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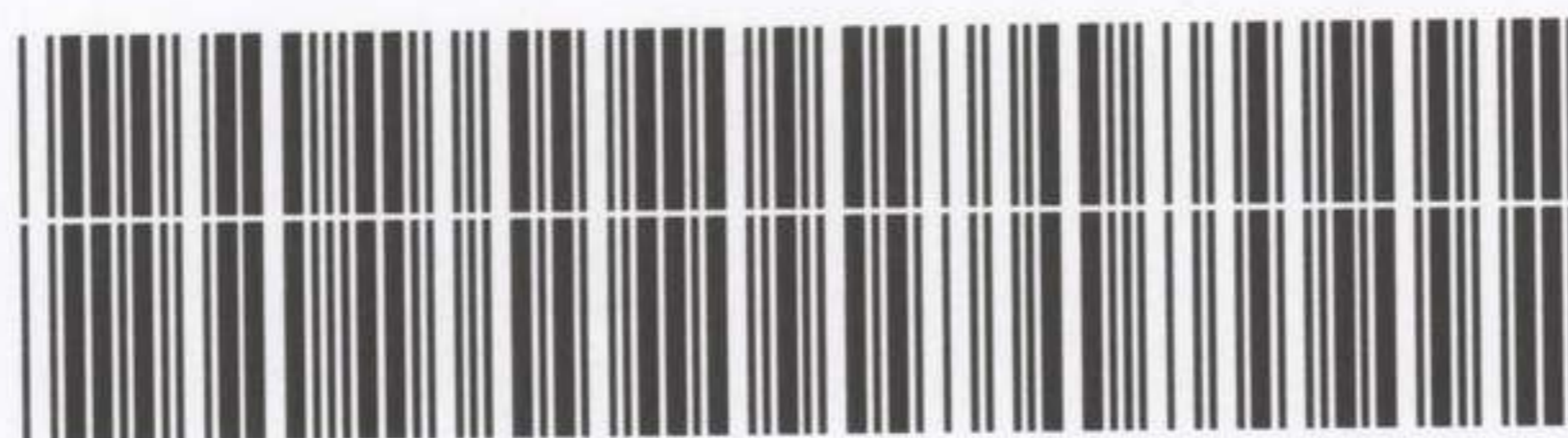
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/6/19

Title: 1st Australian Machine Gun Company

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HU SOUVRIN near HAZEBROUCH	1/9/17		Capt DV. MULHOLLAND S.I.C. proceeded to ARMIENTIERES to reconnoitre the M.G. positions in the defence of that City. Training carried out as usual	
	2/9/17		4 officers and 4 NCO reports to Capt MULHOLLAND and also reconnoitred the defences and the party all returned late this evening. Enemy aeroplanes visible HAZEBROUCH at about 23.15	
	3/9/17		Capt T.O. NICHOLLS 7 th AUS M.G.C. gave a lecture on the latest methods of sabotage work and also gave a practical illustration, without S.A.M. in the afternoon.	
	4/9/17		Training carried out as usual 3 officers attended gen. lecture by Capt. Chemical adviser	
	5/9/17		Training carried out as usual G.O.C. 1 st AUS Div/18 th inspected 1 st line transport and Complementary transport	
	6/9/17		Training carried out as usual 8 reinforcements received from base	
	7/9/17		Training continued 4 officers were taken by Motor Car to see works of area in new zone new sector C.O. with 1 officer went to sabotage demonstration near RENESCURE by 7 th AUS M.G.C.	
	8/9/17		3 officers went to see works. Training continued	
9/9/17		C.O. with one other officer left at 0245 to reconnoitre new area and returned at 15.30 to aft having talked over the matter with D.M.G.C.		

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AU SOUVRAIN near HAZEBROUCH	10/9/17		Training carried out as usual. At 13.40 C.O. received orders that at D.H.Q. with 3 OR. to go in advance to forward area. Left D.H.Q. at 17.30 and proceeded to RENINGHELST where the night was spent. 1 Officer and 7 OR. were sent ahead on preliminary party.	
CHATEAU SEGARD AREA near YPRES Sheet-28 H26 C14	11/9/17		<p>Long to take C.O. and other C.O.s to reconnoitre forward position. did not arrive. The Company received orders to proceed to CHATEAU SEGARD AREA but these buses did not arrive either. C.O. then received orders to report to Area Commandant CHATEAU SEGARD AREA under own arrangements and get an area allotted there. On arrival there trench shelters were broken but the Company were arrived and no information could be obtained at the end of the day. Orders were received that the 1st An MGC together with the 21st An MGC were to take up ^{take up} position by the morning of the 15th/9/17 to place a S.O.S. barrage in front of the ^{the} final objective in the push coming operation but no detail was available yet except that position was being dug and 20,000 rounds of SAA carried up for each battery of 8 guns. No carrying parties were available. 1st An MGC is now under orders from the Coy. MGC. who is making all arrangements.</p>	
	12/9/17		<p>Transport arrived about 16.00 having halted for the night at DARLINGTON CAMP about 2 miles WEST of RENINGHELST. The remainder of the Company arrived at about 19.00 in motor lorries. Thus we are today late and have to do some work in four days instead of five. There is no trace of the preliminary party and 7 OR. have not yet arrived.</p>	

