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War Diary

1st ainf Bn A.D.C.

Month of
November 1918



Signature of Officer Compelling g.m.kent. Lt

Commanding Officer
W. H. ... Lt Col

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Remarks and references to Appendices.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
LONG	Nov. 1.		C.O. + Adjt attended football match between 3 rd Coy + 21 st Coy at FAMECHON won by latter by 12 to nil (Rugby). Afterwards Campaign Commanders Conference was held at FAMECHON to arrange syllabus for ensuing week, round up of absentees on Nov 2, and use of 1/100 000 map in future operations. Weather cloudy but no rain	
	Nov. 2.		Winter parade of all ranks in Hdquarters. Only necessary duty men + cooks left in billets remainder taken on 2 hrs route march whilst selected parties under NCOs conducted a search of the billeting area + surroundings for A.I.F. absentees Weather mild but threatening rain	
	Nov. 3.		C.O. visited D.H.Q. reference to return of our linkers detached to Corps School + conferred about impending move. In the afternoon C.O. + Adjt witnessed Football match Australian Rules between 10 th W. Sq Coy + 2 nd M.C. Coy won by former by 2 goals. Weather dull + cold.	

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LONG	Nov 4.		<p>C.O. 10 officers + 97 other ranks attended Requiem Mass by Bishop of AMIENS at church LONG in memory of Australians killed on the Somme action.</p> <p>C.O. + QM attended Rugby match between 1st + 2nd Coys great rivalry existed between the teams + a first class contest was won by 2nd Coy by 6 points to nil.</p> <p>C.O. Adjt rode to BELLANCOURT to procure a soldier charged with desertion.</p> <p>C.O. adjt. QM are attending Coy dinner given by 2nd Coy.</p> <p>Order recd from Division that Division is to move on 5th + 6th to forward area IPEHY ROISEL TINCOURT + renamed as detaching stations.</p> <p>Weather beautiful crisp cold + sunny.</p>	
	Nov 5.		<p>Preparations put in hand for the move + necessary instructions given. Lieut KENT instructed to report to Baltic Squadron to act as intelligence officer.</p> <p>Weather changing to dull + threatening rain.</p>	

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LONC	Nov 6-8		<p>Notice received from Dursum postponing the move for 24 hours followed by subsequent postponement notices until ultimately it is fixed that we enter at 0416 on the 9th instant. On the 6th and 7th it rains and appearances indicate that we are in for an uncomfortable time but finally it clears and we march out at 12.30 a.m. the night of the 8/9th reaching LONCPRE at 1.30 a.m. only to find that the line had been blown up by a delay action mine and the departure of the train was postponed indefinitely. We slept the night more or less comfortably on the stone floor of a big railway shed.</p> <p>The inhabitants of Long LONC who had received us with suspicion parted from us with regrets and in some cases even tears.</p> <p>Prior to leaving 18 other ranks were despatched on the 15th 8th instant on UK leave and 2 officers + 4 Sgts sent to G.H.Q. school</p>	

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LONG	Nov 6 th	8 th	CAMIERs whilst 1 officer + 1 NCO were sent to Australian Corps gas school
LONG PRÉ	NW 9		Breakfast at Rly station. Waited there until 2.30 pm when we retraced but did not move out until 4 pm. The line was blocked + the train travelled at a snail's progress ultimately pulling into a siding GUILLAUCOURT where we spent a very cold night
	NW 10		All day in train. As fodder rnk short we had to purchase 7 bales of hay from the French Railways. Due to a block in the line we made a long detour through the French army area near VLA HAM + ST QUENTIN. At HAM we were blocked for a long time + got off + visited a French reception camp + canteen. We also sampled the French issue wine and bought small souvenirs at large prices. Weather wonderfully bright and pleasant it almost seems as

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			<p>if providence is smiling at the prospect of impending peace he has heard all sorts of rumours en route but know nothing definite.</p>	
HAMELET	NMI		<p>Bois ^{be} detrained at ROISEL at 1 am. The 4th CA were on the spot with hot cocoa. Transport detrained and ready to move off at 3 am. Marched about 2 Kilos to HAMELET into billets of a sat where we had a short sleep & afterwards a breakfast varied by some magnificent mushrooms. Orders received. We stand by ready to move at 30 min notice. Ultimately embussed in lorries at cross roads near TEMPLEUX - LE CERARD at 1 pm and after an interesting journey through some villages aster with soldiers & civilians & gay with hunting reached MAZINCHEIN at 5.30 where we haven't specified that hoteliers had closed at 11 o'clock that day. Billeted at MAZINCHEIN pending further instructions</p>	

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MAZINCHEIN
Nov 12

Weather still splendid he do not know whether we are to go forward or back, the men seem anxious to be given the opportunity to see something of Germany. There has evidently been considerable fighting around this village many dead horses are still lying about & there are numerous fresh shell holes. The houses are much knocked about & the killing accommodation is indifferent. Artillery are trucking in to see what is left of their houses

Nov 13

Still at MAZINCHEIN weather still good. We are expecting to move and put in the afternoon at a Football match between 3rd 121st Coy (Australian Rules) and latter by 7 points orders received at 6pm that we are to leave for BOHAIN in the morning

BOHAIN
Nov 14

Packed up & went by route march to BOHAIN. Left MAZINCHEIN at 8.45 am & arrived at BOHAIN at 2.30pm. Many French troops & much French Motor artillery on the road so that our progress was slow & punctuated by many blocks. Weather perfect roads good.

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BOHAIN

NW 14

Bullets went unpromising at the outset and inhabitants as usual suspicious of newcomers but a little tact and good French principally on the part of Cpl Wardson of the D.W. Sig. Co attached soon broke down all barriers & we were received with open arms. These people had been four years under German rule and to use the vernacular of the "Diggers" had had a fairly rough spin.

NW 15

Principally distinguished for a long delayed and very welcome distribution of pay. 2nd Coy, 3rd Coy & 21st Coy are all within a five minutes radius which is very convenient. 1st Coy is at BUSIGNY about 5 ~~Kilometres~~ Kilometres distant. Hard frost and fine weather. Morning devoted to settling down & cleaning up. Recreational training in the afternoon 21st Coy once again scalped the 3rd Coy at Australian Rules. 17 O.R. to U.K. leave.

NW 17

The outstanding feature of the day was a Brigade group Church parade held in better freezing weather. The preacher's words were quite wonderful. Nobody knew what hymns were being sung and great relief was experienced when orders were received to move out for march past.

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BOHAIN	Nov 17		Capt J.C. HOGE M.C. went on UK leave. LT L.P. CAR A Battalion team made up of representatives from 2nd 3rd + 21st Coys played Pioneer Battalion at Rugby (Union Rules) the latter winning by 6 points to 3.	
BOHAIN.	Nov. 18 th		Nothing of special interest occurred. Weather fine & cold. a little snow fell in the morning	
"	Nov 19 th		Usual programme of work carried out by Companies. In addition street cleaning operations were conducted. The French people have have no idea of sanitation & all rubbish is thrown into the street, though the houses are spotless. Recreational training in the afternoon. Weather still fine & cold.	
"	Nov. 20 th		In the afternoon a team of the 21 st M.G. Coy played Rugby against the Pioneer Battalion. The A. hard & fast game resulted in a win for the M.G.s by 8 to 3. Our backs especially were excellent. During the match a very heavy fog blew over almost obscuring one end of the ground from the other. Later the night was fine & clear.	
"	Nov 21 st		Warning order was received for the march tomorrow to the MAZINGHEIM area. Another pay was drawn & issued to Coys Weather beautiful.	

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REJET DE BEAULIEU.	22-11-18.		Battalion H.Q. followed by 21 st M. G. Coy left BOHAIN at 0830 in beautiful weather & proceeded by march route to REJET DE BEAULIEU arriving at 1325. This village is much battered by shellfire but fair billets were obtained for the night.	
PRISCHES.	23-11-18.		An early start was made for PRISCHES, a distance of about 9 miles. The 2 nd & 21 st Coys & H.Q. were billeted close together & the billets were poor & rather crowded. Weather still fine & frosty. A foot inspection was held on arrival & men with bad feet were paraded to the Medical Officer (Capt Bruce).	
AVERNELLES.	24-11-18.		Today's march took units to the AVESNES area & H.Q. were billeted in Beuregard Farm at AVERNELLES where good billets were found. An Officer & runner left PRISCHES before the unit to proceed to BEAURIEU & find billets for the whole Battalion.	
BEAURIEUX	25-11-18		A later start than usual was made today, H.Q. leaving AVERNELLES at 1130. A halt of half an hour was made for lunch & BEAURIEUX was reached just before dark. The billets here are excellent & all Companies & H.Q. are very comfortable. For only the second time in its history the M. G. Battalion is concentrated in one village. The good marching of both 2 nd & 3 rd Companies was noticeable. The latter Coy covered about 21 ^{1/2} miles in good form.	

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BEAURIEUX	26-11-18.		Weather raw & foggy with a little rain. The morning was devoted to a general cleaning in & around billets. Football Committees both for Rugby & Australian Rules met & arranged matches with a view to selecting a Battalion team to play the Engineers. It was also proposed to hold a Battalion Race Meeting if possible & Transport Officers met to discuss a programme.	
"	27-11-18		Lieut Underwood was appointed Works Officer to supervise the cleaning & general Sanitation in the village in accordance with an order received from Division. A Battalion Guard consisting of 1 NCO. & 4 men was mounted outside the gates of the Chateau. The Germans have left this chateau in a fairly good condition except that one oil painting of a famous French General has been slashed with a bayonet & many revolver bullets have been fired into a safe which the Countess refused to open.	
"	28-11-18.		Weather still wet & raw. The Commanding Officer visited Division in the morning accompanied by the Q.M. Pay was drawn for the 1 st Company who had missed the second pay a week ago being on the move. During the afternoon an unfortunate accident occurred. The Q.M.'s horse slipped & fell on the road ^{wet} road throwing Lt Baird, against a post. He sustained a broken rib but no other injuries & was evacuated by the 1 st Field Ambulance at 5 pm. Capt Bruce A.A.M.C attached to this unit was fortunately on the spot. The Programme	

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BEAURIEUX	28-11-18		<p>For the forthcoming Battalion Race meeting was drawn up (attached). This is to be held on Saturday 30th inst if weather permits.</p>	
"	29-11-18.		<p>Lieut Ewins was transferred to Bn H.Q. to take over the duties of QM in Lieut Baird's absence & Lieut Parish was sent from 1st Coy to 3rd Coy to act as Transport Officer. The Divisional Commander visited the Battalion during the morning & inspected the men's billets. He was very pleased with the appearance of the men & expressed satisfaction with the billets. In the afternoon a Battalion football team played against the 1st Div Engineers (Australian Rules) & scored a victory by 4 goals. During the day the whole Battalion was bathed & received a clean change at SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU.</p>	
"	30-11-18.		<p>Weather cold & cloudy but no rain. 1st Coy played 3rd Coy Soccer football, the match ending in a draw. Four men were dealt with at Orderly Room for overstaying English leave, the rejoicings at the time of the Armistice in London proving too great an attraction.</p>	
			<p>Owing to Lieut Baird's absence no monthly QM's report can be attached.</p>	

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd. ^{November} ~~October~~, 1918.

