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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	1916 Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
ARMENTIÈRES	July 1		Work continued on BOIS GRENIER LINE - Capt. F.P.D. STRICKLAND Sick to Hospital No. 4099 Pte. COULTON H.J. Shrapnel wound in thigh
	2		Work continued on BOIS GRENIER line No. 4251 Pte. HAYES M. Bomb wounds both eyes, laceration right upper eyelid. This man was accidentally wounded while at S.P. Station LA ROLANDERIE by digging up a live bomb with spade & exploding same
	3		Work continued on BOIS GRENIER line No. 4186 Pte. GWYNNE J.E. Shell wound right arm
	4		Work continued on BOIS GRENIER line No. 2881 Pte. CHORLTON J. Shrapnel wound left leg " 2480 Pte. HUGHES R. " " left thigh.
	5		Work continued. Instructions received by wire to proceed to new area on 7th - less A Co who will continue on works for time.
	6	7 am	Lieut. Rogers & 1 new man from each of B.C.D. Cos left as advance party. Lt. Col. <del>WILLIAMS</del> assumed command of Battalion since Maj. Gen. WILLIAMS who takes command of 1st ANZAC Mounted Troops
	7	8 am	B.C.D. Cos and H.Q. etc. left Rue Marie. Marched to billets between BAC ST. MAUR and FLEURBAIX, arriving about 10.30 am. Arranged Billets
FLEURBAIX	8		Engaged on works in neighbourhood of FLEURBAIX. Working at night.
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	10		Preparations made for marching out.
	11	8 am	Battalion marched out from billets at 7 am. to new area between STRAZEELE and MERRIS. March discipline good.
		7 pm	Arrived at Billets

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MERRIS	12 July 1916		Practice in loading transport waggons & musketry instruction carried out.	
	13 "		Moved from BAILLEUL by train to Doule. DOULLENS arriving 10 pm. D.C. detained at CANDAS. Marched to CANAPLES. D.C. arrived 11.30	
CANAPLES	14 "	5.30 am	Arrived CANAPLES & billeted.	
	15 "		Carried on training in Bayonet Fighting, Routemarching and Attack practice.	
	16 "	2.30 pm	Inspection by G.O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.	
	17 "		Training in Routemarching, Bayonet Fighting etc. Inspection of Gas Helmets, Field Dressings Iron rations, Identity discs etc.	
	18 "		Training as on 17 <sup>th</sup> . Special attention paid to applying dubbin to Boots.	
	19 "		Training as on 15 <sup>th</sup> instant.	
	20 "		do do and lectures to officers and NCOs.	
	21 "		do do & Bathing & Washing parade. Lt DODS reported for duty from Base details	
	22 "		Training continued. 60 reinforcements received from Base Details about 8 am. B Co. (C off. 193 O/R) embussed at 8 am for BOUZINCOURT. Transport 2 G.S. wagons 1 Cooke, <del>10</del> 10 mules & 3 horses left at same time.	
	23 "		Church Parades, & training Carried on. G.O. visited front line at Contalmaison	
	24 "		Training in marching on tools & extending on works.	
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	27 "	am	Battalion Training	
	27 "	12.40	Orders received to proceed to new area. 2 pm. Commenced to embuss 2 Coys, and H.Q.s with tools	
ALBERT	28 "	8 pm	Arrived. A Co. less 1 platoon left at CANAPLES - 1 Platoon at CONTAY	
	28 "	3 am	Transport of C, D Cos & H.Q. arrived. B & C Cos engaged on works. H.A. & C & D Cos moved from temporary to permanent billets (ie. in proper area)	

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For Casualties see Appendix I  
Daily Strength see II

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<i>ALBERT</i>	<i>29/7/16</i>		<i>Battalion engaged on works constructing road through X LA BOISSELLE, and communication trenches in the vicinity of POZIERES.</i>	
	<i>30.7.16</i>		<p><i>Battalion engaged on works in vicinity of POZIERES, construction of communication trenches, strong point, and wire entanglements.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Lafexhe</i> <i>Capt rasi.</i> <i>H<sup>th</sup> Aus. Pioneer Bn.</i> <i>31.7.16</i></p>	<p><i>for Casualties see Appendix I</i></p> <p><i>• Daily Strength •</i></p>

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ALBERT.	31.7.16.		<p>Half Battalion engaged on Army Corps Line of Resistance. Remainder resting in Billets. Billets shelled from 1 to 2.30 p.m. and Battalion marched out at 7 p.m. to bivouacs in Avoca Valley near Becourt Wood.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).</p>	

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Appendix I to War Diary for July 1916.

Casualties

Wounded

ARMIENTIERES

17.16	No. 4099	Pte COULTON	H. J.	Shrapnel wound left leg
27.16	" 4251	" HAYES	M.	(Accidentally wounded. When digging spade struck live bomb)
3.7.16	" 2881	" CHORLTON	J.	Shrapnel wound thigh
	" 4186	" GWYNNE	J. E.	Shell wound right arm
	" 2480	Capt HUGHES	R.	Shrapnel wound left thigh
6.7.16	" 3268	Pte CONSTABLE	T. W.	Accidentally injured back, falling from parapet while working.
22.7.16	" 1744	" LAIRD	R.	Self inflicted wound (bullet) in foot
25.7.16	" 4374	Sgt CHAMBERLAIN	G. C.	Accidental pick wound in thigh while working.
	" 134	" FISHER	W. N.	Shrapnel wound right shoulder
30.7.16	" 5459	" PHILLIPS	R. R.	Shrapnel wound in back

Safely captured.  
4th Australian Pioneer Bn  
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			Date	Effect	Strength		
	1916		Off	OR	Off	OR	Appendix II to War Diary for July 1916
	July 1.		28	954	29	1008	
	2		27	952	29	1008	
	3		28	950	29	1008	
	4		28	950	29	1008	
	5		28	950	29	1008	
	6		28	948	28	1006	
	7		28	948	28	1006	
	8		28	948	28	1004	
	9		27	949	28	1005	
	10		27	945	28	995	
	11		27	947	28	995	
	12		27	947	28	995	
	13		27	946	28	995	
	14		27	945	28	995	
	15		27	945	28	997	
	16		27	945	27	996	
	17		27	945	27	997	
	18		27	945	27	998	
	19		27	944	27	996	
	20		27	944	27	991	
	21		27	944	27	990	
	22		27	944	28	990	
	23		22	802	28	1033	
	24		22	802	28	1033	
	25		22	802	28	1033	
	26		22	802	29	1041	
	27		22	804	29	1043	
	28		23	753	29	1042	
	29		23	753	29	1042	
	30		23	750	29	1042	
	31		23	760	29	1042	

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*H. Aus. Pioneer Bn.*  
 21.7.16