinforcement to the Right Front Line Company. Up to this time connection had been continuous with the Battalion on the right, but the whole Brigade advance was met with strong opposition and was held up. Our left flank continued in the air during the whole of the day and was subjected to heavy machine gun fire. An interval of 1,000 yards existed between the

left flank and the river, and the enemy held a position to the immediate left and somewhat to the Rear, directing not only machine gun fire, but also artillery fire from (2) 5.9 guns in PELVES. These remained firing until our artillery came up to co-operate and neutralized their fire about 3.00 p.m.

In the course of the opening attack, the 51st Division on their side of the SCARPE made a demonstration with Artillery but did not advance with the 3rd Division. At 7.00 p.m. on that day the 51st Division made an attack and advanced as far as ROEUX.

At 7.00 p.m. the Boche massed Troops in JIGSAW VALLEY for a counter-attack which was broken up by our artillery fire. During the course of the night, the enemy made at least five unsuccessful bombing attacks, in force, on our Left Company, especially along a trench in which a stranded tank served as a good block. These attacks were all successfully repulsed with large casualties to the Boche, at one period only the Tank being between the attacking party and our men, bombs being thrown over the Tank. For a considerable part of the time, the enemy's party occupied a position on the east side of the Tank, while the left Company held their position on the other side. On one occasion a party of enemy were seen three hundred yards in rear, firing on a stretcher party, they were engaged by Lewis Gun fire and retired, leaving one prisoner in our hands.

At the start of the advance it rained heavily: clearing in the afternoon. Aeroplanes assisted materially in the attack in spite of rain and low clouds. No contact work was possible during the morning.

Next day, the 27th., the same condition obtained, machine gun fire being very heavy particularly on our left flank, which was still in the air.

At about 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon the Battalion received orders to Bomb their way to PELVIS [*PELVES*], along FACTION, FRICTION and CARTRIDGE TRENCHES. Two parties of fourteen men each, one under Lieuts. BARCLAY and OGILVIE and one under Lieut ROBB bombed along these Trenches, Lieut ROBB's party succeeded in advancing along the trench for a distance of 900 yards, meeting with considerable opposition for the greater part of the way. As large numbers of the enemy were met with and as the supply of bombs was very short and machine guns from both flanks were firing on his party, Lieut ROBB was forced to withdraw, which he did with very few casualties. In the meantime, the Party bombing along CARTRIDGE TRENCH under Lieuts. BARCLAY and OGILVIE, who did not advance quite so far, withdrew in order to conform with the other party's withdrawal. Snipers were posted to cut off any Germans who might be retreating overland. So many targets presented themselves, that a Lewis Gun garrisoning the Trench was brought up and put into action, and very severe casualties

were inflicted upon the enemy in this way. During the withdrawal one of the Lewis Guns brought out by the bombing party, was employed to cover their withdrawal.

The party had nine casualties. One prisoner was captured, who stated that there was an inter-machine Gun Company relief at the time of the attack. This accounted for the large number of men who were found to occupy the trench. By this time, No.1 Company had all of its Officers killed and a large number of other rank casualties had occurred in both front line Companies. Lieut OGILVIE was slightly wounded during the raid and remained at duty.

When the Parties returned, the Boche followed up and several of our snipers were posted in a position whence they could enfilade the Trench. After inflicting about eight or ten casualties on the enemy, who were undecided whether they should advance further or not, they retreated further back up the trench. The opposition was still strong and this operation had not improved our position. Up to this time the Battalion had captured large numbers of machine guns and over one hundred prisoners from five different Regiments.

Little shelling except in the SUPPORT area. Day; Fine.

During the night the enemy withdrew from PELVES and on the morning of the 28th at 5.00 a.m. the 49th Cdn. Battalion occupied the village.

At 11.00 a.m. the Battalion was ordered to advance and capture JIGSAW WOOD, with the co-operation of the 42nd Battalion on our RIGHT and the 49th Battalion on our LEFT. Two companies of R.C.R. being now in support, the other two companies of the R.C.R. being attached to the 9th Brigade, further on the Right.

Very little opposition was met with and 175 prisoners taken. On the East side of the Wood, ~~about~~ five fences of wire about fifteen feet apart were encountered and our Right Company under Lieut WHITE met with machine gun fire from a gap in this wire. We pushed through this with covering fire from two Lewis Guns and occupied a Pill box capturing a light gun, , which was turned on the enemy. It was found ~~that~~ on advancing through JIGSAW VALLEY that it was very heavily manned with machine guns, but it was impossible to remove these, so they were left there. Four anti-tank guns were also captured in this valley.

~~On the previous two days, large numbers of machine guns and about 100 to 125 prisoners were captured from five different Regiments.~~

A Sniping Patrol under Lieut LOPTSON had been sent out, about 9.30 a.m. consisting of himself, the Scout Sergeant and two O.R's, who advanced into enemy's position along STOKES TRENCH for a distance

of 500 yards, thence overland to a strong point in HAVERSACK LANE situate on the crest of ridge, with a good field of fire. On reaching this position, a party of ten or twelve enemy were observed advancing to occupy the same strong point. These were engaged and dispersed with casualties, the range being only 100 yards. Word was sent to Captain TENBROCKE, who sent up a Lewis Gun Crew with Gun, who occupied this position. The Patrol then proceeded to TUSK TRENCH and along that Trench to edge of Valley from where large numbers of enemy could be seen, who were fired on. The enemy engaged the Party with an anti-tank gun and they withdrew to a strong point. They located large numbers of the enemy in JIGSAW VALLEY, who were apparently massing for a counter-attack against the 49th Battalion. One of the men was sent back to Captain TENBROCKE with this information and a Lewis Gun was brought up, and again large casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. A large number of dead and wounded Germans were observed during the advance through the Valley and Wood.

A Line was established in shell holes on the eastern and northern outskirts of the WOOD, our right Company being about three or four hundred yards in advance and in touch with the 42nd Battalion, our Left Company at the Northern and North eastern outskirts of the WOOD. The LEFT flank was once more in the air and two platoons of the R.C.R. were brought forward to form a defensive flank in JIGSAW VALLEY.

By this time a good deal of German artillery had been brought into play. Jigsaw Wood and Jigsaw Valley being subjected to intense shell fire, both H.E. and gas. The men were thoroughly exhausted after their strenuous three days fighting, when word was received at 7.00 p.m. that a relief was to be expected.

The Battalion had cleared the WOOD by 12.30, the right Company capturing two medium trench mortars en route.

By dark, the shell fire diminished and the night was quiet. Relief was not complete until [inserted: 9 a.m.] the following day, when the Canadian Composite Corps, consisting of Motor Machine Gun Batteries, Cyclists and Trench Mortars took over the line, and the Battalion marched back to Billets in ARRAS.

The Battalion's casualties in the three day's action were:-

Officers	5 Killed
	1 Died of wounds
	8 wounded
	1 wounded at duty.
Other Ranks.	43 killed
	129 wounded
	4 Missing
	6 wounded at duty

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(Signed) CJT Stewart Lt Col
PPCLI

O.C. P.P.C.L.I.

7TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 167

“T” Instructions. No.1

Ref. Map:-

CAMBRAI RD. 1/20,000

1. (a) The 3rd Canadian Division in co-operation with the 2nd Canadian Division on the right and the 51st Highland Division on the left will attack the enemy's positions EAST OF ARRAS on the 26th August at a time to be notified later.

(b) The 51st Highland Division will have no definitive objectives, but will be ready to exploit any success South of the SCARPE by pushing Patrols out along the North Bank with a view to gaining MOUNT PLEASANT.

2. The Right Boundary of the Division will be as follows:-

ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD (inclusive to 3rd Canadian Division) as far as N.3.b.0.4., thence along track, (inclusive to 3rd Canadian Division), to junction with DAGGER TRENCH N.4.a.6.5. – N.5.c.6.7. – N.6.c.8.1. – VINE TRENCH and VINE AVENUE (both inclusive to 3rd Canadian Division), to 0.3.c.0.0 and thence due EAST.

The Left Boundary

The River SCARPE.

3. The 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade will capture the FIRST OBJECTIVE (THE GREEN LINE), and the SECOND OBJECTIVE (RED DOTTED LINE), and will then exploit eastward and capture MONCHY, (Objectives shown on SECRET MAP “A” issued to all concerned.)

4. The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will advance through the 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade and exploit EASTWARDS as far as a line from BOIRY NOTRE DAME, Northwards to River SCARPE, refusing the left bank in so doing.

5. RESERVES:- The 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.

6. DISPOSITION - 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade

The Brigadx will attack on a two Battalion frontage with special force detailed to protect the left flank.

Tasks & Boundaries as follows:-

(a) The R.C.R.

- (I) Will in turn make good –
(a) the Trench system in O.2.
(b) B du SART
(c) BOIRY NOTRE DAME.

(II). Boundaries -

Right – Divisional South Boundary.
Left - Grid Line running east and West between O & I

(B). The P.P.C.L.I.

- (I) Will in turn make good -
(a) the Trench System in I.32.
(b) North side of B. du SART
(c) JIGSAW WOOD.

(II)

- (a) RIGHT Boundary GRID LINE, running EAST-WEST between
(b) LEFT Boundary GRID LINE, running "T" & "O"
EAST-WEST between I.31 & I.25

(C). The 49th Canadian Battalion (E.R.)

Will detail two Companies to act in conjunction with the P.P.C.L.I. and refuse the left flank of the Brigade. The Battalion, less two Companies. will be in Brigade Reserve.

(D). The 42nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (R.H.C.): - Will be in Brigade Reserve.

7. ACTION OF THE 7TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

(A). Night 25th/26th August:-

The Brigade will move from ETRUN – ANZIN SR AUBIN Area, Units marching independently to the Area EAST of ARRAS. Dispositions in this Area in accordance with sketch already forwarded.

Brigade Headquarters will be at CHATHAM CAVE, G.29.a.8.0.

(B). On “Z” date the Brigade will be prepared to move forward after Zero hour to a position of readiness WEST of ORANGE HILL, preparatory to attacking through the 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

8. ACTION OF BRIGADE RESERVES :-

(A). The 42nd Canadian Battalion (R.H.C.) will maintain a distance approximately 800 yards in rear of R.C.R.

(B). The 49th Battalion (E.R.), less two Companies, will move approximately 800 yards in rear of P.P.C.L.I.

9. ARTILLERY.

There will be no barrage to cover the advance of the Brigade. The attack will be supported by Heavy Artillery firing on selected points, and by the 5th Canadian Divsn'l Artillery with directed fire.

The C.R.A, 5th C.D.A., is detailing a forward section to operate with the R.C.R., and one to operate with the P.P.C.L.I.

Liaison Officers will report before Zero hour.

10. MACHINE GUNS

The O.C, No. 2 Company, 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C. will detail:-

1 Battery to come under the orders of the O.C. 49th Canadian Battalion for use with the Special Party of two Companies operating along the left flank of the Brigade.

No. 2 Company, 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C. less one battery will be in Brigade Reserve and will move in the rear of the 42nd Canadian Battalion.

11. STOKES MORTARS

The 7th Canadian T.M. Battery will be in Brigade Reserve and will move under Orders from Brigade H.Q.

12. TANKS .

It is not expected that Tanks will co-operate.

13. LIGHT SIGNALS

HELP WANTED - S.O.S. ---RED over RED over RED.

O.K. ---GREEN over GREEN over GREEN.

WE ARE HERE --- Three WHITE Very Lights.

14. CONTACT PLANES

Contact Planes will call for flares under Orders from Corps Headquarters.

Contact Planes will carry a black rectangular panel on the rear edge of each lower wing, and a black band on the under side of each lower wing.

15. Trench exemptions in accordance with Section XXX - S.S.135.

16. LIAISON

Units will be responsible for maintaining touch with these Units on their flanks.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.G. Styles

Major,

Brigade Major

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

25-8-18

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Issued through Signals at 6.30 p.m.

Issued To:-

1. 3rd Canadian Division "G"
2. G.O.C.
3. Brigade Major
4. Staff Captain "A" and "Q"
- 5½ Staff Captain "I"

6. Bde. Orderly Officer
7. Brigade Signal Officer
8. Brigade Bomb Officer
9. Brigade Transport Officer
10. The R.C.R.
11. P.P.C.L.I.
- 12 42nd Canadian Battalion (R.H.C.)
- 13 49th Canadian Battalion (E.R.)
- 14 7th Cdn. T.M. Battery
- 15 No. 2 Coy., 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C.
- 16 O.C. 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C.
- 17 C.R.A. 3rd Cdn. Divsn'l Artly
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NOTE:-

Reference Above "I" INSTRUCTIONS

Zero hour will be at 4.50 a.m. on August 26th.

(Sgd) A.G. Styles
Major
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7th Cdn Inf. Bde.

P.P.C.L.I.

7th C.I.B.

The battalion reached its assembly position in G.30.b., G 34.b and d.
at 10.00 p.m.

B.H.Q. at approx. G.24.a.9.3.

25-8-18 (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
10.30 p.m. Lt & Adj

No.3
P.P.C.L.I.

7th C.I.B.

The battalion has arrived at ORANGE HILL and is in position.

8.30 a.m. (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
by runner Lt & Adj

P.P.C.L.I. No.4

7th C.I.B.

B.H.Q. is now established on grid line approx H.3.6.B.6.0.
Col. Stewart has gone forward- Maj. McDonald in charge

(Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt & Adj

2 & 4. P.P.C.L.I. No.4
All Coys

B.H.Q. is established in dugout in MUSKAT TRENCH I.31.c.3.8.
Pls send in full reports of your advance and whatever information
you have, casualties ???.
Notify location of Coy HQ as soon as objective is reached.

3 & 4
Notify us of present position, [inserted: and] time.

11.30 a.m. (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
By runner Lt & Adj

Try to get in touch with us by Signal lamp or flag.

No 7

O.C. 2 Coy

26-8-18

Two Coys of 49th are on the way up – also 2 tanks. Artillery will also open up.

(Sgd.) A.R. Chipman

12 noon

Lt. Adjt

The Adj. P.P.C.L.I.

The 3 Tanks are laid out. MG fire is holding us from the ?? of our front. Also anti tank gun shooting from direction of Pleves. [*Pelvas*]

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke

Capt

O.C. 2 Coy.

P.P.C.L.I.

No.9

7th C.I.B.

Observers report big enemy movement to rear from vicinity of Jigsaw Wood I.28.d.0.5.

12.25 p.m.

(Sgd.) A.R. Chipman

Lt. Adjt

P.P.C.L.I.

No.10

7th C.I.B.

Officer casualties – Capt. McPherson killed Lieut. Gammell killed Major McDonald wounded m.g. bullet through knee.

Casualties to other ranks not yet reported –

26-8-18

(Sgd.) A.R. Chipman

Lt. & Adjt

7th C.I.B.
P.P.C.L.I. No.11
26-8-18

Our 2 tanks are knocked out – Left flank held up
by heavy machine gun fire Our left Coy on
80 Contour I.33.a. and b.

1.20 pm (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt

7th C.I.B.
P.P.C.L.I. No.12

Our right Coy at 12.15 pm was on the 85 contour 32 D – Advance
on this flank continuing. Casualties heavy. Strong resistance.
(Sgd.)

1.35 pm

O.C. 2 Coy
P.P.C.L.I. No.12

2 platoons of 4 Coy are on the way up to you, as reinforcements.
Capt. Edgar still has 2 platoons in reserve, for your Coy – Let us
know if you can, how you are getting on. Heavy & field artillery
are now in Jigsaw wood –

26-8-18 (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt.

O.C. 2 Coy
No.13

The C.O is much pleased with the way you are handling a very

difficult situation. Robb & Cummings of 2 Coy are reinforcing you with their platoons. – 49th are working up as far as they can, and we are getting all artillery we can on the Wood – try to get in touch with us by visual and advise us if artillery is alright.

3.10 pm (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman

No14

O.C. 2 Coy.

In case my runners don't get to you with a message, this will advise you that an S.O.S. line has been established 300x in front of the following line:- Cartridge Trench to Fuel – along Fuel to Fraction, thence along Fraction to Grid Line at Cigar Copse - All troops are to be withdrawn to this line at dusk.

Don't quite understand remark about 49th – thought 1 or 2 Coys of the 49th had taken up at positions on your left.

(Sgd.) A.R. Chipman

Hold on tight laddie & don't take any chances.

No.15

O.C. 3 Coy

We have asked Bde to send another Coy to DEVILS TRENCH tonight to reinforce you – Pls be on the lookout for them – Probably will be one from 42nd.

