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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Machine Gun Coy*

FOR

*February* 191*9*

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pont de Loup	1/2/19		Heavy snow falling in the morning, Coy attended a lecture by Col. Ross on the Paschendule Operations from a Corps point of view, the lecture was very instructive & most interesting. Men had a holiday in the afternoon owing to the ground being unfit for recreational training.	
	2/2/19		Weather very cold & dull, ground 6 inches deep in snow. Coy attended lecture by Capt. Love R.M.O. on advances in Modern Surgery.	
	3/2/19		Very cold day, Coy had a route march in the morning. Lieut. R. Ellis evacuated to D.R.S. 10 Ranks also evacuated. 3 Ranks on leave to UK. 7 Ranks proceeded on leave to Brussels. Coy had recreational training in the afternoon.	
	4/2/19		Weather cold & boisterous, slight fall of snow. 3 Reciprovements taken on strength, Lieut. F. Carey on leave to Brussels, Coy mounted Battalion Guard. Coy cleaned guns & Bullets.	
	5/2/19		Sgt. Hulme rejoined on Paris leave, Cpl Gardner joined HQ staff at St. Maurice whilst on leave. 10 Ranks evacuated to D.R.S. 1 Officer & 25 Ranks attended a lecture on Bee Life by Lieut. Somerville. Very cold & snow falling all day.	

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Pont de Jong	6/2/19		1 Officer & 7 ORanks rejoined ex Brussels leave. 1 Officer & 25 ORanks attended a lecture on Wireless Telegraphy in local hall, very cold day, Physical Training for one hour in the afternoon.	
	7/2/19		bold wind blowing but sunny day, 1 ORank on leave to Paris, 1 ORank on strength from D.R.S. Capt F.A. Studd arrived from England & took command of the Coy. Coy had a route march for 1 hour & rifle exercises for one hour. Afternoon recreational training.	
	8/2/19		25 ORanks attended a lecture by Col Ross on the life of Grenwall Jackson in the morning, 1 ORank rejoined ex UK leave. Very cold & bleak day football practice in the afternoon.	
	9/2/19		1 ORank evacuated to D.R.S. 1 ORank returned ex UK leave Coy mounted Gatten Guard in the morning. Fine sunny day, Coy had a holiday as there was no church parade held.	
	10/2/19		Lieut. H. J. Francis returned ex Paris leave. 2 ORanks returned ex D.R.S. 2 ORanks on leave to UK, very cold day, route march in the morning, football practice in the afternoon.	

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Pont de Loup	11/2/19		Sgt Hulme evacuated to D.R.S. 1 O Rank rejoined on UK leave. Weather fine & cold, Coy had a route march in the morning, Recreational training in the afternoon.	
	12/2/19		Cpl Balfour evac to D.R.S. 1 O Rank evacuated to hospital. Coy attended lecture on Bee Life by Lieut. Somerville, Football in the afternoon. Cold morning turning to a fine sunny day.	
	13/2/19		Cpl Woodyard rejoined on UK leave, Coy mounted Battalion Guard, Route march for 2 hours in the morning. C.O. Battalion visited on Coy to check over banding in company gear, fine sunny day, afternoon devoted to recreational training.	
	14/2/19		Dull wet day, Coy Officer took an inventory of all gear, men cleaned up guns & equipment all day.	
	15/2/19		Dull day, light rain falling at intervals, Lieut J. G. Little proceeded on 14 days leave to Paris.	
	16/2/19		1 O Rank returned from Wireless school. 1 O/4 35 O Ranks attended lecture on demobilization by En Adjt. Dull in morning, raining steadily in afternoon.	

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Boulevard Loup	17/2/19		Coy Mounted Guard at B&Q at 11.00. 1 off + 25 Ranks attended lecture by Mr W. Dery on Sea & Reconstruction at home. 2 Ranks evacuated to Hospital 1 Rank returned on Paris leave. Bright day.	
	18/2/19		2 Ranks proceeded on UK leave. Coy attended lecture by Capt Somerville on the Wonders of Bee Life. Cold dull day.	
	19/2/19		Capt Todd transferred to 2/3 Coy HQ. 1 Rank returned on Paris leave. Bats 1. 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Rugby in afternoon, both teams never having being beaten there was a fine attendance, after a most exciting & strenuous game the scores were 3 points each.	
	20/2/19		2 Ranks returned on UK leave. 1 Rank evacuated to Hospital, Sgt Hulme returned from Hospital. Bats held its sports in the afternoon. Gen Glazou & staff attended all events were well contested & provided an enjoyable afternoon. Sport. The 21 <sup>st</sup> Coy winning Colonel's Cup for Championship of Bats.	
	21/2/19		1 Rank attached to D.A.D.O.S. 25 Ranks attended a lecture on Wool Manufacturing by Capt Priestly. Dull day with a strong wind.	

