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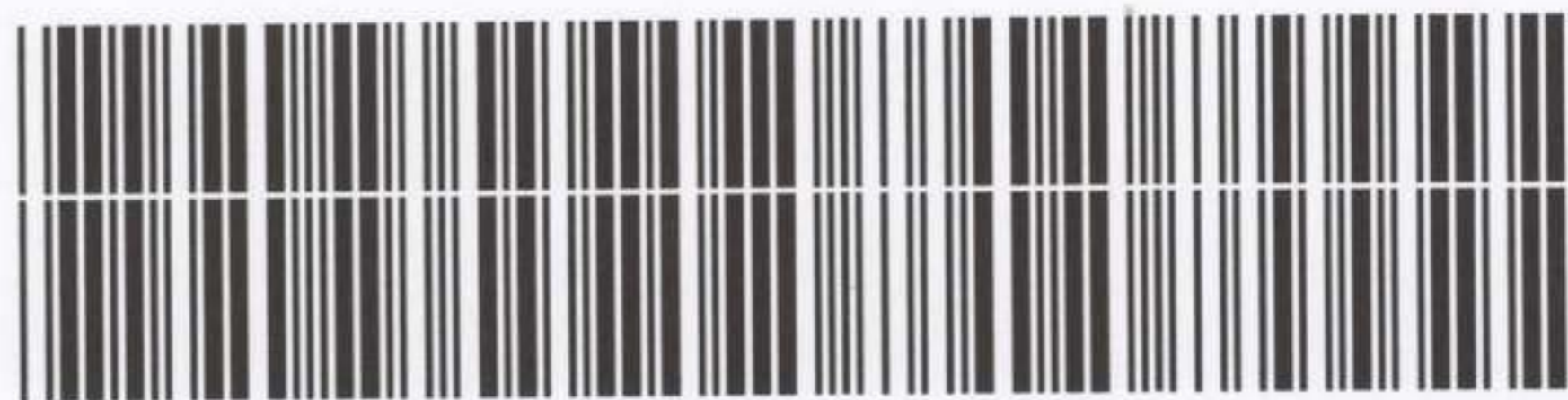
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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

