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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. MG Coy.*

FOR

*September 1918.*

Signature of Officer compiling

*R. P. Ellis R.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*William Tombs Capt*

2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Coy

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
J 88 D CENT	1/9/18		Weather rather showery. Lieut MacKenzie goes to hospital. There is no church parade so men have a holiday. In the afternoon, a number of officers and men go down to the Canal for a swim.	
Bathing	2/9/15		Weather still showery. Lieut H. E. Williams returns to the Coy. from Batt B.L. for duty. Parades and training carried out as per syllabus.	
Training	3/9/15		Beautiful weather. A holiday is granted on account of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Coy Sports which were well attended by our men.	
Sports meeting	4/9/15		Capt. Vennecombe goes on leave to U.K. Lieut O. Laughlin and 3 O.P.s are evacuated to hospital having been gassed.	
	4/9/15		Beautiful weather.	

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J 33 D CENT	4/9/15		Act. C.O. Batt. (Capt Harrington) and Adjutant visit our camp and inspect transport.	
Training			Lieut R. Ellis (Act. S.F.C.) attend a conference at Batt. H.Q. on reorganization of battalions. Two men are evacuated suffering from effects of gas.	
	5/9/15		Beautiful weather. Parade and training as per syllabus. Swimming in the lomme in the afternoon.	
			Strength - 7 Officers 137 O.R. and 8 O.R. attached. 44 light draughts, 8 hacks and 2 heavy draughts.	
Lectures	6/9/15		Splendid weather. The whole coy. attend a lecture on aeroplanes at 8 <sup>th</sup> Batt camp by a Colonel of the R.A.F.	
			No parade in the afternoon, as we don't return to from lecture until about 1 pm	2

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J 83 D CENT.	7/9/15		Weather oppressive. Our coy. is visited in the afternoon by the Batt. Adj. Lt. Bowman (Act. O.C.) visits a Brig. conference at Brigade H.Q.	
J.S.			Parade and training as per syllabus	
I 14 D 4060	8/9/15		A new officer Lieut. Francis joins coy. from O. T. Coy moves by bus to new area at I 14 D 4060 near St. Quentin. Move off from camp at 9.15 am and arrive in new area about 2 pm. There is no accommodation but men built shelters with material lying about. It is very dusty in first part of the journey but is raining steadily at the last. Lt. Manners rides ahead in the morning to reconnoitre new area. (Transport moves by road.)	
	9/9/15		Rains during most of the day	R.T.E. e

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T14 D4060 Sheet 62° N.W.	9/9/15		(Whole coy are on salvage work) a very considerable amount of material being obtained. Also six German dead are buried. New officers. Lieut Bagard joins Coy from O.T.C. German aeroplanes come over at night bombing. Act. C.O. Major Woodman, Batt. I.M. and Batt. T.C. visit in the afternoon	
	10/9/15		(Have a parade to read orders then men break off to improve their accommodation) Rains most of the day. Lieut Moran and Sgt Brooker go ahead to reconnoitre new area, and an advance party of six men is sent up in the evening.	
J35A0080 Sheet 62° N.E.	11/9/15		(move to new area. Leave camp at 8.45 am and proceed by route march arriving about 12 noon.) Rains all the way and men get wet through. P.F.E.	7

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J 25 A 00 50	11/9/15		Our accommodation is huts which had been destroyed by the retreating Germans, but the men make accommodation for themselves out of the wreckage.	
62° NE	12/9/15		Rainy weather continues. (Parade at 9.30 am and men are set to work making bomb staps around huts and horse lines. Some work is continued after dinner.) (Are about 10000 yards from the front line. Strength - 9 Officers, 131 OR and 8 attached. Light draughts 44, hacks 8, heavy draughts 2. 6 Green reinforcements arrive.	
	13/9/15		Weather beautiful. Our camp is shelled by enemy long range gun but no casualties are inflicted. (Training) carried out as per syllabus.	
	14/9/15		Lieut Bowman goes to Bqde H.Q. to attend a C.O's	

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J 35 A 0080 Sheet 62 N.E.	14/9/15		conference to arrange for the coming relief. (Nos 3 and 4 sects and a sub-section of No 1 go forward in the evening and relieve the 1st boy in the line. Relief goes well and all are in position by 9 pm.) Beautiful weather	
	15/9/15		Several showers of rain fall during the day. In the afternoon, Nos 2 sect and remaining sub-section of No 1 move up into reserve position in rear of Bay T.B.2. (Advanced) which is situated at K 23 A 30 to 40. Shelling moderate in the forward area	
	16/9/15		Showery weather continues. (Everything proceeding quietly in the forward area). Shelling quite moderate.	
	17/9/15		Weather much improved. (Warned of a big attack which is to take place in R.P. 8.	9



