

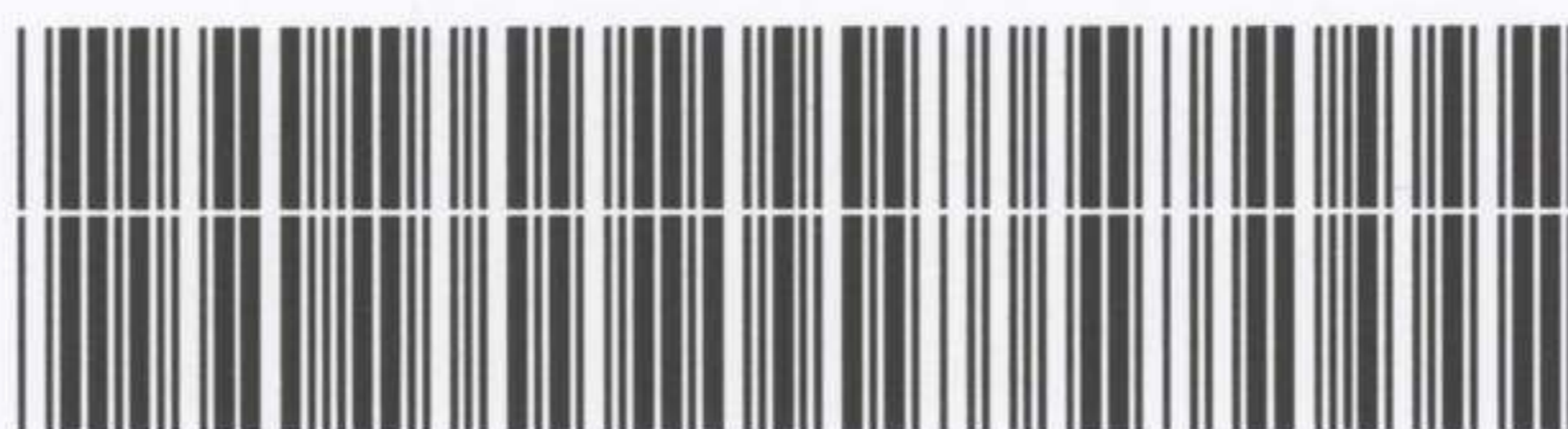
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Company.*

FOR

*December*                      *1918.*

Signature of Officer compiling

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Signature of Officer Commanding

*R. P. Ellis*

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| Place       | Date    | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|---------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| BEAUVRIEUX. | 1/12/18 |      | 9 O. Ranks on furlough to Australia. CPL Pearce rejoined Coy from England ex wounded. Weather fine & sunny.   |                                      |
|             | 2/12/18 |      | Weather cloudy & very bleak. 1 O Rank attached to A. S. C.  |                                      |
|             | 3/12/18 |      | 1 O Rank evacuated to Hospital. Weather dull with light showers.  |                                      |
|             | 4/12/18 |      | 1 O Rank returned to Aust from D. H. Q. 1 O Rank to Hospital after MK leave<br>1 O Rank rejoined Coy from MK leave. 1 O Rank attached as Farrier to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Coy           |                                      |
|             | 5/12/18 |      | Weather showery all day. 9 O Ranks marched in from Base, 2 O Ranks rejoined from W. G. School, 1 O Rank from MK leave, 1 O Rank was attached as Farrier from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Coy. |                                      |
|             | 6/12/18 |      | Fine bright day, Coy route marched for 2 hours in morning & indulged in recreational training in afternoon.   |                                      |
|             | 7/12/18 |      | CPL White transferred to Corps P. T. School Ruc as instructor<br>3 O Ranks on leave to MK.  |                                      |
|             | 8/12/18 |      | 4 O Ranks rejoined from MK leave, fine bright days is much appreciated by men.  |                                      |

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|            | 9/12/18  |      | 4 O'Clock transferred to Clerical Staff A.I.F. HQ London.  |                                      |
| BEAUVRIEUX |          |      | Dull morning turning to nice sunny afternoon, boy played Honours Football but was beaten by 3 goals after an excellent match.  |                                      |
|            | 10/12/18 |      | 1 O'Clock marched in from Base, weather dull & showery, had route march in morning & owing to rain, could do no recreational work in afternoon, on suggestion from O.C. Coy engaged in debate which was very instructive & interesting to officers & men, subject being should Australia maintain a standing army after the war. |                                      |
|            | 11/12/18 |      | Lt R. J. Ellis rejoined Coy from G. School, Pte Lucas on special leave to UK. weather very showery.  |                                      |
|            | 12/12/18 |      | Weather very showery, Coy cleaned guns in billets in morning, Lt J. B. Lake was appointed messing officer & owing to his energetic management men found a decided improvement in meals.  |                                      |
|            | 13/12/18 |      | 11 O'Clock marched in from Base, 1 O'Clock evacuated to Hospital, Coy played 2 <sup>nd</sup> boy football in afternoon & had a very easy victory.  |                                      |

