

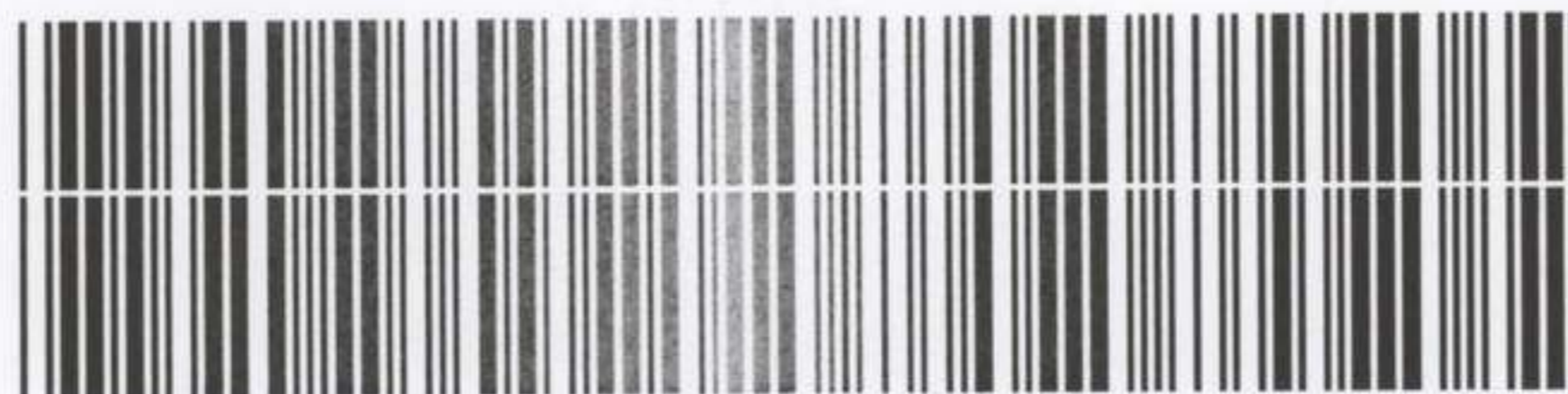
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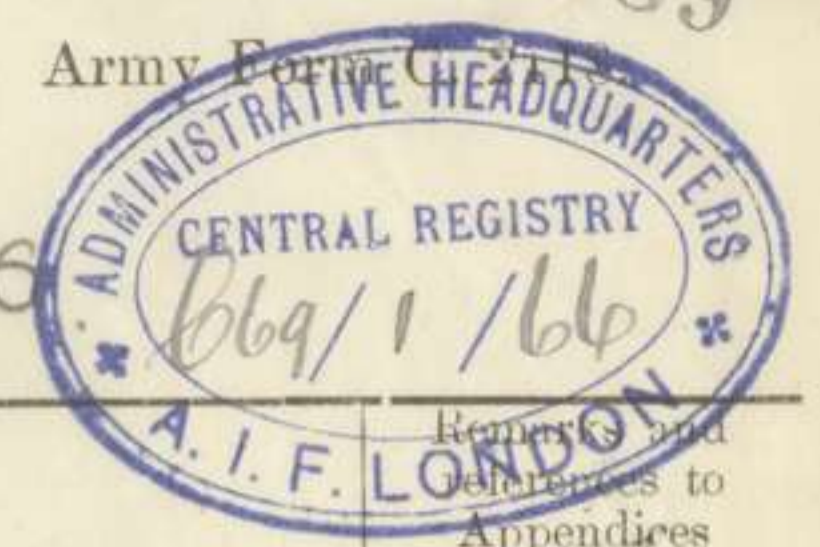


WAR DIARY of 6TH BATTN. A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
BUIRE	1 st		Batt ⁿ in billets at BUIRE	ALBERT 1/40,000
FRICOURT	4 th	0930	Batt ⁿ moved to SYDNEY CAMP, FRICOURT.	
BERNAFAY	5 th	1000	Batt ⁿ moved to BERNAFAY CAMP B S.22.C.20.	
LINE	6 th		<p>Before Dusk coys moved up to the line independently & relieved the 16th Battⁿ, 4th Divⁿ A.I.F., A & B Coys moved into the line, A Coy occupying HILT. TR, PETROL LAINE and GUN PITS in the region N. 20.D, while B Coy occupied Battle front line front line in N. 20.C with two platoons, the other platoons being in support at Coy HQ, along CHEESE ROAD.</p> <p>Battⁿ H.Q. was in BULLS ROAD at about N. 31 B 41. C Coy occupied SMOKE TRENCH at N 31 B in support to A Coy, and D Coy dugouts near Battⁿ HQ in support to B Coy.</p> <p>Relief was completed without any casualties. Trenches were in a bad state, and coys at once commenced working by day & night under engineer supervision.</p>	LIGNY THILLOY or GUEDECOURT

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LINE	8 th 10 th 12 th	1600	<p>At dusk, C Coy relieved A Coy & D Coy relieved B Coy. Weather again became very bad & although men worked hard trenches fell in & communication up the line was very difficult. Coys. again changed over.</p> <p>Capt. C. B. Taylor, Lt. Bill & Rogers went out from GUN PITS at N. 20. D 22. & made reconnaissance of supposed enemy strong point along SUNKEN ROAD (known later as FRITZ'S FOLLY). The posⁿ showed signs of very recent occupation but as it was at the time unoccupied, Capt Taylor assisted by Lt. Bill occupied the posⁿ from the GUN PIT end while another party under his supervision worked around HILT TRENCH passed the strong point there & connected up with the first party.</p> <p>During the night the posⁿ was consolidated & put in a fairly strong state of defence. Consolidating party were shelled but only casualty was 1 man killed throughout the operation. Good work was also done by 3878 Cpl. H. B. Laughlin & 3297 Cpl. A. Mackin & 2450 Pte. L. Thomas L.G.S.</p>	

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LINE	12 th 14 th		<p>At Dusk, C Coy again relieved A Coy and D - B Coy. Battⁿ was relieved at dusk by the 7th Battⁿ. - Relief was completed without casualties - the new posⁿ on SUNKEN ROAD being handed over as a new front line. Coys. moved back independently to BERNAFAY CAMP.</p>	ALBERT 1 40,000
BERNAFAY CAMP	15 th		<p>Battⁿ, as reserve battⁿ to Division was called on for Brigade & Divl. fatigues and practically whole battⁿ was out either by day or night; road repairing, carting material forward, or mining.</p> <p>During our 7 days on the line battⁿ had only one case of "Trench Feet". This compared more than favourably with records of other battⁿs in this part of the line.</p>	
MAMETZ.	19 th 18th 20 th	1000	<p>Battⁿ marched back by companies to MELBOURNE CAMP near MAMETZ.</p> <p>Battⁿ split up to furnish Corps working parties.</p>	

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MAMETZ	20 th		<p>B + D Coys went to RAFFIR CAMP at F. 3. D. for railway work at WILLOW SIDING.</p> <p>C Coy moved into huts N.W. of MÉAULTE for unloading work at railway siding there.</p> <p>Battⁿ H.Q., A Coy, & all H.Q. details moved to BUIRE, furnishing working parties at BUIRE + DERMANCOURT.</p>	<p>ALBERT 1 40,000</p>
	31 st		<p>Battⁿ H.Q. & coys still at places mentioned above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. D. Rogers Capt & Adj^t Battⁿ A.I.F.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C. W. Daly. Major comd^t 6th Bn A.I.F.</p>	