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J 35 A 0080 Sheet 62 <sup>e</sup> N.E.	17/9/15		The following morning and every body is busily preparing for same. Our guns in conjunction with the guns of the 10 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy have to take part in the initial barrage.	
			An exceedingly heavy thunderstorm works up during the night and very heavy rain follows in the early morning. Adv. bay B.2. is flooded out. In the evening, Adv. bay B.2. moves forward to K24A 3.3.	
	18/9/15		After a wet night the big attack takes place and is completely successful all units gaining their objectives. Our coy. carry out barrage fire as detailed in "operation order" attached.	
			After attack, nos 1 and 2 Sects go into positions in front of HESBECOURT, and 3 and 4 Sects are held in reserve at bay B.2.	
			Our casualties for operation so far are four wounded	B. P. E.

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K27 B 5050	15/9/15		In the afternoon Rear B.2, <sup>and transport</sup> move forward to K2713 5050. In the evening, we receive 35 men for cements from the base.	
Sheet 62° N.E	19/9/15		Very fine weather. Attack continues to go well up forward but we remain in our positions around HESBECOURT and HERVILLY. Strength - 9 Officers and 156 O.R. Horses - Hacks 8, Heavy draughts 2 Light draughts 43	
	20/9/15		Are notified in the morning that we will relieve the 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy in the evening; Lieut Bowman visits Adv. Bde B.2. and also Adv. Coy B.2. and arranges details of the relief. Are notified in the afternoon that we have to lay down a barrage for a minor attack that is to take place next morning. Advanced parties are sent up immediately and the	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
K27 B 5050	20/ 9/15		<p>Boy moves up at night and after considerable difficulty get into their battery positions. Adv. bay to R. is established at L 11 B 7080/</p>	
Shell 62 <sup>o</sup> N.E.	21/ 9/15		<p>(Barrage fire is carried out as detailed in attached (operation order and attack is quite successful. Guns are then moved into defensive positions the 1<sup>st</sup> bay still being in front until the evening when they are withdrawn to reserve. Lieut H. E. Williams is killed by a shell in the morning and Lieut J. R. Moran is accidentally injured.) Lieut H. F. Manners leaves for the M G School Cammeris. Capt Tunnicliffe returns from leave to the U.K. Sgt. Mucken was dead. In the evening Capt. Tunnicliffe goes forward and reestablishes bay to R. and gun positions.</p>	
K 20 B 5050	22/ 9/15		<p>(Reorganizing defences and some guns moved to</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
K 27 B 5050	22/15		(more favorable positions. Otherwise nothing to report.) Capt Vincombe goes forward and takes command of bay and Lieut Bowman returns to Rear H.Q. to resume his duties as S. I. C. Frequent shower of rain fall during the day. 15 O.K. leave for 6 months leave to Australia. Lieut Kent of Batt. H.Q. is attached to our bay for duty as we are very short of officers. (Two O.K. wounded.)	
	22/15		Pleasant weather (Advanced parties of 30th American Div which is to relieve us, arrive and move up to Adv. bay H.Q. in the evening, and during the night, they reconnoitre the front line and gun positions.) Enemy artillery fire is fairly heavy in the	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
K97 50 80	23/9/15		forward area five Oks being wounded. Enemy aeroplanes come over bombing <del>at</del> frequently throughout the night.	
	24/9/15		Very pleasant weather. 20th American Coy returns to Rear H.Q. to arrange the details of the relief. The relieving Coy arrive about 6 pm and after half hour rest, move forward and relieve our Coy in the forward area. The relief goes well and is complete by 9.15 pm; after relief our men return to Rear H.Q. for the night. One Ok wounded. Lieut. Kent returns to Batt H.Q. Lieut Bowman and 4 Oks are attached to the 20th American Div. for liaison work. (Plenty of shelters are obtained and men get a good night's rest.)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
K27 B 5080 SHEET 62 <sup>o</sup>	25.9.18		<p>Weather splendid.</p> <p>(Boy, less transport, remain at Rear H.Q. and men have a good day's rest, there being no parades.)</p> <p>(Transport under Lieut Wallish, start off for our new billeting area near ARBEVILLE, travelling by road via PERRONNE and VEAU.)</p> <p>Lieut Baguard and Corp Malone go ahead in the evening as billeting party.</p>	
	26.9.18		<p>Weather very fine.</p> <p>(Nothing doing in the morning; in the afternoon, fall in at 12.30 and march to TINCOURT station, where after waiting for three hours we entrain with 5<sup>th</sup> Bde and leave for LONCPRE. We have a very monotonous journey as the train made frequent and prolonged stops.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
FRANCIERES THAL ARREVILLE	26.9.15		(Strength - Off. 6; OR. 154) - Horses 51		
	27.9.15		Arrive at LONOPRE at 2.30 am where we detrain, and then march to FRANCIERES via LONG arriving at 6 am. The men's billets are poor but the officers are excellent.		
			Everybody is very tired and most of the men sleep nearly all day. No parades are held.		
			Rains nearly all day.		
		27.9.15		Rains all day so no parade is held.	
		Resting		Lieut H. N. MacKenzie returns from hospital	
	28.9.15		Parade from 10 am to 12 am and clean guns and pack timbers. Rains during the afternoon so no parade is held.		
	Parade held				
	29.9.15		Splendid weather.		
			Attend (church parade) at 10 am at Ailly-le-Haut-Clocher. Nothing doing in the afternoon		
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Place Date Hour