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	0900 to 0930.	0930 to 1030.	1030 to 1100.	1100 to 1200	1400 to 1530.
Monday.	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Immediate Action.	Tactical Exercise "A".	Tactical Exercise "A".	RECREATIONAL TRAINING. (Organised Games, etc.)
Tuesday.	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Care & Cleaning.	Gun Drill.	Direct overhead covering fire.	
Wednesday.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Stripping and Assembling.	Tactical Exercise "B"	Tactical Exercise "B"	
Thursday.	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Barrage Drill.	Indication & Recognit- ion of Targets, and Fire Orders.	Practice Company in line marching past - with transport.	
Friday.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Combined Drill.	Belt Filling. Gas Helmet Inspection and Drill.	-do-	
Saturday.	Company Inspection	Route March, Full	Marching Order.		

NOTES :- Tactical walks will be carried out during at least two afternoons during the week.
Lectures as follows will be delivered to Officers and N.C.O's. :-

Monday Afternoon	Lieut. Hanners to 1st. Company.	Subject :-	Direct overhead covering fire.
-do-	" Fernes " 3rd.	-do-	-do-
Monday Evening	" " 21st.	-do-	-do-
Tuesday Afternoon	Commanding Officer 1st.	-do-	Engagement of E.A. by small arm fire from the ground.
Thursday	-do-	-do-	21st. -do-

Officers Commanding Companies will arrange for their Officers to lecture to Officers and N.C.O's of their Companies on the following subjects :-
"Co-operation of Vickers Guns with other Arms."
"Intercommunication and Orders (F.S.R. Part 1 Chap.2)

G.S.O.I and III will give short lectures during the week to all Companies.
All Officers to learn the Playfair Code and thoroughly understand the B.A.B. Code.
1st. and 2nd. Companies will carry out ball firing stoppages on their own 25 yards range.
2nd. Company - Thursday all day - 21st. Company. Saturday morning - 2nd. Company.

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1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN Headquarters, 4.11.18.
No. 34/23.
Date

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

WARNING NOTICE.

1. 1st. Aust. Division less Artillery and Motor Transport vehicles will move by rail from the LONG area to the SPENNY, ROISSE, TINGOURT Area by train on the 5th. Nov./6th. November according to time table and detailed orders to be issued later.
2. 1st. Aust. M.G. Company will be attached to "B" Brigade Group comprising :- 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade and other units.
 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company will be attached to "A" Brigade Group comprising :- 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade and other units.
 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company, 21st. Aust. M.G. Company and Headquarters 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will be attached to "C" Brigade Group comprising :- 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade and other units.
3. Orders for move of Units to the entraining station, will be issued by G.O's.C. Brigade Groups.
4. Allotment of Billets in detail and routes thither from detraining Stations will be notified to Officers Commanding each train on arrival at detraining stations by representatives of Brigade Groups.
5. Acknowledge.

W. Mitchell Lt

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

Y. No. Bill Sgt.

Battalion Headquarters,
6th. November, 1918.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 52.

1. The 1st. Aust. Division (Less Artillery and M.T. Vehicles) will move by rail from the LONG to the SPEYR - FOISEL - TINGOURT Area by train on the 6th. and 7th. November.
2. Companies will be attached to Brigade Groups as under for the move :-
 - 1st. Aust. M.G. Company - "B" Group - 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 - 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company - "A" Group - 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 - 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company)
 - 21st. Aust. M.G. Company) "C" Group - 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 - 1st. Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.)
3. Officers Commanding Companies will keep in close touch with Brigade Headquarters of Group to which they are attached.
4. Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters will entrain at LONGRIVE Station at 2316 on 7.11.18 and detrain at FOISEL.
5. On arrival in new area, Companies will render location reports to Battalion Headquarters, as soon as possible.
6. Officers Commanding Companies will ensure that Administrative Instructions issued by Division and Brigades, relative to the under-mentioned are adhered to :-
 - (1) Billeting parties. (to be provided with Bicycles)
 - (2) Area Stores.
 - (3) Supply Arrangements.
 - (4) Claims
 - (5) Entraining States.
 - (6) Detraining States.
 - (7) Embussing States.
 - (8) Location Reports.
7. Quartermaster will make all arrangements as to supplies.
8. Sig. Sergeant will arrange for communication between Companies and Battalion Headquarters, as soon as possible after arrival in new area.
9. Usual Certificates as to cleanliness of billets will be obtained from Area Commandants or Billet Wardens.
10. Billeting Certificates will be rendered to Battalion Headquarters up to and including day of departure.
11. Battalion Headquarters will close at LONG at 2030 on the 7th. Inst., and re-open in new area on arrival.
12. Acknowledge.

W. DeWitchell
Captain and Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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Battalion Headquarters,
8th. November, 1918.

Instructions for Move of Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters.
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1. Headquarters will move by rail from the LONG Area by train leaving LONGPHE Station at 0416 on the 9th. instant.
2. Transport in charge of Lieut. D.S. BAIRD, Q.M. will move off at 12 midnight, night 8/9th.
3. Remainder of personnel will fall in at 12.15 a.m. in front of Orderly Room and move off at 12.30 a.m. night of 8/9th. instant.
4. Cpl. SARGANT and 1 N.C.O. to be detailed, will reconnoitre route and entraining facilities on morning of 8th. instant.
5. Q.M's. Gear, Cook's Gear. Orderly Room Gear, and Officer's valises will be packed and stacked ready for loading by 5.30 p.m. this day.
6. Dress :- Full Marching Order. 1 blanket to be carried on man - 1 on limber, Waterbottles full. Blankets to be carried on limbers to be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked under cover of Q.M.s. Store by 2 p.m.
7. Billets to be clean and ready for inspection by 5.30 p.m. Receipts to be obtained from Billet Warden for area stores and all usual billeting and cleanliness certificates to be prepared and completed.
8. Q.M. to make all necessary arrangements for supply and provision of dixies in case of embussing after detraining.
9. Assistant Adjutant to adjust any outstanding claims.
10. Assistant Adjutant to act as entraining and detraining Officer.
11. Embussing State to be prepared in duplicate, ready for forwarding to Brigade Headquarters on arrival.

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1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

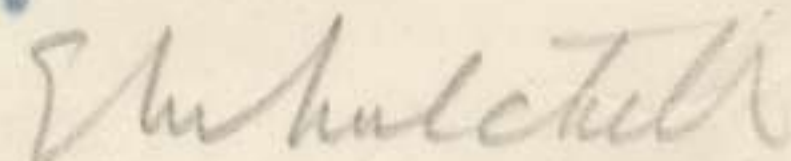
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Battalion Headquarters,
November 13th., 1918.BATTALION ORDER NO.53.

Reference Sheets - 18 and 12 : 1 : 100,000

1. (a) 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion (comprising 3rd and 21st. Companies and Battalion Headquarters) will move by march route from the MAZINGHIEN Area to BOHAIN Area on the 14th. instant, in accordance with table overleaf.
(b) Transport will march with units.
2. The following distances will be maintained throughout the march :-

Between Companies	100 yards.
Between units and their transports	100 yards.
Between Battalions	500 Yards.
Between Other units	100 yards.
Between every 6 vehicles	25 yards.
3. All troops will march at attention passing through villages and on entering BOHAIN.
4. Reports to Commanding Officer at head of formation.
5. Area Stores will be handed over to Town Major and receipts in duplicate obtained, one copy of which will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters 12 hours after arrival in new area. Tents and Trench Shelters drawn from Brigade Headquarters will be treated as Area stores and handed over to Town Major as they stand.
6. A Motor lorry is available for conveyance of men's blankets and Officer's valises which must be stacked (blankets labelled by Sections) outside Battalion Headquarters by 0800 on 14th. instant.
Guide for above will report at Brigade Headquarters at 0800 - this guide will be detailed by 21st. Company.
7. Rations for consumption on 14th. instant will be drawn from Supply Dump MAZINGHIEN at 0700 on 14th. instant.
8. Units are reminded that Billetting Fees are to be paid for billets occupied in this area and certificates rendered in due course.
9. Billetting - One Officer and 2 Other Ranks from Battalion Headquarters and ~~one~~ from each Company will meet the Brigade Billetting Officer Lieut H.V. MOSE at Town Majors' Office BOHAIN at 0900 on 14th. instant.
These parties will meet their respective units and act as guides at road junction 1000 yards S. of N in BOHAIN.
10. Midday Meal A halt will be made before BOHAIN is reached from 1200 to 1300. Units will make their own arrangements for midday meal at this hour.
11. Dress.- Full Marching Order.
12. Battalion H.Q. will close at MAZINGHIEN at 0857 and open in BOHAIN Area at a time to be notified later.
13. Battalion H.Q., 3rd. Company and 21st. Company will be ready to move off by 0845 on 14th. instant.
14. 3rd. and 21st. Aust. M.G. Companies acknowledge.
Issued at 2100


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1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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MARCH TABLE to accompany 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion Order No.53.

Reference Sheets 12 and 18 : 1 : 100,000

Date.	Units in order of March.	Time to pass starting Point.	Starting Point.
14th. November, 1918.	1st. Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	0900	
	3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance.	0918	
	H.Q. 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.) 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. .) 21st. Aust. Machine Gun Coy.)	0922	Road Junction 600 yards N. of second X in <u>RIBEAUVILLE.</u>
	12th. A.I. Battalion.	0932	

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Headquarters, 30.11.18.

1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
No.	31/111
Date	

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

A Church Parade of all Church of England and other Protestant Denominations will be held on Sunday, 1st. December, at 1110.

Parade Ground - Paddock on right of road leading to 1st. Aust. M.G. Company's stables.

Dress - Belts and side arms over Greatcoats.

A Marker from each Company will report to Lieut. KENT at Parade Ground at 1100.

Sgt. Jones

E. H. Kettlewell

1st. Australian Machi

Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
Battalion.

-by-

Lieut. Colonel W.P.F. French, D. S. O., M. C.

Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Battalion Headquarters,
24th. November, 1918.312. STRENGTH.1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to Hospital on dates as under :-

3268 Dvr. Tucker, O.	16.11.18.
2306 Pte. Crockett, G.H.	-do-
480 " Simons, G.H.	-do-
476 " Spark, C.	-do-
341 " Milgate, A.H.	17.11.18.
276 " Bishop, A.S.	18.11.18.

Rejoined ex School 17.11.18.

2835 Cpl. Giles, A.C.

Rejoined ex Leave on dates as under :-

511 Pte. Hillam, A.P.	19.11.18.
293 Dvr. McGrath, W.J.	-do-
5147 " Lee, C.K.	20.11.18.
288 L/Cpl. Conn, L.P.	21.11.18.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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

501 Pte. Cleary, W.T.	16.11.18.
3254 " McKensie, J.	19.11.18.
7327 " Elliott, W.G.	20.11.18.

Evacuated to C.C.S. and struck off strength, 20.11.18.

