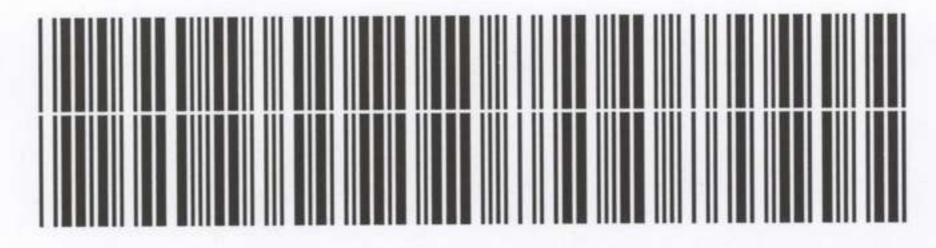
# AWM4 Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War

# Infantry

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#### WAR DIARY

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### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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		The right Company's sector, known generally as GOODTH'S POST extended from HSO BY1 to HEL GO.8 and was also a system of posts; 13 in all. Company Headquarters were at HSO BY2.0%.  Supports for both left and right Companies were in CHRESE ROAD.  All relief work had to be done "over the top" as there were no communication trenches anywhere, and headse of this fact, no massing was allowed to beyond CHRESE ROAD by day, which meant that	
		company's posts were all "night posts only and by day the only observation was from an O.P. at advanced Headquarters at Fritz's Foldy. The garrison of each post withdrew at dawn and occupied old derman dug-outs at the Foldy, and only took up their places again at dusk. The posts at * 1000 in a too were practically night posts but the garrison of each rested by day at the several outs.	
		During our seven days occupation we did everything possible; which having regard to the severe frosts and the subsequent hard ground, to improving the posts along our front. We also did good work on a trench to connect up farigue had with fair a folly. With the completion of this - connection by trench all along our left company sector could have been possible.  It seemed to us that supports for our right company in CHESS ROAD were worse than useless, in case of a call, so we got them to work, and before our term had expired had made good accomeda-	
		our left Company, which had a fairly comfortable time, did the whole period without relief, but the right Company, which on the night of the 4/5th was rather severely hundled by enemy articlery, was relieved by one of the back Companies on the night of the 5/6th. The other back Company was lent to the 13th Battalion to relieve one of their Companies on the night of 5/6th and	
		Enemy artillery fire was not heavy during our tour except an one or two decasions. On the night of the 4/5th good in a man a number of shells into both decaying the leef, and it seemed to be a labit with the enemy to us a number of shells into both decaying shelled, and the sunken food at a labit with the open light. Sectionally very lightle or no decay was done. Anomy aircraft was very 2353 Wt W2544/1454 700,000 5/15 D.D.&L. A.D.S.S. Forms/C 2118.	

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rlers	and to 10th 1917		busy over our sector every day we were in occupation; sometimes 5 or 6 machines being over at one time.  Between times during every night. To also patrolled nightly between our right and left Companies. Several nights we pushed patrols as far out in front a possible, to try to get in touch with the enemy. In enemy working party was once located at about \$20 Mb.7 and artillery fire was soon got on to it. Ratrolling was not easy during out tour owing to full meen, and snow on the ground. White were used and found most effective.  Casualties, These in our own Battalian sector were light, but in the night of the 4/5th we had to send about 50 men (with an officer) to support the 13th Battalian who were attacking on our right. Casualties among this party were heavy.  The Battalian was relieved on the night 9/10th by 47th Battalian A.I.F., and proceeded to buts at Battalian was relieved on the night 9/10th by 47th Battalian A.I.F., and proceeded to	
Mameta Gamp.	10th B 11th Feb. 1917		The Dattalien took over Jump Petigues from 14th Buttalien and proceeded to reorganise.	
domp.	11th Feb. 1917		Relieved 48th Esttalish on Corps duties.	
lbury	11th to 20th Feb. 1917		The Battalion carried on derps Duties. Work consisted of Read Repair, Herbing, Railway work etc.  James Improvement work consisting of raising duck boards, renewing duck boards, repairing huts  and making latrines was carried out.  Adaaff Land.  Adaaff Land.  Adaaff Land.  Adaaff Land.	
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LBURY CAMP	28th. Feb. to 16th Mar.		Engaged on Corps Roads duties in BAZENTIN area, Albury Camp. Training of Specialists was carried on with.	
			(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).	