DIARY OF EVENTS OF "B" COMPANY DURING PERIOD,
APRIL 8TH - 19TH. 1917.

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On the night of April 8th., the Company moved from billets in VILLERS-AU-BOIS, and occupied trenches along the ARRAS-BETHUNE Road in vicinity of PONT STREET.

At 5.15 a.m., the 7th and 8th Brigades attacked and reached their objectives along the western edge of LA FOLIE WOOD. At 11 a.m., the Company was ordered to move up into Support and at 1.30 p.m., the Company was in position along the Crater Line from ROSS STREET to the VIMY Sunken Road. We remained in this position until the night of the 11th., having suffered fifteen (15) casualties from shell fire. As the men were in the open, they suffered considerably on account of severe weather conditions.

At 8 p.m., April 11th., the Company again moved and this time took over positions occupied by the 2nd C.M.Rs. It was snowing heavily at the time and the mule trail which we followed, was one mass of mud. The men also were played out with exposure and had great difficulty in reaching our forward position. We were fortunate however, in having very little shell fire on the way up, although a barrage was placed on our line shortly after getting into position. The map locations of this position are as follows:-

S.29.b.2.5 to S.29.b.5.2.

From this position, reconnaissance patrols were sent out in front. One patrol, consisting of Sgt. Brooks and Pte. Richard, worked as far as PETIT VIMY and brought back valuable information.

On the afternoon of April 13th., at 3 p.m., Mr. Mitchell with his platoon, moved forward and occupied PETIT VIMY. At 7 p.m., the remainder of the Company advanced to this position. At the same time, Mr. Mitchell moved forward and took up position in LA CHAUDIERE, S.18.c.0.2 to T.13 1-1/2.2, and at 9 p.m., the whole Company had consolidated along this front.

At daybreak, April 14th., a patrol was pushed forward as far as HILL 65, T.13.1-1/2.2, [illegible] before being fired upon by the enemy. The Company was relieved at 3 a.m., April 15th., and went into Reserves at PYLONES. April 16th at 4 p.m., the Company was again relieved and went into camp at VILLERS-AU-BOIS.

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