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16th. Canadian Infantry Battalion, "Canadian Scottish."

WAR DIARY.

SEPTEMBER 1918.

J. G. Scrymgeour

Major,
Commanding,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BRIGADE RESERVE.	Oct. 1.		Battalion in Brigade reserve with Headquarters at O.32.a.35.45 and Advanced Battalion Headquarters in OUSE Trench. The 15th. Battalion attacked the CROW'S NEST at 4.50 a.m. The attack was a complete success. No. 2 Company was in Reserve to the 15th. Battalion but were not called upon. Battalion Headquarters moved forward to UNICORN trench in the afternoon and established at U.4.d.25.40. Arrangements were made with the 15th. Battalion for guides to take the pattalion in to our Assembly Positions. A meeting of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters took place at 8.30 p.m. All arrangements as far as possible were made for the attack. The Bosche was pretty busy with Gas and H.E. about 10.00 p.m. The M.O. was severely wounded and Sgt. Smith and Cpl. Morton killed. Operation Orders for the attack were not received till after midnight. The Company Commanders called in at Battalion Headquarters for final instructions and Zero Hour, which set for 5.00 a.m. on the 2nd. The night remained fairly quiet except for Bombing Planes which for some time were very active.	R.R.
	2.		Battalion attacked DROCOURT- QUEANT LINE at 5.00 a.m. See narrative attached.	R.R.
DIVISIONAL RESERVE.	3.		The Brigade moved to Divisional Reserve, the Battalion lying in the DROCOURT SUPPORT LINE with Battalion Headquarters at V.21.a.45.70. The Battalion remained here, the men being able to get a fair rest and a certain amount of reorganization. The weather remained fine. Very little Artillery fire. Casualties Nil.	R.R.
	4.		Orders received that the Battalion will be relieved and embuss for DAINVILLE. Battalion moved out at 4.30 p.m. and marched to CHERISY where we embussed. On arrival in DAINVILLE it was found that there was not sufficient room so Battalion had to march to ACHICOURT arriving in billets at about 11.30 p.m. The weather still continues fine with an occasional shower.	O.O. 42 R.R.
ACHICOURT.	5.		In Billets. The Battalion was payed and Companies reorganized. Weather fine. G.O.C. visited the Commanding Officer this afternoon.	R.R.
	6.		In Billets. A draft of 60 O.R's received. In the afternoon the Battalion marched to BERNEVILLE. Billets are much better here and men made more comfortable. The Corps Commander was in the Area this afternoon.	O.O. 43 R.R.

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<u>BERNEVILLE.</u>	SEPT. OCT. 7.		In Billets. Morning spent in checking kit and general reorganization. Battalion bathed in the afternoon and were also put through Gas Test. Weather fine.	R&R.
	8.		In Billets. Battalion attended Divine Service in the Theatre. The service was conducted by Major Creegan. Weather stormy with heavy showers.	R&R.
	9.		Companies paraded under Company Commanders for training. Weather very wet. Parades had to be cancelled. In the evening the Battalion Concert party put on their new show in the Theatre the whole house being reserved for the Battalion during the show. The Colonel addressed the Battalion, thanking them for their services in the past actions and bidding goodbye to Capt. Yates, the V.M.C.A. Officer, who is leaving us for England. The Band of the 2nd. Battalion was very kindly lent for the evening. The show was splendid and was very much appreciated by all. Weather wet.	R&R.
	10.		In Billets. Companies paraded for training. The weather continues very wet and little work is able to be done.	R&R.
	11.		In Billets. Morning spent preparing for inspection. Weather turned out wet. Inspection cancelled.	R&R.
	12.		In Billets. Battalion training. Companies paraded for Company Drill, Gas Drill and Musketry. At about 11.00 a.m. the Corps Commander arrived and inspected each Company, talking to many of the men. After the inspection he addressed the Battalion, complimenting them on their good work during the last month. Heavy rain fell during the afternoon.	R&R.
	13.		In Billets. The Battalion paraded for Route March. Weather kept fine.	R&R.
	14.		In Billets. The Battalion was bathed during the morning and paid in the afternoon. Weather fine.	R&R.
	15.		In Billets. Battalion paraded for Divine Service in the Theatre. The service was conducted by Captain Coulthurst, 14th. Battalion, R.M.R. Orders were received for a move to Forward Area but were later cancelled	R&R.

