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46th BATTALION A.I.F.
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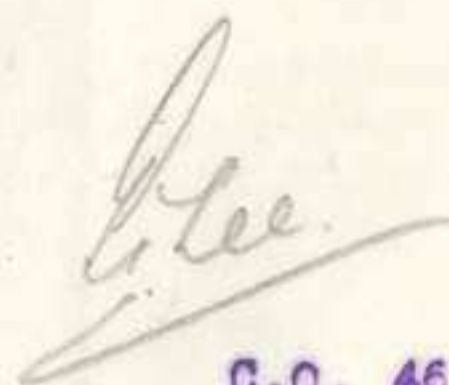
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
SERAPEUM	May			
	22		The following appointments were made - Battalion Grenadier Officer Lieutenant DAVIS; Lewis Gun Officer - 2nd Lieutenant MC EGAN. Transport Officer 2nd Lieutenant Payne	
	24/25		Divisional Night Operations.	
	28		Divisional Bombing Competition.	
	29		4th Division inspected by GENERAL SIR A. MURRAY, C. in C. British Forces in EGYPT.	
	31		Orders received to proceed to FRANCE on JUNE 2nd.	
	<u>June</u>			
	1		Entrained at SERAPEUM at 2300 for ALEXANDRIA.	
	2		Embarked at ALEXANDRIA on H.M.T. "KINFAUNS CASTLE".	
	3.		Sailed from ALEXANDRIA.	
	4/7		At sea.	
	8		Arrived MARSEILLES. Voyage was made in perfect weather with no incident of any kind. Men were given a rest on board ship after the hard time on the front line Trenches. The Master of the "KINFAUNS CASTLE" expressed himself very greatly pleased with the conduct of the men on the voyage and at the way they kept the ship clean and at the small amount of loss in utensils etc. Ship decked at 3 p.m. Battalion entrained 2200.	
	9/10		In Train.	
	11		Arrived BAILLEUL 1030 - marched to OUTERSTEBNE and occupied billets.	
	12/18		Re-organization and completion of equipment carried out. Officers and N.C.Os sent to following Schools - Grenade School; Sniping School; Stokes Gun School; and Musketry School	



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BAILLEUL.			Weather during the week was very cold and wet and interfered with training. Large numbers of the men suffered from bad colds.	
	15		Morning Memorial Service held to FIELD MARSHALL LORD KITCHENER .	
	17		Gas helmets issued to Battalion.	
	18		2nd in Command ; M.O.; and Q.M. visited Front Line Trenches.	
	19		Battalion inspected by GENERAL SIR HERBERT PLUMMER, Commanding 2nd Army.	
	20		Battalion was put through Gas Test and Lacrymatory Shell Test. Musketry commenced. 2nd Lieut Cornwall appointed Stokes Gun Officer; 2nd Lieutenant Craig appointed Scout Officer.	
	21/30		Training continued in Billets.	



Lt Colonel

C.O. 46th Battalion.

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WEEKLY STRENGTH OF BATTALION (SUMMARY)

WEEK ENDING	OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	TOTAL
4/3/16	5	361	366
11/3/16	10	808	818
18/3/16	13	640	
25/3/16	25	600	625
1/4/16	25	805	830
8/4/16	25	982	1007
15/4/16	26	982	1008
22/4/16	26	1010	1036
29/4/16	26	1030	1056
6/5/16	29	1041	1070
13/5/16	28	1002	1030
20/5/16	27	979	1006
27/5/16	29	974	1003
3/6/16	28	979	1007
10/6/16	29	968	1007
17/6/16	30	983	1013
24/6/16	30	976	1006
31/6/16	30	966	996

APPENDIX

----- June -----
 ----- Month ending 31st ~~XXXXX~~ 1916 -----

Lieut Col	Lee G.T.	Commanding Officer
Major	Denham H.K.	2nd in Command
Captain	Davidson W.R.	Adjutant
Lieut	Couttie V.J.G.	Quartermaster
Captain	Edgley J.	
"	Waine E.J.	
"	Couchman F.M.	
"	Brooks W.C.	
Lieutenant	Moorehouse L.J.	
"	Purnell F.O.	
"	Harrington A.	
"	McPherson J.J.	
"	Davis H.S.	
2nd "	Simonson P.W.	
" "	Cunningham R.	
" "	Milne G.E.	
" "	Craig L.C.A.	
" "	Forest H.G.	
" "	Bull L.	
" "	Payne D.B.	
" "	Syme W.A.	
" "	Cornwall E. McI.	
" "	Hall J.K.	
" "	McEgan W.	
" "	Pentland W.C.	
" "	Wallace A.W.	
" "	Muriel A.J.C.	
" "	Shepherd A.S.	
Captain	Browning D. de C.	Medical Officer.

Strength of Officers = 29

