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Machine Guns

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of:

22nd Aust. M.G. Coy

for

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Place,	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOUET LINES.	APRIL 13 th '18	9 pm.	2. O.R. returned from English Leas.	
	2 nd '18	"	3. O.R. returned from Leas. 1 O.R. admitted to Hospital. Sections in line by were relieved by the 25 th M.G. Bn.	
STRAZZELE	3 rd	"	Transport left for Strazzele at 10 AM. Company moved off at 11.45 AM. Got embussing point on Fours Eglice Road, arrived at Strazzele at 4.30 pm. and were billeted in farm houses.	
	4 th	"	2. O.R. returned from Leas. Day spent in cleaning gun gear and filling belts.	
	5 th	2 AM.	Company including transport entrained for the Somme area, and arrived at Amiens at 5 pm. Billeted in this area for the night.	
ALLONVILLE	6 th	10 AM.	Company and transport left for Allonville arriving at destination at 3 pm., where we were billeted for the night. 1 O.R. evacuated sick.	
		9 pm.	1. O.R. rejoined the Company from Transport School, which was disbanded.	
PRISONERS OF WAR CAMP BATTLEUX.	7 th	8.30 AM	Company and transport, less Lieut Richardson & Johnson and 25% of the men, marched to Baizieux arriving about noon and relieved the 12 th Coy. in second line. Relief completed at 6 pm. Advance Coy H.Q. situated at Lanierville. Map Ref D 10. b. 6. 8. Telephone communications established	

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PRISONERS OF WAR (AM) BRAZIEUX.	7/4/18	9pm.	with 6 th A.I. Bds. No. 1 Section under Lt. Prichard to take up position in Strong Point at D14.C.2.2. with 2 guns at D20.c and 2 guns at D20.b. Section re-established telephone communication with 7 th A.I. Bds. No. 2 Section under Lt. Shelley has his H.Q. at D17.a.3.3. 2 guns at D16.b.9.3 and 2 guns at D17.a.5.1. Under Lieut. Lyons No. 3 Section has 1 gun at D11.a.3.6, 2 guns at D11.a.3.4, and 1 gun at D11.a.3.1. Section H.Q. at Advance Company H.Q. No. 4 Section under Command of Lieut. Chalmers. H.Q. and 2 guns in Quarry. Each Section has about 7000 pounds bulk S.A. and 3000 belted per gun. D.	
	8 th	9pm.	1. O.R. wounded by Shell fire. D.	
	9 th	"	1. O.R. admitted to Hospital sick. 1. O.R. Wounded by Shell fire. D.	
	10 th	"	1. O.R. admitted to Hospital sick. D.	
	11 th	"	3.00 P.M. rejoined Unit from Hospital. Lieuts Richardson & Johnson with the 25% nucleus arrived from Allonville. Batten arranges for 2 guns of No. 2 Section and 2 guns of No. 4 Section to be relieved by 6 th and 7 th AM Sgts respectively tomorrow. D.	
	12 th	9pm.	Advance Coy H.Q. now situated at Prisoners of War Compound Brazieux. D.	

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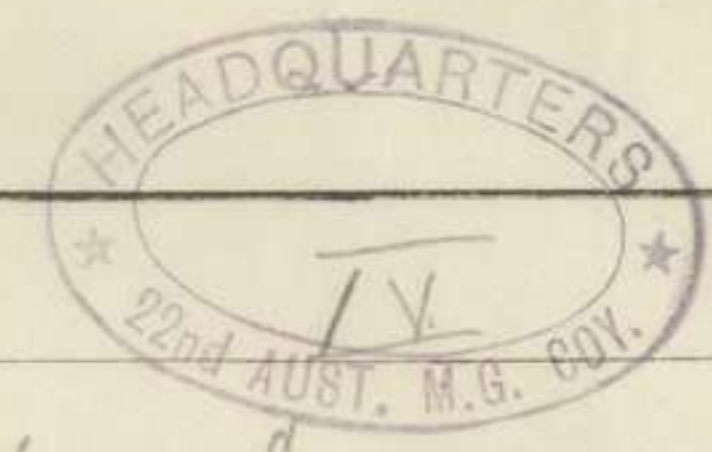
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
P. of W Compound Baizieux	12/4/18	9pm.	New distribution will be as follows:- One section (No 3) in Lavierille line. " " (No 4) in Breele line Two sections (Nos 1 & 2) in Baizieux line.	I
			Lieuts Richardson & Johnson with 25% nucleus and transport go to Grandcourt. H.	
	13th	9pm	2 O.R. evacuated sick. Coy strength now stands at 120ffs - 209 O.R. 1 O.R. Wounded accidentally. H.	
	14th	9pm	1 O.R. Wounded accidentally. H.	
	16th	"	2 O.R. evacuated sick. H.	
	18th	"	Nucleus arrived here from Grandcourt. 1 O.R. evacuated sick. Company strength now stands at 120ffs - 204 O.R's. H.	
	19th	"	Nucleus to be employed daily in salving barwires around P. of W. Compound. H.	
	20th	"	1 O.R. evacuated sick. H.	
	22nd	"	1 O.R. evacuated sick. H.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
P. of W Compound.	25	9pm.	3 O.R.s admitted to Hospital. Lt Cannon rejoined Unit from Supernumerary List.	
BAIZIENS	26/18	"	Lt Lilley rejoined Unit from Hospital and 2 nd Lt. Kershaw joined Unit from 1st Bn. 9 O.R.s rejoined Company from Reinforcement Camp.	
	27 th	"	This Company were relieved from their former positions, and were then sent forward to relieve 38 th M. & Bn. tonight 27 th /28 th . The relief having been postponed twice. Vids Coy order No 21. Appendix II.	II.
	28 th	8am.	Relief complete.	
	29 th	9pm.	1 O.R. admitted to Hospital. Company was relieved by 5 th Am G Coy.	
	30 th	9pm.	4 O.R. admitted to Hospital. Company relieved the 7 th Am G Coy on Night Sector on night 30/1 st . Company strength now stands at 140 O.R.s. 208 O.R.s.	