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CHATUAN SEGARD AREA YPRES Sheet 28 H 24 C 14.	13/9/17		Company were taken up to HELL FIRE CORNER in motor lorries and there moved to HOOGE CRATER when they were SAA which was to be taken to HELL FIRE CORNER in lorries and there from lorry to HOOGE CRATER. Not too much in all SAA received 24 from late SAA was carried till 0800 then the very men were picked up at HELL FIRE CORNER and taken back to camp situated at H 24 C 15. (Sheet 28 NW) The Battery commander selects gun positions	
	14/9/17		No lorries were available some work done and carried SAA and started digging positions. 48 OR with the Battery commander left again at 1800 to continue carrying and digging and the remainder are busy up in the morning. No detail is yet available YURON packs are found very useful	
	15/9/17		Company went up to finish carrying SAA and digging positions in motor lorries and trucks back 1 OR received 120-100 rounds of SAA and new with each battery and 160000 in a dump about 300 yards in rear and position are finished	
	16/9/17		Work of preparing all guns and gear also drawing tables gear continued. Fighting maps made last S.O.S line was attacked at 2200 and had to start on again	
	17/9/17		Day was spent making new fighting maps which were sent to P. the to be printed. More stores drawn to complete battle issues	

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CHATEAU SEGARD AREA near VPRES Sheet 28 H24-C14	18/9/17 19/9/17		<p>Day was spent in making all preparation to move into the line tomorrow and preparing maps etc</p> <p>Company moved by sections at 15 minutes with all gun gear from the CHATEAU SEGARD AREA starting at 17.30 and proceeded to position already dug in front of CHATEAU WOOD in J 13 B. Owing to congestion on the road limbers did not arrive to HOOGE CRATER till about 21.30. By this time it had become very dark and rainy which made movement of gun gear, which had to be worked by hand, very difficult. Telephone wires were laid to all batteries but could not be maintained owing to shelling. A and B Sections formed K Battery at and L-DUTTON and C and L Battery under Lt HEANE. Found that buried cable which was to be laid to 2nd and 3rd Am Coy Bn HQ was not to be found and no information regarding it could be obtained so a line was run out by our signaller connecting with 11th Aus Bn who are in touch with these Brigades. Many of the gun positions which had been dug were found to be blown in and also some SAA dumps were destroyed by fire. 1st and 21st Aus MGCs were come under command of CO Plans were and together formed ^{Right} S.O.S. MGC group consisting of 4 eight gun batteries lettered H, J, K, L from right to left. 21st AMGC on right and 1st AMGC on left.</p> <p>Owing to darkness and rain and also the fact that many positions had to be dug all gun were in position till about 0330</p>	

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Map HOOGE 1:10000 S13B 50 SOS MG Smy H.Q	29/9/17 Cont		<p>A number of belt-born and some ration were destroyed by being run over by a "Tank" on its way up to the attack. Artillery Battery spent at 0540 and evening shells heavy around battery positions all telephone wires were cut and it was impossible to keep them intact for any period at all. Received report at 1000 that first objective had been taken and our troops were on their way to 2nd objective. Received report at 1800 that Lt WATTSON had been killed and Lt HEANE CDR wounded all from L Battery. Lt HEANE remained at duty. Weather now fine. Wire to base was cut and no direct communication for a time. Received warning that enemy ^{attack} was expected at 1130. At 1230 received report that enemy were reported to be crossing. Intercepted message through phone that enemy were crossing attacking S10C Central and S16 A Central. Group order to open fire at 1250 about 1252 S.O.S. ^{reported from S10C} sent on left of Divisional sector. 1316 received message that our troops had advanced beyond Green line on the right and were approx. as follows S16 A 0.2 to S16 A 1.5 and S9 D 6.0 - 4.7 - 3.2 - 2.4 - 10:55 - 1.6 - S9 B 11 - 4.4 - 4.6</p> <p>This information was obtained by phone. An account of our troops being reported so far forward on the right our SOS line was left 200 yards or more right and was on next battery front. 2 left batteries remained unaltered</p>	

