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15th. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

for

JANUARY 1919.

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Monceau Map Ref. Valenciennes. 1:100000.	Jan.	1 st .	Weather: Fine. The R.Cs. of the company attended a church parade held in the St Remy Church. Remainder of the company rested in their billets after celebrating the new year. Company strength 10 Officers. 199 Other Ranks. Reinfs. nil.	
	Jan.	2 nd	Weather: Showery. Sections paraded, washed & overhauled company limbers & Gear. Lieut Heathcote relinquished the appointment of Btm. Education Officer & was posted to command this company. Company strength 11 Offs. 198 O.Rs. Reinfs. nil.	
	Jan.	3 rd	Weather: Fine until afternoon & it commenced raining. Sections paraded for inspection of arms & equipment. Company limbers were again attended to. Company strength 11 Offs. 198 O.Rs. Reinfs. nil.	
	Jan.	4 th	Weather: Fine. Sections paraded at 0900h were inspected by Section Officers & were marched to the bay parade ground where they were inspected & spoken to by V.C. Coy. Lieut Stagg proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom. Company strength 11 Offs. 199 O.Rs. Reinfs. nil.	
	Jan.	5 th	Weather: Fine. Voluntary church parade was held in the cinema hall St Remy. Company strength 10 Offs. 211 O.Rs. Reinfs. nil.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan 6 th		<p>Weather: Fine. Section Officers inspection of arms & equipment at 0900h. Company parade & inspection by O.C. Coy. The company then proceeded on a route march. A stage was erected in the company Recreation Room & at 7 pm the Bn concert party entertained the troops for a couple of hours. Company strength 10 Off's 204 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p>	
	Jan 7 th		<p>Weather: Fine Sections paraded at 0900h. inspection by Section Officers. Company parade at 0915h. inspection by O.C. Coy. Physical & recreational training was then carried out. A Dancing committee was formed & a dance arranged for the following evening. Lieut A. Coppin proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom. Company strength 10 Off's 204 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p>	
	Jan 8 th		<p>The usual inspection by Section Officers & Company Commander. Physical & recreational training. A conference of all Company Commanders was held at Bn Hqs. as per B.R.O. No 7 para 27. At 7 o'clock the recreation room was crowded with dancing enthusiasts. This dance proved highly successful & it was decided by the committee right on the spot to set apart two nights weekly for the purpose of dancing. Company strength 9 Off's 204 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan 9 th		<p>Weather: Very wet throughout the day.</p> <p>Owing to the weather conditions, the troops remained in doors & carried on with indoor, recreational training</p> <p>Company strength 9 off. 204 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p>	
	Jan 10 th		<p>Weather: Showery throughout the day.</p> <p>No 3 draft of 1915 men left the bay en-route for Australia.</p> <p>A Bathing parade was held at Btm Baths St Remy where all members of the company obtained a hot Bath & clean change of undercloths as per B.R.O. no 8 para 33.</p>	
	Jan 11 th		<p>Company strength 9 off's 204 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p> <p>Weather: Showery.</p> <p>Sections paraded & were inspected by Section Officers before proceeding to the bay parade ground, where the usual inspection by O.C. took place. The Transport, hooked in on the lines, was inspected by C.O. at 10.00 h. as per B.R.O. No. 9 para. 43.</p>	
	Jan 12 th		<p>Company strength 9 Off. 203 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p> <p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>A Voluntary Church parade was held at St Remy. V.P.O.'s at Cinema Hall. R.O.'s at St Remy Church. as</p> <p>Company strength 9 Off. 193 O/R's. Ranks nil.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan	13 th	<p>Weather: Light showers throughout the day.</p> <p>Inspection of arms & equipment by Section Officers at 0900h.</p> <p>O.B. Company inspection on parade ground after which Physical & Recreational training was carried out. It was proposed to have a Company rifle range & a site for same was chosen.</p> <p>Strength 9 Off. 193 O/Rs. Reinfs. nil.</p>	
