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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

August, 1916.

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Place	Date	Hour	60th Canadian Battalion Summary of Events and Information (Victoria Rifles of Canada)	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZillebokeB	Aug. 1		Situation quite <sup>quiet</sup> . Light enemy shelling. Furnished working parties nightly 5.75 other ranks. Fine, Warm	Warm
"	"	2	Quiet.	Fine, Warm
"	"	3	Day quite. Relief by 49th Canadian Battalion. Moved to Camp ERIE by train. Relief completed 11.30 p.m. Our guns shelled enemy positions very heavily 10.30p.m. to midnight. Reply feeble.	Fine, Warm
Camp ERIE	"	4	Rest. Inspection of clothing.	very hazy.
"	"	5	Usual training and reorganizing.	Fine, Warm
"	"	6	Chareh Parade 10.30 a.m. No training.	Fine, Warm
"	"	7	Usual training. First report received, Canadian Corps would move to the Bomme shortly.	Fine, hot.
"	"	8	Received orders to move to front line, night of August 11th. Also received information that 3rd Canadian Division would extend its frontage and would be responsible for trenches 29 to 74 inclusive. By doing this, The 3rd Canadian Division was covering the entire frontage which the 1st and 3rd Canadian Divisions had held three months previously. About 11 p.m. there was a gas alarm and the Battalion stood to, with helmets on. Gas did not reach Battalion lines but it was noticed at our Transport Lines, but not strong enough to cause inconvenience to the animals. Gas was sent over by enemy from north-east side of the Salient, was very strong in Ypres and caused many casualties to working parties from British Battalions and also among men in front line, the reason for the latter being that men took off their gas helmets between waves of gas and others entered dugouts before they had been properly cleared of gas. Battalion stood down at 1 a.m.	Fine, Warm
"	Aug. 9		Usual training. Advance Party went up to Hill 60 to look over and make notes on the trenches our Battalion was to occupy.	Fine, Warm.
"	"	10	Usual training. Ross rifle discarded and the Battalion was given a complete issue of Short Lee Enfield Rifles. This change was general through the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions at this time. One Officer and four N.C.Os. per Company went up during the afternoon to Hill 60 to become familiar with the trenches and remain there during the night and following day, taking over the trench stores from the 10th Canadian Battalion. The 10th Battalion, after artillery preparation, attempted a raid with the object of taking advanced German Post, but was not successful.	Fine, Warm.

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