

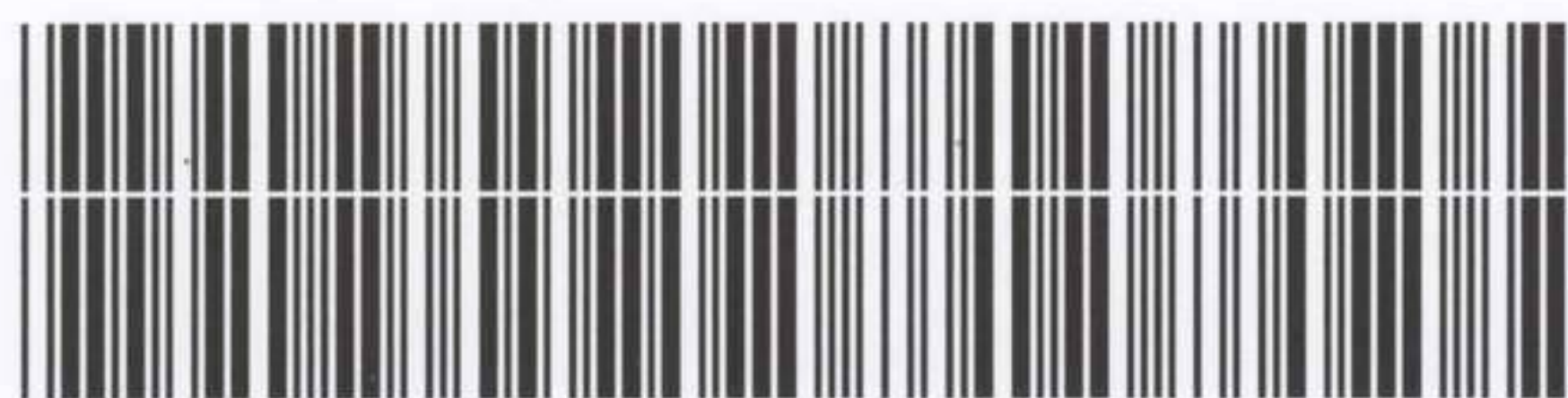
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Decr.	1/5th 3rd		In billets BOURSEVILLE and WOIGNARUE. 18 Other Ranks from 4th A.B.B.D.	
	5/6th		On the night Decr 5/6th Battalion marched to EU station and entrained for PERONNE.	
	6th		Arrived at PERONNE - marched to camp near HAUT ALLAINES (Sheet 62c I.5.a.55.) - AMIENS Map.	
	7th/31st		In camp near HAUT ALLAINES. Training carried out as per Syllabus attached.	
	7th		7 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	9th		Major H.F. McLaughlin, 47th Battalion temporarily attached for duty.	
	10th		Captain G.H. Clark from 4th A.D.B.D and temporarily attached to 45th Battalion for duty. 2/Lieut W. Jackson and 8 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	14th		2/Lieut R.F. Foster rejoined from Seconded List SECONDED - Lieut L.L. Coulson for duty with 12th T.B. 3.10.17. (A.I.F. List 268. of 7.12.17.) G.C.N. - Lieut. C.G.J. Couttie dismissed the Service by sentence of G.C.M. 19.11.17. (A.I.F. List No.268 of 7.12.17.)	
	16th		6 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	17th		SECONDED - Lieut V.R. Bishop for training with A.F.C. 7.12.17. (A.I.F. List 269 of 11.12.17.)	
	18th		8 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D.	
	19th		Lieut L.N. Crichton from supernumerary list. 3 Other Ranks from 4th A.D.B.D. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH - 2/Lieut F. Walker now reported Killed in Action is struck off strength 11.4.17. (A.I.F. List 270 of 12/2/17)	
	23rd		Lieut. C.J. Jennings from Seconded List. 7 Other Ranks from A.I.B.D.	
	24th		2/Lieut L. Byrne reported for duty from Officers Cadet Training Battalion. 6 Other Ranks from A.I.B.D.	
	25th		Lieut. J.P. Cowey rejoined from Seconded List.	
	26th		STRUCK OFF STRENGTH - Capt. W.R. Davidson M.G. reported missing since 16.8.17 is struck off strength 16.11.17. (A.I.F. List 225 of 21.12.17.)	
	29th		Major H.C. Ford attached for duty from 45th Battalion. 9 Other Ranks from A.I.B.D.	
	31st		Captain W.A. Syme M.C. from Seconded List. 10 Other Ranks from 4th A.I.B.D.	

H.H. Deane
Lieut. Colonel
C.O. 46th Battalion.

46th BATTALION A.I.F.

APPENDIX

WEEKLY STRENGTH.

<u>Date.</u>		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O/R.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Week Ending	1.12.17	50	884	934
" "	8.12.17	50	876	926
" "	15.12.17	52	884	936
" "	22.12.17	53	903	956
" "	29.12.17	56	901	957
" "	31.12.17	57	903	960

G. Kearley Lieutenant
Asst. Adjutant 46th Bn.

APPENDIX.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

46th BATTALION.

1st Decr. 1917.

