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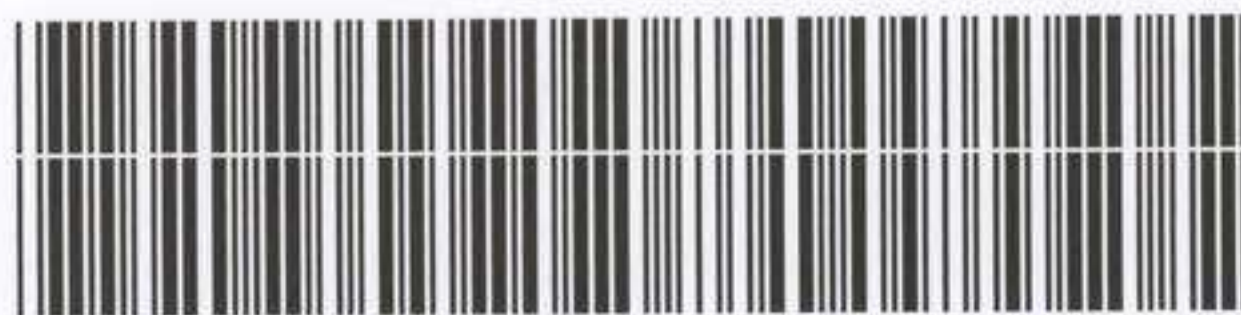
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Infantry

Item number: 23/62/13

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Reference ALBERT combined sheet.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BECOURT CAMP	1/2/17	9am	left BECOURT and marched to BRESLE. Arrived BRESLE 12.30 pm.	
BRESLE	2/2/17		Accommodation indifferent.	
BRESLE	3/2/17		Dill at BRESLE. Baths used by Battalion.	
BRESLE	5/2/17		3rd. lecture on supplies - by Lt. Col. Hooley.	
BRESLE	6/2/17		Draining being carried on. Battalion route march.	
BRESLE	7/2/17		16 SR from 4th A.D.B.D. marched in.	
BRESLE	8/2/17		lecture on "Signal service in the field" by Major Gray.	
BRESLE	9/2/17		Fodin ferry used. all Battalion blankets put through.	
BRESLE	10/2/17		1st. lecture on "forward communication" by Lt. Col. Barand 4th Aust Div.	
BRESLE	11/2/17		Brigade route march carried out. Battalion inspected during march by Army commander.	
BRESLE	12/2/17		lecture on "Pigeon communications" by Sgt. 4th Aust. Div.	
BRESLE	13/2/17		Brigade attack practice carried out.	
BRESLE	14/2/17		Dis. to hunt parade. Corps commander present. Four (4) Military Medals and four (4) Military Medal Ribbons presented after the service.	
BRESLE	15/2/17		Secretary of State for the Colonies visited troops while training	
BRESLE	16/2/17		13 SR. marched in from 4th A.D.B.D. lecture on "Trench and open warfare" to Bn Staff, company commanders and 2nd Lt. command by Bnq. Sgt. White.	
BRESLE	17/2/17		Dill at BRESLE continuous training being carried out.	
BRESLE	18/2/17	10am	23rd. left BRESLE marched to SHELTER-WOOD camp, FRICOURT; arrived there at 3pm.	
BRESLE	19/2/17		Accommodation good.	

