

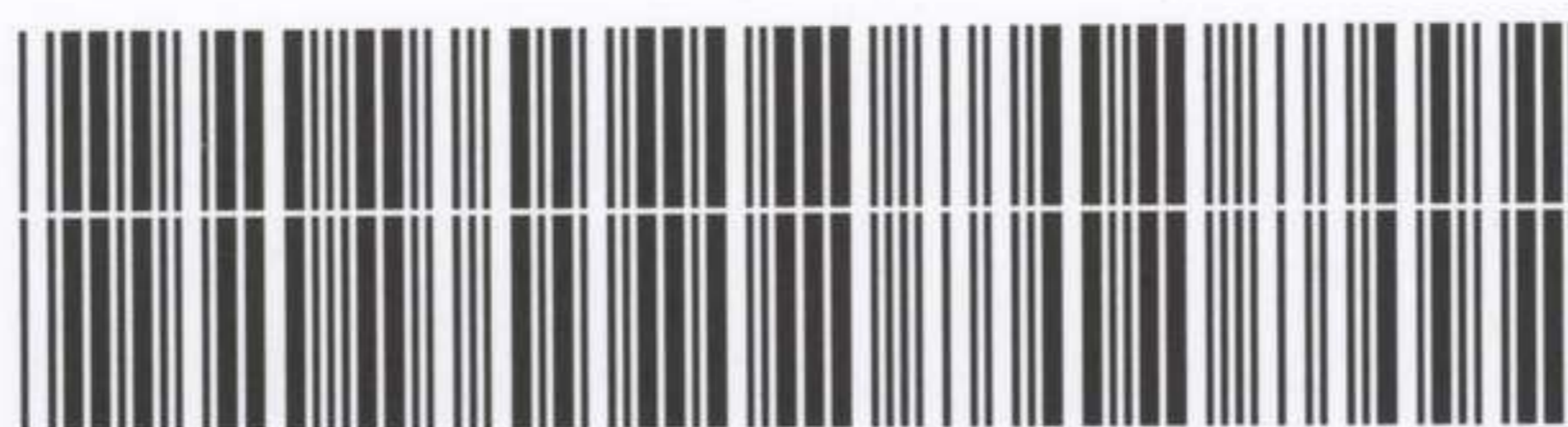
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# WAR DIARY

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## ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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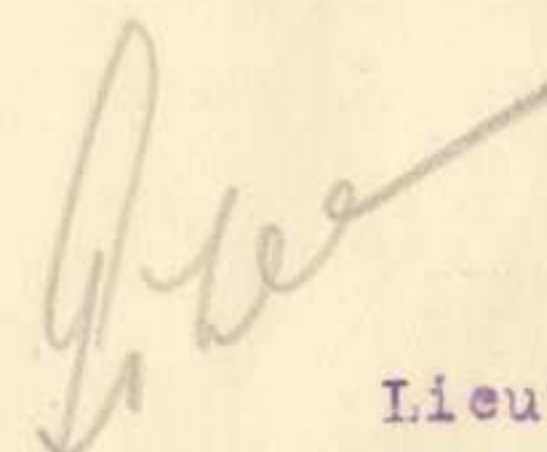
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices								
			VOLUME IX									
LA CLYTTE	Oct. 1.		Battalion in Reserve at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP, LA CLYTTE. (Appendix No 5 attached)	Appendix No 5. Nominal Roll of Raiding Party & Notes on Raid.								
	2.		On the evening of 2/10/16 the 46th Battalion relieved the 48th Battalion in the Right Sector. Disposition - 2 Companies in front line - 1 Company in Support - 1 Company in Reserve. Each night 2 platoons move up into support trench.									
FRONT LINE.	2/13		Battalion in Front Line.									
	3.		112 Reinforcements received from 4th A.D.B.D.									
	5/		13 Reinforcements received from 4th A.D.B.D.									
	12.		2nd Lieut K. Teleman died of wounds received in action 12/10/16.									
	14.		The 48th Battalion relieved the 46th Battalion in front line. The 46th Battalion moving into support at RIDGEWOOD.									
RIDGEWOOD	15/21		Battalion in support at RIDGEWOOD.									
	17.		40 Reinforcements received from 4th A.D.B.D.									
	18.		General Birdwood presented Military Medals to the following - <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>No 1619 Pte T. McEwan</td> <td>3983 pte D.L. Parry</td> <td>1916 pte P.O'C. Friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4459 " P.F. Cassidy</td> <td>4565 L/C D.O'Brien</td> <td>3141 L/C H.J. Crawford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4908 " T.J. Popple</td> <td>3818 Pte G. McE.Kinsman</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		No 1619 Pte T. McEwan	3983 pte D.L. Parry	1916 pte P.O'C. Friend	4459 " P.F. Cassidy	4565 L/C D.O'Brien	3141 L/C H.J. Crawford	4908 " T.J. Popple	3818 Pte G. McE.Kinsman
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	19.		Lieutenant E.H. Spear and 88 other ranks received as reinforcements from 4th A.D.B.D.									
	22.		The 46th Battalion was relieved by the Royal Fusiliers and marched to KENORA CAMP, RENNINGHELST.									
RENNING-HELST.	23/25		Battalion at KENORA CAMP, RENNINGHELST.									