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WAR DIARY

OF

22nd Aust Machine Gun Company.

FOR

April

1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

I

Disposition Report.

II

Company Order No 21.

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O.C. 22nd AUST. M.G. Coy.

22nd. AUSTRALIAN M. G. COMPANY.

DISPOSITION REPORT.

6. pm. 13.4.18.

Company. H. Q. P. of W. Compound. BAIZIEUX.

Telephone communication (AYER.
with:- (No. 1. Section.
(No. 3. Section.

No. 3. Section.

Section H. Q. D10.b.6.6.

1 Gun D17.a.5.5. to enfilade AMIENS - ALBERT Road.
and left to 11 Central.

There is an alternative position 50 yards south, which commands
valley towards BUIRE.

* CANCELLED

~~1 Gun D11.a.3.2. line of fire 135 Grid.~~

1 Gun D11.a.2.3. firing towards 12 Centre 1.

1 Gun D11.a.2.7. firing down gully towards 6 Central.

No. 4. Section.

Section H. Q. D2.d.70.15.

1 Gun D9a.28.55. line of fire Grid 90

1 Gun D9.a.35.75. " " " " 135.

1 Gun D2.d.85.30. " " " " 100

1 Gun D2.d.75.50. " " " " 55.

No. 1 Section.

Section H. Q. D20.a.40.85.

Gun Nos. 1 & 2. D20.c.73.70. covering valley towards RIBEMONT.

Gun No. 3. D20.b.10.68.) Arc of fire from 27 Central
Gun No. 4. D20.b.20.85.) to 16 Central.

No. 2. Section.

Section H. Q. P. of W. Compound BAIZIEUX.

Gun Nos. 5. & 6. in reserve at Company Headquarters.

Gun No. 7. D1.c.75.25. arc of fire MENANCOURT
to BRESLE WOOD.

Gun No. 8. D7.a.95.85. arc of fire from 8 Central
to 14 Central.

O. C. 22nd. Aust. M. G. Coy.

Distribution:-

- 2nd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
- 6th. A. I. Ede.) for information.
- 7th. A. I. Ede.)
- File.

22 Aust M G Co.

Headquarters
6 pm 20/4/18.

Amendment to Disposition Report of 13/4/18.

* The gun of No 3 Section employed at D ~~17 a 5.1~~ ^{HC 3.2} is now employed at
D 17 a 5.1 to command valley towards Buire and left to AMIENS - ALBERT Rd
Same distributor

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Appendix 2
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22nd. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

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Company Order No. 21.

S E C R E T .

Reference Maps :- Sheet 57D.SE. 1/20000

- 1. The 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is taking over from 38th. Div. that portion of the front between W26.c.5.6. and W15.d.6.0. on the night 24/25th. inst.

Brigade Headquarters will open at V23.b.1.5. at 10pm. on 24th. 19th Bn. will be in Line Right with Headquarters at W20.c.4.4. 20th. Bn. will be in Line Left with Headquarters at W20.c.4.8.

- 2. The 22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. will relieve 38th. M.G. Bn. in the following positions on night 26/27th. April.

Section.	To.	In relief of -
No. 1.	2 Guns W25.a.3.2.) 2 Guns W26.a.1.1.)	" D " Company.
No. 2.	2 Guns W19.d.8.4.) 2 Guns W20.c.7.9.)	" B " Company. " D " Company.
No. 4.	2 Guns V24.b.8.0. 2 Guns W19.c.3.4.	" B " Company. " D " Company.
No. 3.	2 Guns V30.b.3.3.	" C " Company.

- 3. Section Commanders will report completion of relief to Company Headquarters by runner.
- 4. Position of Company Headquarters will be notified later.
- 5. (a) No troops will pass the ridge North of MILLENCOURT before 8.45pm.
(b) West of ridge sections will move with at least 100 yds interval.
- 6. During daylight movement in forward area will be restricted to an absolute minimum.
- 7. Belt-boxes and belts, maps, trench stores etc. will be taken over and copies of receipts sent to Company Headquarters by the runner reporting the relief complete.
- 8. S.O.S. will not be taken over.
Australian Corps S.O.S. Signal (parachute bursting into 3 whites) will be taken into use.

9. Acknowledge.
Infantry relief has been postponed 24 hrs

Alfred Lewis Capt.
O.C. 22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.

Headquarters.
April. 24th. 1918.

Distribution:-

- 1. 5th. A.I. Bde.
- 2. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Bn.
- 3. No. 1. Section. 22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 4. No. 2. Section. -do-
- 5. No. 3. Section. -do-
- 6. No. 4. Section. -do-
- 7/10. Spares.