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Max HOOGE J 13 B 50 S.O.S. MG G. rank HR.	20/9/17		<p>At 1845 S.O.S. was reported on our front. All batteries immediately opened fire. 2Lt CAIGER who had been assisting P.M.G.O. on back having been asked to replace Lt HEANE OC of BATT whom a mortar had hit. Then sent away to dressing station and evacuated. At about 2100 received orders that our troops were occupying original German line so our S.O.S. was returned as before. 1 BATT (2nd Lt) now could only keep 4 guns in action owing to casualties in new and guns so S.O.S. was nullified. Budge at J 10 B 1 1/2 S was kept under fire all night. Night quiet.</p>	
	21/9/17		<p>Early morning quiet. Heavy bombardment opened up on our right at about 0330 and continued till 0600. S.O.S. signal shown on extreme right of our front at 0445. All guns opened fire. All was quiet again at 0630. S.A.M. expended to date 110,000 rounds by 1st ARM B Co. Casualties to date 1 Officer 1 OR killed and 4 Officers 5 OR. Wounded 2 missing behind wounded. Morning very quiet. at about 1500 enemy shelled all batteries position with heavy H.E. obtaining a direct hit on one position killing all the crew but guns undamaged. All batteries were withdrawn to tunnel and full shelling ceased and returned immediately. Received orders that the P.M.G.O. will be sent not more and will 1st Lt be sent but will remain on S.O.S. work till further orders.</p>	

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Map HOOGE 1:10000 J 13 B 50	21/9/17		SOS reports on our post at 1906. Bomb opens fire at once fire was kept up till 2020 as artillery did not slacken down. SAA taken to gun position by pack animals. SAA expended 75000 rounds (1 st AMGC). Night fairly quiet.	
SOS MG Group HQ	22/9/17		A few gas shells were fired about our position at 0330. Received reply from 1 st Aus MG Coy. Has 1 st AMGC and also orders from DMCO to reconnoitre forward as we should most likely have to move up a little for next attack. Day quiet.	
	23/9/17		2145 Received orders to withdraw SOS gun to tunnel (D2) and arrange to dig positions for 24 guns, 12 from each company in old post line, in order to carry out a creeping barrage for next attack. When positions are finished company men are to return to rest at CHATEAU SEGARD area till attack takes place. All gun gear well down and attached in tunnel having been cleaned by 0700. All officers reconnoitre position in old post line and decided on exact locations. Positions are in old post line in J14A. Work started at 1100 and finished at 2200. 24 positions having been made and 30000 of bulk SAA carried forward. All positions completed. Men returned to tunnel for the night.	

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CAATEAU SEGARD AREA	24/9/17		<p>Started to leave position at 0530 to push the mortar line at during station near HELL-FIRE CORNER. Our losses were minor but we managed to get all the men back on returning losses and arrived at the camp at 0830. Total Casualties in operation</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Killed 1 Officer 5 OR</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Wounded 1 " 11 OR</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Missing — 1 OR</p>	
	25/9/17		<p>Day spent in making calculations for forthcoming operation. Company left camp at 1730 and proceeded by march route to Group HQ which was in the same place in D 2 tunnel. And the remainder of the night was spent in getting into position. The 21st Aus MG Coy now come under orders of CO 1st Aus msc</p>	
	26/9/17		<p>All guns were in position by 0700. These positions were in our old front line in J 14 A where positions had been prepared 2 days previously several of which had been damaged by shell fire. Heavy enemy shelling from 0700 to 0630 causing 5 OR killed and 2 OR wounded. Zero time was 0550 Guns opened on creeping at 0557 and ceased fire at 0746 according to orders. One gun was damaged and had to be replaced</p>	

