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WAR DIARY

18TH (WESTERN ONTARIO) CANADIAN BATTALION.
~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C. 2118

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Summary of Events and Information

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| | 17th | (Cont'd) | <p>This was reported to our Artillery, who took very effective action. At 4.00 p.m. a small party of the enemy, estimated at 15 men, attempted to raid our posts at N.13.b.65.40., but were driven off without casualties to us. The remainder of the day and evening were fairly quiet. Lieut. H.E.F. Ralph admitted to hospital, sick.</p> | CPL |
| | 18th. | | <p>At 12.00 midnight 17th-18th, a heavy enemy barrage opened on the whole Brigade front. Our Artillery replied immediately to an S.O.S. call from our left. No enemy attack was delivered on our front, although some grenades were thrown. At 2.00 a.m. a similar occurrence happened. It is quite certain that the enemy intended to attack at both of these times but his formations were broken by our Artillery. At 4.15 a.m. the enemy again opened a heavy barrage on the whole Brigade front and succeeded in pushing forward some men into the front trenches on the left of the Brigade, these were immediately ejected. No attack occurred on our immediate front. During the day, nothing of importance occurred beyond the usual desultory shelling.</p> | CPL |
| | Night | 18/19th | <p>The 18th Battalion was relieved by the 50th Canadian Battalion taking over the frontage from the LENS-GRENAY Railway to the LENS-BETHUNE Road, and the 27th Canadian Battalion from LENS-BETHUNE Road to our left boundary. The relief was completed at 3.45 a.m. and the Battalion proceeded to billets at BULLY-GRENAY, the Brigade being in Divisional Reserve. 23 O.R's arrived as reinforcements, 8 O.R's returned from hospital.</p> | CPL |
| BULLY-GRENAY. | 19th | | <p>The Battalion resting today and having bathing parades. LIEUT. T.R. DOUGALL Died of Wounds at No. 6 C.C.S. Barlin, and was buried in the Military Cemetery there. His courage and energy had been a source of pride in the Battalion and his work had been of the greatest value, not only to the Battalion, but also to Brigade and Division. 4 O.R's admitted to hospital, sick.</p> | CPL |
| " | 20th | | <p>No work carried out as Battalion was resting after a strenuous tour. 28 O.Rs arrived as reinforcements and 10. O.Rs returned from hospital.</p> | CPL |
| Move. | 21st. | 9.30 | <p>The Battalion left BULLY-GRENAY at 9.30 a.m. and proceeded to BOUVIGNY HUTS going into Corps Reserve. On the road "D" Coy sustained 52 casualties, 23 of which were fatal, by the bursting of an enemy shell (high velocity). This bringing our casualties to approximately 220 during the tour. Lieut. W. Hampton and 4, O.Rs admitted to hospital (sick).</p> | CPL |

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