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WAR DIARY

OF

5th A. M. G. Coy

FOR

February 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LART (D 19. d. 2.4 SHEET 36 D N.E.)	1 st		Strength of Coy: 15 officers. 228. O.R. Transport Section arrived 4.30 p.m. Syllabus of training for week ending 9 th inst. attached.	
	2 nd		Mr J. Giles evacuated. Lieut S. R. RICHARDSON transferred to 22 nd A. M. G. Coy.	
	3 rd		Coy. attended Church Parade at AFFRINGUES	
	4 th		Court of Enquiry held by Lieut. H. MARTIN SMITH, Lieut. C. L. M. CRANITCH and Lieut. A. E. CRIDLAND for purpose of investigating matters concerning the following missing men:-	
			No 765. Mr Glover. L.	
			No 2703 Lt/Cpl. Lamond. G.H.	
			No 286 Mr McPhail. D.	
			The Court found that these men had been killed in action or had died of wounds.	
	5 th		Lieut E. N. BIRKS and Lieut J. CARMICHAEL rejoined the Coy. from Base.	
			Lieut S. W. COLEMAN left for England on leave.	

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LART.	Febry		<p>Parades as per programme.</p> <p>do " " "</p> <p>Lieut. L. J. DICKINSON attended lecture on Pigeon handling at Brigade N. C. O. School</p> <p>Lieut. B. W. HICKMAN and Lieut. J. V. WRIGHT attended court Martial at SENINGHEM.</p> <p>Transport lines improved</p> <p>Church Parade cancelled owing to rain.</p> <p>Programme of parades for week ending 16th inst. attached.</p> <p>Capt. R. A. P. HAMILTON^{M.C.} and Lieut. H. MARTIN SMITH took part in a Divisional Tactical scheme at WATTERDAL.</p> <p>Ofc. A. LANGWORTHY attended lecture on pigeon handling at Brigade N. C. O. School.</p> <p>Six officers of this Coy. attended lecture on employment of Machine Guns by B. M. G. O. at our Coy. Hdqrs.</p>	
	6 th			
	7 th			
	8 th			
	9 th			
	10 th			
	11 th			
	12 th			
	13 th			

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LART.	Feb 14		Continuation of lecture by B. M. G. O. Corpl. A. J. McShane examined	
	15 th		Sgt. G. W. Reid and 5 men arrived from Base	
	16 th		In accordance with instructions from Base Hdqrs. tested gun without check lever, firing 20000 rounds	
	17 th		overhauled and cleaned equipment.	
	18 th		Coy. attended Church Parade at Appingues	
	19 th		programme of Parades for week ending 23 rd inst attached.	
	20 th		Lient. H. MARTIN SMITH and Lient. M. G. RYAN left for Paris on leave	
	21 st		Inspection by G. O. C. 5 th Brigade postponed.	
	22 nd		Lient. S. W. COLEMAN returned from English leave.	
	23 rd		Coy. inspected by G. O. C. 5 th Brigade	
	24 th		Lient. D. S. GIBSON returned to Coy. from Corps School.	
	25 th		Parades as per programme	
	26 th		Lient. D. S. GIBSON left for England on leave.	
	27 th		Coy. attended Church Parade at Appingues	
	28 th		Syllabus of training for week ending 2 nd March attached.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LART.	Feb 26 27 28		<p>Parades as per programme.</p> <p>Gas Demonstration postponed.</p> <p>50% of boy took part in Tactical scheme in accordance with Brigade Order 001.</p> <p>Strength of boy at this date:- 17 officers 218 O.R.</p> <p>Lieuts. H. MARTIN SMITH and M. G. RYAN returned from leave to Paris</p>	

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WAR DIARY

OF

5th A. M. G. Coy.

FOR

February 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Syllabus of Training for week ended 9 th inst.
2	Syllabus of Training for week ended 16 th inst.
3	Syllabus for week ended 23 rd inst.
4.	Syllabus for week ended 2 nd March

5th Aust Machine Gun Coy
Syllabus of Training for Week Ending Feb 19 1918

Day	9 AM to 9:45 AM	9:45 to 10:45 AM	11 AM to 12 noon	2 PM to 4 PM	Classes
M	Commence Drill	Classes other than	Sections under Section Officer	General Training	Classes:- Backward Signaller Junior NCO's Senior Range finding Map Reading
T		Sections under Section Officers	Classes O/R's		Sections under Section Officer Barrage Drill
W		Classes O/R	Sections under Sect. Officer		Test of Elementary Training Mechanism Stoppages
T		Classes O/R	Do		Classes Officers Indirect Fire
F		Sections under Sect. Officer	Classes O/R's		Barrage Drill Compass Work Re-section
S		do	do		Direct Fire

Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
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APPENDIX

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Syllabus of Training for Platoon ending 15 July 1912