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| BEAUVRIEUX. | 14/12/18 |      | Boy went for Route March to Solre-le-Chateau in morning, owing to very wet afternoon there was no parade & men had half holiday. Lt. Aagaard went forward to Le Ronx to act as down major & billeting officer for the Battalion, 17 Co attached to 2nd & 1st Coys as billeting N.O. for move forward. |                                      |
|             | 15/12/18 |      | 20 Ranks on leave to UK, 20 Ranks evacuated to Hospital, weather was fine & Coy carried out training as per syllabus.   |                                      |
|             | 16/12/18 |      | Boy moved with Battalion by march route to La Grandiere to Barbencen leaving Beauvieux at 10 a.m. & arriving at destination at 3.45 p.m., the weather being very bad raining incessantly, boy had lunch on the way.   |                                      |
|             | 17/12/18 |      | Boy marched to Gourdinne, passing through Bastillon, Fontenelle, Walcourt & Thy-le-Chateau, weather was very showery, men had very comfortable billets for the night.   |                                      |
|             | 18/12/18 |      | 10 Rank evacuated to Hospital, boy moved by route march at 0800, passing through Salinnes to Villers Poterie, very cold weather, showers & hail <del>by</del> storms at intervals, arrived at new billets at 2 p.m., men had lunch & dried  |                                      |

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|         | 18/12/18 |      | their clothes which were very wet.   |                                      |
| LE ROUX | 19/12/18 |      | Coy moved by route march from Telles Potence at 1000 passing through Presles to Le Roux, cold & windy weather, L'Agard rejoined Coy, civilian population of Le Roux gave the men a very warm & enthusiastic welcome, men & officers have all got splendid billets. |                                      |
|         | 20/12/18 |      | Weather cold & showery, day was devoted to cleaning equipment & billets, 10 Rank rejoined Coy from Hospital, 20 Ranks on leave to Paris.   |                                      |
|         | 21/12/18 |      | cold bleak day, Coy had a route march in the morning to Jamines about 5 kilometres from Le Roux, afternoon was spent in recreation.  |                                      |
|         | 22/12/18 |      | 2564 Cpl Sergeants transferred to B HQ. Training carried out as per syllabus fine in the morning but showery in the afternoon.   |                                      |
|         | 23/12/18 |      | 10 Rank returned from UK leave, Coy cleaned guns & billets in the morning owing to weather being very wet, had 1/2 holiday owing to same reason in the afternoon.  |                                      |
|         | 24/12/18 |      | 20 Ranks on leave to UK, 40 Ranks rejoined Coy on UK leave, fine day & Coy carried out training as per syllabus.   |                                      |

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|---------|----------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Le Roua | 25/12/18 |      | Xmas card received from G.O.C. 2nd A.I. Brigade wishing Officers & men a Merry Xmas, Coy had a holiday, each Section cooked their own dinner, men had plenty of Poultry & Xmas puddings, beer was supplied by the Courtien, everyone in the Coy had a most enjoyable Xmas, had a light fall of snow early in the morning, but afterwards the weather was fine & sunny. |                                      |
|         | 26/12/18 |      | Friday, Coy had full holiday, numbers of men went walks to neighbouring villages & had an enjoyable day.   |                                      |
|         | 27/12/18 |      | Weather very cold & wet, Coy supplied Battalion Guard, owing to weather all training was done in billets, lectures etc being given.  |                                      |
|         | 28/12/18 |      | Raining heavily all day, Lt Bowman, Cpl Knight, Pte Kirby, Williamson Rtd, Wickham Connole Jt, Cpl Macfie, Dan Synnot, all proceeded to Chatelet en route for Australia men give them a hearty send off. Coy unable to do training owing to bad weather.   |                                      |
|         | 29/12/18 |      | Pte Lotheran admitted to Hospital whilst on leave in England, Sunday no church Parade Coy had a holiday.   |                                      |
|         | 30/12/18 |      | Tuesday, Parades as per Syllabus, afternoon devoted to recreational training.  |                                      |

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|---------|----------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| LeRoux. | 31/12/18 |      | Weather dull but rain kept off, Coy Commanders Conference at B.H.Q., Lt Ellis attended, + lodged a formal complaint as to shortage of rations, Coy, played 2 <sup>nd</sup> Football, our side winning by 10 goals to three after a very one-sided game. Men drew clean underclothes from B.H.Q. |                                      |
|         |          |      | Company Ration Strength 9 Officers 163 O'Ranks.<br>Establishment 9 Officers 176 O'Ranks   |                                      |
|         |          |      | Transport:- 13 G.S. Limbs 1 G.S. Waggon (attached) 1 Cooker<br>1 Water cart   |                                      |
|         |          |      | Horses 8 Riding 2.5 Light Draught, 2 Heavy Draught 2 Heavy Draught attached   |                                      |

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# WAR DIARY

OF

*2<sup>d</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Company.*

FOR

*December - 1918.*

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| <i>1.</i> | <i>Transport Officer's Report.</i> |
| <i>2.</i> | <i>Company Order.</i>              |

up to what is asked for -

Harrows is in good order &  
all minor repairs have been  
adjusted.

vehicles are not up to the  
usual high standard, owing  
to the enormous amount of  
work being done & shortage  
of M.P.C. & very bad & wet  
weather.