26-8-18 (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt & Adj

No.16

O.C. 2 Coy.

26-8-18

Can you send us a situation report - a report came to us from the 49th that you had flashed an SO.S. to Bde [inserted: Adv.] report centre. Is this so – Am sending you by 49th Carrying party ?? ~~Bombs~~ 112.000 rds S.A.A.-51st Divn attacked on your left at 7.00 pm tonight.

9.15 pm. by runner (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt & Adj

No.17

New white
O.C. 4 Coy

We are sending up to you 10000 rds S.A.A. and some S.O.S. rockets.
by a carrying party from 49th. It will be late in arriving. The 51st Divn
attacked at 7.00 p.m. tonight on left of No.2 Coy & this will relieve
situation somewhat.

26-8-18 (sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt. Adjt

(4th CMR
H.30.d 4.4)
58th O.I.D.8.8

Rations R.C.R. – H.36. central
PPCLI – I.31.c.3.8

~~S.A.A. dump wrong~~

Rations H.36.c.6.3

1-I.32.d.10.35
2- I.32.a.90.30
3-I.32.a.05.15
(no more water)

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Adjt

2 Coy are progressing fairly well on left – and have crossed Sunken Road
are going along low ground by STOKES TRENCH.

1 Coy are meeting opposition from approx B des Auberines in O 2 b but
are making progress – very stiff opposition Several M.G.s.

I have just spoken to two tanks and they are now going forward to deal with
it – Time 11.55.

My platoons are all involved with 1 & 2 Coys and I wont be able to disentangle
them till we reach objective.

Will report again

I am in 132 central approx. Do not know whereabouts 3 Coy Hdqrs

(Sgd.) A.C. White
Lt
O.C. 4 Coy

Time 12-1 pm
By McClarty

O.C. P.P.C.L.I.

My line approximately I.32.b.1.0: 5.7. My right flank seems to be O.K. – the left coming up. Strong machine gun and rifle fire from spur in I.32.d. about FUEL TRENCH. Enemy reinforcing down ~~valley in I.28~~ slope from QUARRY WOOD.

Progress very slow. In my opinion FUEL TRENCH should be attacked from right flank after a barrage is laid on it.

My Support platoon in. Company very scattered so cannot estimate casualties. These are not very heavy I think.

GAMMELL reported killed

11.30 a.m.

26.8.18

By runner

(Sgd.) J.R. MacPherson Capt
O.C. 1 Co.

To Adj.

Casualties Severe. Capt Macpherson & Lt Gammell both killed.

Men about 20 – Position 85. Contour 32. D.

Advance going alright on right We are moving ahead.

12.15 P.M.

(Sgd.) C F H Biddulph
O.C. 1 Coy

26.8.18

The Adj

P.P.C.L.I.

My Coy frontage at present runs approx from R. to L. from T.33.Cent. to the U in TUSK TRENCH & then to I 27 c.00.00.

We are held up by MG fire from the L. also reinforcements have been seen coming up the Jigsaw Valley. My L flank if I continue to advance is right up in the air. Two batteries also firing up the valley from direction of PLEVIS & from Jigsaw Wood.

No signs of 49th Bn & the two tanks. The Coy on my R have been seen as far as ARTILLERY LANE I 34 cL.8.

By Runner (Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
1.45 P.M. O.C. No 2. Coy.

26.8.18.
No 3 Coy.

Adjutant.

Coy dispositions and location are as follows.

No. 9. Platoon from I 32.a 0.6 to L 32.a.1.5.

,, 11 ,, L 32.a.1.5 to L 32.a.2.0.

,, 12 ,, L 32.a.2.0 to L 32.c.2.6.

,, 10 ,, L 32.a.0.8 to L 32.d.15.40.

(Approx)

Company H.Q. L 32.a.05.25.

[Sgd] J N Edgar Capt
O.C. 3 Coy.

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C.O.

Have found remnants of 1-3-4 Coys on right, Very confused.

We hold lightly crest in ~~I.32.d. (Contour 85~~ O.2.b (Contour 90-)

B des Aubepines)- with Lt Partridge & some men of 3 Coy.

Lt McKinnon [inserted: 2 Coy] is here-now having come over to get in touch.

Lt McCartney is the only remaining officer of 1 Coy

Lt Biddulph – killed.

We are getting steady hostile M.G. fire from low ground about CARTRIDGE TRENCH in I.32 b & d.

Apparently 2 Coy have not made the progress which was understood.

It would seem as though we have an opportunity to work to left & flank enemy parties.

R.C.R. are reported in touch by Lt McCartney. I do not know where they are

Have sent Lt McCartney up to top of crest to size up the situation – So far I can only find about 70men – distributed around trenches on W side of crest – There are some more forward but do not know number.

3 Tanks are knocked out. To make any further determined advance – new troops would be necessary. As long as the Bosche holds our left flank we cannot make very by headway.

Will report again as soon as I can get further information.

Our Artillery could keep B du Sart under fire in order to prevent any concentration which might threaten our hold on crest. Lt Barclay is not forward with his platoon.

Time (Sgd.) A.C. White Lt
2.55 p.m. O.C. Right flank party
By runner

No hope of getting objectives Fully expect big casualties
[Unsigned]

26.8.18.

The Adj.
P.P.C.L.I.

Large parties of the enemy are advancing & entering trenches on the left of us. Looks as if they are assembling for a counter attack. I am looking after my flank. Should like 100 Bombs & 10000 Rds S.A.A.

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
O.C. 2. Coy. Capt.

The Adjutant

O.C. 2 Coy

Withdraw your line to N.c.00.45.
[Unsigned]

3.14 pm Aug26/18

C.O.

Lt McCartney has just come back from crest and reports enemy trekking up on our front. – Lt McKinnon is now returning to 2 Coy to take charge as it is reported. – the other officers are casualties. I am forming defensive flank to the N & pushing up any available men to hold crest.

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt

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C.O.

Situation a little clearer now. My former report stating we held crest in

O.2.b is slightly incorrect

As far as I can gather we hold line as follows

Cartridge Trench
Fuel Trench thence along
Faction Trench to right to
Cigar Copse where we are in
touch with R.C.R.

All these trenches are in I 32 b & d.

Have established a post at I 32 d 5065 and also at junction at I 32 d 4070
Since the last report I have seen the Officer i/c party of R.C.R. on our right.

He stated he had his right flank in the air and wanted to know what I intended to do. At that time we had Lt Partridge & about 25 men at KEELING COPSE I told the R.C.R. to hang on as we were doing so. While telling him about this I saw our men coming back who stated that the R.C.R. were falling back I gave instructions to Lt McCartney & Partridge to hang on to the position Viz Saps at I 32 d 5065 – I 32 d 4070 ~~with~~ and to push out patrols to get on crest again.

I came back to junction Faction & Fuel trenches where I told Cpl Weir to hold on to Faction Trench & grab all the RCRs that came back & establish the line of Faction Trench to right.

Lt Barclay then reported that 13 & 14 platoons were in Cartridge Trench touching with 2 Coy on left & almost in touch with my post at I 32 d 4070

Some of our men were coming back too far so sent him to make sure of posts already detailed & link up with 13 & 14 platoons

It will not be possible to carry on the advance – as the casualties have been severe. No 1 Coy seems to be practically nil – I have only found about 25 at the most, No 3 Coy are about 35 – 13 & 14 platoons are fairly well up.

Sgt Fox is killed

There are some men of 1 Coy outside the trench in shell holes which I hope to get in soon. I have not yet found out what is behind us but nothing to my knowledge yet. – except wounded & an odd detail or two. Cannot find any signallers but will do so if possible & get in touch with you

I am under the crest of the ridge and do not see what I can do yet to improve our position.

We need another defense line in rear.

Time 4.22 pm

By runner
Coy Hqrs I 32 d 1040

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt
O.C. Right flank party

26.8.18

The Adj.
P.P.C.L.I.

Am in touch with Coy on my R. We occupy Cartridge & Stokes Trenches and I am being fired on from my left rear. Enemy holds position with a number of MGs in Haverlock Lane, about 250 yds in front of our position. Lt Robb 4 Coy

has supported me with a few men. No signs of Lt. Cummings of 49th Bn on my left
Awaiting orders.

Should like a barrage laid down on Haverlock Lane & continued to the Wood.

Casualties about 50%

Lt Lalor & Benson wounded. Act C.S.M. wounded & three platoon sgts. killed.

By Runner.
5.30 P.M.

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
O.C. 2 Coy Capt.C

C.W. 4
C.O.

Aug 26/18.

Have organized defence on lines as reported in last message.
Enemy reported to be on crest immediately to our front.

It will not be possible to advance patrols at present, so suggest
barrage line be made to cover our front.

Enemy M.G's from Havelock enfilade fire & have caused
casualties. Lt McCartney killed. Lt Partridge wounded. I have only
Lt Barclay with me now.

I am afraid that a counter attack may develop & we have no
reserve of S.A.A.

5.30 p.m.

(Sgd.) A.C. White

P.P.C.L.I.

26-8-18

To O.C.-R.C.R.

1-Our line from latest report is now as follows CARTRIDGE TRENCH
in D.32.b. and d. to FUEL-Thence along FUEL to FRACTION, along
FRACTION to grid line on CIGAR COPSE.

2-We have had an S.O.S. line established, 300 yds in front of the above
and all troops in advance of line in PARA 1, will be withdrawn at dusk.

6.05 p.m.

(Sgd.) A. R. Chipman
Lt & Adjt

C.O
P.P.C.L.I.

Enemy preparing counter-attack – AAA. No S.O.S. signal –
Short of S.A.A.

White

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt

7.35 pm

C.W. 5

Aug 26/18

C.O. P.P.C.L.I.

Your message acknowledged – S.O.S. line as described quite satisfactory. But I have no S.O.S. signal Aft Also if we are attacked we shall be seriously short of SAA & bombs & Lewis Gun magazines. Situation hasn't changed since last report except of our posts have been withdrawn a little. Tenbroeke reports his left in the air & R.C.R. the same on their right. Enemy is concentrating in fields about 300 yds E of PELVES. We have no observation on our front and anticipate his counter move will take place on our front as well.

Did you receive all my messages this afternoon If not copies herewith. Can you arrange S.A.A. supply. Our signallers have been working for an hour or more. We have 1st CMR – an Artillery Group – and the RCR but can get no answer from BHQ.

Can you send those runners of mine back

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt

Time

7.40 pm

O.C. Right flank

By runner

26.6.8.18.

Adjutant

Coy has one platoon located in DEVILS TRENCH at approx. I.32.a and c. Casualties light.

O.C. RIGHT FRONT LINE reports enemy presence on Crest at I 34 Central. Arranged with O.C. LEFT LINE and have already sent him two Support platoons.

Enemy Artillery increasing in violence.

(Sgd.) J.N. Edgar Capt

O.C. Supports.

Coy H.Q. at

I 32. a 05.35

By Runner.

The men & especially N.C.Os are all in – absolutely played out. 26.8.18.
Adjutant P.P.C.L.I.

I have taken over No 1 Coy, Lieut. White being in charge of the right half of the front line which is made up of No 1 Coy & parts of 2,3 & 4 Coys.

I find there are 57 O.Rs left in No 1 Coy which came in with 4 Officers and 124 O.Rs. I am reorganizing the Company into two platoons placing Sergt. Schell in charge of one 7 Sergt Bredin in charge of the other. They & Sergt Green who came in as Coy S.M. are the only sergeants left.

I have a listening post out about 50 yards & also a M.G. post.

Everything is quiet at present. I am trying to get out a list of Casualties but it will take some time.

Time 11.25 p.m. (Sgd.) C.A. Grant Lt.
By Runner O.C. no 1. Coy

26.8.18.

The Adj.
P.P.C.L.I.

Situation quiet except for enemy bombing parties coming up STOKES TRENCH. MG fire active. Only signs of enemy preparing to retreat is that no ammunitions & no dumps have been found in their trenches.

No S.O.S. was sent by me to Bde R.C.

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke Capt
O.C. 2 Coy.

26.8.18.

The Adj.
P.P.C.L.I.

Is there any possible way of sending S.B. up to carry out wounded. Some very serious cases & I have no stretchers with me.

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
Capt
O.C. 2 Coy

Ref Map
CAMBRAI Rd.
Map location of Coy H.Q. Approx I 32 b.2.6.

in Cartridge Trench.

Time 4.45 pm 26-8-18

[5]1st Div on our left have reached I.10.c and still going with light casualties a few Enemy prisoner was taken

?? P.P.C.L.I.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix..SM..... Code...HGPM Words 31... Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.

Received from...F..... By ...Carpenter...

K
26/8/18

Handed in at....CZG.....

Office.....m.

Received ..9.45 p.m.

TO P.P.C.L.I.

* Sender's Number.
G 150

Day of Month
26

In reply to Number. AAA

It being very important to identify fresh enemy forces bns should wire immediately fresh numerals on shoulder straps example 15 men 235 on shoulder strap

FROM RUPO
PLACE & TIME 8.30 P.M.

26.8.18.

Adjutant

Will endeavour to get you the information required by Bgde as to identification. Prisoners passing through here today wore numerals – 50 and 362.

The former being Prussian & the latter Saxon.

(Sgd.) J.N.E.

Sketch of [Coy Hdqrs. I 32 d 3783](#) with message from Lt. A.C. White.

C.W. 6
C.O. P.P.C.L.I.

Aug 26/18

This evening about 8 pm I saw enemy movement on our front.
Also an enemy party came in on our ~~left rear~~ on right rear- on right of RCR. –
Considerable organized movement was observed on left about PELVES.
Not having at the time any S.O.S. I flashed the S.O.S. in the hope that Artillery
might pick it up. I now have 2 RRR – Signals for S.O.S.

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt

Time. 11.45
p.m.

O.C. Right

No 3 Coy
27.8.18

To
C.O.-

The Adjutant having phoned me and wishes me to convey
the following to you Two Companies of the R.C.R. to relieve the 49th are in posit
trench in rear of the 49th but will be unable to take over before dusk.

2 Four Bgde M.G's have reported at B.H.Q. the Adj wishes to know if you
require these on Right or Left flank – or to engage in indirect fire

(Sgd.) J.N. Edgar Capt
O.C. 3 Coy.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...SM...

I am established on line I.34 B 9510 to I. 35. A 2050 aaa
42nd on right in touch aaa 3 Coy now filtering forward to
victoria copse aaa tenbroeke believed on left edge of
jigsaw wood aaa have got 2 platoons rcr up and they are

moving to left to fill up gap to the 49th aaa enemy about 1000
yds away on my left aaa our artillery has been firing short
and I had to withdraw to present line

FROM OC Right WHITE
PLACE & TIME 6.55 P.M.

Batl will be B in Cerrus ?????? will meet Cyl on the A/C Road at about
C.28.d. Central. If men ???

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO KOPU

* Sender's Number Day of Month.
27

Our Southern Boundary at I.32d.16.13 thence North along FACTION to
sunken road at I.32.a.92.40 aaa Bombing posts at I.32.b.02.38 aaa
Two ~~machine~~ Lewis Guns ~~posts~~ covering road at I.32.a.62.12 aaa In
touch with GOFU on our right aaa ~~flank~~

FROM GOBU
PLACE & TIME

(Sgd.) Albert Kelly

27.8.18.

The Adj.

Please have 10000 Rds SAA & 200 Bombs sent to me.
Am very short of both.

10000 rds
100 bombs
go up tonight
and more tomorrow

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
Capt.
O.C. 2 Coy.

No. 18

O.C. 2 Coy.

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- 1 – 11000 rounds S.A.A. ~~and 100 bombs for tomorrow tonight.~~ Will send 200 bombs tomorrow.
- 2 – 'A' Coy R.C.R. is not to go to you. It was a mistake of Col. Stewart notifying O.C. "A" Coy.
- 3 – The 49th have been ordered to take PELVIS [PELVES] tomorrow at dawn, and they will probably operate from your left post. Get in touch with them as soon as you can before and after the attack.

9.30

(Sgd.) A. R. Chipman

C.W. 13 Aug 27/18

C.O.- P.P.C.L.I.

I am re-organizing the line with 1. Coy on right Total 68 O.R. Lt Grant in charge 1½ platoon of 3 Coy in centre – approx 35 men
13 and 14 platoons – 4 Coy – on left – approx. 45 O.R. under Lt Barclay.
We have a fairly good supply of S.A.A. – not many bombs – Have some S.O.S. rockets –

We have 4 Lewis guns in 1 Coy

4 „ „ in 4 „
(approx) 4 „ „ „ 3 „
fair number of magazines

Time 9.15 pm

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt
O.C. Right

27.8.18

Adjt P.P.C.L.I.

