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Machine Guns

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Title: 15th Australian Machine Gun
Company

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 22-8-18 to 6 a.m. 23-8-18.

Sheet 62 D. H. - 1/20,000.

CASUALTIES: 2 O/K were wounded during the 24 hours.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 22,500 rounds SAA were expended.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: Improvements to gun positions and gun's shelters. New position for No. 7 gun completed.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Enemy artillery was aggressive during this period, firing 8.9 and 4.2 mm. on D.30.c. & d., D.29.c. & d., and F.19.a. & b.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.G.s fired intermittently on X roads DEWHAN COURT - VILLIERS and ANGLE and TMI SUPPORT LINE, using very short bursts of fire.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: No enemy planes were observed during the day. During the night enemy planes were heard crossing our lines.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement behind his lines was observed.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fired 3,500 rounds on F.28.c. (30.8 line)

Also trench systems, roads & tracks in F.27.c. & F.14.d.

No. 8 gun fired on trenches, tracks & communications in F.20.d.40.40. and F.26.d.20.60.

Special targets were engaged in conjunction with raid by 59th Battalion.

GENERAL: The weather was fine, with very strong winds; visibility fair.

No. 3 1/2 Gun was blown out by enemy artillery fire at 12.30 a.m.
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George Fitzgerald

Captain,

O. C., 15th M. Gun Company.

To O.C.

15th A.M.C.C.

From

O.C. No. 1 Sect.

Bureau

Strength Increase = Nil

Casualties = 2

Wounded. 566 Pl Richards A.P. 6880 Pl Sheridan T. (Shell)

Ammunition Received = 8 Boxes B.P.

No 6 / = " Expended = 4500 rounds

No 8 / = " = 1000 - 5500.

Rations received O.K & satisfactory

Ration Strength = 18

Details

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1 bag 10ft 1 runner = 2

1 " Sgt Sheridan & 3 = 4

1 " Cpl Charlton & 3 = 4

1 " " Macdonald & 3 = 4

1 " " Brown & 3 = 4

Cpl Brown's rations to
be dumped No 2 sections dump

Stores Received = Nil

Sim gear Receipt: Returned =

2 Sets Web Eq: Complete for each

2 rifles

3 Bayonets

1 unusable barrel.

Required Supply 4 x 2

1 new barrel (Vickers)

Some fat (Cooking)

Preparations = Nil.

Intelligence

Aerial Activity

No Hun machines over our
area during day. Bombing machines
over at 2-15 AM.

Gas Machines

Only reconnaissance patrols
carried out during period
Bombing machines bombed back
area during night 22/23.

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Artillery

ENEMY. Lively shoots were carried out during whole period fire directed on areas in D 30 C & d D 29 C & d and E 19 a & b.

Shells used 5.9 4.2 forward systems fire-able bombs other grenades.

Gas shells were used occasionally on areas mentioned throughout period.

(Re Raids 39th Batt.) Enemy replied very fast lightly on our support systems fire commencing 20 min after ZERO. lifted about 1 A.M.

Our Artillery

Increased activity over forward line period very lively shoots being carried out during period increasing in volume during night 22/23

Back areas received special attention light 18 ft barrages were put down on various areas on 13th front.

Raid

Artillery opened at ZERO hour continued firing all out first few minutes gradually slackening until 1 A.M. then usual shoots were continued.

Heavy bursts of artillery on Right & Left of Bde sectors at ZERO hour continued until 4 A.M. at irregular intervals.

Gas projectiles attack carried out commencing ZERO hour.

M. G. s.

Enemy

Usual harassing fire on areas X roads DERNAN COURT. HILLE SUR ANCRE & EMU support line at irregular intervals (fire short bursts 5 or 6 rounds)

Our M. G. s.

Co. operated with other arms during time from ZERO to + 30 min 5,500 rounds being fired from two guns. (Re Bde Order 165.)

Detail

No 6 Gun fired 3500 rounds from
ZERO to +30 on P.I.S lines in
E 26.C

1000 rounds harassing fire on selected
targets in E 27 C & E 14 d viz trench
systems, roads & tracks

Gun fired very well quite a contact
filling belts after struck

No 8 Gun fired 1000 rounds
on targets in E 20^d 40:40 & E 26^d 20:60
viz trench systems tracks, roads etc.
Gun firing O.K.

No 7 Gun New position complete
(On close defence) Ready to (fire tonight)
Work done on G.P. viz (G.P. small deep
trench leading to shell crater, dug.
Large splinter proof dug-out hold
for men comfortably close to G.P.

No 3 Gun Information from wounded
gunners. (Gun blown out.)

Will select new position to-day
in same trench systems finding approach.

Ref: No 3 Struck by a small shell
or fire-apple bomb at 12:30 AM.
2 casualties 1 wounded 1 shell stock
both evacuated. R.A.P. 58 Bath

General Information

All knit officers delighted at M.G. activity 23/6/18

Raid 59th Bath reports capture of
8 Prisoners
1 M.G.

No casualties on our side to raiders

Works Completion No 7. G.P.

Attached returns re Lifes
" " " Distals
" " " Casualties.

Barricade

5 AM.
23/6/18

Cameron Lt.

From O/C
No 2 Sect

To O.C
15th AMSC

1 Casualties

2 Packages in

3 Amm. Exp. kit
in Hand 55,500

4 Rations 24 boxes (good)
4 bags of 4 men
1 of 2 men
and Cpl Brown's team of 101 Sect

5) Enemy Air Activity kit
" altitude kit

6 General. At 11.45 PM. 22/6/18
Enemy shelled reserve tanks with
Gas. Shiny and some dispersion in
our area very active from 12.15 AM
until 12.30 AM. Enemy noise
Dated 23/6/18

Time to AM
By Parade

At 11.45 PM
No 2 Sect

Casualty Report.

O.C. 15th AM.C.C.

566 Mr Richards a.g. (Wounded)
6880 Mr Sheridan T. (Shell Shock)
evacuated 2 AM. 58 R.A.P.

Will you please have some
replaced and then with No 2
sections ration tins and guides
will meet them at Chateau. TREUX.

Will be at A. Hqs to-day

Sect Hqs.
5-AM
23/6/18

[Signature]
1/01 Sect
15th AM.C.C.

10. O.C. / 5 A.M. G-C
Casualties: - NIL
Breakages: - 1 fuse spring beneath
2 roller pins.
Ammunition Expended 10,000 rounds
On hand 34,500 Bulk
(64) 16,000 Belts

Strength: 1 of 200 R
Rations: 24 hours. Tea has been
very light lately.

Received two guns last night & will
return two by lumber this evening.
General: High wind during the day,
night still bright.

I need upon S.O.S. line as per your
instructions during raids & except for
breakages above mentioned guns went
well.

The 58th Div. have relieved the
47th on left flank & disposition of
m. guns somewhat altered. There is now
a four gun battery at D 23 b 11 with
two guns firing on forward slope of
hill in front of my position, thus

effectively guarding my left flank.
The night spent yesterday and
was very quiet.

D 23 d 6 r 405
5.10. a.m.

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At your service
23/6/18
No. 352

6. 12 AM Day

Casualties: Nil

Equipment Damaged: 1 Gun, 1 Trip
1 Barrel casing, 1 stick per

Ammunition Expended:

Nos 4 & 5 Guns Expended 1000 rounds
(3500 per gun) on targets selected.

Ammunition on hand.

No 1 Gun, Bells 10, Batts 14 Boxes
No 2 " " " 16, " 20 "
No 4 " " " 14, " 13 "
No 5 " " " 14, " 8 "

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Rations: Received 24 hours rations
for 21 men on night of 22/23 June

Parade Staff: 1 off 2 Sgt (1 US, 14 sub)
3 Cpls 14 Gunners, 1 runner
Total 1 off 20 other ranks.

Enemy Artillery normal until mid-
night, but retreated between 12.05
& 1.00 am, on account of rain on night.

Gas was discharged as per orders at
17.15 am.

Our Artillery has been very active
throughout past 24 hours, harassing
the enemy.

At 2.15 a very heavy fire was opened

Return of Lupoc Nos.

No 1 position	C 91386
No 2 " "	C 31089
No 4 " "	36154
No 5 " "	92712.

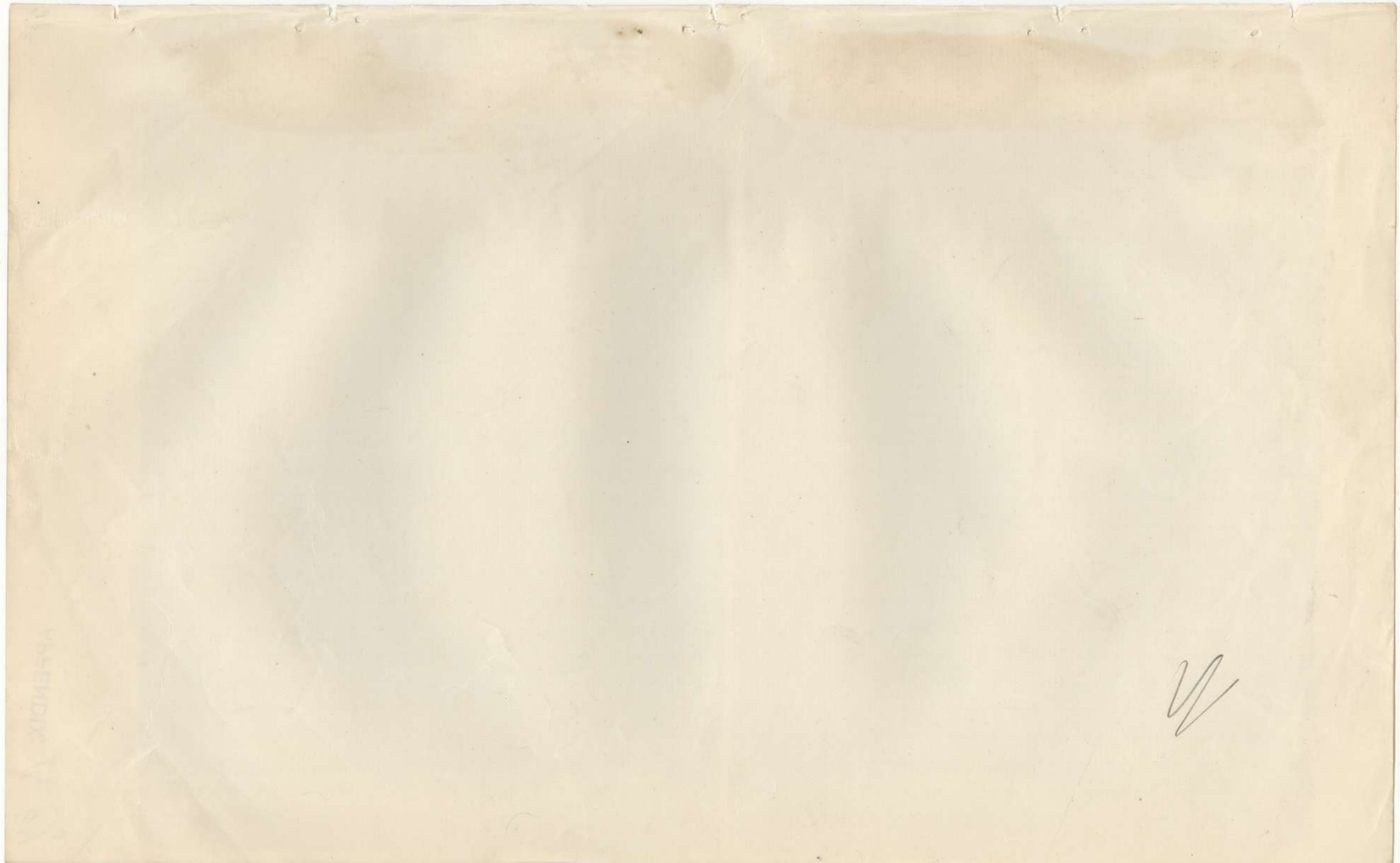
Revolvers Equipment now in forward
positions

Revolvers	89
Carriers	89
Ann. Pouches	87
Ammunition	98 rounds.
Cleaning Rods	7

All Guns have new Range Cards at
positions.

23/6/19

Patrol Lt.
14th Coy
14th Coy



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To, O.C. 15 AM Coy

My two guns (4 & 5) were firing
on 'D' target (No 4 gun on road running
from K2 a 8040 to K2 b 3015 & No 5 gun
on road running from K2 t 3550 to
K2 b 60) when despatch
containing targets selected by you,
arrived at my HQ it was then
11 pm.

As nearest line of fire was 350'
left of point to be raided I thought
it quite safe for guns to remain
on that target.

I shall walk down & see you
this afternoon & explain matters
fully.

McLachlan's Lt.
No 4 Sect.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY

Order No. 7. by CAPTAIN G. V. MITCHELL, Commanding.

