

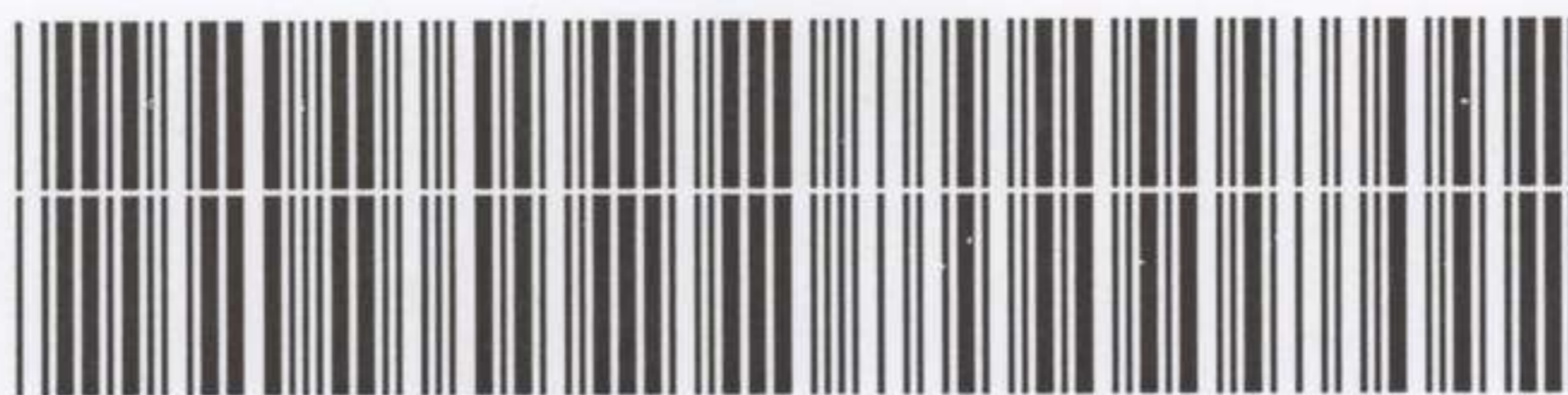
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Battery

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WAR DIARY

P. W. M. S. M. S.

For week ending 12.1.18

Sunday 6.1.18

Battery fell in at 9.0 am and at 9.30 am was inspected by a medical officer from 10th Field Ambulance. The men were then rested for the remainder of the day. Tattoo roll called at 9.0 pm.

Monday 7.1.18

Battery fell in at 8.30 and drilled as per syllabus of training till 2.30 pm.

At 8.30 am the battery moved off to bath, in charge of Lieut Cameron.

Lieut J. F. M. (attached) and " H. C. Williams were evacuated to 10th Field Ambulance.

Gnr G. E. Bowden and Gnr S. W. Sawyer proceeded to Brigade Signal School.

Tuesday 8.1.18

Parade fell in at 7.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.

Pte S. Cronin rejoined from 3rd Aust Div Reinforcement Camp.

Pay was issued at 3.30 pm.

A lecture was delivered by at 11.0 am in V.M.C.A. METEREN. Lieut Cameron and two of rank attended from this unit.

Wednesday 9.1.18

Parade fell in at 7.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.

100 Blankets were sent to BAILLEUL for the purpose of camouflage.

Gnr W. R. Wade returned from English leave.

A lecture was delivered by Lieut Richard Lodge at 3.0 pm in V.M.C.A. METEREN. Lieut Smith and 2 NCOs attended from this unit.

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Thursday 10.1.18

Parade fell in at 7.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.

Lieut E.D. Redfern 2 M.C. and 26 men proceeded to DIVISIONAL Dump at DOUREZ FARM. To obtain handcarriage belonging to this unit, but of 14 that were damaged only 9 could be procured.

A Brigade conference of C.O.'s units was held at Brigade H'qts at 3.30 pm. when the question of slackness in soldierly bearing and strutting of troops was discussed.

