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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA CLYTTE	1918 1 April		<p>Commanding Officer and Senior Major visited HQ of 2nd & 21st Aust MG Coys. in the line with reference to a projected raid being carried out by 8th Battalion (2nd Aust. Inf Bde) tonight or during the early hours of tomorrow. Arranged that 6 guns of 2nd Co & 3 of 21st Co. will co-operate with the artillery fire for a certain time on selected areas. Plans suggested approved by Brigadier 2nd Aust. Inf Bde.</p> <p>At 4.30 P.M. orders were received from DHQ that owing to an English Infantry Brigade arriving it would be necessary for our HQ to obtain other billets; this move was accomplished by 8 P.M., HQ still being in LA-CLYTTE.</p>	
	2 April		<p>Orders received from 1st Aust. Div. that 1st AMGC be withdrawn at once & for them to march to HIPPENHOEK area (DALLINGTON CAMP) with 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. group tomorrow. Battalion Order No 4 attached.</p> <p>A report was received at 10 P.M. that bullets from our guns were falling in & around one of our posts at FORRET FARM - Inquiries were at once instituted & a report that none of our guns were firing at the time forwarded 2nd Bde HQ.</p>	URF

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1st Aust M.G. Battalion

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LA CLYTTE	1918 3 April		<p>fine day. Commanding Officer & Senior Major visited Divisional Head Quarters & met the commanding officers of 9th & 21st M.G. Battalions & arranged details of relief with them. Copy of 1st Aust M.G. Bn orders (Nos) attached. C.O. in company with C.O. 9th M.G. Bn visited HQ of 3rd Aust M.G. Co. in the line & arranged relief for tonight. Senior Major & Lt Col 21st M.G. Battalion, ^{Companies} visited HQ of 21st & 2nd Companies (Aust) & arranged details of relief for tomorrow night.</p>	
	4 April		<p>Cloudy, showery day. Senior Major accompanied by C.O. 21st M.G. Battalion visited HQ of 2nd & 21st Aust. M.G. Companies in the line & made final arrangements regarding tonight's relief. Relief of 3rd Aust. M.G. Co & 8 guns of 21st Aust M.G. Co completed by 12.15 AM by 9th M.G. Battalion</p>	
	5 April		<p>Net morning but fine afternoon. Relief of 2nd Aust M.G. Co & 8 guns of 21st Aust M.G. Co complete by 3 AM. 2nd AMGG moved to STRAZEELE AREA & joined 2nd Brigade group who are entraining at STRAZEELE</p>	<p>WRT</p>

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1st Aust MG Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LACKYTTTE & CAESTRE	5 APRIL		21 st Aust M G Co & HQ 1 st Aust MG Battalion moved to CAESTRE, transport moved at 11 A.M. and personnel embussed at LOCRE. On arrival at CAESTRE all officers reconnoitred approaches to railway station & observed methods of entrainment of transport and personnel.	
CAESTRE	6 APRIL		Transport of 21 st Aust M G Company & HQ entrained at 9-30 AM & personnel at 10-30 AM. Train composed of above mentioned units also Cable Section 1 st Aust Div. Signal Company & 1 st Aust. Div. Reinforcement wing under Lt Col I.G. MACKAY DSO who was O.C. Train. Left CAESTRE 11-20 AM & arrived S. ROCH (AMIENS) at 12 midnight where we detrained.	
VAUX-en-AMIENOIS	7 APRIL		Fine, clear weather. Transport & personnel 1 st Aust MG. HQ & 21 st Aust M G Coy arrived at VAUX en AMIENOIS at 4-30 AM. Accommodation for men & horses excellent. The 1 st 2 nd 3 rd & 21 st Aust. M G Companies are now all billeted in the one village, thus the 1 st Aust MG Battalion is altogether	

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAUX - -en- AMIENNOIS	7 APRIL		for the first time since the new Battalion organization came into force. Commanding Officer & Senior Major visited HQ 1 st Aust Div at BERTANGLES.	
	8 APRIL		As it may be some few days before we go into action training in open warfare to be proceeded with. Areas in the vicinity of roads the village have been allotted each Company & work as above carried out. Hours of parade 9 AM to 12 noon 2 PM to 4 P.M. G.O.C 1 st Aust Div called at 10 AM today & went with the C.O into the question of reinforcements. All Company Commanders rode to BHO after parade hours to finally fix up trust accounts. Battalion warned at 10 P.M. that Division is now in support & to be prepared to move at any minute.	

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1st Aust. M.G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAUX EN AMIENOIS	1918 9 April		<p>Misty day aaa 36 privates reported from 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn to be attached to 21st Aust. M.G. Co. also 47 privates reported from 1st Aust. Inf Bde to be attached 1st Coy. 2nd Aust. Inf Bde. & 3rd Aust. Inf Bde are detaching 32 & 24 privates respectively. Above was directed by G.O.C. Division in order to build up the M.G. Bn to strength. Afternoon the first battalion parade was held at which the C.O. informed the assembled battalion that we are to work hence forward as a complete unit. He also spoke of what other Australian MG Battalions & Divisions had done in this present great battle & told the Officers & other ranks that it was up to them to see that the present high standard of the 1st Aust. Division was maintained. A lumber packing & unpacking competition was then carried out & after that the C.O. took 1st O.S.C. & Second, in command out on a tactical scheme.</p>	

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1st Aust. MG Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAUX EN AMIENOIS	1918 10 April		<p>Fine day though cloudy. From 9 AM to 10-15 AM C.O. continued the tactical exercise of yesterday afternoon. Officers commanding Companies & their seconds in command were exercised in carrying out a retirement special precautions being taken regarding supporting the withdrawal of forward guns by rear guns - rear guns thus automatically becoming forward guns. Ball firing practice was carried out by all Companies & all guns in the battalion tested thoroughly. An elementary class of recently joined men is now being carried out & these men were given practice in holding & confidence in firing the guns. C.O. accompanied G.O.C. Division to VIGNACOURT to inspect reinforcements. Afternoon was devoted to packing limbers in readiness for an early move in the morning as orders were received that the 1st Aust. Div. are to be prepared to entrain on 11 April.</p>	
	11 April		<p>1st Aust. MG Co marched out at 1.30 P.M. they are entraining tonight & are attached to 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group. 2nd Aust. M. G. Company marched out at 2.30 P.M.; they are attached to 2nd Aust. Inf.</p>	

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAUX EN-AMIENOIS	11 APRIL (CONT?)		Bde. group entrain early tomorrow morning. 3 rd Co. & 21 st Company move with 3 rd Aust. Inf. Bde. group on 12/4/18, also Battalion Head Quarters. Orders were received at 7.30 P.M. that owing to the area being required for billeting of French troops, we would have to be clear by 12 noon.	
	12 APRIL	2/3 rd 25	1 st Aust. M. G. Companies & HQ 1 st Aust. M. G. Bn. marched out of VAUX at 10.30 AM & were clear of VAUX, BERTANGLES, FLESSELLES area by 12 noon. 3 rd Co. entrained during the night. Entrainment was interfered with owing enemy action in bombing and shelling with high velocity guns, fortunately no casualties occurred to the Battalion. Fine day but extremely cold night.	
ON THE MOVE	13 APRIL		Head Quarters of 1 st Aust M.G. Bn & 21 st Aust. M.G. Co. entrained at 1 P.M. & train pulled out at 3-15 P.M. Journey towards the north via SAINT POL proceeded with, without incident	HRT

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAËEBROUCK	14 APRIL	A18	Arrived BORRE at 6 AM. De - banded at 7 AM at HONDEGHEM 21 st Company ordered to move to an assembly position E. of HAËEBROUCK & to come under orders of the 3rd Aust Inf Bde, who are in reserve. C.O. and Senior Major rode to 1 st Aust. Inf. Bde. HQ & also 2 nd & 3 rd Bde HQs. Positions were also selected for the 16 guns of 21 st Co to move into to-night on a line approximately running from K&B - E 8 D - PRADELLES.	Sheet 36 ^A NE 4 Sheet 27 SE 1:20000
	15 APRIL		Cloudy day. As the 1 st Bde. have asked for the an additional 4 machine guns a section of the 21 st Co. have been detailed to report to 1 st Bde HQ The 4 positions thus vacated in the LA MOTTE - PT. SEC Bois Reserve line being manured by 4 guns of 3 rd Co under Lieut JAMIESON. Senior Major visited HQ of 21 st 2 nd & 3 rd Companies & 2 nd & 3 rd Inf. Bde HQ.	WLF

