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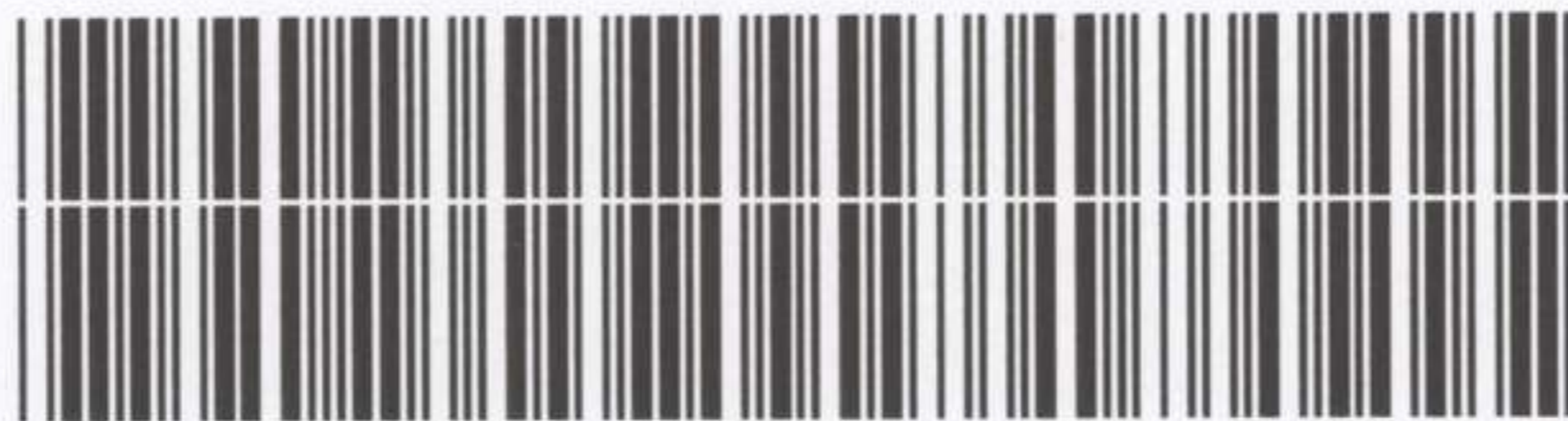
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1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

**Item number:** 24/6/29

**Title:** 1st Australian Machine Gun Company

July 1918



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**WAR DIARY**

OF

**FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.**

FOR

*The Month of July* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

*H. Lythe*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
W. 16. d. 2005	1. 7. 18	✓	Company in line. Our guns carried out harrassing fire on enemy communication during the night expending 7,000 Rds. S.A.A. work on salvage & consolidation carried out.	Sheets 27 and 36 B. & F.
V. 16. C. 4085.	"	✓	(Rear H.Q. and Transport lines) Training and fatigue work carried <sup>on</sup> during the morning. Reserve men played 4 <sup>th</sup> Batta team cricket and won. Y.M.C.A. open a marquee & cinema. L/CP DR. WINTLE. A. leaves coy. to proceed on 6 mos. transport duties to Australia. weather (good - warm & fine.)	NOTE APPENDIX No 8.
W. 16. d. 2005.	2. 7. 18	✓	Guns again carry out harrassing fire on enemy lines & dumps in rear, expending 3,000 Rds. S.A.A. One gun in line temporarily out of action, with muzzle attachment blown off. Six guns supported raid (made by 8 <sup>th</sup> Batta A.I.F.) with Barrage Fire expending 10,000 Rds. S.A.A. This was done from our S.O.S. positions. 500 Rds. S.A.A. was expended during the day by our A.A. guns co-operating with other guns & hostile machines were kept high up.	NOTE:- APPENDIX No 1
V. 16. C. 4085.	"	✓	(Rear H.Q.) Close Order drill & fatigue work on lines by Reserve men. Recreational training during the afternoon. Fine warm weather.	T. H. H. H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
W. 16. d 2005	3. 7. 18	✓	Our guns expend 9500 Rds. S.A.A. carrying out harrassing tasks on targets in rear of enemy lines. Work of consolidation of positions and houses used by men. Salvage work. Company sustained one wounded Casualty.	Sheets 27 and 36 B & F.
V. 16. C. 4085	"	✓	(Rear H.Q) Men at rear close order & "gas" drill and Recreational Training during the day. Company Comdr's. Conference at B <sup>n</sup> H.Q. discussing things generally. S.I.C. attended for O.C. weather fine.	APPENDIX. N <sup>o</sup> 8.
W. 16. d 2005	4. 7. 18	✓	11,000 Rds. S.A.A. expended in line, harrassing fire & Anti Aircraft work. Company sustained 2 <sup>o</sup> wounded casualties. Enemy Artillery normal, Aircraft active.	NOTE 1- APPENDIX- N <sup>o</sup> 3. 9A
V. 16. C. 4085.	"	✓	Men at rear training as per syllabus. LT WEARNE. leaves Rear H.Q. to proceed on leave to England. O.C. (Capt F.C. Hudd) returns to Rear H.Q. from leave in England. Conference at B <sup>n</sup> H.Q. (S.I.C.s) re. War Diary. weather fine.	
W. 16. d 2005	5. 7. 18	✓	In carrying out harrassing tasks our guns expend 5500 Rds. S.A.A. work of consolidation and Salvage, carried out. Some hostile	APPENDIX. 8.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 16 C. 4055	5.7.18	✓	shelling in region of nos. 23 & 24 guns. A number of gas shells were thrown out also. We have 2 wounded casualties on "D" sec. I.D. guns. Big amount of salvage sent to rear H.Q. weather fine & warm.	SHEETS. 27 & 36A B.F.F.
W. 16 d 2005	6.7.18	✓	Guns carry out harassing tasks on enemy communications expending 9500 Rds. S.A.A. Enemy Artillery & Aircraft very quiet. Work on gun positions & quarters carried out.	APPENDIX No 8
V. 16 C. 4055	"	✓	Inspection of 2nd Aus. MGC. by Lt Col. Vining D.S.O. and C.O. Battr. Lt SYKES attends as 1st Coy. representative. CAPT. HOOD leaves Rear H.Q. for line to take over command of Coy.	APPENDIX
W. 16 d 2005	7.7.18	✓	weather fine & warmer. Arrangements made for relief of company from line by 2nd Aus. MGC. weather good. Arrive. Expd. Nil.	SEE APPENDIX
V. 17 d 1515	"	✓	Rear H.Q. and transport lines move to V. 17 d 1515. at 10.30 am and take over from 21st Aus MGC. One section (D) arrive at Rear H.Q. after relief by 2nd Aus MGC. to act as mobile reserve. Arrive at 11.15 pm. weather good.	APPENDIX No 2

