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of

16th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Court Drive In support.	Nov 1 st 15		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Interview at Brigade Head Quarters. Day exceedingly quiet. Little of interest to record.	Very wet. JH
Do	Nov 2 nd		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Quiet with nothing to report.	Very wet JH
Do	Nov 3 rd		Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Visited La Plus drive in morning. All under water. New Battalion H. Q's started. Usual quiet day.	JH
Do	Nov 4 th		Major Peck commanding. Visited La Plus drive morning and afternoon. Relieved 15 th Battalion 6 P.M. and relief complete 8.30 P.M. Lt. Colonel Leekie on leave. Day quiet with usual intermittent bombardment.	Fine but misty. JH

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Tranches	Nov. 5 th	139.42.	Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches morning and after-noon. Engineers utterly failed to carry out what they undertook. Intelligence reports show activity negligible. Working parties heard during night and our listening posts report hearing enemy unloading iron. There was the usual progress work - repairing dug outs, parapets etc. Day shown to be quiet.	Cloudy & showery
D.	Nov 6 th		Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. New Battalion ^{New Battalion} head quarters chosen. Increased enemy artillery. Activity on our left front. It was observed that several enemy shells failed to explode. From the fact that enemy parties travelling over land are observed more frequently it is assumed	Fair

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Trenches 139-42	Nov 6 th		Continued that their communication trenches have also suffered during the recent rains. On the whole the attitude of the enemy was quiet. The usual progress work but little of interest to record.	JK
ND	Nov 7 th		Major Peck commanding. Made usual visit to trenches. Interview at Brigade H.Q. in morning. Our artillery bombarded enemy heavily in the afternoon. <u>There was little response.</u> Engineers again failed to carry out programme. Usual progress work. Intelligence summary shows little. Several Germans observed looking over parapet - all wearing blue grey uniform and forage caps. Quiet as usual.	Fair but mostly JK

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Trenches 139-42	Nov. 8 th		Major Peck commanding. Enemy bombarded front trenches in the morning. Visited trenches afternoon and evening. Usual progress work. Attitude of enemy quiet on the right - but nervous on the left. Little activity shown on either side.	Fine Jh
W.	Nov 8	9-	Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches afternoon and evening. Attended meeting of O. Cs at Brigade. Attitude of enemy busy but quiet. Very little sniping or rifle fire. Slight bombardment on our front line at intervals. Nothing much of interest. Relieved by 15 th Battalion and relief complete by 8.30.	Cloudy Heavy rain Jh
Huts Kotepyp	Nov 10		Major Peck commanding. Visited Brigade afternoon. Interviewed with General Currie. Rifle inspection. Day quiet.	Showery and raw. Jh
D.	- 11 th		Major Peck commanding. Meeting of officers in forenoon to discuss matters in general. General Leckie attended. Usual working parties and day uninteresting.	

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Huto Kortepyp.	Nov 12 th		Major Peck commanding. <u>Too wet for any kind of work.</u> Day quiet and uninteresting	Very stormy heavy rain JH
LD.	13 th		Major Peck commanding. Interview at Brigade H.Q. Heavy floods. Day may be summed up as quiet	Wet and stormy JH
LD.	14 th		Major Peck commanding. Church parade 10.30. Relieved 15 th Battalion 5.30. and relief complete 8 P.M.	Fine; cool JH
Trenches 139-42.	15 th		Major Peck commanding. Visited trenches. Front-trenches shelled. Six casualties - one fatal. Intelligence reports gives attitude of enemy as very quiet. Usual progress work. Lt. Colonel Leckie returned to duty	Fine JH

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Trenches	Nov		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Busy with work on Battalion	Cloudy
139.42	16 th		H. Q. our artillery bombarded enemy intermittently from 9 Am. to 4 P.M. Made inspection of trenches. Rifle fire and sniping quieter than usual - artillery (Enemy) fairly active. Day quiet on the whole.	ph
150	17 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. 7 th Battalion on night-entered enemy's trench at 2.30 A.M. and took 12 prisoners. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. Usual progress work chiefly draining. Attitude of enemy extremely quiet. Day quiet all round.	Cloudy and showers ph
150	18 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches morning. Intelligence reports show quietness. Relieved by 15 th Battalion 5.30-8.30	Cloudy ph

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Billetts Red Lodge In support	Nov 19 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Rifle inspection. Day quiet	Fine but cold. Wh
Do.	Nov 20.		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Company parades and the usual working parties. Day quiet and free from incident. Man killed in working party in evening.	Cold. Wh
Do.	21		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Company parades forenoon. Interview at Brigade H. Q. Day uninteresting	Cold Wh
Do.	22.		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Some enemy shelling during day, otherwise very quiet. Usual company parades and working parties. Relieved 15 th Battalion.	Foggy Wh

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Trenches	Nov			
139.42.	23.		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Artillery fire all day. Corp. Thomas machine gun killed. No activity to speak of usual progress work.	Fine. M
139.	24.		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Bombarded enemy heavily during afternoon 1 to 3.30. Enemy made response. Visited trenches morning and afternoon. Progress reports show repairing and strengthening. Attitude of enemy alert. Signaller Murray killed at Batt. H.Q. and Corp. Buste wounded by sniper.	Cloudy. M
139.	25.		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Very little artillery and intelligence reports show day very quiet. Nothing of real interest to record.	Cloudy M

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Trenches	Nov 26		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Inspected trenches in the morning with Colonel Loomis. German aviators busy directing shelling of our batteries. Attitude of enemy alert but very quiet. Intelligence reports reveal little. Relieved by 15 th Battalion: their Machine Gun officer wounded.	Showery M
Huts	Nov 27		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Rifle inspection. Men resting: day quiet.	Cold. M
W.	28 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Quiet all day. Nothing of interest.	Very cold. M
W.	29.		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Bathing parades. Very quiet.	Very cold. M
W.	30 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Quiet. Relieved 15 th Batt. 4.30 & relief complete 8.30	Very cold Train in turning M