Painters are busy touching  
up timbers that require it

Minor Defects are very short &  
which does not irritate them  
in any way & gives plenty to  
complain about.

The last Issue of Demounts  
have turned out better than  
was hoped for & are quite  
upto the the remainder of our  
horses.

31-12-18.

E. Waller A.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Coy

Transport Report

31-12-18

During the month clipping of  
horses was carried out, under  
extremely difficult conditions,  
owing to shortage of Machines,  
cutters & combs, which could not be  
obtained. Owing horses were  
shaved by 20<sup>th</sup> & I handed the  
machine over to the 21<sup>st</sup> Coy.

On Dec 18<sup>th</sup> the Bn sports took  
place, all mounted events.

The following were won by  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coy in Fine Style.

Relay Race - Jug of War -

Trot - Officers Race -

& Bri Championship -  
winning five events, out of a  
programme of eight.

Horses are looking well considering  
the shortage of fodder & amount  
of work they have done since  
we arrived at our new Billet.  
Stables are fair also grazing & used  
helps to keep the condition up.

Company Order No. 490

1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1918

(Routine)

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

|                       |                 |                     |      |                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|
| duties for<br>2-12-18 | Orderly Officer | Lt. J. K. Peace     | Next | Lt. H. K. Manners    |
|                       | " Sergeant      | Sgt. Morrison R. J. | "    | Sgt. Makepeace E. W. |
|                       | " Corporal      | Cpl. Gardiner N. V. | "    | Cpl. Mackereth A.    |
|                       | " Section       | No. 2               | "    | No. 3                |

In future one corporal from each section will be detailed daily as section Orderly Corporal. He will remain in billets with the Mess Orderly and be held responsible for cleanliness of billet and tidiness of kits.

R. F. Ellis Lieut  
for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

### Notices

Lost on Football Field Saturday afternoon a British Warmer Greatcoat with name Anderson on lining inside. Finder please return to Company Orderly Room.

Company Order No. 4912<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 1918

(Routine)

by Lt. J. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

|                 |                      |         |                     |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. H. J. Mammers    | Next to | Lt. N. B. Aagaard   |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Makepeace E. W. | "       | Sgt. Strother L. R. |
| " Corporal      | Cpl. Mackereth A.    | "       | Lt. Honybur C. H.   |
| " Section       | No. 3                | "       | No. 4               |

Routine

Parade 0930

Dress - Clean Fatigue

Lunch 1100

Dinner 1600

Race Meeting

Race Meeting will be held at 1200 on ground 500 yds. from billet on right of road leading to Siery.

Postings

No. 2870 Cpl. Pease S. G. marched in from Base and is posted to No. 1 Section.

Wills

The Wills made by men in old Pay Books will be kept at Estates Branch, Horseferry Road, England, for safe custody unless soldier desires to retain same, in which case application is to be made immediately for same.

German Money.

There is at present, practically nothing but German money in re-occupied Belgium. This money is subject, commercially, to depreciation of 50%. Belgian shopkeepers will probably endeavour to induce men to accept this money at pre-war value. Should they accept it they will find that they will only be able to exchange it later on, at considerable loss.

Discharges in U.K.

It is notified for the information of all concerned that each application for discharge in England on demobilisation will be considered on its merits by the demobilisation authorities.

Any applications for such discharges should be made by the men concerned through their commanding officers, stating the reason for the desire to be discharged in England, nature of employment available, etc.

R. F. Ellis *Per*  
for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

NoticeLost

a silver cigarette case engraved J. Gratton Wilson 1918.  
Finder please return to Lt. J. Gratton Wilson 21<sup>st</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No. 492

3<sup>rd</sup> Decr. 1918

(Routine)

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

duties for  
5.12.18

|                 |                      |      |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|------|----------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. N. B. Aagaard    | Next | Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Strother L. R.  | "    | Sgt. Clarke F. A.    |
| " Corporal      | Cpl. Honeyburn G. H. | "    | Cpl. Pearse S. G.    |
| " Section       | No. 4                | "    | No. 1                |

J. F. Bowman Lt

for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No. 493

4<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1918

(Routine)

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

duties for  
5.12.18

|                 |                      |      |                    |
|-----------------|----------------------|------|--------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin | Next | Lt. J. R. Peace    |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Clarke F. A.    | "    | Sgt. Hayes P. D.   |
| " Corporal      | Cpl. Pearse S. G.    | "    | Cpl. Byrd S. W. A. |
| " Section       | No. 1                | "    | No. 2              |

postings

The following O'Ranks are re-posted to sections as under.

