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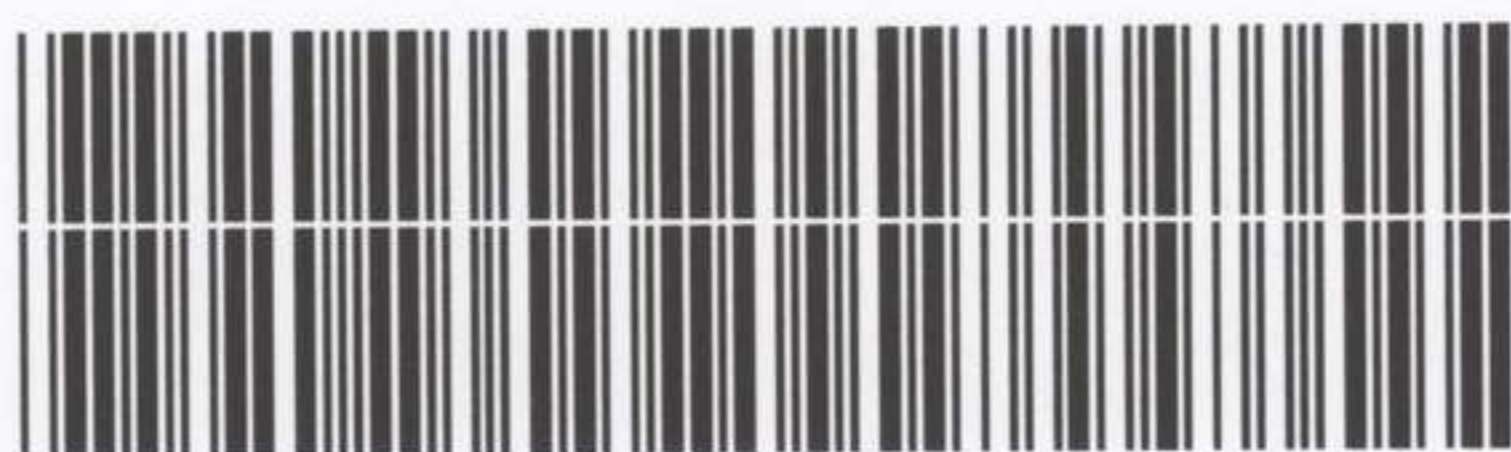
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters.

FOR

JUNE

1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

*Woodman*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*W. French*

Major.

Temp. Commanding First Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

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V 17 DIB. 10	1918 JUNE 1		As the Second Aust M G Coy have no Senior Officer in charge owing to Capt. VINNICOMBE (hospital) & Lt HOGE (temporarily commanding the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Co) Senior Major was detailed to proceed to SEROUS today to temporarily take charge until Capt. K.I. GILL returns esc Gas School. Orders issued for our co-operation with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde on projected attacks on MONT de MERRIS. Fine day.	Sheet 36 <sup>A</sup>
	JUNE 2		Fine, hot day. Capt GILL returned to Bn HQ esc gas school (Army) & assumed temporary command of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co, taking over from Senior Major. Capt F.A. VINNICOMBE returned at 3 PM & re-assumed command of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co. Capt GILL returning to Bn HQ re-assuming his duties as Transport Officer. C.O. accompanied by RMO (Capt. HAMILTON) visited HQ of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde. All arrangement regarding M.G. co-operation with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde, attack on MONT de MERRIS complete. Enemy activity, all arms, very much below normal.	

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	1918 JUNE 3		<p>Operations carried out at 1 A.M. by 11<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf Bn with 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Bns. conforming on the flanks was a complete success. All objectives gained &amp; several machine guns, both 1908 &amp; 1915 pattern trench mortars &amp; an anti tank gun captured. Prisoners 5 Officers &amp; 253 other ranks. Machine guns were pushed forward &amp; engaged enemy positions opposite our right flank during this morning's operation. One of the flank guns posted at E6C1.8 engaged in a duel at a distance of 50 yards an enemy M.G. which opened on our attacking infantry. Lt Cpl. COLLINS (Number One on the gun) silenced the enemy M.G. which Lieut. SCOTT then brought in together with one unwounded prisoner, a member of the crew. The enemy gun had been hit by a bullet &amp; one gunner had been killed &amp; one mortally wounded. All enemy approaches &amp; centres of activity were kept under harassing fire, during &amp; for some period after the attack. C.O. (Lt Col I.G. MACKAY DSO) went on leave to ENGLAND. Senior Major who carries on in C.O.'s absence visited HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Bde &amp; HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust M G Coy in the line. Guns in 2<sup>nd</sup> zone re-distributed as per orders herewith.</p>	<p>WRT P</p>

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1<sup>st</sup> Aust MG Battalion

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VM D 1510	1918 4 June		Acting C.O. held large orderly room at 12 noon when twelve cases (absence from billets) were disposed of. Enemy artillery activity above normal. Fortunately we sustained no casualties. Large quantities of salvage is being brought back from Coy HQ nightly in the limbers which carry up the rations.	
	5 June		Acting C.O. had interview with G.O.C. Division who informed him Lt Col. MACKAY DSO was being ordered back from BOULOGNE in order that he assumes the temporary command of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bde Major W R FRENCH DSO assumes the command of the MG Battalion temporarily. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coy. relieved 21 <sup>st</sup> Co in the B line positions (support) at 11 PM & 21 <sup>st</sup> Co marched to Reserve Area SERCUS for 8 days training. Capt K. I. G. is relinquishes position as Transport Officer to the Bn to be second in command of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Company. Lt Col. MACKAY returned this afternoon formally handed over.	

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V17D1510	1918 June 6		<p>Capt. SEWELL &amp; Capt HOGG of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. M. G. Battalion were awarded with the Military Cross in Birthday Honours list. Acting Co accompanied by Lieut. HAY Signalling Officer visited HQ of 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy in the line &amp; arranged that the 80's Barrage line be altered to suit circumstances. The pushing out of posts has made the clearance rather fine so it was thought better to re-adjust the line to ensure absolute safety to our own troops. Relief of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust M G Coy by 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust M G Coy complete 12 midnight.</p>	
	June 7		<p>Fine day. Acting C.O. accompanied by Q M visited several houses which have been sandbagged for use as M G positions. Capt. H. E. WOODMAN reported to Pon HQ as acting second in command &amp; the command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Co is now undertaken by Capt F. A. HUDD. Capt J. M. HOGG, adjutant returned ex infantry school (Army).</p>	

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1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Div.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V17D 15 10	8.6.18		<p>Fine hot day, low visibility. Of C.O. (Major W.R. FRENCH. D.S.O. M.C.) accompanied by the Adj. (Capt HOGG. J.M. M.C.) visited the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy in the line. Q.M. (Lieut WOOD) visited the 21<sup>st</sup> Coy at SIRCUS to inspect the clothing &amp; check the indents. Of S.I.C. (Capt. H.E. WOODMAN D.S.O.) accompanied by the Adjutant. visited the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy in the lines &amp; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aul. Inf Bde H.Q. The Sig. Officer (Lieut HAY.) visited the 21<sup>st</sup> Coy at SIRCUS to inspect the signallers. Of C.O. accompanied by Major HESLOP. D.S.O. - D.A.D.V.S., Major KERR. D.S.O. D.A.Q.M.G. &amp; Transport Officer (Lieut EWINS) inspected the transport of Bde H.Q. &amp; the 4 companies report attached. R.M.O. (Capt. HAMILTON) inspected the 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. &amp; completed the Disinfecto. Of Q.M. (Lieut BAIRD) visited D.A.D.O.S. at EBBLINGHEM to explain loss of equipment. Two timber loads of salvage &amp; a salvaged Petrol Engine was sent to D.A.D.O.S.</p>	Sheet. 36?
	9.6.18		<p>Fine hot morning, low visibility, light rain during afternoon &amp; evening. Of C.O. (Major W.R. FRENCH. D.S.O. M.C.) accompanied by Of S.I.C. visited the 3<sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy in the line &amp; reconnoitred houses, behind the reserve line in the right Bde sector, with a view to defence by machine guns &amp; suitable for the construction of concrete placements.</p>	

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V17D 1510			<p>Sig officer (Lieut HAY) visited the 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy. in the line, &amp; arranged for telephonic communication with Left Side, &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> Side H.Q. - Lieut WOOD conducted Capt. F.A. HUDD. O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy. to houses selected for defence in the Left Side sector. 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy to carry on the construction of these positions. Div A.P. Officer (Lt. MANNERS) visited the 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy in the line, the forward section of 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy in the ROUGE CROIX DEFENCES, &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Inf. Side H.Q. 1 officer (Lieut COLBORNE-WEEK) &amp; 4 O.R. proceeded on U.K leave - 3 timber loads of salvage was sent to D.A. D.O.S.</p>	
	10-6-18		<p>Q Heavy rain storms during morning, fine &amp; clear afternoon &amp; evening. Q.M. (Lieut WOOD) went to LUMBRES to attend cooking demonstration at 2 Army School. - of C.O. (Major W.R. FRENCH. D.S.O. MC) accompanied by a/s. i.c. visited the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy in the line, decided on their S.O.S lines &amp; approved of their harassing fire programme. also visited Left Side H.Q. (1<sup>st</sup> Side) As the XV Corps M.G.O did not approve of several M.G. positions that had been selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> zone of the Right Side sector. Lieut MANNERS accompanied by Engineer Officer reconnoitred new positions, these have been submitted for approval.</p>	<p>W.R.F. 6</p>



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sheet 36 A. V17D1510			Transport Officer (Lieut H.E. EWINS) inspected the transport of each of the 4 Coys at their respective transport lines. C.O. accompanied by 1/5.I.C. visited the H.Q. of 1 <sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> zone. Syllabus of training for the recruits of Coys left out of the line, for the ensuing week approved of. Syllabus attached.	
	11618		1/5.I.C. (Major W.R. FRENCH D.S.O.) visited D.H.Q. saw H.Q. regarding salvaged M.G. material at site of old Army workshops HAZE BROUCK & arranged that an officer met the Div. Salvage Officer at 3.30pm with a regard to utilising the material in the Div. Area. G.O.C. Division inspected the 2 <sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy at SIRCUS & expressed satisfaction with regard to the turn out etc. 3 Cadets - 3214/C ABBOTT. W.T. - 44.33 Sgt CHAMBERS. E.A. & 13497/Sgt FORRESTOR. F. went to England to the Cadet School. Lt. H.C. WATSON - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coy proceeded to England to relieve Lt. C.E. THOMAS, on the instructional staff of AM.G.T.D. at GRANTHAM, who returns to Duty. 1/5.I.C. Capt. H.E. WOODMAN D.S.O.) accompanied by Lt. MANNERS inspected houses that are being prepared for M.G. defence in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> zone of the Left Side Sector.	NEW

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X17D1510			As the Adj (LT HOGG M.C.) was indisposed the Sig. Officer (LT HAY) assisted the Adj with his duties. Transport Officer LT EWINS inspected the transport of all coys excepting the 21 <sup>st</sup> at SIRCUS & arranged that the 50 <sup>th</sup> Colours & crossed guns be painted on the tail-boards of the limbers & that the limbers of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy be renewed & painted. - Cold cloudy day.	
	12618		Fine clear day. Of O accompanied by Lieut HAY visited the 3 <sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy in the line - met Capt BARDIN of 1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneer B <sup>de</sup> at BORE & visited houses selected for M.G. defence in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> zone of the Right Bde sector & arranged for concrete emplacements to be constructed in them. Lieut WOOD went to England to join the Flying Corps. His duties as Q.M. are taken over by Lieut BAIRD. LT. KENT - 1 <sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy reported to H.Q. to take over duties of Transit Adj. Transport Officer visited the transport of all coys - arranged that the wheelwright reported to B <sup>de</sup> H.Q. to carry out necessary repairs to limbers etc. Div H.A. Officer Lieut MANNERS inspected the Anti aircraft portion of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Bde & the 21 <sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy at SIRCUS. also visited 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div.	

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V17D15.10			Q.M. Lieut BAIRD visited JADOS at EBBLINGHAM - 5 Officers on JADOS HQ - Capt. HAMILTON - R.M.O., Capt. HOGG. Adj. LT. WOOD - Q.M. LT BAKER-FINCH of Adj. Capt. HE WOODMAN. of S.I.C. have been confined to their beds during the past two days with a mild attack of influenza.	Sheet 369
	13.6.18		Fine clear day. Inter Coy relief between the reserve Coy (21 <sup>st</sup> ) at SIRGUS & the 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> zone defences. relief completed without incident. 38 <sup>th</sup> order attached. Div AA Officer (Lieut MANNERS) & Sig OFFICER (Lieut HAY) visited the 2 <sup>nd</sup> MG Coy in the line, the 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bde HQ & the 12 Army Bde Artillery H.Q. Transport Officer visited all Coy's transport. - of Adj. LT KENT visited 1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneer for re-demonstration of concrete M.G. emplacements. 3 M.G. Coy had one gun out of action for 24 hrs due to mirror breakage.	
	14.6.18		Blousy day strong westerly wind. of CO. attended G.O.C conference at D.H.Q. Lieut HAY (SIG. OFFICER) & Lt MANNERS visited 3 <sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy in the line & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde H.Q. - Capt # J. M. HOGG. M.C., LT R.F. WARREN. M.C., LT J.K. ROGERS, & No 1917 Sgt McThuish & 1183 Cpl SWEENEY J.S. proceeded to England as relief for permanent cadre at AMGTJ GRANTHAM -	

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V17D15-10			<p>1 officer (Lt HORAN J.R.) &amp; 4 O.R. proceeded to XV Corps School Infantry course also 4 O.R. each to the Bombing &amp; Hotchkiss Gun course.</p> <p>On Capt HOGG's departure to England the duties of Adjutant are taken over by the of Adj (Lt BAKER-FINCH) &amp; duties of of Adj by Lieut Kent.</p> <p>Q.M. (Lieut BAIRD) visited D.A.D. O.S. at EBBLINGHAM.</p>	
	15618		<p>Fine clear day. abnormal number of hostile balloons up opposite Div front. of c.o. accompanied by Major SPECKMAN. CO 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Bn inspected M.G. Defences E of STRAZEELE <del>at</del> ROUGE CROIX &amp; visited 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy in the line. Owing to the "Precautionary Period" (in accordance with Div. defence scheme) being ordered, 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy moved forward from SIRGUS to bivouacs in the vicinity of B.H.Q. at V17D15-10 &amp; come under orders G.O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Bde - orders attached. other sections moved to position &amp; laid down.</p> <p>Court of Inquiry was held at H.Q. 21<sup>st</sup> Coy to enquire into loss of equipment. President Capt SEWELL O.S. 21<sup>st</sup> Coy. Members Lieuts. MANNERS &amp; SHELLING.</p> <p>Div AA officer (Lieut MANNERS) visited D.H.Q. re AA work.</p>	<p>ACW</p>

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V17D1510	16.6.16		<p>of S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut HAY visited 2nd Sub. Inf. Bde H.Q. the 21st M.G. Coy in the line &amp; the guns of the 3rd M.G. Coy in the 2nd zone of the Right Bde Sector. Capt F.A. HUDD OC 1st M.G. Coy &amp; 7 O.R. proceeded on U.K. Leave. Lieut H.E. EWINS (Transport Officer) was evacuated to C.C.S. suffering from a sprained ankle. On night of 15/16 21st M.G. Coy from the 2nd zone line relieved the 3rd K.G. Coy in the line <sup>in the R. Sector.</sup> relief was completed without incident by 1 am. 3rd K.G. Coy returned to position in the 2nd zone. A test of the new S.P.A. boxes containing two expendable belts was carried out by the 1st M.G. Coy at V17.D.15.10. Two types of boxes were tested - one containing two belts side by side, the other containing two belts end on. The latter type proved the most satisfactory. Fine &amp; clear day, visibility very good.</p>	
	17.6.16		<p>of C.O. (Major W.R. FRENCH D.S.O. M.G.) accompanied by R.M.O. (Coy HAMILTON) visited the 2nd M.G. Coy in the line &amp; the 1st Sub. Inf. Bde H.Q. - of S.I.C. visited rear H.Q. of 2, 3 &amp; 21 M.G. Coys &amp; inspected transport &amp; bullets etc. Lieut <del>Mc</del> FADDEN - G.P. reported to Bde H.Q. to take over duties of T.O.</p>	Held

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V17D15.10.			<p>of S.I.C. accompanied by of Adj (Lieut BAKER-FINCH) visited 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div H.Q. Sects sig. Officer (Lieut HAY) checked all signal stores on Div H.Q. &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy. B.Y.F. Fine clear day.</p>	274369.
	18.6.18		<p>Sharp rain storm about 10 a.m. fine afternoon &amp; evening. of CO accompanied by Capt HAMILTON (R.M.D.) visited the H.Q. of 21<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy. at E3B44 and the 9<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bn E3C 85-20, two guns of 3<sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy in the B line of the right side sector at E2.A. &amp; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Bn H.Q. at W25A 45-80. of S.I.C. <del>also</del> visited 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bn H.Q. W8A81 re Machine Gun co-operation in minor operation to be carried out by 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bn in squares X20D - X26A &amp; X25B. of S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut HAY visited 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy H.Q. at W16D 20 05 &amp; arranged for a reconnaissance to be made in square X25D for two gun positions from which direct machine gun fire could be brought to bear on front proposed to attack. Also visited 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Bn H.Q. at W22D 85-95 re above arrangements. - At present an epidemic of influenza is going through the 25 OR. on Div H.Q. &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy. are affected with it. The attack is in a mild form &amp; lasts from three to four days</p>	H.W.

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V17 DIS. 10.			Lieut POTTER V.C. 1st M.G. Coy evacuated with Influenza. Transport Officer (Lieut MCFADDEN) visited the transport lines of all coys. "Precautionary Period" as ordered on 15th inst. ceased at midday troops with the exception of the 1st M.G. Coy resumed their normal position. 1st M.G. Coy remains in "Precautionary area" at V17 DIS. 10	
	19.6.18		Wed morning fine afternoon. Q.M. (Lieut BAIRD) visited S.S.O at 1st Div Train re position for 1st M.G. Coy which is remaining in bivouacs at V17 DIS. 10 of S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut KENT visited rear H.Q. of 2 M.G. Coy. Transport Officer visited transport lines of all coys. Capt HAMILTON (R.M.O.) went to ST OMER to purchase regimental colour patches.	
	20.6.18		Wed day. G.C.O. (Major W.R. FRENCH D.S.O. M.C.) accompanied by G. Adj. (Lieut BAKER-FINCH) visited the 2 M.G. Coy in the line & the forward position to which the 2nd Coy guns are to be moved for co-operating with the 1st Aust Inf Brigade operations also visited 2nd Aust Inf. H.Q. at W 18 DIS. 1.3 & the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q. at W 8 DIS. 1 - G.C.O. accompanied by Lieut KENT conducted G.O.C. 1st Aust Div. around the M.G. defences in the second zone of the New Front.	J.W.

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V17 DIS:10			<p>Lieut A.B. COCHRANE - 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Sig Coy reported to take over duties of sig officer attached to 18<sup>th</sup> H.Q. - Capt. HARRINGTON 3<sup>rd</sup> MG Coy, Lieut H. SYKES. 1<sup>st</sup> MG Coy, Lieut BOWMAN S. - 2<sup>nd</sup> MG Coy &amp; Lieut E.M. MITCHELL reported for duty as <del>1<sup>st</sup> MG Coy</del> 1<sup>st</sup> MG Coy. Grantham. Salvage return credited to 1<sup>st</sup> MG B. in Div routine orders for week ending 6.6.18 - £344.18.11 &amp; for week ending 13.6.18 £409.9.7</p>	
	21.6.18		<p>Dull cloudy day. G.C.O. accompanied by Lieut MANNERS visited 31<sup>st</sup> MG Coy H.Q. &amp; guns No 1 to 14 in the left forward sector of the right Brigade sector. G.S.I.C. &amp; Lieut HOGE 3<sup>rd</sup> MG Coy reconnoitred 4 gun positions in the "straggled outer circle" defences for the close defence of STRAZEFLE - No 402 Lt Doyle proceeded to Australia on transport. duty of the 3<sup>rd</sup> MG Coy in the second zone defences was relieved by the 1<sup>st</sup> MG Coy in reserve. relief was completed by 4 p.m. without incident - 18<sup>th</sup> order attached. 30 day for the first time rations were drawn &amp; issued to the four coys &amp; H.Q. as a Battalion.</p>	<p>MEG</p>

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V17D1510	22.6.18		Dull & windy day. of C.O. accompanied by Adj (Lieut BAKER-FINCH) visited 1st Anti Tank HQ at W&A&I. & all M.G. positions in the second zone of the 1st Anti Div front. of Adj Lieut BAKER-FINCH appointed Adjutant. vice Capt. HOGG. M.C. of Lieut FOULD M.M. reported for duty as O.T.C. posted to 1st M.G. Coy. - of Lieut MITCHELL E.M. posted to 21st Coy. for duty. of S.I.C. visited H.Q. 31st M.G. Bn at V19C6.6. for reasons. T.O. visited the parapet lines of all coys.	Sheet 27436A BTF
	23.6.18		Fine clear day. windy in the afternoon. - of C.O. visited the 21st M.G. Coy in the line & arranged for new S.O.S lines to be laid out, owing to our front line having been advanced & Guns No 15 & 16 having been moved forward to new positions of S.I.C. visited the 2nd M.G. Coy in the line & accompanied by Lieut HEARNE 1st Coy. visited locations selected for four gun positions for the close defence of STRAZBELE also visited 1st Anti Tank HQ at W&A&I. of Adj Lieut KENT conducted two 3rd Coy officers (Lieuts SMITH & RIEB) around the M.G. defences in the B.C. & D Lines on the 1st Anti Div front. Lieut HAY (ex Sig. Officer Bn HQ) posted to 21st Coy for duty.	ASW

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1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VII DIS 10	24.6.18		<p>Wet day. OfCO accompanied by ofS.I.C. inspected rear HQ &amp; transport lines of all companies. - ofS.I.C. visited 3rd Aust Inf Bde HQ at W 25 745.80. &amp; arranged for M.G. in the right Bde sector to be moved forward 5-600yds. Lieut NATHAN L.T &amp; PEGLER. P.G. reported for duty ex England. Lieut PEGLER. P.G. posted to 3rd M.G. Coy. Lieut RAYMOND 21st M.G. Coy returned to duty ex hospital. O.M. Lieut BAIRD visited S.S.O. &amp; Adj 1st Aust Div Train. also DADOS at EBBLINGHEM. Inter Coy relief between 2 M.G. Coy in the front line of the left Bde sector &amp; the 1st M.G. Coy in the second zone defenses of the 1st Aust Div front. 10th Opdet attached. Div AA officer Lieut MANNERS visited 2nd Aust Inf Bde AA defenses at SIRCUS.</p>	
	25.6.18		<p>Fine day visibility poor. OfCO visited 21st Coy in the line &amp; accompanied by the acting OC (Lieut FERREE) reconnoitred machine gun positions in the right Bde forward area with a view to moving present guns forward 5-600' to conform to the advance of the front line. Also arranged for the 21st Coy to co-operate in minor operation to be carried out.</p>	<p>YEW out.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V17D15.70			<p>out on night 26/27 by the 93<sup>rd</sup> Inf Bde (English) left side right Div front. orders attacked, also visited 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf Bde HQ at W257 45.50</p> <p>of S.I.C visited the - 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy in the line, Guns in the ROUGE CROIX. Close defence system, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde HQ at W143 10.45 &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf Bde HQ at W1878.1. Div AA Officer (Lieut MANNERS) visited AA defences of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AFABde</p> <p>Transport Officer visited transport lines of all Coys.</p>	<p>Sheet</p> <p>27 + 26 A</p> <p>B + F</p>
	26.6.18		<p>Time clear day. of C.O. accompanied by Capt VINNICOMBE OC 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy, visited 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy in the line on left side front, &amp; the M.G. defences in the STRAZEELE OUTER CIRCLE. - Lieut Col G. WEICK - G.S.O.1. 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. visited 7<sup>th</sup> H.Q. re M.G. co-operation for forthcoming operations to be carried out by XI Corps on the 27/28. - Lieut Col. COWLEY C.O. 31<sup>st</sup> B<sup>th</sup> M.G.C. visited 7<sup>th</sup> H.Q. re M.G. cooperation for minor operations to be carried out by 93<sup>rd</sup> Bde to night 26/27. &amp; also for co-operation for with XI Corps</p> <p>of C.O. disposed of 4 cases at 7<sup>th</sup> orderly room. of C.O. held a conference with Coy. Commanders at 7<sup>th</sup> H.Q. at 5 p.m. - of day: checked calculations of barrage tables for minor operations.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>17</p>

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1<sup>st</sup> Sub. M. 9 J.P.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V17 D1510			all coys were supplied with anti tank S.A.D + reserve ration for forward gun position	
	27.6.18		<p>fine day. low visibility. of C.O. visited 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. M. 9 J.P. HQ at W8981 - of S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut NATHAN - visited 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub. M. 9 J.P. HQ at W2594580, inspected concrete M.G. emplacements under construction in the second zone right side front, &amp; extemporised M.G. mounts constructed in W27C for firing over growing crops. visited 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy in the line on right side front &amp; arranged for reconnaissance of M.G. positions to conform to the extension of the Div. southern boundary - Capt HAMILTON (R.M.O.) went to JUNIKIRK with cartons lorry to purchase cartons stores. Lieut J.H. BARR &amp; Sgt PETRIND of 307 M.G. Bn U.S.A. forces were attached to J.P. for experience. of C.O. accompanied by of S.I.C. &amp; Lieut BARR visited 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub. M. 9 J.P. HQ re-arrangement of M.G. positions to conform to the extension of the Div. southern boundary. of Adj. (Lieut KENT) checked all calculations for our co-operation in operation being sent under orders XI coys. on morning 28 June.</p>	<p>NEW</p>

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1st Aust M. G. Coy

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 17 D 15 16			Lieut ROACH - 3rd M.G. Coy proceeded <del>to</del> on U.K. Leave - Lieut COLBORNE - VEEL) returned to duty <del>on</del> U.K. leave.	
	28/6/19		<p>Fine day. Thunderstorm at midday - 1369 CSM. EVANS T.P. 1st M.G. Coy. &amp; 1422 CQMS THOMAS C. 3rd M.G. Coy. proceeded to the M.G.T.D. GRANTHAM.</p> <p>During the morning of S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut BARR (U.S. FORCES) inspected H.Q. visited the 3rd M.G. Coy &amp; watched them training, inspected the transport of 273 M.G. Coys. Court of Inquiry held at 3rd M.G. Coy's H.Q. V 23 C 15 35 to inquire into loss of bicycle No 27104. President Capt. HARRINGTON O.C. 3rd Coy. Members Lieut LATHLAIN 3rd Coy &amp; Lieut BOWMAN 2nd Coy. - Lieut C.W. SHELLING DCM. proceeded to England to report to the INDIAN OFFICE. LONDON. re a commission in the INDIAN ARMY of S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut BARR (U.S.) visited the right Brigade H.Q. (3. sub. 5. f.) re location of front line posts advanced during morning also visited 21st Coy in the line &amp; arranged for re distribution of guns &amp; provisional S.O.S. lines to conform to the advance of the front line &amp; the extension of the Div Southern boundary. Lieut BARR remained at.</p>	<p>at.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H.W.D.</p>

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1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Machine Gun Coy

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V17D15:10			<p>at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy's H.Q. during night 28/29. - of C.O. visited 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div H.Q. at P28 B 15:30 &amp; conferred with G.S.O.1, G.S.O.2, &amp; A.Q. also visited Reserve Troop H.Q. (1<sup>st</sup> Aust Inf) at V10A 6.0. accompanied by the Adj. Lieut BAKER-FINCH visited Right Troop H.Q. (3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Inf). 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy had No 2's gun blown out by shell fire, two of the gun crew were wounded. Q.M. (Lieut BAIRD) visited DADOS. Lieut L.C. GARDNER 3<sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy drew pay for the Troop from the Div. Paymaster at EBBLINGHAM.</p>	
	29.6.18		<p>fine day low visibility. of C.O. accompanied by of S.I.C. inspected the transport of all companies during the morning &amp; afternoon. Lieut BARR (U.S. FORCES) returned to Troop H.Q. from 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy. &amp; accompanied of C.O. during afternoon inspection of transport. Inter. Coy relief between the 2<sup>nd</sup> M.G. Coy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> zone defence &amp; the 3<sup>rd</sup> M.G. Coy in reserve relief completed by 4 p.m. without incident. No orders attached.</p>	
	30.6.18		<p>fine clear day - 1077 4/CPL WINTLE<sup>1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy</sup> proceeded to Aust on special transport duty. One O.R. from 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy proceeded on U.K. Leave. of C.O. accompanied by Lieut BARR (U.S. FORCES) visited the Left Troop H.Q. at W8981 &amp; the 1<sup>st</sup> M.G. Coy.   live</p>	

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1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters.

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by

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

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COMMANDING FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters,  
1st June. 1918

41 EXTRACTS.- The following extracts are taken from XV Corps Routine Orders.

"Damage to Trees.- When the occupation of orchards, etc., by mounted troops is necessary, horses will on no account be tied to trees; and care must be taken to tether them, whenever possible, out of reach of any trees.

Cases have occurred where the trunks of trees have been barked all round by horses being tied to them, or by the horses themselves eating the bark, with the result that the ~~trees~~ trees perish. To protect them from such injury, sacking or some similar material will invariably be wrapped round the trunks.

Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases where a breach of this order is brought to notice, and units will be ordered to pay the full amount of damage done."

"Dress.- With reference to C.R.O. 1325, "Shorts" are not to be worn by any Officer or man. Men who cut down S.D.Trousers into shorts will be made to replace them at their own expense"

"Damage to Crops and Pasture Land.-

(i) Cases are being brought to notice of unnecessary damage being caused by troops to growing crops and pasture land in the Corps Area.

(ii) The following instructions are therefore published and will be brought to the notice of all concerned:-

- (a) Officers and men, whether mounted or on foot, are forbidden to leave recognised roads and paths to take short cuts across tilled fields. The only exception will be in the case of linesmen whose duty makes it absolutely necessary to ride across country to repair wires.
- (b) Games will not be played in grass fields unless permission has been received from, or some arrangement made with, the owner of the fields.
- (c) Land will not be used for exercise, bombing practise, or manoeuvres without previous agreement with the owner.
- (d) Every effort will be made by troops on duty and undergoing training to avoid crossing newly sown land and young crops.

(iii) The above instructions apply throughout the XV Corps Area and include pasture land and growing crops in the evacuated zone.

(iv) The importance of preserving all growing crops of Hay, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Potatoes, Beans and Clover cannot be overestimated and every effort will be made to this end.

42 STRENGTH.- Battalion Headquarters

Casualties and struck off strength.-to date 27.5.18.

454	Pte	Porter J.M.	)	Wounded in Action
383	L/Cpl	Wright S.	)	do.
10	A/R.S.M.	Edgar W.		Died of Wounds.

The following rejoined from XV Corps Gas School on 30.5.18. and are detached to 2nd A.M.G.Co. for Gas Duty.-

6641	Pte	Stockdill H.	1st	A.M.G.Co.
2578	L/Sgt	Fraser R.C.	2nd	do
576a	Pte	McDonald J.D.	3rd	do
4746	Pte	Carthew J.	21st	do.

1st Australian Machine Gun Co.

Detached to XV Corps Schools as under.-

	Lieut.	E.Heane	26.5.18	Infantry School
263	Pte	Thompson J.E.	do	do.
1811	L/Cpl	Russel E.	do	do.
3432	L/Cpl	Notam R.	do	Lewis Gun School
	Capt	F.A.Hudd	27.5.18	Gas School
2803	Pte	Davies A.E.	do	do
693	"	Rath B.	do.	do
6641	"	Stockhill H	do	do



The following Died of wounds received in Action.

Lieut. J.W. Rolston 27.5.18.

Casualties and struck off strength from dates as under

Killed in Action

2814 Pte Fowler R.E. 28.5.18  
 287 L/Cpl Newton K.R. 30.5.18  
 7253 Pte Huntley J.H. do

Wounded in Action

1310 Pte Armstrong J. 28.5.18  
 7331 Pte Williams C.E. 30.5.18

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength 29.5.18.

4225 Pte McGlynn C.  
 401 " Tyrell H.A.  
 599 " Fox B.W.  
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2nd A.M.G. Company.

Detached to XV Corps Schools

861	Sgt	Box	W.R.	25.5.18	Infantry School
386	Cpl	Coe	F.A.	do	Lewis Gun
1126	"	Radnell	G.H.	26.5.18	Gas School
2578	L/Sgt	Fraser	R.T.	do	do

Transferred to Battalion H.Q. 25.5.18

31 C.S.M. Sykes R.A.

Rejoined 6th Aust. Infantry Battalion from attachment.

2/Lieut. S.W. Spark 30.5.18.

Evacuated to C. C. S. but not struck off strength.

Capt F.A. Vinnicombe )  
 Lt. R.F. Ellis ) 28.5.18

" " " and struck off strength.

3384 Dvr McDonald A.T. "  
 3339 Pte Harry L.J. 30.5.18

Rejoined from Hospital 28.5.18

1118 L/Cpl Barry M.A.  
 886 " Butterworth E.T.  
 774 Pte Dingwall H.  
 839 " Brennan J.  
 1352 Pte McKenzie A.  
 1651 " Patterson H.  
 3490 " Wallace J.S.

Detached to Divisional F. P. Compound.-

770 Pte Torbitt R. 28.5.18.

Rejoined Unit from Divisional F.P. Compound

2043 Pte Williamson M.G. 29.5.18.  
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3rd Australian Machine Gun Co.

Detached to XV Corps Schools from dates as under

Lieut.	R.F. Warren	26.5.18.	Infantry School
2874	<del>Pte</del> McLeod J.	do	do
2167	<del>Cpl.</del> McEwan A.	do	do
2147	L/Cpl Hillier R.T.	do	Lewis Gun
576	Pte McDonald J.D.	27.5.18	Gas School
348	L/Cpl Loud F.	do	do

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength 28.5.18.

2598 Pte Brooks W.H.C.

~~Detached to 2nd A.M.G. Company 30.5.18~~

~~Lieut. J. C. Hoge M.C.  
 2814 Pte Henley H.J.~~

## 3rd Australian M. G. Co. (cont.)

Marched in from Base and taken on strength (from Hospital)

1152 Sgt Broom H.J. 29.5.18  
 2035 Pte Trestrail A.G. do  
 1349 " Gray H. do  
 563 Sgt Evans W.J. do M.G.T.D.  
 1804 Pte Richards R.H. do do  
 3145 " Dodd A.E. do do  
 2789 Dvr Hall S. do do  
 562a Pte Quinn J.P. do do

Taken on Strength from O.T.C. 29.5.18  
 2/Lieut. S.H. Reed

Casualties and struck off Strength from dates as under.-

Died of Wounds

Capt. D.V. Mulholland 31.5.18

Killed in Action

236a Pte O'Halloran J.D. do

Wounded in Action

2179 Pte Knight A.W. do  
 693 C.S.M. Miller G.E. do  
 6332 Pte Peck C.L. do  
 2299 " Taylor T.F. do  
 28 " Forsyth F.D. 1.6.18

Evacuated to C.C.S. and struck off strength. 31.5.18

1754 Cpl Evenis W.E.T  
 3583 Pte Prescott A.G.  
 5077 " Crofts F.B.  
 282a " Johnston C.  
 596 " Eagle N.H.  
 598 " Durham W.  
 5078 " Woodruff A.W.  
 1846 " Wood H.H.

21st Australian Machine Gun Co.

Transferred to 4th A.I. Battalion 26.5.18

592 Pte Bootle A.C.

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength from dates as under

292	Cpl	Matchett	J.T.	26.5.18	475	Pte	Somes	F.H.	27.5.18
523	T/Cpl	Phillips	T.B.	27.5.18	247	"	Roots	J.	27.5.18
378b	Pte	Kelly	C.L.	28.5.18	276	"	Brennan	R.	28.5.18
375c	"	Miller	W.W.	do	6367	"	Tink	R.	do
373	"	Mirtus	A.	29.5.18					

Casualties and struck off strength from dates as under.-

1182 Sgt Kennedy G. Wounded in action 29.5.18  
 368 L/Cpl Donald A. do do  
 860 Pte O'Neill A. Killed in Action 25.5.18

Detached to XV Corps Schools from date as under.-

362a Cpl Kidd G. 25.5.18 Infantry School  
 393a " Brown A.G. do Lewis Gun  
 4746 Pte Carthew J. 26.5.18 Gas School  
 374 L/Cpl Drier H.W. do do

Evacuated to C.C.S. and struck off strength from dates as under

434 L/Cpl ~~Batman~~ Backman G. 25.5.18  
 3225 Pte Denning A.J. 28.5.18  
 1873 " Blinkherne G. 31.5.18

3 PAY.- The following is a copy of a cablegram received from the Secretary of Defence.

"Approval given increase Separation Allowance Rates from 1/5d. to 2/- and 4½d. to 6d. dating from April 5th 1918. Essential you obtain covering allotments allowing for increased rates separation allowance. All promotions from now onwards as allottees will receive increased rates automatically from April 5th 1918"

All men promoted up to rank of Corporal, whose dependents in Australia are in receipt of Separation Allowance require to make increased allotment as from date of promotion, allowing for full amount of separation allowance paid.

When allottees are not dependent, a declaration of non-dependency is to be signed.

44 SALVAGE The following are salvage returns for week ending 1.6.1918.

Company	Fat	Waste Paper	Cardboard	Cartons	Tins
1st A.M.G.Co.	150 Lbs	45 Lbs	15 Lbs	19 Lbs	4 1/2 Bags
2nd do	70 "	50 "	NIL	4 "	3 "
3rd do.	150 "	45 "	15 Lbs	12 "	6 "
21st do.	37 "	24 1/2 "	36 "	46 "	11 1/4 "
H.Q.	98 "	40 "	4 "	11 "	1 1/2 "
<b>Totals</b>	<b>505 Lbs</b>	<b>204 Lbs</b>	<b>70 Lbs</b>	<b>92 Lbs</b>	<b>26 1/2 Bags.</b>

Following are returns for Month of May 1918.-

	Fat	Waste Paper	Cardboard	Cartons	Tins
1st A.M.G.Co.	453 Lbs	112 Lbs	40 Lbs	46 Lbs	8 Bags
2nd do	200 "	110 "	20 "	4 "	5 1/2 "
3rd do	400 "	152 "	15 "	38 "	10 3/8 "
21st do	78 "	373 "	51 "	69 "	13 "
Rft.Camp.	50 "	10 "	-	8 "	- "
H.Q.	293 "	231 "	36 "	61 "	5 "

TOTALS 1474 LBS 988 LBS 212LBS 226 LBS 42LBS

The following excellent Salvage Return for the past month is from the 3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.-

Socks	344	Singlets	62	Towels	20
Shirts	35	Underpants	121	Respirators S.B.	25
Water-Bottles	45	Carriers Water Bottles	10	Putties 2 1/2 Prs.	23 1/2
Boots Ankle Prs.	56	Caps S.D.	33	Breeches S.D.	100
Tunics S.D.	67	Cardigan Jackets	75	Jerkins Leather	7
Helmets P.H.	96	Scarfs	4	Greatcoats	9
Jackets Sheepskin	2	Garths Canvas	4	Bandoliers L'thr	1
Buckets Canvas	1	Oil Bottles	9	Bayonet Frogs	1
Entrenching Tools	3	Entrenching Carriers	3	Tripods Unserv.	1
Rubber bags	1	Mess Tin	1	Shell Cases	34
Gloves Woollen Prs.	57 1/2	Cap Comforters	28	Pantaloons	5
Headstalls	3	Boilers Square	3	Boilers Round	2
Pouches Amm.	3	Packs	3	Holdalls	3
Brake Handles	3	Haversacks	2	Sling Rifle	1
Mallets	2	Chemical Containers	1	Rifles	29
Bayonets	9	Scabbards	14	Equipment Bags	2
Ground Sheets	16	Boots F.S. Prs	1	Hats S.D.	8
Gloves (Fingerless)	18	Abdominal Belts	23	Steel Helmets	5

PART II

45 PROMOTIONS.- To be Corporals.-  
 Battalion Headquarters.- No.3512 L/Cpl.Mahoney W.J. to date 12.4.18 to complete establishment.  
 2nd A.M.G.Co. No.3086 L/Cpl Earl vice No.529 /L/Sgt.Cameron promoted Sergeant 19.5.18.  
CORRIGENDUM Battalion Order No 10 of 25.5.18.  
 Delete. To be L/Sgt. 2578 Cpl. Fraser R.T. vice L/Sgt Cameron promoted 19.5.18.  
 Substitute No.2578 Cpl.Fraser to be L/Sgt.19.5.18 to complete establishment.

*Arthur Smith*  
Lt. & A/Adjutant,  
1st Australian M.G. Battalion

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BATTALION ORDER NO 12

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by

Major W.R.F. French D. S. O. M.C.

Temporarily Commanding First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters,  
8th June 1918.

46 MANURE - DISPOSAL OF.

(1) The following extracts from Army Standing Orders are published for information and are to be strictly carried out.-

(a) All manure is to be removed from horse lines at least once in 24 hours. In no circumstances must it be allowed to accumulate.

(b) Fixed dumps for manure must be arranged for at suitable spots selected outside villages, and will be marked. Manure will be properly stacked in these dumps and will not be deposited in small heaps.

(c) Town Majors will indicate the sites of these dumps to troops immediately the latter arrive in their areas.

47 S.B. RESPIRATORS - IMPROPER USE OF.

A.S.O. 2000 is republished for information.

It has come to notice that men, whilst wearing the box respirators in a gassed area are in the habit of allowing the face piece to fall down, exposing the eyes, but at the same time using the mouth piece and nose clip.

This practice is dangerous and strictly forbidden.

Co. C. Units will be held responsible that the eye pieces of small box respirators of personnel under their command are treated with anti-dimming composition immediately after use, and, if not in use once weekly.

48 GUARDS.

XV Corps Routine Order No. 1356 - Guards - is republished for information:-

Instances have been noted recently of guards carrying out their duties in a slovenly manner. In cases where guards are considered necessary the Officer who orders the guard to be mounted will take steps to ensure that the Guard are thoroughly instructed in their duties, are smartly turned out and that Sentries and Guards pay the proper compliments.

49 SALVAGE

Following are returns for week ending 8th June 1918.-

Company	Fat	Waste Paper	Cardboard	Cartons	Fins.
1st A.M.G. Co.	100	197	93	17	1 Bag
2nd do.	200	64	29	36	3 "
3rd do.	50	88	30	3	1 "
21st do.	228 55	42	16	7	1 "
En. H. Q.	100	42	26	6	1 "
Totals	506 Lbs	433 Lbs	194 Lbs	69 Lbs	7 Bags.

STRENGTH

Battalion Headquarters

From Army Infantry School 7.6.18.

Capt. J. M. Eogg M.C.

766 Pte Harison P.

The undermentioned proceeded on Leave to England 1.6.18.

320 Pte Lawrie A.J.

The following "B" Class men are taken on strength 1.6.18.

7433 to Ormond W.B.

Detached to 1st A.I. Brigade to Temporary Command 6.6.18

Lt. Col. T.G. Mackay D.S.O.

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Battalion B.C. (Cont)

Detached to 1st A.I. Bde. 6.6.18.  
 5040 Pte Brown H.S.  
 1958 " Hayward J.W.  
 Transferred to 2nd. A.M.G. Coy.,  
 338 Pte. Dunn F. 7;6;18.

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1st A.M.G. Company.

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength from dates as under.-  
 No.1570 Cpl. Kerr 31.5.18. 325 Pte Gorton A.G. 7.6.18.  
 1510 Pte. Armstrong S.C. 1918. 3443 " Pense L.D. do  
 2410 " Gates T.J. do

Transferred to Battalion Headquarters  
 2475 Pte Lewis L.J. 5.6.1918  
 Transferred from 1st Pioneer Battalion  
 2378 Pte Knight J. 4.6.18.  
 Evacuated and struck off strength  
 2526 Dvr. Coath H.S. 5.6.18.  
 Casualties and struck off strength.-  
 641 Pte Little W.G. 1.6.18.  
 Rejoined from XV Corps Gas School.- to date 1.6.18.  
 Capt. F. A. Hudd  
 2803 Pte Davies A.H.  
 693 " Beth V.  
 Undermentioned proceeded on Leave to England 1.6.18.  
 327 Pte Holstein H.C.

2nd Australian Machine Gun Co.

Detached to XV Corps Gas School.-  
 297 Cpl. Hinton P.H. 1.6.18.  
 Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength 2.6.1918.  
 Capt. F.A. Vinnicombe  
 Lieut. R.F. Ellis  
 311 Pte Haynes E. 3708 Pte Coles H.J.  
 2064 " Robertson J.W.  
 Rejoined from XV Corps Gas School.-  
 1126 Cpl. Radnell G.A. 2.6.18.  
 Casualty and struck off strength  
 244 Pte Hearley J.J. Wounded in Action 7.6.18.

3rd Australian Machine Gun Co.

Marched in from Base and taken on strength.- to date 7.6.1918.  
 695 Pte Clothier L.D.  
 614 " Crowe A.A.  
 3422 " McIl Dowie J.  
 241 " Moore C.F.  
 759 " Kirk W.A.  
 Rejoined from Hospital from dates as under.-  
 598 Pte Durham W. 4.6.18.  
 2914 " Poggen W. 30.5.18.  
 Rejoined from XV Corps Gas School to date 1.6.18.  
 348 L/Cpl. Loud F.  
 Detached to XV Corps Gas School 6.6.18.  
 Lieut. Jamieson G.E. H.C.  
 3335 Pte Rutton H.  
 Proceeded to Leave to United Kingdom 1.6.18.  
 556 Pte Kelly W.D.  
 564 L/Cpl Evans J.T.  
 Evacuated and struck off strength 6.6.1918.  
 1792 Pte Penniford W.E.  
 Detached to Divisional P.P. Compound. 1.6.1918.  
 1397 Pte Hores S.

21st Australian Machine Gun Co.

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 Proceeded on Leave to United Kingdom from dates as under.-  
 462 L/Cpl Fleming A. 1.6.18.  
 2203 Pte Ireland G.C. 5.6.18.  
 Rejoined from XV Corps Gas School 1.6.18.  
 374 L/Cpl. Drier H.W.  
 Casualty and struck off strength 5.6.1918.  
 3402 Pte Wright J. Wounded in Action  
 Evacuated and struck off strength from dates as under.-  
 To C. C. S. 363a Pte Wallace G.W. 3.6.18.  
 Marched in from Base and taken on strength 7.6.18.  
 5138 Pte Callaghan G.H.  
 391c " Oliver W.H.  
 592 " Bishop W.

PART 11

51 APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

Appointments.-

Captain H.E.Woodman D.S.O. to be transferred from 1st A.M.G.Co. to Battalion H.Q. to be Acting Second in Command.  
 Captain K.I.Gill Transferred from Battalion H.Q. to 2nd A.M.G.Co. to be Company S.I.C.  
 Lieut. H.E.Swine Transferred from 1st A.M.G.Co. to Battalion H.Q. vice Captain K.I.Gill.  
 Lieut. G.A.C.McFadden Transferred from 2nd A.M.G.Co. to Battalion H.Q. to be assistant Transport Officer vice Lt.SWINE.

2nd Australian Machine Gun Co.

No.6541 Pte Gilbert E. is promoted Driver (A.I.F.Order 785) to complete establishment, vice Dvr.Grierson H. Reverted to ranks at his own request (B.R.O.S) 7.5.18.  
 No.1491 Pte Hayne T. to be Farrier vice Dvr. Mahony W.J. transferred to Battalion H.Q. (A.I.F.Order 785) 30.4.18.

Promotions.-

21st Australian Machine Gun Co.

To be T/C.S.M. No.394 Sgt COLBERT E.T. vice C.S.M.MONKS evacuated wounded 2.11.17. to date 24.5.18.  
 To be T/C.Q.M.S.No.340 Sgt Clayton R.R. vice C.Q.M.S.KLEMAN promoted R.Q.M.S.R.3.18. to date 11.4.18.  
 To be Sgt. No.335 T/Sgt Seacon G.J. to date 6.6.1918.  
 To be T/Sgt. No.380 Cpl O'Neill F.J. to date 24.5.18. vice Sgt. Colbert promoted T/C.S.M.S.  
 do No.2420 L/Sgt Pritchard W.G. to date 11.4.18 vice Sgt. Clayton promoted T/C.Q.M.S.  
 do No.374 Cpl Miller T.O. to date 31.5.18. vice Sgt. Kennedy G. wounded.  
 To be T.Cpl. No.7350 A.L/Cpl.Williams J.K. to date 1.6.18.to complete establishment.  
 do. No.528 L/Cpl.Wilson J.J. to date 1.6.18. to complete establishment.  
 do. No.325 L/Cpl.Phillips T.B. to date 29.5.18. vice Burton on Duty to Australia.  
 To be L/Cpl. No.375 Pte Hanefield T. to date 1.6.18.

Battalion Headquarters.

No. 2189 L/Cpl. Morrall R.A. to be Corporal to date 5.6.1918. to complete establishment.

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PUNISHMENTS.

			<u>OFFENCE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
No. 6789	Pte. Geale J.E.	En.H.Q.	When on active Service absent from tattoo 9 pm. until 11.30 pm	Forfeits 10 days pay 27.5.18.
No. 3687	" Bowman J.S.	En.H.Q.	Neglect of duty.	Forfeits 7 days pay 27.5.18
No. 770	" Torbitt H.	2nd Co.	1. Absent without Leave from 2 pm 11.4.18 to 11.30 am 14.4.18 2. Whilst under open arrest 28 days F.P.No.2 breaking away and remaining absent from 2.45 pm till 23.4.18 3. Drunkenness	Forfeits 6 days pay R.W. 28 days F.P.No.2
No. 4389	" Gent A.C.	3rd Coy.	Using Insubordinate Language to his Superior Officer	1 Year I.H.L. 28.5.18. (Commutd to 90 Days F.P.2)
No. 1367	" Heres S.	3rd Coy.	Using Insubordinate Language to his superior Officer 1.6.1918.	2 Years I.H.L.
No. 43	" Normington W.	2nd Coy	Drunkenness	4 days F.P.2. 5.6.18
No. 813	" Gracie J.	21st Coy?	Absent without Leave from parade	2 days F.P.No 2. 5.6.18.
No. 1319	" Barrett H.D.		do.	do.
No. 635	" Dennington G.R.		do.	do.
No. 706	" Willie L.S.		do.	do.
No. 4575	" Barry J.		do.	do.
No. 3350	" Cox E.A.		do.	do.
No. 976	Dvr. Matthews T.		do.	Reverted o Private 5.6.18
No. 898	Dvr. Rigney H.P.		do.	Reverted to Pri- vate 5.6.18.
No. 1642	Pte. Walker H.F.		do.	4 days F.P.No.2 5.6.18.
No. 8671	Dvr. Watson L.J.		do.	7 days F.P.No.2 5.6.18.
No. 3288	Pte Condron T.		do.	7 days F.P.No.2 5.6.18.
No. 976	Pte Robertson D.A.		do.	2 days F.P.No.2 5.6.18.
No. 2203	Pte Ireland C.C.		do.	7 days F.P.No.2 5.6.18.
No. 2671	Dvr. Watson L.J.		1. Absent without Leave from 4.30 am Stable Parade 2. Drunkenness	Reprimanded Reinstated to Private, and to return to duty with Section 5.6.18

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APPRECIATION.

The Commanding Officer desires to place on record the good services rendered during recent periods in the line by the following :-

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- Lieut. E.J. Scott M.C. M.M.
- Lieut. V.C Potter.
- 3139 L/Cpl. Collins G.L.

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*Walter Litch*  
 Lieut & A/Adjutant,  
 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.



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Battalion Order No. 13.

by

Major W.R.F. French D. S. O. M. C.

Temporarily Commanding 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters,  
15th June 1918.

54 PAY.- Attention is again drawn to A.I.P. Order No. 154 re maximum rates of fortnightly pay. These are as follows.-

<u>R A N K</u>	<u>A M O U N T.</u>
W.O.s Class 1 or Equivalents	90 Francs
C.S.M.	80 "
C.Q.M.S.	75 "
Sergeant or Corporal	70 "
Driver	65 "
Private	40 "

In future these rates will be strictly adhered to.

55 G.O.C. No. 132, PARA 4245. Assistance to Observers Descending from Balloons.- All ranks will give assistance to observers descending from balloons in parachutes and endeavour to save them from being dragged. This can be done by seizing the silk and rolling it up. It is little use holding on to the observer or to the rope leads by which he is attached, as a parachute will easily drag two men along the ground.

56 FODDER - PRECAUTIONS AGAINST GAS. Care will be taken that no green fodder or grass which has been subjected to gas or gas shelling is fed to horses under any circumstances whatever.

57 SALVAGE - The following is Salvage Return for week ending 15.6.18.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fat</u>	<u>Cardboard</u>	<u>Waste Paper</u>	<u>Cartons</u>	<u>Tins.</u>
1st A.M.G.Co.	85 Lbs	27 Lbs	45 Lbs	22 Lbs	2 Bags
2nd do.	70 "	12 "	97 "	16 "	2 "
3rd do.	70 "	5 "	20 "	34 "	30 "
4th do.	119 "	18 "	37 "	27 "	1 "
En.H.C.	100 "	18 "	31 "	12 "	2 "
<u>Totals</u>	<u>364 Lbs</u>	<u>80 Lbs</u>	<u>230 Lbs</u>	<u>111 Lbs</u>	<u>102 Bags</u>

58 STRENGTH

Battalion Headquarters

The following men transferred to 1st A.M.G.Co.

No. 2230 Pte. J.D. Ryan 14.6.18

The following officer transferred to A.F.C. 12.6.1918.

Lieut. A.J. Wood.

The following are transferred to En. H.C. from 1st A.M.G.Co.

No. 2900 Pte Wiglesworth 15.6.18.

2475 " Lewis J.

2741 " Ford J.B. 9.6.18.

The following transferred from En. H.C. to 2nd A.M.G.Co.

No. 370 Pte Hufton A.C. 15.6.18.

3117 " Finn B.

The following officer is detached from 1st A.M.G.Co. to be acting Asst/Adjutant.

Lieut. G. Kent 12.6.18.

The following M.C.O. proceeded on leave

No. 49 L/Cpl. Matthews F. 15.6.18.

Proceeded to M.C.T.D. Grantham on duty Capt. J.M. Hogg M.C.

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1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined from School.- to date 9.6.1918.

Lieut. H. Heane  
 No. 2837 L/Cpl. Giles F. (Rejoined 12.6.18)  
 No. 283 Pte Thompson J.B.  
 No. 1811 T/Cpl. Russel B.  
 No. 3451 L/Cpl. Nolan A.

Rejoined from Hospital 9.6.1918

No. 2088 Pte Linter T.H.  
 No. 2021 " Selby G.O.

Detached to XV Corps Schools from dates as under.-

No. 385 Sgt. Blackmore A. 15.6.18.  
 " 7301 Cpl. Stone W. do.  
 4494 L/Cpl. Figgis W.H. do.  
 2837 " Giles F. 8.6.18.  
 949 Cpl. Wood A. 15.6.18.

Detached to O.T.C. to date 11.6.18.

No. 381 L/Cpl. Abbot F.T. 11.6.18.

Proceeded on Leave 16.6.1918

Capt. F.A. Mudd  
 No. 2000 Pte ~~Wheeler~~ H.K.

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2nd Australian Machine Gun Company.

The following are evacuated and struck off strength.-

481 Pte Kelly H.D. 8.6.18. Wounded in Action.  
 5482 " Sinclair Ch. W. 12.6.18 do.  
 5899 " Buffery G. " Accidentally Injured  
 3708 " Coles H.J. " do.  
 365 " Wells H.C. " Sick.

Killed in Action.

5672 Pte Dickman A.E. 11.6.18  
 3083 " Guddinby S.H. 11.6.18.

Rejoined from Hospital to date as under.-

382 Pte Rosser E. (ex School) 18.6.18.

Rejoined from School to date as under

297 Cpl. Hinton B.W. 8.6.18.  
~~298~~ 261 Sgt. Box W. 9.6.18.  
 286 Cpl. Coe T.A. "

Proceeded on Leave to U.K. 8.6.1918.

Lieut. W.D. Colborne-Veel D.C.M.

Proceeded to H.Q.T.D. Grantham

1917 Sgt. Melhish J.H. 12.6.1918.  
 1183 Cpl. Sweeney J. do.  
 Lieut. R.F. Warren M.C. do.  
 " J.K. Rodgers do.

} 3rd A.M.G. Co.

Proceeded to XV Corps Schools to date 14.6.18.

3976 Cpl. Sutton R.J. MM  
 86 " Prior H.W.  
 278 L/Cpl. <sup>Cooper</sup> Cooper G.W. MM  
 to date 13.6.18.

} 3rd A.M.G. Coy

4468 L/Cpl. Crocker W.  
 2628 Cpl. Wakepeace R.W.  
 4279 " O'Reilly R.T.  
 2573 Pte Barker R.J.  
 Lieut. J.R. Moran

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3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.

Proceeded on Leave to U.K.

1880 Sgt Pomeroy H.L. 8.6.18.  
 382 Pte Kirk R.D. 16.6.18.

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PUNISHMENTS.

No. 8230 Pte Ryan J.D.  
6789 " Geale J.  
805 L/Cpl. Battersworth

Drunkenness  
Overstaying Leave  
Drunkenness

7 days F.P.No.P.  
7 days Pay.  
Reverted to Ranks.

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*A. Baker. Smith*

Lieut. & A/Adjutant,  
1st Australian M. G. Battalion.

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Battalion Order No.14

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by

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Major W.R.F. French D.S.O. M.C.

Temp. Commanding 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters,  
22nd June 1918.

60 REMOVAL OF PROPERTY FROM HASEBROUCK.-

XV Corps Routine Order No.1388 is republished.-

"The driver of every Government Vehicle (Motor or horse drawn) sent to HASEBROUCK to remove civilian property will report to the A.P.M.HASEBROUCK immediately on entering the town, irrespective of whether a Gendarme, Interpreter or the Civilian Owner accompanies the vehicle or not.

Officers detailing vehicles for such duty will ensure that the drivers are acquainted with the above order."

61 CIVILIANS HIDING ON WAR DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.-

Attention is directed to G.O. 929 which is republished.-

"Civilians are not allowed to enter or travel on any War Department vehicle unless in possession of a written permit, signed by a Commanding or Staff Officer, which will be issued only in very exceptional cases.

The Senior Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or driver with the vehicles will be held responsible that this order is strictly enforced."

62 DOGS.-

G.O. 2312 is republished.-

"The circulation of dogs in the zone of the British Armies is forbidden, even if they are muzzled, unless they are held on leash. Sheep and cattle dogs employed at their work are exempt from this order.

Stray dogs found at large, even if muzzled, will be handed over by the Military police to the Civil Authorities to be destroyed."

63 THEFT OF BICYCLES.-

Army Routine Order No.2777 is republished.-

"The theft of bicycles, both motor and ordinary, is becoming increasingly common. These thefts can only be checked if C.O.s in addition to ensuring that all bicycles on the Establishment of their units are properly safeguarded, take action to prevent any bicycles in excess of those authorised by establishments being in possession of any man in their unit. In future the C.O. of a unit will be held personally responsible for the value of a bicycle lost from his unit if proper orders have not been issued and suitable arrangements made for the safe custody of bicycles on the establishment of his unit.

A C.O. will further be held responsible if an unauthorised bicycle is found in the possession of any man of his unit.

64 SALVAGE.- The following is Salvage Return for week ending 22.6.1918.

Unit	Fat	Cardboard	Waste Paper	Cartons	Tins
1st A.M.G.Co.	100 Lbs	5 Lbs	61 Lbs	10 Lbs	1 1/2 Bags
2nd do.	60 "	22 "	48 "	28 "	4 "
3rd do.	50 "	3 "	9 "	3 "	3 "
21st do.	60 "	20 "	32 "	15 "	1 "
En. H.C.	100 "	20 1/2 "	47 "	15 "	1 "
	370 Lbs	78 1/2 Lbs	194 Lbs	67 Lbs	10 1/2 Bags

64 (A) Gas. Several cases have lately been noticed of failure to comply with orders regarding the correct wearing of Box Respirators in the alert zone.

Orders on this subject are to be strictly enforced. Slackness will inevitably lead to casualties.

65 SPENCER 38

1st Australian Machine Gun Co.

The under-mentioned Officer rejoined from M.G.T.D., England and is posted to 1st A.M.G.Co.

Lieut. H. Sykes 20.6.1918.

The following men rejoined from hospital and are taken on strength to date 17.6.1918.

No. 861 Pte Gilmour R.W.

No. 830 " Quelch C.R.

The following returned from leave 21.6.1918.

No. 327 Pte Holstein

329 " Lawrie A.T.

Detached to D.A.C. for gas duties 19.6.1918

No. 8641 Pte Stockhill R.

The following Officer was evacuated to C.C.S. 18.6.1918.

Lieut. V.C. Potter.

Evacuated and struck off strength from dates as under

No. 2797 Pte Jones H.J. 16.6.1918

No. 871 " Baillie W. do.

No. 816 Dvr Ash H.J. 18.6.1918

No. 4222 Pte Downey T.R. 20.6.1918.

No. 2738 " Reeves D.F. do.

No. 8615 " Rasmussen R.W. do.

2nd Australian Machine Gun Co.

The following Officer rejoined from M.G.T.D., England 20.6.1918 and is posted to 2nd A. M. G. Co.

Lieut. F.S. Bowman

The under-mentioned men are taken on strength from dates as under.-

Rejoined from Hospital No. 289 Pte Doherty J.J. 19.6.18.

" " " No. 5575 " Chandler R.S. do.

" " " No. 642 " Lawrie R.H. do.

" " " No. 232 " Tilson F.H. 21.6.18.

" " " F.P.Compound 770 " Torbitt R. 16.6.1918.

Evacuated to C.C.S. and struck off strength from dates as under

No. 2149 Dvr Francis C. 17.6.18 (Injured)

279 Pte Bearup R.R. 19.6.18

508a " Lawless W.J. do.

7606 " Becker W.J. 18.6.18.

Casualties and struck off strength from dates as under

4135 Pte Bottomley A.C. 18.6.18.

506 " James W. 19.6.18.

297 Cpl Hinton P.H. 20.6.18 (Remained on duty)

Detached to D. A. C. for Gas duties

2578 L/Sgt. Fraser 19.6.1918.

Evacuated to Hospital ex School 17.6.1918.

2573 L/Cpl. Barker S.B.

4458 " Crocker W.

3rd Australian Machine Gun Co.

The undermentioned Officer rejoined from M.G.T.D., England and is posted to 3rd A.M.G.Co. to command.-

Capt. G.R. Harrington 20.6.1918.

The following C.R. are taken on strength from dates as under.-

Rejoined from Hospital No. 282 Pte Johnston C. 14.6.1918.

" " Leave No. 564 L/Cpl Evans W.T. 21.6.1918.

Transferred from 43 Bn. No. 2439 Pte Errington R.R. 16.6.1918.

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~~Rejoined from leave 21.6.1918.  
No. 554 L/Cpl. Evans T.T.~~

Evacuated to Hospital ex Leave and struck off strength 14.6.1918.  
No. 556 Pte W.D. Kelly  
Evacuated to Hospital ex School 16.6.1918.  
No. 3073 Cpl. Lee H.H.  
Detached to D. A. C. for Gas duties. 19.6.1918.  
No. 576 a Pte. McDonald J.

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21st Australian Machine Gun Co.

Evacuated to G. C. S. and struck off strength from dates as under:-  
No. 393 T/Cpl. Brown A.G. 16.6.1918.  
1949 Pte Walker A.F. do  
588 " Potterton F. do.  
3117 " Finn P.B. 17.6.1918  
592 " Bishop W. 18.6.1918  
2735 " McLellan G. do.  
6921 " Cousins G. 19.6.1918  
1934 " Southern G.H. do.  
839 " Boyle J.W.H. 20.6.1918.

Detached to D.A.C. for gas duties 19.6.1918.  
4746 Pte Carthew J.

Evacuated to Hospital ex School  
Lieut. C. D. Raymond

The undermentioned G.S. rejoined and are taken on strength from dates as under:-

From School Pte Spence No. 2153 18.6.18  
From Leave No. 462 L/Cpl Fleming A. 21.6.18.  
From Hospital 339 Sgt Holmes S.H. 18.6.18.  
do. 313 L/Cpl Houston W.J. do.  
do. 391 Pte Menzies D.S. do.

Taken on strength from W.C.T.D. England and posted to 21st Co. Lt. Mitchell  
The following proceeded to U.K. on Leave 19.6.1918. S.I

No. 369 Dvr. McGill P.A.  
378 Pte Monaghan J.  
267 " Roots J.

The under-mentioned officer was evacuated to Hospital 21.6.1918.  
Capt. L. G. Sewell.

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Battalion Headquarters

The under-mentioned officer is attached to Battalion H.Q. from Divisional  
Signal Company  
Lieut. B. Cochrane 21.6.1918.

Transferred from 2nd A. M. G. Co. 22.6.1918.  
No. 1830 Pte LeGray L.S.

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66 APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.

Battalion Headquarters

To be Artificer Sgt. to date 12.4.18 No.1717 Cpl. Bowring W. (P.B.37572)

To be Sgt. No.4466 Cpl.Ferry R.J. (P.B.37373) to date 26.4.1918.

To be Sgt.Cook No.527 Cpl.Cleaver W.S. (P.B.38751) to date 12.4.1918.

To be Carrier Sgt. No.3512 Sgt.Mahoney W.(P.B.38037) to date 14.4.1918.

To be L/Cpl. No.4670 Pte Elder E.R. (P.B.1831) to date 14.6.1918.

To be Cpl. No.4670 Pte Elder E.R. (P.B.1831) to date 15.6.1918. to complete Establishment, (Vide War Office Letter 121/Mediterranean/3267 dated 15.6.1918.)

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Above promotions are to complete Reestablishment.

To be L/Corporals.-

2602 Sign. Lee J.B. (P.B.38069) to date 16.6.18.  
2448 " Scott B. (P.B.38784) do do.

1st Australian Machine Gun Co.

No. 1339 A/C.S.M. T.P.Evans D.C.M. to be C.S.M. (S.O.Class 11) vice Turner, evacuated 21.3.18.  
(vide 1st Austr. Div Letter (38/76))

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To be Sgt. No.2707 A T/Sgt.Nicol F.J. vice No.508 Sgt. (P.B.37575) Cunningham, evacuated, to date 10.4.18.

To be Cpl. No.661 T/Cpl. Anderson R.A. vice No.2707 A. T/Sgt Nicol, promoted, to date 28.4.18 (P.B.37413)

To be Cpl. No.281 T/Cpl.Cozier G.H. vice 3391 Cpl Lyall J. evacuated, to date 10.4.18 (P.B.37432)

To be Cpl. No.3376 T/Cpl.Harrison P.S. to complete establishment to date 14.2.18 (P.B. 38912)

To be T/Cpl. No.477 L/Cpl.Khalan R.P. vice 3861 T/Sgt.Thomas, evacuated, to date 15.6.18 (P.B.197898)

To be Lance Corporals.-

No.277 Pte Bradford G.L. (P.B.73901)  
1378 " Wallace T.P. (Pay Book not available)  
5103 " Gibbons L. (P.B.37466)  
565A " Talbot F. (P.B.186888)  
4225 " McGlinn C. (P.B.37538)

3rd Australian Machine Gun Co.

To be T/C.S.M. No.863 Sgt. Evans vice C.S.M.Edgar, killed in Action. (Pay Book No.37415) to date 31.5.1918.

To be Sgt. No. 4078 Cpl. Fendley L.R. D.C.M. M.M. vice Sgt. Chambers to O.F.C., to date 11.6.18 (P.B.38601)

To be T/Sgt. No.1392 Cpl.O'Neill R.J. vice Sgt. Evans promoted to date 31.5.18 (P.B.38665)

To be Cpl. No.4439 L/Cpl.Wadsworth A. vice Cpl Fendley D.C.M. M.M. promoted, to date 11.6.18. (P.B. 38703)

(3rd Aust. M.G. Co. Cont.)

To be Cpl. No. 3918 L/Cpl. Sebels V.J. vice No. 1183 Cpl. Sweeney to M.G.T.D. to date 14.6.18. (P.B. 84143)

To be T/Cpl. No. 273 L/Cpl. Cooper G.V. vice Cpl. Ewenie, evacuated, to date 21.6.18 (P.B. 38593)

To be Lance Corporals.-

No. 4479	Pte	Chilton A.J.	(P.B. 38593)
136		Terry K.J.	(P.B. 38701)
No. 519	Pte	McDonald J.	(P.B. 38728)
4386	"	Fraser A.W.	(P.B. 193508)
2472	"	Chapman S.	(P.B. 38622)
2035	"	Trestrell A.G.	No Pay Book
2722	"	Lacey A.J.	(P.B. 38621)
2457	"	Falck P.R.	(P.B. 259356)

The following Appointments have been approved (Vide A.I.F. List 345 of 18.6.1918)

Capt. J.H. Hogg M.G. performed the duties of Adjutant from 2nd March 1918 to 7th June 1918.

Lieut. A. Baker-Finch to be Adjutant vice Capt. Hogg 7.6.1918.

Lieut. A.J. God to be Quartermaster 2.3.1918.

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PUNISHMENTS.-

21st Australian Machine Gun Co.

No. 6523	Pte	Cowan	Disobedience of Orders	7 Days F.P.No. 2	(P.B. 257316)
No. 8647	"	Monaghan	G.P. do.	7 Days F.P.No. 2.	(P.B. 33391)
No. 337	L/Cpl	Harding	R. do.	Deprived of Lance Stripes	(P.B. 198238)
No. 1873	Dvr.	Blinkhorns	G.J. do.	Reverts to Rank	(P.B. 1873)
No. 7697	Pte	Wilson	R. Absent from Parade	2 Days F.P.No. 2.	(P.B. 37349)
No. 513	"	Gracie	J. Failing to report for duty when warned.	14 Days F.P.No. 2.	(P.B. 264711)

Battalion M.G.

No. 6789	"	Geale	J.S. Absent from Tattoo	Forfeits 14 Days Pay.	(P.B. 184928)
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68 Mentioned in Despatches.- The following Officers were mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatch of 7.6.1918. -

- Lieut. J.H.O' Loughlin
- Lieut. J.S. Holston (Deceased)

69 AWARDS.- The Meritorious Service Medal has been awarded to the following M.G.s and men.

- No. 915 Pte V. Eliason 2nd A.M.G. Co.
- No. 4808 C.Q.M.S. Klesman 21st do.
- No. 45 C.Q.M.S. Milne J. 3rd do.
- No. 290 C.Q.M.S. Richardson E.L. 1st A.M.G. Co.

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*A. Baker-Finch*

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



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Major W.R.N. French D.S.O. M.C.

Temp. Commanding 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters,  
29th June 1918.

70 PAY. Pay books of all men transferred from other units to 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion must be amended on page 1. as soon as possible, so that in the event of their becoming casualties the correct unit will be shown in the pay book.

71 DUMMY CARTRIDGES FOR USE WITH MACHINES, LEWIS, AND HOTCHKISS GUNS.-

General Routine Order No.2065 of 7th January 1917 is republished for information.

"As accidents have occurred during instruction in Machine, Lewis and Hotchkiss Guns, owing to the use of live cartridges, which are held at Armourers' shops and Lecture Rooms for demonstration purposes when stripping the Lewis Gun, the following instructions are issued.

1. Except when actually firing on the range, no live rounds should be used for tests or instructional purposes with either Machine, Lewis or Hotchkiss Guns.

Only the dummy cartridges with wooden bullets should be used for this purpose, except in the case of the Hotchkiss, for which cartridge dummy, .303 Inspectors are already authorised for issue under G.R.O.1745.

2. In stripping the Lewis Gun, a dummy with a metal bullet is required, and a special pattern cartridge with a steel ring passed through the case in future be provided. This allows the cartridge to be used for stripping the Lewis Gun, but prevents its use for any other purpose.

These special cartridges will be supplied on a scale of 2 per Lewis Gun, and indents will be called for by the Director of Ordnance Services, directly the necessary cartridges are available."

72 FRENCH CURRENCY.

General Routine Order No.4367 of 26th June 1918 is republished for information.-

"It is notified for information that after 1st August 1918 silver coins of the following denominations, 2 francs, 1 franc, 50 centimes and 20 centimes, bearing on the obverse side the effigy of Napoleon III with laurel wreaths, will no longer be legal tender. Such coins should be exchanged at Civil Post Offices or banks on or before 31st July 1918.

73 POSTAL.- Members of the A.I.F. are notified that mails from Australia are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It sometimes happens that mail posted in Australia after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in London before such preceding mail.

If two mails arrive simultaneously such letters are "grouped" before delivery, and economy in circulation results. The receipt of letters of varying Australian Dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base Post Office.

74 ENTERING OF EVACUATED PREMISES.-

A.R.O.2101 dated 25th June 1918 is republished for information.-

"British Troops are forbidden to enter any premises which have been evacuated by civilians unless the premises have been allotted for billeting purposes.

Should it be necessary for such premises to be used as billets, the O.C. of the unit taking them over will record full particulars and the state of the premises at the time of occupation.

This record will be passed to the Area Commandant in whose area the billets is situated.

75 DAMAGE TO TREES.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to G.R.O.1090.

"Claims are being continually received owing to trees having been barked by horses being tied to them

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33 Camps in XV Corps Area are frequently inspected by specially selected Officers, and any case which is reported of this order having been disobeyed will be dealt with by holding the O.C. Unit financially responsible for any claim that may be received from the owner of the trees.

76 SALVAGE.- The following is Salvage Return for week ending 29.6.18.

Unit	Fat	Paper	Tins	Cartons	Cardboard.
1st A.M.G.Co.	75 Lbs	87 Lbs	1½ Bags	18 Lbs	5 Lbs.
2nd do.	125 "	44 "	1½ "	26 "	28 "
3rd do.	100 "	166 "	2 "	17 "	71 "
21st do.	90 "	20 "	1 "	31 "	28 "
Bn.H.Q.	150 "	54 "	1½ "	26 "	34 "
Totals	540 Lbs	371 Lbs	7½ Bags	118 Lbs	166 Lbs.

77 STRENGTH. Battalion Headquarters.

The undermentioned proceeded to Australia on Transport Duty and is struck off strength.- No.402 Dvr.J.Doyle 22.6.1918.

The following are detached to schools.-  
No.1386 A/Sgt. McKinley 23.6.18. Signal School, DUNSTABLE  
No. 338 Pte Shreeve C. do. 1st Div.Signal School.

The undermentioned Officer is taken on Strength from Supernumerary List  
Lt.L.P.Nathan 24.6.1918.

The Undermentioned are attached from 78th American Division.-  
Lieut.J.H.Barr 27.6.18.  
Sgt. P.A.Petrino do.

The following rejoined from hospital and is taken on strength.-  
No.439 Pte H.Cook. 27.6.1918.

The following transferred from Headquarters to 1st A.I.Bde.  
No.1956 Pte Haywood J.W. 8.6.1918.  
No.5040 " Brown A.R. do.

The following transferred to Companies as under.-  
To 2nd A.M.G.Co. No.1675 Pte Smith E.H. 26.6.1918.  
766 " Harrison P. 23.6.1918.  
To 3rd do. No.1081 L/Cpl. Macksey W.P. 26.6.18.  
To 1st do. No. 400 Pte Burrows F. do.  
No. 467 " Henwood R.H. 22.6.18.

The following transferred from 2nd A. M. G. Co. to Battalion H.Q.  
No.2067 Dvr. Beach E. 29.6.1918.

The following transferred from 3rd A.M.G.Co. to Battalion H.Q.  
No.3009 Cpl. Jones H.G. 29.6.1918.

The undermentioned Officer rejoined 21st A.M.G.Co. from Battalion H.Q.  
Lieut. K.D.Hay 22.6.1918.

Extract from A.I.F.List No.348.-

"Lieut. Col.I.G.MACKAY D.S.O. (Now Commanding 1st A.M.G.Battalion) to command 1st Inf. Brigade and to be Temp.Brig.-General whilst so employed, vice Brevet-Col. (temp.Brig.-General) W.B.LESSLIE C.M.G. R.E. returned to duty with Imperial Army.

6th June 1918."

1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

Detached to Schools as under.

No.1741 Pte Hillain R. 23.6.18. Divisional Sig.School

(1st A.M.G.Co. Cont.)

Detached to School as under.-

No.290 Cpl. Lee E.E. 24.6.1918 2nd Army Musketry.

Rejoined from M.G.T.D., Grantham

No.991 Sgt. Edinburgh J. 24.6.1918.

278 Cpl. Crocker J. 28.6.1918.

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength 24.6.1918.

No. 366 Pte Fraser M No. 289 Dvr. Knuckley W.J.

648 " Moore J.E. 7366. 649 Pte. Palmer J.H.

521 " Torson F. 649 Pte. Moore J.H.

Casualties and struck off strength 26.6.1918.

No.250 L/Cpl. Norris F. Wounded in Action.

Detached to Divisional Salvage Company. 25.6.1918.

No.3160 Pte Heath H.

Proceeded to M.G.T.D., England 28.6.1918.

No.1369 C.S.M. Evans T.

Transferred from 1st Field Co. Engineers 26.6.1918.

No.2732 Pte McAnulty W. No. 131 Pte Powell W.

Evacuated to C. C. S. and struck off strength from dates as under.-

No. 3113 Pte Harris F.C. 26.6.18 No.4462 Pte Carr W. 27.6.18.

The undermentioned proceeded on Leave 29.6.1918.

No.366 Pte Fraser M. To England

7240 " Garlick C.L. To Paris.

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2nd Australian Machine Gun Co.

Detached to Schools as under.23.6.1918.