More of my men have shown up during the night and I now have 68 O.Rs. I enclose Casualty list showing 4 Officers and 56 O.R's Total 60.

Mr White is reporting on the situation.

(Sgd.) C.A. Grant Lieut.

Time 9.30 A.M.
By Runner.

O.C. No 1 Coy

Aug 27-18

C.O. – P.P.C.L.I.

Runner from 58th Bn "A" Coy reports they have gained their objective and that their "B" & "D" also "C" went through and gained their objective. The explanation given by runner indicates that B du Sart is in our hands.

But in front of Tenbroeke the enemy is very busy with M.G.s and is catching us [inserted: with fire] on the flank – He is inflicting a few casualties.

Lt McKay was hit from this cause.

Time 7.15 a.m. (Sgd.) A.C. White
By runner Lt
O.C. Right

C.O. P.P.C.L.I.

This message was sent by a new man who could not find any one to deliver it to D

9.15 a.m. (Sgd.) A.C.W.

CW 11

Aug 27/18

C.O. P.P.C.L.I.

Situation far from satisfactory. Enemy are still strong in position on left in front of 2 Coy and my left.

58th advanced clear through to SART wood without much trouble but were unaware that their left flank was absolutely open. I have seen their 2 i/c and he has now left to get back to the 58th Hdqrs. He states that after arriving at the objective they were fired at heavily from their left rear and he had to withdraw. They lost quite a lot of men in doing so, but he thinks some of the men are still up there The Coy to the right of his left Coy apparently did not withdraw. The 2 i/c got back here but states their left flank exposed and no flank formed. He is now trying to get some one up to cover this flank.

We are being subjected to sniping & M.G. fire from our left front and from our left in front of 2 Coy – This is preventing any movement in the open and any advance by us would mean heavy casualties.

~~He is~~ Enemy is searching around with 5.9s

R.C.R.s state things more satisfactory on right since 58th advance.

Time 8 50 am

(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt
O.C. Right

Aug 27/18

Chip

We are all blooming tired, so if you don't get very full information tonight it is because ~~it is~~ all the men are getting some sleep.

Do you happen to have a cup of tea to spare? Good stuff, the rations coming.

(Sgd.) AC

Report on Bombing Attack

27.8.18.

Lieut. Robb with party proceeded down trench at 6.00 p.m. No opposition was met for about 200 yds when a few Bosche were encountered. As the attack progressed the opposition was more strenuous especially at I.26.a.60.00 where party was compelled to fall back as enemy was getting into trench from their rear, tho the L. Guns were keeping up a heavy fire
The enemy had all their packs packed and ready in the trench full marching order.
Four of our men are missing two were seen to be wounded and believed killed.

One prisoner was taken and party inflicted heavy casualties on enemy.

Capt. Tenbroeke.
(Signed.) O.C. 2 Coy

Ref. Map
Cambrai Road

OPERATION ORDER.

Reference Map. P.P.C.L.I. 27.8.18
Cambrai Road. No 2. Coy.

(BOMBING ATTACK.)

Information. Enemy occupying FRICTION TRENCH were supposed to be retiring.

Intention. To bomb down FRICTION TRENCH from junction of Faction and FRICTON Trenches, towards PELVES and if successful to occupy FRICTON TRENCH, clear enemy from PELVES, , and establish outpost ????? east of village and southwards towards FACTION TRENCH.

Artillery. To put down 10 minutes intense barrage on FRICTON and GRENADE Trenches and then lift to cover the attack.

Party. Officers 1 Bombers 8
Carriers 10 L. Guns 2 Crews
O.R's :- 2 L.G. Crews and 10
men to garrison in trench and
consolidate
Bombing party from No 4 Coy to work in conjunction with 2 Coy & bomb down
GRENADE TRENCH.

Signed Capt Tenbroeke,

O.C. No 2 Coy.

"OPERATION ORDER"

Reference Map.
Cambrai Road

August 27/18

Right flank P.P.C.L.I.

Information. Enemy parties occupy Cartridge-Grenade Trench – Friction Trench on N.W. side of sunken road to PELVES – We occupy Fraction Trench.

Intention. To proceed along Friction and Cartridge Trenches and mop up and to take PELVES – to establish line between PELVES and Reeling Cops.

Instructions. No 2 Coy are bombing down FRICTION TRENCH to PELVES and exploiting C.T.'s to Cartridge & Grenade.

Lt. OGILVIE with 1 Section from 14 Platoon – 2 Lewis Guns from 3 Coy. and bombers will proceed up FUEL TRENCH and down

CARTRIDGE Trench and connect up with Lieut BARCLAY.

On Lt. Barclay proceeding down Cartridge Trench - Lt. Ogilvie will follow at a distance of about 100 yds and establish block in STOKES Trench. - Lieut C.A.GRANT with 1 Coy will be prepared to establish the lines of CARTRIDGE and GRENADE TRENCH if necessary.

Lt MacPHERSON will act as liaison officer.

Coy. Hdqrs will be at I.32.d.00.50 junction sap and FACTION.

No 2 Coy. will commence operations at 6.00 p.m.

We will co-operate at that time.

(Signed) A.C. White
Lieut. & O.C. Right Flank Coy.

Copy 7th C.I.B.

No. 20

28-8-18

O.C. 2 Coy

The 49th have taken PELVES and are moving forward to establish line in HATCH and KIT trench. Bde have ordered us to conform with them. Keep well in touch with 49th and move forward with them so that line will be continuous.

7.30 am -by runner (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt.- Ad.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...S.M..... Code..LKAn..

Handed in at..K.B...

TO K

* Sender's Number Day of Month.

Have received no instructions re advancing but am pushing up

to TRUNK TRENCH now to conform with 42nd and 49th battns
aaa Will then try JIGSAW WOOD aaa Is this right

FROM Right Flank
PLACE & TIME

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...S.M..... Code..MDPM..

Handed in at..K.B...

TO K

* Sender's Number Day of Month.

Have sent 80 men forward to TRUNK TRENCH under Lts MACPHERSON
and E. DANIELS aaa will await word from them and then advance with
remainder if situation satisfactory

FROM OC RIGHT
PLACE & TIME

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...S.M..... Code..MDPM..

Handed in at..K.B...

TO K

* Sender's Number Day of Month.

My observers report Lt MCPHERSON and party in TRUNK
TRENCH locality aaa

FROM OC RIGHT
PLACE & TIME

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...S.M..... Code.....

Handed in at..K.B...

TO K

~~2 Am at~~

Lt Mcpherson is pushing through JIGSAW WOOD on right and 42nd are on our right aaa Edgar is in valley aaa Grant is coming up

FROM OC Right 1.20 PM
PLACE & TIME

No. 22

Hqtrs 3 Coy

Send over to the B.H.Q. the fatigue party of 12 men left there by Capt. Edgar. They are to come over at once.

by runner (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
12.50 Lt-Adjt

No. 23

O.C. 2 Coy.

1. Congratulations-
2. Have been promised by Bde Major that help will be sent you at once for your left flank.
3. Bombs have gone up to you but no S.A.A. available. Get what you can nearby from the casualties.
4. Battn is being relieved tonight C.O and Kelly have gone up to you.
5. Jug of rum herewith, or what is left of it.
The 42 nd are in touch on our right & are reported to be in I.34.
Best of luck sorry we have no rations, but here's a tin of water which is all we have.

5.00 A.m. (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman
Lt-Adjt

28.8.18.

The Adj.

P.P.C.L.I.

I have got thro Jigsaw wood except one little copse 50 yds in front of me. No opposition. I have got a L.G. with 3 men & 2 other men only. My left is absolutely in the air as 49th did not come up I am on the extreme L. of wood. watching the flank. Went thro the wood and got in touch with McPherson & 42 Bn. Don't know what strength they are. Mac is rounding up all men in wood & we intend going just thro E end of wood & consolidating only 1 M.G. firing at us from the front, & a two from the L. Must have some men on my left. No opposition would go on if we had the men & felt fit. Enemy just started shelling wood. ~~The Enemy~~ Coy are all mixed up but I guess we can hold out. S.A.A. is very short also. Loptson & CSM Novice have just located me with a few men. But do something about the L flank. Casualties few considering. Map location of my position I29C 00.70 Let me know by return who are coming up on L. & what the situation is on their left. Also any information about the R flank.

2.30 P.M. By Runner.

Ref Map 51b N.W.

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
Capt

1/20000

O.C. 2 Coy.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO K

* Sender's Number Day of Month.

My party at JIGSAW WOOD with right flank at I.34.a.95.20 aaa
We are pushing through wood to EAST side aaa Three Coy on
our left 42 on our right aaa Do not know whereabouts 2 Coy.
aaa Enemy holding Trench approx I 34 b 80.80
FROM Casualties very light.
PLACE & TIME White O.C. Right.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...S.M..... Code..DPM..

Handed in at..K.B...

TO

* Sender's Number Day of Month.

We are through Jigsaw Wood on right aaa 42nd are in I 34 D and
are going forward aaa Enemy do not seem to be holding trench on
my front and I am going to push forward to it aaa Grant wounded aaa
3 Coy on left not clear of wood but are not meeting any opposition
from their front aaa Enemy still holding on extreme left

FROM OC RIGHT
PLACE & TIME

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix...S.M..... Code..SPM..

Handed in at..K.B...

TO K

* Sender's Number Day of Month.

Men very exhausted aaa can we expect relief

FROM OC Right
PLACE & TIME 6.15 P.M.

26.8.18.

The Adj.

O.C. A Coy. R C R has just reported to me at saps Col Stewart
ordered him to ~~report~~ form a defensive flank on my left.

A. Coy. R C R is at present on the R. of Bn in long Trench. I have two
Coys RCR in my rear in Angle trench and am connecting up with them.
Has A. Coy to report tome also.

"A" Coy does
not report

(Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke
O.C. 2 Coy. Capt.

Aug 28/18

K

I am in Trench E of Wood & working to left - AAA. Enemy retiring –
AAA Can 49th come up on left as we a the enemy is not strong.

5-40 pm (Sgd.) WHITE
O.C. Right

K.

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We are through JIGSAW WOOD on right AAA. 42nd are
in trench at in I 34 d and are going forward. AAA Enemy do not
seem to be holding trench on my front. and I am going to push forward
to it. AAA. Grant wounded. AAA. 3 Coy on left not clear of wood
but are not meeting any opposition from the front – AAA. Enemy still
holdi[ng] on extreme left.

(Sgd.) White
O.C. Right

Aug 28/18

K.

I am established on line I 34 b 9510 to I 35 a 2050 AAA
42nd on right in touch AAA. 3 Coy now filtering forward to Victoria
Copse AAA. Tenbroeke believed on left edge of Jigsaw Wood. AAA.
Have got 2 platoons R.C.R. up and they are moving to left to fill up gap
to the 49th AAA. Enemy about 1000 yds away on my left - AAA
Our artillery has been firing short & I had to withdraw to present line.

6.55 p.m. (Sgd.) WHITE
O.C. Right

28/Aug/18

K.

12.45 pm O.C. Right
(Sgd.) A.C. White Lt

Sent at 11.05 PM

Aug 28/18

K

I am at
LT MacPHERSON is pushing through JIGSAW WOOD 49th Right and 42nd are
on our right. AAA J EDGAR is in valley. AAA
GRANT is coming up
(Sgd.) O.C. Right.

1.20 pm

Statement of Prisoners & M guns from Coy

2 last night
1 this morning
(about 50prisoners)

Capt. MacBrayne!

Let me have total estimated casualties for Bde. They want it
urgently Give me an approx idea, Off. & O.Rs.

29-8-18 J.W.D.
Lt & adj

O.P. Coys O 116
P P 19
135

Let me have above at once.

	Off. K.	Off. W.	O.R.K.	O.R.W.
1 Coy	1	1	4 ?	20 ?
2 „	1	1	2	32
3 „	1	-	10	25
4 „	(?)	2	3	39
H.Q. „	2			

This is exclusive of 17 missing from No. 3 Coy

(Sgd.) E.M. MacBrayne
Capt

Capt. Mac Brayne

To O C.

List being prepared and will be sent as soon as completed.

(Sgd) H.T.I. Lee
Lieut
Act O.C. 3 Coy

K
C.O.

Aug 28/18

Have sent [inserted 80 men] forward to TRUNK TRENCH under LTS MacPHERSON and DANIELS – ~~REMA~~ AAA Will await word from them and then advance if with remainder if situation satisfactory

(Sgd.) A.C. White
O.C. Right
12.20 pm sent 12.30 P.M.

No. 19

Lieut. White

Col. Stewart has just advised me that the 42nd relieve the 58th tonight, so keep in touch after the relief. The 49th are (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman taking PELVES in the morning , so maintain Lt - Adj touch on both your flanks – would like narrative of your operation tonight

No. 21

Lieut White

28-8-18

The 7th Bde have to take JIGSAW WOOD today. The 49th goal is from the left the 42nd on the right and ourselves in the centre.-Edgar has gone to see you to give you details. Keep in touch with the 42nd and advance with them.

After the ???? is breached push out patrols and advance in conformity with Tenbroeke on your left & 42nd on your right – If possible show this to Tenbroeke.

11.45 a.m. (Sgd.) A.R. Chipman

Warning Order No. 23

To 1 & 2 Coys 28-8-18

- 1 – The battalion will be relieved tonight by Motor Mach. Gun Bde.
- 2 – Lewis guns will be carried out to ration dump, approx H.36.c.6.3.
Guides from B.H.Q. will lead the Coys to ration dump from B.H.Q. –
All Coys will come out by way of B.H.Q. to get their guides
- 3 – Coy Commanders horses will be at ration dump.
- 4 – Battn will billet at or near ARRAS for the night.
- 5 – Details later

(Sgd. A.R. Chipman
Lt & Adj
By runner
3.10 p.m.

Instructions re relief

- 1 – The battalion is being relieved tonight by the motor machine gun brigade
- 2 – ~~No definitive instructions have yet been received and will move~~
Arras
- 3 – ~~Coys will~~ Lewis gun Limbers & Coy Commanders horses will be at ration dump approx (H.36.c.6.3) at 1.00 a.m. – ~~Lewis Guns Co~~
Coys should be collected & brought out by way of B.H.Q. and guides from B.H.Q. will lead them to dump and we will then make our way to destination.
- 4 – This is not an ordinary relief There will be no handing over by Coys , as no infantry are coming in.- Bde will advise us, when M. guns are in position, & tell us to move o (?)

On receipt of this information we will flash from our Signal lamp at B.H.Q. the code word "JAKE".- Coys will ~~have runners at the lamp station in Jigsaw SAW WOOD and ?????? of the ??????word they will~~

And all Coys will ~~move~~ then move out independently, via BHQ – the Coy nearest the RCR will advise them, and they are to come out with us.

As the R.C.R. Coys will get no information from its Battalion H.Q.

- Col. Willetts asked us to do this –

Coys will arrange to have runners at [inserted: our] lamp station just this side of JIGSAW WOOD to carry receipt of Code word quickly to Coy H.Q.

Lamp Station must O.K. receipt of Code word.

P.P.C.L.I.

SECRET

Copy No.3.

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade
Operation Order No 169

Ref. Map.

CAMBRAI ROAD
1/20000

28:8:18.

1. The 7th CIB will be relieved night 28th/29th August by the Canadian Composite Brigade.
2. Method of relief as follows
 - (a) The 42nd Bn and the P.P.C.L.I. will be relieved by the 1st Group C.C. Brigade
 - (b) The 49th Bn will be relieved by the 2nd Group C.C. Brigade.
 - (c) The R.C.R. and 7th T.M B will not be relieved direct by any unit of the C.C. Brigade. The 3rd Group C.C. Brigade are going into support in FACTION TRENCH (I 32 a & I 26 c).
 - (d).The Groups of the C.C. Brig are moving forward and will take up a position on our present front line. When all Groups are in position the units of the 7th C.I.B. will be ordered by their headquarters to withdraw. No withdrawal to be made until receipt of Order
 - (E) To facilitate relief 7th C.I.B. units will give every assistance to representatives of C C Brigade
 - (F) Units should arrange for communications with Companies etc so that there may be no delay when order to withdraw is received.
3. When order to withdraw has been received units will move independently to ARRAS. If it is considered that troops are unable to make the march direct Commanding [inserted: Officers] may at their discretion make a halt for the balance of the night in the Area H 34 and H 28. If this is done Bgde H.Qs will be so advised.