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RENNINGHELST	Oct. 25		<p>Inspection by Major General SIR H.V. COX at which Military Medals were presented to -            No 1264 Sgt L.L. COULSON and No 937 Sgt P.G. WOOLCOCK.            also congratulatory cards to the following Officers and Other Ranks -            Major H.K. DENHAM      Captain W.R. DAVIDSON      Lieutenant H.S. DAVIS.            Sgt. A.V. JAMES      Sgt W.H. NOWOTNA      Cpl J. CHERRY.</p>	
	26		Battalion marched to GODEWAERSVELDE and entrained at 4 p.m.	
LONGPRE	27		Battalion detrained at LONGPRE at 3.15 a.m. and marched to billets at LONG - moving again at 11.15 a.m. to Billets at L'ETOILE.	
L'ETOILE	28		Billets at L'ETOILE.	
"	29		Billets at L'ETOILE.	
"	30		Billets at L'ETOILE.	
			30/10/16.	



Lieutenant Colonel

CO. 46th Battalion.

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UNIT **46TH BATTALION**

STATION **FIELD**

MONTH ENDING **28/10/16**

**LIST OF OFFICERS.**

Rank or Grade.	OFFICERS ON STRENGTH DOING DUTY WITH UNIT.		Date of being taken on strength as an officer.
	NAMES.		
M	Lieut.-Colonels—	<b>Lee G.T.</b>	<b>24/2/16</b>
M	Majors—	<b>Denham H.K.</b>	<b>20/3/16</b>
S	Captains—	<b>Waine V.J.</b>	<b>14/3/16</b>
S		<b>Boddington F.E.</b>	<b>10/8/16</b>
S		<b>Purnell F.O.</b>	<b>6/3/16</b>
M		<b>McPherson J.J.</b>	<b>6/3/16</b>
S	Lieutenants—	<b>Davis H.S.</b>	<b>6/3/16</b>
S		<b>Simonsen P.W.</b>	<b>4/3/16</b>
M		<b>Cunningham R.</b>	<b>18/3/16</b>
S		<b>Craig L.C.A.</b>	<b>18/3/16</b>
S		<b>Payne D.B.</b>	<b>21/3/16</b>
S		<b>McEgan W.</b>	<b>6/4/16</b>
M		<b>Couttie V.J.G.</b>	<b>4/3/16</b>
M		<b>Spear E.H.</b>	<b>20/10/16</b>
S	2nd Lieutenants—	<b>Ferrest H.G.</b>	<b>27/3/16</b>
S		<b>Bull L.</b>	<b>21/3/16</b>
M		<b>Hall J.K.</b>	<b>21/3/16</b>
S		<b>Wallace A.W.</b>	<b>2/5/16</b>
S		<b>Pentland W.C.</b>	<b>2/5/16</b>
S		<b>Muriel A.J.C.</b>	<b>2/5/16</b>
M		<b>Jeffes R.E.</b>	<b>2/8/16</b>
S		<b>Macknight H.</b>	<b>2/8/16</b>
S		<b>Cowey J.P.</b>	<b>2/8/16</b>
M	Adjutant—	<b>Captain Davidson W.R.</b>	<b>24/2/16</b>
S	Quartermaster—	<b>Hon Lieut Outhwaite R.</b>	<b>2/8/16</b>
FIRST-CLASS WARRANT OFFICERS DOING DUTY WITH UNIT.			Date of being taken on strength as a W.O.
	Sergeant-Major—	<b>R. S.M. Pinkham F.</b>	<b>2/8/16</b>
OFFICERS ATTACHED.			Date of joining.
(To include all Reinforcement and Supernumerary Officers not yet absorbed on strength of unit, Medical Officers, Chaplains, Veterinary Officers, Interpreters, etc.)			
RANK.	NAME.	CORPS OR REINFORCEMENTS.	
M	<b>Captain Kennedy B.C.</b>	<b>M.O.</b>	<b>10/9/16</b>
S	<b>" Devine W.</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>1/10/16</b>

