

Extract from 1/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Durham Light Infantry 1<sup>st</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> February 1916.

WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 7 Feb 1916

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ypres I.24.b.	1-2-16		In trenches A7 to A12. At dusk Battalion took over new part of line. X Company remained in trenches A10 and A11 which now became the left of our line. Z Company vacated trench A12 which was taken over by the 8 <sup>th</sup> DURHAMS and took over trenches A6 and A7. Y Company retained trenches A8 and A9. W. Company took over two entirely new trenches A4 and A5. The Battalion on the right was the 5 <sup>th</sup> YORKSHIRE REGT. Our Battalion Headquarters remained in the same place. Three reliefs were completed about 7 pm and the night passed very quietly. The Battalion front now extended from trench A4 to A11.	
Ypres	2-2-16		In trenches as above. The guns were <del>used</del> <sup>used</sup> as usual. The Battalion was relieved by the 5 <sup>th</sup> BORDER REGT. and proceeded into close support. Companies being distributed as follows: - W Coy. one platoon in R <sub>1</sub> , <sup>2.30.0</sup> and three platoons in dug-outs <sup>1.30.0</sup> supporting A4 and A5; X Coy in dug-outs <sup>2.24.0</sup> at the VIGO STREET end of SANCTUARY WOOD; Y Coy in dug-outs at BORDER LANE end of SANCTUARY WOOD; <sup>2.24.0</sup> Z Coy one platoon in R <sub>2</sub> , <sup>2.24.0</sup> two platoons in R <sub>3</sub> , <sup>2.24.0</sup> one platoon in R <sub>4</sub> . W and X Companies	

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Ypres	3-2-16		were under the Command of O.C. Right Sub Sector (Col. HEDLEY) 5 <sup>th</sup> BORDER REGT and Y. Company under the Command of the OC Left Sub Sector (Col. HENDERSON) 9 <sup>th</sup> DURHAM L.I. Battalion Headquarters were in MAPLE CORSE. The Lewis Gunners remained with their companies and the Battalion grenadiers were in MAPLE CORSE, I.24.a and b. In close support as above the enemy's artillery was early active. About 8.30 am quite a number of <del>shots</del> <sup>shots</sup> were put onto MAPLE LODGE and during the morning and up till late in the afternoon OBSERVATORY RIDGE received considerable attention from whizz-bangs, shrapnel & bombs.	
Ypres	4-2-16		In close support as above. Working parties found during the day and at night. 2688 L/C BROWN T, Z Company and 3779 Pte LONG A W. Company wounded on working parties.	
Ypres	5-2-16		In close support as above. Fine, warm weather. Enemy's artillery still active and enemy aeroplanes <sup>buzzing</sup> <del>knocking</del> about. 2647 Sergt. BAINBRIDGE AR shot by a sniper who had been causing considerable trouble yesterday and today. 887 Pte STAFFORD J.R. Z Company shot through the head	

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Ypres	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<p>at MAPLE COPSE DUMP, I. 24. a. 3. 3.</p> <p>whilst working on the light railway, 2779 Pte Grant R, 2340 Pte Rutherford J, 2845 Pte Johnson G.T. and 1512 Pte Reed A wounded whilst in Sanctuary Wood, I. 24. d. 19, <sup>smoke from</sup> <sup>spotted by</sup> <sup>hostile aeroplanes</sup> <sup>at dusk</sup></p> <p>In close support as above. Damp, though not misty weather. Our divisional artillery arranged a bombardment of Hill 60 which was carried out effectively. The enemy were vigorous in their retaliation, but fortunately did very little damage. The Battalion relieved the 5<sup>th</sup> Border Regt. in the same trenches, companies being distributed as follows:- "W" Coy A4-A5; "Z" Coy A6-A7; "Y" Company A8-A9; "X" Coy A10-A11.</p>	
Ypres	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<p>In trenches as above. The enemy whizzbanged our trenches particularly A6 and A7, at intervals during the day. 1956 Pte Adamson RH "Y" Coy was killed and 1472 Cpl Denham 3340 Pte Coulthard N, wounded, in A. 8. just on the left of ST PETER</p>	ST, C.T.
Ypres	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<p>In trenches as above. A much heavier day than usual. The enemy appeared to be having a practice barrage</p>	

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Ypres	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<p>In trenches as above. A fine day with the aeroplanes early on the move. Ten of our planes proceeded over the enemy's lines on reconnaissance work about 8 am. Our guns bombarded enemy's battery positions at 7.30 am 7.45 am and 8 am. There was intermittent shelling from the other side during the day. It was noticed that the enemy had run out two saps from the left front of CLONMEL COPSE (T.I.P. 3.2). Our heavies were directed on to these during the afternoon, and at night rifle and machine gun fire was concentrated on these spots. Trenches A6 and A7 were treated to several salvos of whizzbangs during the afternoon. The German artillery was again very busy shelling over wide areas behind our lines.</p>	
Ypres	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<p>In trenches as above. Another very heavy day. Our artillery made a very early and determined start and</p>	

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