

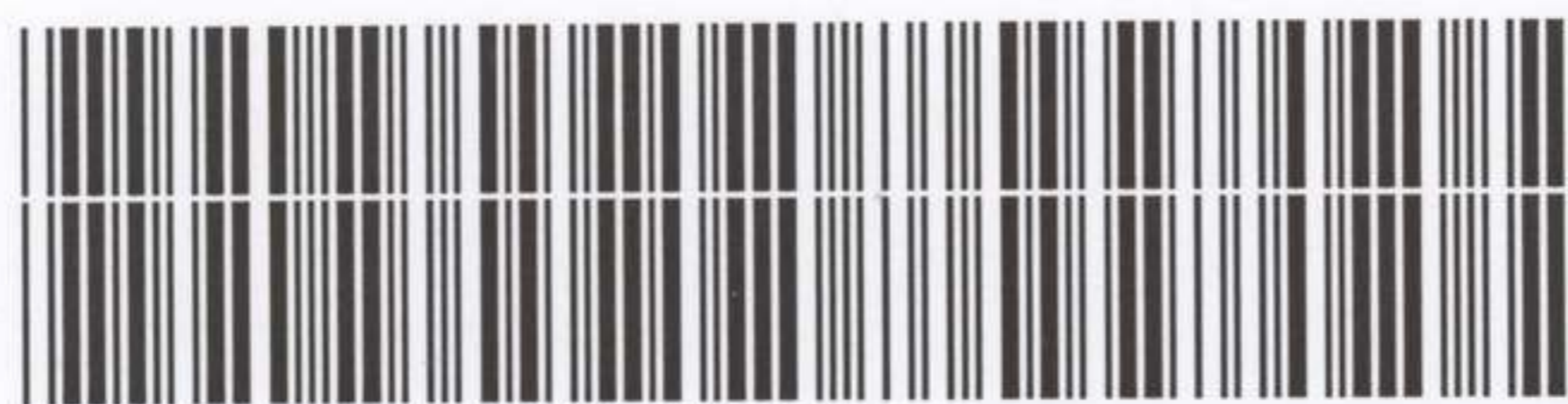
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

30th Battalion A.I.F.

June 1917. (Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Strength offic. ok.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAPAUME	1st		39 989	2 Coys working in Corps 2nd line. 2 Coys practicing "Coy. in attack" Specialist training under specialist off. Bn. Hqs. moved from the town to where 4 Coys were camped at H286. Coy. carried out night operation schemes against selected strong points in the evening.	
	2nd		39 989	2 Coys on 2nd line. Remainder on "Coy. in attack" Specialists under specialist officers.	
	3rd		39 989	Church Parade. Capt. P. Charlton marched in from BECOURT Reinforcement Camp with 2 off. 8 ok.	Majority of men who marched in were old Bn. men. Remainder, a good stamp of men.
	4th		38 987	2 Coys. 2nd line of defence. 2 Coy. platoon + Coy. close order drill. 3 off. + 89 ok. marched in from BECOURT Reinforcement Camp. Lt. Col. J. O'Leary returned from BECOURT Camp & assumed command of 8th Brigade.	Capt. J. C. Barber seconded with T. Battalion. 2 ok. evacuated sick.
	5th		38 986	Battn. carried out a route march with 14 line transport. Route - Bapaume - Ringuebe - Neucomt - Bapaume. Word received that Gen. Twiss awarded C.B. Lt. Col. O'Leary shows the following awards & mentions: Military Cross. Lt. E. Adams. D.C.M. 2490 Pte Wood. J. Mentions in Despatches } Capt. J. A. Chapman } Lt. W. Gander. } Capt. L. R. Raiton R.M.O. } Rev. G. B. Ward (Chaplain) } 4 Sgt. McDuff. } 157 Pte Eccleston. }	1 ok. evacuated sick.

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BAPAUME	6 <sup>th</sup>		38	986	2 Coy working on supports reserve of 2nd line. 1 platoon 'B' carried out practice demonstration against selected strong pt. in coop. with Stokes mortar. Remainder Coy. close order drill.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>		38	987	2 Coy working on 2nd line under 8th S. Engineers. Remainder (2 Coy) platoon enveloping attacks on selected strong points.	1 OR. taken on strength.
	8 <sup>th</sup>		38	982a	2 Coy "padding" on 2nd line. 2 Coy (remainder) continue on platoon enveloping attacks. Till trench reconnected for demonstration & come off shortly.	1 OR. evacuated sick
	9 <sup>th</sup>		38	986	Skeleton attack on course laid down for demonstration near Till trench. 50% officers & NCOs present. 2 platoons continued enveloping tactics against selected strong pt. Remainder of Batt. practiced advancing behind Banage fire.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		38	1003	Church Parade.	17 OR. taken on strength.
	11 <sup>th</sup>		38	1000	Practice attack on Till & Till Support trenches which take place but postponed owing to bad weather. Capt. Jack A. Chapman took over duties of adjutant.	3 OR. evacuated sick
	12 <sup>th</sup>		38	1000	Practice attack by 3rd Coy against Till & Till Support trenches.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Strength off. or.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAPAUME	13th		38 999	Battn in conjunction with 32nd Battn carried out a demonstration against TILL. TILL support trenches. Battn advanced in 4 wave formation with all moppers up etc. Zero hour 7.30 am. Good communication kept throughout. <del>32nd Battn on left were attacked</del> attacked by 31st Battn but repulsed this attack.	1 OR. evacuated Sick
	14th		38 999	3 Coy on Platoon attack schemes against strong points. 1 Coy. Cyclone order drill under Bde 2nd in command. Transport loaded up with all mobilization stores as demonstration to Div. Staff that not sufficient transport is with a Battn.	-
	15th		38 999	Platoon attack scheme by 2 Coy. 3 Coy on artillery form area - extended order work. Battn preparing to move from this area.	-
SENLIS	16th		38 998	has relieved in the Bapaume area by the 27th Battn. 7th Bde marched then to Bapaume Battalion. Entrenched here for VARENNES - thence by route march to SENLIS. Took over billets vacated previously by the 25th Battn.	1 OR. evacuated Sick
	17th		38 998	Battn all put through baths today. Clean clothes not yet available. Party of 35 repairing Bde range at Wig preparatory to using same for firing practice	

