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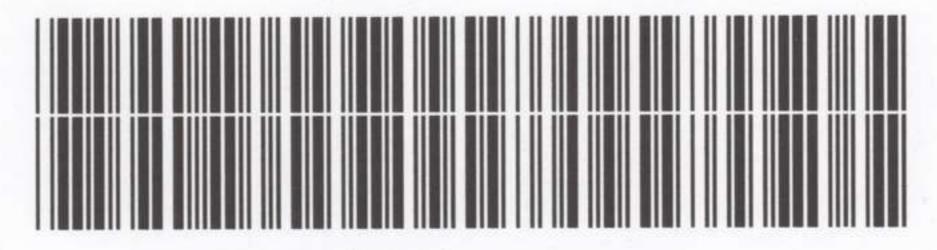
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WAR DIARY

OF

24th AUST. M. G. COY.

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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24th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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Place Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONGFAUX 1	st to 6t	on 5th the following Decorations were awarded: No. 425A Sgt., G.B.REDEORD awarded the Military Medal, No. 609 L/CPl. TRELOAR R.C., the Military Medal No. 801 L/CPl. MURPHY G.T., the Military Medal, No. 1926A, Pte. RAYMOND F.G. the Military Medal.	- 1
LONGEAUX BARLEUX	7th	The Coy., received orders to move to BARLMUX. Reveille was 6 a.m. and the Coy., marched out to embussing point and embussed at 9.30 a.m. Busses moved off at 10 a.m. and arrived at BARLMUX at 1.30 p.m. The Coy., had so cold lunch, after which dug-outs were cleaned out, and where necessary, no ones built. Coy. H. O. was located at N 18 Central (Ref. Sheet 66c) in a cold trench. At 8 p.m. the Transport arrived. A hot meal was then serve Weather cloudy and cool. The limbers were repacked, also ammunition, and Belts were filled and adjusted.	ew red.
BART, PITY	8th	Weather showery with cool winds. Strength & Offs. 194 O/Rs.	
	9th	Owing the wet weather, no training was carried out, the day being devoted to improving dug-outs and shelters.	
CATELIT	- 10th	The Coy., marched out from BARLEUX at 1.30 p.m. arriving at CATELET at 3.30 and took over billets occupied by 12th A.M.G.Coy. Weather: Heavy rain throughout the day, but clear cold and windy at night. Many enemy Bombir Planes were heard bombing around this area, but no bombs were dropped in the near vicinity of this Unit. Lieut. C.H. HATCHER taken on strength ex 12th A.M.G.Coy. Strength 9 Offs. 193 O/Panks.	lg
	11th	During the morning very heavy rain, but weather cleared through the afternoon All guns and gear were taken out of the Fighting Limbers and cleaned. The	1.
VRAIGNES	to	Coy., was paid, 8500 francs being disposed of. The Coy., moved into the Forward Area, leaving CATELET at 7.30 p.m. and arriv	ing of
	22n4	at 0 10 Central about midnight. At 3 p.m. The Coy, moved forward into Support taking up positions as shown in Report on Operations from 11th to 22 nd inst. Nucleus moved into VRAIGN See Report on Operations 11th to 22 inst.attached.	1 Mis
FRAUCOURT.	23r4.	The coy. marched out from VRAIGNES to FRAUCOURT and bivouaced there for the night. A hot meal was provided for the troops soon after arrival.	
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	REINCOURT	25th . 26th 30th	1 10	The Company embussed at HRAHGUHRHH HERBECOURT at 11 a.m. and proceeded REINCOURT where it was billeted. Very little training carried out, but time devoted to general reorganiand cleaning up Gun, Gear, Equipments., etc. Strength 9 Offs. 196 O/Ranks.	
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24 th AUST. MACHINE GUN COY ..

FOR

SEPTEMBER

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COMPANY.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No. Subject. MAH Syllabus of Training, for week endg. 7th inst. Report on Operations covering period from "B" 11th to 22nd inst. HCH Intelligence Reports. H TH 24th A.M.G.Coy's Order No.9. #EH Disposition of Coy. 11 TH Aust. Corps. Circular - German captured dugouts. 11 G11 Miscellaneous Orders. Ration Report for month, also Diet Sheet. #H# Tracing showing Disposition of Guns. 11 T 11 Map referred to as "A" in Report on OPerat-11 711 而於而 ions from 11th to 22 nd inst. "K" Graph showing number of Orderly-room cases for the past 6 month. HT,H Graph showing number of Sick . Tvacuations for past 6 months. 24TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN

APPENDIX A

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

24th AUST. MACHINE GUN COY.

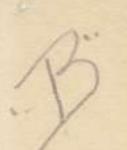
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	-	THE RESIDENCE OF	-	-	STATISTICS.	

DAY.	9 - 9.15	9.15 - 10.15	10.15 - 11.15	11.15 - 12.
MOTTOAY.	Inspection of Sec- tions by Officers.	Company Drill.	Elementary Gun Prill.	Mechanism and Stoppages.
****	9	10.30.	10.30 - 12.	
TURSDAY.	Firing on the "A" & "B" S Mechanism & "C" & "T" S	Stoppages.	Firing on the Ran "C" & "D" Section Mechanism & Stopp "A" & "B" Section	pages.
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2 p.m. OR	GANISED GAMES.	TETC.		Date
2 - 2,30.	Section N. C. O	's. (Subject)	COMMUNICATION	TILL.

