

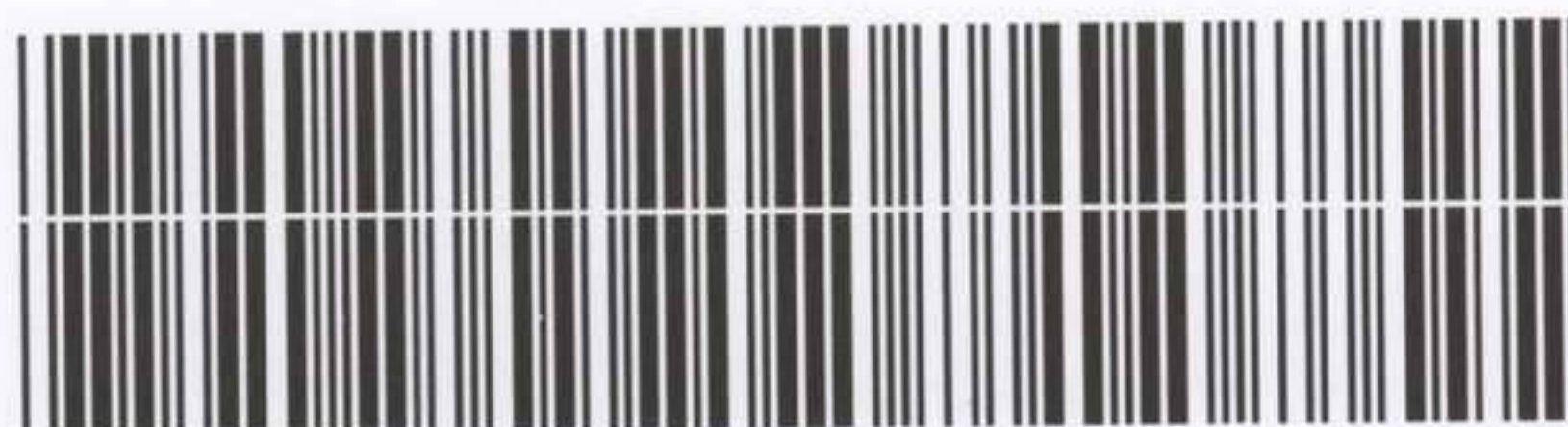
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Title: 46th Infantry Battalion

May 1916



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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May. 1/7		Continuation of work of clearing and strengthening defences.	
	2		Headquarters camp placed in state of defence.	
	5		Posts 1 - 5 handed over to 48th Battalion. New distribution as follows - "A" Coy Post 8; "B" Coy Post 6; as Battalion Reserve; "C" Coy Post 7; "D" Coy Post 9. Urgent orders received to push on work on the trenches in anticipation of possible attack on May 12th.	
	7		Brigadier General ANTHILL inspected the position and directed various additions and alterations.	
	8		Lieutenant General SIR A. GODLEY G.O.C. 2nd ANZAC CORPS inspected line held by Battalion. He expressed his satisfaction.	
	10.		4 Machine Guns under 2nd Lieutenant GRIEVSON 12th M.G. Company placed under orders of O.C. Battalion and posted.	
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	May 11		Inspection of line held by Battalion by General SIR A MURRAY Commander in Chief who expressed his satisfaction.	
	12		2 Officers, Company Sergeant Major, C.Q.M.S, and one Sergeant transferred to 12th Training Battalion TEL-EL-KEBIR.	
	13		Brigadier General ANTHILL expressed to O.C. Battalion his extreme satisfaction with the quality and quantity of work carried out on the defences. G.O.C 12th Infantry Brigade also expressed his satisfaction. He considered that all details of defence i.e. placing of range marks, entanglements, etc. had been well carried out and directed that his remarks should be communicated to all ranks and that the Battalion should be granted a holiday on 13th and 14th.	
	15/16		A large amount of excellent training in trench warfare and musketry was carried out.	
	17		Battalion relieved on the Front Line by 52nd Battalion and marched at 1800 to RAILHEAD where it bivouacked.	
	18		March continued at 0600 to Staging Camp SERAPEUM . The above two marches were completed satisfactorily. March discipline, fitness of the men, and ability to carry full equipment showed marked improvement on previous marches. The month spent in front line gave many opportunities of exercising all ranks in trench warfare, outposts, patrols, and musketry. Many valuable lessons were learned, more especially in siting trenches, tactical use of wire entanglements, and fire control from trenches. It also gave many opportunities to O.C. Companies and O.C. Posts for exercising independent command . The weather was on the whole good except for three very hot days on the last three days of occupation. The health of the troops was very good, and the supply arrangements satisfactory.	
SERAPEUM	19		Cleaning camp, bathing and necessary organisation carried on.	
	20		In expectation of early move to France every effort was made to thoroughly clothe and equip Battalion and to ensure the thorough readiness of the unit to embark.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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SEFAPEUM.	May. 22.		The following appointments were made - Battalion Grenadier Officer Lieutenant DAVIS; Lewis Gun Officer - 2nd Lieutenant MC EGAN. Transport Officer 2nd Lieutenant PAYNE.	
	24/25.		Divisional Night Operations.	
	28.		Divisional Bombing Competition.	
	29.		4th Division inspected by GENERAL SIR A. MURRAY, C. in C. British Forces in EGYPT EGYPT.	
	31.		Orders received to proceed to FRANCE on JUNE 2nd.	
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-----SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 46TH BATTALION-----

22nd May 1916 - 27th May 1916

DATE	Period 0615 - 0945	Period 1030 - 1200	1600
May 22nd	Grenadier Training Bayonet Fighting Infantry in attack	Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for Lectures, Musketry - under Cover.	Bathing Parade
May 23rd	Battalion Scheme	-do-	-do-
May 24th	Grenadier Training Bayonet Fighting Rifle Exercises	-do-	-do- Night Operations 1900
May 25th	Battalion Scheme	-do-	-do-
May 26th	Bayonet Fighting Grenadier Training Company Drill	-do-	-do- Night Operations 1900
May 27th	Battalion Scheme	-do-	-do-

Lt Colonel
C.O. 46th Battalion.

SERAPEUM

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

Owing to the 46th Battalion being in the 1st Line of Trenches
the Syllabus of Training will be as follows -

Bayonet Fighting, Grenade Throwing and Musketry to be carried
out during the day.

Captain

Adjutant 46th Battalion.

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--- MONTHLY NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS -----

--- Month ending 31st M a y 1916 -----

APPENDIX

Lieut Col	Lee G.T.	Commanding Officer
Major	Denham H.K.	2nd in Command
Captain	Davidson W.R.	Adjutant
Lieut	Couttie V.J.G.	Quartermaster
Captain	Edgley J.	
"	XXXXXXXXXX	
"	Waine E.J.	
"	XXXXXXXXXX	
"	Couchman F.M.	
"	Brooks W.C.	
Lieutenant	Moorehouse L.J.	
"	Purnell F.O.	
"	Harrington A.	
"	McPherson J.J.	
"	Davis H.S.	
2nd "	Simonson P.W.	
" "	Cunningham R.	
" "	Milne G.E.	
" "	Craig L.C.A.	
" "	Forest H.G.	
" "	Bull L.	
" "	Payne D.B.	
" "	Syme W.A.	
" "	Cornwall E. McI	
" "	Hall J.K.	
" "	McEgan W.	
" "	Pentland W.C.	
" "	Wallace A.W.	
" "	Muriel A.J.C.	
" "	Shepherd A.S.	
Captain	Browning D. de C.	Medical Officer

Strength of Officers = 29