

a demonstration against the enemy was a feature of the work on the 18th. It was a try-out for a possible offensive. On the 27th, His Majesty the King inspected the Canadian Corps.

CHANGE IN COMMAND.

*November,
1915.*

During the autumn the weather was bad, with much rain. The Canadians were busy improving the defensive lines. The enemy, fortunately, was having the same difficulty with the mud and low wet ground, but part of his line was higher and this gave him an advantage. Our trenches got so bad that it was necessary to carry forward materials and rations over the open at night.

On the 17th, the command of the Brigade passed from Brigadier-General Lord Brooke to Lieut.-Colonel Rennie, O.C., 3rd Canadian Battalion, 1st Canadian Division, who was promoted Brigadier-General. Lord Brooke returned to ENGLAND to assume command of the 4th Canadian Division. Lieut.-Colonel Stewart, Brigade Major, Major Walker Bell, S.C.Q., and Lieut. S. A. Flavelle, O.O., accompanied Lord Brooke. Captain K. A. Murray, S.C.I., joined him later.

On the 19th, Lieut. Lewis, B.S.O., captured a Lieutenant and a Sergeant from a stranded enemy plane—thus adding one more to the rapidly growing list of experiences.

*December,
1915.*

The Christmas season was spent by the Brigade in this sector. The regular routine was six days in the line, six days in support, six days in the line again, and then six days in reserve. On Christmas Day, the 20th Battalion in the line had 3 O.R.'s killed and 1 Officer and 3 O.R.'s wounded. On the 30th, Brigade Headquarters received about 50 shells from the Germans. Capt. H. D. Harington, D.S.O., West Yorks. Regt., who had been appointed Brigade Major, joined the Brigade.

*January,
1916.*

During this monotonous period there is not much to record, though every day brought its dangers, its cares, and its casualties. A typical day (January 21st) is described in the Brigade War Diary in these words :

“ Weather clear. A fair amount of artillery fire. Machine-gun and rifle fire fairly quiet. A great deal of aerial activity. Enemy seems to be busy working on his front line trenches. Several new M.G. emplacements have been detected. Our patrol discovered a German working party which was dispersed by M.G. and rifle fire. The usual sounds of pounding and driving of stakes were heard in the German line.”

On the 25th, there is an entry which says : “ Patrol under Lieut. Hooper, 19th Battalion, entered enemy's trench and made excellent