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

Infantry

Item number: 23/62/3

Title: 45th Infantry Battalion

May 1916



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572 RAILHEAD.

3-5-16.

Lieuts Russell and Boyd reported for duty.

3-5-16.

Reinforcements (117 O.R.) 1st Ede details arrived and taken on strength.

5-5-16.

Left RAILHEAD from trenches front line. The whole Brigade occupied No. 2 Sub-section; the 45th Bn holding K5B to L1C a frontage of about 3 miles.

1 1/2 Companies (D and 1/2 A) camped at K 5 D. 1 Platoon "A" Co. at K 5 D - 1 platoon at "A" Co at K 5 F - 3 platoons "B" Co at K 5 H - 1 platoon "B" Co at K 5 I. 1 Co. "C" at L 1 A.

Wire entanglements erected along whole front.

Also new advanced works ^{thrown} drawn up.

Whole Battalion stood to arms as we expected an attack any time; worked very hard.

9-5-16. (21 O.R.) 13th Bn details taken on strength

18-5-16.

Left front line for RAILHEAD. Bivouaced at RAILHEAD on night 18/19/5/16. Were relieved by the 50th Battalion.

19-5-16.

Marched to staging camp SERAPEUM; took over ground occupied by 51st Battalion, whole camp erected.

SERAPEUM.

24-5-16. - 25-5-16. - 26-5-16.

3/Lt Storer W.E.H. reported for duty.

Divisional night operations on 24/25/26th, an attack on Inner Defences of Canal.

27-5-16.

2nd Reinforcements of the 45th Bn (39 O.R.) taken on strength.

28-5-16.

Lt-Col Herring S.C.E. reported from leave.

Sydney C. Storer

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Lt. Col.

C.O. 45th Battalion