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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

~~FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.~~

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NAMUR 8 LE ROUX	1-1-19		NEW YEARS DAY-Full Holiday, Battalion Tug of War meeting was held in the main square of the village(No decision yet) WEATHER:-COLD-VERY KEEN WINDS & DULL	
	2-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders,At 0815 the Coy was marched to the Divisional Bath,s & Bathed returning about 11-15. During the afternoon the O.C.(Capt Baker Finch) held a meeting of two representatives per section in order to form a Coy Recreational Room,a committee of One Officer and Four Other Ranks was formed(as per Appendix No) The afternoon was devoted to Football and Organised Games etc. WEATHER:-COLD-WINDY-and SLIGHT RAIN during the day.	
	3-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders,0900-0915 Coy Inspection-Full Marching Order, 0915-1130 Cleaning of Equipment,Gun Gear etc. General recreational training was carried out during the afternoon. WEATHER:-VERY COLD-FINE and CLEAR DURING THE MORNING TURNING TO DULL AND SLIGHT RAIN.	
	4-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders,Coy Parade at 0900 Belts and Sidearms, at 1125 General Birdwood passed through the Village,Company Commanders and several O.Ranks were interviewed by General Birdwood and a general complaint was lodged to him regarding quality and scarcity of Rations etc. During the afternoon a football match was played between the 1st & 3rd Coys (Soccer) 1st Coy winning by 4 goals to 1. WEATHER:-FINE DURING THE MORNING & TURNING COLD & DULL DURING THE AFTERNOON.	

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NAMUR 8 LE ROUX	5-1-19		<p>SUNDAY:- HOLIDAY. The O.C. inspected the Billets & went round at dinner time to ascertain if there were any complaints etc,</p> <p>During the afternoon the O,C,& S,I,C,paid a visit to the Aust Comforts & Y,M,C,A,in order to try and procure some reading material - boxing gloves -cards etc for the Coy recreational room.</p> <p>WEATHER:- DULL-COLD-SHOWERY.</p>	
	6-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:- 0900 -0930 Coy parade Full Marching Order.The remainder of the morning was spent in Close Order Drill,Mechanism etc.</p> <p>During the afternoon a meeting of the Batt'n Rugby players was held at Batt'n H Q in order to select a possible and probable team for the Divisional Competition.</p> <p>WEATHER:-COLD)-CLEAR AND FINE TURNING TO DULL WITH SLIGHT RAIN DURING THE AFTERNOON.</p>	
	7-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:- Ref/Syllabus (Appendix No)</p> <p>A Football match was played during the afternoon between the 1st & 21st Coy (Rugby) the 21st Coy winning by 2 tries to Nil.</p> <p>WEATHER:- VERY COLD?DURING THE MORNING WITH SLIGHT SCATTERED RAINS DURING THE AFTERNOON AND VERY HEAVY WINDS.</p>	<p><i>Author</i></p>

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NAMUR 8 LE ROUX	8-I-19		As per Coy Routine Orders:- Parades as per Syllabus, Dress Drill Order. (Appendix) Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon, Rugby team of this Coy attended the Batt'n Rugby football practice during the afternoon. WEATHER:- VERY CLEAR & FINE IN THE MORNING BUT DULL & COLD DURING THE AFTERNOON.	
	9-I-19		As per Coy Routine Orders:-Parades as per Syllabus. Dress Drill Order. Recreational Training was carried out during the afternoon, (Organised Games etc.) WEATHER:-VERY COLD & DULL WITH SLIGHT SHOWER DURING THE MORNING.	
	10-I-19		As per Coy Routine Orders:-Parades as per Syllabus, Dress Drill Order. During the afternoon Recreational Training was carried out (Organised Games etc) WEATHER:-VERY FINE & COLD KEEN WIND ALL DAY.	
	11-I-19		AS per Coy Routine:- Dress Drill Order, at 0915 the Coy went for a route march returning about 1030, -1100 Lecture By Capt Maxwell DSO?MC. on Share Farming, 25 OR of this Coy attended. Half Holiday in the afternoon. (PAY DAY) WEATHER:- DULL & MILD WITH SLIGHT RAIN.	

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NAMUR 8	12-1-19		<p>Sunday: - Holiday, A Batt'n Race Meeting was held during the afternoon which proved very exciting and amusing. One Officers hack (ALICK) of this Coy won the Batt'n Championship.</p> <p>WEATHER: - FINE? DURING THE MORNING, BUT TURNING VERY COLD AND WINDY DURING THE AFTERNOON.</p>	No
	13-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders: - Parade 0930 :- Clean fatigue with towels for bathing parade at Divisional Baths, (Presle).</p> <p>Batt'n team played First Pioneers football (AUST, RULES) First Pioneers winning by 9 goals to 3</p> <p>WEATHER: - COLD? DULL WITH SLIGHT RAIN DURING THE AFTERNOON.</p>	
	14-1-19		<p>Full Company Parade at 0900, Dress: - Drill Order. Parade as per Syllabus.</p> <p>Batt'n Rugby Team played</p> <p>WEATHER: - COLD, WITH VERY KEEN WINDS ALL DAY.</p>	
	15-1-19		<p>As per Coy Orders: - 0900 - Coy Inspection - Dress Drill Order. Parades as per Syllabus.</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon (Organised games etc.)</p> <p>WEATHER: - COLD AND SLIGHT RAIN INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.</p>	
	16-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders: - 0900 - Coy Inspection and short march, the Coy was photographed by the 1st Division Official Photographer at 1030.</p> <p>During the afternoon the Official Photographer took photo's of the Officers of the Batt'n also N.C.O's.</p> <p>WEATHER: - VERY FINE AND CLEAR ALL DAY (QUITE A CHANGE?)</p>	

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LE ROUX	17-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders, Full Company parade 0900, remainder of morning as per Syllabus.	
			Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.	
			WEATHER:-COLD AND SLIGHT RAIN DURING THE MORNING.	
	18-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders. Company Inspection 0900, remainder of morning as per Syllabus.	
			Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon (Organised Games etc)	
			WEATHER:-DULL AND VERY COLD WINDS ALL DAY	
	19-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders:- Coy Inspection at 0900, remainder of morning as per Syllabus.	
			Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.	
			WEATHER:-FINE COLD AND WINDY.	
	20-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900 Coy Inspection, remainder of morning as per Syllabus.	
			Organised Games etc were carried out during the afternoon.	
			WEATHER:- Cold AND FINE	
	21-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders:- 0900 Coy Inspection, remainder of morning as per Syllabus.	
			Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon	
			WEATHER:-COLD WITH SLIGHT RAIN DURING THE MORNING.	
	22-1-19		As per Coy Routine Orders:- 0900 Full Coy Muster, remainder of morning as per Syllabus	
			Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon (Organised Games etc)	
			WEATHER:-FINE WITH VERY KEEN WINDS ALL DAY.	

