

APPENDIX C  
WAR DIARY.

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October 11th 1916.

I proceeded according to orders with "B" Company, 60th Canadian Battalion, strength 59 (including 2 Officers, 2 Lewis Guns with complete crews and 9 Battalion Bombers) on night of 7/8 October. I reported to Officer Commanding 58th Canadian Battalion at Advanced Headquarters of that Battalion and got orders to occupy trench vacated by "B" Co. of that Battalion when they left it for a forward position. When I went to occupy this trench, however, I found there was some misunderstanding by "B" Coy. of 58th Can. Bn. and, as the attack was launched, I proceeded to a trench in front which had been pointed out to me as the jumping off trench: a short time before I arrived there, I found another trench still in front, and having gone into it and finding it unoccupied, I moved the Company into it and posted sentries and prepared to resist any counter-attack which might come. I reported my Company in this position to Officer Commanding 58th Can. Bn., and sent back all the information I could gather from returning wounded.

We remained in this trench for about three hours and then moved farther back west and re-occupied trench from East MIRAUMONT ROAD to about 400 yards east of that for the remaining time we were there and until relieved by "C" Company 5th C.M.R. Battalion on night of 9/10 October.

Our casualties were in all nineteen - of these 4 men killed, 14 wounded on the way out.

The men acted very well and even after all the Sergeants but one were gone out as casualties, stood up to their work and seemed anxious for the Germans to attack.

Mr. Somerville who was the only Officer with me, is deserving of special mention, for he was most energetic, cool, collected and reliable in every way. His example was certainly steadying for the men, and he was a great help to me and most indispensable.

Of the N.C.Os. and men, I cannot single out any one in particular. They were all steady and cool. There was nothing that stood out from the ordinary way of duty in the behaviour of anyone, as we were not attacked.

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