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Growth HQ J 13 B 50	26/9/17		<p>SAA expended by group 64500 of which 1st AMGC expended 21100. At 1006 received word that our troops had taken Red line and about to attack Blue line. All guns were now laid on target 'F' and awaiting orders. 1047 received orders to fire on target for 10 minutes. Received orders to fire on J 22 B 6 5 10 J 16 D 0 9 and J 17 A 15 0 0 17 J 17 A 15 8 0 These were fired on from 1308 to 1321. When word was received that division on our right had taken Blue line and also received orders to arrange SOS from J 16 D 4 9 15 J 11 C 0 0 as a counter attack was expected. 1205 an enemy aeroplane was brought down by No 8 gun L BATTN (1st AMGC). Another E.A. reported brought down by same gun at 1630. 1725 received orders from DMGO 5th Bn to fire for 10 minutes on SOS line. 1835 received word that Corps on left had advanced 1900 saw SOS gun in entrance range 2100 yards. SOS went at 1900 guns around. At 2005 received order to retreat to old SOS line SOS went at again at 2030 and guns around - call 2100 must quiet during last SOS and SAA sent up ball guns</p>	

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Green HQ

26/9/17

Casualty during operation 5 OR killed as 2 OR wounded

J13 B 50

27/9/17

Morning quiet till 1200 when enemy shells position with gas shells at H E of large calibre. 1200 SOS alerted & follows all Batt 20 left as elements 100 yds J' Batt elements 200 yds in view to ensure safety of our own troops in accordance with order from D MG 0 5th Am Bn opened up on SOS at 1535 for 10 minutes. 1841 SOS went up and all guns responded firing for 25 minutes 10 minutes at 300 rounds per minute at 15 at 500 rounds per minute. Batteries again shells with gas shells and H E. Received word that MG fire at 1535 had helped to break up 2 regiments of infantry who were preparing to attack our new positions. Capt Mathallen received order to proceed to 3rd Am by 3rd HQ to take command of 3rd Am MG Co. Return and water arrived alright Casualties Nil

28/9/17

SOS went up on extreme night at 0345 guns responded for 5 minutes then ceased 0950 Received order to withdraw and return to Camp Mr CHATEAU ^{SEGARD} AREA which was completed by 1700

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CHATUA SEGARD AREA	28/9/17		Total Casualties in operation 5 OR Killed 25 4 OR wounded Total expenditure of SAA in Sept 353 000 rounds of which 1st A.M.G.C expended 191 000 rounds																																											
	29/9/17		Day spent in making out strategy lists no claims up till now																																											
	30/9/17		Received orders that 8 pm 1st A.M.G.C are to go into the line between 11 th & 12 th Km die on the night 9 th & 10 th October. The remaining 8 will attack with the 1 st Km by 10 th on a date to be notified later																																											
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Memorandum re relief of S.O.S
guns by Major Spence

1. The 1st & 2nd Aus MG Coy's will provide 24 machine guns for purpose of firing a creeping barrage in ~~connection~~ ^{conjunction} with the Artillery barrage for a forthcoming operation.
2. The OC S.O.S V.M.G group will arrange to have 24 positions in 3 light gun batteries ~~now~~ prepared in the forefront line, forthwith.
3. 15000 rounds of buck SAA will be distributed between the 3 batteries.
4. When positions are dug & SAA is arranged ~~all~~ ~~guns~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ the two Coys concerned will proceed in small parties back to resting area at CHATEAU BELGE.
5. Guns ~~4~~ ⁴ guns will be placed in a safe position & a guard of 1 NCO & 2413 men left. These men will live in D2 Tunnel.
6. ~~Arrangements must be made~~ made
A guard will also be placed consisting of two men in the dugout at HOOGE CRATER recently occupied by DM GO 1st Aus Div. These will guard 4 new guns & any other ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} places there.

19 September 1917.

1. All batteries will report to Group H.Q. by phone at ZERO minus $4\frac{3}{4}$ hours that they are in position. "WANT RATIONS" will be used for this.
2. S.O.S. lines are as in map already issued.
3. All batteries will have calculations made on bearing charts to engage any other batteries S.O.S. lines.
4. Situations will be explained minutely to all ranks.
5. Situations, casualties, etc. will be reported to Group H.Q. hourly from ZERO on except in special cases when a report will be sent at once.
6. A.M.C. men with dressings will be at Group H.Q. also a reserve of drinking water, oil, cleaning rag, respirators.
7. One gun per battery will be told off to deal with any E.A. which may fly low over their position.
8. Battery Commanders will as far as possible keep S.A.A. up to 120,000 rounds per battery from the half way dump and will report to Group H.Q. when more ammunition is required.
9. The notice boards supplied will be placed where they can be seen, at each gun position, Batt. H.Q. and Group H.Q.
10. S.O.S. Signal from midday 17/9/17 will be rifle Grenade parachute bursting into 3 colored lights Red over green over yellow. also by day a red parachute will be used.
- ⑪ $\frac{H}{H}$ Fire will be opened at rate of 900 rounds per minute for 10 minutes and 50 rounds per minute for a further 10 minutes or longer if necessary.
- ⑫ Counting of guns and personnel will be as already instructed.
12. Special attention will be paid to ensure that all is clear in front of gun before fire is opened.

