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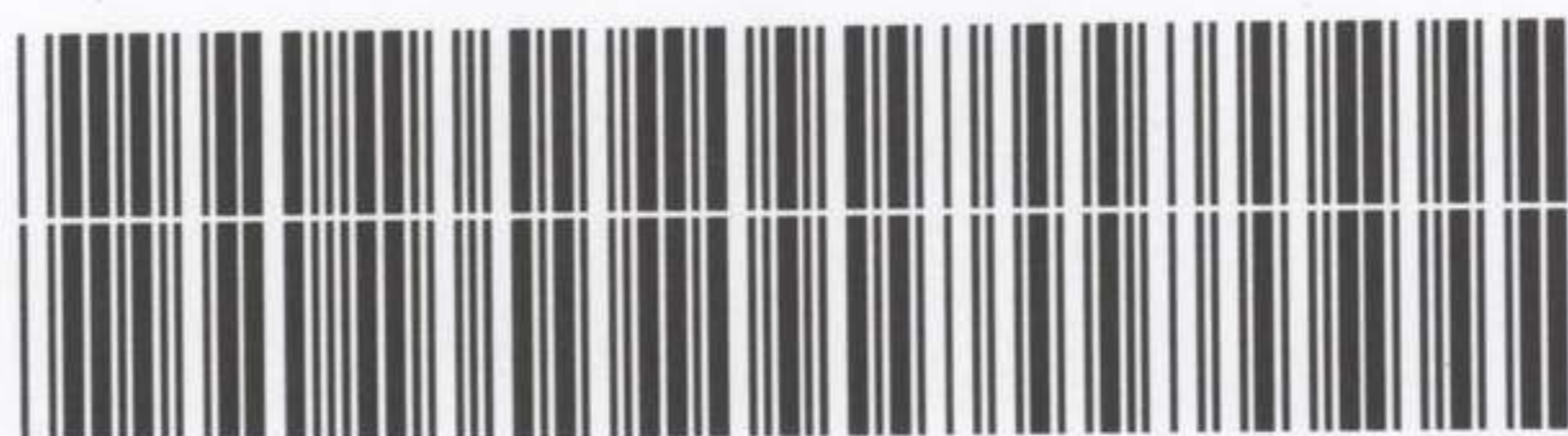
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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FLERS.	1/1/17.		Dug out at N. 31. b. 40. 85. was further enlarged, officers bunk erected, + ammunition store constructed. I.F. position at N. 25. a. 8. 5. heavily shrapnelled - Casualties 1 O.R. wounded - Damage - nil. I.F. was brought to bear at night on X tracks + tramway at N. 9. C. 7. 0. on LIGNY-THILLOY, on Road at N. 7. b. 3. 6. + Thuisenhop FARM - Four guns were used + 5,000 rounds expended.	Map Reference. 57 d. S.W. NB 3/10,000.
-do	2/1/17.		Working party of 12 O.R.s assisted Engineers on Intermediate Line - I.F. carried out at night on tramways, roads + tracks in rear of enemy's lines, 4 guns were used, + 5,500 rounds fired.	NB 3 do.
-do	3/1/17.		Same working party for Engineers - I.F. brought to bear on enemy's communications, + tramway, tracks re, in rear of enemy's lines. Three guns were used and 5,000 rds. expended.	NB 3 do.
-do	4/1/17.		Same working party for Engineers - I.F. used by night on LIGNY-THILLOY, on tramways, tracks re, in rear of enemy's lines. Four guns used, and 5,000 rounds expended.	NB 3 do.
-do	5/1/17.		I.F. position at N. 31. b. 4. 8. heavily shelled but no damage done. Same working party for Engineers - Two enemy planes were seen over FLERS but were out of M.G. Range. I.F. was brought to bear at night on LIGNY-THILLOY, also on tramways, + roads in rear of enemy's lines - Four guns used and 5,000 rds. expended.	NB 3 do.
-do	6/1/17.		One hostile plane seen but remained out of range - Same working party for Engineers - Sectional relief during night without incident - I.F. employed by night on enemy's communications - Four guns used + 4,000 rds. expended.	NB 3 do.
-do	7/1/17.		Seven hostile planes were sighted, mostly out of range, 500 rds. were expended + two planes turned. Usual working party for Engineers - I.F. employed by night on enemy's communications - Three guns employed and 4,500 rds. expended. Two sections were relieved by the 13 th A.M.G. Co., comprising the Front Line gun, + Right rear group. Relief complete by 1830, without incident.	NB 3 do.
