

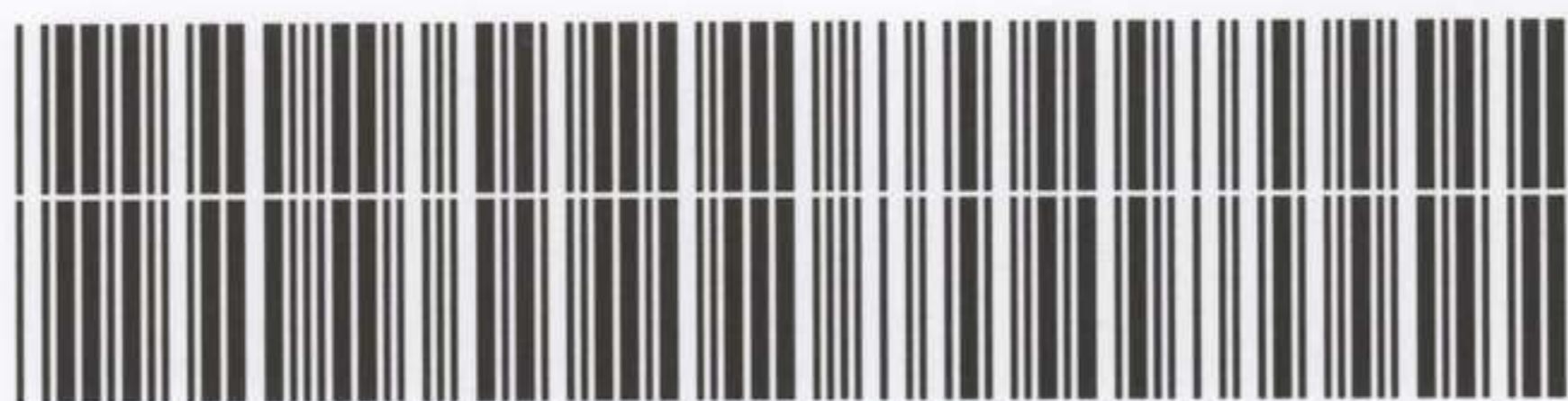
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2nd. Battalion A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY.	1/6/16	0800	3 Off. 200 O.R. proceeded to STEENBEQUE for Musketry Practise under Capt. CHANT. Usual Fatigues supplied to R.E.	
	2/6/16	1000	Nothing unusual occurred and Fatigue Parties for R.E. Supplied. Bn. marched to be reviewed by Prime Minister of Australia, (W. H. HUGHES	
	3/6/16		Everything quiet. Usual Fatigue Parties Supplied. Tactical Scheme carried out in co-operation with Brigade M.G. Coy.	
	4/6/16		Nothing of importance happened during the last 24 hours.	
(Sgd) H.A. Youden. Capt. & Adjt.				
(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for the previous month and will be found with the diary for that month.)				

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SAILLY	5/6/16		Day was quiet	
		2300	Enemy bombarded from Line N 10 A heavily and the Bn stood to arms.	
		2400	Resumed normal conditions	
	6/6/16		Raining all day Companies Lectures Gas attack etc.	
	7/6/16		A.D. Coy. Tactical scheme carried out with Lewis Machine Gun Section. Nothing of importance occurred during the 24 hours	
	8/6/16		Nothing to report. Officers joined Lt TAYLOR and Lt WADE. C. G. from Base.	
	9/6/16		Nothing to report. Capt. MURRAY. R.D. to hospital.	
	10/6/16		As yesterday very quiet	
		2000	Relief of 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn from Trenches took place in FLEUR BAIX sector. We had 1 Casualty	
		2430	Relief completed and Brigade advised	
FLEUR BAIX TRENCHES	11/6/16	0500	Calm. All quiet through the day and night	
		1600	Our artillery bombarded enemy's trenches, damaging their parapet.	
		1700	Enemy retaliated weakly. 1 OR wounded. Lt. McELROY from F.A.	
	12/6/16	0500	Light B. recess NW. Quiet throughout the day	
		1700	Our Artillery opened on enemy's trenches breaching parapet in several places	
	13/6/16	0030	Our Artillery opened fire on trenches in front. (Intense Bombardment)	
		0445	A raiding party of 40 OR and 50 OR from 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn left our lines, reaching the enemy's line killing a number of Germans, capturing 5, destroying 2 Trench Mortars, and bringing away one Machine Gun, which had to be abandoned on the barbed wire and was ultimately destroyed by shell fire	
			Lt HUNTER Robt. CLIVE. Killed in Action. Shot through the head.	
			A. J. Mullen Capt 20 Bn	