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			One section remains in forward area under 2nd Aus MG Coy.	SHEETS 27. + 36A B + F.
V. 17. d. 1515	8.7.18	✓	Company in second zone positions. Work done on consolidation of positions and salvage. Coy HQ's new at V. 17. d. 1515. LT DUTTON leaves company to attend Gas school. (15th Corps)	APP. 4. APP. 5. (LOCATIONS)
			Section in reserve carries on with close order drill and packing of limbers new in Reserve. Recreational training during afternoon Coy plays 21st Coy. cricket and loses game. Fine weather.	
V. 17. d. 1515	9.7.18	✓	Company in second zone. Weather good. C.O. visits position. Work on transport etc by section in Reserve. Recreational training during afternoon. Salvage work and work on positions in second zone. Amm. expended NIL.	SEE. APPENDIX 4 AND. 8.
V. 17. d. 1515	10.7.18	✓	Coy in second zone. Conditions normal. Section in rear training, close order work, and gun work. Recreational during afternoon. Battr C.O. visits Coy HQ's during morning. Weather showery.	

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First Aus. Machine Gun Coy.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 17. d. 1515	11.7.18	✓	Company still in second zone. (Locations attached Appendix 5) Conditions normal. Weather good. Casualties Nil. 1000 Rds. S.A.A. expended on Anti Aircraft work. New gun position established at V. 9. d. 8575. Large amount of salvage sent to rear, APPENDIX No. 9 Section in Reserve at Coy HQs carry on training as per attached syllabus during the morning, & recreational training carried out during the afternoon. LT. POTTER Rejoins Unit.	SHEETS 27 + 36" B. & F.
V. 17. d. 1515	12.7.18	✓	Situation calm. Very little hostile shelling. O.C. visits all guns in second zone. Work of improving and consolidation of positions carried out. Salvage work continues. Amm. Expd. NIL. Casualties NIL. Coy play 21 <sup>st</sup> AM6 Coy. cricket at rear results in a defeat for this company. Fine weather.	APPENDIX No. 6.
V. 17. d. 1515	13.7.18	✓	Company still in second zone. Situation during the day Normal. At night a deal of hostile aircraft activity about the region of our right guns & Coy HQs at rear. A number of heavy bombs dropped in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> zone. Work of consolidation &	APPENDIX No. 6.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 17. d. 1515	13.7.18	✓	& salvage carried on with. Casualties NIL. Reserve Section at work on bombsteps round horse lines. Recreational training during afternoon. Inspection of Reserve Company by C.O. Battr. takes place, LT SYKES. attends as this coy. Representative	SHEETS 27 + 36 <sup>A</sup> B + F → SEE. APPENDIX No. 6
V. 17. d. 1515	14.7.18	✓	coy. in second zone. Amms. Expended NIL. Casualties NIL. Situation quiet, weather good. One Coy. of the 29 <sup>th</sup> British Division M.G. Corps. arrives at Coy. 26 Coy. and bullets prior to going into line on our front. Section in Reserve train as per syllabus during morning and Recreational training during the afternoon.	SEE APPENDIX No. 7
V. 17. d. 1515	15.7.18	✓	Salvage work carried out in 2nd zone, a great deal being forwarded to Rear H.Q. work in progress on the "STRAZEELE OUTER CIRCLE" positions, four positions being built, and 10,000 Rds. S.A.M. with water supply placed in tact. Situational NORMAL. Casualties NIL. Section in Reserve fatigue work & Recreational training	APPENDIX No. 9 weather good.

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First Aus. Machine Gun Coy.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 17. d. 1515	16.7.18	✓	Coy. still in 2nd zone positions. Situation very quiet. Casualties NIL. Reserve Section Training as per syllabus. Play 21st AM6 Coy. cricket during the afternoon and win this match.	SHEETS 27 + 36 <sup>A</sup> B9 F.
V. 17. d. 1515	17.7.18	✓	"B" Coy 29th MGC (British) established its rear HQs at our billets + C.H.Q. Two NCOs sent off to Rest Camp at "ADRESSELLES" <sup>fine clear weather.</sup> usual Coy. Comdr. weekly conference held at Battalion HQ. CAPT. HUDD attends. Company still in second zone. Big amount of Salvage sent to rear. work on consolidation of positions carried out. Hostile Artillery and Aircraft activity very low. Ammunition expended NIL. Casualties NIL. Lt. COMMINGS proceeds on leave to England. Lt. POTTER resumes duty with "B" section in second zone. O.C. visits all 2nd zone Gunns.	APP. NO 8 APPENDIX NO 6.
V. 17. d. 1515	18.7.18	✓	Situation normal. Company in second zone. Casualties NIL. SAA expended NIL. A small number of reinforcements <sup>(13)</sup> (CASUALS) arrive for the Coy. Men in Reserve play 1st ALT 118. Cricket during the afternoon. C.O. visits gunns in 2nd zone. 2ND LIEUT. J. RYAN. m.m. Reported to Coy. from O.T.C. England.	APP. NO 8 APPENDIX NO 6.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 17. d. 1515	18.7.18	✓	weather at night showery & thunderstorms.	
V. 17. d. 1515	19.7.18	✓	Company in second zone defences. Situation NORMAN. Work on consolidation of positions & salvage work carried out.	SHEETS 27 + 31
			Hostile aircraft active and our guns expended 1000 Rds. S.A.A. in A.A. defence. <sup>2</sup> hostile machines were turned & forced upwards. Section in Reserve	B & F.
			training & fatigue work during morning and Recreational Training during the afternoon. weather showery.	
V. 19. d. 1515	20.7.18	✓	Company in second zone defences. Situation NORMAN. Hostile aircraft active and 3 low flying machines were turned 1000 Rds. S.A.A. being expended. Great amount of useful salvage, - French Farming Implements etc - and military material returned to rear. General work on improvement of positions carried out. Arrangements made with 21 <sup>st</sup> and 2nd Aus M.G. Coy. for inter company relief tomorrow.	APPENDIX NO. 9
			weather very showery & many thunderstorms.	
V. 23. C. 3. 4	21.7.18	✓	Order for relief of our guns in second zone positions issued. Transport, Reserve sub-section & Rear 76 Qs move to new billets at V. 23. C. 3. 4. during the afternoon, and take over from 21 <sup>st</sup> Coy (AMGC)	APPENDIX NO. 10

