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2ND AUSTRALIAN S.D.A.C.	
No.
Date

Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian S.D.A.C.

FOR

March 1919

Signature of Officer compiling Lieut. S. Downe

Signature of Officer Commanding Lieut. S. Downe

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S.B.A.G.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) 2ND Aust, S, B, A, COLUMN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOURCOING	1/3/19	Sunny	Usual Routine. Nothing of importance.	
"	2/3/19	Sunny	No Details. Held an Identification Parade. In the afternoon answered and dealt with the usual correspondence and made out Intelligence War Diary.	
"	2/3/19	Time	Called a Parade and read out the following marching order standing order. That the town of Tourcoing will be policed by an Officer Patrol commencing at 21:00 hours daily and any Ambulances found in the streets after 22:00 hours each day will be arrested. It is necessary to be very noisy as a result of numerous breaches of discipline and disorderly conduct by ambulances in Tourcoing.	
"	4/3/19	Dull	Usual Routine 7 horses in Detail. Dealt with and answered the usual daily correspondence. Also Centre and Regimental Funds Balance Sheet No 6753 PTE DUERDON W. To UK, Leave.	
"	5/3/19	Sunny	Four men to UK on leave. 5 horses in Detail. Nothing else of importance.	
"	6/3/19	Dull	DVR CARRE and NETHERENT to UK LEAVE DVR ANKRE to Hospital. Lt S.S. Wainwright to Paris on leave. Lt Supt Wainwright of 1st Aust S.B.A.G. to be Lt during his absence.	
"	7/3/19	Rain	Usual Routine. Sgt, APPLETON. Had a general inspection of Park and horses. Made out the weekly B 213 A Returns.	

Sturgeon Lt
No 2 all day

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TOURCOING	8/3/19	DULL	14265 DVR DEVEREUX E.J.M., S.O.S. to Hospital whilst on UK leave.	
"			15275 DVR HOLLAMBY R.P. to UK leave	
"	9/7/19	SUNNY	Usual Routine 2 lorries on detail. No 14463 Cornwell from Paris leave.	
"	10/3/19	SHOWERY	Held an Identification Parade at 6 AM for Major Bunker at 1st Aust. S.B. 9381 Sgt Appleton to Hospital	
"	11/3/19	WINDY	Most of the lorries on detail 2 men to Paris leave. 229 DVR STAYERS to Hospital	
"	12/3/19	DULL CILD	14817 DVR MACRAE S.O.S. to A.B.D. HAVRE for Early Repatriation. Usual Routine.	
"	13/3/19	FINE	7 lorries on detail. 16198 SCHLAPP E.G. S.O.S. to A.B.D. HAVRE for Early Repatriation	
"	14/3/19	SUNNY	Only a few lorries on detail. Cpt. Podger made an inspection of the remaining lorries and Part. Lt. S.E. Worsne. U.C. returned from Paris leave. Made out all weekly Returns	
"	15/3/19	DULL	5 lorries on detail. Usual Routine. Nothing of importance. Lt. S.E. Worsne. U.C. Paris all. P.M.	
"	16/3/19	SUNNY	10 lorries on detail. Usual Routine.	
"	17/3/19	SUNNY	Received orders regarding unloading of guns and Caterpillars. Also men to move lorries and Personnel to Amphibian Corps area. Owing to trucks not being there. orders are cancelled	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tourcoing	18/3/19	WET	No losses in detail. all standing by awaiting movement orders.	
"	19/3/19	DULL	Still standing by, awaiting travel and movement orders. Played 25 TH P.A.S.C. cricket and won by 16 Runs. Scores were 2 ND Aust S. B. A. O. 100 25 TH P.A.S.C. 84.	
"	20/3/19	SNOW RAIN.	15163 CPL ETHERINGTON: W.F., S.O.S. from 22.2.19 to A. B. D. HANWY fr Car by Repatriation usual Routine.	
"	21/3/19	SUNNY	usual Routine most of the losses in detail. Lt S.E. HOWNE went to Courtrai to be present for the Court Martial of DVP ROBERTS and GUNNETHANDSYDE F, which did not take place that day.	
"	22/3/19	DULL	set application inspected condition of losses and Capt. S.E. HOWNE went to Courtrai for Roberts and Handasyde's Court Martial which did not take place that day owing to the previous cases taking up most of the day.	
"	23/3/19	DULL	Nothing of importance usual Routine.	
"	24/3/19	RAIN	7 losses in detail Lt S.E. HOWNE went again to Courtrai to be present at Roberts and Handasyde's Court Martial which was again postponed.	
"	25/3/19	RAIN	Most of the losses in detail. Lt S.E. HOWNE went to Courtrai for the Court Martial of Roberts and Handasyde, in which were found not guilty. 14991, LEVIN, went on Italian leave in lieu of UK.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOURCOING	26/3/19	FAIR	man at Rowline 5 tonnes on Detail 14794 Driver Peterson H.J. on leave to NICE in lieu of UK.	
"	27/3/19	DULL	Sgt Applin went to P'S.A.P. w/5 tons to recognition for part wanting to complete lorry & equipment.	
"	28/3/19	SNOW	5 tonnes on Detail. Nothing else of importance	
"	29/3/19	Sunny	15357 DVT HOLLAM by P.C. from UK leave. usual routine	
"	30/3/19	DULL	5543 DVA HALL HW. SOS, 21-2-19 for early Repatriation 1042 Gnr Kent W.H. Returned to unit 2nd A.S.B. from attacked 30-3-19. Lt S.E. Downe D.C. went with Battery Commander to	MOUSCROON
"	31/3/19	rain	to inspect loading platform and falling ground for the guns. Received orders to move all guns from present battery gun post. to Mouscron R.Head. all guns to Park at Mouscron for the night ready for loading on trucks first thing in morning Lt S.E. Downe went w/ the gun move details completed up to guns at battery gun post near Tourcoing station at 2-30 P.M. moved off at 2-45 pm arrived at Mouscron at 4-30 P.M. Lt S.E. Downe D.C. made billeting arrangements for the draft men staying the night and returned four drafts to park, leaving to be camped with loading of guns next day.	

