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OF

OF
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FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY	June			
	1st.	8 am.	All reliefs were reported complete, as detailed in Diary for May. The position now is 6th. Coy. in Right Sub-Sector, 22nd. in Left Sub-Sector, and 7th. Sub-Sector Coy. in Support. The 5th. Coy is Mobile Reserve. The C.O. visited dug-outs in course of construction and inspected sites with Tunnelling Officer this morning.	
		2 pm.	Adjutant visited reserve Sections at BONNAY.	
		8 pm.	Order No. 25 covering fire for Gas Projector Operation, issued to all concerned. <i>CRS.</i>	Appx. I
	2nd.	8 am.	Situation is normal, and the enemies does not appear very aggressive. C.O. visited the line in Left Brigade Sector to inspect gun positions which have become unsuitable because of the crop growing too high. Nothing of interest to report. <i>CRS.</i>	
	3rd.	9am.	C.O. visited Reserve Sections at BONNAY. Enemy very quiescent for the last few days. The usual harrassing fire was carried out during the night.	
		4pm.	Lieut. J.H.Connor, 22nd. Coy. reported wounded. Shell wound. <i>CRS.</i>	
	4th.	8am.	Orders from Division Nos. 193 and 194, reference alterations in Divl. and Brigade Boundaries received received. C.O. visited 4th. Aust. M.G. Battalion to arrange detail of taking over a new portion of front. Battalion Order No. 26 issued. <i>CRS.</i>	Appx. II
	5th.		C.O. engaged on consultations with reference to minor operations of 7th. A.I. Brigade. <i>CRS.</i>	
	6th.		Arrangements made for tasks of M.Gs. in minor operation. Major Weatherill American M.G. Battalion No. 319 reported at 4pm. <i>CRS.</i>	
	7th.		Major Weatherill went up to 6th. Coy in line to see night firing etc. 22nd. Coy. relieved by 7th. Coy. <i>CRS.</i>	
	8th.		Battalion Order No. 27 reference minor operation by 7th. A.I. Brigade issued to all concerned. Adjutant went to proposed dug-out positions with Tunnelling Officer in order to point out where M.G. positions are required. <i>CRS.</i>	Appx. III
	9th.	10am.	C.O. went to M.G. Battalion Commanders Conference at Corps H.Q. Company Commanders of 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion visited this H.Q. to make preliminary arrangements for relief.	
		4pm.	Battalion Order No. 28 (in continuation of Order No. 27) issued, giving further details of attack attack. Zero hour was notified - 9.45 pm. on 10th. inst.	Appx. 4
		6pm.	At request of O.C. No.1 Group, Adjutant ordered Lieuts. Langworthy and Cridland with 2 Sections of 5th. A.M.G. Coy., to take up positions in the line, tonight. Completion of this move reported 11.30. pm. <i>CRS.</i>	
	10th.		Companies and Battalion H.Q. moved to Battle Positions. Operation Order No. 29 issued, giving additional tasks for Barrage Groups. <i>CRS.</i>	Appx. 5