Ref: Sheet 62 D 1/40,000

23rd June 1918.

1. Inter section relief will be effected on night of 24th inst.
2. Lt. C.R. Richards will be relieved by Lt. A. Welch: Lt. C. Cameron by Lt. F. Austin: Lt. A. Coppin by Lt. H. G. Hanna M.C. (on night of 25th inst) Lt. Buckingham will not be relieved meantime.
3. Relieving Officers will report at A.H.Q's. on evening of 23rd for purpose of reconnoitring and obtaining necessary information from Officers whom they are relieving.
4. No. 2 Section gun teams are not being relieved.
5. Guides from gun teams of No. 1, 2, and 4 sections will report at A.H.Q's. at 9.30 p.m. on night of 24th inst.
6. Pts. Willis, Graham, Jones, Mills and Hough of No. 4 Section will not be relieved.
7. Detail of personnel relieving will be made by S.Os concerned.
8. G.S. wagon will report at A.H.Q's. at 11 p.m. on 24th inst. This wagon and the station wagon will convey the outgoing men to their H.Q's.
9. Outgoing sections will rendezvous at A.H.Q's. after relief.
10. Officers' horses (2) to be available at A.H.Q's. at 11 p.m.

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George Mitchell
Captain,
O.C. 15th A.M. Gun Company.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY,
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 23-6-18 to 6 a.m. 24-6-18.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 10,500 rounds SAA were expended.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions etc.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Displayed their usual activity, firing on our roads, tracks etc. at irregular intervals during the night.

ENEMY AIRPLANES: At 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. enemy planes attempted to cross our lines, but were driven off.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No movement was observed behind enemy lines.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fired on trench systems, tracks & roads in R. 27. c. and E. 14. d. with 3 deg. traverse 3 & L.
No. 7 gun engaged in harassing fire on R. 27. c. 45. 50 & E. 21. c. 60. 30. Tracks, roads, pontoon bridges being fired on
No. 8 gun fired on approaches to DE MANOUILT in areas E. 20. d. and E. 26 d.
Batter-1 (4 guns) Harassing fire on posts at E. 14: c.

GENERAL: The weather was fine, but visibility only fair.

George F. Fitzgerald
Captain,
O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

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To
O.C.
15th M. & Coy.
From O.C. No 1
Sect.

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Strength Increase = Nil

Undermentioned men replaced Cpl Browns
Team 11-30 PM 23/6/18

Sgt Donohoe }
Cpl Phillips C.H. } No 3. Gun
" Sweeney J. }
" Gardner W. }

Casualties = 1

6931 Cpl Findlay I evacuated sick
23/6/18 from 58th RAP

Appx. 18
20.6.18

Ammunition Received = Nil
Expended = 3000.

Rations received O.K. & satisfactory

Details
1 bag 1 officer 1 runner = 2
1 bag Sgt Sheridan & 3 = 4
1 " Cpl Charlton & 3 = 4
1 " " Mackintosh & 3 = 4
1 " Sgt Kloman & 3 = 4

Sgt Donohoe's rations sent up with
No 3 Sections

Received 1 Gun (Vickers) 203.
1 Barrel.
Quantity 4 x 2

Required
3. Discs (Front cone)
6. New belts No 7 gun replace
~~some~~ ^{ours} which are much worn with
firing etc. pockets very loose therefore
stoppages are frequent
Breakages = Nil.

Relief No 3 Gun complete. 12-5 AM 24/6/18

Intelligence

Aerial Activity

Marked increase on both
sides over preceding period
Gun machines did much reconnaissance
work and targets were engaged
by M.G.s in machines during period

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Members of bombing squadrons passed over our lines into Hun ~~area~~ area between 8 PM & 9 PM. These machines were heavily engaged by enemy A.A.S. but formations were kept intact. On return of our machines 4 bombs were dropped vicinity D30 to 30:50 by one of ours no Hun machines being visible. I have a piece of the tail fan of bomb but there are no marks on same whereby one could identify it.

ENEMY Only 2 flights of machines were noticed during period these were promptly driven off by our fighters at 9 AM and 6 PM.

Bombing machines passed over here 11:30 heading EAST

Artillery

Enemy Very quiet during whole period usual targets were lightly shelled by 5.9. 4.2. Gas being used at irregular intervals.

A.A.S. very active

Our Artillery

Usual strafes carried out at irregular intervals during whole period. Increasing in volume during nights 22/24 inst.

Regularity carried out in areas E 27 a & c.

M.G.s

Enemy Usual harassing fire on roads entering Buirie from West at irregular intervals.

Our Guns Operations

No 6. Gun fired 1000 rounds on targets trench systems tracks, roads in E 27 c & E 14 c with 3° Travi-R & L.

No 7. Gun fired 1000 rounds harassing fire on targets E 27.C 45:50 & E 21.C 60:30 tracks, roads, forlorn bridges being engaged with explosive fire.

No. 8. Gun

Fired 1000 rounds

Harassing fire on targets in areas
E20^d and E26^d approaches
to DER'NAMCOURT being engaged.

Works Minor improvements to
S.P. No 7 carried out.

General

Inter company reliefs 58 Balth.
VILLE SUR ANCRE sector.

Telephones O.K.

Returned (Guns blown out), position untenable)

Burin Sect Hqs.
5 AM. 24/10/16

Cameron
No 1 Sect
15th AM.C.E.

Mr. Rimmer

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O.C. 15th ANGLE

To. O. C. 15 A. M. G. C

Basinettis: - NIL

Breakages: - NIL. Returned ~~last~~ yesterday evening by limber the two guns which were sent to me as repaired. The one which had been blown out still leaks badly under the patch. The other still leaks at junction of barrel casing & leaf of cork plug.

New barrels, received, fuse spring, 2 roller pins, 4x2, & asbestos packing.

<u>Ammunition Received</u>	10,000 rds
<u>Expended</u>	1,500 ..
<u>On Hand Bulk</u>	43,000 ..
<u>Belts</u>	16,000 ..

Strength: - 1 off 19 O.R. American returns to you this morning.

Rations: - 24 hours & comforts.

General: - Day & night fire. Our planes very active particularly

towards dusk. Enemy planes & artillery very quiet.

Barred out harassing fire during the night on posts in E14C.

223 d 8540
S. 43 a. n

At office sent
No. 3 Sect
24/1/18

From O/c
no 2 Sect

To O.C
15th MGC

- 1 Casualties
- 2 Breakages etc
- 2 Amm etc etc
- On Hand 60000
- 4 Rations 24 hours (correct)
in 4 bags of 4 men
1 thy 1. 2 men
and a team of 20 1 Sect.
bringing fuel and his ton.

Time 6 A.M.

Date 24/6/18

A. R. E. Wington Lt

15th MGC

Capt Fitz Guld.

24/6/18

The men of no 2 Section
are willing to stay on in
the Line, subject to your approval.

A. R. E. Wington Lt

Time 6 A.M.

06

15 AMEC.

Targets engaged by 8 AMEC. night
of 23/24th.

E 26d 20.70.

K 9c 05.95.

K 8d 70.30.

K 2c 90.60.

to

K 8600 90.

10,000 pounds expended.

23/4/18.

M. H. Stanton
Lt.
for C.B. 8 AMEC.

To. Ob. 15 AM 4 Coy,

Casualties - Nil

Equipment Damaged: Nil

Ammunition Expended:

Nos 4 & 5 Guns expended 6000 Rounds
on "A" Targets - 3000 per Gun

Ammunition On Hand

60 Belts - 14000 Rds
Bulk 57 Boxes - 57000 Rds.

Rations, Received 24 hours rations
for 21 men on night of 23rd June

Parade Staff, 1 off 2 Sgt's 3 Cpls.

14 Gunners, 1 Runner.

Total, 1 off 50 Other Ranks

Enemy Artillery, very quiet through
out past 24 hours, little shelling
at intervals in the vicinity of
VILLE-SUR-ANDRE

Own Artillery have been constantly
shelling enemy.

Enemy Planes were observed over
our lines at 5 pm on evening of
23rd but were driven back
by a flight of our planes, which
are constantly ~~at~~ the alert.

~~4/6/18~~

Richardson
No 4 Sect.

Teams to Relieve Teams now in
forward positions on night of
June 1918

No 1 Position

Sgt Bryant } are now in this position
Pte Willis } as men have to stay
• Graham } in same, would like
• Jones } a relief for N.C.O opposite.

No 2 Position

Sgt Melbourne
Pte Mills } these 2 men are now in
Kouch } this position.
Yarwood.

No 4 Position

Cpl Mcbennell
Pte Billett
• Hamer
• Jackson

No 5 Position

Cpl Gillies
Pte Dixon
• Hall
• Sheriff

Runner

Pte Walter G.

Richard

To. Lt. Nanne

Please send up the following
relief this evening.

Sgt Lamb.
Pte Willie ✓
Pte Young ✓
• O'Shea

Cpl Brunton
Pte Lamm
• Salverson
• Levelle

Cpl Arkell (staying in) Cpl Hine (staying in)
Pte Jensen ✓ Pte Sawyer
• Strubbs ✓ • Rice
• Thomas • Spence

Runner: Pte Wright.

Ptes Lynch, Rault back a games will
remain at R.H.Q.
Guide will meet party at A.H.Q.

A. Hopkin Sr.
24/6/18

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to Mr Smith,

I have allotted men to these crew
teams as near as possible.

If there are 4 NCO's of No 4 Section now at
Rear HQ all NCO in the line at present
shall be relieved, but if there are only
3 at rear, Sgt Bryant will remain with
present Gun team until relief has been
complete. He will then, if necessary, change
over with either NCO of No 4 or 5 Gun team.

I am anticipating that men will be
R HQ in the following order & shall be
warned which gun they are to take over.

For No 1 Position - 1 NCO (if possible)

No 2 Position: Sgt Melton & Sgt Jarwood

No 4 Position: Cpl McTernell, Pte Bell
Lamer & Jackson

No 5 Position: Cpl Buller, Pte Wyson, Hall
& Sheriff.

For J.H.Q. Runner Pte Wheeler Cpl

Guides shall meet teams coming in
at No 1 Sect H.Q.s. (point where Ration tins
were drop rations)

If possible all this is struck as long as it
is going to allow each sect. to stay in position
now occupied.

Matthews Lt. No 4 Sect

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

S Y L L A B U S

N. C. O's COURSE.

5TH
AUSTRALIAN
M.G. BATTALION.

No. 2135

Date.....

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2nd WEEK -----

----- 24th June, 1918.

DAY	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon	1.30pm. to 2.30pm.	2.30p.m. to 3.30pm	3.30pm. to 4.30pm.
Monday.	1/2 hr Inspection. 1/2 hr Squad Drill. I.T. Secs. 38-39.	Map Reading. (Prismatic Compass Practice).	1/2 hr Squad Drill. Section Drill. I.T. Sec. 40. 1/2 hr Communication Drill.	I.T. Sec. 103.	Lecture - Setabut. Rifle Exercises. of a M.G. Battalion. I.T. Sec. 43-52.	
Tuesday.	Rifle Exercises. I.T. Secs. 53, 54, 57, 58.	Map Reading. Contours and Ground Features.	1/2 hr Setting up Stoppages. 1/2 hr Communica- tion Drill.	Squad Drill. I.T. Sec. 41.	Lecture - Fire Direction.	Section Drill.
Wednesday.	Squad Drill. I.T. secs. 42, 43.	Map Reading. Practical Orien- tation and Re- section. (Elem.).	1/2 hr Setting up Stoppages, 1/2 hr Communica- tion Drill.	Rifle Exercises. I.T. Secs. 50-51.	Lecture - Duties of N.C.O's. Guards. Arrest, etc.	Section Drill.
Thursday.	Rifle Exercises. I.T. sec. 62, 65- 67.	Map Reading. Mutual visibili- ty & Angles of Slopes.	1/2 hr Method of Instruction. 1/2 hr Communica- tion Drill.	Section Drill.	Lecture - Fire Direction.	Squad Drill. I.T. Sec. 44-46.
Friday.	Squad Drill. Revision.	Map Reading. Elements of Sketching.	1/2 hr Method of Instruction. 1/2 hr Communica- tion Drill.	Rifle Exercises. I.T. Secs. 68-70.	Lecture - Fire Direction.	Squad Drill. Revision.
Saturday.	Rifle Exercises. I.T. Secs. 71, 72.		T. O. E. T.			