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 23.C. 3.4	✓	✓	During the afternoon the weather being fine & warm, the 1 <sup>st</sup> M.G. Bn. played the 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bn. cricket at V.17. d. 1515. The supply 3 members of the team. We were this match by 8 wickets. Transport leaves Rear Hq. at 1030 to commence carrying out relief order. Hot stews & tea prepared for the men by company cooks, to have on relief complete. Relief is complete without incident by 1.45 AM (22.7.18).	SHEETS 27 & 36 <sup>A</sup> <u>B &amp; F.</u>
V. 23.C. 3.4	22.7.18	✓	Company in Reserve billets. 40 Men inoculated with T.A.B. No work or parades during the day owing to late hour of relief the previous evening. Warm fine day. Standing orders & Training syllabus issued to sections. Coy supplies a small fatigue party & guard to Bahr. H.Q.s.	APPENDIX NO 10 & 12
V. 23.C. 3.4	23.7.18	✓	Company in Reserve. Training as per attached syllabus commenced. Great deal of preparation work for coming inspection in hand. Weather showery. Recreational	APPENDIX NO 12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V. 23.C. 3.4	✓	✓	Training during afternoon. A meeting was held during the afternoon of all ranks interested in sport, action resulting as shown in detail of attached "Appendix No 13"	SHEETS 27 + 36" B&F " "
V. 23.C. 3.4	24.7.18	✓	Training carried out as per syllabus attached. weather fine & warm. Recreational Training during afternoon, our Coy. team plays 1st A.F. Amb. cricket - losing the match. Company Commanders conference at 10.30 during the afternoon. This Coy. exhibits a revised system of pack animal work after the conference. At night hostile planes indulge in a deal of bombing round this area lasting 3/4 hour.	
V. 23.C. 3.4	25.7.18	✓	Company in Reserve rest area. Training carried out as per syllabus, all hands go through Musketry course on miniature range. weather good. During the afternoon company plays 2nd Aus M.G. cricket, winning by several wickets.	10

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V. 23.C.3.4	26.7.18	✓	Training in Reserve Rest Area as per syllabus attached. Weather stormy. Recreational training during afternoon.	SHEETS 27 + 36 <sup>th</sup>
V. 23.C.3.4	27.7.18	✓	Training in Reserve Rest Area. Firing as per syllabus prevented owing to incessant showers throughout the day. Preparation for company inspection. Gas alarm "Strombus" horn installed at the billet. Company paid.	B + F. — ↓ APPENDIX. No 12
V. 23.C.3.4	28.7.18	✓	O.C.'s inspection of company and Transport. Satisfactory turnout. Weather cleared up, and Recreational Training during the afternoon. BATTN Anti Aircraft Officer delivers an address on Anti Aircraft Defense. Sports meeting held and men decide to give voluntary contributions towards trophies for company sports to be held on Tuesday afternoon. This is collected and a large sum came to hand.	
V. 23.C.3.4	29.7.18	✓	Fine day. Inspection of full company & Transport, by C.O. BATTN. L <sup>T</sup> COL. FRENCH. D.S.O. M.C., MAJOR KERR. D.S.O. (DRAG) + MAJOR HISLOP. (A.DVS.) a representative from each of the remaining companies attend also.	11

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V. 23. C. 3. 4.	CONT'D ✓	✓	Competitions amongst sections & Transport Horses & Harness were held, and much keenness was displayed by all ranks was displayed throughout. "C" section under LT E. HEANE won prize as best dressed section & also won prize for best dressed man on parade. Weather fine throughout. Official report on above inspection	SHEETS. 27 & 36 <sup>A</sup> B & F. APPENDIX N° 14.
V. 23. C. 3. 4.	30.7.18	✓	is attached. No parade during the afternoon. Fine moon rising company from base. Firing carried out on the range during the morning and the remainder of company carry out work as per syllabus, attached. Beautiful warm fine day. Company sports meeting held commencing at 2.0pm. This was a great success and all events were well contested - 2.0pm - 8.0pm.	APPENDIX N° 15.
V. 23. C. 3. 4.	31.7.18	✓	Firing on range and work carried out as per syllabus. Capt. Hudd attends Company Commanders Conference at Battr. Hill. Major Woodman D.S.O. visits Coy. 76 Q's. Fine warm day.	APPENDIX N° 15. 12

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# WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

FOR

MONTH OF JULY. 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No.    | Subject.                                       |
|--------|--|
| 1.     | Special Order No.4.(Secret) Copy No.2.         |
| 2.     | Operation Order No.I0.(Secret) Copy No.9.      |
| 3.     | Works Report.(Period 25-6I8.-3-7-I8-)          |
| 4.     | Works Report.(Period 4-7-I8.-I0-7-I8)          |
| 5.     | Location Report.(8-7-I8)                       |
| 6.     | Works Report.(Period II-7-I8.-I7-7-I8)         |
| 7.     | Syllabus Of Training.                          |
| 8.     | Return Of Salvage.(Period I-7-I8.-3I-7-I8)     |
| 9.     | List Of Salvage.                               |
| IO.    | Operation Order No.II.(Secret) Copy No.2.)     |
| II.    | Billet Standing Orders.                        |
| I2.    | Syllabus Of Training.(Period 23-7-I8.-30-7-I8) |
| I3.    | Minute Of Sports Meeting.                      |
| I4.    | Battalion Commander's Inspection Report.       |
| I5.    | Syllabus Of Training (Period,30-7-I8.-I-8-I8)  |
| I6.    | Company Commanders Appreciation Report.        |
| I7.    | Transport Officer's Appreciation Report.       |
| I8.    | Company Strength,Evacuations,Leave etc.        |
| I9.    | Company Routine Order No.I.                    |
| 20.    | Company Order No.I.                            |
| 2I.    | Company Routine Order No.2.                    |
| 22.    | Company Routine Order No.3.                    |
| 23to27 | Company Routine Order No's. 4.5.6.7.8.         |

*Francis ...*

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July 1950

Calculations

At 11:30 P.M. on the night of 2 July the P. Unit  
B. was sending enemy positions in P.I.A.  
defence in immediate vicinity of house at  
P.I.A. 55.

