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*War Diary of 14th Battalion 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st to 30th June 1915. Charles Dore*

Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	act Senior Major 14 th Bn Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/6/15.	"COURTNEY'S POST"	About 10 AM the remaining Company in the trenches relieved by Cant. Bn N.Z. Inf. Bde. [Major R. Rankine remained at trenches to hand over to Col. Cholone rejoining the Bn. the same evening.] At 1 P.M. the remainder of the 14 th Bn less M.G. Section (left in trenches) moved to Reserve Gully and occupied the bivouac vacated by Otago Bn. N.Z. Inf. The 4 th Aust. Inf. Bde. now forming Divisional Reserve.	Strength:- 23 officers 500 others 22 sick rejoined 1 off. 9 others wounded rejoined Capt C. Connelly. 1 Reinforcements joined "C" Coy marched out. Casualties:- 2 others wounded. 3 " sick Ann. expd. nil.
2/6/15.	"Reserve Gully"	A start made to refit and reorganize the Battalion after being five weeks in the trenches. Officers re-allotted & promotions of N.C.O's made to fill vacancies. At 6.30 P.M. instructions received for the Bn to move to SUPPLY GULLY	Strength:- 22 officers 712 others 93 reinforcements joined 6 transport drivers from California rejoined

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
(continued)		7.P.M. The Battalion moved to Supply Gully where it bivouaced for the night. Telephone communication established with No 4 Section defence to whom we were the Dulying Picquet.	Casualties:- Nil. Amm. expended nil.
3/6/15	"SUPPLY GULLY"	4.40 AM. Orders recd. from O.C. No 4 Section that the Picquet would not be required after 5 A.M. 5 AM. Battalion fell in and marched back to Reserve Gully. During the day nominal rolls were checked and reorganization generally carried out.	Strength:- 22 officers 680 others 1 " 30 " on detachment. Casualties:- Sick 4 other ranks. Amm. expd. nil.
4/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY" 7.55 P.M.	400 men and 13 officers detailed to dig communication trenches under supervision of Engrs. Orders recd. from Bde. to be ready to move at short	Strength:- 22 officers 677 others. 1 " 30 " on detachment. Casualties:- Sick 3 other ranks.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion. A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
(continued) 5/6/15	RESERVE GULLY.	notice during the night. As an assault was being made from Quinn's Post. However the Bn. was not required. 500 men and 10 officers on fatigue and engineer works near Supply and Reserve Gullies. The remainder of the Battalion was as far as possible refitted with deficiencies of clothing. Also indents made out for shortage of equipment, as men returning from hospital came without any.	Strength:- 25 officers 701 others 1 " 30 " detach. Capt. A. Henry (Sick) rejoined 2 plieuts LUSCOMBE and MOOREHOUSE of 6th Reinforcements reported for duty. Casualties:- Wounded: 1 other ranks Sick 5 " "
6/5/15	RESERVE GULLY.	14 th Bn. acted as Inlying Picquet of Div. Reserve. all remained quiet during the day and the Battalion was not called upon to support any portion of the line of Defence. Major R. RANKINE of this Battalion granted the D.S.O. Div. Order 168.	Strength:- 25 officers 697 others 2 " 36 " on detachment. Casualties:- 6 other ranks Sick