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Pontde/oux	22/2/19		2 ranks returned from UK leave. Coy cleaned gear in the morning & played Aust rules football against 21 <sup>st</sup> Coy in the afternoon, our Coy winning very easily. Weather very showery.	
	23/2/19		1 Coy & 7 men proceeded to Lammie on patrol at railway station for 3 days. 7 ranks proceeded to UK on their military employment. Fine but cold day. (Sunday holiday)	
	24/2/19		7 ranks on leave to Brussels, 1 rank to Australia. All day.	
	25/2/19		3 ranks on leave to UK, guns & gear cleaned all the morning. In the afternoon we played the best of pattern Aust rules & beat them by 5 points after a very exciting game.	
	26/2/19		Cold & showery all day, could do nothing out of doors so most of day was spent in billets.	
	27/2/19		1 Riding & 20 Light Draught horses sold by Auction, they averaged one thousand & 25 francs each, which was the best average for the day.	

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Camp de Loup.	28/2/19		1 Rank transferred to B.H.Q. weather very stormy all day. Coy cleaned gear in billets preparatory to handing in of all stores.	
			<p>Company Station Strength    <del>7</del> Officers    <del>151</del> Ranks</p> <p>   Establishment    10 Officers    165 Ranks</p>	
			<p>Transport - 13 &amp; S. Limbers - 1 Cooked &amp; Water Cart</p>	
			<p>Horses - 7 Riding, 24 Light Draught, 2 Heavy Draught</p>	



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*2nd Aust M.G. Coy*

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

*Transport Officers Report  
Company Orders*

Transport Report - month  
ending Feb. 19.

Horses vaccinated      but  
" taken on strength - "

During the month harness  
has been taken down, cleaned  
greased & bagged as per  
detach. orders.

A horse sale was held  
in Chatalit on 27<sup>th</sup> inst.  
when twenty one 3<sup>rd</sup> class  
horses were put up &  
sold by auction averaging  
1050 frs. top price being  
paid being 1950 frs.

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One horse sent to staging  
camp (Pur. Batt.) was  
returned on 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

Horse feed during the month  
was fairly ~~good~~  
good & gratious satisfactory.

Company Order 70549

1-2-19

Routine

by Lt R. F. Ellis.

2<sup>nd</sup> A M G Coy.

Orders for  
2-2-19

Orderly Officer	Lt N. B. Aagaard.	and	Lt J. H. O'Honglin
"	Sergeant	Sgt Campbell R.	" Sgt. Clark. P.A.
"	Corporal	Lt J. A. Honyburn	" Lt. Buffery G.
"	Section	B.	A.

Johnston  
For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A M G Coy.

Company Order No 550

2-2-19

Routine

by Lt R. S. Ellis

O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Coy

Orders for  
3-2-19

Orderly Officer	Lt J. A. O'Loughlin	Nice	Lt R. S. Manner
"	Sergeant	Sgt. E. Clark, S.A.	" Sgt. Makupian, C.
"	Coorporal	Cpl. Raffrey, J.	" Cpl. Wood, W.R.
"	Section	A	B

Education.

1. Arrangements have been made for a few experienced men to gain further experience in Forestry methods in U.K. Applications to be in Coy Orderly Room by 12.00.

Men who are fully qualified for Forestry Officers and desire further experience should make application either for Extended Leave or for Non-military Employment. Applications to be in Coy Orderly Room by 12.00.

2. Vacancies are allotted for a second series of attachments to 1<sup>st</sup> M. T. Coy. as under

Motor-car-fitting One

Tradesman's Class One

Men for tradesman's class may be of any of the following trades. Fitters, Turners, Blacksmiths, Linemeths, Sheet Metal Workers, Carriage builders. Course commences on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Applications to be in Coy Orderly Room by 12.00

Approved

Lt R. S. Ellis  
O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No 535

3-2-19

Routine  
by Lieut R F Ellis

O.C 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Duties for  
4-2-19

Orderly Officer Lt H. J. Marnes next Lt G. Casey  
Sergeant Sgt Wakepeace E.W. Sgt Clarke & Co  
Corporal Cpl Hood H.R. Cpl Edwards &

Section B A

Education

Applications are called from this company for the following trades at Corps Workshops JEUMONT

Electricians - 1

Turnsmiths - 1

Applications to be in Coy orderly Room by 1200

Promotions

To be tried

No 6260 Pte Eastlake W

vice Heffernan to date 12-1-19

R. Smith

For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Company Order No 552

4-2-19

Routine  
by Lieut R. F. Ellis

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy

Order for  
5-2-19

Orderly Officer - Lt J. H. O. Saphier - and Lt. N. B. Ferguson

Sergeant - Sgt Clark F.A.

