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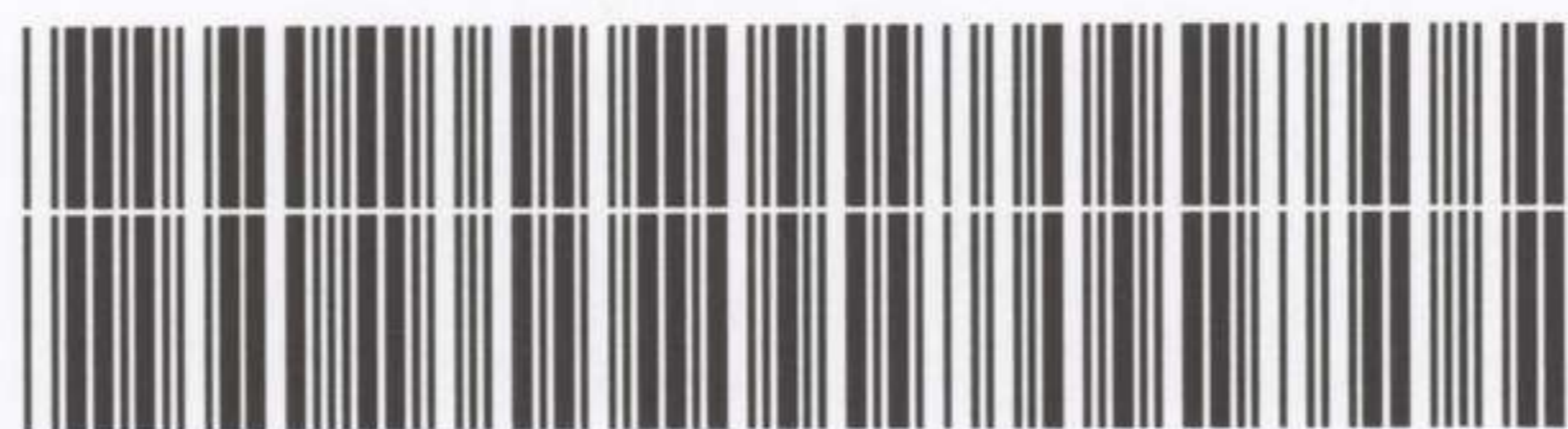
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/20/3

Title: 15th Australian Machine Gun
Company

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11/3/16

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Railhead				
Jerry Post	3-5-16		Four light Vickers received from D.A.D.O.S., and were sent out to	
	4-5-16		Sphere Post; 3 Le WALLOW; MTKEMBLA and GUMDAGI to be used as mobile reserve guns.	
			Inspection of the front line by Army Corps and the Divisional commander. Meeting at Duntroon Roadhead at 0730	
	5-5-16		All ranks were paid to-day.	
	6-5-16		Divisional exercises to-day. The 15 th Brigade attacking. Place of Assembly in basin between Duntroon Plateau and AUSTRALIA HILL. Time 0700. Attack to commence at 0800 the objective being ALBURY HILL, due WEST. 2 Le force represented two Brigades supported by artillery and two (2) Machine Gun Companies.	
			Disposition of Machine guns as in appendix 701.	
	7-5-16		attended meeting at Brigade H. Q. received orders to move camp to Hags Back Camp, Road Head, South. also to withdraw only leave four guns in N Sector.	701.
	8-5-16		Withdraw the two reserve guns + No 30 th gun from W Sector	

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Rail Head Zerry Post	9-5-16	-	Shifted Company HQ to Hog's Back, Road Head South. Inspection of the front line by the Brigadier 15 th Inf Bde in afternoon	
Road Head Hog's Back	10-5-16		Inspection of front line by the Divisional Commander at 7.30 a.m. The following positions were occupied: Nos 3 & 4 (near Sphinx) 8A (Clubfoot), 11 (Round Hill), 18 (Plateau) One gun held in reserve at Sphinx. Mark VII ammunition was issued to each Vickers gun	
	11-5-16		Inspection of front line by Lt in C, accompanied by Army Corps Commander and Divisional Commanders	
	14-5-16		Received instructions from B.A. G that 14 th Mt Coy would take over on the 15 th inst: and that the 15 th Mt Coy would leave Hog's Back ^{on 16th inst} in rear of the main body at 0630. Marched into camp vacated by 14 th Mt Coy at Zerry Post.	
Zerry Post	16-5-16		Brigade Exercise. Advance One section with advance guard remainder of company with Main Body. Enemy encountered early two sections sent forward, one section held in reserve. Company	
	17-5-16		1577 Wt. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.	 <p>S. O. Keale Capt</p>

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Jerry Post	17-5-16		Had very good field practice.	
- do -	18-5-16		Divisional exercise postponed. Holiday for Company.	
- do -	20-5-16		Received 9 horses & 4 harnesses for transport together with ladders and harness.	
			Two (2) officers and twenty four (24) other ranks returned from School of Instruction Zetoun.	
- do -	22-5-16		Syllabus of training for week ending 27 th not attached Divisional field exercise. The Company's position in the column was in rear of H.Q. 15 th Inf Bde. The starting point was at the East end of Pioneer Camp, time of passing 0443. Good company training in open war fare.	Appendix 2.
- do -	25-5-16		Practice for Review in morning. Review by C.I.C in afternoon. Full company including ladders at review.	
- do -	26-5-16		Hours job training altered.	
- do -	27-5-16		Syllabus of training for week ending 30 th June attached	
- do -	29-5-16		Received orders from B.H.Q. re moving at an early date	
- do -	31-5-16		Brigade trench attack practice in afternoon.	



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of
15th Machine Gun Coy

From 3-5-16 to 31-5-16

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15th M. G. Coy

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N. 57th M. G. Coy to support 57th Brigade, 12 guns to support the advance and four guns to remain with General Reserve. One section to advance with 2nd line of Infantry and ~~to~~ into action behind small 500 yards to the right front. The other two sections to advance with supports, and join with first section which would then go forward adopting the formation of the infantry. The country was very open this necessitated my only keeping four guns in reserve. The first range was 1100 yards and a good target, consisting of a mass of men appeared. This company was in charge of Lt McCracken

The 59th M. G. Coy supported the 59th ~~Brigade~~ Brigade. A mounted force went forward to our right flank and under its protection well supported by the infantry

15th M. G. Coy
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I sent forward three sections, with orders to take up a position on the enemy's extreme left and if possible to bring reverse fire on them. I personally carried out this move, for Lt Musson, not being mounted could not keep in touch with the mounted unit.

With timber these guns would have done great execution, as the country gave good concealment & good cover from our and artillery fire. All sections came into action, supported the advance of the now dismounted unit as well as the infantry.

One section was left with the reserves of the 59th Bde. This M. G. Coy was in charge of Lt ~~Musson~~ Elliott although no equipment was at hand, arrangements were made to keep up communication between the Brigade M. G. officers and D. H. Q.

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15th Machine Gun Company

Syllabus of Training for units ending 27. 5. 16

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Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0515 to 0630 to 0745 to 0845	Divisional Exercise	Field Training Mounting Gun in all positions Fire Control practice for NCOs Communication between Guns	Field Training Mounting gun between points 60 yds apart. The positions to be selected by the NCO Half of each section watching from the front of the other half section	Field Training Tactical Exercise for whole Company With Infantry in the attack Evening position represented by flags	Company Drill Lecture Trench warfare including the importance of individual cooking Indication of targets on landscape target	Return from night training
1700 to 1800		Inspection of Equipment and all arms	Construction of range cards in attack	Afternoon Parade	Holiday	Inspection of Equipment till 1730
1900 to 2000	NCO's Lecture on map reading	Lecture to Officers on ciphering	Night Marching	NCO's Practice in taking up position	Practice in taking over position in trenches also taking part in an attack at dawn	



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15th Machine Gun Company

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Syllabus of Training for week Ending 3. 6. 15

Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0630 to 0735	gun drill	Practice in packing limbers & limber drill	Brigade trench attack	Practice in packing & unpacking limbers	Concealing guns Practice in indicating targets & visual training	Competition in stoppages
0745 to 0900	Mechanism & stripping	Fire control & indication of targets & communication drill	"	"	"	"
0900 to 1000	Stoppages	Practice in fire orders & signals gunners Bell filling	"	Lecture on billeting & safeguard against gas	Competition in gun drill	Practice in fire orders & fire direction & communica- tion drill
1100		Inspection of transport.		Inspection of transport	Inspection of transport by S.O.C.	
1600 to 1730	Holiday	Stoppages	Inspection of equipment & all arms	Holiday	Inspection of equipment & all arms	Kit inspection
1900	Lecture to NCO's on fire direction	Lecture to NCO's on fire direction	Lecture to NCO's on fire direction cont.		Lecture to NCO's on how to open fire	
2000	Officers Lecture "with Infantry in attack"	Officers Lecture "with Infantry in attack"			Officers Lecture "Machine guns in defence"	
1930	Divisional night operation					



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