

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/61/11

**Title:** 44th Infantry Battalion

August 1917



AWM4-23/61/11

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118. 154

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or  
~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required.)

44 15/8 15/8

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	August 1917			
<i>Messines</i>	1st		Artillery very active on both sides during day and night. Patrols sent out at night report all quiet, no enemy patrols seen in NO MAN'S LAND. Our defences and Roman Posts in bad condition owing to enemy shelling, bad weather and undercutting by predecessors.. Every effort being made to repair same.	
	2nd		Heavy artillery fire on both sides throughout day. Patrols sent out at night and report no sign or sound of enemy in NO MAN'S LAND.	
	3rd		Damaged works being repaired. One enemy aeroplane flew low over our line about 4 pm but returned safely.	
			Battalion relieved on night of 3rd/4th by 16th Battalion A I F and marched to ALDERSHOT CAMP.	
	5th		Battalion marched to No.2 Hutment Site WATERLANDS and held in reserve to 57th Division until 21st inst. during which time training and reorganisation was carried out.	
	7th		Major J P CLARK reported from 40th Battalion to administer command of Battalion vice Lt-Col. W.O. MANSBRIDGE D.S.O. transferred to 11th Training Battalion England.	
	22nd		Battalion marched to STEENWERCK and entrained for WIZERNES, thence marched to billets at MERCK ST LIEVIN.	
	26th		Battalion marched out to permanent billets as under:- "A" Coy. SALVECQUE B Coy CANTEMBERLE "C" Coy FOURDEBECQUES "D" Coy and Bn. Hqrs St PIERRE.	
	27th to 31st		Battalion training. Health of troops greatly improved. Total casualties for month, 19 other ranks killed 39 other ranks wounded, and 1 other rank missing.	

*H. O. Everett*