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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1.2.16.		Capt. Hinton evacuated sick. Major Wisdom (B.M.) promoted to Lt-Col. and to command 18th Bn.	
	4.2.16/		C. & D Coys. rejoined Battalion.	
	5.2.16.		Moved camp to a basin West of Mt. Kembla.	
	6.2.16.		Commenced work on new keep on reverse slopes of Mt. Kembla.	
<p>(Original so above written on same sheet as entries for end of previous month and filed with volume for that month),</p>				

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1-1-16

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Mt Kembla	2/2/16		<p>Sir Archibald Murray inspected the trenches in progress and, in our position, disapproved our action in having keep completed before the trenches on forward slopes explaining it would be there that the enemy would first be engaged but if we were absolutely driven from our position on the forward slopes we might then resort to the keep.</p> <p>Forward fire trenches commenced. A C &amp; D Company commanders working on their own trenches. B Coy Reg. duties and training.</p> <p>Lt Col. Wisdom moved <sup>his quarters</sup> from Bde Hdqrs to our camp and assumed command. Major Murphy became second in command and Major Goodsell took command of A Coy.</p> <p>Work on our defences carried on progressively. Training in, particularly, musketry and attack.</p> <p>Major General Legge addressed the Battalion on Discipline particularly saluting.</p>	
	8/10/16	2/16		
	11/2/16			
	12/10/16			
	14/2/16			



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1-2-16

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mt Kembla	22/2/16		<p>Patrol of 1 Officer + 20 men patrolled due East for two miles <del>and</del> Nothing unusual. 1 Officer 5 NCOs + 150 men assisted on Railroad. Training * work on defences <del>1 Officer</del></p>	
	22/23			
	2/16			
	24/2/16			
	25/2/16			
	26/2/16			
	28/2/16		<p>Temp Capt W. Bruce is appointed Adjutant dated 14/1/16 + Capt. W. S. Kinton transferred to command 7 Coy. Sig. Sgt Lucas promoted to 2/Lieut. vice Lt Bagney R. G. returned to Australia for change. Dated 24/2/16</p>	
	29/2/16		<p>The following Officers are placed on the Supernumerary List under provisions of Para. 3 a of Rules governing the promotion of Officers. Dated 24/2/16 (vide A.I.F. List No. 29) Capt. J. H. McDowell Capt. L. J. Fitzpatrick. Capt. McKean. Lieut F. H. W. Robinson Lieut J. A. O'Donnell Lieut B. H. McLachlan Lieut A. G. Rafferty <sup>RE</sup> Linklater W. H. Robertson B. J. Blackett. Lt W. T. O'Grady 2/Lieut. G. H. Pulling</p> <p>Nothing unusual.</p>	