Lt Hulme C.E.

Corporal - ~~Lt Edwards~~ <sup>Purcell</sup>

~~Lt Purcell~~

Section A

B

Reinforcements

The following reinforcements  
marked in and are posted to B section

- 51884 Lt Layton G
- 52385 Campbell L L
- 50017 Baillie J

Approved  
for O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy

Company Order No 553

5-2-19

Routine  
by Lieut R. F. Ellis

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy  
 Duties for 6-2-19 Orderly Officer Lt W. B. Aagaard next Lt J. A. O'Sullivan  
 Sergeants Sgt Hulme C.E. Sgt Clark F.A.  
 Corporal Cpl Edwards F. L/Cpl Brodie J.M.  
 Sections B A

Parades

In future men wishing to attend  
 sick parade must report to orderly Corporal  
 at Coy orderly room at 0900

Pay - Brussels Leave

The following amounts may be paid  
 to members of the A.I.F. granted leave  
 to Brussels providing that the  
 necessary credit exists —

Privates	—	50 francs per day
N.C.O's	—	60 " " "

R. F. Ellis  
 For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

Company Order No 554

6-2-19

Routine

by Lieut R. F. Ellis

O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M. G. Coy

Duties for	Orderly Officer - Lt J. N. O'Loughlin	next	Lt H. F. Manners
7-2-19	Sergeant - Sgt Clark F. A.	"	Sgt Makepeace E. H.
	Sergeant - L/Cpl Brodie J. M.	"	L/Cpl Honeyburn C. H.
	Section A	"	B

Robert L.  
 For O. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy



Company Order No 555

Outline

7-2-19

by Lieut R. F. Ellis

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Duties for	Orderly Officer - Lt H. F. Manners next Lt F. Casey
8-2-19.	" Sergeant - Sgt Mabepeace E.W. Sgt Hayes P.D.
	" Corporal - L/Cpl Honeyburn C.H. " Cpl Edwards P.K.
	" Sections B " A

R. F. Ellis

For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

Company Order No 556

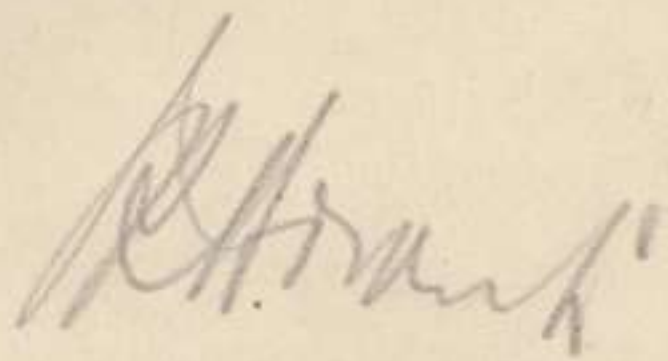
8-2-19

Routine

by Lieut R. F. Ellis

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Duties for	Orderly Officer - Lieut F. Casey next - Lieut N. B. Aagaard
9-2-19	" Sergeant - Sgt Hayes F.D. " Sgt Campbell K
	" Corporal - L/Cpl Russell J " Epl Wood W.R.
	" Section A B

  
 For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Company Order No 557

9-2-19

Routine

by Capt J. A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf. Coy

Duties for 10-2-19

Orderly Officer -	Lieut N.B. Aagaard	next	Lieut J.H. O'Laughlin
Sergeant -	Sgt Campbell K	"	Sgt Clarke F.A.
Corporal -	Epl Wood W.R.	:	Epl Buffrey G.
Section	B		A

Revolvers etc

All revolvers, binoculars, telescopes, compasses, rangefinders & watches (Signal service excepted) are to be handed in to Q.M. Store immediately

J. A. Hudd  
For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Inf. Coy

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Company Order No 558

10-2-19

Route

by Capt F. A. Hudd

O.C. 2nd Aus M. G. Coy

ties for orderly officers Lt J. H. O'Loughlin next Lt H. F. Manners  
 11-2-19      "      Sergeant Sgt Clark & Sgt Makepeace E.W.  
 "      Corporal      Sgt Buffney      "      Lt Col Honeyburn C.H.  
 "      Section      A      "      B

Robert Hunt

For O.C. 2nd A. M. G. Coy

Company Order No 539

11-2-19

Practice

by Capt F.A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus W. G. C.