B & C Section of 1st Unit M. G. Coy will be  
supporting 1st Unit to be on the following  
targets

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	Targets
B Section - N° 20 Gun	From Feb 70-20 to Feb 90-50
" " " " " " " "	P 2 A 10-70 - P 2 A 25-75
C " " " " " " " "	Feb 65-15 - Feb 90-35
" " " " " " " "	X 26 C 35-20 - X 26 C 60-50
" " " " " " " "	X 26 C 85-85 - X 26 C 10-95
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Zero Hour 11:30 P.M.

Units will start to fire from Zero - until  
Cease Fire Signal is sent up.

Cease Fire Signal - Red over Red over Red

- Rate of Fire (2) 2 Belts per gun for the first 3 minutes and  
thereafter 2 belts per gun for the next 5 minutes  
or until the cease fire signal is given.
- (3) After completion of above operation the usual  
harassing fire will be carried out intermittently  
by N° 19 & 20 Guns.
- (4) Watches will be synchronized at 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
& 11 pm.
- (5) Ck Report will be wired to Coy H.Q. Phone after  
completion of Operation.
- (6) Calculations will be forwarded to Coy H.Q. by  
10 P.M.

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N° 3 - B Section (unarmed)  
N° 4 - C " "

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1st Unit M. G. Coy

Acknowledge



1st Flt M.G. Coy  
OPERATION ORDER N° 10

SECRET

Copy No 9

On the night of 7/5 inst the 2nd M.G. Coy will relieve the  
1st M.G. Coy commencing about 3.45pm  
On relief the sections will march to the following positions  
and relieve post of 1st M.G. Coy.

A Sec	{	Sec H.P.	W 33 7.3
		1st	{ W 10 35 42
B Sec	{	Sec H.P.	W 10 6 7
		1st	E 2 9 30
			{ E 2 9 15 45
			{ E 2 9 1 2

B Sec	{	Sec H.P.	W 18 3 55 40
		1st	{ W 10 7 12
C Sec	{		W 14 0 90 15
			W 20 7 0
			W 20 7 5

C Sec	{	Sec H.P.	W 16 3 5 14
		1st	{ W 22 8 85 80
D Sec	{		W 16 3 5 2
			W 16 3 5 15

D Sec Mobile Reserve V 17 3 2 1

All Maps and Plans refer to attack and defence positions  
Bolt's and calculations of distances between posts  
Charts and all particulars of work to be done will be handed over  
Orders will be furnished to sections with necessary instructions  
Instructions which they are to take care.

Transport will be as per list of 12/5/41.  
Sections will march in order of 2nd M.G. Coy.  
Sections will be disposed at all times during march in order  
of march to meet order of enemy attack.  
Maps, charts and plans for sections to be taken care will be  
obtained as follows.

Orders by 2nd Coy will be issued to sections as far as possible  
before relief of sections will march under the orders of 2nd Coy.  
Orders of 1st Coy will be communicated to sections which will be  
obeyed at V 17 3 2 1.

*Francis H. ...* Cpt  
O.C. M.G. Coy

Period 20/6/18 - 3/7/18

Works Report

1<sup>st</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

Section	Task	Total Number Hours Worked	Material Used	Remarks
Coy. H. Q.	Strengthening C.H.Q. & Res Section Shelters	72	2000 sandbags & heavy timber.	Shelters for Reserve Mobile Section have been propped with heavy timber, walls reinforced & roof was 2 layers of sandbag 2 of brick, 1 of sandbag
A Section	Cutting of crops Improvement of Positions	40	500	A certain amount of crops have been cut nightly also positions deepened, & positions made to blend in with the natural surroundings, i.e. camouflage, concealment of tracks etc.
B Section	Cutting of crops Gun & I.D. Position improved	50	8 tripolas and 200 sandbags	The cutting of crops which interfere with fields of fire has been proceeded with. I.D. Position improved & concealed as much as possible also extra trench mounts are being put in at two positions for counter machine gun work.
C	Cutting of crops General improvement.	32	2 tripolas and Timber etc	I.D. Position improved also living quarters of gun crews. Crops are being cut down as much as possible.
D	Cutting of crops General improvement	38	/	No 29 & 30 Positions were badly in need of repair etc when taken over by this Coy, they have been improved & all crops affecting fields of fire <del>to</del> are being cut down
21 <sup>st</sup> Coy Section attached	Cutting of crops General improvement	20	Timber, Bricks, Camouflage etc	S.H.Q. is being fortified & crops are being cut down also gun positions & living quarters improved & camouflaged.

Submitted by  
 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy

APPENDIX

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W O R K S R E P O R T.

from 4-7-18 ---10-7-18

1st AUST.M. G.COY.

Section	Task	Total number hours worked	Material used,	Remarks.
Coy H/Q	Strengthening Coy H/Q	40	1500 Sandbags Earth Timber & Bricks.	Officers Quarters, Orderly Room & Mens Quarters improved and Strengthened. 6 fatigue men were working 8 hours daily.
A. Section	Improving & Renovating Gun Positions	50	4 Cupolas & 250 Sandbags	Fields of Fire improved upon and Gun Positions made to look like natural surroundings with help of Camouflage.
B. Section	Gun & I.D. positions imp.	40	Earth & Timber etc	General work was done concealing I.D. positions & Guns crews Dug-outs
C. Section	Cutting of Crops & new I.D. Positions made	33	Earth, Timber & Sandbags.	Sanitary arrangements improved upon & mens Dug-outs made much more habitable- Trench mounts were used in new I.D. emplacements
D. Section	Cutting of Crops & general Improvements	38	Earth, Timber & Camouflage	Section H/Q strengthened & general work carried out
21st Section attached	Cutting of Crops & improvement of Gun positions	24	Timber, Bricks & Camouflage	Stengthening of Living quarters in the house & Gun positions improved upon.

*[Signature]* O. C.  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Location Report  
as at 8p.m. on 8th July 1918.

<u>Coy. H. Q. and Waggon Lines.</u>	V. 17. D. 15. 15.
<u>"A" Section H. Q.</u>	W. 9. D. 70. 90.
<u>Guns</u>	(W. 10. C. 35. 45.)
<u>Sub-Section H. Q.</u>	) W. 16. A. 60. 70.)
<u>GUNS</u>	E. 2. A. 30. 00.
	(E. 2. A. 15. 45.)
	(E. 2. A. 30. 20.)
<u>"B" Section H. Q.</u>	W. 13. B. 55. 40.
<u>Guns</u>	W. 14. A. 85. 15.
	W. 14. C. 90. 55.
	W. 20. A. 70. 00.
	W. 20. C. 50. 50.
<u>"C" Section H. Q.</u>	W. 16. D. 50. 40.
<u>Guns</u>	W. 22. B. 05. 55.
	W. 22. A. 85. 80.
	W. 16. D. 80. 20.
	W. 16. D. 85. 15.
<u>"D" Section H. Q.</u>	V. 17. D. 15. 15.
<u>( Mobile Reserve.)</u>	

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11-7-18.---17-7-18.		WORKS REPORT.		1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.
Section	Task	Total Number hours worked	Material Used.	Remarks.
Coy H/Q.	Bomb Shelters Waggon Lines	20	Earth.	Bomb Stops 50 yds. in length 4ft high by 4ft thick erected 20 men working 4hrs daily.
A. Section	Improving & Renovating Gun Positions	40	Earth & Timber.	Strengthening Gun Positions and Men's Living Quarters.
B. Section	Cutting of Crops Improving Gun Positions.	35	Earth & Timber.	Field's of Fire Improved & General work carried out.
C. Section.				Attached 2nd Company.
D. Section.	STRAZEELE OUTER CIRCLE	30	Earth & Timber.	Gun positions improved & 10,000 rounds S.A.A. complete also Water Supply. 2 Guns attached "B" Coy 29 Bn.

*Alfred R. V.*

-----Lieut.  
For O.C. 1st. A.M.G.Coy.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

----- SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR MEN AT REAR HEADQUARTERS -----

DATE	0.0 - 10.0	10.0 - 11.0	11.0 - 12.0	2.0 - 4.0
13/7/18	Inspection of Rifles & Respirators	WORK ON BOMB	STOPS	RECREATION
14/7/18	Close Order Drill	Gun Drill	Belt Filling	
15/7/18	Close Order Drill	Pack Saddlery	Gas Drill	
16/7/18	Gun Drill	INSTRUCTION ON ANTI-AIRCRAFT		
17/7/18	Immediate Action	Stripping & Adjustments	T.O.E.T.	
18/7/18	WORK ON BOMB STOPS			
19/7/18	Inspection of Arms & Close Order Drill	Pack Saddlery	Pack Saddlery	
20/7/18	do	Gun Drill	Belt Filling	

*Francis Wood* Capt<sup>1</sup>  
O.C. 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

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RETURN OF SALVAGE FOR FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY FOR PERIOD 1.7.18.--31.7.18.

Week Ending.	Fat.	Paper.	Cardboard.	Cartons.	Soldered Tins,	Sheet Tin.
7-7-18.	50lbs.	86lbs.	75lbs.	14lbs.	1½sacks.	6.
14-7-18.	75lbs.	112lbs.	26lbs.	20lbs.	1½ "	5.
21-7-18.	75lbs.	586lbs.	169lbs.	35lbs.	2½ "	8.
28-7-18.	50lbs.	515lbs.	132lbs.	25lbs.	3 "	-
TOTALS.	250lbs.	1281lbs.	402lbs.	94lbs.	8½sacks.	19.

*[Signature]*  
-----Lieut.

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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

----- SALVAGE FROM FORWARD AREA AND SECOND ZONE. -----

ARTICLE	QUANTITY
WOOL	1 Bag
Cardigans	10
Mufflers	14
Socks	75 Pairs
Shirts	4
Underpants	5
Trousers	3
Petrol Cans	2 Dozen
Jam Cartons	1 Bag
Soldered Tins	18 Sandbags
Cartridge Cases 18 pdr	90
Cartridge Cases 75 mm	200
Old Clothes Rags Etc	5 Bags
Rum Jars	4
Bicycle (damaged)	1
Paper	1 Bag
Ploughs	1
Weighing Machines	1
Winnoer	1
Harness (French Farming)	4 Sets
Vehicles (Sulkies, Light Drays etc)	2
Butter Churns	3
Barrels (Beer)	4 Empty
Oats	4 Bags
Wheat	2 Bags
Flour	56 lbs
Cartridges Cases S.A.A.	8 Sandbags
Chairs	2
Tables	2
Bedsteads	1

*Stefan W.*  
-----Lieut.



Operation Order No. 11.Copy No. 2REFERENCE. Maps Sheets 27 & 36A Belgium & France.

On the night of 21/22 inst. the 2nd. A.M.G.Coy. will relieve all guns of the 1st. A.M.G.Coy. situated in the Second Zone and otherwise

Relief will take place about 11p.m.

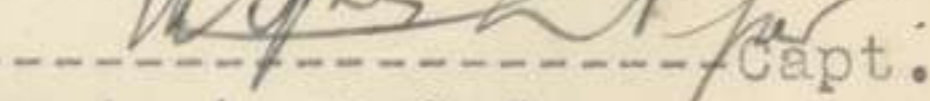
Guides need not be provided.

Transport will be at Section and Sub-Section Headquarters at the following times:-

A. Left Sub.	10.15.p.m.
A. Right Sub.	11.30.p.m.
B. Left Sub.	11.15.p.m.
B. Right Sub.	11.15.p.m.
C. Section H/Q.	10.15.p.m.
D. Sub-Section.	11.30.p.m.