29.9.15 no men have a good rest.

30.9.15 (Training) starts and syllabi are prepared but it rains throughout the day and interferes with the training. Syllabus attached.

Men have improved billets considerably and everyone is fairly comfortable.

(Expenditure of ammunition during the month - 80000 rounds.)

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Company Orders. 4/23/440.
2.	Intelligence Summaries.
3.	Reports on Operations 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. '18.
4.	Section Officers Reports not available.

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by Capt. F.A. Vinnicombe

APPENDIX I

Commanding 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Duties for Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.K. Peace.	Next.	Lieut. J.H. O'Loughlin
2.8.18.	" Sergeant. Gergl. McAdam W.		Gergl. Miskin H.L.
	" Corporal. L/Cpl. Doherty J.J.		L/Cpl. Campbell K.
	" Section No. 4.		No. 1

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O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

by Capt. F.A. Vinnicombe

Commanding 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company

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 Duties for Orderly Officer Lieut. J.H.O'Loughlin Next Lieut. J.R.Horan  
 3.9.18. " Sergeant Corpl. Miskin H.L. Sergt. Strother L.R.  
 " Corporal L/Cpl. Campbell K. Corpl. Hulme C.R.  
 " Section No. 1. No. 2.  
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PARADE. There will be no Company parade today.

SPORTS. The 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company are holding a Sports Meeting at Q.I.C.95.25; programme to commence at 10.30 p.m. All ranks have been invited to attend. 2

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APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.  
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To be Sergeant,  
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No. 2628 Cpl. Makepeace E.W. vice No.281 Sgt. Bristol D.S.S.  
 Killed in action. To date 23.8.18.

To be Temporary Sergeant.  
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No.20 Cpl. McAdam W. vice No.2578 Sgt. Fraser R.T. Seriously Wounded. To date 10.8.18.  
 No. 1789a. Cpl. Miskin H.L. vice No.2214 Sgt. Morrison R.L. Off strength. To date 22.7.18.

TO BE CORPORAL.  
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No.2345 T/Cpl. Cox G.A. vice No.2222 2054 Cpl. Hawken H. Killed in Action. To date 10.8.18.  
 No.3044 L/Cpl. Campbell K. vice No. 2628 Cpl. Makepeace E.W. promoted. To date 23.8.18.

TO BE TEMPORARY CORPORAL.  
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No.289 L/Cpl. Doherty J.J. vice No 20 Cpl McAdam W. Promoted To date 10.8.18.  
 No. 2404<sup>5</sup> L/Cpl. Mackereth A. vice No.2345 T/Cpl. Cox G.A. Promoted. To date 10.8.18.

TO BE LANCE CORPORALS.

No.607 Pte Sheppard E.G. vice L/Cpl. Hobbs W.H. Killed in action.  
 No.4182 Pte. Edwards F.R. vice No.14705 L/Cpl. Frost W.H. Wounded.  
 No. 1776 Pte. Knight A. vice No. 3044 L/Cpl. Campbell K Promoted.  
 No.292 Pte Gardiner N.V. vice No 2573 L/Cpl. Barker S.B. Wounded.  
 No. 1290 Pte Macfie ~~S.P.~~ vice No. ~~2345~~ <sup>2405</sup> ~~L/Cpl. MACKERETH~~ <sup>PROMOTED</sup>  
 No.1651 Pte Patterson H. vice No.4334 L/Cpl. Wood W.R. Wounded.  
 No 3087 Pte Earl W. vice No 289 L/Cpl. Doherty J.J. Promoted.  
 No 672 Pte. Black W.R.K. to complete establishment.

TO BE DRIVER.

No 7275 Pte. McDermott W. vice No 2149 Dvr Francis C. evac Sick.13.6.18  
 No. 236 Pte Lowerson G.R. vice No. 733 Dvr Williams S.F.A. Transport Duty to Australia.  
 No. 43 Pte Normington W. vice No. 3253 Dvr. Brown W. Seriously wdd.

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O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

by Lieut. F.S. Bowman.

