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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
(GENERAL STAFF.)

Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
(GENERAL STAFF).

FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY

1919.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE.	1919. Jan.			
	1.		Wire received from G.O.C. A.I.F. congratulating Div. Commander on receiving K.C.B.	
	3.		General Sir W. R. BIRDWOOD, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., G.O.C. A.I.F. visited 2nd Aust. Div. during afternoon. At 2.30 p.m. the General arrived at D.H.Q. and met the G.O.C. and officers of D.H.Q., leaving D.H.Q. he went to 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q., and inspected the 26th Bn., which was drawn up in the Grand Place, MARCHANT-au-PONT, and later met the 7th A.I.Bde. Staff, C.Os. and Coy. Commanders of 27th, 28th and Pioneer battalions, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery Staff, Arty. Bde. Commanders and Battery Commanders. From the 7th A.I.Bde. the G.O.C. went to 6th A.I.Bde. at NALLINES and inspected 24th Bn. and 6th Field Ambulance, which were drawn up in the Square, after the inspection he met the 6th A.I.Bde. Staff and C.Os. of 22nd, 23rd and 24th Bns., all 24th Bn. Officers, the G.O.C. and staff 5th A.I.Bde., C.Os. of 17th, 18th, 20th Bns. and A.M.G.Bn., C.R.E. and Coy. Commanders. Lieut. General Sir John TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D., commanding Aust. Corps, accompanied the General on his visit.	
			Major MIDDLETON, D.S.O., Sports Representative, 2nd Aust. Div., left for ENGLAND, to report for duty to "Demobilization and Repatriation" LONDON. Major DONNELLY, D.S.O., 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn., reported to 2nd Aust. D.H.Q. to relieve Major MIDDLETON.	
	4.		G.O.C. attended final football match 6th A.I.Bde. Group. Fine afternoon and very good game. Won by 23rd Bn.	
	5.		Signal personnel. - Party 13 O.Rs. working with Belgian Civil authorities on CHARLEROI Exchange. <i>assisting to reconstruct civil exchange</i>	
	6.		Series of visits commenced to various works in the vicinity of CHARLEROI. Allotments made throughout Div. all units represented. Party of 106 attending daily. Industries visited are those which could be introduced into Australia or which already exist in Australia.	
	7.		G.O.C. visited units in morning and in evening went to 5th A.I.Bde. for dinner and attended the Bde. concert party in evening.	

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MARCINELLE.	1919. Janr.		Order of Battle, 3rd to 5th October, 1918, Operations issued all recipients of Report G.3/257.	Appendix.
	8.		G.O.C. visited Div. Reinforcement Wing to inspect and say good-bye to draft of A.M.C. details who are leaving for AUSTRALIA.	
	9.		Letters forwarded to Corps stating views re suitability or otherwise of present establishments for Post BELLUM Army with any proposals.	
	10.		G.O.C. visited Div. Commanders, 42nd and 37th British Divisions.	
	11.		G.O.C. visited train to say good-bye to 600 officers and men of the Division who are returning to AUSTRALIA.	
	12.		B.G.G.S. Aust. Corps - Brig-General BLAMEY - lunched with G.O.C., and arrangements made for Major J. J. L. McCALL, D.S.O., Brigade-major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., to come to Division as G.S.O.II. in place of Major W. P. McCALLUM, D.S.O., returned to AUSTRALIA and for Capt. J. ROYDHOUSE, G.S.O.III., Aust. Corps, to take Major J. J. L. McCALL's position.	
	13.		Personnel for classes at Universite-du-Travail assembled at 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	
	14.		Classes commenced at Universite-du-Travail. Everything in good going order by completion of day. Working hours 1300 to 1600 daily. Lieut. T. A. LAWRIE, 5th Field Coy. A.E. in charge of staff, and has done all organising in connection with course.	
			G.O.C. lunched with Corps Commander at HAM-sur-HEURE. Later attended conference at 4th Army H.Q., NAMUR, when Archbishop of CANTERBURY addressed the conference.	
	15.		G.O.C. visited Brigades and Artillery during day.	
	16.		G.O.C. visited station to say good-bye to 850 officers and men of the Division who are departing for demobilization.	
	17.		Lieut. R. HENDY, 18th Bn., reported for duty as Assistant Div. Sports Representative. He will be responsible for all athletic events.	

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MARCINELLE.	1919. Jan.		D.A.C. held race meeting on ground between MARCHIENNE-au-PONT and MONT-sub-MARCHIENE. Good meeting.	
	18.		Lieut-Colonel LORD, 40th Bn. reported for duty to 2nd Aust. Div. Lt-Col. LORD to be temporary Brigadier, 5th A.I.Bde. G.S.O.III. took Lt-Col. LORD to 5th A.I.Bde. to meet the Battalion Commanders of Brigade. Brigadier-General McNICHOLL, Inspector General Education, arrived. He will spend half-a-day with Artillery and each Inf. Bde. Group to address representative gathering.	
	19.		Div. Artillery Races. Fine Day. G.O.C. attended. Meeting quite a success.	
	20.		G.S.O.III. visited 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. in morning.	
	21.		Divisional Race Meeting held at BOMEREE. Entries good and meeting a general success. G.O.C. and Staff attended.	
	22.		G.O.C. visited 5th, 6th, 7th Bdes. Artillery and Engineers. 7th Bde. held a platoon competition at MARCHANT-au-PONT. Very good turn-out. Won by 28th Battalion.	
	24.		G.O.C. attended lecture given by Col. ^{Merrington} MERRIMAN at CHARLEROI. Subject "Gallipolli," lecturer had slides. G.S.O.III. with Div. Sports Officer visited 5th, 6th Bdes., Engineers and Artillery.	
	25.		G.O.C. visited station to say good-bye to officers and men leaving for AUSTRALIA.	
	26.		Capt. ROYDHOUSE reported to 6th A.I.Bde. to take over duty of Bde.Mjr. from Major McCALL. M.G.G.S. Major-Gen. MONTGOMERY visited G.O.C. during afternoon. Snow commenced. Up to to-day weather had been very mild.	
	28.		Corps Commander visited 6th Bde. 22nd, 23rd, 24th Bns., 5th Bde. and all Bns. during morning seeing Brigadiers and Bn. Commanders. Conference at Aust. Corps - subject "Demobilisation." G.S.O.I. and A.A.Q.M.G. of divisions to attend. G.S.O.III. and A.A. & Q.M.G. 2nd Aust. Div. attended. Major J.J.L. McCALL, D.S.O. reported for duty as G.S.O.II. to D.H.Q.	

