

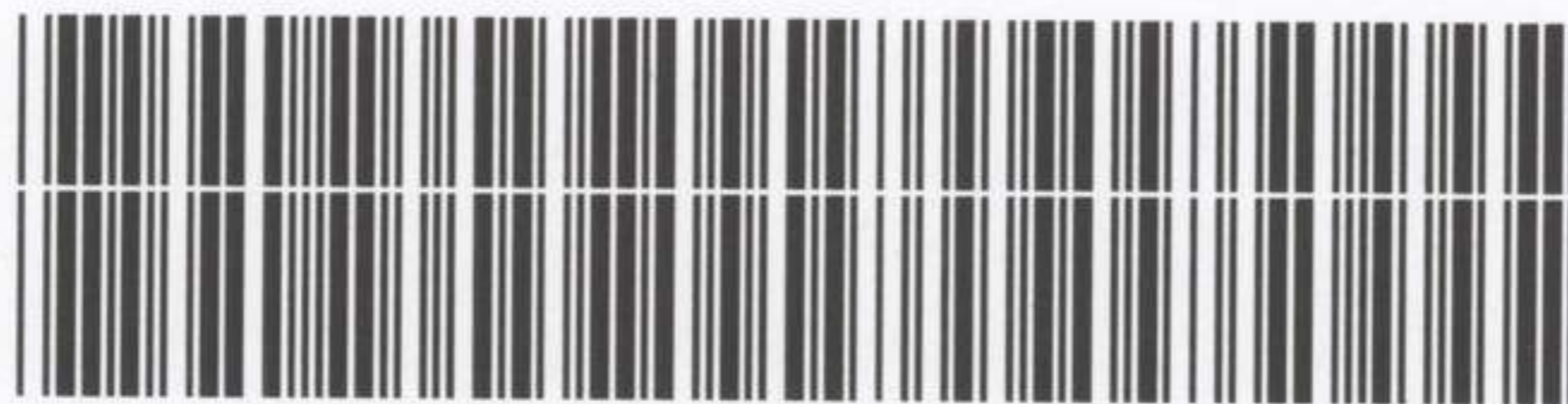
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*7<sup>th</sup> Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Trench Battn.*

FOR

*December* 191*8*

Signature of Officer compiling *E. T. Townes Lieut.*

Signature of Officer Commanding *W. Dunne Capt.*

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PETIT FAYT	1918 Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>		Company strength 11 off 174 etc.	H.W.Y.
		9.45	Company attended Church Parade.	
		2pm	Company proceeded to MAROILLES where they were paraded under Brigades arrangements, and reviewed by H.W. The King	
		5pm	Company Day Parade. Weather fine	
"	2nd	am	Company parade - Full marching order - Inspection of equip. ment by OC. Lecture on March Discipline.	H.W.Y.
		pm	Recreational Training	
"	3rd	am	Co. Parade Sections carried out short route marches independently	H.W.Y.
		pm	Owing to inclemency of weather Sections remained in billets and cleaned equipment etc.	
"	4th	am	Co. Parade Sections cleaning and overhauling of limbers and gear	H.W.Y.
		pm	Cleaning of guns and limbers. 25 Details and Reins joined. Coy. Weather Showery and Dull	

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PETIT FAYT	Dec 5	10 am	Cos Parade. Close Order Drill and Organized Games	
		2 pm	Short Route March by Sections. Lecture by Section Officers on "Proposed Scheme of Demobilization" explaining what is expected of officers NCOs and men before and during such periods. Weather. Overcast. No rain fell.	MM
"	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Cos Parade - Drill Marching Order. Close Order Drill and Organized Recreational Training. Weather Fine	MM
		pm	Recreational Training - Inter-Company Football matches	
"	7 <sup>th</sup>	am	Cos Parade. Organized Games	
		pm	Company Soccer Team played 7 <sup>th</sup> West Engineers. Result - Victory for opponents. 2 goals - nothing. Weather Fine.	
"	8 <sup>th</sup>	am	Company attended Church. Parade. In Company blankets.	MM
		pm	Funerated in Foden's long	
		pm	Inter Company Football match - Sustained Rules Weather. Overcast	