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LE ROUX	23-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:-0900 Coy Inspection, remainder of morning as per Syllabus.</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER:-VERY COLD AND DULL.</p>	
	24-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:-Full Coy Parade and Inspection, remainder of morning as per Syllabus</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER:-VERY COLD AND SLIGHT RAIN DURING THE MORNING.</p>	
	25-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:-0900 Packing of Coy Limbers and cleaning up Coy Area etc.</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>WEATHER:-COLD, VERY KEEN WINDS ALL DAY.</p>	
	26-1-19		<p>The Company moved out from LE ROUX per march route for new billets at PONT DE LOUP at 0930.</p> <p>Arrived at new area at 1100, good billets for Coy (Appendice)</p> <p>SLIGHT FALL OF SNOW ALL DAY AND VERY COLD.</p>	
	27-1-19		<p>The day was spent in cleaning up the new area and making billets comfortable for the men.</p> <p>WEATHER:-HEAVY FALL OF SNOW ALL DAY AND VERY COLD.</p>	
	28-1-19		<p>The work of cleaning up Coy area was continued also the cleaning of limbers etc.</p> <p>WEATHER:-THIN FALL OF SNOW ALL DAY AND VERY COLD.</p>	

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PONT DE LOUP	29-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders, 0900 Coy Inspection, remainder of morning spent in checking of Coy Stores as per Mobilization Store Table.</p> <p>WEATHER:-VERY COLD AND FROSTY ALL DAY.</p>	
	30-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Orders:- 0900 Coy Inspection, 0915 the Coy went for a route march returning at 1015, remainder of morning being spent in general fatigues etc.</p> <p>WEATHER:-COLD AND SLIGHT FALL OF SNOW.</p>	
	31-1-19		<p>As per Coy Routine Order, 0900 Coy Inspection, at 0915 the Coy went for a route march and returned about 1100.</p> <p>WEATHER:- STILL COLD AND SNOWING HEAVY DURING THE AFTERNOON.</p>	<p><i>Paterson</i></p>

WAR DIARY

OF

First Australian Machine Gun Company.

FOR

January 1919

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.	Company	Routine	Orders.
1.				
2.	"	Syllabus	of	Training.
3.	"	Warning		Order.
4.	"	Orders	for	Transport Picquet.
5.	"	Notice	re	Camera & Social Club
6.	"	Battalion	Memo	re General Birdwood's visit.
7.	"	Programme	of	Football Fixtures.
8.	"	Programme	of	Race-meeting.
9.	"	G.C.s	Monthly	Appreciation.
10.	"	T.O.s	"	"
11.	"	C.Q.M.S.	"	"
12.	"	Evacuations,	Leave,	Reinforce- ments, etc;

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS, No 73.

BY.

1st JANUARY, 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER-FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Williams.
Sgt . L. Davison,
L/Cpl. C. Fenton.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 8.A.M.

Breakfast. 9.A.M.

SPORTS.

Tug-O-War will be held on the Main Square at 1030.

Lieut for D.C.
First Australian Machine Gun Coy.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 74.

BY.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER-FINCH. O.C.

2nd JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. C. Williams.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sergt. L. Davison.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. C. Fenton.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0700.	Breakfast:- 0730.
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DUTY SECTION.

" C " Section.

PARADES.

Bathing Parade:- 0815. Dress:- Clean Fatigue with Towels. NOTE:- Cooks and Duty Details will be the only men exempt from this parade.

Officer in Charge of Bathing Parade:- Lieut. C. Martin.

PART. 2.

PROMOTIONS.

No 7585, Dvr. C.F. Williams to be A/L/Cpl. To date 1-1-19.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 75.

BY.

3rd. January. 1919.

CAPTAIN. B. BAKER-FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. L. Davison.
L/Cpl. C. Fenton.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

" D" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Company Inspection.
Dress:- Full Marching Order, less Steel Helmets
and Respirators.

Lieut for O.C.

First Australian M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.No 76.

BY.

4th JANUARY. 1914

CAPTAIN.A.BAKER-FINCH.O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut.C.Williams.
Sergt.L.Davison .
L/Cpl.C.Fenton .

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

Duty Section.

"A" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Company Inspection.
Dress:- Belt and Sidearms.

General Birdwood is visiting the Battalion to-day, and Special attention must be paid to the cleanliness of Billets and Area's, also to the general smartness of the turnout on Parade.

Section N.C.O's will give this matter their personal attention.

MAIL.

Postal Censorship:- Regimental censorship of letters will be discontinued forthwith. Correspondence will still be liable to censorship at the Base, and all Ranks are reminded that the censorship orders are still in force. If the examination at the Base shows that breaches of the censorship orders are common in any Units, it will be necessary to re-impose regimental censorship on those Units.

All letters and postcards will bear in the left hand bottom corner of the address side the Name and Rank,if any, of the writer. They will be handed closed to the Officer in charge of the censor stamp and will not be opened by him except for the purpose of identifying writers who have failed to comply with this order.

Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine G.Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 77.

BY.

5th JANUARY. 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER-FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. F. Luscombe.
Next for Duty .	Lieut. C. Martin .
Orderly Sergeant.	Sergt. L. Davison .
Next for Duty .	Sergt. C. Cosier .
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. C. Fenton .
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl. J. Bradford.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0815.

DUTY SECTION.

" B " Section.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

From January 1st, and until further notice, the rate of exchange of the Mark will be as follows:-
5 Marks - 2/4 - 3 Fcs.

LEAVE.

Men of this Unit proceeding on leave to BRUSSELS to-day will report to Company Orderly Room at 0845 Sharp.

DRESS.

Clean Fatigue- Belt- Haversack slung over right shoulder with brace, Haversack to contain Towel, Shaving Gear, Mess Tin, Knife, Fork, and Spoon. Greatcoat to be worn or carried.

RATIONS.

Each Man will carry two days rations, and on arrival at Destination will hand Rations to C.Q.M.S. at the Divisional Reception Club No 33 Rue de Caserne.

BLANKETS.

Available at Divisional Receptional Club.

PAY.

To be drawn at Divisional Receptional Club. Paymasters Office (Chatelet.)

NOTE.

This is the only Division in the Fourth Army to receive this permission, and any misbehaviour may result in this leave to Brussels being Cancelled.

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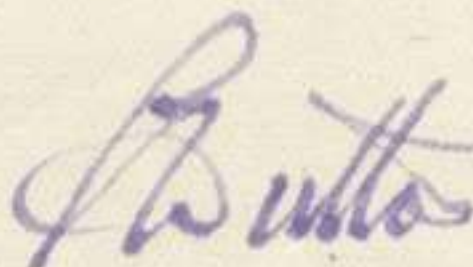
REVERSIONS.

No 474 T/Cpl Rolley. F.B. reverts to Private on being evacuated on 6-11-18.

No 436. T/Cpl Davies. E.J. reverts to L/Cpl on being evacuated on 23-12-18. To date:- 23-12-18.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All University Under Graduates in this Company to report to B.H.Q.'s at 1100 to-day.



Lieut for O.C.
First Aust: M.G. Company.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 78.

BY.

6th JANUARY.1919.

CAPTAIN.A.BAKER-FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut. F.Luscombe.
Orderly Sergeant. Sergt. C.Cosier.
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl. J.Bradford.

ROUTINE.

0730. Reveille. 0800. Breakfast.

DUTY COMPANY.

" C " Section.

PARADES.

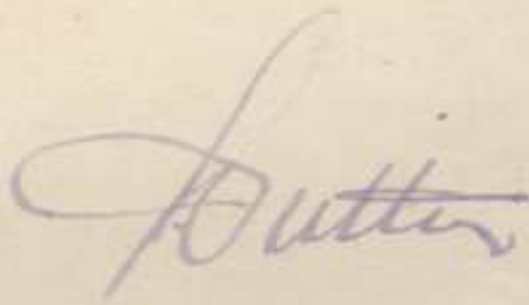
Full Company Parade 0900. Dress:- Full Marching Order.
0930 to 1030:- Description of Gun & Mechanism.
1030 to 1130:- Close Order Drill and Rifle Drill.

CLOTHING.

It has been noticed that Belgian Civilians have been wearing Australian Government Clothing, This practice must cease forthwith. Any Belgian Civilian found wearing Australian Government Clothing is liable to arrest.

VACANCIES.

There are vacancies for men with good clerical experience on the Staff of Administrative H.Q.'s A.I.F. London. Qualified Accountants are also required. Any man who desires to apply for these vacancies will report at Company Orderly Room at 1000 this day.



Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine G.Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 79.

BY.

7th JANUARY, 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Williams.
Sergt. C. Cosier.
L/Cpl. J. Bradford.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"D" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

CARE OF CLOTHING.

As the issue of all Clothing is now rationed, greater care must be taken by all Ranks with regard to same.

Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine Gun Coy

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 80.

BY

8th JANUARY. 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

C. MARTIN.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Next for Duty
Orderly Corporal.
Next for Duty

Lieut. C. Williams.
Sergt. C. Cosier
Sergt. O. Lewis.
L/Cpl. J. Bradford
L/Cpl. F. Talbot

ROUTINE.

Reveille. 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"A" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian. M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 81.

9th JANUARY. 1919.

BY.
CAPTAIN A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sergt. O. Lewis.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. F. Talbot.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

" B ". Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 82.

BY.

10th JANUARY. 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut. C. Williams.
Orderly Sergeant. Sergt. O. Lewis.
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl. F. Talbot.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"C" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

RATIONS.

Notice re Company Ration Issue:- All Mess Orderlies
will be paraded by the Orderly Corporal each Day to
Q.M. Store, time to be notified to the Orderly Corporal
by Q.M. Daily.

Belgian
Currancy.

Personnel proceeding abroad should exchange their
BELGIAN CURRENCY before departure from BELGIUM. It
cannot be changed in FRANCE. This Instruction will
be published in Unit Orders.



Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

NOTICE.

AUSTRALIAN
Y.M.C.A.

An Australian Y.M.C.A. Club has been opened for all Ranks
in the Place du Sud, CHARLEROI. opposite Band Stand.

ALL FACILITIES.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 83.

BY,
CAPTAIN A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

11th January. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant. Sergt. O. Lewis.
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl. F. Talbot.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"D" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

LEAVE TO
BRUSSELS.

Belgian Railways threaten that unless Personnel
travel on train set apart; i.e:- 1439 train to
Brussels, permission will be resinded.

It is reported that Other Ranks are arriving in
Brussels without passes. This must cease forthwith.
Men arriving without passes will be returned to their
Units. Strictest attention must be paid to dress,
which is now very much neglected.

SPECIAL LEAVE
TO U.K.

No further applications for SPECIAL LEAVE prior to
return to AUSTRALIA will be received in this Office.
Such SPECIAL LEAVE will now be granted where necessary
in ENGLAND when Troops arrive, en route to AUSTRALIA.

MAIL.

The issue of Green Envelopes will be discontinued
forthwith.

CLEAN CLOTHING.

Section Sgts will attend Q.M's Store at 1000 to
draw.
Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine G. Coy

P.T.O.

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 COMPANY ORDERS. (Cont'd)

PART 2.

TRANSFERS.

No 544.	Pte	Hume .J.	from "A"	Section to	Transport	Section.
No 283.	"	Dobbie.J.	"	"	"	"
No 547.	"	Dodd.A.	"	"	"	"
No 246.	"	Larcombe.W.G.	"	"	"	"
No 2893.	"	Woods. O.J.	"B"	"	"	"
No 4491.	"	Beazley.E.	"	"	"	"
No 2516.	"	Cusick. A.W.	"	"	"	"
No 2980.	"	Dellit. W.	"	"	"	"
No 131.	"	Powell.J.W.	"	"	"	"
No 2791.	"	Brunyee.G.W.	"C"	"	"	"
No 5807.	"	White. A.N.	"	"	"	"
No 8113.	"	Wade. J.H.	"	"	"	"
No 6579.	"	Kilfoyle.T.J.	"D"	"	"	"
No 3129.	"	Brown. A.O.	"	"	"	"
No 3130.	"	Brown, E?R?	"	"	"	"
No 5750	"	Reid. J.R.	"A"	Section to	Headquarters	Section
No 2732	"	Cook. S.	"B"	"	"	"
No 637	"	Davies. J.A.	"	"	"	"
No 464	"	Featherstone, W.	"C"	"	"	"
No 868	"	Pauley.	"	"	"	"
No 6518	"	Howard. D.G.	"D"	"	"	"
No 7060	"	Short. D.J. from Headquarters to "B" Section.				

Lieut for O.C.
 First Australian Machine Gun Coy,

First Australian Machine Gun Company.

Company Routine Orders, No 83.

By
Captain. A. Baker Finch, O.C.

11th January, 1919.

PART. 2.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeants.

No 290. T/Sgt. Lee, EE. vice Killen to Australia. To date 3-10-18
Pay Book No. 92934.

No 1772. T/Sgt. Littlejohns, H. vice Cunningham to Australia. To date
3-10-18. Pay Book No. 37488.

No 3006. T/Sgt. Atkins, A.E. vice Blackmore " " " "
3-10-18. Pay Book No. 198274.

No 2174. T/Sgt. Molloy, T.J. vice Bassnett " " " "
22-10-18. Pay Book No. 37524.

No 281b. T/Sgt. Cosier, C.N. To complete Establishment. " "
3-10-18; Pay Book No. 37452.

No

To be Corporals.

No 2837. T/Cpl Giles, A.G. vice Atkins Promoted. To date 3-10-18.
Pay Book No. 75560.

No 4462. T/Cpl Carr, W.H. " Croker to Australia " 22-9-18.
Pay Book No. 189416.

No 4431. T/Cpl Bezzina, M. " Thomas evacuated Wounded to date
2-10-18. Pay Book No. 169552.

No 3431. T/Cpl Notman, R. vice Corbett " " " "
11-9-18. Pay Book No. 271151.

No 421. T/Cpl Gamble, L.E.G. vice Lewis Promoted " "
4-10-18. Pay Book No. 155392.

No 3631. T/Cpl Stephenson, W. vice Laurie, to O.T.C. " "
14-10-18. Pay Book No. 37418.

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1st Australian M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 84.

BY,
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

12th. JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant. Sergt. O. Lewis.
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl. F. Talbot.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0800. Breakfast:- 0830.

DUTY SECTION.

"A" Section.

BLANKETS.

Section Sgts and L/Cpl Robinson, Headquarters, will render a return to reach Company Orderly Room by Noon to-day, showing number of blankets required to bring the total carried by each man up to three. Mess Orderlies will draw the required blankets at Q.M. Store at 1500 to-day.

1914-15 STAR.

:- Army Order XX dated 23rd December. 1918.

Expeditionary Forces, 1914-15-Grant of "British 1914-15 Star".

- (1) His Majesty the King, having been graciously pleased to recognise by the grant of a distinctive decoration the services rendered by His Majesty's military forces in France and Belgium during the earlier phase of the war in 1914. His Majesty has been further pleased to recognise likewise the services rendered by others of His Majesty's forces who served in theatres of war between the 5th August 1914 and the 31st December 1915, both dates inclusive.
- (2) The decoration will be a Star in Bronze.
- (3) No clasp will be issued with the Star.
- (4) The riband will be Red, White, and Blue, shaded & watered.

For the purpose of this Army Order the definition:-
"Theatres of War" will be as follows:-
BALKAN THEATRE.

- (a) Greek Macedonia, Serbia & Bulgaria, from 5th October. 1915
- (b) Gallipoli & Islands of the Aegean Sea from 25-4-1915.

AUSTRALASIAN THEATRE.

To include all operations in:- (P.T.O.)

(continued.)

AUSTRALASIAN THEATRE.

To include all operations in:-

- (a) German New Guinea and Bismarck Archipelago as follows:-
 - (i) New Britain from 11th. September, 1914 to 21st Sept. 1914.
 - (ii) New Ireland from 16th Sept. 1914 to 18th October. 1914 .
 - (iii) Kaiser Wilhelm Land on 24th. September. 1914.
 - (iv) Admiralty Islands on 21st November. 1914.
- (b) Nauru on 6th November. 1914.
- (c) German Samoa on 29th August. 1914.

Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine Gun Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 85.

BY.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

13th JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. C. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sergt. A. Atkins.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. E. Dummer.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"B" Section.

PARADES.

A Muster Parade at 0830. Dress:- Clean fatigue with Towels.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian Machine Gun Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 86.

14th JANUARY. 1919.

By.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut C. Martin.
Sergt A. Atkins.
L/Cpl C. Dummer.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"C" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress;- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

PROMOTIONS.

To be L/Corporals:-

- No 5417. Dvr Lee. C.K.
- No 293 : " McGrath. W.J.
- No 289 : " Knuckey. W.J.
- No 643 : " Jeffrey. J.
- No 7585. " Williams. C.F.

Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine Gun Coy.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No.87.

BY.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

15th. JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. A. Atkins.
L/Cpl. E. Dunmer.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"D" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

1914-15
STAR.

All Men entitled to wear the 1914-15 STAR will hand
their names into Company Orderly Room by 1200 on
the 15th Instant.

Lieut for O.C.

1st Australian M.G. Company.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 88.

BY.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

16th JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Next for Duty.
Orderly Corporal.
Next for Duty.

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. A. Atkins.
Sergt. I. Davison.
L/Cpl. E. Dummer.
L/Cpl. J. Cardle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille. 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"A" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 89.

17th JANUARY. 1919.

BY.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. L. Davison.
L/Cpl. J. Cardle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"B" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 90.

18th JANUARY. 1919.

BY.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. L. Davison.
L/Cpl. J. Cardle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"C" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

Lieut for O.C.
First Australian M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 91.

BY.

19th. JANUARY. 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer:-
Orderly Sergeant:-
Orderly Corporal:-

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. L. Davison.
L/Cpl. J. Cardle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0800.

Breakfast:- 0830.

DUTY SECTION.

"D" Section.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 92.

BY.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

20th JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Martin.
Sergt. L. Davison.
L/Cpl. J. Cardle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"A" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade as per Syllabus at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.

DECORATION.

Extract from G.R.O. of January 12th 1919:-

No 1578. Sgt A. Kerr. "M."M. awarded Belgian
"CROIX DE GUERRE."

RATE OF EXCHANGE. MARKS:→

G.R.O. No 6001 is republished for information:-
"Until further Orders the rate of exchange of
the MARK will be as follows:-

francs. G.R.O. 5952 is cancelled 5 marks 2/7d. 3.35

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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TRANSFERS.

No 50726. Pte Fraser. J. from Battalion Headquarters To First Machine Gun Company.

No 17410. Pte Hallam. H. from 1st A.M.G. Coy to Batt'n H.Q's.
No 431 . " Wilson. E.J.P. " " " " "
No 656 . " Booker. H. " " " " "
No 406 . " Deeprise.D. " " " " "

PROMOTIONS.

TO BE C.Q.M. Sergeant.

No 605 T/C.Q.M.S. O'Brien. J.A. vice Richardson
to Australia 3-10-18. To date 3-1-19.

TO BE T/SERGEANT.

No 4431. Cpl Bezzina. M. vice Kerr To Australia
to date 1-12-18. Pay Book No. 169552.

TO BE T/CORPORAL.

No 565. L/Cpl Talbot. F. " Wallace" "
to date 28-12-18. Pay Book No 186868.
No 277. L/Cpl Bradford. J. " Russell "
to date 28-12-18. Pay Book No 73801.
No 462. L/Cpl Dummer. E. " Allmond "
to date 11-1-19. Pay Book No 198023.

TO BE L/CORPORAL.

No 477. Pte Matthews. S.K. "MM" vice Talbott
promoted. To date 28-12-18. Pay Book No 313473.
" " " No 3160 Pte Heath. H.H. " Dummer.
" " " 11-1-19. Pay Book No 146639.
" " " No 7192. Pte Albertson. L.G. " Bradford.
" " " 28-12-18. Pay Book No 273501.
No 6758. Pte Kearnes. J.S. To complete
Establishment. To 18-1-19. Pay Book No 264045.
" " " No 7523. Pte Micklewright. J. " "
" " To date 18-1-19. Pay Book No 279270.

TO BE L/CORPORAL. (Driver.)

No 293 Dvr McGrath. W.J. to complete Estab'nt.
to date 18-1-19. Pay Book No 37503.
" " 11-1-19. No 5417. Dvr Lee. C.K. vice Coath to Australia.
" " 11-1-19. Pay Book No 37576.
" " 11-1-19. No 7585. Dvr Williams. C.F. vice Hay to "
" " 11-1-19. Pay Book No 505510.
" " 11-1-19. No 289. Dvr Knuckey. W.J. " Bevan "
" " 28-12-18. No 643. Dvr Jeffrey. J. " Hackland "
" " 28-12-18. Pay Book No 275382.