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAZEBROUCK	1918.	16 APRIL	<p>Foggy day. Visibility bad. Senior Major accompanied by Transport Officer (Capt. K.I. GILL) visited HQ of 1st Aust M G Coy near STRAZEELE. Also visited 3rd Aust. M.G. Co 2 sections who are in reserve positions in rear of PRADELLES & transport lines of 1st AMG Co. Commanding Officer visited 2nd Aust. M. G. Company HQ & the gun positions, also 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. HQ, 3rd Aust. M. G. HQ. and 1st Aust. Inf Bde. HQ in company with GSOii made a reconnaissance of left forward area. Information received that Enemy had captured METEREN & the greater part of BAILLEUL. Capt H.E. WOODMAN D.S.O joined 1st Aust M G Coy today having been transferred from 4th Aust. INF. Bn.</p>	
		17 APRIL	<p>Observation bad. Heavy enemy shelling from 7-0 A.M to 12 noon on forward & back areas. Enemy attacked our left brigade but were repulsed. Machine fire of 1st Aust. M. G. Coy in conjunction with the Battalion Lewis Guns did effective work. C.O. & Senior Major visited HQ 1st Aust. Inf Bde.</p>	<p>W.H.K.</p>

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAZEBROUCK	17 April	1918	<p>as owing to the French troops on our left your left Battalion of left Brigade moving forward & straightening the line we have a bigger front to cover. 1st Bde, however, are satisfied with the number of machine guns (20) at their disposal. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. moved over to left in close support of the 1st Brigade, their machine guns accompanying them. Senior Major also visited HQ of 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. & HQ of 21st Aust. M. G. Coy. Casualties to date in M. G. Battalion are 28 other ranks killed & wounded. Night quiet. Lieut. K. H. D. HAY reported back from Signalling School.</p>	
	18 APRIL		<p>Very windy & showery day. 140 other ranks reported as reinforcements. These men, together with a proportion of men from the Companies in the line, are quartered in huts on HAZEBROUCK - MOR BEQUEVE road and will undergo training under Capt. H. F. HOODMAN D.S.O.</p>	

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAZEBROUCK	1918 18 APR (Aust ^o)		<p>Instructions were received at 4 P.M. for the C.O. to visit C.O. 33rd M.G. Bn. M.G. Corps located N. of HAZEBROUCK reference relief of Machine guns ^{in sector} now held by 33rd Battalion. Senior Major met C.O. 31st M.G. Bn. M.G. Corps, reference relief of 24 guns in 2nd Aust. Inf Bde sector. An officer (LT. AGNEW) ^{31st Bn.} reported to HQ at 11.30 AM & was made acquainted with all particulars as to routes, guides &c in connection with relief tomorrow. Owing to a section of 3rd Co, or a section of 21st Co, now attached 2nd Bde, being required to relieve guns of 33rd Bn it was arranged that these sections be relieved before noon tomorrow by 8 guns of 31st M.G. Bn, M.G. Corp. Orders in connection with above are attached.</p>	
	19 APR 18		<p>Sheet & cold windy day. C.O. met officers from 3rd Aust M.G. Co & 21st Aust M.G. Co at 10 AM & gun positions &c of 33rd Bn to be relieved at night were reconnoitred. Senior Major visited HQ of 21st 2nd Aust M.G. Coy in company with officers of 31st M.G. Bn. M.G. C & saw that arrangements for relief were all complete. Relief of section of 21st Aust M.G. Co complete at 4.30 P.M. Relief -</p>	WRT

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HASEBROUCK	1918 19 APRIL (Cont.)		Relief of one section of 3rd Co completed by 4.0 P.M. Complete relief of 2nd Co over at 9.30 P.M. Capt. G. R. HAMILTON A.A.M.C reported today as R.M.O. Enemy bombing planes very active at night.	
	20 APRIL		<p>Commanding Officer and adjutant proceeded ^{at 2 A.M.} by motor car sent from DHQ to 3rd Bde HQ in the line & also HQ 3rd Aust M.G. Co - also a French Brigade HQ reference defence ^{M.G.} of the sector. Assistant Adjutant & T.O. spent from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. searching for a location for our Bn. HQ. A farm house has been chosen NE of CAESTRE & HQ move tomorrow. Senior Major visited HQ 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde & saw the Brigadier & also O.C. 3rd Co re disposition of guns in 3rd Bde. area. As all indications point to a renewal of enemy attacks on this front, arrangements were made with Division that a section (4 guns) of the 2nd Co (now in reserve) be attached to 3rd Bde as a mobile reserve section. A section under Lt. R. M. WATSON reported to Bde HQ at 12 mid night. Enemy artillery very active, area shots being a feature of their artillery programme. Morale of our men splendid. It is the hope of all the Number Ones that our targets present themselves when the threatened attack eventuates.</p>	<p>ART 12</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q 34 C 55 30	1918 21 APRIL		<p>Headquarters moved from HAZEBROUCK to Q 34 C 55. 30. (Sheet 36A. NE 1:20000) N.E. of CAESTRE at 9 A.M. today. HQ are in a farm house which to date has not been shelled. At 2.30 P.M. C.O. & Senior Major rode to D.H.Q. at ST. SYLVESTRE CAPPEL & CO. conferred with GSO in reference relief of 1st Bde by 2nd Bde as regards the ^{M.} guns. Divisional CO & Senior Major use of 'G' car proceeded to HQ 1st Aust Inf Bde, C.O. visited HQ of 31 MG Bn (MG Corps) & Sen. Major visited HQ 21st Co re relief of a section of 21st Co by 31st Bn. All details were arranged as per orders herewith. During the night enemy artillery as well as our own very active.</p>	<p>MAP REFERENCE SHEET 36A. NE 1:20,000</p>
	1918 22 April		<p>Bright sunny day. C.O. accompanied by M.O. visited HQ 3rd Bde & 3rd Aust MG Co. left forward guns of 3rd Bde sector. Brigadier expressed himself as satisfied with the disposal of MGs in his sector.</p>	

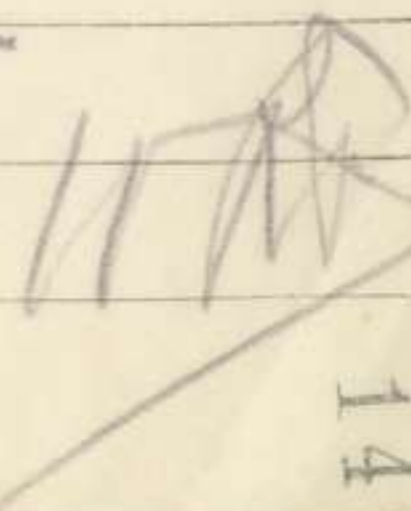
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q34 C5530	1918 23 APRIL		<p>Visibility owing to mist very bad. Senior Major accompanied by M.O. Signalling Officer & Adjutant visited HQ of 2nd Aust. M. G. Co. in the line also HQ of 2nd Aust. M. G. Co., 1st Aust M G Co and the Battalion Reinforcement Camp. Found everything correct. Arranged that reinforcements be sent forward at once to replace casualties men attached from various units who reported to us at VAUX EN AMIENOIS who have been found unusable will be returned to units they came from. The remainder who have proved unable become efficient machine gunners are to be returned to Reinforcement Camp undergo training. At 5.30 P.M. The Commanding Officer accompanied by the assistant adjutant reconnoitred M.G. positions in reserve line with a view to increasing the M.G. defence of sector in depth.</p>	
	24 APRIL		<p>Senior Major & Signalling Officer visited HQ of 3rd Aust. Inf Bde & HQ 3rd Aust Inf Bde in the line. 3rd Co had 5 casualties last night - other ranks 1 K. 4 Wounded</p>	

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1st Aust. M. G. Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q34C5530	1918 24 April		An attack delivered by 3 rd Bde (a Coy each of 9 th & 10 th Bns.) on northern outskirts of METEREN was unsuccessful & we inflicted sustained many casualties. Commanding Officer visited DHD in afternoon. Very heavy artillery fire to our north in direction of METEREN KEMMEL at 9-120 PM developing to drum fire at 9-30 PM. Enemy artillery extremely active throughout the night.	Shut 36 ^A NE 1:20.000
	25 APRIL		Enemy and our own artillery very active. Over 3000 gas shells were fired into FLETRE causing over 130 casualties. C.O. accompanied by Senior Major visited HQ 13 th Aust. Inf Bde & 3 rd Aust M G Coy. He chose positions for 4 guns for a Section of 21 st Aust M G Co. These guns are sited in pairs & are placed in present positions & afford more depth in M. G. defences of this area. Saw, also, of 21 st Aust M G Co.	
	26 APRIL		Visibility poor. C.O. & Senior Major visited Reserve Line & saw positions of 21 st Co in front of ROUSE CROIX. Also visited	WRB

