

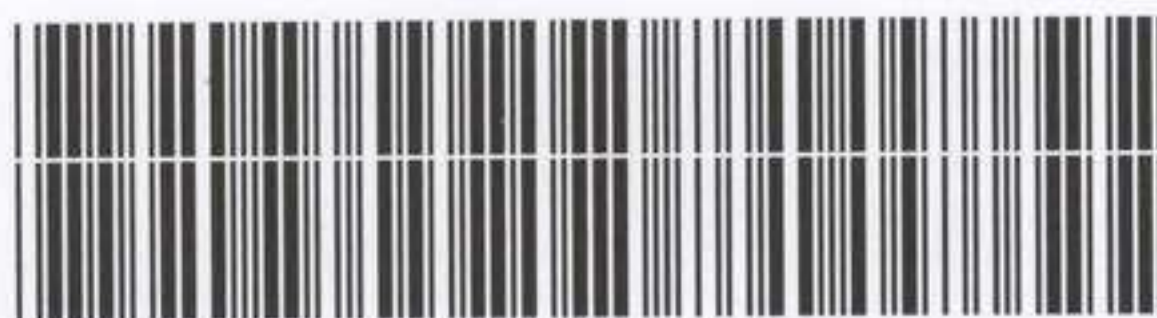
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WAR DIARY.45TH. BATTALION A. I. F.MONTH SEPTEMBER 1916

- 1/9/'16. In Brigade reserve at Wire Trench, Pazieres. Map reference X15 CCentral. Working party of 5 Officers and 300 men under Captain Howden successfully dug an assembly trench near Mouquet Farm under great difficulties.
- 2/9/'16. Moved to and billeted in former billets in Albert.
- 3/9/'16. Marched to and billeted in WARLOY
- 4/9/'16. Marched to and billeted in RUBEMPRE
- 5/9/'16. Still at RUBEMPRE.
- 6/9/'16. Marched to and billeted in BEAUVAL.
- 7/9/'16. Still at BEAUVAL. Refitting and reorganisation of Battalion is completed.
- 8/9/'16. Marched to DOULLENS and entrained there at 7.30.a.m. Detrained at PROVENS at 3.p.m. and marched from there through POPERINGHE to VICTORIA CAMP near RENNINGHELST. (Map Ref. M3C86).
- 9/9/'16. VICTORIA CAMP is a very well planned camp.
- 10/9/'16. The Battalion has settled down to training. The weather and other conditions are excellent.
- 11/9/'16. The 46th Battalion are camped in the vicinity in KENORA CAMP.
- 12th.-15th (inclusive) Training is continued.
- 16/9/'16. Leave ~~ax~~ to England opened again.
- 17/9/'16. Raining heavily. After Church parade General Cox presented 14 N.C.O's and men with congratulatory cards.
- 18/9/'16. Moved to ONTARIO CAMP near RENNINGHELST. This is a very badly arranged camp.
- 19/9/'16. The Battalion was put through a "gas" test.
- 20/9/'16. Relieved the 50th Canadian Battalion at RIDGEWOOD near VIERSTRAAT.
- 21/9/'16. The Battalion is here in dug-outs as Brigade support and supplies numerous working parties for the front line and communication trenches. Every available man is on fatigue.
- 22/9/'16. This portion of the line is remarkably quiet in comparison with the SOMME operations.
- 23/9/'16. One man wounded in a working party.
- 24/9/'16. The weather is splendid and the camp is comfortable.



25/9/'16.

Working parties are still continued.

26/9/'16.

Relieved the 47th Battalion in front line (Map Ref. VOORMEZELE from N7a20 to N7b33) Two Companies are in the front line and immediate support, One in support in Strong points and one in Battalion reserve in BOIS CARRE WOOD.

27/9/'16.

Trenches are not in a good condition and much reconstructional work is being done.

28/9/'16.

Two patrols nightly patrolled NO MAN'S LAND and enemy's wire.

29/9/'16.

The enemy's artillery and sniping are not at all active. The enemy occasionally fires a few trench mortar and rifle grenades. His aeroplanes are rarely ever seen.

30/9/'16.

Battalion Sector

The 48th Battalion are on our right and the 13th Battalion on our left. The enemy's trenches on an average is from 80 to 200 yards away from ours. On the night of the 30th/1st. two raids were carried out on Brigade front. The 46th Battalion raided on the right and the 47th Battalion through our left Company sector. ~~Tatakxcasnaktkasx~~

Our total casualties up till the present in front line are:-

Killed = 2 N.C.O's & 2 Privates.

Wounded = 1 N.C.O. & 1 Private.

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