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	SEPT.	1918.		
BERNEVILLE	16.		In Billets. Companies and Units carried on training in morning. Weather fine.	R&R
	17.		In Billets. Companies and Units trained. Conference of Battalion Commanders at Brigade Headquarters. Weather fine.	R&R
	18.		In Billets. Companies were all put through Bombing. Weather fine.	R&R
	19.		In Billets. Orders received this morning to move forward. Battalion moved off at 1.00 p.m. Lieut-Colonel C.W. Peck, D.S.O. Commanding. En route Battalion was inspected by Divisional Commander just on outskirts of <u>ACHICOURT</u> . Arrived safely in <u>BEAURAINS AREA</u> at 5.00 p.m.	0.0.4.4 R&R
	20.		Battalion settled in shelters and dugouts. Reconnoitring Party went forward to <u>BUISSY SWITCH</u> line. No work parties. Weather fine.	R&R
	21.		Reconnoitring Parties left at 8.00 a.m. for same area as yesterday. More definite details received of proposed operations. Lieut. V.C. Anderson proceeded on leave to United Kingdom.	R&R
	22.		Parties left again to reconnoitre advanced area. Weather fine. Lieut. McLennan M.C. left for Scotland. Eight reinforcing Officers joined Battalion.	R&R
	23.		Reconnoitring Parties as usual, including all Company Commanders. and Major Bell-Irving.	R&R
	24.		Orders received to move during the afternoon. The Commanding Officer and Second in Command attended conference at Brigade Headquarters. <u>Major-Bell-Irving cancelled his Leave Warrant</u> as he is taking the Battalion into the next action. The Commanding Officer having recieved definite orders to stay out. Lieut. Pusey proceeded on leave. Battalion marched to <u>ARRAS</u> station and entrained at 6.00 p.m. Detrained south of <u>BULLECOURT</u> and marched to <u>CAGNICOURT</u> where we relieved the 19th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. <u>Major Bell-Irving in Command.</u> Lieut-Colonel Peck proceeded to <u>BOULOGNE</u> under orders from Divisional Commander.	0.0.4.4 R&R
CAGNICOURT AREA.	25.		Nos. 1,3 and 4 Companies in <u>DROCOURT-QUEANT</u> Line and No. 2 Company in <u>BUISSY SWITCH</u> .	R&R

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAGNICOURT AREA.	SEPT. 25	(Contd.)	Orders received to relieve 20th Canadian Infantry Battalion in Front Line tonight. Relief completed at 11.20 p.m. No Casualties. Nos. 3 & 4 Companies in Outpost Line from Left to Right. Nos 2 & 1 in Support Line from left to right. Battalion Front extended from E.l.d.35.95 to W.26.a.60.00. Battalion Headquarters at V.24.c.60-80.	0.0.46 RR
	26.		Ref. O.O. No. 47 attached. "Y" Day. No. 4 Company suffered two casualties from shell-fire during the day. Battalion Headquarters moved forward at 8.00 p.m. to <u>Pill Box W9D 27</u> . Conference of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters at 11.30 p.m. The Assault Battalion moved through the 16th. Battalion into Assembly Positions in our Outpost Line during the night and early morning (Zero day) without suffering casualties. Major Scroggie reported back from leave and took over command of Composite Battalion.	RR
	27.		In the early morning Yorks and Lances (11th. Division.) assembled in front of our No. 3 Company. Zero Hour 5.20 a.m. The Battalion remained in position throughout the attack, the Assault Battalions 14th, 15th. and 13th. Battalions passing in succession through us. Casualties from enemy retaliation:- Lieut. Souter wounded, 6 O.R.'s wounded. At 2.00 p.m. orders were received from Brigade to send forward two Companies to reinforce the 15th. Battalion. Nos. 3 & 4 Companies, under Capt. Mason and Major Worthy respectively, were sent forward immediately. (See report attached.) On arrival at their destination these Companies found that the 15th. Battalion had gained all objectives and accordingly they returned to their former positions. At 6.00 p.m. the Battalion moved forward under orders from Brigade to W.38 Central, into support.	RR
	28.		Reconnoitring Parties were sent forward to HAYNECOURT AREA. Enemy shelling and bombing Rear Area especially around the <u>CANAL DU NORD</u> . Weather fine.	RR
	29.		Parties went forward during the morning as far as the DOUAI-CAMBRAI ROAD for reconnoitring purposes. "C" Battalion moved up into BUISSY SWITCH at Brigade Headquarters.	RR
	30.		In the afternoon parties proceeded to reconnoitre 4th. Canadian Divisional Area. At 5.30 p.m. the Battalion moved to HAYNECOURT and relieved the 10th. Canadian Infantry Battalion. Major Bell-Irving attended a conference at Brigade Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Ref. O.O. No. 48. Orders received that the Battalion will attack the following morning. Reconnoitring Parties went forward to Assembly Position at 11.30 p.m. Very wet night. So far no casualties.	0.0.48 RR

