

AWM4

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

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/7/18

**Title: 2nd Australian Machine Gun
Company**

November 1917



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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PRES. AREA	Nov 1.		6. ORanks wounded + off strength. 1 Doublecumber + 3 men engaged in carting bricks from Ypres for making road into Bde Waggon Lines.	Refchap Sheet 28 NW + Sheet 28 NE
"	2/11/17		4. ORanks returned from leave. 3. ORanks from 2 nd Army Rest Camp. St. Vinnicoble + 1. ORanks reported back from Cb. G. School. Camiers. 2. ORanks off strength (1 Wounded + Sick) Coy was relieved by 1 st A.M. Gun Coy; Relief completed without casualties. and all ranks were at transport lines by 0700.	1/20000 All
"	3/11/17		1. OR returned from leave. 3. ORanks rejoined unit. Day was spent in cleaning of clothing equipment etc.	All
"	4/11/17		1. ORank wounded + horse killed while attached to 1 st Aust. Pack Train. 2. ORanks evac sick from effects of Shellgas. 1. ORank returned from leave. Coy attended Church parade in morning at Kookaburra Hall near Belgian Chateau H. 23. B. 3. 7. All Gas helmets were inspected at 1400.	All
"	5/11/17		1. ORank killed + 1. ORank Wounded near Yonnebeke while attached to D.W. Pack Train also 1. horse killed + 1 horse Wounded. 2. ORanks evac sick. Transport have started clipping the horses. Cleaning of guns + overhauling gun gear was carried out during the day.	All

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YPRES AREA	6/11/17		4 other ranks were wounded (Gas.)	Ref Map Sheet 28 NW
	7/11/17		2 other ranks were sick 2 other ranks taken on strength from 5 th Batts. 1 other rank rejoined from leave. Lieut Phelan & 6 other ranks moved forward to ZONNEBEKE on AA duty.	Sheet 28 NE
	8/11/17		1 other rank was sick. Lieut J.G. Stewart & nine other ranks off strength, 1 other rank rejoined from leave.	(A)
	9/11/17		3 other ranks from Hospital rejoined	(A)
	10/11/17		Major East Almond, Lieut Wallen were wounded Gas. also 1 other rank. 1 other rank returned from Hospital	(A)
	10/11/17		Company moved to WINNIPEG CAMP. H.19. B2.4. Transport moved by road to EECHE via OUDERDOM RENINGHELST. BERTHEN CAISTRE.	Ref Map Sheet 28 NW
	11/11/17		Lieut W.D. Kenzie reported from base for duty. 1 OR to Hospital (Influenza). Company embussed at Sheet 28. H.19. B.2.1 & proceeded to RENESCURE & bivouacked at T36. A.3.6. Foot inspection carried out.	(A)
	12/11/17		16 other ranks of 3 rd M.G. Coy. attached.	(A)
	13/11/17		6 other ranks returned from Ipe School 1 other rank rejoined from D.R.S.	(A)

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	3.11.17		16 other ranks of 3 rd M.G. Coy. rejoined their unit. Cleaning guns & repacking limbers.	(A)
	4.11.17	0830	Coy moved by route march to CAMPAGNETTE. Map Ref. HAZEBROUCK 1/100000	(A)
			5 B 4198.9 rejoined 2 nd Gde Group. Foot inspection.	
	5.11.17		1 officer & 1 other rank went forward billeting. 2 other ranks to 1 st ANZAC CORPS SCHOOL.	(A)
	5.11.17	0830	Coy moved by route march to MIEURLES. Map Ref. CALAIS 1/100000	(A)
			5 F 37.44. Foot inspection. 1 other rank returned from leave.	
	16.11.17		Repacking limbers & cleaning guns. Presentation of Ribbons by Corps Commander.	(A)
			to 289 Pte. Doherty. J. J. D.C.M. 3929. Cpl. Shother. L. P. M.M. 3087 Pte. Earl. W. M.M.	(A)
	17.11.17	0800	Coy moved by route march to DESVRES. Map Ref. CALAIS 1/100000	Map Ref. CALAIS 1/100000
			4 E 1300. more complete & Coy billeted 1215. 30 Ranks rejoined from Hospital	(A)
			Major East Almond & Lieut Allen off strength.	(A)
	18.11.17		Pte. G. E. Judge to England for discharge	(A)
			During the forthcoming week Syllabus of training will be carried out, so framed to gradually harden the men without mental strain. The first few days being devoted to overhauling gear & reorganization. See Syllabus attached. Church parade with 6 th Gde.	