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FOR

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

A. Petrol and mileage Return.

B. Canteen Balance Sheet for March.



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UNIT 2ND AUST. S.B.A. Co.

DIARY APPENDIX NO. 1 FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1919.

2ND AUSTRALIAN
S.B.A. Co.

Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Loads Amm.	R.E. Work	Supply	Stores	Person'l	Various	Total Loads Done	Total Lorries Out	Miles Run Full	Miles Run Empty	Petrol Issued	Lorries Av'able Not used	Lorries Under Repair	Lorries D'tach'd
1st	-	12	2	-	-	4	18	11	95	203	58	4	10	-
2nd	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	14	14	6	13	10	-
3rd	-	-	2	-	1	13	16	9	96	128	52	6	10	-
4th	-	-	1	-	-	5	6	6	47	65	22	10	9	-
5th	-	14	2	-	1	3	19	10	152	127	61	6	9	-
6th	1	-	1	-	-	8	10	7	98	138	49	11	7	-
7th	-	8	2	-	-	5	15	9	173	176	68	10	6	-
8th	-	-	2	-	-	8	10	7	112	116	48	12	6	-
9th	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	5	5	2	19	5	-
10th	-	-	1	7	-	2	8	8	100	132	52	12	5	-
11th	-	-	1	-	-	5	6	3	38	52	20	16	6	-
12th	-	-	2	-	-	3	5	5	114	79	46	13	7	-
13th	1	-	2	1	4	2	10	8	130	105	48	9	8	-
14th	-	-	1	-	4	4	5	3	50	35	14	12	10	-
15th	-	-	1	-	4	-	5	3	45	50	19	16	6	-
16th	-	-	11	-	-	-	11	11	55	156	44	10	4	-
17th	-	-	4	-	4	9	17	12	123	179	63	6	7	-
18th	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	3	10	46	12	16	6	-
19th	-	-	1	-	-	3	4	4	20	30	14	14	7	-
20th	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	5	5	2	20	14	-
21st	-	-	1	-	-	8	9	5	35	59	22	16	4	-
22nd	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	5	35	8	20	3	-
23rd	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	5	5	3	21	3	-
24th	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	7	38	11	20	3	-
25th	-	-	1	-	-	5	6	4	31	47	17	18	3	-
26th	-	-	2	-	3	1	5	4	35	40	15	18	3	-
27th	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	3	31	8	20	3	-
28th	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	5	5	2	21	3	-
29th	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	2	15	15	7	20	3	-
30th	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	5	5	2	21	3	-
31st	-	-	1	-	-	7	8	8	37	53	20	14	3	-
Total	2	34	54	8	17	96	210	155	1665	2224	845	444	176	

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APP A

2nd AUSTRALIAN
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1st. & 2nd. Aust.S.B.A.C. Canteen.

Balance Sheet for the Period 28th. Feb. to 31st. March 1919.

<u>Liabilities.</u>		<u>Assets.</u>	
Profit & Loss a/c		Cash in Hand	1191.75
Amt. at Credit 31.3.19		Stock in Hand	1331.20
	Frs. <u>2522.95</u>		Frs. <u>2522.95</u>
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Trading Account.

<u>1919</u>		<u>1919</u>	
Feb.28 To Stock in Hand	1957.50	Mch.31 By Sales	3105.95
Mch.31 .. Purchases	2668.55	.. Stock in Hand	1331.20
.. Rent for Month	10.00	.. P.& L.a/c loss for month	198.90
	Frs. <u>4636.05</u>		Frs. <u>4636.05</u>
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Profit & Loss Account.

<u>1919</u>		<u>1919</u>	
Mch.31 To Loss for month	198.90	Feb.28 By Balance	2721.85
.. Balance	2522.95		
	Frs. <u>2721.85</u>		Frs. <u>2721.85</u>
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