|          |                  |                    |                   |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| No. 4458 | Pte. Mills P.    | from No. 1 section | to Transport.     |
| 330 D    | " Oldfield H.    | " " 2              | " " "             |
| 6141     | " Clarke G. b.   | " " 2              | " " "             |
| 2572     | " Anderson W. A. | " " 3              | " " "             |
| 2800     | " Campbell R. S. | " " 1              | " " Headquarters. |
| 6002     | " Dunn W. H.     | " " 2              | " " "             |
| 18444    | " Wilson J.      | " " 2              | " " "             |

J. F. Bowman Lt

for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No. 494  
(Routine)

5<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1918

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

ties for  
12-18

|                 |                    |      |                     |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|---------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. J. R. Peace    | Next | Lt. J. C. Little    |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Hayes P. B.   | "    | Sgt. Hulme G. E.    |
| " Corporal      | Cpl. Byrd S. W. A. | "    | L/Cpl. Bowman J. S. |
| " Section       | No. 2              | "    | No. 3               |

Postings

The following men having marched in from Base are posted to sections as under:-

|         |             |       |                  |
|---------|-------------|-------|------------------|
| No. 688 | Pte Shugg   | G. R. | To No. 1 Section |
| 7091    | " Wilson    | A. S. | " " 1 "          |
| 3372    | " Kenney    | P. W. | " " 2 "          |
| 4829    | " Harley    | J. H. | " " 2 "          |
| 2448    | " Radley    | A. J. | " " 2 "          |
| 1688    | " Keyte     | A. V. | " " 2 "          |
| 3147    | " Fraser    | D.    | " " 2 "          |
| 612     | " Kent      | G. H. | " " 2 "          |
| 4334    | L/Cpl. Wood | W. R. | " " 3 "          |

Re-postings

The following other ranks are re-posted to sections as under:-

|         |                |       |                                 |
|---------|----------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| No. 503 | Pte. Carpenter | S. R. | from No. 1 Section to Transport |
| 3768    | " Hill         | A. R. | " " 4 " " "                     |

*J. R. Bowman*  
for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No. 495

6<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1918

(Routine)  
by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. C. O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

|            |                 |                     |        |                     |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Duties for | Orderly Officer | Lt. J. C. Little    | Nesct. | Lt. N. B. Aagaard   |
| 7. 12. 18  | " sergeant      | Sgt. Hulme C. E.    | "      | Sgt. Campbell K.    |
|            | " corporal      | L/Cpl. Bowman F. S. | "      | L/Cpl. Robins W. S. |
|            | " section       | No. 3               | "      | No. 4               |

Re-postings No. 3372 Pte Kenney S.W. is reposted from No. 2 section to company Headquarters.

Battalion Book Applications are invited for the position of book at Battalion Headquarters. Names to be handed in at company Orderly Room before 1200.

*J. P. [Signature]*  
for Actg. C. O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No. 496

7<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1918

(Routine)

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy.

|                         |                 |                     |       |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Duties for<br>8. 12. 18 | Orderly Officer | Lt. N. B. Aagaard   | Neset | Lt. H. J. Francis |
|                         | " Sergeant      | Sgt. Campbell K     | "     | Sgt. Clarke J. A. |
|                         | " Corporal      | L/Cpl. Robins W. S. | "     | Cpl. Pearse S. G. |
|                         | " Section       | No. 4               | "     | No. 1             |

2. postings The following O'Ranks are reposted to sections as under:-

No. 2264 Pte. Moore G. J. from H. Qrs. to No. 1 Section  
7689 " Goyme J. A. " No. 1 Section to H. Qrs.  
3722 " Down L. L. " " " " Transport

University Examination. Candidates desirous of sitting for the University of London Matriculation Examination in January meset will hand their names together with subjects in which they wish to sit into Company Orderly Room by 1800 on 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

Part II

Appointments

To be Corporal

No. 2405 Temp. Cpl. Mackereth A. to complete establishment  
To date 10. 8. 18.  
3087 Temp. Cpl. Earl W. vice No. 4468 Cpl. Crocker W. J. wounded  
To date 23. 8. 18  
2590 Temp. Cpl. Buffoy G. vice No. 1316 Cpl. Willett H. evacuated sick  
To date 3. 9. 18  
672 Temp. Cpl. Black W. R. K. vice No. 286 Cpl. Coe J. A. wounded  
To date 8. 11. 18

Reversions

No. 1712 Temp. Cpl. Clarke H. W. reverts to L/Cpl. on evacuation to Hospital. To date 8/11/18

J. R. Brown Lt.

for Actg. O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy.

Notices

A supply of French letters have been procured and same may be had on application at Battalion R.A.P. at the price of 3d each.



Company Order No. 197

8.12.18

(Routine)

by Lt. H. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.Notice for  
12.18

|                 |                   |      |                    |
|-----------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. H. J. Francis | Next | Lt. J. K. Peace    |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Clarke F.A.  | "    | Sgt. Hayes P.D.    |
| " Corporal      | Cpl. Pearce S.C.  | "    | L/Cpl. Baker W. H. |
| " Section       | No. 1             | "    | No. 2              |

Postings

No. 4135 Pte. Botten A.C. having marched in from Base is taken on strength and posted to Transport.

