

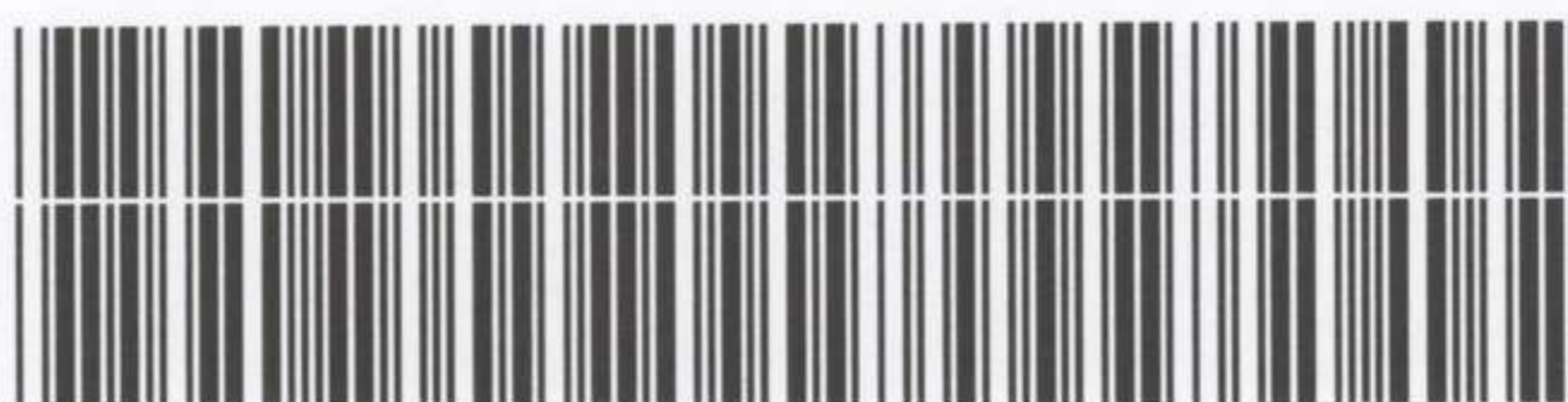
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**Australian Imperial Force.**

**WAR DIARY**

OF

12<sup>th</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy.

FOR

FEBRUARY 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling *A. D. Sprinckle Capt.*

Signature of Officer Commanding *A. D. Sprinckle Capt.*

12th Aust. M. G. Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANSEREMME	1919 FEB		The morning was given over to cleaning gun gear & billets. 1 sergeant & 4 OR	
[AK. 85.95	1		were supplied as packet for the town of DIVANT. 1-O-R left on 14 day V.K. leave	
NAMUR (in mind.)			Total Strength C of - 72 OR Effective Strength C of 63 OR. Shorthand & Book-keeping	[initials]
	2		No church parade was held, owing to the absence of the Chaplain (Major F. VIGAN)	Calders
			on a lecturing tour). R.C.s were permitted to attend mass at village	
			church at 10.00 hours. 4 OR reported to B.M. H.Q. to take up duty	
			as guard at 4th Aust. Div. H.Q. Weather very cold - snow on ground	[initials]
	3		At 1000 the Coy. was marched to 4th Aust Div. Baths, DIVANT,	
			where hot baths & clean under cloths were available. 06520	
			P.S. & A. TOMS m.m. reported back from Corps R & P. T. School. Snow	
			on ground Total Strength C of 72 OR Effective Strength C of 60 OR	[initials]
	4		2 OR left on 14 days V.K. leave. No 1695 C.S.M. HAMMIV reported arithmetic	[initials]
			back from A.M. G. T. D. cadre. At 1000 the Coy was taken for	
			a short route march in clean fatigue dress. Trenches German Crosses	[initials]
	5		During the night much snow fell. The Coy. joined the civilians in	
			tobogganing, to which pastime Australian troops in the neighbourhood	
			take readily & gain great proficiency in. All gun-gear was overhauled during the morning	[initials]

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ANSEREMME (AK 85-95 NAMUR 1/1000)	1919 FEB		During the morning the coy overhauled & cleaned their equipment. At 1400 a muster parade was held, on which Demobilisation Instructions were read to the troops & the boy warned against promiscuous snow-balling, special attention being drawn to the fact that civilians must not be snow-balled. Book-keeping class.	[Signature]
	7		At 1000 the boy was taken for a short route march in clean fatigue. As usual, Reveille was at 0700, Breakfast 0800 + Arithmetic, French/German classes	[Signature]
	8		The morning was given over to thoroughly cleaning out billets. At 1930 a dance was held at the Public Hall, ANSEREMME. Local ladies were invited by the Coy. The Organisers, C.S.M. HAMMILL MM. & Sgt TOMS MM (who received great help from the D. Co) were complimented on the success of their efforts. Expenses were covered by those of the Coy attending contributing one franc per head. Sapper THOMPSON (Div. Sgt) piano & Pte BISHOP (cox) violin supplied the music. Wool blessing, Shorthand & Business principles practice classes	[Signature]
	9		Church Parade at 1000 by Chp-Major FIMIGAN at 4th Aust M.G Coy's mess in Drill order Dress. R. Cs were permitted to attend mass at village church at 1030. At 1600 a voluntary service was held at Y.M.C.A.	[Signature]

