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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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57<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAIL HEAD	1.5.16	0700	Inspection by G.O.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ANZAC of two platoons of 57 <sup>th</sup> together with troops from other Bns.	
HOGS BACK	2.5.16	0600	Field firing on range in front of the Trenches by A & B Coys	
	3.5.16		Two Companies of the Battalion took part in a tactical exercise against the 14 <sup>th</sup> Brigade	
	4.5.16	0600	Field firing on range in front of the Trenches by C & D Coys	
	6.5.16	0800	Divisional exercise. The Battalion together with the 58 <sup>th</sup> Battalion each representing a Brigade attacked ALBURY HILL which was defended by the remainder of the Division	
SPHINX POST	8.5.16	0530	The Battalion took over the front line trenches from GAZELLE HEIGHTS exclusive to CLUB FOOT inclusive from the 55 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. Battalion Head Quarters in support were at SPHINX POST. Four half companies were in the firing line & four half companies at Head Quarters in support while at SPHINX POST all troops were employed improving trenches, laying wire entanglements etc	
	11.5.16	0800	The Commander in Chief E.E.F. inspected the front line trenches and expressed his satisfaction with the work being carried out there	
	13.5.16	1500	The strength of the Battalion was increased by the addition of seventy details from the 14 <sup>th</sup> Brigade. These men were very poor physically & were badly equipped.	
	15.5.16	1630	The 55 <sup>th</sup> Battalion commenced taking over the trenches. The main body of the 57 <sup>th</sup> Battalion moved in to HOGS BACK camp. The day was very hot and the changing consequently slow.	
HOGS BACK	16.5.16		By 0530 the changing over was completed. at 0630 the Battalion commenced its march to FERRY POST where it took over the ground recently occupied by the 14 <sup>th</sup> Brigade. The weather was warm for the march but there was no straggling or falling out.	
FERRY POST	18.5.16	0430	Brigade exercise. The Battalion as part of the Brigade attacked a skeleton force about 2 1/2 miles east of the camp.	
	22.5.16	0430	The Battalion took part in a Divisional exercise moving out to the region of ALBURY HILL and attacking an imaginary skeleton enemy.	
	23.5.16	1000	5 officers and 197 O.A. moved out and took over guard and picket duties at MOASCAR and ISMAILIA.	
	25.5.16	1730	Inspection by Commander in Chief E.E.F. of the Division. after the inspection the Division marched past	
	29.5.16	1200	Seven men surplus to establishment were transferred to 59 <sup>th</sup> Battalion and 18 to 15 <sup>th</sup> Training Bn	
		1900	MOASCAR and ISMAILIA guards and pickets rejoined the Battalion after being relieved by 54 <sup>th</sup> Division	
		1930	The Battalion took part in a Brigade night march.	
	30.5.16		A large portion of the day was spent in fitting out and thoroughly equipping the Battalion.	

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