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Q 34 C5-530	1918 26 APRIL		<p>HQ of 2nd Aust M.G. Coy, 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde, 1st Aust M.G. Company + 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Three officers reported at Battalion Reinforcement camp from cadet schools.</p> <p>ENGLAND; Salvaged a French motor car from ruined French flour mill + 50 gallons Petrol, intend using same until owner has been found when car will be returned. Arranged that Battalion HQ details have definite instructions as to their action in case of necessity. Collected from deserted camps + farms many hundreds of pounds worth of salvage.</p> <p>27 APRIL Senior Major accompanied the Commanding Officer + adjutant of 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion on a reconnaissance of the Divisional Reserve Line with the object of choosing Machine gun positions. Commanding Officer visited reinforcement camp + Divisional Head Quarters. A large quantity of salvage returned to D. A. D. O. S. Commanding Officer inspected recently arrived officers from cadet schools.</p>	<p>Sheet 36^A N.E 1/20000</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q34C5530	1918 28 APRIL		<p>Weather continues misty. Both our own and hostile artillery extremely active all day. One section under Lieut V.C. POTTER (1st Aust M G Co.) reported to 2nd Aust. Inf Bde today. Their task will be to come into action wherever the situation demands. The section is mobile, & the two fore portions of fighting limbers will be used as it is considered easier to control guns in limbers than on pack animals in a bombardment. Commanding Officer accompanied by M.O. visited 3rd Bde. HQ & 3rd Co. HQ this morning. During the afternoon the Commanding Officer with M.O., Q.M., & Senior Major visited 2nd Aust. Inf Bde. HQ & also visited the mobile, reserve section, (mentioned above) & found all fully acquainted with the work required of them. At about 5 P.M. & onwards extremely heavy artillery fire was heard in direction of KEMMEL. This fire, at times developing to intense drum fire, continued throughout the night & early hours of the morning.</p>	<p>Sheet 36^A N.E. 1:20.000</p> 

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1st Aust M. G. Bn.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q34C5530	1918 29 APRIL		<p>Artillery of both sides very active. Big enemy attack from MT NOIR to FILLERBEKE, unopposed excepting in one position, the enemy were driven off with heavy losses. Afternoon CO & Senior Major visited Regt. Camp & Divisional HQ. Signal Communications now greatly improved. All Companies are connected to Bn HQ by telephone & wherever possible section HQ are linked up by telephone to their Coy. HQ. Arrangements were made today to make alternative HQ in a trench 150 yards in front of our present billet, shelled billet to be shelled, new HQ will be occupied at once.</p>	<p>Sheet 36^a NE 1.20 hrs</p>
	30 APRIL		<p>Misty weather. C.O accompanied by Senior Major made a reconnaissance of the villages of THIESHOUK and CAESTRE with a view to choosing houses which will be strengthened & equipped for Machine guns in case an enemy attack succeeds in penetrating our line thus far. The following villages are also to be reconnoitred with the same object. STRAFEELE; PRADELLES; ROUGE CROIX; FLÈTRE; BORRE; — Relief of 2nd Coy by 1st Coy complete at 12.30 AM this morning.</p>	<p><i>D. G. Mackay Lt. Col.</i> <i>MT</i> 18</p>

First Aust Machine Gun Battalion

Battalion HQ.
2 April 1918

Battalion Order No 4.

1. From the 2nd inst and until further orders the First Aust MG Coy will be attached to the First Aust Inf Bde
2. First Aust MG Coy will move with mobile echelon and transport complete into First Aust Inf Bde area tomorrow 2nd inst. present camp to be clear by 1 AM.
 - I Camp cleanliness Certificate in duplicate signed by the Area Commandant will be forwarded to Lt H.R.
 - II The two (2) sections at present in the Corps line will be withdrawn at 7 AM 2nd inst including all reserve rations, belt boxes, water tins etc and with the exception only of built SFA. Transport Officer will arrange for 2 G.S. ladders to carry all gun gear from SPILL BANK.
 - III Reserve rations will be handed over to 2nd AM Coy D trench SPILL BANK near NORFOLK BRIDGE and a receipt in duplicate obtained. These rations will be included in those to be handed over by OC 2nd AM Coy to the incoming unit.
 - IV Lists in duplicate of built SFA left in posts will be forwarded to Lt H.R. stating
 - (a) Number & location of Post
 - (b) Number of Bores in Post
 - V An advance party of 1 Officer, mounted, and 2 ORank. on bicycle will be sent at 8 AM on 2nd inst to First A.I. Bde HQ. - about 22 - F.L.S.B. 2.2.
 - VI The 2nd Aust P.G. Coy will detail two (2) ladders to report to 1st AM Coy Rear HQ. at 12 Noon on 2nd inst. These ladders will be used to carry the units blankets and will return to 2nd AM Coy on completion of the move.
 - VII All returns will be submitted to the First Aust Inf Bde and a copy of these will be forwarded daily to Lt H.R. by D.R.L.S.
 - VIII Rations will be drawn from 2nd Coy AAFC at HOOGRAFF on the afternoon of the 2nd inst

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	6	21st do
	7	1st Aust Division
	8	1st Aust Inf Bde

First Australian Machine Gun BattalionOrder No 5.Reference Sheet. HOLLEBEKE 1:10000.

1. On the night of the 3/4th inst machine guns of this Battalion in the left Brigade Sector will be relieved by two companies of the 9th Div M.G. Battalion as follows -

Right Company will relieve Batteries 'A', 'B' & 'D' with Company HQ at D tunnel near NORFOLK BRIDGE
 Left Company will relieve Batteries 'C' & 'E' with Company HQ at HILL 60.

2. (a) All maps, photographs, orders, for direct harassing and S.O.S. fire as carried out at present and documents of value to the incoming Cos will be handed over and receipts obtained.

(b) Ammunition, rations, water and other area or trench stores will be handed over and receipts as proforma already issued.

Duplicate of all receipts obtained will be forwarded to Adjutant before 12 Noon on the 4th inst.

3. In connection with the preceding paragraph attention is again drawn to the 1st Aust Div Administrative Instructions issued on the 31/3/18 in connection with this relief.

4. Guides and other details will be arranged by Coy Commanders concerned, except that guides will meet incoming Cos. at SPOIL BANK Advanced Dressing Station I 33 A 2.2 at 6 P.M. on the 3rd inst.

5. On relief Cos. will proceed to Rear HQ. at BAROSSA CAMP. Any overflow of the 21st. AM.G Coy who cannot be accommodated at BAROSSA CAMP. will move to GODEZONNE CAMP. at No. D 1. 2.

6. Tripods and Belt Boxes will NOT be exchanged on relief but all gun equipment is to be brought out and dumped under Coy arrangements at Coy Ration Dumps and an adequate guard posted.

7. Transport Officer will arrange to collect all guns and equipment from Coy Ration Dumps on the night of the 3rd inst., and convey same to Transport Lines of the 3rd and 21st Cos. respectively.
8. Details of relief not herein provided will be arranged mutually between the Cos. concerned.
9. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in Code to this Office.
10. Immediate preparations will be made to move Complete with Transport and all mobile stores to Battle area, the 3rd Am G Coy on the 4th inst. and 21st Am G Coy on the 5th inst.
11. Acknowledged

M. J. L. Smith
 Lieut. & Adj. Gen.
 First Aust. Machine Gun Battalion

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APPENDIX

SECRET.

First Australian Machine Gun BattalionOrder No. 3^A 3 April 1918Reference Sheet. WYTSCHAETE 1:10.000.

1. The 21st Imperial Machine Gun Battalion will take over the Machine Guns of the 21st and 2nd Aust M.G. Coys in the 2nd A.I. Bde. Area during the day of the 4th and night of the 4th inst with two (2) Machine gun Companies
2. For the purposes of relief the present Brigade Sector will be divided into two Machine Gun Coy Sectors by an East & West line passing through O 15 B.O. 3.
3. The Right or Southern Machine Gun Company will take over the following gun positions:-
S 12 S 16. R 22 S 19. S 15. R 18. R 19 and S 14.
The Left or Northern Coy will take over the following positions:-
S 20. S 22. S 24. S 26. R 23. S 23. R 24. R 27. R 28. R 25
4. All other guns not mentioned above will be withdrawn to respective Company Transport lines as soon as possible on the 4th inst, according to visibility. Bulk SAA and stores at these emplacements will be handed over to the company taking over the Sector and usual receipts obtained.
5. Arrangements as to guides & other details will be settled by Company Commanders concerned. All guides for guns to be relieved during daylight will meet the relieving parties at 12 Noon & guides for the night relief will meet relieving parties at 6 P.M. on the 4th April 1918.
6. Transport Officer will arrange to collect all gun gear at respective Company ration dumps after dark on the 4th inst. Necessary guards will be left in charge of such gear until picked up by transport.
7. Attention is drawn to the 1st Aust Divisional Memo No 55 of 31st March and Administrative Instructions issued in connection with forthcoming relief of the Division dated 31st March 1918

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- 8. All Maps documents etc of use to incoming Unit will be handed over & Reserve rations (issued under Defence Scheme) will be handed over in the forward area & receipts obtained for same.
- 9. All Company stores such as belts, boots, tripods, Amp mounts, etc will not be handed over but will be withdrawn on relief.
- 10. On relief, Companies will proceed to respective transport line & make preparations to move complex with transport & mobile shelter to the Battle Area.
- 11. Completion of relief will be notified to En HQ by wire in the usual manner.
- 12. Acknowledged

Walter Durbant
 Lt. Capt & Adjt

First Aust Machine Gun Battalion

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First Aust Machine Gun Battalion

3rd April 1918

Addendum to Order No. 5th of 3 April 1918

1. Section Officers of relieving M.G. Battalion to reconnoitre positions etc with their Nos. One. Guides will meet them at LAMP. POST CORNER at 12 Noon on 4th inst.
2. As no horse transport or other movement of troops forward of WYTSMAETE RIDGE is allowed before 7.30 pm. all orders for relief or withdrawal of guns during daylight are cancelled and will be effected as soon as possible after that time.
3. Guides in ^{the} cases of transport & personnel will rendezvous at LAMP POST CORNER 019 C. E. T. at 7.30 pm.

