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WAR DIARY

OF

2ND AUST LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY

FOR

OCTOBER 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

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Signature of Officer Commanding

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APPENDIX

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2ND A.L.T.M. BTRY WAR DIARY OCTOBER 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FAMECHON	1/31		This month was spent in the rest area at FAMECHON. Training was carried out daily	No 1
(AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER			MORNINGS: as per training syllabus AFTERNOONS: RECREATION	No 2
			WEATHER AND STRENGTH as per attached return	No 3.
			HONOURS AND AWARDS. The following awards were received during the month	
			MILITARY CROSS. LIEUT J. W. DARLING.	
			MILITARY MEDAL. 1538 4 th SGT A. W. CUTMORE	
			1840 CPL P. TRIGG	
			2700 CPL A. V. WATSON.	
			1279 PTE. G. L. HODGSON.	
			PAY DAYS. Oct 8 th £115.— Oct 23 rd £99-13-4.	
	3 rd		Lieut (Temp Capt) D. M. MUIR. O.C. Battery proceeded on leave to Australia. Lieut. P. G. GANDON assumed command.	
	25 th		The Personnel of the Battery were photographed	
	30 th		Lieut J. W. DARLING evacuated to Field Hospital - Sick.	
			A congratulatory letter to the Australian Corps was received during the month from General Rawlinson Commanding 4 th Army	No 4.

APPENDIX

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Syllabus of Training
2	Strength Return
3	Battery Order No 29
4	Congratulatory Letter

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918

APPENDIX

DATE	MORNING			AFTERNOON
	0830 to 0900	to 0930	to 1130	1400 to 1530
1	PHYS EXERCISES	GAS DRILL	SPECIALISTS TRAINING STOKES MORTAR	RECREATIONAL TRAINING
2	SQUAD DRILL	SALUTING	ROUTE MARCH	
3	BAYONET FIGHTING	GUARDS & SENTRIES	STOKES MORTAR SLING FIRING	
4	PHYS EXERCISES	MUSKETRY	ROUTE MARCH	
5	SQUAD DRILL	GAS DRILL	STOKES MORTAR	
6	CHURCH	PARADE		HOLIDAY
7	RIFLE EXERCISES	MUSKETRY	STOKES MORTAR	RECREATIONAL TRAINING
8	ROUTE MARCH.	(FULL MARCHING ORDER)		
9	PHYS EXERCISES	MUSKETRY	STOKES MORTAR SLING FIRING.	
10	BAYONET FTG.	GAS DRILL	RIFLE GRENADES.	
11	ROUTE MARCH	(F. M. O.)		
12	SQUAD DRILL	MUSKETRY	STOKES MORTAR.	HOLIDAY
13	CHURCH	PARADE		
14	PHYS EXERCISES	GAS DRILL	STOKES MORTAR	
15	ROUTE MARCH	(F. M. O.)		
16	MUSKETRY.	RANGE "A"	100 & 200 YDS	
17	MUSKETRY	" "	300 YDS	RECREATIONAL TRAINING
18	ROUTE MARCH	(F. M. O.)		
19	MUSKETRY	RANGE "A"	400 YDS.	HOLIDAY
20	CHURCH	PARADE.		HOLIDAY
21	MUSKETRY	SPECIALISTS TRAINING.	STOKES MORTAR	RECREATIONAL TRAINING
22	GAS DRILL	LEWIS MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION		
23	BRIGADE	PARADE.		
24	ROUTE MARCH.	(F. M. O.)		
25	BAYONET FIGHTING	GERMAN MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION		
26	SQUAD DRILL	STOKES MORTAR (SLING FIRING.		HOLIDAY
27	CHURCH	PARADE		HOLIDAY
28	GAS DRILL	STOKES MORTAR		RECREATIONAL TRAINING
29	ROUTE MARCH	F. M. O.		
30	MUSKETRY	RANGE "B"	LEWIS. M. G. FIRING.	
31	MUSKETRY	RANGE "C"		