-do	8/1/17.		The remainder of the Co. were relieved by the 13 th A.M.G. Co. - Relief complete at 1700, + Co. moved out to ADELFAIDE CAMP. Relief was without incident except that Co. dump on FLERS, LONGUEVAL ROAD, was shelled + some gun equipment damaged.	NB 3 do.
ADELFAIDE CAMP.	9/1/17.		The Co. moved out from ADELFAIDE CAMP at 1100 + entrained at Willow Siding. Disentrained at Vivier Mill Siding at 2 p.m. and arrived at Ballast at DERNANCOURT at 0230. The Transport travelled by Road + arrived at 1200.	ALBERT sheet NB 3/40,000
DERNANCOURT	10/1/17.		In the morning guns were cleaned and equipment overhauled. In the afternoon men were inspected + subsequently proceeded with cleaning of clothes re.	NB 3 do.
-do	11/1/17.		No work with exception of inspection of rifles + clothing + equipment of personal. Men's appearance very satisfactory.	NB 3 do.
-do	12/1/17.		Half the Co. were employed washing limbers both morning + afternoon. The remainder went for a Route March in the morning and cleaned + filled belts in the afternoon.	NB 3 do.

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DERNANCOURT	13/1/17.		Morning Co. bathing parade to VIVIER Mill - Afternoon - Route March + packing lumber.	Map Reference ALBERT sheet 1/40,000.
do.	14/1/17.		The Co. moved out on the line of march for BRESLE at 1330, and arrived at new billets at 1600. There were no stragglers and the men marched well.	do.
BRESLE	15/1/17.		Morning work was a Route March, also description + recognition of targets + J. D. - Afternoon - Lecture of on Range Cards + preparation of same - Firing before during after firing.	do.
do.	16/1/17.		Morning work - Section drill, saluting, belt-filling, immediate action of delayed stoppages. Afternoon - Indirect fire, with spirit level, graticule + Map + Compass.	do.
do.	17/1/17.		Morning - Route March - Afternoon - Gun drill, stripping + cleaning. Special instruction in grand duties was found to be necessary, + was conducted by C. S. H.	do.
do.	18/1/17.		Morning - Packing G. S. Lumbered waggons - Tactical Handling - Lecture on Characteristics of M. G. - Afternoon was devoted to Co. Spots.	do.
do.	19/1/17.		Co. bathing parade at BRESLE BATHS. Afternoon - Route March.	do.
do.	20/1/17.		Morning - Gun drill, indirect fire without map or compass, tactical handling. Afternoon - Cleaning + filling belts hand machine - Stripping + cleaning.	do.
do.	21/1/17.		Morning - Church Parade - Afternoon - Inspection by C. O. of personnel + equipment.	do.
do.	22/1/17.		Morning - Range Discipline - Lecture + Practice - Section in attack - casualties + stoppages - Afternoon - Route March.	do.
do.	23/1/17.		All day - Firing with ball cartridge on miniature range, grouping tests, stoppages etc.	do.
do.	24/1/17.		The Co. moved off at 1000 on line of march for MILLENCOURT, arrived at Camp at 1200. Transport arrived later owing to bad roads, + bludge block by relieving units. One sub-section took over A. P. guns at CONTAY.	do.
MILLENCOURT	27/1/17.		Morning - Gun drill - Lecture - Methods of fire - Afternoon - Co. Spots - Football etc.	do.

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MILLEN COURT	26/1/17.		Morning - Squad Drill, Physical Exercises - Afternoon - Route March + Tactical handling.	ALBERT. Sheet 1/40,000.
do.	27/1/17.		Morning. Physical Exercises + Route March - Afternoon. Packing of knickered raggone, Co. in trench work. The Co. Transport lines, + billets were inspected by the Divisional Commander during the afternoon.	MS ³ do.
do.	28/1/17.		Morning. Route March - Afternoon - Co. Spate - Co. Canteen opened to-day for first time.	MS ³ do.
do.	29/1/17.		Morning - Gun drill - Elementary advanced - Co. in attack - Afternoon - Points before during + after firing. description + recognition of targets.	MS ³ do.
do.	30/1/17.		Morning - Physical Exercises - Route March - Afternoon - Squad Drill + saluting - Guard duties. Sectional relief for A. A. gun at CONTAY.	MS ³ do.
do.	31/1/17.		Morning. Physical Exercises - Gun drill - Afternoon. Cleaning of guns + overhauling + checking of equipment by C.O.	MS ³ do.