TO BE DRIVERS.

No 233b. Pte Burns. A.P. to complete Establishm't
To date 17-11-18. Pay Book No 37471.
" " 27-12-18. No 648. Pte Moore. J.E. " " "
" " 11-1-19. No 3602 Pte Hughes. W.H. " "
" " 28-12-18. No 325 Pte Gorton. A.G. " "
" " 11-1-19. No 2887. Pte O'Brien. H.J. " "
" " 11-1-19. Pay Book No 214895.
" " 11-1-19. No 4490 Pte Frost L.V. " "
" " 11-1-19. Pay Book No 37528.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 93.

By
CAPTAIN.A.BAKER FINCH.O.C.

21st JANUARY.1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut.C.Williams.
Orderly Sergeant. Sergt.M.Bezzina .
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl.C.Conn.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"B" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Parade as per Syllabus.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G.Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No.94.

BY.
CAPTAIN.A.BAKER FINCH.O.C.

22nd JANUARY.1919.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY. OFFICER. Lieut.M.H.Leslie.
Orderly. Sergeant. Sergt.C.N.Cosier.
Orderly. Corporal. L/Cpl.L.R.Conn.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

Duty Section

"C" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade as per Syllabus at 0900.
Dress:- Drill Order.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian.M.G.Coy.

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First Australian Machine Gun Company.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.No.95

BY
CAPTAIN A. BAKER. - FINCH. O. C.

23rd January. 1919.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.
Orderly Sergeant
Orderly Corporal

Lieut Smith.
Sergeant, C. N. Cosier.
L/Cpl L. R. Conn.

ROUTINE

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- .0800.

Duty Section

"D" Section.

PARADES.

FULL COMPANY PARADE as per Syllabus at 0900.
Dress:- Drill Order.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.No.96

BY
CAPTAIN A.BAKER FINCH.O.C.

24th January.1919.

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.	Lieut. Ryan "M.M."
Orderly Sergeant.	Sergeant C.N.Cosier.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl L.R.Conn.

ROUTINE

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

Duty Section.

"A" Section.

PARADES.

FULL COMPANY PARADE 0900. As per Syllabus.
Dress:- Drillorder.

Lieut. for O.C.
1st Australian M.G.Company.

First Australian Machine Gun Company.

25th January 1919.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.No 97.

BY

Captain A.Baker Finch.O.C.

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.	Lieut Williams C.
Orderly Sergeant	Sergeant Littlejohns H.
Orderly Corporal	L/Corporal Moyje C.

ROUTINE

Reveille:† 0730. Breakfast;- 0800.

Duty Section

"B" Section.

PARADES.

FULL COMPANY PARADE 0900. As per Syllabus.
Dress:- Drill Order.

Lieut, for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Coy.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 98.

BY.
CAPTAIN A. BAKER FINCH.O.C.

26th JANUARY.1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut.W.C.Emith.
Sergt.H.Littlejohns.H.
L/Cpl.C.Moyle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0645.

Breakfast:- 0730.

DUTY SECTION.

"C" Section.

PARADES.

0700 Blankets rolled in bundles of tens and packed on SECTION LIMBERS.

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0815. Clean Fatigue

"

0915. Full Company Parade:- Dress:- Full Marching Order less Steel Helmets and Respirators¹/₂

BAGGAGE.

Officers Baggage, Valises etc will be ready for Limbers at 0815, this also applies to Messes etc.

MOVE.

AT 0920 THE COMPANY WILL MOVE FROM PRESENT LOCATION PER MARCH ROUTE TO PONT DE LOUP.
Strictest March Discipline will be maintained throughout the March.

TRANSPORT.

Transport will be hooked in ready to move by 0915.

BILLETS.

Billets and surroundings to be left ~~in~~ scrupulously clean.

LATRINES.

Latrines and rubbish holes to be filled in by 0845.

CERTIFICATES.

Section Commanders will furnish a certificate to Orderly Officer prior to moving off.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 99.

BY.

27th JANUARY. 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

TIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal $\frac{1}{2}$

Lieut. M. Leslie.
Sergt. H. Littlejohns.
L/Cpl. C. Moyle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

COMPANY SECTION.

"D" Section.

RADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Company Inspection.

0930:- Clean Fatigue.

Lieut for O.C.
First Australian Machine Gun Coy

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 100.

BY.
CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

28th. JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. M. Ryan. "MM."
Sergt. H. Littlejohns.
L/Cpl. C. Moyle.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION.

"A" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Company Inspection.
Dress:- Drill Order.

Parade:- 0915:- Cleaning and Stacking of all Section Gun Gear in Q.M's Store. All M.G. Belts will be thoroughly overhauled.

LIMBERS.

All Limber Men will parade at Orderly Room at 0930.

DRAFT.

Draft due to leave for Australia on the 29th Inst; will parade at Orderly Room at 0935.



Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 101.

BY

29th. JANUARY. 1919.

CAPTAIN. A. BAKER FINCH. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut. C. Williams.
Sergt. H. B. Lewis.
L/Cpl. S.K. Matthews.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION. "B" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Company Inspection.
Dress:- Drill Order.

0915) Cleaning Limbers.

1200) Checking of Section Stores as per Mobile Store
Table. Previous Section Indents and Mobile
Store Tables are available at Orderly Room.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No 102.

BY.
CAPTAIN A. BAKER FINCH.

30th JANUARY. 1919.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut. R. L. Telford.
Orderly Sergeant. Sergt. O. B. Lewis.
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl. S. K. Matthews.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730. Breakfast:- 0800.

DUTY SECTION. "C" Section.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Company Inspection.
Dress:- Drill Order.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.No103.

31st.JANUARY. 1919.

BY.
CAPTAIN.A.BAKER FINCH.O.C.

PIES.

Orderly Officer.
Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Corporal.

Lieut.G.M.Kent.
Cpl . R.Notman.
L/Cpl. S.Matthews.

TY SECTION.

No 1. Section.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 0730.

Breakfast:- 0800.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.
Company Inspection.

PICQUET.

Each Company will send a Picquet around its Area at 2100. each evening to ensure that Estaminets are all clear. Picquet will consist of 1Cpl and 6 O/Ranks and will be in charge of the Orderly Officer.

Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A. is now established near the Church and will be open DAILY.

Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G.Company.

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First Australian Machine Gun Company

Training Programme for Week ending 31st January

Monday 27th	0930--1030	1030--1130
0900--0930 Company Parade	Cleaning up & Overhauling Gun Gear	
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Tuesday 28th	Route March	Section Drill
Company Parade Inspection		
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Wednesday 29th	Company Drill	Elementary Gun Drill
Company Parade Squad Drill		
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Thursday 30th	Checking of Section Stores as per Mobilization Store Table	
Company Parade Inspection		
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Friday 31st	Section Drill	Route March
Company Parade		
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Walter

Lieut. for O C

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Training Programme for Week ending 25th January

Monday 20th	0930--1030	1030--1130
0900--0930 Company Parade Squad Drill	Route March P & R Tng	Elementary Gun Drill
Tuesday 21st	Rifle Exercises Route March	Immediate Action
Company Parade Kit Show		
Wednesday 22nd	P & R Tng Route March	Combined Drill
Company Parade Inspection		
Thursday 23rd	Route March Rifle Exercises	Company Drill
Company Parade Squad Drill		
Friday 24th	Company Drill	Route March
Company Parade Inspection		
Saturday 25th	Route March	General Fatigues
Company Parade Squad Drill		

W. Dutton

Lieut for O C

1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Syllabus of training for week ending 18th January 1918.