Walter Ditchfield
 1st Capt & Adjt.

First Aust Machine Gun Battalion

Battalion H.Q.
22 April 1918

Battalion Order No. 6.

1. Move. The Division will be transferred by rail to 3rd Army. Entrainment will commence on 5th inst. See Appendix 2. Entraining Programme. Attention is drawn to Administrative Memo No. 55, dated 3 Nov 1918.

2. Entraining. Entraining Stations for the move will be as follows:-

GODEWAERVELDT	1st Aust Inf Bde 1st Aust MG Coy
STRAZEELE	2nd Aust Inf Bde 2nd Aust MG Coy
CAESTRE	3rd Aust Inf Bde 3rd Aust MG Coy 2nd do. H.Q. 1st Aust MG Battalion

3. Concentration. H.Q. 1st Aust MG Battalion and 2nd Aust MG Coy will move to STRAZEELE on the 5th inst. Personnel by bus and transport by road under arrangement to be made by Bn Transport Officer. On arrival they will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 3rd A.I. Bde. for further move.

4. Move to Entraining Station

(a) 1st Aust MG Coy under instructions from 1st A.I. Bde will move to entraining Station on the morning of the 5th inst.

(b) 2nd Aust MG Coy personnel under instructions from 2nd A.I. Bde will move by bus to entraining area on the 5th inst. Transport will move by march route under arrangements to be made by Battalion Transport Officer.

(c) 3rd Aust MG Coy personnel will move by bus to CAESTRE under 3rd A.I. Bde arrangements on the 4th inst. Transport by road under arrangements to be made by Battalion Transport Officer.

5. Deentraining Stations will be ST ROCH (two Bde groups) and HANSEST-SUR-SOMME

6. Distances will be maintained on the march as follows:-

Between Coys.	100 yards
Unit to transport	100
Battalions	500
Transport column when Brigaded	100

7. A marching out state will be forwarded to Adjutant by Cos. before 12 noon on the 4th inst.

8. Acknowledged

J. M. Stagg Capt. Adj. Lt.
1st Aust MG Battalion

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TABLE OF MOVES by Motor Lorries to accompany 1st AUST. M.G. BATTALION ORDER N^o 6

UNIT.	Embussing Point	Date & Time	Debussing Point	BILLETING AREA	REMARKS.
3 rd A.M.G. Coy	Sheet 28 M. 17. C. 2. 4. Canada Corner facing S.W.	4 th April. 2.30. pm	Sheet 27 W. 3. B. 0. 4. Just outside CAESTRE on the CAESTRE - FLEURE ROAD.	CAESTRE Bde. Sub. Area.	TRANSPORT to move out at. - 12 NOON
2 nd A.M.G. Coy.	Sheet 28 M. 23. A. 3. 7. facing N.E.	5 th April. 8.30. am	Sheet 27. W. 23. C. 5. 2. (just outside STRAZEELE)	STRAZEELE Staging Area	TRANSPORT to move out at 9 am.
HQ. P.A.M.G. Pt. 21 st A.M.G. Coy.	Sheet 28 M. 23. A. 3. 7. facing N.E.	5 th April. 2.30. pm.	Sheet 27. W. 23. C. 5. 2. (just outside STRAZEELE)	CAESTRE Bde. Sub Area	TRANSPORT to move out at. 11 am.

* Times of move for TRANSPORT are subject to alteration

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APPENDIX

BATTALION ORDER NO / 3
 by
 Lieut Colonel I. G. MACKAY D.S.O.
 Commanding First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters
 10th April 1918.

14 BOUNDS. The Battalion is under orders to move at an hour's notice. All men must be informed of this and steps taken to ensure that this can be done in the time specified.

The village of VAUX in which the Battalion is billeted constitutes the bounds of this unit.

15 LEAVE. No one will proceed out of bounds without a pass signed by the Adjutant.

16 Tattoo. All men must be in their Billets by 9 pm. Lights must be out by 9.30 pm.

Tattoo roll call will be held at 9 pm. and reports collected by Company Orderly Sergeants and handed to Regimental Sergeant Major at Battalion Orderly Room by 9.30 pm. This matter is to be strictly attended to, i.e. proper rolls will be called and a close check kept on Tattoo Reports.

17 PICQUET. A Picquet consisting of 1 Officer and 20 other ranks will mount daily at 5.45. pm. This picquet, until further notice will be on duty as Town Picquet from 6 pm. until 12 midnight and will report to Adjutant at Battalion Orderly Room for inspection and instruction.

Dress. Belt and Side Arms.

Picquet will be furnished by 1st Australian Machine Gun Co. today ~~at~~ 10th Inst.

18 PARADE STATES. Company Orderly Sergeants will render Parade States to R.S.M. by 8.45. am. daily.

States to shew reasons for all men off parade.

P A R T L I.

8 APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

1st Aust Machine Gun Co.

2707a Corporal NICOL F.J. to be temporary Sergeant vice 505 Sgt Cunningham W evacuated wounded Gassed to date 10th March 1918.

3501 Corporal THOMAS A.R. to be temporary Sergeant vice Sgt Gardner A.J. evacuated wounded gassed to date 4 March 1918.

BLACKMORE

365 T/Corporal, A de C. to be Corporal vice 3143 Cpl. Telford R.A. to O.T.C. England Supernumary, to date 16 March 1918.

281 L/Corporal Cosier C.N. to be temporary Corporal vice 3501 Cpl Thomas A.R. to be promoted to date 10.4.18.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

- 330 Sgt Holmes S.H. to be temporary C.S.M.(W.O.Class 11)
vice C.S.M.Ring evacuated wounded to date 18.3.18
- 1349 Corporal Forster F.G. to be temporary Sergeant, vice 330
Sgt Holmes promoted T/C.S.M. to date 28.3.18.
- 323 L/Corporal Phillips T.S. to be temporary Corporal vice
Cpl Burton W.Superannuary on Transport Duty to
Australia to date 9th April 1918.

STRENGTH

The following men are taken on strength to date 9th April
on rejoining from hospital, and are posted to respective
Companies as under:-

First Aust M. G. Co.

1137 Sgt Killen R.
685 L/Cpl Smith N.M.A.
3734 Pte Ferguson W.J.
671 " Baillie W.
3220 " Ramsey J.G.
321 " Abbott W.T.
477 " Matthews S.K.
1194 " Evans H.

Second A. M. G. Co.

4137 Pte Blackwell G.D.
321 " Borthwick E.W.
770 " Torbitt R.
332 " Russle A.

Third A. M. G. Co.

564 L/Cpl Evans J.T.
1789 Pte Hunt A.T.
330 " Munro R.A.
3152 " Sommerville G.
2167 " Kay W.
5077 " Crofts F.B.

Twenty first A. M. G. Co.

3420 Cpl Pritchard W.G.
379 L/Cpl Kennedy E.J.
371 Pte Coull A.

The following are taken on strength from the units mentioned
to date 9th April 1918 and are posted to their respective companies
as under:-

First Aust M. G. Co.

First Australian Inf Battalion.

476	Pte	Herbert W.L.	2964	Pte	Anstead W.G.
1923	"	Beness G	6950	"	Birkin L.T.
2037	"	Tresserden J	6005	"	Everett C. C.
2718	"	Cargill J	6129	"	Tortsam M.
3364	"	James W.	1925	"	Evand H.
6951	"	Bennett H.W.G.	7196	"	Bootie L.J.

Second Aust. Inf Battalion.

5653	Pte	Best R.N.	4211	Pte	James J.G.
3602	"	Hughes H.H.	2470	"	Sutton R.F.
2797	"	Jones H.G.	4567	"	Pickering S.
7048	"	Turner G.	2205	"	Shiel E.G.
7587	"	Paterson W.H.	5139	"	Lowry W.
5746	"	Peninton H.G.	4292	"	Downey P.R.

Third Aust Infantry Battalion.

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5066	Pte	Dew L.B.	3946	Pte	Wells W.
5807	"	White A.N.	6875	"	Sweeting C.F.
6416	"	Boyton RG	4537	"	Newman J.
6954	"	Byrnes G.	7028	"	Meyn H.J.
6756	"	Gotwald L.J.	2596	"	Cliff J.W.
386	"	Wright H.D.			

Fourth Aust Infantry Battalion.

547a	Pte	Law L.J.	6978	Pte	Dawber J.W.E.
2814	"	English L.F.	2625	"	Greenshields B
2236a	"	Mentiplay C.T.	2142	"	Lygo W.O.
3682	"	Atkinson C	1310	"	Armstrong J.
3113	"	Harris F.C.	1725	"	Brooks P.H.
6759	"	Morton L.	1177	"	Reid W.H.

21st Aust M. G. Co.

First Aust Pioneer Battalion.