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SHELTER-WOOD CAMP.	24/3/17		<p>1st Lt. A. G. Berridge, D.S.O. assumed command of the 12th Aust Inf Bde owing to Brig. Gen. J. Robertson having been evacuated to hospital.</p> <p>Major St. Perry, M.C. assumed command of the 4th Aust. Inf Bde owing to 1st Lt. A. G. Berridge, D.S.O. to 12th Aust. Bde. 30.9.</p>	
SHELTER-WOOD CAMP	24/3/17		<p>Draining carried on. Fatigue party of 100 M.S. supplied to 1st ANZAC Railway daily.</p> <p>24th. Left SHELTER-WOOD camp arrived at tented camp at M.G. 692. arrived 12 noon.</p>	
M. G. C. 2	28/3/17		<p>Still in tented camp. Fatigue parties of 200 M.S. to Bapaume, 28th. on town picquet and SANITARY work BAPAUME. Few officers recommending forward area. Camps improved. Cook houses, etc. built.</p> <p>10th. M.S. marched in from 4th A.S.D. 24.10.17.</p> <p>A.I.F. List 149 6317. - Capt. St. G. St. Owen, M.C. to be Major vice Lee, seconded for Staff Training. 10th 12/2/17.</p> <p>The undermentioned officers are taken on the strength from reinforcements. 10th 12.3.17</p> <p>1st Lt. A.C.B. Fitzhardinge - 9th. W. J. Horne.</p> <p>1st Lt. G. Smythe resumed regimental duties from seconded list. 10th 11/2/17.</p>	
			<p>1st Lt. G. Smythe</p> <p>11.3.17 - Military Medals and Military Medal Ribbons presented to the undermentioned by Corps Commander.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MILITARY MEDAL</u></p> <p>572 1st Lt. G. Simpson 860 RSM. Innes, E.V. 2002 Plt Young H. McFadden J.H.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Military Medal Ribbon.</u></p> <p>913 RSM. S. Somers J.H. 239 Sgt Marshall P.R. 1134 " Gacher W.W. 3354 " Kearney A.L.</p> <p>3947 Capt Venables, G.H. 4596 Lt Lewis W.A.B. 3984 Sgt Price H.R. 5473 Plt McEwen H. 1771 Lt Young W.J.</p>	<p>Extracts from Orders.</p>



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			<p><u>Extracts from Orders.</u></p> <p><u>D.R.O. 307. 17/3/17.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bar to Military Medal.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1132 Sgt W.W. Gocher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Military Medal.</u></p> <p>2671 T/pt A. Permitt - 2477 Sgt J.W. Stone - 1410 Pk G. Turner - 4488 Hc A.C. H. Pailley 2463 Pk G.A. Nicholls - 3005 Pk J.D. Allan - 4326 Wg Warner - 4419 Pk R. Stoney. 3452 Hc R.K. McGregor - 3619 " W.A. Bond - 3119 " Lt. Secomb - 3338 " E. Hughes. 3015 " J.H. Blunden - 5151 " W. Gunn - 4902 " J.H. Tunney - 1696 " B. McGregor. 2917 Pk A.H. Neilson.</p> <p><u>A.I.F. list 152. 13/3/17.</u> - 7th Lt R.L. Gowing is taken on strength from Rfls. Dated 20/3/17. The undesignated officers reported killed in action are struck off. Dated 21/2/17. Lt W.T. Meggitt. " W.E.H. Storer. (served 12th A.L.T.M.B.)</p> <p><u>A.I.F. list 153. 16/3/17</u> - To be Captains. Dated 13/3/17. Lt O.B. Dillies vice Alie to Australia Lt (T/Capt) J. Johnston vice HOWDEN. promoted, and to remain seconded with 12th A.L.T.M.B. Lt J.W. Russell vice Johnston seconded. To be Lieutenants - 7th Lt. Home Wg. Dated 6/3/17 - 7th Lt. A.C.B. Fitzhardinge. Dated 6/3/17. " P. King 8th. Dated 11/3/17. " Neave H.H. to be Lt. and New Lt. vice Rankin to Australia. Dated 13/3/17. Lt P.V. Murray evacuated sick, is placed on seconded list. Dated 22/12/16. D.R.O. 312. 24/3/17. - <u>Bar to MILITARY CROSS</u> - Major H.G. Howden, M.C. D.C.M. 14th Sgt R.J. Scott.</p> <p><u>MILITARY AWARD CROSS</u></p> <p>Lt E. Bonnich - 1305 C.S.M. brackets J.R. " I.D. Ferguson " R.A.M. Murray</p>	
				<p>S.H. Perry Major adml command 4th Bn. A.I.F.</p>