Order for  
12-2-19

Orderly Officer D.H. Mannes next D. G. Corry

Sergeant Sgt. Makipua E.H. Sgt. Hayes P.H.

Corporal Sgt. Honeyburn Sgt. Powell

Section B A

Damage to Bunkers

Any damage to bunkers will be charged up against the individual or individuals committing such damage. If unable to trace the individual or individuals responsible the section occupying such bunkers will have to make the damage good.

Concert

A concert will be held in Lyster's Hall at 1900 to night.

At home  
For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus W. G. C.

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Company Order No 560

12-2-19

Routine

by Capt F.A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

- Orderly Officer <sup>J.H. J. Hammen</sup> ~~L. Lacey~~ next D.N.B. Aagaard
- 13-2-19 " Sergeant. Sgt Hayes P.D. " Sgt Campbell W
- " Corporal. L/Cpl Brodie I.M. " Cpl Edwards F.R.
- " Section A B

For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

Company Order No 561

13-2-19

Routine

by Capt F.A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

Rules for Orderly Officer - Lt N.B. Goyard next Lt H. J. Evans

14-2-19

Sergeant Sgt Campbell K. Sgt Clark F.C.

Corporal Cpl Woolyard Cpl Edwards F.

Section B A

for O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

Company Order No 563

15/2-19

Outline

by Capt F. A. Hudd

& C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy

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Duties for Orderly Officer Lt. H. J. Francis next Lt. N. F. Manners  
15-2-19. " Sergeant Sgt. Clark J. A. Sgt. Makela E. H.

" Corporal Cpl. Edwards J. R. Cpl. Ward H. R.

" Section A

B

~~H. Manners J.~~

for C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy



Company Order No 564

Routine

15-2-19

by Capt J.A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M. G. Bay

Duties for Orderly Officer Lt Carey next Lt N.B. Aagaard  
16-2-19. Sergeant Makepeace E.H. Sgt Hayes S.D.  
Corporal Sgt Wood W.R. Sgt Purull J.  
Section B A

Extract from G.R.O. No 332

Discipline

Any soldier who when due for demobilization is guilty of any form of insubordination will, apart from any other punishment, be put back to the bottom of the list of those waiting for dispersal, and if he has left his unit he will be returned to his unit after his case has been disposed of

J.A. Manner

For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M. G. Bay

Company Order No 566

Routine  
by Capt F.A. Hudd

17-2-19

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M. G Coy

Duties for  
18-2-19

Orderly Officer, H. N. B. Gaajaard next Lt F. Cassey  
Sergeant, Sgt Wakepeace E. W. Sgt Clark F. H.  
Copr. and Plt Honeyburn E. H. Cpl Edwards  
Section B A

Non-Military Employment  
Discharge in U.K.

Under no circumstances, will any of the Personnel of a draft to Australia be granted Non-Military Employment or Discharge in U.K. Separate arrangements have been made for dealing with such cases, and names of such men, at present on Draft Roll will be erased.

John H.  
for O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M. G Coy

Company Order No 567

Routine

18.2

by Capt J A. Hudd

O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Duty for orderly Officer Lt J Carey next Lt N B. Aagaard

19.2.14

Sergeant Sgt Clark & A. Sgt Makinson & W.

Corporal Sgt Edwards & R. Cpl Wood W. R.

Section

A

B

O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Second Aust M.G. Coy

Routine

20-2-19

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by Capt F.A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Orderly Officer Lt F. Casey next Lt H.F. Mearns  
21-2-19 Sergeant Sgt Hayes P.D. Sgt Hulme E.  
Corporal Cpl Purall J. Lt Cpl Houghton  
" Section A " B

Concert: A concert & dance will be held on  
Saturday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst at the concert  
hall, Fort de Loup (near Church).

Concert to start at 6.30 p.m. followed by  
a dance at 8.30 p.m. Light refreshments provided  
by Y.M.C.A. J. Curly Lt.

For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Company Order No 568

Routine

19-2-19

by Capt F.A. Hudd

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Orderly Officer Lt N.B. Aagaard next Lt F. Casey  
20-2-19 Sergeant Sgt Makipian E.W. Sgt Hayes P.D.  
Corporal Cpl Wood W.R. Lt Cpl Purall J.  
" Section B " A

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For O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M.G. Coy

Company Order No

Routine

by Capt FA Huad

16-2-19

O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy

Duties for 17-2-19

Orderly Officer, Lt N.B. Aagaard next Lt Casey

Adjutant, Sgt Hayes P.D. Sgt Campbell K

Corporal Hope Parcell J. L/Sgt Hougham H

Section A B

M Manner

for O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy