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1st auz Bn H Bns

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONG	October		<p>We are now settled in our new billets in this village. There are quite a number of inhabitants but no young men and very few young women. The elderly women who compose the bulk of the population seem somewhat suspicious of us. It would seem as if some one has given an unfavourable report of the general behaviour of Australians.</p> <p>Leave to the United Kingdom is now granted at the rate of three passes daily to other ranks with one pass per week to officers. Our billets are clean and if we are to winter here the men should be fairly comfortable, but fuel supply is difficult and uncertain.</p> <p>Orders are received from Division for 2 officers and 49 other ranks to prepare to proceed to Australia the following day. All our available 1914 are notified and the glad news was received of them with great jubilation.</p> <p>The inhabitants have discovered that their suspicions were groundless and now treat us with great the warmest friendliness.</p> <p>Great excitement prevails as the 1914 men muster at the Embussing point which is just in front of our mess room. Capt K. I. GILL and Lieut. K. A. SMITH are the lucky officers selected from the Battalion. After a weary wait from 11.30 a.m. in the morning the busser finally appears at 5.30 p.m., and with the cordial congratulations of the friends they leave behind our 1914</p>	
	Oct 2.			
	Oct 3.			

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LONG	Oct 3		<p>leave start for BRAY the first stage on the road of their long journey home. There now remain with the Battalion of the men who embarked in 1914 about 12 officers and two or three other ranks who for various reasons were unable or unwilling to go just at present</p> <p>12 Company signallers reported to Headquarters from the Companies for a course of Signalling Training whilst the Battalion is at rest. None are expected to-morrow.</p>	
	Oct 4.		<p>The day is wholly occupied with reorganisation consequent on the gaps left in our ranks by the men who have departed. We have lost practically all our the senior NCOs but we still have plenty of first class material to draw from</p> <p>Lieut FERNEE Lieut LUSCOMBE proceed on leave on his extra officer vacancies have been allotted to us.</p> <p>The C.O returns after from English leave and all ranks were glad to welcome him back.</p>	
	Oct 5.		<p>Capt. F.P. BETHUNE, M.C. reported to 4th Army Infantry School, Lieut. C. MARTIN + Corporal S.M. GARD reported to 4th Army Signalling School</p> <p>Sgt. L.R. FENDLEY, D.C.M. H.M. and A/L/Cpl A.L. MCGREGOR reported to Australian Corps Intelligence and Cookery Courses</p> <p>respectively.</p>	

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LONG	Oct 5		<p>Major H. E. WOODMAN DSO, Second in Command returns to Australia today. For one month during the absence of Colonel French at school and on leave Major Woodman has been acting C.O. of the Battalion.</p> <p>During the afternoon the C.O. presided over a Company Commanders Conference attended by all COE officers of the Battalion. The C.O. also held an order room and dealt with three cases on desertion charges and two cases of A.W.L.</p>	
	Oct 6		<p>C.O. visited 1st Coy at EPAGNETTE and 1st A.I. Bde at EPAGNE. Lieut BAIRD on P.M. reported to ABBEVILLE 4th Coy Specialist and Lieut KENT went on a horse-drawn lorry to DEVRES to recover sports material + other gear stored at surplus kit store.</p>	
	Oct 7		<p>C.O. 8 other ranks returned to Australia. 48 other ranks were received as reinforcements, all being men who were previously with the Companies, as usual they appeared to have consumed their rations en route, which always causes much confusion in the Quarter Masters branch.</p>	
	Oct 8		<p>C.O. visited 3rd + 2nd Coy and watched them at work on the ramp. 51 other ranks were received as reinforcements this being being chiefly casualties from various infantry battalions who are very angry at being separated from their friends.</p>	

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LONG	Oct 9		<p>Weather so far has been mild but usually dull and damp. Today C.O. rode out to EPAGNETTE and inspected 1st Coy and arranged for them to exchange billets next week with 3rd Coy so as to facilitate their range practice. In the afternoon a conference of officers and other ranks constituting the Battalion sports committee met at Headquarters. The C.O. presided and the programme was settled. Prize money was fixed at 1500 francs the officers to contribute 15 francs each and the balance to come from Regimental Funds. Lieut. HONEYBUN and Lieut. PEGLER were appointed a sub committee to allocate the prize money, settle details. Lieut. HONEYBUN to try and secure a ground at PONT REMY.</p>	
	Oct 10		<p>C.O. inspected 2nd Coy at work in the range in Buchon area. In the afternoon C.O. attended a conference at Dursin to arrange about the forthcoming review.</p>	
	Oct 11		<p>C.O. & Lt HONEYBUN rode to PONT REMY and inspected ground proposed for Battalion sports. The ground was deemed unsuitable and in any case too distant from the various Companies. The idea of a Battalion sports meeting is abandoned, but Company meetings will be held at which Battalion Championships will be run. A Company Commanders conference was held in the afternoon presided over by the C.O. and arrangements for the review explained and discussed.</p>	

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LONGC	Oct 12		C.O. attended a Court Martial in a 4 th Battalion officer Major WILTON C.M.B.O. came to lunch and in the afternoon the C.O. motorised with him to all the Companies. Lieut HONEYMAN reported to 3 rd Coy for duty.	
LONGC	Oct 13		C.O. presided over a Court of Inquiry into the attempted escape of men detained in HONDÉCHEM P.P. Campound. Adj. rode to ST OUVEN to investigate a charge against one of our men for attacking the French inhabitants. The charge turned out to be groundless, so for men attacking them the men had acted as their protectors when they were attacked by others.	
	Oct 14		C.O. inspected 1 st Coy at work in the range and afterwards visited 2 nd Coy. Adj. rode to Espagnette and represented Hdqrs at a Company dinner given by 3 rd Company.	
	Oct 15		C.O. in company with C.O.C. division motorised around and inspected all Companies. C.O.C. expressed himself as well pleased with the work in progress and the condition of the transport.	

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LONG	Oct	16.	C.O. inspected 3 rd Coy + Transport at EPAGNETTE, afterwards inspected 2 nd Coy. Assistant Adjutant visited 3 rd Coy at EPAGNETTE. The weather for the last few days has been dull but fine from rain.	
	Oct	17.	C.O. inspected 1 st and 2 nd Coys. Some difficulty in being experienced in the matter of fuel at Hdquarters but the P.M. has come to the rescue with some loads of peat. Weather fine and bright.	
	Oct	18.	C.O. motored by HILLY-LE-HAUT CLOCHER to complete inquiry in connection with ^{attempted} escape of prisoners from HONDICHEM siding. In the afternoon a company commanders conference was held. The principal business being settlement of the next week's training programme and arrangements for a rehearsal of the review. Weather still bright and cold.	
	Oct	19.	C.O. visited D.H.Q. + afterwards conferred with Major MORRELL. C.S.O. at P.M. H.Q. In the afternoon C.O. went to KILLERS-SUR-AILLY rendezvous for a tactical walk under Colonel ROSS (C.S.O. I). adjutant motored to FLEXICOURT to present at the head of F.C.C.M. of Pte WILLIS 2 nd Coy in a charge of desertion.	

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LONG	Oct 20		Dull and drizzling rain. C.O. visited B.H. Q + conferred with reference to training operation + Dursenall rifle meet, also made representations about the unsuitability of 2 nd Companies billets. A/adjt went to FAMECHON to sit as a member of a Court of enquiry into the accident to 2/Lt L.T. UNDERWOOD who returned to duty ex hospital that day. Lt J.H. O'LOUGHLIN went on leave to NICE. LC M.H. LESLIE 19/Lt FRANCIS and one NCO left for Australian Corps Gas School.	
	Oct 21.		C.O. + adjt went to FAMECHON area to superintend rehearsal of Battalion ceremonial parade for forthcoming review. Lieuts F.R. PHELAN + H.F. MANNERS rejoined SA CARRIERS C.H.Q. M.A. School weather dull but rain preliminarily held off.	
	Oct 22.		C.O. + adjt went to BOUCHON range to view Companies.	

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LONG	Oct 22		Major WILTON C.M.G.O. accompanied by Major BRIDGEMAN M.C. who is to become C.M.G.O. when Major WILTON returns to Australia. Weather still fine.	
	Oct 23.		C.O. accompanied Lt MANNERS to EPAGNETTE where Lt MANNERS returned as M.C. unit to 1st Coy. weather dull but fine.	
	Oct 24.		C.O. rode to CAMIERS to witness a demonstration of strappers belts returning about 5 p.m. A party went to BOUCHON range where Company officers were present in elimination competition to determine the officers team for the Battalion at the divisional meeting. weather bright + pleasant.	
	Oct 25.		Adjut rode to SOUVEN to further investigate a charge brought against one of our men for attacking a French unit about. C.O. held Company Commanders Conference at LONG. weather dull.	
	Oct 26.		Adjut + one officer from each Coy went to RUE to witness a demonstration by VICKERS gun + German gun + French Motor at Air Corps School.	

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LONC	oct 26		<p>C.O. + adyt attended football match (Australian rules) between 1st Batta + 8th Inf. Batta won by the latter by 9 goals 13 behinds to 9 goals 8 behinds</p> <p>In the evening C.O. adyt + QM went to PONT REMY where to see Dunsenel Concert Party (Sentimental Notes). Transport had been provided to take 2 officers + 60 other ranks from 2nd Coy + 40 officers + 60 other ranks from 3rd Coy. The performance was of a high order + was much appreciated by all ranks.</p> <p>Weather still holding good and today fairly mild.</p>	
	oct 27		<p>C.O. visited D.H.Q. 13 other ranks went away on U.K. leave, four other ranks entitled to U.K. leave then week on taking their leave in France.</p> <p>Weather fine and pleasant</p>	
	oct 28		<p>C.O. + Officers Commanding Companies proceeded to PONT-REMY to a general conference with the</p>	

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LONG	Oct 28		<p>Inspection of training C H Q A/adjt attended at C Range PONT-REMY where Company team was practising for Dursunal Rifle Competition. Weather still holding fine and mild. Lieut C.F.R. MARTIN went on U.K. leave.</p>	
	Oct 29		<p>C.O visited EPACNE and lectured to 1st Coy on the subject of "Engagement of E.A. by small arm fire from the ground" Adj. & A/adjt attended football match Australian Rules between this Battalion & 5th Batt. A.I.F. which was won by the latter by a narrow margin of 4 points. Q.M. & Sq. Officer attended at R.E. Sports meeting. Weather beautifully fine & mild.</p>	
	Oct 30		<p>^{LITTLE} C.O & adjt attended Dursunal Rifle meeting. Our Company team competed but was unsuccessful. In the afternoon Conference of Company representatives was held at Hdquarters to arrange matters in connection with formation of a</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LIONC	Oct 30.		<p>Batallion Rugby Team and the provision of football kit for all Companies both Australian, Rugby Rules.</p> <p>Lieut WEARNE was given 800 francs to proceed to ETAPLES to purchase kit mainly coming from Regimental Trust Funds.</p> <p>Lieut ARCHER rejoined from PARIS leave + Lieut EWING from PARIS leave. (U.K)</p> <p>Weather still warm and fine.</p>	
	Oct 31		<p>C.O + Adjt attending at 'C' Range to watch Warrant Rifle Competitions at which we have entered teams for all events open to us. Capt F. A. VINNICO MBE O.C. 2nd Company and two other ranks leave today for Australia under provisions of leave for 1914 men.</p> <p>Individual Championship at Rifle meeting won by no. 2470 Pte. GLANCE. A.M. of our Second Company</p> <p>Weather now broken, damp & miserable</p>	

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187 amg Bn H.Ors.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	B. R. Os 27-29.
2	Training Programmes.
3	Lessons Learnt
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PROMOTIONS.

1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.

To be Temp. Company Sergeant Major.

No. 2782 Sgt. Rosengren H. vice C.S.M. Kennedy to Australia on leave.
To date 22;9;18. P.B. 37590.

To be Company Quartermaster Sergeant. (Temp.)

No. 605 Pte. O'Brien J.A. vice C.Q.M.S. Richardson to Australia on Leave.
To date 3;10;18. P.B. 266066.

To be Temp. Sergeants.

290 Cpl. Lee E.E. vice Sgt. Killen to Australia on leave.

To date 3;10;18. P.B. 92934.

2717 Cpl. Rennie J.W. vice Sgt. Martin wounded 21;9;18.

To date 21;9;18. P.B. 37457.

1772. L.Cpl. Little Johns. H. vice Sgt. Cunningham to Australia on leave.

To date 3;10;18. P.B. 37488

3006. Cpl. Atkins A.E. vice Sgt. Blackmore A.de.C. to Australia on leave

To date 3;10;18. P.B. 196274.

1823 L.Cpl. Sanders P.L. vice Sgt. Davidson wounded. 12;9;18.

To date 12;9;18. P.B. 144857.

To be Sergeant.

1578. Cpl. Kerr A. vice Sgt. Loveband to Cadre. 29;9;18.

To date 29;9;18. P.B. 92950.

247. Cpl. Lewis. O.B. vice Sgt. Nichol, killed in action 18;9;18.

To date 18;9;18. P.B. 37553.

To be Corporals.

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2102. L.Cpl. Allmond. vice Cpl. Harrison killed in action 18;9;18.

To date 18;9;18. P.B. 37451.

363. L.Cpl. Pullen G.H. vice Cpl. Kerr promoted.

To date 29;9;18. P.B. 10668.

No. 1811. T.Cpl. Russel E. to complete establishment.

To date 5;10;18. P.B. 37512.

To be Temp. Corporals.

1998. L.Cpl. Morris J.T. vice Cpl. Anderson to Australia on leave.

To date 3;10;18. P.B. 92857.

2837 L.Cpl. Giles A.C. vice Cpl. Atkins promoted. temp.

To date 3;10;18. P.B. 75560.

4462. L.Cpl. Carr W.H. vice Cpl. Croker to Australia on leave.

To date 27;9;18. P.B. 139416.

4431. Pte. Bazzina H. vice Cpl. Thomas wounded 2;10;18.

To date 2 10;18. P.B. 169552.

329 Pte. Laurie A.J.B. vice Cpl. Rennie promoted temp.

To date 21;9;18. P.B. 37499.

3431 L.Cpl. Notam H. vice Cpl. Corbett wounded 11;9;18.

To date 11;9;18. P.B. 271151

1439. L.Cpl. Wallace T.S. vice Sgt. Wood wounded 22;9;18.

To date 22;9;18. P.B. 92954.

436. Pte. Davies W.J. vice Cpl. Lee promoted temp.

To date 4;10;18. P.B. not available.

474. Pte. Polley F.B. vice Cpl. Wood wounded 18;9;18.

To date 4;10;18. P.B. not available.

421 L.Cpl. Gamble L.E.G. vice Cpl. Lewis promoted.

To date 4;10;18. P.B. not available.

435 Pte Davis D.T.M.

vice Mansson vac. to date 4.10.18.

To be Transport Sargt. Temporary.

2174. L.Cpl. Malloy T.J. vice Sgt. Bassett to Australia on leave.

To date 21;9;18. P.B. 37524.

To be Lance Corporals.

3631 Pte. Stephenson W.C. To date 5;10;18.
 376 " Malone J.B. do
 7492 " Jamieson H.R.S. do
 368 " Fraser H. do

To be Temp. Sergt.2nd. Aust. M.G. Company.

~~536 Col. Wilson V.H. to be Temp. Sgt. vice Lt. Smith to Australia
 on leave. To date 22;9;18. P.B. 33084.~~

To be Lance Sergt.

4279 Corp. O'Reilly H.T. To complete establishment.
 To date 23;9;18. P.B. 36175.

To be Temp. Corporal.

1776 L.Cpl. Knight A. vice No. 297 Cpl. Hinton wounded.
 To date 20;9;18. P.B. 187088.

To be Drivers under A.I.F. Order No. 785.

1675 Pte. Smith E.N. vice L.Cpl. (Dvr.) Hill H.J. to Australia on leave.
 To date 22;9;18. P.B. 33735.
 3172. Pte. Lyon W.H. vice 532 Dvr. Allen E.P. to Australia on leave.
 To date 22;9;18. P.B. 33071.
 1980 Pte. Lucas E.J. vice 333 Dvr. Warne T. to Australia on leave.
 To date 22;9;18. P.B. 33070.
 5114. Pte. Judge G.B. vice 565 L.Cpl. Dvr. Harris E. to Australia on
 leave. To date 22;9;18. P.B. 7365.
 3305 Pte. Isabel A.L. vice 704 Dvr. Pearce G.T. to Australia on leave.
 To date 22;9;18. P.B. 35063.
 3339 Pte. Harry L.J. vice 1118 L.Cpl. Dvr. Barry M.A. evac. Sick.
 To date 23;9;18. P.B. 36052.
To be Len. Cpl. Dvr.
 806 Dvr. Battersworth E.T. to complete establishment.
 To date 23;9;18. P.B. 37964.

3rd. Aust. M.G. Company.To be Temp. Company Sergt. Major.

1934 Sgt. Carter E. M.M. vice T. OS. M. Evans to Australia on leave.
 To date 22;9;18. P.B. 36590.

To be Temp. Sergeant.

3976 Cpl. Hutton K.J. M.M. vice Sergt. Miller to Australia on leave.
 To date 3;10;18. P.B. not available.
 2035. Cpl. Trostrail A.G. vice Sgt. Carter E. promoted temp. 158392
 To date 22;9;18. P.B. 216902.
 4339 Cpl. Wadsworth A. vice Sgt. Broome wounded.
 To date 18;9;18 P.B. 38703.

To be Temp. Transport Sergt.

2221 L.Cpl. Tinknell A. to be Transport Sgt. vice Sgt. Webb W.R.
 To Australia on leave. To date 3;10;18.
 P.B. Not available.

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3rd. Aust. L.C. Company.

To be Corporal.

2055 T. Cpl. Trestrell A.S. vice Jones to Battn. H. Grs.
To date 22;9;18. P.S. 210902.

To be Temp. Corporals.

1965 L. Cpl. Arrington H.G. vice Arnett to Australia on leave.
To date 22;9;18. P.S. 30600.
2338 L. pl. Graham G.C. vice Driscoll wounded.
To date 22;9;18. P.S. 33000.
507a L. Cpl. Hughes G.L. vice Lockwood G. wounded.
To date 18;9;18. P.S. 230000.

To be Temp. S.M. Sgt.

2921 Sgt. Dennis H.J. vice Gibbs to Battn. H. Grs.
To date 29;9;18. P.S. not available.

To be Temp. Corporals.

2238 L. Cpl. James B.L. vice Cpl. Thompson to Australia on leave.
To date 3;10;18. P.S. 10640
4306 L. Cpl. Fraser A.H. vice Prior to Australia on leave.
To date 3;10;18. P.S. 190000.
1772 L. Cpl. McBurnie H.F. vice McDonald to Australia on leave.
To date 3;10;18. P.S. 53730.

To be Lance Corporals.

501a Pte. Allison A.S. Dated 29;9;18.
1068 Pte. Hamilton G. Dated 29;9;18.

To be Driver Under A.I.F. Order 735.

7541 Pte. Hills P.F. vice Whittaker to Hosp.
To Date 29;9;18. P.S. 209470.
3551 " Ball G. vice Dvr. Holey to Hosp.
To date 27;9;18. P.S. 211010.

2nd. Aust. Machine Gun Company.

To be Temp. Sergt.

192 Cpl. Kitchett J.T. vice Sgt. Hood wounded.
To date 23;8;18. P.S. not available.

To be Corporal.

7350a T. Cpl. Williams J.K. to complete establishment.
To date 6;10;18. P.S. not available.

To be Temp. Corporal.

375 L. Cpl. Newfield. vice Kitchett promoted temp.
To date 23;8;18. P.S. not available.
513 L. Cpl. Houston W.J. vice O'Neill wounded.
To date " P.S. not available.
531 L. Cpl. Harding R. vice Murphy to Permanent Cadre
To date 9;9;18. P.S. Not available.
373a L. Cpl. Gull H. vice South evac. Sick.
To date 14;8;18 P.S. Not available.

To be Lance Corporals.

507.	Pte. Cain H.C.H.	Dated 6;10;18.
1789b	" Cooper S.T.	" 6;10;18.
570a	" Bailey S.H.K.	" 6;10;18.
387	" Whitecross J.G.	" 6;10;18.
664	" Smith P.L.	" 6;10;18.
603	" Pettigrew J.A.	" 6;10;18.

W. J. Smith
Capt. Staff
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Headquarters 6:10:18.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER.

No. 27

- by -

Lt. Colonel. W. R. French, ^{DSO, MC.} Commanding First Aust. Machine Gun Batta.173 DIVULGIC TANKS. G.P.O. 5128 is published for information.-

All ranks are forbidden to remove any of the parts or contents of tanks which have become temporarily derelict in the battle area.

Any Officer N.C.O. or man found attempting to remove, or in possession of objects of this nature will be arrested and his conduct in the matter investigated, with a view to bringing him to a trial on a charge of theft or other suitable charge.

174 GERMAN AMMUNITION DUMPS. G.P.O. 2459 is published for information.-

Several dumps of German ammunition in an unsafe condition have fallen into our hands. They will not, on any account, be interfered with by unauthorised persons. Pending their removal Corps will arrange to wire them in, and to erect Notice Boards marked "Danger" round each dump.

175 RAILWAY CROSSINGS. G.P.O. 2502 is published for information.-

Vehicles of all kinds are forbidden to cross any Railway Lines, whether broad or narrow gauge, except at properly prepared level crossings, unless a serious emergency renders it necessary to do so.

176 GERMAN AMMUNITION. G.P.O. 2535 is published for information.-

A number of casualties have occurred owing to the ignition by Very Lights fired in contravention of A.P.O. 2460, by sparks from locomotives etc. of the propellant charge of the German cartridges, which have been removed from the cartridge case and thrown away.

In future propellant charges are not to be removed from German cartridges, except by duly authorised officers, who will be responsible that the charges are, at once, safely packed ~~or~~ or destroyed.

177 POSTAL CENSORSHIP. G.P.O. 5095 is published for information.-

Green envelopes (a) The breaches of Censorship Orders in letters sent in the Green envelope have recently been exceedingly numerous. References to military matters which would be of the greatest value to the enemy, are increasingly frequent. Especially is this the case in letters addressed to other parts of the Army, which constitute a source of great danger in the event of these letters coming into the hands of the enemy. Unless the terms of the certificate on the Green envelope are better observed the suspension of the envelope will be considered. (b) The practice of sending letters in Green envelopes which have already passed through the post is forbidden. Letters sent in this manner are liable to be destroyed.

2. Field Service Post Cards. (a) Two faults are prevalent in correspondence by means of the Field Service Post Card. Increasing numbers of these cards are found to bear additions other than those permitted by censorship order para. 1 sub para. (a), and many cases have occurred of their being used for the purpose of conveying military information by means of codes. (b) These cards are despatched in considerable numbers to neutral countries contrary to censorship orders para. 1 sub para. (c) Attention is drawn to the fact that in both cases field service post cards are destroyed.

3. Censored correspondence. Inefficient attention is paid by regimental censors to the following points. (e) The passing of picture post cards which disclose the situation either past or present of the writers unit, contrary to Censorship orders para 10. sub para. (i). (f) The passing of addresses, either on corners or in the contents of letters, which disclose the high formation of which the writers unit belongs, or which give as part of the address any army post office designation unless verified. (g) The passing of items of military information in letters addressed to other parts of the front which are specially liable to capture by the enemy; the faults found in this class of letter are considerably more numerous than in

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First Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined on leave to United Kingdom from date as under:-

4199	Pte	Hyland R.D.	28.9.18
8066	"	Don L.S.	"
1439	"	Hallace T.	30.9.18
17410	"	Hallam H.	"
661	Cpl	Anderson S.	1.10.18

Rejoined from leave:-

8857	Pte	Parkinson L.	29.9.18
8370	"	Hayes S.O.	"
6800	"	Robertson L.	"
736	"	Smalls G.R.	"

Rejoined from attachment to 30th American Division:-

1001	Capt	F.A. Hill	2.10.18
2768	Sgt	Ferguson H.	"

Rejoined to D. S.:-

3148	Pte	Ward A.S.	30.9.18
7823	"	McKewright J.T.	2.10.18
7186	Pte	Barty L.J.	"
648	"	Gates A.	"
681	"	Arnall W.H.	3.10.18
2338	"	Brown S.H.	"
7316	"	Whitely W.S.	"

Rejoined in action (Cas):-

5120	Cpl	Thomas J.S.	2.10.18
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Proceeded to U.S.A. England:-

1488	Sgt	Loveband H.G.	29.9.18
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Proceeded on leave to United Kingdom:-

		Lieut G.S. Williams	29.9.18				
3451	Cpl	Watson S.	3.10.18	7072	Pte	Yates P.	6.10.18
2640	Pte	Palley A.L.	"	7301	Cpl	Stone W.	2.10.18
3190	Pte	O'Brien W.	2.10.18	5220	Pte	Reesey J.G.	"
4211a	"	James J.D.	1. 10. 18	PARIS.			

Proceeded on leave to Australia:- 3.10.1918.

290	C.S.A.	Richardson S.L.	661	Cpl	Anderson S.J.
505	Sgt	Cunningham S.T.	400	Pte	Papier S.
154	Pte	Ross A.	520	Dvr	Crawford G.S.
376	Dvr	Paol T.	961	Sgt	Edinburgh J.
400	Pte	Hurrows P.	1137	"	Killen S.
767	Pte	Mittell F.	146	Pte	Key S.
66	Pte	Gurrey J.S.			

Second Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined from leave to United Kingdom:-

2-19	Pte	Williams J.L.	28.9.18
326	Dvr	Perlegh S.S.	29.9.18
4155	Pte	Botton S.S.	30.9.18
4137	Pte	Blackwell G.D.	"

The following officer rejoined on hospital

Lieut.	J.S.O. Laughlin	1.10.18
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Rejoined from hospital

890	Pte	Breddish A.J.	3.10.18
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Rejoined on attachment to 30th American Division:- 2.10.18

1216	Sgt.	Walsh J.S.
2347	"	Clark F.S.
3038	Cpl.	Malin S.S.

Rejoined to D.S. while on leave in U.S. 26.9.1918:-

7225	Pte	Lavis S.A.
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The following officers rejoined on Detachment to 30th American Division.-

Mt. F. S. Brown 5.10.1918.

Evacuated to Hospital.-

6895	Pte	Latimer	V.P.	28.9.18
888	"	Fredrich	A.J.	
6509	"	McCallin	P.O.	29.9.18
3347	Dvr	McGordon	W.L.	30.9.18

Wounded in action, while detached to 30th American Division. -
3986 Cpl Earl J.

Proceeded on leave to Paris. -
1523 Dvr Brooks F.S. 28.9.18

Proceeded to S.A.F., England 29.9.1918.-
Ment E. W. McKenzie M.C.

Proceeded on leave to United Kingdom. -

8322	Pte	Houghton	C.S.	2.10.1918
8772	"	Ab I	G.W.	"
7275	Dvr	McGordon	W.	"

Proceeded on leave to Australia. - 3.10.1918.-

851	C.S.M.	McKee	P.O.	886	Dvr	Butterworth	S.L.
374	Pte	McKee	S.L.	829	Pte	Brosnan	J.
529	Sgt	McGordon	D.	236	Dvr	Farleigh	G.S.
333	Cpl	McCallin	V.L.	43	Dvr	McGordon	W.
997	Pte	Sewell	S.	1927	Pte	Hennessey	J.
363	"	Sells	S.C.	2013	"	Bright	J.

Third Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined on leave to United Kingdom. -

Ment. F. S. Brown. -				29.9.1918					
7198	Pte	McCallin	S.L.	21.9.18	530	Pte	McKee	A.	28.9.18
643	"	Griffiths	S.	28.9.18	606	"	McGee	J.	
707	"	Smith	F.S.	29.9.18	666	"	Hayley	F.	30.9.18
603	"	Hyde	F.S.	30.9.18	888	"	McKee	W.	
608 Sgt Robb W.S. (on Paris)									

Rejoined on leave to United Kingdom. -
Ment. J. G. Sage S.C.
845 Pte Morris F.

Rejoined on Detachment to 30th American Division. - 23.9.18. -

1890	Sgt	Page	S.L.	
1934	"	Carter	S.	SM.
3139	Cpl	Collins	G.S.	S.C.S. =

Evacuated on V.P.S. to S.C.S. -

3078	Pte	McCallin	S.C.	28.9.18	3077	Pte	McKee	W.	28.9.18
888	"	McCallin	S.		1708	"	McCallin	S.C.	28.9.18
1903	Dvr	Arnold	J.W.	29.9.18	461	"	McCallin	S.C.	

The following officer was evacuated to Hospital 3.10.1918.
Ment. L. P. Nathan

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Intelligence School 3.10.1918. -
473 Sgt L. P. Fenley S.C.S. SM.

Proceeded on leave to United Kingdom

8733	L/Sgt.	McCallin	S.L.	4.10.18.	2003	L/Cpl	Francis	G.	4.10.18
2841 Dvr Green I.I.									

Proceeded on leave to Australia. -
Ment. F. S. Brown 3.10.1918.

Evacuated to D. F. S.-

2188	Pte	McGee J.	30.9.18
241	"	Moore R.J.	
7731	"	Evans A.S.	4.10.18
1903	"	Lester W.J.	20.9.18
339	"	Harro A.	3.10.18
1884	"	Tyler R.L.	"
7911	"	Loughran S.G.	"

Proceeded on leave to Australia 3.10.1918.-

771a	L/Cpl	Anderson R.	58	Cpl	Prior R.R.
139	Dvr	McGlade R.S.	888	Sgt.	Milner G.P.C.
1170	"	Nelson J.	808	"	Webb R.S.
510	T/Cpl	McDonald J.	806	Pte	Young R.
597	Pte	Young T.	136	L/Cpl	Terry R.J.
233	Cpl	Thompson F.C.	1225	Pte	Jackey G.L.
288	Pte	Dickenson A.S.	1888	"	McJeffrey J.P.
1671	"	Spilsbury J.A.	864	L/Cpl	Evans J.T.

Twenty First Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex leave.-

338a	Dvr	Adams J.	28.9.18
372	Pte	Henderson E.G.	
368	"	Neal B.	29.9.18
455	"	Davis S.T.M.	
381b	Dvr	Mooney B.	30.9.18
375	Pte	Mirtus A.	
7218	"	Clark V.M.	1.10.18
288	"	Wale R.S.	2.10.18

Rejoined from absence without leave.-

706	Pte	Hillis L.S.	2.10.1918.
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Rejoined ex Attachment to 30th American Division.-

408	Sgt	Ivery R.W.	2.10.18
555a	Cpl	Keppell G.	"
2420	Sgt	Pritchard W.C.	4.10.18

Evacuated to D. F. S.-

689	Dvr	Stephens J.C.	1.10.18
597	Pte	Harvey J.J.	2.10.18
847	"	Hitchell G.	
869	"	Grubs R.S.	4.10.18
7218	"	Clark V.M.	

Proceeded on leave to United Kingdom.-

	Lieut.	F. S. Lumscombe	4.10.18
	"	A. G. Fernes	
6338	Pte	Collins R.S.	5.10.18
7223	L/Cpl	Crisp R.S.	"
2739	Pte	Rely P.	"

Proceeded on leave to Australia.-

	Capt.	R. I. Gill	5.10.18.
331	Pte	Goddard A.C.	

Proceeded to S. G. T. B. England 20.9.1918.-

4832	Cpl	Murphy J.	
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Transferred to 1st Australian Machine Gun Coy.-4.10.18.

435	Pte	Davies R.T.M.	
438a	"	Davies R.J.	
474	"	Polley R.S.	
421	L/Cpl.	Gard R.S.C.	

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Cookery School 5.10.18

8448		McGregor A.S.	
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Proceeded to 4th Army Ammunition School 5.10.18

555	Cpl	Gard R.S.	
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Evacuated to D. I. S.-

8188	Pte	Holmes J.	30.9.18
841	"	Moore H.J.	
7731	"	Swain A.S.	4.10.18
1898	"	Lester W.J.	20.9.18
350	"	Harro A.A.	3.10.18
1884	"	Tyler H.B.	"
7811	"	Loughran P.S.	"

Proceeded on leave to Australia 3.10.1918.-

771a	L/Opl	Anderson H.	30	Opl	Prior H.S.
809	Dvr	McClade H.S.	603	Sgt	Hill or G.P.C.
1170	"	Nelson J.	608	"	Webb H.S.
519	L/Opl	McDonald J.	596	Pte	Young H.
897	Pte	Young T.	135	L/Opl	Wray H.J.
839	Opl	Thompson F.S.	1825	Pte	Wray H.S.
868	Pte	Hickinson H.S.	1826	"	McGillivray J.P.
1071	"	Spilsbury J.S.	864	L/Opl	Wray J.S.

Twenty First Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex leave.-

328a	Dvr	Adams F.J.	28.9.18
372	Pte	Henderson E.G.	
562	"	Neal S.	29.9.18
435	"	Devine E.T.S.	
381b	Dvr	Mooney S.	30.9.18
373	Pte	Virtus A.	
7818	"	Clark V.S.	1.10.18
838	"	Sale H.S.	2.10.18

Rejoined from absence without leave.-

708	Pte	Hillis L.S.	2.10.1918.
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Rejoined on Attachment to 20th American Division.-

408	Sgt	Ivory H.W.	2.10.18
555a	Opl	Whehill G.	"
2420	Sgt	Fritchard W.S.	4.10.18

Evacuated to D. I. S.-

688	Dvr	Stephens J.S.	1.10.18
507	Pte	Harvey J.J.	2.10.18
647	"	Mitchell G.	
369	"	Graham H.S.	4.10.18
7819	"	Clark V.S.	

Proceeded on leave to United Kingdom.-

Lieut. F. T. Maccombe			4.10.18
"	"	G. Fernes	
6555	Pte	Collins A.S.	5.10.18
7823	L/Opl	Wisp H.S.	"
2709	Pte	Waly F.	"

Proceeded on leave to Australia.-

Capt. S. I. Gill			5.10.18.
331	Pte	Goddard F.S.	

Proceeded to N. G. T. S. - 29.9.1918.-

4812	Opl	Murphy J.	
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Transferred to 1st Australian Machine Gun Coy.-4.10.18.

435	Pte	Devine E.T.S.	
436a	"	Devine H.J.	
474	"	Polley F.S.	
421	L/Opl	Gamble L.S.S.	

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Cook School 5.10.18

8448		McGregor A.S.	
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Proceeded to 4th Army Veterinary School 5.10.18

885	Opl	Card H.S.	
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Proceeded to 4th Army Infantry School.-
 Capt. F. P. Bethune M.C. 8.10.18
 3335 Pte Mann J.
Enac to Hoop whilst on leave in U.K.
 2671 76 Watson L. J. 29.9.18

Installation Headquarters.

Rejoined on leave to United Kingdom 20.9.18
 3888 Dvr Mansley J.
 576 Pte McBurnett G.
 3037 " Husband G.

Reassigned to B. P. S. 2.10.18.-
 4312 Pte McInyre G.

Proceeds on leave to U. S. 23.9.18
 3512 Sgt Kennedy G.J.
 1339 Pte Milligan G.

Proceeds on leave to Australia 3.10.18.
 574 Pte Tutler G.
 448 Pte Nicolson G.
 576 " McBurnett G.
 312 Dvr Thomas G.

Rejoined on C.I.C. Machine Gun School, Canada.-
 Lieut. Colonel W. J. French D.S.O. M.C. 4.10.18.

REPOSTINGS. - The following repostings of officers will be made on the 7th October 1918.-

- Lieut. G. G. Kent from M.C. to 1st A.S.G.Co.
- Lieut. G. Beard from 1st Coy. to 2nd A.S.G.Co.
- Lieut. G. G. Swine from M.C. to 3rd A.S.G.Co. but to retain appointment as Battalion Transport officer.
- Lieut. J. G. Sage M.C. from 3rd Coy. to 1st A.S.G.Co. to temporarily command vice Capt. Bethune to School.

Part II. Orders.

179. REPOSTINGS. + Appointments.

Installation Headquarters.

- To be Sergeant to Complete Establishment.
 No. 3035 Cpl. Jones M.C. To date 1.10.18.
- To be Transport Officer.
 No. 57 C.I.C.M.G. Glabe. J. G. To date 20.9.18.
- To be Driver (Under A.I.F. Order No. 733.
 No. 6761 Pte. Ford G. G. To date 6.10.18.

Extract from A.I.F. Order No. 209.-

Lt. F. P. Bethune M.C. to be Temp. Captain. Dated 23.9.18.

Extract from D.S.O. Letter 161/23/263. -

Lt. A. Baker-Finch. to be Temp. Captain. DATED 30.9.18

by

Lieut. Col. W.R.K. French., D. S. O., M. C.

Commanding First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Battalion Headquarters,
13th. October, 1918.180. STRENGTH.1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex Hospital on dates as under :-

333B	Cpl. Mawson R.	6.10.18.
3982	Pte. Chanter J.W.	10.10.18.
651	" Turnbull W.A.	9.10.18.

Rejoined ex Leave

2717	Sgt. Rennie J.W.	8.10.18.
3160	Pte. Heath H.H.	do.
2880	" Templar C.	do.
4211	" James J.G.	9.10.18.

Rejoined ex Base

277	L/Cpl. Bradford J.L.	8.10.18.
463	" Fenton G.W.	do.
593	Pte. Atkinson F.	do.
5760	" Reid J.R.	do.
246	" Larcombe W.C.	do.
4464	L/Cpl. Gardle J.	do.
672	Pte. Brooks F.	do.
6615	" Rasmussen R.H.	do.
4148	" Bignell G.C.A.	do.
3139	" Hoyle C.	do.
431	" Willson E.J.P.	do.
732	" Bartlett V.W.J.	9.10.18.
406	" Deeprose D.D.	do.
6816	" Kearnes J.S.	do.
7260	" Short D.J.	do.
22180	" White G.B.	do.
4566	" Wilson A.R.	do.
795	" Foster T.O.	do.
656	" Booker H.	do.
799	" Jones H.A.	do.
794	" Bryant A.L.	do.
668	" McNeil W.G.	do.
2513	" Dibley H.	do.
241	" Cameron W.H.	do.
6708	" Jones A.O.	do.
4362	" Rodwell G.W.	do.
5778	" Taylor W.A.G.	do.
2893	" Woods G.G.	do.
811	" Rich R.R.	do.
813	" Wade J.H.	do.
808	" Pauley S.W.	do.
341	" Milgate W.M.	do.
798	" Guest E.C.	do.
232	" Henderson J.G.	do.
5004	" Dennett L.D.	do.
796	" Clark W.H.	do.
2396	" Crockett M.	do.

Proceeded to 4th. Army Musketry School 8.10.18.

Lieut. G.F.R. Martin

No. 3107 Pte. Hales H.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 9.10.18.

3129 Pte. Brown A.O.

6978 " Dawber T.W.

3414 " Leslie D.C.

2308 " Donovan A.G.

180. STRENGTH. 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company. (Contd).

The following Officer proceeded on leave to U.K. 22.6.18.

Lieut. B. Heane. x

Evacuated to D.S. on dates as under :-

159	Pte.	Penney G.	5.10.18.
2205	"	Shell E.G.	7.10.18.
3982	"	Chanter J.W.	do.
2952	"	Chambers W.H.	9.10.18.
4199	"	Hyland N.B.	do.
672	"	Brooks F.	10.10.18.
2396	"	Crockett G.H.	do.
732	"	Bartlett V.W.	do.

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2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex detachment to 30th. American Division 8.10.18.

1382 Pte. Rosser A.B. x

Rejoined ex Leave 6.10.18.

3402 Sgt. Ritchie H.G. x

4279 Cpl. O'Reilly H.T.

5084 Pte. Fenton T.

1523 Dvr. Crooks F.T. x 9.10.18.

Taken on strength ex Base

648 Pte. Parkinson H. x 7.10.18.

651 " Robinson L.J. do.

6946 " Rainie L.A. do.

2778 " Anderson G. do.

3260 " Byrd S.W. do.

1712 L/Cpl. Clarke H.W. do.

2593 Pte. Hargreaves H.P. do.

682 " Conroy N.W. do.

1526 " Leihy W. do.

503 " Carpenter S.R. do.

3254 " McKenzie J.E. x 9.10.18.

3722 " Down L.J. do.

4458 " Mills P. do.

312 " Morrison A.W. do.

6159 " Moss A. do.

2470 " Glance A.E. do.

4898 " Symmons H.W. do.

3845 " Nash W.G. do.

2656 " Simpson F.A. do.

1883 " Triffit A.M. do.

7227 " Elliott W.G. do.

6 " Cossins M. do.

Evacuated to Hospital on dates as under :-

7088 Pte. White T.G. x 7.10.18.

497 " Baker E.L. do.

4279 L/Sgt. O'Reilly H.T. x 10.10.18.

4515 Pte. Bagnley E.B. 11.10.18.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

2857 Pte. Scaife H.G. x 5.10.18.

2345 Cpl. Cox G.A. > 7.10.18.

18 Pte. Cowley T.W. x do.

6541 Dvr. Gilbert E. > do.

3245 Pte. Pael C.R. x do.

1382 " Rosser A.B. x 9.10.18.

4539 " Law M. do.

504 " Moore W.H. do.

Rejoined ex Hospital 9.10.18
497 Pte Baker E.L. x

180. STRENGTH.

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3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

The following Officer rejoined ex Leave 5.10.18.

Lieut. L.C. Gardner.

The following Other Ranks rejoined ex leave to U.K. 7.10.18.

1789 Dvr. Hunt A.F.

2221 L/Cpl. Tinknell A.

985 Dvr. Firth J.W.

Rejoined ex Hospital 6.10.18.

241 Pte. Moore C.F.

330 " Munro R.A.

4389 " Genth A.G.

1094 " Tyler S.L.

Taken on strength ex Base

Lieut. F.S. Ward 8.10.18.

3029 Pte. Banfield J.S. do.

759a " Kirk W.A. do.

7243 " Field J.W.S. do.

1521 " Adolphus G. do.

550 " Bishop F.V. do.

555 " Edmonds R.W.P.E. do.

556 " Kelly W.D. do.

4527 L/Cpl. Mounsey J.J. do.

517 Pte. Primus R.W.F. do.

476 " Ryan E. do.

1626 Cpl. Roddick J. do.

611 Pte. Volz A.A. do.

3102 " Phillips F.L. 9.10.18.

6782 " Kable E. do.

1595 " Martin E.C. do.

666 " Haimes F.W. do.

4796 Dvr. Gray J.W. do.

5360 Pte. Bycroft C. do.

4483 " Dunn W.D. do.

2227 " Archer S.F. do.

6410 " Galloway H.F. do.

3143 " Pain W.A. do.

2356 " Allen J. do.

5248 " Brown J.H. do.

Evacuated to D.R.S. on dates as under :-

766B Pte. Patterson R.M. 5.10.18.

1754 Cpl. Evenis W.E.T. 7.10.18.

2229 Pte. Vagg A.J. 9.10.18.

4796 Dvr. Gray J.W. 10.10.18.

764 Pte. Paris A.D. 11.10.18.

3106 " Murphy J.H. do.

606 " Lindsay J. do.

Evacuated ex D.R.S. to C.G.S.

603B Pte. Roberts G.B. 5.10.18.

2185 " McGaw J. 11.10.18.

1803 " Lester W.J. do.

7011 " Loughran D.G. do.

7731 " Evans A.E. do.

766b " Patterson R.M. do.

Proceeded on leave to Australia 7.10.18.

985 Dvr. Firth J.W.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

2692 Pte. Stagg T.J. 6.10.18.

3583 " Prescott A.G. do.

2228 " Jarman S.J. 10.10.18.

3108 L/Cpl. Tee G.J. do.

4479 " Chilton A.J. do.

2598 Pte. Brooks W.H.C. do.

180. STRENGTH.21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex leave on dates as under :-

6604 Pte. Porch E. x	8.10.18.
7065 Dvr. Roy W.	do.
3178 Pte. Fitzgerald J.E. x	9.10.18.

The following Officers rejoined ex Base

Lieut. W.L. Martin, M.C. x	7.10.18.
Lieut. L.J. Underwood x	8.10.18.

The following Other Ranks rejoined ex Base

6209a Pte. Deards H.G. x	8.10.18.
2631 " Hutchinson W.J. v	do.
41 L/Cpl Hooper W.S.	do.
499 Pte. Broomfield R.F. v	do.
328B " Miles H.G.	do.
334B Cpl. Price A.R. x	do.
341a Pte. Walker F. x	do.
576a " Fox H.M. x	do.
321 Cpl. Ahehay W.	do.
647 Pte. Mitchell G. v	11.10.18.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 9.10.18.

322 L/Cpl. O'Rourke J. x

Evacuated ex D.R.S. to C.C.S. 12.10.18.

689 Dvr. Stephens J.G. v
507 Pte. Harvey J.J. x
647 " Mitchell G. v
569 " Grohs E.E. v
7218 " Clark V.M. x

Detached to 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance 11.10.18.

397c Pte. McDougall N.M. x

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 12.10.18.

41 L/Cpl. Hooper W.S. v
6553 Pte. Fulton J. x
3117 Dvr. Finn P.B. x

Battalion Headquarters.

Rejoined ex Leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

31 R.S.M. Sykes R., D.C.M. x	6.10.18.
3962 Pte. Williams H.P. x	do.
2782 " McFarlane D. v	10.10.18.

Rejoined from Hospital and posted to 3rd. A.M.G. Company.

Lieut. A.G. Honeybun, M.C. x 7.10.18.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 6.10.18.

6928 Pte. Francis W.C.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. 9.10.18.

6928 Pte. Francis W.C. x

Proceeded on leave to Australia on dates as under :-

Major H.B. Woodman, D.S.O., A.M. v	5.10.18.
31 R.S.M. Sykes R., D.C.M. x	7.10.18.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

7098 Pte. Salisbury J.C. x	6.10.18.
627 Sgt. Cleaver W.	do.
2876 Pte. Forrester G.W. v	7.10.18.
2193 " Brymer E.J. x	9.10.18.
319 " Laird J.	12.10.18.

Transferred to Battalion Headquarters ex 21st. A.M.G. Coy.

319 Pte. Laird J. x

PART II181. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Lance Corporal.

No. 595	Pte. Clothier L.D.	To date	10.10.18.
No. 355	" Madden J.A.	" "	do.
No. 2692	" Stagg T.J.	" "	do.
No. 4510	" Hetherington W.	" "	do.
No. 286B	" McCallum R.	" "	do.
No. 603	" Hyde F.W.	" "	do.
No. 293	" Hankivell O.	" "	do.

21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Temporary Corporal.

432 L/Cpl. Fleming A. vice 3718 Cpl. Chandler G.K. evacuated
sick P.B. No. 197767. *To date 18.9.18*

395 L/Cpl. Ferricks A.F. vice Hogan to C.T.C. P.B. No. 198227.
To date 9.9.18

To be Lance Corporal

6490	Pte. Child A.C.	To date	9.10.18.
6367	Pte. Tink R.	" "	9.10.18.
485	Pte. Graham W.	" "	9.10.18.

To be Drivers under A.I.F. Order No. 785.

393a Pte. Wallace G.W. vice Hurrey evacuated. To date 14.9.18.
P.B. No. 198387

3117 Pte. Finn P.B. vice Connor reverted. To date 4.9.18.
P.B. No. 148690

6558 Pte. Rutherford H.L. vice Stephens evacuated. To date
1.10.18. P.B. No. 125130

7286 Pte. Nicol W.H.S. vice Smith R. reverted To date 1.10.18.
P.B. No. 252107

182. REVERSIONS.21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

336 Dvr. Smith R. reverts to rank of Private at his own request.
To date 1.10.18. P.B. No. 198371.

W. J. Smith

Captain and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Battalion Routine Order No.29.

by

Lieut. Col. W.R.R. French, D. S. O., M. C.

Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Battalion Headquarters,
20th. October, 1918.183. STOPPAGES.

In future when practising stoppages the following procedure will be adopted :-

- (i) Only one belt per gun will be used for this purpose.
- (ii) Belts to be used will be stripped of all live rounds; it is not sufficient to take only a few rounds out of the belts.
- (iii) Section Officer's will personally inspect all belts to be used before practice starts.

184. STRENGTH.1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

561 L/Cpl. Robinson J.M.	25.9.18.
2732 ⁷ C.S.M. Rosengren H.	14.10.18.
6615 Pte. Rasmussen R.N.	do.
3602 " Hughes W.H.	do.
7028 " Megn H.J.	do.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 12.10.18.

1807 Pte. Niell H.

Proceeded to C.C.B. 14.10.18.

329¹¹ Cpl. Laurie A.J.B.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 18.10.18.

1359 L/Cpl. Hasking W.

2379 Pte. Hayes E.J.

Evacuated to C.C.S. ex D.R.S. on dates as under :-

2339 Pte. Brown N.W.	11.10.18.
7316 " Whiteley W.R.	do.
159 " Penney G.	do.
2205 " Shiel E.G.	do.
7523 " Micklewright J.T.	do.
7196 " Bocky L.J.	do.
645 " Oates A.	do.
4491 " Hyland N.D.	18.10.18.
2952 " Chambers W.H.	do.
672 " Brooks F.	do.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 18.10.18.

2513 Pte. Dibley H.

3605 Dvr. Hainey M.

5760 Pte. Reid J.R.

2964 " Anstead W.G.

4434 " Bethel W.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

7238 Pte. Gorton S.M.	12.10.18.
1578 Sgt. Kerr A.	do.
2803 Pte. Davis A.E.	do.
561 L/Cpl. Robinson J.M.	do.
6619 Pte. Roberts G.H.	13.10.18.

The following Officer rejoined ex leave :-

Lieut. C.S. Williams. 16-10-18

Rejoined ex Hospital 16.10.18.

2396 Pte. Croxket C.

Rejoined ex School 13.10.18.

231 Cpl. Cosier G.M.

184. STRENGTH. 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company. (Contd.)

Taken on strength from Base on dates as under :-

4448	Pte.	Bourke W.G.	13.10.18.
2353	Sgt.	Davison L.G.	17.10.18.
2150	Pte.	Brown E.R.	do.
462	L/Cpl.	Dummer E.C.	do.
480	Pte.	Simmons C.A.	do.
3802	"	Higginbotham G.	do.
7192	"	Albertson L.G.	do.
444	"	Harding C.	do.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. 12.10.18.

7088 Pte. White T.G.

Rejoined ex Base 17.10.18.