Actg. O.C. 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Duties for Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.R. Horan	Next Lieut. H.F. Manners
4.9.18.	" Sergeant Sergt. Strother L.R.	Serpl. O'Reilly H.T.
	" Corporal Corpl. Hulme C.E.	L/Corpl. Macfie D.H.
	" Section No. 2.	No 3.

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## LECTURE.

At 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, Company will attend a lecture on Intelligence at 1st. Pioneer Battalion Camp; time for moving off and Arrrs will be notified later.

## POSTINGS.

Lieut. H.E. Williams is temporary posted to No. 1 Section.

*R. Ellis Lieut*

*for* Actg. O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

by Lieut. F.S. Bowman

Actg. O.C. 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company

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Duties for Orderly Officer Lieut. H.F. Manners Next Lieut.  
 5.9.18 " Sergeant Cpl. O'Reilly H.T. Sergt. J.K. Peace  
 " Corporal. L/Cpl. Macfie D.H. L/Cpo. Haynes T.  
 " Section No. 3. No 4.

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Section competition will be held on Saturday.  
 Competition will comprise the following events.--

1. Inspection.	Possible points	100
2. Route March	" "	100
3. Gun Drill (Action)	" "	50
4. The best packed Section Limbers		50

- The following rules will be observed for each event.
1. The Dress for inspection will be full Marching Order.
  2. One point will be deducted for each fault.
  2. Full Marching Order.  
 March discipline will be observed; route will be to Vaire and back.
  3. Time allowed for action will be 35 Secs.  
 Two points will be added for every second under time and two points deducted for every second over time.
  4. Ten minutes will be allowed on completion of the first three events to pack Limbers.  
 The full Section will take part in events 1 and 2.  
 Four men per gun team will take part in event No.3. and each Gun team will compete.

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By Lieut. F.S. Bowman

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Duties for Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.K. Peace	Next	Lieut. H.E. Williams
6.9.18.	" Sergeant	Sergt. Cameron D.	Sergt. Walsh J.H.
	" Corporal	L/Cpl. Haynes T.	Corpl. Sheppard E.G.
	" Section	No. 4.	No. 1.
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PROMOTIONS. No. 861 T/C.S.M. (W.O. Class II), Box W.R. , to be C.S.M. (W.O. Class II ) To date 29.5.18.

*R. F. Ellis Lieut*

O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.  
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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS 6th. September 1918.  
No. 428.

by Lieut. F.S. Bowman

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Duties for Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.E. Williams	Next.	Lieut. J.R. Horan
7.9.18.	" Sergeant	Sergt. Walsh. J.H.	Corpl. Hilme C.E.
	" Corporal	L/Cpl. Sheppard E.G.	L/Cpl. Gardiner N.V.
	" Section	No. 1.	No. 2.
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Owing to the possibility of a move at very short notice, the Sports which were to be held tomorrow are postponed.

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9.18	" Sergeant Cpl. Hulme C.E.	Sgt. Makepeace E.W.
"	" Corporal L/Cpl. Gardiner N.V.	Cpl. Makereth A.
"	" Section No. 2.	No. 3.

## Embussing.

Lieut H.E. Williams and Sergt. Miskin H.L. will report to Lieut Andrewartha at 9.30 a.m. at the embussing point for instructions re embussing.

- German Ruses. a. All troops will be warned constantly of the danger of booby traps etc.
- b. The enemy is leaving delayed-action shells in his ammunition dumps. It is not possible to distinguish these shells from others. Troops will, therefore, be specially warned to quartering themselves near such dumps.

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COMPANY ORDER No. 430

7th September 1918.

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ROUTINE.

Reveille. 6 a.m.  
Breakfast. 6.30  
Fall in. 9  
Move off. 9.15

MOVE.

Company will move from this Area and proceed by buss to the forward Area.  
Embussing will take place at 10 a.m. on road through P.5.C. and P.11.A. and debussing will take place at I.20.B.8.C.  
All gear will be on limber at 7 a.m.  
Blankets will be carried and rolled horse-shoe fashion round packs.  
Transport will move under orders of Brigade T.O.  
Unit will billet in I.14.A.

O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.



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by. Lieut. F.S. Bowman

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Duties for Orderly Officer	Lieut. H.J. Francis	Next Lieut. N.B. Aagaard
13.9.18	" Sergeant Geryl. O'Reilly H.T.	Sergt. McAdam W.
"	" Corporal L/Cpl. Patterson H.R.	Corpl. Cox G.A.
"	" Section No. 3.	No. 4.

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## POSTINGS.

The following Details and Reinforcements are taken on strength and posted to Sections as under.

No 1 Section.

No 4515	Pte.	Baguley E.B.
" 4644	"	Braham H.G.
" 1709	"	Filhall A.L.
" 1844	"	Wilson J.
" 1656	"	Byrnes J.A.
" 3377	"	Davidson G.
" 2374	"	Passfield G.S.