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OPERATION ORDER No. 42.

Map. Ref:- 51 B.
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September 4th. 1918.

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1. RELIEF. In accordance with 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde. O.O. No. 271 the Battalion will be relieved in Divisional Reserve and will move to DAINVILLE, embussing at CHERISY.
 2. PARADE. Companies will parade ready to move off at 4.30 p.m.
 3. ORDER OF MARCH. Will be Nos, 4,3,2,1 and Headquarters Companies.
 4. L.G. LIMBERS. Are reporting for Lewis Guns and when loaded will march by road to DAINVILLE.
 5. WATER TINS. All Water Tins on hand will be loaded on L.G. Limbers.
 6. BILLETS. Billeting has been arranged by Rear Headquarters.
 7. MARCH DISCIPLINE. ~~Parties~~ Companies will march in parties of half companies with 100 yards distance between parties.
 8. ROUTE. Main CAGNICOURT-HENDICOURT Road to HENDICOURT to CHERISY.

(Signed.) J.R. Paton,
Captain and Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

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OPERATION ORDER No. 43.

ACHICOURT, 6th. Sept. 1918.

1. MOVE. The battalion will move to Billets at BERNEVILLE today 6th. September 1918.
2. PARADE. The battalion will parade ready to move off at 5.00 p.m.
Half Hour Dress.....4.30 p.m. Quarter Bugle.....4.45 p.m.
- 3 ORDER OF MARCH. Companies and Units will march as follows: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, H.Q. and Draft. 200 yards distance to be kept between Companies.
4. DRESS. Marching Order.
5. L.G. LIMBERS. To be loaded at once.
6. OFFICERS' KITS AND MESS BOXES. To be loaded at once.
7. TRANSPORT. Will march independently.
8. REPORTS. Companies and Units will report to Battalion Headquarters arrival in billets.

Issued by runner at 3.30 p.m.

Adjutant
Captain and Adjutant,
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- Copy. No.
1. 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde.
 2. Commanding Officer.
 3. Second in Command.
 4. No. 1 Company.
 5. No. 2 Company.
 6. No. 3 Company.
 7. No. 4 Company.
 8. Sig. and Intell. Officers.
 9. Q.M.
 10. T.O.
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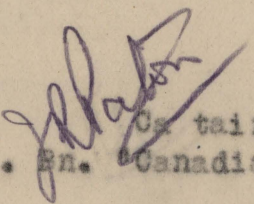
OPERATION ORDER No. 44

Map. Ref. Sheet 51 B.

Berneville 19th. September 1918.

1. RELIEF. In accordance with 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde. O.O. 273 the Battalion will relieve the 50th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. in BEAURAINS-ROVILLE AREA today September 19th.
2. PARADE. The Battalion will parade ready to move off at 2.00 p.m.
Half Hour Dress.....1.30 p.m. Quarter Bgle.....1.45 p.m.
3. ORDER OF MARCH. Will be Nos. 2, 3, 4, H.Q., and No. 1 Coy. 200 yards distance to be kept between Companies.
4. DRESS. Full marching Order.
5. LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns will be packed on Limbers by 1.00 p.m.
6. OFFICERS' MESS AND KITS. To be packed and loaded on wagons by 1.30 p.m.
7. BILLETING PARTY. As detailed.
8. REAR PARTY. 2 men per Company and 1 each from Signallers and Intelligence Sections will report to Lieut. F.L. Hill at 1.30 p.m. at Battalion Orderly Room.
9. TRANSPORT Will march in rear of Battalion.
10. BAND. Will march with Companies.
1. MARCHING OUT STATES. To be in Battalion Orderly Room by 11.00 a.m.
2. REPORTS. Companies will report to Battalion Headquarters when in new billets.

