

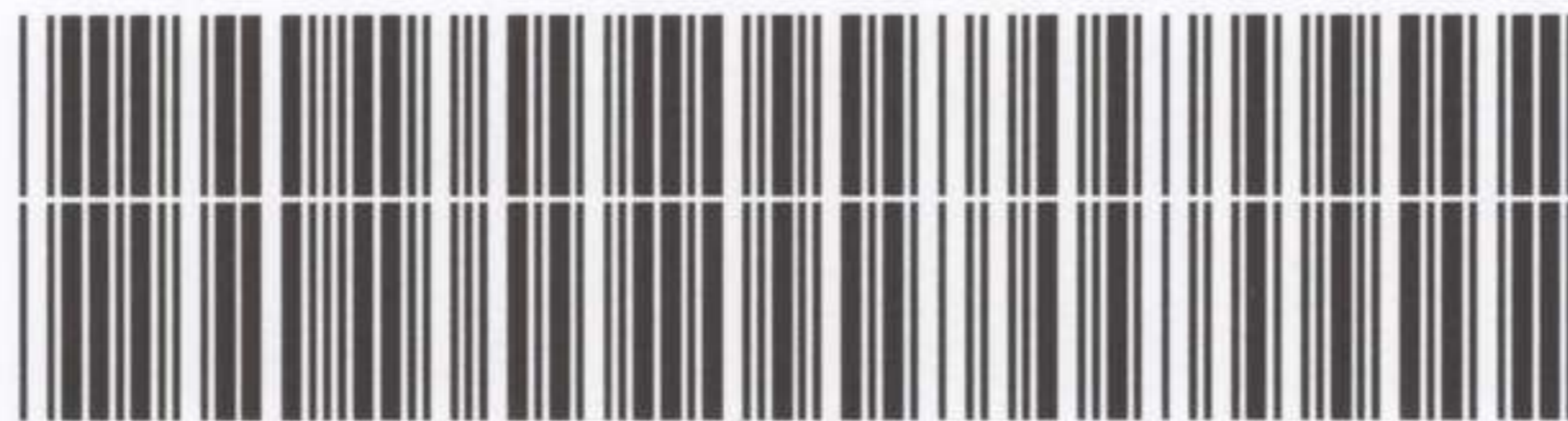
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OF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

FOR

APRIL

1919

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Adjutant

Signature of Officer Commanding

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A/C.O.

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2nd. A.M.G. BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTIGNY LE TILLEUL.	1st.	April.	Day was spent in re-arranging billets and effecting improvements in cooking arrangements etc. 3 other ranks despatched to ENGLAND for Educational Training .	
	2 "	"	Weather bright and clear-- Snow has entirely dissappeared. Authority received for the return of the Transport vehicles and to-day 32 limbers were returned. 10 other ranks marched out to U K for Educational Training . 1 other rank to U K for Early Repatriation. Men provided with bath and change of clothing.	
	3	"	Weather bright and clear -- Temperature cool. Balance of vehicles on charge to Unit were returned to-day. Men were medically examined at 5th Bde. Bn., this morning. All officers attended a meeting at Y.M.C.A. Hall Montigny where discipline, demobilisation and other subjects were discussed. Nominal Roll of Cadre "B" forwarded to Bde. Bn.	
	4	"	Weather bright and clear.- Temperature mild. All available personnel attended a lecture in the Cinema Hall, Montigny, this morning. Lieut. A.E. Bowkley marched out to Australian Base Depot for duty. Provisional allotment of 1 off. and 9 other ranks received for Embarkation Quota No 33 to leave Unit about 13th inst.	
	5	"	Weather bright and clear Warm sunshine throughout the day. Strength 28 Officers 338 Other Ranks. 1 other rank marched out for early repatriation.	
	6	"	Weather similar to yesterday. All ranks attended Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services in Montigny. 2/Lieut, H.J. Bennet, Education Service, and 1 other rank marched out to U K for duty with Embarkation Quota No 28.	
	7	"	Weather bright and fine. Warm altering to cool about the middle of the day. 1 other rank marched out to England for Educational Training. Lieut. S.H. Overy has been has been selected to proseed with Embarkation Quota No 33 .	
	8	"	Weather bright and warm . Sky cloudy toward sun-down. Capt R.A.P. Hamilton M.C., and Lieut. J.W. Torrens M.C., proceeded to England to attend Investiture by the King. Capt. R.G. Webb M.C. is A/C.O. of the Battalion. Balance of equipment and Stores returned to D.A.D.O.S. to-day. Draft of officers to leave on the 13th inst increased from 1 to 4.	
	9	"	Weather bright and warm. 25 Mules were forwarded by rail to ABBEVILLE to-day. As only 2 horses remain with unit.	