No. 2 Section.

No. 2114	Sergt.	Morrison R.H.	To be Section Sergeant.
"	"	"	"

No. 3 Section.

No 1126	Sergt.	Radnell G.A.	To be Section Sergeant.
" 336	Corpl.	Malone V.H.	"
" 686	Pte.	O'Brien R.T.	"
" 2572	"	Anderson W.A.	"
" 6529	"	McCullen R.S.	"
" 1067	"	Hennessey J.	"

No 4 Section.

No 2358	Sergt	Davis B.	To be Sub-section Sergeant.
" 3392	Pte.	Lothian N.	"

Transport.

No. 704	Dvr.	Pearce C.T.
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Headquarters.

No. 6961	Pte.	Mills J.S.
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Actg. O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

by Lieut. F.S.Bowman

Actg. O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Duties for Orderly Officer	Lieut. N.B.Aagaard	Next Lieut.H.E.Williams
14.9.18.	" Sergeant Sgt. McAdam W.	Sergt. Walsh J.H.
"	" Corporal Cpl. Cox G.A.	Cpl. L/Cpl. Sheppard E.G.
"	" Section No. 4	No. 1.

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*R. Ellis Lieut*

*for* Actg. O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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COMPANY OPERATION ORDER No. 436.

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Map Reference 62C N.E. 1/20,000

The 1st. Aust. M.G. Battn and the 3rd. Aust. M.G. Battn. will co-operate with the 1st. Aust. Division for the attack on the Enemy's defensive position in front of the HINDENBERG LINE.

The 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. with the 10th. Aust. M.G. Coy attached, will lay down the initial Barrage on the Left Brigade Sector.

These two will form No 2 Group and will be under the Command of Lieut. F.S. Bowman for the operation, and will be sub-divided into 4 batteries each of 8 guns numbered and lettered from Right to Left as follows.

E. Battery	No. 2 & 4 Sects.	2nd. A.M.G. Coy	commanded by	Lt. Horan
F. "	1 & 2 "	10th. "	"	Lt. Aarons
G. "	3 & 4 "	10th. "	"	Lt. Fergie
H. "	1 & 3 "	2nd. "	"	Lt. Manners

Battery positions will be located as follows.

E. Battery	L.3.D.20.30.
F. "	L.3.D.70.90.
G. "	L.7.D.10.40.
H. "	L.7.A.50.20.

Battery positions will be constructed complete with the following equipment by midnight 16/17th inst.

- A. Wooden T. Base Plates and Zero pegs.
- B. 8 filled belt boxes and 8,000 bulk S.A.A. per gun.
- C. 4 gallons water per gun.

The remaining 8 filled belt boxes will be taken to the position when guns are emplaced.

Guns will not be moved into Battery positions until further orders

Headquarters Group Commander will be at K.24.A.30.40.

#### TASKS

1. From Zero to Zero plus 17 fire will be brought to bear on the Line L.3.C.15.15.- L.28.A.00.80.  
Rate of fire will be one belt per minute for 5 minutes and 100 rounds per minute for 12 minutes.
2. From Zero plus 18 to Zero plus 43 fire will be brought to bear on the Line L.3.D.65.70.- L.22.D.60.60.  
Rate of fire will be 100 rounds per minute.
3. On completion of these tasks 10th. Aust. M.G. Coy will be withdrawn to Divisional Reserve and 2nd, Aust. M.G. Coy will be at the disposal of G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Completion of Battery positions on night of 16/17th. inst. will be notified to Headquarters 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.

Battery Charts will be furnished to Battery Commanders at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Bowman Lieut.*

Actg. O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Map Reference 620 N.E. 1/20,000

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The 1st. Asst. M.G. Bateria. Asst. M.G. Bateria. Asst. M.G. Bateria. will co-operate with the 1st. Asst. Division for the attack on the Enemy's defensive position in front of the HINDEBERG LINE.

The 2nd. Asst. M.G. Coy. with the 10th. Asst. M.G. Coy. will lay down the initial Barrage on the 1st. Asst. Division's defensive position.

These two will form No 2 Group and will be under the Command of Lieut. F.S. Bowman for the operation, and will be sub-divided into 4 batteries each of 8 guns numbered and lettered from right to left as follows:

H. Bateria	No. 2 & 4 Sects.	2nd. Asst. M.G. Coy.
F. Bateria	" 1 & 3	" 10th. Asst. M.G. Coy.
G. Bateria	" 3 & 4	" 1st. Asst. M.G. Bateria.
H. Bateria	" 1 & 2	" 10th. Asst. M.G. Coy.

