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War Diary for Month of June 1916.

Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/6/16	ALEXANDRIA.	Battalion less transport embarked on "H.M.T. Transylvania" at 0730 Lieut. Col. C.M.M. DARE rejoined from leave and assumed command of the Battalion Strength 27 officers 958 other ranks. Embarked on "Hareford" 7 officers 10 other ranks and all horses. Sick & Hrs 1 other.	A 4 <sup>157</sup> Vol II
2/6/16	"	Ship cast off at 1000 and sailed from Alexandria for Marseilles. Sea calm.	
3/6/16	AT SEA	Sea Calm. Practice in Alarm stations and ships inspection.	
4/6/16	"	Sea Calm. Church Parade and Ships inspection.	

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5/6/16.	A.T. SEA.	Sea calm. Boat stations & ships inspection <del>as before</del>	
6/6/16	"	Sea calm. Usual ships inspection.	
7/6/16	MARSEILLES.	"Transylvania" berthed at 1000. Preparation for disembarkation. Baggage unloaded. A and D Coys disembarked at 1530 and entrained on train leaving at 1730 for Bailluel. Ships fatigued.	2 officers 35 others remained at Marseilles as Corps Rearguard.
8/6/16	"	Headquarters B and C Coys disembarked at 0530. Entrained at 0900 on train for Bailluel leaving at 1024. Stopped Orange 1614 for tea.	1 officer 35 others with transport vehicles to Alleville.
9/6/16	on TRAIN.	Stopped Chacon 0551 for breakfast, and at Les Saumes 1240 for lunch and	

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continued 10/6/16	on TRAIN. "	Montreuil 20.20 for tea. Shunted at Juvisy at 02.15. Stopped for breakfast 0700. Abbeville 1330 for lunch arrived Bailleul at 2130 and detrained and led by guides to billets. Strength 24 officers 884 others.	
11/6/16	BAILLEUL.	Strength 24 officers 880 others. Men occupied arranging billets. Cook houses latrines etc constructed. Sick to Hos 3 others.	
12/6/16	"	Strength 24 officers 876 others. 2 Hos 1. Company training. Raining all day.	
13/6/16	"	Strength 24 officers 874 others. 2 Hos 2. Inspection of Billets by Gen Birdwood.	

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14/6/16.	BAILLEUL.	Company training and route marches. Still raining. Strength 24 officers 874 others. Gen. Birdwood inspected men in their billets. Rejoined 3. Attached Bde 2.	
15/6/16	"	Steel Helmets and respirators issued to all ranks. Clocks put forward one hour at 1100 making it read midnight. Weather improving. Strength 24 officers 862 others. To detention 12.	
16/6/16	"	Strength 24 officers 865 others. Rejoined from special duty 1 officer 1 other. Lt HAYES. Capt A. BLAINEX to England on leave for 7 days. Lecture on Gas a demonstration.	

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17/6/16	BAILLEUL.	Strength 24 officers 865 others. All stores packed and taken by transport to FORT ROMPU. Battalion marched out at 1300 arriving FORT ROMPU at 1700 and allotted to Billets.	
18/6/16	FORT ROMPU.	R.C. Church Parade. and fatigues Strength 26 officers 901 others. Rejoined:- Capt WADSWORTH from Disembarkation. Marched in Lt. SYMONDS 910 others + 31 Horses + all transport vehicles complete	
19/6/16	"	Lecture on Raiding Parties. Strength:- 26 officers 900 others. To Hos 2 From Hos 1.	

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20/6/16	FORT ROMPU.	Strength 26 officers 899 others. Capt. HANSEN and Capt WADSWORTH to front line trenches for 24 hours tour of duty.	Wounded:- 1 other rank.
21/6/16	"	4 officers 400 others on working fatigue. 26 officers 899 others. To HQ 2 From HQ 1 Capt Cox A. & Stanton and five other officers + 3 platoons to front line trenches for experience. LT. Col. DARE inspected line to be taken over by BN.	
22/6/16	"	Strength 26 officers 897 others. Major FUHRMANN and Capt SMITH to front line trenches for experience. Weather fine.	