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Army Form C. 2111

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MONTIGNY le TILLEUL	9	April	Transport Section ceased to exist from to-day and have been transferred to their original sections. G.O. returned from leave to XXXXXX COLOGNE. Weather bright and sunny Temperature mild.	
	10	April	Embarkation Quota No 33 Amended allotment of 6 officers and 9 other ranks received. The Quota will march out on the 13th inst. 2 other ranks marched out to U K for Educational Training. Weather cloudy, rain threatening Temperature cool.	
	11	"	A/Adjutant attended meeting of Cadre "B" officers. Allotment to leave Division about 21st inst received. This Unit's Quota is 6 officers 6 sergeants and 50 other ranks, which is much smaller than anticipated	
	12	"	Weather cloudy, rain fell towards the evening. Temperature cool. Strength 28 Officers 327 Other Ranks. 1 other rank marched out to-day for early repatriation. Personnel marching out on draft to-morrow were finally examined medically examined and final arrangements completed. Weather cloudy. Light rain throughout day. Temperature mild.	
	13	"	Draft of 6 officers and 9 other ranks marched out to Aistraliâ today. Officers were:- Lieut D. Wellington, Lieut S.H. Overy, 2/Lieut. T.W. Ridler, 2/Lieuts. J.N. Myers, W. Carrick M.M., and V.W. Lawson. Quota to march out on 20th inst has been further to 10 officers, 6 Segts. and 54 other ranks	
	14	"	Light rain fell throughout the day. Temperature cool. Draft leaving on the 20th has been again amended to 12 Officers, 9 Segts. and 57 other ranks.	
	15	"	Weather Heavy S.W. Wind and rain throughout the day. Guard of 3 N.C.O's., and 24 other ranks for R.T.O. in CHARLEROI. 1 other rank marched out for Educational Employment in U K	
	16	"	Weather similar to previous day. 1 other rank marched out to early repatriation.	
	17	"	Rain throughout the day but cleared off in the late afternoon. Guard of 1 Segt 2 Cpls and 18 other ranks supplied for D.A.D.O.S.	
	18	"	Weather cloudy. Temperature cool. Owing to the number of 1916 men still with Unit, and to representations made by the G.O., Draft leaving on 20th has been amended to 12 Officers, 9 Sergeants, and 97 Other Ranks. This alteration at such a late date has caused a good deal of changes, as most of the extra men required were detached in CHARLEROI and with the various guards supplied by the Unit. Weather bright and fine Temperature mild.	

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Army Form C. 2.

