

- March 1st. We had a heavy snow storm. Billets were well ventilated by holes through the roof. We had orders in the evening for the firing line at Bois Grenier. We relieved the Camerons. Had no casualties.
- " 2nd. We were employed in repairing our trenches. At 6 a.m. Private Jack Brisbois was killed and Hounsell wounded with the same bullet.
- " 3rd. We were moved into an old trench, which we had to build up ourselves,—no dugouts.
- " 4th. We built our trench and made two dugouts and laid a brick floor.
- " 6th. We had to march three miles to a barracks in Bac St. Muir. There we received our first bath in a laundry.
- " 9th. We each received a pair of socks from Princess Mary. In the evening we went into the trenches.
- " 10th. We held the German reinforcements at the battle of Neuve Chappelle on the flank by directing rapid fire directly on their trenches. The artillery were keeping all avenues of approach closed.
- " 11th. The Canadian artillery shelled the German trenches, and that evening the Germans had much work to do in repairing their parapets.
- " 15th. We went to Fleuxvais Bay for a bath at a laundry which we very much enjoyed.
- " 17th. I received some shamrock from Ireland. The artillery celebrated St. Patrick's Day by firing very heavily. We went into the trenches that evening. Corporal McMillan was wounded, and after a few days died.
- " 18th. Three cattle strolled round back of the firing line, and that day we had fresh beef.
- " 19th. We had a little snow. The Germans threw a few coal-boxes (Jack Johnstons) at us. No damage done.
- " 22nd. We had another bath at Bac St. Muir. In the afternoon got paid again. Received \$3.
- " 23rd. A present was issued to each one of tobacco, pipes and cigarettes from Canada.
- " 25th. We had orders to prepare for a move to new billets. We passed through a town called Estaires, and were billeted just outside of a village called Neuf-berquin. There we had two weeks rest. We met the Indian troops, who were billeted nearby.
- April 2nd. We went into Estaires and had a bath in a big laundry.
- " 3rd. A motor kitchen-van arrived at the village, superintended by three Red Cross women. The ladies served us with soup and bread for lunch and coffee or cocoa and cake for tea.
- " 6th. We had orders to march off, and were told we were going to Ypres. We passed through several towns.
- " 9th. We had a very heavy rain storm, with thunder and lightning. We were reviewed by our Brigadier-General.
- " 12th. The 1st Brigade was reviewed by General Smith-Dorien, who was in command of the 2nd army at that time. In the afternoon we were paid 15 francs.
- " 15th. Our company had sports back of the firing line.
- " 18th. We marched closer to Ypres, passing through Poperinghe.
- " 19th. We had a bath in a lake on the grounds of a big chateau.
- " 21st. We had orders to stand in case we were needed at Hill 60, where there was a fierce battle raging.
- " 22nd. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the Germans gassed the French Colonists, and frightened them so terribly that they all fled and left the Germans in the open. We saw them passing through our village in fearful terror, some mounted three on one horse, crying that the Germans were coming and had poisoned them with gas.