2 - 2.30. Section N. C. O's. (Subject) COMMUNICATION PRILL

(mress:-) Drill Order with Rifle & Bayonet.



24th. AUST. MACHINE GUN COMPANY. APPENDIX

24th AUSTRALIAN

MACHINE GUN

COMPANY.

Ref. Sheet 62c S.E. 1/20,000. & Map known as "A".

In accordance with instructions received at 7 p.m. 11th. inst., the Coy. moved into close support and were attached to 13th. A.I. Brigade and bivouaced for the night at Q 10 c.

I reported to 13th. A.I. Bgde. H.Q. and received orders to move forward and occupy, with 16 guns a defensive position along line running from 9 6 b central to R 25 a central. This was a precautionary line in the event of a break through by the enemy.

Coy. H.Q. was then located at Q 23 b 20.05.

On the 16th, inst. I received notification that the 13th. A.I. Bgde. would be relieved by the 4th. & 12th. A.I. Bgdes., the 4th. taking the left sector and the 12th. the right sector of line then held. At this period we were detached from the 13th. Bgde., notifying them of same and came under the administration of the 4th. Aust. M.G. Bn. I also learnt on the 16th inst. of an attack which was to take place, date and time to be notified later, in which we were to take part. The nature of our operation was to support the attacking Infantry with Barrage fire from positions to be selected on first objective known as Green Line. In accordance with Bn. Order No.29, 4 Sections of 4 guns moved forward viz:-

> In charge of A Sect. 4 guns 2/Lieut. MORLING. H H B H 4 H H CRESWELL. " D" 4" Lieut. SINCTAIR.

to shelter positions immediately in rear and close support of the front line then held. Shelter positions were located in L 32 d. All gums and crews were in position and reports back to Coy. H.Q. which was situated at R 1 a 90.40. by 8 p.m. without casualty or mishap. Previous to sections moving in, the whole of the Sector had been thoroughly reconnoitred by all Officers concerned.

The attack took place on the morning of the 18th.inst., zero time being 5.20 a.m. The attack was preceded by an intense bombard-

ment by our Artillery. The four sections, i.e.

"A" Sect. under 2/Lieut. MORLING. 11 B11 11 11 11 CDESWET,T. 11 C11 11 11 TIDATED. "D" " Lieut. SINCLAIR.

No. moved forward at zero time plus 10 and arrived at first objective (Green Line) at 7 a.m. At this period, casualties were sustained chiefly in the 2 Sections on the right and just in front of the village Lm vmRGUIMR. All guns were in position and ready to open fire by 8.15 a.m. At zero plus 190m all guns opened fire on first barrage line, firing till zero plus 195m lifting to second barrage line zero plus 195 to zero plus 214 and third lift from zero plus 214 to zero plus 220m when, according to plan they ceased fire.

At 5 p.m. orders were received to move all guns forward on to second objective known as Red Line and select positions from where they would put down a protecting barrage 500 yds. in front of the Blue Line. Sections moved forward immediately on receiving orders and were in position at Red Line at 9 p.m. At 11 p.m. all guns opened up protecting barrage fire 500 yds. in front of Blue Line. This barrage lasted for 15 minutes and was to assist the Brigade attacking on the right.

On 19th. Inst in accordance with orders from Battn. for reallotment of guns "A" Sect. under 2/Lieut. MORLING and "D" Sect. under Lieut. SINCLAIR each 4 guns were withdrawn from Red Line to selected positions at Green Line.

Disposition of guns were as follows :-

Green Line, 8 Guns right to left :-

L 34 b 55.15 L 28 d 65.15 L28 d 95.80 L 34 b 55.65 L 28 d 75.25 L 28 b 55.25

> L 28 b 70.60 L 22 d 90.65

Red Line :-

G 25 d 40.30

G 19 d 20.20 APPENDIX B6

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G 25 d 40.50 G 25 d 40.80 G 25 d 30.90 G 19 a 20.50 L 24 c 70.80 L 24 a 60.10

Guns in the Red Line were laid on an S.O.S. line 500 yds. in front of Blue Line. These guns also carried out harassing fire during the night. Guns in the Green Line were laid on a protective S.O.S. line 600 yds. in front of Red Line. This was a precautionary measure in the event of an enemy break through.

On the night 22nd-23rd, the Coy, was relieved as follows:

1 Sect. by 3rd.Aust.M.G.Coy.
1 " "C" Coy. 46th.British M.G.Bn.
2 Sects." "D" " " " " "

On being relieved, the Coy. marched out of the line and joined the Nucleus at VRAIGNES.

During the attack, ammunition and water was taken up in limbers and dumped, on each occasion, right at gun positions.

The casualties sustained by the Coy. were light, being :
1 Officer wounded, 3 O/Ranks killed, and 11 O/Ranks wounded. In my
estimation, the small number of casualties suffered by the Coy. was due
to the thoroughness in which Section Officers did their work by reconnoitxring their positions before-hand, and the great co-operation shown
by all Units concerned. The manner in which all orders were carried
out and reports sent back to Coy. H.Q. deserves great credit to both
Officers and men.