Issued by runner at.....10.20 a.m.


Captain and Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

- Copy. No. 1. 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde.
2. Second in Command.
3. Officer Commanding.
4. No. 1 Coy.
5. No. 2 Coy.
6. No. 3 Coy.
7. No. 4 Coy.
8. Intell. Officer.
9. Sig. Officer.
10. Q.M. & T.O.
11. L.G.O.
12. R.S.M. & Details.
13. Officer in Draft.
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OPERATION ORDER No. 45

Ref Map:- Sheet 51 B. 1/40,000

Beaurains, 24th. sept. 1918.

- 1 RELIEF. Under orders from 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde. the Battalion will move to HENDECOURT AREA by tactical train and march today Sept. 24th and relieve 19th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. in Support. Personnel only to be carried on train.
2. PARADE. The Battalion will parade ~~ready~~ on open ground near road and opposite Q.M. Stores ready to move off at 4.00 p.m.
3. DRESS. Battle Order.
4. LEWIS GUNS. As already detailed.
5. OFFICERS KITS & MESS BOXES. To be piled with Packs at 3.30 p.m.
6. PACKS. As already arranged.
7. PIPERS. Pipers and Drummers will report to their respective Companies at 3.30 p.m.
8. KITS. Officers kits and Mess Boxes will not be delivered tonight. Trench arrangements will have to be made. If possible Company Cookers will join Companies in new positions before daylight.
9. ENTRAINING POINT. ARRAS STATION. (Track No. 1 Opposite R.T.O.'s Hut.)
10. ENTRAINING. Lieut. L.J.E. Smith will be entraining Officer with 2 O.R.'s from No. 4 Company. They will report to Captain Conroy at ~~the~~ station at 4.45 p.m. and will take with them Battalion Entraining S Strength. This is now available at Battalion Orderly Room.
11. DETRAINING POINT. ECOUST.
12. TRANSPORT. Will be ready to move off at 7.00 p.m. by road and will join Battalion in new Area.
13. GUIDES. Guides will meet Companies and Units on RIENCOURT - CAGNICOURT ROAD at V.14.b.3.7.
14. RELIEF COMPLETE. Completion of relief will be notified by wiring Company Commanders name, or by runner if no wire connections.
- 15 DISPOSITIONS. Disposition reports with sketches showing Platoon Dispositions will be sent to Battalion Headquarters as soon as possible.

Issued by runner at p.m.

R. S. Robertson

Captain and Asst. Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

- Copy No. 1 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde.
2. Commanding Officer.
 3. second in Command.
 4. No. 1 Company.
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OPERATION ORDER No. 46.

Ref. Map:- 51 B. 1/40,000.

25th. september 1918.

Under orders from 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde. the battalion will relieve the 20th Cdn. Inf. Bn. in the Front Line tonight 25th. September 1918.

DISPOSITION.

Left Front Coy.....	No. 3 Coy.
Right Front Coy.....	No. 4 Coy.
Left Support Coy.....	No. 2 Coy.
Right Support Coy.....	No. 1 Coy.

GUIDES. 2 Guides from Nos. 1, 3 & 4 Coys. and two from Battalion Headquarters will report at West Corner of German Cemetery on CAGNICOURT-BARALLE ROAD V.9.d.8.7 at 7.00 p.m.

ADVANCE PARTY. 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. will proceed ahead to take over at dusk.

L.G. LIMBERS. Will report to Rear Companies at 5.00 p.m. No. 2 Coy. will carry guns etc.

Battalion Ration Dump. Will be at V.24.b.9.4.

Trench Stores. All Trench Stores, Maps etc. will be taken over on relief.

RELIEF COMPLETE. Companies will wire "Relief Complete" by wiring Coy. Commander's name.

DISPOSITION REPORTS. and Trench Store reports will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters as soon as possible after relief.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed.) R.O. Kerans.
Lieut. & Asst. Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

To:- Adjutant, L A LE.