Lieut. J.H.O'Loughlin Army Lewis Gun Course.

No.4348 Pte Weston F. do.

No.3131 " O'Loughlin D. Divisional Signal School.

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength from dates as under.-

No.508 a Pte Lawless W.J. 24.6.18. No.1352 Pte McKenzie A.25.6.18.

Rejoined from School 28.6.1918.

No.2628 Cpl. Makepeace E.W.

The undermentioned proceeded on Leave to England 25.6.1918.

No.338 Pte Dunn J.

The undermentioned rejoined from Leave 27.6.1918.

Lieut. W.D.Colborne-Veel D.C.M. 27.6.1918.

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3rd Australian Machine Gun Company.

Detached to Schools as under 23.6.1918.

No. 609 Pte Tanner E.C. Div. Signal School.

Rejoined from School from dates as under.

No.3976 Cpl. Hutton K. 28.6.18. No.602 Pte Jewell E. 24.6.18.

No. 278 " Cooper C.W. do. 1521 " Adolphus G 27.6.18.

923 " Harding F.C. do.

(From M.G.T.D., England)

The undermentioned Officer is taken on strength from O.T.C.24.6.18.

2/Lieut. A.R.Pegler

The undermentioned proceeded on Leave to England

No.552 Pte Collingwood H. 25.6.1918. Lieut. E.M.Roach 27.6.18.

Rejoined from Leave 27.6.1918.

No.1580 Sgt.Pomeroy R . L.

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3rd A.M.G.Co. (Cont.)

The Undermentioned proceeded to M.G.T.D. England 28.6.1918.  
No.1422 C.Q.M.S.Thomas G.

The undermenti ned Officer proceeded to England to report to India  
Office 28.6.1918.  
Lieut. C.W.Snelling D.C.M.

The undermentioned proceeded on leave to Paris 29.6.1918.  
No.912 L/Cpl. Maolin G.

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The following rejoined from School and are taken onstrength 28.6.18.  
No.555a Cpl. Hemphill G. No.591 Cpl. Mitchell J.H.

Rejoined from Hospital and taken on Strength from dates as under.-  
No.381 a Pte Millen A.H. 24.6.18. No.558 Pte Potterton F 27.6.18  
366 " Riedy W.T. do. 6981 " Cousing G. 28.6.18  
294 " Sugars V.H. do. 555 Cpl Gard S.M. do.  
385 " Shiel J. do. (ex School)

The undermentioned Officer rejoined from hospital 24.6.1918.  
Lieut. G.D.Raymond

Casualties and struck off strength from dates as under.-  
No. 378b Pte Kelly 27.6.1918 Killed in Action.  
No. 555 Cpl Gard S.M. do. Wounded in Action.  
No.475 Pte Somes F.H. do. do.

The undermentioned proceeded on Leave to England 25.6.18.  
No.371 Pte Coull A.

Rejoined from Leave in U.K. 27.6.1918.  
No.395 L/Cpl. Ferricks A.F. No. 323a T/Cpl. Phillips T.B.

The undermentioned is reported as an absentee 18.6.1918.  
No.813 Pte Gracie J.

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PART II

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

Battalion Headquarters.

No. 447 Ser. Smith G.S. reverts to rank of Private 20.6.1918.  
No. 447 Ser. Smith G.S. (P.S.179120) to be Driver vice Ser. Wood  
reverted to rank 22.6.18. to date  
23.6.1918.

To be orderly vice Ser. Wood to complete establishment to date 27.4.18.  
No. 4466 Sgt. P.J. Perry (P.S.37375)

Corrigendum to P.S. 213 23.6.18.  
~~No. 3512 Sgt. Wood to be Driver to date 14.4.18. vice Ser. Wood  
to date 14.4.18.~~

No. 1266 P.O. Evans T. to be O.S.S. to date 1st April 1918.

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No. 3501 I/Sgt. Thomas A. to be Corporal to date 28.6.18. vice Watten  
(K47974) (P.S.37474)  
No. 3501 SMT/Sgt. Thomas A. to be Sgt. vice Gardner wounded, to date  
4.3.1918. (P.S.37474)

To be drivers  
No. 645 Pte Jeffrey J. vice 1925 Pte. Mackland J. (evacuated) to date  
24.2.1918 (P.S. 272302)

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To be Driver.-

No. 509 Pte E. Lacey vice No. 844 Dvr. P. Lamb (Evacuated) to date 12.5.1918. (P.B. 269192)

To be Sergeant and A/C.Q.M.S.

No. 811 Cpl. E.S. Gale vice No. 1429 C.Q.M.S. Thomas to M.G.T.D. to date 29.6.1918 (P.B. 38623)

1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

To be Driver.-

No. 321b. Pte. Mooney B. to date 7.3.1918 to complete establishment.

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PUNISHMENTS.-

Battalion Headquarters

No. 457 Dvr. Henwood R.H.	Reverts to Rank of Private	22.6.1918.
No. 1675 " Smith E.N.	do. do.	26.6.1918.
No. 400 " Furrows F.J.	do. do.	26.6.1918.

*M. Baker Smith*

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

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BATTALION ORDER NO 23.

Reference Maps: Sheets 27 S.E. Edition 3 B.(local)  
36 a N.E. do. 7 A.( " ) 1:20,000

1. (a) On a date and at a time to be notified later, the 11th Aust. Inf. Battalion will capture and consolidate the enemy trench system in Square E.8. known as MONT DE MERRIS.  
(b) There will be two objectives in the attack; two Companies being detailed for each ~~one~~ objective. The attack will be preceded by a short Artillery and Trench Mortar bombardment.  
(c) Boundaries and objectives of the attack are shown on the attached sketch.
2. The following signals will be used during the operation.-  
(a) Capture of First Objective - Grenade Rocket bursting into WHITE over GREEN  
(b) Capture of Second Objective - Grenade Rocket bursting into RED over GREEN over RED  
(c) S.O.S. on MONT DE MERRIS Front - Rocket bursting into RED over GREEN over YELLOW.
3. The First Australian Machine Gun Battalion will co-operate in the attack as follows.-  
(a) Officers commanding 3rd A.M.G.Co. and 1st A.M.G.Co. will place two guns each respectively on the Right and Left Flanks of the attack to keep down enemy heads and neutralise hostile Machine Guns by direct fire.  
At each of the above guns there will be 16 belts and 4,000 rounds of bulk S.A.A.  
When the position is consolidated these guns will withdraw to their battle positions.  
(b) Officer Commanding 3rd A.M.G.Co. will arrange for 3 guns to fire from Zero to Zero plus one minute on -  
(i) Base ~~xxxx~~ at E.6.D.4.9.  
(ii) Road from E.6.D.45.95 to E.6.D.80.95.  
(iii) Hedge from E.6.B.65.00 to E.6.B.60.35.  
from Zero to Zero plus one, these guns will use rapid fire and will then engage other targets with harassing fire.  
(c) Officer Commanding 1st A.M.G.Co. will emplace two guns to fire directly on FARM GERBEDOEN about F.1.B.9.2. At Zero plus 45 minutes these guns will return to their battle positions.  
(d) Other Guns of 3rd A.M.G.Co. and 1st A.M.G.Co. will bring harassing fire during operation on to targets already selected.  
Guns will be in position and all necessary arrangements completed at Zero minus 30 minutes. Rates of fire will not exceed one belt per gun per two minutes.
4. In the event of S.O.S. Signal, 3rd A.M.G.Co. will put down barrage Fire with two guns across Railway Line in E.11.B. and with remaining Guns on Line E.6.D.5.2. to F.1.A.5.2. 1st A.M.G.Co. will barrage Road from F.1.B.8.5. to X.26. Central.  
Rates of fire will be as laid down in Battalion Order No.17.
5. Machine Gun Battalions of Flank Divisions have been asked to co-operate by harassing ~~xxxx~~ selected targets in square E.12. on the Right and Square X.26. on the Left.
6. Watches will be synchronized from Brigade H.Q. at 6, 3, and 1 hour before Zero.

7. ACKNOWLEDGED

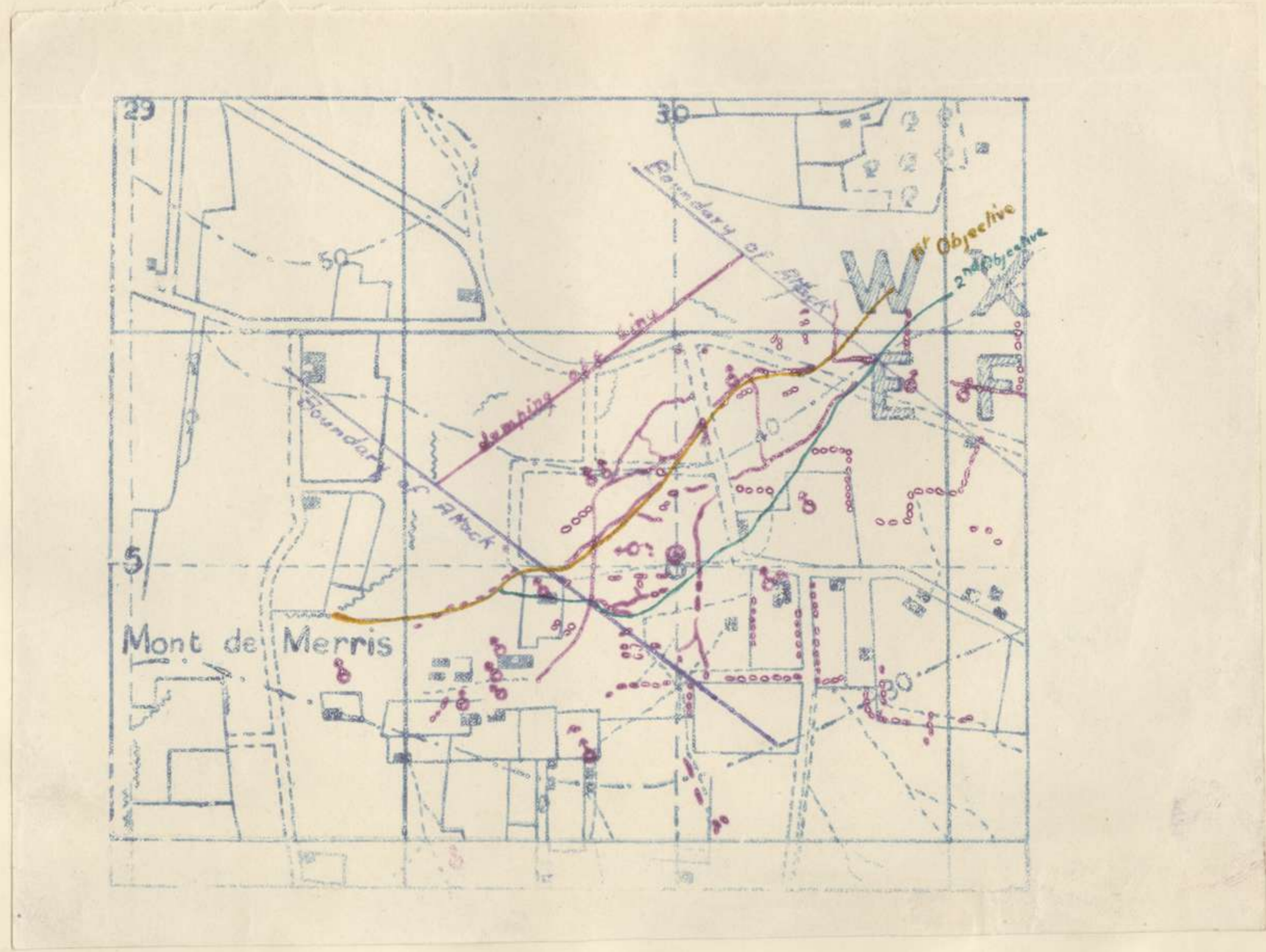
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BATTALION ORDER NO24.

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PHASE 1.

1. On the 5th inst, the 2nd A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 21st. A. M.G.Co. in the Second Zone, relief to be complete by 4 pm. also 1 Section of the 21st Co.in the Left Forward Zone, relief to be complete as early as possible.
2. On completion of relief, 21st A.M.G.Co. will march to and occupy billets vacated by 2nd A.M.G.Co. at SERCUS.
3. An advance party of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O.per Section, and 1 man per gun from 2nd A.M.G.Co. will move into positions of Second Zone on afternoon of 4th inst & 1 Off. 1N.C.O. & 1 man per gun to position in Left Forward Zone. An advance party of 1 Officer and 2 N.C.Os. from 21st A.M.G.Co. will take over Bil ets of 2nd A.M.G.Co. on the morning of 5th inst.

PHASE 2.

4. During the day of 6th inst. and night of 6th/7th inst. the 2nd. A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 1st A.M.G.Co. in the Left Machine Gun Section of the Divisional Sector.
5. On relief, the 1st A.M.G.Co. will move into the position occupied by the 2nd A.M.G.Co. in the Second Zone. & one Section in Left Forward Zone.
6. An advance party of 1 Officer per Company, 1 N.C.O. per Section and 1 man per gun of each Company will move into new positions on the night of 5th inst.
7. 2nd and 1st A.M.G.Companies will not change over Rear H.Q. and Transport Lines.

FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS REFER TO BOTH PHASES 1 AND 2.

8. Location Reports will be sent to Battalion H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
9. Maps. Air Photos, Orders for Attack and Defence, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all calculations, Fighting Maps, and Damage Charts for S.O.S. will be handed over and receipts obtained, one copy being forwarded to Battalion H.Q.
10. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of an enemy attack.
11. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
12. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.
13. Completion of relief will be notified to En.H.Q.in code B.A.B.
14. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. J. Smith*

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

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CORRIGENDUM to Battalion Order No. 25.

Locations of positions in Left Forward Zone mentioned in para 2 are cancelled and the following substituted.-

W.16.B.30.08.  
W.17.A.4.6.

W.17.A.35.28.  
W.11.C.85.28.

*Maher. Litch* Lieut. & A/Adjutant,  
1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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PHASE 1.

1. On the 13th inst. the 21st Aust M.G.Co. will relieve the 1st A.M.G.Co. (less one Section) in the 2nd Zone, relief to be complete by 4. pm. and on the night of the 13/14th inst the 21st A.M.G.Co. will relieve the remaining Section of the 1st A.M.G.Co.(attached to 2nd A.M.G.Co) in the Left Forward Zone, relief to be complete as early as possible.

2. On completion of relief, 1st A.M.G.Co. will march to and occupy billets vacated by 21st A.M.G.Co. at SERCUS.

3. An advance party of 1 Officer and 3 N.C.O.s. from 21st Co. will reconnoitre and take over the Second Zone positions and works on the afternoon of the 12th inst.

An advance party of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 1 man per gun ~~will~~ from 21st A.M.G.Co. will move into positions in the Left Forward Zone on the night of the 12/13th inst.

An advance party of 1 Officer and 2 N.C.O.s from 1st A.M.G.Co. will take over billets of 21st A.M.G.Co. on the morning of the 13th inst.

PHASE II.

4. During the day of 15th inst, and night of 15th/16th inst the 21st A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 3rd A.M.G.Co. in the Right Section of the Divisional Sector.

5. On relief the 3rd A.M.G.Co. less one Section will move into the positions occupied by the 21st A.M.G.Co. in the Second Zone and take over the role of Mobile Reserve. The remaining Section will move to the positions in the Left Forward Zone occupied by the 21st A.M.G.Co.

6. An advance party of 1 Officer per Company, 1 N.C.O. per Section and 1 man per gun of each Company will move into new positions ~~occupied~~ on the night of 14th inst.

7. 3rd and 21st A.M.G.Companies will change over Rear H.Q. and Transport Lines during the day of 15th inst.

8. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS REFER TO BOTH PHASES 1 AND 2.