During the period in the line the rations were very good, the men receiving one hot meal daily, and in some cases 2 hot meals per

day.

The supply of comforts for the period was also good.



25/9/18.

O.C.24th.Aust.M.G.Coy.

hours ending 6 a.m. 14:9:18.

INTELLIGENCE PEPOPT APPENDIXC

24th. M. G. Coy.

OPERATIONS.

OTTR ARTITITION Fired at intervals during the day, but opened up a heavy barrage at 8 p.m. with 18 pounders and 4.5 Howitzers and continued until 9 p.m.

Harassing fire was maintained during the night with 18 pounders 4.5 Howitzers and 60 pounders.

Active during the day flying over enemy's line in OTTR ATROPATE

flights of 8. Observed during the hours of daylight flying over enemy's line. OTH MACHITAIR GIVE Have not fired during the past 24 hours.

TENTENTY OPERATIONS. ENEMY ARTITIERY. About 20 5.9 shells fell in Q 17 d 8.6 approx. at 7.30 p.m. At 12 noon 50 shells 5.9 & 4.2 fell in squares 9 6 d &

012 b & d. At 10.15 p.m. 10 5.9s fell in square @ 23 b two close to Company H.Q. At 7.40 enemy put down a heavy barrage in front of WENDET, T.E.S.

on our support line which lasted for about 30 minutes. FATHERY ATROPART Bombing planes were heard over our lines at 8 p.m., only a few bombs fell within hearing. One brought down in flames.

THENTY CAS. N I L. Casualties N I L. Ammunition expended N I L.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15:9:18.

OUR OPERATIONS. OUR ARTITUREV. Did counter battery work during the day and became more active between 8 p.m. and midnight Date Active. Numerous planes being observed over enemy's OTTO ATRODATIT line during the day. OTTE MACHINE CITYS. Have not fired in this area.

THE PROPERTY OF THE ATTOMS. Artillery. Between the hours of 11 a.m. & 12 NORM midnight fired about 15 H. F. Shrapnel and from noon until 1 p.m. fired 30 shells 5.9 in squares 24 a & 23 b.

ATRORAFT. Several appeared over 912 a and were driven off by A.A.Guns One very large plane flew over Div. sector and seemed at 12.30 p.m. to be taking photographs about midday.

MACHINE CING. No activity. 8 shells fellin square Q 6 (Blue Cross) at 5 a.m. Gas.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16:9:18. OUR OPERATIONS.

OTTO ARTILLERY. 18 pounders were registering from road in Q 24 d. Maintained harassing fire during the day and became very active between very active between 1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. OUR AIRCRAFT. Active during the day between the hours of daylight. Many bombing planes were heard flying towards the enemy lines during the night. MACHINES GUNS. Have not fired.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. At intervals during the day, 5.9s and H.E. Shrap. in square 0 24 a opened up a barrage with 4.2s at 1 p.m. and continued until 3 p.m. falling in R 14 and R 20 squares. Between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. opened up with 4.2s and 5.9s on square 23 b. Large calibre guns shelled the Grange R 7 a 20.00 and Roads in vicinity. MACHINE GINS. Very active between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. playing on Front Line. GAS. Nil.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18:9:18.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. 60 pas. fired at intervals during the day. Very active with 18 pas. between 11 p.m. and 12 midnight. AIRCRAFT. A few Planes were over during the day and were flying over the enemy's lines during the hours of daylight. MAGUITHUR CITYS. Have not fired.

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Enemy Aircraft. Bombed and machine gunned our Artillery and transport that was moving up towards the line at 9 p.m. 3 planes were over at 7 p.m. and were driven back by A.A.Guns & Machine Gun fire. THE WARLENG CITY. No activity.

NIL. THINK GAG.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19:9:18.

Very active during the day especially between 7 a.m. & noon ADMITTINGY. also between 10.30 p.m. & 11 p.m. when shells of all cal calibre fell. Very active all day. Our bombing planes passed over red ATDODATO line at 1 a.m.

Fired barrage from 8.30 a.m. to 8.54 a.m. and from 11 p.m. MACHTAIR CING. to 11.20 p.m.

BROLL ODED VALLONG ADMITTITEDY Shelled Red line from 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. with H.E. 5.9 Otherwise quiet.

No activity during the morning. At 6 p.m. enemy plane brought down one of our Balloons. At night, enemy planes were very active bembing back and forward areas. MACHINE GIRLS. Active from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Several gas shells fell in L 24 d.at 6.30 a.m.

Including all Barrage work 72,000 Rounds.

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Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20:9:18.

SECTION OF STAND ADMITTION At 7 p.m. opened up a heavy Barrage on left in response to S.O.S. signal. At 11.30 a.m. very active on the right which lasted for 15 minutes. Also very active on the left at 10.30 a.m. At 5 a.m. opened up a heavy barrage.

AIRCRAFT. Active during the day, one being brought down. MACHINE GIMS. 8 guns did harassing fire wathron the following targets at intervals during the night.

Road running from G 21 b 00.35. to G 21 b 75.55. (one gun)

Peg Copse G 21 b 70.10. (2 Guns) 2

Communication sap G 22 c 10.80 to G 22 c 75.65. (1 gun) " G 22 c 40.30 to G 22 c 80.60. (1 gun)

Pike Wood G 22 c 30.20. (2 guns) 5)

G 28 a 80.70.

