

24<sup>th</sup> Coy, A. S. C.

February 1916. Company formed at Addison Rd Camp Murrumbidgee.

Sydney, as a Supply & Transport Company to the 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Brigade under command of Capt. D. McHattie.

Carried out intensive training in Horse & Stable management.

30.5.16. Embarked at Sydney on T.A.64. H.M.A.T. PERALC.

Ports of Call.

Melbourne. Albany. Cape Town. Cape Verde. Devonport.

Arriving on 26.7.16.

26.7.16. Moved to Amesbury Sta Salisbury Plain. Disentrained & marched to N<sup>o</sup> 9. Camp Lord Hill. Divisional Train concentrated in same area. School for Transport personnel of 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde formed.

26.9.16. Received by H.M. King George V. at Bulford.

21.11.16. Entrained for Southampton & embarked for France arriving at Havre at 5am 22.11.16.

23.11.16. Entrained for Bailleul.

24.11.16. Disentrained at BAILLEUL. Moved to OUTTESTENE.

First Supplies the Bde in France from STEENWERCK Railhead.

Whilst 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde was in ARMENTIERS the Company was billeted at LA CRECHE & Supplies from STEENWERCK Railhead.

For the Messines Stunt. Company HQs were at Chateau Neppe. & Supplies were drawn from STEENWERCK Railhead.

After Messines whilst in Rest Area. Supplies were drawn from LUMBRES & distributed to units at Company billets Mesnil Boutry.

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9<sup>th</sup> Australian Machine Gun Coy.

Dates of Events  
20/3/16 to 30/11/16

1916

Formation of Company.

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Coy Parade at Victoria Barracks SYDNEY. Marched to Sydney Showground - Camped at Horse Boxes for period of 5 days.

" 21<sup>st</sup>

Issue of Clothing

" 22<sup>nd</sup>

" " " and Swearing in Ceremony

" 24<sup>th</sup>

Company entrained for RUTHERFORD Camp and arrival at same - Lieut. ARNOLD acting as O.C. Coy.

March 24<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>

Captain GILLIES took over the Company whilst at RUTHERFORD Camp.

The following Officers were posted to the Company 24/4/16.  
H. Cleve. S.R.  
CAPTAIN WELLS. J.M. - Lieut. Muscable T.L. - Whitehead D.A. - Wedd - G.C. - Graham. T. Harris. E.A. - Coleman R.B.

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Entrained FARLEY STATION for SYDNEY - Inspection by Gov-General at MOORE PARK.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Marched to WOOLOOMOOLOO Wharf SYDNEY Embarked on transport A2A (S.S. BENALLA) at 6 AM - Cleared Sydney Heads 3.20 p.m.

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Entered COLOMBO HARBOUR 5.35 AM. Coy Route March through COLOMBO.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cleared COLOMBO Harbour 1.45 pm. Checked by crew of HMS PYSCHÉ (import) under instructions sailing due West - for 5 Hours - Sealed Orders (now Opened) Instruct to head for CAPE TOWN. S.A. - Course altered accordingly - speculation rife as to ultimate destination.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

First news (wireless) of Naval Engagement off Jutland. No details.

June 10<sup>th</sup>

Entry into CAPE TOWN HARBOUR 7 AM. Berthed at Wharf News of death of Lord KITCHENER - Route March through City - Short leave ashore.

- June 16<sup>th</sup>. Left CAPE TOWN under escort of A.M.S. KENT. and in company with troopships Marathon, Benalla, Argyllshire.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Arrival off DAKAR. (W. West Africa) Enter port - Crew for 4.7 gun taken aboard.
- June 30<sup>th</sup>. HMS. SWIFTSURE enters port - HMS. KENT leaves port. Cleared ~~the~~ Harbour 6.P.M under escort HMS. Swiftsure - DAKAR
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Escort now undertaken by four T.B. Destroyers SWIFTSURE departs. 7.10.A.M.
- July 9<sup>th</sup>. PLYMOUTH HARBOUR entered - Disembarkation - Entrained for Camp - arrival at EXETER 11.40 P.M.
- July 10<sup>th</sup>. Arrival at AMESBURY. 3.20 AM. LARK HILL CAMP.
- July 11, 12, 13<sup>th</sup> Company Resting.
- July 14. Leave granted to proposition of Company.
- July 27<sup>th</sup>. Inspection by Brig. Gen. JOHNSON. (9<sup>th</sup> Brigade)
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. 4. Vickers guns drawn from Ordnance.  
Daily Company Training - Routine - Route marches.
- Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Shooting on miniature range.
- " 30<sup>th</sup> " " "
- " 31<sup>st</sup> Musketry Course.
- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> do.
- " 2<sup>nd</sup> do.
- " 4<sup>th</sup> do.
- " 12<sup>th</sup> Inspection of Camp by Field Marshal French.

- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Sports.
- " 27<sup>th</sup> Review by <sup>H.M.</sup> King George.
- " 30<sup>th</sup> Divisional Sports.
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Moved to No. 29 Camp. Re-arrangement of Camp.
- " 3<sup>rd</sup> Company on M.G. Course. Part I on Range.
- " 4<sup>th</sup> do.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> Advanced M.G. Course.
- " 16<sup>th</sup> Voting on Conscription.
- Nov. 7. Attached to 35<sup>th</sup> Bn. Mimic representation of Overhead wire.
- " 9<sup>th</sup> Attached to 33<sup>rd</sup> Bn. supporting a Mimic attack to capture a crater.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> Attached to 34<sup>th</sup> Bn. supporting a Mimic attack.
- " 11<sup>th</sup> Kit Inspection by Brig - General JOHNSON.
- " 16<sup>th</sup> Issue of Overseas Winter Clothing vests etc.
- " 20<sup>th</sup> Issue of Gas Masks - Drivers returns from GRANTHAM.
- " 21<sup>st</sup> Reveille 2AM. Entrained AMESBURY en route to FRANCE
- " 22<sup>nd</sup> Arrival at HAYRE - Disembarked - Rest Camp.
- " 23<sup>rd</sup> Entrained for front per Cattle Trucks.
- " 24<sup>th</sup> Arrival at BAILLEUL Station. Marched to temporary billets at OUTERSTEENE.
- " 25<sup>th</sup> Preparing for first entry into trenches.

- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Portion of Company relieve <sup>English troops</sup> ~~the~~ in the line  
103rd M.G. Coy. 1 Officer & 51 O'Ranks.
- " 27<sup>th</sup> Good morning in line - our trench education begins.
- " 28 1 Officer & 16 men leave for line
- " 29. Headquarters and remainder of Company leave  
OUTTER STEENE and proceed to ARMENTIERES  
Headquarters established in RUE NATIONALE
- " 30. Intermittent Bombardment by enemy of Coy.  
Sector - Pte: WOOD. O.J and WALKER. R.L. promoted  
2 lieutenants.

*Parramio Lieut.*  
O.O. 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

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Headquarters  
9th A.S.F. Bde.

Reference your B.M. 34 of 17/2/19.  
I herewith narrate of events  
as previously instructed

*Parlaniscent*  
Captain  
C.O. 8th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.



History of 9th Field Company A.E.F.

- 31.3.16. Formed at Engineers Depot, Moore Park, Sydney.  
 250 men picked & proceeded to Rosebery Park Race course & called 9th Field Company A.E.F.  
 Commanded by Major T.R. Williams.  
Officers. Lt. S.B. Cox. Lt. J. Carruthers. Lt. F.M. Mason.  
 Lt. L.F. Burgess. Lt. J. Harding.
- 30.6.17. Reviewed by State Commandant Roy Gen Ramsay.  
 all transport completed. Training completed.
- 5.7.16. 4 am. Moved to Woolloomooloo Bay & embarked at 7.30 am on N<sup>o</sup> A 31. HMAT. AJANA. with many insects. Dine laid off. Transport passed Head at 4 pm.  
Ports of Call.  
 Melbourne. Fremantle. Durban. Cape Town.  
 St Vincent Island. Devonport.  
 Arriving on 31.8.16.  
 Entrained for Amersham Salisbury Plain.  
 Camped in N<sup>o</sup> 21 Camp LARK HILL.  
 Quarantined 2 weeks. Dis-embarkation leave granted. Did not take part in Kings Review.
- 5.10.16 Training in Bustard Area with 9th Brigade.
- 4.11.16. Moved to Brightlingsea (Essex). Did a hard course of Engineer training. Entrenching, mining, demolition, wiring etc.
- 15.11.16. Dival divisional route march. Company stood test well, not a man straggling.
- 21.11.16 Embarked on "Black Prince" at Southampton
- 22.11.16 Arrived HAVRE France. Spent day in "The Docks"
- 23.11.16 Next Camp.  
 Entrained for BAILLEUL. Detrained & moved to LESARRE FARM near MERRIS.
- 27.11.16. Moved into ARMENTIERS Sector (SQUARE FARM) Company HQs. Rue de Flandre. Armentiers.

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 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
 (Where possible give references)  
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