2535	Pte	Hoey M	4359	Pte	Turner S.G.
3629	"	Mackey W.H.P.	2627	"	Oliver T.
4370	"	Wrigley G.F.	3108	"	Gillard G.W.
2714a	"	Manns O.J.	3748	"	Duval J.B.
2972	"	Holley H.E.	2629	"	Hektor V.
2378	"	Low R.W.	2978	"	Goff H.R.
4310	"	Short J.	3886	"	O'Brien A.E.
1022	"	Hill R.A.	3682a	"	Usher W.D.
2875	"	McLennan G.	2647	"	Managhan F.
2959	"	Desailley F.E.G.	3178	"	Slarks K.B.
3609	"	Ingham E.J.	4375	"	Bary J.
3667	"	Stenger F.	3101	"	Ferguson J.
3313	"	Biscoe E.S.	3304	"	Algie W.
3162	"	McKee J.	3569	"	Cross C.P.
3594	"	Harrington P.	2631	"	Hutchinson W.J.
813	"	Gracie J.	2652	"	McGreal T.J.
1319	"	Barrett H.D.	1934a	"	Southern C.H.
614	"	Turner H.	1885	"	Suttling. H.

IO. DETACHMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS.

The following Officers are detached from their respective companies and attached to companies as under for duty temporarily, as from 3rd. April 1918.

Lieut. F B. Bethune 3rd. A. M. G. Co. To 1st. A. M. G. Co. and to be second in command.
 Lieut J T. McEllister. 2nd. A. M. G. Co. To 1st. A. M. G. Co. for duty temporarily.
 Lieut F R. Phelan. 2nd. A. M. G. Co. To 21st. A. M. G. Co. for duty temporarily

II. SCHOOLS.

The following men proceeded to 4th. Army Cookery School and are detached as from 21st. March, 1918.

2nd. A. M. G. Co.	283	Pte. Brown W E.
3rd. " "	5347	" Alchin C G.

Captain & Adjutant.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
18th. April, 1918

ORDER NO. 7

Reference Sheet 36A 27. 1:40000

RELIEF. - Second Aust Machine Gun Co., and one section each of the Third and 21st Aust Machine Gun Cos., in the 2nd Aust Inf Brigade Area will be relieved during the 19th. and the night 19/ 20th by the Machine Gun Battalion of the 31st Division.

TIMES.- The guns of the 3rd Co., and the 21st Co., are to be relieved before 12 Noon on the 19th instant. The guns of the 2nd Aust Machine Gun Co., at times arranged mutually by Company Commanders concerned.

STORES.- All maps are to be handed over or exchanged. Stores and articles of value to incoming unit will be handed over and receipts obtained.

GUIDES.- Details as to guides and other matters, not provided for above, will be arranged by Company Commanders concerned.

GENERAL.- 1 After ^{above} relief one section of the 3rd Aust Machine Gun Co., and one section of the 21st Co., ~~with~~ complete with transport will join 3rd Co., at W 13 A 2. 8. The section of the 21st Aust M.G. Co., will be attached until further orders to the 3rd. Co.,

2 On the night of 19/20th 3rd A.M.G. Co., and attached section of 21st Co., will relieve 20 Machine guns of the Machine gun Battalion of the 33rd Division, ofn the front to be taken over by the 3rd Aust Inf Brigade from X 20 central to ~~about~~ ^{section} X 5 D 7. 0.

3 O.C. 3rd Co., and 1 Officer of 3rd Co., and attached section of 21st Co., will meet C.O., at X 1 D 2. 2. at 10 s.m. on the 19th inst.

4 Details of relief will be arranged there with Company Commanders of the 33rd Machine Gun Battalion.

5 Companies will issue orders direct to Company Transport Officers.

LOCATIONS. - Locations of Battalion Headquarters will be notified as soon as a new site is selected.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain & Adjutant,
First Aust Machine Gun Battalion.

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- 9 1st Aust Machine Gun Co.,
- 10 2nd "
- 11 3rd "
- 12 21st "

SECRETFIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

APPENDIX

Battalion Headquarters,
21st April, 1918ORDER NO 8Map reference. Sheets 27 & 36a: 1 : 40,000

1. Divisional Boundaries are as follows :- North, X 11 C 5.9. to X 4 C 45.45. to X 4 A 5.2. (Road inclusive) thence to Q 35 B 35.40 to Q 31 B 70.00. to P 30 A 15.30.
South E 11 A 85.80. to V 30 C 9.4. (Railway inclusive) thence along East Bank of BORRE BECQUE to V 11 C 1.4.
- Inter-Brigade Boundary X 20 Central along South West Bank of METEREN BECQUE to X 18 Central to W 16 Central to W 14 A 5.5.
- 2 Second Aust Inf Brigade will relieve First Aust Inf Brigade in the Right Sub-Sector of the Divisional Sector on the 22nd instant and night 22/23rd instant.
- 3 Relief of Machine Guns will take place as follows on the night 22/23rd instant:-
- Two guns of the 1st A.M.G.Co., in positions E 10 C 9.9. and E 10 A 6.6. will be relieved by two guns of the 31st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps as arranged by Section Commanders on the night 21/22nd instant.
 - No 2 Section of the 21st A.M.G.Co., will relieve two guns of the 1st A.M.G.Co., at E 11 A 5.8. and E 5 D 0.1. and two guns of No. 4 Section of the 21st A.M.G.Co., at E 4 B 1.2. and E 4 B 2.4.
Upon relief the two guns of the 1st A.M.G.Co., will rejoin 1st A.M.G.Co., at W 7 B 1.7. - O.C., of 1st A.M.G.Co., will be responsible for carrying out this relief. When O.C., 2nd A.M.G.Co., has taken over Brigade Sub-Sector, No. 2 Section of 21st A.M.G.Co., will come under his orders.
 - Two guns of No. 4 Section, 21st A.M.G.Co., upon relief as in Para (b) above, will take up positions formerly occupied about W 27 A 8.7. O.C., 21st A.M.G.Co., will be responsible for carrying out this move.
 - 2nd A.M.G.Co., (less one section) will relieve remaining three sections of 1st A.M.G.Co., in the First Aust Inf Brigade Sub-Sector of the Divisional Sector.
 - No 3 Section of the 21st A.M.G.Co., now attached to the 2nd A.M.G.Co., will relieve one section of the 2nd A.M.G.Co. attached as Mobile Reserve to the 3rd Aust Inf Brigade. Upon relief this section of the 2nd A.M.G.Co., will join the 1st A.M.G.Co., at W 7 B 1.7.
4. On the night 23/24th inst., One section of the 2nd A.M.G.Co., referred to in Para 3 (e) above, will relieve No 2 Section of the 21st A.M.G.Co., in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector. O.C. 2nd A.M.G.Co., will be responsible for carrying out this relief. Action of No. 2 Section 21st A.M.G.Co., after relief will be notified later.
5. All above reliefs will take place by day or as soon as darkness permits, according to the situation of the guns and the extent of enemy observation.
6. Upon relief the 1st A.M.G.Co., will concentrate in the huts now occupied by the 2nd A.M.G.Co., in W 7 B 1.7.
Transport Sections of the 1st A.M.G.Co., will be about W 7 B 1.7.
Transport Sections of the 2nd A.M.G.Co., will be about V 12 D 8.0.

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7. Full information, S.A.A., and other stores and material will be handed over.
 8. Provision of guides and other details not provided for herein will be arranged between respective Company Commanders concerned, except that all guns whether coming in or going out will be complete and able to open fire at once in the event of an enemy attack.
 9. Acknowledge.

John Hogg Captain & Adjutant,
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

APPENDIX

Headquarters
22.4.18.

ORDERS FOR PERSONNEL OF BN.H. Q. IN PRESENT AREA.

- 1 Smoking in billets where there is straw is forbidden
- 2 The Billet at present occupied by Bn H.Q. is under direct observation of the enemy, in consequence of which all lights must be perfectly screened after dark, attention being payed specially to skylights and windows in lofts. Disobedience of this order is an offence and will be treated as such
- 3 Until further orders picquet provided by the Transport will constitute a guard in that it will be responsible for
 - a. Gas alarm
 - b. Fire Alarm
 - c. Alarm in the event of any indication of an enemy attack.
- 4 Low Flying aircraft are continually flying over this area. It has been observed that men continue to move about and look up at the planes. When an enemy plane at a low altitude is observed, men will stand still and not look up. Where possible, they will conceal themselves behind hedges or anything that provides concealment from view. It is pointed out that a place where little movement is observed is rarely shelled, whereas where movement is obvious the reverse is inevitably the result.
- 5 In the event of the enemy shelling the billet all men except drivers will move to the trench running along hedge of the paddock on the southern side of the farmhouse. Men will not bunch but will be distributed along the trench. Drivers will be responsible for moving the horses to a place of safety.
- 6 No man will leave the vicinity of the camp (except those on duty) without a pass signed by the adjutant.
- 7 All lights must be out by 9.30 pm. with the exception of those in the Signallers Room and in the orderly Room.