Bateria positions will be located as follows:

H. Bateria	L.V.A. 20.20.
G. Bateria	L.V.D. 10.40.
F. Bateria	L.V.D. 70.90.
H. Bateria	L.V.D. 20.30.

Bateria positions will be constructed complete with the following equipment by midnight 16/17th inst. A. Wooden T. Base Plates and Zero pegs. B. 8 filled belt boxes and 8,000 bulk S.A.A. per gun. C. 4 gallons water per gun. The remaining 8 filled belt boxes will be taken to the position when guns are emplaced.

Guns will not be moved into Bateria positions until further orders. Headquarters Group Commander will be at K.24.A.30.40.

TASKS

1. From Zero to Zero plus IV fire will be brought to bear on the line L.3.G.15.15 - L.28.A.00.80. Rate of fire will be one belt per minute for 5 minutes and 100 rounds per minute for 12 minutes.
2. From Zero plus 18 to Zero plus 45 fire will be brought to bear on the line L.3.D.65.70 - L.22.D.60.60. Rate of fire will be 100 rounds per minute.
3. On completion of these tasks 10th. Asst. M.G. Coy will be withdrawn to Divisional Reserve and 2nd. Asst. M.G. Coy will be at the disposal of G.O.C. 2nd. Asst. Inf. Brigade.

Completion of Bateria positions on night of 16/17th inst. will be notified to Headquarters 2nd. Asst. M.G. Coy. Bateria Charts will be furnished to Bateria Commanders at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*F.S. Bowman*

Actg. O.C. 2nd. Asst. M.G. Coy.



by Capt. F.A. Vinnicombe

Commanding 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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 Duties for Orderly Officer Lieut J.K. Peace Next Lieut H.W. McKenzie  
 9.9.18. " Sergeant Sergt Morrison R.J. " Corpl. Malone V.H.  
 " Section No. 2. " No. 3.  
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CHURCH PARADE. Church parade will be held at AILLY-LE-HAUT-CLOUGHER at  
 10 a.m.  
 Fall in 8.15 a.m. Coy Parade 8.30a.m.  
 Dress. Belt with entrenching tool handle.  
 STRENGTH. Sergt. Cameron D. is temporary attached to No 1 Section.

The following O'Ranks joined Company 18.9.18, and are  
 posted to Sections as under.:-

No. 1 Section.

No. 3871 Pte. McQuillan G.R.  
 " 901 " Hardie C.  
 " 4266 " Park L.D.  
 " 179 " Irwin J.A.H.  
 " 1712 " Allshorn F.  
 " 3237 " Baker A.J.  
 " 6977 " Chitty R.L.  
 " 6295 " Laidler W.P.  
 " 6302 " Langley W.C.

No. 2. Section.

No. 2204 Pte. Stone F.C.  
 " 3393 " Duncan C.A.  
 " 3682 " Angus F.J.G.  
 " 661 " Ford P.  
 " 6853 " Oriel P.  
 " 3115 " Shepperd D.H.  
 " 6571 " McInnes J.M.

No. 3) Section.

No. 7836 Pte. Williams P.  
 " 2840 " Rogers L.H.  
 " 6503 " Moore P.  
 " 7530 " Mounsey E.  
 " 3388 " Jones J.  
 " 997 " Sewell E.  
 " 6320 " Nutt L.L.

No 4 Section.

No. 1445 Pte. Whaite A.T.  
 " 4476 " Gibbs A.  
 " 3768 " Hill A.R.  
 " 4302 " Schilling F.E.  
 " 7088 " ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ White T.G.  
 " 3806 " Ennor H.

TRANSPORT (Temporary only.)

No. 330 Pte. Oldfield H.  
 " 6731 " Chapman H.C.  
 " 6812 " Peasley F.W.  
 " 1752 " Connole J.F.  
 " 3278 " Clark W.D.  
 " 6260 " Eastlake W.

HEADQUARTERS.

No. 1593 Pte. Stewart E.R.  
 " 3483 " Davies R.P.  
 " 3259 " Foot M.T.

O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

COMPANY ORDER ~~439~~ 439  
(ROUTINE).  
by Capt. F.A.Vinnicombe

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29th. September 1918.

## APPENDIX

Commanding 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Duties for Orderly Officer Lieut. H.W.McKenzie Next Lieut. N.B. Aagaard  
30.9.18. " Sergeant. Corpl. Malone V.H. " Sergt. Cameron D.  
" Section No 3. " No. 4. *Davis*

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ROUTINE. While in present Area, the following will be the Routine.

REVEILLE.	7	a.m.
BREAKFAST.	7.30	"
COY. PARADE.	9	"
DINNER.	12.30	P.m.
RECREATIONAL PARADE.	2 to 4	p.m.
TEA.	5	p.m.
TATTOO.	9.30	"
LIGHTS OUT.	9.45	"

TRANSPORT. Nominations are required for vacancies in the Transport.  
It is necessary that applicants should be experienced horsemen.

