

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	14/5/16		Quiet. Church parade 11.00 a.m. Nothing unusual.	Fine, warm
	15/5/16		Quiet day; At 7:30 Bn. paraded and proceeded by train to Asylum to Ypres, thence by way of rail-road, and road to Maple Copse and front line, relieving R.C.R., completed without incident at 12:30 A.M.	Fine, warm
Maple Copse.	16/5/16.		Nothing of importance. Our Artillery very active. Enemy very active. Enemy new trench opposite Trench 52 had been greatly improved since our last tour on this frontage.	Fine, warm
"	17/5/16.		Heavy artillery fire all day both by ourselves and enemy. Evidence secured of enemy using 22 c.m. Machine-gun fire very heavy. 13th Can. Bn. relieved by 14th Can. Bn. on our immediate right. Work started energetically on wire in front of our trenches, which is in very bad condition, also counter-sapping from Trenches 52 Bay 17 and 54.6.	Fine, warm
"	18/5/16		Very heavy bombardment by enemy of Maple Copse, Sanctuary Wood, Border Dugouts, starting 5.00 am and lasting most of the day, our artillery replying. New gun used by enemy in this vicinity, supposed by Artillery Officers to be 6" Naval Gun mounted on railroad, or other carriage. This gun fired during the day from Clommel Copse, apparently sending over a very high explosive shrapnel with great forward range. The shell could not be heard until it burst and at first was mistaken for bombs from aeroplanes.	Fine, warm
"	19/5/16		Heavy artillery fire all day. Companies in front line relieved by companies in support. Border dugouts vacated and company there removed to Romer's Line (Support Line).	Fine, warm
"	20/5/16.		Fairly quiet day, artillery not being quite so active. Great progress has been made with our two saps and wiring, Lieut. Gordin deserving of great credit for the amount of wiring done under difficult conditions, bright moon, and activity of enemy, also Sgt. Walker of "A" Company, who ably assisted him.	"
"	21/5/16.		Enemy Artillery very active, Sanctuary Wood and Maple Copse receiving most of their attention. Our artillery replied effectively. Exposed working parties in new dugouts at foot of Vigo Street drew enemy's fire.	"
"	22/5/16.		Extremely heavy artillery fire on new dugouts foot of Vigo Street in Sanctuary wood and vicinity	"

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