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HEILLY.	June 11th.		Minor operation completely successful. A summary of the operation is attached. <i>CR+</i>	Appx. 6.
	12th.		All guns are standing by in Battle Positions. <i>CR+</i>	Cancelled
	13th.		Order No.30 - reorganisation to defence lines - issued. Guns moved back in accordance with this order. <i>CR+</i>	Appx. 7.
	14th.		Order No.31 issued - Minor Operation proposed, giving tasks of M.Gs. Order No.32, relief of Battalion by 5th. Aust.M.G.Battalion issued; this is to take place on nights 14/15th. and 15/16th. June. <i>CR+</i>	Appx. 8.
	15th.	3 am.	Relief of 6th. and 22nd.Coys. reported complete.	Appx. 9.
			6th. and 22nd.Coys. moved back in accordance with Order No.32. <i>CR+</i>	
	16th.	1am.	Relief of 7th.Coy reported complete.	
		10am.	Battalion H.Q. moved out of HEILLY and Rear Battalion H.Q. out of C.27.a.3.2., moving to G.18.a. (ALLONVILLE) 7th.Coy. moved out to G.18.a. (ALLONVILLE) and 5th.Coy. relieved by 25th. M.G.	
			Company moved to RIVERY area G.34.c. <i>CR+</i>	
ALLONVILLE.	17th.		Companies commenced work on training and re-organisation. <i>CR+</i>	
	18th.		C.O. inspected 5th.A.M.G.Coy. at G.34.c. <i>CR+</i>	
	20th.		C.O. inspected 6th.A.M.G.Coy. <i>CR+</i>	
	21st.		C.O. inspected 7th. and 22nd.A.M.G.Coys. Results of these inspections have not been very satisfactory. The principle of devolution of command down to the junior N.C.Os. as gun commanders does not appear to have been properly studied and applied. This is receiving due attention. <i>CR+</i>	
	22nd.		A successful sports meeting was held at Petit CAMON near AMIENS.	
			A draft of 55 men rejoined unit from Base. <i>CR+</i>	
	25th.		Second in Command and Adj. visited 3rd.A.M.G.Bn. with reference to forthcoming relief. Divisional Order No.198 received reference relief 3rd.Div. Battalion Order No.34 issued affecting relief for M.G. units. <i>CR+</i>	Appx. 10
	26TH.	9am.	C.O. went forward with Signalling Officer to reconnoitre the line We have decided to follow the new method of organisation of command in the line vide Divl. Instructions This has been effected by appointing Major Ordish D.S.O. to command Left Group and Capt.M.Burrell to command Right Group, (see Order No.34 Appx.10.) Battalion H.Q. will be situated as near as possible to Divn. H.Q. <i>CR+</i>	
		5pm.	5th.Coy. moved up to Reserve Positions, relieving Reserve Coy. of 3rd.A.M.G.Bn. <i>CR+</i>	
	27th.		7th.Coy. moved out of ALLONVILLE and took up Reserve Positions from 5th.Coy. who are to go forward into left Brigade Sub-sector to-night. <i>CR+</i>	

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WAR DIARY

OF

Second Australian Machine Gun Bn

FOR

June

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 25 S E C R E THeadquarters,
1st. June, 1918.M.G. Tasks in Gas Projector Operation.

(Divisional Order No. 191)

1. Covering fire will be provided by guns as detailed below:-

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Gun.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	
6th.	C 14 & 15	K2c16 to K2c42	} Normal S.O.S. Tasks
	C 9	K8a38	
22nd.	D 13 14)	K8a2580 to K8a0510	
	17&18)		
	D 12	K8c01	
	D 11	K14a09	
	D 15 & 16	K7d84 to K7d88	

2. Time and rate of fire

50 rounds per minute from Z - 15 minutes to Z plus 45 minutes.

3. Ammunition.

Extra S.A.A. (3,000 rounds per gun) will be placed at the gun positions concerned at once.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....Lieut.
Adj. 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion.

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4.	5th. A.M.G. Coy.
5.	5th. A.I. Bde.
6.	6th. A.I. Bde.
7.	7th. A.I. Bde.
8.	2nd. Aust. Div.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 26

S E C R E T

COPY No.....

Headquarters, 6th. June, 1918

1. The 7th.A.M.G.Coy. will relieve 22nd.A.M.G.Coy. in the following M.G.positions in Right Brigade Sector on night 6th/7th June.

<u>Gun No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Gun No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coy. H.Q.</u>
D 1	J24b9590	D 6	J18c8095	J10c83
D 2	K13c9020	D 9	J23b1565	
D3	K13a5515	D 10	J17d3005	
D 4	K7c9550	D15	J18a9570	
D 5	J18c78	D 16	J18a9075	

2. 22nd.A.M.G.Coy. will take over the duties of 7th.A.M.G.Coy. as Support Company in the following positions:-

C 5&6	J6C5050	(attached 6th.A.M.G.Coy.)	<u>Coy. H.Q.</u>
A 9 to 12	J23d9228	(BUIRE Battery)	D27a35
A 5&6	J5c3060		
A 7 & 8	D28b8025		

3. All other positions will remain as at present.
4. Subject to the above, reliefs will be arranged between Coy. Commanders concerned.
5. Aero-photos, disposition, fighting and target maps and all information at gun positions will be handed over and a duplicate copy of receipts sent to Battalion H.Q.
6. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion H.Q. and Right Brigade H.Q. by wire.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert
Adj. 2nd.A.M.G. Battalion.

