

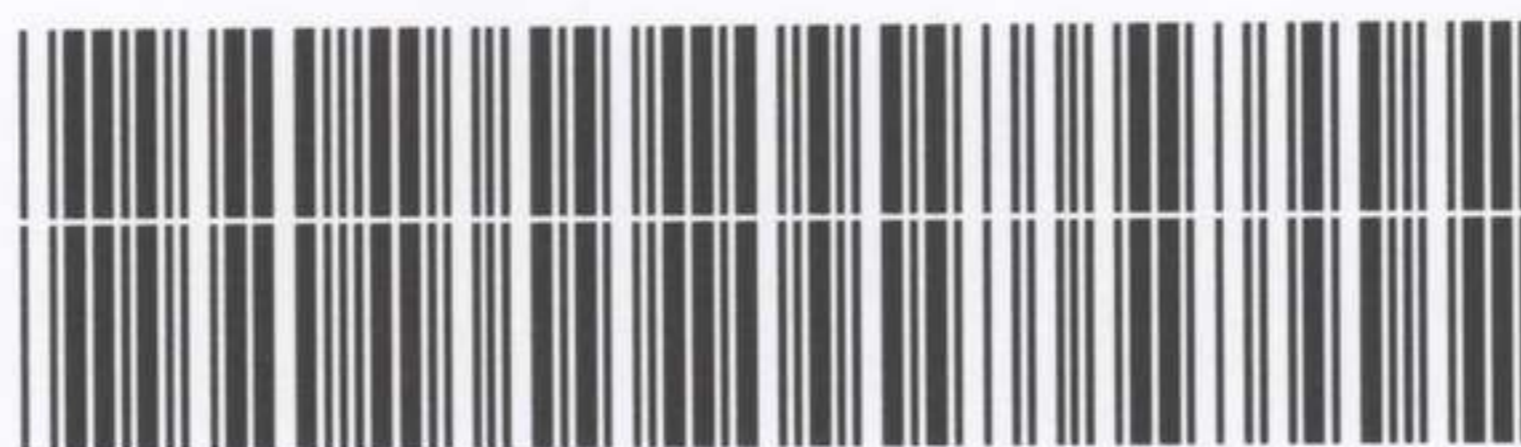
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Machine Guns

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Scottish LINES	1/10/16		Church parade - Decorations given out by General Bidwood - and march past - Pot Radnell decorated with D.C.M.	
Shot 28	2/10/16		Coy training - Route march to Divisional Barrs	
N.W.	3/10/16		Training & route marches - Reserve section elements instruction	[Signature]
G 23 B 16	4/10/16			
"	5-10-16			
"	6-10-16			
"	7-10-16			
"	8-10-16	900	Church parade & march past -	
"	"	1800	Nos 3 & 4 Sections moved from billets to Brandhoek & from thence by train to YPRES. - route marched to the trenches & relieve two sections of No 3 A.M.G. Coy - No 3 section taking over Support Area. No 4 Sect taking over Forward Area.	
		2115	Relief complete -	
	9/10/16	1800	Handed over billets to 3rd A.M.G. Coy - no 1 & 2 sections of Coy HQS moved by train from Brandhoek to Ypres & thence to trenches	[Signature]

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	9/10/16		no 1 section taking over Manor Farm & no 2 section dug-outs at Coy H.Q.S. in reserve.	
		2100	Relief complete	
	10/10/16	0615	Lieut Hudd left for 6 months instructional work at Tidworth England -	
			Reserve section remain at transport line for further instruction under Lieut THOMAS. & Sgt Swan Sgt Poynder as instructors - Indirect fire carried out on Dugouts I 36 B. Dump. I 35 B 9.9 1/2	
	11/10/16		No 2 Sect attended D sanitary arrangements. at Coy H.Q.S.	
		2100	During the night indirect fire carried out on CROSS ROADS	
		to 0400	I 30 D 15.05 - Friendly bombardment carried out on both flanks - Enemy retaliated slightly.	
	12/10/16		Reserve section completed dugouts & erected latrine at Coy H.Q.S.	
		2200 to 0400	Carried out indirect fire on targets I 35 B 9.9 1/2 & Dugouts I 36 B - also CROSS ROADS I 30 D 15.05.	

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Coy H.2.S I 20 B 32	13/10/16		Indirect fire carried out between hours of 1900 to 2100 on following targets Dump - I 35 B 9.9 1/2 Dugouts I 36 B. and CROSS ROADS I 30 D 1 1/2. 0 1/2.	
SCOTTISH Lines G 23 B 1.6.	14/10/16	2215	Unit was relieved by 6" A.M.G. Coy Relief complete when unit marched to billets - via Hous YPRES where it entrained for BRANDHOEK, thence by route march to SCOTTISH Lines Slat 28 N.W. B 23 B 1.6. - When 300 yds clear of MAYNOR FARM. the axle of a hind motor limber broke - This necessitated sending to own transport line for an additional limber which returned to transport line about 0030 - The broken limber was left behind for salvage as it was found impossible to bring away - owing to the limited time and more the following day -	
STEENVOORDE	15/10/16		Moved at 0930 by route march to STEENVOORDE via POPPERINGE ABEELE. arriving at destination at 1600 - when unit billeted for the night - No men fell out during this march Lieut. Ghent & Bowman & 5 other ranks reported back from <u>PO</u> school of instruction at CAMIERS	