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The ORDER OF BATTLE of 2nd Aust. Division at 0600, 3rd October, 1918, was as follows:-

Div. Commander - Major-Gen. Charles Rosenthal,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

C.R.A. - Brigadier-General O. F. Phillips, D.S.O.

1st A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. E. T. Dean, D.S.O.)	Withdrawn
2nd A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. D. H. Moore, D.S.O.)	1000 3:10:18.
4th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. C. A. Callaghan, D.S.O.	
5th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. H. W. Riggall, D.S.O.	
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	- Lt-Col. H. W. Lloyd, C.M.G., D.S.O.	
63th Army Bde. R.F.A.	- Lt-Col. H. P. Burnyeat,	} Withdrawn 1800 4th Oct. '18.
84th Army Bde. R.F.A.	- Lt-Col. H. Cornes, D.S.O.	
104th Army Bde. R.F.A.	- Lt-Col. H. Ward, D.S.O.	
108th Army Bde. R.F.A.	- Lt-Col. N.A. Stebbing, DSO.)	
150th Army Bde. R.F.A.	- Lt-Col. F. A. Dixon, D.S.O.)	
10th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. T.I.C. Williams, DSO.)	From 1000
11th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. C. H. Spurge.	3:10:18,
13th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. H.O. Caddy, D.S.O.	Remained on
14th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Lt-Col. F.P. Derham, D.S.O.	W.L. until
6th Army Bde. A.F.A.	- Lt-Col. H.E. Cohen, C.M.G. D.S.O.)	4:10:18.
7th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Major. H.J. Glover, DSO.)	From 2130 5th
8th A.F.A. Brigade.	- Major. T.G. Rowe, D.S.O.)	Oct. Remained on W.L. for night 5/6 Oct.

C.R.E. - Lt-Col. J.L.C. Corlette, D.S.O.

5th Field Coy. A.E.	- Major. R. S. Reid.
6th Field Coy. A.E.	- Major. N. C. Harris, D.S.O., M.C.
7th Field Coy. A.E.	- Capt. L. Noedl, M.C.
2nd Aus.Div.Sig.Coy.	- Capt. F. U. J. Tinkler, M.C.

5th Aust. Inf. Bde. - Brig-Gen. E.F. Martin, C.M.G. D.S.O.

17th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. R. M. Sadler, M.C.
18th Battalion.	- Major. W. R. C. Robertson, M.C.
19th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. W. J. Bateman.
20th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. F. W. D. Forbes, D.S.O.

6th Aust. Inf. Bde. - Brig-Gen. J.C. Robertson, CMG. DSO.

21st Battalion.	- Lt-Col. B. O. C. Duggan, D.S.O.
22nd Battalion.	- Lt-Col. A. R. L. Wiltshire, D.S.O., M.C.
23rd Battalion.	- Major. D. Beith.
24th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O.

7th Aust. Inf. Bde. - Brig-Gen. E.A. Wisdom, C.B., D.S.O.

25th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. W. Davis, M.C.
26th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. J. A. Robinson, D.S.O.
27th Battalion.	- Lt-Col. F. R. Chalmers, D.S.O.
28th Battalion.	- Major. A. Brown, D.S.O., M.C.

2nd Aust. M. G. Bn. - Lt-Col. A.W. Ralston, C.M.G. D.S.O.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. Lt-Col. F.W.G. Annand, D.S.O. V.D.

A.D.M.S. - Colonel A. E. Shepherd, D.S.O.

5th Aust. Field Amb.	- Lt-Col. W. L. Crowther.
6th Aust. Field Amb.	- Lt-Col. H. L. St. Vincent Welch, D.S.O.
7th Aust. Field Amb.	- Major. A.P. Drummond.

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 63.Reduction of Strength of Signal Companies.

1. Owing to the reduction in strength of personnel of the Corps and Divisional Signal Companies, increasing difficulty has been experienced in carrying out the work entailed in the care and maintenance of horses and equipment.

2. Corps has authorised therefore that as a temporary measure of relief, the equipment and horses of one cable section of the 2nd Aust. Div. Signal Company shall be returned to Ordnance and Remounts respectively.

3. Personnel rendered surplus by this reduction will be distributed amongst the remaining sections of the Signal Company.

4. Instructions regarding the disposal of surplus equipment, stores, and horses will be issued by the Administrative Branch of the Division.

G. H. B. [Signature]
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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