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2	22nd. Coy.
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4	6th. Coy.
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5	2nd. Aust. Div.
6	7th. A.I. Bgde.
7	6th. A.I. Bgde.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 27 S E C R E T

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Headquarters,
5th. June, 1918.

1. In connection with minor operations of 7th.A.I.Bgde, the following will be the action of M.Gs.

2. Forward Guns.

5 guns of 7th.A.M.G.Coy. will go forward under orders of G.O.C., 7th.A.I.Bgde. These guns are to take up positions as follows:-

- (a) 2 guns to approx. K13b82
1 to fire down gully towards MORLANCOURT.
1 to fire S towards BRAY Rd.
- (b) 2 guns to approx. K19b80
1 to fire N. towards BRAY Rd.
1 to fire S. towards valley in K19d425a.
- (c) 2 guns to approx K25c05
1 to fire N. towards 19d central.
1 to fire S. covering gully in K36 central.

3. BARRAGE GUNS.

(a) No. 1 group commanded by Capt. A.W.McLennan:-

BATTERY.	Approx. Location.	Composition.	Task	Time	Rate.
A	J23d13	4 guns 5th. Coy.	K25b73 to K25d76		
B	J17d48	4 guns 5th.Coy.	K14a2580 to K14a4505	Zero to	50 rounds
C	J18a90	4 guns 7th.Coy.	K20c23 to K25b96	Zero plus	per minute
D	J12c92	4 guns 22nd.Coy.	K8c4075 to K14a5095	1 hour	
E	J11c62	4 guns 22nd.Coy.	K8a23 to K8a0500 (Normal S.O.S)		

(b) No. 2 Group commanded by Lieut. Blenkarn composed of the following guns:-

Guns.	Approx. Location.	Composition	Task	Time	Rate.
F Bty.	K1a0005	4 guns 6th.Coy.	Enfilade K7d94 to K14a37	Zero to	50 rounds
B5-8			Firing on normal S.O.S.Lines	Zero plus	per minute
TREUX Battery				1 hour	
B14d15	do	do	do		
A9-12	do	do	do		
BUIRE Battery.					

(c) 4th.A.M.G.Bn. is co-operating by placing a barrage on line K25c82 to K31a7530 as shown on task map.

4. S.O.S.LINES.

All barrage guns will stand by on targets detailed in preceding paragraph, which will be normal S.O.S.Lines, on completion of programme Rate of fire on S.O.S.Signal will be 250 rounds per minute for 10 minutes, 50 rounds per minute for 10 minutes, after which fire will cease unless S.O.S.signal is repeated, when the S.O.S.rate will be recommenced.

5. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

A reserve of 20,000 rounds per barrage gun will be placed at each of the battery positions detailed. Group Commanders will arrange this in conjunction with Bn.Transport Officer, who will arrange necessary transport. Group Commanders will obtain any working parties from 'B' teams if this is found to be necessary.

6. Zero Hour and Time will be notified later, and all guns will be reported ready for action 1 hour before Zero.
7. Reports of casualties and ammunition expenditure. Instructions will be issued later.
8. Task map is appended.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Chas. J. Smith
Lieut.
 Adj. 2nd A.M.G. Battalion.

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4.	22nd M.G. Coy.
5.	Bn. T.O.
6.	4th A.M.G. Bn.
7.	2nd Aust. Div.
8.	5th A.I. Bde.
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TASK MAP
ORDER No 27.

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B5-E
4 guns

Battery 1

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B5-B

B4
B15

11

12

7

8

E Battery

D Battery

F

B

17

B Battery

C Battery

13

14

23

24

19

20

A Battery

C

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4 Guns
4th A.M.G.Bn.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MOUNTAIN DIVISION TULLOCH DISTRICT HQ.

URGENT

Headquarters,
5th June 1918.

COPY No. 12.

In continuation of Order No. 27.

1.

BATTLE HEADQUARTERS.

The following will be Battle H.Q. from now - 3 hours until further notice.

2nd. A.M.G. Bn.	7th. A.I. Bde. Adv. H.Q.	J. 22.6.2.4.
7th. A.M.G. Coy.		J. 24.6.9.6.
22nd. A.M.G. Coy.	(No. 1 Barrage Group)	J. 17.6.3.8.
6th. A.M.G. Coy.	(No. 2 Barrage Group)	J. 8.6.3.4.

