

AWM4

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

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/17/12

Title: 12th Australian Machine Gun
Company

February 1917



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field	1/2/17		In billets at Dorval ^{Hamely} . Route march & lecture.	
	2/2/17		Route march & lecture.	
	3/2/17		Route march & lecture. Cuckoo party in evening.	
	4/2/17		Route march & gun drill. Weather still very cold. Capt. Hinton, Lt. Grierson, Q.M.S. Hinton & 3 O.N.O. leave for school Sgt. Gannier.	
	5/2/17		Route march & cleaning gun gear.	
	6/2/17		Usual route march & gun instruction. Capt. Sawyer & Lt. Crouch visit Guedecourt sector to make arrangements for relief of 4 th Aus. M. G. Coy.	
	7/2/17		Two sections left for POSSUM RES ^{VE} to go into front line at dawn.	
	8/2/17		4 th Aus. M. G. Coy relieved. 3 guns front line L sector, 2 guns R sector & guns at POSSUM in reserve & support. 3 guns in reserve at Coy Hd Qrs, 1 gun on aeroplane guard.	
	9/2/17		Indirect fire carried out at night. Transport lines near Albert. Ration's from Quarry siding Dump by Kimber to Coy Hd Qrs, thence by Decauville to POSSUM & runner to front line.	
	10/2/17		Indirect fire carried out. Sgt. Cullimore, Cpl Barnes & Mc Lye wounded by artillery fire at Coy Hd Qrs.	

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In the Field	11/2/17		Indirect fire carried out. Intermittent shelling by the enemy. C/L visited both sectors.	
	12/2/17		R Sector guns under Lt Fox supported minor operations by 46 th Bn 100 ⁺ trenches gained 4 prisoners. Usual indirect fire carried out.	
	13/2/17		Relief of front line carried out. Another 100 ⁺ trenches taken. Indirect fire carried out.	
	14/2/17		Indirect fire carried out. L/C Lee killed. Sgt O'Reilly, Sgt Myers + Pte Fisher wounded.	
	15/2/17		Indirect fire carried out.	
	16/2/17		Relief carried out of front line. Y how sets in. Usual indirect fire carried out. Capt Ydinton left for England to command 4 th Aus. Div th M. G. Coy. Six guns supported 5 th Div in minor operation which was successful.	
	17/2/17		Indirect fire carried out. Shelling by enemy intermittent.	
	18/2/17		Relief of front line carried out. Indirect firing carried on during night.	
	19/2/17		Usual indirect fire carried out.	
	20/2/17		Support right Battalions in attack on enemy trenches. Attack very successful & prisoners taken.	
	21/2/17		Indirect fire carried out. L/C Horne wounded, L/C Lewis accidentally wounded.	

WAR DIARY

12th - Aus. 16. G. Coy.

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On the Field	22/2/17.		Another minor operation supported by indirect fire. Attack successful in every respect.	
	23/2/17.		Usual indirect fire carried out.	
	24/2/17		Reliefs of front line carried out at dawn by 15 th Aus. 16. G. Coy. Relief of whole Coy completed by 2 p.m. Coy marched to Mametz Camp.	
	25/2/17		Cleaning of guns & gear Coy bathed at Fricourt baths. Lt. Martini evacuated sick to Hospital.	
	26/2/17		Coy marched to Becourt Camp. Coy was paid.	
	27/2/17		Inspection & cleaning of gun gear etc. Lt. Martini promoted to Captain.	
	28/2/17		Route march & drill. Transport train Coy from near Albert.	
	<u>28/2/17.</u>			

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For G/C, 12 Aus. 16. G. Coy.