501 Pte. Cleary, W.T.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 21.11.18.

245 Pte. Kearley, A.H.

2122 Dvr. Duckland, F.

651 Pte. Robinson, L.J.

Detached to A.A.S.C. for Horse Clipping 21.11.18.

1311 Pte. Morris, F.P.

365 " Jefferson, R.H.

Rejoined ex D.P.S. 21.11.18.

3254 Pte. McKensie, J.

Rejoined ex D.A.P.C.S.

668 Pte. Smith, L.

677 " Burns, H.L.

Rejoined ex Leave on dates as under :-

3302 Pte. Emerson, H.J.	16.11.18.
2356 C.S.M.S. McDonald, W.P.	-do-
3243 Dvr. Bowen, D.J.	22.11.18.
2943 " Guest, C.H.	-do-

Rejoined ex Pass and taken on strength 22.11.18.

4183 L/Cpl. Edwards, F.P.

4183 Pte. Crawford, J.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to D.P.S. on dates as under :-
 1799 Dvr. Hunt, A.T. 16.11.18.
 7668 Pte. Patterson, R.H. 21.11.18.

Evacuated to C.C.S. 21.11.18.
 6079 Pte. Smith, J.C.
 6845a " Standen, J.S.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
 6131 Pte. Inglis, G.C. 16.11.18.
 609a " Tanner, S.G.A. -do-
 2497 Cpl. Chapman, R. -do-
 245a Pte. Morris, F.H. -do-
 6077 Dvr. Jones, A.H. -do-
 1969 Sgt. Riley, G. -do-
 6883 Pte. Buxton, A.S. 21.11.18.
 461 " Mackie, G.B. -do-
 7344 " Bart, S. -do-

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 17.11.18.
 Capt. J.C. Hogo, H.C.

Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K. and struck off strength.
 2181 Pte. McMaster, F. 30.10.18.
 5369 Dvr. Drake, W.A. 4.11.18.

Detached to 1st. Aust. Div. Kit Store 23.11.18.
 3099 I/Cpl. Haskell, S.H.
 7731 Pte. Evans, A.S.

Transferred to A.A.S.C. 19.11.18.
 547 Pte. Baumgarten, G.L.D.
 4736 Dvr. Gray, J.W.
 2707 " Hyland, G.W.

Rejoined ex leave on dates as under :-
 3551 Pte. Bell, C. 16.11.18.
 4264 Dvr. McNaughton, D. 18.11.18.
 2598a Pte. Derrick, E. -do-
 7087 " Hart, W.F. 19.11.18.
 4734 " Bloxham, H.J. 20.11.18.
 6518 " Pirrell, A.H. -do-
 6662 " Cattermole, W.G. -do-
 7267 Dvr. Martin, G.C. -do-
 7341 Pte. Mills, P.F. -do-
 287 " McCarthy, S.J. -do-
 576a " McDonald, I.D. 21.11.18.
 3089 " Benfield, J.S. -do-
 4076 Sgt. Pondley, L.P. 'DCH' 'WH' -do-
 4621 Pte. Wigzell, H. 22.11.18.
 3030 " Hickford, G.O. -do-
 2868 " Thomas, S.C. -do-
 3166 " Williams, S.H. -do-

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 22.11.18.
 599a Pte. Gibbs, L.D.
 6038 " Roberts, G.B.
 6758 " Kingston, E.
 7767 " King, W.
 455 " Knowles, J.

Rejoined ex School 18.11.18.
 Lieut. L.G. Gardner.
 759a Pte. Kirk, W.A.

Proceeded to Base for Medical Board 18.11.18.
 1506 Dvr. Beck, G.

21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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

411 Pte. Anderson, R.	16.11.18.
2692 " McKinley, J.I.	20.11.18.
562 " Neal, B.	21.11.18.
341a " Walker, F.	-do-
555a Cpl. Hemphill, G.	-do-
608 L/Cpl. Pettigrew, J.H. (Acc. Injured)	22.11.18.
467 Pte. Morris, R.W.	-do-

Evacuated to C.G.S. and struck off strength 17.11.18.
969 L/Cpl. Overall, P.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 19.11.18.
394 Sgt. Colbert, S.T. DCM

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 21.11.18.
389 Sgt. Beacon, C.J.
3101 Pte. Ferguson, J.
738 " Percy, R.S.

Rejoined ex Leave :-
389 Sgt. O'Neill, F.J. 20.11.18.
336 Pte. Smith, R. 21.11.18.

Rejoined ex Hospital :-
Lieut. W.L. Martin, M.C. 17.11.18.
411 Pte. Anderson, R. 21.11.18.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 22.11.18.
346 Pte. Shirvington, T.
373 " Davis, F.
507 " Harvey, J.J.
969 L/Cpl. Overall, P.
393a Dvr. Wallace, G.W.
591 Cpl. Mitchell, J.H.

Battalion Headquarters.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 21.11.18.
7319 Pte. Smith, D.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 20.11.18.
2189 Cpl. Morrall, R.A.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
1958 Pte. Lowe, J. 16.11.18.
3541 L/Cpl. Stock, J.S. 21.11.18.

Rejoined ex Leave 16.11.18.
3125 Pte. O'Shannessy, V.R.

P A R T II.13. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

Extract from A.I.F. List No. 411 19.11.18.

To be Lieutenants :-

2/Lieut. N.B. Aagaard,	12.9.18.
2/Lieut. L.J. Underwood,	5.11.18.
2/Lieut. H.J. Francis,	5.11.18.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Drivers. Under A.I.F. Order No. 785 of 3.8.17.

555 Pte. Kelly, W.D., vice Dvr. Arnold, J.W. Hospital. To Date 24.9.18. P.B. No. 196577.
 595 Pte. L.D. Clothier, vice Dvr. Drake, W.A. Hospital. To date 5.11.18. P.B. No. 266989.
 1665 Pte. Parker, J.B., vice Dvr. Hyland, G.W. Transferred to A.A.S.C. To date 20.11.18. P.B. No. 22875.
 6332 Pte. Peck, C.L., vice Dvr. Gray, J.W. Transferred to A.A.S.C. To date 20.11.18. P.B. No. 182493.

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

778 Pte. Quinlivan, J. To date 24.11.18.

14. REVERSALS. 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

595 L/Cpl. Clothier, L.D. reverts to rank of Private at his own request. To date 20.11.18. P.B. No. 266989.



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

Battalion Routine Order No.30.

by

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

Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Battalion Headquarters,
27th. October, 1918.8. LEAVE - FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS.

G.O.C. No.5327 is published for information :-

"G.O.C. No.2061 is republished for information :

"All N.C.O's. and Men proceeding on leave must take with them mess tins, knives, forks and spoons".

9. CONTINENTAL SYSTEM OF TIME - ADOPTION OF THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH ARMY.

The following Extract from Army Order No.294 is published for information :-

"The Continental system of time, i.e., the 24-hour clock, will be brought into use throughout the British Army from midnight, 30th. September/1st. October, 1918.

The "time of origin" that is, the time at which a message or despatch is signed by the originator, will always be represented by four figures, the first two figures, 01 to 23, representing the hours from midnight to midnight, and the second two figures, 01 to 59, representing the minutes of the hour.

For example :-

12.10 a.m.	will be written	0010
3.25 a.m.	" " "	0325
11.0 a.m.	" " "	1100
Soon	" " "	1200
3.25 p.m.	" " "	1525
11.40 p.m.	" " "	2340

0000 and 2400 will not be used, but the message or despatch will be timed 2359 or 0001."

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

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

No.7272	Pte. McCabe R.	20.10.18.
No.2114	" Lyall R.H.	21.10.18.
No.6758	" Jones A.R.	do.
No.7196	" Booty L.J.	do.
No. 651	" Turnbull W.H.	22.10.18.
No.2396	" Crockett C.M.	do.
No. 380	" Brown J. MM.	do.
No.3338	Cpl. Dawson R. MM.	24.10.18.
No. 735	Pte. Thornliss G.H.	do.
No.2229	" Power E.	25.10.18.
No.3982	" Chanter J.R.	do.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 21.10.18.

Lieut. M.H. Leslie.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 22.10.18.

No. 444 Pte. Harding C.J.

No.3130 " Brown E.R.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 23.10.18.

No. 421 Cpl. Gamble L.E.G.

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

No.7301	Cpl. Stone W.	19.10.18.
No.3220	Pte. Ramsay J.G.	do.
No.3100	" O'Brien M.	20.10.18.
No.3431	Cpl. Notman R.	24.10.18.
No. ⁷⁰⁷² Pte. Yates J.		do.
No.2640	" Bailley A.L.	do.

The following Officer rejoined from leave to U.K. 24.10.18. *Worked by*
Lieut. E. Neane.

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

Rejoined ex leave to Paris 22.10.18.
No. 1907 Pte. Neill H.

Rejoined ex D.R.S.
No. 1359 L/Cpl. Hasking W. 22.10.18.
No. 651 Pte. Turnbull W. 25.10.18.

Rejoined ex School 20.10.18.
No. 3006 T/Sgt. Atkins A.E.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength on dates as under :-
No. 645 Pte. Oates A. 19.10.18.
No. 2339 " Brown N.W. do.
No. 732 " Bartlett V.W. do.
No. 7196 " Booty L.J. do.
No. 5760 " Reid J.P. 21.10.18.
No. 2964 " Anstead H.G. do.
No. 3146 " Munday A.B. 24.10.18.

Rejoined ex A.W.L. and taken on strength 21.10.18 and detached to
Safe Custody Compound 25.10.18.-
No. 604 Pte. McNamara J.

End. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to D.R.S. on dates as under :-
No. 3237 Pte. Sanderson G.W. 19.10.18.
No. 688 " Smith L.W. 21.10.18.
No. 312 " Morison T.W. 23.10.18.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 23.10.18.
No. 3323 Dvr. Hughes G.J.

Seconded for duty M.G.T.D. (England) A.I.F. List 399. 30.8.18.
Lieut. H.W. McKenzie. MC

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 20.10.18.
2/Lieut. H.J. Francis.
No. 4137 Pte. Blackwell G.D.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps School 19.10.18 for duty.
No. 2819 Dvr. Williams J.S.

Proceeded on leave to Nice on dates as under :-
Lieut. J.H. O'Loughlin 19.10.18.
No. 5255 Cpl. White J.P. 22.10.18.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 21.10.18.
No. 3036 L/Cpl. Baker W.H.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 21.10.18.
No. 2122 Dvr. Buckland F.

Detached to Division for Pay Duties 24.10.18.
No. 3302a Pte. Emerson H.J.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
No. 2772 Pte. Abel G.W. 19.10.18.
No. 7275 Dvr. McDermott W. do.
No. 2339 Pte. Honybun C.H. 20.10.18. (now L/Cpl)
No. 3425 " Peel C.R. 24.10.18.
No. 2957 " Scaife H.G. do.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. 20.10.18.
No. 3254 Pte. McKenzie J.
No. 6457 " Alford W.F.

Rejoined ex School 20.10.18.
No. 2628 Sgt. Makepeace E.F.
No. 592 Pte. Robertson W.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. 19.10.18.
No. 230 Pte. Braddish A.J.

Rejoined ex School 21.10.18.
Lieut. H.F. Manners.

*Transferred to 1st Coy. 16-10-18
6731 Pte Chapman Lt. C.*

D. STRENGTH. 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength on dates as under :-

No. 7194	Pte. Allen A.H.	24.10.18.
No. 6845	" Ward A.W.	do.
No. 555	" Edmunds R.W.P.S.	do.
No. 1789	Dvr. Hunt A.T.	25.10.18.
No. 1754	Cpl. Evenis W.E.T.	23.10.18.

Transferred to 4th. A.M.G. Battalion and struck off strength 19.10.18.

No. 3102 Pte. Phillips F.

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

No. 1464	Pte. Hill A.	19.10.18.
No. 7310	" Moore L.J.	do.
No. 281a	L/Cpl. Cotter W.H.A.	do.
No. 3065	Pte. James R.T.	do.
No. 5369	Dvr. Drake W.A.	do.
No. 4386	Cpl. Fraser A.W.	do.
No. 3347a	Pte. Alchin C.G.	do.
No. 7282	" Mezger C.	do.
No. 1509	" Beer W.J.	22.10.18.
No. 3152	" Sommerville G.	do.
No. 3166	" Williams S.H.	25.10.18.
No. 3020	" Bickford C.O.	do.
No. 4621	" Argnall H.	do.
No. 5551	Dvr. Ball C.	do.
No. 7327	Pte. Tomkins L.	do.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 20.10.18.

Lieut. H.S. Swins.

Proceeded to Corps Gas School, 19.10.18.

No. 3139 Cpl. Collins G.L. DCM.

Proceeded to G.H.Q. Machine Gun School 21.10.18.

Capt. G.P. Harrington.

No. 595⁴ Cpl. Clothier L.D.

Detached to 3rd. A.I. Brigade N.C.O.'s. School 22.10.18.

No. 2497 E/Cpl. Chapman E.

No. 3422 " McIl Dowie J.

Proceeded to Base 24.10.18, for Medical Board.

No. 2478 Pte. Shirlow W.J.

Detached to Division for Pay Duties 24.10.18.

No. 576 Pte. McDonald I.D.

Transferred to Battalion H.Q. 23.10.18.

No. 37 Q.M.S. Gibb J.M.

Transferred from 3rd. A.M.G. Company to 21st. Aust. M.G. Company 23.10.18.

No. 245a Pte. Morris F.H.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 19.10.18.

No. 2229a Pte. Vagg A.J.

No. 3105 " Murphy J.M.

No. 606 " Lindsay J.

Rejoined ex D.P.S. on dates as under :-

No. 1509	Pte. Beer W.J.	21.10.18.
No. 4364	" Gent A.C.	22.10.18.
No. 2586a	" Duncan C.R.I.	do.

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

No. 2785 ⁴	Sgt. Hamister G.H.	22.10.18.
No. 3023	L/Cpl. Francis G.	23.10.18.
No. 2841	Dvr. Green I.I.	do.

Rejoined ex leave to Paris 22.10.18.

No. 3792 E/Cpl. Lacey A.J. 22.10.18.

Rejoined ex School 20.10.18.

No. 4339⁴ Sgt. Wadsworth A. MM.

STRENGTH.21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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

No. 375c Dvr. Miller W.W.	21.10.18.
No. 2671 Pte. Watson L.J.	do.
No. 346 " Shirvington T.	22.10.18. <i>accidental injuries</i>
No. 606 " Such A.V.	do.
No. 465a " Hancock V.	do.
No. 383a Dvr. Wallace G.W.	23.10.18.
No. 321B " Mooney B.	25.10.18.

Evacuated to Hospital 24.10.18.
Lieut. F.R. Phelan.

Evacuated to C.C.S. ex D.R.S. and struck off strength 31.10.18.

No. 5050 Pte. Avery W.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 19.10.18.

No. 7330a Cpl. Williams J.K.

No. 488 L/Cpl. Conaghan R.F.

No. 6367 " Tink R.

No. 405 Sgt. Ivory R.W.

No. 407 Pte. Ballantine G.H.W.

No. 4575 " Barry J.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 21.10.18.

No. 2618 Pte. Donaldson J.A.

Proceeded to 3rd. A.I. Brigade N.C.O.'s. School. 22.10.18.

No. 395 E/Cpl. Ferricks A.F.

No. 1789B L/Cpl. Cooper E.T.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. on dates as under :-

No. 566 Pte. Grehs E.E. 19.10.18.

No. 465 " Hancock V. 24.10.18.

The following Officer rejoined ex D.R.S. 20.10.18.

2/Lieut. L.J. Underwood.

Rejoined ex School 20.10.18.

No. 2153 Pte. Spence L.J.

No. 328a Cpl. Wilson J.J.

The following Officer rejoined ex School 21.10.18.

Lieut. F.R. Phelan.

The following Officers rejoined ex leave in U.K. 21.10.18.

Lieut. A.G. Farnes.

" F.T. Luscombe.

The following O.R.'s. rejoined ex leave in U.K. 22.10.18.

No. 6535 Pte. Collis R.W.

No. 7223 L/Cpl. Crisp H.K.

Rejoined ex leave to Rouen 21.10.18.

No. 568 Cpl. Meppem A.B.

Battalion Headquarters.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 23.10.18.

No. 465 Pte. Knowles J.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 19.10.18.

No. 333 Pte. McLennan W.H.

No. 2431 " Thompson H.E.

Evacuated to C.C.S. ex D.R.S. and struck off strength 22.10.18.

No. 769 Pte. Stead L.L.

No. 282 " Chisholm R.

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

No. 627 Sgt. Cleaver W. 22.10.18.

No. 2789 Pte. Daly P. do.

No. 7098 " Salisbury J.C. 24.10.18.

No. 2876 " Forrester G.W. 25.10.18.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. 20.10.18.

No. 2900 Pte. Wigglesworth R.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 25.10.18.

No. 769 Pte Stead L.J.

Rejoined ex School (England) 19.10.18.

No. 1386 Sgt. McKinlay H.

1. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Lance Corporal Drivers.

No. 2536 Dvr. Coath H.S. To date 2.10.18. P.B. No. 37595.
 No. 2568 " Bevan E.A. To date 2.10.18. P.B. No. 37530.
 No. 1953 " Hackland J.G. To date 2.10.18. P.B. No. 37421.

To be Drivers.

No. 2306 Pte. Donovan A.G. vice Burt W. reverted. To date 10.9.18.
 P.B. No. 204668.
 No. 2336 Pte. Burns A.P. vice Lee C.K. Evacuated ^{To Date} 15.9.18. P.B. 37471.
 No. 467 Pte. Henwood R.H. vice Crawford G. leave to Australia.
 To date 5.10.18. P.B. No. 198147.
 No. 7535 Pte. Williams G.F. vice Wintle A. Leave to Australia.
 To date 1.7.18. P.B. No. 505510.
 No. 6560 Pte. Graham E.A. vice Starkey R.E. Leave to Australia.
 To date 22.9.18. P.B. No. 266950.
 No. 6845 Pte. Harris R. vice Burke J.J. Leave to Australia.
 To date 22.9.18. P.B. No. 123209.
 No. 1991 Pte. Riley D. vice Bevan E.A. Evacuated ^{To date from} 28.2.18 to
 27.8.18., vice Ash A.J. Evacuated ^{To date} 28.8.18. P.B. No. 110682.
 No. 6568 Pte. Hines R.W. vice O'Connor H.J. Evacuated 3.9.18.
 P.B. No. 266708.
 No. 3268 Pte. Tucker O. vice Peel T. Leave to Australia.
 To date 3.10.18. P.B. No. 282390.
 No. 7094 Pte. Webster J. vice Smith R. Transferred to Battalion
 H.Q. To date 1.6.18. P.B. No. 125016.
 No. 325 Pte. Gorton A.G. vice Haeney M. Evacuated 18.10.18.
 P.B. No. (Not available)

To be Farrier.

No. 6731 Pte. Chapman H.C. vice Mittel P. Leave to Australia.
 To date 3.10.18. P.B. No. 173543.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Corporal.

No. 289 T/Cpl. Doherty J.J. vice No. 2870 Cpl. Pearce G.H.
 To date 20.9.18.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Corporal.

No. 1091 L/Cpl. Macksey W.P. vice Cpl. Sobela Evac. Wounded.
 To date 18.2.18. P.B. No. (not available)
 No. 5139 T/Cpl. Collins G.L. DCM vice Cpl. A.G.B. McEwen Evac.
 Wounded. To date 11.7.18. P.B. No. 38617.
 No. 2497 T/Cpl. Chapman E. vice Cpl. R. Crouchley Hospital.
 To date 24.8.18. P.B. No. 38692.

1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Sergeant.

No. 360 Cpl. O'Neill F.J. vice Sgt. Holmes S.H. to O.T.C. To date
 17.10.18. P.B. No. 192351.

To be Temporary Sergeant.

No. 3348 Cpl. Price A.R. vice Sgt. Fritchard W.G.F. to O.T.C.
 To date 14.10.18. P.B. No. 198287.

1. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.21st. Australian Machine Gun Company. (Contd).To be Corporal.

No. 323a L/Cpl. Phillips T.B. vice No. 1105 Cpl. Burton W.H. to Australia. To date 17.10.18. P.B. No. 198357.

To be Temporary Corporal.

No. 1864 L/Cpl. Smith H.L. vice Cpl. Price A.R. promoted. To date 14.10.18. P.B. No. 198123.

To be Lance Corporal.

No. 4746 Pte. Carthew J. To date 20.10.18.

92. CORRIGENDUM.2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Reference BR029 of 20.10.18.

Delete :- "To be Corporal

No. 292 L/Cpl. Gardiner H.V. vice No. 2870 Cpl. Pearce S.G.W. to Hospital. To date 20.9.18."

Substitute :- To be Temporary Corporal.

No. 292 L/Cpl. Gardiner H.V. vice No. 20 Cpl. McAdam W. promoted T/Sgt. To date 20.9.18.

W. Baker-Smith

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

NOTICE.

A. I. F. HALL. For the convenience of Australian soldiers on leave from France and elsewhere the High Commissioner has kindly handed over to the control of the A.I.F. Headquarters a very fine Hall in the basement of Australia House. This room is known as the "A.I.F. Hall" and by the kindness of the Australian Comforts Fund has been suitably equipped as a rest, reading, writing and general club room. An efficient Enquiry Bureau has been established, and the entire Club arrangements will be run in conjunction with the hospitality Department of the A.I.F. Headquarters. Concerts will be given every Sunday evening at 8 p.m. This Hall is open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. (Sundays included). It is hoped that Australian soldiers on leave will regard this as their own Club Room in London.

