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Infantry

Item number: 23/38/6

Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

February 1916



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Date	Place and Time	21 st Batta	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 1 st 1916	CANAL ZONE 0715	Accompanied Brigadier & arranged siting of trenches Battalion engaged trench digging & training as per syllabus	
2		Two Coys. Route March 1 Coy Musketry 1 trench digging	
3		Same as (2 nd nil) but the Coys were changed.	
4		1 Coy Platoon 1 Coy Training 1 Trench Digging 1 Route March	
5		1 Coy Musketry Instruction & Coy Training	
6		Battalion engaged in Syllabus work & trench digging	
7		Siting & marking forward fire trenches	
8		Preparing Syllabus for week ending 12/1/16	
9		Syllabus Work & trench digging - Made arrangements for Bombing practice also for Bayonet fighting as per Div Cir memo of 13/1/16	
10		Syllabus Work - Made a miniature rifle range	

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July 9 th	Cont'd	Night March - Recd. report that mounted troops were seen approx 10 miles N. NE of H2LL H20 probably hostile - Our Outposts were doubled & vigilance improved on all ranks.	
9	0600	Our Patrol reported Aeroplanes at bearing of -30° from Centre of our Outpost line - distance approx 2 miles	Owing to bad light unable to distinguish marks <u>Note</u> this plane turned out to be our own
10		Syllabus Work - 2 Coys on Night march.	
11		Selecting New position & Digging Trenches	
12		Arranging Trenches & Machine Gun positions	
13		Arranged New Outpost line with units on our flanks	
14		Syllabus Work. Trench Digging - Selecting Camp Site	
15		Shifting Camp to new site - Trench Digging	

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July 16	CANAL ZONE	21 st P.M.	
17		Truck Digging & Training	
18		do	(Nothing of military importance to record)
19		do	do
		Report recd from Bde 2. That mounted troops were seen in front of our line. We stood to arms from 0515 to 0545. When all was reported clear	
20	(Sunday)	J.O.C. Division - addressed the Battalion.	
21		J.O.C. Am. Inf. (Lt. General Redwood) inspected the Coy's in the Camp lines.	
22		Started erecting wire entanglements - Clearing foreground & Railway from rail head.	
23		Railway construction - Defence works & Syllabus training	

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Feb 24	CANAL	Syllabus work - Railway Construction. Defence work.	
25	ZONE	Same as 24.	(Nothing of military importance to report)
26		do	do
27		do	do
28		do	(Nothing to record)
29		do	do.
	1/3/16	Mitchinson Lt Col	Comd 21 st Bn A.I.F.