Commanding.

# APPENDIX

## OFFICERS ABSENT FROM UNIT.

(To include all Officers on special duty or detachment, seconded, or on supernumerary list.)

Married or Single.	Rank.	Name.	(a) (See below.)	Date.
M	Captain	Davidson W.R.	On Leave to England	26/10/16
M	Lieut	Cunningham R.	do do	26/10/16

(a) If special duty, state same; if seconded or supernumerary list, state reason.

## CHANGE OF "RANKS" OF OFFICERS.

(To include all promotions of Officers during preceding month, also promotions to and reversions from temporary rank.)

Married or Single.	Rank.	Name.	Promotion or Reversion.	Vice or Reason.	Date.
		N i l.			

## OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS TAKEN ON STRENGTH OF UNIT DURING MONTH.

(To include other ranks promoted to commissioned rank; reinforcement officers absorbed; officers rejoined from wounded or sick; transfers to unit; officers absorbed from seconded or supernumerary list, etc.)

Married or Single.	Rank.	Name.	Reason.	Date.
S	Captain	Devine W.	Chaplain to Battalion	1/10/16
M	Lieut	Spear E.H.	From 4th A.D.B.D. reinforcement officer	20/10/16

## OFFICERS AND W.O.'s QUITTED DURING MONTH.

(To include all sick, wounded, or on leave of absence, etc.)

Married or Single.	Rank.	Name.	Reason.	Date.
M	Major	Edgley J.	Sick to hospital	15/10/16
S	Captain	Moorehouse L.J.	Killed in action	1/10/16
M	Captain	Davidson W.R.	On leave to England	26/10/16
S	Lieut	Harrington A.	Wounded in action	1/10/16
M	Lieut	Cunningham R.	On leave to England	26/10/16
S	2/Lieut	Teleman K.	Died of wounds	12/10/16

## OFFICERS STRUCK OFF STRENGTH OF UNIT.

(To include all deaths, missing, prisoners of war, transfers to other unit, medically unfit for further service, etc.)

Married or Single.	Rank.	Name.	Reason.	Date.
S	Captain	Moorehouse L.J.	Killed in action	1/10/16
S	Lieut	Harrington A.	Wounded	1/10/16
S	2/Lieut	Teleman K.	Died of wounds	12/10/16

APPENDIX

46TH BATTALION.

APPENDIX NO 3.

----- WEEKLY STRENGTH STATE -----  
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Date	Officers	Other Ranks	Total
7/10/16	31	812	843
14/10/16	30	807	837
21/10/16	28	940	968
28/10/16	28	927	955

*R. Lee*

Lieut Colonel  
C. O. 46th Battalion.

29/10/16

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS AND MEN COMPRISING PARTY.

O.C. Attack - Major Denham H.K.  
 O.C. Raid - Captain Moorehouse L.J.  
 O.C. Assault - 2nd Lieut Forrest H.G.

Right Bombing Party

2412 Cpl Le Roy T.                      2491 Pte Meehan D.J.  
 4529 Pte Lindon W.                    4536 L/C Matthews E.H.G.  
 3876 Pte Pengelly H.

Left Bombing Party.