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Battalion Routine Order No. 31.

by

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

Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Battalion Headquarters,
3rd. November, 1918.93. BURIAL OF ANIMALS.

A.M.O. No. 2645 is published for information :-

"The O.C. every unit or detachment is responsible for the burial of any dead animal lying within 400 yards of his men's billets or bivouacs, if occupied by them for 24 hours or more.

This order will be repeated in the orders of all units."

94. GRAZING ON RECENTLY SHELLED GROUND.

A.M.O. No. 2653 is published for information :-

"Animals must not be allowed to graze on ground which has been shelled, until at least 14 days after the shelling has ceased."

95. VEGETABLES FROM SHELLED AREAS.

A.M.O. No. 2634 is published for information :-

"All vegetables taken from areas recently shelled must be thoroughly washed before consumption."

96. BREACH OF CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

A breach of censorship regulations has recently occurred in this Unit.

A man wrote a letter to a person in U.S.A. and had same posted in England by a friend who had proceeded on leave.

Attention is drawn to the fact that a great risk is incurred, not only by the writer, but also by the man taking the letter.

The man in question is at present in Hospital, and on his return, he will be severely dealt with.

97. SALVAGE. The following is Salvage for period ending 26.10.18.

Unit.	Fat.	Paper.	Cardboard.	Cartons.	Tins.
1st. A.M.G. Coy.	-	-	-	-	1 Bag.
2nd. A.M.G. Coy.	50 lbs.	112 lbs.	23 lbs.	14 lbs.	2 Bags.
3rd. A.M.G. Coy.	50 lbs.	-	-	11 lbs.	9 Bags.
4th. A.M.G. Coy.	-	14 lbs.	-	10 lbs.	2 Bags.
Battalion H.Q.	-	14 lbs.	15 lbs.	-	1 Bag.
Totals.	100 lbs.	140 lbs.	38 lbs.	35 lbs.	15 Bags.

DECORATIONS.

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the MILITARY CROSS to the undermentioned :-

Lieut. J.R. HOFAN.
" J.A.G. WILSON.
" J.H. O'LOUGHLIN.

The Commanding Officer wishes to convey his hearty congratulations to the above.

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

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

7339	Pte. Walpole J.	29.10.18.
668	" McNeill W.G.	-do-
893	" Atkinson F.	30.10.18.
2021	" Selby G.	1.11.18.
327	" Holstein H.C.	-do-

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

	Lieut. C.P.R. Martin.	27.10.18.
247	Sgt. Lewis O.S.	26.10.18.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 27.10.18.

1623 T/Sgt. Saunders R.L.

Proceeded on leave to Australia 31.10.18.

241 Pte. Cameron W.H.

Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K.

6978 Pte. Dawber J.W.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 31.10.18.

2229	Pte. Power B.
8982	" Chanter J.W.
2386	" Crockett G.H.
350	" Brown J.
735	" Thornlie G.H.
8114	" Lyall H.H.
7186	" Footy L.J.

Rejoined ex Schools on dates as under :-

	Lieut. H.H. Leslie	26.10.18.
	" C.P.R. Martin	27.10.18.
3107	Pte. Hales F.	27.10.18.

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

2806	Pte. Donovan A.G.	26.10.18.
3414	" Leslie W.G.	-do-
6978	" Dawber J.W.	-do-
3129	" Brown A.O.	29.10.18.
3602	" Hughes W.H.	31.10.18.
7028	" Meyn H.T.	-do-
6615	" Rasmussen R.W.	-do-
8782	T/C.S.M. Rosengren H.	-do-

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength :-

2960	Pte. Bellit W.	26.10.18.
4820	" Johnstone L.	-do-
1045	" Hope F.	-do-
2021	" Selby G.	-do-
5147	Dvr. Lee C.K.	-do-
3065	" Reaney H.	-do-
7262	Pte. Higginbotham S.H.	-do-
4490	" Frost L.V.	-do-
2687	" O'Brien H.J.	27.10.18.
3043	" Sheeran E.B.D.	-do-
4434	" Bethel W.	1.11.18.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. on dates as under :-

7372	Pte. McCabe H.	27.10.18.
2379	" Hayes E.J.	28.10.18.
6758	" Jones A.E.	-do-
3338	Cpl. Hanson R.W.	30.10.18.

28. STRENGTH.2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 27.10.18.
7606 Pte. Becker W.J.

Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K. 23.10.18.
18 Pte. Cowley T.W.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 28.10.18.
7227 Pte. Elliott W.G.

Proceeded on leave to Australia 31.10.18.
Capt. F.A. Vinnicombe.
6 Pte. Cossins M.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 26.10.18.
5767 Pte. Thompson G.P.
2623 Dvr. Vansittart J.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 27.10.18.
Lieut. J.K. Pesco.
675 Pte. Mahoney J.

Proceeded on leave to Nice 28.10.18.
3390 C.Q.M.S. McDonald M.P.

Rejoined ex School 26.10.18.
2/Lieut. H.J. Francis.

Taken on strength from G.C.B. Reinforcements 29.10.18.
2/Lieut. J.G. Little, M.M.

Rejoined ex School 26.10.18.
4137 Pte. Blackwell G.D.

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

504 Pte. Moore W.M.	26.10.18.
6841 Dvr. Gilbert G.	-do-
1382 Pte. Pesser A.S.	29.10.18.
4539 " Law M.	-do-

Rejoined ex leave to Paris 31.10.18.
3036 L/Cpl. Baker W.H.

Rejoined ex D.R.S. on dates as under :-

688 Pte. Smith L.W.	26.10.18.
3377 " Davidson G.	30.10.18.
3237 " Sanderson G.W.	31.10.18.

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 26.10.18.
702 Pte. Pedder A.W.
731 " Scollary J.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to Base for Medical Board. 1.11.18.
2472 Pte. Shirlow W.J.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 31.10.18.
25988 Pte. Derrick S.
4264 " McNaughton D.M.

Taken on strength from G.C.B. Reinforcements 27.10.18.
2/Lieut. J.N.D. Smith.

Rejoined ex Schools on dates as under :-

3139 Cpl. Collins G.L., D.C.M.	26.10.18.
4078 Sgt. Fendley L.R. D.C.M., M.M.	27.10.18.

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

Lieut. F. Archer	30.10.18.
2692 L/Cpl. Stagg T.J.	26.10.18.
3983 Pte. Prescott A.G.	-do-
2223 " Jarman S.T.	28.10.18.
25988 " Brooks W.H.C.	-do-
2035 2/Sgt. Trestrell A.G.	1.11.18.
5176 Pte. Olsen A.H.	-do-
1665 " Parker J.	-do-
5712 " Laurie J.H.	-do-
3108 L/Cpl. (Dvr) Tee G.	-do-

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

Rejoined ex leave to Paris 30.10.18.
 Lieut. H.S. Swins.
 Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 26.10.18.
 5342 Cpl. Brown A.P., M.M.
 461 Pte. Mackie G.B.
 4075 " Higgs H.
 Joined ex Base and taken on strength 26.10.18.
 5119 Pte. Hoops F.A.
 Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 27.10.18.
 1789 Dvr. Hunt A.T.

Slat. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength on dates as under :-
 3786 Dvr. Miller W.F. 28.10.18.
 2871 Pte. Watson L.J. -do-
 346 " Shirvington T. 28.10.18.
 5336 Dvr. Wallace G.W. 31.10.18.
 3818 " Rooney B. -do-
 Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K. 27.10.18.
 3117 Dvr. Finn P.B.
 Evacuated to D.P.S. 29.10.18.
 2978 Pte. Goff H.H.
 Proceeded on leave to U.K. 26.10.18.
 3176 Pte. Fitzgerald J.S.
 2898 " McKinley J.I.
 Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 26.10.18.
 Lieut. F.T. Luscombe
 4746 L/Cpl. Carthew J.
 1873 Pte. Blinkhorn G.J.
 Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 26.10.18.
 6071 Pte. Frager L.
 369 Dvr. McGill F.A.J.
 411 Pte. Anderson R.O.
 Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 28.10.18.
 5032 Pte. Avery W.
 Rejoined ex Schools 27.10.18.
 2448 Pte. McGregor A.L.
 555 Cpl. Gard S.M.
 Rejoined ex D.P.S. 28.10.18.
 606 Pte. Such A.V.
 Rejoined ex Hospital 29.10.18.
 Lieut. F.M. Phelan.
 Rejoined ex leave to Paris. 30.10.18.
 5618 Pte. Donaldson J.A.
 Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
 41 L/Cpl. Hooper W.S. 31.10.18
 6883 Pte. Fulton J. -
 3178 " Clarke K.B. -
 3608 " Ingham S.J. 1.11.18

Battalion Headquarters.

Evacuated to D.P.S. on dates as under :-
 344 Pte. Mackie J. 26.10.18.
 4558 " Smith E. 30.10.18.
 1389 " Willigan W. -do-
 2900 " Wigglesworth B. -do-
 Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K. 28.10.18.
 4405 Pte. Goldsmith J.H.
 The undermentioned reported absent on Absence Return from 18.10.18.
 Is now posted as a Deserter :- 7438 Pte. Allan B. 2.11.18.

Battalion Headquarters. (Contd)

28. RETIRED.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 26.10.18.
 7227 Pte. Hart H.R.
 3125 " O'Shannessy V.R.
 Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
 319 Pte. Laird J. 30.10.18
 3051 " Dodd P.G. 1.11.18.

PART. II

29. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

To be Temporary Company Sergeant Major.

No. 2356 Sgt. Davis B. vice No. 2621 G.S.M. Fox P.R. Leave to Australia. To date 3.10.18. P.B. No. 37362.

To be Temporary Sergeant.

No. 3356 Cpl. Hayes P.D. vice No. 2356 Sgt. Davis B. promoted. To date 3.10.18. P.B. No. 37676.

To be Temporary Corporal.

No. 272 L/Cpl. Black W.R.K. vice No. 3356 Cpl. Hayes P.D. Promoted. To Date 3.10.18. P.B. No. 280003.
 No. 2590 L/Cpl. Duffrey G. vice No. 1316 Cpl. Willett H. Evac. Sick. To date 3.9.18. P.B. No. 37361.
 No. 3280 L/Cpl. Byrd S.W.A. vice No. 3086 Cpl. Earl J. Wounded. To date 29.9.18. P.B. No. 37348.
 No. 1651 L/Cpl. Patterson R.R. vice No. 3032 Cpl. Hulse promoted. To date 22.9.18. P.B. No. 36171
 No. 3687 L/Cpl. Woodyard J.H. vice No. 5044 Cpl. Campbell K. promoted. To date 22.9.18. P.B. No. 36138.
 No. 15 L/Cpl. Byrne J.D. to complete establishment. To date 3.11.18. P.B. No. 28223.101674.

To be Driver.

No. 3432 Pte. Braithwaite A.C. vice No. 226 Dvr Ferleigh G.H. Leave to Australia. To date 3.10.18. P.B. No. 38010.

