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| <p>1916<br/>1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.<br/>WINNIPEG CAMP -<br/>VLAAMERTINGHE -<br/>OUDERDOM ROAD</p> | <p>Five cold day. Boys training, 7.30 to 8 a.m. &amp; 9.30 to 12 noon. Wet evening and very dark night.</p>  |                                      |
| <p>2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>WINNIPEG CAMP.</p>  | <p>Five day but dull. Boys training. Cold dark night.</p>  |                                      |
| <p>3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>WINNIPEG CAMP.</p>  | <p>Five bright day. Diverse Service Parade 10.30 a.m. Squadron of 20 British Aeroplanes came over camp at 10.15 a.m. Battalion "stood too" from 11 pm till 12 midnight for Gas Alarm &amp; also again from 2 to 2.30 a.m. but nothing happened.</p>  |                                      |
| <p>4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>WINNIPEG CAMP.</p>  | <p>Battalion marched by boys at 5 minutes interval to M<sup>ST</sup> CAMP near POPERINGHE - PROVEN ROAD. First Coy. marched off 8 a.m. D, C, B &amp; A. Transport in rear of H Coy. Battalion arrived 10.30 a.m. Billeted in Huts and Tents. Very dirty camp and parties told off to clean the whole area. Wet afternoon and evening, much colder.</p> |                                      |
| <p>5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.<br/>WINNIPEG CAMP.<br/>VLAAMERTINGHE -<br/>OUDERDOM ROAD</p>           | <p>Wet day and cold. Boys training 7.30 to 8 a.m., 9.30 to 12.30 pm. &amp; 2 to 4 pm. Detachment of 52 Other ranks which are to form a Composite Training Coy. at VIII Corps School inspected by GENERAL WILDING at 10 a.m. &amp; by GENERAL LAMBTON at 3 pm. who expressed them selves pleased with the men. Wet night.</p>                           |                                      |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1916</u></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>M<sup>th</sup> CAMP</p> | <p>Five morning. Boys training as on 5<sup>th</sup>.</p>   |                                      |
| <p>7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>M<sup>th</sup> CAMP</p>  | <p>Five day. Boys training as usual. Tactical exercise for Officers from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Five night. 3 of our Clero planes fly over our Camp and drop Signals at 11 pm.</p>   |                                      |
| <p>8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>M<sup>th</sup> CAMP</p>  | <p>Five day. Boys training as usual. Brigade tactical exercise from 3 to 5 pm. Five dark night.</p>  |                                      |
| <p>9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>M<sup>th</sup> CAMP</p>  | <p>Five day. Boys training. Gas Demonstration at 3 pm in Medical Inspection Hut for the New Small Box Respirator. Dark night.</p>  |                                      |
| <p>10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>M<sup>th</sup> CAMP</p>   | <p>Church of England Parade Service 10 a.m. VIII. Corps Commander attended the parade and inspected Camp after the service. Greatly pleased with the Camp. Battalion found working party of 3 Officers, 10 N.C.O's &amp; 200 men for work under R.E. in forward area for laying and burying cable. Party departed 6 pm &amp; embarked POTERINCHE for ASYLUM STATION. VPRES &amp; returned 3 a.m.</p> |                                      |
| <p>11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER<br/>M<sup>th</sup> CAMP</p>   | <p>Five day. A Coy. fitted with new Small Box Respirators. Working party as on 10<sup>th</sup> parade 6 pm. Rain all day. Colder and very dark.</p>  | <p>345<br/>345</p>                   |