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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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3rd
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.

No.

Date

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAYENGMHEM LEZ-SENINGHEM	1-8-17		The Coy carried on with indoor training owing to bad weather. - Lt G. Harrington proceeded to England for duty with M.G. Training Depo. Lieut Harrington promoted Captain in lieu A. I. F. order. Lieut F. B. BETHUNE appointed 2 nd i/c vice HARRINGTON	MAP REFERENCE 5A 1/100,000 HAZEBROUCH
do	2/8/17		Training carried on by section with Battalion. - On the 2 nd billets were inspected by G.O.C. 1 st ANZAC (Gen Birdwood) On the 3 rd 2/Lt E. J. Scott returned from leave to U.K. On the 4 th Lieut LEHMANN proceeded on leave to IRELAND.	Do
do	3/8/17			Do
do	4/8/17			Do
do	5/8/17			Do
do	6/8/17		Co left BAYENGMHEM and returned to STAPLE AREA for motor lorry arrived at billets at 1900	Do
STAPLE AREA	7/8/17		Specialist training carried on. - Cpl RODDICK, J. and BAKER, D.R. and L/Cpls POWEROY, R.L. & LONGMORE, W. returned from the Brigade School on the 8/8/17. All these N.C.O.s received excellent reports.	Do
do	8/8/17			Do
do	9/8/17		Co left STAPLE AREA and marched to billets at VIEUX-BERQUIN, HAZEBROUCH was avoided as this town was being shelled intermittently by long range German Guns. Arrived at billets at 1630. No stragglers and the Co marched well.	Do
VIEUX-BERQUIN (K6 B 5.8.)	10/8/17		Co carried out specialist and general training. Cpl ARNOTT, F. and L/Cpls COPE, F. SOBELS, Y. J. & EDGELL, H. C. proceeded to Brigade School for training.	36 A SHEET 1/40,000
do	11/8/17			Co attended Church Parade with 10 th Battr in the Batt. Parade Ground. After service the Coy marched passed G.O.C. Brigade
do	12/8/17		Lecture by Div Gas Officer & inspection of all Anti-Gas apparatus.	
do	13/8/17		Co marched to OUTERSTEENE for baths	
do	14/8/17		Specialist & general training carried out. On the 15 th Lieut 17 th LEOD proceeded on leave to PARIS. - On the 16 th 2/Lt SCOTT proceeded to BRIGADE SCHOOL. - About 2100 on the 17 th the district was raided by German Aeroplanes and a number of bombs were dropped but no damage done to or in the vicinity of the Co. billets. Observation could not be obtained so our Anti Aircraft Guns did not come into action.	Do
do	15/8/17			Do
do	16/8/17			Do
do	17/8/17			Do
do	18/8/17		These two days were devoted to Coy Sports, & some interesting contests took place. German Aeroplanes were again over this district between 2100 and 2130 on both nights, & bombs were dropped at or near STRAZEELE. Sgt WILLIAMS, W.L. and L/Cpls GUTHRIE and CHAMBERS proceeded to Pack Saddlery course at Transport School on the 19-8-17.	Do
do	19/8/17			Do

Major. Ineb. Lieut
for G.O. 3rd A.M.G. Co.

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VIEUX-BERQUIN (K68.5.8.)	20/8/17 26/8/17		Specialist and General Training was carried out during the week. On 20 th Lieut LEHMANN returned from U.K. On 21 st Lieut McLEOD returned from PARIS leave. On 22 nd representative units of the Brigade were inspected by the G.O.C. A.I.F. This Co was represented by a Section in charge of Lieut BAKER-FINCH & McLEOD, 3 G.S. Lumbered Waggon in charge of Transport Serg Webb. Brigade Sports were also held on this day and a very successful meeting took place. Lt E.N. ROACH and WILLIAMS-HUGHES joined the Co as M.G. BASE CARRIERS. Lt ROACH was a Sgt in this Co previously & was sent to the Cadet Training School, ENGLAND. On the 24 th Lt BAKER-FINCH left for PARIS. The Co was inspected by the G.O.C. Brigade. Usual Church Parade with 10 th Batt on the 26 th .	MAP REFERENCE Sheet 36 A. 1/40,000
do	27/8/17 31/8/17		Specialist and General Training was carried out. On 28 th representative units of the Brigade were inspected by the G.O.C. 2 nd ARMY. This Coy was represented by one Section in charge of Lieut LEHMANN.M.C. and WARREN.M.C. & by 3 Lumbered Waggon in charge of T/Sgt WEBB. Lt BAKER-FINCH returned from PARIS leave on the 29 th . The C.O. Capt GHENT left for M.G. School CARRIERS on the 31 st . Lieut BETHUNE.M.C. assuming temporary Command of the Coy.	Do
		N.B.	During the month a number of men have been detailed daily to assist the French farmers in gathering their crops, and also in other farm duties.	D.

Baker Finch Lieut
for C.O. 3rd Australian Machine Gun Co.

Appendix A

3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No.	3/833
Date	31/8/17

9th. Battalion.
10th. Battalion.
11th. Battalion.
12th. Battalion.
3rd. M.G. Coy.
3rd. T.M. Bty.

Reference Divisional Memo 91/382 forwarded under this Office 3/833 dated 30/8/17.

Units will submit, by 1200 on 2nd. instant recommendations as under :-

Battalions	-	2 Honours and 6 mentions each.
3rd. M.G. Coy.	-	1 Honour and 2 mentions.
3rd. T.M. Bty.	-	2 mentions.

[Signature]
..... Captain
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Infy. Bde.

31/8/17.

Brigade. _____

Division. _____

Corps. _____

Date of Recommendation. _____

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	• Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	<p>3rd AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Date</p>		<p>Lieut MALCOLM MACLEOD</p>	<p>Consistent gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th April 1915 to 1st Sept 1917</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> Recommended by W. S. A. M. G. Co. </p>	<p>M.C.</p>	

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	3rd Aus Machine Gun Co.	10	C. S. M. William Edgat	Consistent gallantry and devotion to duty from 25 th April 1915 to 1 st Sept 1917	W. J. H. M. G. C. W. J. H. M. G. C.	mentioned in despatches	
	3rd AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	1464	Pte Albert Hill	Consistent gallantry and devotion to duty from 1 st June 1915 to 1 st Sept 1917	W. J. H. M. G. C. W. J. H. M. G. C.	mentioned in despatches	

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