Friday 11.1.18

Parade fell in at 7.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.

L/Sgt J.M. Boig returned from leave. Gun H.C. Williams rejoined unit from hospital.

An official photo was taken of this unit at 1.30 pm. The group looking well.

Saturday 12.1.18

Parade fell in at 7.30 am and drilled as per syllabus to 2.30 pm.

W. Smith Lieut

WAR DIARY

For Week ending 19.1.18.

Sunday 13.1.18

The Battery fell in at 10.15 am. and proceeded on Church Parade. All officers and men available attending.

Lieut J. Cameron visited 33rd and 35th Battalions to select men suitable to be trained for T.M. Gunners.

Lieut A. D. Warby reformid unit from Divisional M'gts.
Gnr. C. Chismon reformid from A.G.B.D.

Monday 14.1.18

Parade fell in at 8.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.

Tuesday 15.1.18

Parade fell in at 8.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.

Gnr C. H. Tom proceeded on 14 days PARIS leave.

15.1.18

1944 Gnr C.E. Webb 35th Bn } joined battery
1400^h " A.E. Hayes 35th " }
for the purposes of training
I.W.O. and 10 men proceeded to
Bath at 3.30 pm.

Wednesday 16.1.18

Parade fell in at 8.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 12.0 Noon.
Gnr F. HOWARD reformid unit from H.G.B.D.
At 2.45 a football team from this unit played the 9th M.G. Coy and were beaten 9.0.

Thursday 17.1.18

Parade fell in at 8.30 am and drilled as per syllabus to 2.30 pm.
At 9.0 am the Divisional Sqn N.C.O. inspected the S.B.P. and P.H. helmets of this unit.

Friday 18.1.18

Parade fell in at 8.30 am and drilled as per syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.
At 3.30 pm I.W.O. and 10 men proceeded to Bath.

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Saturday 19/1/18

Parade fell in at
8.30 am and drilled as per
syllabus of training to 2.30 pm.
Capt R. C. Nowland returned from
English leave.

W. W. Smith
etc

WAR DIARY of

9th AUS. LIT. Bty

For Week ENDING 26-1-1918.

SUNDAY 20-1-18

R.C. Men of the
Battalion fell in at ~~8.30~~ 7.45 am and
attended Church Parade at Church
METEREN

Other Denominations attended Divine
Service at 9.30 am in YMCA Hall at
METEREN

The Battalion rested for the remainder
of the day.

No 554 Gnr PT Richards No 108 Gnr Denning
D No 1903 EJ DUNCAN 1550 Gnr FOX CS
returned from leave to United Kingdom
on 19th inst - No 1903 Gnr Clough S.

MONDAY 21-1-18.

Battalion fell in at
8.30 am and carried out training as per
Syllabus x
No 1399 Gnr MCGEE W returned to
Unit from Hospital.

Wednesday 23.1.18. Training was carried out during morning as per Syllabus, the afternoon was devoted to recreation.

The battery football team played a match against "C" Coy 36th Battalion which resulted in our favour 6 to nil. In accordance with instructions received from Bde HQs, all men attached to battery for instruction were returned to units with the exception of No 1904 Pte WEBB & No 1400 Pte HAYES, AA, who were retained for further instruction.

Battalions were visited & further 14 men were selected for an instructional course.

Lieut. (Temp Capt.) NOWLAND, R.C. was promoted to rank of Captain dated 6th January 1918 vide AIF. List No 285, bathed this day.

No 1656 Sgt. POIT, W.F. No 1598 Cpl. SKINNER, E.C. No 1285 Gun^r Mc Groth H. proceeded to TM School AVELOY, 23.1.18.

Thursday 24.1.18. Training carried out as per Syllabus.

1200 & 10 men were bathed this day 14 men reported to battery from battalions for instructional purposes.

