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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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26th Bn A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches 57/61	1/5/16	12:30 pm	Received notice to move Battalion H.Q. to central position at I 21 a 1.7. Signallers completed connection and H.Q. moved at 8:30 pm.	
		8:30	Company H.Qs. transferred to support lines.	
	3.5.16	"	Handed over Bn sector to 28th Battalion and moved into billets of "D" Battalion in Rue Marly (Erquinghem Road)	
	4.5.16	-	In billets. Inspected all billets. Company Commanders to meet at Bn H.Q. 10 am daily. Summary of orders in regard to 7th H. men who were found as stragglers on S.S. Northbank 16/3/16. Taken.	
	5.5.16	7.16	Post stand to erected. Attack reported on J.B. sector (Bardouze Salient) continued stand to until Brigade arrived Stand down 8:40 pm. Enemy shelled emergency road Erquinghem to Rue Marly - for the first time since our occupation here - during the bombardment of J.B.	
	6.5.16		Lieut Boyle reported to bombing school as Assistant Instructor. 7/5/16. 2nd Command present of 2nd C.M. 10 cases dealt with.	
	7.5.16		2nd Command at General C.M. lines of 5th Brigade. Seemingly private ANZAC Cyclists Corps ride lost M55. (Anzac)	
	11.5.16		In billets. 12/5/16. Major A.M. Davis to Command D Company via Major Davis occurred.	
	13.5.16		Capt J.E. Herbert to Command D Company via Major Davis occurred.	
	15.5.16		Took over trenches 58 to 62 inclusive from 28th Bn. all complete at 10:45 pm.	
	19.5.16		Names of volunteers for raiding party submitted to Brigade H.Q. Meeting of Cpos 26th, 28th at Brigade H.Q. to arrange raid.	
	22.5.16		Capt J.A. Robinson & Lieut Calves with raiding party selected, have gone into billets for special course of training for raid.	
	23.5.16		Lieut McIntosh reported and attached to "C" Company. Lieut M.J. Clarke to be scout officer.	
	24.5.16		General Burdwood & Lt Pater visited these trenches. Enemy retaliation for our trench mortar & artillery fire. 8 casualties.	
	26.5.16		700 shells thrown into our trenches 58/61 inclusive.	
	27.5.16		Lieut H. H. Garthell and C.S.M. Wilkie wounded by bomb on their returning with patrol South of Railway near Hells Gate 59/60.	
	31.5.16		Our Artillery & trench mortars bombarded at 5 pm receiving concentrated retaliation on our Bn. sector. Killing 5 including 12. Handed over trenches 58/62 to 28th Battalion and took over Bois Grenier line from 27th Battalion, thereby becoming VC Battalion.	
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