*Appx. 19.3.9.
20.6.3.9.*

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15 JUN 1918
MACHINE GUN C
AUSTRALIAN
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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 24-8-18 to 6 a.m. 25-8-18

25-8-18
15TH
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 14,800 rounds SAA were expended.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions & men's shelters.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery was slightly aggressive, shelling VILLIERS, ANGLE, and R. 25, a, central, also RUIR railway station & road leading to RUIR with S. 9s from 2.45 till 3.30 a.m.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Engaged in harassing fire on roads entering RUIR and RUIR RAILWAY STATION.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Between 8 & 9 p.m. 3 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines, but were driven back by our A.A. & M.G. fire.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No movement was observed behind enemy lines.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fire 700 rounds on R. 20, b, 30, 30, approaches to DEHANCOURT.
No. 8 gun fired 1000 rounds on R. 20, d, and junction of road at R. 26, d 20, 60.
Nos. 4 & 5 guns fire 2500 rounds on roads, tracks &c. in K. 2.
Battery fire 1000 rounds intermittently during night on approaches to DEHANCOURT.
6th M.G. Coy guns fired 9,000 rounds on the following targets:
K. 2, d, 70, 30, to K. 3, b, 00, 65.
K. 2, a, 00, 20, to K. 2, a, 33, 30.
K. 3, a, 70, 30.
K. 2, b, 55, 05.

GENERAL: The weather was cloudy and light showers of rain fell. Visibility poor.
Gun team relief was completed without special incident or casualty.

George F. Fitzgerald

Captain,
O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

To O.C. 15th A.M. Coy. ^{appx. 20} ^{7.9.} ^{Vol. 6}

Relief completed at 11:20 pm 24.6.18.

Casualties

Ammunition received, 6 Belts.
" expended ~~2400~~ rounds.

Rations received O.K.

- Detail. 1 bag. 10th runner 2
- 1 " Sgt. Donovan 4
- 1 " " heal 4
- 1 " Cpl. Ronald 4
- 1 " Pte Newame 4

Sgt's heal's rations to be sent up with No 2 Sections.

Received 6 Belts (filled) & Boxes.

Breakaps

Intelligence

Aerial Activity

Our ~~the~~ machines did much reconnaissance, and targets were engaged behind enemy lines by their M.G.s.

Enemies

Between 8 & 9 pm. five enemy machines patrolled their line and attempted to cross our line, but were engaged & driven off by our A.A.

Artillery

Enemy

Shelled Ville sur Auvre and E25 a central lightly at 2:45 to 3 am. with 4.2. Shelled vicinity of Beire Railway Station & road leading to Beire with 5.9. from 2:45 till 3:30 am.

Our Artillery

Our heavies kept up a steady fire all night, and 18 pro fired 5 min. bursts at irregular intervals

Machine Guns

Enemy Harassing fire on roads entering Beire and round Beire Station.

Our Guys

no 3 Gun Silent.
no 6 Gun fired 700 rounds on
E 15 & 10, 68.

no 7 Gun fired 700 rounds on
target at. E 20 & 80, 30 at approaches
to Bernancourt.

no 8 Gun fired 1000 rounds
harassing fire at. E 20 & approaches
to Bernancourt, and junction of
roads at F 26 & 20, 60.

Works Improvements to no 7
Gun Posy.

Weather Very foggy all night

Required 12 Boses S.P.A. (B.P.)
50 Sandbags for no 8 G.P.
Kerosene
Tommy Cookers (if possible)

5 A.M.
25. 6. 18.

W.P. Austin Lt.
no 1 Sect.
15th AM. G Coy

25.6.18

Daily Report

- 1 Casualties Nil
- 2 Breakages Nil
- 3 Ammunition. Expended 2500 rds.
 Outstand Cans 15000
 Boxes 62000

24 hrs rations received OK.
Rations state 19/17 OK.

Please tag as follows

- Sgt Pearson & 3 men 4
 - Bryant + 3 4
 - Sgt Murrill + 3 4
 - Morris + 3 4
 - 1 off + 1 runner 2
- 18

Intelligence. Enemy artillery normal during period, occasional shelling in B wire road leading to Ornancomb. Enemy MG's active during night, indirect fire on tracks & trench in K 19.

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Large enemy working party at work digging in front of our line ^{E 106} engaged with artillery & trench mortar fire and dispersed. Own Artillery usual shoots carried out during period, gas was used on right of our sector. Own Nos 4 & 5 guns carried out indirect fire on roads, tracks etc in K 2. 2500 rds being expended.

Relief completed last night, everything satisfactory.

General

Am returning by tonight's lumber, 1 primus stove to be repaired, also as many empty petrol tins as can be found.

Please send some Kerosene up tonight.

5 AM
By runners

Atch 1/2
No. 2
S.A.M.C.

APPENDIX. 20 106

To O.C. 15 A.M. G.C.

Casualties: - NIL

Breakages: - Dead block herewith
Two guns received. Will send two
down this evening.

Ammunition Expended: 1000 rounds
On Hand 42,000 Bullets
(64) 16,000 Bombs

Strength: 1 off 19 O.R.

Rations: - 24 hours.

General: Day very quiet. At dusk
Germans appeared to shell front line
fairly heavily on our left on English
sector. A few German aeroplanes
were seen but they did not venture
far over our lines.

Inter-gun team relief quite
satisfactory.

Traced intermittently during the night
wpa approaches from Derwent.

D23 16840
S.T.O. C. R.

A. R. Huntington
No 2 Sect
25/6/18

From
O/C
No 2 Sect

To
O.C.
15th M.G.C.
5th M.G. BATT

1 Machine
2 Breakage
3 Ammunition
In Hand 60000 rds
4 Rations 24 hours (correct)

In 4 bags of 4 men
1 " " 2 men

Total strength 18

Please send a little 4 x 2
Received none many thanks.

Time 6:30 A.M.

Date 25/6/18

By Runner

A. R. Huntington
No 2 Sect

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Ob 15 AMECoy.

Targets engaged night 24/25th

Kzd 70.30 to K8600 65.

Kga 00.20 to Kga 35.30.

K8d 70.30.

Kzb 5505

Demace in Kzb.

Ammunition Expended
9000

25/4/18

Warranted Lt.
for Ob. 8AMEC.

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SECRET

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.166

Ref: FRANCE
62D. N.E.
1/20,000

24.6.18.

1. Two hundred projectors will be installed tonight on the road at approximately K.1.C.2-4. by "Z" Special Co.R.E.
2. (a) Zero will be at 1.15 a.m.
(b) The operation will be supervised by Lieut.MOORE of "Z" Special Co.R.E.
3. The targets to be engaged and areas to be cleared are as shown in Brigade Order No.162. 59th Battalion will take the necessary action.
4. All instructions re gas alert, etc. as outlined in Brigade Order No.162 will be strictly observed.
5. The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from S.S.W. to N.
6. Any noise caused by limbers going forward will be covered by machine gun and trench mortar fire.
7. Results of the operation will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.
8. (a) Brigade Transport Officer will detail six double limbers to meet Lieut.Moore, of "Z" Special Co. at the Church in FRANVILLERS at 8.45 p.m. tonight.
(b) 60th Battalion will detail 1 Officer and 90 men to meet the limbers and carry projectors from J.6.B.85.15. at 10.30 p.m.
9. Acknowledge.

H.F. Gallon
 Captain.
 Brigade Major.
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6 pm through Signals to:

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 25-6-18 to 6 a.m. 26-6-18

15th
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 12,500 rounds S A A were expended.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: Nos. 7 & 8 gun positions were improved.
General improvements to gun positions & men's shelters proposed.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery was aggressive, heavily shelling K.1.a. central between 6 and 7.30 p.m.; BUIRE STATION and QUARRY were shelled at irregular intervals during the period.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Fired on BUIRE STATION and roads leading from BUIRE during the night.

ENEMY AIRPLANES: 6 enemy planes flew around front line during the morning, but did not cross our lines. One enemy plane constantly patrolling about K.26.c. was evidently directing artillery.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No movement was observed behind enemy lines.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fired 1000 rounds on Quarry at K.14.c. 20.75.
No. 7 gun fired 1000 rounds on approach to DEWANCOUET at K.20.b. 80.30.
No. 8 gun fired 1000 rounds on roads, bridges & tracks at K.20.d. 40.40.
Battery fired 1000 rounds on Quarry at K.14.c. 25.70.
2500 rounds were expended on roads & tracks in K.2.c.
8th M.G. Coy targets engaged on 15th Bde Sector: 6000 rounds were expended on K.2.d. 70.30; to K.2.d. 95.40.; K.8.c. 80.75. to K.8.d. 00.80.; 3 uses 10 & 18 switch targets - Taux Battery.

GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility fair. Light rain fell over night.
At 9 p.m. a Zeppelin was seen behind enemy lines moving in a southerly direction.

George Fitzgerald

Captain,
O. C., 15th M., Gun Coy.

To O.C.
15th A.M.G. Coy.

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No. 6

Casualties.

Rations. received O.K.

Detail.	1 bag.	10 th Runner	2.
	1 "	Sgt Donovan	4
	1 "	" heal.	4
	1 "	Cpl. Ronald	4
	1 "	Pte Newarne	4

Sgt heal's rations to be sent up
by the two Sections

Received 12 Boxes S.A.A.
1 Watch. 11 SBR

~~Reqd~~
50 Sandbags.

Required

Breakages.

Intelligence

Aerial Activity Our Patrols &
Scouts were very active all
day, and fired many rounds

reached the German lines.
Our Bombing machines crossed
their lines at 1.15 am.

Enemy One machine
constantly patrolling about
E 26. C. & evidently directing
Artillery. A patrol of six
machines came out in the
morning but did not cross
our lines. Enemy machine
flew across our side in the
direction of DERNANCOURT.

Artillery

Enemy Rather more active
than usual during whole
period. Shelled K1a Central
rather heavily between 6 pm. &
7.30 pm. Shelled Buire Stn
& round Quarry at 12.40 am
& continued at irregular intervals
till about 3 am. Put about
4 rounds (heavy) in Buire at 3 am.

our Artillery Very active
since dark, shelled Hun
positions right of ~~BUIRE~~
heavily at 11.40 VILLE SUR ANCRE
very heavily from 12.40 till 1.15 am.

Machine Guns
Enemy. Not so active as last
period, putting occasional
burst round BUIRE Station
& roads.

Our Guns
no 3 Gun. Silent

no 6 Gun Fired 1000 rounds
on Quarry, at E 14 20.75.

no 7 Gun Fired 1000 rounds
on approach to DERNAN COURT at
E 20 6 80.30.

no 8 Gun Fired 1000 rounds at
roads, bridges & tracks at E 20 40 40

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Works Improvements to
no 7 & 8 Gun Positions

General 1 Gun from no 4 Sect
to be returned. Isat no 1 Sect H.Q.
6 Belts & Boxes (empty) to be
returned from no 1 Sect. Belts
in bad condition & causing
stoppages.

On returning 4 SBR. from
no 1 Sect, 2 of them had British
glasses put in in England. The
2 marked with a white X require
new glasses.

5 A.M.

26.6.18.

per runner.

W. P. Austin Lt.
no 1 Sect.
15th AM. Coy

To O.C. 15 A.M.G.C

Casualties: - Nil

Breakages: - Nil. Received feed
flock. Returned 1 gun by lumber
yesterday evening. Gave one gun
to N° 4 Sect. as per your orders.

Ammunition expended: - 1,000 rounds
On hand 41,000 Bullets
(64) 16,000 Belts

Retains: - 24 hours Kerosene

Strength: - 1 off. 190 R.

General: - Day quiet. Heavy artillery
fire during the night in direction
of Villers Bretonneux.

Fired intermittently during the
night upon Quarry (E14 C 2570).

A few shells fell around trench.
at 12.45 am. to 3 a.m. Bunker was
partly heavily shelled during that
time.

D.L.D. 6540
5.20 a.m.

As Officer to
N° 3 Sect
26/6/18

From O/C
no 2 Sect

To O.C.
15th A.M.G.C
5th M.G. BATT

1 Casualties	nil
2 Breakages	nil
3 Amm. lost	nil
on hand	60000 rds
4 Retains	24 hours (Kerosene)

In 4 bags of 4 men

1 of 2 men

Total strength 18

Plus 1 team of no 1 Sect

Enemy aircraft active

Wounded our own
bringing his team with section

Line 6. 15 A.M.

Date

26/6/18

A. B. Bingham Lt no 2 Sect

Daily Report
No. 1 Sect.

26. 6. 18

1. Casualties Nil
2. Breakages one Spring Pin, 1 cleaning rod. Rod broken & left in by last team on No. 1 gun, 1 gun (leaking)
3. Ammunition Expended 2500 rds
on hand 15000 No. 1 shells
Boxes 62000

our two rations received O.K.

Ration state 10/17 O.K.

Please bag as follows.

4 bags	4 men each	16
1	2	2
		18.

Intelligence

Enemy artillery showed increased activity than on previous days. Tills Luthere & Treus shelled with H.E. intermingled with gas shells.

M.W.'s about 20 rounds fired on communication trench & head of ravine at in E. 19. 0.

Enemy M.G.'s. ² Indirect fire mainly directed on Roads leading from Buire.