On night of 25/26th. September 1918 No. 3 Coy., 16th. Battalion relieved "C" Company 20th. Battalion which was holding an Outpost Line running through W.20.a., b., and D. All went quietly till the morning of 27th. at 5.20 a.m. when our barrage opened up. We placed A.A. Lewis Guns to protect all crossings of the Canal du Nord but no enemy planes came over. At Zero plus 208 minutes the Yorks and Lincs. went over on our immediate left, to mopping up ground between Crossroads (running from W.14.c.8.1. N.E.) and Canal du Nord.

At about 2.00 p.m. 27th. we got orders to move up to MARQUION and support the 15th. Battalion, who were starting another attack. We took up a position in W.16.a in MARQUION taking up a line parallel with the ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD.

After C.O. 15th. Battalion had been located we received orders to return to our former positions as the 11th. Division had gone through them and everything was O.K.

At 6.45 p.m. we moved to W.28 Central where we sent out scouts to reconnoitre front areas.

29-9-18.

(Signed) G.F. Mason,

O.C. No. 3 Coy.

29-9-18.

To:- O.C. L A L E.

The Company moved from CAGNICOURT at 7.30 p.m. on 25th. inst. to relieve the 20th Battalion right Company in the front line. En route I received a message from Brigade to also relieve three posts of the 5th. Battalion Brigade on our right. The guides led us astray after we crossed the BUISSY SWITCH and it was necessary for us to return to that trench and follow it until we arrived at Headquarters of the 20th. Battalion. The guides for the additional posts we had to relieve were not here as I had been advised and we then proceeded to the line and relieved "B" Company. They held the line from W.25.d.70.10 to W.26.a.40.00 with two Platoons and a third Platoon in W.20.c. Central. Our line then extended from E.1.d.35.95 to W.26.a.60.00 along the edge of PAVILAND WOOD.. We had no casualties during the relief although we came under brisk shelling three times and were bombed once. Relief was completed at 11.30 p.m.

Patrols were pushed out and three additional posts established. The enemy was active with M.G. fire and minenwerfers during the night.

The following night an enemy M.G. post was located 130 yards in front of our line at W.26.c.4.7. We did not disturb it and were absolutely quiet to protect the assembly and on consultation with the O.C. 14th. Battalion on his arrival we decided to have a platoon to protect his left flank and discharge rifle grenades on the post at Zero. We maintained two other outposts to cover us and the relief was completed at 1.00 a.m. 27th. inst and three Platoons moved to dugouts affording cover and shelter at W.20.c Central. The remaining platoon fired on the M.G. Post at Zero but it had evidently withdrawn before then as it did not fire on the 14th. Battalion and no trace could be found of it. The Platoon then joined the Company. Casualties 1 O.R. killed and 1 O.R. wounded.

At 2.00 p.m. 27th. we were ordered to report to O.C. 15th. Battalion in the line as reinforcements. The Company moved immediately to MARQUION and remained at W.16.a while I went forward and located the O.C. 15th. Battalion 100 yards north of the village. He did not require assistance and we returned to W.20.c Central. Casualties 2 O.R's wounded.

At 6.45 p.m. we moved to trenches at W.28 Central.

(Signed) A.G. Mordy, Major,

O.C. No. 4 Coy.

OPERATION ORDER No. 46.

Map Ref:- 51 B. 1/40,000.

September 26th. 1918.

1. In accordance with 3rd Brigade G.16-297 and G.16-336, covering ~~BOURLON WOOD operations~~ the 16th. Cdn. Battalion, being in Brigade Reserve, will remain holding FRONT LINE positions as at present.
2. The attack will be developed by 14th. Battalion, ~~as~~ followed later by the 13th and 15th. Battalions, each passing through the 16th Battalion and crossing CANAL DU NORD to attack of their respective objectives.
3. The 16th. Battalion with full Battle equipment etc. will hold itself in immediate readiness to assist any of the above Units. They will not, however, be used without orders from Brigade. In the event of the 3rd. Brigade attacks proving successful, the 2nd. Canadian Infantry Brigade will also pass through to the attack through the 16th. Battalion
4. Should the 2nd. Phase (G.16-336 para. 9.) not be undertaken, the 16th. Battalion will stand fast in their present positions. In the event of the 2nd Phase being undertaken, the Battalion will move to "Square ~~XX~~ W.26" in east of SAINS LEZ MARQUION, on receipt of Brigade Wire "Rush."
5. LIGHT SIGNALS. (1) Three White Very Lights, meaning "We are here."
(2) Three Red Very Lights or Rifle Grenade Rockets "Red over Red," meaning "S.O.S." or "We are held up here."
(3) Three Green Very Lights, or Rifle Grenade Rocket, Green over Green over Green, meaning "O.K. Stop your fire."
6. Battalion Battle Headquarters and R.A.P. will be located in Pill Box at W.19.d.2.7 after midnight 26th. September.
7. All Watches will be synchronized.
8. V/2 night will be:-
9. Zero Hour will be notified later.
10. Instructions in regard to Objectives, Flanks, and other details as quoted in G.16-297 and G.16-336 will be closely followed.

