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War Diary

16th Cdn. Inf. Battalion

August 1916

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Victoria Line	Aug 1 st	7 th	S.O.C. Brigade sent for C.O. and O.C. Coy. to tell them that a mine was to be blown in the next four (?) or	
Front Line (2)	2 nd	a.m.	Went into front line trenches 39 to 44 night ^{at} reason of blow and if necessary to form new Explorations by Brigade Major at to reason of blow and if necessary to form new Crater and consolidation - Bombardment T.M.'s and guns. 8.10-9.45 ^{pm} - Consolidated. Brigade O.O. issued and R.A. Co.	
	3 rd	a.m.	Further explanation from S.O.C. with map - (3) O.O.'s sent to all companies and units issued in accordance - (See orders) -	? (4)
		h.m.	who acknowledged - (4) Captain Hartings no 4 Coy in charge of Consolidation - Coy. Sgt. Major Cameron in charge of covering party of bombers also to try to get into enemy's trenches and get information and identification	
		10.01	Mine blown. Guns & Machine Guns started immediately	
		10.03	All Signal Lines reported correct.	
		10.03 ²	Enemy's machine guns started	
		10.04	First shell back from enemy -	
		10.07	Reported that explosion had done damage to our trenches and men had to be dug out - therefore delaying consolidation	
		10.10	Colonel Spoke a phone to S.O.C. Reported from Left Flank no I say that enemy's planes were being sent up from their rear support trench.	

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Front Line.	Aug. 3rd	Am. 10.25 10.32 During Night. 4. 5. 6. Am. 4.30 4.55 4.59 5.05 5.15	<p>Requested guns to slow up Requested T.M.s to slow up - firing from lines of neighbouring battalion (14th) Consolidated Crater and built out raps - (6) Report to B^d attached</p> <p>Fairly quiet - Minnies and shells - Bad sniping at night that hindered our work parties on new line - work mainly consisting of building raps to new crater and consolidating - <u>our front line was affected by</u> <u>explosion of mine and required considerable attention.</u></p> <p>Quiet - Minnies and Shells. no hindrance to work parties</p> <p>Notified word of mounds by S.O.C. & recd O.O that it is by 6" Shells probably take place 5-7 pm -</p> <p>Sent word for all to be taken out of front line except flank sentries - a Battery fired shot over our front line - notified brigade who rectified -</p> <p>Now and I reported clear of front line.</p> <p>Enemy aeroplane seen falling South of our front. Notified by brigade that 6" in would not fire on account of observation balloons. (Sent verbally in code)</p>	<p>Ref No</p>

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Front Line	3.30 p.m.	Aug. 7th	Shuffle by enemy of Trench mortars and Minnies - our guns and Trench mortars retaliated winding up with fire from our 6 inch which was effective.
			Relieved by 10th Battalion and moved to <u>Dominica Line</u> .
	5.30 a.m.	8th	Command Relief completed 3.15 a.m. At night enemy attacked to north of us with gas. Gas alarm sounded and we had all men ready. Gas early smelt.
	4 p.m.	9th	Marched to <u>Patricia Line</u>
	P.D.	10th	Inspection of men's equipment etc.
	6.15 a.m.	11th	Left for <u>Steenwilde</u> by road arrived at 10 a.m. Good billets.
	3.15 a.m.	12th	Left for <u>Zederspeete</u> - joined Brigade 4.14 a.m.
	10 a.m.		Arrived <u>Zederspeete</u> - Billets scattered. - Last part of march was very trying and several men fell out. but only two were left behind.

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13th 1916 11:20 am
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15th
16th
17th
18th
19th
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21st
22nd

Left for Patton Area - Joined Brigade 5 am. Arrived Patton Area 8 am.
Billetts fair.
Inspection of men.
Platoon & Company work. O.C. Pos and Intelligence reconstructed training
Area.
Company work - Lt Colonel Leckie assumed duties of Brigade temporarily
in the absence of the G.O.C.
Battalion practiced new form of attack in Training Area.
Battalion took part with Brigade in Liaison work with aeroplanes.
Company work - Baseball games in afternoon.
Church Parade. Baseball in afternoon.
Practiced Battalion in Attack in Training Area. The Corps Commander
was present.
Company work. Lecture by Det. Pos Office and Capt. Brothers

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Watten. Aren.	22 nd		Training Area - Company in attack.	
	23 rd		Brigade in Liaison work with Flying Corps - learned verbally by Brigade Major that we would be leaving about 27 th .	
	24 th		Company work.	
	25 th		Company work. Baseball and Football Matches	
	26 th		Left at 8.13 pm for <u>St Omer</u> to Entrain	
	27 th		Entrained and off at 10.3 - Arrived at <u>Anteville</u> about 9 am.	
	28 th	1.03 am	Marched to billets at <u>Maison Holland</u> - Arrived in morning.	
Maison. Holland.	29 th	7 am	Marched to <u>Hatlay to Permin</u> - Left 7 am - Bert Billets for ages. 3 Casualties	
	30 th	5.30 am	Marched to billets at <u>La Vicogne</u> - Very wet but lucky to get everyone under cover. Arrived <u>10 am</u> .	
	31 st	7.25 am	March to billets at <u>Catoy</u>	