At 9 PM a Zeppelin was seen behind the enemy's line moving in a southerly direction. Several planes crossed our lines during the period but did not succeed in getting forward.

Own artillery and light trench mortars had a combined shoot on enemy trench in E 19. 6. Quarry in E. 19. C was also shelled by heavies during day.

own M.G.'s. Roads & tracks in K. 2 c were fired on by own guns. 2500 rounds being expended.

Aerial activity. Own planes very active during day, several machines crossed enemy lines last night & bombed back areas.

General. Have distributed Box respirators sent up (only 6 needed) so am returning 6 to be fitted with duplex glasses & one that has already

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been done. Am returning one gun
to be repaired, leakage in barrel
casing.

It is not necessary to send water
(drinking) to No 4 sect. as it can
be drawn from pump in Buire.
Kerosene has not yet arrived.
Please send refill for A.B. 153.

5 AM.
Byrunners

A. B. Welch
No 4 sect.
15 Am. Coy

20. 06

15 AM E Coy.

Targets engaged night
25/26th

K2d 70.30 to 1E2d 95.40

K8c 80.75 to K8d00.80

Equipped 10 AM as per

Sketch target Trause
Battary.

6000 rounds expended.
In section. Relief.
Otherwise the usual
rounds would have
been fired.

26/14/52

M H Stanford.
Lt.
for 06 8 AM Co.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No.21

Copy No. 3
Headquarters,
26-6-18.

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Ref. Map. 62 D. N.E.
1/20,000.

1. At a date and time to be notified later the 58th Battalion 15th Infantry Brigade, will carry out a minor operation against enemy trenches in E.19.b.
2. The Machine guns of the Right Group will co-operate with Infantry, Artillery and Trench Mortars and will deal with the following targets.
 1. Enemy machine guns located at E.20.a.4.5.
 2. Trench Mortars at E.20.central.
 3. Enemy machine guns at E.20.c.7.4.
 4. Enemy post at E.20.a.9.5.
 5. Fire on selected point laid down by C.O., 58th Battalion or O.C. Raid.
3. Machine guns of the Brigade on our left have been asked to co-operate by firing on enemy post in Quarry at E.14.c. and enemy trench at E.13.d.
4. O.C. Left Group will notify 15th Infantry Brigade and Battalion Headquarters that arrangements are complete for this shoot by 5 p.m. on 28th instant.
5. Zero hour will be notified to O.C. Left Group by 15th Inf. Brigade direct.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. R. B. M.

Capt.
Adj. 5th Aust. M. G. Bn.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY- 6 a.m. 26-6-18 to 6 a.m. 27- 6-18.

6TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.
No. _____
Date _____

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 16,300 rounds SAA were expended.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, SAA shelters & men's shelters.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Were active during the night, firing on BUIVE STATION and roads, also front line trench systems &c.

ENEMY AIRPLANES: At 8.30 a.m. enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off. At 8 p.m. 2 enemy planes crossed our lines at a great height.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement was observed during the 24 hours.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fired 1000 rounds on K.13, c.10, 68.
No. 7 gun fired 700 rounds on tracks & bridges in F. 21, c. 60, 30.
No. 8 gun fired 1000 rounds on road & approached to DERBANCOUIT.
Nos. 406 guns fired 2500 rounds on approached to NORBANCOUIT.
1000 rounds were fired on road junction at F. 20, b. 38, 50.
Taux Battery (8th M.G. Coy) fired 10,000 rounds on the following targets:-
K. 8, a. 70, 70, to K. 8, b. 00, 65.
K. 14, a. 80, 50, to K. 14, b. 70, 50.
E. 26, c. 80, 10, to E. 26, c. 90, 40.
Squares 4 & 8 - switch battery chart.

GENERAL:
The weather was fine, and visibility fair.

George Fitzgerald
Captain,
O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

Sept. 6

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Casualties

Breakages

S.A.A. expended 2700 Rds.
Rations & Kums. O.K.

Detail	1 off Wanner	2
	Sgt Donovan	4
	" Neal	4
	Cpl. Ronald	4
	Pte Dewarne	4

Sgt Neal's Rations to be sent with
No 2 sections

Required 1 Belt + Box.

Intelligence

Aerial Activity & Enemy machines
attempted to cross our lines at
8.30 am but were driven off by
our A.A. Two machines flew
over our lines at 8 pm. at a very
great height. Hun Bomber
machines flew over at 11 pm. &
dropped bombs right of W.L.L.E. S.A.A. etc.

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Allied machines were active
during whole period carrying
out reconnaissance. Our bombing
machines went over at dark &
continued flying all night.

Artillery

Enemy During the morning
D23 ord were lightly shelled.
also a few rounds on BUIRE.
During night continued putting
a few rounds at irregular intervals
in and round BUIRE & roads
leading to same.

Our Artillery was fairly active
during whole period.

Machine Guns

Enemy Fairly active. Firing
on Buire Sta & roads

Our Guns
No 3 Guns Silent.
No 5 " Fired 1000 rounds
on E15C106

No 7 Gun fired 700 rounds
on tracks & bridges at E21 06030.
No 8 Gun fired 9000 rounds
on road and approaches to
DERNAMCOURT.

Works Improvement to Gun
Positions

General. Am returning 1 Belt
& Box. Belt is damp & is
causing stoppages. The SAH, is
faulty in some cases, thick rims
& misfires, banded C17, F3, VII, Z
Troops arrived safely.
Thick fog early this morning.

5 A.M.
27.6.18.

W. J. [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]

Daily Report. 27 6 18
Nos Section.

Casualties Nil
Breakages Nil
3 Ammunition Expended 2500 rds
On Hand 15000 rds
SNA 62 boxes

24 hrs rations received OK
Rations state 1 off 17 OK.
Please bag as follows
4 bags each 4 men 16
1 2 2
18.

Intelligence
Enemy artillery normal. A few rounds HE fired onto Buire, Dernancourt road.
Enemy aircraft more active than on previous day. Several planes crossed our line, but in majority of cases were driven back by AA fire.

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Enemy MG's active during period, indirect fire being done both on front + support systems.
Own artillery. Manual shoots carried out during period.
Own aircraft active, several large bombing planes crossed enemy line in spite of heavy MG + AA fire.
MG's. Nos 4 + 5 guns fired 2500 rounds on approaches to Mortancourt.

General
Visibility dull.
Kerosene, cleaning rods + firing pins received

5.15 AM
Byrunner

A. E. Welch
Nos Sect
15 AM G. Coy

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To O6
15 AM GC

Harassing fire as under
night 26/27th.

Track K8a 70 70 to K8b 00.65
K14a 8050 to K14b 2050
E26 C60 10 to E26 C 90 40

Squares 4+2 as per Switch
Battery Chart.

Ammunition expended
10,000 rounds.

27/6/18.

M. H. Stewart Lt.
for O6. 8 AM GC

APPENDIX.

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From ofc
No 2 Sect

To O.C
15th AM 98
5th M.G. Bata

- 1 Gasnetter
- 2 Breakage
- 3 Amm Bcp. 100 rds (aircraft).
" on Hand 60000 rds
- 4 Rations 24 hours (correct)
In 4 bags of 4 men
" " " " 2 men
Total strength 18

Enemy aircraft normal
our own very active

Enemy killing on Sector. Jettis

Time 6.15 AM.

Date 27/6/18

A. R. B. Winton Lt
No 2 Sect

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S.G.14/1.

S E C R E T.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 167.

Ref: FRANCE
62 D N.E. 1/20,000

27th
25th June, 1918.

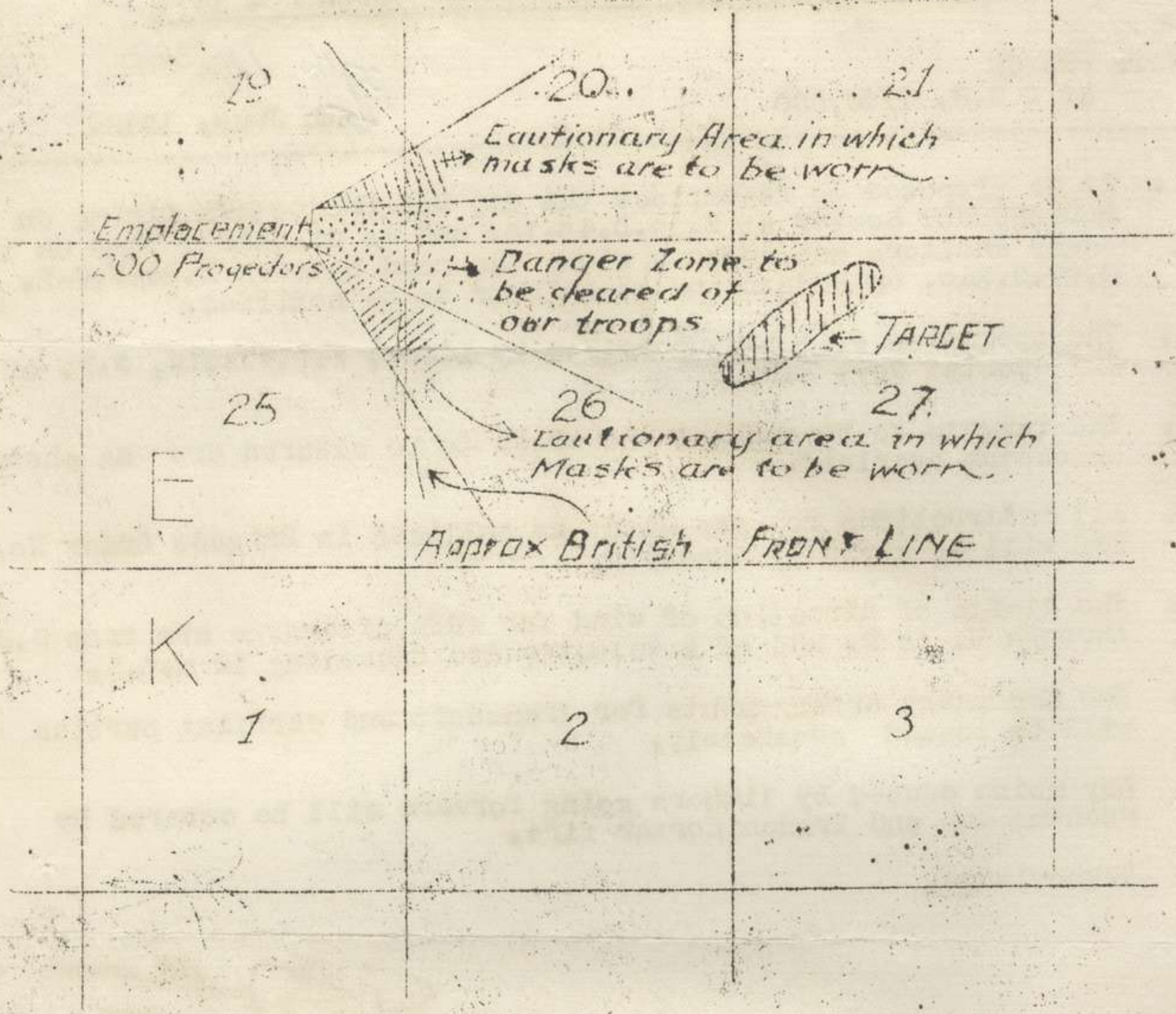
1. It is proposed to re-emplace the 200 Gas Projectors firing on the DERNANCOURT Sector at E.19.D.45-15. and to discharge them on the enemy shelters and dugouts along the road between E.26.B.9-2. and E.27.C.9-9. on a date and at an hour to be notified.
2. The operation will be supervised by Lieut. J.P.AUSTIN, R.E. of "Z" Special Coy. R.E.
3. The targets to be engaged and areas to be cleared are as shewn on sketch overleaf.
4. All instructions re gas alert as outlined in Brigade Order No. 162 will be strictly observed.
5. The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from S.S.W. through W. to N. and of a velocity not exceeding 10 m.p.h.
6. The necessary arrangements for transport and carrying parties will be issued separately.
7. Any noise caused by limbers going forward will be covered by Machine Gun and Trench Mortar fire.
8. Acknowledge.

J.P. Austin
 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at *1/20* through Signals to:

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"Z" Special Coy. R.E.	12.
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 29th. 6. 7. 10.*



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SECRET.



Copy No. 9

REFERENCE BRIGADE ORDER No. 167.



1. (a) Zero Day will be 28th inst.
(b) Zero Time will be 2 a.m.
2. The following code words will be used:

(a) If Gas is to be used	=	=	GOOD.
(b) If wind unfavourable for Gas	=	=	FAIR.
(c) Gas successfully released	=	=	BAD.
3. The following parties will be required;
 - (a) Brigade Transport Officer will detail six limbers in charge of one Officer and two mounted N.C.O's to report to an Officer of "Z" Special Coy. R.E. at X Roads D.20.B.6-3. at 9.30 p.m. on 27th inst, to carry to E.25.A.2-9.
 - (b) 57th Battalion will detail a carrying party of 2 Officers and 100 men to report to an Officer of "Z" Special Coy. R.E. at EMU SUPPORT TRENCH E.25.A.2-9. at 11 p.m.
4. Acknowledge.