46th BATTALION A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<b>1917.</b>			
	June 1st		Battalion in Huts KORTEPYP Camp - T.26 b 8.5. ( Sheet 28 I/40000.) Battalion engaged in Fatigues in front line. - MESSINES Sector.	
	June 1st to June 7th		At KORTEPYP Camp . Battalion engaged on Fatigues in front line.	
	June 3rd		2/Lieut J.H. Barnes reported Died of Wounds received at BULLECOURT is struck off strength (A.I.F. List No.179 of 22/5/17.) PROMOTIONS. To be Lieutenants dated 6/3/17. (A/I.F. List No?I79 of 22/5/17.) 2/Lieut. E. Corbett " " L.N. Crichton. SECONDED LIST. (A/I.F. List No?I79 of 22/5/17.) Capt. L.J. Kimber wounded 11/4/17. Lieut. C.H. Speer " " " W.C. Pentland " " " W.F.H. Master " " 2/Lieut V.R. Bishop " " " " C. Waight " " " " W.H. Jennings Sick 8/4/17.	
	June 4th		2/Lieut W/ Hood and 50 other ranks detached for duty with 45th Battalion. ) MESSINES BATTLE " " R.I. Brittain and 50 other ranks detached for duty with 47th Battalion. ) Carrying Party.	
	June 5th		5 Other Ranks arrived from 4th A.D.B.D. 10 Signallers detached for duty with 12th A.I. Brigade 11 Bombers detached for duty with 12th A.I. Brigade (Detonating Party) ) MESSINES BATTLE 32 Other ranks detached for duty with 12th M.G. Coy ( Carrying Party) )	
	June 6th		8 Other Ranks detached for duty 12th A.I. Brigade ( Brigade Dump ) 4 Runners detached for duty with 12th A.I. Brigade ( Runners. ) 3 Other Ranks " " " " " " " " ( Signallers ) Lieut E. Corbett ) 32 Other Ranks and 8 Lewis Guns detached for duty with 45th Battalion. 2/Lieut C.J. Jennings ) (MESSINES BATTLE Lieut J.A. Stanton ) 32 Other Ranks <del>detached</del> and 8 Lewis Guns detached for duty with 47th Battalion " L.N. Crichton ) (MESSINES BATTLE)	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 7th to June 13th		<p><u>MESSINES OPERATIONS.</u></p> <p>June 7th. 46th Battalion moved from KORTEPYP Camp ( T.26 b 8.5.) to SUBSIDIARY TRENCH (T12 c ) as reserve Battalion. The whole Battalion exclusive of H.Q. Details and the parties previously mentioned were engaged as Brigade Carrying Party from the Brigade Dump at GOOSEBERRY FARM to the Front Line.</p> <p>June 8th Battalion H.Q. in SUBSIDIARY TRENCH. Battalion engaged as above.</p> <p>June 9th Do Do Do Do</p> <p>June 9/10th Battalion was re-assembled on the afternoon of the 9th June and the same night moved up to take over portion of the front line.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OWL SUPPORT 034 d 3.1. to 034 d 5.8.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OWL TRENCH 034 c 7.5. 10 to 034 d 1.8. ( Sheet 28 I/40000 )</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OXYGEN TRENCH 034 c 3.2. to 034 c 6/6</p> <p>June 10/11 The following change in the front line took place. 46th Battalion taking over that portion held by the 47th Battalion as well as the sector then held by it:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OWL SUPPORT U4 a 9.7. to 034 d 5.8.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OWL TRENCH U4 a 45 70 to 034 d 1.8.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OXYGEN TRENCH 034 c 3.2. to 034 c 6.6.</p> <p>June 11/12 46th Battalion was relieved from front line by 15th Battalion 4th A.I. Brigade and moved back into SUPPORT in the BLACK LINE U3 b 6.0. to 033 d 1.2.</p> <p>June 12/13 46th Battalion was relieved by portion of the 74th Brigade 25th Division and moved back to LA CRECHE area ( Sheet 36 I/40000 )</p>	
	June 7th		Lieut. L.N. Crichton - Wounded.	<p><u>TOTAL CASUALTIES MESSINES OPERATION.</u></p> <p>Killed 1 Officer 17 Other Ranks</p> <p>Died of Wounds 1 Officer</p> <p>Wounded 2 Officers 117 Other Ranks</p> <p>Missing 4 Other Ranks</p>
	June 8th		2/Lieut WAH. Jennings and 5 Other Ranks from 4th A/D.B.D.	
	June 10th		Capt E.B. Thomas Medical Officer - Wounded.	
	June 11th		25 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	June 12th		Capt J.J. McPherson Killed in Action.	
	June 12th		2/Lieut C.W. Hickinbotham - Wounded.	
	June 14th to June 17th		In Huts LA CRECHE area ( Sheet 36 I/40000 )	
	June 14th		Inspection and address by G.O.C. 2nd ANZAC Corps.	
	June 15th		48 Other Ranks from 5th A.D.B.D.	
	June 15th		2/Lieut C.W. Hickinbotham Died of Wounds - Interred at BAILLEUL.	
	June 16th		PROMOTIONS. To be Lieutenants, dated 24/5/17. ( A.I.F. List No. 187 of 8/6/17 )	
			2/Lieut A.G.S. Woodward	2/Lieut C.E. Phastra
			2/Lieut T.G. Carter.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 17th		The Battalion moved by Bus to RENISCURE near St OMER.	
	June 18th to		) In Billets at RENISCURE	
	June 21st		HONORS AND REWARDS. (A.I.F. List No. 186 dated 5/6/17.)	
	June 18th		His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished service in the Field, dated 3rd June 1917:- To be Companions of the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER:- Lieut. Col H.K. Denham Major J.M. Egley <u>MILITARY CROSS.</u> Captain W.R. Davidson.	
			<u>MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.</u> The undermentioned Officers and N.C.O's were mentioned in Sir Douglas HAIG'S Despatches for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty in the Field:- dated 9/4/17. Lieut. Col. H.K. Denham Major J.M. Egley " V.J. Wane Lieut (now Capt.) D.B. Payne " R. Outhwaite 1913 Sergeant G.M. Jones 2747 Corporal G.I. Laughton.	
	June 21st		Battalion by Bus from RENISCURE to DOULLIEU into Billets there. 93 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D. 2 Other Ranks from 5th A.D.B.D.	
	June 21st to		) Battalion in Billets at DOULLIEU. Training as per Syllabus attached.	
	June 29th		PROMOTION. To be 2/Lieut dated 16/6/17 (1st ANZAC Corps 45/12/70 of 17/6/17.) No. 2141 CS.M Dickinson A.S.	
	June 26th		Inspection of representatives of 2nd Army Units by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught at BAILLEUL. 46th Battalion represented by Lieut. Col H.K. Denham D.S.O. Major J.M. Egley D.S.O. 762 C.S.M. Nowotna A.H. D.C.M. 3756 Sgt Halifax J M.M. 90 Cpl Sargent S.E. M.M. 3119 Cpl Pickersgill E. M.M.	

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	June 27th		Lieut G.E. Milne rejoined the Battalion from Supernumerary List.	
	June 29th		Battalion moved to Hill 63 (FORT GARRY) Sheet 28. UI3 c 5.2. into support to the 4th Brigade which is holding the 4th Divisional front in front of PLOEGTREERT.	
	June 30th		Battalion at Hill 63 in support as above.	

*H.H. Debus*

Lt.Col.  
C.O. 46th BATTALION.

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Reference Map - Sheet 28 S W I/20000

Sheet 36 I/40000 R

7th June 46th Battalion moved from KOTEPYP Camp to SUBSIDIARY TRENCH TI2 c as reserve Battalion to the 12th A.I. Brigade. The whole Battalion exclusive of H.Q. details were used as carrying party for 45th Battalion 47th Battalion, 12th A.L.T.M.S., and 12th M.G. Coy.