4. Rear Bgde H.Q.s will arrange for guides on the ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD at about G 29 d central to guide units to billets in ARRAS.

Sun, Sep 1, 1918 ARRAS, FRANCE

HAUTE AVESNES Sept 1. 1918 Rain showers in morning - fine in p.m. Battalion moves from ARRAS by road to HAUTES AVESNES billets

Mon, Sep 2, 1918 HAUTE AVESNES, FRANCE

ARRAS 2.9.18 Rain & cold. The Battalion moves from HAUTE AVESNES to Eastern outskirts of ARRAS. LIEUTS ALDRIDGE & HANCOCK taken on strength. LIEUT A.L. DOVE struck off strength to R.A.F. Capt TENBROEKE M.C. assumes the duties of 2i/c.

Tue, Sep 3, 1918 ARRAS, FRANCE

ARRAS 3.9.18 Cold & cloudy. LIEUT C.A. Grant now reported died of wounds.

Wed, Sep 4, 1918 ARRAS, FRANCE

VIS EN ARTOIS 4.9.18 Fair & warmer. Battalion moves from ARRAS to just E. of VIS EN ARTOIS bivouacking in open.

Thu, Sep 5, 1918 EAST OF VIS-EN-ARTOIS, FRANCE

P.31.& 32 5.9.18 Rain in early morning clearing later. The Battalion moves up to P. 31 & 32 in DROCOURT QUEANT line – in Divisional reserve.

Fri, Sep 6 to Thu, Sep 19, 1918 WEST OF CAGNICOURT, FRANCE

P 31. & 32 6.9.18 to 19.9.18 During this period the Battalion remained in the Avion area carrying out such training as was possible under the conditions. The weather was for the most part rainy - with several very heavy thunderstorms. There was considerable intermittent Enemy shelling of all the back areas resulting in 1 O.R. killed - and much night bombing. The Battalion furnished working parties throughout most of this period. On Sept 7th 27 O.R. joined & 3 were struck off strength

On Sept 13th 22 O.R. joined and the following officers were taken on strength. Capt. F.L. SHOULDICE – LIEUTS J. MACKAY [1683] - H.T.I. LE [[H.T.I. Lee](#), 475916] – G. TRIGGS [1766] – R. PATON [475983] – C. FREDERICKSON [51156] – R.D. MILLYARD [478280] – N. MURRAY [*McG* 55] – G.C. WORKMAN [[E.C. Workman](#), 1311] & A.J. ROBINS [1280].

On Sept 19th the Battalion moved back to bivouacs occupied by 52nd Battalion just W. of VIS EN ARTOIS arriving there in the early morning of the 20th being relieved by the 56th Division - after which they marched to CROISILLES entraining there at 4.30 p.m. - detraining at DAINVILLE and marching to BERNAVILLE huts

Fri, Sep 20, 1918 WEST OF VIS-EN-ARTOIS, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 20.9.18 Heavy showers. ~~The following~~ A letter was received from the G.O.C. 7th Brigade complimenting the Battalion on the salvage salvaged for the past week. The undermentioned decorations were published for services rendered in the AMIENS operations

French CROIX de GUERRE awarded by the 47 French Division

LT. Col. C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O.

LT. J.W. JEAKINS [*McG 230*]

SGT H.C. RICKABY [*McG 126*]

Corp. P.D. EDGAR HAM [*475871*]

Pte. R. FENTON [*769490*]

Pte. J. CARSCADDEN [[*Garscadden*](#),*157583*] (Killed in action 10/9/18)

40 O.R. join

C.S.M. Peacock C. [*1116*] (M.C.) appointed a Temporary Lieut. .

Sat, Sep 21, 1918 BERNAVILLE, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 21/9/18 Rain - Coy training

Sun, Sep 22, 1918 BERNAVILLE, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 22/9/18 Rain - Heavy wind - Colour parade in morning

Mon, Sep 23, 1918 BERNAVILLE, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 23/9/18 Unsettled. Drill & training. LIEUT A.R. JONES joins.

Tue, Sep 24, 1918 BERNAVILLE, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 24/9/18 Cloudy. Daylight bombing in morning - 1 O.R. killed and 5 O.R. wounded - 2 d. of w.

Wed, Sep 25, 1918 BERNAVILLE, FRANCE

Bernaville 25/9/18 Clear & cold. LT. J.E. KEELER struck off strength on being attached to 7 C.T.M. Battery.

Thu, Sep 26, 1918 BERNAVILLE, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 26/9/18 Fair rain at night. Battalion moves forward by bus in evening to N of QUEANT

Fri, Sep 27 to Mon, Sep 30, 1918 BATTLE OF CANAL DU NORD, FRANCE

BERNAVILLE 27/9/18 to 30/9/18 The narrative marked C. attached to this Diary contains an account of the operations during this period.

[Note transcriber: During September, 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Captain George W. Little.]

APPENDICES SEPTEMBER 1918.

Appendix "C"

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

Ref. Maps:-

Sheets 51A S.E.

„ 51A S.W OPERATIONS OF THE P.P.C.L.I. FROM.

„ 57C N.W. SEPTEMBER 27TH UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST

„ 57B N.W. 1918, INCLUSIVE.

1. PRELIMINARY INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1918.

The Battalion moved from the DAINVILLE Area, where it had been resting, on the night of September 26th 1918, embussing at DAINVILLE for the move to the Assembly Position in the forward area, the Transport moving independently.

Each Company had five Officers with seven Officers attached to Battalion Headquarters, Lieut-Col. C. J. T. Stewart, D.S.O., being in Command with Company Commanders as follows:-

No. 1 Coy. - Capt. R. MacG. MacBrayne.

No. 2 Coy. - Capt. G. W. Guiou M.C.

No. 3 Coy. - Capt. J. N. Edgar.

No. 4 Coy. - Capt. F. L. Shouldice.

Company strengths averaged about 115 with sixty Other Ranks attached to Battalion Hqrs.

Debussing at BULLECOURT in the early hours of the morning of September 27th, the Battalion marched to the preliminary Assembly Area, slightly to the North of QUEANT, where they remained until 8-20 a.m. They again moved forward through INCHY and crossed the Canal, taking up a position near QUARRY WOOD, where they remained until 6 o'clock in the evening. From this point they worked their way forward, until at about 3-30 on the morning of September 28th, the Battalion was assembled in the rear of the 85th Battalion of the 4th Division.

2. NARRATIVE COVERING SEPTEMBER 28TH, 29TH, 30TH AND OCTOBER 1ST.

September 28th:-

The R.C.R. having attacked at MARCOING System in F.5 and 11, and being temporarily checked, the P.P.C.L.I. was diverted slightly to the left and ordered to assist in clearing up the situation of the left of the Divisional Boundary, about the villages of RAILLENCOURT and SAILLY.

This situation offered no great difficulty and was soon put right by Nos. 1 and 4 Coys assisting the Right Battalion of the 4th Division.

During the morning, while the R.C.R. was engaging the MARCOING System, the Commanding Officer Lieut-Col. C. J. T. Stewart D.S.O., was killed and Captain G. W. Guiou M.C. in Command of No. 2 Coy and Lieut. A. P. Linnell were wounded. Lieut. A. J. Knowling was also killed. Captain J. N. Edgar of No. 3 Coy, took command of the Battalion.

During the afternoon preparations were made for an assault by the P.P.C.L.I. on the Left, the 49th Battalion on the Right co-operating with the Battalion of the 4th Division on the Left of the Brigade, for an attack across the CAMBRAI-DOUAI Road, the Railway Cutting and Embankment, towards the Final Objective of the Division.

The attack was launched at 7-00 p.m. under a most effective barrage with Nos. 2 and 3 Coys in the Front line, the attack being immediately successful as far as the heavy wire on the South-West side of the CAMBRAI-DOUAI Road. This wire, which was an unforeseen obstacle, proved insurmountable, and eventually orders were given that the Battalion should withdraw to the Railway running through X.30 slightly to the North-East of SAILLY. This withdrawal was carried out during the night of September 28th to 29th.

In this attack Lieuts. Triggs, Robins and Ramsay were killed and Lieuts. Robb, Workman and Loptson were wounded, the latter dying during the day of the 29th.

September 29th:-

The Battalion spent the day in the Area of X.30., no attempt being made to push forward.

Capt. G. W. LITTLE assumed Command on the afternoon of September 29th with instructions to at once prepare for an attack on the Railway Embankment in S.20 and the village of TILLOY in S.21 and 27.

September 30th:-

Orders were issued in the early morning of September 30th for the Battalion to move to an Assembly Area in S.19 and prepare to jump off at 6-00 a.m. The plan was that the P.P.C.L.I. , having crossed the Railway, should swing to the East and South-East and make good the Railway Cutting, the Village of TILLOY as far forward as the main TILLOY-BLECOURT Road, from the fork roads in S.21.b to the Railway Embankment, to gain the high ground in S.22. and push forward patrols with a view to seizing the bridgehead-PONT D' AWE, being decided upon.

At 6-00 a.m. the attack was made with Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Coys front line and No. 3 Coy in Support. Rapid progress was made as far as the road running from S.21.b.60.80. to S.27.a.40.60. From this point the advance was still continued on the right by No. 4 Coy, who reached their Objective at the juncture of the main TILLOY-BLECOURT Road and Embankment. Nos. 1 and 2 Coys on the Left and No. 3 Coy in Support were suffering very heavy casualties from Machine Gun fire

from the village and from the high ground to the North, and we were eventually forced to withdraw to the Railway. By this time most of the Officers and N.C.O.s had been knocked out and the Coys were badly disorganized. Capt. J. N. Edgar and Lieut. A. J. Kelly reorganized as far as possible, again pushed forward, this time being successful in investing the greater part of the village. Attempts were twice made to push forward through the village as far as the left portion of our Objective. These were unsuccessful in spite of material assistance supplied by one Coy of the 49th Battalion (E.R.), owing to the continued violent Machine Gun fire from the North.

By evening a line of posts had been established running from the juncture of the railway and the TILLOY-BLECOURT Road straight North about 500 yards along the road, thence bending North-West and West, so as to include TILLOY Farm within our lines.

This line was maintained during the night.

On this day Capt. MACBRAYNE, Lieuts. JONES, LEE, MACKAY and PATON were wounded and Lieut. MILLYARD missing.

October 1st:-

On the morning of October 1st, Units of the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade jumped off from a line slightly within our system of posts, our personnel being withdrawn behind the jumping-off position two hours before Zero. After the attack had gone forward the morning was spent in re-organization and searching for casualties until about 2-00 p.m. when the Battalion was withdrawn to bivouacs west and North-West of BOURLON WOOD.

3. REMARKS.

ARTILLERY:-

Barrage work was most effective in all cases. Barrage did not prove satisfactory in the case of the wire in front of the CAMBRAI-DOUAI Road, nor the Machine Gun Nests in and to the North of TILLOY. The concentration of several minutes such as was employed on the Railway on the morning of September 30th appears to be absolutely necessary in such a case.

TANKS:-

Tanks did not figure largely but the three in use on the morning of September 30th proved of little value as they went out of commission early in the attack. The Machine Gun nests which held up our Left would undoubtedly have been effectively dealt with had they remained in commission.

MACHINE GUNS:-

Various numbers of heavy machine guns were assigned to the Battalion during the different phases of the attack. Although quite willing to assist the Infantry, it seems that the Infantry have not sufficient understanding of the use that can be made of this weapon, and as the commanders of these machine gun groups usually depend on

the Infantry commander to take the initiative in offensive operations, many good opportunities for their employment were lost.

LEWIS GUNS:-

Lewis Guns proved very effective but in themselves did not give a superiority of fire over a nest of heavy enemy machine guns.

STOKES MORTARS:-

Stokes Mortars did a large amount of damage on the railway on the morning of September 30th where they placed a heavy barrage. This weapon seems to be very accurate and effective in dealing with such places as sunken roads and cuttings.

RIFLE GRENADES:- NIL.

BOMBS:- NIL.

RIFLE AND BAYONET:-

Too great reliance is placed on the fire of the Lewis Gun Sections. Men are not sufficiently trained to understand the value of covering fire, and as a Platoon Commander in the stress of the attack is unable to co-ordinate the work of all his sections, Lewis Guns are usually found to be acting on their own. The fact that great rifle power is in their own hands is overlooked – sections look to the Lewis Gun to supply the whole of it.

4. CAPTURES ETC.:-

(a) Large numbers of the enemy were captured, but no attempt was made to escort them. They were immediately passed through our lines, becoming available for stretcher-bearing duty, or passing straight through to the rear. On this account no numbers are available nor the identifications.

(b) Guns, howitzers and machine guns, where encountered, were immediately over-run, and no notes of their numbers or positions were taken. A very large number of Machine Guns were over-run in this way in the railway and in TILLOY, but no attempt was made to record their number.

5. CASUALTIES.

Officers:- 6 killed, 9 Wounded, 1 Wounded at duty.
1 Missing Believed killed.

Other Ranks:-

Approximately 375 killed, wounded and missing.

The proportions of these being not now available but the proportion of wounded is believed to be high.

6. LESSONS LEARNED FROM OPERATIONS:-

(a) It is not sufficient to rely alone on aerial photographs for the locating of wire etc. Personal reconnaissance seems to be absolutely necessary. An extremely formidable belt of wire on the CAMBRAI-DOUAI Road

appeared on none of the maps in use, although it had apparently been in position for a considerable length of time. It is recognized, however, that a personal reconnaissance is not now always possible.

(b) The closest possible liaison between Battalions is of great value. Battalion HQrs of all Units were close together, and necessary information from participating Units was readily at hand. In this way, communications with Report Centres and Rear HQrs are much more easily kept up½

((c) Orders written or verbal to Units should be as simple as possible. Headquarters of Coys or even Battalions are usually established where lights are not available and great difficulty is met with in the study of maps, orders etc.

3rd October 1918

(Sgd.) George W. Little Captain

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Commanding P.P.C.L.I.

See the following Aerial Photographs and the Barrage Map.

1. [Photo 20 9 18 5 pm of the Arras-Cambrai Road.](#)
2. [Ditto.](#)
3. [Ditto.](#)
4. [Photo 15 9 18 of Bournon and surroundings.](#)
5. [Ditto.](#)
6. [Barrage Map 7th CIB 30-9-18](#)

7TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SECRET.

INSTRUCTIONS – NO. BM.100/3.

Copy no. 3.
29-9-18.

1. The Canadian Corps will continue the advance on 29th September on the BROWN LINE.

The attack of the 3rd Canadian Division will be made by 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the Right and 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the Left.

The main attack of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will be made by the 49th Canadian Battalion on the Right, and the 42nd Canadian Battalion on the Left.

2. (a) The 42nd Canadian Battalion will assemble in the Area, S.25.b. prior to Zero hour, and will attack in a North Easterly direction, and make good the high ground in S.16 and S.17, and seize a bridge head across the L'ESCAUT CANAL in S.24.
 - (b) The 49th Canadian Battalion will capture TILLOY, (Triangle), making good the high ground in S.22 Central, and seizing a bridge head over the L'ESCAUT CANAL East of CAMBRAI.
 - (c) The P.P.C.L.I. will be prepared to support the advance upon receipt of orders to do so.
 - (d) The R.C.R. will be in Reserve, and will await further orders.
3. When the high ground in S.16. ~~S.17, S.18~~ and S.22 has been taken, Battalions will feel their way down the Canal by means of patrols with the object of seizing bridge heads.
 4. The Attack will be carried out under a barrage moving as below ~~at the rate of 100 yards in (4) minutes.~~ The barrage will dwell on the first line for 20 minutes.

First Line of barrage will be :-

A.1.d.70.50. – S.26.a.50.50, to S.20.c.30.90.

5. ZERO HOUR will be 8.00 a.m. 29th September.
6. Two batteries, 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C. will come under orders of O.C. 42nd Canadian Battalion for the attack, and will report to him forthwith.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(signed) ?????????

Major,
Brigade Major,
7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to -

1. 3rd Canadian Division "G".
2. R. C. R.
3. P. P. C. L. I.
4. 42nd Canadian Battalion.

5. 49th Canadian Battalion.
6. 8th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
7. 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
8. 10th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
9. L. O. 3rd Cdn. Divl. Arty.
10. No. 2 Coy, 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C.

x O + 20 – 64' – 100 yards in 4 minutes.

