

AWM4

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

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/24/2

Title: 24th Australian Machine Gun
Company

October 1917



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24th Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Zonnebeke	10/17		16 Guns of the 24 th M.G. Coy were in a defensive position on the West West sector between Zonnebeke and Polygon Wood supporting 4 th & 13 th A.I. Brigades. Most of these guns are placed to enable them to bring direct overhead fire onto the enemy's line of approach. At 6.30 am. the enemy attacked from the direction mentioned in force. The four guns under the command of Lt Birmingham opened fire on the advancing troops with good effect & dispersed them. Range 700.	
Zonnebeke	10/17		The 24 th M.G. Coy. was relieved at 3 am by the 3 rd M.G. Coy. The Coy proceeded to rest billets. The total casualties during their tour of duty in the line was: - Killed in action 6; died of wounds 4. Wounded 1 Officer 15 of Rank, missing 1. Total Died 10 Wounded 1 Officer 16 of Rank. 1 missing leaving the total strength of the Coy. at 7 Officers 144 of Rank.	
Steenhoek	10/17	10/14	During this period the Coy was resting in billets.	
Zonnebeke		15/10/17	The Coy with 16 guns took over the positions occupied by the 13 th M.G. Coy. at Zonnebeke on a line approximately from (Map Polygon Wood) I 28 A. 1.7. - D 28 B. 1.9.	



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YANID BAW

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24th Aust. Machine

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Zonuchich	16/10	17.	During this period the company remained in the line. No active operations were carried out during this time & the enemy did not attack on this front. The artillery on both sides was very active & our artillery carried out several practice shoots.	1 officer 10 men 1 Lt. Cochrane 1 officer wounded
	23 rd /10/17.		The 24 th Coy was relieved by the 21 st Coy on this date. The total casualties during the Coy's tour of duty in the line was 1 officer & 60 ranks killed & 1 officer 100 ranks wounded & 1 gassed. The Coy received 250 ranks reinforcements from the 1 st G. Base.	1 officer wounded
	24 th /10/17		Remained in billets.	
	25 th /10/17		Entained for Bony.	
	26/10/17		Billed at Penguin - Bony area.	
	to 31/10/17		The strength of the Coy on 31/10/17. was 1 officer 146 ranks.	#phy Caper

24th Amg Coy

Disposition of 10 guns of 24th Amblyon

APPENDIX
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