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APTITION. Shelled front line with 5.9s. Shelled ASCHNSTON TARM With 77 MM between 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.

ATDADATE 4 were seen over during the day at 11 a.m. ig Lachrymatory shells fell at 5 p.m. near www post L 24 c 70.55. 24th AUSTRALIAN

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MACHINE CING No activity.

DISPOSITION REPORT.

Green Line

L 28 d 95.80. L 28 b 55.25

L 28 b 70.60

L 22 d 90.20

The remaining guns occupied the old positions and are shifting this morning, as no line exists where positions are being dug. Ammunition expended, 7,000.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 21:9: 18.

OTTO OPTO ATTOMS. ARTITLERY. Counter-battery work was carried out throughout the day at 5 a.m., very very drum fire coming from the North. AIRCRAFT. Large formations flew over our lines at intervals during the day. Artillery spotting Planes very active all day. MACHINE GUNS. Nil.

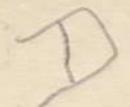
ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. 6 4.2 fell in Square 9 6 a at 7 p.m. Enemy guns appeared to be heavily shelling front line. AIRCRAFT. No planes observed during the day. At 9 p.m. Bombing planes were very active bombing forward and back areas. One was brought down in flames in Square R 3 b.

MACHINE GINS. Nil. GAS. Nil.

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24 th AUST. MACHINE GUN COY.

Order No.9.

Ref. Wap "A" attached.

16:9:1918.

- (1) a. The 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION will attack and capture objectives shown on attached Map "All marked successively, green, red and blue, on a date and hour to be notified.
 - b. The first British Division is on our right and 1st AUST. Div. on our left.

The 12th A.I.Bde. will attack on the right, and the 4th A. I. Bde. will attack on the left, with the 13th A.I.Bde. in reserve, disposed along trench system South West of VENDELLES.

- The 24th AUST. MACHINE GUN COY., comprising 4 Sections of 4 guns will attack take up shelter positions immediately in rear of Front line now held, running from R 3 Central to L 26 d Central. As the Infantry move forward to first objective, i.e., green line, and capture it, the 4 Sections will move forward and select battery positions at green line, where they will support the advance of the 4th A.I. Bde with barrage fire in conjunction with Artillery barrage.
- (3) Zero time and lifts for Barrage will be notified later.
- (4) The boundary between 24th A.M.G.Coy., and 13th A.M.G.Coy., will be L 3 d Central and the boundary between the 1st A.I.Bde., and 24th Aust. M.G.Coy., will be L 22 d 00.40.
- (5)
 S. A. A. dumps will be formed at: 100,000 rds., at R 8 a 5.8 and 100,000 rds. in Limbers in Transport Lines. Company Dump of 30,000 rds. will be at Coy. H.Q. R 1 a 7.4.
- (6) Watches will be synchronized under arrangements from Coy.
- (7) Coy. . H. Q. will open at R 1 a 7.4 at 11.30 p.m. on night of YZ night.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

o.c. 24th Aust. M. G. Coy.

Distribution:

Copy No.1 to "A" Section.

2 " "B" "

3 " "C" "

4 " "D" "

5 " Coy.H.Q.

6 " 4th Aust.M.G.Bn.

7 " 13th A.H.G.Coy.

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COY.

16:9:1918.

"A" SECTION

In the Line.

2/Lieut. MORLING.

Sgt. Redford, Cpl. Rose, L/Cpl.Pill, L/CPl.Pritzler. Ptes. Cleary, Boles, Brown C.C., Evans, Harris, Houghton, Nicholson, Pearce, Wingfield, Wright L.A. Wyatt, Whalan, Zilles.

1 Off. 17 0/Ranks.

In the Line.

2/Lieut. CRESWELL. Sgt. Botten, Cpl. Paterson, L/Cpl. England, Woodman & Watson Ptes. Birmingham, Lewis, Raymond, King, Catmur, Dicker, Wiess, Gibson, Supple, Peace, Bryer, Colbert.

1 Off. 17 0/Ranks.

In the Line.

2/Lieut. TURNER.

Sgt. Murphy, Cpl. Wollsten, L/Cpls. Stuart, and Murphy. Ptes. French, Bartley, Miller, Heath S.E., Brady, Burt, Smith B.L.W., Hartland, Cass, Glanville, Smith V.L. Kelb, Amey.

1 Off. 17 0/Ranks.

Lieut. SINCLAIR.

Sgt. Morris, Cpl. Trevenen, L/Cpls. Hunt F. and Green J. Ptes. Rockliff, Stark, Walker J.E., Walker C.C., Birrell, Bright, Thornton, Thompson, J. H., Parish, Bayly, Hart, Raymont, Keat.

1 Off. 17 0/Ranks.

COMPANY

HEADQUARTERS.

24TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN GOMPANY.

Lieut. HATCHER.

PEUT.

Ptes. Tucker, Hukins, Arkle, Ryan, Davies D.T., Joncour, Monument, Frost, Mathews, Stewart, Baillie, Metzenthen, Thomas.

2 Off. 13 O/Ranks.

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H'ors. Section. Lieut. RITCHARD.