64' - 100' -	do	3	„	.
100' Onwards.	do	2	„	.

7TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS. SECRET.

Reference B.W. Secret Map No. 1.

Copy No. 3

1. The Canadian Corps will continue the advance tomorrow. The 3rd Canadian Division will take over frontage as indicated from the 4th Canadian Division on the BLUE LINE.
2. The Attack of the 3rd Canadian Division will be carried out by the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the Right, and the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the Left.
Inter Brigade Boundary – F.9.central, Church Tower ST. ALIE, A.1.c.4.4. – S.27.c.9.0. – Canal at A.4.b.2.3, thence along L'ESCAUT CANAL.
3. The following are objectives of 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade:-
 - (a) MARCOING LINE.
 - (b) Road from A.2.c.4.9. to X.30.a.2.3.
 - (c) Railway from Right Boundary – S.28.c – S.20.b.
 - (d) The BROWN LINE and the exploitation of country beyond.
4. (a) The R. C. R. attacking on a two company front will be XXXXX responsible for Objectives (a) and (b) above.
 - (b) The P.P.C.L.I. will advance in close support to the R. C. R. on their attacking on Objectives (a) and (b).
On objectives (b) being taken the P.P.C.L.I. will pass through the R. C. R., and make good Objectives (c) and (d).

- (c) The 49th Canadian Battalion will follow in the rear of the P.P.C.L.I. and take over a one company/ of approximately XXXXXXXX. frontage 400 yards to the left of the Right Brigade Boundary on Objective (b), and will advance in line with the P.P.C.L.I. on Objectives "C" and "D"

The main object of the 49th Canadian Battalion being, in addition to making good their portion of Objectives (c) and (d), the denial of the Right Flank of the Brigade to the enemy, and the seizing of the bridge heads over L'ESCAUT Canal in our area.

5. The 42nd Canadian Battalion will move from preliminary assembly area in E.6.a. at ZERO plus 1 hour to BLUE line. When Objective (b) has been taken the Battalion will move forward to the Marcoing Line, but will not advance beyond this position without further orders.

6. ACTION PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR.

The Brigade will be concentrated in the Area, E.6.a. and b, night 27th/28th September.

The R. C. R. will move prior to Zero to positions of assembly in immediate rear of the BLUE LINE.

The 49th Canadian Battalion will move from Preliminary Assembly Area in E.6 at Zero hour.

7. ARTILLERY.

The attack up to Objective (c) will be carried out under a creeping barrage, moving 100 yards in (4) minutes; the barrage will commence on a line 200 yards East of BLUE LINE. Special arrangements will be made for artillery support beyond Objective (c).

8. MACHINE GUNS.

One battery of No. 2 Coy., 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C. has been allotted to each battalion.

9. STOKES MORTARS.

Two guns each will be allotted to the R. C. R. – P.P.C.L.I.-49th Canadian Battalion.

10. TANKS.

4 Tanks are allotted to the Brigade for operation from the BLUE LINE.

The R. C. R. will make their own arrangements for obtaining two tanks that are kept in reserve to assist them in reaching

their final objective.

11. REPORTS.

All reports will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. until Zero plus 90 minutes, when they will be sent to Report Centre approximately F.5.c.6.3.

12. MOVEMENT OF BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

Brigade Battle Headquarters will be established at F.1.b.0.8. prior to Zero hour, and will move from this point at a time to be notified later to the MARCOING LINE approximately F.5.c.6.3.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(B.M. 100).

(signed) A. G?????
Major,
Brigade Major,
7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

28-9-18.

Copies to –

1. 3rd Canadian Division.
2. R. C. R.
3. P.P.C.L.I.
4. 42nd Canadian Bn.
5. 49th Canadian Bn.
6. 7th Canadian T. M. Bty.
7. 9th Canadian Inf. Bde.
8. 10th Canadian Inf. Bde.
9. L. C. 3rd Cdn. Divl. Arty.

SECRET.

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

B.M.R. 100/5.

3rd Canadian Division "G"

R.C.R.
P.P.C.L.I.
42nd Canadian Bn.
49th Canadian Bn.

Reference 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade Instructions - B.M.R. 100/4 dated 29-9-18.

At ZERO plus 90 minutes the 42nd Canadian Battalion will move forward from present position, and will send two companies into the Railway Cutting on their immediate front, and two companies will go forward in support of the R.C.R. to the Sunken Road in S.15 b and d, from which position they will be prepared to support the R.C.R.

The P.P.C.L.I. after capturing TILLOY will be responsible for holding the Right Flank of the Brigade.

The 49th Canadian Battalion will be in Brigade Reserve, and will re-organize and await further orders in their present area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) ????????

Major,
Brigade Major,
7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

29-9-18.

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7TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

INSTRUCTIONS No. B.M. 100/4.

Copy No. 3
29-9-18.....

Ref. Map –
SAILLY, 1/20,000.

1. INFORMATION.

(a) Our line now runs approximately – A.2.a. central S.27.c.1.8. – S.26.b.1.3, gap – ~~XXXXXX~~ S. 20.c.7.6. – S.20.c. 2.9. – S.13.d central – SAINCOURT inclusive.

(b) The 4th Canadian Division and the 3rd Canadian Division are continuing the advance on the morning 30th September.

(c) The enemy is holding the Railway Cutting in S.20.d, and S.27.a, and NEUVILLE ST. REMY.

2. (a) The Attack of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will be carried out by the P.P.C.L.I. , and R.C.R. ; the 42nd Canadian Battalion, and the 49th Canadian Battalion will stand fast in present positions, and will be prepared to support the attack if required.

(b) The P.P.C.L.I. will be responsible for capturing the high ground up to S.22 Central including the Hamlet of TILLOY, and will secure bridge head at PONT D'AWÉ.

(c) The R.C.R. will be responsible for making good the remainder of the spur to the North East to approximately S.17.b., and will move forward into RAMILLIES, and secure a bridge head at this point.

3. ASSEMBLY.

(a) The P.P.C.L.I. will assemble prior to Zero hour in S.19.a and b, as close to the DOUAI-CAMBRAI ROAD as possible.

(b) The R.C.R. will assemble ~~behind the 49th Canadian Battalion and the 42nd Canadian Battalion in the Area,~~ approximately S.16.a and d. [inserted: in rear of P.P.C.L.I.]

4. ACTION OF ARTILLERY.

The Attack will be carried out under a rolling barrage, which will operate in accordance with barrage map issued to those concerned.

5. ACTION OF ATTACKING BATTALIONS.

(a) The P.P.C.L.I. will make good their objective on the Spur under protection of the first phase of the barrage.

(b) The R.C.R. will move forward to their assembly position in sufficient time to get in position behind the barrage on the line – S.22.d.5.0. – S.15 Central; they will then advance under the second phase of the barrage to make good their Objective.

6. MACHINE GUNS.

The O.C. No. 2 Coy. 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C. is arranging co-operation of machine guns.

7. STOKES MORTARS.

The O.C. 7th Cdn. T.M. Bty. will arrange to bring all available Stokes Trench Mortar fire on the Railway Cutting.

8. ZERO HOUR.

ZERO HOUR will be 6.00 a.m. September 30th.

9. TANKS.

Three Mark IV Tanks will co-operate, and will be formed up prior to Zero Hour about S.19.d.

Two tanks will move at once to the Mill and Chapel in S.15, and after dealing with this point will move South along the line of the road to TILLOY.

The 3rd tank will move South East along the line of the normal gauge railroad in S.20.B and D. – S.27.a.

10. The 42nd, 49th and 2nd C.M.R. Battalions will withdraw any forward troops to a line 200 yards South West of the DOUAI-CAMBRAI Road by one hour before Zero.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) ??????????
Major,
Brigade Major,
7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to –

1. 3rd Canadian Division "G".
2. R.C.R.
3. P.P.C.L.I.
4. 42nd Canadian Bn.
5. 49th Canadian Bn.
6. 7th Canadian T.M. Bty.
7. 8th Canadian Inf. Bde.
8. 9th Canadian Inf. Bde.
9. No. 2 Coy. 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C.
10. 11th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
11. L.O. – 3rd Cdn. Divl. Arty.

VERY SECRET.

3rd Canadian Division.

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7th Canadian Inf. Bde.....5
8th Canadian Inf. Bde.....5
9th Canadian Inf. Bde.....5
C.R.A.....20
C.R.E.....5

D.M.G.C.....	7
A.P.M.....	10
Signals.....	2
A.D.M.S.....	4
O.C., "B" Coy., 7th Bn. Tanks.	2

CANAL CROSSINGS

1. On Z day Canal Crossings will be allotted to 3rd Canadian Division as under :-

Crossing "A" at E.15.a.0.1.
 ,, "B" at E.8.d.7.1.

2. The 4th Canadian division will use crossing :-

"A" until Z plus 5½ hours.
 "B" until Crossing "C" and "D" can be used by
 4th Canadian Division.

3. After Crossings "C" and "D" are taken over by 4th Canadian Division, the Crossings "A" and "B" will be allotted exclusively to 3rd Canadian Division.

4. "A" and "B" Crossings will be used by Units as laid down in Time Tables given below:-

"A" Crossing Time Table.

Zero plus 5½ to Zero plus 6 -	Field Artillery
,, ,, 6 ,, ,, ,, 7 -	1 Coy., 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C. "A" Echelon 7th C.I. Bde.
,, ,, 7 ,, ,, ,, 8½ -	Field Artillery.
,, ,, 8½ ,, ,, ,, 9 -	8th Heavy Arty. Bde.
,, ,, 9 ,, ,, ,, 9½ -	1 Coy., 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C. "A" Echelon 9th C.I. Bde.
,, ,, 9½ ,, ,, ,, 10½-	Field Artillery
,, ,, 10½ ,, ,, ,, 11 -	1 Coy., 3rd Bn., C.M.G.C. "A" Echelon 8th C.I. Bde.
,, ,, 11 ,, ,, ,, 11½-	"B" Echelon, 7th C.I. Bde.

” ” 9th C.I. Bde.
” ” 8th C.I. Bde.

After plus 10 hours “B” Crossing will be used for EASTBOUND traffic only.

“B” Crossing Time Table.

- (a) From time when Crossing comes available for 3rd Canadian Divn. until plus 10 hours. – Artillery.
- (b) After 10 hours. - West bound Traffic only.

5. Transport will only move in time to reach Crossings at appointed hours, but should be ready to move off earlier if ordered.

Arrangements will be made so that Officer i/c Transport is at all times in closest touch with Infantry Brigade H.Q.

(signed) ??????????????
Major G.S.
for
Lieut-Col.,
General Staff,
3rd Canadian Division

26-9-18.

CONFIDENTIAL.

3rd Canadian Division.
I. G. 488/1.

26th Sepr. 1918.

APPRECIATION

- of -

THE ENEMY'S FORCES ON THIS FRONT.

A. LINE DISPOSITIONS.

1. Between PALLUEL and SAUCHY CAUCHY, the 58th Division, a partially rested Division, is holding the front of the CANAL DU NORD hitherto held by two exhausted Divisions, the 39th and 3rd Reserve Divisions (both identified by us, while holding the front.).
2. Between SAUCHY CAUCHY and the CAMBRAI - BAPAUME Road, the line is now held from North to South by the 12th, 187th and 7th, Cavalry Divisions. The first of these has been in the line about three weeks, the second about two weeks. The 7th Cavalry Division, now on our own Divisional Front, relieved on the night 21/22 September the 1st Guard Reserve Division, which has probably been withdrawn into Reserve. This latter is a comparatively weak and much tried Division, and its reappearance in the fighting would not appear likely to form a serious obstacle. The 7th Cavalry Division left the ARMENTIERES Area at the end of August and was extensively engaged in the retirement to the CANAL DU NORD from September 2nd onwards, having lost prisoners from all three Regiments of all three Brigades ("SCHEUTZEN KOMMANDO"). After an intense Artillery bombardment the 7th Cavalry Division, accustomed to the quiet fronts near the SWISS Frontier, will be expected to offer but small resistance.

B. RESERVE DISPOSITIONS.

1. FRESH RESERVES.

The fresh Divisions in Reserve available for employment on this Front would appear to be from North to South :-

18th Reserve Division – LA BASSEE Area.
5th Bavarian Reserve Div.- DOUAI Area.
30th Division - CAMBRAI Area.

Our most probable opponents of the above would seem to be the 30th Division, an Assault Division, which has generally fought well. The Division has been engaged in some heavy fighting this year, but it is not considered that its losses have been severe.

The 30th Division has been resting for over six weeks (August 10th) and is considered as the best

Division in Reserve on this front and of good fighting quality.

2. TIRED DIVISIONS.

Of many tired Divisions now resting in back areas, the following are considered possible reinforcements for this front :-

2nd Guard Reserve Division	relieved in line	3-9-18.
22nd Division	relieved in line about	7-9-18.
183rd Division	„ „ „	10-9-18.
3rd Reserve Division (exhausted)	„ „	16-9-18.
39th Division	relieved in line about	18-9-18.

IMPORTANT.

The NUMERALS on Prisoners' shoulder straps will be WIRED AT ONCE to Division (Intelligence).

This is most essential, in view of the importance of quickly appreciating the enemy's situation and dispositions on our front and of identifying his Reserves, IMMEDIATELY they appear in the Line.

(Sgd) ??????????????
Lieut.
for Lieut-Col.,
General Staff,
3rd Canadian Division.

26-9-18.

Copies to :-

7th Canadian Inf. Bde.
8th Canadian Inf. Bde.
9th Canadian Inf. Bde.
C.R.A.
C.R.E.
D.M.G.C.
A.P.M.
"A" Branch
Canadian Corps Intelligence.)
Canadian Corps Cage.) For informayion.

FIELD MESSAGES

P.P.C.L.I. BATTALION STRENGTH AND NAMES PER COY. SEPTEMBER 1918:

P.P.C.L.I.

Strength

Off. O. R. s

1 14

1 13

- 23

2 23

73 (signed) J Crawford CSM

[Most likely Replacements/Left Out of Battle of the various Companies]

1 Coy

E. Kene....y [Kennery D. [1042328](#)? or [4025005](#) Kenny J. ?]

J. Larue [La Rue J. [246765](#)]

Pte. Higgison [Higginson G. [123350](#)?]

„ Buchanan [Buchanan J. [228210](#)]

„ Saunders [Saunders S.A. [639178](#)]

„ Barlow [Barlow H. [270377](#)]

„ Snennon [Shannon A.G. [4021503](#)]

„ Burns [Burns A. [513271](#)]

„ Woodacre [Woodacre H. [412326](#)]

„ Meyers [Meyers T. [124402](#)]

„ Colbureson [Colborsen A.L. [2193338](#)?]

„ Nedon [Nedon J. [3320394](#)]

„ Hortsburgh [Horsburgh J.B. [787437](#)]

„ Tyrell [Terrell A. [678433](#)]

[Note transcriber: *Mystery: [German prisoners](#)???*]

No. 2 Coy

Sgt. Mjr. Crawford (*J. 1765*)

Pte. Mc.Master [McMaster, F.M. 818189]

„ Hurlburt [Hurlburt, G. [634001](#)] [*Last Great War Patricia who died in 1998*]

„ Johnston [? six different possibilities]

„ Randall [Randall, J. [246691](#)]

„ Riley [Riley, M. [1042609](#)]

„ Fullerton [Fullarton, F.W. [817868](#)]

„ Baxter [Baxter, S.W.F. [475255](#)]

„ Landry [Landry, P. [817404](#)]

„ Nicholis [Nicholas, D. [2595846](#) ?]

Lc. Corpl. Taylor [Taylor, F. [198165](#)]

Pte. Burns J.J [[513530](#)]

Corpl. Way [?]

No. 3 Coy [e001073161](#) & [e001073162](#) & [e001073163](#).