German  
currency

The Rate of exchange temporarily fixed by Allied Headquarters between Marks and French Francs, is one Mark equals 70 centimes. It is understood that the Belgian Government are buying Marks at a higher rate to assist Belgian civilians.

Meat and food  
Inspectors

Particulars of a course to qualify as meat and food inspectors may be obtained upon application at Battalion Headquarters. Any men desiring to undertake such course must hand their names into Company Orderly Room before 1200 on 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

J. R. Horn L<sup>1</sup>

for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

NoticesChristmas  
Mails

It is notified that the latest dates of posting for Christmas correspondence are as follows:-

|                               |         |                       |         |                       |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| British Isles (except London) | Letters | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. | Parcels | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. |
|                               |         |                       |         |                       |
| London                        |         | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. |         | 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. |

Company Order No. 4989-12-18

{Routine}

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

for Actg. O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy.

|               |                 |                    |      |                      |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|------|----------------------|
| vacancies for | Orderly Officer | Lt. J. K. Peace    | Next | Lt. H. H. Manners    |
| 10. 12. 18    | " Sergeant      | Sgt. Hayes P. D.   | "    | Sgt. Makepeace E. W. |
|               | " Corporal      | L/cpl. Baker W. H. | "    | L/cpl. Rogers A. D.  |
|               | " Section       | No. 2              | "    | No. 3                |

Re-posting. No 2778. Pte. Anderson G. is reposted from No. 4 Section to Company Headquarters.

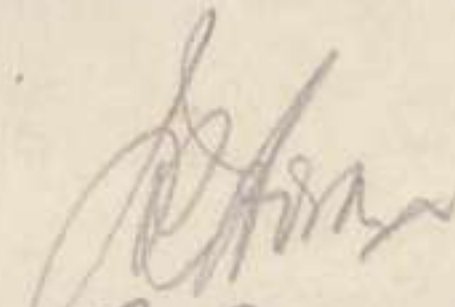
Leave Leave may be granted to neighbouring villages upon application to Section Officers. Passes to be forwarded to Company Office for O.C.'s approval.

Classes for Fitters, Turners, & Blacksmiths:-

Tradesmen

Men of the above trades desiring attachment to suitable workshops may obtain particulars at Bn. H.Q. and should hand their names in to Company Orderly Room before noon on 11<sup>th</sup> inst. These attachments will commence on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. and will last for 30 days.

In addition to the above there are vacancies for the following trades:-  
 compositors (Hand). Stereotypers. Machine Minder (printing).  
 Designers (poster). Machine Assistant. Printer's Reader.  
 Printing Machine Fitter. Letter printers. Transferers  
 (Lithography). Warehouse printers. Platten machine  
 minder. Further particulars are obtainable at  
 Battalion H.Q. Names to be handed in to Company  
 Orderly Room before noon on 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

  
 for Actg. O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy.

Company Order No. 50011-12-18

{Routine}

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Aust. M. G. Coy.

|                        |                 |                    |       |                      |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| orders for<br>12.12.18 | orderly officer | Lt. N. B. Aagaard  | Next. | Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin |
|                        | " sergeant      | Sgt. Strother L.R. | "     | Sgt. Clarke J.A.     |
|                        | " corporal      | Cpl. Earl W.       | "     | Cpl. Buppney G.      |
|                        | " section       | No. 4              | "     | No. 1                |

Re-joining Lt. R. F. Ellis rejoined company ex. M. G. School, carriers.

Re-posting No. 18 Pte bowley J. W. is re-posted from No. 4 section to Transport.

Tradesmen Men, skilled in the following trades, who desire attachment to suitable workshops for a period of about six weeks should report to Battr. H.Q. at 1400 on 12<sup>th</sup> inst. The trades are:-  
Trane Drivers (steam).  
Electricians. Platelayers. Marine Fitters.  
Marine Fitters. Lightermen.

Recreation The General Recreation Committee will meet at Battr. H.Q. at 1430 on 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

W. H. L.

for Actg. C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy.

Notice

Lost. On Main Road between Riqueval and Jearcourt, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1918, 1 Brown leathercase, containing light oak cabinet, 2 drawers, with 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Field Artillery Brigade Records (card system, nominal roll). A reward of 100 francs will be paid to the finder on returning same to Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Artillery, or to Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Division.

Company Order No. 501

12.12.18

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(Routine)

by Lt. F. S. Bowman

Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

|            |                 |                      |      |                     |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------|------|---------------------|
| Duties for | Orderly Officer | Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin | Next | Lt. J. K. Peace     |
| 3.12.18    | " Sergeant      | Sgt. Clarke F. A.    | "    | Sgt. Hayes. P. D.   |
|            | " Corporal      | Cpl. Ruffey G.       | "    | S/Cpl. Bearup E. R. |
|            | " Section       | No. 1                | "    | No. 2               |

Leave Passes

All leave passes must be returned to company Orderly Room immediately upon expiration of leave.

Tattoo Reports.

Section Sergeants will be held personally responsible for correctness of Tattoo Reports.

*F. S. Bowman*  
for Actg. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No 502.

