

open and go on to the final objective. One half of the first wave was to follow the second and help in the final work.

After waiting several days for favourable wind, on the 17th a force of 930 men entered the enemy's trenches in daylight and made a new record for the British Front. The results were highly satisfactory. The number of enemy dead is unknown, but the prisoners included 1 officer and 99 O.R.'s. Our casualties were 36 killed, 73 wounded, and none missing.

For the purposes of the raid the Brigade was reinforced by the M.G. Company of the Household Cavalry and a M.G. Company and the Artillery of the 1st Canadian Division.

A message was later received, which read :

"The Army Commander congratulates the 2nd Canadian Division on the great success of their enterprise, and is pleased that their careful and thorough preparations have been rewarded with such substantial results."

On the 18th, the Brigade was relieved by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade and marched into billets at RUITZ.

On the 30th, the Brigade moved to AUCHEL and MARLES-LES-MINES, where it remained until February 12th, when it moved to ECOIVRES and the MONT ST. ELOY or THELUS Sector. On the 5th, the Corps Commander inspected the 18th Battalion and presented medals.

*February, 1917.*

During February two new officers were attached to Brigade Headquarters. Early in the month, Captain S. Burnham, of the 19th, and later, Captain Jennings, of the 20th, were attached for instruction. Shortly afterwards, Captain Smallpiece, of the 35th Battalion, was also attached.

*March, 1917.*

Nothing of a very important nature occurred in March until the 19th Battalion put on a raid on the 20th. The party consisted of 4 officers and 63 O.R.'s. They secured 5 prisoners and bombed a number of occupied dug-outs, returning with only 3 slight casualties.

On the following day the enemy retaliated with a raid on the 19th, but secured no identifications. They left one prisoner. One of our officers was killed.

On the 24th, the 18th Battalion put on a raid, but it was not quite so successful. They had 1 officer and 2 O.R.'s missing, believed killed.

On the 25th, the Brigade went out for training over taped trenches at VILLERS-AU-BOIS in preparation for the VIMY engagement.