2.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Signal Officer will arrange telephone and visual communications as above, and to Battery positions.

3.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

An officer from 7th. Brigade H.Q. will synchronise watches there afternoon before the attack.

7th. A.M.G. Coy.	at	25th Batta. H.Q.	4 pm.
22nd. A.M.G. Coy.	at	7th. Bde. H.Q.	J. 22.6.2.4.
6th. A.M.G. Coy.	at	nearest Batta. H.Q.	(any hour)

4.

REPAIRS.

Companies will report to Battle H.Q. at 3 am.,

- (a) Expenditure of S.A.A.
- (b) Spare parts required urgently
- (c) Ammunition.

In cases of guns out of action, Battalion H.Q. will be advised immediately.

5.

ATTACHMENTS.

Chas. T. King
.....Adj.
2nd. A.M.G. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION. (as per Order No. 27.)

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" 3	7th. A.M.G. Coy.
" 4	22nd. A.M.G. Coy.
" 5	Signal Officer.
" 6	4th. A.M.G. Bn.
" 7	2nd. Aust. Division.
" 8	6th. A.I. Brigade.
" 9	6th. A.I. Brigade.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 22

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Headquarters,
9th. June 1918.

1. The following are amended tasks for No. 2 GROUP.
(a) As laid down in Order No. 27, except that fire on these lines will continue from 9.45 am. to 10.15 am. only.

(b) Additional tasks.

GUNS	TARGET	TIME	RATE
B 14 and 15	Normal S.O.S.	11 am. to 11.30 am.	100 rds.P.M.
B 5 to 8	do	do	
A 9 to 12	E.20.a.05.70. to E.14.e.03.40.	do	

(c) "P" Battery will fire a protective barrage on S.O.S.Line at the rate of 50 rounds per minute, from 2.30 am. to 3.30 am.

2. Following additional tasks for No. 1 Group.

(a) A concentration by two guns in each case on to the following.

TARGETS	TIME	RATE
1 K.S.e.20.30 (Point in "E" Barrage)	Z+20	150 rounds
11 K.S.e.40.50. (Point in "D" Barrage)	to	per minute.
111 K.14.a.60.60.	Z+30	

(b) No. 1 Group will fire on S.O.S. Lines from 2.30 am. to 3.30 am. at the rate of 50 rounds per minute as a protective barrage.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert Dwyer
.....Adj.
2nd. A.M.G.Bn.

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" 3	7th. A.M.G.Coy.
" 4	22nd. A.M.G.Coy.
" 5	5th. A.I. Brigade
" 6	6th. A.I. Brigade
" 7	7th. A.I. Brigade
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Headquarters,
18th. June 1918.

Summary of Machine Gun Action in Operations by 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade on "C" Div. Sector 10th. June 1918.

1. IDEA. The idea of the attack was the capture and consolidation of a line approximately:-

Road junction K25c05 - K19d46 - K13d6520 - K13b28, with object of bettering our position between SAILLY LAURETTE and MORLAN-COURT.

In co-operation with this operation 6th. A.I. Brigade undertook two raids on the left Brigade Sub-sector.

2. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS. The C.O. conferred with the G.O.C. 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, with reference to the action of M.Gs., and on Divl. Order No. 195 for the operation being issued, M.G. Battn. Order No. 27 was issued to all concerned.

(a) FORWARD GUNS. The front of the attack was 3000 yards, and it was decided to send 6 guns of 7th. A.M.G. Coy. forward with the attacking infantry.

(b) REAR GUNS. The remainder of the 7th. Coy., part of 22nd. Coy., and part of 5th. Coy. were detailed into Batteries of 4 guns and given tasks as shown on Task Map issued with Order No. 27. The number of guns thus available for barrage fire including 8 guns drawn from Mobile Reserve, was 34 and these were divided into two groups:-

No.1 Group. 20 guns in Batteries of 4.

No.2 Group. 14 guns (3 Batteries of 4, & 2 single guns.)

(c) AMMUNITION. The question of ammunition was considered, and it was decided to bring each Battery up to 20,000 rounds per gun as usual. Group Commanders were informed of where this would be required, and arrangements were made to attain this reserve from local dumps and from D.A.C.