Sgd J. M. Hogg Capt.
a/Adj 1st A. M. G. Bn.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Battalion Headquarters.

23rd. April 1918 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ist. Aust. M. G. Co.
 2nd. "
 3rd. "
 2Ist. "
 Battalion Reinforcement Camp.

B.R.O.H.

- I. The following posting and transfer of officers to companies will take place immediately:-
 - (a) Capt. H.E.Woodman D.S.O. to Ist. Aust. M. G. Co. to Command.
 - (b) Lieut. F.P.Bethune M.C. transferred from 3rd. A. M. G. Co. to 2Ist. A. M. G. Co. to be second in Command.
2. Lieut F. Archer, 3rd A. M. G. Co. will take charge of the ~~training~~ Battalion Reinforcement Camp and continue the training of the personnel.
3. All Carriers whom it is desired to retain in the battalion will be exchanged for the same number of reinforcements.
4. As soon as the Reinforcements report to companies these carriers will report at the Reinforcement Camp, where ~~their~~ their training as Machine Gunners will be continued.
5. 1st Aust M. G. Co. will be given forty eight reinforcements immediately.
6. Requirements of all companies in reinforcements in exchange for carriers mentioned in para 3 as well as additional reinforcements will be supplied by the adjutant as soon as Companies make them known.

Sgd J.M.Hogg Capt & Adjutant,
 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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APPENDIX

Battalion Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

ORDER NO. 9

Reference Map : Sheets 27 SE & 36A 1 : 20000

- 1 With a view to concentrating the Companies and Battalion in the Divisional Area, the following moves and reliefs will take place.
 - (a) Rear Headquarters of 3rd Machine Gun Co., and all Transport of 3rd Machine Gun Co., now at Godewaersvelds will concentrate in Square Q 34 C.
 - (b) Rear Headquarters and Transport of 21st Machine Gun Co., will concentrate at Q 26 D 6.7.
 - (c) On the night of 23/24th inst, Vide Order No. 8, on relief by a Section of 2nd Machine Gun Co., No 2 Section of 21st Machine Gun Co., will join the 1st Machine Gun Co at W 7 B 4.5.
 - (d) One section of the 1st Machine Gun Co., will relieve No. 4 Section of 21st Machine Gun Co., in W 27 A & C. After relief, No 4 Section, 21st Machine Gun Co., will join the 1st Machine Gun Co., at W 7 B 4.5.

This section of the 1st Machine Gun Co., will be attached to 2nd Machine Gun Co., for Rations, but will only move from its position in the Divisional Line on receipt of orders from Battalion Headquarters.
 - (e) Depth will be given to the present Machine Gun Defences by the placing of :-
 - (i) One Section of 21st Machine Gun Co., about W 16 B & D., ~~X-7-B~~ and W 17.
 - (ii) One Section of 21st Machine Gun Co., about Squares X 1 B & D, X 7 B, and X 2 C.The two sections of 21st Machine Gun Co., at W 7 B 4.5. will be utilised for this purpose.
 - (f) Officer Commanding, 21st Machine Gun Co., will establish Headquarters about Squares R 31 C., X 1., or W 6., and the two Sections mentioned in Para e will then come under his command.
- 2 1st Machine Gun Co., less one section will be at disposal of G.O.C., First Aust Inf Brigade.
- 3 Reconnaissance for above moves will take place immediately, and all moves and reliefs in Para 1 will be completed by 12 Noon on 24th inst.
- 4 Should suitable accommodation not be available, accommodation will be made by digging, lining the living quarters with straw and covering them with material obtained in the vicinity.
- 5 Quartermaster will arrange any matters affecting rations with Companies concerned.
- 6 Signal Officer will arrange for telephonic communication between Battalion Headquarters and 1st & 21st Machine Gun Companies.
- 7 All other details will be arranged by Company Commanders.
- 8 Sections must be so disposed at all times during the move as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of an enemy attack.
- 9 Locations of all new gun positions, Section and Company Headquarters, will be sent to Battalion Headquarters by 12 Noon on the 24th instant.

- 10 Completion of reliefs and moves to be notified to Battalion Headquarters by Wire.
- 11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut & A/Adjutant,
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

APPENDIX

NIGHT DUTYOFFICERS

Until further instructions the following Officers are detailed for night duty according to roster hereunder.

Their duty will be to remain awake and should anything unusual occur such as heavy shelling they will take steps to ascertain the cause. In event of enemy attack or other matter requiring action, the C. O. and senior Major will be at once awakened.

The signal Office is to be visited occasionally and the signaller on duty questioned as to times of testing throughon the lines

The horse Lines Picquet is to be inspected once by each Officer.

	25/26	26/27	27/28
12 Midnight to 3 am.	Lt.A. J. Wood	Major Ffrench	LtManners
3 am. to 6 am.	Lt.Baker Finch	Lt. Hay	Capt Gill
6 am. to 8am.	Lt Manners	Capt Gill	Lt.Baker Finch.
	28/29	29/30	
	Lt Hay. Capt Gill Major Ffrench	Lt Baker Finch Lt Manners Lt Wood.	

In event of heavy Bombardment, Officer on duty should ascertain from Direction Board the locality of shelling and Brigades in Line and Division should be called for information ~~appears~~ when bombardment appears on our own front.

On an alarm being given, the Assistant Adjutant will fall in all H. Q. Details, they to parade in fighting Order.

Action expected of them in the event of hostile attack should be fully explained.

Rifles, S. A. A. and Gas Helmets of H. Q. Details will be inspected daily by Assistant Adjutant.

Sgd J. M. Hogg Captain
Adjutant.

24.4.18.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Headquarters 26.4.18.

- 1st A.M.G.Co.
- 2nd do.
- 3rd do.
- 21st do.
- Bn.Rft Camp.

REFERENCE BATTALION ORDER NO 5

Para 16 Appointments

Whilst companies are as at present distributed over the Divisional area Company Transport Officers will be retained at the discretion of Company Commanders.

Sgd Capt & Adjutant,
1st Australian M. G. Battalion.

BATTALION ORDER NO 5

By

Lieut Colonel I. G. Mackay D.S.O.

Commanding First Australian Machine Gun Battalion

Headquarters 25.4.18.

- 12 STRENGTH Captain H.E.Woodman D.S.O. is transferred from 4th Aust Inf Battalion to 1st Aust Machine G. ~~Company~~ Bn. to date 16.4.18 and is posted to 1st A. M. G. Co. to command.

The following reinforcements are taken on strength 20.4.18. and posted to companies as follows.-

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

816	Ash H.J.	528	Crawford G.O.
5760	Reed J.R.	2653	Nolan P.
6518	Howard	6214	Anderson R
6073	Sturrock	2230	Ryan J.D.
7210	Burgess S.E.	7319	Smith D.
6030	Jordan S.J.	2837	Giles A.C.
5689	James R.W.	6579	Kilfoyle I.J.
316	Parmenter L.C.	7245	Gimbert J.T.
7192	Albertson L.C.	7226	Denney C.
693	Rath B.	685	Nadin A
6501	Forward J.T.	4218	Pearson F
2203	Richards E.H.	2887	O'Brien
6845	Harris H.R.	3732	Cooke S.H.
2163	Love J.D.	2229	Power C.
7331	Williams C.H.	7316	Whiteley W.R.
641	Little W.G.	651	Turnbull W.A.
645	Oates O.A.T	3758	Fowler F.
7439	Abercrombie F.	7575	Simonsen E.W.
6614	Ritson F.J.	600	Hilaire C.D.
4670	Elder E.R.	7312	Smith J.W.
7625	Moseley C.	7523	Micklewright J.T.
316	Brennan D.L.	7262	Higginbottom S.
1047	Hope F.	6741	Ford T.
6641	Stockdrill H.W.A.	511	Hillain A.P.
683	Hucker S.	633	Baillie A.P.
638	Hind W.O.	635	Capel R.
633	Border A.E.	7502	Lee M.
3359	Browne W.G.	594	Barnett A.E.
7257	Hume J.W.	7030	Radburn R.W.
6407	Holder H.	7272	McCabe H.
2739a	Reeves D.F.	1718a	Chappell A.B.
7370	Murray H.M.		

SECOND AUST MACHINE GUN CO.

/3027	Briscoe J.E.	89	Dow W.
6281	Hickman J.	363	Wills R.C.
3509	Rogers R.D.	538	Cunningham N.D.
3237	Sanderson C.W.	1981	Merryman J.H.
5114	Judge J.H.	702	Pedder A.W.
5964	Robinson J.W.	688	Smith A.W.
202	Lucas C.F.	689	Viney V.L.
1878	Garton W.	704	Hohnsen J.
2152	Drummond C.H.	7689	Goyne L.A.
6946	Raine L.A.	7084	Webb H.G.
138	Lucas C.F.	6036	Heathcote W.J.
6539	Johnson E.	374	Bansick E.A.
427	Beasley J.F.	701	Wells A.J.
653	Wells A.F.	677	Burns H.L.

642 McLean K.	675 Mahoney J.
639 Jewell T.	686 Patmore C.G.
643 Norris F.	672a Williamson E.R.
6961 Mills J.S.	672 Black W.R.R.
671 Armstrong J.A.	

Third Aust Machine Gun Co.

867 Pte Stewart J.

Twenty first Aust Machine Gun Co.

829 Boyle J.	920 Lockyer
706 Willis L.E.	6071 Prager L.
2614 Currie T.	5113 Williams B.G.
648 Thompson W.	3402 Wright J.
650 Wallace W.	6833 Sjoberg S.G.
651 Weir K.H.	635 Fooks K.D.
656 Gardiner R.W.	652 Williams T.L.
640 Middleton H.	656a Smith J.B.
5070 Duncan H.	2687 Chawmer L.E.
3350 Cox E.A.	6018 Eyres A.E.
3080 McMillan	6608 Schmidt F.W.
447 Smith G.	1421 Stockley H.H.
3016 Barnett R.	5746 Marney E.

Transferred from 2nd Aust Inf Bde. from the units mentioned here-
under, taken on strength and posted to 2nd Aust Machine Gun Co.
10th March 1918.

5th Aust Inf Battalion.

5705 Hanley T.	6253 Furzer R.B.
7470 Dowker R.	7265 Hay J.
508a Lawless W.J.	2800 Campbell R.S.
7499 Jarrett G.F.	5675 Chandler R.E.

6th Aust Inf Battalion.

7055 McGrath	2013 Wright J.
7096 Whamond J.G.	7536 Miller G.
843 Plummer W.L.	2800 Binns G.
6061 Murray H.	2193 Brymar E.J.

7th Aust Inf Battalion.

7547 Rejester L.C.D.	2120 Croft G.
6837 Willis A.E.	7561 Sorensen C.J.
7585 Wilson A.H.	4531 Lewis H.L.
820 Bowling F.B.	7037 Mowbray F.E.

8th Aust Inf Battalion.

891 Greene A.C.	5672 Dickman A.E.
1560 Wickham S.G.	4241 Jones R.
18 Cowley T.W.	5767 Thompson G.P.
731 Scollery J.A.	7606 Hecker W.J.

Transferred from 3rd Aust Inf Brigade from the units mentioned here-
under taken on strength and posted to 3rd. Aust Machine Gun Coy.
10th March 1918.

9th Aust Inf Battalion.

1803	Lester W.J.	7280	Lenehan P.
6795	Phimister G.	6115	Wilson F.
1038	Barnes F.	2700	Hayes W.

10th Aust Inf Battalion.

6863	Buxton A.E.	5113	Hawkins H.C.
6752	Fredericksen H.A.	6131	Inglis C.C.
7303	Shaw J.P.	6573	Price J.H.E.

11th Aust Inf Battalion.

5437	L/Cpl Moran J.P.	7791	Pte Sullivan
480	Pte Scott S.W.	1509	" Beer W.J.
2914	" Pogges T	7598	" Grave C.

12th Aust Inf Battalion.

2932	L/Cpl Crooks H.G.	7020	Pte Hinds F.H.
1523	Pte Graves A.A.	5978	" Woodruff A.W.
5394	" Herbert C.J.	7310	" Moore L. J.

Rejoined from hospital and taken on strength 20th April 1918.

1st Aust Machine Gun Co.

1375	Pte Wallace I.P.	337	Pte Corbett T.D.
409	" Pepper S.	2376	L/Cpl Harrison E.B.
386	" Peel T.		

2nd Aust Machine Gun Co.

279 Pte Bearup

3rd Aust Machine Gun Co.

3009	Cpl Jones H.G.	239	Cpl Thompson P. C.
2181	Pte McMaster F.	1392	" O'Neill H.J.

21st Aust Machine Gun Company.

472	Pte Strawhorn P.B.	239	Pte Milner A
372	" Henderson E. G.		

The following havine been reported as casualties are struck off strength from the dates shown.-

1st Aust Machine Gun CO.

1194	Pte Evans H.	13.4.18	2037	Pte Tresserden J.	13.4.18
2712	Sgt Cantwell J.	15.4.18	3819	" Rose J.F.W.	15.4.18
2836	L/Cpl Stanton T	17.4.18	2595	Cpl Ford M.S.	17.4.18

Wounded in Action.

365	Pte	Francis J.F.	15.4.18	3501	Sgt	Thomas A.	13.4.18
7048	"	Turner G.	"	7576	"	Wood C.C.S.	"
6951	"	Bennett H.W.	"	2895	Pte	Vertigan A.C.	"
1923	"	Beness G.	16.4.18	476	"	Herbert W.L.	"
6875	L/Cpl	Smith N.M.A.	17.4.18	1985	"	Mason D.	"
7952	Pte	Hickman A.	"	842	Sgt	Edgar T	"
2972	"	Pearce F.A.	"	3007	"	Atkins W.M.	"
1578	Cpl	Kerr A.	"	250	Cpl	Norris F.	"
566	Pte	Smith R.G.	"	233	Pte	Brown N.W.	"
2142	"	Lygo W.O.	"	3682	"	Atkinson C.	"
				6534	"	Forbes T.L.	"

2nd Aust M. G. Co.

Wounded in Action

3967	Dvr	Williams A.	13.4.18	1188	L/Cpl	Barry M.A.	13.4.18
574	Pte	Simmons W.H.	15.4.18	1316	Cpl	Willett H.	15.4.18
292	"	Gardiner N.V.	16.4.18	1526	Pte	Leihy	16.4.18
3418	"	Keating H. E.	"	343	"	Morrow J. E.	"
585	"	Hyde F.W.	"	1569	"	Wickham S.F.	"
682	"	Conroy W.P.	24.4.18				

3rd Aust M. G. Co.

Killed in Action.

3627	L/Cpl	Warner	23.4.18	1974	Cpl	Longmore W.	24.4.18
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Wounded in Action.

251	Pte	Wyatt Wyatt T	21.4.18	550	Pte	Bishop F.V.	21.4.18
291	L/Cpl	Munro W.P.	24.4.18	4255	L/Cpl	Douglas J.L.	24.4.18
2391	Pte	Rahilly J.P	"	3551	Pte	Ball C.	"
6115	"	Wilson H.	"	555b	"	Edmonds R.W.	"
2167	"	Kay W.	"	599a	"	Gibbs L.D.	"

21st Aust Machine Gun Co.

Wounded in Action

359	Pte	Hunter R.W.	19.4.18	593	Pte	Ellery C.	19.4.18
2378	"	Low R .W.					

13. ATTACHMENTS

Captain G. R. Hamilton 2nd Aust Field Ambulance, is ~~xxx~~ attached to First Australian Machine Gun Battalion as Regimental Medical Officer

14. SCHOOL

Lieut K. D. Hay returned from Corps Signalling School 17th April 1918.

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15. PROMOTIONS

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

- 434 L/Cpl McGill W.R. to be transport Corporal, dated 2nd March 1918 to complete establishment
- 1675 Pte Smith E. N. to be driver, dated 2nd March 1918, to complete establishment.

P A R T 11

APPENDIX

1st Aust M. G. Co.

4494 Pte Figgis W. H. to be Lance Corporal Dated 10.4.18
 290 " Lee E. E. do
 463 " Fenton C. do
 1811 " Russell E. do
 1158 L/Cpl Martin E. A. to be Corporal dated 10.4.18 to complete establishment.

2nd Aust M. G. Co.

1789a L/Cpl Miskin H. L. To be Corporal, dated 10.4.18
 2870 " Pearce B. G. do
 281 " Hinton P. N. do
 3032 " Hulme C. E. do
 2628 " Makepeace E. W. do
 4279 " O'Reilly H. T. do
 to complete establishment.

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APPOINTMENTS

Lieut H. E. Ewins 1st Aust M. G. Co. is appointed Assistant Transport Officer.

All other Officers at present attached to Transport Sections will return to their respective Companies for duty.

Lieut K. D. Hay, 21st Aust M. G. Co. having returned from Signalling School is taken on strength of Battalion Headquarters for duty as signalling Officer.

Lieut H. Manners 2nd Aust M. G. Co. is posted for duty as Officer i/c Divisional Anti-Aircraft Defences and is attached to Battalion Headquarters whilst performing such duties.

Sgd

Capt.
Adjutant.

SECRETFIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALIONBattalion Headquarters,
26th April, 1918.ORDER NO. 10Reference Map: Sheets 27 SE & 36A NE 1: 40000

1. The 1st Aust Inf Brigade will relieve the 3rd Aust Inf Brigade in the Left Sub-Sector of the Divisional Sector on the 28th and night 28/29th instant.
2. One section of 1st Aust M.G.Co., complete with Transport will be at the disposal of G.O.C. Right Brigade as a Mobile Reserve. Detailed instructions as to this Section will be issued later.
3. The following Machine Gun Company reliefs will take place on the 29th and night 29/30th instant:-
 - (a) 1st Aust M.G.Co., less 2 Sections will relieve the 3rd Aust M.G.Co., less 2 Sections in the Left Sub-Sector of the Divisional Sector
 - (b) One Section of the 21st Aust M.G.Co., now Mobile Reserve to the 3rd Aust Inf Brigade will relieve one section of the 3rd Aust M.G.Co., in the line, details for this relief will be arranged by O.C., 3rd Aust M.G.Co.
 - (c) On relief 3rd Aust M.G.Co., less 2 Sections will proceed to huts at W 7 B 4.5. now occupied by 1st Aust M.G.Co.
 - (d) One Section 3rd Aust M.G.Co., complete with Transport will remain at R 33 C 4.3. as Mobile Reserve to 1st Aust Inf Brigade.
 - (e) On the 30th instant, Transport and Rear Headquarters of 1st Aust M.G.Co., will move to Q 34 C 65.65. in the Left Brigade Area. Transport and Rear Headquarters of 3rd Aust M.G.Co., will move to V 12 D 9.1. and W 7 B 4.5. respectively, in the Reserve Brigade Area; above moves to be complete by 6 p.m.
4. Before 6 p.m. on the 30th instant, two Sections of the 3rd Aust M.G.Co., at W 7 B 4.5. will relieve two Sections of the 1st Aust M.G.Co., in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector; these two sections of 1st Aust M.G.Co., on relief will proceed to W 7 B 4.5. and come under the order of O.C., 3rd Aust M.G.Co.
5. During the 1st and night 1/2nd May, two Sections of the 1st Aust M.G.Co., at W 7 B 4.5. will relieve two sections of the 3rd Aust M.G.Co., respectively in the line and in mobile reserve to 1st Aust Inf Brigade. On relief the two sections of 3rd Aust M.G.Co., will proceed to W 7 B 4.5.
6. An advance party of 1 Officer and 1 NCO per Section and 1 man per gun of 1st Aust M.G.Co., will go into the line on the 28th and night 28/29th instant.
7. 3rd Aust M.G.Co., less two Sections will be at the disposal of G.O.C., 3rd Aust Inf Brigade.
8. Quartermaster will arrange any matters affecting rations with the Companies concerned.
9. Relieving Sections must be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of an enemy attack.

10. Locations of all new gun positions and Section and Company Headquarters will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 24 hours of time of relief in each case.
11. Maps, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all documents of use to incoming Companies will be handed over and receipts obtained.
12. Completion of reliefs and moves to be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wire.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. M. Hogg Captain & Adjutant,
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

BATTALION ORDER

NO 6

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL I. G. MACKAY D. S. O.

COMMANDING FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,

30th April 1918.

17. STRENGTH:

The following officers are taken on strength and posted to companies as under to date from 25th April 1918

2/Lieut. F.T.Luscombe to 21st Aust M. G. Co.

2/Lieut. C.F.R. Martin to 1st do.

2/Lieut. L.J. Martin to 3rd do.

2/Lieut. C.S. Williams from 21st to 1st Am G Co

The following other ranks are taken on strength and posted to Companies to date 25th April 1918.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

2578 Cpl. Fraser R.
2794 Cpl. Casey F.
336 Pte. Malone H.
1183 Pte. Ross J.L.
2122 Pte. Buckland F.
611 Pte. Winch J.E.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

461 Pte. Mackie C.B.
2782 Pte. McFarlane D.
281 Pte. Goldsbrough R.H.
293 Pte. Nankivell O.

21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

435 Pte. Davies D.T.M.
2789 Pte. Daly P.
7223 Pte. Crisp H.K.
4746 Pte. Garthw J.
1842 ~~Pte. Walker~~ ^{Pte.} Walker H.F.
401 L/Cpl Campbell H.
375 L/Cpl Fletcher C.J.
558 Pte. Potterton F.
2097 Pte. Wilson R.
Pte. Rolley F.W.

The following having been transferred to their respective Brigades and 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion are struck off strength of companies as under:-

1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

6127 Pte. Tortsan M.
7587 Pte. Paterson W.H.
2470 Pte. Sutton R.F.
5239 Pte. Lowry W.
5746 Pte. Pennington H.F.
4567 Pte. Pickering S.
386 Pte. Wright L.D.
6954 Pte. Byrnes G.

1725 Pte Brooks P.H.
 1177a Pte Reid W.H.T.
 2625 Pte Greenshields J.
 2236 Pte Mentiplay C.T.

2nd Australian Machine Gun Company.

5705	Pte	Hanley T.	7470	Pte	Dowker R.
7499	"	Jarrett G.	6253	"	Furzer L.B.
7265	"	Hay J.	7547	"	Register L.C.
7561	"	Sorensen C.J.	7585	"	Wilson H.H.
4531	"	Lewis H.L.	820	"	Bowling F.B.
2037	"	Mowbray T.E.	891	"	Greene A.C.

3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.

7280	Pte	Lenahan P.	2700	Pte	Hayes W.H.
1038	"	Barnes H.	5113	"	Hawkins H.C.
7303	"	Shaw J.P.	6573	"	Price J.H.E.
6752	"	Fredriksen H.H.	7598	"	Grave G.
7791	"	Sullivan R.M.	5437	L/Cpl	Moran W.P.
2932	L/Cpl	Crooks H.G.	5394	Pte	Herbert C.J.

21st Australian Machine Gun Company.

2108	Pte	Gillard G.W.	3313	Pte	Briscoe E.S.
1885	"	Suttling H.	2875	"	McLennan G.
2652	"	McGreal A.	614	"	Turner H.
3569	"	Cross C.P.	4359	"	Turner G.
3748	"	Duval S.B.	2972	"	Holley H.E.
2533	"	Hoey M.	627	"	Oliver T.

The following having been reported casualties are struck off strength from dates as shown:-

1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

6005	Pte	Everett C.	Wounded	28.4.18
463	L/Cpl	Fenton C.W.F.	do.	29.4.18

2nd Australian Machine Gun Company.

5675	Pte	Chandler R. E.	Wounded	29.4.18.
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3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.

Lieut	B.H.C. Millar	Killed in Action	25/26.4.18
2/Lieut	J.F. Stephens	do.	do.
Lieut	B.A. Cornwell	Wounded	do.
549	Pte Best S.H.	do	do.
1569	" Smith H.H.	do	do.
517	" Primus. R.F.W.	do	do.

21st Australian Machine Gun Company.

Lieut	F. P. Bethune	Wounded	28.4.18
478a	Pte Strand T.W.	do.	25.4.18
4106	" Faddy F. W.	do.	do.

TRANSFERS:- The following from respective Companies are transferred to Battalion Headquarters for duty as stated:-

1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

No 1717	L/Cpl	Bowring W.R.	Senior Artificer
3987	Pte	Husband W. E.	Shoemaker
3561	L/Cpl	Shillabeer E.C.	Butcher
409	Pte	Pepper S.	Water Duties

1st Australian Machine Gun Company (cont)

333	Pte	McLennan W	Sanitary Duties
2853	"	Effemey	

2nd Australian Machine Gun Company.

3512	Dvr	Mahoney W.	Senior Farrier
344	Pte	Fillingham W.	Shoemaker
402	Dvr	Doyle	Senior Policeman
2431	Pte	Thompson H.F.	Regimental Police
921b.	"	Keating W.D.	Water Duties
1980	"	Lucas E. J.	Sanitary Duties
2853	"	Effemey S.	Batman
		<i>49 Lt Col Matthews</i>	<i>Postal Corporal</i>

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627	Pte	Cleaver W.	Senior Cook
5304	"	Herbert C.F.	Regimental Police
3816	"	Mitchell W.	Water Duties

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706	Pte	Willis L.E.	Wheelwright
3088	"	McMillan A.	do
383	L/Cpl	Wright E. A.	Storeman
3119	Pte	Kalinoysky W.	Tailor
3541	"	Stock J.S.	Orderly

PART 11.

18. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.-

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To be Lance Corporals:-

5190	Pte	Thomas J. R.
2717	"	Rennie J.
1813	"	Hodge S.
363	"	Bullen J.R.
321	"	Abbott T.
7301	"	Stone W.
333b	"	Mawson R.
462	"	Dummer E.
1998	"	Morris J.
247c	"	Lewis O.B.
337	"	Corbett D.W.

Dated 10.4.18 to complete establishment.

3rd Australian Machine Gun Co.

To be Corporals:-

1754	L/Cpl	Evenis	W.E.T.	
5342	"	Brown	A.P.	M.M.
3976	"	Hutton	K.J.	M.M.
2167	"	McEwan	A.G.B.	M.M.
1756	"	Crouchley	R.	
1416	"	McMurtrie	D.	M.M.

Dated 10.4.18 to complete establishment.

Part 11.2nd. Australian Machine Gun Co.

No.281 L/Cpl Bristol to be Corporal. Dated 10.4.18.
to complete Establishment

1st Australian Machine Battalion H.Q.

No.874 Cpl. Butler to be Signal Sergeant. Dated 10.4.18.
to complete Establishment.

CORRIGENDUM.

Battalion Order No.5. Part 11. Para.15. Promotions

2nd Australian Machine Gun Co.

DELETE No.281 L/Cpl Hinton P.N. to be corporal
dated 10.4.18.

Lieut Colonel,
Commanding 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.