H.P. Jollan

Captain,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 27-6-18 to 6 a.m. 28-6-18.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.
AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 14,950 rounds SAA were expended.
WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, SAA and men's shelters.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Were active during the night firing on approaches to BUITE and BUITE STATION, also Support Trenches and Tracks.
ENEMY AIRPLANES: At 8.30 p.m. a flight of E.A. attempted to cross our lines, but were driven back by a number of our fighting planes.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: No enemy movement was observed during this period.
TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fired 1000 rounds on quarry at E.14.c.20.80
 No. 7 gun fired 1000 rounds on road and positions at Railway at E.27.c.45.50.
 No. 8 gun fired 700 rounds on bridges & tracks at E.20.d.40.40.
 2500 rounds were fired by Nos. 4 & 5 guns on road junctions and railway line in E.20.b.
 No. 10 gun fired 1500 rounds on trenches &c. in E.14.d.00.02.
 Treux Battery - 8th M.G. Coy - fired 8000 rounds on following targets: K.8.b.30.70.
 K.9.c.05.95.
 Squares 11 & 15.
GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility fair.

George F. Fitzgerald
 Captain,
 O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

B.C.
12 H.M.G. Coy.
Cannaltes
Breakdowns

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S.A.A. expended 2700 rds.
Rations received OK.

Detail.	1st Runner	2
"	Sgt. Donovan	4
"	Sgt. Heal	4
"	Cpl. Ronald	4
"	Pte. Newberry	4

Sgt. Heal's rations to be sent
with HQ 2 sections.
Re guard 1 new Barrell for
Hot Gun. & Connecting Rod
Washers.

Intelligence

Aerial Activity Not much done
in morning. Both sides fairly
active in afternoon. At 8.30
a large flight of Huns attempted
to cross our lines & were
attacked & kept back by our

fighting planes
Our Bomber machines crossed
over at 11.15 pm. German Bomber
machines crossed our line at
11.45 pm & returned at 12.20 pm.

Artillery

Enemy not as active as usual
At 8.30 pm put about 10 rounds
gas round BUIRE Cemetery &
shortly after put about 12 rounds
H.E. in same position. A few
shells were dropped in VILLE
at odd times during night.
Our Artillery was very active
throughout the whole period,
especially shelling on our
left with 18pr shrap.

Machine Guns

Enemy M.G. fairly active all
night firing on approaches
to BUIRE & round about BUIRE
Railway Stn.

APPENDIX 26
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Guns carried out
 harassing fire.
 Co 6 Guns fired 1000 rounds
 on Quarry at E 14 C 20.80.
 Co 7 Guns fired 1000 rounds on
 road and positions on railway
 at E 27 C 45.50.
 Co 8 Guns fired 700 rounds on
 bridges & tracks at E 20 d. 40.00.

5 A.M.
 28.6.18.

to P. Clouston Lt.
 not recd.
 15 AM 1918

Daily Report
Nos Section

28.6.18

1. Casualties Nil
2. Breakages
3. Ammunitions Expended 2500 rounds
On Hand 15000 belts
SAA 62 boxes

24 hours rations received. OK

Ration state, 1 off 17 O.K.

Please bag as follows

4 bags each 4 men	16
1 " " 2 " "	2
	<hr/>
	18.

Intelligence

Enemy artillery normal during day but increased slightly during night. railway line & roads at Buire shield.

M.G.'s. Usual indirect fire onto support line, tracks etc was done by enemy guns.

A few light MW's fired in neighbourhood of Hill sunners

Enemy aircraft ² more active than during previous period, large numbers attempted to cross our line but each time were driven back by AA fire. Our planes were above ~~the~~ enemy lines and one was brought down by AA fire.

At 2 AM this morning 200 gas projectors were launched into enemy lines, no retaliation by enemy whatever.

Nos 4 & 5 guns carried out indirect fire on road junctions and railway line in E 206, 2500 rds being expended.

General.

Gun received OK am returning other one by ration lumber tonight, also several empty SAA boxes.

Please send refill for A.B. 153.

5 AM.
Byrunner

A.B. Welch Lt.
15 AM Coy

daily Report for 24 hours
ending 5 am

To C. G. Gray from W. A. Hannard
11.11.18

Sanitation; Ditch
No 3 section

Equipment; Returned, 1 worn barrel
Expended, 1500 rds.

Rations Received; 24 hours (flat) 10 rations
If possible add 10 rations

Parade 0.10; 4 officers 10
3 Cpls. 12 Gunners / Runner 2 Cooks Total 20

Operation, No 10 Gun fired 1000 rounds
in trenches. (E 14.00.02)

Artillery; Enemy artillery fired 77 shells
in vicinity of battery during

day & night. (G. 14.2) Other wireless
observed artillery was very active

aircraft; Hostile machines crossed
our lines several times during the

day. Bombing planes (over our lines)
very active all night.

Time sent 5.15
By Runner

Signed W. A. Hannard
No 3 section

From O/C
No 2 Sect

To O. C
15th M G B
5th M. G Batt

- 1 Cassettes
- 2 Breakfasts
- 3 Amm ^{Exp} 250 rds (auto amm)
" on hand 6000 rds
- 4 Rations 24 hours (correct)
In 4 bags of 4 men
1 of 2 men
Total strength 18

Unusual aircraft activity last
night. one of our planes came down
in enemy lines.
our artillery very active
Intaxy normal.

Date 28/6/18

Time 6.30 AM

A. R. Brington Lt
No 2 Sect

2006
15 AMCC.

Harassing fire targets

K86 30.70.

K9C 05.95

2nd Battery on Square 11/15.

Ammunition expended 8000

28/6/18.

W. H. Stanford Lt.
for 8 AMCC.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 28-6-18 to 6 a.m. 29-6-18



CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.
AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 16,700 rounds SAA were expended.
WORK INHAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, SAA shelters &c.
ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.
ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Fired on roads leading from BUIRE, Railway Station and Support Trenches, tracks &c.
ENEMY AIRPLANES: At 4.30 a.m. enemy 'plane flew over our lines and was engaged by our A.A. M.Gs.
 No other E.A. were observed over our lines during this period.
ENEMY MOVEMENT: No movement was observed behind enemy lines.
TARGETS ENGAGED: No. 6 gun fired 1000 rounds on huts & trenches in E.15.c.10.60.
 No. 7 gun fired 1000 rounds on roads DE'NAHCOURT in E.20.b.30.30.
 No. 8 gun fired 700 rounds on road & bridges in E.20.d.40.40.
 Nos. 4 & 5 guns fired 2500 on roads, tracks and approaches to MOLLANDCOURT.
 No. 9 gun fired 1500 rounds on roads &c. in E.20.b.35.45.
 Treux Battery (8th M. Gun Coy) fired 10000 rounds on the following targets - E.26.d.20.70.
 K.9.a.00.20. to K.9.a.35.30.
 Squares 6 & 10.
GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility fair..

George Fitzgerald
Captain,
O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

To O.C.
 15th AM.G. Coy.
 Casualties
 Breakdown
 S.A.A. Expended 2700 Rounds.
 Rations received O.K.
 Detail. 1 Off. 1 Runner 2
 Sgt. Donovan 4
 " Neal 4
 Cpl. Ronald 4
 Pte. Inwards 4
 Sgt. Neal's Rations to be sent with
 the 2 Sections.
 Received. 1 Barrel & Connecting
 Rod Washers.
 S.A.A. 6 Boxes.

Intelligence.
 Aerial Activity. The usual
 reconnaissance was carried
 out by our machines during
 the day.
 Great activity on both sides.

between 8.30 pm & 10.30 pm. The
 enemy did not cross our lines.
 Our Bombing machines crossed
 over at 11 pm. Enemy plane over
 our side at 11.30 am, engaged by M.G. fire.
 Our A.A. ~~apparently~~ not yet up.

Enemy Artillery was fairly
 quiet all day. He shelled VILLE
 SUR ANCRE lightly at 10.45 pm
 and at irregular intervals through
 the night. Put a few heavies at
 irregular intervals on D30 & 80.00.

Our Artillery was very active
 during the whole period, especially
 shelling about E13d & E19b.

Machine Guns.

Enemy M.G. fired fairly const-
 antly on roads approaching BOMBE
 & railway line, & E30 & 7d.

Our Guns carried out harassing
 fire on roads, tracks etc.

The 6 Guns fired 1000 rds on
 huts & houses on E15 & 10.60.

27 June fired 1000 rounds on
skulls at DERNAN COURT at
E 20 & 30.30

28 June fired 700 rounds on
road & bridges at E 30 & 40.40

Journal. Am returning down
Barnett from 707 Gun. If
possible could some matches
be sent to the men.

Please send me some fat
for cooking, also a bottle of
moral and one for Welsch.
Also some Kerosene.

5 AM.

29.6.18.

W.P. Austin Lt.
see
15/11/18

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Daily Report 24 hours ending
 5am 29/6/18
 To C.O. From H. S. Hammett
 15th Coy. No 3 Section

Casualties; nil
 Ammunition; expended, 1500 rds
 Equipment:
 Rations, received 24 tons (sat of day)
 Parade state, 100 ft. 12 guns
 2 cooks 1 gunner 3 total 90
 operations. No 9. Gun fired 1500 rds
 on roads (E 20 to 35.45)
 Hostile Artillery: 77 battery
 searched DERNAACON RT at
 midnight slight shelling of TREUX
 during afternoon. Our own art
 illery active day & night.
 Aircraft; very great activity
 during day & night. Enemy planes
 not so aggressive as during
 previous day.
 General; Day cloudy but bright
 good observation.
 Time sent 5.10 am J.G. Hammett Lt.
 By Runner No 3 Sect.

To the C.O.
 ISRMCC.
 Massing fire targets 28/6/18.
 Tunc. Roads E 20 to 70
 Rga 00.200
 to
 Rga 35.30
 Tunc. Battery Square 6 + 10.
 Ammunition expended 10,000

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From O/C	To O.C
no 2 Sect	15 th AM 96
	5 th M 9 Batt
1 Cassattin	rel
2 Breakages	rel
3 Amm box	rel
	on Hand 6000 rds
4 Rations 24 hours (correct)	
	In 4 bags of 4 men
	1 of 2 men
	Total strength 18.

considerable air activity and numerous fights.
 captured a balloon of ours.
 everything well with gun teams.

June 6:30 A.M. Date 29/6/18

A. R. Birmingham Lt
 no 2 Sect

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - 6 a.m. 29-8-18 to 6 a.m. 30-8-18.

CASUALTIES: No casualties were reported for the 24 hours.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 16,700 rounds SAA were expended.

WORK IN HAND & PROPOSED: General improvements to gun positions, men's shelters, &c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Enemy artillery became very aggressive on our front line for periods of about 10 minutes at 9.35 p.m., 11.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS: Fired on BUIRE roads & Station, also our front and support lines, and tracks, roads &c.

ENEMY AIRPLANES: At day break E.A. flew low along our front line, but was soon driven off by our M.G. fire.
Several E.A. crossed our lines during the day at high altitudes.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: No movement behind enemy lines was observed.

TARGETS ENGAGED: No 12 gun fired 1500 rds on E.20, b.30, 50.
Nos 4 & 5 guns fired 2500 rds on roads & works at E.27, a.
No 6 gun fired 1000 rds on road junction & trenches at E.14, c. 89, 40.
No 7 gun fired 1000 rds on roads at BERNANCOURT.
No 8 gun fired 700 rds on Bridges &c. at E.20, d. 45, 40
Taux Battery - 8th M.G. Coy - fired 10,000 rounds on the following targets:
K.9, c. 05, 95.
K.8, b. 30, 70.
Squares 19 & 23.

GENERAL: The weather was fine, and visibility good.
Green flares were used by enemy in conjunction with his artillery shoots.



George F. Fitzgerald
Captain,
O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

Daily Report 30. 6. 18
Nov Sect 28 N.

Casualties Nil
Breakages Nil
Ammunition Expended 2500
On Hand 15000 belts
SAA 62 boxes

4 hrs Rations received OK
Ration state 1 off 17 OK
Please bag as follows
4 bags each 4 men 16
" " " " 2
18

Intelligence
Enemy artillery more active than ours during previous period, large numbers of HE shells fired on Hill Summit.
Enemy aircraft. Several planes were over our lines during night, bombs were dropped on front systems. One enemy plane flew at a low altitude over our line at daybreak, but was driven back by AA fire.

Our artillery and trench mortars were active during period enemy works in E19B were heavily shelled. Our planes crossed enemy lines during night and bombed back areas.