13.12.18.

(Routine)

By Lt J. S. Bowman.

Acty: O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.this for.  
12.18

|               |                    |       |                   |
|---------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Oddly Officer | Lt J. K. Peace.    | Next. | Lt. J. E. Liate.  |
| " Sergeant.   | Sgt. Stays. P. L.  | "     | Sgt. Hulme C. C.  |
| " Corporal.   | Lt/Pl. Beard C. R. | "     | Lt/Pl. Wood W. R. |
| " Section.    | No 2.              | "     | No 3.             |

Stings

The following O'ranks having marched in from Base, are posted to sections as under:-

|          |                     |                 |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| No 3642. | Pte Gregg. A. St.   | to No 1 section |
| " 6150   | " Moss. A.          | " " 1 "         |
| " 5683   | " Gilbert. S.       | " " 1 "         |
| " 6789   | " Miller. J.        | " " 1 "         |
| 6213     | " Abbott. St.       | " " 1 "         |
| 6469     | " Charlton J. S.    | " " 2 "         |
| 6328     | " Oram. W. A.       | " " 3 "         |
| 7227     | " Elliot. W. G.     | " " 3 "         |
| 6622     | " Bell. W.          | " " 4 "         |
| 6892     | " Smith. R. W. J.   | " " 4 "         |
| 346      | " McGinnisten L. O. | " " 4 "         |

Discharge in  
U.K.

The following conditions are imposed on members of the A. I. F. desirous of discharge in U.K., and no member will be discharged unless they are fulfilled.

- 1/ Must of kin resides outside Australia, or has no objection to discharge abroad.
- 2/ Domicile was ordinarily outside Australia before the war, or would be necessary for person concerned to return to U.K. if returned to Australia for discharge.
- 3/ Must be able to maintain himself abroad.
- 4/ Release the Commonwealth Government from any obligation to repatriate at any future period.

J. S. Bowman

For Acty O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Company.

Company Order No 504

15.12.18.

(Routine)

by Lt J. S. Bowman.

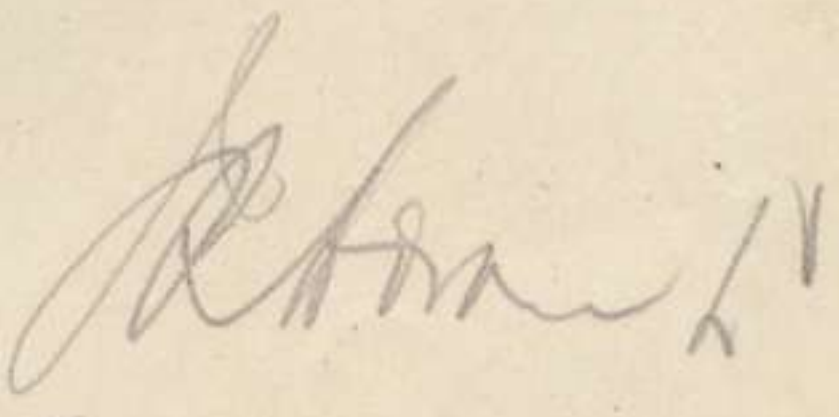
Acty O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Company.Return for  
5.12.18.

|                  |                     |       |                      |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Orderly Officer. | Lt. J. J. Francis   | Next. | Lt. J. H. O'Houghlin |
| " Sergeant.      | Sgt. Campbell. R.   | "     | Sgt. Clarke. R. A.   |
| " Corporal.      | Cpl Woodyard. J. H. | "     | L/Cpl Edwards. P. R. |
| " Section.       | No 4.               | "     | No 1.                |

Routine.

|              |   |                 |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| Reveille     | - | 0700.           |
| Breakfast    | - | 0730.           |
| Limbs packed | - | 0830.           |
| Roll-in      | - | 0900.           |
| Move-off     | - | 0930.           |
| Lunch.       | - | 12.20. to 13.00 |

Two limbs will be left at billets this evening for blankets.  
Blankets will be packed under supervision of section officers.  
Lt. O. limbs will collect officers valises at 0815.  
Company will move by route-march to Barmenon on 16<sup>th</sup>.

  
For Acty O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy.

Company Order No 505.

19.12.18

Routine.

by Lt. J. S. Bowman.

Acty. C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy

Duties  
for  
21/12/18.

|                 |                                    |       |                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. H. J. Francis.                 | Next. | Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Campbell K.                   | "     | Sgt. Clarke, R. A.   |
| " Corporal      | Lt. Col. Thompson, 8 <sup>th</sup> | "     | Spl. Pearce, S. G.   |
| " Section       | No. 4.                             |       | No. 1.               |

Routine.

Reveille. - 0730

Breakfast. - 0800.

Company Parade in billets 0900. Dress - Clean fatigue.

Company Drill-in. - 0930. Dress - Clean fatigue.

Dinner. - 12.15.

Tea. - 1.6.30

Latrine. - 2.100.

Lights Out. - 22.00.

