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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
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[CMF 78]

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Home and Territories Department.

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SUBJECT:

2nd BATTALION, 13th INFANTRY REGIMENT.

Disbanded

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4M 21/2/13

24th August, 1921.

The Commanding Officer,
2nd Infantry Battalion,
Drill Hall,
Newcastle West,
New South Wales.

With reference to your No. 71 of the 6th June,
77 m.m. Gun No. 2967 has been re-allotted to the town
of West Maitland. The Base Commandant has been requested
to arrange for the gun to be forwarded to the Town Clerk,
West Maitland.

pd.
Jay

JL7

Director,
Australian War Museum,

HEM=HI

2/13
11/

20th June, 1921.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 71 of the 6th June, as the 2/15th Infantry has been disbanded, this gun has been handed over to the New South Wales State Trophy Committee for re-allotment. At present it is thought that the gun will be allotted to Maitland West, and as soon as definite decision has been arrived at, you will be notified.

Yours faithfully,

Director,
Australian War Museum,

The C=O.,
2nd Infantry Battalion,
Drill Hall,
Newcastle West.
N. S. W.

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MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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TELEPHONE—



2ND MILITARY DISTRICT.

HEADQUARTERS 2ND. INF. BATTALION
DRILL HALL, NEWCASTLE WEST.
(Date) 6th. June, 1921.

The Director
Australian War Museum
Military Headquarters
Melbourne

Please advise what action is to be taken with regards
to Trophy Gun presented to late 2/13th. Infantry; at present it
is with this Battalion.

Will the Gun be taken over by the 13th. Infantry?

JUN 14 1921

[Signature]
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 2nd. Infantry Battalion.

*This gun to be
handed over
to NSW A.I.C
for replacement*

[Signature]
Newcastle West

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Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 2nd. Infantry Battalion.

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	White		Officers' wards			{ Mortuary
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		{ Large			Shrouds	
	{ Small	Towels { Bath		Handkerchiefs		
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{ Hospital			Neckerchiefs			
{ child's		Overalls				
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				{ Large	Sleeves, Dispenser's	
				{ Small	Socks, worsted, pairs	
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MEMORANDUM for -

C. O. 2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment,
Drill Hall,
Newcastle, N. S. W.

I shall be glad if you will expedite the return of
the receipt for German 77 m.m. gun, No. 2967, handed over to
your unit about the 24th May last.

J. H. Treloar
J. H.

Director,
Australian War Museum.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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"THE DIRECTOR."

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HOME AND TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT.

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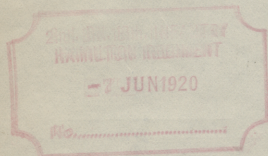
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MELBOURNE. 2nd June, 1920.

MEMORANDUM for -

C.O. 2nd Battalion,
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Drill Hall,
Newcastle, N.S.W.

With reference to your letter No. 62 of the 24th May,
attached hereto is a description, extracted from the 13th
Battalion's war diary, of the circumstances in which the enemy
gun presented to your unit was captured.



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Director: A.W.M

Received with thanks

Robson

ADJUTANT 2nd BN. 13th INF. (HAMILTON) REGT.

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Director,
Australian War Museum.

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2nd MILITARY DISTRICT

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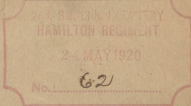
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Telephone:—

(Address) DRILL HALL NEWCASTLE WEST.

(Date)



Director

Australian War Museum.

Please advise official History of Capture
of German 77 min, Gun, No 2967, by the 13th Battalion A.I.F. on 8th
August 1918

MAY 27

*My help to get description
from OC I.F.S. ✓*

Lieut Colonel.

C.O. 13th Infantry Regt.

DRILL HALL NEW CASTLE WEST.

HAMILTON REGIMENT

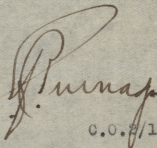
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Australian War Museum.

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August 1918



Lieut Colonel.

C.O. 13th Infantry Regt.

Town Clerk
Hamilton
N.S.W.

Your wire Commandant Sydney captured gun is for the
2nd Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment.

WAR MUSEUM.
10/5/1926.

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P.A. 10/5

C.O. 2nd Battalion,
13th Infantry Regiment,
Drill Hall,
Newcastle west, N.S.W.

German gun allotted your unit at Railway Hamilton
Please take delivery.

WAR MUSEUM.

10/5/1920.



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TELEGRAM.

Charges to Pay —

DATE STAMP.

Message

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Postmaster-General's Department.

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To Chairman *yo* No. **0 598**

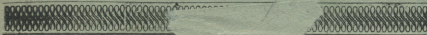
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By 120/10/19

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.

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Vic Barracks Sydney	37	2/9	9 40a	

Following wire received from town clerk Hamilton
 N S W begins gun at Hamilton goods shed addressed war
 trophies committees is this intended for council ends please
 reply direct

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TIME RECEIVED.

DISTRIBUTION OF GUNS TO C.M.F. UNITS.

Russell

NOTICE OF DESPATCH ETC.

C.M.F. Unit:- 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

Address:- Newcastle, N.S.W.