Nos 415 guns fired 2500 rounds indirect fire on road and enemy works in E27A.

General.
Please send some more Kerosene tonight also matches for gun teams.

5 AM.
Byrunner

A. D. Welch R.
15 AM 9 Oct

20.

Ob. 15 AMCC

Harassing fire night 29/30m

Kgc 05.95

K 8b. 30.70.

Heavy Battery Squares 19. & 23

ammunition expended 10,000

20/4/18

M. H. Stamford Lt.
for Ob. 8 AMCC

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From O/C
no 2 Sect

To O.C.
15th M 96
5th M 9 Bat

1 Gasnetless

2 Breakages hit

3 Amm Box hit

in hand 6000 rds

4 Returns . 24 mins (correct)

In 4 bags of 4 men

of 2 men

Total strength 18.

Report

Our aircraft active day & night
in hiding likewise. Fire vent made for
5 minutes last night at 9.30 and
stayed up till sun. were
Gun Teams all in Gunnet

Lead 6.30 AM

Date 20/4/18

A. R. G. rough Lt
no 2 sect

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16.
1st Lt. G. G. G. G.

Camouflage.

Breakfast.

S.A.P. expended 2700

Rations received 400 & Whisky

Detail of 1st Runner 2

Sgt. Donovan 4

Sgt. Neal 4

Sgt. Ronald 4

Pt. Brewster 4

Sgt. Neal's Rations to be sent
with No 2 Sections

Required. Know-how matches

Intelligence

Armed activity. Very quiet
all day till 9 pm. when a large
number of our machine guns
went out. Only a few enemy
come out. Enemy throwing
machines crossed our lines
at 10.45 & 11 pm. and remained

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for a considerable time
& dropped several bombs.

Artillery.

Both sides quiet during day-
time, except for usual sniping.

At 9.35 pm. the enemy opened
up heavy fire on our front which
lasted about 10 min. & also used
a number of Green flares.

At 11.30 pm. enemy opened up
heavy fire right of VILLE sur AVRE
which lasted till 11.45.

At 1.15 am. he fired again the
same as he did at 9.35 pm. again
sending up green flares.

Machine Guns.

Enemy M.G. fairly quiet.
Some unusual noise on roads
leading to BOURG.

Our Gun. heard on tracks
Road etc.

406 6, 1000 fired 1000 rounds
on Road Junction & Trenches
at E 14 C 39.40.

407 500, fired 1000 rounds
on roads at DERNANPCURT.

408 8 500, fired 700 rounds
on bridges at E 20 d 48.40.

General. Received notice re
putting address at foot of last
letters & men has been informed.

5 A.M.

30. 6. 18.

W. P. ...
Sgt.
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Daily Report - 24 hours ending
 10 O.C., 15th A.S.M. Coy 3 am. 30, 6, 18
 From H. G. Hanna, Lieut
 No 3 Section

Casualties; Nil
 Ammunition expended; 1680 rounds.
 Required; 3500 rounds I.A.A.
 Equipment; 1 Cradle (to replace 1 sent out by
 Ration ^{sent to camp} Received; 24 hours (Patrol factory)
 Parade State; 1 officer 1 Sgt. 3 Cpls 12 Gunners
 2 Cooks 1 Runner Total: - 20

Operations; - No 12 Gun fired 1500 rounds
 No 20 to 30 50.

Artillery; Hostile artillery much more
 active than usual. At 1.45 pm
 hostile batteries concentrated on
~~the~~ VILLE SUR ANDRE. At same time
 rockets bursting into two (2) Greens
 were fired from his forward posts.
 A heavy ^{artillery} from a number of batteries
 opened on same area & further south
 towards MORLAN COURT, 1.5 am.
 Some very heavy shells were used in
 these shoots. Our own artillery showed
 usual activity.

Aircraft; Aerial activity very great
 by day & night. Enemy planes crossed
 our lines several times during day.
 A hostile bombing plane dropped bomb
 in valley NW. of battery at 3 am.
 Our planes very active, large squadrons
 crossed enemy's line during previous
 evening 15.10.18
 Time sent by Runner H. G. Hanna Lieut
 No 3 Section

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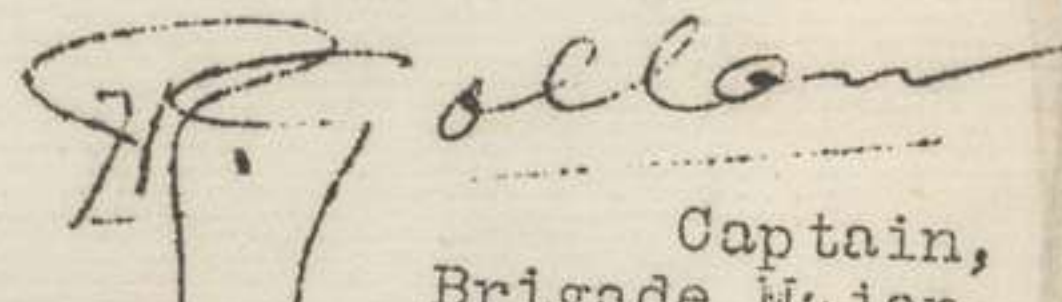
To
O. B.
15. 10. 11

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 169.

Ref: FRANCE:
62 D N.E. 1/20,000

29th June, 1918.

1. On "Z" Day, and at an hour which will be notified later, it is intended to raid the enemy trench from E.19.B.70-00 to E.19.B.70-10. The operation will be supported by Artillery, Trench Mortar and Machine Gun Fire.
2. (a) The 58th Battalion is detailed to carry out the operation. All details will be arranged by C.O. 58th Battalion.
(b) "Z" Special Coy. R.E. is co-operating by projecting Gas Cylinders onto enemy shelters and dugouts along the road between E.26.B.9-2. and E.27.C.9-9.
3. The objects of the Raid are:
 - (a) To capture or kill as many of the enemy as possible and weaken his morale.
 - (b) To damage and destroy enemy material and defences.
 - (c) To obtain identifications, documents, and other information.
4. Programme of tasks for artillery, trench mortars, and Machine Guns is attached hereto. (Brigade Units only).
5. Administrative Instructions relative to the Gas Projector attack will be issued separately.
6. Watches will be synchronised by a Special Despatch Rider calling at Unit and Artillery Group Headquarters twice during the eight hours preceding Zero.
7. Reports and prisoners to Brigade Headquarters with the greatest possible speed.
8. Acknowledge.


Captain,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 1 p.m. through Signals to:

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58th Battalion	2.
59th Battalion	3.
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15th A.L.T.M.B.	5.
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Staff Captain	7.
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5th Aust. Division	9.
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4th Aust. F.A. Brigade	13.
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Brigade Q.M.	15.
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ADDENDUM No.1 to 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.169

8/27/19

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
MACHINE GUN COY.
No.....
Date.....

1. (a) "Z" Day = night 30th June/1st July, 1918.
(b) Zero time, 1.15 a.m.
2. The following code words will be used between Battalion and Brigade Headquarters:
 - (a) In lie position: FLAT.
 - (b) Prisoners : WOWSERS.
 - (c) Party returned : SPLENDID.

Casualties:

- (d) Officer wounded: one MEDIUM
- (e) Others " : HALT.
3. Owing to unfavourable wind the co-operation by "Z" Special Co.R.E., as mentioned in para 2 (b) of the above order will NOT take place.

[Signature]

Captain.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients
of Brigade Order No.169.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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ORDER No. 7.

Date: 30th June 1918.

Copy No.

Ref: Map Sheet 62D N.E.
1/20,000

1. The 58th Aust. Inf. Battalion will carry out a raid on enemy trench from E.19.b.70.00. to E.19.b.70.00 on the night of 30th June, 1st July 1918.
2. The guns of the 15th Aust. Machine gun Coy. will co-operate.
3. The hour of Zero will be notified later.
4. ACTION: The following are the tasks for the guns of this Company.
 - (a) Guns Nos. 9, 10, 11 & 12 will barrage on a line from E.14.c.5.5. through the point E.14.c.73.00. to E.20.a.90.40.
 - (b) Guns 7 & 8 to put harassing fire on road and trench from E.20.b.5.2. to E.14.c.9.3.
 - (c) No. 6 gun will traverse 2 deg. through a line of fire on E.14.c.4.6.
 - (d) No. 1 gun will be moved forward to position prepared at E.19.d.8.7. (approx) after dusk and will enfilade line behind trench being raided from the point E.19.b.95.00. to E.14.c.1.0.
This gun will have local protection by grenadiers of 58th Battalion, and will be withdrawn to its original position in the rear at Zero plus 15 minutes or as soon as enemy retaliation will permit.
 - (e) Guns 4 & 5 will concentrate on a line from E.20.b.7.7. to E.20.b.4.8.
 - (f) Fire will be opened by all guns at Zero hour.
 - (g) To Zero plus 12 minutes 250 rounds per minute.
Zero plus 12 minutes to Zero plus 30 minutes, 50 r.p.m.
5. Watches will be synchronised with 58th Battalion Signalling Officer at Zero minus two hours.
6. R.A.P. Quarry at D.30.a.9.1.

W. Fitz Gerald Captain,
O.C. 15th A.M. Gun Company.

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5th A.M.G. Bn.
58th A.I. Bn.
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C. S. 1247 V. M. 3111
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V. B. 30.9.18

Notice of the 30th September 1918

- (a) The 30th September 1918 will be observed as a day of mourning.
- (b) The 30th September 1918 will be observed as a day of mourning.
- (c) The 30th September 1918 will be observed as a day of mourning.
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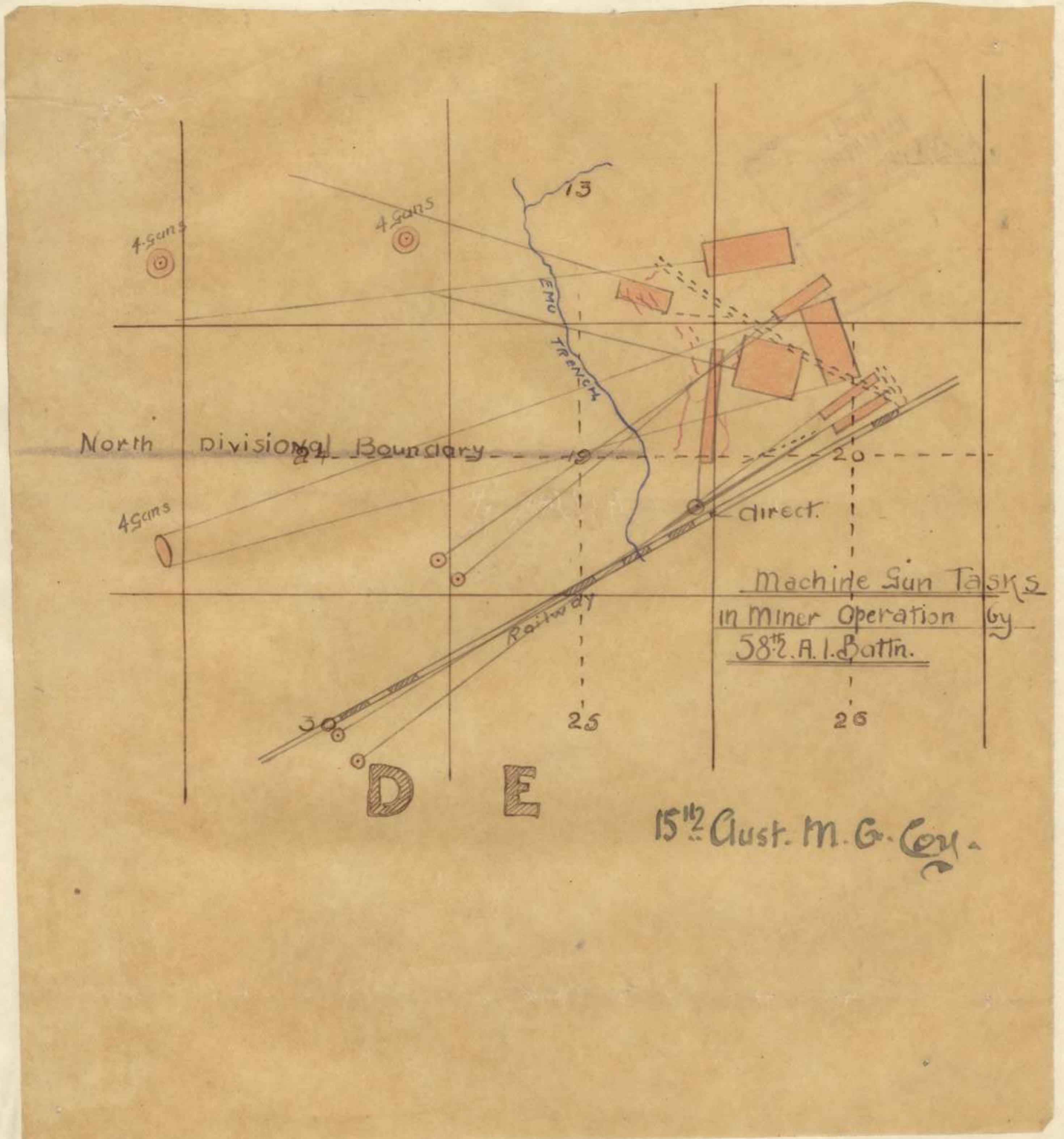
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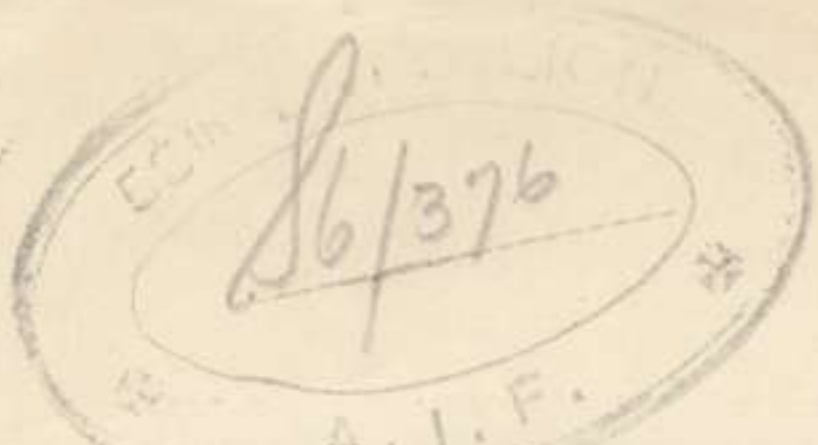
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58th BATTALION ORDER NO. 34.

