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OF

13th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

FOR

DECEMBER 1918.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE Sheet (NAMUR 9) A 5 FELLERIES.	1918. Dec.	1st. 10.30	<p><u>Weather</u> - Fine and Clear. <u>Church Parade.</u> 2 O/Ranks returned from Hospital. 1 O/Rank struck off strength. (Coy. strength 8 Officers 140 O.R.)</p>	
		2nd. 09.00	<p><u>Weather.</u> - Dull. <u>Morning</u> - Parade. Inspection, Squad Drill, Rifle Exercises, Recreational Games, Company Drill. <u>Afternoon</u> - Football Match with 24th Coy. (Rugby) Result - Draw. 8 O.Ranks returned from Hospital. 1 O.Rank to Hospital Struck off strength.</p>	
		3rd. 09.00	<p><u>Weather.</u> - Wet. <u>Morning.</u> - Parade. 10.00 Battalion Parade. <u>Afternoon.</u> - Football (Practice) 2 O.Ranks proceeded to Australia. 1 O.Rank returned from Hospital.</p>	
		4th. 09.00	<p><u>Weather.</u> - Wet. <u>Morning.</u> - Inspection. Lecture by Educational Officer (Lieut. HOLTHAM.) <u>Afternoon.</u> - 14.00 Muster Parade. Names were received of men desirous of continuing practice at their trades. Viz:- Fitters, Turners, Blacksmiths. Company Paid.</p>	
		5th. 09.00	<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine. <u>Morning.</u> - Parade. Inspection, Short Route March, Recreational Games. Two Sections carried out Salvage work at Railway Station. <u>Afternoon.</u> - Football Match with 4th Coy. (Rugby Final) Result. - Win. Scores. 11. - 3. 10 O.Ranks returned from Hospital. 13 O.Ranks from Machine Gun Base CAMIERES. 1 O.Rank returned from School.</p>	
		6th. 09.00	<p><u>Weather.</u> - Bright. <u>Morning.</u> - Bath Parade from 09.00 09.00 till 11.00. Recreational Games from 11.00 to 12.00 <u>Afternoon.</u> - Limber Cleaning. Lieut. Douglas proceeded on PARIS Leave. 1 O.Rank proceeded PARIS Leave. 3 O.Ranks taken on strength ex M.G.Base. 1 O.Rank evacuated to Hospital.</p>	

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FRANCE. Sheet (NAMUR 8) A 5. FELLERIES.	7th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Dull. <u>Morning:-</u> Parade. Checking of Ammunition and Equipment, Recreational Games. <u>Afternoon:-</u> Football. 2 O.Ranks evacuated to Hospital. 1 O.Rank Hosp. Struck off Strength. 2 O. Ranks returned from Hospital. (Coy. Strength 8 Officers 173 P&Ranks.)		
	8th	10.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Bright. Church Parade.		
	9th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Fine but cloudy. <u>Morning</u> Parade - Inspection, Rifle exercises, Recreational Games. <u>Afternoon</u> - Football.		
	10th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. <u>Morning</u> Parade - Battalion Route March - Dress - Full Marching order Lecture by Educational Officer. <u>Afternoon</u> - Football. Lieut. A.W.STURTRIDGE transferred to Bn. H.Q. Struch off Strength. 3 O.R. transferred to Bn, H.Q. Struck off Strength.		
	11th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. <u>Morning</u> Parade - Inspection, Mechanism. 2 O.R. evacuated to Hosp. 3 O.R. returned from U.K.Leave 2 O.R. transferred to Bn,H.Q. and struck off strength.		
	12th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. <u>Morning</u> Parade - Inspection. Lecture by Education Officer. 1 O.R. returned from Hosp. Taken on Strength 2 O.R. Reinf. ex CAMIERS taken on strength. 2 O.R. proceeded on PARIS Leave. 2 O.R. proceeded U.K.Leave. 1 O.R. returned from U.K.Leave.		
	13th	06.30 09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. <u>Reveille</u> . 07.00 Breakfast. 08.45 Parade Battalion moved off en route for SIVRY (Sheet NAMUR) arrivibg atx 11.45.		
	BELGIUM Sheet NAMUR 8 BA SIVRY	14th	07.30	<u>Weather:-</u> Fine. <u>Reveille</u> , 08.30 Breakfast, 09.45 Parade. 10.00 Battalion moved off en route for BOUSSU arriving 15.35 1 O.R. evac. to Hosp. and struck off strength.	