R. S. Robertson
Captain and Asst. Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

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16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

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OPERATION ORDER No. 48.

Map. Ref:- 51 B. 8. C. 1/20000

30th. Sept. 1918.

1. RELIEF. Under 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde. O.O..... the 16th. Battalion will relieve the 10th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. in Support Area tonight 30-9-18.

2. ADVANCE - ARTY Advance Party as already detailed will take over position from 10th. Battalion.

3. L.G. LIMBERS. Will move with Companies from 7.18.d.10.00.

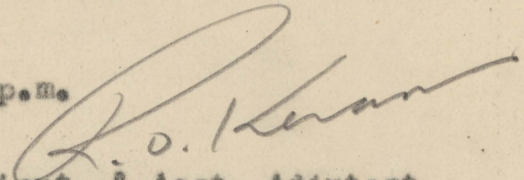
4. DIXIES. Will be carried on L.G. Limbers.

5. ORDER OF MARCH. Companies will move in following order:- H.Q., Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Coys., starting at 5.30 p.m.

6. GUIDES. 1 Guide per Company and Headquarters from 10th. Battalion will report to Companies before 5.30 p.m. and will guide Companies to 10th. Battalion Headquarters. Companies of 16th. Battalion will relieve like Companies of 10th. Battalion.

7. REPORTS. Companies will report arrival in area to Battalion Headquarter by runner.

Issued by runner at....⁵ p.m.


Lieut. & Asst. Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

- Copy No. 1 3rd Cdn. Inf. Bde.
2. Commanding Officer.
3. Adjutant.
4. No. 1 Coy.
5. No. 2 Coy.
6. No. 3 Coy.
7. No. 4 Coy.
8. Intell. & Signallers.
9. R.S.M. & Details.
10 - 12. War Diary.

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SITUATION.

In this action the 1st Canadian Division attacked with the 3rd Brigade on the right and the 2nd Brigade on the left, the 1st Brigade following up to support the attack. On the left of the 1st Canadian Division was the 4th Canadian Division and on our right the 57th Imperial Division. The Brigade was disposed from right to left as follows:- 16th. Battalion, 13th. Battalion, 14th. Battalion, with the 15th. Battalion following up in Reserve.

2. Our Jumping Off Line was in U.12.a & c in front of the CROW'S NEST and our objective was the DROCOURT - QUEANT SUPPORT LINE just west of CAGNICOURT. The 16th. attacked with two Companies leading and two in Support, all in Artillery Formation. The assembly was made under strong harassing fire and reflects great credit on the Company Officers. All was in readiness at Zero Hour, 5.00 a.m.

3. Our barrage came down on time and was for the most part all right, but one battery was firing short and retarded the advance at that point and caused several casualties.

4. The enemy barrage was very light where we were but I understand that it was more or less heavy behind CROW'S NEST.

5. The main advance proceeded steadily, all being under good control. The first obstacle was TRIGGER COPSE which was outflanked on the south flank and one party proceeded through the gap at V.17.a.35.00. On approaching the DROCOURT - QUEANT LINE some resistance occurred for a short time, but the determined onslaught of my Battalion soon carried the position. The line was strongly held and the enemy surrendered in great numbers. At the point where I was, in V.18.e, near the brickworks, I should think that there were three of the enemy to one of ours.

