

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/38/25

Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

September 1917



AWM4-23/38/25

CONFIDENTIAL - ORIGINAL

Vol XIV

Sheet 1

WAR DIARY

-or-

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

By LtCol BOC Duggan

Army Form C. 2118.

Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

91

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

VOLUME 19

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Campagne	1917. 1-9-17		<p>Training. Afternoon Brigade Aquatic Sports</p> <p>2nd Lieut G Bailey & 5 O.A. to 6th Training Battalion Eng.</p> <p>Lieut J L Watt returned from English furlough.</p> <p>LtCol B.O.C Duggan to Rouen to inspect Battalion Records.</p>	Ⓟ
	2-9-17		<p>99 O.A. from 1st Div Base Lieut D Black & 11 O.A. from Base</p> <p>5 O.A. on English Furlough.</p>	Ⓟ
	2-9-17	9-30am	<p>Church Parades.</p> <p>2nd Lieut H N Darton returned from 2nd Army Bombing School.</p>	Ⓟ
	3-9-17		<p>Bathing Parade. Training.</p> <p>Lieut G S Clark returned from 1st Anzac Corps School.</p> <p>Lieut J R Lee to Lewis Gun School Le Touquet.</p> <p>Lieut H Smitheran reported for duty from 2nd Aust Div Salvage Coy</p> <p>Dinner given to members of the Bn in memory of the Torpedoing of the H.M.T.S. Southland</p> <p>1 O.A. from Base</p>	Ⓟ

Vol XIV
Sheet 2

WAR DIARY

By LtCol B.O.C. Duggan
Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Campagne	4.9.17		<p>Training</p> <p>The G.O.C Anzac presented Medals to the following N.C.O's:-</p> <p>3878 T/cpl F McIntosh M.M., 2417 Cpl T.B Taylor M.M.; 914 Cpl E.H Keane M.M.; 4979 T/cpl E & H Bott M.M.; 1075 L/cpl Skinner A.E. M.M.;</p> <p>Lieut E Quirk returned from Hospital</p>	<p>(P)</p>
	5.9.17		<p>Wet Training carried on in Billets.</p> <p>LtCol B.O.C. Duggan returned from Rouen.</p>	<p>(P)</p>
	6.9.17		<p>Training Divisional Exercise</p>	<p>(P)</p>
	7.9.17		<p>Training All ranks went through a Gas practice.</p> <p>Lieut H N Carton T 5 OR on English furlough.</p>	<p>(P)</p>
	8.9.17		<p>Training in Billets</p> <p>Lieut E Quirk evacuated Sick. 6 OR on English furlough. 6 OR Reinforcements from 1st Aus Div Base</p>	<p>(P)</p>

Vol XIV
Sheet 3

WAR DIARY

By LtCol BOC Duggan
Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Campagne	9.9.17	10am	Church Parade 2 nd Lieut RR Neal to 1 st Anzac Corps Signalling School 11 OR reported for duty from Base	D
	10.9.17		Training Capt A G Brown M.C. appointed Staff Trainee with 2 nd Aus Div. Lieut CH Miller & 2 nd Lieut HH Sibbison returned from 1 st Anzac Corps School. 7 OR on English Furlough.	B
	11.9.17		Bathing Parade Lieut G.H. Barton & 30 R. to 1 st Anzac Corps School Lieut G.A. Edmanson on Paris leave Lieut G.J. Beaumont returned from Veterinary School Lieut J.R. Lee returned from Lewis Gun School 10 O.R. reported for duty from Base.	P
A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.				

Vol XIV

Sheet 4

WAR DIARY

By LtCol B.O.C. Duggan

Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs. Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Campagne	12-9-17	5-30am	Bn moved to STEENVOORDE via Renescure, Ebblinghem, Staple, Hondegghem and St Sylvestre.	B
Steenvoorde	"	3pm	Arrived at Billets. 7 off 187 OR. to Div Reinforcement Camp Costre.	B
"	13-9-17	10-30am	Bn moved to DOMINION CAMP via Abeche & Hopoutre	B
Dominion Camp	"	4-0pm	Arrived at Camp	
"	14-9-17		Training 3 officers III OR on Engineers Working Party. Transport moved to Transport lines H 22, B 7.5 Sheet 28 Ed 3.	B
"	15-9-17		Training 16 OR Reinforcements from 1 st AUS DIV Base 5 OR on English furlough. Lieut G R Deardon to Div H.Q. as Graves Officer. Casualties 1 OR Witect Engineers Working party	B

Vol XIV
Sheet 5

WAR DIARY

By Lt Col BOC Duggan

Army Form C. 2118.

Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs. Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DOMINION CAMP	16-9-17	10am	Church Parade	
		12 noon	Bathing Parade	
			Lieut G A Edmanson returned from Paris leave	
			Capt J.W. Pearce MC on Paris leave	
			6 OR reported for duty from Base	
			Causalties 1 OR injured Engineers Working party. 1 OR Killed Brigade Signaller.	①
"	17-9-17		Training	①
"	18-9-17	2pm	Bn less details + Transport moved to HALIFAX AREA	
HALIFAX AREA	"	3pm	Arrived at Camp.	
			10 OR on English furlough.	
			2 OR reported for duty from Base	①
"	19-8-17	3-40pm	Bn moved to CANAL AREA	①
CANAL AREA	"	4-30pm	Arrived at CANAL AREA and bivouaced for the night	
			1 OR Killed 1 OR Wided Engineers Working party	①

A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C.2118/14.