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ANSEREMME	1910 FEB 10		At 1000 the Coy was taken for short route march in clean fatigue dress. As usual, Relieve was at 0700, Breakfast at 0800. Total Strength C off 73 OR. Effective Strength C off 60 O.R. <i>Arithmetic Bookkeeping classes</i>	<i>RR</i>
(AK 85-95)			The morning was given over to thoroughly cleaning billets & ground adjacent. Snow still on ground. <i>French &amp; German Classes</i>	<i>RR</i>
NAMUR (100 000)		11	a muster parade was held at 1000, whereon all revolvers were handed in & returned to Div. P.M. by C.Q.M.S. & men reported to M.O. & were examined for Demobilisation purposes. <i>Wool-classing &amp; shelling classes</i>	<i>RR</i>
		12	At 0945 the Coy was marched to 4th Div. Baths (DINANT) where hot baths & clean change of under cloths were obtained. The D. B. Lieut T.H. TRIMBLE proceeded on leave to BRUSSELS, the command of the Coy being taken over by Lieut. J.A. PONTIN. Lieut. N.F.H. TROTMAN took up duty at B.H.Q. as Acting Adjutant	
		13	Total Strength C-off 73 OR. Effective Strength 4 off 55 OR.	<i>RR</i>
		14	A.O.R. were examined by M.O. for demobilisation purposes. Gun gear was thoroughly cleaned & overhauled during the morning. Slightly warmer. Shows signs of thawing. <i>Arithmetic French &amp; German classes</i>	<i>RR</i>

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12th Aust. MG Coy

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ANSEREMME (AK 85-95 NAMUR/10000)	FEB 1919 15		During the morning 62000 rounds of S.A.A were handed in to the Br. Q.M., rounds being retained by the Coy; Snow started to thaw	MP
	16		A conference of all Battalion Officers took place at the Hotel Pau Seyou, ANSEREMME at 1000. Voluntary Church parade was held at at Y.M.C.A at 1030. R.Cs were permitted to attend mass at village church at 1030. 150 copies of Austral. Corps Paper, "The AUSSIE", were sold to the Coy. (1 per copy). Thaw continues. Total strength 6 off 72 OR. Effective strength 4 off 60 OR. Lieut T.H. TRIMBLE returned from leave & resumed command of the Coy.	MP
	17		Pamphlets re "Demobilisation & Repatriation" & "Pay during leave" were distributed & explained to the troops. Two OR left on 10 days BRUSSELS leave. Arithmetic classes held at 1000 & Bookkeeping at 1100	MP
	18		Coy was taken for short route march in clean fatigue. Weather fine: all snow off ground. French class held at 1100 & German at 1400	MP
	19		Lieut J. H. PONTIN, M.C. left on 14 days U.K. Coy did necessary fatigues only. Weather fine. Wool-classing & shorthand classes at 1000, French at 1100 & German at 1400	MP
	20		The Coy paraded at 0930 in Drill Order, and after being inspected by the O.C. were marched to Br. parade ground where they were inspected by the C.O.	MP

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ANSEREMME AK 85 95 NAMUR (100000)	FEB 1919 20		Lieut. Col. H. V. MURRAY, VC, DCO, DCM. One O.R. left on early repatriation to AUSTRALIA. At 11.00 a beginners Book-keeping Class was started by Bdr. Educational Officer (2/Lt. HOLLAND), which is to consist of 12 lessons. Weather fine. Advanced Book-keeping class at 11.00. Effective Strength 4 Officers. Total Strength 600 710. R	
	21		Two O.R. left for AUSTRALIA on early repatriation. One O.R. recommended for French War Award. During the morning all gun gear was cleaned. Weather fine. Arithmetic class at 10.00. Trench at 11.5. German class at 14.00	
	22		At 09.45 the Coy. paraded with towels & were marched to 4th Quater Dir Paths, TIRANT (3 1/2 kilos) where a hot bath & clean change of underclothing were enjoyed. At 12.45 all Officers assembled at Bdr. H.P. Officers Mess to meet the P.O.C., A.I.F. Weather fine. Wool-classing & shorthand classes at 10.00. Business principles & practice at 11.00.	
	23		No church parade was held, owing to the absence of chaplain Major FINIGAN. At 14.00 a pay parade was held. Weather fine.	
	24		The Coy, being duty Coy. for the week, supplied the following guards, mounting at 10.00. Local timber yard 3. OR, Railway Station 1 NCO 4 OR. Electric Power House 1 NCO 4 OR. Guard House 2 NCO 8 OR. At 14.00 a parade of remaining men was held & searched made for military material in possession of civilians. Arithmetic Class at 10.00. Book-keeping at 11.00.	

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120th Aust M. G. Coy

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ANSEREMME (AK 85-95 NAMUR 1/00000)	FEB 1919 25		At 1000 the Coy relieved guards. After allowing for Coy. fatigues, this absorbs practically the whole personnel. Weather fine. French class was held at 1100 and German at 1400	[initials]
	26		Coy cleaned gun-gear & overhauled all stores. At 1500 word was received that all gear, with the exception of Cook-house gear, Orderly Room gear & water cart, together with limbers, was to be "handed in" on <del>at</del> the 27 <sup>th</sup> inst. Weather gloomy, but no rain.	[initials]
	27		All gear packed on limbers, after being checked & placed in charge of Railway Station Guard for the night. Cook-keeping Class at 1100. Weather showery.	[initials]
	28		Limbers, with all gun-gear etc, aboard moved out at 0800 to CHARLROI (NAMUR 1/00000), where they are to be "handed in", the men returning with horses only. Light snow fell in early morning & showery all day.	[initials]