

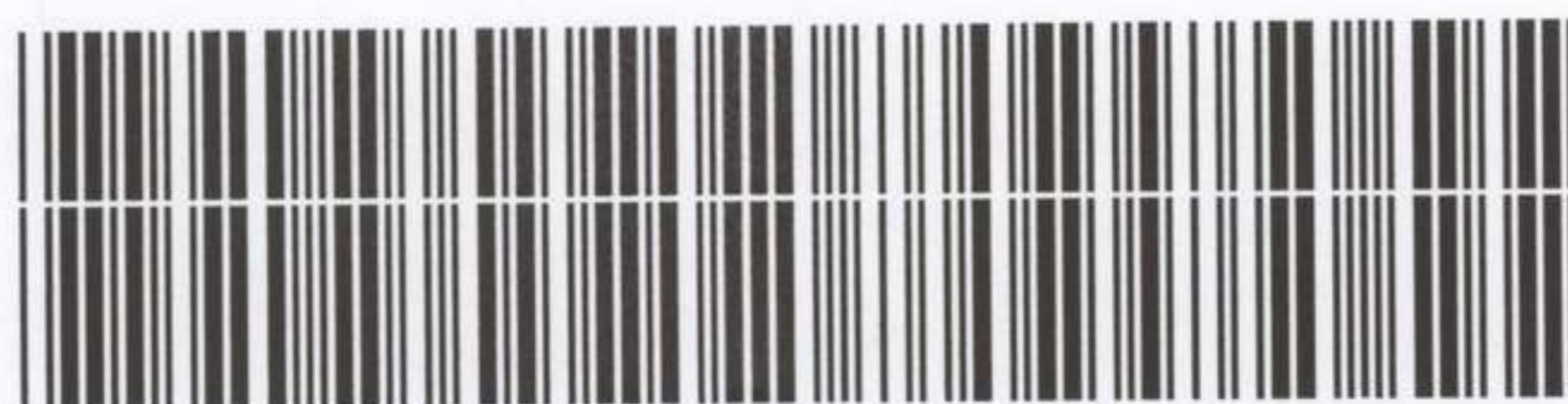
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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4th Aust. Battalion

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
INALLON - CAPPEL Area Near ZUYTREENE	1917 Aug 1st		Wet day. Training carried on in billets. Effective strength of the Battalion today is 35 officers and 810 other ranks. Posting of officers is as follows. <u>CO.</u> Lt Col J. G. Mackenzie DSO. and Raw; <u>Senior Major</u> , Major E. A. Lloyd; <u>Adjutant</u> - Lieut E. K. White; <u>Signalling Officer</u> Lieut W. P. Clemenger; <u>Quartermaster</u> - Hon Lieut L. Molloy; <u>Transport Officer</u> 2/Lieut R. F. C. Truff; <u>Assr Adj.</u> - 2/Lieut L. A. Mackenzie; <u>Scout Officer</u> - 2/Lt J. F. Barnes. <u>A Company</u> - Capt B. G. K. Judge Lieut R. G. Horne 2/Lieut A. L. Malone Maj. Wilkinson W. R. Hawke, J. J. Lupton. <u>B Company</u> Capt G. E. Essen, Lieut F. W. Newell, R. B. Bennett M.C., W. P. Power, 2/Lieut F. C. Mann, J. Swaine, F. C. Heyland. <u>C Company</u> Capt W. J. G. Estell Lieut R. A. Macalpine M.C. 2/Lieut M. R. Shelly, G. S. Bambridge, F. R. Hawkins, F. M. W. Brooke. <u>D Company</u> Lieut G. M. Boyle M.C. Lieut R. G. F. McMahon M.C. 2/Lieut S. Barker, D. H. Robertson, W. A. Leckie, W. Balcombe and H. Davenport. <u>Medical Officer</u> attached - Capt R. J. Taylor. <u>On Leave</u> 2/Lieut D. Leitch A Company. <u>On Command</u> Major G. D. Sasse DSO. or Senior Officer School, Aldershot; Lieut V. V. Brown M.C. Instructor at 1st Army Corps School; Lieut J. L. Holt is 1st Divisional Musketry officer; 2nd Lieut R. C. Piper and R. Crawford are students at 1st Army Corps School.	
	2nd		Major D. R. Brown M.C. + Chaplain 3rd class W. Mackenzie M.C. reported late last night <sup>see entry.</sup> Major Brown posted to command B Company. Yesterday Sgt J. W. Lane proceeded to Cadet Course in England. Wet day; training carried on in billets.	1st 2nd 3rd
	3rd		Wet day; training carried on in billets.	4th
	4th		Damp day; very muddy and training. Three officers rejoined the Bn and were posted: Capt Foster to A Coy, Lieut Hart to C Coy and 2/Lieut Lt. Passmore to D Coy.	5th
	5th		Bn Church Parade. Chaplain Mackenzie. A.I.F. List W 212 received showing promotion of the following 2nd Lieut to rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Passmore, Adkisson, L. Mackenzie, W. Davenport, M. R. Shelly, Lt. Agnew M.C. (seconded) G. H. Hill (seconded) J. F. Barnes, F. Mann, H. Wilkinson, D. Leitch.	1