8. Location reports will be sent to Battalion H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.

9. Maps, Air photos, Orders for Attack and Defence, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A., and all calculations, Fighting Maps and Barrage Charts for S.O.S. will be handed over and receipts obtained, one copy being forwarded to Battalion H.Q. Full particulars of works in hand on houses in Second Zone will be handed over by Companies concerned.

10. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of enemy attack.

11. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communications.

12. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.

13. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. H. Q. in Code B.A.B.

14. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Robert Litch*

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

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6	4th do.	12	Spare.

The following information is being provided for the information of the various units mentioned in the above table. It is intended to provide a clear and concise summary of the current status and activities of these units, and to ensure that all relevant personnel are kept up-to-date on any changes or developments. This information is being disseminated through this notification, and it is requested that all concerned parties take appropriate action as required.

1. The 1st Aust. Division is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is maintaining a high level of readiness. The 1st A.I. Bde. is also operating in this area, and is providing support to the Division. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Brigades are also operating in this area, and are providing support to the Division.

2. The C.M.G.O. XV Corps is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is providing support to the Division. The Spare unit is also operating in this area, and is providing support to the Division.

3. The War Diary is being maintained by the 1st Aust. Division, and is providing a record of the activities of the Division. The File is also being maintained by the 1st Aust. Division, and is providing a record of the activities of the Division.

4. The 1st A.M.G.Co. is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is providing support to the Division. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th do. units are also operating in this area, and are providing support to the Division.

5. The 1st Aust. Division is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is maintaining a high level of readiness. The 1st A.I. Bde. is also operating in this area, and is providing support to the Division. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Brigades are also operating in this area, and are providing support to the Division.

6. The C.M.G.O. XV Corps is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is providing support to the Division. The Spare unit is also operating in this area, and is providing support to the Division.

7. The War Diary is being maintained by the 1st Aust. Division, and is providing a record of the activities of the Division. The File is also being maintained by the 1st Aust. Division, and is providing a record of the activities of the Division.

8. The 1st A.M.G.Co. is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is providing support to the Division. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th do. units are also operating in this area, and are providing support to the Division.

9. The 1st Aust. Division is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is maintaining a high level of readiness. The 1st A.I. Bde. is also operating in this area, and is providing support to the Division. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Brigades are also operating in this area, and are providing support to the Division.

10. The C.M.G.O. XV Corps is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is providing support to the Division. The Spare unit is also operating in this area, and is providing support to the Division.

11. The War Diary is being maintained by the 1st Aust. Division, and is providing a record of the activities of the Division. The File is also being maintained by the 1st Aust. Division, and is providing a record of the activities of the Division.

12. The 1st A.M.G.Co. is currently operating in the area of the front line, and is providing support to the Division. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th do. units are also operating in this area, and are providing support to the Division.

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 Major, 1st Aust. Division

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters 15.6.15.

Addendum to Battalion Order No.26.

1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION	
No.	89/65
Date	

1. On the night of 15/16th on relief by 2nd A.M.G.Co. one sub-section of 2 guns of the 3rd A.M.G.Co. will move into positions at E.2.A.20.33 and E.2.A.30.25.
2. This will leave, on relief, only one section of 4 guns as Mobile Reserve at V.22.A.95.15.
3. This move must be complete by 12 midnight.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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## Battalion Order No. 27.

Headquarters 19.6.1918.

## PHASE 1.

1. On the 21st inst. the 1st A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 3rd A.M.G.Co. (less one Section) in the 2nd Zone, relief to be complete by 4 pm. and on the night of 21/22nd inst the 1st A.M.G.Co. will relieve the remaining Section of 3rd A.M.G.Co. (attached to 2nd A.M.G.Co.) in the Left Forward Zone, relief to be complete as early as possible.

2. On completion of relief, 3rd A. M. G. Co. will march to and occupy bivouac area vacated by 1st A.M.G.Co. at V.17.D.

3. An advance party of 1 Officer and 3 N.C.O.s from 1st A.M.G.Co. will reconnoitre and take over the Second Zone positions and works on the afternoon of the 20th inst.

An advance party of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O., and 1 man per gun from 1st A.M.G.Co. will move into positions in Left Forward Zone on the night of 20/21st inst.

An advance party of 1 Officer and 2 N.C.O.s from 3rd A.M.G.Co. will take over ~~kkkkkkkk~~ bivouac area of 1st A.M.G.Co. on morning of 21st inst.

## PHASE 2.

4. During the day of 23rd inst and night of 23/24th inst the 1st A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 2nd A.M.G.Co. in the Left Section of the Divisional Sector.

5. On relief the 2nd A.M.G.Co. less one Section, will move into the positions occupied by the 1st A.M.G.Co. in the Second Zone and take over the role of Mobile Reserve. The remaining Section will move to the positions in the Left Forward Zone occupied by the 1st A.M.G.Co.

6. An advance party of 1 Officer per Company, 1 N.C.O per Section and 1 man per gun of each Company will move into new positions on the night of 22nd inst.

7. On 21st inst. the 1st and 3rd A.M.G.Companies will change over Rear H.Q. and Transport Lines

On 23rd inst. the 1st and 2nd A.M.G.Companies will change over Rear H.Q. and Transport Lines.

FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS REFER TO BOTH PHASES 1 and 2.

8. Location Reports will be sent to En.H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.

9. Maps, Air Photos, Orders for Attack and Defence, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all calculations, Fighting Maps, and Bar-bare Charts for S.O.S. will be handed over and receipts obtained, one copy being forwarded to Battalion H.Q. Full particulars of works in hand on houses in Second Zone will be handed over to Companies concerned.

10. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement immediately in the event of enemy attack.

11. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.

12. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.

13. Completion of relief to be notified to En.H. . in code B.A.B.

14. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.

15 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

1st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.

Headquarters 21.6.1918.

Corrigenda to Battalion Order No.27.

- (i) Para.4. should read "During the day of 24th inst. and night 24/25th inst."
- (ii) Para.7. "On 23rd inst" should read "On 24th inst."

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

APPENDIX 2

Headquarters 21.6.1918.

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Battalion Order No. 28.

Reference Maps	Sheets 27 S.E. (3 B Local)	1:20,000
	36 a N.E. (7 A Local)	1:20,000

1. (a) The 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade, in conjunction with troops on the Left will capture the enemy outpost line and consolidate on or about the Objective Line as indicated on the attached sketch map on night 23/24th June.
- (b) The attacking troops will consist of two Companies of 2nd Aust. Infantry Battalion.
- (c) Zero Hour will be notified later.

2. 1st Australian M. G. Battalion will co-operate in the attack as follows.-

- (a) O.C. 1st Aust. M. G. Company will arrange for two guns to be placed in position in vicinity of X.25.B.80.18. They will fire to the Right Flank of the attack and keep down enemy heads, and neutralize hostile Machine Guns by direct fire. At each of the above guns there will be 10 belts and 2,000 rounds bulk S.A.A. Guns will be in position and all necessary arrangements completed at Zero - 30 minutes. When the position is consolidated these guns will withdraw to their battle position.
- (b) Ten guns will fire on a line approximately from X.26.C.85.95 to X.26.A.88.00 to X.26.B.78.00 from Zero to Zero plus 30 minutes. Rate of fire 1 Belt per two minutes per gun.
- (c) O.C. 21st A.M.G. Company will arrange that guns No. 15 and 16 keep farm GERBEDOEN (F.1.B.9.2.) under continuous harassing fire from Zero to Zero plus 30.
- (d) Other guns of 21st A.M.G.Co. will bring harassing fire to bear on selected targets.

3. Calculations for tasks detailed in para.2. will be forwarded to reach Battalion H.Q. by 1.8 pm on 22nd June.

4. Watches will be synchronized from Brigade H.Q. 6, 3, and 1 hour before Zero.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 3 | 1st A.M.G.Co. | 9  | 2nd do.             |
| 4 | 2nd do.       | 10 | 3rd do.             |
| 5 | 3rd do.       | 11 | C.M.G.O. XV Corps.  |
| 6 | 21st do.      | 12 | 9th Bn.M.G.C.       |
|   |               | 13 | 31st "              |
|   |               | 14 | Spare.              |

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters 23.6.1918.

Corrigendum to BATTALION ORDER No.28.

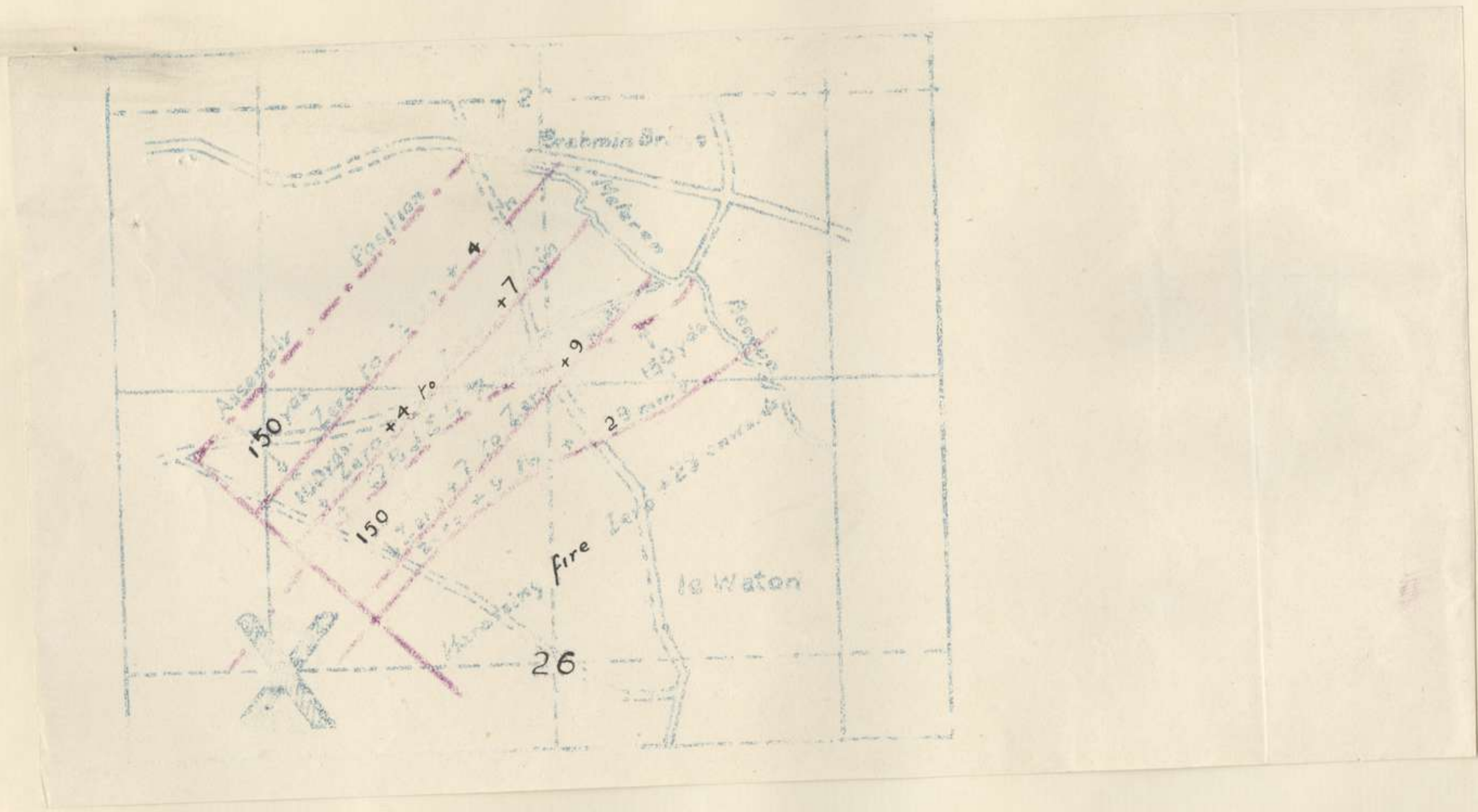
1. Para 2 sub-para (a) is cancelled, as enemy posts about X.25.D.9.9. are to be rushed and mopped up, and our own troops will be consolidating in that locality. It will therefore be impossible to fire.
2. Para 2 sub-para (b). The 10 guns will fire on the line X.26.C.85.85 to X.26.B.95.75 and not as in this sub-para stated. Also, instead of firing from Zero to Zero plus 30 they will fire from Zero to Zero plus 29.
3. Guns number 21 and 22 will also bring indirect harassing fire to bear on enemy works in the vicinity of X.26.B.75.15 and road X.26.D.35.40.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX  
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Headquarters,  
25th June 1918.

*38 War Diary*

Reference Maps SHEETS 27 S.E. (3 B.Local) } 1:20,000.  
36a N.E.(7 A.Local) }

- (1) The 93rd Inf. Brigade are carrying out a minor operation on night 26/27 June 1918.
- (2) The objective is from front line at E.23.A.4.1. to E.23.A.8.5. to front line at E.17.A.5.8. as indicated in attached sketch map.
- (3) 1st Australian M.G.Battalion will co.operate in the attack as follows.-
  - (A) Number 1 and 2 guns from positions to be selected in vicinity of E.10.B. will fire from Zero to Zero plus 30 minutes on E.17.D.30.10 to E.17.D.25.35.
  - (B) Number 9 and 10 guns from E.4.B. will fire from Zero to Zero plus 30 minutes on E.17.D.25.35 to E.17.D.20.55.
  - (C) Number 14 Gun in W.29.C. will fire from Zero to Zero plus 30 minutes on E.17.D.20.55 to E.17.D.10.70.
- (4) Rate of fire will be one belt in 3 minutes.
- (5) Calculations for above tasks will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. to be checked by noon 26th June.
- (6) Great care must be taken that guns do not traverse to the right. Traversing Stops will be carefully checked to ensure safety.
- (7) Zero hour will be 12 midnight 26/27 June.
- (8) Watches will be synchronized at Right Brigade H.Q. at 3 hours and 1 hour before Zero.
- (9) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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1	File	7	31st Bn.M.G.C. (MAP)
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3	1st A.M.G.Co.	9	C.M.G.O. XV Corps.
4	21st do. (MAP)	10	Spare.
5	1st Aust Div. (MAP)		
6	3rd A.I.Bde.		

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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Headquarters 26.6.1918.

Battalion Order No.30.

PHASE 1. 38

1. On the 29th inst the 3rd A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 2nd A.M.G.Co. (Less one Section) in the 2nd Zone, relief to be complete by 4 pm., and on the night 29/30th inst the 3rd A.M.G.Co. will relieve the remaining Section of 2nd A.M.G.Co.(attached to 1st A.M.G.Co.) in the Left Forward Zone, relief to be complete as early as possible.
2. On completion of relief, 2nd A.M.G.Co. will move to and occupy billets at V.23.C.15.35. vacated by 3rd A.M.G.Co.
3. An advance party of 1 Officer and 3 N.C.O.s from 3rd A.M.G.Co. will reconnoitre and take over the Second Zone positions and works on the afternoon of the 28th inst.  
An advance party of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 1 man per gun from 3rd A.M.G.Co. will move into positions in Right Forward Zone on the night of 28/29th inst.  
An advance party of 1 Officer and 2 N.C.O.s from 2nd A.M.G.Co. will take over billets of 3rd A.M.G.Co. on morning of 29th inst.

PHASE 2.

4. During the day of 1st July and night of 1/2nd July the 3rd A.M.G.Co. will relieve the 21st Co. in the Right Section of the Divisional Sector.
5. On relief the 21st A.M.G.Co., Less one Section, will move into the positions occupied by the 3rd A.M.G.Co. in the Second Zone and take over the role of Mobile Reserve. The remaining Section will move to the positions in the Left Forward Zone occupied by the 3rd A.M.G.Co.
6. An advance party of 1 Officer per Company, 1 N.C.O. per Section and 1 man per gun of ~~xxx~~ each Company will move into the new positions on the night of 30th inst.
7. On 29th inst the 3rd and 2nd A.M.G.Companies will change over Rear H.Q. and Transport Lines.  
On 1st July the 3rd and 21st A.M.G.Companies will change over Rear H.Q. and Transport Lines.

FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS REFER TO BOTH PHASES 1 AND 2.

8. Location Reports will be sent to En. H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
9. Maps, Air Photos, Orders for Attack and Defence, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all calculations, Fighting Maps and Barrage Charts for S.O.S. will be handed over and receipts obtained, one copy being forwarded to Battalion H.Q. Full particulars of works on hand on houses in Second Zone will be handed over to Companies concerned.
10. Sections will be ~~handed-over~~ so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
11. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
12. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.
13. Completion of relief to be notified to En.H.Q. in code B.A.B.
14. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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9. Watches will be synchronised at 6, 3, and 1 hour before Zero at ~~1st~~ Brigade H.Q.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters 9.6.1918.

1st AUSTRALIAN APPENDIX 61  
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Defence Scheme.

Vickers Machine Guns.

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1. PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

The defence of both Forward and Second Zones is effected by direct fire from guns placed as follows.-

- (a) In the Forward Zone guns are emplaced in and between the Support and Reserve Lines.
- (b) In the Second Zone, the guns are emplaced in and between the "B", "C", and "D" Lines.

In the Forward Zone, certain of the guns are allotted Barage Tasks to support the Artillery S.O.S. Barage, but not more than 20% of the ammunition at each gun position is to be used for that purpose.

In the event of Attack, guns in the Forward Zone will maintain their present Battle positions, but guns in the Second Zone and in Reserve will hold themselves in readiness to move wherever the situation demands.

2. SITING OF GUNS.

Guns are sited in depth and are so placed that rear guns afford continuity of support to Forward Guns.

Guns in the Forward Zone are sited specially with a view to the defence of STRAZELLE Ridge, the approaches to which they sweep from the flanks and in front. Certain guns have also been sited to sweep the crest of the ridge.

3. ALLOTMENT OF COMPANIES.

(a) The Forward Zone is divided into two Sections by the inter-Brigade boundary; One Company plus one Section of 4 guns is allotted to the Left Section and one Company to the Right Section.

These guns are under the tactical command of the respective Brigade Commander, in whose Section they are emplaced.

(b) One Company, less one Section of 4 guns, accommodated in the Second Zone is allotted as under.-

- (i) One Section as nucleus garrison of the Second Zone.
- (ii) Two Sections (less 2 guns) as a mobile reserve in the hands of the Divisional Commander. These guns will be used to check the advance of any enemy who may have penetrated into the Forward Zone, or to assist a Counter attack by the support Battalions.
- (iii) Two guns allotted to the defence of ROUGE CROIX. These guns would be moved to prepared positions on the order from D.H.C. to adopt a "Precautionary Stage".

(c) One Company in the Reserve area at SERRUS, where intensive training is carried out. During the "Precautionary Stage" this Company moves to V.17.C. and is available to assist counter attacks or to garrison the Second Zone as occasion demands.

4. ACCOMMODATION AND GUN POSITIONS.

(a) Gun teams are for the most part provided with weather shelter only, but most Section and Company Headquarters are situated in houses and cellars, which are being strengthened, and where accommodation is available for spare numbers.

Alternative positions have been constructed in the Forward Zone for each gun, certain of which contain trench mountings, and in addition M.G. emplacements are being constructed in selected buildings.

(b) A total of 14,000 rounds S.A.A. is maintained at each gun in the Forward Zone, i.e. 4,000 rounds S.A.A. in belts and 8,000 rounds in bulk at Gun Positions and 2,000 rounds in bulk at the alternative positions; 10,000 rounds in bulk at each gun position in the Second Zone.

(c) The following is kept in each gun position in the Forward Zone.-



- (i) 8 Gallons of water in tins.  
(ii) Range Cards and visibility Charts.  
(iii) Order boards (A.F. 3678) giving particulars of alternative positions and locations of neighbouring guns; Section and Company H.Q., and in case of S.O.S. Guns, their Barrage Orders.

- (d) (i) Gun positions in the Forward Zone are marked by a Rectangular Notice Board, shewing the number of the Gun position and its location.  
(ii) Gun positions in the Second Zone are marked by a Rectangular Notice Board, shewing the lines in which they are situated, number of gun position and location.

#### 5. NUMBERING AND LOCATION OF GUN POSITIONS.

(i) Gun positions in the Forward Zone are allotted numbers as follows and their alternative positions are as stated.-

<u>Right Section</u>			<u>Left Section</u>		
No.	Gun Location	Alternative position	No.	Gun Location	Alternative position
1	E.10.A.25.85	E.10.A.25.70	17	W.23.D.28.65	W.23.D.30.63 X
2	E.4.C.3.2.	E.4.D.45.00	18	W.23.D.4.9.	W.23.B.46.18 X
3	E.4.A.00.25	E.3.B.80.35	19	W.24.C.60.15	W.24.C.63.12 X
4.	E.4.A.10.55	E.3.B.95.55	20	W.30.A.15.95	W.30.A.25.80 X
5	W.27.C.30.25	W.27.C.10.10	21	X.19.C.45.50	X.19.C.30.15 X
6	W.27.C.3.4.	W.27.C.3.1.	22	X.19.C.35.80	X.19.A.30.25 X
7	W.27.A.75.20	W.27.A.70.15	23	X.19.A.70.44	X.19.A.66.62 X
8	W.27.A.8.4.	W.27.A.7.6.	24	X.13.D.10.05	X.13.D.12.42 X
9	E.4.B.5.2.	E.4.B.2.2.	25	W.17.D.85.30	W.18.D.32.75 X
10	E.4.B.9.5.	E.4.B.9.8.	26	W.18.C.25.40	W.18.C.45.90 X
11	W.28.C.25.35	W.28.C.30.55	27	W.18.D.75.95	W.18.D.8.8. X
12	W.28.C.55.65	W.28.C.45.65	28	W.18.B.85.35	W.18.B.8.4. X
13	W.28.D.55.70	W.28.D.75.75	29	W.16.B.30.08	W.17.A.4.6.
14	W.29.C.15.85	W.29.C.25.50	30	W.17.A.00.35	W.17.B.6.2.
15	W.29.D.65.95	W.29.D.80.98	31	W.17.A.35.95	W.11.C.30.25
16	W.29.B.55.55	W.29.B.6.5.	32	W.11.C.85.28	W.11.C.78.35
			33	W.22.B.1.5.	
			34	W.22.A.80.65	
			35	W.16.D.75.15	
			36	W.16.D.95.10.	

Alternative positions marked X contain Trench Mountings.

(ii) Gun positions in the Second Zone are allotted numbers as follows.-

<u>"B" Line</u>		<u>"C" Line</u>		<u>"D" Line</u>	
No	Location	No.	Location	No.	Location
1.B.2.	E.2.A.30.25	1.V.30.	V.30.D.80.15	1.V.24.	V.24.C.5.1.
2.B.2.	E.2.A.20.33	1.W.19.	W.19.C.85.30	2.V.24	V.24.C.6.8.
1.W.19.	W.19.D.9.4.	2.W.19.	W.19.C.45.5	3.V.24	V.24.C.20.95
1.W.20.	W.20.C.5.5.	1.W.13.	W.13.D.10.15	4.V.24.	V.24.B.5.4.
2.W.20.	W.20.C.7.7.	2.W.13	W.13.C.2.3.	1.V.23.	V.23.B.60.15
3.W.20.	W.20.A.7.0	3.W.13	W.13.D.15.35	17	V.17.D.5.3.
1.W.14	W.14.A.9.5.	4.W.13	W.13.D.5.9.	-----	-----
2.W.14.	W.14.A.80.15	5.W.13	W.13.B.80.65		
3.W.14	W.14.A.95.50	1.W.8.	W.8.C.5.4.		
1.W.9.	W.9.C.5.2.	2.W.8.	W.8.D.6.6.		
2.W.9.	W.9.C.5.4.	3.W.8.	W.8.D.75.85		
3.W.9.	W.9.D.15.90	-----	-----		
4.W.9.	W.9.C.85.95				

6. In order to avoid undue losses as a result of hostile bombardment (particularly gas) not more than three men at a time are kept in any one gun position. The remainder of the team are sheltered in the vicinity, or at Section H.Q., and is available to supply reliefs.

S.A.A. both bulk and in belt boxes is also distributed with the same end in view.

The following further particulars are attached.-

- (a) List of locations of Battalion, Company and Section H.Q.
- (b) Trace showing locations and areas of fire of all guns, also S.C.S. Barrage.

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APPENDIX (a)

1st Aust. H. G. Battalion H.Q.

V.17.D.2.2.

Line Right

Line Left

Company H.Q. E.3.B.3.4.  
Rear H.Q. V.22.A.95.15

Company H.Q. W.16.D.20.05  
Rear H.Q. V.16.C.4.9.

Section H.Q. .3.D.95.10  
do W.27.A.8.4.  
do E.4.A.3.9.  
do W.28.A.7.

Section H.Q. W.24.C.60.55  
do W.24.A.4.6.  
do W.17.D.40.85  
do W.11.C.65.60  
do W.16.D.20.05.

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Second Zone

Reserve Zone.

Co. H.Q. V.22.A.95.15  
Section H.Q. W.16.C.2.3.  
do (2 Sections) V.22.A.95.15

SERCUS C.9.B.20.05

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters

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1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
No. 39/34
Date

Addendum to Defence Scheme issued 9.6.1918.

PARA 3. ALLOTMENT OF COMPANIES.

- Sub-para.(b) Sub-section.(ii) Delete "Two Sections (less 2 guns) and Insert "One Section".
- Sub-para.(b) Sub-section.(iii) Delete this sub-section and insert.-  
"Two guns allotted to the defence of ROUGE CROIX and two guns allotted to the defence of the HAZEBROUCK-STRAZELLE Railway"
- After Sub-Section (iii) add Sub-Section (iv) as follows.-  
"Four machine gun positions have been constructed for the close defence of STRAZELLE. These positions will be occupied by the Mobile Reserve Section mentioned in sub-para (ii) above should orders be received to this effect from Division."
- Sub-para (c). Delete this sub-para and insert.-  
"One Company in Reserve billets at V.23.C.15.35. This Company is available to assist counter attacks or to garrison the Second Zone as occasion demands."

PARA 4. ACCOMODATION AND GUN POSITIONS.

After sub-para (d) insert sub-paras (e) and (f) as follows.-

- (e) Two belts of A.P. S.A.A. are kept at each gun position in the Forward Zone for defence against enemy tanks. The belt boxes containing the S.A.A. are clearly marked and there are written orders as to its use at all positions.
- (f) Reserve rations are held at Forward Company and Section H.Q. as follows.-
 

Left Coy. H.Q.	30 Rations
Each Section H.Q.	25 Rations
Right Coy. H.Q.	30 Rations
Each Section H.Q.	25 Rations

PARA 5. NUMBERING AND LOCATION OF GUN POSITIONS.

Owing to the alteration in the Divisional Boundary and also to the advancement of our line, gun positions in the Right Section have been altered. Present Gun Locations XXXX are.-

No.1	E.10.B.45.20	Gun No.9	E.5.D.25.10.
2	E.10.B.75.35	10	E.5.D.55.60.
3	E.4.B.6.3.	11	E.4.A.2.3.
4	E.4.B.9.5.	12	W.28.C.55.65
5	E.9.D.45.80	13	W.29.C.15.55
6	E.9.D.5.8.	14	W.29.C.90.05
7	W.27.C.3.4.	15	W.29.D.90.85
8	W.27.A.8.4.	16	W.30.A.25.20

Gun No.34 in the LEFT Section has been altered to W.22.A.85.80.

Alternative positions remain as before.

After sub-para (ii) add sub-para (iii) as follows.-

- "Locations of positions for close defence of ROUGE CROIX are.-  
W.10.C.35.45      W.16.A.5. .
- Locations of positions for close defence of STRAZELLE are.-  
W.23.C.95.05      W.29.A.50.20  
W.29.B.35.85      W.28.B.90.20

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SECOND ZONE.

Delete Locations of Section H.Q. and insert.-

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Section H.Q.	W.13.B.55.40
Sub-Section H.Q.	
(ROUGE CROIX Defence)	W.9.D.7.9.
Sub-Section H.Q.	
(STRAZELLE Defence)	H.2.A.3.0.

RESERVE ZONE.

Delete SARCUS and insert.-

C.9.B.20.05,	
Coy. H.Q.	V.23.C.15.35
Wagon Lines	V.23.B.2.6.

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(Trace showing location of guns and new Barrage Line is attached)

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

To all recipients of DEFENCE SCHEMES dated 9th June 1918.

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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

1<sup>ST</sup>. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION



- Legend**
- Left Forward Zone Guns
  - Right Forward Zone Guns
  - Second Zone Gun Positions
  - Second Zone Gun Positions - Occupied
  - Rouge Croix Close Defence Positions

Tracing from 1:40,000 map of Merris 29-6-18

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Hd. Qrs. 1st. Australian M.G. Battn,



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I have to thank you for the very material help you gave us in the two minor operations which the Division have just carried out.

I hope that we may be able to help you in like manner on any occasion that you may call on us.

*(11)*  
*M. J. Cowley*

MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
No. *8/125*  
Date.....

Bn. Hd. Qrs.  
1/7/18.

Lieut Colonel.  
Commanding 31st. Battalion M.G. Coy

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

*WRF*

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1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.  
No. *8/127*  
Date.....

3th JUNE 1918.

Dear Colonel Mackay,

please convey to all ranks concerned in the recent operation on Mont de Merris, the thanks of the 11th Battalion for the excellent Machine Gun barrage supplied which materially assisted the troops in their successful attack.

*J. Swain*  
Yours sincerely,

Colonel Mackay, D.S.O.  
C/O.  
1st Machine Gun Battalion.

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1st Australian Division.

1st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.

4/1/18

Date.....

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D. APPENDIX  
D.A.D.V.S.,  
1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

No. Q.V. 745  
Date 11.6.18.

Headquarters,  
1st Aust. Division.

On 8th inst., accompanied by C.O., 1st Aust.M.G. Battalion and D.A.Q.M.G., an inspection was made of the Wagon Lines and animals of 1st Aust.M.G.Battalion.

Animals were in excellent condition throughout, those of 3rd and 2nd M.G.Coys. being particularly good. Shoeing, excepting one or two minor faults which were pointed out during the inspection, was very good.

Horse lines were clean and sanitary and well selected. Animals throughout shewed signs of good care and attention and good grooming, and their excellent condition is very creditable to the Transport Officers concerned.

G. Nestor  
Major,  
D.A.D.V.S.,  
1st Aust. Division.

C.O.,  
1st Aust. M.G. Battalion.

For your information.

G. Nestor  
Major,  
D.A.D.V.S.,  
1st Aust. Division.



W.D.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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1st A.M.G.Co.  
 2nd do.  
 3rd do.  
 21st do.

Headquarters 1.7.1918.

- (1) On the 2nd inst Bn.H.Q. and Transport Lines will change over with 21st A.M.G.Co. H.Q. and Transport Lines.
- (2) 21st A.M.G.Co. will be clear of their present billet by 2 pm on the 2nd inst.
- (3) Companies will each detail 1 limbered G.S.Wagon to report to Battalion H.Q. at 1.30 pm. on the 2nd. inst.
- (4) Two rooms in the present Battalion H.Q.Billet have been allotted to the 3rd A.M.G.Co. as a rear Headquarters.
- (5) Battalion Q.M. and S.I.C. of 21st A.M.G.Co. will arrange mutually as to change of Q.M.Store.
- (6) Rations will be drawn as usual from present Bn. H.Q. tomorrow 2nd inst.
- (7) Billets will be left in a scrupulously clean condition.

*W. Steyer*  
 Lieut. & Adjutant,  
 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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