Posting

No 385 Pte Jefferson, S. R. H is reported from No 2 Section to Company Hdqrs.

No 661<sup>a</sup> Pte Ford, P. is reported from Transport to No 2 Section.

Blankets.

Blankets will be inspected at Podent Lorry in town tomorrow. Blankets to be rolled in bundles of ten and stacked in section billets by 0830

Kits.

All kits will be folded in manner adopted by the Battalion.

ave.

Leave to Charlovi has been allotted as follows:  
Each section three per day. Transport, four, Hdqrs-two.  
Section sergeants will send names into Coy Orderly Room not later than noon, the day before leave is required.

R. P. Ellis Lieut

For Acty C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

Company Order No 506

20.12.18

(Routine)

by Lt. R. S. Bowman.

Acty C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Coy

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Ordinary Officer. Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin. | Novel Lt. J. H. Peace. |
| " Sergeant. Sgt. Clarke, P. A.          | " Sgt. Stays P. A.     |
| " Corporal. Cpl. Pease. S. G.           | " Cpl. Knight. A.      |
| " Section No 1.                         | " No 2.                |

orders for  
7.12.18.

postings.

No 3929 Sgt. Strother L. R. is reported from No 4 section to Coy Hdqrs.  
No 236: Pte White J. R. is reported from No 4 section to Coy Hdqrs.  
No 7224 Pte Elliot W. G. marched in from hospital and is posted to No 3 section.

Training  
for 21.12.18

Company parade. Half-an-hour close order drill and rifle exercises - particular attention being paid to fixing and unfixing bayonets and presenting arms. Unpacking and repacking limbers - Rifle inspection. Limbers to be washed and cleaned.

punishments.

No 5114 S. W. Judge. J. E. charged with "insubordination to a superior officer." ~~See~~ Punishment awarded: 7 days detention.  
No 661<sup>A</sup> Pte Ford. P. charged with 1 Neglect of duty.  
2 Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he did use insubordinate language to a superior officer. Remanded to C. O.

R. S. Bowman Lt

For Acty C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.



Company Order No 507.

21.12.18

(Routine)

by Lt. P. S. Bowman

Acty O C 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy

|                 |                  |      |                       |
|-----------------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. J. H. Peace  | Post | Lt. H. J. Mannus      |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt. Hayes P. L. | "    | Sgt. Macpherson C. W. |
| " Corporal      | Cpl Knight A.    | "    | Cpl Macfie. S. H.     |
| " Section       | No. 2            | "    | No 3.                 |

J. H. Mannus  
For Acty O C 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order 72508

22.12.18

(Routine)

by Lt A.S. Bowman

Acty. O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy

Orders for 3/12/18

|                 |                          |                 |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt A.S. Manner           | Warrant Officer | Lt N. Baagaard    |
| "               | Sergeant Sgt Makpau & Co | "               | Sgt Campbell & Co |
| "               | Spl. Spl Macfie & Co     | "               | L/Cpl Robins & Co |
| "               | Section 703              | "               | 704               |

Promotions

To be Lance Corporal

702800 Pte Campbell, R.S. To complete establishment

To date 9.12.18

70671. Armstrong, J.A. To complete establishment

To date 14.12.18

To be Lance Corporal (Driver)

3249 Sgt Bowen, D.J. To complete establishment. To date 14.12.18

2230 " Hoare, J.W. " " " " " " " "

2149 " Francis, G. " " " " " " " "

3259 " Barrows, J.J. " " " " " " " "

To be Drivers

682 Pte Conroy, W. vice L/Cpl Sergeant R.L. Promoted To date 22.9.18

~~661<sup>st</sup> " Bird, P. " " " " " " " "~~

1700 " Pittall, A.L. " " " " " " " "

fire-wood

Before any timber or waggons are sent in future for fire-wood, a chat will be obtained from B.H.Q. and the Burgomaster etc be advised

Cartons

Sections will return all empty jam cartons to P.M. store each morning before 0900.

Punishments

705260 L/Cpl Byrd, S.W.A. In the Field whilst on Active Service. A.W.L. from 2130 on 19.12.18 to 1730 on 20.12.18 1 day. Punishment:- deprived of Temporary Rank 21.12.18

705425 Pte Peel, G.R. In the Field whilst on Active Service A.W.L. from 2130 on 19.12.18 to 1730 on 20.12.18 1 day.

Punishment:- 14 days A.P. 702 and forfeits 1 days pay by R.W. 21.12.18

R.P. Collins Field  
For Acty O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M G Company

Company Order No 509

22.12.18

Route

by Lt H.S. Bowman

Acty O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M. G. Company

Inter  
4.12.18

|                 |                             |      |                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt N.B. Aagaard             | next | Lt H. Francis       |
| "               | Sgt Sgt Campbell K.         | "    | Sgt Clarke T.A.     |
| "               | Corporal Lt/Plt Robini W.S. | "    | Lt/Plt Edwards W.R. |
| "               | Section No 4                | "    | No 1.               |

ave.