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WALLON-CAPPEL area near ZUTPEENE	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>		Specialist training and Route march. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut W.A. Zebbutt proceeded to 1 <sup>st</sup> Army Corps School. A.P.F. List No 213 received having promotion to rank of Captain the following Lieuts. Dr. Jones (seconded) Ch. Boileau McRandalpine etc.	Las
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Specialist training and training in raids.	Las
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Cleaning up and inspection. Gas drill. Lieut Balcombe evacuated with sprained ankle. Orders received to move to BERQUIN area afterwards cancelled and orders to move to GRAND SEC BOIS area substituted.	Las
GRAND SEC BOIS area near Hazebrouck	9 <sup>th</sup>		Bn left billets at about 0700. Passed Brigade starting point near WALLON-CAPPEL at 0930. 200 yds between Bns and 100 yds between companies + transport. Arrived at 11.30 + settled into billets. Companies again very scattered. 7 other ranks reported as wounded etc.	Las
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Lieut J.F. Brames attached to Brigade Headquarters as Intelligence officer. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut W.A. Zebbutt appointed as Bn Intelligence officer. Lieut Wilkinson + main proceeded on four days leave to Paris. Training carried on by companies.	Las
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Nothing of special note. Training as usual.	Las
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Bn Church Parade. Chaplain McKenzie. Lieut R.B. Bennett proceeded to Central Army School of Instruction.	Las
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Capt H.B. Woodman D.S.O. returned as wounded. Posted to Command C.Co. Lieut Col G.L. Mackay D.S.O. proceeded to temporary command 1 <sup>st</sup> A.I. Bde during absence of Brig. on leave. Co. training of specialists + Reading parties. Major G.A. Lloyd took over command. Sentence by F.C.M. of 10 years Penal Servitude on Pte Mylon for Desertion promulgated.	Las
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Capt R. Macalpine M.C. proceeded to Senior Officer Instructors School Aldershot for three weeks course. Lieut McKenzie Shelly proceeded on four days leave to Paris.	Las
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Training as usual. Lieut Wilkinson returned from leave to Paris.	Las

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GRAND SEC BOIS Area near Haystack	16 <sup>th</sup>		Training - 15 mile route march in full marching order. Full companies + cooks. Two shagglers only. Lieut Mann returned from leave to Paris.	See
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training in morning. Sport + swimming carnival held in afternoon to commemorate the foundation of the Battalion. Beer biscuits + cigarettes issued to the men from Regimental funds together with prizes for events totaling 1540 francs.	See
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Gas lecture and inspection of apparatus of companies by Divisional Gas Expert. 25 other ranks reported as wounded sick etc.	See
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Bn Church Parade Chaplain McKenzie. Roman Catholic Church at Grand Sec Bois. Jewish service held.	See
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training bayonet fighting. Musketry class held at R. H. at which platoons are put through loading and aiming test. Capt Judge + Lieut Lacharckenja proceeded on four days leave to Paris. 5 other ranks reinforcements joined (3 trained signallers).	See
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Musketry class carried on. Training in attack formations and close order. A Co. and part of B used Divisional Baths at Outaskeine (7 miles away). Lieut McKenna + Shelly reported back from leave to Paris last night. Lieut Shelly went to Bethune to interview Selection Officer with a view to joining the Flying Corps. Other ranks reported.	See
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		<sup>1</sup> Capt. C. M. Boylean M.C. Proceeded to 1 <sup>st</sup> Angas Corps School to act as instructor in Bombing. Coys Route March in morning. Half Holiday in afternoon.	See
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Co. training carried on. Parkiana afternoon paid to rapid loading.	See
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training carried on. Route march in afternoon.	See
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training carried on all day. Lieut Rankin + Tiplin proceeded to 1 <sup>st</sup> Angas Corp School.	See
	26 <sup>th</sup>		at messon resumed command from 1 <sup>st</sup> A.I. Bde. Lieut Piper Crawford + Tiplin returned for school.	See
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Bn Church Parade. Chaplain McKenzie. Co. training and Route March	See

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GRAND SEC BOIS area	28 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training. Lieut. Normina proceeded to 1 <sup>st</sup> A.D.B.D. to act as instructor.	See
near Hazebrouk	29 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training. Lieut. Balcombe reported back from hospital in France.	See
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Co. training. 7 other ranks reported for Reinforcements. Capt. Woodman transferred from C to D Co.	See
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Co. training + Range work. 13 other ranks reported as wounded in.	See

J. G. Mackay Lt. Col.  
Commanding 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Mr training. This morning received a 1700 hrs. to set a water...  
Mr training. This morning received a report from...  
Mr training = 7 other reports for reinforcement. Capt. ...  
Mr training. 13 other reports received in morning...

J. H. Murray  
Commanding Officer  
A. C.