

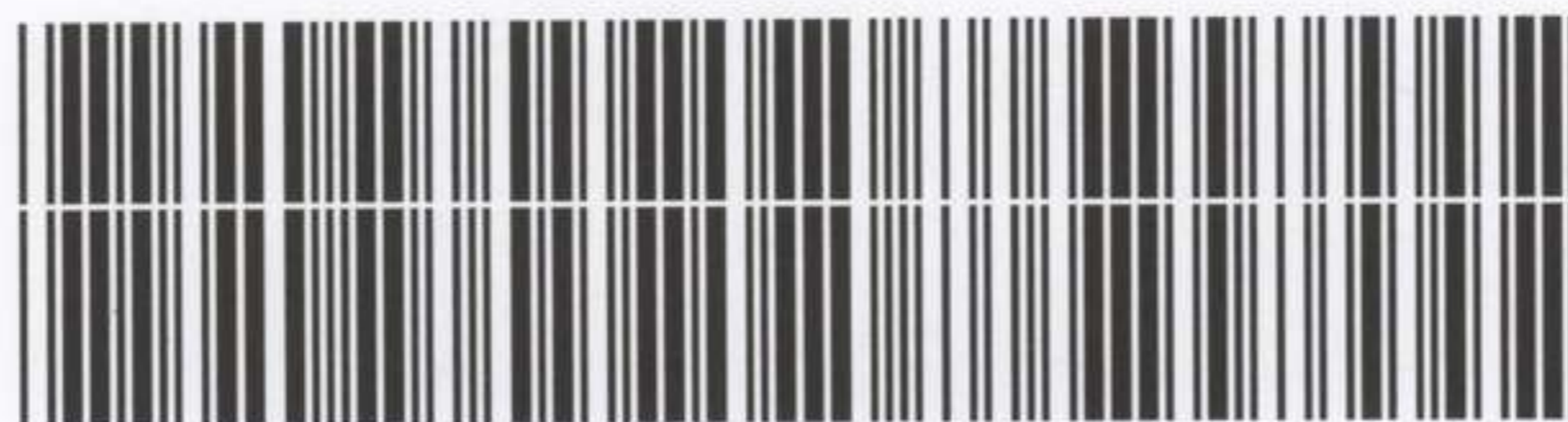
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1<sup>st</sup> ANZAC ENTRENCHING BATTN

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LA MOTTE	6/6/16	Even	Major E.N. WATERS, V.D. Staff Capt 3 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bde appointed C.O. and Capt N. MACRAE Adjutant Mining Corps appointed Adjutant + Quartermaster. A.I.F. List No. 58. 6.6.16.	
ETAPLES	8/6/16	Even	C.O. and Adj. proceeded to ETAPLES to organize Bn by order 1 <sup>st</sup> A.N.Z.A.C.	
	24/6/16	Even	Organization of Battalion completed with transport	
	25/6/16	Even	Battalion comprising 21 Officers and 1008 OR + 10 horses left ETAPLES at 12.03.	
NEAR BAILLEUL	26/6/16	Even	Arrived BAILLEUL at 17.30 and proceeded to Billets on RUE PETIT VERT.	
	27/6/16	Even	Reconnitred bivouac area under instructions of 1 <sup>st</sup> A.N.Z.A.C. and reported.	
			Further reconnaissance and Site selected	
NEAR DRANOUTRE	28/6/16	Even	Battalion moved into bivouac Shelters near DRANOUTRE. Sheet 28. S12 a. 8. 1.	
	29/6/16	Even	Draining & laying out camp. Working parties sent out under direction C.E.	
	30/6/16	Even	Working parties. Camp improvements. Inspection of Camps by O.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Group of Entrenching Battalions.	
	1/7/16	Even	Working parties. Camp improvements.	
	2/7/16	Even	Working parties. Camp improvements.	
	3/7/16	Even	Routine as above. Practised alarm at night.	
	4/7/16	Even	Routine as above. Camp inspected by O.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Group of Entrenching Bns.	