Lieut. SM. Mulholland No 1299 Gun^r Churchill E.A. No 2786 Gun^r DAVIS K.C. No 1682 Gun^r Roache —

returned from TM School AVELOY.
FRIDAY 25.1.18.

Training was carried out as per Syllabus.

Lieut. SM. Mulholland, No 1490. Gun^r WILLIAMS H.C. No 1284 Cpl. WARDHAUGH, T.Y.

No 1399 Gun^r Mc GEE, W. No 2786 Gun^r DAVIS K.C. No 862 Gun^r NELSON, H. proceeded to the United Kingdom on 14 days leave.

No 1956 Gun^r DEPTON R. returned to unit & retaken on strength.

Capt. R.C. Nowland & Lieut. W.W. SMITH reconnoitred the BEAVER, LDCRE & KEMMEL areas in connection with the METEREM Brigade Defence Scheme of the Australian Corps.

No 2027 Gun^r ANTON, E. returned from PARIS leave.

SATURDAY 26.1.18.

Training was carried out as per Syllabus.

Promotions. No 31127 Gun^r FRASER, D.J. promoted to Temp. Cpl. vice No 582 Cpl. Tonkin, A.J.

evacuated to hospital dated 21.1.18. No 2093. Gun^r Lowder G.G. promoted to L/Cpl vice L/Cpl. LYNCH, L.J. evacuated to hospital dated 21.1.18.

No 1108. Gun^r DENNING, D. to L/Cpl to complete establishment, dated 21.1.18

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STRENGTHRETURN26.1.18.

actually with unit.		with leave.		Sick		at Schools		Detached		Total Strength	Established must	Wanting to Complete	Attached								
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P. Snowland Capt.

cc 9th Aus LTMBS

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WAR DIARY OF 9th AUS. L.T.M. BATTERY
for
week ending 2.2.1918.

Sunday 27.1.18. The battery attended divine service in the YMCA Hut METEREN for the C of E and the Church METEREN for the R.C. denomination.

Capt. R.C. Newland O.C. Battery attended a conference at Brigade H.Q.s re move of brigade to new area. Battery football team played a match with the 36th Battalion which resulted in a scoreless drawn game.

MONDAY 28.1.18. Training of battery was carried out as per syllabus. Mortars were painted & experiments in Camouflaging were carried out. Subequipments of men were washed & brass parts thoroughly cleaned. Men's Hats were cleaned & pressed.

TUESDAY 29.1.18. Battery fell in on parade ground at 8.30am & were inspected. The morning was spent preparing for practice Route March during afternoon.

Battery took part in Brigade practice Route March & passed

starting point at cross roads OUTERSTEENE (F901-9) The G.O.C. 9th Aus. Inf. Bde reviewed the parade & took the Salute at the Cross roads OUTERSTEENE.

The route was OUTERSTEENE (F901-9) CLAPBANK - cross roads X 230-50-90 to cross roads X 220 15-10, thence to billets.

WEDNESDAY 30.1.18. Battery carried out training as per syllabus during forenoon.

The afternoon was devoted to recreational training.

THURSDAY 31.1.1918. In accordance with 9th Aus. Inf. Bde. Order No 14 of 25.1.18 the battery moved out of METEREN area to KORTEPYP area. Lorry reported to battery H.Q.s at 8am & battery stores were loaded on same & proceeded direct to new area.

Battery handed over to 1st Aus. LT M. Battery all billets, area stores & defence schemes.

The brigade route marched into new area & passed the starting point at ~~X 170 7-2~~ at 514 C 25.10 at 1.24pm.

The brigade was reviewed in the Square BAILLEUL by the G.O.C.

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A.I.F. & Australian Corps General.
Sir William BIRDWOOD.

The battery took over from
5th Aus LTM Bty at BULFORD
CAMP T20CQ-2.

LIEUT. W.W. SMITH commenced 14 days
leave to United Kingdom this day.