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1914-18 War

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/11/26

Title: 6th Australian Machine Gun
Company

April 1918



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
6th AMG Coy	1918			
	April 1st		Boy's guns still in same positions and fired 4000 rounds on targets at U12C 90.40 V74.1. Enemy artillery engaged in fair amount of counter battery work. Our aeroplanes active but only couple of enemy planes observed.	
	2nd		Very quiet on front. Company relieved in the line by 6th Coy 25th Batt. Relief completed by 9.30pm. Coy returned to Lark Camp.	
	3rd		Left Lark Camp at 1.30pm and marched to Bulford Camp from which point the Coy was taken by motor to Rouge Croix, arriving & billeted at 4.30pm.	
	4th		Left Rouge Croix at 2pm. marched to Mazyde & trained at 5.30pm.	
AMIENS 17 215530	5th		Detained at Hangest Sur Somme 5am. Marched to 9th Tonneau and billeted 1-15pm.	
	6th		Arrived at 5.30pm. Half Coy left 9th Tonneau by motor at 8am and arrived at Baizeux at 11.15am. Rested until 6.30pm then moved up through Lameville to the relief of 24th Aust Light Coy. Nos 1 & 2 guns took up positions at E7B 6030. Nos 3 & 4 guns E7B 8070. Nos 5 & 6 guns at D6D 7030. Nos 9 & 10 at E7C 6080. Nos 11 & 12 E7D 4080. Nos 13 & 14 E2C 3070. Nos 15 & 16 stayed at Hd Coy D10A 6080 in reserve. Relief completed by 10.45pm. Remainder company stayed at Allonville.	
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AMIENS 17 E13030	7th		Very wet and uncomfortable at positions. Enemy artillery very active. Lt Drummond & 2 others wounded. Enemy machine guns snipers very active. Our machine guns did not fire.	
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6 th AMB Coy	April 8 th		Weather conditions greatly improved. Artillery activity on both sides greatly increased. Enemy mgs. and snipers fairly active. Our own mgs. inactive.	
	9 th		Enemy activity greatly increased. Larville - back areas very heavily shelled. Large quantities of gas shells spread over wide area. Our guns fired 1000 rounds on target at 63 cent to 6090. One casualty. Nos 3-4 guns moved to 67427.	
	10 th		Particularly fine day marked by excessive aerial activity especially of our own planes. Flying extremely low. Enemy planes for the most part kept at high altitude. Enemy artillery fire very much decreased - machine gun fire - snipers becoming subdued. Our own machine guns fired 1250 rounds on targets at 63 cent to 6090 and on small parties of enemy observed making towards Albert. Inter-company relief was carried out without incident and completed by 9 pm. Relieved men were taken out in limbers.	
	11 th		Our machine guns fired 500 rounds on 63 cent to 6090. Nos 9 10 11 12 guns moved to 6743040. No 7-8 guns took over 2 positions at 66085 from 22 nd AMB Coy. Gun crews engaged in excavating dugouts. Enemy activity normal. Our planes very active.	
	12 th		Enemy activity below normal. Our snipers establishing superiority over enemy snipers. Our machine guns inactive. Enemy planes very busy but flying high.	

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6 th AMB Coy	April 3 rd		Our mgs fired 1000 rounds on target at 644c at 1245am. Great activity normal. Enemy activity below normal. No gun moved to 644b 6010. Mines employed on dug outs.	
	14 th		Enemy activity decreasing. Except for occasional salvoes enemy artillery remained neutral. Inter-company relief carried out + completed without incident by 930 pm. Our mgs fired 1250 rounds on targets at 63 cent to 6090. 12 guns moved to 612d 40.50	
	15 th		Artillery activity on both sides greatly increased. Enemy shelled Lamunle, approached very heavily. Between 5:30pm Our mgs fired 2000 rounds on 63d 3070 - 63d 2530	
	16 th		Artillery activity decreased in forward areas but greatly increased in back areas. Enemy machine gun fire + sniping normal. We fired 2000 rounds on targets at 63c 15 to 63 cent and 63d.	
	17 th		Enemy artillery fire below normal. No machine gun fire + sniping slightly increased. Our mgs fired 1400 rounds on 63d 3070 to 63d 2530 63c 15 to 63 cent 63d.	
	18 th		Inter-company relief carried out + completed by 10:15pm. We fired 1400 rounds on same targets. Enemy activity normal.	
	19 th		Fired 3000 rounds on targets at 63d 63c 15 to 63 cent 63d 3070 to 63d 2530. Situation unchanged. Slightly increased enemy artillery activity; mainly counter-battery work.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
6 th AMBC Coy	1918 April 20 th		Increased activity in all branches on both sides. Enemy artillery fire very heavy in forward sectors. Our own artillery carried out fair amount of counter battery work. Our mgs fired 2000 rounds on Cross Roads at 63c 5070 63c 7020.	
	21 st		Fired 2000 rounds on same targets. Enemy mg. fire is upping below normal. Enemy artillery very busy. Counter battery work.	
	22 nd		Inter-company relief carried out completed without incident by 9.30pm. Enemy shelled Larouville approaches heavily in evening whilst action on our left was in progress. Our mgs fired 2000 rounds on Cross Roads at 63c 5070 63c 7020.	
	23 rd		Enemy activity increased to left of front. Slightly above normal on our sector. We fired 2000 rounds on same targets.	
	24 th		Very quiet. Enemy mg fire upping. Artillery quiet. Aerial activity very slight. Our mgs fired 4000 rounds on 64c 8030 63d 2030. Had 1 casualty.	
	25 th		Situation unchanged. Enemy activity very much below normal. Our mgs fired 4000 rounds on same targets.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
6 TH H MB Coy	April 26 th		Enemy artillery fire slight & indifferent. Our mgs fired 2000 rounds on targets at Jork Road & E 11 c 80 30 Road Railway at E 5 d 20 30 L 9 10 11 12 guns were relieved by 7 th H MB Coy. Balance of gun crews relieved by inter coy arrangement & shift complete by 11 pm	
	27 th		Situation unchanged. Enemy artillery & mg fire subdued. Our own mgs did not fire. No 9 & 10 guns took over positions at E 1 d 9 8 from D boy 38 th Batt. No 11 & 12 guns took over positions at D 6 a 2 4 from 6 boy 38 th Batt. No 5 & 6 guns took over positions at D 6 d 6 9 from D boy 38 th Batt. No 7 & 8 guns moved to D 6 d 7 6	
	28 th		Our mgs did not fire. Crews engaged completing dugouts. Reserve gun crews working on new boy 11 d 8 10 at D 5 c 8 5 00	
	29 th		Situation unchanged. Both sides very quiet. Our mgs did not fire.	
	30 th		All dugouts save 11 d 8 10 completed & made 4 2 proof. Enemy activity below normal. Imperio inactive. Our mgs did not fire.	

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as possible are to be carried. The Remaining personnel will pick up weapons at HENECOURT CHATEAU.

7) Sections will report completion of Relief to Cay HQR and forward list of stores handed over

(9) officers Hacks will be at
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