C.S.M.O'Brien, C.Q.M.S.Packer, L/Sgt. Beale, (O.R.S.)
Houslar (O.R.) Ingles (Storeman) Tuson (cook) Hannam (cook)
Fisher (Sig.) Thompson (Bootmaker), Simmons (Barber),
Strettles & Jones (Pioneers), Irving (Mail) Purves (cook)

Baker

1 Off. 62 0/Rs.)

TRANSPORT.

Sgt. CORBEY, CPl. Dunbar, L/CPl. Dvrs. Lynn, & Nichol.

Dvrs. Bennet, Brydon, Gordon, Sims, Woods, Ryan E.J.,

Allen, Werrett, Newson, Pardon, Alsop, Fitzpatrick, McLennan

Cooke, Munro Dunbar (Farrier), Daley, Marriner, Neilson,

Ptes. Smith J. & Kitley (Brakesmen), Cotterill (Feedsman)

Russell, Pateman, Weir.

LEAVE.	Ptes. Chorlton, Tatham, Knight, Spratt, Davies M.D. Lieut, SHERIDAN, Sgt. Wilson, L/CPl. Dvr. Patching		0.R.
	DVr. Cox. Cpl. Duggan, CPl. Keneally.	1	10
SICK.	Lieuts. Bradbury, Shelley, Campbell.Pte. Parslow.	3	5
SCHOOLS.	Major Hinton M.C., CPl. Clarke, Pte. Champion.	1	2
Bn. H. O.	pte. Hatton.	ALIANT	1
net.	Pte. Barry.	CHIM	1
DUMP.	Sgt. Liddicoat, Pte. Waldon, Vernon.	-	3
R.A.P.	Ptes.Linney, L/CP1. Johnson.		2

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Total Strength of Coy. 12 Offs. 194 O.Rs.

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lat Australian Division. 2nd Australian Division. 3rd Australian Division. 4th Australian Division. 7th Australian Division. 52nd Division.



The following notes on Second Army experience with traps and dug-out mines in the KEMMEL Area, are forwarded for information. Troops will be warned, and it is suggested that dug-outs should not be occupied for a week after capture :-

*Dugouts have been left very dirty, but otherwise in good con-

Scattered about the dugout in, say, 5 or 4 places, there have been found explosives in various forms, for example, a Shell, Trench Mortar Bomb, bunch of Hand Grenades, a box of PERDITE, in each case with a detonator attached and short place of time fuse.

These were harmless unless fuse was lit, and gave one the impression that the enemy had intended to fire charges before

These charges were cleared out, dugouts cleaned and timber examined carefully to see if it had been tempered with, all with no apparent result.

In seven cases to date, after this examination had been made and everything appeared satisfactory, dugouts were blown in.

What had evidently occurred, was that delay action charges had been placed behind the timber of the dugout in most cases, behind

the side trees about 2' up from the sill, in some cases beneath the sill itself. The location of the charges was a few feet from the entrance, half way down the incline, at the foot of the incline and at the end of the straight gallery off the incline where a chamber breaks away.

The point to be emphasised is that the charges scattered about the dugouts were evidently a "blind" to deceive our troops, and it has been successful in several cases.

Blows of this kind have occurred even in inclines which had just been commenced by the enemy, and were only down a matter of

To date a charge has not been discovered before it detonated, therefore, indication which would lead to the discovery of charges cannot definitely be given. In one case, however, a dugout was regarded with suspicion owing to iron strapping along side trees

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1/4 APPENDIX F.

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being out in two places and replaced with a new piece of strapping to cover the part where out had been made. The charge had exploded before it was removed. In another place, in an old British dugout with close timbered set with spreader, the spreader had been pried off and nailed on again, also, in another set a cleat had been nailed on to replace spreader. However, in enemy close timbered dugouts using sets with mortice and tenon joint no sign was apparent. What had evidontly been done, was a set or two had been taken out, charge placed, ground encavated a little above roof of gallery, and entirely new sets replaced, also sets were placed of set together, that one could not readily see in behind them.

What is being done in dugouts timbered as above, is to go atically through the dugout and strip every third or fourth set if anything is behind them. To date there has not occurred a converse a road has been blown up after being passed, but there has found these same apparent charges, detonated with fuse attached lying alongside of the road and it is possible that these may be a "blind".

Charges in dugouts of above description have been limited to KEMMEL Area. It may be that in this area was a particular enemy division, who were keen on this type of trap or that the number delayed action fuses were limited, and they could be used to great advantage in KEMMEL area than in others.

IF, however, any one case occurs in your area, the dugouts eventhose which have already been examined, should at once be put out bounds and nobody allowed in them, until they have been systematically stripped as above referred to.

The last charge to explode on KEMMEL reported to date, was at 5 p.m. on 3rd inst., which would be approximately 104 hours afte evacuation.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO 33.

Brigade Headquarters. 15th September 1918.

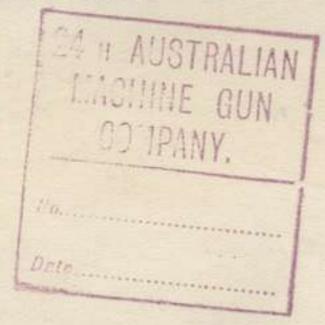
Reference Map "A" issued with Bde Order No 32.