Monday 13th.1.19.	0900 - 0930.	0930 - 1030.	1030-1130.
	Company Inspection.	Cleaning up and overhauling	gear.
Tuesday 14;1;19.	Company parade Close order drill	Combined Drill	Short march
Wednesday 15;1;19.	Company inspection P. & R. T.	Tactical scheme under Company arrangements.	
Thursday 16;1;19.	Company parade Rifle exercises.	T. O. E. T.	Short March.
Friday 17;1;19.	Company Parade P.&. R.T.	Mechanism	Combined Drill.
Saturday 18;1;19.	Company inspection.and Route March.		Overhauling and Cleaning gear

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters, 5.1.1919.

1st AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION
No. 57/48
Date

- 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 - 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 - 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 - 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
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Herewith Training Programme for Week ending Saturday January 11th.

<u>Monday 6th. instant.</u>		
0900 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1030 - 1130.
Company Parade	Overhauling and cleaning	belts and boxes.
Short March.		

<u>Tuesday 7th. instant.</u>		
Company Parade	Immediate Action.	Elementary Gun Drill.
P. and R.T.		

<u>Wednesday 8th. instant.</u>		
Battalion Parade	Combined Drill.	Short March.

<u>Thursday 9th. instant.</u>		
Company Parade.	Overhauling and cleaning	belts and boxes.
Close Order Drill		

<u>Friday 10th. instant.</u>		
Company Inspection	T. O. E. T.	Cleaning equipment, etc.
Short March.		

<u>Saturday 11th. instant.</u>		
	Battalion Route March.	

W. Mitchell
Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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Training Programme for Week ending January 4th

Wednesday 1st. inst

0900--0930

Company Parade
Route March

0930--1030

Rifle Exercises
Squad Drill

1030--1130

Elementary Gun Drill

Thursday 2nd

0900--0930

Company Parade
P & R Tng

0930--1030

Immediate Action

1030--1130

Route March

Friday 3rd

0900-0930

Company Parade
P & R Tng

0930--1030

Overhauling & Cleaning of Gun Gear

1030--1130

Saturday 4th

0900--0930

Company Parade
P & R Tng

0930--1030

General Fatigues & Cleaning up of Company Area

1030--1130

W. L. ...

Lieut for O C

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
24th. January, 1919.

1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION
34/27
Date

WARNING ORDER.

1. The Battalion will move to PONT DE LOUP near Chatelet, probably on Sunday 26th. January. Detailed instructions will be issued later.
2. Billeting parties will be detailed by each Company and Battalion Headquarters, to make all necessary arrangements, on Saturday 25th. instant. Parties to report to Lieut. R. HARRIS, Acting Town Major, PONT DE LOUP, at 0930 - Location Chateau PONT DE LOUP.
3. Company Commanders will arrange for guides to enable men to march straight into their new billets.
4. Company Commanders will report to Commanding Officer at 1700 on 25th. instant at Battalion Orderly Room, with full details of arrangements made.

W. French

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

1. 1st. Aust. M.G. Company.
 2. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company.
 3. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company.
 4. 4th. Aust. M.G. Company.
 5. Battalion Headquarters.
 6. Lieut. R. Harris.
 7. File.
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Battalion Headquarters,
24th. January, 1919.

WARNING ORDER.

1. The Battalion will move to PORT DE LOUP near Chateaufort probably on Sunday 26th. January. Detailed instructions will be issued later.
2. Billeting parties will be detailed by each Company and Battalion Headquarters, to make all necessary arrangements, on Saturday 25th. January. Parties to report to Lieut. R. HARRIS, Acting Battalion Quartermaster, PORT DE LOUP, at 0930 - location of the

Company Commanders will report to the Battalion Headquarters on Saturday 25th. January. All reports to the Commanding Officer will be made in the Battalion Headquarters, with full details of arrangements.

- A. Sgt. Corrie
- B. ~~Sgt. Butler~~
- C. Sgt. Gumble
- D. ~~Sgt. Albertson~~
- S. Sgt. Robinson
- Lt. Sgt. Dr. Krukey
- H. Smith

to report
at 0.00
1000

[Handwritten signature]

Lieut. Colonel,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

- 1. 1st. Aust. M.G. Company.
- 2. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company.
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- 5. Battalion Headquarters.
- 6. Lieut. R. Harris.
- 7. File.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN
No.
Date.....

1 Coy

Battalion Headquarters,
25th. January, 1919.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 55.

1. The Battalion will move to PONT DE LOUP on the 26th. January 1919. Order of March, as per attached sheet.
2. Company Commanders will ensure that all gear in their charge is taken, including not only technical gear, but also timber, tables, forms, etc., and Box latrine seats and hessian.
3. Lieut. J.E. WALLISH will arrange allotment of G.S. Wagons attached.
4. Billets and surroundings to be left scrupulously clean. Latrines and rubbish holes filled in, by 0900 on 26th. instant.
An Officer from each Company will report to Commanding Officer that above instructions have been carried out.
5. Guides will meet incoming units near PONT DE LOUP, under Company arrangements.
6. Officers Commanding Companies will impress on their command's on parade before marching off, that the high standard of conduct and discipline at present noticeable in this Battalion, is maintained in the new area.
7. All charges in connection with Officers, Sergeants and other Messes, etc., will be settled on the night of the 25th. January.
8. Blankets and steel helmets will be carried on Company transport.
Any gear left for a second trip of transport will be correctly guarded.
9. Strictest march discipline will be maintained.
10. There will be the usual 10 minutes halt at each 10 minutes to the clock hour after passing the starting point.
11. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters at 0830 on the 26th. instant.
- 11a *Dr. H. Cro. will close at Le Roux at 10 am & open at Pont Le Loup at*
12. Acknowledge.

Shelton

Lieut. and Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

1. 1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.
2. 2nd. Aust. M. G. Coy.
3. 3rd. Aust. M. G. Coy.
4. 21st. Aust. M. G. Coy.
5. Battalion Headquarters.
6. Sgt. Hill. (Signal Section)
7. Commanding Officer.
8. R.S.M.
9. File.

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

ORDER OF MARCH.
Issued in connection with Battalion Order No. 55.

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Order of March.

Starting Point.

Time.

Route.

1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

Ford Junction in front of
Battalion H.Q. Officers' Mess.

0930

Via AISEAU

2nd. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

-ditto-

0945

3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

-ditto-

1000

21st. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

-ditto-

1015

Battalion Headquarters.