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BOUSSU ST AUBIN	16th	07.30	<u>Weather:-</u> Reveille, 08.30 Breakfast, 09.45 Parade, 10.00 Battalion moved off enroute to GERIN arriving at 14.45 hours. Lt. T.DOUGLAS returned from PARIS leave.	
GERIN	17th	07.30	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. Reveille, 08.00 Breakfast, 09.15 Parade, 09.30 Battalion moved off enroute for ANSEREMME arriving at 12.30 hours. 2 O.R. struck off strength to Hosp. Company Strength 7 Officers 169 O.R.	
ANSEREMME (Sheet NAMUR 8) K 4	18th	10.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. Morning - Parade, Dress - Clean Fatigue - Coy. was dismissed to Billets to allow men to clean up after the march. 3 O.R. to Hosp. Struck off Strength.	
	19th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Fine. Parade - Inspection, Cleaning of Gun Gear and Equipment. Afternoon - Parade Short March. 1 O.R. returned from Hospital.	
	20th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Wet. Parade- Cleaning Gun Gear and Limbers, Lecture by Lt.Col Murray V.C. etc. on Demobilisation and Repatriation. Afternoon - 14.00 Parade - Deficiencies in clothing were taken.	
	21st	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Fine and Cloudy. Parade. - Short March, Cleaning Limbers, Carting Gravel.	
	22nd	10.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Fine. Church Parade - Chaplain FINIGAN officiated. 11.00 Pay Parade. 1 O.R. proceeded on U.K.Leave. 1 P.R. returned from PARIS leave.	
	23rd	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Fine. Parade - Inspection, Fatigue Party of 2 N.C.Os. & 40 men supplied for unloading post. 5 O.R. returned from Hosp. taken on Strength.	
	24th	09.00	<u>Weather:-</u> Cloudy and Cold. Parade - Inspection, Short March, Games.	

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ANSEREMME. K 4.	25th.		<u>Weather:-</u> Fine and Clear.	
		09.30	Christmas Day - Voluntary Church Parade.	
		01.30	Dinner was served to the men in dining rooms at HOTEL-LES-GRAND. The men were all seated at tables and the Officers and N.C.Os. acted as Orderlies.	
			1 O.R. proceeded on U.K.Leave. 2 O.R. returned to duty from Div. Wing. 1 O.R. from Bn.H.Q. T.O.Strength.	
	26th.		<u>Weather:-</u> Fine.	
		09.00	Parade - Inspection, Short March, Educational Classes, Games.	
			Afternoon - Bath Parade.	
	27th.		<u>Weather :-</u> Wet.	
		09.00	Parade - Inspection, Short March, Games, Educational Classes.	
	28th.		<u>Weather:-</u> Wet.	
		09.00	Parade - Inspection, Educational Classes. 5 O.R. proceeded to Australia struck off strength.	
			Lt. JOHNSON returned from Hosp. taken on strength.	
	29th.		<u>Weather:-</u> Wet.	
		10.00	Church Parade - Service was held for R.Cs. in Village Church, O.P.D. in mens mess Chaplain FINIGAN	
			Officiated. Lt. W.H.WATERS, D.C.M. proceeded on PARIS Leave. 1 O.R. proceeded U.K.Leave.	
			Afternoon Parade - Rax Sports.	
	30th.		<u>Weather:-</u> Dull and Showery.	
		09.00	Parade - Inspection, Short March, P.T., Educational Classes. Afternoon - Pay.	
	31st.		<u>Weather:-</u> Fine.	
		09.00	Parade - Inspection, Short March, Educational Classes. Afternoon - Football.	

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