14. Watches will be synchronized with Group Commander at 12.30. 1700 on day before ZERO and 0030 on ZERO day.
15. ZERO hour will be notified later.
16. Reports to Group H.Q. at T.13 B.5.0. from 2000 on day before ZERO day onwards.
17. Two runners per battery will report to Group H.Q. at 2100.
18. P.I. (RIGER) 1st Lt. M.G.B. is in charge of Communications, arrangements will be notified later.
19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution

1. Rec.
2. DM G.O.
3. H. Battery
4. J. "
5. K. "
6. L. "

Richard Pugh O.C.
S.O.S. M.G. Group.

1. The 1st and 2nd Aus. Ho. G. Companies will proceed under company arrangements to positions already dug in J.12 B. All gun gear as under will be taken direct to gun positions, except guns which will be taken to shelter at Group H.Q. at J.12 B. 5. c.

Each Battery will carry a minimum of gear as stated but may take more at the discretion of Battery Commander.

- 8 Guns. 8 Tripods with fittings
- 8 Condensers. 8 Zero Marks.
- 8 Aux Tripods 8 Aux Aiming Marks.
- 8 Cleaning Rods.
- 8 Spare parts complete, including 1 spare barrel per gun.
- 14 Boxes Belts with SAA. per gun and spare Belts if available.
- 16 Cans of Water Drinking.
- 1 Belt Mending Machine
- 8 Shovels.
- 200 Sand Bags.
- 8 T shaped Base Plates, if available
- Shell Dressings as available

On the Man - Dress at discretion of C.O.

Companies -

Unexpired portion of days rations

24 Hours Fresh Ration

24 Hours. Iron Ration

Chocolate Ration, if available

Water Bottle Full

120 Rounds of SAA on all Men armed with Rifles.

There will be accommodation for all Officers and ³² Other Ranks at Group H.Q. till Zero minus 5 hours.

Battalion Commander will report either personally,
or by Runner when these arrangements
are complete.

10th Companies will arrange rationing independently.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Richard Capt @ 10
S. B. S. Machine Gun Group

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1. File
2. D.M.G.O.
3. H. Batty.
4. J. Batty.
5. K. Batty.
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GUN

MACHINE INSTRUCTION N° 1.

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- ① The number of guns available to support the attack of 5th Australian Division will be 88. They will be organised in the following groups:-

16. MOBILE GUNS.

32 S.O.S GUNS BARRAGE.

24 GUNS CREEPING BARRAGE.

16 GUNS MOBILE RESERVE.

② MOBILE GUNS:-

Officers commanding 14th and 15th machine Gun Companies will each supply 8 mobile guns to closely support the attack of their respective Brigades and 8 mobile guns reserve guns under the control of G.O. Co's 14th and 15th Brigades respectively, separate instructions will be issued to these guns. Each company will provide 1 officer for liaison duty to report 5 hrs before ZERO to respective Brigade Headquarters.

③ S.O.S. GROUP:-

Guns of the 8th and 25th machine Gun Companies will provide the S.O.S group, this group will be under the command of Capt. C. HOLMES CO 8th machine Gun Company.

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The group will be organised into batteries of 8 guns lettered A. B. C. D from right to left of group.

Battery positions will be prepared at once between J. q. a. 2. 2. and J. q. a. 2. 6.

GROUP TASKS:-

(a) CREEPING BARRAGE from Sa to Sh on attached map, batteries to shoot on tasks corresponding to the lettering of their batteries.

(b) S. O. S. as shown.

RIGHT BRIGADE will have the call on batteries A & B. LEFT BRIGADE on batteries C & D.

(4)

CREEPING BARRAGE GROUP:-

This group will be provided by D.M.G.O. 1st Australian Division, who will organise the group into 3 batteries of 8 guns lettered J. K. L from right to left. Group Commander will be detailed by D.M.G.O. 1st Australian Division.

This group will select and dig positions in the vicinity of J. 14. a 6. 7.

GROUP TASKS:-

(a) CREEPING BARRAGE from a to i on attached map

(b) PROTECTIVE BARRAGE for RED line if called on

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Batteries to shoot on task corresponding to lettering of their batteries.

