

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 21

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	6	Remarks and references to Appendices																																
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	28-4-17.		Relieved in GRANGE TUNNEL by the 116th Canadian Inf. Battalion, and moved back to suburban camp, VILLERS-AUL-BOIS, Relief completed at 5.30 p.m., with exception of two hundred (200) men, who remained one working party, and arrived at Camp at 6.30 o'clock the following morning.		Fine.																																
	29-4-17.		VILLERS-AUL-BOIS. Church Parade, R.C.'s. at 11 a.m. Other denominations 2 p.m. After parade, the Battalion was assembled, and the Commanding Officer delivered a farewell address. (See attached copy). The disbanding of a force of 828 fighting men of all ranks, well trained, with a perfect organization to carry it through the war, for Political reason, seems most unjust, and shows little feeling, or respect for the Officers, N.C.Os. and men, who have been in the trenches for fourteen months, and those who have made the supreme sacrifice with their lives, and who rest in named, and unnamed graves throughout France and Belgium. If tried and efficient Battalions are to be broken up like this in the midst of a great war, and on the very battlefields, it will surely be more discouraging than encouraging, to further recruiting in Canada. (App. 2)		Fine.																																
	30-4-17.		Parade of the Battalion in full marching order, with all details at 10 a.m. Rolls called, and the various Companies and units divided on the basis of one-third to the 5th C.M.Rs., and two-thirds to the 87th Battalions. The figures approximately are as follows:-																																		
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