

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/1/5 Part 1

Title: 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion

July 1918 Includes appendices



AWM4-24/1/5PART1

Confidential

Original

Aust Imp. Force.

War Diary

of

1st Aust M.G. Bn H.Q.

for

July 1918

W. Finch

Signature of Officer Compiling
Woodman, Major
1st Aust

Lt. Col.
Commanding 1st Aust M.G. Bn

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

1. 1st Aust Machine Gun Bn

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V.17 D 15.10	1.7.18		<p>of C.O (Major W.R. FRENCH D.S.O. MC) accompanied by of S.I.C. (Capt. H.E. WOODMAN D.S.O.) visited the 21st M.G. Coy in the line in the Right Bde sector (3rd Aust Inf) & inspected the right forward gun positions. also visited 12th Aust Bde H.Q. at E3C 05.80. Met G.O.C 3rd Aust Inf Bde & inspected, extemporised gun position for shooting over growing crops, & concrete gun emplacement in course of construction at W2625.35. of S.I.C. accompanied by the Adj (Lieut BAKER-FINCH) & the R.M.O (Capt HAMILTON) inspected Chateau at V2290.05 & allotted accommodation prior to Bde H.Q. taking it over as Headquarters. Later Coy. relief between the 21st M.G. Coy in the line in the Right Bde sector & the 3rd M.G. Coy in reserve at V23C 15.32. relief was completed without incident - orders attached. - Lieut BARR & Sgt PETRINO 307 M.G. Bn 78 American Div. (who have been attached to Bde H.Q. during the past 4 days) returned to their unit. Lieut MARTIN. 1st M.G. Coy returned to duty as Hospital - Lieut MANNERS relinquished duties of Div. AA Officer & was posted to 2 M.G. Coy for duty. the duties of Div. AA officer are taken over by Lieut NATHAN. The transport Officer Lieut MCFADDEN, visited the transport</p>	<p>Sheet 3 274367 B & F</p>

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

(Erase heading not required.)

1st Aust. Machine Gun Coy

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V.17D1510	2.7.18		<p>Lines of all coys. QM (Lieut BAIRD) visited DADOS at EBBLINGHEM.</p> <p>Fine day. rather windy. 30th H.Q. moved to chateau at V22A90.05. The H.Q. vacated by 30th at V17D15.10 were taken over by 21st M.G. Coy as the H.Q. for the company occupying the second zone position on the old front.</p> <p>a/c.o. inspected the Rear H.Q. of all coys. a/s.i.c. visited 1st M.G. Coy in the line in the left zone section (2nd Aust. Inf) & the 2nd Aust. Inf 30th H.Q. at W8A9.8.1. a/c.o. accompanied by a/s.i.c. inspected the transport lines of the 1st & 5th M.G. Coys. G.O.C. A.I.F. approved of the appointment of Major W.R. FRENCH D.S.O. M.C. to command temp. the 1st Aust. M.G. Coy & to be T/Lieut Col. whilst so employed to date 27.6.18.</p> <p>Lieut Mitchell E.M. 21st M.G. Coy reported to 30th H.Q. to undertake duties of 7/92j. S.O.R. proceeded on U.K. Leave.</p>	<p>sketches</p> <p>27436^A</p> <p>B & F</p>
V22A90.05	3.7.18		<p>Overcast & windy day. The C.O. (Lieut Col. FRENCH D.S.O. M.C.) met the G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Inf 30th at 3rd 30th H.Q. & together made a reconnaissance of MOLESGHEIM F.M.E. at E10C with a view to M.G. defences for proposed "Strong Point" in that area.</p> <p>QM (Lieut BAIRD) visited DADOS at EBBLINGHEM. The 7/92j (Lieut KENT) & Lieut MITCHELL</p>	<p>H.W.</p> <p>MITCHELL [N]</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

3.
1st Aust. Machine Gun Bn.

00
00

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22790-05			inspected all M.G. emplacements in the second zone area of the 1st Aust Div front. C.O. held a conference of O.C. companies at 10.15.9. matters regarding Administration & discipline were discussed.	sheets 27436A B.94 F.
	4.7.18		Fine day. Lieut A.B. WEARNE. 1st M.G. Coy proceeded on U.K. leave. Capt F.A. HUDD. O.C. 1st M.G. Coy returned to duty ex U.K. leave. 2nd Lieut P reported for duty ex cadet school & was posted to the 2nd M.G. Coy. The Transport Officer visited the transport lines of all coys.	
	5.7.18		Fine day, visibility low. The C.O. accompanied by Lieut MITCHELL inspected the ROUSE CROIX & KLITE HILL M.G. defences. visited the 1st M.G. Coy in the line. The R.M.O. (Capt HAMILTON) & the Q.M. (Lieut BAIRD) went to JUNIKIRIS with cartmen Lory to purchase cartmen stores. The C.O. accompanied by 2/s. I.C. Liaisoned with the 9th Aust M.G. Corps at Q 34 C 53 on the left of the 1st Aust Div. also visited the 2nd Aust Inf Bde at W 8. A. 8.1.	
	6.7.18		Fine day. Lieut Col VINEY - AA & Q.M.G. & Major KERR. DA Q.M.G. 1st Aust Div. accompanied by the C.O., 2/s. I.C. & a representative from each Coy. inspected the 2nd M.G. Coy & transport at V2278.5. Major MOOZ - XV Corps M.G.O. visited the C.O. at 10.15.9.	H.W. 1001

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

4.
1st Aust Kachin Gun Tro.

3
0

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22995-15			<p>Lieut KENT visited the "Journ Major" of HAZEBROUCK with regard to removing timber from demolished houses to construct dug out at Tro H.Q. The Transport Officer visited the transport lines of the 1.3721 Coy. of S.I.S visited the rear H.Q. of the 1st M.G. Coy.</p>	
	7.6.18		<p>fine clear day. The C.O. accompanied by the of S.I.S. Inspected with the 4th Aust Tro H.Q. in the left Tro sector Right Side, Inspected No. 9 M.G. position at E99. Visited the 3rd M.G. Coy H.Q. at E3B45.35 & inspected the concrete M.G. emplacement (under construction) in the building. Liaisoned with the 1st Aust Tro H.Q. at E3C18 in the right Tro sector right side. Inspected concrete M.G. emplacements under construction at W27954 & W26725.35 & visited the 1st Aust Inf Tro H.Q. at W25945.80 (Right Side). Lieut MCKENZIE 2nd M.G. Coy & A.O.R. proceeded on U.K. Leave. Lieut O'LOUGHLIN 2nd M.G. Coy & I.O.R. returned to duty etc 2nd Army Kuching school. The P.M. accompanied by Lieut HATHAN visited DADOS at EBBLINGHEM with regard to order to Major J.S. ANDERSON. Brigade Major 3rd Tro visited C.O. at Tro H.Q.</p>	<p>W.F.I H.W.</p>

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

5
1st Aust Machine Guns Coy

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

33

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V 22795-15			The Adj + Q.M. attended conference held at 9 th Aust Div HQ at V17C91 to discuss A + Q matters. Lieut HORAN 2 nd M.G. Coy returned to duty at XV Corps Inf school - 2 nd M.G. Coy relief between the 2 nd Coy in reserve & the 1 st M.G. Coy in the line in the left side sector. Relief was completed by mid-night without incident. No orders attached.	Sheets 27736 ^A B & F.
	8.7.18		Fine day. visibility very low, commenced raining during evening. The CO accompanied by the Adj. C. conducted the G. O. C. 1 st Aust Div (Gen GLASSGOW) around the M.G. defences in the right Brigade sector. Lieut DUTTON 1 st M.G. Coy T. O.R. proceeded to XV Corps Gas school. 3006 Cpl ATKINS. A.E. 1 st M.G. Coy proceeded to Paris to represent the Div at a Ceremonial Parade. Lieut MITCHELL & NATHAN inspected the M.G. positions in the second zone left Brigade sector. - Duties of A/Adj were taken over by Lieut MITCHELL from Lieut KENT. Lieut KENT to under-study the duties of the Q.M. The Adj visited all rear HQ & transport lines of all coys.	new left

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

6.
1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

33
33

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V 22995-15 9718	9.7.18		<p>Wed Day. The C.O. & S.I.C. visited the Coy & Sec H.Q. & guns of this Coy in the line in the Left Trench sector & discussed with the 5th & 6th Aust Trench & 2nd Aust Trench H.Q. - The S.S.O. 1. 9th Div & Major ASTON 9th M.G. Coy visited the H.Q. & conferred with C.O. re M.G. co-operation for their proposed attack on METEREN. Enfilade barrage with 12 guns was arranged for. Operation order attached. The S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut RAYMOND & Lieut MARTIN 21st Coy visited the 2nd M.G. Coy H.Q. & with Capt VINNICOMBE re-connected battery positions in X19 A & C for the METEREN operation - The 21st M.G. Coy carted 128,000 pounds S.A.A. water etc into the positions selected. All arrangements for our co-operation were completed by midnight - R.M.O. (Capt HAMILTON) & the DIV. A.P. officer (Lieut NATHAN) visited the Coy & Sec H.Q. of the 3rd M.G. Coy in the line in the right Trench sector. Lieuts KENT & MITCHELL checked all barrage calculation for the METEREN operation.</p>	<p>Sheet 27. 406 B & F</p>
	10.7.18		<p>The C.O. visited the Rear H.Q. & transport lines of all coys - The S.I.C. visited the 3rd Coy in the line & inspected new gun positions constructed</p>	<p>Sheet 157</p>

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

7
1st Aust. Machine Gun Bn

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22795.15			<p>in E3B + MOLESCHEID Fmc. Arranged with O.C. 3rd Coy for M.G. co-operatives for raid to be carried out by Right Brigade on night of METEREN operations. Opdus Attached. visited 1st Aust Inf Bde H.Q. (Right Bde) CO. held Coy commanders conference at Bn H.Q. SIG OFFICER (Lieut COCHRANE) arranged for telephonic communication to Battery Position in X19C. Transport Officer inspected the transport lines of all Coys. The CO. visited the CO. 1st PIONEER Bn for a reconnaissance of all concrete M.G. emplacements in the Div. area. GOC. + Lt Major 3rd Aust Inf Bde (Reserve Bde) visited Bn H.Q. - also the Intelligence Officer from the 3rd Bn. M.G. Corps. Lieut POTTER, V.C. 1st M.G. Coy returned to duty via Hospital.</p>	<p>Sheet 27 + 26 TB + F</p>
	11.7.18.		<p>Wed Day. S.I.C. visited the 2nd Coy in the line + the 2nd Inf Bde H.Q. - saw the 21st Coy (in Reserve) whilst training + arranged for them to fire at K.G. range. Went to EBBLINGHEM. inspected the guard on the surplus kit. + visited the Div Q signmaster. The CO accompanied by the CO. 1st PIONEER Bn inspected all the concrete M.G. emplacements on the Div front. visited 1st Aust Inf Bde H.Q. + the 3rd M.G. Coy in the line.</p>	<p>151</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

8
1st Aust Div. G. Jor.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A9515			Capt COOKE - OC M.G. Coy 311 Inf 78 Div U.S. FORCES, attached for experience. The R.M.O. went to ST OMER to purchase canteen stores. The Q.M. & A.P.M. visited S.S.O. at Riv. Train. The S.I.C. visited near HQ & transport of all Coy's. Capt HE WOODMAN D.S.O. granted the temporary rank of Major to date 5.7.18.	shuts 27 + 56A
	12.7.18		Wet day. The CO accompanied by Capt COOKE (U.S. FORCES) visited the 2 nd Coy in the line & the 2 nd Inf Brigade HQ. (Left side) The S.I.C. visited 1 st Aust Inf. Brigade HQ (right side) The Q.M. & A.P.M. visited DADOS at EBBLINGHEM. The CO visited 3 rd Aust Inf Brigade HQ. (Reserve side)	
	13.7.18		Fine day. The CO visited 1 st Aust Div. HQ regarding the relief of the right M.G. Coy by a company of the 29 th Inf M.G. Corps that is to be attached to this Coy. Lieut MCFADDEN took over duties temp. of T.O. 2 nd M.G. Coy whilst their T.O. (Lieut WALLISH) is on leave. Lieut H. SYKES, 1 st M.G. Coy lectured to the officers & CO's & men of the 10 th Aust Inf Brigade on M.G. tactics. Lieut HOGG 3 rd M.G. Coy went with Major HARDIE D.A.Q.M.G. 1 st Aust Div. to BLARINGHEM & was allotted billets for the 3 rd M.G. Coy. The S.I.C. visited 1 st Aust Inf Brigade HQ & the 3 rd M.G. Coy in the line (Right side sector)	How 191

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A7883) Wt. W203/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

9

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

1st Aust Machine Gun Troop

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A 95.15			Lieut Col MEIKLEJOHN, C.O. 29 th J ^r M.G. Corps visited J ^r H.Q. regarding the company of the 29 th J ^r M.G.C that is to be attached to this J ^r . Capt COOKE (U.S. FORCES) rejoined his unit. Major HARDIE of the 1 st Aust Div. visited J ^r H.Q.	sheets 27456 ^A B.G.F.
#	14.7.18		wet day. The C.O. accompanied by S.I.C., Major HESLOP, DADVS, Major KERR D.S.O., DAQMG, 1 st Aust Div & a representative from each Coy inspected the 21 st M.G. Coy & transport at V 23C 15.32. B. Coy, 29 th J ^r M.G. Corps attached to this J ^r & allotted billets at V17D 15.10. O.C. Lieut ARNOLD - orders attached. The C.O. accompanied by S.I.C. visited the 1 st Coy in the second zone. V17D 15.10 re accommodation for B. Coy 29 th J ^r M.G. Corps - Lieut PHELAN & 4 O.R. proceeded on U.K. leave. 20 O.R. proceeded to various schools.	
	15.7.18		wet day. A/Adj (Lieut MITCHELL) & Lieut HATHORN inspected the second zone M.G. positions in the right side sector. Lieut ROACH 3 rd M.G. Coy & 4 O.R. returned to duty & on U.K. leave. T/Sgt CASEY, 2 nd M.G. Coy. Cpl SQUIRREL, 3 rd M.G. Coy & Pte LEAROD - 1 st M.G. Coy proceeded to England to attend O.T.C. The C.O. accompanied by Lieut ARNOLD - O.C. B. Coy 29 th J ^r M.G. Corps visited the	10 H.W.

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
 (A7883) Wt. W80g/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

10
1st Aust Machine Gun Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22 795-10			<p>1st AUST INF BDE H.Q. (Right Bde) + the 3rd M.G. Coy in the line in the right Bde sector. The S.I.C. visited the 2nd M.G. Coy in the line in the left Bde sector. & the left Brigade H.Q. (3rd Aust Inf Bde) - B Coy 29th M.G. Corps relieved the 3rd M.G. Coy in the line, relief was completed by 1.30 am. orders attached. 3rd M.G. Coy on relief moved to + occupied billets vacated by B Coy. at V17 D 15-10. The Q.M. + A/Q.M. visited DADOS at EBBLINGHEM re drawing supplies for B. Coy 29th M.G.C. attached to this Bde.</p>	<p>sheet 27+369 B 7 F.</p>
	16-7-18		<p>A fine day. The C.O. visited the 2nd Coy in the line (left Bde sector) + the left Brigade H.Q. (3rd Aust Inf Bde) - C.O. saw OC. 3rd M.G. Coy re ^{their} moving to new billets at BLARINGHEM. - 3rd M.G. Coy complete with transport proceeded by march route to BLARINGHEM. orders attached. The S.I.C. visited the Right Coy H.Q. (B. Coy 29th) + the Right Bde H.Q. (59th Bde). Lieut BROWNING - 2nd M.G. Coy + Lieut ELLIS 2nd M.G. Coy returned to duty at Div rest camp. The G.O.C. 1st Aust Div saw the C.O. (Lieut Col WIR. FRENCH. D.S.M.L.) at Div. H.Q. re the M.G. defences.</p>	<p>101</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

11
1st Aust Machine Gun Bn

33

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
22A V 95.10	17.7.18		<p>Fine day. The C.O. visited the Right Company (B Coy 29th Tr) & with the OC. Lieut ARNOLD reconnoitred positions for two guns in E 6 C for the defence of the MONT de MERRIS.</p> <p>Lieut CUMMING & 4 OR proceeded on U.K. Leave</p> <p>The CO. disposed of 4 Orderly Room Cases, Held the weekly company Commanders Conference at Tr HQ.</p> <p>Major MOOD M.C. XV Corps M.G.O. visited Tr HQ</p> <p>S.I.C. visited the rear HQ 2 M.G. Coy. at V 16 C & 8 re-bomb screens for the horse lines.</p>	
	18.7.18		<p>fine day. The S.I.C. visited the guns on the railway at E 29, inspected the concrete emplacements at W 26 D 25 SS. W 27 A 54 & E 3 B 40 35, visited the Right forward Coy (B Coy 29th Tr. M.G.C.) & arranged for guns No 576 to move forward to E 6 D. visited Right Trade HQ (89th British Trade)</p> <p>Lieut Col FRENCH D.S.O. M.C. attended C.O.'s conference at D. H.Q.</p> <p>Lieut M. RYAN. M.M. reported for duty ex O.T.S. & posted to 1st M.G. Coy.</p> <p>The C.O. interviewed six candidates for commissions, disposed</p>	<p>H.C.O. / E</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

12

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

1st Aust Machine Gun Bn

33

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A95.10			<p>of one orderly room case, saw Capt VINNICOMBE - of 2nd M.G. Coy & Lieut RAYMOND of 21st M.G. Coy re final instructions for co-operation in the METEREN attack, arranged with Capt VINNICOMBE re distribution of guns in the left Jth sector.</p> <p>The CO of 9th Jth M.G. Coy visited Jth H.Q. re slight alteration in our M.G. programme for the attack on METEREN.</p> <p>26 Details rejoined the Jth - 14 were posted to 1st M.G. Coy & 12 to each of the other coys.</p> <p>Lieut WILLIAMS, C.S. & 2 O.R. proceeded to L.G. school</p> <p>The Q.M. & R.M.O. went to ST OMER to purchase cartons stores</p> <p>3 American Officers - Lieut F. KRUEGER - 128 M.G. Bⁿ, Lieut MORGAN & Lieut SULLIVAN - 109 M.G. Bⁿ attached to Jth for experience.</p> <p>The S.I.C. visited the transport lines of the 1st M.G. Coy & B Coy 29th Jth M.G.C.</p> <p>The 21st M.G. Coy moved 3 guns forward into battery position constructed in X 19C to co-operate in the attack on METEREN to take place at 7.55 a.m. 19.7.18.</p>	<p>Sheets</p> <p>27 & 36^A</p> <p>B & F</p>

D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A788) Wt. W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14

101
H.W.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

13

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

CO
CO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A95.10	197.14		<p>Fine day. The 2nd M.G. Coy in the Left Side sector with 12 guns (8 attached from 21st Coy) co-operated in the attack on METEREN, carried out by the Left Div. (9th SCOTTISH) 52,000 Rounds S.A.A expended, our casualties 3 O.R. wounded. Operation Orders attached.</p> <p>The S.I.C. visited the H.Q. 21st M.G. Coy (Reserve) & the rear H.Q. 2nd M.G. Coy. Lieut KENT appointed Intelligence Officer</p> <p>Lieut NATHAN (Aid AA Officer) & Lieut KRUEGER (U.S.A.) inspected the AA defences in the forward zone 1st Div front.</p> <p>Lieut KENT visited the Right & Left forward companies re intelligence summaries</p>	<p>27 & 36 A B & F</p>
	207.18		<p>The C.O. & S.I.C. visited the 1st M.G. Coy H.Q. (2 zone)</p> <p>Fine morning, rain during afternoon.</p> <p>The S.I.C. accompanied by Lieut KRUEGER (U.S.A.) Liaisoned with the 119th Bde (Right Side) & notified them of proposed alterations of the guns of the Right Coy. visited the Right Coy & arranged for the re-distribution of their forward guns, & for the concrete M.G. emplacement (recently constructed)</p>	<p>H.W. Ved</p>

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

14

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

1st Aust MG Coy

03
07

V 22.9.95 10.

21.7.18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>to be occupied by gun crews.</p> <p>The C.O. attended conference at 11.00 AM H.Q. with S.O.C. + S.S.O.I. 1st Aust Div. S.S.O. 3rd Aust Inf Bde + C.O. 11th Aust Inf re projected attack on MERRIS, arrangements were made for 4 guns of right company to cover the right flank of the attack, & the S.E. slope of the MONT de MERRIS</p> <p>The S.I.C. visited the Right Coy (B Coy 29th MG Coy) & arranged for two guns (9 & 10) to move into E6 C or D here, with guns 7 & 8 in E5 D. to make a section. as for above, visited 119th Bde (British) & notified the guns proposed to be moved.</p> <p>fine day. The C.O. visited the H.Q. Right Coy & the 119th Bde (Right Bde) Capt K.I. GILL 2nd MG Coy, Lieut K.A. SMITH 3rd MG Coy + S.O.R. proceeded on U.K. Leave.</p> <p>Lieut E.J. SCOTT. + S.H. REED. 3rd MG Coy + S.O.R. proceeded to 2nd Army central school + XV Coy Gas school</p> <p>The Bde played the 1st Aust Inf Bde & won by five wickets.</p> <p>Lieut KENT inspected the Left Bde Second Zone M.G. positions & the 2nd MG Coy H.Q.</p>	<p>sketch</p> <p>27 + 36 A</p> <p>B + F</p>

15

NEW

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V2279515	22/7/18		<p>The 21st M.G. Coy in reserve relieved the 2nd M.G. Coy in the line in the Left 3rd Sector. Relief was completed without incident.</p> <p>The S.I.C. visited the 3rd Aust 5th Sect H.Q. (Left 3rd Sect) & the 21st M.G. Coy H.Q. - the left sector.</p> <p>Lieut KENT Liaisoned with 31st Jst M.G. Coy H.Q. at les cités RUE S V19.C Right Div. M.G. Jst & the 9th Jst M.G. C. at Q 34 C 5 3 Left Div M.G. Jst.</p> <p>The C.O. visited the 3rd M.G. Coy in post billets at BLARINGHEM.</p> <p>Lieut BROWNING 21st M.G. Coy returned to duty ex rest camp.</p> <p>Capt VINNICOMBE OC. 2nd M.G. Coy took over duties temp of XV Coy M.G.O. vice Major MOOD. M.C. on leave.</p> <p>Major MOOD. XV Coy M.G.O. & Lieut Col GRANVILLE visited Jst H.Q. re 3 officers to be attached to this Jst for experience.</p> <p>The C.O. Liaisoned with the 31st Jst M.G. C. at V19.C & the 3rd Aust 5th Sect H.Q. (Left 3rd Sect)</p>	<p>Sheet 27 + 26 A BVF</p>
	23/7/18		<p>Wed Day. The C.O. visited the Left 3rd Sect H.Q. (3rd Aust.) & the left forward M.G. Coy (21st) - The Adj (Lieut BAKER-FINCH) attended Court-Martial of 2155 Pte SPENCE & 813 Pte GRACIE. at Div F.P. Compound.</p>	<p>101 H.O.</p>

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

16

1st Aust Machine Gun Bn

CO
CO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A9510	24/7/18		<p>Lieut A B WEARNE - 1st M.G. Coy returned to Dutyled U.K. Leave</p> <p>Received notification that B. Coy 29th JBR M.G.C. in the line in the right side sector, would be relieved on night of 24/25 by B. Coy 61st JBR</p> <p>Advance party of 4 off. + 16 P.R. of 61st JBR M.G.C moved into the line to take over from B. Coy 29th JBR M.G.C.</p> <p>The C.O. visited the 1st Aust JBR HQ in reserve.</p> <p>The Fine day. The S.I.C + the O.C. B. Coy 61st JBR M.G.C visited the 119th JBR + the Right M.G. Coy HQ (B. Coy 29th JBR)</p> <p>The C.O. lectured to the Nucleus of 5th A.I. Bde on the co-operation of M.G + Infantry.</p> <p>C.O held company commanders conference at JBR HQ</p> <p>B. Coy 61st JBR M.G.C. moved into billets at V17D1510 + cam under orders C.O. 1st A.M.G. Bn. During night of 24/25 B. Coy 61st JBR relieved B. Coy 29th JBR in the right forward sector. relief was completed by 1. a.m without incident. On relief B. Coy 29th JBR moved to billets at V17D1510 to await orders from 29th Div.</p>	<p>Sketchs 27 + 36^a</p>

119
JBR

WAR DIARY

17

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

1st Anti machine Gun Coy

CO
CO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22795-10	25.7.18		<p>Lieut KENT (I.O) visited the Left Side HQ (3rd Anti) & the left M.G. Coy (21st) 4 OR proceeded on U.K Leave Fine day. The S.I.C visited the 3rd M.G. Coy at BLARINGHEM & stayed over night The three American Officers that were attached to JG. during the past week returned to their base at CAMIERES Two English Officers Capt HUNT & Lieut PEPPER & 4 N.C.O. of D.B. M.G.C attached to JG. for experience The I.O. visited the Right forward Coy B Coy 61st JG. M.G.C & the Right Side HQ (119th British) B. Coy 29th JG. M.G.C. marched out to rejoin their unit The G.S.O. 1 1st Anti Div. visited JG. HQ re the re-numbering of guns. Lieut L. J. UNDERWOOD & R. HARRIS reported for duty etc O.T.C Lieut H.E. EWINS returned to Duty ex hospital & was attached to JG. HQ to under study duties of Q.M. Lieut WILLIAMS 2nd M.G.C reported to JG. HQ to take over duties of A/AJ prior to the Adj. proceeding on leave</p>	<p>Sheet 27 + 36 A B + F</p>

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 32 Forms/C2118/16.

Handwritten signature or initials in the bottom right corner.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

18

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

1st Aust Machine Gun Bn.

CO
CO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V2299510	26.7.18		<p>Wat Day. The C.O. accompanied by Major KERR D.S.O. 1st Aust Div. visited BLARINGHEM & inspected the 3rd M.G. Coy & transport. The S.I.C. returned to B. HQ from BLARINGHEM.</p> <p>The C.O. visited the 3rd Aust Inf Bde HQ (Left Bde) re M.G. cooperation for proposed attack on MERRIS to be carried out by 10th Bn on night of 28/29.</p> <p>The C.O. of 9th Tr. M.G. Coy visited Tr. HQ re M.G. cooperation for minor operation being carried out by Left Div. Assistance was given with 3 guns. 4 guns from 21st M.G. Coy. The C.O. visited the 21st M.G. Coy & arranged for 3 guns to co-operate with Left Div. Also arranged for harassing fire to be maintained throughout the night along the METEREN BECQUE to prevent the enemy repairing bridges destroyed by shell fire.</p>	<p>Sect 37 + 36A BTF</p>
	27.6.18		<p>Wat day. The S.I.C. visited the Right M.G. Coy (B Coy 61st Tr. M.G. Coy) + with the O.C. Major LEIKE M.C. visited the 10th Aust Tr. HQ at E5B74 & arranged for 8 guns to cover the right flank of the attack on Merris also visited the left M.G. Coy (21st) & arranged for 6 guns to cover the left flank.</p>	<p>new</p>

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C21:8/16.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

19

1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

3
3

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V 22795.10			The CO + staff of 9 th M.G.C visited D.H.Q. regarding the defence of the right of METEREN.	sheets 27 + 26 A B + F
	28.7.18		The CO attended G.O.C's conference at D.H.Q. The I.O visited the right M.G. Coy H.Q. Fine day. The CO accompanied by the I.O. visited the right side (119 th British), the right M.G. Coy (B. Coy 61 st P.M.G.C) the line for right side + the right line for left side, re MERRIS operation. The I.O visited the G.S.O 3 at D.H.Q. The 3 rd M.G. Coy in post at BLARINGHEM moved forward by march route + relieved the 2 nd M.G. Coy in the 2 nd zone positions. The Adj (Lieut BAKER-FINCH), Lieut MANNERS 2 nd M.G. Coy + 8 OR. proceeded on U.K. Leave. Lieut WALLISH, 2 nd M.G. Coy returned to duty etc U.K. Leave Capt HUNT + Lieut PEPPER attached to the 2 nd Coy in the line left side sector.	
	29.7.18		Fine day. The 2 M.G. Coy proceeded by march route to post billets at BLARINGHEM.	NEW 16

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

20

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

CO
C

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

V22A95.10

30.7.18

Lt Col FFRENCH D.S.O. M.C. accompanied by Major HESLOP D.S.O. D.A.D.V.S. Major KERR D.S.O. D.T.Q.M.G. 1st Aust Div. the S.I.C. & a representative from each m.g. coy inspected the 1st m.g. coy & transport at V22D 8.5. report attached.

facts
27 + 36 A
B + F

27 reinforcements & details joined the Coy & were sorted as follows
1st coy 5. 2nd coy 7. 3rd coy 8. 21st coy 7.

The Q.M. visited DADDS at EBBLINGHEM. prepare barrels & arrangements for spare parts for the coy of 61st P.M.G.C. attached to Coy.

The I.O (Lieut KENT) visited the right forward m.g. coy (B coy 61st P.M.G.C.)

The C.O visited the 10th Aust Coy H.Q., the 12 Army Coy R.F.A. & the 3rd Aust Coy H.Q. re MERRIS operation to be carried out to night 29/30 zero 12.15 am.

Fine day. The right & left m.g. coys (B coy 61st P.M.G.C. & 21st A.M.G. Coy) co-operated in the attack on MERRIS. The right coy. with 8 guns from zero to zero + 120 barraged the area in the vicinity of ALERT CROSSING. The left coy with 10 guns barraged the area F.Z.C. at 3.45 am.

126
10
NEW

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

21

1st Aust Machine Gun Troop

33
33

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A95:10			<p>3450 till 4.30 a.m. in response to a telephonic call from the 10th Aust Div. the original battery barrage was repeated. Then owing to a heavy mist all guns fired rapid rate for 10 minutes every half hour until 9.30 a.m. The Right Coy expended 52,000 pounds & the Left Coy 110,000 pounds S.A.A. In addition to above the normal harassing fire programme was carried out by both coys. Operation Order & Intelligence reports attached.</p> <p>The C.O. 29th Troop M.G.C. visited the C.O. at Troop H.Q. re the relief of B Coy 61st Troop M.G.C. by C Coy 29th Troop.</p> <p>Capt VINNICOMBE O.C. 2nd M.G. Coy acting XV Corps M.G.O. visited the C.O. at Troop H.Q.</p> <p>During the afternoon in response to a telephonic call the right & left coys co-operated with the artillery in harassing shoot in front of MERRIS. To check any desire the Jm might have to launch a counter attack, & as retaliation for heavy artillery</p>	<p>Sheets 27756 A B + F</p> <p>new 21</p>

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C21:8/16.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading, not required.)

22

1st Aust Machine Gun Bn

23
24

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V22A9510	31.7.18		<p>fire put down in that sector.</p> <p>The S.I.C. visited the 1st M.G. Coy's spots at V22D85</p> <p>The Q.M. Lieut EWINS visited the 2nd M.G. Coy at BLARINGHEM, & D.A.D.O.S at EBBLINGHEM re spare barrels.</p> <p>Lieut PHELAN, 21st Coy returned to duty ex U.K. Leave.</p> <p>Five day. The advance party of C. Coy 29th M.G. C. moved into the line to take over from B Coy 61st M.G. C.</p> <p>The S.I.C. visited the rear H.Q. & transport lines of all coys re the pending relief of the 1st Aust Div., also visited the M.G. range at V16D4.6 whilst the 1st M.G. Coy was firing.</p> <p>The C.O. visited the rear H.Q. of 3rd M.G. Coy & B. Coy 61st M.G. C.</p> <p>H.O.R. proceeded on U.K. Leave.</p> <p>C. Coy 29th M.G. C. marched into their rear H.Q. at V.17D15.10 & came under the orders C.O. 1st M.G. Bn. During the night C. Coy relieved B. Coy 61st M.G. C. in the right sector 1st Aust Div front. On relief B Coy</p>	<p>Sheet 27786A</p> <p>23 24</p>

D. D. & L., London, E.C.
(A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.

23
24

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

23

1st Aust Machine Gun Coy

CO
CO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V 22 95 10			<p>moved to billets at V 17 DIS 10 to await orders C.O. 6 1⁰ PM M.G.C.</p> <p>The C.O held company commanders conference at HQ. matters regarding the pending relief were discussed.</p> <p>Sgt ERBACHER ^{21st M.G. Coy} returned to duty as G.I.T.Q. PT+BF school. whilst there he won ^{medals for} the Middle weight boxing, the best all round athlete, & the highest points.</p>	<p>Sheet 27 + 86^a B + F.</p>

with
Commanding, 1st Aust M.G. Coy

AVE
1 576

WAR DIARY

OF

1st Aust M.G. Bn. HQs

FOR

July 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Defence.
2	Operation Orders.
3	Intelligence Summaries
4	Monthly Reports
5	Routine Orders.
6	Congratulatory
7	Work Reports
8	Lessons Learnt
9	<u>Air Photos</u>

APPENDIX (a)

DISTRIBUTION

Delete and substitute :-

To recipients of Defence Scheme dated 9.6.18.

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

V.22.A.90.05.

Line Right.

Line Left.

Company H.Q.
Rear H.Q.

E. 3.B.40.35.
V.17.D. 1. 1.

Company H.Q.
Rear H.Q.

W.17.C.30.77.
V.10.C. 4. 9.

Section H.Q.

W.29.C.55.30.
E. 5.D.25.10.
E.10.C.30.60.
E.10.C.30.60.

Section H.Q.

W.24.C.95.60.
W.24.A. 4. 6.
W.17.D. 4. 8.
W.11.C.65.60.
W.16.D.20.05.

Second Zone.

Reserve Zone.

Company H.Q.

V.17.D. 1. 1.

Company H.Q. &
Wagon lines

V.23.C.16.35.

Section H.Q.

W.13.B.45.35.

Sub-Sect. "

V.17.D. 1.1.

" "

W. 9.D.70.95.

" "

E. 2.A.15.30.

Distribution. To all recipients of
defence scheme dated 9.6.18.

APPENDIX

25

38
Ward Perry

Headquarters, 17/7/18.

3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Reference re-distribution of Vickers Guns in Left Sector. I beg to forward the following :-

(A) In my opinion the 4 guns located as follows :-

- X. 19. C. 4. 4.
- X. 19. C. 35. 80.
- X. 19. A. 86. 42.
- X. 19. B. 15. 99.

termed the MOOLENACKER GROUP best serve their allotted function in their present positions.

(B) The two guns at present located at :-

- W. 17. D. 85. 30.
- W. 18. C. 26. 40.

could with advantage be moved to -

- W. 24. A. 40. 23. and
- W. 18. D. 15. 15.

and the two guns at present located at

- W. 18. D. 75. 95. and
- W. 18. B. 90. 35.

could with advantage be moved to -

- W. 18. D. 40. 60. and
- W. 18. B. 90. 60. (approximate)

providing two Lewis Guns could be emplaced about -

- W. 18. B. 6. 2.

Ground behind Support Line would be nicely covered. A visibility Chart reference these guns is attached.

(C) The remaining Guns sited in pairs as far as practicable, ensure that valleys and probable lines of enemy approach are covered, and I do not consider it of any advantage to move them at present.

Forwarded for your approval.

Walter Dick
for

Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

35

War Training

APPENDIX

24

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters, 31/7/18.

1st
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION
No. 59/2
Date

ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA TO DEFENCE SCHEME.

Para 2. SITING OF GUNS. At the end of para add "and the PLATE BECQUE Raia."

3. ALLOTMENT OF COMPANIES.

Delete Para 3 and substitute :-

- (a) The Forward Zone is divided into two sections by a line E.6.B.8.5. - W.30.A.0.4. - W.29.A.9.9. - W.22.C.1.6. - W.20 Central.
One Company plus one Section of 4 guns is allotted to the Left Sector and one Company plus one Sub-section to the Right Sector. The guns are under the tactical command of the Brigade Commander in whose Sector they are emplaced.
- (b) One Company less 6 guns accommodated in the Second Zone is allotted as under :-
 - 1. One Section as nucleus garrison of the Second Zone.
 - 2. Two guns allotted to the defence of ROUGE CROIX and two guns to the defence of the HAZEBROUCK - STRAZERIE Railway.
 - 3. Two guns as Mobile Reserve Company Headquarters V.17.D.2.1.
- (c) One Company in Reserve billets in V.23.C.15.35. This Company is available to assist counter attacks or to garrison the Second Zone as occasion demands.
- (d) One Company undergoing intensive training in BLARINGHEM Area. This Company is under the tactical Command of the G.O.C. Brigade in rest.

5. NUMBERING AND LOCATION OF GUN POSITIONS.

Delete Section (1) and substitute :-

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

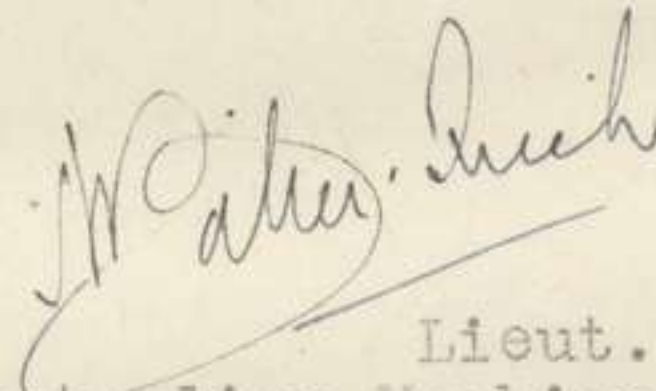
<u>Right Section</u>			<u>Left Section.</u>		
No.	Gun Location	Alternative position.	No.	Gun Location	Alternative position.
1.	E.10.C.35.40.	E.10.C.62.25.	17.	W.23.D. 3. 7.	W.23.D.30.63. x
2.	E.10.C.70.75.	E.10.C.65.58.	18.	W.23.D. 4. 9.	W.23.B.46.18. x
3.	E.10.B.20.40.		19.	W.24.C.60.15.	W.24.C.63.12. x
4.	E.10.B.60.40.	E.10.B.85.35.	20.	W.30.A. 3. 9.	W.30.A.25.80. x
5.	E.11.C.30.60.		21.	X.19.C. 4. 4.	X.19.C.30.15. x
6.	E.11.A.60.00.	E.11.A.60.20.	22.	X.19.C.35.80.	X.19.A.30.25. x
7.	E. 5.D.25.10.	E. 5.D.28.10.	23.	X.19.A.75.25.	X.19.A.66.62. x
8.	E. 5.D.55.60.	E. 5.D.50.60.	24.	X.19.B.15.99.	
9.	E. 6.C.10.50.	E. 6.C.20.10.	25.	W.24.A.30.25.	
10.	E. 6.C.30.70.	E. 6.C.30.80.	26.	W.18.D.15.15.	
11.	E. 3.B.40.65.		27.	W.18.D.75.25.	W.18.D.30.80. x
12.	W.28.C.55.65.	W.28.C.45.65.	28.	W.18.B.95.35.	W.18.B. 3. 4. x
13.	W.29.C.15.55.		29.	W.16.B. 2. 1.	
14.	W.29.C.85.05.	W.29.D.10.00.	30.	W.16.B.99.40.	W.17.A. 4. 6. x
15.	W.29.D.90.85.	W.30.C.90.00.	31.	W.17.A.30.90.	W.11.C.30.25. x
16.	W.30.A.80.40.	W.30.A.20.42.	32.	W.11.C.85.25.	W.11.C.78.35. x
			33.	W.22.B.05.55.	
			34.	W.22.A.85.80.	
			35.	W.16.D. 8. 2.	
			36.	W.16.D.85.15.	

(XX) Alternative positions marked x contain Trench mountings.

Headquarters 1.7.1918

SPECIAL ORDER

- (1) Tomorrow, 2nd inst., Battalion Headquarters changes over with 21st A.M.G.Co. H.Q. at V.22.A.95.15.
- (2) All Battalion H.Q. personnel and baggage will be clear of present billet by 2 pm.
- (3) 1 Limbered G.S. Wagon per Company reports at 1.30 pm.
- (4) All Officers' valises and baggage also Sergeants' and men's cooking equipment will be stacked at Battalion Q.M.Store by 1 pm., and batmen and cooks will stand by ready to load as directed by T.O.
- (5) All Orderly Room and Officers' Mess gear will be packed and stacked outside Orderly Room by 1.15 pm. Orderly Room staff will be responsible for loading this.
- (6) Q. M. will make his own arrangements with T. O. as to moving of his store.
- (7) Bn. H.Q. personnel will fall in ready to move off at 1.45 pm.
DRESS:- Full Marching Order.
- (8) The billets and billeting area will be left scrupulously clean.
- (9) Signal Officer ~~xxx~~ will make all arrangements as to communications.
- (10) Assistant Adjutant and 1 N.C.O. to be detailed will take over billet at V.22.A.95.15 at 1.30 pm.



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

38 *March Diary*

Headquarters 5/7/1918.

Battalion Order No. 32.

99

1. During the day of the 7th.inst. and night 7th/8th.inst. the 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. will relieve the 1st. A.M.G.Coy. in the Left Forward Section of the Divisional Sector.
2. On relief the 1st. A.M.G.Coy., less one Section, will relieve the 21st. A.M.G.Coy. in the Second Zone and will take over the role of Mobile Reserve. The remaining Section of the 1st. A.M.G.Coy. will relieve the Section of the 21st. A.M.G.Coy. in the Left Forward Zone.
3. On relief the 21st.A.M.G.Coy. will march to and occupy Reserve Billets vacated by 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. at V.23.C.15.35.
4. (a) An Advance party of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. per Section, and one man per gun from the 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. will move into positions occupied by 1st.A.M.G.Coy. on the night of the 6th.inst.
 (b) An advance party of 1 Officer and 3 N.C.O.'s from 1st. A.M.G.Coy. will reconnoitre and take over Second Zone positions, occupied by 21st. A.M.G.Coy. on the afternoon of the 6th.inst. and an Advance party of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and one man per gun will move into positions occupied by the 21st. A.M.G.Coy. in the Left Forward Zone, on the night of the 6th.inst.
 (c) An Advance party of 1 Officer and 2 N.C.O.'s from the 21st.A.M.G.Coy. will take over the Reserve Billets of the 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. on the afternoon of the 7th.inst.
5. On the 7th.inst. 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. takes over Rear Head Quarters and Transport Lines of 1st. A.M.G.Coy; 21st.A.M.G.Coy. takes over Company Head Quarters and Transport Lines of the 2nd. A.M.G.Coy; and 1st.A.M.G.Coy. takes over Company Head Quarters and Transport Lines of 21st. A.M.G.Coy. Details as to retention of a proportion of Transport at present Transport Lines for purposes of relief will be arranged mutually by Company Commanders concerned.
6. During the hours of daylight no movement of transport will take place east of the line W.8.Central - W.26.Central.
7. Location Reports will be sent to Battalion Head Quarters within 24 hours of relief.
8. 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 to Companies concerned.
9. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
10. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.
11. ¹⁰² *Signal officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication*
 Completion of relief to be notified to Bn. H.Q. in code B.A.B.
12. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Maty. Smith

Lieut. and Adj..

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

1	File	5	3rd. A.M.G.Coy.	9	2nd. A.I. Bde.
2	War Diary	6	21st. do.	10	3rd. do.
3	1st. A.M.G.Coy.	7	1st. Aust. Division	11	C.M.G.O. XV Corps.
4	2nd. do.	8	1st. A.I. Bde.	12	Spare.

Headquarters 9th July 1918.

BATTALION ORDER No.33.

Reference Map METEREN: Edition 1,b.(Local) 1/10,000

1. On "A" day the 9th (Scottish) Division is undertaking an operation against METEREN to improve their position.
2. The objective is approximately the Line X.21.A.0.4. - X.22.B.0.9 - X.16.B.8.6.
3. First Australian Machine Gun Battalion will co-operate as follows;-
 - (a) 4 guns of 2nd.Aust.M.G.Coy.known as the MOOLENACKER Group and 8 guns of 21st Aust.M.G.Coy. will bring fire to bear as follows-
 - (i) From Zero to Zero plus 25 barrage from X.21.C.40.40. - X. 21.D.85.85.
 - (ii) From Zero plus 26 to Zero plus 85 barrage from X.27.A.02.71. - X. 21. D. 91.79.
 - (iii) Rate of fire;-
 - 1 belt per minute for 10 minutes,
 - 1 belt per two minutes for 10 minutes, then
 - 1 belt for 5 minutes.
 - (b) (i) On completion of task, guns will remain laid on the Line X. 27.A. 02.71 - X. 21.D. 91.79., and should the "S.O.S" Signal be observed or it becomes apparent the 9th (Scottish) Division is being counter-attacked, fire will be opened at the rate of;-
 - 1 belt per minute for 5 minutes,
 - 1 belt per two minutes for 10 minutes
 Should the "S.O.S." still be observed this rate of fire will be repeated until situation clears.
 - (ii) At least 4,000 rounds of S.A.A. per gun will be kept in reserve in order to engage targets by direct fire, should an attack be launched on our front.
 - (c) Should any direct fire targets present themselves they will be immediately engaged.
4. Guns will be formed into two batteries as follows;-
 - No. 1 Battery of 4 guns of 2nd.Aust.M.G.Coy.MOOLENACKER Group,
 - " 2. Battery of 8 guns of 21st.Aust.M.G.Coy. at X. 19.C.30.05.
5. Officer Commanding 2nd.Aust.M.G.Coy. will detail a Group Commander who will be located at W. 24. D. 05.61.
6. Signalling Officer will arrange for Group Commander to be in telephonic communication with No. 2. Battery mentioned in para.4.
7. Positions will be constructed, complete with wooden "T" Base Plates, Zero pegs, 120,000 rounds of bulk S.A.A. 32 gallons of water and 2 gallons of oil before 11 p.m. on the 9th inst.
8. Necessary calculations will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters before 10 p.m. on the 9th.inst.
9. The 8 guns of the 21st.Aust.M.G.Coy. will not move into position until further orders.
10. "A" day and Zero Hour will be notified later.
11. The operation which is not to be alluded to on the telephone will be referred to in future correspondence as "ENTERPRISE".
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Master Smith
Lieut and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battn.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 War Diary
- 2 File
- 3 1st. Aust. Division
- 4 First A.I. Bde
- 5 Second A.I. Bde
- 6 Third A.I. Bde
- 7 1st A.M.G. Coy.

- 8. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy.
- 9. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy.
- 10. 21st. A.M.G. Coy.
- 11. 9th (Scottish) Division.
- 12. 9th Bn. M.G. Corps.
- 13. C.M.G.O. XV. Corps.
- 14. Spare.

(a) Guns of 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. known as the MOULMACKER Group and
 8 guns of 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy. will bring fire to bear as follows:-
 (i) From zero to zero plus 85 barrage from X. 21. 0. 40.
 X. 21. 0. 35.
 (ii) From zero plus 85 to zero plus 85 barrage from X. 21. 0. 35.
 VI. - X. 21. 0. 31. 75.
 (iii) Rate of fire:-
 1 belt per minute for 10 minutes.
 1 belt per two minutes for 10 minutes, then
 1 belt for 5 minutes.
 (b) (i) On completion of task, guns will remain laid on the line
 X. 21. 0. 35. VI. - X. 21. 0. 31. 75. and should the "S.O.S."
 signal be observed or it becomes apparent the 9th
 (Scottish) Division is being counter-attacked, fire will
 be opened at the rate of:-
 1 belt per minute for 5 minutes.
 1 belt per two minutes for 10 minutes
 Should the "S.O.S." still be observed this rate of fire will be
 repeated until situation clears.
 (ii) At least 4,000 rounds of S.A.A. per gun will be kept in
 reserve in order to engage targets by direct fire, should
 an attack be launched on our front.
 (c) Should any direct fire targets present themselves they will be
 immediately engaged.
 4. Guns will be formed into two batteries as follows:-
 No. 1 Battery of 4 guns of 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. MOULMACKER Group,
 " 2. Battery of 8 guns of 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy. at X. 19. 0. 30. 05.
 5. Officer Commanding 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. will detail a Group Commander
 who will be located at W. 24. D. 03. 61.
 6. Signalling Officer will arrange for Group Commander to be in
 telephonic communication with No. 2. Battery mentioned in para. 4.
 7. Positions will be constructed, complete with wooden "T" base plates,
 250 lbs. of oil, 150,000 rounds of 2.5 A.A. 32 gallons of water and 2
 gallons of oil before 11 p.m. on the 9th inst.
 8. Necessary calculations will be forwarded to each Battalion Head
 quarters before 10 p.m. on the 9th inst.
 9. The 8 guns of the 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy. will not move into position until
 further orders.
 10. "A" and "B" will be notified later.
 11. The operation which is not to be signalled to on the telephone will be
 referred to in future correspondence as "EMERGENCY".

W. J. ...

12. APPROVED

M 180718
9-7-18

1st Aust In. Coy. Col. Patton

Herewith please find calculations for the employment of our guns in the forthcoming operation.

The 8 guns of the 21st Aust. In. Coy. have a good battle position in the trench from X25 A 30.97 to X19C 34.21.

I have worked out my calculations for these 8 guns to cover the first Barrage line from X21C 40.37 to X21 D 46.70

This line is also being supervised by the 4 Howitzer guns distributed equally along it.

For the second Barrage the 8 guns of the 21st Coy will switch to the right and without altering their elevation cover from X21C 53.05 to X21D 52.59

The 4 Howitzer guns will then cover the westerly part of the Barrage from X27 A 76.00 to ~~X27 C~~ X27 A 42.96. ^{100.76}

By this method the most easterly and dangerous part of our position or view of the Barrage line will not be left unprotected whilst elevation is being put on.

This is forwarded to you for your approval please and may I please have a rough draft of your operation order as soon as possible.

W. W. Tomke Capt
of 21st Aust In. Coy

4/10
Approved
[Signature]

APPENDIX

2 31

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy.....

Don't carry

Headquarters. 11/7/18.

ADDENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 33.

1. In the event of the operation being postponed until the 21st. A.M.G. Company have relieved the 3rd. A.M.G. Company in the Forward Area, the 1st. A.M.G. Company will be responsible for the task allotted to the 21st. A.M.G. Company in para 3 sub-para (a).
2. Officer Commanding 1st. A.M.G. Company will get in touch with Officer Commanding 2nd. A.M.G. Company on the 12th. instant.
3. Officer Commanding 1st. A.M.G. Company will also detail two Officers and 4 N.C.O'S to reconnoitre Battery Position mentioned in para 4 and also routes to same on the 12th. instant.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Walter Litch*Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun BattalionDISTRIBUTION.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. War Diary. | 8. 2nd. A.M.G. Company. |
| 2. File. | 9. 3rd. A.M.G. Company. |
| 3. 1st. Aust. Division. | 10. 21st. A.M.G. Company. |
| 4. First A.I. Brigade. | 11. 9th. (Scottish) Division. |
| 5. Second A.I. Brigade. | 12. 9th. Battn. M.G. Corps. |
| 6. Third A.I. Brigade. | 13. C.M.G.O. XV. Corps. |
| 7. 1st. A.M.G. Company. | 14. Spare. |

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No.....

War Diary

Headquarters 13/7/18.

CORRIGENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO.33.Para 3. Sub-para (a) Sub-section (i)

Delete "From Zero to Zero plus 25" and insert "From Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 20"

Para 3. Sub-para (a) Sub-section (ii)

Delete "From Zero plus 26 to Zero plus 85" and insert "From Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 85"

*Robert Smith*Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.DISTRIBUTION.

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. War Diary. | 8. Second A.M.G.Coy. |
| 2. File. | 9. Third A.M.G.Coy. |
| 3. 1st.Aust. Division. | 10. 21st.A.M.G.Coy. |
| 4. First A.I.Brigade. | 11. 9th.(Scottish)Division. |
| 5. Second A.I.Brigade. | 12. 9th. Battn.M.G.Corps. |
| 6. Third A.I.Brigade. | 13. C.M.G.C.XV.Corps. |
| 7. First A.M.G.Coy. | 14. Spare. |

38

34

Battalion Headquarters,
18th. July 1918.

ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 33.

1. "A" day is the 19th. July - Zero hour will be notified later.
2. Para. 3 sub-para (a) sub-section (ii).
Delete "From Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 35" and insert "From Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 57"
3. Para 3 Sub. para. (b) Sub-section (i).
Delete "Guns will remain laid on the line X. 27. A. 02. 71. - X. 21. D. 91. 79" and insert "Guns will be laid on the line W. 27. C. 25. 75. to W. 28. A. 10. 85"
4. Necessary calculations for this alteration in S.O.S. Line will be forwarded to reach Battalion Head Quarters for checking by 11 p.m. tonight 18th. instant.
5. Watches will be synchronized 6, 3 and 1 hour before Zero direct with the South African Brigade whose Code call is "TULE"
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Archer-Lynch

Lieut. and Adjutant,
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

To all recipients of Battalieu Order No. 33.

30

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No.....

ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 33.Battalion Headquarters,
18th. July 1918.

(1) Reference Addendum and Corrigendum to Battalion Order No. 33 of even date.

(a) Para 5 Cancel co-ordinates in last line of this para and insert :-

X. 27. A. 0. 7. to X. 22. 0. 0. 0.

(b) Para 5 Cancel this para and insert the following :-

(i) Watches will be synchronised with the South African Brigade at 10 p.m. tonight 18th. instant. and 6 a.m. tomorrow 19th. instant.

(ii) All watches will be set to read 12 O'Clock at Zero. From 6 a.m. onwards Zero time will be used, that is to say, all times will be given with reference to zero hour, either zero minus . hours . minutes or zero plus - hours . minutes. After zero hour it is unnecessary to put in reports the words "zero plus" and it will be understood that all times stated mean zero plus the number of hours and minutes given in the message.

Example - 9 a.m. would be given in a message as 1 .5.

(2) ACKNOWLEDGE.*H. Baker-Finch*Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.DISTRIBUTION.To all recipients of Battalion Order No. 33.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No. 8.....

Headquarters 13/7/18.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 34

1. Officer Commanding 1st.A.M.G.Company will move a sub-section of 2 guns in charge of an Officer to positions vacated by 3rd.A.M.G.Company as follows:-

No. 11 gun	W.27.C.3.4,
No. 12 "	W.27.A.8.4.
2. Officer detailed to take charge of this sub-section will proceed at once to reconnoitre and will report to Officer Commanding 3rd.A.M.G.Company.
3. On completion of move guns will come under the Command of Officer Commanding 3rd.A.M.G.Company.
4. Move will be complete by midnight 13th./14th. instant, and completion will be reported to this Officer by wiring the word "DOPE"
5. No movement will take place East of the line W.8 Central to W.26 Central before 10 p.m.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Walter. Irish*Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.DISTRIBUTION.

1. 1st.A.M.G.Coy.
2. 2nd.A.M.G.Coy.
3. 3rd.A.M.G.Coy.
4. 21st.A.M.G.Coy.
5. 1st.Aust. Division.
6. 1st.A.I.Brigade.
7. File
8. War Diary.

FIRST AUST. MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters 14;7;18.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 35. *SM*

1. Infantry Brigade (29th Division), 1 company 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps and one Company 29th Divisional Train are placed under command of the G.G.C. 1st. Australian Division from 14th July.

2. The Divisional Area will be re-organized as follows:-

(i) The Right Brigade Sub-Sector will be held by the 87th Infantry Brigade

1 battalion in line

1 battalion in support (Forward of the "B" Line inclusive)

1 battalion in Brigade Reserve, West of BORRE.

(ii) The Left Brigade Sub-Sector will be held by the 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

2 battalions in line

2 battalions in support (Forward of the "B" Line inclusive)

(iii) The 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be in the Divisional Reserve and located in the Camps at present occupied by the Brigade Reserve.

(iv) The inter Brigade Boundary will be adjusted to run as follows:-

V. 29. B. 3. 6.

UKLEY Farm (Inclusive to Right Brigade.)

BASRA (" " " ")

W. 28. A. 4. 0.

STRAZEELE Avenue and MERRIS Street (Traffic Rights to Right Brigade only.)

E. 6. A. 0. 0.

E. 6. B. 5. 0.

F. 7. B. 0. 9.

3. On the 14th inst. "B" Company of the 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps will march to and occupy billets at V. 17. D. 2.1, and will then come under command of Commanding Officer 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

4. Re-organization and consequent reliefs and moves will be effected as follows:-

FIRST PHASE.

5. During the day of the 15th inst. and night of 15/16th inst. "B" Company 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps will relieve the 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company in the Right Forward Section of the Divisional Sector.

6. On relief the 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company will move to its Rear Headquarters at V. 17. D. 2.1.

7. An advance party of one Officer and one N.C.O. per section and one man per Gun of "B" Company 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps will move into positions occupied by 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company on the night of the 14th inst.



APPENDIX 2

(2)

SECOND PHASE.

- 8. During the day of the 16th inst. and night of 16/17th inst. the 21st. Aust. Machine Gun Company will relieve the 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company in the Second Zone and also the Section of the 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. in the Left Forward Zone and Sub-Section in the Right Forward Zone.
- 9. On relief the 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company will move to and occupy Reserve billets vacated by 21st. Aust. Machine Gun Company at V. 23. C. 15. 26 and take over the role of Reserve Company.
- 10. An advance party of one Officer and three N.C.O.'s from 21st. Aust. Machine Gun Company will reconnoitre and take over Second Zone positions occupied by 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company on the afternoon of the 16th Inst. and an advance party of one Officer, one N.C.O. and one man per gun will move into positions occupied by 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company in the Left and Right Forward Zone on the night of 15/16th inst.
- 11. On and after the 16th inst. the 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company will take up the role allotted to the 21st. Aust. Machine Gun Company in "ENTERPRISE"

The following apply to both phases. -

- 12. During the hours of daylight no movement of transport will take place East of the Line W. 8. Central and W. 26. Central.
- 13. Location reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
- 14. 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 Headquarters. Full particulars of work in hand on houses in Second Zone will be handed over to Companies concerned.
- 15. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the move as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
- 16. Quartermaster will arrange all matters effecting the rations of Companies concerned.
- 17. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
- 18. Completion of relief to be notified to Battalion Headquarters in Code "B.A.B."
- 19. Details as to guides and other matters not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.

THIRD PHASE.

- 20. On the 16th. inst. the 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company will move under Company arrangements by Route March complete with transport to billets in the BLARINGHEM Area.

(3)

1 Part

- 21. A billeting of one Officer and two N.C.O's. will report to the Area Commandant BLARINGHEM on the 15th inst. to arrange for billeting of Company; the N.C.O's will then act as guides to the Company on the 16th inst.
- 22. Distances on the March to BLARINGHEM will be observed strictly in accordance with XV Corps Routine Order No. 1409 dated 22;6;18, which lays down that one hundred yards will be maintained between Units and their Transport and gaps of 25 yards between each Section of six vehicles to enable traffic to pass. Strict March discipline will also be observed.
- 23. Officer Commanding 3rd.Aust.Machine Gun Company will notify Battalion Headquarters of the time the Company will march out.
- 24. On arrival in Blaringhem Area 3rd.Aust.Machine Gun Company will come under the tactical command of G.O.C. 2nd.Aust.Infatry Brigade.
- 25. Orders as to training while in Blaringhem Area will be issued later.
- 26. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. J. Smith
 Lieut and Adjutant.
 First Aus. Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | War Diary | 9 | 2nd.A.I.Bde. |
| 2 | File | 10 | 3rd.A.I.Bde. |
| 3 | 1st A.M.G.Coy. | 11 | C.M.G.O. XV Corps. |
| 4 | 2nd.A.M.G.Coy. | 12 | 87th Brigade. |
| 5 | 3rd.A.M.G.Coy. | 13 | 29th Bn.Machine Gun Corps. |
| 6 | 21st.A.M.G.Coy. | 14 | "B" Coy.29th Bn.Machine Gun |
| 7 | 1st.Aust.Division. | 15 | Spare. (Corps.) |
| 8 | 1st.A.I.Bde. | | |

APPENDIX 2 39

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No. 2.....

Battalion Headquarters,
16th. July 1918.CORRIGENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 35.

The whole of the Second Phase (paras 8 to 11) is cancelled also Corrigendum issued on the 14th. instant and the following substituted:-

- (8) During the day of the 20th. and night 20th/21st. inst. the 21st.A.M.G.Company will relieve the 2nd.A.M.G.Coy. in the Left Forward Section of the Divisional Sector.
- (9) On relief the 2nd.A.M.G.Company, less 6 guns, will relieve the 1st.A.M.G.Company in the Second Zone, and will take over the role of Mobile Reserve.
The remaining six guns of the 2nd.A.M.G.Company will relieve the Section and Sub-section of the 1st. A.M.G.Company in the Left and Right Forward Zones respectively.
- (10) On relief the 1st.A.M.G.Company will march to and occupy Reserve billets vacated by 21st.A.M.G.Company at V.23.C.15.35.
- (11) (a) An advance party of One Officer and one N.C.O. per section, and one man per gun from 21st.A.M.G.Company, will move into positions occupied by 2nd.A.M.G.Company on the night of the 19th. inst.
(b) An advance party of one Officer and three N.C.O's. from 2nd.A.M.G.Company will reconnoitre and take over Second Zone positions, occupied by 1st.A.M.G.Company on the afternoon of the 19th. inst. and an advance party of one Officer and 2 N.C.O's and one man per gun will move into positions occupied by 1st.A.M.G.Company in the Left and Right Forward Zones, on the night of the 19th. instant.
(c) An advance party of one Officer and 2 N.C.O's from the 1st.A.M.G.Company will take over the Reserve Billets of the 21st.A.M.G.Company on the afternoon of the 20th. inst.
- (11A) On and after the 20th. inst. the 1st.A.M.G.Company will take over the role allotted to the 21st.A.M.G.Company in "ENTERPRISE" and on and after the 21st. inst. 21st.A.M.G. Company will take over the role allotted the 2nd.A.M.G. Company in "ENTERPRISE"

A. Baker
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

To all recipients of Battalion Order No. 35.

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No.....

War Diary

Battalion Headquarters,
14th. July 1918.

CORRIGENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 35.

Para 8. Delete "day of the 16th. inst and night 16/17th" inst. and insert "day of 20th. inst. and night of 20/21st. instant"

Para 10. Line 4 for 16th. inst read 20th. inst.
Line 6 for night of 15/16th. inst. 19/20th. inst.

Para 11. For 16th. inst. read 20th. instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Bates Smith

Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

To all recipients of Battalion Order No. 35.

APPENDIX

241

83

SECRET.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

21st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. (for information)

The two sections of the 21st. Aust. Machine Gun Company participating in "ENTERPRISE" may be withdrawn at the most convenient and suitable time on the night of 19th /20th .

Acknowledge.

Lieut and Adjutant.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

APPENDIX

242

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No. 1...

Battalion Headquarters,
18th. July 1918.

- (1) Reference Corrigendum to Battalion Order No. 35 issued on 16.7.18. owing to "ENTERPRISE" the following alterations in date will be made. :-

<u>Para. 8.</u>		<u>Line 1.</u> Instead of "20th. inst" read "21st. inst!" Instead of "20th./21st. inst" read "21st./22nd. inst!"
<u>Para 11.</u>	(a)	<u>Line 4.</u> Instead of "19th. inst" read "20th. inst!"
<u>Para 11.</u>	(b)	<u>Lines 4 and 7.</u> Instead of "19th. inst" read "20th. inst!"
<u>Para 11.</u>	(c)	<u>Line 4.</u> Instead of "20th. inst" read "21st. inst!"

- (2) ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert Ditch
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

To all recipients of Battalion Order No. 35.

30

APPENDIX

2/43

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters 23.7.1918.

33

Battalion Order No. 36.

1. "B" Company, 61st Battalion Machine Gun Corps will move from BLARINOHEN AREA to Billets at V.17. D.S.I. on the 24th of July., move to be completed by 12 noon.
2. On completion of move they will come under command of the Commanding Officer, 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.
3. During the day of 24th inst., and night 24/25th inst., "B" Company 61st Battalion Machine Gun Corps will relieve "B" Company 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps in the right Section of the Divisional Sector.
4. On relief, "B" Company 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps will move to its Rear Headquarters at V.17.D.S.I. and will hold itself in readiness to march to rejoin its Division under orders to be issued later.
5. An advance party of 4 Officers and 16 other Ranks of "B" Company 61st Battalion Machine Gun Corps will move into positions occupied by "B" Company 29th Battalion Machine Gun Corps on the night of 23rd inst.
6. During the hours of daylight, no movement of transport will take place east of the line W.S. Central - W.26 Central.
7. Location reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
8. Maps, Airphotos, Orders for Attack and Defence, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all calculations and Fighting Maps and Barrage Charts for S.O.S. will be handed over and receipts obtained, one copy being forwarded to Battalion Headquarters. Full particulars of work in hand on houses in Second Zone will be handed over to Companies concerned.
9. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the move as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
10. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.
11. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
12. Completion of relief to be notified to Battalion Headquarters in code S.A.B.
13. Details as to guides and other matters not herein contained, will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
14. ACKNOWLEDGIS.

W. Baker, Smith
Lieut. & Adjutant,

1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Distribution

1	War Diary	9	"B" Coy. 61st Bn. M.G. Corps.
2	File	10	1st Aust. Division.
3	1st A.M.G. Co.	11	1st A.I. Bde.
4	2nd do.	12	2nd A.I. Bde.
5	3rd do.	13	3rd A.I. Bde.
6	21st do.	14	119th Brigade
7	"B" Coy. 29th Bn. M.G. Corps	15	C.M.G.O. XV Corps.
8	61st Bn. M.G. Corps.	16	SPARE

Battalion Headquarters,
25th. July 1918.

Battalion Order No. 37.

1. The 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company will move from BLARINGHEM Area to billets at V.17.D.2.1. on the 28th. July. Move to be complete by 12 noon.
2. During the day of the 28th. July and night 28/29th. 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company will relieve the 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company in the Second Zone, also Section of 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company in the Left Forward Zone and Sub-section in the Right Forward Zone.
3. On relief 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company will move to their Rear Headquarters at V.17.D.2.1.
4. On the 29th. instant, the 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company will move under Company arrangements by Route march, complete with transport, to billets vacated by the 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company in the BLARINGHEM Area.
5. (a) An advance party of one Officer and 3 N.C.O's from 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company will reconnoitre Second Zone positions occupied by 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company on the afternoon of the 28th. instant and an advance party of one Officer and N.C.O. and one man per gun will move into positions occupied by 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company in the Left and Right Forward Zones on the night of the 27/28th. instant.
(b) An advance party of one Officer and 2 N.C.O's of the 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company will take over the billets of the 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company in BLARINGHEM Area on the morning of the 28th. instant.
6. During the hours of daylight no movement of transport will take place east of the line W.8. Central - W.26. Central.
7. Location Reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
8. Maps, Airphotos, Orders for Attack and Defense, 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 Headquarters. Full particulars of work in hand on houses in the Second Zone will be handed over to Companies concerned.
9. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
10. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.
11. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
12. Completion of relief to be notified to Battalion Headquarters in code B.A.B.
13. Details as to guides and other matters not herein contained will be arranged mutually between the Company Commanders concerned.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. Smith

Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

46

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

38

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. War Diary. | 8. 1st. Australian Division. |
| 2. File | 9. 1st. A.I. Brigade. |
| 3. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. | 10. 2nd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 4. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. | 11. 3rd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 5. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. | 12. 119th. Brigade. |
| 6. 21st. A.M.G. Coy. | 13. C.M.G.O. XV. Corps. |
| 7. "B" Coy. 61st. Bn. M.G. Corps. | 14. Spare. |

[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some words like "Australian", "brigade", and "corps" are faintly visible.]

38

Battalion Headquarters,
26th. July 1918.

47

ADDENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 37.

At end of para 4. insert :-

ROUTE. WALLON CAPPEL - LYNDE
Not to pass Les Cinq Rues before 10.30 a.m.

After para 13. insert following paragraphs :-

- (13a) Distances on the march from and to BLARINGHEM will be observed strictly in accordance with XV. Corps Routine Order No. 1409 of 22.6.18., which lays down that 100 yards will be maintained between Units and their transport and gaps of 25 yards between each section of six vehicles to enable traffic to pass.
Strict march discipline will also be observed.
- (13b) On arrival in BLARINGHEM Area 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company will come under the tactical command of the G.O.C. of the Brigade of the First Australian Division for the time being in the Rest Area.
- (13c) While in BLARINGHEM Area 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company will at all times be prepared to move at 4 hours notice to carry out relief of "B" Coy. 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps should this necessity arise.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. G. Smith
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

To all recipients of Battalion Order No. 37.

2
48

War Diary
330

Battalion Headquarters,
27th. July 1918.

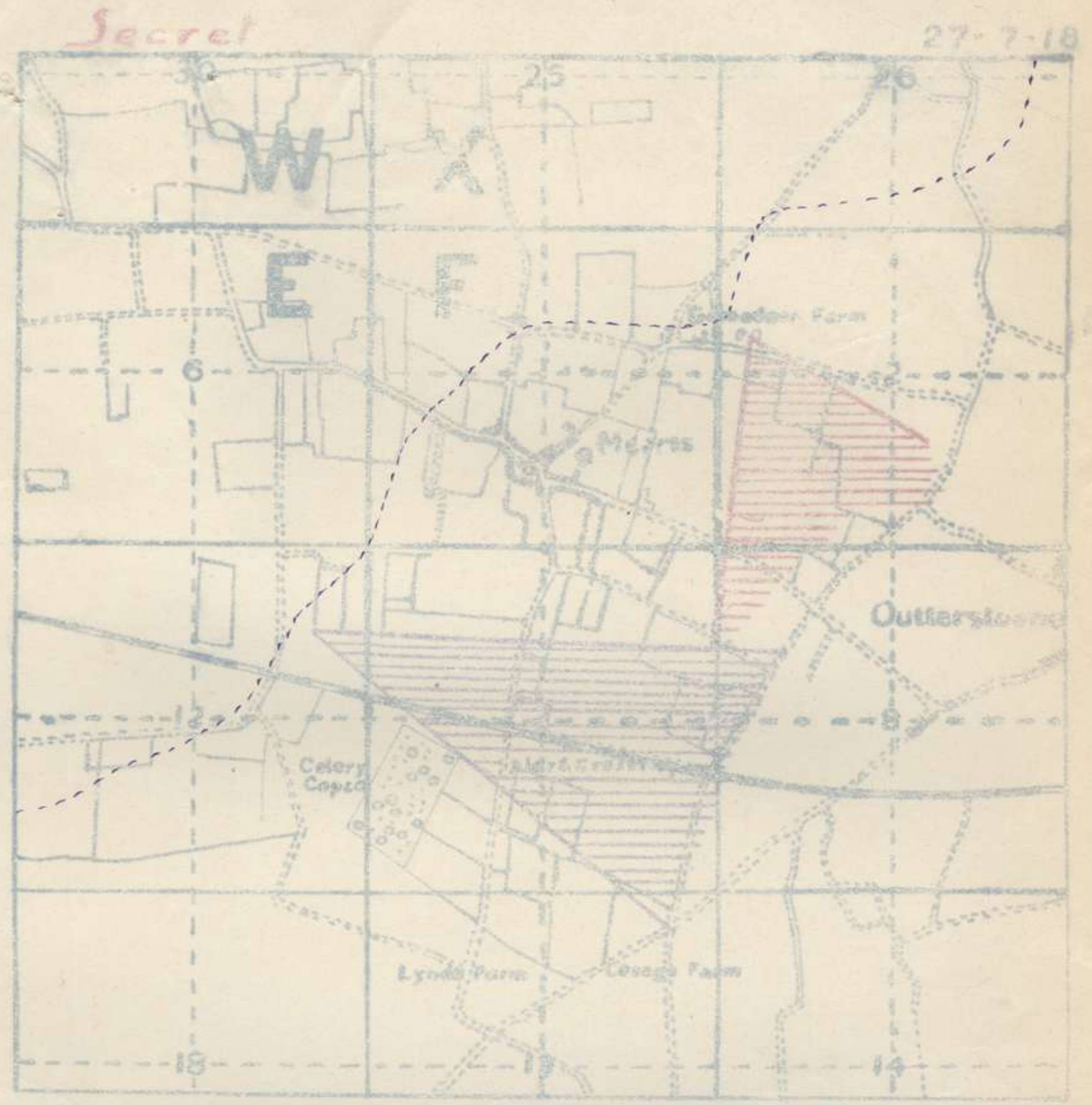
BATTALION ORDER NO. 38.

1. On a day and at an hour to be notified later the 10th. Australian Infantry Battalion is undertaking an operation to envelope the village of MERRIS by a simultaneous movement from the N.E. and S.W.
2. Boundaries of attack are :-
 North - F.1.B.7.4.
 South - B.12.B.8.8.
3. First Australian Machine Gun Battalion will co-operate as follows :-
 (i) Eight guns of "B" Company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps will fire on the Right flank of the attack on the area coloured "blue", on the attached sketch map.
 (ii) Six guns of the 21st. Australian Machine Gun Company will fire on the Left flank of the attack on the area coloured "red", on the attached sketch map.
 (iii) Should it be necessary, Officers Commanding Companies concerned will move the guns forward from their present positions to carry out the tasks mentioned in (i) and (ii) above.
 (iv) Times of firing will be notified later.
 (v) Rate of fire - 100 rounds per minute.
4. (i) On completion of task, guns will remain laid on areas as in para 3 (i) and (ii) above, and should the S.O.S. Signal be observed or it becomes apparent that the 10th. Australian Infantry Battalion is being counter-attacked, fire will be opened at the rate of :-
 1 belt per minute for 5 minutes.
 1 " " two minutes for 10 minutes.
 Should the S.O.S. still be observed this rate of fire will be repeated until the situation clears.
 (ii) At least 4,000 rounds of S.A.A. per gun will be kept in reserve in order to engage targets by direct fire.
5. Necessary calculations will be forwarded by Officers Commanding Companies concerned to reach Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on the 28th. instant.
6. Officers Commanding Companies concerned will ensure that sufficient S.A.A. is taken into positions on the night of the 27th/28th. inst. to carry out the tasks enumerated in para 3.
7. Light Signals.
 Local S.O.S.)
 Reached Objectives.) Notified later.
 Consolidation advanced.)
8. Watches will be synchronized at 6, 4 and 2 hours before Zero at Brigade Headquarters.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Subscribed
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. War Diary. | 6. 21st. A.M.G. Coy. | 11. 3rd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 2. File. | 7. "B" Coy. 61st. Bn. M.G.C. | 12. 119th. Inf. Bde. |
| 3. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. | 8. 1st. Aust. Division. | 13. C.M.G.O. XV. Corps. |
| 4. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. | 9. 1st. A.I. Brigade. | 14. Spare. |
| 5. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. | 10. 2nd. A.I. Brigade. | 15. ditto. |



1st Aust. M.G. Battalion

Tracing taken from map of Merris 1st

Scale 1:20,000

38

Battalion Headquarters,
29th. July 1918.

50

ADDENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 38.

- 1. Para 3 Sub-para (iv) Fire will be opened at Zero plus 5, and continued at the rate mentioned in para 3 sub-para (v) until Zero plus 60 minutes.

From Zero plus 61 minutes to Zero plus 120 minutes the rate of fire will be :-

One belt per gun per 5 minutes.

- 2. Guns taking part in the operation will remain in their special positions to carry out the tasks mentioned in para 4 until dawn on the morning of the 31st. July, when they will withdraw to their normal positions.

- 3. The following special light signals will be used :-

LOCAL S.O.S. Rocket changing from Red to White to Red.

Reached Objective. Rocket changing from Red to White to Green.

Consolidation Advanced. Rocket changing from Green to White.

- 4. Zero hour will be 12 midnight plus 15 minutes on the night of the 29/30th. July.

- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. H. Mitchell

2/Lieut. and A/Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. War Diary | 6. 21st. A.M.G. Coy. | 11. 3rd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 2. File. | 7. "B" Coy. 61st. Bn. M.G.C. | 12. 119th. Inf. Bde. |
| 3. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. | 8. 1st. Aust. Division. | 13. C.M.G.O. XV. Corps |
| 4. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. | 9. 1st. A.I. Brigade. | 14. 10th. A.I. Battalion. |
| 5. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. | 10. 2nd. A.I. Brigade. | 15. Spare. |

War Diary
33

51

Battalion Headquarters,
29th. July 1918.

ADDENDUM No. 2 TO BATTALION ORDER No. 38.

1. Times and rates of firing previously ordered are amended as follows :-

From Zero to Zero plus 5 minutes fire will be opened at a rate of 3 belts in 5 minutes.

From Zero plus 5 minutes to Zero plus 60 minutes fire will be maintained at rate of 100 rounds per minute.

From Zero plus 61 minutes to Zero plus 120 minutes fire will be maintained at rate of one belt in 3 minutes

2. Officer Commanding 21st. Australian Machine Gun Company and Officer Commanding "B" company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps will each detail a runner to report to Commanding Officer 10th. Australian Infantry Battalion at THE BRICKWORKS W.22.D.9.8. before 10 p.m. 29th. July 1918.

3. LOCAL S.O.S. as per para 3. in Addendum No. 1 will be operative until completion of relief of 10th Aust. Infantry Battalion by a Battalion of the Second Aust. Infantry Brigade on the night of the 30/31st July. However it must be clearly borne in mind that should the normal S.O.S. Signal RED over GREEN over YELLOW be observed in the Area fire will be immediately opened at rates as previously laid down .

4. All Guns firing overhead indirect fire will comply with previous instructions issued on this subject. -

(a) Elevation will be checked by Clinometer after each belt

(b) No firing to be done except legs of tripod firmly fixed to wooden "T" Base plates, with filled sandbags over them.

(c) An officer will personally supervise every two guns to ensure above conditions are rigorously observed.

5. Acknowledge.

E. Hutchell

Lieut and A/Adjutant.
First Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

To all recipients of Battalion Order No. 38 and Addendum No. 1.

33 War Diary

Battalion Headquarters,
30th. July 1918.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 59.

Reference Maps.

Sheets 27 S.E. and 36a N.E.
1 : 20,000

1. During the day of the 31st. July and the night of the 31st. July/1st. August, C Company 29th. Battalion Machine Gun Corps will relieve "B" Company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps in the Right section of the Divisional Sector.
2. The Company of the 29th. Battalion Machine Gun Corps will move to billets at V.17.D.20.10. on the 31st. July and on completion of move will come under the command of the Commanding Officer, First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.
3. On relief "B" Company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps, will move to its Rear Headquarters at V.17.D.20.10 and will hold itself in readiness to rejoin its Battalion under orders to be issued later.
4. During the hours of daylight no movement of transport is to take place East of the line W.8 Central - W.26 Central.
5. Location reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
6. Maps, Airphotos, 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 Headquarters. Full particulars of work in hand ~~in hand~~ will be handed over to relieving Company.
7. Sections will be so disposed at all times during the moves as to enter the engagement in the event of enemy attack.
8. Quartermaster will arrange all matters affecting the rations of Companies concerned.
9. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
10. Completion of relief to be notified to Battalion Headquarters in Code B.A.B.
11. Details as to guides and other matters not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Hutchell

R/Lieut. and A/Adjutant.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. War Diary. | 7. 29th. Bn. M.G. Corps. | 13. 2nd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 2. File. | 8. "C" Coy. 29th. Bn. M.G.C. | 14. 3rd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 3. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. | 9. 61st. Bn. M.G.C. | 15. 119th. Inf. Bde. |
| 4. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. | 10. "B" Coy. 61st. Bn. M.G.C. | 16. 121st. Inf. Bde. |
| 5. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. | 11. 1st. Aust. Division. | 17. C.M.G.C. XV. Corps. |
| 6. 21st. A.M.G. Coy. | 12. 1st. A.I. Brigade. | 18. Spare. |

(SECRET)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Copy No 1

Battalion Headquarters,
31st. July 1918.

ADDENDUM TO BATTALION ORDER NO.39.

1. Para 6 will be amended as follows :-

On relief handing over lists will be prepared and signed in quadruplicate, one copy to be retained by "B" Company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps, one copy by "C" Company 29th. Battalion Machine Gun Corps and two copies to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters immediately on completion of relief.

2. Lists of Trench and Area Stores will be made out in quadruplicate and receipts obtained on special pro forma provided.
3. On relief "B" Company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps will, on 1st. August, march under Company arrangements to rejoin its Battalion at WITTERNESSE, 3 miles S.W. of AIRE (Reference Map Sheet 36a. 1 : 40,000)
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) E.M. MITCHELL,
2/Lieut. and A/Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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

To all recipients of Battalion Order No.39.

APPENDIX

2
53

38

1st AMG Bn

3rd
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.
No. 947
Date 2/7/18

Daily situation report of 2/7/18.

Expenditure on enemy targets by M.Gs : Nil.

Enemy Artillery: artillery quiet. A few S.Gs fall near C.H.Q. E 3 B 40. 35

Enemy Aircraft: A single E.A patrolled our front at low altitude for an hour at dusk.

General situation: very quiet.

WRT

ofc 3rd AMG Bn

Quartermaster Capt ofc 3rd AMG Bn

~~MRT~~

1st Am G. Bn.

3RD AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	
Date.	3/7/18

Intelligence Summary

3rd July 1918

SAA Expended: 500 rounds on (a) enemy plane over at 15.30. Plane immediately turned home. (b) on E.A. over at 19.30 and observed to fall W. of Bourre.

Enemy Artillery: active from 2300 to 2400 on left sector otherwise quiet.

Enemy Aircraft: Single EA over at various periods. One brought down W of Bourre.

Situation: Very quiet

H. Smith Capt Lt
Pos. A/C No 3 Am G. Co.

UNIT.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN

APPENDIX

3 56

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 9

From 6.a.m. 3-7-45 to 6.a.m. 4-7-45

1. OPERATIONS.

M.G's. (Brief Resume)

No. of rounds.

9500

Our V.M.G. maintained the usual harassing fire throughout the night on known enemy centres of activity. Targets.

F 2 d 20.20

F 8 A 55.65

F 7 B 00.75 — F 7 B 80.00

X 27 c 40.10 — X 27 d 40.90

X 26 d 40.70 — X 26 d 20.00

WORK.Position.Remarks.

cutting of crops
Improvements to gun
positions & completion
of alternative positions
for all guns including
Section attached to Coy.
Shelter positions for
Reserve mobile Section
nearly completed at — Coy. H. Q.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

At about 12 Noon enemy artillery fired about 40 rounds (Shrapnel) on to Square W16, apparently searching for the 17th Pde Sniping Battery which is situated in the vicinity of Sq W16.

Otherwise Normal
Gas. Nil.

57

Alert but "Quiet"

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work, Wire, M.G. T.M. etc."

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Nil

6. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy M.G.^s

Nos 19 & 21 Guns which are doing Counter Machine Gun Work have apparently located enemy machine gun which plays on squares W 24 & 30 and X 19 & 25 every night.

For the past two nights whenever this enemy machine gun has opened up Nos 19 & 21 Guns have succeeded in shutting him up.

App Location of E.M Gun - 1-1.d 30.60.

Butterfield
ROKU

38

APPENDIX

58

~~MA~~

S.A. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	G.H.
Date	4/7/18.

Pome

Indirect harassing fire brought to
bear on the following targets.

6000 rounds expended between
Dusk + dawn.

- F 2 C 0.0 to F 8 a 30.90
- F 1 + 6 0 to F 1 + 8.4.
- E 17 d 75.75 to E 18 C 10.20
- E 12 d 30.60.

Signed
 J. B. Smith Lt
 for OC.
 S.A.M.C. Co

From 6.a.m. 4-7-18 to 6.a.m. 5/7/18

1. OPERATIONS.

M.G's. (Brief resume)

No. of rounds.

11000

WTF

V.M. 5th Nos 19, 20, 21 & 24 carried out harassing fire throughout the night

Targets.

- F2b 45.25 - F2b 70.10
- X26.b.55.15 - X26d 80.80
- X27 d 30.70 - X27d 60.40
- X26 d 35.60 - F2 d 40.75
- F2.A.20.10 F1.b.70.10

WORK.

Position.

Remarks.

cutting of crops	All gun	All living
General Improvement of gun Positions & H.Q.	Position T Coy. H. Q.	Quarters of gun crews are being stripped & rebuilt

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

At about 9 Pm the Enemy put down a heavy barrage along the whole Divisional front & also shelled our Batteries in the vicinity of "Pradelle". A percentage of freezing gas was used in this Barrage

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

60/

non-offensive

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "work, wire, M.G. T.M. etc"

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Two enemy planes crossed our lines late in the afternoon but were driven back by AA fire.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Entered by
1st Lt. M. G. G. G.

WLF

3RD AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	G. H. 25
Date.	5/7/18

BOWU.

Indirect harassing fire was
brought to bear on the following targets

F7C 85.95.
F1d 75.10.
E18C 3.8.
E12d 30.60.

6000 pounds S.A.A expended between
Dusk and Dawn.

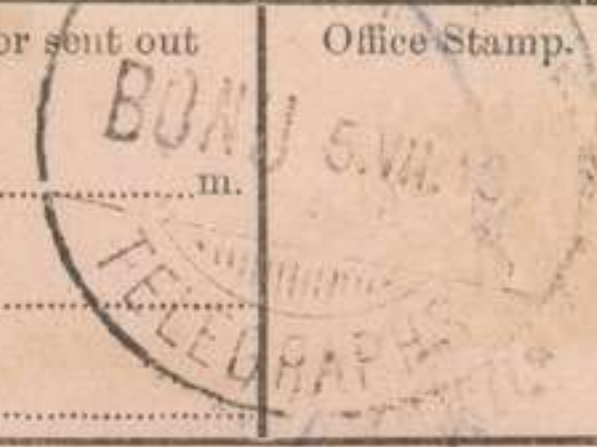
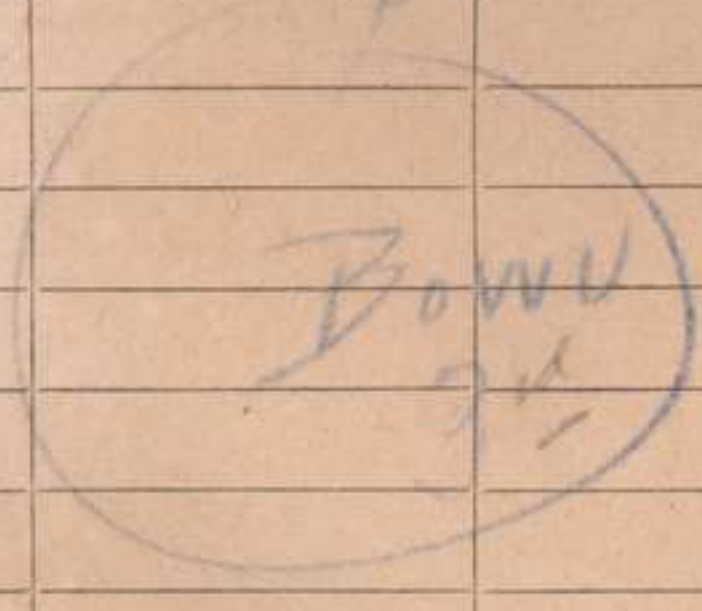
W. S. Smith Lieut
for 3rd M.G. Co

38

APPENDIX

3

62

Prefix.....	Code <u>FAE</u>	Words <u>22</u>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
Charges to collect			From <u>AYH</u>	At.....m.	
Service Instructions.			By <u>M</u>	To.....	
Handed in at <u>WOMU</u>			Office.....	Received <u>13-9</u>	m.
TO	<u>BOMU</u> <u>WRT</u>				
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA		
	<u>5-13</u>				
<p><u>to announce ICR evacuated</u></p> <p><u>sick</u></p> <p><u>Situation - Heavy bombardment</u></p> <p><u>at 9.30 pm lasting 1 hour rest</u></p> <p><u>of night quiet.</u></p>					
					
FROM	<u>BOMU</u>				
PLACE & TIME					

UNIT. *1st Aust. M. G. Co.* APPENDIX *3/7/15*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. *9*

From 6 A.M. *5/7/15* to 6 A.M. *6/7/15*

63

1. OPERATIONS.

L.G's. (Brief resume)

No. of rounds.

