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War Diary



of.

16<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion. 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division

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<p>August 1<sup>st</sup> 15.</p> <p>Trenches in reserve and support. Ploegsteert.</p> <p>For dispositions see July 29<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Major J. Leckie D.S.O. acting command- ing officer. Working parties: 2 officers and 150 men paraded at 8 A.M. and 4 officers and 200 men paraded at 8 P.M. Major Leckie made examinations of dispositions in afternoon. Brigadier General Turner called in morning at Head Quarters. Church service at 11 A.M. Company commanders report every thing quiet. Intermittent shelling of Ploegsteert, otherwise quiet as usual.</p>	<p>Very hot.</p> <p>cwp</p>
<p>August 2<sup>nd</sup> 15.</p> <p>D. D.</p>	<p>Major J. Leckie D.S.O. Acting Commanding officer. Working party of 2 officers and 150 men paraded at 8 A.M. Major Leckie made examination</p>	<p>Heavy showers at intervals</p>

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<p>August 2<sup>nd</sup> Continued</p>	<p>of trenches in the early morning. Orders that 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion relieve 15<sup>th</sup> in trenches. Relief complete by 5 P.M. The following are the dispositions:- No 1 company Major Peck commanding 128 S2; 129 S2 Poole Farm. No 2 company Captain Bell-Inving commanding. 130 No 3 company Captain Morrison, D.S.O. commanding 126; 127; 126 S1; 127 S1. No 4 Company Captain Wood acting commanding officer 128; 129. Machine Gun. Lieut Powis in command 128-30. Head Quarters Kent House Messines Road. Total strength 867. Company commanders report little of importance Day quiet: usual intermittent shelling. Orderly room 10.30. Captain Urquhart acting Adjutant-Captain Kemp on leave of absence.</p>	<p>awp</p>

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August. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 15 Trenches 126 - 30. Plogsteert	Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Company Commanders report day extremely quiet. Lt Colonel Leckie made examination of trenches in early morning. Brigadier General Turner called at H.Q. in forenoon. Nothing of consequence to record.	Cold and raw with <u>heavy rain at intervals</u>  cwp
August 4 <sup>th</sup> - 15 Do. Do.	Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Company commanding officers report all quiet on our front. Lt Colonel Leckie made inspection of trenches. Orderly Room 9.30. The usual work is being carried out - work on the communication trenches, strengthening &c. Desultory firing all day. No casualties. Very quiet.	Fine: <u>occasional showers or two!</u>

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<p>August 5<sup>th</sup> 15 Trenches 126-30 Flogsteert Dispositions see July 29<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Major Leckie D.S.O. acting commanding officer. Company commanders report progress in the various trenches — placing of loopholes; repairing of wire in front of trenches; progress in regard to shrapnel proof trench; repairs to parapet; completion of communication trenches registering on 129.81. Enemy artillery showed increased activity. The intelligence report for the day deals with the observations made by N.C.Os. while on listening post: enemy working parties could be seen on our immediate front as if strengthening their wire entanglements. The tinkle of belts could be heard, as if the enemy were fastening them to wires. Enemy were using defective flares. Little however to record; day comparatively quiet with no casualties.</p>	<p>Cloudy and much warmer. cwp</p>

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August 6<sup>th</sup>

15

Trenches 126. 30

Ploegsteert

Dispositions see July 29<sup>th</sup>

Lt. Colonel Leekie C.M.G. Commanding.

At the request of the Brigade an S.O.S. call was put in at 1.45 and responded to by No 3 Battery. Inspection of all dispositions was made by the Commanding officer at 4.30 A.M. Persistent shelling of Chateau and wood above Hyde Park Corner between 9.30 and 11 A.M. Company Officers report day quiet in the trenches. Orders received that No 2 Battalion would relieve 16<sup>th</sup>. Relief complete by 9 P.M. Battalion housed at Bulford Camp.

Heavy showers at intervals.

C.W.P.

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Bulford Camp  
France.

Lt. Colonel Leekie commanding. Battalion parade 10.45 AM. Inspection by Major General the Hon. S. Hughes Minister of Militia, Canada. In the course of an address he referred to the bravery of the Brigade and made mention as to what Canada was doing and what she was prepared to do for those serving at the Front. The following working parties paraded - 1 officer 50 men & 1 officer and 75 men at 6.45 A.M. Concert in the evening.

Cloudy and relaxing.