(d) RATE OF FIRE. 50 rounds per minute during the operation for 1 hour, and S.O.S. rate of 250 rounds per minute for 10 minutes 50 rounds per minute for 10 minutes, as usual.

3. BATTALION H.Q. C.O. M.G. Battalion made his H.Q. with Advanced Brigade H.Q. and Coys advanced their H.Q. to suitable controlling positions. (Order No. 28.)

4. COMMUNICATIONS. All Batteries were in telephonic communication with their Group H.Q., which were connected up to Advanced Battalion H.Q. These lines held throughout the operation and no recourse was had to visual means of signalling. The Coy. controlling forward guns also maintained its lines to Battn. H.Q. throughout the operation.

5. OPERATION.

(a) FORWARD GUNS. At 9.45 pm. the forward guns went forward just in rear of the first wave of infantry, so as to escape the enemy barrage, and rested in shell holes, moving into positions detailed in the Order, which were found quite suitable.

These guns had a number of targets at ranges varying from 200 to 1500 yards and expended 6,500 rounds in direct fire.

The enemy appeared to be most disorganised, and parties were wandering around in daylight next day in an endeavour, apparently, to locate themselves.

Casualties among the forward guns occurred after consolidation and were 2 officers wounded, 2 O.Rs. killed and 6 wounded.

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SUMMARY of MACHINE GUN ACTION. contd.

- (b) REAR GUNS. No. 1 Group fired the programme detailed during the operation.

C.O. was at Advanced Brigade H.Q. and as prisoners were interrogated as to positions of reserves, lines of approach etc., firing orders were sent out to Batteries at once.

On the information of a prisoner, 4 guns concentrated fire on head of gully in K20b, opening at 1.25 am. and fired 5000 rounds.

At 2.30 am. a protective barrage on S.O.S. Lines at the rate of 50 rounds per minute was put down for an hour.

A prisoner who was captured stated that his Battalion were advancing to counter attack from the direction of MORLANCOURT, (probably up the valley in K14a) and were scattered by M.G. fire. The counter attack only reached our line in a few elements. Our M.G. barrage was down in this valley and it is reasonable to suppose that the fire was most useful in dispersing the enemy.

During the night of 11th./12th. June all guns kept up harassing fire especially at sundown and before dawn.

A prisoner of 449th Regt. states that his unit experienced severe discomfort and had to give up idea of counter attack because of our M.G. fire.

- (c) CASUALTIES. 1 gun of this group was put out of action, no casualties ensuing in the affair. Another gun had 2 O.Rs. killed and 3 O.Rs. wounded.

No. 2 Group fired programme laid down, without further event having no casualties.

6. REORGANISATION. Owing to impending relief it was necessary to assume the normal distribution with as little movement as possible and to arrange this, Order No. 30 was issued with the following details:-

8 guns of Mobile Reserve Company went back to reserve positions on night. 13/14 June

The remaining guns assumed the "Status quo ante operation" on the same night without further incident.

7. TACTICAL LESSONS. Nothing original was discovered. All the old points were again proved:-

(a) Value of close liaison with infantry (preferably where prisoners are first interrogated).

(b) Value of good phone communication with Batteries.

(c) Use of fighting map for switching Batteries on to targets quickly where desired.

Appendix:- Statements of prisoners.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters,
21st. June 1918.

Aust. Division. The following is a copy of letter received from 2nd.

1. A prisoner of the III Bn., 90th. R.I.R., captured during the early morning of the 11th. June, stated that he had come up with his Battalion to counter-attack and regain the positions won by us on the previous night. On approaching the front line they had come under very heavy Machine Gun fire, which had broken their line, and they were not able to get forward. Owing to this he became detached from his wave and wandered into our lines.

2. A prisoner of the 6th. Coy., 449th. I.R., captured on the morning of the 16th. June, stated that his Battalion moved up on the 12th. to counter-attack and regain the positions lost by the 90th. R.I.R. on the 10th./11th. June. Owing to the heavy Machine gun fire encountered, however the Battalion was unable to push forward, and lay in shell holes till everything was quiet, when they relieved the 90th. R.I.R.

Signed. M.E. Denning Lieut.
for Lieut. Col.