1050

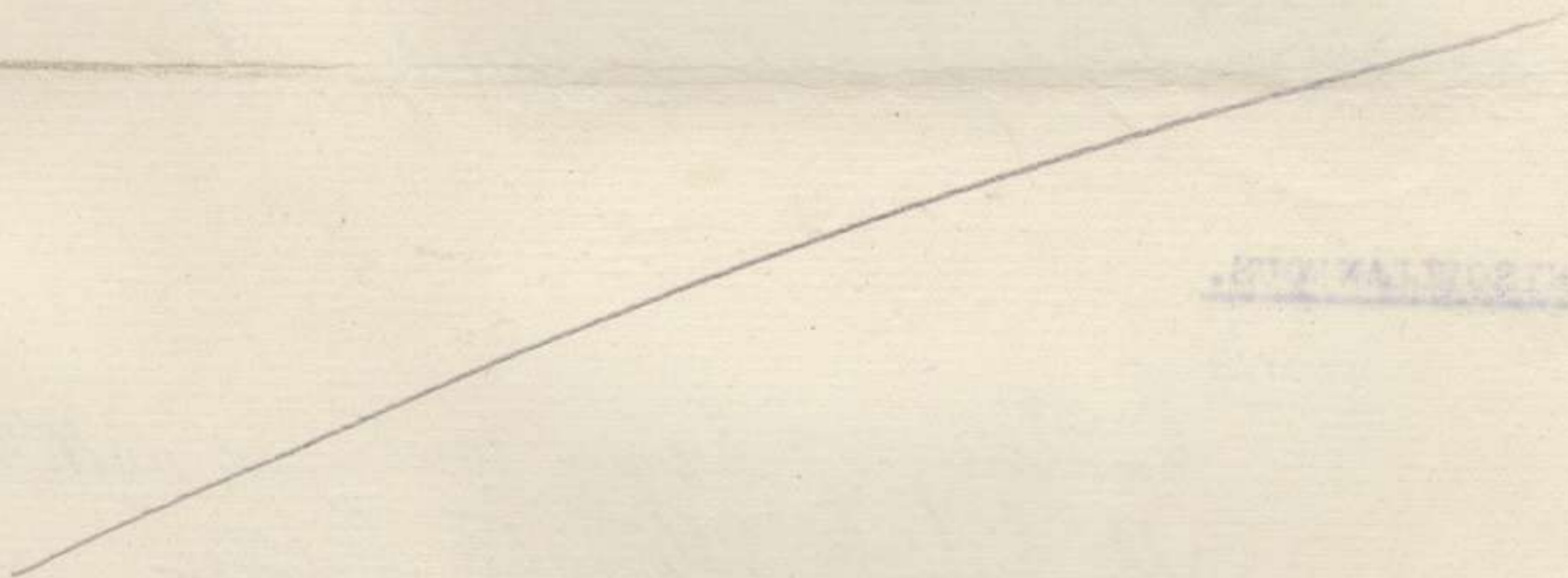
T a r g e t s

*Counter M.G. Work on squares X26.29D
Fib 90.50 - Fid 30.80
Fid 40.15 - F7b 20.50
Fic 90.20 - Fic 70.00
F2A. 20-10 - Fib. 90.10
Belle broix Farm & Hedge also
received special attention.*

T.M's.
No. of
Rounds.

T a r g e t s.

R e m a r k s.



2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Very Quiet in our Sector but very active on right flank

APPENDIX ³

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

64

Quiet

38

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work. Wire, M.G. T.M. etc."

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Our A.A. Station report a new type of Enemy Plane as follows
(a) Short under plane (b) cut back wings (c) Short Fuselage
(d) Fish Tail (pronounced) (e) Small Plane throughout with
an extremely high rate of speed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Works

cutting of ropes continued with around
all Gun & Alternative Positions.
Approaches to Gun Position improved
Camouflage is being put up at various
places.

Arthur H. Lamb

B.O.W.U.

800 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
5. 12. 29
No. 6/1/8
Date.....


Indirect harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets-

F2000 to F800 30.90
 F1860 . F18 8.4.
 E17d 75.75.60 E18C 10.20.
 E12d-30.60.

6000 rounds SAA expended between dusk & dawn.

B.O.R.U.

38

Prefix <u>9M</u> Code <u>FE</u> Words <u>9</u>	Received		
£ s. d.	From <u>Boro</u>	At	Office Stamp
Charges to collect	By <u>Shagg</u>	To	
Service Instructions.		By	
Handed in at <u>BORO</u>	Office	m.	Received <u>7.7 A</u> m.
TO	<u>Boro</u>		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
	<u>6</u>		
<u>Casualties</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>standing</u>	
<u>quies</u>			
	<u>WTF</u>		
	<u>1</u>		
FROM	<u>Boro</u>		
PLACE & TIME			

Prefix.....	Code.....m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Date.....
.....		At.....m.		..... Service.	From.....
.....		To.....		.....	By.....
.....		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { *Adjt*
HAWKIN

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>M.4C.29</i>	<i>7</i>		

Owr Rear HQ is now established at V.17 D.2.1 please aaa

From	<i>1st Aust m G. Bn</i>
Place	
Time	<i>1130.</i>

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
.....
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

Prefix.....	Code.....m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Date.....
.....		At.....m.		..... Service.	From.....
.....		To.....		.....	By.....
.....		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { *BORU*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

Casualties: Nil
Situation: Very Quiet

From	<i>BORU.</i>
Place	
Time	

8th AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY
Date *7-7-18*

30

APPENDIX

3

64

1st A.M.G. Coy Intelligence Report

6 AM 6/7/18 ^{from} to 6 AM 7/7/18.

Ammo Exp^d = 11500 rds.

expended on known enemy trucks, etc.

Casualties = Nil.

Our Operations

- A. Active, especially during the night
- H. Active, patrolling our line.

Enemy Operations

- A. Rather lively between the hours of 9pm + 11pm.
- D. Nil.

Work Report :- Crops cut at all gun positions, & dug-outs strengthened & improved generally.

S. J. [Signature]
Adj. for c/c
1st A.M.G. Coy
7/7/18

3rd AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

No. 48.32.

Date 7/7/18.

BOWU.

Indirect harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets on night of 6-7.

F200 to F8a 30.90.

F1660 " F16 8.4

E18C 38

E12d 30.60.

E24b 60.90 to F13000.40.

E18b 92. to F13a 35.65

10,250 rounds S.A.A. expended

BORU.

APPENDIX

3

68

ATF
30

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.

From 6 A.M. *7.7.18* to 6 A.M. *8.7.18*

1. OPERATIONS.

L.G's. (Brief resume)

No. of rounds.

T a r g e t s.

T.M's.
No. of
Rounds.

T a r g e t s.

R e m a r k s.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Active throughout the night.

At 3 AM our 18 pounders assisted in small operation on the right Brigade front.

4.42^s in W24D at 11 PM.

At 5 AM shelled X25A with 4.2^s

APPENDIX ^G

38

40

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work. Wire, M.G. H.M. etc."


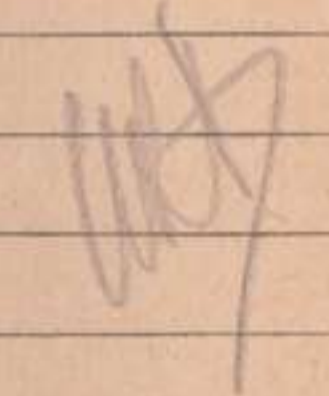
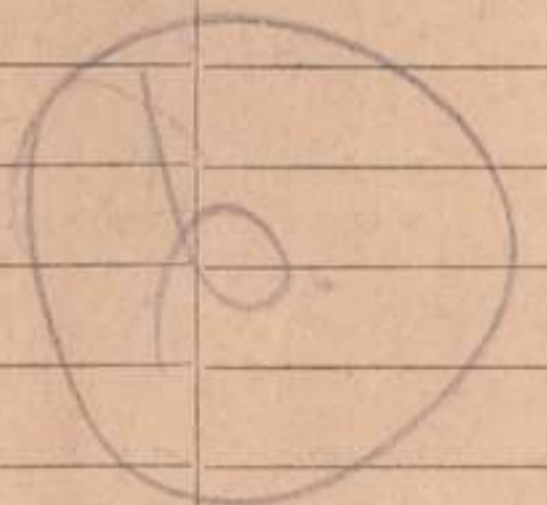
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Hostile plane flew low over forward position at 4 AM.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Stewart Combs Capt

33

Prefix <i>SM</i>	Code <i>PCA</i>	Words <i>10</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp
Charges to collect			From <i>Baru</i>	At <i>Baru</i> m.	
Service Instructions.			By	To	
Handed in at <i>Baru</i>			Office	m.	Received <i>Baru</i> m.
TO <i>Baru</i>					
*Sender's Number <i>SGH</i>	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA		
<i>Baru is sub</i> <i>situation very quiet</i>  					
FROM	<i>Baru</i>				
PLACE & TIME					

APPENDIX

3

MT

[Handwritten scribble]

3RD AUSTRALIAN
G. H. 39
8/7/18
Date:

BORU

Indirect harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets on night of 7th.

F2c. 00 to F 8a 30 90.

F1t 6.0 to F1t 8.4.

~~F1t 7.0 to 7.4~~

E17a 75.75 to E18c 10.20

E12a 60/35 to

F13a 75 18

F18t 05 75 to

F18t 40 60.

11,000 S.A.C. expended between dusk & dawn

BORU

33

From 6 A.M. 8/7/18 to 6 A.M. 9/7/18

1. OPERATIONS.

L.G's. (Brief resume)

No. of rounds.

Targets.

Indirect & harassing fire was carried out throughout the night more especially between the hours of 12 30 AM and 3 AM on the following targets.
X26D 45.84 F2D 40.70 F1B 70 10 F2B 55 35
F2D 10.15 F3A 95.50 X27B 10 90 X27 Central
X21C 95.78 X27B 83.90 X27B 60 42
and expended 12,500 rounds.

T.M's.
No. of Rounds.

Targets.

Remarks.

WAD

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

15. 4.2 fell in X19D at 11 PM and 2. 4.2 fell in W24A 5.9 at 4.30 AM.

APPENDIX G

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

44

38

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work. Wire, M.G. H.M. etc."

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1 enemy plane brought down at 9.30^{PM} by our machines.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

at 3.55 AM a number of green planes on the left sub-sector were sent up by the enemy, no action followed.

[Signature]
Capt.

1st Lt M G Bony

1/2

by the 6th Bn last night operation
a success appears to have been

They established posts at approx
FIA 54 FIA 7560 FIA 9565
FIB 1085 & X 250 2030

Captured 4 prisoners & killed
a good many -


6th Bn Cavalry one killed
11 wounded & missing -

That's all I can find out

9/7/44
CMB

William Tombe Capt
O/C 2nd Coy.

APPENDIX 3

Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>sgm</u> Words <u>13</u>	Received <u>aya</u>	Sent, or sent out	Office Stamp.
Charges to collect	From <u>aya</u>	At <u>BONU</u> m.	
Service Instructions.	By <u>SK</u>	To	
Handed in at <u>WUMA Phone Office</u>		By	Received <u>6.50a</u> m.
TO <u>BONU</u>			
*Sender's Number <u>GRH 3</u>	Day of Month <u>9th</u>	In reply to Number	<u>AAA</u>
<p><u>Casualties nil and situation very quiet</u></p> <p><u>WRT</u></p> <p><u>(1)</u></p>			
FROM	<u>BONU 6.30am</u>		
PLACE & TIME			

APPENDIX 3

28

APPENDIX 3 44
→

~~WTF~~

BOMU

3RD AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	G.H.43
Date	9-7-18

Indirect harassing fire was brought to bear on the following target on night of 8/7/18 between the hours of dusk & dawn

- F 1 b 6 D. to F 1 b 8.4
- F 2 C 0.0 to F 8 a 30.90
- F 4 b 05.55.
- F 4 C 15.98 to F 4 C 55.90
- E 18 C 3.8
- E 12 d 30.60.

15,000 S.A.F. expended

Bro Harrington Capt
O.C. Coy

Unit 2nd Aust Drily Coy Date 10 7 18

Intelligence Summary.

From 6 AM 9 7 18 to 6 AM 10 7 18

1 Operations.

M.G's. (Dreyneume)

Lewis guns appeared to be firing more than usual during the night.

J. M's.

2. Hostile Artillery Activity

Enemy Artillery below normal, but replied with medium barrage to the operations by 6th Bn. in FIA at 11 30 P.M.

At 8 30 P.M. about 50 4 2^s fell in the vicinity of X 19 B

3. Enemy Attitude

79 alert.

4. Enemy Defences. M.G.'s. etc.

Enemy machine guns were active during the night particularly sweeping squares W 24 & X 19

5. Hostile Aerial Activity

Enemy planes crossed our lines at 4.30 AM, 6 AM, 5 PM & 9.30 P.M.

At 2.30 PM enemy plane was driven down behind his line by one of our machines.

At about 1.45 PM enemy balloon was brought down in flames.

6. Miscellaneous.

During operation at 11.30 PM the enemy used great numbers of double red and orange flares.

Our artillery set a house on Point on the left of the line.

3RD AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

No. G H 48

Date 10-7-18

B.O.W.V.

I try to report that
No 9 position was subjected
to heavy shelling yesterday
evening, got between the hours
of 3 & 6 pm the Gun position
was totally destroyed. but
gun crew & gun were undam-
aged one man was wounded
slightly and was evacuated
the gun is now in position
on the right of former position

Les Murray Capt

Noted - Quite expected
it!

WRF

3RD AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

No. G H 49

Date 10-7-18

WRF
B.O.W.V.

In co-operation with the
4th A.I. Bn the following
syllabus of firing was carried
out by V.M. Gunns. on 9 night
of 9th 10th July.

From Zero to Zero + 30

- ① F 4 C 85.95
- ② F 1 b 75.30 to F 1 b 55.00
- ③ E 12 b 85.30 to E 12 b 60.00
- ④ E 12 d 30.60
- ⑤ F 4 C 15.45 to E 12 d 9-1

From Zero + 30 to dawn these
guns lifted and barraged back
areas and approaches.

Indirect harassing fire was
also brought to bear on the
following targets:

- ⑥ F 4 C 98.15.98 F 4 C 55.90
- ⑦ F 4 b 05.55.

32,000 Rounds Expended

Les Murray Capt
OC Coy

Prefix *XM* Code *18* words charge.
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions *BOAM* This message is on a/c of: Recd. at.....m.
 Sent Date.....
 At..... Service.
 To..... From.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { *BOUO*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 *

*casualties: Two - one OK
 wounded shoulder S.W.
 one OK. evacuated sprained ankle
 situation. More activity
 than usual*

From *BOUO*
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

APPENDIX

381

Wires down

APPENDIX

3
81

80

UNIT *2nd Aust. Inf. Coy.* Date *11-7-18*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.

APPENDIX

382

From 6 A.M. *10-7-18* to 6 A.M. *11-7-18*

OPERATIONS.

M.G.'s (brief resume)

No. of rounds.

T a r g e t s.

Harassing fire was carried out on the following centres of activity F2D18 25. X21C65.50 F2B55 20 X27A90.32. 4000 rounds were expended.

T.M.'s.

No. of rounds.

T a r g e t s.

R e m a r k s.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

At 8 PM light barrage of 4 2^s were directed against W24C and at 11 PM about 100 HE & gas shells of a small calibre fell in

X19B4 X20A.

at 1-30 PM enemy shelled cross-roads and vicinity W16C about 60 5.9^s & HE shrapnel were used.

APPENDIX 3

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

83

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work, Wire, M.G., T.M. etc."

Enemy machine guns were less active than usual X19A receiving a little attention from direction of observation.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

at 10 AM enemy plane crossed the line but was turned back by AA fire.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Flares were noticed on the night of 10/11 at 8-55 PM being orange sprays + greens.

W. J. ... Capt

~~WSP~~

8th AUSTRALIAN
 MACHINE GUN
 COMPANY
 17/7/18
 Date

BORU.

Indirect harassing fire was carried out on the following targets on night of 11th

- ① F7C 85.95
- ② F14 75.30 to F16 50.00
- F7C 154.5 to E12d 9.1.
- E24 60.90 to F13C 00.40.
- F13a 75.18.

7500 rounds of AA expended.

BORU.

8th AUSTRALIAN
 MACHINE GUN
 COMPANY
 No. 10
 Date

APPENDIX

3 84

38

APPENDIX

3

85

~~W.F.~~

S.M. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	9854
Date	4/7/18

BORU

Work Report Following work has
been carried out.

1. Gun position at E 36 70 50
completed, also two sand bagged
shelters at E 36 70 45.

BORU.

Pref. <i>11</i>	Code <i>1124</i>	Words <i>10</i>	Received	Sent, or sent out	Office Stan. p.
Charges to collect			From <i>1302</i>	At <i>11. VII. 18.</i>	
Service Instructions.			By <i>1302</i>	To	
Handed in at <i>1302</i>			Office	m.	Received <i>11. VII. 18.</i>
TO	<i>Brow</i>				
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A		
<i>1124</i>	<i>11</i>				
<i>Commissioner of Customs & Excise</i>					
<i>W.A.S.</i>					
<i>11</i>					
FROM	<i>1302</i>				
PLACE & TIME	<i>25/11/18</i>				



1124
 11
 1302
 25/11/18

UNIT *2nd Aust. Inf. Bde* APPENDIX *C37-1884*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.

From 6 A.M. *11.7.18* to 6 A.M. *12.7.18*

1. OPERATIONS.

M.G's (brief resume)

No. of rounds.

Targets.

*6000 rounds were expended on
F2D18.25 X27065.50 X27A52.82 X27D15.98
X26D45.84 F2D40.70 F1B70.10.*

T.M's.

No. of rounds.

Targets.

Remarks.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

*Enemy shelled road with 77^s from X12 Central to W18 Central at 3 AM, also 4.2^s on road in W23A+B at 10.30 PM.
at 10.30 about 50 4.2^s in X19A and at 10.30 he shelled front line in extreme left.*

APPENDIX

38
1

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

88

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work, Wire, M.G., T.H. etc."

No active guns were again active from the direction of the woods on the support line.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy plane was over lines at 5 AM & 8 AM.
4 PM & 12 midnight

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Still

Atkinson Capt

38

APPENDIX

3 89

BOWU

3RD AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No. ....	.....
Date. ....	.....

12/7/19

Indirect harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets on night of 11th

- E 18 b 75.40 to F 13 a 15.25.
- E 18 d 15.15
- F 7 c 15.45. to E 12 d 90.10.
- E 12 a 60.35.
- F 2 c 00.00. to F 8 a 30.90.
- F 1 d 95.10

10,000 rounds S. A. A expended.

WTF

ROU

United - Aust. M. Coy. Date 13. 7. 18

30

Intelligence Summary

From 6 AM 12. 7. 18 to 6 AM 13. 7. 18

1. Operations.

M. G's. (Dry season)

Indirect harassing fire was carried out on the following targets X27D15.98 X27A.50.82 F2B85.20 F2D18.25. X26D45.84 F2B55.35 F2D10.15 : 8000 rounds being expended

J. M's.

2. Hostile Artillery Activity

Much more active than for the previous period. at 3 PM 10 5 9^s W30D 10.30 PM 4.25 5.9^s on road in X13C YX19A also area W24A.

3. Enemy Attitudes

4. Enemy Defences. M.G.'s etc. again active firing on support line and road in X 19 A & C and W 24 B & D

5. Hostile Aerial Activity

At 8.30 PM enemy plane flew over the right sector. At 4 AM enemy plane dropped 2 small bombs on Combe Criss.

6. Miscellaneous

At 10 PM double green flares were put up over Treken, no enemy action resulted. A fire was observed in front of Treken burning from 11.30 PM to 3.30 AM.

Alfred Combe Capt

BOWU.

8th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.	
No.	G.H. 68
Date.	13/7/18.

acting on instructions received from
Brigade Major. S.O.S. barrage
was laid down from 8.45 pm
to 9.15 pm. on prearranged targets
S.O.S. line.

Indirect harassing fire was
also brought to bear on
targets in Square E 18 d.
F13 c
F7 & 9 c.

12,000 rounds S.A.A. expended.

~~W.P.~~

B.O.P.U.

38

Handed in at BORU Office 7

TO BORU

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
1	13		AAA
Casualties		nil	
situation		quiet	
	(D)	|	
FROM	<u>BORU</u>		
TIME & PLACE			

2nd Aust. Inf. Coy

14.7.18 94

Intelligence **APPENDIX**

APPENDIX 3

30

From 6 AM 13.7.18 to 6 AM 14.7.18.

1 OPERATIONS

WIP

The following targets were engaged with indirect hand ssg fire
X26D45.87 F2D1825 F2B55.35 F2D10.15
X27A90.32 F2B85.20 X~~26~~B65.50²⁷
6000 rounds were expended.

2 HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

at 10.50 AM and 11 PM. shelled road running through X13 & X19 with 4.2^s.
Between 10 PM & 1 AM road in X25 A+B was shelled with 4.2^s & a few 8 inch at W30B.
ambuss-roads in W17D along to W24 A+B and road in X13C was shelled at 3.45 AM with 5.9^s.

4. Enemy Defences

Machine guns less active than usual.

5. Hostile Aerial Activity

at 2200 2 planes flew over and around
Benge Cross. at 9.50 hostile plane flying very
low flew over cross roads in square 16
evidently looking for relief which was in
progress. Heavily engaged with our Anti Aircraft
fire.
at 10.30 PM small bombs were dropped near
support trench in X19B.

6. Miscellaneous

Enemy dropped 3.4.2 shells at into his
own line on the right of trench in X26,
immediately planes were shot down, orange
spray & double red, Artillery then lifted
to road in X25.

W. Combe Capt

8RD AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.
No. 4 A 71
Date 14/7/18

B.O.W.U.

Indirect harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets on night of the 13th

- E18d 78.00 to F13c 0040
- E24 to 60.90. to F13c 0040.
- F7c 85.95.
- F7 to 65.85.

10,000 rounds S.A.A. expended.

[Handwritten signature]

B.O.P.U.

35

8RD AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.
No. 4 A 72
Date 14/7/18

B.O.W.U.

Work done

Position for (Indirect fire) built at E4d 65.75.

B.O.P.U.

APPENDIX

C3

96

2nd Aust Div by Coy

APPENDIX

3

35

Intelligence Summary

94

From 6 AM. 14.7.18. to 6 AM. 15.7.18.

1. Operations

Noted WAF

Indirect harassing fire was carried out on the following targets X27A90.32 X27A52.82 X27D15.98 X26D45.84 F2D40.70 F1B70.10 7000 rounds were expended.

7. M's

2. Hostile Artillery Activity

Between 11 AM & 11.30 AM about 20. 4.2 shells fell along road in X19C. Between 5.30 & 6.30 PM road in X19A was shelled with 5.9" & 8 inch shells. At 6 PM a light artillery & trench mortar barrage was put down on our front. At 7.30 PM about de Heunis was heavily shelled by 4.2's. This shelling contained a small proportion of gas shells.

3. Enemy Attitude

98

4. Enemy Defences

Machine guns very quiet, a few bursts of indirect fire being directed on road in X19C.

5. Hostile Aerial Activity

Between 5.30 & 6.30 enemy flew over our front and support line.

6. Miscellaneous fired an enemy dump at 12 midnight at approximately X28C.

An enemy plane was forced to descend by one of our planes.

W. W. Combe Capt

3RD AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.
No. 4 H 75
Date 15/7/18

B.O.W.V

Indirect harassing fire was
brought to bear on the follow-
ing targets on night of 14th

- E 18d 70.00 to F 13 c 00.40
- E 24 b 60.90 to F 13 c 00.40
- F 7 c 85.95.
- F 7 b 05.85.

8,000 rounds SA&A expended to
W.F.
B.O.P.V.

APPENDIX

399

38

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.
		17	
Charges to Collect		£ s. d.	From
Service Instructions.			By
Handed in at		Office	Received
TO		Bour.	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
GH 12	15	AAA	
Casualties file			
situation more			
active than usual			
WAF		(5)	
FROM	Bour ✓		
TIME & PLACE			

Intelligence Summary

From 6 AM. 15.7.18 to 6 AM. 16.7.18

now

1. Operations M.G.'s

Indirect harassing fire was carried out on the following targets:-

X27A 90.32 X27A 52.82 X27D 15.98

X27D 45.84 F2D 40.70 F1B 70.10.

7000 rounds were expended.

7 M.'s

2. Hostile Artillery Activity.

At midnight scattered shelling all over sub sector by 5.9^s 4.2^s & 7.7^a

Shelled Alda Hill at 9 PM with 4.2^s skinners.

Roads in X19A shelled with 5.9^s at 2 AM.

30 4.2^s in X19A at 4 P.M. and 10 4.2^s in same area at 11 P.M.

X25A received attention from 4.2^s & 5.9^s throughout the day

APPENDIX
3 Enemy Attitude.

102

4. Enemy Defences.

The front and support lines received the usual attention

5. Hostile Aerial Activity over No man's Land at
Seven planes flew over at
11 AM

at 9 PM. enemy plane flew over our line and was heavily engaged by Artillery and Machine gun fire.

6. Miscellaneous.

~~at 9 PM enemy plane flew over and was heavily engaged by Artillery and Machine gun~~

Enemy dump in direction of Beavis was fired at 10 PM.

Double Orange Orange flares and Orange clusters were put up over Beavis at 10 PM.

[Signature]

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
		£ s. d.	From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions.				By	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received
					9-17
TO	BOWU				
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA	
M7B 33	16				
You get NOPTUV will be					
engaged tonight					
MA					
2nd Co.					
FROM	BOMU				
TIME & PLACE					

Office Stamp

APPENDIX 3103

Prefix <i>DM</i>	Code <i>EP</i>	Words <i>14</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
£ s. d.			From <i>BORNEO</i>	At <i>...</i> m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>JM</i>	To	
Service Instructions.			By	By	
Handed in at <i>BORNEO</i>		Office <i>...</i>	Received <i>6-28</i>	m.	
TO	<i>BORNEO</i>				
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>48/1</i>	<i>16</i>				
<i>Quarterly Mail</i>					
<i>Situation Normal</i>					
<i>Amount expended</i>					
<i>500 A.H. work</i>					
<i>(Circular signature)</i>					
FROM	<i>ARNOLD</i>				
TIME & PLACE					

To ~~WAF~~
BOWU

WA/3
16-4-18

Intelligence Summary for period
ending 6 AM 16th inst.

OWN ARTILLERY. NORMAL.

" ARIEL ACTIVITY. Very active
especially between hours of
8 pm and 10 pm. Bombing
patrols very active

OWN M Gs. Owing to relief
taking place guns do not
fire usual harassing fire.

WORK DONE. Nil

ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. Active in vicinity
of MOLEHEIM FARM, and ENGINE
Sheds in E10D during early
hours of night. Calibre of
guns firing appears to be
4.2 and 5.9"

AIRCRAFT. One plane crossed
our line about 9-15 pm and

was engaged by AA Guns in this vicinity.

boy reported all correct at 6.0 AM this morning.

6.30 AM

WK Arnold ^{2/4}
Comd B Coy
29th Batt. MGC

WA 2
16-4-18

To BOWU

Targets for night of
16/17-4-18

C. H. J. L.

✓
~~MS~~

ARNOLD

Intelligence Summary

From 6 A.M. 16. 7. 18 to 6 A.M. 17. 7. 18

1. Operations. M.G.'s

Indirect harassing fire was carried out on the following targets F 2 D 18 25 F 2 B 85.20 X 27 C 65.50 X 26 D 45.84 F 2 D 40.70 F 1 B 70.10. 6000 rounds were expended. Expenditure against hostile aircraft 2000 rounds.

T.M.'s

2. Hostile Artillery Activity.

During the night 5.9 fell in the vicinity of Skvalenacker at 12.30 AM 4.2⁵⁹ 7.7⁵¹ fell in rear of trench at W 18 B for fifteen minutes - total 100 shells

APPENDIX
3. Enemy Attitude.

4. Enemy Defences

Marked decrease, a few bursts directed against cross roads. at X19C

5. Hostile Aerial Activity

at 9.25 PM one enemy aeroplane flew over our positions but was driven off by anti-aircraft
at 3 PM a similar happening occurred.

6. Miscellaneous

Very heavy gun fire well to our right at 11.30 P.M., possibly a British raid.
at 2.45 a heavy bombardment took place to the left of the trench during which enemy put up single green and double red flares.

MT

St. J. M. Combe Capt.

B.O.W.O.

W.A.S

17/7/18

Intelligence Summary for period
ending 6 am 17th inst

OWN ARTILLERY. Normal.

" ARIEL Activity. Very active
between the hours of 7 pm & 9.30 pm

OWN M.G.'s

M^{ns} 3. L. 15 & 16 Guns fired
on targets G. H. J. L. between the
hours of 10 pm & 4.00 am.

Total number of rounds fired = 5000.
750 rounds were expended on enemy aircraft.

WORK DONE. General improvement of
positions, latrines etc:-

Work continued on new positions

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(1) ARTILLERY.

Active in vicinity of
STRAZELLE & MOLEGHEIN FARM.
during the night:-

Fairly heavy "Gas" shelling in the
former vicinity.

AIRCRAFT

At about 10.30 pm One plane
passed over Guy. H. Q. and between
9.15 & 9.30 pm Two planes passed over
Guy. H. Q. all three were engaged by
AA guns in the vicinity.

Company reported "all correct" at
6.0 am this morning.

6.40 am

2000

APPENDIX

110

Prefix <i>AAA</i>	Code <i>2000</i>	Words <i>12</i>	Charge <i>1</i>	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at _____ m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.					Service.	Date _____
<i>2000</i>		Sent		(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")	From _____
<i>Delay caused by</i>		At _____ m.			By _____
<i>Dis: -</i>		To _____			
TO {		<i>BOWO</i>			
Sender's Number * <i>WAT</i>	Day of Month <i>17</i>	In reply to Number		<i>AAA</i>	
<i>Casualties</i>		<i>NIL</i>			
<i>Situation</i>		<i>Normal</i>			
<i>Am't expended</i>		<i>5,750</i>			
From <i>2000</i>	Place	Time		<i>This message was handed in to Signal Office at 5.40 am. Any communication should be returned to the office.</i>	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			(Z)			WKA no 05 2/1
Censor.			Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		



2nd Aust. Machine Gun Coy

30

Intelligence Summary

From 6 A.M. 17.7.18 to 6 A.M. 18.7.18

1. Operations M.G.'s

The following targets were engaged by indirect harassing fire

Q X27A 90.32 X27A 50.82 X27D 50.98
F1B 70.10 F2B 55.35 F2D 10.15

expenditure A.A.A 7000 rounds.

T.M.'s2. Hostile Artillery Activity

Marked increase during the day & night.

At 10 P.M. 30 5.9^s on support trench near LesomesBetween 9 & 11 P.M. 40 4.2^s fell in the vicinity of W23 Central.At 2 A.M. 15 5.9^s were directed on W17 A.

3. Enemy attitude

4. Enemy Defences M.G.'s

Appears to be a marked decrease this week than ~~from~~ last week.

Hostile aerial activity the line at 4.30 AM & 1.30 PM

6. Miscellaneous

A smoke barrage was put up by our Artillery in the afternoon during the morning. At 1.45 AM an enemy dump was fired near the line.

When our Artillery fire appeared to concentrate enemy put up double red and double green flares.

French mortars and artillery co-operated during the night in firing on enemy positions.

At 11.15 heavy artillery bombardment well down on the right flank, presumably an attack by the enemy as no flares were fired.

Attentive Capt

38

APPENDIX

3 113

Code <u>EG</u> Words <u>19</u>		Rect	
£ s. d.		From <u>2000</u>	m.
To Collect		By <u>19/11</u>	
Service Instructions. <u>2000</u>		To	
Handed in at <u>2000</u>		Office <u>505</u>	m. Received <u>5/11/50</u> m.
TO	<u>BOWU</u>		
*Sender's Number.	Day of month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>WA/3</u>	<u>18</u>		
<u>Casualties 2 OR wounded</u>			
<u>in action in a situation</u>			
<u>normal casualties in action expended</u>			
<u>ed 5000 rounds</u>			
	<u>CONF</u>	<u>(2)</u>	
FROM	<u>2000</u>		
TIME & PLACE			

BOWO.

WA 9.
18/7/18

Targets D. L. C. F. I.
will be engaged to-night

Z O Q O

BOWO.

WA 7.
18/7/18.

Intelligence Summary
for period ending 6 am. 18/7/18

OWN ARTILLERY. - Slightly more active
" AERIAL ACTIVITY - Very active

OWN M.G.'s Nos 3, 4, 9, 9, 16 Guns
fired harassing fire during the night
on targets as per my WA. 6. of 17 insts.
Total Amo: expended = 5,000 rounds.

WORK DONE. No 14 Gun emplacement
rebuilt, remainder, generally
improved.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Slightly more active
than usual

AIRCRAFT. - NIL.

WLF

WA Amols 2P
oc B by 24th Ambl

APPENDIX

3

114

2nd Aust. Machine Gun Coy 19. 7. 18/15

APPENDIX 3

33

Intelligence Summary

From 6 A.M. 18. 7. 18 to 6 A.M. 19. 7. 18

1. Operations MG's

F2 D1825 F2 B85.20 X27C 65.60 X26 D45.84
F2 D4070 F1 B70.10 were engaged, expenditure
6000 rounds.

T.M.'s

WMP

JCW

2. Hostile Artillery Activity

Between 9 & 11 enemy played particular
attention with 5 9's to crossroads in W17D
and W18A.

20 4.2's in W17B at 2 between 2.40 & 2.50 PM.

30 gas + HE shells in W17D at 4.30 AM.

3. Enemy Attitude

116

4. Enemy Defences. M.G's

5. Hostile Serial Activity

at 5.30 AM & 8.45 PM enemy planes above
our forward area but not within range
of Anti-aircraft.

6. Miscellaneous

Enemy dump to left of trench at 9.15 AM
and left of trench 12 midnight fired by
our Artillery.

[Signature]
Capt

"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
		# s. d.	From <i>A.V.A.</i>	At <i>BJV</i> m.	
Charges to Collect			By <i>Blundell</i>	To	
Service Instructions			By	To	

Handed in at *BOMU* Office *425p* Received *5.5p* m.

TO *Bowen*

*Sender's Number. *M2B54* Day of month. *19th* In reply to Number. *AAA*

Targets NOPTUV will be engaged tonight!

WRT *STW*

FROM *BOMU*
TIME & PLACE *4.15 PM*

*This line should be erased if not required.

300,000. -John Bissen, Ltd -5/17. -3289. Forms C2123

BOWD

WA 11

19/7/18

The following Targets will
be engaged to night

E. J. G. I. J. I.

W. K. Amos 2^d Lieut.
2020

WRT

7500

BOWLING

W.A. 9

19/7/18.

Intelligence Summary for
period ending 6am 19/7/18.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Fairly Active during
night

ENEMY AIRCRAFT = NIL.

OWN ARTILLERY - Fairly Active

" AERIAL ACTIVITY - Very Active from
mid-day - during the morning not
very much activity was observed.

OWN M.G.'s Nos 3, 4, 9 & 10 Guns
Fired harassing fire during the night -
expending 6750 rounds on targets
as per my W.A. 7 of 18/7/18.