Vol XIV
Sheet 6

WAR DIARY

By Lt Col B.O.C. Duggan Army Form C. 2118.
Commanding 21st Bn AIF

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CANAL AREA	19-9-17		<p>Lieut W.A.L. Agnew to Brigade H.Q. for Temp Duty as Bombing Officer. 2nd Lieut W.G. Scales returned from Hospital 5 OR on English Furlough</p>	<p>ⓑ ⓑ</p>
"	20-9-17	7-40am	Bn moved forward to CHINA WALL	
CHINA WALL	"	9-0 "	<p>Arrived and took over CHINA WALL The Attack by the 2nd Aus Div being successful, the Bn remained in Reserve. Casualties 1 OR Wdct. 1 OR Wdct Engineers Working Party. Major H.A. Crowther D.S.O. to 1st Div as Liason Officer. Lieut H.N. Barton returned from English furlough. Capt J.W. Pearce MC returned from Paris leave. 2nd Lieuts T.W. Eales D.C.M. & T.F. Herawd D.C.M. rejoined Unit from Oxford Cadet Battalion</p>	<p>ⓑ</p>
"	21-9-17	6-30pm	<p>Bn moved forward and took over Front line and relieved the 18th Bn A.I.F. on the Right Sector and 17th Bn A.I.F. on the left sector. Bn H.Q. established at GARTER POINT J3 c c</p>	<p>ⓑ</p>
GARTER POINT	22-9-17	2-10am	<p>Relief completed. Disposition. 2 Companies in front line, 2 Companies in close supports.</p>	<p>ⓑ</p>

Vol XIV
Sheet 7

WAR DIARY

By Lt Col BOC Duggan
Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CARTER POINT	22-9-17	cont'd	<p>Front line:- C Company left Company J3A2.6 - J3a7.3. A Company right Company J3a7.3 - J3a0.5 Close Supports D Company left Company J3a3.3 - J3a3.1 B Company right Company J3a3.1 - J3c5.7</p> <p>Front line consisted of an almost continuous line, owing to the wet nature of the ground it could not be connected up. Trenches were improved but no great depth could be reached owing to the boggy nature of the ground.</p> <p>A Patrol consisting of 1 NCO + 3 OR left J3c9.6 at 3-50am and proceeded about 80 yards in front and patrolled ground 80 yards to left and returned at 4-45am; they reported that they had neither heard nor saw anything to report of the enemy.</p> <p>Casualties for 21st 7 OR Killed Lieut W.H. Taylor MM + 6 OR Wounded.</p> <p>51 OR reported for duty from Base.</p> <p>Lieut FB Collins rejoined Battalion from 6th Training Battalion.</p> <p>6 OR proceeded on English furlough.</p>	
CARTER POINT	23-9-17	8.30pm	<p>During the day the Enemy's Artillery was very active using 4.2 and 5.9.</p> <p>Bn commenced to be relieved by the 52nd Bn.</p>	<p>(B)</p> <p>(B)</p>

A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C.2118/14.

Vol xiv
Sheet 8

WAR DIARY

By LtCol B.O.C. Duggan
Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
QUARTER POINT	23.9.17	11-10pm	Relief completed.	
"	"	"	Bn marched back to DOMINION CAMP by Companies at	B
DOMINION CAMP	24.9.17	3am	Companies arrived at Camp between the hours of 3-30am and 6am.	
"	"	"	Casualties for 23 rd : 3 OR Killed 3 OR Wounded. 1 OR Wounded Engineers Working Party	
"	"	"	5 OR on English furlough.	
"	"	11 am	Muster Parade	
"	"	"	Kit Inspection	B
"	25.9.17	"	Bathing Parade	
"	"	"	10 Officers 208 OR rejoined Battalion.	
"	"	"	Lieut G.R. Deardon returned from Div H.Q.	
"	"	"	Lieut W.A.L. Agnew returned from Brigade H.Q.	
"	"	"	6 OR on English furlough.	
"	"	"	8 OR reported for duty from Base.	B

Vol XIV
Sheet 9

WAR DIARY

By LtCol B.O.C. Duggan
Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DOMINION CAMP	26-9-17	7-30am	Battalion stood to and the Division Commander inspected the Battalion whilst it was standing to.	
			Capt C.V. Duncan evacuated to Hospital.	D
"	27-9-17		Battalion still standing to. Lieut W. McConnochie on Paris leave. 11 O.R. reported from Base for duty.	D
"	28-9-17		Battalion still standing to 11 OR reported from Base for duty.	D
"	29-9-17		Training 5 OR Wounded by Enemy Aircraft. Lieut J Sullivan M.M. + 2 OR to 2nd Army Infantry School.	D

Vol XIV
Sheet 10.

WAR DIARY

By LtCol B.O.C Duggan
Commanding 21st Bn A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices												
DOMINION CAMP	30 9	176-45am	Battalion Moved to Infantry Barracks YPRES via Belgium Battery Corner.													
YPRES	"	10-30am	Arrived at Barracks.	Ⓟ												
			<table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">O.R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Effective Strength</td> <td style="text-align: center;">45</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1002</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attached.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">186</td> </tr> </table>		0	O.R.	Effective Strength	45	1002	Attached.	1	5	Detached.	10	186	
	0	O.R.														
Effective Strength	45	1002														
Attached.	1	5														
Detached.	10	186														
			<p style="text-align: center;">B Duggan Lieut Colonel Commanding 21</p>													