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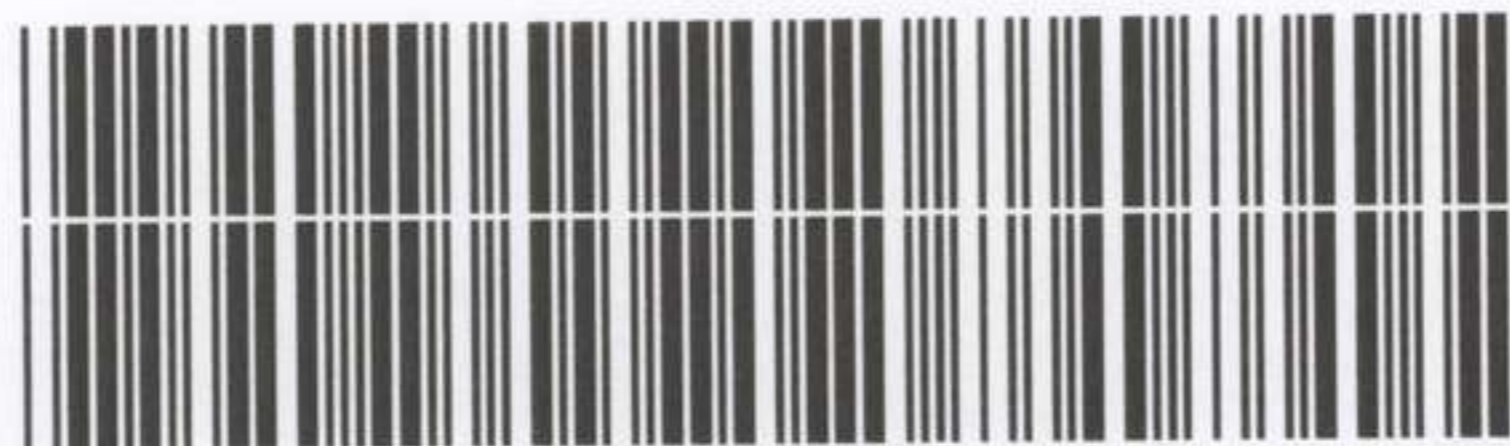
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/6/6

**Title:** 6th Infantry Brigade

February 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/2/16	Lalial zone	Preparing defence of the line entrenching, remainder Batts training	
2/2/16	"	Ditto	
3/2/16	"	Ditto	
4/2/16	"	23rd & 24th Batts arrived from Delic Kebin.	
5/2/16	"	Preparing defence of the line remainder Battalions training	
6/2/16	"	Ditto	
7/2/16	"	Commander in Chief inspected the defences of the Brigade	
8/2/16	"	Preparing defence of the line remainder of the Battalions training	M4

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9/2/16	Canal zone	Preparing defences Remanders of the Battalions training	
10/2/16	.	Ditto	
11/2/16	.	Ditto	
12/2/16	.	Ditto	
13/2/16	.	Ditto	
14/2/16	.	Ditto	
15/2/16	.	Ditto	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18/2/16	Canal zone	<p>Defence works &amp; training proceeded with. Information rec<sup>d</sup> from DTH of probability of enemy patrols 10 to 15 miles in front &amp; also a Camel &amp; Cavalry Concentration 18 miles N of HASBANA. Pms ordered to strengthen outposts &amp; patrol work and to "stand to" from 0515 to 0545 until further orders.</p> <p>Gunner Bradley reported having sighted possible hostile patrol of 30 to 40 men about 4 miles due E of SPHINX.</p>	<p>H.G.S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p data-bbox="1072 776 2035 997">D. 17. G. sent 1 squadron of 13<sup>th</sup> L. H. to report for reconnaissance following morning</p> <p data-bbox="621 1058 2035 1643">19/2/16 Canajona 13<sup>th</sup> L. H. Squadron moved out at 0500 &amp; reconnoitred front and E for about 10 miles out but found nothing to report. Guns stood to arms 0515 to 0545. Front reported "all clear." Defences &amp; training continued. Weather fine but very windy &amp; disagreeable</p>	<p data-bbox="2066 1532 2299 1622">J. J. S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20/2/16 Sunday	Canal zone	Bns stood to arms 0515 to 0545 Front reported all clear & quiet Gen Legge inspected and addressed the various Bns during day. Trench defences proceeded with Weather windy & some rain in afternoon. Capt Mann 23 <sup>rd</sup> Bn & Licut MacLroy 24 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported to Bde HQ 2no for duty.	N.J.S.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24/2/16	Canal zone	Gen Birchwood accompanied by Gen Legge inspected the lines at about 1215. Defence work proceeding with. Information rec <sup>d</sup> from BTR that force of about 200 Kordis Camels + Cavalry were 35 miles east of our line + more had been seen at GEBEL LIBNI and possible reinforcement intended. Warning sent out but nothing eventuated. System of regular Camel patrol of our front started by BTR	J. G. S.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22.2.16	Cand gone	Day passed quietly & nothing of importance happened. 10 copies of the 3 sheets of 1:10000 map issued to Pns. Defence work & training proceeded with	
23.2.16	"	Defence works and training continued	
24.2.16	"	Defence works and training continued. Gen MacLagan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde came over in morning.	N.J.S.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25. 2. 16	Cenac zone	<p>Gen Legge &amp; G.S.O. visited lines during the morning.</p> <p>Lt Col Morris 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn appointed to command of 53<sup>rd</sup> Bn and Major Harris 21<sup>st</sup> Bn to command of 59<sup>th</sup> Bn temporarily</p> <p>Major R. Smith to command of 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn temporarily</p>	<p>AQ 857</p> <p>AIF Orders</p>
26/2/16		<p>Rifle ranges marked out and work on same commenced. Defence works and training continued</p>	<p>J.V. G.S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26.2.16	Canal zone	Message rec <sup>d</sup> instruction Col Gwynne to report to 1 <sup>st</sup> Army Corps HQ 1.3.16 and Lt Col Gellibrand from 12 <sup>th</sup> Bn to take over command of 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde temporarily and to join at least 2 days before Col Gwynne leaves.	HQ 887
27.2. Sunday	"	Lt Col Gellibrand 12 <sup>th</sup> Bn came to Bde to commence taking over the command. Instructions rec <sup>d</sup> from DVA for formation of a Pioneer Coy	just a circular memo 27.2.16. H J S

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		from this Bde in a Circular memo dated 27.2.16 Instructions rec <sup>d</sup> from D HQ for formation of Bde machine Gun company and Lewis Gun sections for the Bde L <sup>t</sup> Col Watson 24 <sup>th</sup> Bn proceeded on leave to Cairo for 48 hours	ANZAC Circular memo No 11 22.2.16 C R No 136/60 D HQ. Circ memo 27.2.16 ANZAC Circ memo No 13 C R No 136/51
28.2	Canal zone	Defence works & training proceeded with formation of Pioneer Coy and M G Coy started	H & S.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29. 2	Canal zone	<p>Col Gwynn handed over command of Brigade to Lt Col Gellibrand at 0900. Col Gwynn left for 1/ ANZAC at 1400.</p> <p>Defence works &amp; training continued</p> <p>Formation of Pioneer Coy &amp; M G Coy proceeded with.</p> <p>Lt Col Watson 2nd Bn reported back from leave at 1800</p> <p>No enemy movements reported within 8 miles of our front to date.</p> <p>Weather getting warmer</p>	<p>H. J. S.</p>

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