Ref. Sheet 62d N.E. I/20,000.

June 27th 1918.

1. In conjunction with a gas projector discharge on our right the 58th Battalion will carry out a raid on enemy trench from E.I9.b.70-00 to E.I9.b.70-10.
2. OBJECTS OF RAID.
 - (a) To kill or capture as many of the enemy as possible.
 - (b) To obtain identifications of enemy's troops.
 - (c) To capture documents.
 - (d) Generally, to inflict damage on the enemy and lower his morale.
 - (e) To raise the morale of our troops.
3. Date of operation and ZERO hour willk be notified later.
4. COMPOSITION OF PARTY.
The party will consist of Lieut. W. E. SHIELLS and 35 Other ranks. Captain R. B. FORSYTH MC will act as O.C. Attack with Headquarters at "A" Coys. Headquarters.
5. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.
Watches will be synchronised with Lieut. GATES DCM, Signalling Officer, at least three times on "Z" day.
6. Reports and Prisoners will be sent with all speed to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) W. S. SPROULE Capt. & Adjt.
58th Battalion A. I. F.

Issued by runner at P.m.

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| | 5 | - | 59th Battalion |
| | 6 | - | Left Ggroup Artillery |
| | 7 | - | 4th A.F.A. Brigade |
| | 8 | - | 2nd A.M.T.M Battery |
| | 9 | - | 15th A.L.T.M. Battery |
| | 10 | - | 5th M.G. Battalion |
| | 11 | - | 15th M. G. Coy. |
| | 12 | - | O.C. "A" Coy. |
| | 13 | - | O.C. "B" Coy. |
| | 14 | - | O.C. Raid (Lieut. Shiells) |
| | 15 | - | War Diary |
| | 16 | - | War Diary |
| | 17 | - | War Diary. |

INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY 58th BATTALION ORDER NO. 34.

COMPOSITION OF PARTIES.

1. (a) Raiding party will be made up as follows :-
- (i) Headquarters Party - O.C. raid Lieut. W. E. SHIELDS
1 Scout
1 Runner
1 Intelligence man.
 - (ii) Right Party - Sgt. Newlands & 17 O.Rs
 - (iii) Left Party - Sgt. Williams & 13 O.Rs
- (b) Lieut. W. E. SHIELDS will be in charge of the operations and will specially direct the movements of the right party with whom he will cross NO MAN'S LAND.
- (c) Details of party and equipment are shown in appendix "A".

APPROACH, ASSEMBLY, METHOD OF ATTACK & RETURN.

2. APPROACH. Party will move according to following table:-
- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Zero minus 2 hours | - | Leave Battalion H.Q. |
| " " 1-1/2 hours | - | Reach attack H.Q. |
| " " 1 hour | - | Reach KNU TRENCH and CULCAIRN SWITCH. |
| " " 30 minutes | - | Reach "LIE" position. |

Hot food will be provided at "D" Coy's cooker, after which faces and hands will be blackened and bayonets covered with hessian.

3. ASSEMBLY. The whole raiding party will proceed to the "LIE" position outside wire in front of CULCAIRN SWITCH, and will then be inspected by the Officer and N.C.O.'s in charge.

4. METHOD OF ATTACK.

- (a) At zero hour concentrated fire will be brought to bear on the enemy trench to be raided.
- (b) At zero plus 2 minutes the barrage will lift and a barrage as per sketch attached will be formed and hostile emplacements neutralised.
- (c) At zero plus 2 minutes the trench will be rushed as the barrage lifts. Should wire be encountered or any delay occur all ranks except those engaged in cutting same or removing the obstacle will lie down and take such cover as may be available until the advance can be continued.
- (d) Each party will then proceed to carry out its allotted task. O.C. Raid will take up his position on the enemy parapet. The party will withdraw on a pre-arranged signal being given by Lieut. Shields. The word "RETIRE" will NOT be used.
- (e) No one except escort in charge of prisoners will return until the order has been given. The withdrawal of the party will be covered by the flank guards.

5. RETURN.

- (a) Members of the raiding party and prisoners will return to our lines by the most direct route past telegraph pole and goal posts into CULCAIRN SWITCH. Prisoners will be taken with all speed to the Headquarters of the O.C. Attack.
- (b) Each member of the raiding party will be checked on return at "B" Coy's Headquarters and raiders' discs collected and forwarded at once to Battalion Headquarters.
- (c) The R.M.O. will be responsible for the collection of discs from wounded. He will forward same without delay to Battalion Headquarters.

P.T.O.

ARTILLERY,
M/T/M'S
L.T.M'S
& M.G'S.

6. See special orders and tasks attached.

RIFLE
GRENADIERS.

7. Battalion team of Rifle Grenadiers will bomb trench to be raided from zero to zero plus 2 minutes from CULCAIRN SWITCH at E.I9.d.7-7. They will then withdraw to EMU TRENCH.

EVACUATION
OF WOUNDED.

8. Relay bearers will carry as follows :-
(a) From the assault party to EMU TRENCH at junction with C.T., XXXX E.I9.d.4-6.
(b) From E.I9.d.4-6 to R.A.P.
(c) From R.A.P. to Motor post.

COMMUNICATION.

9. Communication from enemy's parapet will be by means of line from No. 7 post in EMU TRENCH. Should communication by phone be completely interrupted, runners must be employed and every means taken to get information back in the shortest possible time. It is of the utmost importance that news of identification be forwarded quickly and this information must take precedence always. List of code words to be used is issued separately.

CO-OPERATION
AND ACTION
OF GARRISON.

10. (a) The garrison of the area must render every assistance within its power.
(b) At zero minus 15 minutes all "A" Coy's posts in CULCAIRN TRENCH south of Railway to E.20.c.35-40 will be withdrawn to EMU TRENCH in rear and re-occupied as soon as enemy retaliation has ceased. The garrison left in trench on the right must keep a sharp look out and be prepared to bomb out enemy if they rush posts temporarily vacated in CULCAIRN TRENCH.
(c) The garrisons of Nos. 7 & 8 posts in EMU TRENCH will also be thinned on night of "Z" day at zero minus 15 minutes, the men withdrawn moving up into the unoccupied portion of EMU TRENCH North of C.C.S. and returning after zero plus 3 minutes.

(sgd) W. S. Sproule Capt & Adj. 58th Battalion A.I.F.

ISSUED TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF BATTALION ORDER NO. 34.

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58th BATTALION A.I.F.CODE WORDS TO BE USED IN BATTLE OPERATIONS - Night 30th June / 1st July 1918.

<u>MESSAGE</u> -----	<u>CODE WORD</u> -----
Party ready in lie position	FLAT
One prisoner taken	ONE WOUNDS
Two prisoners taken	TWO WOUNDS
Have captured one M.G.	ONE BOMBER
Have captured two M.G.'s	TWO BOMBERS
Party returned to our trench	SPLENDID

CASUALTIES.

1 Officer wounded	ONE MEDIUM
1 " killed	ONE FULL
1 other rank wounded	ONE HALF
1 " " killed	ONE WHOLE

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APPENDIX "A 3.

DIVISION OF PARTY.

Headquarters Party.



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OG Raid
 1 Scout
 1 Runner
 1 Intelligence Man

RIGHT PARTY.

Sergt. NEWLANDS & 17 Other Ranks.

LEFT PARTY.

Sergt. WILLIAMS & 13 Other Ranks.

HEADQUARTERS PARTY.

No. rank & Name	Designation	Arms & Equipment	DUTIES.
3501 Pte Donnelly M	Scout	Rifle, Bayonet & Wire Cutters.	To lie upon parapet & guard against approach of enemy. Take charge of prisoners sent out.
2880 Pte Jones D.S.	Runner	Revolver & Knobkerrie.	
2980 Pte Wyatt S.L.	Intelligence Man	Revolver, Knobkerrie, sandbag & torch.	Take charge and get all identifications back to Bn Headquarters.

RIGHT PARTY

776 Sgt. Newlands	H.C.O. F.A.C.	Revolver & Mills Bombs.	Take charge of right party; keep in touch with Lieut. Shiells, assist intelligence man to get identifications.
3464 Cpl Ryan A.J.	H.C.O.	Rifle & Bayonet Mills Bombs.	work along trench and bomb same where necessary
1939 Pte Langley E.W.	Lewis Gunner	L.G., Revolver, Bombs.	
3454 " Allen E.	No. 2 L.G.	4 magazines & Revolver.	
1961 " King A.	Bayonet Man	Rifle & Bayonet Mills Bombs.	Work along trench and bomb same where necessary.
2225 " Plain T.	do	do	do
3421 " McIntyre L.	do	do	do
3565 " Jessup E.M.	do	do	do
2133 " Dawe A.D.	do	do	do
3184 " LePage E.A.	do	do	escort to prisoners.
4825 " Lyons J.	(Stretcher - Bearers.)		
3117 " Kerr R.M.			
1986 " Lane E.J.	Bomber	Rifle and Bayonet, Bombs.	To work along trench and protect right flank and cover withdrawal.
1995 " McIntosh J.	do	do	do
3454 " Sheppard C.WY	do	do	do
2953 " Roberts R.	do	do	do
1285 " Kelly J.F.	Runner	Revolver and Bombs.	
4894 Cpl Stewart G.	H.C.O. i/c Bombers	do	

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58th BATTALION A.I.F.

NOMINAL ROLL OF RAIDERS - SHOWING RAID NUMBERS.

No.	Rank and Name	Raid No.	No.	Rank and Name	Raid No.
	Lieut. F. B. SHIELDS	351	3454	Pte Sheppard C.W.	369
3501	Pte Donnelly M.	352	2953	Pte Roberts R.	370
2680	Pte Jones D.S.	353	1245	Pte Kelly J.F.	371
2980	Pte Wyatt S.L.A.	354	4894	Cpl Stewart G.	372
776	Sgt Newlands F.A.G.	355	1984	Sgt Williams G.)	373
3464	Cpl Ryan A.J.	356	1803	Cpl Forbes J.	374
1939	Pte Langley H.W.	357	2945	Pte Pontifax A.G.	375
3454	Pte Allen E.	358	1789	Pte Olle A.L.	376
1961	Pte King A.	359	3464	Pte Barnett R.	377
2225	Pte Plain T.	360	2931	Pte Mason F.	378
3421	Pte McIntyre L.	361	2935	Pte McKay A.D.	379
3565	Pte Jessup E.M.	362	3002	L/C Stephenson R.G.	380
2133	Pte Dawe A.D.	363	1757	Pte Smith W.H.	381
3184	Pte LePage R.A.	364	2717	Pte Rogers W.D.	382
4825	Pte Lyons J.	365	1745	Pte O'Neill P.J.	383
3177	Pte Kerr R.M.	366	2717	Pte Congdon C.G.	384
1986	Pte Lane H.J.	367	2404	Pte Dyke E.S.	385
1995	" McIntosh J.M.	368	1714	Pte Garner H.	385

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4th AUST. F. A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 43.

Ref. Map 62d, N.E. 1/20,000.

27th June 1918.

