

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/67/1

Title: 50th Infantry Battalion

July 1916



AWM4-23/67/1

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)



Army Form C 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

50th Bn. 13th Imp. Bde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
New-Barr	1/7/16	11 AM	1 Casualty in D Coy, evacuated to Field Hospital	
"	3/7/16	"	Heavy Bombardment during night of 2 nd & 3 rd July shells falling at 2 points close to D Coy Billets and early on morning of 3 rd close to Battalion H.Q. No casualties	
"	5/7/16	"	Some of our Billets slightly shelled during night of 4 th & 5 th July No damage done and no casualties.	
"	6/7/16	1 pm	One Casualty in D Coy evacuated to Field Hospital.	
"	7/7/16	11 AM	Gas alarm from front at midnight all clear at 1 pm. Another alarm at 6-50 am. all clear at 7-15 am. Heavy Artillery fire at 10-30 pm 6/7/16 also at midnight. Enemy retaliated but no damage done. Weather changeable with showers, cloudy + dull unsuitable for Aircraft activity.	
"	8/7/16	"	Artillery quiet, little aerial activity, no gas alarms.	
"	9/7/16	"	Enemy Bombarded Battalion Area from 8 am. To 8-40 am. Number of shells 108, Calibre 5.9 H.E. Six shells failed to explode. Three shots partly destroyed Billets, otherwise no damage done. Hostile Aeroplanes overhead at 8 am 10-10 am + 10-25 am. Bombed by our Artillery, returned in direction S.E. to their lines. No Gas alarms.	

Handwritten signature

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

50th Bn. 13th Inf Bn.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hew-Baise	10/7/16	11 AM	Intermittent shelling throughout the day and up till 12 midnight 9/7/16. A large percentage of enemy shells failed to explode. Several enemy aeroplanes were observed overhead, but were all driven back to their lines by heavy shrapnel fire. Damage done by enemy shells, insignificant. No gas alarms. Weather fine. Clear Wind mild. S.W.	
Estaires	11/7/16		Battalion marched from Hew-Baise to Estaires by companies, leaving Hew-Baise between 11 pm + 12-30 am and arriving at Estaires between 3-30 am + 4-30 am on night of 10 th + 11 th . Billed in Estaires 11/7/16. No shelling during march out.	
Rouge-Croix	12/7/16	3 pm	Battalion marched from Estaires to Rouge-Croix by companies. Blankets carried by transport. Leading Coy moved off at 9 am and Battalion arrived at 1 pm. Coys Billed in same billets as previously occupied.	
Ballencourt	13/7/16	8 pm	Battalion marched from Rouge-Croix to Ballencourt. A Coy leaving Estaires at 3 pm and arriving at Ballencourt at 5-15 pm. B, C + D Coy leaving at 5 pm and arriving at 8 pm. Battalion overran same evening, leaving Ballencourt 9-30 pm and arriving at Pernaple at 3-30 pm. Disembarked at Pernaple and marched to Pernois arriving about 9 am. Billed in Pernois awaiting instructions for further move.	

L. D. D. D.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

50th Bn. 13th Inf Bn.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Peruvia	15/7/16	11 AM.	Still writing instructions for move. Coy's doing private parade.	
"	16/7/16	-	Battalion Church parade held at D Coy billet at 10 am. Afternoon parade Route March.	
"	17/7/16	3 pm	Battalion Route March practice, leaving 9 am returning 1 pm distance about 9 miles. Orders of move received, but cancelled later.	
"	18/7/16	"	Route Marching continued, including transport (distance 6 miles) Coy received.	
"	19/7/16	"	General parade 9 to 12. Route March 2-3 pm distance about 5 miles Marching very satisfactory.	
"	20/7/16	"	Battalion Route March 9 am till 12 noon distance about 6 miles	
"	21/7/16	"	Battalion Route March distance about 5 miles	
"	22/7/16	"	Battalion Route March	
"	23/7/16	"	Church parade R.C. 9 am + 10-30 am C of E. 10 am on D Coy's Parade Ground. General Coe attended C of E. parade. Afternoon parade. Bathing Parade.	
"	24/7/16	"	Battalion Route March 9 am till 12 noon about 7 miles Afternoon parade General parade.	

Handwritten signature

WAR DIARY

Army Form C 2118

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

50th Bn. 13th Coy Bde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Peruvia	25/7/16	3pm	Brigade Route March practiced, leaving 50th Bn area 9 am returning 3 pm. Messon meal carried.	
"	26/7/16	"	Morning parade, Coy Parade, afternoon do, Battalion parade.	
"	27/7/16	"	Battalion in Attack.	
"	28/7/16	"	Morning, Coy Parade. Afternoon, Battalion Parade. Pay received.	
"	29/7/16	"	Battalion marched from Peruvia to Herissart leaving Peruvia 9-20 arriving at Herissart about 4-30 pm distance about 12 miles Weather warm. Casualties, 98 men fell out with & without permission	
Herissart	30/7/16	"	Battalion Church Parade 10 am Afternoon Battalion parade.	
"	31/7/16	"	Battalion Route March 9 am till 12 noon. Afternoon Coy Parade 2 pm to 5 pm.	

Handwritten signature
Lieut Colonel
Commandg. 50th Bn