

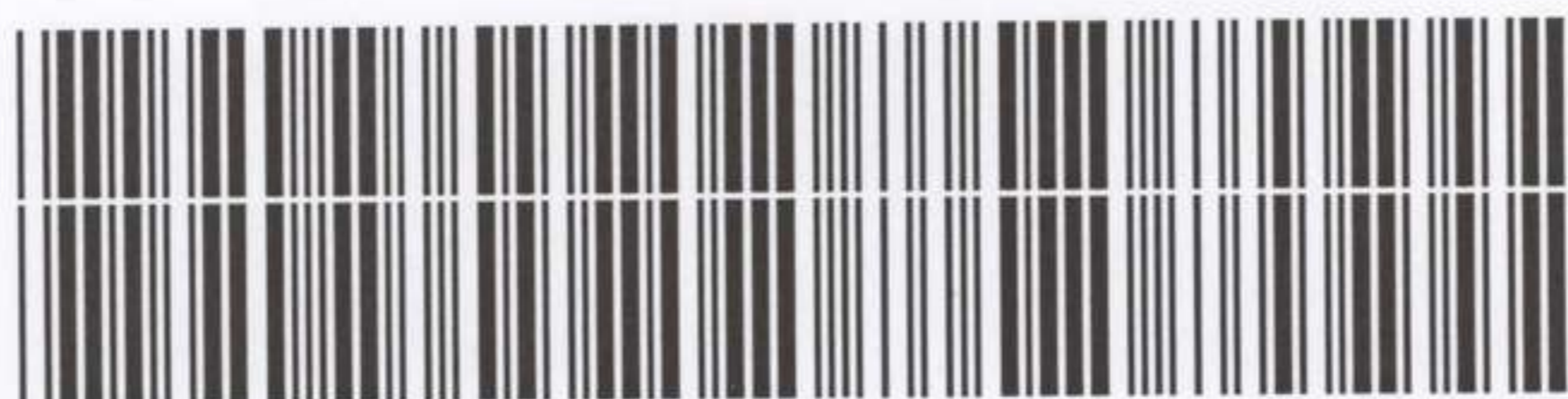
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# WAR DIARY

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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26<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. (47)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bois Grenier S.S. Line.	1-6-16		8 reinforcements of 8 <sup>th</sup> & 3 of the 7 <sup>th</sup> reported, also 18 details.	
	3-6-16		Enemy re-occupation on salient and dummy trenches at 5 p.m. A few shells reached Bois Grenier line at Pater Farm.	
	4-6-16		Lieut Lindus to Bomb school at R. Bouffette.	
	5-6-16		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts. Trundle E.F., Paul A.T., Patterson O.B., Douglas W.J.F. reinforcement Officers reported. Posted in Security to A.B.C. Day.	
	6-6-16		Raiding Party (Brigade) unable to cut enemy wire tonight.	
			Raiding Party consisting of Capt. J. Robinson (in command) Capt F.B. Cabro and 25 other ranks of 26 <sup>th</sup> Battalion together with party from 28 <sup>th</sup> Battalion made successful raid on enemy trenches, taking 3 prisoners, killing 20 and securing other identification material. (Congratulations on 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian success in France received from General Edmund, <del>General</del> Legier Ref. Paton).	
	7-6-16		Lieut N. Murdoch killed, on duty with Trench Mortar Battery. Took over Front-line trenches from 28 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	
			Lieut Boyle reported back from Bomb School. 8/6/16. C/o 23 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion inspected trenches before taking over on night of 10/11 <sup>th</sup> .	
	9-6-16		Mills Bomb exploded whilst being carried with others in Sandbag. Pte Kelly heard the fizzing sound of fuse and threw the bag into an empty dugout. Explosion caused two casualties - one evacuated the other slight.	
	10-6-16		General Buswood & Ref. Paton visited trenches. Moving to Billets at Fort Rompu on night of 10/11 <sup>th</sup> until 14/6/16.	
Fort Rompu.	12-6-16		Lieut Colonel Ferguson C.O. A. V.D. to Command Brigade (7 <sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry) temporarily during absence of B. P. Paton on duty. Reconnaitred roads & emergency roads in rear of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian and 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Divisions. 16/6/16. Moved to Red Lodge at 9 am. arriving 1 p.m.	
Red Lodge Trenches.	16-6-16		route via Eguingham Bridge, L'Épiniette, Meppes, then Le Romarin to Red Lodge. 17/6/16 & 18/6/16. Enemy gas attack towards ridge. Gas reached billets at Red Lodge no casualties. 18/19 relieved 9 <sup>th</sup> Coy Sussex. Pte. took over trenches 136 to 141 inclusive.	
	20-6-16		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Paul wounded at Pinnering Farm. Col Ferguson C.O. A. V.D. temporarily to Command of Brigade until 19/6/16.	
	23-6-16		General Gapper & Ref. Paton visited trenches. 21/6/16. B.M. of 7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade visited trenches. 22/6/16. Colonel Collett inspected prior to taking over.	
Kortepyp Trenches.	26/27 30/6/16		Enemy bombarded E.T. & S.S. Lines from 8 to 30 p.m. Mammeter for bluffs very active vicinity of Cabron farm. Staking Farm Stalled. Moved to Kortepyp Huts. Took over from 27 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. 25/29 Reconnaitred roads to T 15 B & D and T 16 A 3'1, N 32 & 33 C & D (Shas 285N). Relieved 8 <sup>th</sup> P. West Kent's (Mooros Holingham district) D3 to D4 & portion of DV. completed at 2:37 1/7/16.	

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