

**AWM4**

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Machine Guns

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**Title:** 5th Australian Machine Gun  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARTINPUICH	4/2/17	4.5pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 45 Received	MAP. REF. ALBERT Combined Sheet 1/40,000 and 57° SW QUEVEDECOURT.
-	5/2/17	7pm	6 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy Relieved the 5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy in the line, Right Brigade Sector. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy on being relieved moved to SHELTER WOOD CAMP x 21 d. Move completed by 12 midnight	
SHELTER WOOD	8/2/17	10pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 76 Received	
-	9/2/17	9.30 AM	LIEUT. DAKIN & 10. O.R. with 2 guns moved to CONTAY for A.A. Duty.	
-	9/2/17	7.5pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy Relieved the 7 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy in the line Left Brigade Sector. Relief completed by 10 pm.	
			6 Coy Apts at M27027.	
MARTINPUICH	11-2-17	4 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 44 Received	
-	-	5pm	Lieut. D.F. RAE. Transferred to GRANTHAM.	
-	14-2-17	3 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 48 Received	
-	-	7pm	6 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy Relieved the 5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy in the line Left Brigade Sector relief completed by 10.30 pm.	
			5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy. moved to tents at SHELTER WOOD x 21 d.	
	-	11.50p-	4 A.A. Guns pounded in the vicinity of Shelter Wood Camp.	
SHELTER WOOD	20-2-17	MIDNIGHT	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 79 Received	

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SHELTER WOOD X 21 d.	21-2-17	7 P.M.	5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy relieved the 7 A.M.G. Coy in the right Brigade Sector. Relief completed by 9.30 p.m. Company Headquarters at M 27 & 33.	ALBERT. Combined 1/40.000 57 <sup>th</sup> S.W.I. GUEUDECOURT 1/10.000
MARTIN POICH	24-2-17	9 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE D.O. N <sup>o</sup> 80 received	
- " -	- " -	11 AM	1 O.R. Wounded.	
- " -	- " -	6 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 81. Received VICKERS guns to be placed in the vicinity of: 1 gun at M 17 & 13. 1 gun at M 16 & 9.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ . These guns were pushed forward and the above position occupied by 12 midnight	MAR. REF. LE-SARS G. LOUPARTWOOD & LE-BARQUE 1/10.000 SHEET 57 <sup>th</sup> S.W.I. GUEUDECOURT 1/10.000
- " -	25-2-17	5 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 82 received	
- " -	- " -	11.10 pm	Operation Order by Capt A.H. WRIGHT commanding 5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy. I On the night of 25-2-17 the Brigade is occupying MALT TRENCH from M 12 centre to M 12 d 5.4 Brigades on either flank are co-operating. II Lieut FRENCH with 3 guns will move forward to MALT TRENCH and take up positions approximately as follows: one gun near the BAPAUME ROAD, one gun about 400 yard left and one gun about 400 yards right.	

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MARTINDICH	25-2-17	11-10 pm	<p>C.O.O. continued.</p> <p><u>III</u> A four gun section under Lieut WEBB will occupy defensive positions in LE-BARQUE SWITCH TRENCH approximately as follows:-  Right Sub Section under Lieut WEBB at M 12 03.4 and M 11 6 08.  Left Sub Section under Lieut MARTIN-SMITH at M 11 6.6. and M 11.6 0.8.</p> <p><u>IV</u> Every opportunity of inflicting loss on the Enemy will be taken</p> <p><u>V</u> Dress fighting order, sand bags etc as usual.</p> <p><u>VI</u> All occupied positions will be connected by telephones at the earliest moment. and special endeavours are to be made to ascertain the positions and calls of these officers</p> <p><u>VII</u> The reserve section under Lieut FRASER will occupy the intermediate line of Coy's nests</p> <p><u>VIII</u> Sgt QUINN with one gun complete will report to Lieut FRENCH morning as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>IX</u> Relay Runners will be available at the PIMPLE.</p> <p><u>X</u> Disposition reports as detailed as possible to be sent to Company Headquarters Report Centre at BUTTE QUARRY M 17 a 06. as soon as possible.  all reports to Coy Report Centre.</p>	<p>MAP. REF.  LE-SARS 6  LOUPART WOOD  LE-BARQUE.  1/10.000  SHEET 57 SW 1  QUEUDE COURT  1/10.000</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i>  A.H. Wright  O.C. 5th A.M. Coy</p>

(SO) A.H. WRIGHT CAPT  
O.C. 5th A.M. COY

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MARTINPOICH	26.2.17	1.10. AM	The 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE Advanced as far as M11 Central. Vickers machine guns took up positions as follows: 1 gun at M1165.0. 2 guns at M11C4-1 & M17A69. 2 guns at M11C78-M11C5.8.	MAP. REF. LE-SARS IS LOUPARTWOOD
BUTTE QUARRY	27.2.17	6.30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. BDE. Captured MALTRECH. Vickers guns placed in position as follows: 1 gun under Lieut FRENCH. at M6.C8.2. 2 guns under Lieut WEBB at M11d7.3 & <del>M11d7.3</del>	LE-BARQUE 1/10.000 SHEET 57 <sup>c</sup> SW1 QUEVEDECOURT 1/10.000
- 11 -	28.2.17	5 pm	Indirect fire was carried out as follows: - <u>1 gun</u> M11C.78 fired at LOUPARTWOOD G 34 a 60. W G 35 a 27 <u>2 guns</u> LEBARQUE SWITCH fired at GREVILLERS-WARLENCOURT French G 35 a 5.0 W G 36 a 5.3. <u>3 guns</u> BUTTE QUARRY M17 a 0.7. m (1) LOUPARTWOOD G 34 C 9.7 W G 35 a 44 (2) GREVILLERS TB M 4 6 77 W M 5 a 89 (3) do M 5 6 09 W G 35 a 92.	

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