- 1. 4th Aust.Infantry Brigade will relieve portion of the left Battn of 13th Aust.Inf.Brigade in the Gront line on night 16th/17th Sept 1918.
- 2. 13th Battalion (Right), 16th Battalion (Centre) and 15th Battalion (Left) disposed in depth will each take over 1 Company front from 49th Battalion. These frontages will correspond to frontages allotted for each Battalion in Brigade Order No 32. 14th Battalion will move into squares (Q.14 and 20.
- Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- Personnel of 4th A.L.T.M.Battery will report to their respective Battalions as detailed in Brigade Order No 52 and will move into the line with them.
- Code Message "B.M. 33 Noted."
- 6. Passwords will be used as under throughout this Brigade:-

16th/17th September 17th/18th " 18th/19th "

WOODBINE. PLAYER.

These passwords will come into use at 4 p.m. each day and will not be communicated to subordinate commanders earlier that 12 hours prior to their coming into use.



(Signed) R.W.GOVELL.

Brigade - Major. 4th Aust.Inf& Brigade .

> Headquarters, Sth Aust.M.G.Battalion. 16th September 1918.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

OOPY No

ORDER No. 29.

oference Map "A" attached.

Battalion H.Q. 15th September 1918.

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1. (a) The 4th Aust.Division will attack and capture the objectives Mown on the attached map "A" marked successively GREEN, RED, and BLUE, on a date and hour to be notified, (b) The lat British Division are on our right and lat Aust. Division on our left. The 18th Aust. Inf. Bde will attack on the right and 4th Aust.Inf Bde on the left with the 13th Aust.Inf.Bde in reserve disposed along trench system south west of VENDELLES.

Machine Guns are allotted as follows:-

FORWARD GUNS.

4th and 12th Companies are allotted to 4th and 12th Inf Bdes respectively for the attack and consolidation of the captured

ground.

13th and 24th Companies will advance with the attacking Infantry to GREEN Line and from thore will supplement the Artillery barrage with a ereeping barrage to support the Infantry advance to the RED Line, finally covering the RED Line with an S.O.S. protective barrage. BARRAGE GUNS.

5th Australian M.G. Battalion (64Guns) will supplement the Artillery barrage from positions in rear of the Infantry taped line and cover the advance of the Infantry to the GREEN Line, finally placing a protective S.O.S. barrage during the halt on the GREEN line. These guns will remain in position when the advance from the GREEN Line commences. They will then he in Divicional Reserve Tasks of Barrage Guns are shown in attached M.G. Task Mapp.

On night 16th/17th the reserve section each of 4th and 12th Companies will relieve the 8 Guns of 15th Company ferward of the Railway Line; these with the remaining 13th Company Guns will be withdrawn to site of present 13th Company H.Q. All Guns will be in position by 4 a.m. on Y/2 night.

4. BOUNDARIES.

The boundary between 1st British Division and 4th Aust.Diva

will rum as follows:-

Q.29.0.0.7. to R.15.a.0.4. to R.10.0.0.4. to Road corner R.6.0.30.05 (inclusive to let Division) to Canal bond G.34.d.5.7. INFANTRY FORMING UP LINE.

The Infantry forming up line will be a direct line from

cquare R.9.d.8.5. to square L.1.d.7.0.

Map "A" will be amended accordingly.

MACHINE GUN 5. S.A.A. Dumps will be formed at to 100,000 Rounds at B.S.s.5.8. 100,000 Rounds in limbers at transport lines WATER BOTTLES. 100 extra water bottles are available each for 4th and 12th Companies, and 50 each for 15th and 24th Companies.

6. Watches will be synchronised under arrangements from Bn H.Q.

- 4th and 5th M.G.Battalion Headquarters will open at midnight Y/2 night at R.2.0.40.16.
 - 8. Machine Gun Companies will acknowledge.

Tarmed at 5 p.m. through Signals.

Hwithouth papt & Adjt. 4th Aust.M.G.Battalion.

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Brigade Headquarters, 14th. September, 1918.

Reference 1/20,000, Sheets 62.0.N.E. & S.E.

- The 4th. AUST. DIVISION is side slipping to the North and 1. (a) the new boundaries and present outpost line are as shewn on the attached trace.
 - The necessary adjustments are being made tonight 14th/15th the 1st. Division taking over the portion on the right and the 1st. AUST. Division handing over the portion on the Left.
- The Companies of the 51st. Bn. South of the new boundary 20 will be relieved by the 2nd. Wolsh Regiment.
 - The 49th. Battalion will relieve the 50th. Battalion and also extend to the Left, relieving the troops of And. Bn. South of the new boundary.
 - Details of reliefs will be arranged between C.O's concerned. (c)
 - The Section of 13th. Aust. M.G.Coy. in Relode will be (d) withdrawn into roserve in the Railway cutting.
- After rolliof the 13th. Brigade Group will be disposed as 30 follows :-

51st. Battalion. H.Q. R. 14.b.6.7.

1 doy. in outpost line. 1 doy. in Support in Rogoc, and Rogob.