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<p>August 8<sup>th</sup> Bulford Camp France.</p>	<p>Lt. Colonel Leckie commanding. Orderly Room 9. 30 A. M. Voluntary Divine Service 11 A. M. The following working parties paraded. 1 officer and 25 men at 6.40 and 1 officer and 75 men at 6.40 AM. Wiring party of 10 men at 12.30. Picquet of 1 Corporal and 4 men at 9. H. Q. Picquet of 1 Cpl. and 9 men - new pitch tents 5 P. M. Working party of 150 men and 2 officers 1.55 P. M. pitching tents. <u>Very heavy bombardment</u> could be heard in the distance on our left about 2 A. M.</p>	<p>Bright and warm.</p> <p>cwp</p>
<p>August-9<sup>th</sup> Do.</p>	<p>Lt. Colonel Leckie, commanding. Orderly Room 9.30. Company parades: Foot and rifle inspection: bathing. Following are the working parties 1 officer and 50 men 6.50 AM. and 1 officer and 50 men 16.50 P. M. Day quiet!</p>	<p>Hot and oppressive</p>

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<p>August 10<sup>th</sup> 15 Huts: Bulford Camp.</p>	<p>Lt. Colonel Leckie, Commanding Officer. Orderly Room 9.30. The following working parties paraded 1 officer and 78 men at 6.40; 1 officer and 26 men at 7 A.M. and 1 P.M. battery parade. Company parades in the morning, also musketry. Day quiet.</p>	<p>Very hot.  cwp</p>
<p>August 11<sup>th</sup> 15 H.Q. H.Q.</p>	<p>Lt. Colonel Leckie Commanding Officer. Orderly Room 9.30 Court-Martial 10 A.M. D.H.Q. Company parades forenoon also musketry. Following working parties paraded. 1 officer &amp; 50 men at 7.20 P.M. 1 officer and 50 men at 7.20 p.m. 1 Picquet 1 Cpl and 5 men D.H.Q. Pay parade all day. Brigadier General Turner called at 3 P.M. and took farewell of the Officers. Proceeds to the United Kingdom on duty</p>	<p>Warm.</p>

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<p>August 12<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Bulford Camp.</p> <p>France</p>	<p>Major Leekie D.S.O. acting commanding officer.</p> <p>15. Lt. Colonel R. G. Edwards - Leekie C.M.G. assumes command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade from this date, vice Brigadier-General R. E. W. Turner V.C. C.B., who proceeds to the United Kingdom on duty.</p> <p>Court Martial 10 A.M. D. H. Q. Company</p> <p>Parades 9. 11. 30. Pay parade all day. The following working party paraded at 6.40 - Four officers and 200 N.C.O.s and men. A concert was organized for the men in the evening. Day quiet as usual.</p>	<p>Day very hot.</p> <p>cwp</p>

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Bulford Camp. France Hutis	Aug 13 <sup>th</sup> 15		<p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. commanding officer.</p> <p>Company parades 9 to 11.30 A.M. Orderly Room 9.30. A working party of 175 men and 4 officers paraded at 6.40 A.M. The usual concerns with little of interest to record.</p>	Very hot.  cool
D.	Aug 14 15		<p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. Commanding officer.</p> <p>Company parades 9 to 11.30. Orderly Room 9.30. At 6.40 A.M. a working party of 200 men and 4 officers paraded. Day quiet. Concert in the evening.</p>	Warm
D.	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> 15		<p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. Commanding officer. Voluntary Church parade 11 A.M. D. Pringle officiating. Orders issued that Battalion will take over trenches 138. 142 near Wolverghen. Companies moved off at 2.30 extending until 3.30. Relief complete by 8.30. Head quarters in dug-outs opposite <u>Plus Douce farm</u>. The following are the dispositions:-</p>	Rain in the forenoon. Fine later.

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Continued			<p>August 15<sup>th</sup> Continued</p> <p>Trenches 138-9. Captain Bell. Iring commanding (No. 2 Company) Trenches 140-142 Capt. Wood commanding (No. 1 company). S. 139-141 (No. 2 company). S. 139-140 Grenade. Fort Osborne and King Edward Terrace (No. 3 Company), Captain Morison D.S.O. commanding. T. 12 A. 4 1-2-3. Captain Urquhart commanding. (No. 4 company) Total strength. <u>892</u>. One casualty</p> <p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. commanding officer</p> <p>Major C. W. Peck second in command. Intelligence reports by officers commanding companies reveal little of importance. The usual shelling but day comparatively quiet.</p> <p>Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. commanding officer. Day quiet along our front. Nothing of interest to report.</p>	<p>cwp</p> <p>Fine</p> <p>Heavy rain at intervals.</p>
Trenches 138-142	Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	15		
Near Valenciennes				
No. 1	Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>			

