

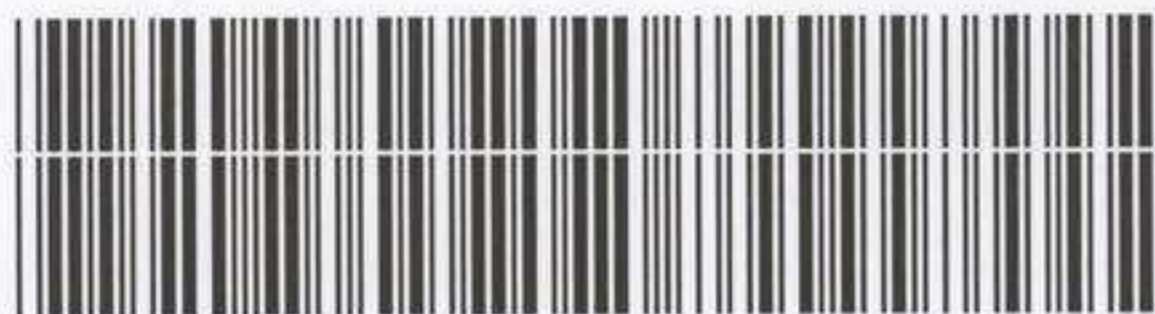
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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/58/1

Title: 41st Infantry Battalion

November 1916



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4th Battalion. A.I.F.

- WAR DIARY. -

November 1916.

1st to 18th In training camp Larkhill, Salisbury
Plain England.

18th Mobilisation and Movement orders, to proceed
overseas, received.

24th Battalion (less 2 officers and Rear Party)
subtrained at Amesbury Railway Station in 3
trains, detrained Southampton
Embarked at Southampton for Havre, France.

25th Disembarked at Havre in morning.
Marched to No. 2. Rest Camp Saucy, Havre.
Train arrangements received 10 p.m.

26th Muid, with 1st Line Transport, detrained
at Havre in 4 trains at 10. a.m., 2 p.m.,
5 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively

27th No. 1. Train arrived Baillet midnight
with 1st Line transport & detrained.

Met by 1st Staff-Captain & 2 guides.

Difficulty experienced in finding
Billets. Bn A. 2nd billeted at

Bourgeois Farm, boys at farmhouses
on Blanche-Maison - Steuwerck Road

28th Nos 2, 3, & 4. trains arrived Baillet, troops
detrained and marched to billets mentioned
above.

Orders received to detail 72 other ranks
for duty with 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

29th Party for 2nd Tunnelling Coy. marched
to Steuwerck & reported Bde A.Q.

Specialist training commenced, also
construction of Bombing Range, and

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Lewis-Gun Range, Gas-Helmet testing room, Incinerators. &c.

30th. Demonstration and instruction for Officers & men in use of Box Respirator by 2nd Army Gas Officer.

Part issue of Box Respirators.
Box Respirator Drill for Squads from all Coys. carried out.

G.O.C. 11th Inf Bde' Inspected squads at Box Respirator drill.

Weather

1st to 24th (England) cold and rainy. one heavy, and one light snowstorm. nights frosty with strong winds.

25th to 30th (France) light rains, occasional clear days. nights clear & frosty.

Miscellaneous.

Equipment & Clothing — Leather (sheepskin) waistcoats issued just prior to subarking from England proved most satisfactory.

Transport — Hand-carts for Lewis guns proved rather a failure, wheels collapsed, poles fractured &c.

Health of Troops. An epidemic of Mumps increased the number of evacuations sick, between 70 & 80 cases occurring.

Health of Troops otherwise good.

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