	Jan	14 th	<p>Weather: Cloudy.</p> <p>Section Officers held an inspection before Coy. was inspected by O.B. Coy. One half of the Company carried on with Physical & Recreational training while the other half prepared the Rifle Range, making cover, fox, markers, mounds, targets etc.</p> <p>No 50 Draft left en route for Australia 3 men of this Coy. marched out.</p> <p>Company Strength 9 Off's 191 O/Rs. Reinfs. nil.</p>	
	Jan	15 th	<p>Weather: a few light showers fell during the morning.</p> <p>Sections paraded for inspection by Section Officers & O.B. Company. The rifle range being ready for use all the troops went through rifle practice & everyone took keen interest in the practice.</p> <p>Lieut Howison. proceed on leave to Paris.</p> <p>Strength 8 Off's 189 O/Rs. Reinfs. nil.</p>	
	Jan	16 th	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Inspection of arms & equipment by Section Officers & O.B. Coy. The Company then proceeded to the range for practice. Lt. Harrop was taken on strength from O.B. Coy.</p> <p>Company Strength 9 off's 188 O/Rs. Reinfs. nil.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan 17 th		<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Company paraded & was inspected by O.C. on parade ground. No's 1 & 4 sections had full use of the range & after a very exciting match NO 4 won by 3 points. NO 1 section evidently not thoroughly satisfied, challenged NO 4 at football, the game was played after lunch which resulted in a win for NO 1 section. Lieut Welch proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Company strength 8 Off's 191 O/R's Ruffs nil.</p>	
	Jan 18 th		<p>Weather: Fine</p> <p>Company was inspected by the company commander then, Nos 2 & 3 sections, who were matched for a rifle shooting competition, proceeded to the range, this match resulted in an easy win for NO 3 section. At 6 pm. a large percentage of the company attended a concert given by the "Tripod Frontaliers" - the Bn concert party - & thoroughly enjoyed same. Lieut Plummer proceeded to the Aust Corps Physical & Recreational Training School.</p> <p>Company strength 7 Off's 191 O/R's</p>	
	Jan 19 th		<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>A voluntary church parade was held at St Remy. Quite a number of the Leen Riflemen took advantage of the quiet day on the range & had a good deal of practice. At 7 pm a dance was held in the boy recreation room which again proved highly successful.</p> <p>Company strength 7 Off. 196 O/R's Ruffs nil.</p>	
	Jan 19 th		<p>Weather: Fine</p> <p>Sections paraded. Gun teams were chosen & proceeded to the range for the purpose of finding the (2) two teams most capable of competing against</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan	20 th	<p>the other companies of the Btr. at 10.00h. the inter. company shoot came off. & this boy was only able to secure 2nd place. A football match between 57th Btr & 5 am & Btr at 2 pm. attracted the most of the boy. At 7 pm. a debate was held in the Recreation Room. Nos 1 & 2 sections v. Nos 3 & 4 sections. The subject being "Should members of the A.I.F. marry abroad whilst on active service." after some very good speaking Nos 3 & 4 sections, who were taking the affirmative, recorded the decision. Lt. O'Donohue marched in from O.B.B.</p> <p>Company strength 8 off's 186 O/R's Ranks. nil.</p>	
	Jan	21 st	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>The usual inspection by section. Officers & O.B. remaining portion of the morning was taken up with rifle shooting practice. After lunch a football match was played Nos 1 & 2 sections v Nos 3 & 4. The game was very evenly contested until 3/4 time when the last ball was punctured & the game was unable to be finished.</p> <p>Company strength 8 Off's 186 O/R's Ranks. nil.</p>	
	Jan	22 nd	<p>Weather: Fine Very bold.</p> <p>Inspection by O.B. boy & shooting practice. After lunch 1 & 2 sections again opposed 3 & 4 at football. after a very solid game 3 & 4 were beaten by a few points. At 7 pm. another dance was held in the Recreation Room which again proved highly successful.</p> <p>Company strength 8 Officers 186 O/R's</p>	