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Material for construction of battery positions will be drawn from HOOGE CRATER dump. Demands for material to reach D.M.G.O 5th Australian Division 24 hours before required.

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S.A.A

S.O.S. group. 125000 rounds per battery.
CREEPING BARRAGE. GROUP 100000 rounds per battery

Unexpended ammunition on positions previously occupied by machine gun groups to be collected and moved forward to new positions, remainder to be drawn from main dump at Hooge crater.

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Detailed instructions with regard to Damage lists, Rate of fire, Communication and all administrative arrangements will be issued later.

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Machine Gun Instruction No 2 24 9 17

Reference Machine Gun Instructions No. 1.
issued 23. Sept 1917.

- Attacks (1) The attack will take place on a day
and at an hour to be notified later.
- Synchronisation (2) Attacks will be synchronised at
nearest B.H.Q. 12 hours and 2 hours
respectively before Zero.
- Communications (3) Officer commanding S.O.S. Groups will
connect by buried wire to buried
cable crossing J. 9. a. 2. 1. at most
convenient point.
Officer commanding Creeping Barrage
groups will connect to buried cable
at J. 14. a. 6. 7.
Visual communication will be
established if possible particularly from
S.O.S. groups.
- Location (4) D.M.G.O. 5th Aust Division will be
located in dugout in HOOGE CRATER.
Machine Gun Liaison Officers will
report at 3 hours prior to Zero for
instructions.
- Detailed.
Action of (5) Instructions for these Groups are
S.O.S. & Creeping Barrage Groups detailed in Appendices "A" & "B" attached.
- S.O.S.
Signal (6) Rifle Grenade signal parachute with
3 coloured lights - RED over GREEN over
YELLOW.
- Rations &
Water (7) Full water bottles & 48 hours ration
to be carried by all ranks.
Company commanders will make
usual arrangements for rationing
their men for subsequent period.

M. G. Instruction No 2 (continued).

- Runners for DM.G.O. (8). Each Group Commander will supply two reliable Runners to report to DM.G.O. HOOGE CRATER three hours prior to Zero.
- C.O. 15th Company will supply two telephonists to report at same time.
- Personnel & Guns in Position. (9) all Personnel & material will be in allotted positions by Zero - & no safety precautions.
- Safety Precautions. (10). The greatest care must be taken to prevent our own troops walking in front of Batteries during firing.
- Casualties to Guns, Teams & etc. (11). Casualties to Personnel & material will be reported periodically during the Action but immediate report will be made of any casualty that necessitates reinforcement of men or guns.
- Relief (12). On completion of the Creeping Barrage the Group will stand by until ordered to withdraw.
- Control (13). Pending continuation of Operations machine gun Companies other than mobile guns remain under Corps control.
- Reports. (14). Reports to DM.G.O. 5th Aust. Division HOOGE CRATER.
- (15). ACKNOWLEDGE.

P.T.O.

Cap. Parson
Major
DM.G.O. 5th Aust. Division

Issued at 7.20 pm

Distribution

- Copy to 1 to File
2 to DMGO 1st Div.
✓ 3 505. Group Commander
4 Barrage Group Commander
5 For Information
6 60. 11th am G boy
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Para (11^A)

Reserve
SAA.
Dump.

HOOGE CRATER DUMP.

APPENDIX "A"MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION No 2.S.O.S BARRAGE
GVNS.

Time table of S.O.S. BARRAGE GROUP. reference task map issued with machine gun instructions No. 1.

- ① From 1 hour H6 all machine guns in S.O.S. GROUP will fire on Sa up to sh by lifts at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.
- ② after reaching sh the group will search back to s.b. for two hours when they will relay on S.O.S. line and stand by.

RATE
OF
FIRE.

250 rounds every 5 minutes.

S.O.S. rate 300 rounds per gun per minute for ^{first} 10 minutes.

50 rounds per minute for 10 minutes or as long as occasion demands

APPENDIX "B"MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION N° 2.CREEPING.BARRAGE.GROUP.

Time table for creeping barrage guns
reference task map issued with
machine guns instruction N° 1.

- ① From Z+7 to + 11 Group will fire on D.
 " + 11 to + 17 " " " " E
 " + 17 to + 23 " " " " F
 " + 23 to + 29 " " " " G
 " + 29 to + 1 hour 40 min " " " H
 " + 1 hr. 40 min to + 1 hr 46 min " " " I

- ② at + 1 hour 46 CREEPING BARRAGE
GUNS will cease fire relay on
H and stand by.
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