

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	25-12-16.		Christmas Day. Great preparations made to give the men a happy Christmas Day. Extra food was bought out of the Regimental Funds and supplemented by Christmas cakes and Christmas stockings and comforts sent out by the friends of the Battalion for every man. The men had a fine dinner and a very happy day, including a concert in the evening. Weather, rain in the morning but very clear later with high winds.	mm
	26-12-16.		In Divisional Reserve at BRAY. Cleaning up, carrying on with bombing, Lewis Gun and wiring training.	Cloudy. mm
	27-12-16.		Carrying on with training and supplying working parties. The following decorations were awarded:- THE MILITARY MEDAL. 453421, L/Cpl. Pitkethley, "HQ" Scouts. (Authy. G.R.O. Para. 946), d/25/12/16). 138537, B/Pl Blair, A. "B" Coy (Authy. G.R.O., para. 946, d/25/12/16). Officers and N.C.Os. attended a lecture on "How to keep fit" by the HEADQUARTERS.	mm
	28-12-16.		Close Order drill. Usual working parties supplied.	Fine, cool Dry mm
	29-12-16.		Training in huts. No men sent to bombing, as ground was occupied by draft in training. Military ribbons presented to L/Cpl. Pitkethley, for good, consistent scouting and for the part played by him in the raid on the German trench, December 9th, also to L/Cpl. A. Blair, for an act of heroism in picking up a German bomb which fell between him and some of his comrades, and throwing it over the parapet.	Rain, in morning and night. mm
	30-12-16.		Church parade at 8.30 a.m. Roman Catholics to Church at ECOIVRE. Protestants, Church Army Hut in the camp. Relieved the 52nd Canadian Battalion in front line trenches, THELUS SECTION. The first Company left BRAY Camp at 3.45 p.m. Relief completed at 11.45 p.m. No Casualties.	Rain during morning. mm
	31-12-16.		In trenches, THELUS SECTION. Trenches in frightful condition from the rain Friday and Saturday. Water and mud in places almost to the men's hips. Communication trench blocked by mud slides, and almost impassable. Movement to and from trenches and along front trench in many instances had to be made	mm