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MONTIGNY le TILLEUL	19	April	Strength 22 Officers 309 Other Ranks During the day men proceeding on draft were medically boarded and all papers completed. Weather cloudy Temperature mild.	
	20	"	Draft of 12 Officers and 22 106 Other Ranks marched out for repatriation. Weather fine and sunny Temperature warm.	
	21	"	Orders received from 5th Bde Bn re forthcoming move which will take place on Wednesday. All men attached to Universite du Travail to attend Educational Classes were returned to Unit to-day. Weather bright and sunny with cool wind. Temperature slightly cold.	
	22	"	Lt-Col. Ralston marched out to take Command of Troops in PARIS. A Regimental Ball was held in the Salon du Casino MONTIGNY and was a great success. Weather bright and fine, rather windy.	
MARGINELLE	23	"	Good weather for the move to MARGINELLE. Move completed by 2 p.m. Weather windy and dusty. Temperature warm.	
	24	"	Parade held at 0930 this morning. Orders received from Division that 2/Lieut H.C. Thomas M.M. Bar is appointed Adjutant vice Lt. J.C. Dunningham, dated 24.2.19. Weather inclined to rain. Very windy. Temperature cold.	
	25	"	Parade at 0930. Weather raining and cold.	
	26	"	Strength 10 Officers 193 Other Ranks. 1 Other Rank proceeded to England for Industrial Employment. Weather Fine in morning, but raining and cold after noon and stormy at night.	
	27	"	Lts. M.J. O'Brien and J. Torrens proceeded to U K for duty with No 2 Group A.I.F. Depots. Church Parades held this morning. 3 Other Ranks returned from PARIS. Weather fine during morning but heavy rain with signs of snow at night.	
	28	"	Muster Parade held this morning for promulgation of important orders. Allotment for Quota No 50 received from Division. This Unit's share is 4 Officers 4 Sergeants and 70 Other Ranks. A Regimental Dance held this evening was well attended by the members of our own Unit and was highly successful. 1 Other Rank returned from English Leave. Weather cool and crisp winds but pleasing sunshine after mid-day.	
	29	"	Orders received that 2/Lieut Thomas M.M. Bar will take over duties of Bde. Bn. Adjutant and that this Orderly Room will in future be Brigade Battalion Orderly Room.	
	30	"	Orders received that men attending Corps Central School RUE and Corps Workshop JEU MONT are to be transferred to Units as they will be repatriated with them. Instructions that absentees will be transferred to Must Section 3rd Echelon also received. Weather rained all day also very cold.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Forwarding to ABBEVILLE of 29 mules
2	Quarter Masters Report

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Appendix 1
SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Headquarters,
8th April 1919.

Entrainment of 2 Horses and 29 Mules to ABBEVILLE 9.4.19

2nd. A.M.G. Battalion will send 2 horses and 29 mules with a conducting party of :-

2/Lieut H.W.PENFOLD, M.M. who will be Officer i/c Draft
1 N.C.O. and 11 men.
Conducting party will consist of :-
277 A/Segt. Miller P.L.
242 L/Cpl. Olsson K.A.
398 Dvr. Colebrook O.
395 " Grisdale R.J.
5704 " Love V.J.
239 " Matherson G.K.P.
381 " Penny S.
3063 " Vincent H.
368 " Burrow E.W.
799 " Emery A.J.
297 " Wallace G.W.
338 " Rawson H.W.

The Draft will report punctually at 0915 at CHARLEROI Railway Station for entrainment.
Every horse must have a head-collar and chain, nose-bag and hay-net and 1 water bucket for each 4 horses.
Hay-nets, Nose-bags, Head-collar, Chains and Rugs will be handed over with the animals at Base Remounts Depot and receipts obtained.
Water buckets will be brought back to Unit.
Three day's rations and forage for conducting party and horses will be loaded on train by 2nd. Aust. Div Train.
Conducting party will proceed in full marching ^{order} with blankets.
In addition to the conducting party Transport Officer will provide 4 extra men to proceed as far as CHARLEROI Railway Station and to return to Unit on completion of entrainment.

(SIGNED)

R.C.WEBB Capt.
A/C.O. 2nd.A.M.G.Battalion

Distribution

1. Transport Officer
2 2/Lieut H.W.Penfold M.M.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALIONQ.M.Store¹
April 1919.RATIONS

Rations for month of April were satisfactory with the exception of margarine which was sometimes received in a mouldy condition. Sausages were bought with money from the Battalion Trust a/c, and proved a welcome change from bacon for breakfast.

COMFORTS FUND GIFTS

A liberal supply of necessities were received during the month. Milk and sugar was an appreciated addition to the ordinary rations. Cigarettes Tobacco Shirts and Sox were articles urgently required and consequently much appreciated by the troops.

STORES

All stores remaining on charge to this Unit were handed over to D A D O S on 18.4.19 in good condition for despatch to O.O., Demobilisation Dept., BEAUMARIAS. Prepared lists were compiled in accordance with Mob.Store Table, checked with D.A.D.O.S. and clearance receipts obtained.