Lc/p Naylor [L/Cpl Naylor, C. [515794](#)]

Pte. Lahe..... [Lake, G.W. [639943](#)]

„ Bonnell [Bonnell, R.M. [663790](#)]

„ Stean [Stean, C. [3320154](#)]

„ Larkin [Larkin, M. [3320477](#)]

„ Mcgonigle [McGonigle, J. [246378](#)]

,, Gale [Gale, E. [784863](#)]
 ,, Bullard [Bullard, L. [2265964](#)]
 ,, Freeman [Freeman, H.A. [770227](#)]
 ,, Brown [? Five different possibilities]
 ,, Lane [Lane, A.W. [3056157](#)]
 ,, Sauriol [Sauriol, H.J. [769449](#)]
 ,, Gammond [Gammond, H.G. [2265797](#)]
 L.Cop. McLaren [L/Cpl McLaren, J.W. [475329](#)]
 Cop. Ham [Cpl Ham, P.D. [475871](#)]
 Corp. Keith [Cpl Keith, two possibilities]
 Pt Chubb [Chubb, R.K. [1294](#)]
 ,, McIntire [McIntyre, two possibilities]
 ,, Fhenton [Fenton, A.E. [2265601](#)]
 ,, Freed [Freed, E. [552721](#)]
 ,, Baker [Baker, A.J.S. [2265637](#)]
 ,, Rothon [? Rochon, A. [3320020](#)]

No 4 Coy [e001073164](#) & [e001073165](#).

Corpl Foster [Cpl Foster, D.E. [817991](#)]
 Pte. Hobovery [? Woolven, C.E. [654858](#)]
 Pte. Batte..y [Battersay, W. [240052](#)]
 ,, Smith H.R. [Smith, H.R. [631](#)]
 ,, Pallotta [Pallotta, N. [514183](#)]
 ,, Mc. court [McCourt W.E. [2004578](#)]
 ,, Elms [Elms, W.G. [240241](#)]

„ Deschamps [*Deschamps, two possibilities*]
 „ Seargent [?]
 „ Plouffe [*Plouffe, J. [1042608](#)*]
 „ Frun..er [*Fournier, J.E. [1042755](#)*]
 „ Smith P.A. [[3056329](#)]
 L:Corp Torrie [*L/Cpl Torrie, G.M. [105482](#)*]
 Pte Collins [*Collins, two possibilities*]
 „ Quinlan [*Quinlan, E. [3057652](#)*]
 „ Steele [*Steele, three possibilities*]
 L/Corp Nitson [*Wilson, two possibilities*]
 Pte. ...elly [?]
 „ Denney [*Denny, W.R. [2265944](#)*]
 Lc Corpl. Saidlaw [*L/Cpl Laidlaw, C.A.B. [2595833](#)*]
 Pte. Davey [*Davey, M.C. [784856](#)*]
 „ Shia [*Shea, W. [639803](#)*]
 „ Taylor [*Taylor, five possibilities*]

The O.C. P.P.C.L.I.

Situation Report:

At 1 p.m. we advanced following a barrage and made good the line 25.b.20.80 to approximately 26 a. with Nos 4,2, & 3 Coys.

No 1 Company got ahead and are somewhere near the line 20.c.10.95 to 20.d.90.40

I have ordered No 1 Company to withdraw to our present line as its present position is untenable.

We are not in touch with the 49 Bn and have just located the 44 Bn about 600x on my left rear, have sent out 1 Officer and 1 O.R. to reconnoitre this line and in all probability I will have to retire to get in touch with 44' Bn.

[Wil] send in report later as to disposition.

Lieut. Lopston badly wounded and am trying to evacuate him, if possible.

Have no stretcher.

Line holding at present nearly dug in and not much of a defensive position.

Require SAA & LG ammunition and Bombs.

The position which No 1 Coy. is at present is alongside the DOUAI –CAMBRAI Road near the dumps.

This line has several (5 reported) lines of wire and has trenches camouflaged, and good fighting position for the Enemy.

Please instruct and try and inform as to flank of 49 Bn.

10.35 p.m. (Sgd.) M. Tenbroeke Capt

I am enclosing message from C.O. 44th Battalion for your information.

(Sgd.) F.L. Shouldice

Capt

not more than 60 men in Company available.

(Sgd.) F.L.S.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix.....N7.... Code...10.30 AM Words..90... Office Stamp.

Received from...GZG By..CA Neiss 1/10/18.

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Received...11.25 A.m.

X -correction

TO TABE

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

BN741 1

The Brigade will reorganize at once aaa tame and tano will be disposed in depth on line of railway cutting and tapi and tabe will withdraw to MARCOING line left and right respectively aaa jaba will remain between railway cutting and DOUAI CAMBRAI road aaa Kitchens have been ordered up units will notify these Hqrs where they are to be sent aaa reconnaissance parties should be sent out to search for casualties aaa dispositions and strength return to be forwarded

as soon as possible.

(Sgd) ???

FROM HUZU
PLACE & TIME 10.20 AM

Messages and Signals

TO Capt Edgar or Lt Kelly

The Forty Ninth are holding the Eastern edge of TILLOY and we appear to have few men on this side of the village. It is absolutely essential that all our troops who have got over the RAILWAY EMBANKMENT to the western edge of TILLOY should be formed into strong patrols and sent around the village on the west to gain a footing in the main TILLOY ROAD running North and South through S.21.b & d getting into touch on the right with 49th at approximately S.21.b 75 85 - and work up road as far as possible towards THE CHAPEL in S.15.b.

Do not attempt to work out onto high grounds in S 22 as Kelly suggests – the road and road only must be made good ~~if in consequence~~

[Sgd] George W. Little

It is essential that I get an estimate of casualties

27-9-18

To Commanding Officer
P.P.C.L.I.

1. The next assembly position will be in E.5 b. and d. The Battalion will be prepared to move to this area on short notice.
2. Situation at the present time is approx. as follows. 4th Div. hold BLUE LINE. 1st Div. appear to be held up along Railway ~~Line~~ Line running through W.20 a. and c. and W. 24.a. and c.
3. At 2.10 p.m. a barrage will be laid down on MARCOING system of trenches, and the 4th Div. will attempt to occupy these trenches. ~~In which~~ If the latter are successful, the P.P.C.L.I. will leap frog through the 4th Div. and advance as far as possible with scout patrols and battle patrols, moving in advance of the companies.
4. Brigade now located in pill box at E.10.b 3.9.
5. Brigade will probably move up at [inserted: at] later hour to vicinity

of ZUARRY at E.5.d.1.1.

6. A Battalion of Tanks will be at the disposal of the 7th C.I.B.

12.55 p.m. (sgd) Albert J Kelly
Lieut.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix.....	Code...	Words.....	Sent or sent out. Text	Office Stamp.
Received from...	By..			

TO Bn's.

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The situation now appears to be. ~~DM~~ The 4th Cdn. Div. are on the BLUE LINE on their front [inserted: (EAST of BOURLON WOOD.)]. AAA.

The 63rd Div on the Right have reached the GREEN LINE ~~Ann~~ ANNEUX and GRAINCOURT are in the hands of the enemy and Huns have been seen in Factory in E29A.

~~AM~~ On the left the 4th Cdn. Div. have reached F.1.A. ~~AM~~ Report that they are now getting onto the BLUE LINE.

FROM 7th C.I.B.
TIME 2.?? pm (Sgd) A ?????? Major

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TO Bn's. PPCLI

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The Brigade is to be prepared to take over the BLUE LINE from the 11th CIB

~~AAA~~ The P.P.C.L.I. and R.C.R. will move forthwith to E 11 A and be ready to take over its new frontage ~~AAA~~ On arrival in E11A O's C will report to Brigade H.Q. for instructions ~~AAA~~ H.Q. will be E 11 A 3 – 5.

FROM 7th C.I.B.
TIME 3.50 PM

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

TO{ 7th C.I. Bde.

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<i>BM 78.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>G. 69</i>

*1 German officer of 213 RIR.
taken over from private of PPCLI
and being sent to Div Cage*

From *9th CIBde*
Place
Time *1-35 AM*

(Z) ???????

28/9/18

Intelligence Officer

RCR PPCLI 42nd & 49th.

Report Centre and a/Staff Capt Intelligence will be located before Zero at advanced Bde HQ F 1.a 80.80 and during early part of operations ~~aaa~~ The next move approx Zero + 2 hours will be MARQUION LINE approx F 5c 10.30 .

Every effort will be made to advise you of subsequent moves. O/C prisoners will move from F 1 a 80.80 with the R.C. and will remain at Marquion line

[Sgd] JB Milne Capt
A/Staff Capt 7th CIB

Adjutant

8 a.m.

Runner from Hqters (Headquarters) just arrived. Casey head up at 7 p.m. last evening found us gone. Please notify point at which you want the rations delivered to-day & time. ~~Could~~ They will go forward on hearing from you & on ????? water carts.

(Sgd.) ?????

To:-
O.C. K.

28/9/18

Sheet 57c NE

I have command of two platoons of No 1 Coy, AAA
Have taken up commanding position at F.4.b.5.3.

A counterattack is developing from the direction
of the DOUAI ROAD.

Time 4,20 P.M.

[Sgd] C. Frederickson Lieut.

By runner

i/c 1 & 2 platoons

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

The R?C.R.
P.P.C.L.I.
42nd Battalion.
49th Battalion.

B.M. 100/2

The initial bombardment for to-day's operation
will be 10 minutes on protected line 200 yards in advance of
BLUE LINE, thereafter at the rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes.

[Sgd] J.B. Milne Capt

28th-9-18.

for Brigade Major.
7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

X - correct

H.Q. – P.P.C.L.I.

I am in Village RAILLENCOURT approximate location ~~X-25-15.95~~
F.4-90.90

As attacking Bn. were held up on our front by MARCOING trench
only taking a small portion in F.-5.a 4 Coy of which I was acting O.C.
under my orders entered the village and endeavoured to assist in outflanking
trench on right but without avail owing to heavy artillery fire and particularly
severe machine gun fire not part of village being free of it.
With present forces and supplies would be impossible to bomb down trench
which is strongly held.

Propose to establish line

[Sgd] FL Shouldice
Capt

Statement of prisoners
& M guns from Coy

2 last night
1 this morning
(About 50 prisoners)

Capt. MacBrayne!

Let me have total estimated casualties for Bde.. They want it
urgently.
Give me an approx idea, Off & O.Rs.

29-9-18 [Sgd] J.W. J Lt & adj

	116
O.P. Coys	<u>17</u>
PP	135

Let me have above at once.

Off. K. Off. W. O.R.K. O.R.W.

1 Coy	1	1	4?	20?
2 „	1	2	2	32
3 „	1	-	10	25
4 „	3	2	3	39
H.Q. „	2			

This is exclusive of 17 missing from No. 3 Coy

[Sgd] E M MacBrayne

Capt

Capt MacBrayne

To O.C.

List being prepared and will be sent as soon as completed

[Sgd] H T I Lee

Lieut

Act O.C. 3 Coy

MEMORANDUM

From

T.O.

Date..Sept 29th....1918

To

Adj

P.P.C.L.I.

The SAA limber with 20,000 rds ordered by Brigade to move forward is now at the junction of road & railway F 8 b 75.75 where it will remain. In case you do not know you are in this report to brigade when this runner reaches you

Rations will be at B.H.Q. on Bourlon Road about 8.00 pm

[Sgd] Kenneth ??????

Map Ref

France 57c NE.

SITUATION-Report.

B.H.Q. -

P.P.C.L.I. 29-9-18

Position of Company - still occupying position taken about 2.P.M. this morning ??? along east bank of slightly sunken double track light railway x.3.a.70.80

Artillery – normal –

M.Gs – continual bursts of fire from right flank apparently from some building or prominent place in ~~SAINY~~ St. OLLE.

Trench supplies required.

S.A.A.- complete with salvaged

Bombs „ „ „

Carriers „ „ „

Very lights }

S.O.S. „ } required

[Sgd] F L Shouldice
O.C. 4 Coy Capt

29-9-18

The Adjutant

P.P.C.L.I.

Received Order re Defensive flank
timed 10.55 A.M.

Received Order (written) cancelling
above Defensive flank timed 11.15 A.M.

[Sgd] E. M. MacBrayne Capt.

C.O. 30-9-18
P.P.C.L.I.

- (1) We are now holding a line approx as follows –
Railway at S.27 b.5.2 N.E. to
S.27.b.8.5 thence N.E. S.21.d.9.0 West to X
roads at S.21.d.0.2. thence N.W. to 21 c.8.6
to fork roads at 21.c.25.45 thence S along
road to Railway
- (2) There are no R.C.R. 42nd or others further
advanced than the Railway Cutting on our LEFT.
- (3) Battalion strength at present time about 150 all
told. Many of the men are mixed up with the
R.C.R. and other units.

- (4) The 49th have about 40 men ~~with~~ and are on the right, along road running N. & S. through S.27.b.
- (5) It looks as if it would be impossible for us to do anything further than hold the village, with nobody on either flank.
- (6) Casualties are rather heavy, but am unable to make an estimate as there are ~~so many~~ some men with other units, not in touch with us.
- (7) Our present intention is to shove out outposts as far as we can, and hold the village.
- ~~(8) — Once we hold the village patrols will set out along main TILLOY road as per your instructions.~~
- (8) We have just taken about ten prisoners who are being sent back through B.H.Q.

1.30 p.m.

By Runner

[Sgd] Albert J Kelly Lt.

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TO K

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Battle straggled posts as follows F 1 C 3.3 F 8 B 6.6
F 1.5 O 1.3 Sheet 57 C

FROM HUZUQ

30 9.18

O.C.

P.P.C.L.I.

Lt Heaslip reported to me with 11 O.R. whether this all the outstanding men or not I can't really say

But I sincerely hope not

[Sgd] J N Edgar Capt
O/c 3 Coy.

30.9.18

O.C.

P.P.C.L.I. :-

Attached herewith rough role & estimate of strength of Bn at present doing duty under my command.

We have attached from 49th Bn about 40 O.R. which comprises the whole garrison.

Please endeavour to warn me of any barrage which I might expect in the morning, to enable me to have the men under cover.

[Sgd] J N Edgar Capt
O/c 3 Coy

Time 9.42
By Runner

Disposition Report

O.C.

30.9.18

P.P.C.L.I.:-

The remnants of the Bn might be considered organized as a Coy and holding a line of outposts through village of TILLOY. A Coy of the 49th Bn on our right are also holding a system of posts on main TILLOY Rd extending from S.27.b.90.50 to S.21.d.75.40. Listening posts are at S.21.d.5.10. and fork road at S.21.c.3.5 Lewis Gun posts are established at S.21.c.65.25. – S.21.c.95.35 and three in Supports at Sunken Rd at S.27.a.35.65 to S.27.a. 25.90.

Capt Haslam and Lieut Mortimer reported for duty . Lieut Cumming returned also, Lts Heaslip & Frederickson.

Time 9.40

[Sgd] J N Edgar Capt
O/c 3Coy

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TO PPCLI

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M.44 30

I have with drawn Lieut SKEEL liaison officer
I require him on duty

FROM 49th Can Bn
PLACE & TIME 5.15 PM

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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TO K

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
BM27 30

stick where you are and as far as possible organize your
commands aaa
Send in a disposition sketch soon as possible aaa important

[Sgd] ???

FROM HUZU
PLACE & TIME 4.10 PM

OC PPCLI 30/9/18

Village of TILLOY clear except one MG position in S.21 d 50 80.
Capt Taylor 49th is here in village with 60 men in support of Capt
Shouldice, PPCLI

They are establishing posts and ???ing on show of resistance.
???? are endeavouring to push beyond village which is now clear.
Enemy has started at 10.30 am to shell north side., Bridges on
Railway into CAMBRAI in S 27 B 25.25 and S.27 B 90.00.
It XXXXXX all blown up RCR are reported back at Railway
embankment.

Casualties light so far Apparently no enemy in REMY enemy
morale bad.

10.30 am [Sgd] FL Shouldice
Tilloy Capt Malone
by Runner was here at
10.15 am.

[??] Bn. H.Q.
P.P.C.L.I. - through 7th Bde. - 9.30 A.M.
Map Ref. ???? for show. 30-9-18
Sir-

4 Coy advanced along its front & secured road through centre village
Tilloy.

I cant say whether Farm at cross roads S-21-c-3.5 has been secured
but with reinforcements of 75 men from C Coy 49th we have pushed out
scouts and secured main road through Tilloy to cross roads S-27-6 down to
forks S-27-b.8.3.

Heavy machine gun fire from buildings at forks in road S-21-D-8.5 also from houses along road S-21-4.2 near X marked on map otherwise boche have vacated village

Have no information as to success on my left. Establishing line of outposts and line of resistance Further report to follow

[Sgd] Capt F.L. Shouldice
P.P.C.L.I.

PPCLI

Sept 30th 1918
4.30 pm

To Adjutant PPCLI

The MO with Medical Orderly has moved forward to the RCRs RAP at S 20.C1.9 & has left me at our own RAP on Arras-Cambrai Road to await his instructions.

