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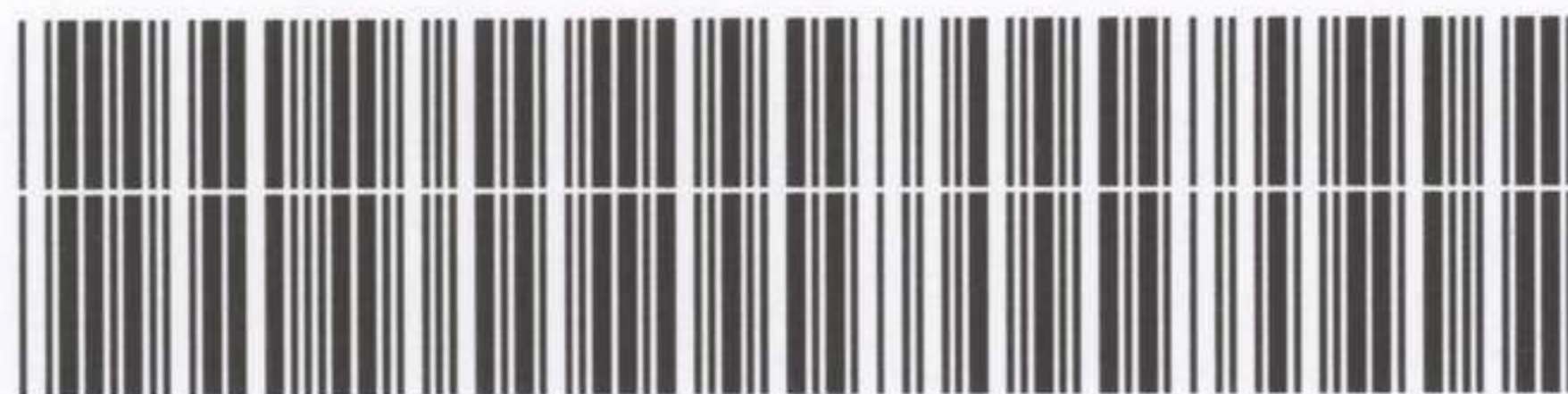
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/24/15

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Company

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WAR DIARY

OF

24th, Machine Gun Company.

FOR

November. 1918. 191

Signature of Officer compiling

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Signature of Officer Commanding

J.R. Watts Capl.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2148.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
REINCOURT.	1st.-	10th,	Training carried out as per Syllabus attached. Weather during this period fine and cold with exceptional of a few days with occasional showers.	
"	11th,		Secret orders for move received. Limbers were packed and all ranks held in readiness to move. Orders for move postponed for 24 hours.	
"	12th,		Usual training carried out. Orders for move postponed for a further 24 hours.	
"	13th,		Move postponed for 12 hours. Weather fine, cool, and frosty.	
"	14th,		The Company moved out of Reincourt at 6.a.m. accompanied by transport. The men were in full marching order minus blankets which were carried on G.S. Waggon. On arrival at Saleux the men were given a drink of tea at 11.a.m. All limbers and horses were loaded on the train and at 6.p.m. the train moved out.	
	15th,		On arrival at Epehy at 2.a.m. the Company disentrained. On the way to camp the Company halted at the Y.M.C.A. where each man was given a drink of Cocoa. On arrival at camp the men were accomodated in bell tents and slept till 7.a.m. After breakfast, which comprised dry rations, the Coy. fell in and marched to Bergencourt. From Bergencourt the Coy. were taken on the Light Railway to Brancourt, where they disentrained and marched three Kilo. to Fresnoy-le-Grand and billeted. <i>Lieut. F.R. Watts promoted Captain.</i>	
Fresnoy-le-Grand.	16th, 21st,	18th -	Parades as per instructions. The Coy moved out of Fresnoy-le-Grand at 7.30.a.m. and marched to St. Souplet arriving at 12.30.p.m. Weather fine, cool, and windy. Health of troops good. Strength: - 9; Officers. 188 O/Ranks.	
Favril.	23rd,		At 9.a.m. the Coy. marched out to Favril arriving there at 2.30.p.m. The Coy. rested in Billets.	
	24th,		Route March from 11.a.m. to 12.noon 2.p.m. Cleaning Limbers.	
	25th,		At 9.30.a.m. the Coy. marched out from Favril arriving at Le-Petit-Fayt. at 12.noon. Weather wet and Cold.	
	26th,		The Coy. left Le-Petit-Fayt. at 9.a.m. A halt was called at 1.30.p.m. for lunch. At 2.p.m. the march was resumed and at 2.30.p.m. the Coy. marched into Ferreries and billeted.	
Ferreries.	28th-30th.		Usual Routine.	

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

A

24th, AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

FOR WEEK ENDING 9th. NOV. '18.

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-----MORNING.-----

DAY. 9 to 9.15. 9.15. to 10. 10 to 11. 11 to 12.

MONDAY. Saluting. Gas Drill. Stoppages. Squad Drill.

TUESDAY. ROUTE MARCH.

WEDNESDAY. TACTICAL SCHEME.

THURSDAY. RANGE.

FRIDAY. ROUTE MARCH.

SATURDAY. Inspection of
Gas Helmets. Gas Drill. Gun Drill. Care & Cleaning

-----AFTERNOON.-----

2 P.M. ORGANISED GAMES, ETC.

APPENDIX #

B

RATION REPORTNOVEMBER 1918.24th. Aust. M. G. Company.

The rations for the first fourteen days were good and averaged, Bread, 75%, Biscuits 25%, Meat 65%, Preserved Meat 25%, Bacon 70%, Meat & Vegetable Rations 30%; vegetables good also all groceries. Tea, Sugar, Milk, Jam, Butter, Cheese &c, full issue.

For the remaining part of this month, rations were very indifferent and far from satisfactory, more especially the last four days.

P. Q. M. S. Y. Parker Q.M.S.
24th. Aust. M. G. Coy.

APPENDIX

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