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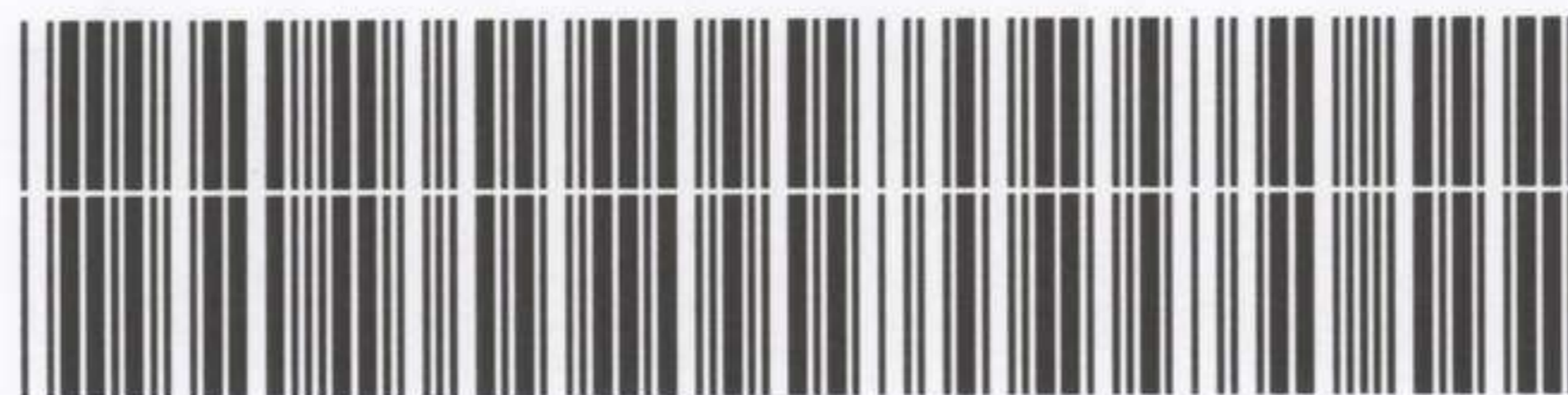
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**Title:** 6th Australian Machine Gun  
Company

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6th Coy 2nd A.M.G. Bn

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NEAR BOULOGNE-SUR- HELPE	Dec 1st	0900	Company marched from Bellets to join 6 <sup>th</sup> of 1. Bde Group for inspection by His Majesty the King.	
		1430	<p>Brigade Group inspected by the King. Nominal roll of officers &amp; oth who embarked from Australia prior to June 30/1915 forwarded to P.H.Q.</p> <p>Instructions No 6 re advance to the Rhine received from 6<sup>th</sup> of 1. Bde. The sector between the German Frontier and the line AVESNES-TRAUBEUGE-CHARLEROI-BRUSSELS is to be occupied by the British Fourth Army consisting of 3 Corps (14 Divisions) &amp; Cavalry Corps (less one cavalry division).</p> <p>The Aust. Corps for the present is to occupy the 5th Western portion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Army area - portion of the Corps is to relieve the Canadian Corps in the occupied territory at a later date.</p> <p>The 6<sup>th</sup> of 1. Bde Group will be located in an area about 10 Kilometres south of CHARLEROI. The date for the Eastward move towards CHARLEROI has not yet been determined on.</p> <p>1 Oth taken on strength from Base.</p> <p>Weather: Sultry S.E. breeze.</p>	

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BOULOGNE-SUR-HELPE.	DEC	2	0930 Coy paraded full marching order. OC inspected sections and transport. 1 OR taken on strength from Base. Weather: Mild, Dull, Misty. S.E. Breeze		
		3	0930 Short route march in the morning. Weather. Showers during night Dull + misty morning, rain settling in about 1100. Breeze S.E.		
		4	0930 Coy parade in the morning. Weather. Mild + Dull. Light + Misty rain on + off. Breeze light S.E. 2 ORs taken on strength from Base.		
		5	0930 Inspection of arms + physical training in the morning. 1 OR proceeded on leave. Coy strength 11 officers 202 ORs. Weather Mild + Cloudy + Dull. 15 ORs taken on strength from Base.		
		6	0930 Short route march in morning. Sections afterwards attended a class in Elementary French. 1 OR proceeded to P.F. + B.F. school RUE. 1 OR granted Coy leave. Weather Fine. Mild S.E. breeze.		
		7	1000 Lecture on "Natural History of Australia" by Cpl Bennett of this Coy. Weather Cold, raw + foggy. Southerly breeze.		
		8	Coy parade at BOULOGNE-SUR-HELPE from 1300 to 1600. Transport detailed 2 lorries for cartage of coal + wood for civilians. Weather Fine. Variable breeze.		

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BOULOGNE-SUR-MER HELP	Dec 8		<p>Further instructions received from 2 M.G. Batta HdQrs advance to the R. Div. The Div. will move to the new area on a date to be notified later but it is not expected that the move will commence before the 16th inst. For the move the 2 M.G. Batta will be grouped with the 5th A.I. Bde. The 6 M.G. Co will rejoin the Batta on the first days march at a time + date to be notified later. Batta HdQrs are at present located at PRISCHES.</p> <p>The move will be made in four marches "A" day from present location to AVESNELLES-FLAUMONT-SEMERIES area. "B" day from AVESNELLES area to SIVRY area. "C" day from SIVRY area to RENNIES-VERGNIES-BARBENCON-SOLRE SEGERV area "D" day from RENNIES area to billets in SILENRIEUX area. The Batta will probably billet at YVES GOMEZEE.</p>	<p>PAGE 3</p>
	" 9		<p>Morning parade. French class held for those desirous of attending. Weather Dull &amp; cloudy.</p>	
	" 10		<p>Shot parade in morning. 3 off 18 lbs inoculated 1 P.B. 2 lbs marched in from Bde. 1 lb granke Eng fear. Weather Cold + wet. Varying winds</p>	
	" 11		<p>Shot parade in morning. 16 lbs marched in from Bde.</p>	<p>Douglas R. R.</p>

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BOULOGNE-SUR-MER	DEC 11		Announced in Batta R.O. that 10th had gained the D.C.M. 1418 Pte Lagares D). Weather showery all day. Variable winds	
	" 12	0930	Inspection of arms in morning. Lecture on Eng Literature in morning by Pte Brameld of the Coy. of Arithmetic + French Classes held. In order to ensure uniforms turned on the march the Divn Commander inspected various vehicles of the 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. This Coy provided a G.S. limber in full marching order	
	" 13	0930	Parade held at 6 K 7 A. 96 (St. Valenciennes). Variable winds. Coy strength 11 off 227 Ws. Inspection of Arms. 3 Ws marched out to take dep duties in England	
	" 14	0930	1 Ws taken on strength. Weather showery all day Full marching order parade. O.C. inspected sections. Shortages taken	
			French + Arithmetic classes held in afternoon. Orders received from 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde notifying that 2 M. G. Batta would be included in Brigade Group + that group would move from present area to Walcourt area between 17-20 of Dec. This Coy will join Brigade Group in Flaumont as 1st Coy is to move with 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde group to Flaumont where they will join 2 M. G. Batta. Weather Sultry all day	Douglas J. R. W.

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BULOENE-SUR-HELP	DECR 15	1200	Blankets disinfectant by Foden Steam Laundry. 6 <sup>th</sup> of 1. Bde Order 195+ Administration Memo 59 received in connection with forthcoming move. Int No 7 received from 2 M. G. Bn notifying that the Battalion would move to VVES-GOMEZEE (Valenciennes + NAMUR Maps). Coy collected 613 pens towards the erection of a monument to be erected at Mt St Quentin in recognition of the Australian Advances. Weather fine.	
	16		Bad weather prevented parade.	
FLAUMONT	17		Coy moved from Bellefleur at 0900+ proceeded by march route via AVESNES-IVESNELLES to Flaumont. Move being completed by 1245. Owing to a shell exploding in a German Ammunition Dump 10K of this Coy was killed + 2 others wounded. Weather sultry all day.	
SIVRY	18		Coy joined the 2 M. G. Battalion + proceeded by march route via FELLIERES-CLAIRFAIT to SIVRY (N.W. EUROPE SHEET 4/100,000) Move being completed by 1415. Weather sultry all day.	
BARBENCON	19		Battalion left Sivry at 0900+ proceeded via RENLIES-SOLRE-LE-GER to BARBENCON. Move being completed by 1210. Weather sultry and wet.	Coy's march

