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June.Appendix.8th
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- The court reported that no blame could be attributed to anyone, Pte BLOCK having been drawn into deep water by the current. In the opinion of the court No 6198 Pte LIDBETTER R A, No 4529 Pte CHAMPION R W, No 5006 YATES J acted with great bravery.
- 8.30
p.m. A trial of "Wilson" night Sights took place under 12th Brigade arrangements on the 128th M.G. Coy range. It was found that the Sights are very little use on a dark night & that the foresight is so high that at 30 yards it was almost impossible to get enough elevation to reach the target. The majority of shots fired hit the ground well in front of the target. Trial of Night Sights.
- 9th 5.30
a.m. The battalion continued to exercise & train according to the usual routine. Training.
- 6.30
p.m. The funeral of No. 7534 Pte R.A. BLOCK took place. The C.O., Adjutant & O.C. "A" Coy attended. Funeral.
- 10th Captain E. PALIMAN SMITH, R.A.M.C. having gone into hospital Captain W.M. CONLEY R.A.M.C. was detailed by the S.M.C. to take over the duties of M.O. Officers.
- 9.15
a.m. Major W.L. HODGES arrived from the base with a draft of 31 men. Captain (Acting Major) F.K. BRAY relinquished his rank on ceasing to be Major on the Headquarters of the battalion & was appointed to the command of "C" Coy. Captain E.K. MOUNTFORD resumed his position as second in command of "C" Coy. Draft.
- 7.30
a.m. The battalion as strong as possible paraded at the new church for Church parade. Church Parade
- 11th 5.45
p.m. A course of revolver firing was commenced for all officers. The officers of battalion headquarters & of "A" & "C" Coys were put through the 1st day's practice. Officers' Revolver Course.
- 12th 5.45
p.m. Interpreter QADIR-IBN SULEMAIN was posted to the battalion. The officers of "B" & "D" Coys fired the 1st practice of their revolver Course. Revolver Course.
- 13th 8.45
p.m. The battalion carried out a night march & practiced forming up in mass on shaded lamps. Night March.
- 14th 6.15
a.m. The battalion continued its normal training & musketry. Training.