	Jan	23 rd	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Inspection by section. Officers & O.B. company. Nos 1 & 2 sections then proceeded to the Range. as a match had been arranged No 1 section won easily by 14 points. Nos 3 & 4 carried on with boxing instruction in the Recreation Room.</p> <p>Company strength 8 Off's 186 O/R's Ranks. nil.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan	24 th	<p>Weather: Fine Inspection by Section Officers at 09.00 h. Inspection by O.C. Coy at 09.15 h. Nos 3 & 4 sections had shooting practice on the range while Nos 1 & 2 carried on with instruction in boxing in the Recreation room. Company strength 8 Officers 156 O/Rs Reinfs. nil.</p>	
	Jan	25 th	<p>Weather: Fine Inspection by O.C. Coy then Nos 1 & 4 sections met on the range for another match. This time No 1 section came out on top by 1 point after a very exciting shoot. After lunch a football match took place Nos 1 Section & Hqs. V remainder of the Coy. This match resulted in an easy win for No 1 & Hqs. The Btr concert party showing at cinema Hall St Remy attracted most of the troops at 6.30 pm. Strength 8 Offs. 156 O/Rs Reinfs. nil.</p>	
	Jan	26 th	<p>Weather: Snow fell throughout the day & at night a very heavy fall of snow was experienced. A Voluntary church parade was held at Cinema Hall St Remy. Lieut Howison returned after 10 days leave in Paris. Company strength 8 Offs 155 O/Rs.</p>	
	Jan	27 th	<p>Weather: Fine but very cold. No parades were held on account of the snow. There was a considerable amount of raiding done. each raid resulted in a battle with snow balls. (Casualties, one officer, 2 black ups.) Company strength 9 Offs 156 O/Rs Reinfs nil.</p>	
	Jan	28 th	<p>Weather: Fine. Very cold. Sections paraded & were inspected by Section Officers at 09.00 h. Company parade & inspection by O.C. company. Two sections then used the range for practice, while the remainder received boxing instructions. Company strength 9 Offs 156 O/Rs Reinfs nil.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan 29 th		<p>Weather: Fine. Very bold. Troops paraded for Section Officers & O.B.'s inspection, very little shooting was done owing to the extreme cold & a good many more men carried on with boxing in the Recreation room. Company strength 9 Off's 156. Other/R's Rumps nil.</p>	
	Jan 30 th		<p>Weather: Fine. Very bold. The usual inspections took place, 12 of the company's best rifle shots proceeded to the 8th bay range to shoot against that bay. result 8th bay winning by 6 points Company strength 9 Off's 152. O/R's Rumps nil.</p>	
	Jan 31 st		<p>Weather: Very bold. O.B.'s inspection. The bay then overhauled all gear. at 2 pm. a team of riflemen from the 14th bay presented themselves at our range this match resulted in a win for the 14 bay by 16 points. Company strength 9 Off's 152. O/R's Rumps nil.</p>	

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Monthly Report re Transport - January 1919.

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During the whole of the month the Company was billeted at Monceau St. Maast where all the horses were stabled in the one farmyard with the exception of the riding horses which were accommodated in a stable close by.

There was no alteration to the animal strength during the month.

Strength - 7 rides, 40 l. drafts, 2 h. drafts, & 4 mules. This shows one ride under strength & is accounted for by the horse L. Smith has with him at Lengues where he is acting as Down Major.

About 5 or 6 days before the end of the month there was a fairly heavy fall of snow which covered the ground & put an end to the grazing which the horses had enjoyed up till that time in a large field adjoining the stable. At the same time the weather became much colder & the ground was frozen necessitating the use of frost clogs.

In preparation for demobilisation the horses were inspected & classified, & were branded with their classification and on the 29th they were inoculated.

Most of the work done by the transport for the month was carting wood & coal, both for the Company's use & civilians in the village. The latter were also assisted by carting other material &c.

During January the following Dms were returned to Australia.

Dms Nilson F.M., Howe, O'Kane, Doyle, Lickard, Meadwick, Walter, Geoghagan, & Owens. & L. Cpl. Woodhead. Appointments were made to fill the vacancies thus caused.

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15th. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

January, 1919.

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