General Staff,
2nd. Aust. Division

Appendix A.

APPENDIX

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Headquarters,
13th June, 1918.

1. At a date and time to be notified later, the 5th. and 6th. A.I. Bdes. will carry out raids on the following enemy posts:-

6th. Bde. K1b9005
K1d9070
5th. Bde. K13b77 to K7d90 to K7d87

2. Action of Machine Guns will be as follows:-

6th. Aust. M.G. Coy.

<u>Tasks.</u>	<u>Guns suggested.</u>
K2a4095 to K2a4040 (normal S.O.S)	25 to 3 in J6a
K2a2526 to K2a4095	217 in D24d
K2a9000 to K2a9043	22, 324 in J12a2b
K2a3540 to K2a6010	214-15 in D24d
K2a3000 to K2a6080	29 in K1a

22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.

<u>Tasks.</u>	<u>Guns suggested.</u>
K2a6075 to K14a7593 (normal S.O.S)	2 guns in J12a & 2 guns in J17d
K2a1520 to K2a0500	"E" Battery.

7th. Aust. M.G. Coy.

<u>Tasks.</u>	<u>Guns suggested.</u>
K14a7500 to K14a8550	2 guns in J18 central
K14a4090	1 gun in J24b
K13b7040 to K14a3565	2 guns in J17d & J23b

3. Time and rate of fire.

From Zero to Zero plus 15 minutes. 50 rounds per minute.
From Zero plus 15 minutes to
Zero plus 30 minutes. 100 rounds per minute.

4. On completion of programme, guns will relay on their normal S.O.S. lines.

5. Coy. Commanders will revert all ready one hour before Zero by sending the word TABLE to Batta. H.Q. by wire.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. R. Field

.....Lieut.
Adj. 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion.

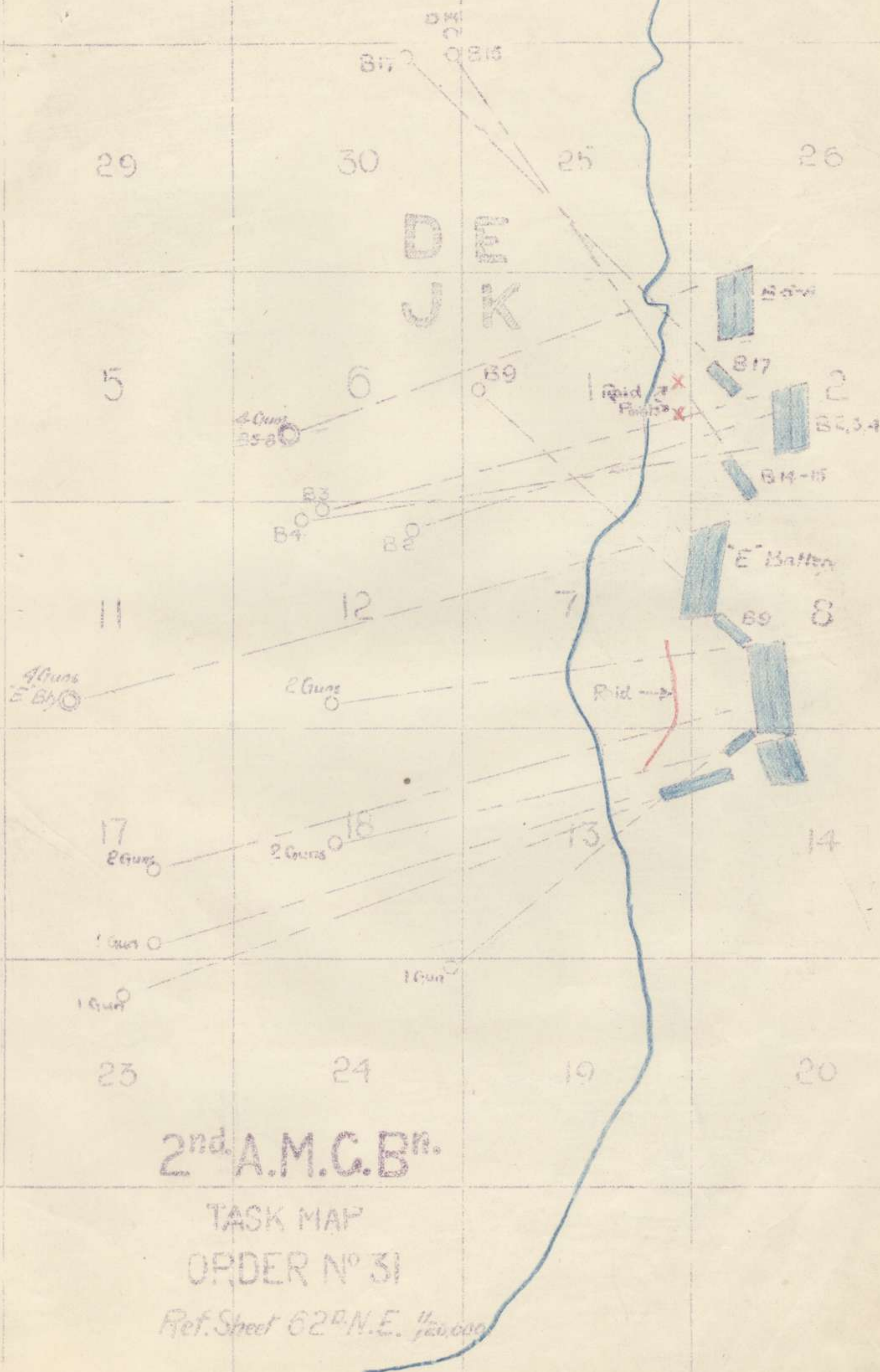
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APPENDIX