8 Lewis Gun teams and Lewis Guns were attached to the 45th Battalion for duty.

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9/10th June. The Battalion was re-assembled on the afternoon of the 9th and the same night moved up to take over portion of the front line -

- OWL SUPPORT 034 d 31 to 034 d 5 8
- OWL TRENCH 034 c 75 10 to 034 d 18
- OXYGEN TRENCH 034 c 3 2 to 034 c 6 6

10/11th June. The following change in the front line took place -

46th Battalion taking over the portion held by the 47th Battalion the sector now being as follows: --

- OWL SUPPORT U4 a 9 7 to 034 d 5 8
- OWL TRENCH U4 a 4570 to 034 d 1 8
- OXYGEN TRENCH 034 c 3 2 to 034 c 6 6

11/12th June. The 46th Battalion was relieved in the front line by the 15th Battalion, 4th A.I. Brigade and moved back to the BLACK LINE in the Support -

- BLACK LINE U3 b 60 to 033 d 12

12/13th June. The 46th Battalion was relieved by portion of the 74th Brigade 25th Division and moved back to LA CRECHE area.

13th June 1917.

*H.D. Suban*  
 .....Lt. Col/  
 C.O. 46th BATTALION

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

46TH BATTALION.

Date	6-45 to 7-45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 12 noon	2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.
<u>JUNE 1917.</u>			
Monday 18th	Bayonet Fighting	Training under supervision of Lewis Gun and Bombing Officers.	Gas Helmet Inspection Gas Drill.
Tuesday 19th	Gas Drill	Do	Extended Order Drill under junior N.C.O's.
Wednesday 20th	Bayonet Fighting	Do	Close Order Drill
Thursday 21st	Gas Drill	Guards and Sentries Musketry Instruction.	Kit Inspection and fitting of equipment.
Friday 22nd	Physical Training	Outposts. Patrols.	Platoons at disposal of Platoon Commanders.
Saturday 23rd	Gas Drill	Route March by Companies employing advanced and rearguards.	Company Drill for junior Officers & Platoon Sergeants.
Sunday 24th	Physical Training	C H U R C H P A R A D E.	Half Holiday.

NOTE:- From 18th to 20th inst. all available men will be trained in the Lewis Gun and Bombing with a view to making up complement of Specialists.  
From 21st to 23rd inst. Specialist Officers will arrange for training of Company Specialists in turn.

*G. Houston*  
.....Lt. Col.  
C.O. 46th BATTALION.

15th June 1917.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

46th BATTALION.

Date	6-45 to 7-45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 12 noon	3 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.
<u>JUNE 1917.</u>			
Sunday 25th	Bayonet fighting	Training under supervision of Lewis Gun and Loading Officers.	Gas Helmet Inspection. Gas Drill.
Tuesday 26th	Gas Drill	Do	Extended Order Drill under junior S.C.O's.
Wednesday 27th	Bayonet Fighting	Do	Close Order Drill
Thursday 28th	Gas Drill	Guards and Sentries. Musketry Instruction	Kit Inspection and Fitting of equipment.
Friday 29th	Physical Training	Outposts. Patrols.	Platoons at disposal of Platoon Commanders.
Saturday 30th	Gas Drill	Route March by companies employing advanced and rearwards.	Company Drill for junior Officers & Platoon Sergeants.
<u>JULY</u>			
Sunday 1st	Physical Training	CHURCH PARADES.	Half Holiday.

NOTE:- From 25th to 27th inst all available men will be trained in the Lewis Gun and Loading with a view to making up complement of Specialists.  
From 26th to 30th inst Specialist Officers will arrange for training of Company Specialists in turn.

21st June 1917.

  
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 S.O. 46th BATTALION.

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SYLLABUS of TRAINING.

46TH BATTALION.

Date	6-45 to 7-45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 12 noon	2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.
<u>JULY 1917.</u>			
Monday 2nd	Bayonet Fighting	Training under supervision of Lewis Gun and Bombing Officers.	Gas Helmet Inspection. Gas Drill.
Tuesday 3rd	Gas Drill	Do	Lecture on Outpost
Wednesday 4th	Bayonet Fighting	Do	Close order drill under junior N.C.Os.
Thursday 5th	Gas Drill	Musketry Instruction Lecture	Kit inspection Fitting of equipment.
Friday 6th	Physical Training	Outposts. Patrols.	Platoons at disposal of Platoon Commanders.
Saturday 7th	Gas Drill	Section and Platoon Drill. Bayonet Fighting.	Company Drill for junior officers and Platoon Sergeants.
Sunday 8th	Physical Training	CHURCH PARADE.	Half Holiday.

NOTE:- From 2nd to 4th July all available men will be trained in the Lewis Gun and Bombing with a view to making up complement of Specialists.

From 5th to 7th July Specialist Officers will arrange for training of Company Specialists in turn.

*J. Vanstone Capt*  
*for*

..... Lt Col  
C.O. 46th BATTALION.

28th June 1917.

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