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**1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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

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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*2nd Aust. Machine Gun Coy*

FOR

*March* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOCRE	1/3/18		Lieut R. W. Watson & Pte Lyon returned from Aircraft School. Lieut J. R. Phelan & Pte Wadden returned from A.A. School Pte A. V. Gardiner returned from leave to England. Coys moved per route march & billeted at Sheet 28 N.15 D 7080 near SIEGE FARM. Sgt. F. A. Clark returned from A.A. School	BAILLEUL JRH
	2/3/18		1850 Pte L. B. Le Gray returned from Paris leave. 4 Dranks to Brigade School. 1789 L/Cpl H. L. Muskin to Aust. Corps Gas School.	JRH
	3/3/18		Pte A. W. Sham and Cpl L. R. Strother returned from Paris leave 2 Dranks on leave to England.	JRH
	4/3/18			
	5/3/18		Pte J. J. Kearley returned from D. R. S. Cpl F. A. Cox on leave to Paris.	JRH
	6/3/18		Pte R. J. Johnson on leave to England. Sgt. W. Brown returned from English leave. Received two Males for transport.	JRH
	7/3/18		Dov G. J. Pearce returned from Paris leave. 1529 Cpl D. Cameron rejoined Unit from Grantham. Lt A. G. Honeyburn returned from Paris leave. Pte Kearley & Pte L. A. Padden returned from D. R. S. Pte T. Lethian evacuated sick.	JRH

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Sheet 28 N15.D 7080	8/2/18		Pte A. Tinsley returned from English leave. Received 1000 Rds revolver Ammunition from B.H.Q. Pte G. Hunt returned from English leave. 2149 Pte G. Francis returned from Hospital on leave. 2339 Pte G.H. Honeyburn evacuated to D.R.S. 20 lbs Waste Paper returned to Pde Dump.	JAH
	9/3/18		4468 Pte W. J. Crocker + Pte O'Loughlin returned from Eng. School. Pte James returned from English leave. Pte G. Macfie returned from Paris leave.	JAH
	10/3/18		345 Pte Jefferson returned from leave. 2 O'Ranks reported from Gas School.	JAH
	11/3/18		3 O'Ranks on leave to UK. 2778 Pte G. Anderson to Hospital whilst on leave in England.	JAH
	12/3/18		2 O'Ranks returned from English leave. Pte G.H. Honeyburn returned from D.R.S. 2 O'Ranks evacuated sick.	JAH
	13/3/18		2 O'Ranks returned from UK leave.	JAH
	14/3/18		Cpl Coe returned from Paris leave.	JAH

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Sheet 28 N15.2 7080	15/3/18		No 2 section moved to line reserve & manned M. Battery. Pte Dunstan evac to D.R.S. 3036 Pte W.H. Baker returned from Hospital England.	JKA
	16/3/18		20 bpe W. Adam returned from Gas School.	JKA
	17/3/18		1126 bpe Radnell returned from M.G. School 1183 Pte Ross evacuated: Sick. Pte Cook to Bde Sq School. 2 Trunks returned to Bde Transport. 60 lbs Solder & 20 lbs Waste paper <sup>sent</sup> returned to Dump.	JKA
	18/3/18		Capt F.A. Kinnicombe reported from 3 <sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy & took over command of Coy. Lt. J. O'Hara and Lieut J. O'Loughlin returned from leave (UK) 20 Ranks returned from UK leave. 30 Ranks evacuated Sick.	JKA
	19/3/18		No 15 Pte J.D. Byrne joined Coy from A.I. Co. Pte Durso, Morroll, Hanson & Capt J.M. Hogg transferred to M.G. Batt. H.Q. Capt Hogg as Adjutant.	JKA
	20/3/18		20 Ranks returned from leave UK 3104 Dvr A.H. O'Leary transferred to M.G. Batt. H.Q. 2 light freight boxes evacuated sick.	JKA
	21/3/18		30 Ranks evacuated to D.R.S.	JKA

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Sheet 29 N15 D 7080	22/3/18		Pte Brown to School of Cookery. 5 O'Henks evacuated to D.R.S. 50 lbs fat, 25 lbs Paper, 46 Solder sent to Ade Dumps.	JKA
	23/3/18		Pte Dunstan rejoined from Hospital, No 2 & 3 sections brought out from 164 N. Batteries in line Ptes Peel, Ault, Crawford, Russell evacuated to Hospital suffering from Gas, this did not show effect till 3 days after being in Gas area.	JKA
	24/3/18		Ptes Knight, Bird & Purcell evacuated Gassed. No 3 & 4 sections took over in line from 25 <sup>th</sup> No. 9. Coy	JKA
	25/3/18		Lt Col Bristol, Pte W. H. Simmons, Pte J. S. Wallace to B.C.S. Gassed. No 2 Section moved forward & relieved a section of 25 <sup>th</sup> No. 9. Coy, relief complete without incident by 9/30 AM.	JKA
	26/3/18		132 lbs Solder Materials & 30 lbs Paper sent to Ade Salvage Dump. Pte Synnott evacuated to Hospital. Pte L. Bowden rejoined Coy from D.R.S.	JKA
	27/3/18		2870 Lt Col S. G. Pearce evacuated to Hospital in Ade School. 571 Pte A. W. Adam evacuated shell shock. 640 Pte A. E. Lane evacuated No. 9. bullets in shoulder	JKA
	28/3/18		281 Lt Col S. S. Bristol, Lt Col Pearce, Pte S. Hyman, rejoined Coy from D.R.S. 4 O'Henks joined Coy from Base.	JKA

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Shell 28.415 D 70.80	29/3/18		Situation normal.								
	30/3/18		Returned 3 German <sup>Guards</sup> to DE ZON CAMP, also Officers surplus Kit. 682 N.P. bowroy temporarily attached to M.G. Battalion H.Q. 1 riding horse & 2 heavy Draughts evacuated. 4 Signaller's Struck off strength attached from Bn H.Q. for Nations and Duty.								
	31/3/18		496 Pte G. B. Argo returned from D.R. S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt H. E. Williams reported to Coy 30/3/18. Statements of Coy. on 31/3/18								
			OFF	OPD	ATTACHED	TOTAL	HORSES	LIMBERS	4 WHEELED VEHICLES	BICYCLES	REMARKS.
			16	164	6 2 AM.C 4 SIGS	186	51	13	1	1	Schools 6000 DRP 21 Batt H.Q. 1 9.
			J. Moran Lt.								
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Coy								