Type and Registered No. of gun issued:- German 77 mm. gun
No. 2967.

History:- Captured by the 13th Battalion, A.I.F.,
on the 8th August, 1918.

Perhaps the history of the capture of the gun can be amplified by officers of the 13th Battalion, A.I.F., who may now be serving under your command. If further information is required from official sources it will be supplied upon application after the arrival of official records due in Melbourne at the end of January, 1920.

H.S.G.
[Signature]
Director,
Australian War Museum.

Method of despatch suggested by C.O. Unit:-

BY SEA TO - Newcastle, N.S.W.

PARTICULARS OF DESPATCH (TRUCK NO., ETC.)

Per S.S. Booral
Consigned to S.O.C. Agency

Date.

[Signature]
20/3/20

1/c Captured Gun Park.

To be completed and forwarded to C.O. of unit immediately the gun is placed on rails or on board at Melbourne.

[Signature]
30/5/20

AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM,

Wool Exchange,

King Street,

Melbourne, 21st January, 1920

C.O. 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Regt., Hamilton, N.S.W.

In continuation of this office circulars of the 2nd December and 16th December regarding the presentation of a captured gun to your unit, it has been decided to amend clause (a) of the agreement upon which the gun will be handed over, by the insertion of the words "at any time six months after its receipt by the unit" after the words "upon demand" in the first line of the clause.

2. The clause as amended will read:-

"The gun will be made available upon demand at any time six months after its receipt by the unit, to a battalion or regimental association, if such a body is formed and desires to stand the gun near its club-house. Subject to this, the gun becomes the property of the unit, and may not pass out of its possession without the approval of the Secretary, Department of Defence."

3. Unless informed to the contrary, it will be assumed that you agree to this amendment.

H. S. Gullett

Director,
Australian War Museum.

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Telephone:—

2nd MILITARY DISTRICT

(Address) DRILL HALL NEWCASTLE WEST.

(Date)

7/1/20

Director

Australian Museum.

Your Memorandum **of** No 2 AWM.19/ of 5/1/19

re distribution of Guns

Received & Noted.

G. Archer

Lieut & Adjutant (M.C.)

for C.O.2/13th Infantry Regt.

2nd. BN. 13th. INFANTRY
HAMILTON REGIMENT

8. JAN 1920

No. *63*

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5th January, 1920.

MEMORANDUM for -

C.O. 2nd Battalion,
13th (Hamilton) Infantry Regiment,
Newcastle, N.S.W.

With reference to your letter No. 62 of the 31st December it is hoped to be able to despatch all guns allotted C.M.F. units in New South Wales about the end of January. This is dependant upon cargo space being obtainable. The guns will probably go to Sydney and be distributed from there. The gun allotted your unit should therefore reach you about the 15th February. Ample notice of despatch will, however, be forwarded to you.

B. F.	
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TO
INITIALS

H. S. G.

Director,
Australian War Museum.

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Telephone:—

2nd MILITARY DISTRICT

(Address) DRILL HALL NEWCASTLE WEST

(Date) 31/12/19.

Director

Australian War Museum

Herewith form completed as requested.

Please

advise approximate date of arrival of Gun.

G. Gardner

Lieut & Adjutant (M.C)

For C.O. 2/13th Infantry Regt.

2nd. BN. 13th. INFANTRY
HAMILTON REGIMENT

31 DEC 1919

No. 61

DRILL HALL NEWCASTLE WEST

31/12/19.

Director

Australian War Museum

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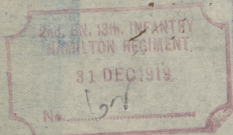
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E. J. Kiche

Lieut & Adjutant (M.C.)

Per C.O. 2/12th Infantry Regt.



2/13-2
2/13-2 Infantry Regt.

On behalf of the I agree to the following conditions in connection with the captured gun it is proposed to send the unit.

- (a) The gun will be made available upon demand to a battalion or regimental association, if such a body is formed and desires to stand the gun near its clubhouse. Subject to this, the gun becomes the property of the unit, and may not pass out of its possession without the approval of the Secretary, Department of Defence.
- (b) The officers commanding units of other arms and services raised in the area from which the battalion or regiment is drawn will be consulted regarding the selection of a site for the gun, etc.
- (c) A suitable ceremony will be arranged for the formal taking over of the gun.
- (d) A suitable platform on which to stand the gun will be provided, and arrangements will be made to ensure its being kept in good order and repair.
- (e) The gun will be delivered at the nearest railway station at the expense of the Australian War Museum. Expenses connected with its transport from the Station, installation, etc., will be borne by the unit.

(Date) 31-12-19 2/13-2 (Signature) E. Archer
Commanding 2/13-2 Inf. Regt.
ADJUTANT 2nd. GN. 15th INF. (HAMILTON) REGT.

C.O.'s suggestion as to the most economical method of despatch.

BY SEA TO -

Newcastle. N.S.W.

BY RAIL TO -

The above is to be completed and returned as soon as possible to the Director, Australian War Museum, Wool Exchange, King Street, Melbourne. Upon its receipt arrangements will be made to forward the gun.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM.

