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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE - SUMMARY. 46th BATTALION.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917.			
	JULY	15th	2/Lieut. A.S. Dickenson returned from Hospital. Lieut. J.W.H. Marshall rejoined from 12th Training Battalion. Captain C.W. Whiting attached from 12th Field Ambulance (temporarily) as R.M.O.	
	JULY	17th	On the night of 17/18th HILL 63 was heavily shelled for 4 1/2 hours by Gas Shells, Shrapnell and H.E. Very few casualties. <u>Total Casualties June 29th to JULY 18th at HILL 63?</u>	
			Officers Other Ranks.	
			KILLED - 12	
			WOUNDED 1 36	
			GASSED - 2	
	JULY	18th	The Battalion moved to DOULIEU area - Sheet 36a L.I.O. b 7.8.	
	JULY	19th	to	
	JULY	31st	In Billets DOULIEU area.	
	JULY	19th	22 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	JULY	20th	Major J.M. Egley D.S.O. proceeded to ENGLAND to take up duties as Staff Officer for Training No. 4 Group A.I.F. Lieut. E. McI. Cornwall transferred to 67th Battalion ( Authority - A.I.F. List 203 of 13/7/17)	
	JULY	21st	7 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	JULY	22nd	<u>PROMOTIONS.</u> To be Lieutenants dated 5/7/17. 2/Lieut V.R. Bishop and to remain Seconded " " L.L. Coulson " " P.C. Bearley To the SECONDED List - 2/Lieut R.F. Foster To SUPERNUMERARY LIST - Lieut A.H. Wallace - 14/6/17. " N.R. Weir 2/5/17 (Authority - A.I.F. List 205 of 17/7/17)	
	JULY	23rd	Lieut. J.P. Cowey and Lieut F.O. Cameron from 12th Training Battalion	
	JULY	25th	<u>HONOURS &amp; AWARDS.</u> <u>MILITARY MEDAL:-</u> 2750 Pte W.C. Saniles <u>APPOINTMENT:</u> Captain G.S. Vanstan to be Adjutant vice Capt. W.R. Davison M.C. to Regimental Duty. Dated 1/6/17. <u>PROMOTION:</u> 2/Lieut R.E. Jeffes to be Lieutenant and to remain Supernumerary dated 6/3/17 <u>SECONDED LIST.</u> Dated 8/6/17. - Lieut L.N. Crichton 2/Lieut M.M. Cuthby (Authority - A.I.F. List 207 dated 20/7/17.)	



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46th BATTALION.

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	JULY	26th	<p>Inspection of the 12th A.I. Brigade by 2nd Army Commander at DOULIEU.  <u>PROMOTION.</u> 2336 Sgt A.T. Bacon to be 2/Lieutenant dated 21/7/17.  <u>SECONDED LIST.</u> 2/Lieut W. Hood seconded for duty with 12th Training Battalion 25/7/17</p>	
	JULY	27th	31 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	JULY	28th	<p>Address by Colonel G.W. Barber D.S.O., A.D.M.S. and Venerable Archdeacon Captain J.W. Ward on National Moral and Physical Aspects of Venereal Diseases.                      13 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.</p>	
	JULY	29th	<p>6 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.                      Major H.C. Ford, 47th Battalion reported for duty and taken on strength as 2nd in Command 46th Battn.</p>	
	JULY	31st	<p>Lieut J.K Hall proceeded to 12th Training Battalion, ENGLAND for duty.                      2/Lieut EA. Leith proceeded to Central Training School LE HAVRE.</p>	
			<p><i>H.K. Deane</i>                      .....Lieut. Col.                      C.O. 46th BATTALION.</p>	



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

46th BATTALION.

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JULY 1917.		7 to 7-30 a.m.	9 to 11-30 a.m.	11-30 to 12-30 p.m.	2 to 3 p.m.	3 to 5 p.m.
23rd	Physical Training		A. Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Rifle Grenadiers, Signallers & Scouts carry out training under their respective Officers and Instructors. B. Musketry Instruction & Bayonet Fighting for Riflemen.	Platoon Drill under Platoon Officers. Rifle Exercises - half hour.	Outposts.	Games Lectures to N.C.O's.
24th	Do		Route March	with Transport.	Gas Drill. Marching with respirators on.	Do
25th	Do		As for 23rd JULY	Close Order Drill under junior N.C.O's.	Practical Work in Guards and Sentries	Do
26th	Do		Route March	with Transport	Adjustment of equipment. Packing of Packs.	Do
27th	Do		As for 23rd JULY	Platoons in open order under platoon sergeants & junior N.C.O's. Attack on M.G. Strong Point all Officers and N.C.O's becoming casualties.	Close Order Drill under junior N.C.O's. Platoon Drill under Platoon Sergeants.	Do
28th	Do		Route March	with Transport	No Parade. Note:- Fitting respirators in dark 9 to 10 p.m.	
29th	Do		CHURCH PARADES.			

20th JULY 1917.

*E. H. Haystack Capt.*  
C.O. 46th BATTALION. Lieut. Col.

APPENDIX







WEEKLY STRENGTH.

	Officers	Other Ranks	Total.
JULY 1st	41	910	951
JULY 8th	44	916	960
JULY 15th	45	930	975
JULY 22nd	46	931	977
JULY 29th	45	928	973
JULY 31st	46	928	974

*H. D. Deubau*  
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