All Maps, Range and Visibility Charts, Trench Stores, Order Boards, Bulk S.A.A., Intelligence Files, Orders for Work on hand etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained in Triplicate. Sanitation Certificates will be obtained also.

Upon Relief Sections will march to V. 23. C. 3. 4. and be billeted

  
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O.C. 1st. Aust. M.G.Coy. Capt.

By Runner to all

Distribution.

1. Battalion H/Q.
2. War Diary.
3. 2nd. A.M.G.Coy.
4. B.Coy. 29th. Battalion.
5. A. Left Sub-Section.
6. A. Right Sub-Section.
7. B. Section.
8. C. Section.
9. D. Sub-Section.
10. Spare.

Issued at 10 a.m.

STANDING ORDERS

BY

Captain F.A. HUDD

REVEILLE.	7.0 A.M.
BREAKFAST.	7.30 a.m.
PARADE.	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 a.m.
INSPECTION.	9.30 a.m.
SICK PARADE.	7.30 a.m.
DINNER.	12.45 p.m.
PARADE.	2.0 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.
ORDERLY ROOM.	9.30 a.m.
TEA.	4.30 p.m.
DUTIES CHANGE.	5.30 p.m.
FIRST POST.	8.45 p.m.
LAST POST.	9.15 p.m.
STAFF PARADE.	9.15 p.m.
LIGHTS OUT.	9.30 p.m.

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- (1) BOUNDS. No N.C.O. or Man will leave his billet without permission from his Section Officer and if he is going more than one mile will require a written pass bearing the Orderly Room Stamp. Passes will not be extended later than 8.45 p.m.
  - (2) DRESS All ~~N.C.O.'s~~ N.C.O.'s and men leaving billets will be properly dressed i.e. Walking Out Dress
  - (3) SMOKING Smoking in billets where straw is used is prohibited
  - (4) Lights Naked lights will not be used in any billets but tins will be made into candlesticks; all lights must be screened at dusk
  - (5) LATRINES Only authorised will be used
  - (6) A.A. GUARD A guard of 1 N.C.O and 6 men will mount at 5.30 p.m. daily if required Nos 1 will mount with their guns
  - (7) INSPECTION Orderly Officer and Orderly N.C.O will inspect all billets etc occupied by the 1st A.M.G.Coy. and will be responsible that the whole camp is in a clean and sanitary condition. Orderly Officer's report will be handed over to next Officer for duty at 5.30 p.m. who will peruse and hand to Orderly ROOM
  - (8) KITS. Kits will be stacked according to Company custom.
  - (9) PRECAUTION No firearms will be left loaded

*Francis Hudd*  
 -----Capt.  
 O.C. 1st Aust M.G.Coy.

1st. A. M. G. Coy.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

From 23/7/18

To 30/7/18

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8.30  
to  
9.30.

9.30.  
to  
10.30.

10.30.  
to  
10.45.

10.45.  
to  
11.45.

11.45.  
to  
12.30.

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to  
4.0.

Lectures for  
Officers  
& N.C.O.'s.

Rifle Exercises  
and  
Squad Drill

Basketry

Smoke.

Mechanism

Immediate  
Action

Recreation.

Discipline

1/2 hour Squad Drill

Practice  
Part 1

Smoke.

Basketry.

Elementary  
Drill

Recreation.

Range Duties.

1/2 hour Stoppages

Table "C"

A. & B. Sections Morning

C. & D. Sections Afternoon

Rifle Practice. Ball Firing.

Grouping:- 6 Rounds.

Application :- 6 Rounds.

Rapid :- 6 Rounds.

Recreation.  
A. & B. Afternoon  
C. & D. Morning.

C. & D. Sections MORNING

A. & B. Sections AFTERNOON.

PIRING PART 1 TABLE "C".

& Stoppages with Gas Masks worn

Recreation  
A. & B. Morning  
C. & D. Afternoon

1/2 hour Squad Drill

Stoppages  
with  
Gas Masks

Smoke.

Triangle  
of  
Error

Gas Helmet  
Inspection  
& Drill

Recreation.

M.G. Tactics

1/2 hour T.O.E.T.

Inspection of  
of Coy. by C.O.

Indication &  
Recognition  
of Targets

Smoke.

ROUTE MARCH  
DRILL ORDER  
BY SECTIONS

Recreation.

Indirect Fire  
Controlled  
in Batteries

INSPECTION BY C.O.

*James H. ...*

C. C. 1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.

Capt.

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

1st. A.M.G. Coy. Sports Committee.

Lt. Sykes  
War Diary

GENERAL SPORTS PRESIDENT :- Captain HUDD. F. A.  
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CRICKET COMMITTEE.

President:- Lieut. Potter. V.C.  
Vice President:- Sgt. Rosengren. H.  
Selection Committee:  
(1). L/Cpl. Talbot. F.  
(2). Pte. Laurie. A.  
(3). " Fox. C.W.  
Secretary:- Pte Fox. C.W.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.

President:- 2/Lieut. Cumming.  
Vice President:- Sgt Edinburgh. J.  
Selection Committee:-  
(1). L/Cpl. Allmond.  
(2). " Netman.  
(3). Pte. Frost. A.G.  
Secretary:- Pte Frost. A.G.

RUGBY LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

President:- Lieut. Sykes. H.  
Vice President:- " Wearne. A.B.  
Selection Committee:-  
(1). L/Cpl. Patterson. W.  
(2). " Talbot. F.  
(3). Pte. Fraser.  
Secretary:- L/Cpl. Patterson. W.

General Secretary:- Cpl THOMAS. J.

Proceedings of First Meeting

The above committees met and have decided to hold a Sports Meeting at some early date.

The following Officers and Men were elected to fill the various positions:-

STARTERS:- Sgt. EDINBURGH. J.  
C.S.M. KENNEDY, T.

JUDGES:- Cpt. HUDD. F.A.  
Pte. FOX. C.W.  
" LAURIE. A.

Sections Sergeants will take the names of intended Competitors at a date to be notified later.

