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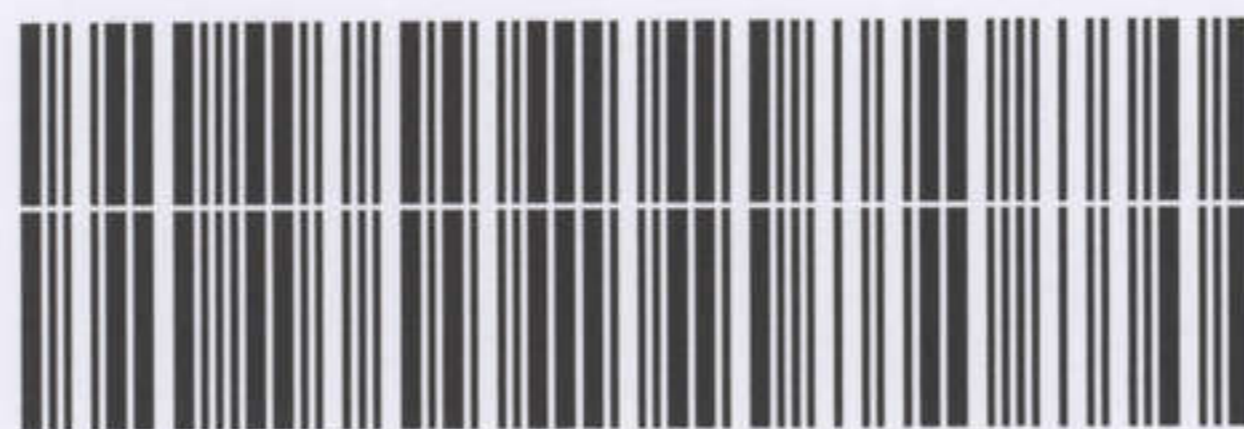
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Railways

Item number: 15/3/2

**Title: 2nd Australian Light Railway
Operating Company**

October 1917



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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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No. 16 (AUST.)
 LIGHT RAILWAY
 OPERATING COY.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ellersyde Belgium	Oct	1917	Unit stationed at various centrals of Light Railway Systems of Second Army and working under directorate of Lt Col Light Rlys + A. D. L. R.	
"	1.		Weather very cold. Tremendous barrage all night on Ypres Sector. Work of Light Rlys generally is the forwarding of ammunition & materials to forward areas. One man (Spr Burns) wounded by shrapnel.	
	2		Ammunition being pushed forward in preparation for a new advance. Weather fine but cold.	
	3		Do. Do	
	4		Heavy rain last night. Dull this morning. All trains reserved for wounded service. Big advance commenced on Ypres front. Many wounded - (Guns + Germans) brought in from forward areas to CCS + Forward Dressing Stations.	
	5		Fairly heavy rain commenced yesterday. Materials & Ammunition going forward.	
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	7		so.	
	8		so.	
	9		Large number of German prisoners (Amc + Cyclists) came in.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Elkanyde Belgium	Oct 1917		Rly lines beginning to feel effects of rains. Numerous derailments etc due to bad roads. Unit very much split up. + stationed practically all over L.R. system. Weather finer.	
	10		Recommendations sent in for W.O. Patterson + Beattie to be 2nd Lieutenants. Weather showery.	
	11		W.O. Patterson + Beattie promoted 2nd Lieutenants.	
	12		Very wet + muddy. Usual work. Concentration of units (one unit per depot) commenced + new appointments made. Capt. Gahan appointed Army Loco Supt. 2nd Army Lt. Anderson Loco Supt. Vauxhall. Lt Leslie OC Vauxhall District. Lt. Beattie District Controller 2nd Lt. Patterson asst. OC Tractor Depot.	
	13		Weather improved. Usual work. Most of this unit is now at Vauxhall. (near Voormezyle.)	
	14		Many hostile aircraft over our lines. Finer.	
	15		Times clear. Usual work. Heavy shelling of all the forward areas by enemy.	
	16		A German plane brought down near Yale R.S. also another near Ypres.	
	17		Fine + clear. Preparing to move Coy details to Vauxhall	
	18		Do Do.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Vauxhall Foormezelle Belgium	October 20th 1917.		Many hostile aircraft overhead. Weather finer.	
		21	Moved Coy details to Vauxhall. Foormezelle. Fine & clear.	
		22	Light Rain again. Getting new depot into order. Our previous depot bombed heavily the night we left. 14 Killed 24 wounded.	
		23	all power & men working long hours getting material guns & ammunition forward. Wet again.	
		24	Wet & cold.	
		25	Strong gales & very wet & cold. Heavy shelling of German positions by guns situated near by.	
		26	Bombardment continues. Very cold. Fairly fine. Roads very muddy. 1527 Cpl. F. G. Tudor. Killed & 1812 & 6963 3C Jones & 1803 Cpl. J. L. Bligh wounded at Mimico. German shell fire.	
		27	Many German planes over our lines. many bombs dropped. Damage practically nil. Heavy shelling of German positions.	
		28	Frosty. Roads bogging up. all power utilized to full extent on Railways.	
		29	showery & cold with strong gales. all power fully utilized in getting materials etc forward.	
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Map. 2nd Army L.R. System.
 Showing Points at which
 16th ALROC AIF. were stationed
 during Octo 1917.
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