WORK DONE General improvement
of emplacements & Section H.Q.'s.

ENEMY M.G.'s

Short bursts were fired over MOLEGHAM
FARM during the night from a direction
63° Grid (Sound Bearing).

6.15am



W.A.

2000.

Prefix <i>SM</i>	Code <i>EG</i>	Words <i>19</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect			From <i>APD</i>	At m.	
Service Instructions			By <i>APD</i>	To	
Handed in at <i>ZOAH</i>			Office	m. Received <i>6:50</i>	m.
TO	<i>Rown</i>				
*Sender's Number.	Day of month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
<i>WA/II</i>	<i>19.</i>				
<i>Noted</i>	<i>Casualties</i>	<i>30 ranks</i>			
	<i>wounded</i>	<i>in action</i>			
	<i>Situation</i>	<i>Normal</i>			
	<i>Ammunition</i>	<i>expended</i>			
	<i>6750</i>				
	<i>APD</i>				
FROM	<i>ZOAH</i>				
TIME & PLACE					

APPENDIX

3

120

2nd

First Machine Gun Coy

APPENDIX

3 121
APPENDIX
20.7.18

30

Intelligence Summary

From 6 AM 19.7.18 to 6 AM 20.7.18

1. Operations

Harassing fire was carried out during the night on the following targets, 9000 rounds being expended.

F2D15.25 F2B85.20 X27C65.50 X27A90.32
X27D15.98 F2D40.70 F2B55.35 F2D10.15
F2C60.80.

Expenditure of l.a. a. on Shikem operation 52,000 rounds.

2 M's

2. Hostile Artillery Activity.

Throughout the morning enemy intermittently shelled 1st Divisional left sub-sector.

Host barrage was put down in front of Dunes at 10 PM last night.

122

3. Enemy Defences MG's

→ Inactive.

4. Hostile Aerial Activity

Between 11:30 + 1 PM two enemy planes flew over forward positions between Materan & Merbis.

At about 6 PM one of our planes set fire to a balloon as well as bringing down an enemy plane.

5. Miscellaneous

During operation of taking of Materan enemy damage appeared very severe numerous planes were sent up but it would appear that the enemy's artillery is not there in large numbers.

[Signature]
Capt.

BOWUWA

W/A 13

20/7/18

Intelligence Summary
for period ending 6 am 20/7/18Enemy Artillery normalEnemy Aircraft 7 am - 6 Hostile
machines were seen flying over the
ENGINE SHEDS in E. 10 a.1 Plane flew over Coy: H.Q. at
9.25Own Artillery - Very active all day" Aerial Activity - Very activeOwn M G's Harassing fire was
carried out in accordance with
my W/A/12 of 19/7/18Work done General improvement
of positions etc:-Shelter at H² 13. Emplacement enlargedEnemy M G's More active thanusual. - Especially on the road
junction on STRAZEELE STATION
road.

2.0.0.0

6.30 am

"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

Prefix Code Words 13 Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp.
At BOWU 20. VI. 18. m.
By [Signature]
To [Signature]
By [Signature]
Handed in at 7.00 Office 7.55 a.m. Received 6-10 a.m.

TO BOWU

Table with columns: *Sender's Number. (VBI), Day of month. (20), In reply to Number. (AAA). Content includes: Casualties Nil, Situation Normal, Ammunition expended 11250 rounds.

FROM TIME & PLACE ZORO

*This line should be erased if not required.
300,000. -John Bissen, Ltd -5/17. - 1920. Forms C2123

To BOWU

WA 14
20-1-18

The following targets will be engaged tonight

A I JI LI

~~Notes~~

WKC Amos #1
06 B boy
29 h m l 8 7

To BOWU

WJA 14
21-4-18

The following targets will
be engaged tonight

J1 L1

WK Amos Lt
O.C. B Coy
29th Bn Mlt

Headquarters, 22/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 1.
 For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 22.7.18.

A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. Targets I.J.L. and D1. were engaged by guns of the Right Sector during the night, 4000 rounds being expended.
 No harassing fire in the left sector owing to uncertainty as to whereabouts of our posts.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. No enemy aircraft came within range of our Anti-Aircraft guns during the period.
3. Aircraft. Reported quiet during the day with the usual patrols, but very active from 6 p.m. till dusk when large formations flew high over enemy country.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery. Shelling reported.

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Area shelled	direction	Observed from
11 p.m.-1.30 a.m.	15	4.2	No.15 Gun position.		
			W.29.D.90.45.	S.E.	W.29.D.90.45.
12 noon	8	.77	E.10.B.60.35.		E.10.C.70.75.
3.45 a.m.	10	.77	MERE Fm.(E.16.A)	"	E.10.C.25.15.
9.30.-11 a.m.	15	8 inch	W.16.C.20.10	S.E.	W.16.D.20.10.
			and vicinity.		

 Heavy shelling of our Front line from left of MERRIS towards METEREN reported during the night.

2. Enemy Movement. None observed.
3. Enemy Aircraft. Several Enemy Aircraft crossed our lines during the night at a high altitude. Four machines patrolled Forward positions at 9.30 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. but out of range of Machine Gun fire.
4. Miscellaneous. Hostile Machine Gun indirect fire reported active in E.10.B.

21st. Company relieved 2nd. Company in Left Forward Zone during the night and the 2nd. Company relieved the 1st. Company in the 2nd. Zone without incident.

Amkunt

Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer.
 First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 23/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.
-----INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.2A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. Harassing fire was carried out on targets J1. & K1. by Right Company, but again owing to patrol activity of Left Brigade, left Company guns were silent. Some of these guns will be moved forward to-night.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. One Enemy Aircraft crossed our lines at 4.30 a.m. (23rd) on which No.12 gun and A.A. gun at W.27.A.80.40. opened fire expending 750 rounds. No visible result.
3. Our Aircraft. Reported very active especially during the evening from 7 p.m. onwards, when several large flights disappeared from view Eastwards.

B. Enemy Intelligence.1. Artillery

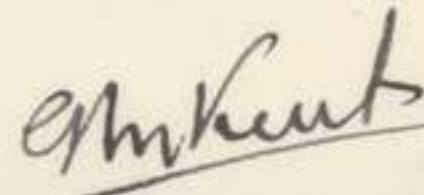
Time.	Rounds	Calibre	Area Shelled	Direction Observed from.
9.30.-10.15 p.m.	30	4.2	W.17.C.35.75.	(Not reported) W.16.D.85.15.
9.30.-10 p.m.	36	4.2	W.28.B.	East. W.29.C.15.55.
11.5.-11.20 p.m.	7	H.V.Gun	V.22.C.	E.S.E. V.22.A.90.05.

Enemy shelling was considerably above normal during the period especially between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. Guns of all calibres reported to be in action and gas shells were used freely. Our support line appeared to be the desired target. W.17.D. and W.23.D. also received some attention.

2. Enemy Movement. Nil.

3. Enemy Aircraft. Two low flying planes crossed our lines several times between 4.30 and 5 a.m. one of which was engaged as reported above. Enemy Aircraft otherwise inactive.

4. Miscellaneous. At 2.30 p.m. 2 of our shells (calibre 9.2 or 12") fell East of gun position at E.10.B.60.35; both were "blinds". Direction HAZEBROUCK. At 3.45 p.m. the above was repeated, one falling in PARADISE FARM (E.11.A.) and the other in E.10.D.



Lieut.

Intelligence Officer.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

33

Headquarters, 24/7/18.

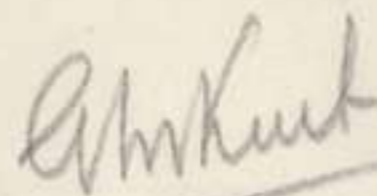
1st. Australian Division.
-----INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3.
Period ending 6 a.m. 24.7.18.A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. Targets E.I. & J. were engaged with harassing fire during the night, 4500 rounds being expended.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. No targets were seen during the day.
3. Our Aircraft. Usual activity.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Enemy Shelling. No definite shelling reported. A medium barrage was placed in E.11.C. and E.16.A. about 12 noon.
2. Enemy Movement. Nil.
3. Enemy Aircraft. Generally inactive. One low flying Enemy Aircraft patrolled our front line at 4 a.m.
4. Miscellaneous.

Works Report. Work continued on new positions. Company Head Quarters at E.3.B.40.35 considerably strengthened with bricks.



Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 25/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 4.
 for period ending 6 a.m. 25.7.18.

A. Our Operations.

- 1 Vickers Guns. Targets F.G.I. and K. were engaged at intervals during the night, 6500 rounds being expended.
- 2 Anti-Aircraft Guns. No suitable targets presented themselves.
- 3 Our Aircraft. The usual activity was maintained, particularly between 6 and 9 p.m.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

- 1 Artillery. Shelling reported.

Time.	Rounds	Calibre	Area Shelled	Direction	Observed from.
3.30 p.m.	8.	15 cm.	OG. Corner	E.S.E.	W.16.D.20.10.
10-11 p.m.	12.	15 cm.	NORD HELF	E.S.E.	X.19.C.40.40.

Enemy shelling showed a distinct falling off as compared with that of previous period.

2. Enemy Movement. None reported.
3. Enemy Aircraft. More active than usual especially during the night. Reconnaissance planes flew over our lines several times at dusk and dawn. Three bombs were dropped in E.11.A. and seven in V.22.D. towards midnight.
4. Miscellaneous. "B" Company 61st. Battalion Machine Gun Corps relieved "B" Company 29th. Battalion Machine Gun Corps in the right sector during the night and are now attached to this Unit.

ChmKent

Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer.
 First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 26/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 5

A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. BELLE CROIX FARM and targets in the vicinity of X.27. Central were engaged by guns of the Left line Company during the night, 8000 rounds being expended. Guns in the Right Sector fired 3000 rounds on targets G.H. and K.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. No targets engaged.
3. Our Aircraft. Still very active. Large bombing formations at work during the night.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery. Shelling.

Time.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Area Shelled.	Direction Observed from.
10.30 p.m.	25.	10cm.&.Gas.	MOLEGHEIN Fm.	S.E. E.10.C.70.75.
4.4.20 a.m.	15.	15 cm.	" "	S.E. E.10.C.70.75.
12.-2.20 a.m.	12.	10 cm.	CYPRUS FARM.	LA BECQUE E.11.C.80.66.
2 p.m.	20.	10 cm.	Cross Roads W.19.C.	130° Mag. W.20.C.60.70.

Enemy artillery generally quiet during the day, but more active at night. One direct hit by 15 cm. shell was obtained on MOLEGHEIN FARM.

2. Enemy Movement. Nil.

3. Enemy Aircraft. At 9 p.m. one enemy aircraft flying at a very low altitude patrolled our Forward Area for half an hour being ultimately driven off by A.A. fire. Two enemy Aircraft again crossed our lines between 4 and 5 a.m. this morning.

Em Kent

Lieut.

Intelligence Officer.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 27/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6.
 ending 6 a.m. 27.7.18.

A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. In accordance with information received from XV. Corps continuous harassing fire was directed on to bridges over the METEREN BECQUE at F.2.D.40.10., F.8.B.00.40., and F.8.C.50.45, during the hours of darkness by six guns of this unit, 12,000 rounds being expended. The Commanding Officer 9th. Battalion Machine Gun Corps asked that a battery of guns should fire on road running E. and W. in X.27.B. during a minor operation. Three guns only could be spared for this task, but 13000 rounds were fired between 11 p.m. and dawn. Targets C.F. and J. were also engaged at intervals, 1,000 rounds being fired on each.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. No targets presented themselves.
3. Our Aircraft. Activity much reduced by weather conditions.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery. Shelling reported.

Time.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Area Shelled	Direction Observed from
10.45 p.m.	20.	10 cm. H.E. & Gas.	MOLEGHEIN Fm.	S.E. E.10.C.85.40.
2.-4. a.m.	15.	15 cm.	W.20.D.	125° Mag. W.20.C. Centl.
11 a.m.	20.	10 cm.	STRAZEELE.	BAILLEUL. W.16.B.17.48.
12 a.m.	12.	10 cm.	W.16.A.	" W.16.C.00.98.
11.45 p.m.	6.	15 cm.	W.16.A.	East W.16.C.00.98.
3 a.m.	30.	10 cm.	W.16.A. & B.	BAILLEUL W.16.C.00.98.

2. Enemy Movement. Nil.
3. Enemy Aircraft. Inactive.
4. Miscellaneous. A local operation reported in the direction of TERN FARM (E.17.B.) at 11.30 p.m.

AmKeut

Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer.
 First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 28/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 7.
ending 6 a.m. 28.7.18.

A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. Bridges over the METEREN BECQUE again received attention from indirect fire guns during the night and harassing fire was also placed on approaches N. and N.E. of OUTERSTEENE. 20,000 rounds were expended.
2. Anti-Aircraft. No targets engaged.
3. Our Aircraft. Limited activity on account of adverse weather conditions.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery. Shelling reported.

TIME.	Rounds.	Calibre	Area Shelled	Direction	Observed from.
6.30 p.m.	30	10cm.How.	W.21.C.70.60.	E.S.E.	W.20.C.60.75.
8.50 a.m.	20	15 cm.	W.6.C. W.12.A.	East	W.16.B.17.48.
10.45 p.m.	6	10 cm.	W.16.A.	"	W.10.C.16.98.
10.55 p.m.	12	10 cm.	MOLEGHEIN Fm.	S.E.	E.10.C.85.40.

2. Enemy Movement. Nil.
3. Enemy Aircraft. One enemy aircraft fired a white signal flare when flying directly above MOLEGHEIN Fm. Time not stated.
4. Miscellaneous. Enemy shelling showed a slight increase, the forward and support areas being intermittently shelled throughout the night.

Wm Reut
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

33

Headquarters, 29/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.
-----INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8.
ending 6 a.m. 29.7.18.A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. Harassing fire was directed against bridges over the METEREN BECQUE at the following points during the night :-
F.8.C.49.46., F.8.B.00.30., and F.2.D.35.10. 10,000 rounds were expended. Targets D.H.L.F1, J1 and B2, were also engaged by guns of the Right Company, 2,000 rounds being fired on each.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. No targets within range.
3. Our Aircraft. Usual patrol activity was maintained. At 6 a.m. 28.7.18, one of our planes was seen to bring a hostile balloon down in flames.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery Shelling reported.

<u>T I M E.</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Area Shelled</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Observed from</u>
10.15 p.m.	15	10 cm.	MOLEGHEIN Fm.	E.S.E.	E.10.C.85.40.
11 p.m. - 1 a.m.	35	10 cm.	" "	"	E.10.C.85.40.

Increased artillery fire was observed throughout the night on the whole of our Forward and Support area, NORD HELF and vicinity receiving particular attention from 10 cm. and 15 cm. guns.

2. Enemy Movement. Nil.
3. Enemy Aircraft. Persistent attempts to cross our lines were made by an enemy plane between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. but in each case our Anti-Aircraft fire was effective. The same plane was again active at 4.30 a.m. this morning.

E. M. H. T. H.

2/Lieut. and A/Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 30/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.
-----INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 9.
ending 6 a.m. 30.7.18.A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. In co-operation with the attack on MERRIS last night extensive barrage and harassing fire was carried out. Ten guns of the Left line Company placed a heavy barrage in F.2.C. from Zero to Zero plus 120 minutes. At 3.15 a.m. the whole of F.2.B. and D. was searched by indirect fire and the original battery barrage was again fired from 3.45 till 4.30 a.m. 110,000 rounds of S.A.A. were fired by these ten guns. Eight guns of the Right Line Company also barraged ALERT CROSSING and vicinity at the same times as above and at 3.15 a.m. searched the northern portions of F.7.D. and F.8.C., 52,000 rounds of S.A.A. being expended. Up to midnight the normal programme of indirect fire was carried out by both Companies, F.2.D. and F.8.A. receiving attention.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. 1,000 rounds were fired at enemy plane, which makes a practice of crossing our lines between 9 and 10 p.m. every evening. No visible result.
3. Our Aircraft. Usual patrol activity and bombing flights at night reported.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery. A medium barrage was put down on our Forward and Support systems at 12.17 a.m. in response to a host of enemy coloured signals occasioned by our artillery preparation. At 12.45 a.m. enemy barrage had degenerated into a scattered area shoot and at 1 a.m. his artillery appeared to assume normal conditions.
2. Enemy Movement. Nil.
3. Enemy Aircraft. Usual low flying Enemy aircraft appeared during the evening.
4. Miscellaneous. Dugout near No.27 gun at W.18.D.75.95 destroyed by shell fire during action on MERRIS. No casualties incurred.

*E.M. Keats*Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 31/7/18.

1st. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.10.
ending 6 a.m. 31.7.18.

A. Our Operations.

1. Vickers Guns. During the period under review, 52,000 rounds of S.A.A. were expended in indirect harassing fire. The targets were bridges over the METEREN BECQUE in F.2.D. and F.8.B. and C. Squares F.7.D. and F.2.C. were also thoroughly searched.
2. Anti-Aircraft Guns. 250 rounds were fired at one E.A. between 7 and 8 p.m.
3. Our Aircraft. Usual patrol activity maintained and abnormally active during the evening.

B. Enemy Intelligence.

1. Artillery.

Time.	Rounds	Calibre.	Area Shelled.	Direction.	Observed from.
11.30.-12 p.m.	20	15 cm.	(Cross Roads) (in W.17.B.)	BAILLEUL	W.17.D.30.85.

Enemy artillery very active during the period, taking the form of scattered area shoots of several calibres mainly on Front line and Forward systems. Observers had difficulty in tabulating the shelling.

2. Enemy Movement. Nil.
3. Enemy Aircraft. One very low flying enemy aircraft crossed our lines over Right Brigade Sector at 6.30 p.m. Several enemy aircraft seen over Left Brigade Sector between 9 and 9.30 p.m.

Alm Kent
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.