In future all men proceeding on leave to C. Harbour must parade to the Orderly Room at 0830 for inspection by Orderly Officer, any man late for this parade will forfeit his pass. Dress. Belts.

was

The G.O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade wishes every officer N.C.O. and man in the Company a very happy Christmas.

J.R. H. H. H.

For Acty O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M. G. Coy

Company Order No 510

21.12.18

(Routine)

by Lt R. S. Bowman.

Acty O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Company

Orders  
for  
25.12.18

Company Officer. Lt R. J. Francis.

Next Lt J. H. Peace

" Sgt. Sgt. Clarke. I.A.

" Sgt. Stays. P. H.

" Corporal Lt/Col. Edwards. R. R.

" Lt/Col. Byrd. S. W. A.

" Section No 1

No 2.

Postings

No 4606. Pte Sticker. W. J. rejoined in hospital and is posted to No 2 section.

J. R. Bowman Lt  
Acty. O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M. G. Coy.

Company Order 70511

25<sup>5</sup> 12.18

(Pontine)

By Lt H S Bowman.

Acty. A. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Coy

Subs for  
26.12.18

|                 |                          |                 |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt J R Pearce            | Orderly Officer | Lt H Manner      |
| "               | Sgt Haynes P. S.         | "               | Sgt Makin P. S.  |
| "               | Cpl. L. B. Byrd S. H. A. | "               | Cpl. Byrne J. A. |
| "               | Section                  | No 2            | No 3.            |

J. H. Manner  
For Acty. A. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M G Coy.

Company Order No 512

26.12.18

(Routine)

By Lt A. S. Bowman.

Acty. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

Valid for  
27.12.18

Company Officer

Lt A. S. Bowman

Master Sgt. B. Aagaard

" Sgt.

Sgt. Makpeace C.

" Sgt Campbell R.

" Corporal

Cpl. Byrne J. L.

" Lt/Col McFinnigan

" Section

No 3

No 4 L. C.

Parade.

Company Parade 0900 hrs. Drill Order.

Half hour route march. Overhauling and  
cleaning all technical machine gun gear,  
cleaning limbs etc.

A. S. Bowman Lt

For Acty. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

Company Order No 513

27.12.18

(Routine)

By Lt J. S. Bowman

Acty. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy

Order for  
28.12.18

|                 |                           |       |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt N. B. Aagaard          | Order | Lt J. H. O'Donoghue |
| " Sergeant      | Sgt Campbell R            | "     | Sgt. Clarke. S. P.  |
| " Corporal      | Lt Col. McGinnisken R. C. | "     | Cpl. White. J. P.   |
| " Section       | No 4                      |       | No 1                |

J. R. Brown Lt  
For Acty. O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No 574  
(Routine)

28.12.18

By Lt. P. J. Ellis; Acty. C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Company

Notes for  
29.12.18

|                 |                       |                   |                  |                    |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Company Officer | Lt. J. H. O'Loughlin. | Met               | Lt. J. H. Pearce |                    |
| "               | Sergeant              | Sgt. Clarke J. A. | "                | Sgt. Hayes P. S.   |
| "               | Captain               | Cpl. White J. P.  | "                | L/Cpl. Baker W. H. |
| "               | Section               | No 1              | "                | No 2               |

Surveyors

Provision is being made for the continuation of the training of officers and O'Ranks who were qualified surveyors or who had served part of the term of their articles prior to enlistment, and also to provide training for those who wish to become surveyors. Those desirous of attending these courses should report to Battr. Hayes before 6 P.M. tomorrow 29<sup>th</sup> inst, when full particulars are available.

Fitters etc

There are vacancies in the Aust. Ord. Workshops for four skilled men:- two fitters, one fitter and turner and one wheeler. Those wishing attachment as <sup>any of</sup> above with a view to their absorption later, will send their names together with full particulars of service at trade into Company Orderly Room not later than 1100 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> inst.

Arthur L.  
For Acty. C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy.



Company Order 70516

30.12.18.

Routine

by Lt R. J. Ellis

O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

intended  
21/12/18

|                 |                    |                     |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Orderly Officer | Lt. St. A. Manners | Unit                | Lt. S. Aagaard   |
| "               | Sergents           | Sgt. Hulme C. E.    | Sgt. Campbell R. |
| "               | Corporal           | L/Cpl. Bowman J. S. | Cpl. Carl. W.    |
| "               | Section            | No 3                | No 11            |

Leave passes

It is again notified, that all men returning from leave, will personally hand their leave passes into Company Orderly Room.

Sick parade

In future the sick-parade will be held at 0830. Sick-parade forms can be had at Company Orderly Room.

J. R. Manners  
For O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Company

Company Order 70517  
(Routine)

31.12.18

by Lt. R. H. Ellis

C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

status for  
12/19

Orderly Officer Lt N. B. Aagaard.

Head Lt H. J. Francis.

" Sergeant Sgt. Campbell R.

" Sgt. Clarke S. A.

" Corporal. Cpl Carl W.

" 2/Cpl Edward W. R.

" Section. NO 4

NO 1

Arthur L.

For C. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Company.