Wool Exchange,

King Street,

Melbourne, 16th December, 1919.

C.O.....

In continuation of this office circular of the 2nd December informing you that a gun had been allotted to your unit, it is considered desirable to emphasise that this is a gift to the unit, subject to the conditions enumerated in the attachment to the circular, and should not be confused with trophies for which the town in which the unit headquarters may be located may have applied for or may receive in future.

2. In view of this it is considered that the most suitable place for exhibiting the gun will be the grounds on which the unit Drill Hall stands. If, for any reason, this is not possible and a site away from the Hall has to be secured from the civil or other authorities, it should be pointed out to them that the gun is the property of the unit, that it may subsequently have to be withdrawn and handed over to the regimental association if such is formed (vide clause (a) of conditions) and that the allocation of the gun to the unit will not affect the claim for War Trophies of the civil authorities in the town concerned.

3. It has been considered desirable specially to emphasise the above point as from replies received to the circular it appears that some units have looked upon the gun allotted them as a gift to the town in which the unit headquarters are situated and have believed themselves to be merely the medium through which this gift is made. As pointed out above this is not so.

H. P. Roberts

Director,
Australian War Museum.

ISSUE OF GUNS TO C.M.F. UNITS.

PARTICULARS INSERTED IN PARA. 3.

2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment,
Hamilton,
New South Wales.

German 77 mm. gun No.2967, captured by the 13th
Battalion, A.I.F.

Wool Exchange,

King Street,

Melbourne.

C.O.....

In July of this year the Australian War Museum Committee, under the Home & Territories Department, was formed to establish the Australian National War Museum and distribute the trophies and relics captured or acquired by the A.I.F. The Committee decided that trophies and relics not required for the National Museum, which will be the Memorial to the Australian Naval and Military Forces, shall be allotted to States, each State receiving the material captured by the units it raised, and the other material being allotted on a population basis. The distribution of the material within the States was made the responsibility of State Trophy Committees - one for each State - consisting of one Senator, one Member of the House of Representatives, a representative of the State Government to make known its wishes regarding the State Museum and other institutions, an A.I.F. officer, and the Director of the Australian War Museum.

2. A joint meeting of these Committees was held on the 16th October. At this meeting the Director of the War Museum submitted a proposal for the distribution of trophies. This proposal provided inter alia for the distribution of one gun to each C.M.F. Light Horse and Infantry unit. The meeting decided that the question of distribution required mature consideration, which the Federal members will be unable to give it until after the approaching elections. At the special request of the Director the meeting approved, however, of the distribution of guns to C.M.F. units, and then adjourned until early in the New Year.

3. The War Museum desires to hasten the distribution of guns in order that they may reach units while their interest is fresh. German gun No. captured by the A.I.F., has therefore been selected for despatch to your unit. It is, of course, obvious that the gun cannot be handed over without certain conditions being agreed to. The Defence Department has been consulted on this and the conditions are given on the attached sheet. Will you please complete it and return it as soon as possible.

4. The supply of guns will not permit of one being issued to all C.M.F. units affiliated with A.I.F. units. As, however, these units are raised from the same areas as the Infantry, it is proposed that they should have an interest in the gun allotted to you, and it is desired that officers of these units should be consulted as to the site selected for the gun, etc.

5. The following comments upon the conditions are made for your information:-

- (a) It is suggested that the ceremony at which the gun is formally taken over should be attended by ex-members of the A.I.F., the citizen force and senior cadet battalions, and prominent citizens. At the ceremony the history of the affiliated A.I.F. battalion might be outlined and particulars given of the circumstances in which the gun was captured. The Australian War Museum will supply

any information it has on these subjects. Until the official records arrive about the end of December the information supplied by the War Museum will be limited, but it could doubtless be amplified by ex-officers of the A.I.F.

- (b) Concrete is the most suitable material with which to construct a platform, especially as regards appearance. A platform is required underneath the wheels, and another, a smaller one, for the end of the trail to rest on. The Director of Works was asked to prepare specifications for suitable platforms. He stated that requirements would vary in the different localities according to site, etc., and he advises that the Shire Engineer should be consulted. Doubtless, however, it will be possible to find in the military personnel of the area, men fully qualified to construct the platform.

As regards preservation, the barrel should be plugged to prevent its becoming filled with rainwater or refuse. The gun should be washed down with water and then wiped over with a clean oil rag. The wiping should be repeated once a fortnight. Unless this is done regularly the gun will rust; and if it cannot be provided for the gun should be painted, though this will remove the camouflage and tend to lessen the interest of the gun.

- (c) It will be a great help to the Museum if, with your local knowledge, you will suggest the most economical method of transporting the gun. For example, the headquarters of a unit located in Northern Queensland could probably most economically be reached by shipping to one of the Northern Queensland ports and being railed from there.

6. The gun presented to your unit will not be taken as off-setting the claims of the citizens of the town in which the gun may be placed. Their claims will be considered when the State Trophy Committees next meet.

H.S. Filleter

Director,
Australian War Museum.

Further remarks applicable to individual units.