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NEAR DRANOUTRE	1916 July 5	Even	Working parties. Camp improvements. Gas alert at 2355.	
	6	Even	Routine as above. Battalion parade	
	7	Even	Routine as above. Camp inspected by O.C 2nd Army Group of Entrenching Bns.	
	8	Even	Routine as above.	
	9	Even	Routine as above. Battalion parade + inspection by O.C 2nd Army Group E. Bns.	
	10	Even	Working parties. 6 officers and 237 OR despatched to Bns as reinforcements. Officers names: - 2nd Lt H.A. ATKINS: L.H. KELLY: C.O. THOMPSON: R.V. SHIELDS: L.G. SHORT: W.R. MOORE	
NEAR NEUVE EGLISE	11	Even	Working parties. 8 officers and 141 OR despatched to Bns as reinforcements. Officers names: - Lt (Hon Capt) H. NELSON-SLEE: Lt A. GREEN: 2nd Lieut B.H. COLLIER: K.M. PURBRICK: K.R. STEPHENSON: W.W. BAKER: R. TAYLOR: D.C. GLOVER: Battalion moved from near DRANOUTRE to near NEUVE EGLISE. Sept 28. T1947, 8.	
	12	Even	Working parties. Draft of 245 OR received from Base + 2 Conducting Officers who returned to Base. 4 Officers sent forward: - 2nd Lt K.A. BELL: P. REYNOLDS: P.T. HURREY and R.G. MOSS.	
	13	Even	Working parties. 14 Officers and 144 OR arrived from Base. Officers names: - Lieut C.N. BARTELS: 2nd Lt G.N. MANN: C.S. SHAPPERE: G.L. MAKIN: R.H. HALL: W. JENKIN: E.G. MATT: J.F. HILTON: S.S. MILLS: J.B. HASELL: C.V. DUNCAN: T. McSWINEY: W.A. MARTIN: and R.L. ANDREWES.	

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NEAR NEUVE EGLISE	1916 July 14	Evening	Working parties. Camp improvements.	
"	15	Evening	Routine as above.	
"	16	Evening	Routine as above.	
"	17	Evening	Routine as above. Gen. Mestard at 3/10/30. 4 Officers + 4 O/R arrived from Base.	
"	18	Evening	Routine as above. Officers names: 2 Lieut. MEARNS, N.R. : MARTIN, T.H. : RAWES, J.A. : HARRIS, R.E.	
"	19	Evening	Routine as above, including digging shell slits near Camp	
"	20	Evening	Routine as above.	
"	21	Evening	Routine as above. Gas Alert at 08.15.	
"	22	Evening	Routine as above. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. G.N. MANN and 1 O/R despatched to join 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.	
"	23	Evening	Routine as above. Camp inspected by G.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Corps of Entrenching Bns.	
"	24	Evening	Routine as above. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. J. HASSELL 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn left to report to Royal Flying Corps.	
"	25 <sup>th</sup>	Adh	Routine as above. 1 O/R 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn reported back from R.F.C. 2 O/R transferred to Hospital.	
"	26 <sup>th</sup>	Adh	Routine as above.	
"	27 <sup>th</sup>	Adh	Routine as above. 15 Officers and 185 O/R despatched to Bns. as reinforcements.	
			Officers names: - Lieut. C.N. BARTELS : 2 Lts T. McSWINEY : C.S. SHAPPERE : G.L. MAKIN : W. JENKIN : E.G. MATT : J.F. HILTON : S.S. MILLS : C.V. DUNCAN : W.A. MARTIN : R.L. ANDREWES : N.R. MEARNS : T.H. MARTIN : J.A. RAWES : R.E. HARRIS.	

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Near NEWE EGLISE	1916 July 28 <sup>th</sup>	A.H.	Working parties. Camp improvements. 2/Lt R.H. HALL and 2260/R despatched to 13 <sup>th</sup> as reinforcements.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	A.H.	Routine as above. Major E.N. WATERS. C.O. left on 7 days leave to ENGLAND (returning 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug at 220)	
	30 <sup>th</sup>	A.H.	Routine as above.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>	A.H.	232 other ranks despatched to Bus. as reinforcements. Conducting officer supplied by 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
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