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Trenches	Aug		Major J. Edwards Leckie D.S.O. commanding. Commanding	Warm with
138 - 142	18 <sup>th</sup>		Company officers report day quiet.	occasional showers
near Wulverghen	15.		Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Major J. Edwards	Bright and warm
D.O.	Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	15.	Leckie was removed to hospital at 3 A.M. Day quiet as usual. Orders issued that Battalion would be relieved by 15 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. Relief complete	cloud
Kortepyp			by about 8.30. Battalion in huts Kortepyp. Major Markham of this Battalion killed while reconnoitering.	
Huto	Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	15	Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Rifle and foot inspection. The following working parties paraded 1 officer and 50 men at 7 A.M. and 1 officer and 50 men at 6.30 P.M. Day quiet. Men resting.	Warm
D.O.	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>		Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Company parades 9 to 11.30 A.M. Following working parties paraded 1 officer and 50 men 7 A.M. 1 officer and 50 men 7 P.M. Major Markham buried at 11 A.M. Military cemetery Armentiers. Day quiet!	Heavy rain forenoon.

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Kortepyp.	Aug.		Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Orderly Room 9.30 A.M.	Fine
Hulo	22 <sup>nd</sup>	15	Bathing Parades forenoon. Voluntary church parade 2.30 P.M. Dr. Pringle officiating. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for Presbyterians 3 P.M. The following working parties paraded 1 officer and 50 men 7 A.M. and 1 officer and 50 men 7.15 A.M. The usual quiet day.	cwp
D.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	15	Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Orderly Room 9.30 A.M. Bathing parades and Company parades forenoon. Officers commanding Companies examined trenches to be taken over. Men resting in the afternoon. Concert in the evening. No incidents to record.	Hot and depressing. cwp
D.	24 <sup>th</sup>		Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. Orders issued that Battalion take over trenches 138-142 near Wolverhampton. Battalion moved off at 9.15 A.M. Relief complete by 12 P.M. Head quarters in dug. out	Very hot. cwp

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	Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>		Continued. opposite Plus Douce farm. The following are the dispositions :- Trenches 138 and 139 & S. 138-9 - S. 1-142 Captain Morison (No. 3 Company) Commanding. 140/1 - 142 No. 4 Company Captain Urquhart commanding Fort George and King Edward Terrace No. 1 Company also S. 12 a 4.1. Captain Wood commanding. S. 1. 139 - 140/1 also part of 138-9. No. 2 Company. (Captain Bell. Irving commanding). Grenade S. 139/140 Total strength 892.	
Trenches 138-142 Near Wulverghen	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>		Major C. W. Peck acting commanding officer. The gist of the intelligence reports sent in by officers commanding Companies shows that during the day in the trenches i.e. from August 24 <sup>th</sup> to August 29 <sup>th</sup> inclusive there was little of consequence to record. Every thing reported to be quiet along our front. One casualty. Battalion relieved by 15 <sup>th</sup> Battalion on 29 <sup>th</sup> . Relief complete by 1 A.M. 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Billited Court Drove and neighborhood.	Exceedingly hot cup
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			<p>From the 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August continued.</p> <p>During this stay in the trenches new defensive works were begun. A new line was started cutting across in front of <u>138 and 139</u> with the object of crossing behind 140-1 &amp; 2 and connecting with British line. A special reconnaissance was carried out with the object of ascertaining the position and extent of new German works in front of 140-1 and 2 and of the feasibility of constructing a new low front line trench around the salient in front of above trenches. As a result of this reconnaissance the above trench was recommended to the Brigade by the Commanding Officer.</p> <p>The Germans were very active during this stay: new works and trenches. It is believed they have a new advanced post in front of trench 142.</p>	CWP

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Courte Drees Billets	Aug. 30 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Major C. W. Peck, acting commanding officer. Foot and rifle inspection. Working party of 3 officers and 250 men paraded at 8.30 P.M. Billets shelled about 11 A.M. 4 casualties, otherwise day quiet.	Cloudy but <u>warm.</u>
D.	Aug. 31 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Major C. W. Peck, acting commanding officer. Pay parades all day. Day very quiet.	Fine <u>cwp</u>