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PETIT FAYT	1918 Dec 9	am.	Parades postponed owing to inclemency of weather	
		pm.	Innocentiation Parade. Rain fell practically all day	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	am	O.C. Parade Owing to unsettled weather conditions	
			Company remained in billets cleaning and polishing equipment etc. Rain fell during afternoon and night	E.T.T.
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Heavy rain fell during morning. Company remained in billets cleaning guns and equipment	
			Lieut. E. J. Towson MC awarded Victoria Cross for operations at MONT ST QUENTIN Sgt J. Wilson awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal for operations at MONT ST QUENTIN	E.T.T.
	12 <sup>th</sup>	am	Heavy rains fell during morning - parades postponed. Company remained in billets cleaning equipment	E.T.T.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	am	Company cleaning uniforms etc.	
		pm.	Recreational Training. Weather fine	E.T.T.
	14 <sup>th</sup>	am	Company cleaning and polishing uniforms.	
		pm.	O.C. Parade - Full marching order. Recreational Training	E.T.T.
			Weather fine	

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PETIT FAYT	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30	Company attended Church Parade	
		10.30	Company Pay Parade	
			Weather Fine.	E.T.T.
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Company cleaning and packing Limacs in preparation for move to YVES-GOMEZEE area.	E.T.T.
FLAUMONT	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Company proceeded by march route from PETIT FAYT to FLAUMONT and bivvied at 12 noon	Weather - Wet
SIVRY	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30	Company left FLAUMONT for SIVRY by march route and bivvied at 2.30pm.	Rain fell during morning.
BARBENCON	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Company left SIVRY at 9 o'clock by march route for BARBENCON and bivvied at 11.35 am.	Weather - Overcast during morning
			Rain during afternoon.	E.T.T.
YVES GOMEZEE	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30	Company proceeded by march route from BARBENCON to YVES-GOMEZEE and were bivvied at 3.30pm.	
			See Appendix A for particulars of move	
			Weather Wet.	E.T.T.

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YVES GOMEZEE	1918		Company resting in billets Weather overcast	E.T.T.
	22	9.45	O.C. Parade Company rested during day Weather overcast	
			during day Light rains fell towards evening	E.T.T.
	23		Company remained in billets cleaning and polishing	
			equipment clothes etc	E.T.T.
	24		Company proceeded to VOGNEEE for interview by H. P. H. the	
			Princa of Wales and presentation of medals Weather overcast	E.T.T.
	25		No parades held Weather Fine Coy attended Church	
	26	09.30	Parade during morning	E.T.T.
	26	09.30	CO Battalion Parade Lieut S. H. Dony returned to duty from Hoop	
		10.30	Company cleaning and polishing arms etc Weather - Overcast	E.T.T.
	27	10.30	CO Battalion Parade Lieut S. H. Dony returned to duty from Aust Corp Bldg	
			Company Battalion duty Coy Weather Wet and over.	E.T.T.
	28		No parades held owing to inclemency of weather	
			Company remained in billets cleaning and polishing	
			equipment	E.T.T.

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YVES GOMEZEE	1918 Dec 29	1030	Co. Parade Company cleaning and polishing tinware in preparation for Co. inspection. Weather overcast.	E.T.T									
	30	1030	Co. Parade Company remained in bivouac owing to inclemency of weather.	E.T.T									
	31	2.30p.	Co. inspects Coy transport. Everything satisfactory.										
	31		Co. Parade - Dress marching order. Duty Company for Dinner - no parades held. Weather unsettled.	E.T.T									
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*W. D. ...* Capt

O.C. 7<sup>th</sup>

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*Advances to the Rhine Instructions No. 1.*

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Reference maps.

Advance to Rhine

Instructions No 1

VALENCIENNES 12.  
NAMUR 8.

1. A. This company as portion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> a.m. Gun Battalion will move from the present area to YVES GOMEZEE between 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> inst in accordance with attached table.  
B. For the purpose of the move the Battalion will be attached to 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bgde Group.

2. This company will join the Battalion in rear of 22<sup>nd</sup> Coy at FORKED ROADS South of "E" in CARTIGNIES at 1002 on 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

3. The following distances will be maintained throughout all stages of march.

Between Units	200 yards
" Coys	100 "
" Each section of b. vehicles	25 "

4. Transport One G.S. Wagon will report to Coy today and will remain here until the completion of move. Mess blankets will be carried on this Coy's transport will move in rear of the column.

Section fighting limbers being followed by ammunition limbers, Headquarters limber, water cart, G.S. Wagon & Cooker.

5. Billeting  
A. 1<sup>st</sup> Stage. Lieut Chapman will report to Lieut Callister M.C. at Church AVESNELLES.  
B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage. Lieut Chapman will report to Lieut Callister M.C. at HALL SIVRY. at 10am on 18<sup>th</sup> inst.  
C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage. Lieut Chapman will report to Lieut Callister M.C. at Church SOIRE ST. GERY. at 0900 on 19<sup>th</sup> inst.  
D. Lieut Chapman will report to Capt. B.R. Field at 13.00 on 19<sup>th</sup> inst at Church YVES. GOMEZEE.

