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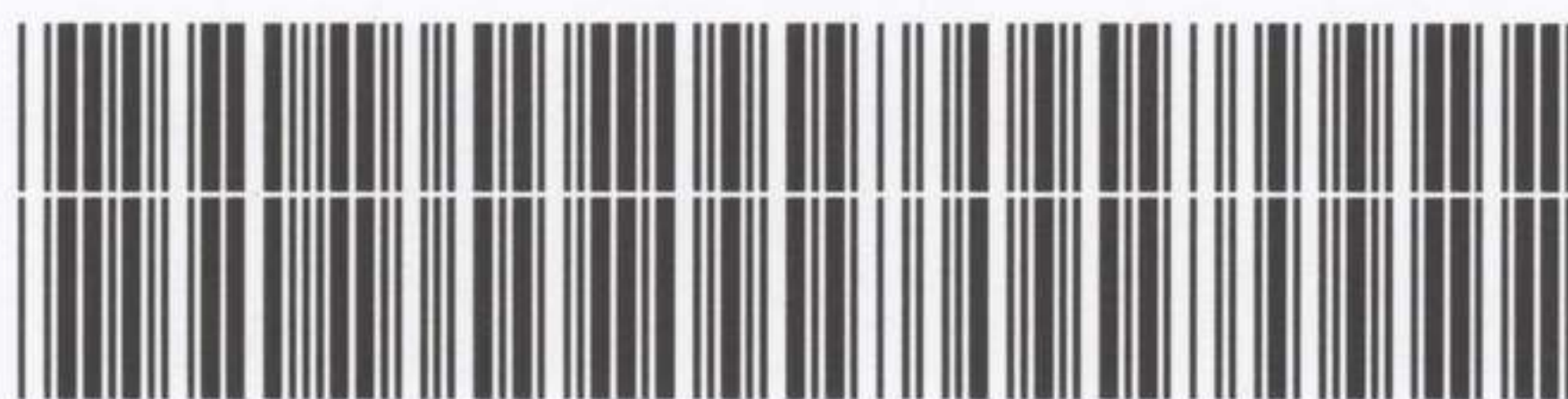
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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Title: 24th Australian Machine Gun
Company

January 1919



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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

24th. Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

FOR

JANUARY

1919

Signature of Officer compiling

T. B. Morling.

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24TH AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

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WAR DIARY

MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

Army Form C. 2118.

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANSEBEMME			<p>TRAINING. Training for the month was as per Syllabus attached. Short Route Marches were held each morning to keep the men fit. The remainder of the mornings were devoted to Gun Drill, Rifle Exercises, etc., with the object of maintaining a high standard of efficiency. Battalion Parades were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays when in addition to the usual Battalion Drill, a short lecture was delivered to the troops by the C.O.</p> <p>AMUSEMENTS. At intervals, marches to places of interest within easy distance of the Billets were undertaken and were much appreciated by the troops. Company Dances were held twice weekly and were well patronised. Members of the Company were charged 1 franc for admission and civilians were invited. All funds derived were used in providing supper for the dances.</p> <p>DEMOBILISATION. On the 9th. inst., the first quota of 1915 men marched out to U.K. and subsequent demobilisation in Australia. The second draft left on the 20th. and the third, on the 29th. inst. This Company contributed 2 Officers and 26 Other Ranks to these drafts.</p> <p>WEATHER. The weather during the month was dull and cold with comparatively little rain. There was a good fall of snow during the last week which provided some good sport all round, with snowballing.</p> <p>HEALTH. The health of the troops continues good there being no evacuations during the month.</p> <p>DISCIPLINE. The usual high standard of discipline has been maintained during the past month. No Orderly Room cases were reported.</p> <p>FOOTBALL. Although this is under Battalion Control, the members of the Company take a very keen interest in the progress of the teams in all three Codes. Several members of the Company are in Battalion Teams.</p> <p>LEAVE. The usual allotment of leave to U.K. and places in France and Belgium have been furnished, besides which there is a trip to CHARLEROI by motor lorry, the accommodation for which, is allotted amongst the various Companies.</p> <p>RATIONS. Report attached herewith.</p>	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
"A"	Syllabus of Training for Month.
"B"	Ration Report.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

For Month of JANUARY 1919.

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DAY.	9 - 10.	10 - 11	11 - 12.	2 - 3 p.m.
	P.T.	Cleaning Gun Gear.	Rifle exer- cises.	Organised Sport.
MONDAY.				
TUESDAY.	BATTALION PARADE.			" "
	P.T.	Rifle exer- cises.	Gun Drill.	" "
WEDNESDAY.				
THURSDAY.	BATTALION PARADE.			" "
FRIDAY.	RANGING.			" "
SATURDAY.	ROUTE MARCH.			" "

J. V. Morquig Lieut.
O.C. 24th. M. G. Coy

RATION REPORT.

JANUARY 1919.

The Rations for the month were good and averaged:- Bread 75% Biscuits 25%, Fresh Meat 60%, Preserved Meat 40%, Bacon 75%, Meat & Vegetable Ration 25%, Tea, Sugar, Milk, Jam, and all Groceries, full Ration. Potatoes were salvaged from train and greatly helped. Christmas Parcels were issued to every man.

The following Comforts were received:-

Milk, Coffee & Milk, Tobacco, Xmas Puddings, Writing Pads, Playing Cards, Custard Powder, OXO, Socks, Shirts, Comforters.

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