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of

16th C A N A D I A N I N F A N T R Y B A T T A L I O N.



From 1st January 1916

To: 31st January 1916

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Kortepup Huts	Jan 1 st	16	Lt Colonel Leckie D.I.O. Commanding. Interview at Brigade Head quarters. Day quiet and men enjoying New Year's day as best they can.	Cloudy JH
D.O.	Jan 2 nd		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Bathing parades and rifle inspection. Lecture to Officers in the morning by Captain Brothers on Grenades and in the afternoon lecture by Professor Fletcher on war in Flanders. Day quiet and men resting.	Rain JH
D.O.	Jan 3 rd		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Relieved 15 th Batt 4 to 6. 30 P.M. Visited trenches evening.	Fine JH
Trenches 142 - C1-2	Jan 4 th		Lt Colonel Leckie commanding. Interview at Brigade. Visited trenches in evening. 4 men wounded in C1. No 2 Coy. Attitude of enemy quiet but alert. Very quiet with little of real importance	Dull rain JH

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Trenches 142 C-1-2	Jan 5 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches morning and evening. German artillery showed more activity but general attitude of enemy was quiet. The intelligence summaries reveal little. The usual working parties and progress work.	Fine <i>[initials]</i>
D.	6 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. The usual visit to the trenches. Trenches shelled by enemy in the morning. One officer and 4 men wounded. Intermittent rifle fire. Attitude quiet and alert. Nothing in intelligence summary of value to historians.	Dull <i>[initials]</i>
D.	7 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Trenches morning and evening. Enemy artillery again active, but no observations to make. Relieved by 15 th Battalion.	Cloudy Cold. <i>[initials]</i>
Red Lodge Reserve	8 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Rifle and foot inspection. Usual working parties. Meeting of O.C. at Brigade. Quiet.	<i>[initials]</i>

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Red No. 9	Jan 9 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Day quiet with absolutely nothing to record.	Shower.
No. 10	10 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Heavy bombardment (Allies) to North 3.45. Here quiet and uninteresting	Fine.
No. 11	11 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Relieved 15 th Battalion 4-630 P.M. Relief complete without accident ^{complications} . Day quiet.	Rain in morning
Trenches 142- C1-2	12 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Between 4 & 5 P.M. enemy artillery active - bombarded C1. C2. General attitude of enemy quiet. Usual progress work and day may be summed up as quiet.	Rainy cloudy
No. 13	13 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Attitude of enemy quiet and really nothing of interest worthy of record.	High wind

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Frenches	Jan		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited Frenches morning and evening. Heavy enemy shelling and 10 men and 2 officers wounded in C2. Attitude of enemy quiet but busy. Apart from shelling of C2 there is little of value to record.	Coll with light rain JK
142 C1-2	14 ^h			
Do	15 ^h		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Relieved by 15 ^h Battalion. Quiet.	Fine JK
Kotepyp Hals	16 ^h to 19 ^h		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. From 16 ^h to 19 ^h inclusive may be summed up as follows:- Working parties; company parades; bathing parades and pay parades; foot and rifle inspections and the usual routine when Battalion is lodged in Hals but nothing of historical interest.	JK

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Tranches 142 C1-2.	Jan 20 th		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches afternoon and evening. Enemy quiet to restless. Day quiet.	Dull at intervals M
Do.	21 st		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Attitude of enemy - in front of C2 very quiet, but working vigorously along the front line parapet. Restless in front of C1 and 142. Rifle fire and sniping negligible. Small enemy shelling in afternoons. Usual progress work and day quiet.	Fine JH
Do.	22 nd		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Rifle fire and sniping (enemy) nil. Little shelling but 2 men wounded in afternoon. Quiet.	Fair JH
Do.	23 rd		Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Enemy alert but analysis of intelligence summary reveals little of interest. Relieved by 15 th .	Misty but bright later JH

Battalion 4.30 - 6.30.

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Red Lodge Jan 24th - 27th
Support - 24th - 27th
Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. From 24th to 27th inclusive
there is really little of interest. Usual rifle and foot-in-
-spection. Company and bathing parades. Usual working
parties and the usual daily routine. On 27th relieved 15th Battalion

Trenches Jan 28th
142
C1-2.
Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches afternoon and
evening. Very quiet all day with nothing to report. Cloudy

Do. 29th
Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Visited trenches morning and
evening. Very quiet day all round. Cloudy

Do. 30th
Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Usual progress work. Enemy
quiet. Nothing of importance to record. Night

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Trenches Jan
14-2
C1-2 31st

Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. One of our guns fired 100 rounds at Barrier. Heavy bombardment by enemy to left of us. Visited trenches afternoon & evening. Day on the whole quiet.

Quiet and cold
JK

N.B From a careful perusal of the Commanding Officer's diary, the diary of the second in command, and the intelligence summaries, the month of January may be summed up as follows: - Siege war fare with intermittent bombardments and desultory rifle and machine gun fire; progress work - repairing and improvements &c and the usual concerns of siege war fare, but taken all together there is little or nothing of historical importance

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