-ditto-

1030

*Shutehall
Lt Col*

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

ORDERS for PICQUET.

COY; H.Q's.

10-1-19.

- (1) The Picquet will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 5 Men and will be divided into 2 Posts, 1 post of three Men being mounted over the stables in the vicinity of the Company Orderly Room, and the other post of 3 Men being mounted over the stables in vicinity of Q.M's Store and "D" Sections Billet.
- (2) Picquet will be inspected and mounted daily at 1700 by the Orderly Officer, who will instruct them in their Duties, as follows:-
 - (I) N.C.O. in charge of New picquet will check all Horses, Feed, Vehicles, Harness etc, to be taken over by him from Old picquet.
 - (II) N.C.O. will divide picquet into 2 posts of 3 Men each and will divide each post into 3 reliefs, each member of the picquet doing 2 hours on duty and 4 hours off.
 - (III) N.C.O. will personally post all reliefs, and instruct them in their duties.
 - (IV) The Members of the picquet for the time being on Duty will continually patrol the stables, during his tour of duty to ensure all horses are properly secured, that all horses are properly rugged, and all hay nets removed as soon as empty.
 - (V) Picquet will challenge all Persons approaching vicinity of the stables, and allow no unauthorised persons to enter same.
 - (VI) The Picquet will not leave his post for any other reason than:-
 - (a) In case of alarm, when he will call the N.C.O. in charge of the picquet.
 - (b) In case of sickness of any horse during the night, when he will call the Man detailed to attend sick animals.
 - (VII) Between the hours of 1030 and 1130 and 1600 and 1630 the picquet will be responsible for the removal of manure and general cleanliness of the Stable.
 - (VIII) All members of the picquet will be warned that there are a gang of Civilians in this District who are trafficking in Government Horses, and that especial vigilance is required to guard against them.
 - (IX) N.C.O. in charge of picquet will deliver a report in writing of his tour of Duty to the Orderly Officer

B T.O.

when his picquet dismounts.

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- (3) The Orderly Officer will visit the picquet at least twice during the night, and will embody in his report a report as to the state of the picquet.
- (4) Transport Officer will personally check all Horses daily, and report to O.C. at 1000, whether all correct.

Atkinson
Capt.

O.C. 1st Aust. M.G. Co.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT:- HEAD. MARK. LEARN. AND INEVITABLY DIGEST.

THE RECREATION ROOM

Will be open to-morrow afternoon at 1:00 and GARRY ON.

A PINE. SEATS. ILLUMINATIONS. TABLE. and a few MAGAZINES, ETC, for circulation will be available for a start off.

IMPORTANT.

As Concerns like this can only prosper by CO-OPERATION, co-operate and HELP, Make the ROOM your HOME while it's OPEN. It is for your own use.

Any reading material you have FINISHED with, CIRCULATE, by handing in to the CARETAKER:- Pte.DAVIS, at THE CLUB ROOM, and by so doing all will naturally BENEFIT.

A social club to be known as the "Fort Austin M.G. Coy Social Club", has been inaugurated in this unit.

Aims

- To supply reading and writing material for the use of members.
- To supply entertainments such as bridge drives, draught tournaments and indoor recreations generally.
- To arrange inter-sectional outdoor sports.
- To provide debates, lectures, and classes of an interesting and instructional nature.

Expenses.

Initial Expenses to be defrayed by portion of residue of Christmas Comforts Funds. (not to exceed more (9) pounds.)
Current Expenses to be borne by monthly subscriptions of 0.50 per member.

Suggestions

A suggestion book will be kept in the club room, in which members may enter any recommendations as to lectures, entertainments etc. and method of running club.

Educational Books.

Men wishing to obtain books etc. should apply to one of the members of the committee and all possible endeavours will be made to obtain same.

Hours

The club room will be open to all members daily from
2 pm to 4.15 pm.
5 pm to 9 pm.

Committee.

Chairman & Hon. Sec. Captain A. Baker-Smith.

Cpl. L. E. Gamble.

Cpl. J. P. Robinson.

Hon. Sec.

Pte. G. W. Woodbridge.

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1st. Australian. M.G. Battalion.

Headquarters 23. I. 19.

1st AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION.
E/9/2

- 1st. A.M.G. Coy.
- 2nd. A.M.G. Coy.
- 3rd. A.M.G. Coy.
- 21st. A.M.G. Coy.

It is proposed to form a "Camera Club" and Beginners Photographic Class in this Battalion. The scheme will embrace:-

- I. Facilities for experienced photographers:-
 - (a) Arrangements for a regular supply of films of all sizes.
 - (b) Supplies of chemicals and P.O.P.
 - (c) The equipment of a dark room with all the necessary appliances, (in charge of an experienced photographer), for the use of members
2. Instruction for beginners:-
 - (a) Practical classes in taking exposures.
 - (b) Practical classes in developing, printing, etc.
3. Developing, printing, etc, at cost price for enrolled members.

There will be ^{no} enrolment fee. Films will be supplied to members at the current price in the United Kingdom. A nominal charge covering cost of chemicals, will be made for all developing, etc. It is hoped that several cameras will be available for beginners. For this privilege no charge will be made.

Conducted excursions to places of historic and scenic interest near by will be organised from time to time. Expert advice and assistance will be given to the inexperienced.

Any officers or other ranks desirous of availing themselves of these facilities will please give the following particulars in addition to name, etc,

- I. Whether in possession of a camera.
2. If so, state
 - (a) Make of camera,
 - (b) size,
 - (c) dimensions of film or plate,
 - (d) approximate ~~state~~ number of films required.

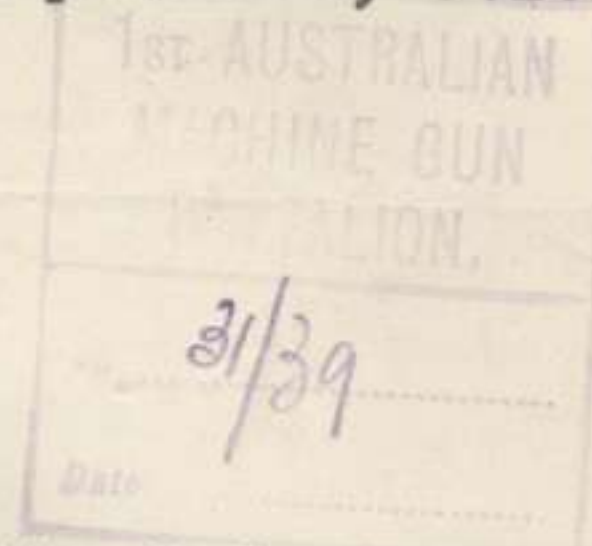
Returns to be in at B.H.Q. by 1800 on 25. I. 19.

[Signature]
for Lieut and Adjutant.
1st. Australian. M.G. Battalion.

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MS. 9.
1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters, 3.1.1919.

1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.
2nd. Aust. M. G. Coy.
3rd. Aust. M. G. Coy.
21st. Aust. M. G. Coy.