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

To be Lance Corporal.

No. 7196	Pte. Maloney G.L.	To Date	28.10.18.
No. 7343	" Field J.R.S.	-do-	-do-
No. 2916	" McMaster J.L.	-do-	-do-
No. 3166	" Williams R.H.	-do-	-do-

21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

To be Lance Corporal.

No. 909	Pte. Overall P.	To date	3.11.18
No. 373	" Kirtus A.	"	"
No. 650	" Wallace W.G.	"	"
No. 6608	" Schmitt F.W.	"	"

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

No. 6533a Pte. Hankervis G. vice No. 373 Dvr. Miller W.R. Evac. Sick. To date 28.10.18. P.B. No. 160421.
 No. 793 Pte. Gray F.P. Vice No. 3117 Dvr. Finn P.B. evac. Sick To date 19.10.18. P.B. No. 186456.
 No. 376a Pte. Fox H.H. vice No. 383a Dvr. Wallace G.H. Evac. Sick. To date 24.10.18. P.B. No. 160000.

99. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.Battalion Headquarters.To be Temporary Transport Corporal.

No. 8864 L/Cpl. Sargent W.L. vice No. 434 Cpl. McGill W.P.P.
Furlough to Australia. To date 28.9.18. P.B. No. 36119.

To be Corporal.

No. 559 Pte. Duress J.V. vice No. 4670 Cpl. Elder H.P. TO O.T.C.
To date 18.10.18. P.B. No. 186840.

100. ERRIGENUM.3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

No. 1081 L/Cpl. Mackay W.P.

Reference BR0.30. of 27.10.18.

Delete "To be Corporal" and substitute "To be Temporary Corporal".

W. H. L. Smith
Captain and Adjutant,
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

-by-

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

Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.Battalion Headquarters
13th Novr. 1918.201. Salvage. The following is salvage for period ending 2;11;18.-

Unit.	Fat.	Paper.	Cardboard.	Cartons.	Tins.
1st.A.M.G.Coy.	-	32 lbs.	5 lbs.	4 lbs.	2 bags.
2nd. A.M.G.Coy.	-	27 "	5 "	-	-
3rd. A.M.G.Coy.	-	30 "	-	-	-
2 1st.A.M.G.Coy.	-	-	9 "	-	3 bags.
Battalion H.Q.	-	41 "	-	-	2 "
		130 lbs.	19 lbs.	4 lbs.	7 bags.

202. Christmas Greetings. G.R.O. 5499 is published for information;-

The following may be written on Field Service Post Cards when it is desired to make use of these cards for the purpose of conveying Christmas or New Year Greetings;-

" A Merry Christmas and a **Happy** New Year."

Attention is called to censorship orders para.11, by which the sending of Christmas and New Year Cards, book, photographs, etc., to enemy or neutral countries is forbidden.

Decorations.

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief has awarded the Military ~~Cross~~ ^{Medal} to the undermentioned;-

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

NO.1458. Sgt. H.G.LOVEBAND."MM"

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

NO.3929. Sgt. L.R. Strother.
 555 Cpl. S.McK. Gard.
 589 Pte. J. Purcell
 4153 Pte. J.Crawford
 477 Pte. S.K. Matthews.
 6596 Pte. L.Birkin
 154 Pte. A. Howe
 3556 Cpl. W.C.Young
 1458 Sgt. H.G.Loveband.
 1578 Cpl. A. Kerr
 2782 Sgt. H. Rosengren
 7492 Pte. R. Jamieson.(now L.Cpl.)
 2035 T.Cpl.A.G.Trestrail.
 1969 Sgt. G.Riley.
 329 Pte. A.J.B.Laurie.
 1392 Sgt. H.J.O'Neal.
 2628 Cpl. E.W.Makepeace.
 4468 L.Cpl.W.J.Crocker.
 608 Sgt. W.E.Webb.
 585b Pte. M.J.Seaman.

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

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

6689	Pte. Robertson M.	5.11.18.
594	" Barnet F.	-do-
3160	" Heath H.H.	5.11.18.
5657	" Parkinson A.	-do-
1998	Cpl. Morris J.F.	-do-
794	Pte. Bryant M.	6.11.18.
474	Cpl. Holley F.B.	-do-
289	Dvr. Kneeky W.J.	-do-
432	Pte. Skinner E.E.	-do-
5760	" Reed J.	8.11.18.
3643	" Shearan E.R.	-do-

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength, 6.11.18.

593	Pte. Atkinson F.
7339	" Walpole J.
668	" McNeill W.G.
6978	" Dawber J.W.

Proceeded to G.H.Q. Machine Gun School 6.11.18.

290 Sgt. Lee E.E.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School.

Lieut. C.S. Williams	2.11.18.
905 Pte. Callan F.W.	-do-
7319 Cpl. Giles H.G.	6.11.18.

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

282	Pte. Conn L.H.	2.11.18.
5417	" Lee C.K.	-do-
5114	" Hume L.	7.11.18.
4490	" Frost L.V.	-do-
2205	" Shiel E.	-do-
131	" Powell L.W.	-do-
401	" Tyrrell H.A.	-do-

Proceeded on leave to Paris 4.11.18.

511	Pte. Millam A.P.
293	Dvr. McGrath W.J.

Detached to 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade as runner. 7.11.18.

4448 Pte. Bourke E.G.

Rejoined ex School 2.11.18.

1623 Sgt. Saunders R.

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

2396	Pte. Crockett C.M.	3.11.18.
432	" Skinner E.E.	-do-
7210	" Burgess S.E.	-do-
131	" Powell L.W.	-do-
1317	" Block G.J.	-do-
464	" Featherstone W.	-do-
6407	" Holder H.	-do-
4493	" Jones R.	-do-
6429	" Brien C.H.	-do-
53598	" Clark C.W.	-do-
53521	" Woodbridge G.W.	-do-
5114	" Hume L.J.	-do-
3336	" McBean F.S.	-do-
2205	" Shiel E.	4.11.18.

Rejoined ex Hospital 4.11.18.

2021	Pte. Selby G.
327	" Holstien H.C.

End. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Proceeded on leave to U.K.
 3248 Dvr. Fowen D.J. 2.11.18.
 2943 " Guest C.H. -do-
 283 " Clark L. 7.11.18.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 4.11.18.
 3302a Pte. Emerson H.J.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 3.11.18.
 1712 Cpl. Clarke H.W.

Proceeded to G.H.Q. Machine Gun School 7.11.18.
 Lieut. R.P. Ellis
 3044 Sgt. Campbell K.
 4241 Pte. Jones R.
 606 " Baker S.G.
 592 " Robertson W.
 1290 Cpl. Macfie D.H.

Rejoined ex D.H.Q. 4.11.18.
 3302a Pte. Emerson H.J.

Rejoined ex School :-
 Lieut. J.K. Peace 2.11.18.
 675 Pte. Mahoney J. -do-
 2819 Dvr. Williams J. 6.11.18.

Rejoined ex 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance 5.11.18.
 501 Pte. Cleary W.T.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
 2345 Cpl. Cox G. 2.11.18.
 2193 Pte. Bryner E.J. 5.11.18.
 2122 Dvr. Buckland F. 7.11.18.

Rejoined ex D.F.S. 4.11.18.
 7227 Pte. Elliott W.G.

Rejoined ex leave to Nice 7.11.18.
 Lieut. J.H. O'Loughlin.

Rejoined ex Seconded and taken on strength 7.11.18.
 Lieut. J.R. Moran, M.C.

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 3.11.18.
 4155 Pte. Bottomley A.G.
 3708 " Coles H.J.
 3968 " Lidgard H.L.
 2016 " Cornish J.H.
 1714 " Castle G.
 2383 " Caine T.G.
 6141 " Clark G.C.
 6002 Dvr. Dunn W.H.
 5824 Pte. Tarbet T.
 6324 " Milan H.
 3383 Dvr. McDonald A.F.

Rejoined ex Aust. Corps Gas School 7.11.18.
 2819 Dvr. Williams J.S.

Detached to D.A.D.O.S. 6.11.18.
 677 Pte. Burns H.J.
 688 " Smith L.W.

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3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Evacuated to D.S.S. on dates as under:-
 1884 Pte. Tyler A.B. 3.11.18.
 3792 E/Cpl. Lacey A.J. 3.11.18.
 1508 Dvr. Beck G. 3.11.18.
 3185a Pte. McEwen J. -do-
 6078 " Smith J.G. 6.11.18.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 4.11.18.
 465 Pte. Knowles J.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under:-
 4078 Sgt. Pendley L.H. DCM., MM. 3.11.18.
 5342 Cpl. Brown A.P., MM. -do-
 3029 Pte. Sanfield J.S. -do-
 6518 " Birrell A.H. -do-
 7362 Dvr. Martin G.C. -do-
 7341 " Mills P.F. -do-
 287 Pte. McCarthy S.J. -do-
 6668 " Cattermole W.G. -do-
 4734 " Sloan H.J. -do-
 576 " McDonald I.D. 4.11.18.
 3869 " Thomas S.C. 5.11.18.
 335 L/Cpl. Madden J.A. 7.11.18.
 5350 Pte. Brindley H. -do-
 4733 " North W.J. -do-

Proceeded to U.K. on 75 days furlough and struck off strength:-
 867 Pte. Stewart J. 6.11.18.

Proceeded to Aust. Corps Gas School 8.11.18.
 Lieut. L.C. Gardner
 759a Pte. Kirk W.A.

Proceeded to G.S.C. Machine Gun School 6.11.18.
 3076 E/Sgt. Patton, E.J. MM.

Rejoined ex Schools on dates as under:-
 2497 Cpl. Chapman A. 5.11.18.
 3422 E/Cpl. McIlwaine J. -do-
 595 L/Cpl. Clothier L.A. 8.11.18.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under:-
 1955 E/Cpl. Harrington H.G. 3.11.18.
 4519 L/Cpl. Botherington W. -do-
 29757 Pte. McKay F.T. 4.11.18.
 5858 " Seaman W.J. -do-
 4386 E/Cpl. Fraser A.W. 6.11.18.
 281a L/Cpl. Cotter W.H.A. -do-
 3065 Pte. James F.T. -do-
 1464 " Hill A. 8.11.18.
 3154 " Somerville G. -do-

Rejoined ex D.S.S. 7.11.18.
 1508 Dvr. Beck G.

Rejoined ex base and taken on strength 3.11.18.
 7201 Pte. Bickford J.
 811 " Hart W.F.
 283 " Lloyd M.
 50603 " Furne L.J.
 762 " Hughes W.J.

Proceeded to U.K. on 75 days furlough from School 6.11.18.
 Capt. G.F. Harrington.

Rejoined ex D.S.S. 4.11.18.
 576 Pte. McDonald I.D.

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203. STRENGTH. 3821st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to D.R.S. 6.11.18.
 Lieut. W.L. Martin, M.C.
 335a. Pte. Anstee R.N.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 6.11.18.
 2978 Pte. Goff H.R.

Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K. and struck off strength
 4785 L/Cpl. Hardie W. 24.10.18.
 3176 Pte. Fitzgerald J.E. 28.10.18.

Proceeded to G.H.Q. Machine Gun School 6.11.18.
 292 T/Sgt. Matchett J.T.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
 380 Sgt. O'Neil F.J. 2.11.18.
 336 Pte. Smith R. -do-
 1789 L/Cpl. Cooper E.J. 7.11.18.
 2618 Pte. Donaldson J.A. -do-
 647 " Mitchell G. -do-
 1693 " Field E.A. -do-

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 3.11.18.
 2959 Pte. Desailley F.E.G.
 84 " Edgell D.B.
 785 " Weedon H.H.
 6647 " Robinson C.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. on dates as under :-
 Lieut. W.L. Martin, M.C. 2.11.18
 3682 Dvr. Usher W.D. -do-
 3313 Pte. Briscoe E.S. 3.11.18.
 1628 " Suthers A. -do-
 405 Sgt. Ivory H.W. 5.11.18.
 7330a Cpl. Williams T.K. -do-
 6367 L/Cpl. Tink R. -do-
 488 " Conaghan W.F. 7.11.18.
 407 Pte. Ballantine E.H.W. 8.11.18.

Rejoined ex Schools on dates as under :-
 Capt. F.P. Bethune, M.C. 3.11.18.
 Lieut. F.T. Luscombe 2.11.18.
 4746 L/Cpl. Garthew J. 2.11.18.
 1873 Pte. Blinkmore C.J. -do-
 338B " Dunn J. 3.11.18.
 1789 L/Cpl. Copper E.J. -do-
 395 T/Cpl. Ferricks A.F. -do-
 391B L/Cpl. Dunsford H. 6.11.18.
 497 Dvr. Ashby H.E.J. -do-

*Transferred to 3rd Field Ambulance 6.11.18
 3976 Pte. McDougall R.M.*

Battalion Headquarters.

Evacuated to C.C.S. 3.11.18.
 2900 Pte. Wigglesworth R.
 1389 " Milligan W.
 4558 Dvr. Smith R.

Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.K. 1.11.18.
 333 Pte. McLennan W.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 8.11.18.
 293 Pte. Brown W.E. 8.11.18.
 921 " Keating W.D.
 3119 " Kalinovsky W.

Proceeded to U.K. on 75 days furlough 2.11.18.
 852 L/Cpl. Searle A.S.

Evacuated to Hospital ex absentee 18.10.18
 7438 Pte. Allman B.

Rejoined ex leave to U.K. 8.11.18.
 2431 Pte. Thompson H.F.

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 3.11.18.
 2715 Pte. Livingstone D.

" " Hospital : 344a Pte. MacKay B. 5.11.18

204. RE-POSTING

Lieut.(T/Capt.) J.C. ROOB, M.C. is transferred from 21st.Aust. Machine Gun Company to 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company and to Command as from 5th. instant.

PART II.205. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Drivers.

562 Pte. J.P. Quinn vice L/Cpl.(Dvr) W.G. Falden, Leave to Australia. To date 23.9.18. P.B. No.186532.
 2707a Pte. G.W. Hyland vice Dvr. Nelson J. Leave to Australia. To date 3.10.18. P.B. No.190596.
 443 Pte. E. Griffiths vice L/Cpl.(Dvr) Anderson H. Leave to Australia. To date 3.10.18. P.B. No.179644.
 3333 Pte. H. Hutton vice Dvr. McGlade H. Leave to Australia. To date 3.10.18. P.B. No.172502.
 2727 Pte. B.J. McNaughton vice Dvr. Smith J.A. Reverts at his own request. To date 13.10.18. P.B. No.37460.
 2439 Pte. R.R. Errington M.M. vice 2598a Dvr. E. Derrick. Reverted. To Date 13.10.18. P.B. No.138946.

To be Farrier Corporal.

1429 Farrier Wyatt G.A. To complete establishment. 1.11.18.

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

313 T/Cpl. Houston W.J. vice 380 Sgt. O'Neill P.J. promoted. To date 19.10.18. P.B. No.198237.

To be Lance Sergeant.

476 A/Sgt. Tulloh A.F. To date 7.11.18. P.B. No. 197889.

Battalion Headquarters.To be Lance Corporal.

3962 Pte. Williams H.F. To date 10.11.18.

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

3792 T/Cpl. Lacey A.J. reverts to Lance Corporal on being evacuated to Hospital. Dated 3.11.18.

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

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Lieut. Colonel W. P. French, D. S. O., M. C.
Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters,
 17th. November, 1918.

87. CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

Owing to the military situation censorship regulations are relaxed as follows :- Letters will continue to be censored as before, but names of units, persons, localities and what units are going to do and where they are going, are allowed, but no complaints or criticisms of administration etc. are permissible.

88. CAMPFAS. May be carried and used from this date on. The Corps Commander is trying to arrange for the Comforts Fund or some similar organisation to import films for sale to the troops.

89. STRENGTH.

1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to D.F.S. 15.11.18.

4666 Pte. Wilson, O.B.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 15.11.18.

366 L/Cpl. Fraser, S.

6889 Pte. Robertson, R.

3160 " Heath, H.H.

1998 W/Cpl. Morris, J.T.

794 Pte. Bryant, M.

432 " Skinner, S.B.

6039 " Jordan, S.J.

3643 " Shearan, D.

594 " Barnett, F.

8657 " Perkinson, R.

474 W/Cpl. Polley, F.H.

289 Dvr. Krackey, W.J.

5760 Pte. Need, J.

Proceeded on leave to U.K. 15.11.18.

589 L/Cpl. Fox, C.W.

2964 Pte. Anstead, W.G.

6560 Dvr. Graham, S.H.

643 " Jeffrey, J.A.

2980 Pte. Bellitt, W.

Proceeded to U.K. on 75 days furlough 13.11.18.

Capt. F.A. Hudd.

Rejoined ex leave on dates as under :-

Lieut. G.F.M. Martin.

15.11.18.

444 Pte. Harding, C.

9.11.18.

3139 " Bourke, S.P.

-do-

421 W/Cpl. Gamble, L.S.O.

11.11.18.

Rejoined ex School 10.11.18.

Lieut. C.S. Williams.

1905 Pte. Gallan, P.W.

Rejoined ex Base and taken on strength 15.11.18.

6214 Pte. Anderson, R.

3732 " Cook, S.H.

2229 " Powell, L.

2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 15.11.18.

1885 Pte. Trippett, A.S.

2016 " Cornish, J.H.

Evacuated to C.O.S. ex D.F.S. 12.11.18.

312 Pte. Morrison, A.W.

Proceeded on leave to U.S. 15.11.18.

236 Dvr. Lowerson, G.H.

295 Pte. Hanson, W.

231 " White, J.P.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 11.11.18.

1651 Cpl. Patterson, H.P.

Rejoined ex leave on dates as under :-

2255 Cpl. White, J.P. 11.11.18.

2223 Dvr. Vansittart, J. 14.11.18.

2767 Pte. Thompson, G.P. 15.11.18.

21.11.18. [unclear]

3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to D.F.S. 11.11.18.

6845a Pte. Stenden, J.S.

Evacuated to Hospital and struck off strength 11.11.18.

1024 Pte. Tyler, S.L.

3722 L/Cpl. Lacey, A.J.

3182a Pte. McGaw, G.

Evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave in U.S. 4.11.18.

3347a Pte. Aladin, G.G.

7319 Pte. Moore, L.J.

Proceeded to Horse Management School 14.11.18.

2221 T/Sgt. Tinknell, A.

Proceeded to C.O.S. Machine Gun School 11.11.18.

3387 Pte. Cairns, T.

Rejoined ex leave on dates as under :-

3786 Pte. Hedges, H. 10.11.18.

1509 " Beer, W.J. 11.11.18.

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 14.11.18.

7344 Pte. Burt, S.

Rejoined ex base and taken on strength 15.11.18.

3089 Pte. Cave, H.

Proceeded on leave to Paris 10.11.18.

4226 Dvr. Ryan, J.

During absence of Capt. J.C. Edge, M.C. on leave, Company will be under the command of Lieut. A.S. Donnan, M.C. 17.11.18

21st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Evacuated to D.F.S. 9.11.18.

969 L/Cpl. Overall, P.

Evacuated to C.O.S. ex D.F.S. 14.11.18.

335a Pte. Anstee, F.S.

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

6213 Pte. Waugh, F.H. 9.11.18.

2153 " Spence, L.J. 15.11.18.

1842 " Walker, H.F. -do-

Rejoined ex Hospital and taken on strength 14.11.18.

3733 Pte. Cook, F.

Rejoined on leave to U.S. 15.11.18.

2692 Pte. McKinlay, J.I.

209. STRENGTH.Battalion Headquarters.

Evacuated to D.P.S. 14.11.18.

6928 Pte. Francis, W.O.

Proceeded to G.N.S. Machine Gun School 9.11.18.

Capt. A. Baker-Finch.

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PART II210. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

Extract from A.I.P. List No. 409 12.11.18.

To be Captains :- Dated 21.10.18

Lt. (t/Capt.) F.P. Bethune, M.C.

Lt. (t/Capt.) A. Baker-Finch.

Lt. (t/Capt.) J.C. Hogg, M.C.

1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.To be Temporary Sergeant.

1625 L/Cpl. Sanders, P.S. vice Sgt. Martin, Evacuated. To date 17.10.18. P.S. No. 144857.

Battalion Headquarters.To be Lance Corporal.

319 Pte. Laird, J. To date 17.11.18.

To be Driver.

2374 Pte. Mansfield, T. vice Lvr. Jones, A.S. Evacuated, 18.9.18. To date 17.11.18.

211. REVERSIONS.1st. Australian Machine Gun Company.

1625 T/Sgt. Sanders, P.S. to Lance Corporal vice Sgt. Davison rejoined 17.10.18. P.S. 144857.

435 T/Cpl. Davis, D.S.F. to Private vice Cpl. Dawson rejoined 30.10.18.

474 T/Cpl. Polley, P.S. Evacuated sick 1.11.18. P.S. not available. *Reverts to P.S.*1226 T/Cpl. Morris, J.F. Evacuated sick 6.11.18. P.S. 92857. *Reverts to P.S.*

2717 T/Sgt. Fennie, J.F. to Corporal. To date 17.10.18. P.S. 57457.

2356 Lvr. Burns A.P. to Private vice Lee rejoined 26.10.18. P.S. 37471

325 Lvr. Corton, A.G. to Private vice Haeney rejoined 26.10.18.

*E. H. Hutchings*Lieut. and Adjutant
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Headquarters, 27.11.18.

1st. Aust. Division.

Tactical and Technical Lessons Learnt during the
month of November, 1918.

Tactical.

The experience gained during last month, shews that if continuously marching over wet roads, it is necessary to carry an extra pair of boots.

If the Battalion was compelled to move immediately great hardships would be experienced, because of the present condition of the men's boots. If the men carry an extra pair of boots, steps would always be taken to ensure that one pair at least was in good condition.