DECEMBER 1917.	7-15 to 7-30 a.m.	9 to 10-30 a.m.	10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.	2-30 to 3-30 p.m. & onwards as required.
MONDAY 3rd.	Breathing and Marching Exercise.	Battalion	Route March.	Football Match v 47th Battalion.
TUESDAY 4th	Running Exercise	Bullet & Bayonet Training. Platoon Drill. Rifle Exercises.	Bombers, Lewis Gunners, Signallers, Rifle Grenadiers, Scouts and Runners train under Specialist Officers under supervision of Company Commanders.	Organised Games. Running of heats.
WEDNESDAY 5th	Organised Games.	Bullet & Bayonet Training. Musketry. Company Drill.	Do.	Football Match v 12th Field Amb.
THURSDAY 6th	Breathing and Marching Exercise.	Bullet & Bayonet Training. Rapid Firing. Musketry & Fire Control.	Do	Organised Games & Sports. Running etc.
FRIDAY 7th	Organised Games.	Brigade	Route March.	Football Match v 45th Battalion.
SATURDAY 8th	Running Exercises.	Bullet & Bayonet Training. Rapid Firing. Platoon in Attack.	Bombers, Lewis Gunners, Signallers, Rifle Grenadiers, Scouts and Runners train under Specialist Officers under supervision of Company Commanders.	Organised Games & Sports. Running etc.

LECTURES.- Lectures as under will be given at 7-30 p.m. +

Monday & Tuesday - "Economy of Supplies in the FIELD"

Wednesday - "Prismatic Compass.")

Friday - "Writing of Messages and Reports")

- Captain Guthwaite (Monday - "A" & "B" Coys.
(Tuesday - "C" & "D" Coys.)

- Lieut. L. Bull - "C" & "D" Coys.

- " W.C. Pleasance "A" & "B" Coys.

- Capt. G.S. Vanstan "A" & "B" Coys.

- Lieut. C.E. Palstra "C" & "D" Coys.

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for Lieut. Col. G. J. ...

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

8th December 1917.

DECEMBER 1917	7-15 to 7-30 a.m.	9 to 10-30 a.m.	10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.	2-30 to 3-30p.m. and onwards.
MONDAY 10th	Running Exercises.	Bayonet Fighting. Platoon & Section Drill. Extended Order.	Training of Specialists. All Riflemen to be trained in Bombing and Rifle Grenade Work.	Football Match v 12th M.G. Company.
TUESDAY 11th	Breathing & Marching	Assault Practice. Musketry. Extended Order.	Do	Organised Games, Sports etc.
WEDNESDAY 12th	Organised Games	Bayonet Fighting. Fire Control. Platoon in Attack.	Do	Do
THURSDAY 13th	Breathing Exer- cise and quick movement.	Assault Practice. Open Order & Fire Control. Platoon in Attack.	Do	Do
FRIDAY 14th	Organised Games	Bayonet Fighting. Company Drill. Company in Attack (initial stages)	Do	Do
SATURDAY 15th	Running Exercises	Assault Practice. Open Order & Fire Control. Company in Attack.	Do	Do

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for
Lieut. Colonel.
C.O. 46th BATTALION.

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15th December 1917. 05

DECEMBER 1917	8-45 a.m. to 9 a.m.	9 a.m. to 12 noon	1-30 p.m. to 2-30 pm	2-30 p.m. & onwards.	Remarks
MONDAY 17th	Marching on to Parade Ground and Battalion Parade.	Company in open attack. Trench Routine and Relief. Gas Alarms. Musketry - Rapid Loading. Forming up on jumping off line.		Live	"B" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
TUESDAY 18th		Two companies in attack against a one company rear guard. Trench Routine and Relief. Fire Control. Rapid Loading.			"A" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon. Forming up on jumping off line by night and advance 200 yards.
WEDNESDAY 19th		Battalion Parade with Transport - less Cookers. Transport to fall out after inspection. Company Drill. Battalion in extended order and forming up on jumping off line.			"D" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
THURSDAY 20th		Company work. Practice Movements as required. Demonstration to Battalion by Demonstration Platoon.			"C" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon. Strong Patrols by night.
FRIDAY 21st		Company Drill. Battalion in open attack. Withdrawal from a salient.			"B" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
SATURDAY 22nd		Company work. Carry out by companies movements requiring more practice. Demonstration Platoon.			"A" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Lieut. Colonel
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

22nd December 1917. 205

DECEMBER 1917.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.	1-30 p.m. to 2-30 p.m.	2-30 p.m. & onwards.	Remarks.
MONDAY 24th	Close Order Drill by Companies. Platoon Attack on enemy Strong Posts.			"D" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
TUESDAY 25th	CHRISTMAS			
WEDNESDAY 26th	Advance Guard attack on a village held by enemy Rear Guard.			"A" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
THURSDAY 27th	Action of a Company detailed to cover the withdrawal from a salient.			"B" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
FRIDAY 28th	Attack by 46th Battalion against positions held by 48th Battalion. (Brigade Scheme).			"C" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon
SATURDAY 29th	Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for correction of errors made during week.			"D" Coy - Assault Course 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Specialist Training
 Lewis Gun Firing. Live Rifle and
 ---Hand Grenade Practices
 A Y.
 Training.
 Additional
 Recreational

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