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7/6/14.	RESERVE GULLY.	7 officers & 250 others on <u>Fatigue Duty</u> digging saps near Supply Depot. Two Coys paraded in afternoon on Bde. Parade Ground for inspection by O.C. Bn. and Musketry Instruction, Bayonet Fighting etc.	Strength:- 25 officers 695 others 2 " 36 " on detachment. Casualties:- Wounded:- 2 others Sick :- 2 "
8/6/14	RESERVE GULLY.	6 officers & 183 others on <u>Fatigue Duty</u> digging an inner line of defence trench under Major Pinnell NZVA Staff. Two Coys. paraded in afternoon on Bde. Parade Ground for inspection and training as for previous day. 2 men of M. Gun ^{on} detachment on Courtney's Post wounded.	Strength:- 24 officers 686 others 2 " 35 " on detachment. Casualties:- Wounded:- 2 other ranks Sick:- 1 officer 7 other ranks. 2 Lieut. SANDERS.
9/6/15.	RESERVE GULLY.	10 officers 600 others on <u>Fatigue Duty</u> digging saps near Supply Depot in C/O H Section Defence. By orders of A.D.M.S. four men who had had enteric within the last nine months returned to Base.	Strength:- 28 officers 681 others 2 " 30 " on detachment. Casualties:- Wounded 2 others Sick 8 " 5 others retd. to duty.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A. I. F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY" 8 A.M.	14 th Bn. mounted as Inlying Picquet of Div. Reserve. No fatigues furnished in consequence. In afternoon Bde. Parade Ground made available and two cops exercised in Rifle and musketry instruction and Company lectures.	Strength:- 23 officers 672 others 2 " 30 " on detachment. Casualties:- Wounded 1 others Sick 2 "
11/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY" 3:0 A.M.	The Bn. stood to arms and remained so until 4:30 A.M. when by orders it was dismissed. All was quiet during the day. 2 officers and 100 others on digging fatigue from 8 PM to daylight under orders of C/O 4 Sect Defence. Weather warm & dusty.	Strength:- 23 officers 675 others 2 " 30 " on detachment Sick:- 3 other ranks.
12/6/15.	"RESERVE GULLY."	9 officers 400 others on digging fatigues in C/O 4 Section defence, and on Divisional fatigues under Major Pinwell digging communication trenches.	Strength:- 23 officers 676 others 2 " 30 " detach Sick:- 5 other ranks. 6 sick ret'd. to duty.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
13/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY."	Church Parades held in the morning both for RC's and Protestants. Machine Gun Section which up to this date had been on Detachment at "Courtneys Post" returned & joined Div. Reserve. All quiet during the day. Weather warm but fine.	Strength:- 24 officers 710 others 1 " 6 " on detachment @ Imbros. 15 others marched in. 1 officer 24 others on detach. returned Sick 15 other ranks.
14/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY".	8 AM. 14 th Bn. Mounted as Inlying Piequet of Div. Reserve. Everything remained quiet throughout the day and night. Weather warm and fine.	Strength:- 23 officers 724 others 1 " 6 " on detach. 10 others marched in. Sick: 1 off 6 others 2/lt Coulter R.
15/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY"	3 AM. The Battalion as Inlying Piequet stood to arms and as all remained quiet was again dismissed at 4:30 AM. vide Brigade Orders. Day quiet. Weather warm and fine.	Strength:- 23 officers 724 others none on detach. at Imbros returned. 2/lt F. Laloe. Casualties:- Sick: 1 officer 9 others Lt D.K. Richardson.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY"	A quiet day. Several shrapnel burst in this gully both during the morning and afternoon but without loss of life in this Battalion. Capt. H.N. BOYLE (wounded) returned to duty, also 6 others returned + 37 Reinforcements.	Strength:- 22 officers 721 others. 1 officer 43 " joined Bn. Casualties:- Sick 1 officer 7 others 2/lieut O'Keefe, J.A.
17/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY"	Two officers 105 others on special fatigue under Div. Engineers. Quiet all day. Weather dull and cool.	Strength:- 22 officers 760 others Casualties:- Wounded 1 others Sick 3 "
18/6/15.	"RESERVE GULLY"	08-00 Bn. Stood to Arms and mounted as Dulying Picquet of N.Z. & A. Div Reserve. Very quiet all day except for a few bursts of shrapnel, which however caused no damage. Weather fine and warm.	Strength:- 22 officers 760 others Ret'd to duty 9 " Transferred 1 " Sick 6 "

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY"	03:00 Battalion stood to arms as Inlying Picquet 04:30 All being quiet Bn. Dismissed with Bde. Orders. All quiet throughout the day and training of reinforcements gone on with. Weather fine.	Strength:- 21 officers 756 others Casualties:- Sick: 1 off 6 others Major R. Rankine D.S.O.
20/6/15	"	Quiet throughout the day. Training in musketry and company lectures. Weather fine.	Strength:- 21 officers 753 others. Wounded 1 " Sick 3 "
21/6/15	"	Three hundred and twenty four men on special digging fatigues in c's 4 Sect. Defence. And as there are two hundred and thirty four men on special duty on beach for the week very little company training could be done.	Strength:- 21 officers 747 others 15 sick returned to duty Casualties: Wounded - 1 others Sick - 8 "
22/6/15	"	0800 14 th Bn. assembled as Inlying Picquet. Musketry instruction and Coy. lectures.	Strength:- 21 officers 750 others 1 Sick held to duty Sick 4 others.

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 th Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23/6/15	"RESERVE GULLY."	Musketry instruction, bayonet fighting, coy. lectures on attack. Capt. W.E. GROOM retd. to duty. Bn. stood to arms at 0300 and all being quiet dismissed again at 0430.	Strength:- 22 officers 746 others. 2 men rejoined 1 " returned Casualties. Sick 6 others
24/6/15.	"	Bn. exercised in bayonet fighting and musketry instruction. afternoon coy. lectures. weather warm to hot. Capt. C.R. HUTTON returned to duty.	Strength:- 22 off 731 others 1 " 10 " returned Cas. Sick 15 others
25/6/15.	"	Practically all men of Bn. away on digging fatigues so that no drill or instruction could be carried out. weather hot.	Strength:- 23 off 722 others Wounded 1 " Sick 2 "
26/6/15	"	0800 Bn. mounted as infantry picket. Training & lectures under O.C. Coys. weather warm.	Strength:- 23 off 279 others Wounded 3 " Sick 6 "

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27/6/15	"RESERVE SULLY."	Bn. stood to arms at 0300 and all being quiet dismissed again at 0430. Church parade in morning. Day quiet, weather hot.	Strength. 22 off 698 others 1 " 25 " on detach. Cas. Sick 10 "
28/6/15	"	Company training under O.C. Coys. 2/Lt. Sanders returned to duty, also 7 other ranks. Weather warm to hot.	Strength:- 23 off. 704 others 1 " 7 " ret'd. to duty. Cas:- 1 other wounded " 10 " sick
29/6/15.	"	Company training, musketry exercises, bayonet fighting and Company lectures. 2/Lieut F. LALOE and four men wounded by one shrapnel burst.	Strength:- 22 off 701 others 5 others returned Casualties Wounded:- 1 officer 4 others Sick 4 "
30/6/15.	"	Bn. mounted as infantry picquet at 0800. During day men practiced in assembling on alarm post. Company training and lectures. Weather hot, rain during evening.	Strength:- 23 officers 698 others 1 " 2 " returned to duty. 2/Lt. COUTTIE Sick 7 other ranks.

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