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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bois Grenier S.S. Line.	1-6-16		8 reinforcements of 8 th & 3 of the 7 th reported, also 18 details.	
	3-6-16		Enemy retaliation on salient and dummy trenches at 5 p.m. A few shells reached Bois Grenier line at Pater Farm.	
	4-6-16		Lieut Lindus to Bomb School at R' Bonville.	
	5-6-16		2 nd Lieut. Trundle E.F., Paul A.T., Patterson O.B., Douglas W.J.F. reinforcement Officers reported. Ptd in Summary to A.R.C.D.G.	
	6-6-16		Raiding Party (Bn) unable to cut enemy wire tonight.	
	6-6-16		Raiding Party consisting of Capt. J.A. Robinson (in command) Capt F.B. Cabro and 25 other ranks of 26 th Battalion together with party from 28 th Battalion made successful raid on enemy trenches, taking 3 prisoners, killing 20 and securing other identification material. (Congratulations on 1 st Australian success in France received from General Birdwood, London Letter 18 th Anton).	
Fort Rompu. Red Lodge Trenches.	7-6-16		Lieut N. Murdoch killed, on duty with Trench Mortar Battery. Off Took over Front-line trenches from 28 th Battalion.	
	8-6-16		Lieut Boyle reported back from Bomb School. 8/6/16. Co 23 rd Battalion inspected trenches before taking over on night of 10/11.	
	9-6-16		Mines Bomb exploded whilst being carried with others in Sandbag. Pte Kelly heard the fuzing sound of fuzg and threw the bag into an empty dugout. Explosions caused two casualties - one evacuated the other slight.	
	10-6-16		General Birdwood & Ref. Patton visited trenches. Moved to billets at Fort Rompu on night of 10/11 until 14/6/16.	
	12-6-16		Lieut Colonel Ferguson G.O. A. V.D. to Command Brigade (7 th Aust. Inf. Bty) temporarily during absence of B. P. later on duty. Reconnitered roads & emergency roads in rear of 2 nd Australian and 1 st Australian Divisions. 16/6/16. Moved to Red Lodge at 9 am, arrived 1 p.m.	
	16-6-16		Went via Evingham Bridge, L'Épinolette, Meppes then Le Romarin to Red Lodge. 17/6/16 & 18/6/16. Enemy gas attack towards ridge. Gas reached billets at Red Lodge no casualties. 18/19 relieved 9 th Coy. Suez. Ptd. took over trenches 136 to 141 inclusive.	
	20-6-16		2 nd Lieut Paul wounded at St. Julien. Col Ferguson G.O. A. V.D. temporarily to Command 7 th Brigade until 19/6/16.	
	20-6-16		General Gapper & Ref. Bolton visited trenches. 21/6/16. B.M. of 7 th Brigade visited trenches. 22/6/16. Colonel Collett inspected prior to taking over.	
	30-6-16		Enemy bombarded E.T. & S.S. lines from 8 to 30 p.m. Mines dropped into very active vicinity of Gobion farm. Staking Farm killed.	
	Kortepyp Trenches.	26/27 30/6/16		Moved to Kortepyp Huts. Took over from 27 th Battalion. 25/29 Reconnitered roads to T 15 B & D and T 16 A 3'1, N 32 & 33 C & D (has 28 SW).

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Officers	O.P.	Officers	O.P.
19	851	1	4
5	50	1	47
	59		34
13	80		15
1	15	7	41
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		9	142

Gen. A. Ferguson
Commanding 26th Bn. A.I.F.