The immediate support of the DROCOURT - QUEANT LINE was soon snapped with equal ease, it being also strongly held. About 200 yards beyond this line I ascertained that the Imperials were not up on our right flank, and that heavy machine gun fire from our right front was holding up the right of my Battalion. I at once despatched my Intelligence Officer to ascertain the situation and he confirmed the same above. The situation soon became critical and a lot of my Battalion, who were disposed in shell holes on the east of the DROCOURT - QUEANT IMMEDIATE SUPPORT came under heavy machine gun fire. Three tanks were in the vicinity, two being quite close to me, so I ran out and got in front of them and pointed out their direction across the valley to the high ground S.W. of CAGNICOURT. They, however did not take my advice nor my orders, and soon turned about and left the vicinity. Less determined troops than ours would have become discouraged at seeing the tanks retreat at a moment when they were most needed. I could see no advance on either flank with the exception of a few stragglers going down the VIS-EN-ARTOIS Road towards CAGNICOURT; so I determined to return to the DROCOURT - QUEANT LINE to endeavour to get in touch with the Artillery, so that our right front could be bombarded. This I did with Lieut. Dunlop and at a speed which was altogether out of keeping with my "avoirdupois". When I reached the Immediate Support Line I found a great many troops in there. I also met a lot of the Munster Regiment passing through the line over to our left. I remonstrated with these troops but it had no effect on them. I at once got as many machine guns as possible to sweep the ridge on our right front. We were held up I should say about an hour altogether, and then I saw that the opposition on the right was weakening and that other Battalions of our Brigade were entering CAGNICOURT. We at once moved forward and were soon ENSEMBLED in the DROCOURT - QUEANT SUPPORT LINE which was our Objective. At this point we passed into Brigade Reserve and I at once began to reorganise my Battalion on the CAGNICOURT - RIENCOURT ROAD. A great number of men from other Units were straggling up and I endeavoured to get them to their Battalions. The 15th. Battalion passed through at this point as well as a Battalion of the 1st Brigade. After reorganisation I moved my Battalion to the DROCOURT - QUEANT Line and other trenches in V.14.b and V.15.c. With the immediate intention of moving forward I sent Major Scroggie and Lieut. Dunlop forward to the high ground S. of the BOIS DE BOUCHE. I at once proceeded along a road to temporary Headquarters in V.21.b.2.6. In a short time I heard from the Adjutant that the people on our left had apparently retired and that we still had machine gun fire from our right. I returned to where my

Our Bel was

Battalion was at a ~~pink~~ point about V.15.c.40.20. I had heard that the 14th. Battalion had advanced up the ridge between BOIS LOISON and BOIS DE BOUCHE in V.16. Apparently they were withdrawn temporarily and I saw the left flank would come up. I determined to hold my Battalion where it was for a while though ~~we were~~ unprotected on either flank, as we could still see nobody on our right. I remained at this point for about an hour when I saw the left again begin to move ahead. I then moved the whole of my Battalion across the road that runs in a south-easterly direction through V.21.a., taking up my Headquarters in V.21.b. 2.8. Major Scroggie then returned and reported that the 15th. Battalion were in position on the top of the ridge as well as a Battalion of the 1st Brigade. I then ordered Major Scroggie to move the Battalion forward into QUEER STREET in V.23.a. and V.22.d. which was the final position we were to take up. Between 4 and 5 p.m. an order came for the Brigade to occupy the BUISSY SWITCH. I went forward then personally to QUEER STREET and found by Battalion disposed there. I then went forward to where the 15th. Battalion lay on a Railway Embankment about 500 yards in front of QUEER STREET. There I met Major Girvan who informed me that the 3rd Battalion was lying in front of him a short way. I was amazed to find out that our flanks were still unprotected and after consultation with Major Girvan I determined to return and get in connection with Brigade before another advance was made. However as I was about to leave the position we saw troops advancing on both flanks. The Imperials before long reached the right flank of our Division and the 2nd Brigade arrived at the left flank of our Brigade. I may add that this was about 6.00 p.m. as nearly as I can remember and it was the first time during the whole operation that troops were up on our flanks. It is interesting to note that on my way back to Battalion Headquarters, while passing along the road in V.22 the enemy was shelling the Imperials who were advancing on our right, firing point-blank from the high ground north of BARALLE. This completed the operation as far as we were concerned as my Battalion was withdrawn and the Brigade relieved before daybreak. The Brigadier visited me about dusk.

6. ARTILLERY. Our Artillery was good with the exception of one Battery firing short and in the afternoon a gun or battery shelled the BOIS DE BOUCHE hours after we had passed a long way beyond it. It is a humorous coincidence that the German batteries were alternating with ours in shelling the BOIS DE BOUCHE. As to the attached gun, I saw nothing of this nor knew anything about it until about dusk, when somebody asked if the gun could return to the battery. The gun could have been of the greatest use to us when our right flank was held up.