- (1). T.O.E.T. 50 yds. GOING INTO ACTION.
- (2). 100 yd. Championship.
- (3). Throwing the Cricket Ball.
- (4). Potatoe Race.
- (5). 220 yds. Championship.
- (6). Three Legged Race.
- (7). High Jump Championship.
- (8). 75 yds Championship.
- (9). Wheelbarrow Race.
- (10). Relay Race Teams of Four.
- (11). Wrestling on Horseback.
- (12). 440 yds Championship.
- (13). Kicking the Football.
- (14). Obstacle Race.
- (15). Officer's 100yds.
- (16). Standing 3 Jumps.
- (17). Running Long Jump.
- (18). Tug of War.
- (19). Greasy Polo.
- (20). Veterans Race. 100 yds.
- (21). Boat Race.
- (22). 880 yds Championship.

In these events there must be at least three competitors or else "NO RACE" will be declared.

Prizes will be arranged later.

(Signed.) J.R.Thomas. Cpl  
General Secretary.

- 1st. A. M. G. Coy.
- 2nd. A. M. G. Coy.
- 3rd. A. M. G. Coy.
- 21st. A. M. G. Coy.
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Headquarters, 2.8.18.

1st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.

No. 51/19

Date.....

Reference inspection of 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company on 29th July 1918.

The turn out was in the main, very creditable and the Officer Commanding, Officers and other ranks are to be complimented on their zeal. The transport was really excellent and the standard set is to be achieved by all other units in this formation.

The personnel looked well but would lose points in a competition for the following reasons which will be remedied forthwith.

More care must be taken by Section Officers in the preliminary inspection of their Sections; then such points as :-

- Puttees incorrectly wound
- Men being unshaven
- Hair worn long and unsoldierly
- Rifle slings not uniform
- Equipment not adjusted correctly (water bottles and haversacks)
- Belts - uniform method of fastening
- Boots - laced up in a uniform manner,

would not be mentioned to the detriment of the Company as a whole.

Other points requiring attention are :-

- Boots requiring stitches
- Small rents in clothing to be mended by the men themselves, men are issued with housewives and must not expect to be mothered by the Regimental tailors, who have more than enough to do on hand.
- Men must be taught to remain steady whilst being inspected. Close order drill is necessary for this object to be attained.

Crossed guns were absent in many cases, also badges, Indents are to be submitted for these without delay.

Chin straps were also conspicuous by their absence.

*Ch. Mitchell*

2/Lieut. and A/Adjutant.  
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

From 30th July to 1st August 1918

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Day of Week	8.30 to 9.30	9.30 - 10.30	10.30 - 10.45.	10.45 - 11.30	11.30 - 12.30	AFTERNOON
TUESDAY	C.&D. T.O.E.T.	A.&B. Sections Stoppages	Firing Part 1 Smoko	Table "C" Inspection of Gas Helmets	Use of Barr & Stroud	SPORTS MEETING
WEDNESDAY	A.& B. T.O.E.T.	C.& D. Sections Stoppages	FIRING Part 1 Smoko	Table "C" Inspection of Gas Helmets	Use of Barr & Stroud	Recreation.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

----- CORRIGENDUM TO TRAINING SYLLABUS -----

Day of Week	8.30 to 9.30	9.30 to 10.30	10.30 to 11.15	11.15 to 12. 15.
AUGUST 1st.	Belt Filling	Packing Limbers	Dismiss for Smoko & Dress F.M.O for Route March	Route March by Sections Full Marching Order

*[Signature]*  
-----Captain  
O.C. 1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

----- COMPANY COMMANDER'S MONTHLY APPRECIATION. -----  
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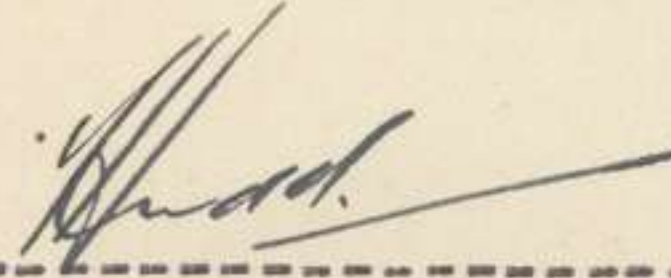
There was very little actual fighting done by the Company during the month. Up to the 21st. the Company was employed in holding the line and improving the positions.

From the 21st. the Company was employed as Reserve Company for the Division and carried out training of 4 hours and games of 2 hours per day including Sundays.

An Inspection of the Company and Transport was held during the month and was a very creditable Turnout. Clothing was not up to the standard it should have been owing to the difficulty in obtaining new to replace worn out Clothing, but with much patching the Troops looked very respectable.

A Sports Meeting was held on the 30th and proved a great success, from start to finish great keenness was shown by the Competitors.

To Sum Up:- The month was a comparatively easy one for the Company. All ranks were in very good condition and the Morale was excellent. There was a total absence of Crime.

  
-----Captain.  
O.C. 1st Aust. M.G.Coy.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

----- TRANSPORT OFFICER'S MONTHLY APPRECIATION -----  
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During the past month the condition of the Transport generally has greatly improved.  
 This particularly applies to the horses which is probably due to the amount of grazing we were able to obtain for them.  
 The feed ration has been cut down to such a minimum that horses can barely work and maintain their condition if bound down to that.  
 The month has been comparatively dry and in consequence horse standings have been good. We improved our lines by building Bomb Barricades and erecting a Water Trough in accordance with the design laid down by XV Corps.  
 In the period mentioned we have had few casualties amongst animals One horse was wounded by bomb fire, one bitten and one with a ricked hock none of which have been evacuated.  
 Owing to the increase of establishment we have drawn three extra horses from Battalion 2 for Water Cart and 1 Hack  
 The harness has greatly improved and also the limbers which have been thoroughly overhauled and painted.  
 At an inspection by the Battalion Commander and two Staff Officers from Division a prize was given for the best turn out. The average marks scored from a possible of 11 being 10.  
 The physique <sup>of the men</sup> has been good but considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining Clothes for them.

*A. B. Wearne*  
-----Lieut  
Company Transport Officer.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.COMPANY STRENGTH EVACUATIONS LEAVE ETC.

