

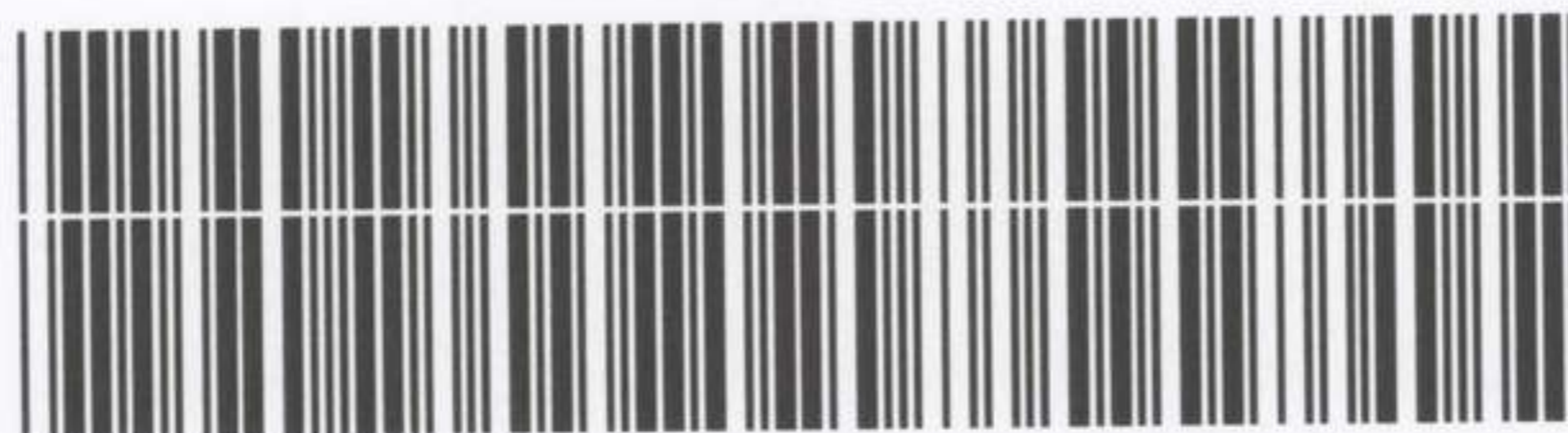
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War Diary of 2nd Australian Field Butchery for Month of November 1917

The Unit commenced the Month performing the same duties as on the preceding one
Sgt Hamill returned from leave to United Kingdom on 1st inst and Mc Short on 2nd, Corp'l Ingram
franted 14 days leave to England from 21st. S.G.M.S Jones franted 10 days to Paris from 9th and
returned on 20th. S.G.M.S Nash leave to Paris 12th to 23rd, Sgt Chalmer in addition to his other duties
filled the position of Camp Quartermaster Sergeant from 5th to 20th during leave of absence of that St. B.O.
Major Ford together with Mc Armstrong as his Batman proceeded to Boulogne for duty on 2nd inst
and upon reporting there was appointed Ofc Supplies at Ruixent, where he at present remains.
Steward Officer - Stokhuis in addition to his other duties has been detailed as W.O. in charge
of all labour at the Ramparts Calais where Bomb-proof Shelters are being prepared for the
whole Camp:

No 210 Pte Webster marched in as a reinforcement to the Unit from Rouin on 15th inst
The strength of the Unit now being up to Establishment viz One Officer and 20 Other Ranks;
On 10th inst we received Austr mail dated 26th Sept; this making every one happy
On 30th of the Month it was just two years since the Unit embarked from Australia
On 25th the working hours were changed from two shifts to one of 8^{1/2} hours from 7. AM
to 5.30 PM this being brought about through the Governor of Calais allowing no lights after 5.30
on account of Air Raids and is much appreciated by the men.

The weather was fresh, cloudy, and bleak on 1st, 2, 3, 12, 14, 16, 18, 24, 26 + 28th; Bright but cold on 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12,
29th + 30th, Raining on 7th, 8, 10, 20th + 21st; Fine on 13th, 15, 17, 19, 22, 27 + 30th; these last days being pleasant + mild
There has been no casualties although the cold is being intensely felt through living under
Canvas, which the Unit has since arriving in this Country.

The Discipline has again been good and all ranks are carrying out their duties
in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired,

2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD BUTCHERY.
No.

Calais 30.11.17

O. J. Ford Major
Ofc. 2nd Austr Field Butchery.