7. MACHINE GUNS. The Divisional Machine Guns kept up very well with us and when I advanced my Battalion from the DROCOURT SUPPORT LINE I got Captain ^{Robert} with some guns to so arrange them as to protect the right flank of the Brigade. Another section under Captain Skinner advanced to the high ground S.W. of the BOIS DE BOUCHE. I understand they did very good work but suffered several casualties.

8. TANKS. In the narrative of the action I have already recorded the work of the tanks. Had the tanks advanced as directed by me to the high ground S.W. of CAGNICOURT it would have released the pressure on my right flank. They, however, turned about and left the vicinity, crowding together like sheep. They were shelled by the enemy while retiring and indeed provided him a very good target. I cannot refrain from commenting on the fact that they contrasted very poorly with the action of the tanks which supported us in the Battle of AMIENS.

9. 10 and 114 AIRCRAFT, TRENCH MORTARS, SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATION, SUPPLIES
I have nothing to say on these points.

13. IDENTIFICATIONS. A great many identifications were secured. My batman has shoulder straps of 40 different Regiments.

14. TROPHIES AND SALVAGE, PRISONERS. We captured several guns and a great

many machine guns, but I do not wish to take too much credit for guns as I think that the 15th. Battalion, who passed through us, should be entitled to the credit of taking the greatest amount of heavy ordnance captured.

I have never seen the enemy so cowardly; prisoners surrendered in shoals. That outnumbered us vastly and had they made a determined stand could have hindered our advance to a considerable degree.

15. BURIALS. I understand that the burials were very satisfactorily carried out by the Brigade Burial Party under Lieut. Anderson.

16. LOSSES.

Officers Killed.....	5.
Officers Wounded.....	10.
O.R.'s Killed.....	33.
O.R.'s Wounded.....	142.
O.R.'s Gassed.....	13.

I may add that this Battalion has lost 27 Officers in the last two actions or in less than 27 days.

17. GENERAL NOTES. I may comment that I never saw the enemy in a more demoralized condition and although this was one of the most successful actions in which the Battalion or Brigade have ever been engaged, I certainly think, that, had our flankmen kept up, we would have driven the enemy beyond the CANAL DU NORD in a short time.

The use of smoke was again demonstrated and I consider that more attention should be paid to this from now on. The great difficulty is in carrying enough forward. It may save the situation very often if well applied.

I again find that I cannot speak too highly of the valour and discipline of the Troops under my command. It is impossible for me to describe in words the numberless acts of personal bravery that came under my observation. The Old Battalion kept up its great reputation, advancing with unflinching courage and steadiness and sweeping away the powerful and heavily manned defences of the BROCCURT - QUEANT LINE with the greatest ease. I may safely say of all ranks, that they without exception, did their duty.

W. P. C. Light Colonel,
Commanding,
16th. Can. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."

OPERATION ORDER No. 49.

Ref. Map 51 A. S.W.
Sailly 1/20,000.

September 30th 1918.

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- (1) As per instructions contained in 3rd. Cdn. Inf. Bde O.O. No. 278, the 16th. Battalion will attack in conjunction with the 13th., 14th., & 15th. Battalions.
 - (2) Boundaries, Barrages and Assembly Positions as per C.O.'s Conference.
 - (3) The 13th. Battalion's Objective will be East of the village of BLECOURT, including the villages of SANDCOURT and BLECOURT.
 - (4) The 16th. and 14th. Battalions will attack, each on a one Company front, 16th. Battalion on the right, 14th Battalion on the left.
The 16th. Battalion will attack in the following order:-
No. 4 Company leading, No 3 Company Local Support, No. 2 Coy. Support. No. 1 Company Reserve.
 - (5) The 16th. Battalion will capture CUVILLERS and make good the high ground in S.6 and M. 36, joining up with the 14th. Cdn. Inf. Battalion on the left and the 4th. Canadian division on the right.
 - (6) Watches will be synchronized.
 - (7) Zero Hour:- 5.00 a.m. October 1st 1918.
 - (8) Acknowledge.

(Signed.) R.O. Kerans..
Lieut. & Asst. Adjutant,
16th. Cdn. Inf. Bn. "Canadian Scottish."