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2nd Bn A.I.F.

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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lt Col / Lt Col
CO 2nd Bn A.I.F.

Lieut Col Army Form C. 21183

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SEN LIS (SOMME)	1-6-17 June 1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th 6 th 7 th 8 th 9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th 13 th 14 th 15 th 16 th		<p>Effective Strength of Bn & Officers - 734 ORG. not including effective but detached 140 of 138 ORG.</p> <p>In billets in town of SEN LIS (SOMME) training (See summary).</p> <p>Bn moved from SEN LIS (SOMME) to BAPAUME (Jerked Camp H. 33. d. 6.4.) Entailed YARENNES at 9 am - detraining BAPAUME 10.50 am. transport moved by roads.</p>	
BAPAUME	17 th 18 th 19 th 20 th 21 st 22 nd		<p>Training (see below).</p>	



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MA Jones
CO. 8th A.S.M.

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BAPAUME	June 18th		Bn moved out and occupied CORPS SUPPORT LINE (BEUGNY - YTRES) to take up positions which would be occupied if necessary. (O.O. 19 attached).	
	24th		} Training.	
	25th			
	26th			
	27th			
	28th			
	29th			
	30th			
			Effective Strength of Battalion 24 Officers 773 other ranks excluding effective but detached 11 Officers + 101 other ranks.	
			Training for month was mostly field work - Advance Guard - outpost - attacks. Several attack schemes by Platoons + Coy was on field firing range were gone through. Coy + Platoon Commanders attended demonstrations by 2nd ARMY + 1st Aust. DIV. SCHOOLS. in the training of a Platoon in the attacks. The training of Specialists has been gone ^{gone} on with and general efficiency improved.	

25th Aust Inf Battalion

The attached Order is forwarded -

for the purpose of rehearsal, only - unless further orders are issued, the following modifications are issued:-

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- 1. Men will not carry bombs or sandbags.
 - 2. Cooks and water carts will not be taken.
 - 3. Kits, packs, blankets etc. will be left in the tents as usual.
 - 4. Anti-aircraft defences will not be withdrawn.
 - 5. Signet. training class will continue as usual.
 - 6. Communications will be by visual and wireless only. No telephones will be laid.

By Lieut-Col. G. B. Norris Commanding 28th Battalion 7th Inf. Brigade

In the field 22-6-17

1. The 28th A.I.F. on receipt of Order will occupy and defend a section of the BEUGNY-YTRES, 3rd Corps line, from I.14.b.6.8. to Cross Roads at H.4.b.8.3.
2. Companies will move from present camp to Corps 3rd line via BAPAUME, and thence to respective Company sectors.
3. The line will be held by a series of posts mutually supporting. These will be of not less than a platoon in strength. Each Company will dispose of three platoons in line and one in close support.
4. The Battalion sector will be subdivided in three subsectors as follows:

"A" Company	Cross Roads H.4.b.8.3. to Cross Roads H.6.c.3.1 (exclusive)
"B" Company	Cross Roads H.6.c.3.1 to Dry Ditch I.7.c.9.9. (exclusive)
"C" Company	I.7.c.9.9. to I.14.b.5.7.
"D" Company	Support in bunker Road H.11.d.5.7. to H.11.b.8.1.
5. All Companies will move with:
 - (a) Full water bottles
 - (b) Emergency Iron Ration and the unconsumed portion of the day's ration
6. Personnel will be equipped in accordance with Standing Order for articles to be carried when going into the attack. Blankets and supplies kits will be left in tents. A No. staff will form a guard on camp when Battalion moves off.
7. On receipt of order to "Stand to" - Lieut Cleary will report to Brigade H.Q. for Orders.
8. Full Mobile Echelon will accompany Battalion, excepting 1 S.A.A. Limber which will report to Staff Captain Brigade H.Q. to form Brigade Reserve of Ammunition.
9. Each Company will detail 2 Guides to report to Brigade H.Q. as soon as the unit is in position and the position of Company H.Q. is decided on.
10. Reports to Brigade H.Q. at H.11.d.8.6. after Battalion leaves present camp.

(Signed) O. N. Turner, Lieut Col
Adjutant 28th Bn