1. This order supersedes Warning Order No. 40 with Appendix "A" and tracing attached.
2. INTENTION. (a) At a date and time to be notified later, the 58th Battalion intend raiding enemy trench E.19.d.80.90 to E.19.b.70.17.
(b) The Infantry are arranging to clear EMU TRENCH from E.19.b.30.30 to E.19.d.40.70., also new switch trench E.19.d.90.70 to E.19.d.48.85.
(c) The Raiding Party is being divided into two sections and is jumping off from E.19.b.25.35 and E.19.d.45.75 approx.
3. ARTILLERY. The Artillery preparation and support will be carried out by Left Group, "C" Div. Artillery, less 12th Battery.
The C.O., Right Group, 58th Div. Artillery is assisting with neutralising fire from Zero hour.
4. TRENCH MORTARS. The 2nd Aust. Div. M.T.M's. will assist with one battery of 6" Newton M.T. Mortars.
5. LIAISON. Liaison Officers will be appointed from this office to act as :-

Liaison with O.C. Raid.
Liaison with Battalion.
6. COMMUNICATIONS. Communications will be arranged by O.C., 4th A.F.A. Brigade Signals in conjunction with Battalion Signal Officer.
7. SYNCHRONISATION. An Officer from all Batteries will synchronise at 104th Battery position at a time to be notified by following code :-

"Send shooting smith at.....(time)."
8. TASKS. (a) Individual Battery Tasks are appended and marked Appendix "A".
(b) Tracing of trench and barrages attached.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) D. A. FOWLER. Captain.
Adjutant, 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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APPENDIX XXX "AI" to OPERATION ORDER NO. 43.

PHASE 1.

Time.	Bty.	Target.	Rates of fire	Remarks
Zero to zero plus 3 minutes.	11th 10th 16th 18th 17th	Along trench E.19.b.76-90 to E.19.b.80-82 E.19.b.80-82 to E.20.a.05-52 E.20.a.05-52 to E.19.b.97-25 E.19.b.97-25 to E.20.a.00-35 2 guns E.20.c.20-95 to E.20.b.00-30 4 guns E.20.c.40-90 to E.20;B.40-45	3 rds per gun per min.	All "A" 50% On Graze
104th	2 how. 2 Hows 2 Hows	E.20.a.50-75 trench E.14.c.80-25 to E.20.b.05-90 trench E.20.a.95-40 to E.20.a.95-65.	2 rds per How. per min.	25 % 106 fuses.
106th	2 Hows 2 Hows 2 Hows	E.20.b.40-44 E.20.b.00-30 E.20.c. cent.	"	"

PHASE 2.

Zero to zero plus 30 minutes.	11th 10th 16th 18th 17th	E.19.b.76-90 to E.19.b.85-60 E.19.b.85-60 to E.20.a.20-60 E.20.a.20-60 to E.20.a.20-20 E.20;a.20-20 to E.20.c.20-80 E.20.c.20-75 to E.20;b.35-35	3 rds per gun per min for 12 minutes. 2 rds per gun per min. for 10 minutes. 1 rd per gun per min. for 5 minutes.	All "A" 50% on Graze
104th & 106th	As for phase 1.		2 rds per How per min for 12 minutes. 1 rd per How per min for 15 minutes.	25 % 106 fuses

3rd AUSTRALIAN T. M. BATTERY.

Phase 1 & 11.

Zero to zero plus 30	3rd	1 gun on point E.20.c.20-80 1 " " " E.19.b.80-80 1 " " bridge and junction road and trench E.20.d.25-35 1 gun on junction trench and railway E.20.a.75-05.	Zero to zero plus 3 "Intense" Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 30 "Normal.
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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 43.

Ref. Map 686. M.E. 1/20,000.

19th June 1918.

1. Tasks for 18 pdr. Batteries have been altered as per amended Table "A" and tracing "BI" attached.
2. Tasks for 6" Newton M.T.M. Battery are also included in New Task Table
3. Lieut. G. A. NIXON, 10th Battery is appointed to act as Raid Liaison and will get into touch with O.C., Raid and Lieut. RUSSELL, Signal Officer.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) D. A. FOWLER Captain,
Adjutant, 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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15th AUSTRALIAN LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

TASKS IN SUPPORT OF MINOR OPERATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY 58th BATTN.

GUN GROUPS & LOCATION.

- I. Eight Light trench mortars will be divided into 3 groups located as under :-
 - "A" Group - 3 Guns located in C.C.S. at E.19.d.25.90
 - "B" Group - 2 Guns located in RAVINE at E.19.d.1-2.
 - "C" Group - 3 Guns located in RAVINE at E.19.d.5-4.

GUN GROUP TASK.

- 2. ALL GROUPS - 3 Guns.
Zero to zero plus 2 minutes on enemy trench to be raided E.19.b.17.00 to E.19.b.17.10.
- "A" GROUP - 3 Guns.
Zero plus 2 minutes to zero plus 15 minutes on enemy trenches from E.20.a.30.00 to E.20.a.35.40
- "B" GROUP - 2 guns.
Zero plus 2 minutes to zero plus 15 minutes on enemy strong point at E.20.c.50.95.
- "C" GROUP - 3 Guns.
Zero plus 2 minutes to zero plus 15 minutes on enemy trench from E.19.b.70.30 to E.19.b.80.60.

(Sgd.) M. S. McCOLL Lieut.
O.C., 15th A. L. T. M. B.

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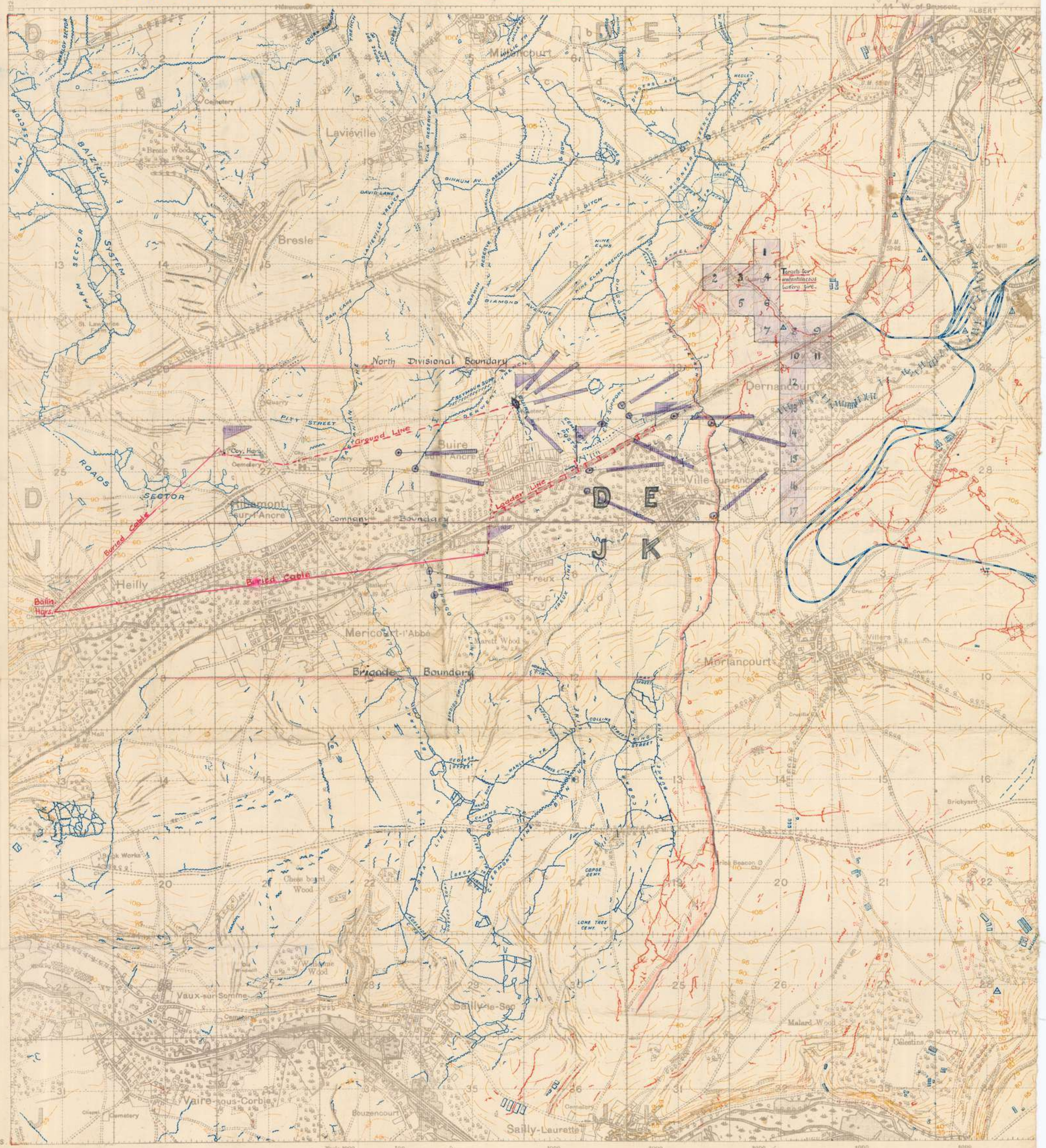
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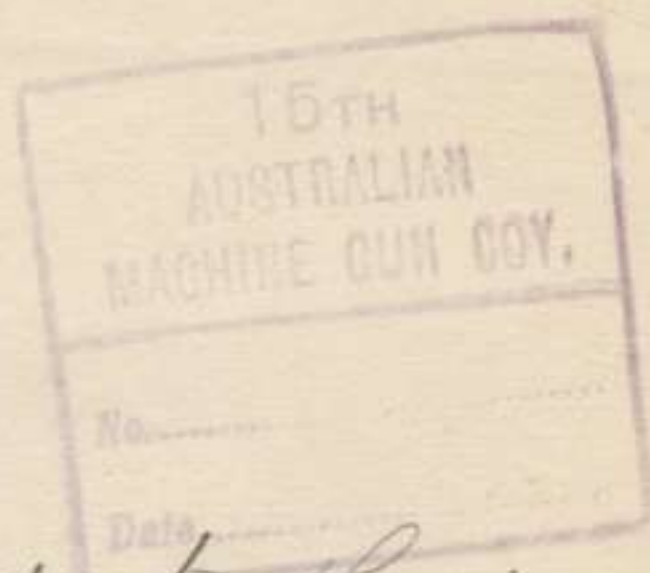
Monthly report re transport - June 1918.

On 1st June the Coy moved out for a fortnight's rest, the new camp being about 2½ Kilos from previous one. Here, the horse lines were situated on the lower side of a bank & had a bombproof shelter behind the horses. Close by, a running stream afforded an excellent supply of good water. Grazing was obtained in the vicinity.

During this period the Batta had a sports meeting & several of the drivers & their horses competed. Best performance was 3rd in the jumping event.

For this fortnight the water cart, driver & 2 horses were detached to the 14th Coy who were situated a considerable distance from water.

The water cart was returned to the Coy. after the Coy went back to the line & -



The transport had been moved to their new quarters on 15th June & where they remained till the end of the month.

At this camp the horse lines were in a valley & were protected by bomb proofs. Improvements were made to these shelters, material for doing the job being salvaged & brought in by the ration limbers at night.

The nearest water supply was about 2 Kilos away & the water cart had a busy time of it - Keeping two Coys supplied each day & Battalion Hqs every second day.

Grazing was good & conveniently near. Horses. Strength 6-45-2 till the last day of the month when Sgt Owens black horse was evacuated. Gas was the cause of the trouble. The horse's breathing was affected & he became very distressed if worked.

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Wounds. Several minor complaints & injuries were attended to by the Vet. people.

Feed - During the month the issue was

	Hay.	Oats
Heavy D.	9.	15.
Light D.	9.	9.

This was supplemented as mentioned above by grazing & also a load of lucerne or clover which was fed daily.

Towards the end of the month the Batts obtained a chaff cutter & some of the hay is chaffed & mixed with the oats.

Limbers - The remainder of the unpainted limbers (10) were painted. Dust excluders for the whets were drawn and are being fixed to the axles. Sundry minor repairs were executed. Limbers are now in pretty good order.

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Harness. In good Condition. Repair work is being done by Batta bootmaker.
 Cleaning material - Brasso & Saddle Soap is almost unprocureable & none was received from Batta.

Drivers. One D^m appointed in lieu of one transferred to Batta as fanner.

Inspections. One by Batta J.O.

Several by Vet. people.

Work done - Shifted Camp twice.

Obtaining Canteen Stores rations etc.

(Some trips taking 2 days)

Taking rations & Supplies to

gun teams etc in the line, to points

Subject to enemy shelling & M.G.

fire.

Taking up supplies & bringing out
 relieved & sick men

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SICK WASTAGE RETURN

15th Aust. M. Gun Coy.

30th June 1918.

Date	To F.A.		From F.A.		Evac. Div. Area.	
	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.
June 1	-	1	-	-	-	3
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