We were unable to locate BHQ ~~before, to~~ until the Storeman came here with rations.

[Sgd] R Wood
Med. Sgt

P.P.C.L.I.
30.9.18.

Adjutant.

The remnants of the 49th and ourselves are working in conjunction with each other

They hold two posts east of the village, we the remainder, evidently we have the same H.Q. Shouldice is out at present but shall deliver your message when he returns.

Should he return to B.H.Q. this will mean I'm alone as the only available officer as Lee who is slightly wounded and must return. Can't imagine how you figure I have eight officers here. Shouldice, Lee & myself are here alone. So if we can have some assistance right away it would be jolly welcome. The news from Bulgaria is very encouraging isn't it?

As I instructed Kelly to report we have established posts through the village and hope to make the road later.

Let me have S.A.A. & bombs as soon as you can as we are right out, and with very blunt teeth, also some rations.

[Sgd] J N Edgar Capt
O/c 3 Coy.

H.Q here established at Chateau in S.27.b.50.60.

30.9.18.

P.P.C.L.I.

Patrols are being sent out, keeping touch with right & left flanks.

Everything O.K. here.

[Sgd] J.N. Edgar Capt
O/c 3 Coy

T.O.

We have advanced to TILLOY and our Bn H.Q. is now at A1 C 90.95
The R.C.R. transport have already arrived with rations. Find out from them how
they came up and send up ammunition with rations. You can come right up to B.H.Q.
without difficulty.

[Sgd] J W Jeakins
Lt & Adj

30-9-18

11.25 A.M.

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Service Instructions
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TO PPCLI

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reference artillery trace accompanying BM 100/4 of 29th
inst aaa Barrage will rest twenty minutes on line 30-136
aaa 139 therefore Becomes 159 and so on aaa units will

conform to Barrage accordingly aaa Acknowledge.

FROM (Sgd)???

7th Canadian Inf. Bde
Instructions No. 100/6

Secret.
Copy No.1

30/9/18

1. The Canadian Corps is continuing the advance on October 1st.
The advance of the 3rd Canadian Division will be made by 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde. who will pass through the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. at a time to be notified later.

2/ The attack will be made under a barrage which will come down on the line S.28.a.7.0. – S.15.c.0.3 This Jumping Off Line will run from S.28.a.0.1. to S.14.d.7.0.

In order to cover the Assembly of the 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde. and for the protection of our position the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. will remain in present position until Zero minus (1) hour. At this time all detachments of the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. ahead of the Jumping Off Line will be withdrawn to the rear of the Jumping Off Line to allow the barrage to come down.

3/ The withdrawal will on no account be made before the above time, and when it is being made every precaution will be taken to prevent the enemy learning of our action.

4/ Steps will be taken as soon as possible after Zero hour to re-organize units.

Dispositions to be made will be ~~made~~ notified later.

5/ Zero hour 7.00 AM. 1st October.

6/ Acknowledge.

[Sgd] A.G. S?????
Major
Brigade Major
7th Canadian Inf. Bde.

Copies to –

1. 3rd Cdn. Divn
2. The RCR
3. P.P.C.L.I.
4. 42nd Cdn. Bn.
5. 49th Cdn. Bn.
6. 7th Cdn. T.M. Bty.
7. No. 2 Coy 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C.
8. 8th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
9. 9th „ „ „
10. Office Copy.

O.C. Coy's

Zero hour will be 6 00 am Sept 30th.

Lt Kelly has 1 copy of Barrage table and will show and explain thoroughly to each Coy Cmd'r-

As barrage goes well over fortified area in S 22 c & d strong patrols ~~should~~ will push on immediately after main objective is reached.

The bridgehead to be seized is PONT D'AIRE in S30.

Stokes Guns and M.G's are cooperating

TANKS- Three Mark iv tanks will cooperate and will be formed up prior to Zero hour about S19d. ~~The~~ Two tanks will move at once the Chapel in S15 and after dealing with these points move South along line of TILLOY ROAD.

The third tank will move S.E. along the line of normal gauge railroad in S20b and d and S27a.

[Sgd] George W. Little
Capt

By Lt. Kelly.

You will go forward from assembly position and ~~keep~~ work close up to battalion in S 19 b & d.

[Sgd] George W Little Capt

By Lt Kelly
Sept 30/18.

P.P.C.L.I.

O.O. NO 2.

Sept 30/18

Ref Map:- Saily -

Intention: It is intended to resume the advance of Can Corps on the morning Oct 1st.

General - The 9th Brigade will attack on 3rd Can. Div. frontage.

- Barrage - The barrage will fall from S 28 a 7.0 to S 15c 0.3.
- Jump-off - The jumping off line will run from S 28 a 1.0 to S14d.70.
- Action of - In order to protect assembly of 9th C.I.B. the 7th C.I.B. will
7th C.I.B. remain position until Zero one hour.
- Action of P.P.C.L.I. At Zero minus one hour all details forward of the jumping
off line will be withdrawn behind it men being sent out in
small parties s[o] that enemy will not learn of the withdrawal.
Absolute quietness will be maintained and no smoking
allowed. It would be advisable to remain in present shelter
where behind jump off line bringing back any forward details
into this shelter also as no cover is available forward of
railway cutting.
Otherwise where the enemy barrage will probably fall.
- Reorganization: Companies will be thoroughly sorted out and brought
to Railway Cutting as soon as enemy shelling becomes quiet
in this locality
- Disposition - Disposition of the 7th C.I.B. on completion of
reorganization will be notified later.
- Zero Hour Zero hour will be 7.00 am.

[Sgd] George W Little
Capt.

By Runner
11.30 p.m. Acknowledge

P.P.C.L.I.

29-9-18

The O.C.
P.P.C.L.I.

Re Lieut. Frederickson s position

Have seen Lieut. Jones and he advises that present position of Lieut.
Frederickson's platoon much better than position on right of No.1.
Coys present location owing to inflade by Machine Guns & rifles
(heavy).

He is about 5 minutes walk from his Coy, and I would suggest he
stay there in close support to No 1 Coy unless the exigencies of the

section demand otherwise.

[Sgd] M. Tenbroeke Capt

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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Service Instructions
.....CZG.....

TO RCR PPCLI

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
Q30 29

Wire total estimated casualties urgent

12 noon – 29th
Approx 200 O.R's

V ? ? ?

11. officers

FROM 7th C.I.B.

P.P.C.L.I.

OPERATION ORDER No1 Sept 29/18

Ref Maps. SAILLY.

INTENTION. It is intended that the R.C.R. and P.P.C.L.I. will attack the RAILWAY EMBANKMENT in S.20 and S 27 and make good the village of TILLOY and the high ground to the north-east of it in S.22. This phase to be carried out by the P.P.C.L.I. the R.C.R. passing through and making good the area S.16 and S.17.

ASSEMBLY AREA. The P.P.C.L.I. will move into the area X 24 a and c on the night of Sept 29th/30th and take up their positions by 3.00

a.m. facing East along a line approximately from X24.c.90.90 to X24.a.90.50

DISTRIBUTION - From right to left the Coy's will take position No 4 on the right – No 1 Coy & No 2 Coy No 3 Coy on the left giving the order of disposition from north to south No 3 Coy- No 2 Coy- No 1 Coy No 4 Coy.

Coy Disposition. No's 4,1 and 2 Coy's will form the front of attacking line and No 3 will advance in close support in the rear of No's 1 and 2 Coy's

General Idea. No's 4.1.3 Coy's will cross the CAMBRAY – DOUAI ROAD in a north Easterly direction and cross the railway embankment with the right flank resting approximately at S.20.b.30.20 when the left flank will swing to an easterly direction. – The advance from this point being carried on due East and South East in the general direction of the main road running north from the RAILWAY EMBANKMENT at S.27.b.80.05 to fork road at S.21.b.60.80. The support company will follow thro behind No's 1 and 2 Coy and make good high ground in S.22. A. & B.

SPECIAL IDEA. No 4 Coy after crossing RLY EMBANKMENT will (Detailed by Coy's) swing south east and clear the Eastern edge of the EMBANKMENT and road running from S.20.b.50.75 thro TILLOY FARM to TILLOY VILLAGE to road junction at S.27.b.80.20. They will be responsible for roads and other features between these boundaries, which are both inclusive to No 4 Coy and will consolidate a line from S.27.b.80.65 south along main road to RL'Y EMBANKMENT

No 1 Coy keeping close touch with No 4 Coy on their right will work in a southeasterly direction and clear out TILLOY FARM and northern portion of TILLOY VILLAGE and occupy a position on main TILLOY ROAD running north and south from S.27.b.80.65 to fork roads at S.21.d.55.75

No 2 Coy will work east and gain sufficient frontage to occupy main TILLOY ROAD from fork road at S.21.d.55.75 to fork road at S.21.b.60.80.

No 3 Coy. will leap frog No 2 Coy and occupy a position on high ground in S.22 a & b

SPECIAL LANDMARKS. There is a small clump of trees on high ground at fork roads in S.21.d. This will indicate flanks for No's 1 & 2 Coy's.

PATROLS.- Should be pushed out as far as possible east of TILLOY ROAD with a view to securing a bridge head on the Canal. These patrols will be pushed forward as soon as main objective on TILLOY ROAD is gained and made good.

ARTILLERY.- A heavy barrage and concentrated artillery fire will be brought to bear on all points.

REPORTS. All companies will report their completion of dispositions in assembly area to B.H.Q. in F.4.d.30.30. not later than 4.15 a.m. Sept 30th

B.H.Q. Headquarters will close at this point F.4.d.30.30 at 5.30 a.m. and will be situated after that hour at S.25.d.90.10.

R.A.P. Regimental Aid Post will be at F.5.a.50.75

ZERO HOUR. Zero hour will be notified later

BARRAGE TABLE – Barrage table will be notified later

Issued at 10.40. P.M.
29-9-18.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Sgd] Capt. Commanding
P.P.C.L.I.

O.C. PPCLI

30/9/18

- (1) Capt Shouldice with a small party of our men and the 49th is holding a position in TILLOY, shown roughly by attached tracing.
- (2) 2nd C.M.R.'s are sending forward a platoon to help him.
- (3) Capt. Edgar and myself are going back to assemble our scattered troops ~~and~~ to put them under SHOULDICE'S command, so that he may clear the village and occupy the high ground in S.22.a.
- (4) The maze of trenches at S.28.a.1.4 has been cleared of the enemy.
- (5) Situation N.E. of Railway ~~between~~ through S.20 b and 21.c. obscure. Can not see any of our men. The Hun observed coming across ridge in parties of 3 to 6 in S.16 c and d. I have seen him as close up as S.21.b. central.
- (6) Will report situation in ground adjacent to 4th Division in a later message.
- (7) Have asked artillery F.O.O. to shoot up high embankment in S.28.c., which the Hun is manning with M.G. s.

11 a.m.

[Sgd] Albert J. Kelley Lt
PPCLI

MAPS September 1918 – Hyperlinks:

[e001073378](#)

[Guemappe](#)

[Scarpe Valley](#)

[Goyencourt](#)

[Resting Battalion Govy, Bellone, Ravine, Etaing & Dury](#)

[Intelligence Log Target Map](#)

Tue, Oct 1, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

BOURLON 1.10.18 Rain in early morning - clearing in afternoon. Battalion moves back to MARCOING line - the 9th Brigade going through - and at 8 p.m. are relieved by 8th Brigade - moving back to just W. of BOURLON Wood in bivouacking in open. The Battalion now reduced to approximately 350 all ranks. Capt. G.W. LITTLE having rejoined from C.C.R.C. is now in Command of the Battalion. 31 O.R. join - and Lieuts. C. ISMAY and E.R. DONALDSON. 20 Military Medals awarded.

Wed, Oct 2, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

BOURLON 2.10.18 Fair. The Army Commander (1st Army) sends a message of condolence to the Battalion on the death of Lt. Col. STEWART "The Army Commander hears with great regret that LT Col. C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. has been killed in action. He sympathizes with the CANADIAN Corps and especially with the Officers N.C.O.s & men of the P.P.C.L.I. in the loss of their gallant commander." A similar message was received from 6th Reserve Battalion at Seaford.

Thu, Oct 3, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

BOURLON 3.10.18 Cloudy. Battalion resting. ~~Hes~~ [inserted: Baths.] LTs. G.H. BEESTON [475344] & W.J. POPEY [1716] taken on strength. 1 O.R. struck off

Fri, Oct 4, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

BOURLON 4.10.18 Fine. Training. The following message received from H.R.H. Princess PATRICIA "Am more deeply grieved than I can say over Colonel Stewart's death during

your magnificent fighting. My deepest sympathy is with the Battalion in his loss and your other sad casualties. Am following your progress with keenest appreciation.”

The Brigadier also sent a message as follows “I wish to express my appreciation of the fighting qualities displayed by all units of the Brigade during the recent operations. The cheerful manner in which Commanding officers accepted new tasks and the untiring efforts of all ranks to accomplish them was most gratifying. In four attacks the Brigade defeated eleven enemy regiments and succeeded in taking many strong positions against overwhelming odds. My one conclusion is that no Officer has ever had finer troops to command.”

Capt. SHOULDICE struck off strength to C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*] in exchange.

Officers casualties in fighting 27 Sept. - 1 Oct as follows:-

Killed & died of wounds LT. Col. C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. LIEUTS. [A.J.] KNOWLING [475414] [A.J.] ROBINS [1280] – [G.] TRIGGS [1766] – [W.T.] RAMSEY [487369] – [S.] LOPTSON [McG227]– [R.D.] MILLYARD [478280] – [J.] MACKAY. [1683] (8).

Wounded Capt. [E.M.] MACBRAYNE - LIEUTS. [A.P.] LINNELL [475919] – [G.W.] GUIOU M.C. [475868] – [E.C.] WORKMAN [1311] – [H.E.] ROWLANDS [411120] – [A.R.] JONES [410954] – [H.T.I.] LEE [475916] – [R.] PATON [475983] – [M.J.] ROBB [261134] (at duty) (9)

Other ranks - killed & died of wounds - 38 Wounded

Missing - 20 Wounded & gassed 284

Sat, Oct 5, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

BOURLON 5.10.18 Light shelling - Heavy night bombing. Training 10 O.R. taken on - 2 struck off strength

Sun, Oct 6 to Wed, Oct 9, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

BOURLON 6.10.18 to 9.10.18 Battalion training & re-organizing.

LIEUT. J.T. LOWNSBROUGH M.C. struck off strength (17.10.18)

The following decorations awarded - LT Col. C.J.T. STEWART D.S.O. bar to D.S.O. and Military Cross to [inserted: Capt. G. MacG. MacBrayne [[Eion Macgregor Macbrayne](#)] Capt. K.C. BURNES [McG144] LIEUTS. J. CHRISTIE [475260] & J.C. FULLER [475304]

SGT. T.T. SHIELDS [1042233] Distinguished Conduct Medal all for services rendered in the AMIENS show. Message received on 8th from 1st Army Commander congratulating Canadian Corps upon its ‘determined fighting during ~~last~~ five days and stating that in ~~the~~ two days no less than 12 hostile divisions had been employed by the enemy in endeavouring to stem the Corps advance.

LIEUT. C. F. LALOR awarded Military Cross

Thu, Oct 10, 1918 BOURLON, FRANCE

QUEANT 10.10.18 The Battalion moves back to area W. of QUEANT bivouacking in Hindenburg line.

Fri, Oct 11, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 11.10.18 Training reorganization. Bar to Military Cross awarded to Major M. TENBROCKE [*Ten Broeke* 51456] M.C. & Capt. A.C. WHITE M.C. [51266] Military Cross to LIEUTS A.J. KELLY & M.J. ROBB [261134] and Dist. Conduct Medal LIEUT. C.

Peacock M.C. [1116] Sgt. G.M. McKIEL 445387 and Sgt. M.D. SCHOLL 487282 (deceased) [[M.D. Schell](#)] for gallant conduct in the MONCHY battle. 18 O.R. taken on & 1 struck off strength.

Sat, Oct 12, 1918 to Mon, Oct 14, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 12.10.18 to 14.10.18 Training Route marches.

LIEUT. B. FRANKLIN struck off effective strength on reporting to O.C. Labour Group Hqrs. 2 O.R. reported missing now 'killed.'