3719 Cpl Chesterfield E.W.            3900 Pte Stewart G.W.  
 4511 Pte Hutchings F.J.              3973 Pte McKenzie A.G.  
 1430 Pte Bourke C.

Demolition Party

5602 Pte Morrow B.L.                4441 Pte Bethune F.  
 1536 Pte De Abel J.J.                4568 Pte McLaughlin J.A.

Right Assault Party

O. C. Lieutenant Harrington A.  
 1836 Cpl Ahern T.W.                    4880 Pte McCarty W.  
 4880 Pte Hannah S.R.                4321 Pte Tyers F.J.  
 1777 Pte Sampson G.W.                4983 Pte Murphy J.F.  
 4789 Pte Dolan W.                    4555 Pte McGinnisken W.  
 3953 Pte Windsor J.J.

Left Assault Party.

1641 Sgt Dunn L.                      1940 L/C Dowling W.G.  
 1938 Pte Doherty E.                    2265 Pte Morris H.C.  
 4848 Pte Kennet J.W.                3916 Pte Sutherland H.H.  
 3128 Pte Robertson R.M.              4862 Pte Marshall J.C.  
 4540 Pte Mishkinnis A.                3387 Pte McNeill W.

Intelligence Men

1171 L/C Douglas R.P.                1880 Pte O'Connor E.  
 3195 Pte Fraser G.                    2201 Pte Rees C.

Signallers

2789 Pte Atkinson J.P.                3153 Pte Jones H.R.

Stretcher Bearers

4457 Pte Canny R.W.                    4523 Pte Kilmister R.  
 1687 Pte Lillis T.G.                    1466 Pte Everard J.N.

Messengers

3528 Pte Brown L.H.                    5162 Pte Membrey C.H.  
 5252 Pte Mitchell C.                    4970 Pte Lucas N.J.

Covering Party

O. C. 2nd Lieut Bull L.                484 Sgt Davis H.W.  
 3414 Cpl Musgrave A.                3429 Pte Thwaites T.A.  
 5156 Pte Maxwell A.W.                3018 Pte Barnes W.  
 2146 Pte Hutchinson T.                3880 Pte Kay J.H.  
 3243 Pte Wilson T.B.                3555 Pte Hubbard S.A.  
 5182 Pte Greenwood A.                2454 Pte Buls H.  
 1667 Pte Brown R.M.                2798 Pte Brown R.M.  
 1384 Pte Galvin J.                    555 Pte Brauer W.  
 3864 Pte Ponter A.                    2388 Pte Ploeg A.H.  
 2354 Pte Crawford T.                829 Pte Campbell D.V.  
 1800 Pte Orr J.W.                    1693 Pte Field R.W.  
 3959 Pte Toomey T.

Sappers

5079 Spr Lawry G. T.                    5078 Spr Lawry J.F.  
 12th Fld Coy of Engrs.                12th Fld Coy of Engrs.

Major Edgley also assisted me in the front line - supervising generally and working the "return signal" & otherwise.

Signed H.K.DENHAM  
 MAJOR.

To the C.O.

46th Battalion.

The trench entered by our raiding party at N.12.d.3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.1. to N.12.d.5.1. was about 5 feet deep and about 3 feet wide, and was without traverses. It twisted in and out a great deal as shown on attached sketch.

The sides of the trench up to a height of 4 feet were revetted with interwoven boughs. There were two rows of unevenly placed sandbags on the parapet and parados.

At intervals of every 20 yards or so, there were "funk holes" dug in for a foot or eighteen inches under the parapet, and high enough to enable a man to sit in with his feet in the trench. This made the roof (of sandbags and earth) about 2 feet thick, affording cover from shrapnel. Across the trench above most of these "funk holes" there were three or four boards placed side by side.

Other than these there were no dugouts in the trench we explored. A blind sap, the last five yards of which had overhead cover (boards about 2" thick), ran into crater shown on sketch.

The flooring of the trench consisted of flat boards loosely thrown down. At the place marked X on sketch, there appeared to be a small culvert for purpose of draining water into "No Man's Land". This could not be verified as this trench was badly blown in in this part. At the other corner it is probable that he drained the water into his listening post.

Signed H.G. Forrest

2nd Lieut 46th Battalion.