2 Coys, in Railway cutting & the Brown Line.

H.Q. R.2.0.3.2. 49th, Battalion,

2 Coys, in Outpost Line.

2 Coys. in Brown Line.

24rH AUSTRALIAN | Battalion. H.Q. ZQ.24.a.5.2. MACHINE GUN

I coy. Railway cutting R. I.a. and b. 3 Coys, Rolloa, and co Rolloa, and co

Ro7.a. and c.

COMPANY 13th . A.L. T. M.B. H.Q. Q. 24.C.8.O.

1 Mortar attached 51st. Bn. 2 Mortars attached 49th. Bn.

Remainder of Battery in reservo at H.Q.

13th. Aust. M. G. Coy. H. Q. Q. 23.d. 4.9. I Section Rol4.central.

1 Section R.2.b.

1 Section L. 32. contral.

1 Soction in Reserve at Railway cutting.

Q.23.b.2.l. 24th. Aust.M.G.Coy: H.Q. Disposed in sections along old front line

Rel9oce to Re7080 13th Fld Ooy A.E. R. 24.0.5.5. "C"Squadron 13th. L.H. & Cyclist Platoon -VRAIGNES.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.

Issued at 4,45 p.m. Acting Brigade Major, 13th; AUST. INF. EDE.

Extra Copies to :-

13th. AUST.M.G.Coy. 140

15. 24th. Aust. M.G.Coy.

160 13th. Fld. Coy. 17. 12th. Field Ambco.

"O" Squad . 13th L.H. 18.

Cyclist Platoon. 19. 3rd. Inf. Bde. 200

21. let. Aust. Inf. Bde.

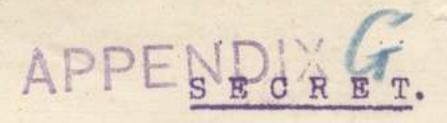
22. 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

23. Artillery Liaison.

24. 9th. Bdo. R.G.A.

25. Bde. Transport Officer.

26. Bde. Nucleus.



Copy No

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 230.

Ref. Sheet, 62C, S.E.

11th September 1918.

1. The 12th A.I.Brigade will move forward as below this afternoon (11/9/18):-

Unit.	From	To.	To be comple	te Remarks.
12th A.I. Bde.H.Q.	P 20 d 2 e	P 17 d 8 0	12 noon	
45th Bn.	P 24 & P 30	*Southern Por- tion of Support Bde.Area as shown on Art- Trace issued.	8 p.m.	In selecting positions tactical features must be borne in mind
46th Bn.	P 11 b, P 11 c, P 17 a.	Q 14 d & Q 15 c.	8 p.m.	short notice should situation warrant it.
	P 12 c, P 18 a,	*Northern Por. tion of Support Bde. Area as Shown on Art.	8 p.m.	24 1 AUSTRALIAN
12.ALTMB	P21. a.35:	Prod 5 5 Q 21 a 8 c	8 p.m.	COMPANY.
M.G.Coy.		main at Q 20 Centr		Date

Areas as shown above being same as verbally advised to units this morning.

* Dividing line between 45th and 48th Battalions will be straight line running E. & W between Q 22 b 9 9 and Q 21 b 3 9.

Markey Captain.

A/Brigade Major.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at

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" 4th Aust .M.G.Bn.
" 12th Aust .Fld.Amb.

4th A.I.Bde.

^{2.} All movement must be in small parties dribbled forward with large intervals.

^{3.} Units will advise this Office immediately move is completed and forward dispositions.

^{4.} C.O. 12th Aust. M.G.Coy. will get in touch with Battalion Commanders and mutually select gun positions in accordance with tactical features. These positions will be notified to this office immediately and will be reserved for 12th M.G.Coy. in case the situation demanded the manning of same.

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Copy No

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 228.

Ref. Map. Sheet A2C, 1/40,000.

9th September 1918.

- 1. The 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) in "B" Divisional Sector, (boundaries as per map previously issued to Battalion Commanders) between 3th and 11th inst.
- 2. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group. less 12th Aust. Field Ambulance, will relieve 13th A. I. Brigade Group, less 13th Aust. Field Ambulance, in Reserve Area in accordance with Tabbe overleaf.
- 3. Details of relief will be arranged between C.Os. concerned. Completion of relief to be immediately notified to this office.
- 4. A.D.M.S. will arrange reliefs of Medical Units.
- 5. Location of 13th A.I.Brigade Units obtainable at 13th A.I.Brigade H.Q. CATELET.
- 8. Units will arrange for advance parties to take over from onnosite numbers by noon, at which hour 13th A.I.Brigade Group will be clear of their present positions.
- 12th Field Company A.E. will reconnoitre for Water in new areas and report on same at earliest opportunity to this Office.
- The 12th A. I. Brigade will relieve the 13th A. I. Brigade in Support Brigade Area (about BOUVINCOURT) to-morrow 10th Sentember 1918. Unita will send reconnoitring parties forward this afternoon to reconnoitre this area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Brigade Major. 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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15th A.I.Brigade. " 12th Aust. Fld. Amb.