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FLEURBAIX	13/6/16	0500	Light Breeze NE The day was quiet - 5 O.R. wounded.	
	14/6/16	0500	Wet. Light Breeze NE. Enemy's artillery shelled in vicinity of our 300 yd line doing no damage. Otherwise quiet throughout the day & night	
	15/6/16	0500	Wet. Light Breeze NE	
		1000	Enemy shelled in vicinity of 300 yd. line and front line. No damage was done	
		2200	Patrol from A Coy encountered enemy's patrol who used bombs wounding 1 Off Lt TAYLOR and 5 O.R.	
	16/6/16	0500	Clear. Light Breeze NE	
		2315	Enemy's artillery throughout the day was fairly active on 300 yd line. Heavy bombardment on our left flank in vicinity of AMTENTIEDES	
	17/6/16	0030	Gas Alarm received from Bde on our right, but was cancelled shortly after	
		0630	Light Breeze NE. Enemy fairly quiet throughout the day	
		2315	Gas Alarm from left, and heavy bombardment also. resumed normal conditions at 0030	
	18/6/16	0500	Very light Breeze NE. Quiet throughout the day with the exception of enemy throwing bombs on our front line wounding 9 O.R. (3 wounded & duty)	
	19/6/16	0500	Fair light Breeze NE. Quiet throughout the day. 1 O.R. killed 1 wounded	
		2200	Enemy fired 35 HE 4.2 + 5.9" in support line doing no damage.	
	20/6/16	0500	Hazy. Light Breeze NE. Fairly quiet throughout the day	
		1200	Enemy shelled Bois Grenier A. 30. B. 36. Ref shelled about 40 HE Damage not known	
		2300	Heavy bombardment from both British & enemy's artillery on Right Flank	
	21/6/16	0500	Fine. Light Breeze NE. Everything quiet throughout the day	

H. J. Anderson  
Capt & Adj Gen Bn

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FLEURBAIX	22/6/16	0500	<p>Light breeze NE. Everything quiet in this area. Nothing to report. Enemy shelled Bn HQ Pns. WVE FARM with 8 5-9. No damage.</p> <p>Variable wind NE. Enemy's artillery active on our front line and supports. Little damage was done. Railway line slightly damaged. 1 Officer &amp; NS. HOOKWAY wounded. 2 OR wounded 1 OR killed.</p>	
		2330	<p>Gas alarm received from our left, but were unharmed.</p>	
	24/6/16	0500	<p>Wind NE Variable. Enemy's again active with artillery on our front line and support line with 9 inch 5-9 and shrapnel. The parapet in place was slightly heaved, but was repaired through the night. 6 OR wounded. The Bn was relieved by 4th Bn, leaving "B" boys in support line completed by 2340. Brigade advised. No casualties. Bn took over billets in FLEURBAIX, also support Coy CHAPELLE FARM, SMITHS VILLA and EL BOW FA RM.</p>	
FLEURBAIX	25/6/16	0130	<p>Bn all billeted in FLEURBAIX. Brigade advised.</p>	
		0500	<p>Light breeze NE. Everything quiet. Fatigue supplied 350 OR.</p>	
	26/6/16	0500	<p>Wind NE. Quiet throughout the day. Fatigues supplied.</p>	
	27/6/16	0500	<p>Wind calm. Usual fatigues RE supplied throughout the day and night.</p>	
	28/6/16	0500	<p>Wind calm. Enemy shelled H-21-D with 18 4-2 and 6 5-9. No damage. All available men on fatigues through the day and night.</p>	
	29/6/16	0500	<p>Wind N light. Enemy's artillery again active on H-21-D. 24 4 5 and 5-9. Several direct hits were obtained on C Coy's billets. 4 OR wounded. Usual fatigues RE Day &amp; night supplied.</p>	
<p>Harpenden Capt O'Farrell 2ND Bn AIF</p>				