Technical.

NIL.

W. H. French

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

1st M.G. Battalion				
Strength Returns 20 th November 1918				
	Ration Strength		Effective Strength	
	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks
1st M.G. Coy.	10	167	11	192
2nd do	9	165	10	187
3rd do	9	144	11	179
4th do	11	179	13	192
Battalion H.Q.	4	55	5	55
Total	43	710	50	805
	Ridings	HDraught	HDraught	Males
1st M.G. Coy.	6	42	1	-
2nd do	8	44	2	-
3rd do	8	41	2	4
4th do	7	-	2	46
Battalion H.Q.	7	3	2	3
Total	36	130	9	53-228
Establishment	37	187	9	- = 233
Surplus	-	-	-	-
Deficiency	1	4	-	5

1st A.M.G. Battalion

Strength Returns

27th November 1918

	Ration Strength		Effective Strength	
	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks
1st A.M.G. Coy	10	171	11	200
2nd do	9	162	10	183
3rd do	7	154	11	181
4th do	11	173	13	197
Battalion HQ	4	57	5	55
Total	41	717	50	816
	Riding	L. Draught	H. Draught	Mules
1st A.M.G. Coy	5	44	-	-
2nd do	8	45	2	-
3rd do	7	41	2	4
4th do	7	-	2	46
Battalion HQ	7	3	2	3
Total	34	133	8	53 = 228
Establishment	37	187	9	- = 233
Surplus	-	-	-	-
Deficient	3	1	1	- = 5

1st A.M.G. Battalion

Strength Returns

1st December 1918

	Ration Strength		Effective Strength	
	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks
1st A.M.G. Coy	9	176	10	194
2nd do	9	152	10	173
3rd do	7	154	11	177
4th do	11	170	13	192
Battalion HQ	4	58	6	56
Total	40	710	50	792
	Riding	L. Draught	H. Draught	Mules
1st A.M.G. Coy	4	44	-	-
2nd do	8	44	2	1
3rd do	7	41	2	4
4th do	7	-	2	46
Battalion HQ	10	3	2	3
Total	36	132	8	54 = 230
Establishment	37	187	9	- 233
Surplus	-	-	-	-
Deficient	1	1	1	- 3

1st A.M.G. Battalion

Strength Return 30th November 1918

		Retion Strength		Effective Strength	
		Officers & Ranks		Officers & Ranks	
1st	A.M.G. Coy	9	171	10	190
2nd	do	9	161	10	182
3rd	do	7	152	11	178
4th	do	11	170	13	192
Battalion HQ		4	58	6	56
Total		40	712	50	798
		Reinfg	LDraught	HDraught	Mules
1st	A.M.G. Coy	4	44	-	-
2nd	do	8	44	2	1
3rd	do	7	41	2	4
4th	do	7	-	2	46
Battalion HQ		7	3	2	3
Total		33	132	8	54=227
Establishment		37	187	9	=233
Surplus		-	-	-	-
Deficient		4	1	1	= 6

ADDRESS DELIVERED ON 4th. NOVEMBER 1918, BY MONSEIGNEUR THE BISHOP OF AMIENS IN THE CHURCH OF LONG, (SOMME), IN MEMORY OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICERS, N.C.O's AND MEN FALLEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

My General, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st. Australian Division.

After the words that have fallen but a few moments ago from the Pulpit of Truth, and from the lips of one of your own Chaplains and knowing little of your beautiful language it behoves me to keep silent, but if I gave no utterance to my thoughts as this impressive ceremony is nearing its conclusion I would fail in the fulfilment of a triple duty which my conscience dictates to me, that of Prayer, that of gratefulness, that of admiration. My Duty of Prayer for your numerous dead resting in Peace in my land of PICARDY and on the borders of the SOMME.

Duty of Gratefulness for the liberation of my Diocese delivered from the enemy's yoke. Duty of Admiration for your heroism which has placed you in the foremost rank amongst the bravest in this unique war.

Together we have prayed for your dead, and their Immortal Souls have appeared before God, who has judged them. As human praise expires on the brink of their tombs, we are powerless to grant them the Glory which they have a right to. For that reason we supplicate the Lord, in offering Him the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to give them a reward worth of their emmellation - may He right, one and all, without delay to an Eternal Crown and glorious Immortality.

As Bishop of Amiens I owe you, your Illustrious Dead my heartfelt thanks because the land of my Diocese has been your Field of Battle and you have delivered it by the sacrifice of your blood.

During the painful days of the invasion you have made a rampart of your Breast behind which you shielded and saved the last shred of my territory. Later, when Victory at last to smile upon your Arms the AUSTRALIAN ARMY distinguished itself by the audacity of its attack, by its utter disregard of Death, by its doggedness as well as by the rapidity of its advances.

In the name of my Clergy and of my people, I offer you my heartfelt gratitude and admiration.

Gentlemen, your dead are great men and amongst the most Illustrious because they obeyed the highest inspirations. Why did you leave your far away AUSTRALIA? because of your sentiments of loyalty towards the BRITISH EMPIRE who Banner has protected the BRITISH and development of your Country, its existence, its economic future and its civilisation, for these were in jeopardy as well as the destinies of FRANCE. It was necessary to snatch from the German Military violence the hegemony of the World - for that reason your left your shores and crossed Oceans, for the honour of your Country and for its future.

It takes blood to cement the foundation of a Country, and you could not refuse it in the World War to the cause of Christianity. You have indeed lavished it with a Saintly generosity and in so doing have written a most glorious page in the history of Australia. On the Fields of Battle far away from your Home, the love of your Country became stronger in your hearts and children who, during the coming centuries will grow up in your Homes and Schools will learn through your great deeds, the reason of Patriotism. They will not be able to pronounce your names without speaking of the Towns, Villages, Table-lands, Ridges and Valleys of the SOMME where you have gathered the laurels of Immortality.

Indissoluble links unite our two Nations, a link of Prayer because we will piously keep the tombs of your heroes, a link of Friendship because the freedom of my Diocese has cost you so much blood, a link of mutual admiration because the hearts of our soldiers AUSTRALIAN and FRENCH. beat with the same love, with the same enthusiasm for the Saintly Cause whose final triumph will assure the future and development of our two Countries under the eyes of God, who has blessed our Arms.

14th Aust. M. G. Batt.

Monthly Report of Health of Battalion

Since my appointment as R.M.O. on the 13th inst the health of the Battalion as a whole has been good.

The rest, absence of service in the line, good billets & regular bathing facilities seem to have had a very beneficial effect as evidenced by the small number of cases of furunculosis or other diseases attributable to the absence of such conveniences.

The Battalion undertook a march of about 40 miles last night & consecutive days during which only 2 men fell out & the number marching with sore blisters feet was very small.

In all our billets the accommodation has been good, dry, fairly clean & a sufficiency of ventilation.

Since settling in Beauvieux there have been several cases of diarrhoea but not by any means an unproporionate number. It was found the company providing the larger number of cases was using an untreated well requiring 2 measures B.P. per quart.

The complaint providing the largest number of R.A.P. visitors was coryza. Very few of these were of a type at all severe or productive of a temperature or symptoms of "influenza".

The number of evacuations for the 13th inst were 15.

H. Burnett Bruce

Capt. A.A.M.C.

R.M.O. 1st A.M.G.B.

Units	Horse Strength	Shoing	Waggons & Harness	Remarks
1st Coy	1 H.D. Shoin WAF	Good	Wheel undergoing repairs Limber good condition. Harness in good state repair. Spare poles carried.	Condition of horses good. Transport generally in good working condition & in a position to move at short notice
2nd Coy	2 Hack's Shoin WAF	Good	Limber detached at Corps School. Spare poles carried. Limbers in good order Harness in good state repair.	Condition of horses good. Transport generally in good working order. On return of limber from Corps School will be in a position to move at short notice.
3rd Coy	1 Hack Shoin	Good	Limbers in good working condition Spare poles carried. Harness in good state of repair. Water cart in need of repair.	Horses in good working condition Transport generally in good order & in a position to move at short notice. Water cart has been repaired by US 8 Mobile but is not satisfactory.
21st Coy	2 Hack's Shoin	Good	Limbers in good order. One limber detached at Corps School. Spare poles carried. Harness in good state of repair.	Two spare wheels are being detached from Battalion H.Q. in event of move by road as two wheels of this Coy have bad shoulders. Otherwise working condition is good. On return of limber from Corps School transport will be in a position to move at short notice.
A.Q.	1 Hack Shoin 2 Spare L.D. Shoin	Good	Spare limber undergoing repairs, to be collected today. Draught pole required for remaining limber urgently. Spare perch pole should be carried. Brass cap missing on Mess cart wheel. Harness in good state of repair.	Condition of horses good. Missing wheel cap off Mess cart should be replaced as soon as possible. Spare perch Spare perch & draught poles should be carried. On return of limber from Mobile Workshop & broken draught pole replaced transport will be in a position to move at short notice.

Showing Lt A/Battalion T.O.
1st A.M. G. Battalion 4-11-18

APPENDIX

Headquarters, 4.12.18.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MONTHLY APPRECIATION.

In the month under review, the Battalion was split up through Companies having to proceed with Brigade Groups for the move Eastward from the ABBEVILLE Area.

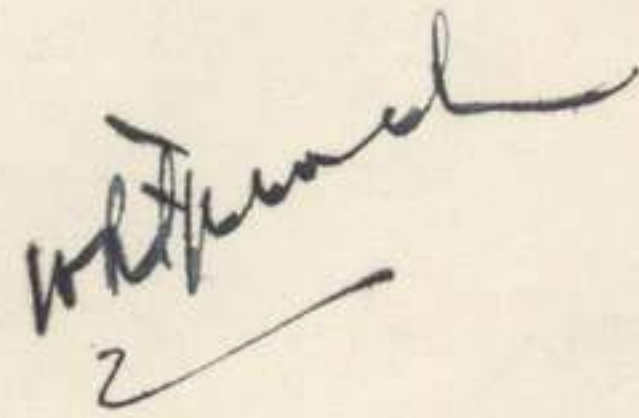
Their marching and the turn out of their transport was favourably commented on, both by the G.O's.C. of the Brigades to whom they were attached and also by the Divisional Commander.

On arrival at BEAURIEUX, 25th. November, all Companies were billeted in the village, and Headquarters in the Chateau, thus, for the first time since April 1918, the Battalion are together as a complete unit.

The advantages of this is becoming increasingly apparent as the esprit de Corps in the Battalion is greatly fostered by reason of combined football matches, Battalion parades, etc.

The health of the men, barring a percentage of colds, has been very good and sore feet from the long marches have been the exception, rather than the rule.

Through the leaving of the 1914 and January and February 1915 personnel, we have lost some of our best N.C.O's, but relying on the loyalty and general good behaviour of the remainder, look forward with confidence as regards discipline and smooth running of the Battalion, until the Battalion is finally demobilized.



Lieut. Colonel.

Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.