4th Aust . M. G. Bn.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 228.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From	Relieving	Remarks.
1	9/9/18	12th A.I.Dde H.Q.	0 8 d	13th A.I.Bde CATELET	Closing O 8 d at 2 p.m. Opening CATELET on arrival.
2	go	45th Battn.	0 8 d	49th Battn. P 9 c 3 1	To be clear of present area by 12 noon.
35	đo	12th Fld.Coy.	0 20 a	13th Fld.Coy. A.E. P 2 d 9 1	To be clear of present area by 12.30 p.m.
4	do	46th Battn.	07b	50th Battn. P.2 d 3 0	To be older of present area by 1 p.m.
5	go	48th Battn.	0 8 d	5 lst Battn. P 8 b 9 5	To be clear of present area by 2 p.m.
8	do	13th ALTMB.	0 9 d	13th ALTMB P 3 c 5 7	To be clear of present area by 2 p.m.
5/7	do	12th M.G. Coy.	N 13 b	13th M.G.Coy P8b87	To be clear of present.
× 8	r ³ O	26 th Coy. A.A.S.C.	0 20 a	27th Coy A.A.S.C. P 3 c 0 2	To be clear of present area by % p.m.
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Units will ensure the intervals as previously detailed are maintained throughout the march.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 889.

Roference Sheet 620, 1/40,000.

9th September 1918.

ate.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Pass Starting Point.	Route.	Relieve.	Remarks.
/9/18	12th A.I. Bde. H.Q.		LIAN LIAN		51 + P D 04 & D 30	Will be notified later.
	45th Bn.	P9c90	THE SAME	de-BISS to Area.	51st Bn. P 24 & P 30 H.Q. at P 29 b 0 7	
	48th Bn.	Р8686	CALL ASSESSED TO STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P	CATELET P 10 b 1 BEAUMETZ to Area.	9 50th Bn. P 11 d, P 12 & P 18. H.Q. at P 12 c 8 0	at once and arrange- ments made for advanced parties to take over.
*	48th Bn.	Р8586	notifie	Cross Roads P 9 c 1 4 to area	P 17 a. H.Q. at P 16 Central.	
**	12th Fld. Coy.A.E.	Р8 ъ 8 6	11 be 1	Cross Roads P 9 c 1 4 -St. CREI to Area.	13th Fld.Coy.A.E. P 28 d 1 P	
N	12th Aust. M.G.Coy.	P8 b 8 6	me wi	Cross Roads P 9 c 1 4 to area	13th Aust M.G. Coy	
	12th ALTME	P % c 8 4	E .	Cross Roads P 9 c 1 4 to area	13+h ALTMB. P 21 a 3 5	/

Brigade Transport will remain in present location.

Distribution:

Bde. Group. 4th Aust.Dib. 13th A.I.Bde. 4th A.I.Bde.

12th Aust.Fld.Amb.

Markly Captain.

A/Brigade Major.

19th Augt. Intentity Brigade.

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issued: -

RATION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 118.



Rations were very good for the whole month averaging:Bread 80%, Biscuits 20%, Fresh Meat 60%, Preserved Meat 40%, Bacon
75%, Meat & Vegetable Ration 25%. Vegetable Rations were very good which included a good supply of green stuff.

Milk, Tea, Sugar, Jam, Butter and all groceries very good.

Cooking for the men in the line was done at Advanced Company Headquarters at Q 23 b 20.05. Hot meals were sent to Gun Teams in Food containers, proving very satisfactory.

Comforts were exceptionally good, and were sent to the Line as under:-

Plum Puddings, Cigarettes & Tobacco. 14th Biscuits, Canned Fruit, mChocolate, Cigarettes. 15th Cocoa & Milk, Biscuits, & Cigarettes. 16th 17th Cake & Cigarettes. Puddings, Cigarettes, Tobacco. 18 th Canned Fruit, Cigarettes. 19th Biscuits, Cigarettes. 20th Fruits. 21st 22n4 Cake, Cigarettes.

The following Comforts were received at REINCOURT and

144 Tins Cocoa & Milk.

38 " Milk.

36 Packs Cards.

15 Packets Curry Powder.

43 Tins Jam.

5,650 Cigarettes.

421bs. Sugar.

50 Packets Biscuits.

Cooking for Company was done by: -

Pte. CHAMPION H.
" MONUMENT. R.F.

AMACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

DIFT SHETT in use while in Rest Area.

26 th Sep. to 2nd Octr. DIET SHEET.

Tay.	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Tea.
THURSDAY	Oatmeal, Fried Bacon, Tea.	Boiled Meat, Potatoes Tea.	Boiled Rice & Milk Tea.
FRIDAY.	Oatmeal, Fried BasesRissoles Tea.	Fresh Meat Stew, Tea.	Boiled Custard, Tea.
SATURDAY	Oatmeal, Fried Bacon, Tea.	Roast & Boiled Potatoes.	Soup & Dumplings, Tea.
SUNDAY.	Cold Boiled Ham Tea.	Curried Stew, Tea.	Rice Cakes, Tea.
MONDAY.	Oatmeal, Rissoles Tea.	Boiled Meat, Potatoes Onion Sauce, Tea.	Boiled Rice Custard. Tea.
TITESDAY.	Fried Bacon, Tea.	Fresh meat Stew, Tea.	Curried Vegetables, Tea.
WEDNESDAY	Oatmeal, Roiled Bacon Tea.	Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Potatoes, Tea.	Biscuit Pudding, Jam Tea.

