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2nd Battalion ATF

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCHES	29/4/16		Day was otherwise quiet. Casualties for week ending 30 th 4 Killed 7 wounded 2 slightly wounded.	
		2350	Advised enemy were massing for an attack by 2 deserters. Nothing happened	
	30/4/16	0500	Calm clear. RIVER LAIES 1-6"	
		1100	Brig. Gen. Mc LACHLAN visited our lines	
			Day was quiet. 5 (BRITISH) Aeroplanes flew over our lines flying EAST.	
		2255	Gas alarm received, from 9 th Bde 3 RD DIV 5 th CORPS everybody warned, but nothing was felt	
	1/5/16	0500	Clear Light Breeze EAST. LAIES RIVER 1-2 1/2"	
			Enemy fairly quiet through night day. Heavy HOWITZER shelling on BAC ST MAUR	
			E 18 C 16-8. Slightly wounded 1 Horse	
		2130	Gas Alarm from Brigade on our left, cancelled 10 minutes later	
	2/5/16	0500	Calm. RIVER LAIES 1-3"	
		1100	Lt. Gen. BIRDWOOD visited trenches.	
		1500	Artillery Bombardment in vicinity of T. ROMELLE N 23 A 4-4.	
			Heavy rain later	
	3/5/16	0500	Fine calm RIVER LAIES 1-2" Enemy was exceptionally quiet throughout the night	
		1945	Relief commenced by 4 th BN (LT Col. MACKAY)	
		2200	Relief completed and Brigade advised. There were no casualties	
			Bn moved into Billets in FLEVITBAIX H 26 D	
	4/5/16	0500	Fine Light Breeze E.	
			Companies generally cleaning up billets	

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FLEURBAIX H. 26-D.	5/5/16	0500	Calum.	
		0900	Enemy shelling BAC ST MAUR @ 18.C continually with HE. 5.9.	
		1400		
		2045	Enemy apparently shelling front lines	
		2100	All supports "stood to"	
	6/5/16	0500	Calum. Quiet boys repairing Billebs etc	
		7/5/16	0500	Fine light breeze S.W. No shelling. Boys strengthening billebs
	8/5/16	0500	Fresh breeze S.W. Quiet all day. Work as yesterday	
	9/5/16	0500	Light breeze S.W. Several green rockets observed near BAC ST MAUR @ 18.C	
				Work continued at WINTERS NIGHT POST. Shell holes filled in; seeds planted.
	10/5/16	0500	No shelling. Pk WILSON wounded in stomach with fatigue party at V.C. Corner	
				S.W. Light breeze. Manual work carried on improving Billebs, and WINTERS NIGHT POST, and other Garrison Posts
	11/5/16	1500	Fair light breeze S.W. to shelling. Improving billebs against shell fire	
	12/5/16	" "	Calum. Dull. Very quiet. Work proceeding. 1 Plat took over Garrison at DEE POST H & D. 4.8	
	13/5/16	" "	Calum. Very wet. Blowing all day. No shelling	
14/5/16	" "	Fresh breeze S.W. to shelling. Slight rain throughout the day		
15/5/16	" "	Light S.W. Very quiet all day		
16/5/16	" "	Calum. Nothing to report		
17/5/16	" "	Calum. All quiet in this area		
18/5/16	" "	Calum.		
			2 ND BN was relieved by 12 TH BN, and proceeded to SAILLY @ 22-D-2-9	

2030
2400

1875 Wt. W 593/326 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.
In all Billebs and Bopade Courses.

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SAILLY E. 22-D	19/5/16	2100	Boys paraded under Coy Commanders. Lectures. Nothing unusual occurred		
	20/5/16		Boys paraded as yesterday. Musketry Bayonet Fighting.		
	21/5/16		Fatigue parties of 4 off 200 OR supplied. Remainder parade with Companies		
	22/5/16		Nothing unusual to Report Fatigue party as on 21/5/16		
	23-5-16		Everything quiet Fatigues again supplied		
	24/5/16		All quiet BN practically all used for Fatigues		
	25/5/16		All quiet Fatigues RE		
	26/5/16		Nothing to report Fatigues		
	27/5/16		As yesterday 76		
	28/5/16		as 29 th		
	29/5/16		as 28 th		
	30/5/16		Very hot all Fatigues cancelled		
		2030		Enemy opened up heavy shelling in front line N. 10. occupied by 3 rd Bde AIF.	
		2130		The Bn stood to ready to move	
		3/6/16		Resumed normal conditions	
	1/6/16	0800	Nothing to Report Fatigues		
	2/6/16		3 off 200 OR proceeded to STEENBERGUE for Musketry Practice under Capt CHANT.		
			Usual Fatigues supplied to RE		
			Nothing unusual occurred and Fatigue Parties for RE Supplied.		
		1000	BN marched to be reviewed by Prime Minister of Australia. (W. H. HUGHES		
			33 off 1046 OR		
			Everything quiet Usual Fatigue Parties supplied		
			Tactical Scheme carried out in co operation with Brigade M E Coy Lynamer		
			Nothing of importance happened during the last 24 hours		