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23/6/16	FORT ROMPU.	Strength 26 officers 894 others. To HQ 4 rejoined 1. Capts Cole C. and O'Rourke to trenches for experience. Thunderstorm at 1700 followed by rain	
24/6/16.	"	Strength 26 officers 894 others. Three platoons and 2 officers to front line trenches to relieve 3 already there. Rain in morning fine in afternoon	
25/6/16	"	Strength 27 officers 896 others. Fatigues and Church Parades. Capt A.R. BLAINIEY and 3 others returned from leave in England.	
26/6/16.	"	Strength 27 officers 891 others. Fatigues and platoon training grenade throwing etc.	To Hospital 5 other ranks.

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27/6/16	FORT ROMPU.	Strength 27 officers 893 others. Three platoons moved into firing line (Bois Grenier) making a total of six platoons and relieved six platoons of 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Coy. Commanders of B, C and D Coys also moved to firing line to take over trenches.	From Hos 2.
28/6/16	BOIS GRENIER.	Strength 27 officers 894 others. Headquarters and remainder of A, B, C & D Coys moved to firing line arriving at 10 P.M. Transport and Lewis Gun sections remaining at FORT ROMPU. Trenches and trench stores taken over from 19 <sup>th</sup> Battalion by midnight and Lt. Col. C.M.M. DARE, D.S.O assumed command of sections	To Hos 1. From Hos 1. From detention 1.

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Continued  29/6/16.	BOIS GRENIER.	<p>53 to 57 inclusive. Map BOIS GRENIER 10,000 Sg I 26 to 2 1/2. 2 to Sg I 20 d 4. 1. GRAND FLAMENGRIE FARM to track running south from BURNT FARM. The Lewis Gun section of the 19<sup>th</sup> Bn remaining in the trenches. Strength 29 officers 903. others. Inspection of trenches by Gen. Birdwood Comdg 1<sup>st</sup> ANZACS at 10 A.M. Sections 54 and 57 shelled during the day with slight damage. Heavy bombard- ment at midnight by our guns and retaliation by enemy on our trenches. Quiet on our front after 1 A.M. Party of 6 officers 83 others away training for raid on enemy trenches.</p>	<p>At about 10.30 P.M. Enemy patrol intercepted in our wire and bombs thrown. Three wounded prisoners of 231<sup>st</sup> Prussian Reserve Captured. Capt McCill 19 Bn &amp; 1 NCO. 14 Bn wounded.  Rejoined Rearguard from Chasseilles 2 officers 25 other ranks Lieut J. MACKAY 2 " A.R. DEAN  To Hos 3 other ranks From Hos 1. " " Killed 1 " " Wounded 1 " " Transfers 12 " "</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
30/6/16.	BOIS GRENIER	<p>Strength 29 officers 893 others. The disposition of Coys as follows. Front line <u>Right Section</u> no. 53 and <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of 54. Secs B Coy 3 platoons and 1 platoon in support line. <u>Centre Section</u>. <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> 54 and 55 and <math>\frac{1}{3}</math> 56 sections C Coy 3 platoons with 1 platoon in support line. <u>Left Section</u> <math>\frac{2}{3}</math> 56 and 57 sections D Coy 3 platoons with 1 platoon in support line. <u>Reserve</u> A Coy less raiding party of 5 of 83 others. in BOIS GRENIER, LINE Sq I 19 ob. Quiet in front of our line except for some shelling, little damage to parapets only. Battalion holding section on right 13<sup>th</sup> Bn Section 52 to 48. Battalion</p>	

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(Continued)	BOIS GRENIER.	<p>on left 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn 6<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. Sect 58 to left.</p> <p>At 10 P.M. Lieut R. JONES and 8 other ranks went out by Section 57 keeping West of drain 29 as scouting party and covering party to 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Raid. Enemy patrol met and some bombs thrown by both sides. Lieut Jones and 2 others wounded. Screams were heard from enemy patrol. Heavy bombardment by our artillery at midnight preparatory to raid and retaliation by enemy on our trenches. Several breaches made in our parapet. 1 man killed and 6 others wounded. Enemy fire died down about 1.10 a.m.</p> <p>War Diary for month of June 1916            Checked by Dare Hobbins Bn.</p>	<p>Killed 1 other ranks            Wounded 8 " "            To H.O.S. 1 " "            Lieut R.W. JONES wounded by grenade</p>

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