Tue, Oct 15, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 15.10.18 All officers & 100 O.R. attended funeral of Major General LIPSETT late Divisional Commander

T/Capt. M. TENBROCKE (M.C.) [51456] to be Temp. Major 15.8.18

A/ „ K.C. BURNES (M.C.) [*McG 144*] to be Temp. Captain 15.8.18

LIEUT J.A. HASLAM to be Temp. Capt. 27.8.18

„ G.W. GUIOU (M.C.) [475868] „ „ 26.8.18

„ A.C. WHITE (M.C.) [51266] „ „ 7.9.18

Capt. G. [E.]MacG MacBrayne (M.C.) absorbed into the establishment (15-8-18)

Wed, Oct 16, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 16.10.18 7th Brigade inspected by Corps Commander who expressed his opinion that the Battalion was the best on parade.

Capt. A.G. Pearson joins and assumes Command from this date. 31 O.R. join.

Thu, Oct 17, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 17.10.18 Training.

Fri, Oct 18, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 18.10.18 Training. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales visits the Battalion . The following officers rejoin U Major E.S. McDOUGALL – Lieuts E.M. JACQUES – J. [G.] DONALD [43] – C.K. McRORIE [21867] – J.H. CARVOSSO (M.C.) [51116] – E.C. PLANT – J. CHRISTIE [475260].

Sat, Oct 19, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

QUEANT 19.10.18 Heavy rain

Sun, Oct 20, 1918 WEST OF QUEANT, FRANCE

AMETTE 20.10.18 Battalion moves in heavy rain to AUBERCHICOURT - AMETTE by bus - arriving 5 p.m. & billeting in deserted houses in AMETTE.

Mon, Oct 21, 1918 AMETTE, FRANCE

WANDIGNIES 21.10.18 Battalion marches to WANDIGNIES - billets.

Tue, Oct 22, 1918 WANDIGNIES, FRANCE

CATAINE 22.10.18 March to CATAINE in a.m. Moving forward in p.m. through the FORÊT de VICOIGNE to Fosse du PRUSSIEN billeting in deserted houses. The Battalion now in Brigade reserve - 49th in support - 42nd & R.C.R. in front line.

Wed, Oct 23, 1918 FOSSE DU PRUSSIEN, FRANCE

Fosse du Prussien 23.10.18 Training. Military Cross awarded to LIEUT H.B.J. OGILVIE for gallant behaviour in Monchy battle.

LIEUTS P.C. KLAEHN [489828] – T.B. STEVENS [1298] – W.C. McFARLANE [N.C. McFarlane [410959](#)] join & 18 O.R.s 8 N.C.O.s struck off for Commission.

Thu, Oct 24, 1918 FOSSE DU PRUSSIEN, FRANCE

Fosse du Prussien 24.10.18 Training. LIEUT W.J. POPEY [1716] wounded (at duty) 4 O.R. previously 'missing' now 'killed'. 3 O.R. join.

The VICTORIA CROSS awarded to 275212 Sergt. [Robert SPALL](#) (killed in action 13-8-18) D.R.O. 3625 dated 25/10/18 for gallant behaviour before PARVILLERS in the AMIENS battle on Aug 12/13 (night) when his platoon was cut off during a severe enemy counter attack - he got upon the parapet and held off the enemy with a Lewis gun - inflicting heavy casualties. He then came down into the trench and directed his platoon into a place of greater safety 75 yards away from the enemy - and then picking up ~~his Lew~~ another Lewis gun he again jumped up on the parapet and directed his fire on the advancing enemy, and held them off thereby enabling his men to extricate themselves. It was while doing this that he was killed. Sergt Spall deliberately sacrificed his own life but by so doing saved his men who would otherwise have been cut off.

Fri, Oct 25, 1918 FOSSE DU PRUSSIEN, FRANCE

Fosse du Prussien 25.10.18 Training.

Sat, Oct 26, 1918 FOSSE DU PRUSSIEN, FRANCE

ARENBERG 26.10.18 Training.

Sun, Oct 27, 1918 ARENBERG, FRANCE

ARENBERG 27.10.18 Rain. The Battalion moves after dark to billets at ARENBERG.

Mon, Oct 28, 1918 ARENBERG, FRANCE

ARENBERG 28.10.18 Fine. 1 O.R. rejoins.

Tue, Oct 29, 1918 ARENBERG, FRANCE

ARENBERG 29.10.18 Fair. Training. 16 O.R. join.

Wed, Oct 30, 1918 ARENBERG, FRANCE

VICOIGNE 30.10.18 Fine & bright. Battalion moves to VICOIGNE in divisional support.

Thu, Oct 31, 1918 VICOIGNE & RAISMES, FRANCE

VICOIGNE 31.10.18 Cloudy with rain in afternoon. Battalion on working party. LIEUT C.W. ISMAY [489788] & 1 O.R. wounded.

[Note transcriber: During October, 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Captain G.W. Little.]

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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TO TABE

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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The Brigade will reorganize at once aaa tanie and tano will be disposed in depth on line of railway cutting and tapi and tabe will withdraw to MARCOING line left and right respectively aaa jaba will remain between railway cutting and DOUAI CAMBRAI road aaa Kitchens have been ordered up units will notify Hqrs where they are to be sent aaa reconnaissance parties should be sent out to search for casualties aaa dispositions and strength return to be forwarded as soon as possible.

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FROM	HUZU
PLACE & TIME	10.24 AM

Fri, Nov 1, 1918 VICOIGNE & RAISMES, FRANCE

RAISMES 1/11/18 Training. Brigade in divisional support.

Sat, Nov 2, 1918 VICOIGNE & RAISMES, FRANCE

RAISMES 2.11.18 ~~Training~~. Church parades. Major McDougal [[E.S. McDougall](#)] struck off strength, despatched to C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Sun, Nov 3, 1918 VICOIGNE & RAISMES, FRANCE

RAISMES 3.11.18 Training Ranges. 16 O.R.'s join.

Mon, Nov 4, 1918 VICOIGNE & RAISMES, FRANCE

RAISMES 4.11.18 Bn. moved to ANZIN. Brigade in divisional support. Strength decrease 2 O.R.'s

Tue, Nov 5, 1918 ANZIN, FRANCE

ANZIN 5.11.18 Training.

Wed, Nov 6, 1918 ANZIN, FRANCE

ANZIN 6.11.18 Battalion marched to ONNAING.

Thu, Nov 7, 1918 ONNAING, FRANCE

QUIEVRAIN 7.11.18 Battalion marched to QUIEVRAIN. Relieved 4th C.M.R. (8th Bde) Nos. 1 & 4 Coys. in front line No 3 in Support No 2. in Reserve.

Fri, Nov 8, 1918 QUIEVRAIN, BELGIUM

QUIEVRAIN 8.11.18 Shortly after midnight Nos 1 & 4 Coys entered THULIN, and established outpost line on EAST side. No 4 Coy on left & No 1 Coy on right. At 6.30 a.m. Headquarters, Nos 2 & 3 Coys moved to THULIN. No 2 Coy took up position on the right of No 1 Coy. About 0800 hours Nos 1 & 2 Coys pressed on and captured HAININ, meeting strong opposition on Eastern side. No 4 Coy, with 1 platoon of 3 Coy formed a defensive flank along MONS CONDÉ canal. Lieut. [B.] STEVENS [1298] wounded. & prisoner. Headquarters moved to HAININ. Coys occupied BOUSSU about 2300 hours.

Sat, Nov 9, 1918 BOUSSU, BELGIUM

HAININ 9.11.18 The 49th Bn. to look after left flank. Battalion pushed on with 4 coy on left, No 1 coy in centre, and No 2 on right. No 3 Coy in support. Battalion captured villages of HORNU ST. GHISLAIN, WASMUEL, QUAREGNON, JEMAPPES and QUESMES
Battalion H.Q. moved to JEMAPPES. Companies held up on outskirts of MONS.

Sun, Nov 10, 1918 WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF MONS, BELGIUM

JEMAPPES 10.11.18 Battalion, all but No 4 Coy, relieved by R.C.R. billets in JEMAPPES.

Mon, Nov 11, 1918 MONS & JEMAPPES, BELGIUM

JEMAPPES 11.11.18 0200 hours No 4 Coy entered MONS. Parade of 7th Bde in MONS, GRANDE PLACE at 1000 hours. Armistice came into effect from 1100 hours. Parade of units of 3rd Div. 1500 hours - Gen. CURRIE [*Commander Canadian Corps*]
Casualties during operations 5. O.R.'s Killed 43 O.R.'s wounded

Tue, Nov 12, 1918 JEMAPPES, BELGIUM

JEMAPPES 12.11.18 Route March. Lieut C.F. LALOR, M.C. from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps Reinforcement Camp*]

Wed, Nov 13, 1918 JEMAPPES, BELGIUM

JEMAPPES 13.11.18 Battalion moved to MONS. Strength Increase 5 O.R.'s.

Thu, Nov 14, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 14.11.18 Route march. Strength increase 15 O.R.'s. Lt. Col. A.G. PEARSON [51383] in command.

Fri, Nov 15, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 15.11.18 Battalion supplied 150 men under Capt. J.A. HASLAM, for composite guard to to Army Commander, - Genl. HORNE

Sat, Nov 16, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 16.11.18 Training

Sun, Nov 17, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 17.11.18 Church parades

Mon, Nov 18, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 18.11.18 Inspection by commanding Officer.

Tue, Nov 19, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 19.11.18 Inspection by commanding Officer.

Wed, Nov 20, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 20.11.18 Training.

Thu, Nov 21, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 21.11.18 Route March under company arrangements – Awards – 4 bars to MILITARY MEDALS and 10 MILITARY MEDALS.

Fri, Nov 22, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 22.11.18 Brigade Inspection. Lieut. Col. A. HAMILTON GAULT, D.S.O. joined from C.C.R.C. [*Canadian Corps reinforcement Camp*] and assumed command.

Sat, Nov 23, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 23.11.18 Training.

Sun, Nov. 24, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 24.11.18 Church parades.

Mon, Nov 25, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 25.11.18 Commanding Officer's Inspection. Major G.C. MACDONALD [[G.C. McDonald](#)] rejoined.

Tue, Nov 26, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 26.11.18 Route march.

Wed, Nov 27, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 27.11.18 Training.

Thu, Nov 28, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 28.11.18 Route march.

Fri, Nov 29, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 29.11.18 Training. Officers of battalion held a dance in the HOTEL de VILLE, MONS. Capt. G.G. REYNOLDS, rejoined from Can. Corps School.

Sat, Nov 30, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 30.11.18 Training. Refresher course for N.C.O.'s in afternoon.

[*Note transcriber: until 22 November 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Major A. G. Pearson, after that date he was succeeded by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Hamilton Gault*]

Sun, Dec 1 to Thu, Dec 12, 1918 MONS, BELGIUM

MONS 1.12.18 TO 12.12.18 During this period the Battalion remained in billets in Mons occupying the time with route marches, training and drill. The Royal Guard for H.M. The King under Command of Capt. Geo. [W.] Little with Lieut R. [S.] MACPHERSON [411046] as Second in Command which went to VALENCIENNES on Nov. 29 returned to the Battalion on Dec. 4th having been relieved by a guard from the A.I.F. The following letter

was received from the Camp Commandant First ARMY: "The guard under the command of Capt. LITTLE is being relieved by the 9th A.I.F. and I wish to let you know that the duties have been most efficiently carried out. The sentries have been smart on their posts and clean. The N C O's have posted the reliefs in such a way as to again show the military spirit of your Regiment, and under CAPTAIN [G.W.] LITTLE and LIEUT [R.S.] MACPHERSON [411046] everything has gone smoothly and correctly and the A.I.F. will have their work cut out to compete. I am glad His Majesty's appreciation has been shown by CAPTAIN [G.W.] LITTLE being decorated with the M.V.O."

The Educational work commenced in NOVEMBER continued to be carried on daily with large attendances, under the direction of Capt. [G.G.] REYNOLDS.

LIEUT A.J. KELLY M.C. awarded a bar to M.C.

The MILITARY Cross was awarded to the following officers:-

CAPT. J.N. EDGAR, Capt. G.W. LITTLE, Capt. F.L. SHOULDICE, LIEUT C.

FREDERICKSON [51156] , LIEUT LEE [475916]

The Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to:-

447167 Sgt. PRINGLE C.I. [[447187 G.I.](#)]

663272 Pte COONEY J.

475781 Sgt. BONAR A.A.

677 Cpl. MILLER W.

All the above were for gallant conduct in the Cambrai battle at the end of September 1918

On the 11th the Battalion marched from MONS to FEZ to GEMAPPES billets

Thu, 12 to Sun, Dec 15, 1918 NIVELLES, BELGIUM

GENVAL 12/15 Dec On the 12th Dec. the Battalion marched to NIVELLES and on the 15th from NIVELLES to GENVAL – billets.

On 13th Dec. CAPT. G.W. GUIOU M.C. [475868] rejoined from C.B.D.

The following other ranks were decorated for gallant conduct in the field.

BAR to MILITARY MEDAL – C.S.M. J. CRAWFORD [1765]

MILITARY MEDAL – 596 C.Q.M.S. MEACHAM A.G.,

785152 Sgt. W. DICK – 639371, Cpl. G.I. BREWSTER,

552524 Cpl. R. SYMONS – 246057 Cpl. J.G. TAPP

343954 [[343934](#)] Cpl. J. CALLAHAN – 1791 L/Cpl. F. SEALEY

2395855 [[2595855](#)] Pte. C.W. PETERSEN – 124015 Pte. H.B. ESSERY

487307 Pte. D. McG CUNNINGHAM – 105463 – Pte. W.J. Wilson

261685 [[261569](#)] Pte. S.A. CHRISTOFFERSEN – 412326, Pte. H. WOODACRE

105397 Pte. C. COLLINS – 1533 Pte C. [[G.](#)] STEWART

2004505 Pte BOLNEY [[Belney](#)] L.E. – 261685 Pte C. SCHMITT

1752 Pte. A.Y. GRIEVE

Mon, Dec 16, 1918 GENVAL, BELGIUM

GENVAL 16/12 Capt. Geo. W. LITTLE & MAJ. Geo. McDONALD struck off strength to England

Tue, Dec 17 to Thu, Dec 26, 1918 GENVAL, BELGIUM

GENVAL 17/12 TO 26/12 During this period the Battalion remained in comfortable billets in GENVAL engaged in training drill and route marches, sports & educational classes. 18 O.R. previously she?? attached taken on strength from 7.12.18

No. 618 C.S.M. (A/R.S.M.) GILLINGHAM F. appointed Regimental Sergeant Major and promoted to Warrant Rank (class 1) vice R.S.M. JORDAN W. [1199] (to Canada) 2-7-18

No 1684 Sergt (A/C.S.M.) NOVIS C. appointed Company Sergt. Major and promoted to Warrant Rank (class 2) vice 618 C.S.M. GILLINGHAM [F.] promoted.

LIEUT J.E. HODGSON died from pneumonia in England while on leave from France - 5-11-18

On 24 Dec. Greetings were ~~received from~~ despatched to H.R.H. The Princess Patricia - LADY Evelyn FARQUHAR - LADY BULLER - LT. COL. [Agar] A.A.ADAMSON - The Divisional Commander and The Brigade Commander

Xmas messages were received from Maj. Gen. McDONNELL LT Col. PALMER (49th) - R.C.R. - 42nd Battalion - The Brigade Commander and The Burgomaster of GENVAL

The following officers taken on strength LIEUT J.C. FULLER [475304] LIEUT G.R. STEVENS [McG85] - R.W. HAMBLETT [487326] - R.G. BARCLAY [487394] - & 57 O.R.

LIEUT FULLER J.C. [475304] M.C. despatched 26-12-18 to Adj. Gen. London for duties with Khaki University & LIEUT A.R. CHIPMAN 24.12.18 for return to Canada

Fri, Dec 27, 1918 GENVAL, BELGIUM

27/12 Battalion moves to BOISFORT - by road

Sat, Dec 28, 1918 BOISFORT, BELGIUM

28/12 Battalion moves from BOISFORT to ZUEH by road

Sun, Dec 29, 1918 ZUEH, BELGIUM

29/12 Battalion moves to DENDERWINDEKE by road

Mon, Dec 30, 1918 DENDERWINDEKE, BELGIUM

30/12 Battalion moves to NEDERBRAKEL by road

Tue, Dec 31, 1918 NEDERBRAKEL, BELGIUM

31/12 In billets at NEDERBRAKEL

[Note transcriber: During December, 1918 the Commanding Officer of the P.P.C.L.I. was Lieutenant Colonel A. Hamilton Gault.]