J. J. Landry Lt

2nd A L T M Bty

2nd ALT M Bty

OCTOBER 1918

DATE Oct	WEATHER	STRENGTH		
		ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES	STRENGTH OFF O'R TOTAL
1	FINE	—	—	3 40 43
2	FINE	FROM LEAVE FRANCE 1-0'R	—	3 41 44
3	SHOWERY	FROM AMER CORPS - 1 FROM HOSPITAL - 1	—	3 43 46
4	FINE	—	TO AUST ON LEAVE 1 OFF 1-0'R	2 42 44
5	FINE	—	TO BDE SCHOOL - 4" TO CORPS SCHOOL - 2" TO FIELD HOSP - 1"	2 35 37
6	SHOWERY	—	—	2 35 37
7	FINE	—	TO G.H.R. T.M. SCHOOL 1-0'R	2 34 36
8	WET	—	—	2 34 36
9	FINE	FROM FIELD HOSP 1-0'R	—	2 35 37
10	SHOWERY	—	TO U.K. ON LEAVE 2-0'R	2 33 35
11	FINE	FROM BASE 1-0'R	—	2 34 36
12	SHOWERY	—	—	2 34 36
13	DULL	—	—	2 34 36
14	FINE	—	TO AUST BASE. P.D. 1-0'R	2 33 35
15	DULL	FROM BASE 1-0'R	—	2 34 36
16	DULL	FROM UK LEAVE. 2-0'R	—	2 36 38
17	FINE	—	—	2 36 38
18	FINE	—	—	2 36 38
19	FINE	—	—	2 36 38
20	WET	—	—	2 36 38
21	FINE	FROM BASE 1-0'R	TO FIELD HOSP 1-0'R	2 36 38
22	FINE	—	—	2 36 38
23	FINE	—	—	2 36 38
24	FINE	—	TO CORPS SCHOOL 2-0'R	2 34 36
25	FINE	FROM G.H.R. SCHOOL 1-0'R	TO U.K. ON LEAVE 1-0'R	2 34 36
26	DULL	FROM BASE 1-0'R FROM CORPS SCHOOL 2-0'R	—	2 37 39
27	FINE	—	—	2 37 39
28	FINE	FROM U.K. LEAVE. 2-0'R	—	2 39 41
29	FINE	—	—	2 39 41
30	FINE	—	TO HOSP 1-OFF	1 39 40
31	FINE	—	—	1 39 40

APPENDIX No 3

2nd A.L.T.M. BTYORDER No 2928th Oct 1918By LIEUT J.W. DARLING, COMMANDINGI. HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following N. CO'S and men of the
Battery have been awarded the MILITARY MEDAL

01538 4th SGT CUTMORE A.W.

1840 CPL TRIGG P

2700 CPL WATSON A.V.

1279 PTE HODGSON G.L.

In conveying the congratulations of the
Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders,
the Battery Commander desires also to
congratulate the recipients on their
decoration

SIGNED LIEUT. J.W. DARLING

2nd A.L.T.M. BTY

Australian Corps.

Since the Australian Corps joined the Fourth Army on the 8th April, 1918, they have passed through a period of hard and uniformly successful fighting of which all ranks have every right to feel proud.

Now that it has been possible to give the Australian Corps a well-earned period of rest I wish to express to them my gratitude for all that they have done. I have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the various stages through which they have passed from the hard times of FLERS and POZIERES to their culminating victories at MONT ST. QUENTIN and the great Hindenburg System at BONY, BELLICOURT Tunnel and MONTBREHAIN.

During the Summer of 1918 the safety of AMIENS has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valour.

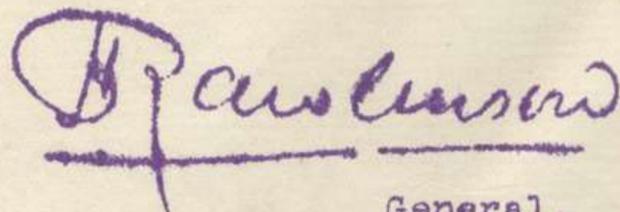
The story of what they have accomplished as a fighting Army Corps, of the diligence, gallantry and skill which they have exhibited, and of the scientific methods which they have so thoroughly learned and so successfully applied, has gained for all Australians a place of honour amongst nations and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

It has been my privilege to lead the Australian Corps in the Fourth Army during the decisive battles since August 8th which bid fair to bring the war to a successful conclusion at no distant date.

No one realises more than I do the very prominent part that they have played, for I have watched from day to day every detail of their fighting, and learned to value beyond measure the prowess and determination of all ranks.

In once more congratulating the Corps on a series of successes unsurpassed in this great war I feel that no mere words of mine can adequately express the renown that they have won for themselves and the position they have established for the Australian nation not only in France but throughout the world.

I wish every officer, N.C.O. and man all possible good fortune in the future and a speedy and safe return to their beloved Australia.



H.Q., Fourth Army.
14th October, 1918.

General,
Commanding Fourth Army.