Names to be submitted to Section Commanders.

DAMAGING PROPERTY. All ranks are warned against picking fruit and vegetables  
and damaging private property for fire wood.

There is evidence that this is being done at present  
and the practice must cease at once.

O.V. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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COMPANY ORDER No.440  
(ROUTINE)  
by Capt. F.A.Vinnicombe

30th. September 1918.

Commanding 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

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Duties for Orderly Officer Lieut. J.H.Francis Next. Lieut. Jack. Peace  
1.10.18. " Sergeant. Sergt. Davis B. " Corpl. Hayes P.D.  
" Section No 4. " No .1.

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POSTINGS. Sergt. Cameron D. is temporary posted to No. 3 Section  
and to be Section Sergeant.

PARADE. In future Company will parade at 8.30 instead of 9 a.m.

\*\*\* DRESS. When put of billets men will wear belts; Box Respirators  
\*\*\*\*\* need not be worn.

O.C. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company.

2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Machine Gun Coy 15. 9. 18 30

Intelligence Summary APPENDIX

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From 6 AM 14. 9. 18 to 6 AM 15. 9. 18

Operations

(a) Location of our guns (in first summary only) and all changes.

K 11 B 80 10 K 11 D 75 70 K 18 B 15 10 K 18 C 30 30

K 23 B 75 20 K 23 B 80 10 L 19 C 15 70 L 19 C 20 60

(b) No. of (Brief Summary)

No. of rounds

Targets

Expenditure of ammunition. NIL



31. Hostile Artillery **APPENDIX 2**

Hostile Artillery was very active at intervals during the night. The villages of Herwilly & Poisel were shelled at frequent intervals.

Enemy Attitude.

4. Hostile Aerial Activity

5. Miscellaneous

Adj G/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Coy

2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Machine Gun Coy 16. 9. 18

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Intelligence Summary APPENDIX 2

From 6 AM 15. 9. 18 to 6 AM 16. 9. 18

Operations

(a) Location of our guns (in first line only) and all changes  
Gun at K 18 D 30.30 moved to K 18 B 70.40.

Two guns in position at K 12 A 60.70  
+ K 12 A 60.80

(b) No of rounds (Brief Resume)

No of rounds      Targets

Ammunition expended 9000 rounds

Targets engaged - Sunken road L 8 A 8.8

Copse L 8 A + B Gnd.

Road junction in L 15 A 70.90

2. Hostile Artillery Activity

**APPENDIX**

Monday 4th night 10:50 heard 1st round K22A  
20 lbs shell fell in K22A trench.

3. Enemy Attitude

4. Hostile Serial Activity

During the day enemy placed heavy  
downfall of our balloons. At 10 AM  
our own heavy mortar activity  
started in K22A.

5. Miscellaneous

Sept 2nd - Arrived in by day

From 6 AM 16. 9. 18 to 6 AM 17. 9. 18.

Operations

(a) Location of our guns (in first summary only) and all changes

(b) No. G's (Brief Summary)

No. of rounds

Targets

Harassing fire was carried out between the hours of 9.30 PM + 12 midnight + between 5 + 6 AM.

10,000 rounds were expended on sunken road in L 8 A 8. 8, bopse in L 8 A + B + road junctions in L 15 A 7 + 9.

## APPENDIX 3

2. Hostile Artillery Activity  
 Enemy Artillery was active during the day & night.

Between 7 & 9 AM. 20 4.2 shells fell in vicinity of K18D; enemy also shelled this locality with gas (Mustard) during the night. Mesbecourt attracted a good deal of his attention throughout the day & night.

3. Enemy Attitude4. Hostile Aerial Activity

Hostile aircraft was inactive throughout the day.

5. Miscellaneous

S. Bowman Lieut.  
 Adj. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Inf. Coy.

2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Machine Gun Coy

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Intelligence Summary

APPENDIX

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From 6 A.M. 17.9.18 to 6 A.M. 18.9.18.

Operations

(a) Location of our guns (in first summary only) and all changes

(b) No. Gps (Brief Summary)

No. of rounds

Targets

Ammunition expended as under on barrage

E Battery	23000	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coy
F "	22500	10 <sup>th</sup> "
G "	25000	10 <sup>th</sup> "
H.	25000	2 <sup>nd</sup> "
Total	95500	rounds.

All guns opened up on zero + no stoppages except 1 gun as over.

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**APPENDIX 3**

location of batteries  
1 gun of "C" battery out of action

5 slight casualties (wounded)

3. Enemy Attitude.

4. Hostile Aerial Activity.

5. Miscellaneous

William G. G. G. G.  
for the 2nd Aug 1918

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Intelligence Summary APPENDIX

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From 6 A.M. 18.9.18 to 6 A.M. 19.9.18

Operations

(a) Location of guns (in first summary only) and all changes.