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION. ORDER No. 32.

S E C R E T

COPY No.....

Headquarters,
13th. June 1918.

1. The 5th. Aust. Division is relieving 2nd. Aust. Division, (less artillery) in "C" Division Sector between 14th. and 16th. June 1918.
2. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion will relieve 2nd. Aust. M.G. Battalion on the nights 14th./15th. and 15th./16th. June, as follows.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Relieved by</u>
14/15 June	6th. Coy.	8th. and 15th. Coys.
	X 22nd. Coy. (part/for)	8th. and 15th. Coys.
15/16 June	7th. Coy.	14th. Coy.
	22nd. Coy. (part/for)	14th. Coy.
16th. June	5th. Coy.	25th. Coy.

"X" Guns of 22nd. A.M.G. Coy. which are not relieved by 8th. and 15th Coys. will come under the command of O.C. 7th. A.M.G. Coy., until relieved, and will move to new area with 7th. A.M.G. Coy., rejoining unit on arrival.

3. Companies of 5th. A.M.G. Battalion moving into the line, come under orders of 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion until completion of relief.
4. Details of guns to be taken over by each Coy. are being arranged by C.O. 5th. A. M.G. Battalion.
5. On relief Companies will move to ALLONVILLE, QUERRIEU, and RIVERY areas in accordance with the attached table.
6. All information, marked maps, defence schemes etc. will be handed to relieving units and copies of receipts sent to Battalion H.Q. as soon as possible.
7. Battal-ion H.Q. will close at HEILLY at 10 am. 16th. June and open at G.13a at the same hour.
8. Subject to the terms of this order, reliefs will be arranged between Coy. Commanders concerned.
9. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.
10. Acknowledged

C. R. O. D. Paul
.....Lieut.
Adj. 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.

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"	6 6th. A.I. Bde.		
"	7 7th. A.I. Bde.		
"	8 2nd. Aust. Div.		
"	9 5th. A.M.G. Bn.		
"	10 A/Adj.		
"	11 47th. M.G. Bn.		

MOVE TABLE ISSUED WITH 2nd. A.M.G. BATTALION ORDER No. 32

Serial No.	DATE	Unit	Relieved by	moves from	Moves to	REMARKS
1.	Night 14/15 June	6 th . Coy.	8th. & 15th. Coys.	Line	Transport Lines	Taking over camp
2.	Day 15th. June	do	do	Transport Lines	QUERRIEU	vacated by 15th. Coy
3.	Night 14/15 June	22nd. Coy. (part of)	8th. & 15th. Coys.	Line	Transport Lines	do 8th. Coy
4.	Day 15th. June	do	do	Transport Lines	G18a (ALLONVILLE)	do
5.	Night 15/16 June	7th. Coy & part 22nd. Coy.	14th. Coy.	Line	Transport Lines	do 25th. Coy
6.	Day 16th. June	do	do	Transport Lines	G18a (ALLONVILLE)	do
7.	Day 16th. June	5th. Coy.	28th. Coy.	Reserve	G34c (RIVERY)	do 14th. Coy

NOTE: Attention is directed to A.R.Os. reference TRAFFIC CONTROL

No restriction as to times.