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30<sup>th</sup> Bde AIF

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Place	Date	Hour	Strength	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SENLIS.	18 <sup>th</sup>		38 995	2 Cys. put through Musketry firing practice on Bde range at W 19682. 1 Coy duty Coy. 1. Elementary musketry instruction.	3 OR evacuated sick
	19 <sup>th</sup>		37 995	2 Cys. musketry firing practice on range. Whole batt now has been put through, but owing to the short time allowed for each batt, men had to be hurried in the practice - results were not too satisfactory. 1 Coy moved off towards THIEPVAL to take part in special Coy. demonstration there. Quantities new Australian tins & hand - issued out to Cys. today.	Lt Wells Secured with T. B.
	20 <sup>th</sup>		38 1014	1 Coy. <sup>near</sup> THIEPVAL on special training. 1. duties 1. Musketry practice & instruction } working on Bde range in afternoon. Lt Morrison marched in with 45 ORs. 18 of these from 1st period of Summer Rest Camp - 9 returning from school, balance made up of various reinforcements. Type of men - good. 30x range started today - bombing sound also under construction, should soon be available.	19 OR taken on strength Lt Morrison taken on strength

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SENLIS.	21st	38	1013	1 Coy. Special Div. Coy Scheme near THIEPVAL. 1. duties 1. Rifle range (working on this) 1. Close order drill for Bde "Best Coy" competition. Assault practice continued by Special party under Bde officer Bayliss on Bde Assault course.	1 OR evacuated.
	22nd	38	1012	Lt Col JW Clark assumed command of the Battalion. 1 Coy close order drill 1. working on Bde Rifle range. 1. Duties 1. Musketry practice & instruction	1 OR evacuated Sick
	23rd	38	1012	1 Coy Close order drill 2 Musketry. PT & BF. 2 plato. Duties 2 working on Bde rifle range.	
	24th	37	1010	Church Parade.	2 OR. evacuated Sick Lt Balkhouse seconded.
	25th	37	1012	B Coy inspected by Gen. Tivoy in morning on Coy. drill rifle exercises. Elementary firing practice from all range & all bad shots by A.C.D. Coy. Remainder BF, P.T., close order drill & musketry instruction.	2 OR. taken on strength

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SENLIS	26 <sup>th</sup>	37 1010	2 Coys firing on Bde Range. (A+B) 2 musketry instruction, P.T. B.F., one direction & control & passing of orders. Bad shots of Bn being trained on 30x range.	2 OR evacuated Cor.	
"	27 <sup>th</sup>	38 1044	2 Coys firing on Bde Range. (B+C) 2 musketry instruction, P.T. B.F., one direction & control & passing of orders. Bad shots continue firing practice on 30x range 1 officer 31 O.R. marched in from BECOURT Camp.	31 O.R. taken on strength Lt Flynn taken on strength	
"	28 <sup>th</sup>	38 1039	The Battalion (less 3 platoons) carried out a route march over route SENLIS - V. 5. c. 3. 3. - Cross Roads P. 34. c. 9. 3 - Road Junction P. 18. g. 9. 5 then back to starting point distance 8 miles. Full marching order carried by all ranks. 3 Platoons B.D. Duties	2 O.R. evacuated sick.	Bn Order No 65.
"	29 <sup>th</sup>	38 1039	3 Coys Close Order Drill, P.T. B.F., J.D. 1 Coy working on Bde rifle range. 2 Coys carried out night operation. Transport section inspected by Gen Lacey. The whole Bn bathed at Divisional Baths.		Bn Order No 66.

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SENLIS	30th		38	1039	<p>2 Coys carried out field firing practice on BOOZINCOURT RANGE. Platoon Competition carried out and very good shooting resulted.</p> <p>2 Coys that carried out night operation previous evening lectured by Coy Comdts on operation.</p> <p>B.F. &amp; P.T. and Gas Drill also carried out.</p>	

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