L 5 B 95.60 L 5 B 95.50 L 6 A 10.20 L 6 A 05.35  
G 2 C 10.10 G 2 C 10.20 L 2 A 45.50 L 2 A 50.95  
G 7 B 20.05 G 7 D 30.85 G 7 A 30.40 G 7 A 20.70

4 guns in reserve in sunken road L 6 B

54000 rounds expended on Barrage fire  
from A 27 A 30.00 to G 2 C 30.00

(b) No. of (Enemy Positions)

No of rounds  
MG's

Targets



APPENDIX Enemy Activity

Heavy damage was put down to our own.

3. Enemy Attitudes

Enemy machine gun firing from approach  
G2C 50. 10

4. Hostile Aerial Activity

Low flying planes active

5. Miscellaneous

P. Bowman Lieut  
Adj. G. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Coy

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UNIT. 2nd Aust. Inf. Coy. Date 19.9.18 40

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 229

From 6 A.M. 18.9.18 to 6 A.M. 19.9.18

APPENDIX 2

1. OPERATIONS.

L.G's. (Brief resume)

No. of rounds.

Targets.

G7B30.20 G7B30.50 G7B40.60 G1D90.10  
G1D95.25 L2A40.80 L2A45.70 L6D60.90  
L6D70.85. L6A20.10 L6A10.30 L6A05.60  
L5B90.90

2 Guns held in reserve in sunken road L6A.

T.M's.  
No. of Rounds.

Targets.

Remarks.

MG's

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery was particularly active especially on high ground in L6A + G1D

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3. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

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4. ENEMY DEFENCES. "Work. Wire, M.G. H.M. etc."

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Low flying planes were active throughout the day.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

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Report on Operations of 18th. September 1918.

On the morning of 18th. inst., the 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. with 10th. Aust. M.G. Coy. attached was ordered to lay down the initial Barrage for the attack by 1st. Aust. Division on the HINDENBERG LINE.

These two Companies formed No. 2. Group, which was to support the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. and to be under the command of O.C. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.

The group was divided into four batteries numbered and lettered from Right to Left as follows;

E. Battery	2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.	Commanded by	Lieut. J.R. Horan
F. "	10th. "	"	" Aaronson
G. "	10th. "	"	" Fergie
H. "	2nd. "	"	" H.F. Manners.

Battery positions were selected on the morning of 16th. and located at

E. Battery	L. 13. D. 20. 30
F. "	L. 13. D. 15. 40
G. "	L. 7. D. 05. 60
H. "	L. 7. A. 50. 20

During the night 16/17th; emplacements were dug and completed for 8 guns at each Battery position.

The following equipment was placed at each emplacement.

8000 bulk S.A.A.
8 filled belt boxes
2 tins water.

Between the hours of 5 and 6 a.m. starting on the morning of 16th., harrassing fire was carried out on selected targets.

At 8 p.m. on the night of 17th., guns and the remaining 8 filled belt boxes, were moved forward by Section limbers to Battery positions.

All guns were in position except 2 guns of E. Battery and 2 of H. Battery by 9-30 p.m.

These 4 guns with 4 belt boxes and 2000 bulk S.A.A. per gun, were placed in the rear of the Battery and continued to carry out harrassing fire; the object of this being to drown the sound of Transport and Tanks moving up, each gun fired 1500 rounds.

At 12-30 a.m. on morning of 18th., these 4 guns moved forward to their Battery emplacements.

The tasks allotted to the Group were as follows;

1. From Zero to Zero plus 17 fire was brought to bear on the line L. 3. C. 15. 15. to L. 28. A. 00. 80.
2. From Zero plus 18 to Zero plus 43 fire was brought to bear on the line L. 3. D. 65. 70. to L. 22. D. 50. 60.

All guns opened fire at Zero hour; but owing to the rain, the rate of fire of 250 rounds per minute as laid down, could not be quite maintained.

Hostile shelling was slight on all Batteries, excepting G., which lost 1 gun and 7 other ranks wounded.

These were the total casualties for the Group during the operation.

At 8 a.m. 2 Batteries of the 10th. Aust. M.G. Coy. were withdrawn, and a defensive line was organised by extending 4 guns of the flank Batteries to positions selected in the centre.

Two Sections of 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. were withdrawn and held on reserve.

These two sections were collected by 2 double limbers which had previously been ordered to report to Coy. H.Q. 30 minutes after Zero, and be held there in case of emergency.

Telephone communication between Battery Commanders and Group Commander was maintained throughout.

Total expenditure of ammunition was 98,000 Rounds.

O.C. 2nd. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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