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6<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

for month of August 1917.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CASSEL	1 <sup>st</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion continued training along lines previously laid down. Owing to the close cultivation of the soil, training was confined to Model Platoon Demonstration work, Lectures and Route Marching. The training of Lewis Gunners, Scouts, Bombers and Rifle Grenadiers was also proceeded with. A party of 4 officers and 60 O.Ranks were detached and trained for raiding enterprises.	
LE VERRIER Area	8 <sup>th</sup>	0700	Battalion moved from CASSEL area via HONDEGHEM, HAZEBROUCK, LAMOTTE, VIEUX BERQUIN to LE VERRIER area. At 1500 Bn H.Q.s was established at A 20 a s. q (36) the march was accomplished in very good order, D Coy having covered 23 1/2 miles before reaching their billets. At 1800, men were all billeted & companies situated as follows:- A Coy at A 15 a o. o - B Coy at A 14 B 3. 5. - C Coy at A 8 B 1. 5 - and D Coy at A 16 c central - P.M. and Transport lines at A 8 D 3. 4.	Maps:- Sheet 27 " 36A Sheet 36.
	9 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	Training proceeded along lines previously laid down, greater attention being paid to Route marching.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	1200	Bn H.Q.s changed place with Raiders & now established at A 15 D 3. 7.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Raiders rejoined their companies.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>	1100	A + D Companies 6 <sup>th</sup> Bn with Transport complete, with 2 companies of 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn. attached marched past Commander of Second Army. Saluting point was at K 6 B 5. 8. (Sheet 36a)	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Regimental Sports held at A 8 D 3. 4.	Sheet 36 a.

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6th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER  
No. 70.

By Lieut-Col. C.V. BALT, D.S.O., Commanding.

## Reference Map:

FRANCE Sheet 27  
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Headquarters,  
6th Battalion, A.I.F.  
7th August 1917.

1. The Battalion will move from CAMEL Area via MAREMONT, RAZEMBOUCK, LA MOTTE, VIEUX MARQUEN to LE VERVIER on 8/8/17.
2. Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 0700. Order of March as per Margin:

8th Coy.  
7th Coy.  
6th Coy.  
5th Coy.  
Raider.  
HQ DETAILS  
TRANSPORT.

3. Starting Point - Road Junction at P.14.A. Central.
4. Intervals of one hundred yards will be maintained between each Company and Transport.
5. HALTS - Five minutes at 0730, ten minutes at 0750; as ordered until 0800, when there will be a halt, and thereafter at ten minutes to clock hour.
6. MARCH - Marching Order, as laid down by Brigade at BREV.
7. Officers' valises and tents (which will be struck and packed under Coy. arrangements) will be stacked ready for transport at 0800. Mess Boxes and Raiders' Cooking utensils will be ready at same hour. 8th Coy. will arrange for all valises, tents etc. to be dumped on road at P.14.A. 29.
8. Transport Officer and Quartermaster will arrange for transport of all baggage and stores.
9. No man will be allowed to fall out without a chit, and these will only be given sparingly. C.S. Raiders will detail one officer and six other ranks to act as rear-guard and collect all stragglers.
10. Billets will be left scrupulously clean; Certificate saying this has been done to be handed to Adjutant at Starting Point.
11. Arrival in Billets to be notified to Headquarters.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) T.H. BOYD, Lieut. & Adjt.  
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SPECIAL BATTALION ORDER

Reference Map : Sheet 36A  
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HEADQUARTERS,  
6th BATTALION A.I.F.  
27th AUGUST 1917.

1. "A" and "D" Companies 6th Battalion with Transport complete with 2 Companies of 7th Battalion attached, will carry out a March Past on 28th instant.
2. The Saluting Point will be at the Cross Roads at K.6.B.5.8. and the head of Column will pass that point at 1106.
3. ORDER OF MARCH : "A" Coy. - "D" Coy. 6th Battalion - 2 Companies 7th Battalion - Transport.
4. Starting Point - A.21.A.3.6.
5. Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 0830.
6. Distances will be as laid down in F.S.Reg. Sec. 25.
7. Companies are to parade as strongly as possible. Parade States are to be at Battalion Orderly Room by 0740.
8. DRESS : Drill Order with hats.
9. Vehicles will march loaded. Special attention will be paid to neatness in loading and turn out.
10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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Lieut. & Adjutant,  
6th Battalion, A.I.F.

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