Date of Recommendation	Rank and Name	Class	Location for which contemplated	11 AM TO 11.30 AM	1. PM TO 3.30 PM	Place	Remarks	SECTIONS UNDER		
								SECTION	SECTION	
1912 10/10	Chesmore Hill	Platoon	Platoon	7.30 AM TO 10.30 AM	11 AM TO 11.30 AM	1. PM TO 3.30 PM				
				Recommenced by	Location for which contemplated	11 AM TO 11.30 AM	1. PM TO 3.30 PM	Place	Remarks	SECTIONS UNDER
				Classes A+B	Sections under sub-officer	Recreational				
				2 do A+B	do	Training	2			
				3 do A+B	do		1			
				4 do A+B	do	2				
				Sections under sub-officer	do	3				
				2 do A+B	do	4				
				3 do A+B	do	5				
				4 do A+B	do	6				
Route March	Half-Holiday	Route								
Route: Chesmore Hill - Marching order	Route									
1912 10/10	Chesmore Hill	Platoon	Platoon	11.30 AM TO 11.45 AM	11.30 AM TO 11.45 AM	1. PM TO 3.30 PM				
				Recommenced by	Location for which contemplated	11.30 AM TO 11.45 AM	1. PM TO 3.30 PM	Place	Remarks	SECTIONS UNDER
				Classes A+B	Sections under sub-officer	Recreational				
				1 do A+B	do	Training	2			
				2 do A+B	do		3			
				3 do A+B	do	4				
				4 do A+B	do	5				
				Sections under sub-officer	do	6				
				1 do A+B	do	7				
				2 do A+B	do	8				
3 do A+B	do	9								
4 do A+B	do	10								
Route March	Half-Holiday	Route								
Route: Chesmore Hill - Marching order	Route									

Appendix 2

Brigade.

Division.

Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)

5th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

Syllabus of Training for Week ending 23rd February.

Date and Day	9 am to 9.30 am	Section	9.30 am to 10.15 am	10.30 am to 10.45 am	10.45 am to 11.30 am	1.30 pm to 4 pm	Place	Classes	Section under Section Officers			
8-2-18 Mon.	Close Order M. ill & N.C.O. Classes	1	Sections under Sec. OFF 3	Lectures by Section Officers	Sections under Sec. OFF 5	Recreational Training	D. 19. A. 55	Backward	Lectures	1		
2		do 2	do 8.		Range Finding			A		Barrage Drill	2	
3		Classes A+D	Classes A+H		Signalling			B		Concealment of Guns etc.	3	
4		do A+H.	do A+D		Bombing			C		Fire Control	4	
9-2-18 Wed.	Close Order M. ill & N.C.O. Classes	1	Classes A+D	Lectures by Section Officers	Classes A+L	Recreational Training one hour with S.B. Respirator	D. 19. A. 65	Revolver	Indication & Recog. of Targets	5		
2		do A+L	do A+D		Junior M.C.O.			F		Packing of Limbers	6	
3		Section under S.OFF 5	Section under S.OFF 2		Senior "			G				Map Reading Compass Work
4		do 8	do 2		Map Reading			H		J.D.	8	
10-2-18 Wed.			Inspection by the G.O. E. 5 th A.I. BDE		Marching Order.	Half Holiday	D. 19. A. 25	German 1.7. (M)	Range.	9		
11-2-18 Thurs.	Close Order M. ill & N.C.O. Classes	1	Section under S.O. 3	Lectures by Section Officers	Sections under S.O. 4	Recreational Training	D.	R. (Computer)	Classes for Officers.			
2		do 3	do 6.		Hokkias M.G			L				
3		Classes A+D	Classes A+E		do			A+D				
4		do A+E.	do A+D									
12-2-18 Frid.	Close Order M. ill & N.C.O. Classes	1	Classes A+D	Lectures by Section Officers	Classes A+H.	Recreational Training one hour with S.B. Respirator	D.	Inirect Fire	Map Reading Barrage Work Laying of Guns Compass Work. Re Section Operation of Writing of Messages			
2		do A+H.	do A+D.									
3		Sect. under S.O. 4	Sect. under S.O. 3									
4		do 6	do 3									
13-2-18 Sat.			Range at VAL-DE-LUMBRES		from 9.30 am							

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Appendix 3

WAR DIARY
Intelligence Summary

By Capt Alan Murray Sunday 2nd March 1945

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Day	Time	Activity	Place	Classes	Sections
25th	9.30 AM to 10.15 AM	Tactical exercise Semi Open Exercise	Recreational Training House with S.B.R.	Backward, Angering, Signalling, Bombing, Newslines, Junior M.C.O.s, Senior, Staff Training, Construction	Sections under Sect Officers
26th	9.30 AM to 10.15 AM	Classes H x E, H x B, H x M, H x D	DO	DO	DO
27th	9.30 AM to 10.15 AM	50% Officers Staff Ride	50% Officers Staff Ride	DO	DO
28th	9.30 AM to 10.15 AM	Classes H x D, H x E, H x T, H x H	DO	DO	DO
29th	10.30 AM	Gas Demonstration	10.30 AM	Classes for officers	Writing of Messages
30th	10.30 AM	Tactical exercise in cooperation with Inf Battalion of 5th A.I. Bde		Reading, Barrage Work, Laying of Mines, Construction, Reduction of a War position, Operation orders	
31st	10.30 AM	5th A.I. Bde Sports	Half Holiday		

Prepared by Capt Alan Murray

Appendix 1