2149 Dvr. Francis C.

1651 L/Cpl. Patterson H.R.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

3929 Sgt. Strother L.R. 12.10.18.

4241 Pte. Jones R. do.

4348 " Weston F. do.

3044 Cpl. Campbell K. 13.10.18.

Transferred from 102 nd. Battery A.F.A. 15.10.18.

4092 Pte. Alford C.S.

Evacuated to D.R.S. on dates as under :-

3377 Pte. Davidson G. 14.10.18.

3254 " McKenzie J.M. 15.10.18.

280 " Braddish A.J. 17.10.18.

64~~78~~⁵⁷ " Alford W.F. do.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 13.10.18.

4135 Pte. Bolton A.E.

The following Officer having been Seconded wounded 21.9.18 is now Struck off Strength :-

Lieut. J.R. Horan.

*Detached to 3rd Field Ambulance 17-10-18**501 Pte Cleary W.J.*
-----3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. 13.10.18.

1081 L/Cpl. Macksey W.P.

2789 " Hall S.

3090 " Maskell E.H.

2589 Pte. Casey W.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 14.10.18.

766B Pte. Patterson R.M.

7731 " Evans A.E.

Rejoined ex Hospital 16.10.18.

4796 Dvr. Gray J.W.

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 17.10.18.

3020 Pte. Bickford C.O.

477 " Lyons A.J.

21854 " McGaw J.

287 " McCarthy S.J.

462 " Holdsworth C.F.

The following Officer proceeded on leave to U.K. 14.10.18.

Lieut. F. Archer

Proceeded on leave to Paris 12.10.18.

3792 L/Cpl. Bamey A.J.

Evacuated ex D.R.S. to C.C.S. and struck off strength 18.10.18.

2229a Pte. Vagg A.J.

764 " Paris A.D.

3105 " Murphy J.M.

606 " Lindsay J.

184. STRENGTH. 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company. (Contd.)

Evacuated to D.R.S. on dates as under :-

1509	Pte.	Beer W.J.	13.10.18.
7194	"	Allen A.H.	14.10.18.
6645B	"	Ward A.W.	15.10.18.
555	"	Edmunds R.W.P.E.	17.10.18.
4384	"	Gent A.C.	do.
2586a	"	Duncan C.R.I.	18.10.18.
1789	"	Hunt A.T.	do.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

5712	Pte.	Laurie J.W.	12.10.18.
1665	"	Parker J.	13.10.18.
4510	"	Hetherington W.	do.
5716	"	Olsen A.E.	do.
2181	"	McMaster F.	do.
2035	Sgt.	Trestrail A.E.	14.10.18.
375d	Pte.	Hedges H.	do.
1955	Cpl.	Errington H.G.	do.
585	Pte.	Seaman M.J.	do.
29757	"	McKay F.	do.

21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

385	Pte.	Shiel J.	12.10.18.
384	"	Scaife R.	13.10.18.
372	"	Carlton W.J.	do.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength on dates as under :-

369	Pte.	Grohs E.E.	14.10.18.
380	Cpl.	O'Neill F.J.	17.10.18.
323 ^a	L/Cpl.	Phillips T.B.	do.
3101	Pte.	Ferguson J.	do.
652	"	Williams T.L.	do.
2671	"	Watson L.J.	do.

Rejoined ex Hospital 15.10.18.

322a	L/Cpl.	O'Rourke J.
606	Pte.	Such A.V.

Evacuated to Hospital on dates as under :-

606	Pte.	Such A.V.	13.10.18.
5030	"	Avery W.	do.
369	"	Grohs E.E.	18.10.18.

The following Officer evacuated to Hospital "Accidentally Wounded"

^{2nd Lt} Lieut.	L.J. Underwood	16.10.18.
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Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-

3609	Pte.	Ingham E.J.	14.10.18.
3178	"	Slarks K.B.	do.
3682	Dvr.	Usher W.D.	do.
3313	Pte.	Briscoe E.	do.
1628	"	Suthers A.	17.10.18.

The following Officer proceeded on leave to U.K. 13-10-18.

Lieut.	W.L. Martin, M.C.
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Proceeded to O.C.B. and struck off strength 14.10.18.

2420	Sgt.	Pritchard W.G.F.
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Proceeded on leave to Rouen 16.10.18.

568	Cpl.	Meppem A.B.
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Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School for duty on 18.10.18.

391B	L/Cpl.	Dunsford H.
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497	Dvr.	Ashley H.E.J.
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The undermentioned shewn as proceeding to Australia on furlough are now shewn as proceeding to England on 75 days furlough in lieu of furlough to Australia.

- No. 239 Cpl. Thompson P.S.
- No. 2013 Pte. Wright J.
- No. 66 Pte. Curry J.P.
- No. 386 Dvr. Peel T.
- No. 528 Dvr. Crawford G.O.
- No. 991 Sgt. Edinburgh J.

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184. STRENGTH.Battalion Headquarters.

Evacuated to Hospital on dates as under :-

769 Pte. Stead L.G.	13.10.18.
2900 " Wigglesworth R.	do.
282 " Chisholm R.	do.
2186a " Murrane P.W.	14.10.18.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength. 13.10.18.

7229 Pte. Collins M.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 12.10.18.

3051 Pte. Dodd F.G.

4453 " Goldsmith S.H.

Proceeded to O.C.B. and struck off strength 15.10.18.

4670 Cpl. Elder E.R.

Rejoined ex Hospital :-

4312 Pte. McIntyre T.S. 14.10.18.

2186a " Murrane P.W. 15.10.18.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. :-

3512 Sgt. Mahoney W.J. 15.10.18.

1389 Pte. Milligan W. 16.10.18.

P A R T II.185. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Lieut. J.C. HOGE, M.C. to be Temporary Captain vice A.I.F. Order 397. To date 8.10.18.

186. REPOSTING.Lieut. S.H. Dutton from 1st.A.M.G. Company to 21st.A.M.G. Company.
To date 20.10.18.185. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Temporary Sergeant.No.281B Cpl. Cosier C.N., vice Edinburgh - Leave to Australia.
P.B. No.37452. To date 3rd. October, 1918.To be Temporary Corporal.No.3631 L/Cpl. Stephenson W. vice ~~Reid~~ *Laurie to OCB*. P.B. No.
37412. To date 14.10.18.To be Lance Corporals.No.599 Pte. Fox C.W.)
No.282 " Conn L.R.) To complete establishment.
No.3139 " Moylac.)

185. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Temporary Sergeant.

No.3032 Cpl. Hulme C.E. vice No.1126 Sgt. Radnell G.A.
Returned to Australia. To date 22.9.18. P.B. No.38051
No.3044 Cpl. Campbell K. vice No.20 T/Sgt. McAdam W.
Returned to Australia. To date 22.9.18. P.B. No.253929.

To be Corporal.

No. 292 L/Cpl. Gardiner N.V. vice No.2870 Cpl. Pearse S.G.
Hospital. To date 20.9.18. P.B. No.251151.

To be Temporary Corporal.

No.1290 L/Cpl. Macfie D.H. vice No.336 Cpl. Malone V.H.
Returned to Australia. To date 2.10.18. P.B. No. 38085.
No.3087 L/Cpl. Earl W. vice No.4468 Cpl. Crocker W.J. Wounded.
To date 23.8.18. P.B. No.37987.
No.1712 L/Cpl. Clarke H.W. vice No.286 Cpl. Coz F.A. Wounded.
To. date 25.8.18. P.B. No.37978.

To be Lance Corporal.

No.2590	Pte.	Buffrey G.	To complete establishment.	16.10.18.
No. 538	"	Cunningham N.D.	"	"
No.3260	"	Byrd S.W.A.	"	"
No. 279	"	Bearup E.R.	"	"
No.3036	"	Baker W.H.	"	"
No. 15	"	Byrne J.D.	"	"
No.3687	"	Bowman J.S.	"	"
No.3509	"	Rogers A.D.	"	"
No.3928	"	Robins W.S. M.M.	"	"
No.3987	"	Woodyard J.H. MM.	"	"
No.2339	"	Honybun C.H.	"	"

To be Driver.

No.3278 Pte. Clark W.D. vice No.43 Dvr. Normington W. Returned
to Australia. To date 2.10.18. P.B. No.170585.
No.2819 Pte. Williams J.S. vice No.886 L/Cpl. (Dvr) Butterworth
E.T. returned to Australia. To date 2.10.18. P.B. No.38130.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Temporary Sergeant.

No.2174 Cpl. Hillier R.J. vice Sgt. Dennis promoted. To date
29.9.18. P.B. No.84141.

To be Temporary Corporal.