The Billeting Officer will be mounted on a horse or bicycle

6. Billeting certificates

A. Billeting certificates will be rendered to Battalion Headquarters at 17.30 each day from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> inst.

5. Circulates to the effect that bullets have been left in a clean & sanitary condition will be forwarded to B.H.Q. by 0845 daily commencing 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

7. Sick Parades will be held daily at 0730 at Bn. K.A.P., location of which will be notified daily

8. March Discipline

Every effort must be made to keep a high standard of Discipline throughout the march, as the Company will be judged by its appearance now that actual fighting has ceased.

Throughout the march the "threes" formation will be adhered to, & at each halt sections will change over the outside man.

Section Officers must carefully study the appearance of their men each day before marching out.

Drivers must at all times be correctly dressed, hats turned up & chin straps worn.

Brakemen must march in rear of limbers & not straggle out on to the roads.

All spare men including transport personnel will march as H.Q. Section in rear of Coy. & in front of the transport.

The Transport personnel who are not riding will fall in with the Coy. on parade prior to marching off.

9. Brakemen Each Section will detail one man to act as brakeman on its limbers.

The packs & rifles of these men will be carried on the limbers. These men will report to Transport Officer half an hour before moving off time & will be given definite instructions by him. Each brakeman will be responsible for the cleanliness of his limber throughout the march.

10. Cooks. Cooks must at all times be thoroughly clean & correctly dressed. Packs & rifles of these men will be carried on the S.S. Wagon attached. Only two cooks will follow the "Cooter" the other two will march with H.Q. Section.

11. Bicycles. No bicycle will be ridden in the column.

All cyclists will march in rear of column with H.A.S.

12. Halts. The only authorized halt of 10 minutes in every 24 hours will be allowed.

13. Rations. The dry rations will be carried on the men. The cook will prepare the mid-day meal each day whilst on the march.

14. Move table is attached.

Distribution

- 1. 1st Section Off.
- 2. 2
- 3. 3
- 4. 4
- 5. Transport Off.
- 6/8. War diary

*[Signature]* Capt.  
 c/o 7th Coy. 2nd Aust MG Bn

Date	Starting Point	Time of Passing S.P.	Order of march	Route	To	Remarks
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1914	Dotted Roads South of E in CARTIGNIES	1002.	26.8. 22 Coy 7 Coy 5 Coy	CARTIGNIES Gardes Southern portion of AVESNES	FLAUMONT.	
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> M.G. Bn.	When Rte de Danoret crosses road from FLAUMONT to FELLERIES road of 'A' in FLAUMONT.	0902.	5 <sup>th</sup> Coy 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy 22 Coy 26.8	FELLERIES CLAIRFAYS	SIVRY	Bn will lead the Column The group will halt for lunch from 11.30 to 1.00
19 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> M.G. Bn.	500 yards E along main SIVRY-SIVRY ST Road from point where this road is met by the road from GRAND RIEU to SIVRY.	0914.	6 <sup>th</sup> Coy 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy 22 Coy 5 <sup>th</sup> Coy 26.8	Through Bois de HARTINSORT to main road near SIVRY ST along main road BARBENCON LORROIR - SOLRE ST GERY - BARBENCON		Bn will lead the Column
20 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> M.G. Bn.	Road junction NE of BARBENCON where road running through S of 138. meets main road.	0900.	26.8 7 Coy 22 Coy 5 Coy 6 Coy	Main Road BOUSSE-SIENRIEUX. Column will divide at SIENRIEUX. Bn moving with to WALCOURT	YVES-GOMEZEE	McQuinn from 10th Coy will promote to YVES GOMEZEE via VOGNE and will leave from 12.50 to 1.00 for Walcourt

Company Transport will move complete and near of their respective Coys

Report on Transport of 7<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy. Dec. 1918

LE PETIT FAYT.

Horses & Mules in stables  
 Exercised daily. Coal carted for  
 inhabitants about 10 timber loads.  
 Moved from Le PETIT FAYT. on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
 to FLAUMONT. Moved from here to  
 SIVRY on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Moved from here  
 to BARBENCON on 19<sup>th</sup> + to  
 YVES GOMEZEE on 20<sup>th</sup>. Mules  
 were in stables each night.

YVES GOMEZEE.

Mules in stables.  
 Coal carted for inhabitants from  
 FLORENNE + WALCOURT.  
 Two limbers used every day for  
 Rations + fodder  
 Transport inspection by C.O. on  
 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Evacuations One mule Grey G. 7 yrs  
 15.3. with broken knee. from  
 LE PETIT FAYT.

HOC Hunter Lt  
 T.O.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Coy