

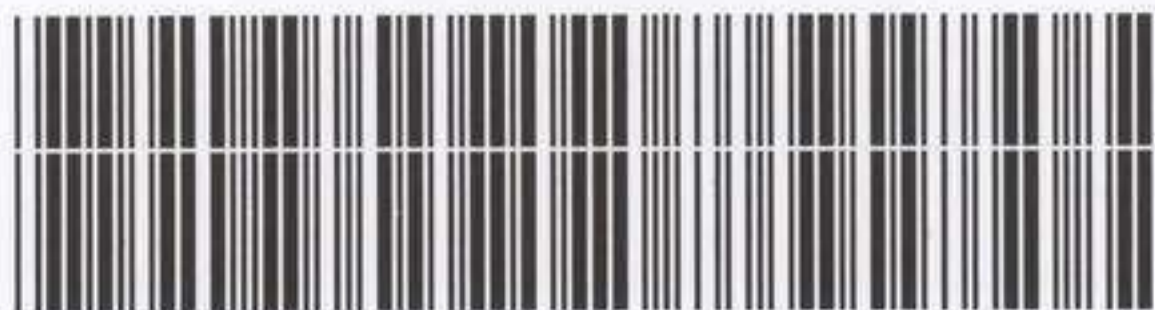
**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/74/3

**Title:** 57th Infantry Battalion

April 1916



AWM4-23/74/3

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

57<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A.I.F. Army Form G. 2118.

3

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.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRY POST EAST	1.4.16 3.4.16 1.4.16 4.4.16		<p>Owing to defective pipes near the Reservoir great difficulty was experienced in obtaining water. The pipes having been repaired the water supply was plentiful.</p> <p>A batch of Reinforcements numbering 198 was received from 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Battalion. Owing to the Territorial allotment throughout the Brigade this number was reduced to 164.</p> <p>A further batch of Reinforcements numbering 58 marched in from 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Details, MOASCA and the Territorial Distribution our final increase in numbers amounted to 41. These men were very poorly clothed and equipped. The majority had no rifles and some had no equipment at all.</p> <p>One Company was employed digging Canal defences. This work was continued daily, Companies changing over at intervals of two days.</p> <p>Khaki drill clothing was issued to all ranks. The woollen winter clothing was withdrawn, cleaned, and returned to store.</p>	
HOGS BACK	15.4.16	0700	<p>While at FERRY POST Swimming Parades were held daily in the SUEZ CANAL.</p> <p>The Battalion as portion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. marched from FERRY POST to HOGS BACK, a distance of about 9 miles and with the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion took over from two Battalions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade the Right Sector, N. 2 Subdivision of the B Section Suez Canal defences. The march took 2 3/4 hours. March discipline was maintained throughout. No men fell out.</p>	
	21.4.16	17 00	<p>Our strength was increased by the addition of 107 men from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Battalion and 72 from the 6<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion. These men all belonged to our Territorial Area. None of these men had summer clothing. The majority had no rifles.</p>	
	22.4.16	14 00	<p>Took over the front line trenches with two Companies from two Companies of the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion. While in the trenches practically no training was carried on as the remainder of the Battalion were occupied laying barbed wire entanglements, trench digging etc.</p> <p>Innoculation against typhoid and para typhoid was carried on with.</p>	
	25.4.16		<p>Holiday, it being the anniversary of the landing at ANZAC.</p>	
	26.4.16	0930	<p>Our Territorial Area was extended to include STAWELL, DIMBOOLA, HILL, ARARAT and HORSHAM. and in consequence 54 men were transferred from the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion</p>	

*W. L. St.*