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NORDPEENE	16/10/16	0830	Moved at 0830 by route march to NORDPEENE via OXELAERE arriving at destination at 1500 - 7 men fell were unable to complete this march on foot	
EPERLECOQUE	17/10/16	0830	Moved at 0830 & route marched to EPERLECOQUES via ST. MOME LIN LEBAS SERGOES MOULLE HOULLE - arriving at destination at	HAZEBROUCK
		1630	1630 when troops were billeted - 10 men failed to complete this march on foot - during these marches the cause of casualties were mainly blistered feet due to the wearing of new boots	S.A.
	18/10/16		Carried out foot inspection over lawing - gun limbers & gear etc. Lieut HOGG left as advance guard & entraining & de train is officer - Sgt RAND returned to duty from leave in England -	
	19/10/16		Foot inspection, arms & equipment etc. polling completed and Coy paid -	
	20/10/16	1530	Left EPERLECOQUE & route marched, with Bgd HQS, Signal sect & L. trench mortar Battery, to ARQUES. & entrained at 2000 -	

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ARGUES	20/10/16		in no to train - leaving ARGUES at 2046 for ST RIGUIER.	
"	21/10/16	0600	Arrived at ST RIGUIER - Completed detachment at 0800 -	
"		0810	Moved by route march to ERGNIES. via GORENFLOS - arriving	
ERGNIES			at destination at 1130 and billeted - foot inspection and	LENS +
"			equipment inspection carried out during the afternoon -	AMIENS
"	22/10/16	2130	Route march of 8 miles carried out by sections - Escort	1/100000.
"			brought PVT TALBOT from 4 th BATT. who picked up on the	
"			march of 20 th inst - foot inspection carried out in afternoon	
"	22/10/16	1000	Brigade transport moved by road with divisional train to ST SAUVEUR	
"	23/10/16		where they billeted for the night - then proceeded next day	
"	"		to DERNANCOURT.	
"			Personel of unit with remainder of the Brigade left billets at	
"		0900	0900 + route marched to Place 1000 yds north of MOUFLERS.	
DERNANCOURT			along main road when Brigade met motor Buses + proceeded	
			by them to DERNANCOURT, via FLIXECOURT - BELLOY - ST SAUVEUR	
			AMIENS - PONT-NOYELLES then along main road to ALBERT.	

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DERIVANCOURT	23/10/16		Turning off at junction road leading to DERIVANCOURT, arriving there at 1700 when unit was billeted for the night - Unit	ALBERT
"	1800		Transport arrived at 1800 - At about 1300 during halt in the	
"			Transport Column near AMIENS N ^o 2625 DRIVER DOOLAN 7 th Batt	(57) D SE
"			attached to this unit was accidentally killed by being run over	(57) D SW
"			by a motor bus.	(62) D NE
MONTAUBAN	24/10/16	1000	Count of injuries told on death of Driver DOOLAN - Brigade moved	(62) C S.W.
"	1300		at 1300 at 1400 for interval & route marched to Map Ref S26 C -	40,000
"			near MONTAUBAN via MEADULTE, TRICOURT & MAMETZ arriving into camp	
"		1930	at 1930 when unit bivouaced	
"	25/10/16		Carried out arms & equipment inspection etc & drained camp which was very muddy after recent heavy rains - Unit under one hour water to move - Attack operations postponed till 26/10/16	
"	26/10/16		Attack operations postponed till 28/10/16 owing to climatic conditions of weather being unfavourable - Lieut Horan & Ellen & M.C.O.s visited H.Q.S of 8 th A.M.G. Coy & 86 th J.M.G. Coy - to reconnoitre route -	

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MONTAUBAN	27/10/16		Lieut HOGG & VINNICOMBE & A N.C.O. reconnoitred route to 8 th A.M.G. Co. & 86 th I.M.G. Co. H.Q.S. - 6 Bell tents erected to shelter men -	
	28/7/16		Lieuts THOMAS, HONEYBUN, BOWMAN, GHENT & A N.C.O. reconnoitred route to front line - Men occupied in draining camp -	
	29-10-16		Unit moved from POMMIERS CAMP to BERNARAY WOOD CAMP, move commenced at 10 AM, sections marched at 20 minutes intervals	FRANCE
GUENDECOURT			transport remained at POMMIERS CAMP. Unit had midday meal at BERNARAY CAMP after which commenced to relieve the 87 th Machine Gun Coy in the trenches. 11 th Section relieved 4 guns in GREASE TRENCH	SHEET 57
			11 th Section relieved 4 guns in GREASE TRENCH 11 th Section relieved 8 guns in BIRD TRENCH. Headquarters established itself in position vacated by 87 th Coy at about 5.12 P.M. Central. Relief was carried out during the night under very difficult conditions and was not complete until 10 A.M. 30 th unit	S.W
	30-10-16		Privates Hulme, Kinney and Barker were lost during the relief and were reported missing. Pte Hulme returned to Hdqrs at 1400. 50 5.9 HE shells fell	/20000

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GUEUDECOURT 30/10/16

within 100 yds of Coy HdQrs. Day very wet and cold, ground very muddy.

FRANCE SHEET 57° SW

31/10/16

Pte Kenney returned to his Section from missing. Day wet. Enemy's artillery active as usual, especially in early morning and evening, 200 5.9 HE fell within 100 yds of Coy HdQrs. Nos 1 & 2 Sections completed inter section relief during the day, relieved men returning to Coy HdQrs at 1400. Enemy's aeroplanes active throughout the day especially in early morning when 8 were flying very low over and in rear of our lines

— STRENGTH Oct. 31-1916. —

ON ESTABLISHMENT			ATTACHED			HORSES		G. S.	MACHINE		
OFF	OP.	TOTAL	OFF	OP.	TOT	RIDING	DRAUGHT	LIMBERS	GUNS	CARTS	BICYCLES
11	150	161	-	17	19	10	44	11½	16	2	4
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