

**AWM4**

**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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**Title: 10th Australian Machine Gun  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Armentieres	1/12/16	1pm	<p>Section Officers of Nos 1, 2 &amp; 3 Sections, together with Nos 1, 2 &amp; 3 of the Gun Teams took up duty in the sectors allotted; Nos 3 &amp; 4 of the <sup>releasing teams</sup> being withdrawn. Serpts &amp; Cpls also took up duty.</p> <p>C.O. took up quarters in <sup>street</sup> Houplines occupied by Co. and N.Z. Coy. &amp; resumed tour of the Brigade frontage under guidance of the latter officer.</p>	H.O. Capt
	2/12/16	1pm	<p>Nos 4, 5 &amp; 6 &amp; where available other members of the Gun Teams took up duty in the trenches, Section Officers took delivery of French stores, No 2 N.Z. MG. Coy were withdrawn &amp; the relay completed. C.O. remains to advise &amp; until tomorrow 3rd Dec.</p> <p>The distribution of Company (10<sup>th</sup> MG Coy A.I.F.) <sup>now is:-</sup> Nos 1, 2 &amp; 3 Sections in the trenches in respective sectors numbered from the right in same order.</p> <p>No 4 Section remains in billets in School of Music Rec. Waterhole</p> <p>Transport personnel &amp; animals, also wagons in Armentieres Park.</p> <p>C.O. with certain HQ personnel &amp; Co in Company HQ in Houplines.</p>	H.O. Capt

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Armentieres (Houplines)	4/12/16	11 pm	Gas released from our frontiers.	
	5/12/16	9.55 am	First casualty - N <sup>o</sup> . 225 Pte E.R. Marchman "Killed in action" by rifle grenade from enemy's line.	HOapt
	5/12/16	7 pm	Gas alarm. No gas.	
	"	11.30 pm	Aeroplane flew over enemy's trenches, followed at once by:-	
	"	11.35 pm	Gas alarm. No gas.	
	"	-	St A.L. Chambers to Hospital.	
	6/12/16	-	attached - 8 men from 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn for duty & training with 10 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.	HOapt
	"	-	" " " 38 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " " "	HOapt
	"	12 noon	N <sup>o</sup> . 4 Section relieved N <sup>o</sup> . 2 in Centre Sector - N <sup>o</sup> . 2 moving over to Right Sector & N <sup>o</sup> . 1 Section returning to billets in Rue Nationale.	
	"	6 pm	Lieut B. Sloss took up duty as acting second in command of Company.	
	9/12/16	10 am	N <sup>o</sup> . 1 Section - relieved N <sup>o</sup> . 4 section in Centre Sector - N <sup>o</sup> . 4 passing to <del>Left</del> Left	HOapt
	"	-	Sector & N <sup>o</sup> . 3 returning to billets in Rue Nationale.	
	10/12/16	-	attached - 8 men from 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn for duty & training with 10 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.	HOapt
	11/12/16	2.30	Casualty - N <sup>o</sup> . 226 Deserter - "Shrapnel wound" in left cheek.	HOapt
	12/12/16	10 am	Capt Will Algie - Returned from Rest Camp & resumed duty.	HOapt
	13/12/16	9 am	N <sup>o</sup> . 3 Section relieved N <sup>o</sup> . in Centre Sector - N <sup>o</sup> . 1 passing to Right & N <sup>o</sup> . 2 returning to billets.	HOapt
	17/12/16	"	N <sup>o</sup> . 2 Section relieved N <sup>o</sup> . 3 in Centre Sector - N <sup>o</sup> . 3 passing to Left & N <sup>o</sup> . 4 to billets.	HOapt
	22/12/16	"	N <sup>o</sup> . 4 Section relieved N <sup>o</sup> . 2, N <sup>o</sup> . 2 passing to the Right & N <sup>o</sup> . 1 to billets.	HOapt

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Ammanford (Howplains)	24/12/16	2:30 pm	<p><u>Casualties</u>: No. 119 cpl Smith L. J. - Shrapnel wound in face.                      No. 14 Pte Bath. T. A. - " " " head.                      " " " " " " " dead of wounds.</p>	
"	"	4:30		
"	26/12/16	9 am	<p>Relief - No. 1 Section relieved No. 4 in Centre Sector, No. 4 moving to <sup>Left Ho.</sup> Right &amp; No. 1 to Billets.                      Two gun teams of M.M.G. Corps under Capt. Brett took over 2. Indirect fire positions at Cemetery Right &amp; S.S. 88.</p>	Ho. Capt
"	30/12/16	9 am	<p>Relief - No. 3 Section relieved No. 1 Section in Centre Sector, No. 1 moving to Right &amp; No. 2 to Billets.                      No. 1 Section also relieved 2nd M.G. team at Cemetery &amp; No. 4 Machine at S.S. 88.</p>	Ho. Capt
"	31/12/16	-	<p>Work completed during month:- Open Sandbag emplacement at No. 8 Locality.                      Reconstruction of open emplacement at S.S. 87.                      H.E. Shelters repaired at Locality 8, S.P. 2, &amp; Locality 16.</p>	Ho. Capt
<p>Hardish Capt                      Command 10' M.G. by A.I.F.</p>				