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DESUVRES	19.11.17		Training as per Syllabus. Lieut. N.G. Moryburn rejoined from Hospital.	map ref CALA 18 1/00.000
	20.11.17		" " " " in morning. Bay parade in afternoon.	Al
	21.11.17		" " " " 1 other rank reported back from CCS. 2 horses	Al
	22.11.17		3 mules received. Deficiencies in clothing & equipment submitted. 2 other ranks evac. (Scabies) Training as per Syllabus with exceptions of bathing parade from 1000 to 1200.	Al
	23.11.17		Training as per Syllabus. 6 other ranks to Brigade School.	Al
	24.11.17		" " " " Football match against 7 th Galtre. M.G. Coy won easily.	Al
	25.11.17		703 Sgt. S.J. Parish to Cadet School. Lieut. A.F. Manners rejoined Coy. from Base. Church parade with 5 th Galtre. 1 other rank returned from Horse Clipping School.	Al
	26.11.17		1 other rank "Absent without leave".	Al
	26.11.17		Training as per Syllabus	Al
	27.11.17		" " " " Transport inspections by Brigade Commander.	Al
	28.11.17		" " " " Football match against 6 th Galtre.	Al
	29.11.17		" " " " 1 other rank evac. debility 1 other rank transferred to 10 th M.G. Coy.	Al

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DESVRES	30/11/17		Training as per Syllabus 20 Ranks rejoined unit from Base 10 Rank transferred from 3 rd M.G. Coy. Day parade in afternoon.								
			State of Company on 30 th Nov. 1917:-								
			OFF.	ORANKS	TOTAL	HORSES	G.S.L WAGONS	2 WHEELED VEHICLES	MACHINE GUNS	BICYCLES	
			14	160							
				2 amc	176	54	13	2	18	3	
				162					including 2 German guns		
			Details:-								
			Schools. 90 Ranks								
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Syllabus of Training

for period 19th 11th 17th inst inclusive

		FORENOON 0900-1130		AFTERNOON 1330-1500	REMARKS
Monday 19:11:17	10 mins 20 " 120 "	Inspection Brisk March Cleaning guns, checking all gear & repacking limbers.	60 mins 30 "	Parts of Guns. (instructions in) Lecture. Discipline.	
Tuesday 20:11:17	10 mins 20 " 30 " 90 "	Inspection Brisk March Rifle & revolver exercises Instruction in Stripping & cleaning	30 mins 60 "	Inspection of Gas helmets Elementary training 1 st stage.	
Wednesday 21:11:17	10 mins 140 "	Inspection Route March & foot inspections	90 mins	Instruction in stoppages with tests	
Thursday 22:11:17	10 mins 20 " 30 " 30 " 30 "	Inspection Brisk march Rifle & revolver exercises Lecture Map reading Signal Drill	30 mins 60 "	Inspection of Gas helmets Elementary training 2 nd stage.	
Friday 23:11:17	10 mins 140 "	Inspection Route march & foot inspection	30 mins 60 "	Lecture Barrage work Elementary training in same	
Saturday 24:11:17	10 mins 20 " 120 "	Inspection Brisk march Recapitulation where necessary under section Commanders & cleaning guns & gear		Football Rugby Soccer matches to be arranged	
Sunday 25:11:17		Inspection Church Parade			

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Syllabus of Training
for period from 27th Nov to 1st Dec 1917.

		FORENOON 0830-1130		AFTERNOON 1330-1500	REMARKS
Monday 26-11-17	10 mins 20 " 150 "	Inspection Brisk march Elementary Drill 3 rd Stage	60 mins 30 "	Mechanisms & stoppages cleaning guns & gear.	
Tuesday 27-11-17	10 mins 20 " 30 " 120 "	Inspection Squad Drill Lecture Barrage work & instruction in making calculations from the map. Barrage Drill.	30 mins 60 "	Gas helmet drill & inspection Recreational training	
Wednesday 28-11-17	10 mins 170 "	Inspection Route march (not less than 10 miles)	90 mins	Foot inspection & Lecture (Care of feet)	
Thursday 29-11-17	10 mins 20 " 120 " 30 "	Inspection Brisk march Tactical handling 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Stages cleaning guns & gear.	30 mins 60 "	Gas helmet drill & inspection Recreational training	
Friday 30-11-17	10 mins 20 " 120 " 30 "	Inspection Squad drill Barrage drill Lecture Censorship regulations & necessity for secrecy as regards Military operations	30 mins 60 "	Stoppages Tests of elementary training taking times & stimulating Competitions.	
Saturday 1-12-17	10 mins 20 " 120 " 30 "	Inspection Brisk march Barrage work & training & testing N.C.O.'s in making calculations from maps Cleaning guns & packing lumber		Recreation	
Sunday 2-12-17		Inspection Church Parade.			

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