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The Secretary,  
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Herewith forwarded Confidential War Diary for the  
13th Battalion, A.I.F., from the 1/6/16 to the 30/6/16.



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WAR DIARY

of ---

Lieut Col. L.E. TILNEY, D.S.O., V.D.

Cmdg. 13<sup>th</sup> BN

A.I.F.

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Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.

Date.	Place and Time.	Written by	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-6-16	Alexandria 0245		Arrived Gabbaray Docks & embarked on H.M.T. "TRANSYLVANIA". 29 officers & 977 a'rank (including Chaplain & batman attached from Div. H. @). 2/Lt Gerry & 11 a'rank transport embarked on "HAVERFORD" with 22 horses.
2-6-16	H.M.T. "TRANSYLVANIA"		Sailed 1100
3-6-16	do		At Sea
4-6-16	do		do.
5-6-16	do		do.
6-6-16	do		do.
7-6-16	do		Arrived MARSEILLES at 0930. — Disembarked 1500 & entrained at 'Point 2'. Train departed 1758. with 13 <sup>th</sup> BN (less Transport & 38 a'rank) + 2 coys. 14 <sup>th</sup> BN.
8-6-16	TROOP TRAIN		Passed LYON at 0700



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9-6-16	TROOP TRAIN -		Passed VERSAILLES at 0900.	
10-6-16	BAILLEUL	0300	Detrained and cleared Station in 33 minutes.	Marched to
11-6-16	STEENT-JE		In Billets - DIVINE SERVICE	Billets in villiage of Steent-je, 1½ miles S.W. of BAILLEUL
12-6-16	do		do.	
13-6-16	do.		Memorial Service for late Earl KITCHENER in villiage	Square. Genl. BIRDWOOD inspected Billets during afternoon.
14-6-16	do.		In Billets. - Company Training.	
15-6-16	do.		do.	- Advance party to new Billets
16-6-16	do.		Battalion put through Gas	
17-6-16	do	1600	B <sup>n</sup> moved to new Billets. Route via SAILLY &	BAC-ST-MAUR to RUE DORMOIRE near ERQUINGHEM. Arrived 2030.
18-6-16	ERQUINGHEM		In Billets - Reserve to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Division	
19-6-16	do	0030	"Gas Alert" message received. Dismissed 0330.	

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20-6-16.	ERQUINGHEM		2 officers & 6 s'rank's sent for 24 hours tour in trenches of 18 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup>	
21-6-16	do.	1400	1 Pltn. each from A, B & C Coys. to 18 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> trenches. 4 <sup>th</sup> Division transferred to 1 <sup>st</sup> ANZAC.	
22-6-16	do	2100	"Gas Alert" received.	
23-6-16	do	-	In Billets. at Rue DORMOIRE, Transport at JESUS FARM.	
24-6-16	do	2030	Fatigue Party 1 off. & 200 s'rank's to 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde. 3 Platoons relieved by 1 Pltn each from B, C & D. 2 s'rank's Sick - 5 wounded.	
25-6-16	do		In Billets - Divine Service. Lt McKillop & 1 s'rank Sick - 1 wounded.	
26-6-16	do		Move Order received - To relieve 18 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> <sup>26<sup>th</sup> Div</sup> Lt D.P. WELLS & 5 s'rank's wounded	1 killed.
27-6-16	do	11.30am	1 officer & 1/2 B <sup>n</sup> H.Q. Signallers moved-in. Lt McPhillamy <del>wounded</del> Shell Shock.	
		8.30pm	3 Coy Cmdrs with Pltn. from each of A, B & C Coys moved-in. 2 wounded.	
28-6-16	do	11am	B <sup>n</sup> H.Q. moved-in to Front Line at WHITE CITY POST	
	WHITE CITY	10.45pm	Head of Remainder of B <sup>n</sup> arrived at WHITE CITY Post.	
	do	11.20pm	'A' & 'B' Coys clear of WHITE CITY.	
	do	11.50pm	Violent Bombardment on right & left. 1 <sup>st</sup> Div (on right) carrying out	

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28/29-6-16	WHITE CITY	Midnight	Lt-Col Tilley took over command from 18 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> , 1 K 2 W on 28 <sup>th</sup> .	
29-6-16	do	1230	'D' Coy (Support) Reported 'In Position'	
	do	1235	'A' " (Secs 50 + 51) do. do.	
	do.	1:50am	Bombardment Ceased. Everything normal	
	do	1:20am	'C' Coy (Sec. 52) Reported 'In Position'	
	do	1:30am	'B' Coy (Secs 48 + 49 - "SALIENT") do.	
	do	9am	Genl. BIRDWOOD inspected Trenches. Cas. 29 <sup>th</sup> :-	1 Killed. 2 Wounded
29/30-6-16	do	midnight	6 <sup>th</sup> Brigade (on left) making three Raids. Zero Time + Midnight. Bombardment commenced punctually at midnight. No 5 Aust. L.T.M. Batty to make diversion from our trenches.	
30-6-16	do.	1231	Diversion ceased on our front. Enemy retaliated by lightly shelling front line at 12:20pm	
			Description of Position :- 'A' Battalion, occupying Sections 48 to 52 (inclusive) of Front Line, extending from I.31.c.5.5 to I.31.b.9.b. (Ref. BOIS GRENIER 36 N.W. Edition 6 /10,000) - Head Quarters at WHITE CITY (I.31.a.4.b.) Transport at JESUS FARM (w. of E	

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30-6-16	WHITE CITY - -	<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">N.C. 13</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> BN A.I.F on right &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> BN on left. A, B, &amp; C. Coys in front line, 'D' Coy in support in BOIS GRENIER line. Rations are done up in section bags at JESUS FARM and brought by Transport nightly. There are 7 Lewis M.Gs. in front line and 2 Sections of Bde M.G Coy in Battalion Area. Ammunition &amp; Bomb Reserves are distributed throughout the Area &amp; Gas Alarms are placed in all Posts. Communications safe &amp; in good repair. Tram conveys stores from Transport at I. 30.2.6.3. to WHITE CITY.</p>	
do.	10-26pm	Enemy shelled CHARD LINE (SECS 48 & 50) with H.E. & Shrapnel, & dropped H.E. into <del>the</del> SUPPORT LINE of Sec. 50.	
	10-35pm	C. 28 (Support Coy) had his Coy. H.Q. blown out. Communication immediately restored. NO casualties.	
do	-	Casualties 30/6/16. (1 off + 3 ranks W. + 2 Killed (N&Y M.G. (1 rank W. (13 <sup>th</sup> BN)	