No.4527 L/Cpl. Mounsey J.J. vice Cpl. Wadsworth A. promoted.
To date 18.9.18. P.B. No.38663.
No.1908 L/Cpl. Barber R. MM. vice Cpl. Trestrail A.E. promoted.
To date 22.9.18. P.B. No.38640.
No.3792 L/Cpl. Lamey A.J. vice Cpl. Hutton K.J. promoted.
To date 3.10.18. P.B. No.38651.
No.3422 L/Cpl. McIl Dowie J. vice Cpl. Macklin G. K.I.A.
To date 10.8.18. P.B. No.38661.
No.1804 Pte. Richards R.H. vice Cpl. Hillier R.H. promoted.
To date 29.9.18. P.B. No.155089.

To be Lance Corporal. Drivers

No.3108 Dvr. Tee G.J. to complete establishment. To date 1.10.18.
No.2023 " Francis G. " " " " " " " " " " " "

187. REVERSIONS.3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

No.2598a Dvr. Derrick E. reverts to rank of Private at his own request.
 To date. 14.10.18. P.B. No.38718.
 No.3916 Dvr. Smith J.A. reverts to rank of Private at his own request.
 To date. 12.10.18.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

No.4266 L/Cpl. Park L.D. to revert to the rank of Private. Date 18.9.18.
 No. 997 L/Cpl. Sewell E. to revert to the rank of Private. Date 18.9.18.

MB Smith
 Captain and Adjutant,
 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

NOTICES."SENTIMENTAL BLOKES"

The Divisional Concert Party opens at PONT REMY Hall on Saturday, 19th. instant at 6 p.m. and nightly thereafter until further notice. Usual prices.

BLUE LIGHT POSTS.

In addition to Divisional Blue Light Posts, the following Posts have been established :-

ABBEVILLE - Place Pont-de-Pre.
 AIRAINES.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Times.	Tuesday <i>1/10/18</i>	Wednesday. <i>2/10/18</i>	Thursday	Friday.	Saturday.
9am to 9.45 am.	Company Inspection Squad Drill Saluting Rifle Exercises.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill.	Company Inspection Points before, during and after.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill Gas Helmet Inspection.	Company Inspection. Close Order Drill. CO CO
9.45am.to 10.30.	General Description Mechanism.	Stoppages. and Immediate Action Route March-Full Marching Order.....	Mechanism and Stoppages.	Spare parts box.
10.30.to 10.45.am	Smoko.	Smoko.		Smoko.	Smoko.
10.45.to 11.30am.	Stripping Care and Cleaning.	Elementary Gun Drill.		<i>Elementary</i> Gun Drill	Revision of work ^{done} during past week.
11.30.to.12 noon.	Company Drill.	Company Drill		Company Drill.	March past.

Organised Games.... $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours each afternoon.

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Syllabus of Training with ending 12/10/18

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9.9.45.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Coy. Inspection Gaps & sentries Saluting	Coy. Inspection Close Order Drill	Coy. Inspection Close Order Drill	Coy. Inspection Gas Helmet Drill	
9.45-10.30	Stoppages & immediate action	Aiming Instruction Triangle of Error		T.O.E.T.	Bar & Shouts e.g.D.	
10.30-10.45	Smoke	Smoke		Smoke	Smoke.	
10.45-11.30.	Elementary Gun Drill	Points before, during & after firing		Stoppages & immediate action	Combined Drill	
11.30-12.	Company Drill	Combined Drill		Company Drill	Company Drill	

Parade March 7 miles
 Marching order 6 miles

Parade March - Full M Order
 8 miles with transport

Rifle Range

Tuesday 3rd Coy 8-12.30.
 2 " 1-5.30
Thursday 2d Coy 8-12.30
 3. 1-8.30

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING - WEEK ENDING 19th. OCTOBER, 1919.

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	9 to 9.45.a.m.	9.50.- 10.50.a.m.	11 - 11.30.a.m.	11.30 - 12 noon.
MONDAY	Company Inspection Rifle exercises	Mechanism	Allocation of duties	Close Order Drill Saluting - (Eyes Right and Left) Company Marching in line.
TUESDAY	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Stoppages	Fire Orders including Indication and Recognition of Targets.	Farr & Stroud and Judging Distances (checking on Map or measure distance)
WEDNESDAY	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Care and Cleaning.	Belt Filling	Gun Drill
THURSDAY	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Stripping Assembling Repairs and adjustments.	Combined Drill	Close Order Drill Practising a Company in line marching past and changing direction (with Transport)
FRIDAY	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises Close Order Drill	Aiming Instruction Gas Holster Drill	Practice packing and repacking linkers. (Linker Drill)	Close Order Drill Practising Marching past as a Company in line.
SATURDAY	Route March Full Marching Order			

Notes :- Range for 1st. Company Monday - Morning Part I Table C
 Tuesday All day Part 2 Table C
 Friday All day Casuals and Musketry.

2nd. Company Monday Afternoon Musketry and casuals of Part I Table C

Owing to forthcoming Divisional Review much time must be devoted to close order drill, rifle exercises, practising a Company in line changing direction with transport in rear.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 26th. OCTOBER, 1918.

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	9 - 9.30 a.m.	9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	10.30 - 11 a.m.	11 a.m. - 12 Noon.	2 - 3.30 p.m.
Monday	Battalion rehearsal	of part to be taken by	the unit in forthcoming	Divisional Review	
Tuesday	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises.	Revision Mechanism	Contents of Spare parts Box.	Marching in Line.	
Wednesday	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises.	Stoppages	Points before, during and after Firing.	Tactical Section Drill "A".	
Thursday	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises.	Tough Ground Drill	Gas Helmet Inspection and Drill	Practice Coy. in line Marching past. Transport also to be practised in the move- ments required for Divisional Review.	
Friday	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises.	Indirect Fire - Theory explained. Use of Clinometer & dials.	Visibility and Range Charts.	-do-	
Saturday	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises.	Tactical Section Drill "B".	Practice in Belt Filling.	-do-	

RECREATIONAL TRAINING
(Organised games etc.)

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The Officers who have just returned ex G.H.Q. Small Arms School, V.M.G. Branch, will lecture as follows, on the latest types of Gun and Visibility Charts and latest method of Direct Overhead Covering fire.

Lieut. Manners.- (1st.A.M.G.Company - Tuesday
(2nd.A.M.G.Company - Wednesday

Lieut. Phelan.- (3rd.A.M.G.Company - Tuesday
(21st.A.M.G.Company - Wednesday

TIME. By arrangement with respective Officer's Commanding. TIME. By arrangement with respective Off's Commanding

Range is available as follows :- 3rd. Company - Tuesday morning) During which Part 2 G.H.Q. Machine Gun Course
21st. Company - Thursday all day) will be carried out also Musketry.
2nd. Company - Saturday morning)

Special classes will be held for backward men.

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Headquarters, 22.10.18.

Date.....

VICKERS MACHINE GUNS - TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL LESSONS LEARNT----- DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.-----
-----TACTICAL

- (a) It is suggested that one spare limber wheel per Company be added to establishment, to be carried on brackets in front of the rear portion of Headquarters limbers.
- (b) During rest periods, much benefit would be derived if all Machine Gun Companies could be located in close proximity to Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters. Administration would be quicker and easier and training operations could be more closely and effectively supervised by the Commanding Officer. Battalion parades and Inter-Company competitions could be frequently arranged, whilst the existence of facilities for deciding Battalion Championships, forming Battalion football teams and holding Battalion lectures, sports, meetings, concerts and other similar functions would do much to create and foster a Battalion esprit de corps.

TECHNICAL

It is suggested that soft wire brushes fitted to cleaning rods would be of advantage to Machine Gun Sections for cleaning barrels thoroughly.

It has been found, new barrels do not allow proper clearance at the extractor ways and frequently have to be filed before they can be used. This has been a serious inconvenience if new barrels are sent straight up to the line for immediate use.

W. R. French

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

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1st Aust. MG Battalion

Strength Returns **1st November 1918**

	Ration Strength		Effective Strength	
	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks
1st A.M.G. Bn	9	183	11	191
2nd do	7	154	9	180
3rd do	9	144	10	184
21st do	10	167	14	194
Battalion H.Q.	4	67	5	60
Total	39	715	49	809

	Riding	In Draught	Y Draught	Mules
1st A.M.G. Bn	7	45	1	2
2nd do	6	41	2	2 2Cps Sch
3rd do	6	41	2	4
21st do	6	-	2	40 4 " "
Battalion H.Q.	6	3	2	5
Total	31	128	9	53 6 = 227
Establishment	37	187	9	= 233
Surplus	-	-	-	-
Deficiency	6	-	-	6

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