Reference earlier message today regarding visit of General Birdwood tomorrow. The following is the time he will visit this village - arrive 1118 depart 1125.

Commanding Officer will see all Officers Commanding Companies tomorrow morning and arrange with them where they and their other Officers will be grouped to meet him.

Men will be warned that General Birdwood is coming, but there will be no ceremonial, such as lining streets, etc., except that guard will receive special instructions.

E. Mitchell

Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters, 19.1.19.

1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.BATTALION SHIELD COMPETITION.1st. Round Completed.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Australian Rules.</u>		<u>Soccer.</u>	
Jan. 22nd.	1400	21st. Coy.	V 3rd. Coy.	-	-
" 24th.	1400	-	-	1st. Coy	V 2nd. Coy.
" 26th.	1400	-	-	21st. Coy	V 1st. Coy.
" 27th.	1400	21st. Coy.	V 1st. Coy.	-	-
" 30th.	1400	-	-	3rd. Coy	V 2nd. Coy.
" 31st.	1400	2nd. Coy.	V 3rd. Coy.	-	-
Feb. 1st.	1400	-	-	21st. Coy	V 2nd. Coy.
" 2nd.	1400	-	-	3rd. Coy	V 21st. Coy.
" 3rd.	1400	1st. Coy.	-V 2nd. Coy.	-	-

Anderwood Lieut.
 Battalion Sports Officer.
 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF RACE MEETING

War Diary

To be held on SATURDAY, 11th January, 1919.

OFFICIALS.

President	Lieut. Col. W. R. French, D.S.O., M.C.
JUDGES.	Capt. A. Baker-Finch.
	Capt. J. C. Hoge, M.C.
STARTER.	Lieut. L. P. Nathan.
STEWARDS.	Lieut. F. S. Ward.
	Lieut. A. Wearne.
SECRETARY	Corporal Sargent.
	Lieut. L. P. Nathan.

1st RACE. 1 p.m. 4 Furlongs.
 Brush Hurdle Race.
 Open to any Horse in the Battalion.

2nd RACE. 1.30 p.m. 4 Furlongs.
 Mulo Race.

3rd RACE. 2 p.m. (Horses to be ridden by ^{any rider} owners.) 4 Furlongs.
 Championship. Open to any Horse in the Battalion.

4th RACE. 2.30 3 Furlongs.
 Limber Horses.
 Amateur Riders only.

5th RACE. 3 p.m. 3 Furlongs.
 Officers Race.
~~Open to all comers.~~ Officers to ride own horses.
 Placed horses in Championship not eligible for this event.

6th RACE. 3.30 p.m. 3 Furlongs.
~~Consolation Race.~~ For any Horse or Mulo that has not
 gained a place in any event.

7th Race Slow Race 3 furlongs 57 nominations

NOMINATIONS for each event - 10 francs.
 10% of Totalisator takings to go towards Prizes.
 Prizes over 10 starters - 70%, 20%, and 10%.
 10 Starters and under - 75%, and 25%.
 All entries, accompanied by entrance fee to reach Third Company
 Orderly Room by Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Company Colors to be worn by Riders.

V. R. C. Rules. Nominations in by 6 PM tonight

Scratchers to be in by prior to race
 Entrance fees after pay day.

First Australian Machine Gun Coy.
8th January. 1919.

Nominations for RACE MEETING to be held on ~~Saturday~~ ^{SUNDAY 12th} 10-1-19.

FIRST RACE:- BRUSH HURDLE.

Captain. A. Baker Finch:- "FRITZ."
Driver .P. Ninniss:- "DIGGER."

THIRD RACE:- CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lieut. C. Martin:- "ALICK."

FOURTH RACE:- LIMBER HORSES.

Driver. Harris:- "TOPSY."
DRIVER. Ninness:- "IRISH."

FIFTH RACE:- OFFICERS RACE.

Lieut. C. Martin:- "ALICK."

SIXTH RACE:- SLOW RACE:-

Driver Graham's:- "LIZ."

A. Baker Finch

Captain. O. C.
First Australian M. G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

TRANSPORT OFFICERS MONTHLY APPRECIATION REPORT.

31st January/19.

DRIVERS:-

The Billets have been very good, Men are quite contented and in good health.

Transport Sergeant and Seven Drivers returned to Australia on the 29th Instant; their places being filled by Men from Sections, who had been previously attached to the Transport Section to learn the work. In most cases these Men have shewn a liking for the work.

Evacuations for the Period:- Nil.

HORSES:-

The Horses have very good Stables, and with the exception of a couple of sprains there has been no sickness at all. Divisional Commandant congratulated All Ranks on splendid condition of Transport, reported by Horse Classification Board.

Branding of Horses; ordered by Horse Classification Board is completed: Evacuations:- Nil.

[Signature]
Lieut. T/Officer.

First Australian M.G. Company

First Australian Machine Gun Company.

1st February 1919.

Monthly appreciation by Company Quartermaster Sergeant.

During the month of January 1919 the rationing of the Company was carried out in the usual manner. There was a noticeable shortage all round in the daily issue, and early in the month complaints by the men were frequent on this score. The Divisional Commander when visiting the Company explained that there were several reasons for this shortage, not the least being the congestion in Railway Transport from the Base to Railhead. Towards the end of the month a slight improvement was noticed in the quantity available of certain articles of food, but not in vegetables. It has been necessary to purchase potatoes, etc., locally.

Rum has been on issue twice weekly during the month, and was greatly appreciated by all, especially as the weather has been very cold.

A supply of clean underclothing was made available by Ordnance, thus enabling the men to always have a clean change after bathing parades.

J. Quinn

Coy. Q.M. Sgt.
First Aust. M.G. Coy.

First Australian Machine Gun Company.

31/1/19.

Leave Evacuations Refinforcements etc;

Total Strength of Company as at 1/1/19.

5. Officers. 164. Other Ranks.

From 1/1/19 to 7/1/19.

- 2. O/R. granted leave to U.K.
- 1. " " " Paris.
- 2. returned from.....U.K.
- 1. " "Hospital.

From 8/1/19. to 14/1/19.

- 2. O/R. granted leave to Paris.
- 2. Off. & 4 O/R returned from U.K. leave.
- 3. O/R. granted leave to U.K.
- 6. O/R. Evacuated to Hospital.
- 3. " returned from Hospital.
- 1. Off. & 14 O/R. returned to Australia.

From 20/1/19. to 26/1/19.

- 4. O/R. granted leave to U.K.
- 3. " " " Paris.
- 2. " returned from Paris leave.
- 1. " " to Australia.
- 4. " Transferred to Battalion H.Q.
- 3. Officers taken on strength from O.T.C.

From 27/1/19. to 31/1/19.

- 4. O/R granted leave to U.K.
- 3. " returned from U.K.
- 1. " granted leave to Paris.
- 2. Off. & 20 O/R returned to Australia.
- 5. O/R Evacuated to Hospital.

.....Lieut for O.C.
1st Australian M.G. Company