

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/11/2

Title: 6th Australian Machine Gun
Company

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6 Bde M Gun Coy
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rincq.	1.4.16.		Captain L. J. Store 8 th L. H. Regt took over temporary command of Company. Temporary Capt. Darley W. J. returned to 2nd Bn. relinquished command.	
"	2.4.16.		Draining	
"	3.4.16.		Draining	
Haverskerke	4.4.16.	1.30pm	Marched Rincq to Haverskerke. where Coy was billeted for the night.	
	5.4.16.	8.15am	Left Haverskerke proceeded to Saille Coy was billeted there	
Saille	6.4.16.		Coy resting	
Fleurbaix.	7.4.16.	5.15pm	Left Saille, proceeded to Port à l'Écluse Farm. Fleurbaix.	
	8.4.16.		1. Vickers light gun posted at Smith's Villa.	
	9.4.16.		Reconnoitering for suitable gun positions.	
	10.4.16.		9. V.L. guns placed into positions & manned	
	11.4.16.		Reconnoitering & improvement of positions	
	12.4.16.		2 more guns placed into positions.	
	13.4.16.		Improvements to positions Reconnoitering for suitable targets & building of night firing positions. Bearings taken for overhead fire.	
	14.4.16.			
	15.4.16.			
	16.4.16.		Overhead fire commenced. 3 guns opened on German Hdqrs. & Tramways. at ranges varying from 1650 to 2000 yards. 3450 rounds expended. During firing 3 Muzzle caps were broken.	
	17.4.16.		Indirect fire was opened on same targets at same range. no breakages, guns working well.	
	18.4.16.		Battalions changing over. therefore no firing	
	19.4.16.		Quiet day, no night firing, Constructed new position	
	20.4.16.		Night firing from New position. Crossing fire from old position. Target German Hdq. & Tramway. Range. 1650 to 2100 Ammunition expended 2500 rounds	

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Heurbaix	21.4.16		3 Guns fired 3500 rounds on German HQ Tramway, margin of safety found satisfactory. No bullets flying low.	
	22.4.16		Gns changing over. Indirect fire on road to trenches NW of BAS MASNIL . Ammunition expended 200.	
	23.4.16		Indirect fire (1500 rounds) on road W. of LES Cloches. 1500 rounds on communication trench S of Le. Giteaux. Bullets ^{not} passing well over our parapets. 1 OR, 2nd Bn wounded.	
	23.4.16	3.15pm	Cooperated with 2nd Div. Artillery plunging indirect fire on concealed Battery	
	24.4.16		Night firing on tramway & communication trench. 4250 rounds expended. Flight of bullets well above our parapets	
	25.4.16		Working party observed. Indirect fire from day position dispersed party (250 rounds expended). Gun position demolished by HE shells. No damage to gun or stores. No night firing	
	26.4.16		Cooperated with Artillery exploded enemy's front trench (500 rounds) Night firing on tramways. (4000 rounds)	
	27.4.16	2pm	250 rounds fired enemy's front trench TURKS POINT. Ammunition apparently faulty, bullets falling on far side of our parapets. 1 OR, 2nd Bn wounded. Night firing on communication trench behind German lines.	
	28.4.16		Relief of 6th Bde being carried out by 2nd Bde.	

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<i>Stembarf. Birmingham</i>	<i>29.4.16</i>	<i>8.</i>	<i>Relieved by 2nd Bde, who took over the various positions at 8pm Marched from Cote à Clous to billets near Birmingham Checking of guns stores. Company packing</i>	
<i>Lt S. Hore Captain Co 6th Myle Co</i>				

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