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Sungar BARBENCON	DEC 19	0700	Our lumber proceeded to YVES-GOMEZEE where they received orders to proceed to CHARLEROI in order to purchase cartons goods for the Batta Canton Shergheff Co	OFF 11 OFF 216
YVES-GOMEZEE	20	0900	Battalion left BARBENCON at 0900 and proceeded via BOSSOU, SILENRIEUX, WALCOURT to YVES-GOMEZEE. March being completed by 1345. Weather sultry in morning & improving in afternoon.	
"	21	0930	Section parades held. Work for the day consisted of chancing up belts etc. Battalion officers mess formed. Weather sultry	
"	22		Demobilisation Forms (AF534) were filled in by the CO for each man. Nominal roll of 1 off 14 O's who were eligible to return to Aust, <sup>on furlough</sup> was forwarded to Batta. Weather showery during the day	
"	23	0930	Drill order parade. Co. O's inspection in morning. Weather sultry during the day.	
"	24		H. R. H. the Prince of Wales presented medals to N.C.O's & men of the Divn. 10R of this Coy received Military Medal & Bar. A number of officers were presented to the Prince after the presentation of medals had taken place. 1 off + 14 O's marched out, prior to embarkation for Aust, to the 2nd Aust Divn Reinforcement wing. Weather Fair. Showery in morning	Douglas John Cox

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YVES GOMEZEE	Dec 25	1000-1100	<p>Christmas Day. Church Services held for all denominations. Distribution of Christmas Parcels received from Australia. Owing to difficulties in transport, men who left Unit on 24th inst to proceed to Aust returned to their Units and were instructed to report to 2nd Aust Divnl Reinforcement, Marchiennes-au-Tort (N of NW Europe, about 4/100000) on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. Weather Very cold. Slight fall of snow during night of 24/25th. For dinner the Coy had Roast beef + vegetables, plum pudding + custard.</p>	
	26	0930	<p>CO's parade at 0930. Educational scheme in progress. Demobilization papers completed and forwarded to Batta Hd Qrs. Weather fine</p>	
	27		<p>CO's parade 0930. This Company provided timber for drawing coal part of which was for the civilians + the rest for men's billets. Weather cold and bleak, showery all day.</p>	
	28		<p>Parades this morning were dismissed on account of rain which continued all the day. 14 Amys' marched out presumably for Australia 2 OR's went to Reinforcement Wing for a test which if they pass, will allow them advanced training at their respective trades. 1 man went on leave to Paris, preferring there to Eng leave</p>	Douglas J. [Signature]



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YVES GOMEZÉE	Dec 29	0900	Church parade for R.C.'s this morning. A representative of this Coy sat on a committee to arrange for a dance which will probably be held early in the New Year. The voluntary "Church Parade" for members of the Coy E was well attended by the Coy, over 50 turned out in spite of the stormy weather which prevailed all day.	
	30	0930	Being good weather the Coy paraded this morning at least those who were not absorbed for duty as it is this Coy's day for "Duty Coy". The C.O. inspected the transport & passed some very favourable comments on the general affair. A class was started for N.C.O.'s and also aspirants to N.C. rank.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>	0930	The C.O. held a " Muster Parade " this morning. This Coy paraded in full marching order. N.C.O.'s class going strong & the various classes held in connection with the Educational scheme are being very well attended.	
				<p style="text-align: right;">Douglas MacKenzie</p>

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## REPORT

6<sup>TH</sup> M.G. COY

TRANSPORT.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> BOULOGNE (see Valenciennes Sheet)

1 During this period we were attached to 6<sup>th</sup> Bgde Group.

2 Work done - Averaged 2 Loads of Coal per day from either:

ETREUX 23 Kilos or

AULNOYE 15 "

Loaned 1 Driver & 2 Cooker Horses to a Farmer to cart & distribute manure over the farmers ground

3 Repaired & renovated Harness  
Burnished metal parts of Limbers  
Painted Limbers with "V.P." Oil.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Coy + Transport moves to Flamouls & become "Battalionised" once more.

While on this move General

P. T. O.

