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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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60th Battalion
15th Inf Bde.

Place	August Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIFLE VILLA	1 st .		Battalion Hdqrs. moved to RUE PETILLON and took over 57 th Batis. Hdqrs. Considerable artillery action between 2 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Lieut. T. Kerr temporarily detached to school at Saint Omer.	
RUE PETILLON	2 nd .		Nothing of importance; slight artillery action on both sides. One man killed. Training of Lewis gunners contd.	
RUE PETILLON	3 rd .	1 ^{1/2} p.m. to 5 p.m.	Moderate artillery action on both sides. 2 killed, 1 wounded by H.E. Shell in dug-out. 1 N.C.O. & 8 men reported to Divisional Bomb School. INCO & 8 men returned from Div. Bomb School. Gas attack by 61 st Division on left postponed owing to bad weather conditions. 2nd Lt. J. H. Arter evacuated to Hospital.	
RUE PETILLON	4 th .	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	C.O.'s to Brigade Hdqrs 9 a.m. for instructions re trench defence scheme. Major H. M. Duigan promoted Lieut. Colonel and appointed command of 60 th Battalion, dated 27 th July, 1916. 2nd Lieut. Goode absorbed from reinforcements. Sgt. W. W. Leggatt appointed 2nd Lieut. and from 5 th Div. Signal Coy. 1 man detached to Div. Gas School; 1 N.C.O. & 8 men to Brigade Bomb School. Lewis gunners training continued. Under Brigade orders moved to close billet and dug out 300 yards N.E. of Rifle Villa in RUE DE BOIS	
RUE DE BOIS	5 th .	6.50 p.m.	British aeroplane brought down by German artillery 500 yards East of Batis. Hdqrs. Artillery action very slight, except from 6.50 p.m. to 7.5 p.m.	
RUE DE BOIS	6 th .		Nothing of importance. Slight artillery action on both sides. Training of Lewis gunners continued.	
RUE DE BOIS	7 th .		Moderate artillery action on both sides. Considerable activity by our Light Trench Mortars between 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Heavy artillery action by 8 th Brigade on left flank during afternoon and by 61 st Division on right from 10 p.m. till 10.45 p.m.	
RUE DE BOIS	8 th .	3.10 p.m.	Gas Alarms forwarded from 8 th Bde but nothing eventuated. Moderate artillery action on both sides, our artillery been rather heavier in late afternoon.	
RUE DE BOIS	9 th .		Artillery action very slight on both sides. Enemy artillery somewhat more active on left of our positions between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Enemy aeroplanes apparently actively scouting; one forced down by friendly aeroplane in German lines. Enemy machine gun fire heavy at intervals from 10 p.m. till midnight.	
RUE DE BOIS	10 th .	10.30 p.m.	Moderate artillery both sides. Enemy artillery bombarding our 300 yard line heavily between 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. without effect. About 10.30 p.m. our light trench mortars active for a few minutes; our artillery slightly active to represent a dummy raid. When mortars ceased, artillery lifted in centre and bayonets shown above parapet to same end.	

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RUE DE BOIS	11th.		Our artillery slightly active, bringing practically no response from enemy, though damaging their firing line parapet and falling in their supports. Nothing of importance happened.	
RUE DE BOIS	12th.	9-10.15 pm.	No artillery or machine gun activity of importance. 58th. Battalion relieved 59th. & 60th. Battalions in trenches between 9 pm. and 10.15 pm. 60th. Battalion less two smaller companies moved to ROUGE DE BOUT and billeted. "B" & "C" companies remained in billets in RUE DE BOIS to supply night engros' fatigues. WINTER'S NIGHT POST relieved by 2nd. Lieut. Leggatt with 30 O.R. from "A" Company.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	13th.		Nothing of importance occurred. Fatigues supplied at night by 2/3 Battalion.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	14th.		Battalion on fatigues. Training of Lewis gunners proceeding every day.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	15th.		Battalion on fatigues. Thorough inspection gas helmets of new available by Coy. Cmdrs and Bw. 2nd 1/2.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	16th.		Battalion on fatigues. Gas helmet inspection continued at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The following appointed to commissions, R.S.M. Cahill, C.S.M.'s Richards & Thorburn, Cpls. Duckmanton, ^{Engros} Sgt. Steel. Dated 9th. July. '16.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	17th.		Battalion on fatigues. Two men wounded on Ration Tge. in RUE DE BOIS.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	18th.		Battalion on fatigues.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	19th.		Battalion on fatigues. Nothing of importance.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	20th.		Battalion on fatigues. Fatigues now permanent to engros. in trenches and at Saily stone dumps.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	21st.		Battalion on fatigues. Lewis gunners sent to school and remainder of brought up again to 2 team strength.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	22nd.		Battalion on usual fatigues. Nothing of importance.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	23rd.		Battalion on usual fatigues.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	24th.		Battalion on fatigues. Nothing of importance.	
ROUGE DE BOUT	25th.		As on 24th. Nothing of importance.	

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ROUGE DE BOUT	26th	9 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.	Battalion on fatigues till 8 p.m. At 9 p.m. Bn. moved out from billets in conjunction with 59th Bn. to relieve 58th Bn. in billets. Completed at 10.15 p.m. Bn. H.Q. being in RUE DE BOIS and companies in firing and support trenches. Slight artillery & machine gun activity. No casualties.	
RUE DE BOIS	27th		Artillery and machine gun activity moderate on both sides. Nothing of importance.	
RUE DE BOIS	28th	9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Considerable artillery activity on both sides. Friendly artillery registering from 2 till 4 p.m. From 4 p.m. till 4.45 p.m. combined actions by artillery, trench mortars, rifle grenades and Machine Guns. Enemy retaliated with fairly heavy bombardment, with slight results. From 11 p.m. till 11.20 p.m. friendly artillery bombarded enemy trenches. Enemy retaliated strongly with slight damage to 300 yd. line, from 11 p.m. till midnight 28/29th. Bn. H.Q. forced to move into dug out across road until 1 a.m. 29/8/16.	
RUE DE BOIS	29th		Very slight artillery activity. Nothing of importance.	
RUE DE BOIS	30th		Very slight artillery activity.	
RUE DE BOIS	31st		Slight artillery and machine gun activity. Gas attack proposed by 14th Inf. Bde on left at night did not eventuate.	

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