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Headquarters,
25th. June, 1918.

1. The Division is relieving 3rd. Aust. Divn. in "A" Divisional Sector on the night 27th./28th. June and 28/29th. June.

2. Reliefs of Infantry Brigades.

- (a) 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is relieving 11th. A.I. Bde. in Right Brigade Sub Sector on night 27/28th. June.
 (b) 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is relieving 9th. A.I. Bde. in Left Brigade Sub Sector on night 28/29th. June.
 (c) 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is relieving Reserve Bde. on 28th. June.

3. Reliefs of Machine Gun Units.

2nd. Aust. M.G. Bttn. will relieve 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bttn. on the nights 27/28th. and 28/29th. June as follows:-

<u>From.</u>	<u>Coy.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>In relief of.</u>
June 27/28th.	5th.	Left Sub Sector	9th. Coy.
June 28/29th.	6th.	Centre do	11th. Coy.
	7th.	Right do	10th. Coy.
	22nd.	Reserve	23rd. Coy.

Moves will be carried out in accordance with attached table.

4. Group Commanders. (in accordance with Div. Memo 640/133 Para II 6)
 Major H. Orish D.S.O. (5th. Coy.) will command all guns in left Bde Sub Sector.

Capt. M. Burrell (7th. Coy.) will command all guns in Right Bde Sub Sector.

5. Battalion H.Q. will be situated:-

Advanced H.Q. Cutting O.26. central.

Rear H.Q. LANOTTE N.13.d.15.65.

Coy. Rear H.Q. and "B" Echelon will be situated in LANOTTE.

6. Advanced parties will be sent forward 24 hours prior to each move consisting of at least one officer and four O.Rs. to take over Rear H.Q.'s and camps. Rear parties of 1 officer and two O.Rs. will be left behind to hand over all area stores. Certificates as to state of camps to be obtained and forwarded to Bttn. H.Q.

7. Rear Camps will be taken over as follows:-

5th. Coy.	takes over camp of	9th. Coy.
6th. Coy.	"	11th. Coy.
7th. Coy.	"	10th. Coy.
22nd. Coy.	"	23rd. Coy.

8. Completion of relief will be wired to Bttn. H.Q. in "B.A.B" Code.

9. Copies of all receipts for area stores, photographs, marked maps, etc. will be forwarded to Bttn. H.Q. 24 hours after relief.

10. Coys. will come under command of O.C., 3rd. A.M.G. Bn. until completion of relief. Command will pass at 10 a.m. on 29th. June to O.C., 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Chas. T. Lee
Lieut.
 Adj't. 2nd. A.M.G. Battalion.

MOVE TABLE AND DISTRIBUTION OVER LEAF.

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DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	IN RELIEF OF	REMARKS
June 26th.	5th. Coy.	RIVER Y 034c	Reserve BLANCY-TROUVILLE System	23rd. Coy.	
June 27th. Night	7th. Coy.	ALLOWVILLE G18c33	Reserve	5th. Coy.	Relief to be completed by 5 p.m.
June 27/28th.	5th. Coy.	Reserve	Left Sub Sector	9th. Coy.	
June 28th. Night	22nd. Coy. In. Near H.Q. & "B" Echelon.	ALLOWVILLE G18c33 ALLOWVILLE	Reserve LANOTTE	7th. Coy.	Relief to be completed by 5 p.m.
June 28/29th.	7th. Coy. 5th. Coy.	Reserve QUERRIEU	Right Sub Sector Centre Sub Sector	10th. Coy. 11th. Coy.	6th. Coy. may stage in SOMME Valley.

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COY. NO.	TO.
1.	5th. Coy.
2.	6th. "
3.	7th. "
4.	22nd.
5.	2nd. Aust. Divn.
6.	5th. A.I. Bde.
7.	6th. A.I. Bde.
8.	7th. A.I. Bde.
9.	3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
10.	File.
11/13.	War Diary.