Total strength of company as on 1st. July 1918.-----13Officers 210.0/R.

Officers. 0/R.

- 7. Sent to Army Rest Camp.
- 4. From Armt Rest Camp.
- I. Transport Duty to Australia.
- I. Returned To Australia.
- 2. 4. Granted 14 Days Leave To The U.K.
- 2. 4. Returned from U.K. Leave.
- I. Returned From Paris Leave.
- I. Granted Leave To Paris.
- I. On Duty To Paris.(Partaking in 4th.July Celebrations)
- 2. 3. To Schools.
- II. Returned from Schools.
- 3. Evacuated Wounded.
- 4. Evacuated Sick.(I.Dental.I.V.D.I.Eyes.I.Scabies.)
- I. 9. Returned From Hospital.
- I. 20. Taken on strength from Base.
- 2. Transferred From Battalion H.Q.
- 7. Daily Duties (Guard) with Battalion.
- I. To the O.T.C.England.
- 3. Attached for Training.

Making a total of 13.Off. 226.0/R. at the 31-7-18.

*James M. C. L.* Lieut.

For O.C.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 1.

BY

Captain F.A. HUDG.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2nd/Lieut.	MARTIN.	C.R.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Lieut.	Potter.	V.C.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt.	EDINBURGH.	J.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	"	Blackmore.	A.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl.	BRADFORD.	
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	"	Bullen.	
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl.	LEWIS.	O.B.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	"	Stone.	W.

(1). COMPANY ORDERS.

Attention is drawn to Company Order No.1. affixed to the Order Board this day.

(2). QUARTER GUARD.

A guard consisting of 1 Corporal and 6 men will be posted daily at Battalion Headquarters.

DRESS:- Full Marching Order--- with Blanket and Waterproof Sheet.

N.C.O's. and Men detailed for Guard will pay "SPECIAL" attention to cleaning and fitting equipment prior to Daily Inspection at 4.0.p.m. by the Orderly Officer.

(3). FIRE PICQUET.

Fire Picquet will consist of four (4) men per Section daily (16men in all) under the Orderly Corporal.

Picquet will parade at Staff Parade (9.15.p.m.) in Drill Order less Rifle and Bayonet, but Entrenching Tool will be carried in Bayonet Frog.

(4). INSPECTION.

The Commanding Officer of the Battalion and Divisional Staff Officer will inspect this Company at an early date.

The following prizes will be offered:-

BEST DRESSED MAN:-	100 FRANCS.
BEST TURNED OUT SECTION:-	150 FRANCS.
BEST TURNED OUT DRIVER HORSES AND HARNESS	100 FRANCS.

A Visiting Officer will be the Judge and his decision will be final.

(5). DRESS.

It has been noticed that in many cases PUTTIES are being worn by men contrary to the method laid down for Infantry.

Putties will NOT be worn at any time with tapes around the ankle Drivers only are authorised to adopt this method.

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6). SPORTS.

A Sports Meeting was held this afternoon in the Brickyard. Three Committees were formed:-

1. Cricket Committee
2. Rugby Committee.
3. Association Committee.

It was decided to hold a Sports Day at an early date----before returning to the line.

A General Sports Committee have arranged a Programme of events and scale of Prizes.

All details as to the above will be published in a Special Order of the day (Tomorrow).

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FUNDS.

It has been decided to ask for a Voluntary Contribution next Pay Day on the following basis:-

Officers	10	FRANCS.
Sergeants	4	"
Corporals	3	"
Privates.	1	"

-----Lieut  
for O.C. 1st. Aust. M. G. Coy.

Company Order No. 1.

by

Capt. F. A. Hudd.Commanding First Australian Machine Gun Company.

17th. July.

1. Comforts. There is a tendency among people in Australia, who provide such comforts for the troops, to think that they are not distributed fairly. In fact it has been stated that Officers Messes have first claim. This is an injustice and to refute such rumours the Commanding Officer asks that all men in this Company will write to their people to let them know that they are getting their full share of the Comforts.
2. Pistols. It is noticed that men going on leave are allowed to take their pistols with them. This practice must cease, as it is laid down that Pistols should not leave the Company as there are many causes which might considerably delay the return of the soldier.
3. French Currency. It is notified for information that after 1st. August 1918, silver coins of the following denominations, 2 francs, 1 franc, 50 centimes, and 20 centimes, bearing on the obverse side the effigy of Napoleon III with laurel wreaths, will no longer be legal tender. Such coins should be changed at Civil Post Offices or Banks on or before 31st July 1918.
4. Interference with Telegraph and Telephone Lines. Cases have been reported of telegraph wire and cable being interfered with. Other cases have been reported of lines being destroyed by being cut, and used for purposes other than that for which they are intended. All unauthorised persons are forbidden to interfere with telegraph or telephone lines and should any further cases be reported the offender is to be tried by Court Martial in each case.
5. Trenches - Irregular Use Of. It has been brought to notice that trenches in the West HAZEBROUCK Line are being used as Latrines. This practice will cease forthwith.
6. Self Inflicted Injuries & GAS. General Routine Order No. 4368 of June 28th. 1918. is published for information. In future where there is reason to believe that a soldier is suffering from the effects of Gas through carelessness, disobedience of orders Culpable negligence, or drinking or washing in water knowing it to be so contaminated or in contravention of orders, this soldier lays himself open to be tried by Court Martial for Self Inflicted Wounds.  
S.B. Respirators - Improper Use Of. It has come to notice that men, whilst wearing the box respirators in a gassed area are in the habit of allowing the face piece to fall down, exposing the eyes, but at the same time using the mouth max piece and nose clip. This practice is dangerous and is strictly forbidden.

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7. Claims. In future if any claims are received for damage to crops or appropriation of potatoes, or similar acts, the nearest unit to the crop will be held responsible for the amount of the damage unless it can be shown that some other unit is responsible for such damage.
8. Camouflage. Instances have recently occurred of camouflage and other material being removed from unoccupied gun positions. It is brought to notice of all ranks in the Division that to tamper with in any way with an unoccupied gun position is the greatest disservice that can be rendered, not only to the Artillery concerned but to the Division as a whole.
9. Postal:- Members of the A.I.F. are notified that mails from Australia are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It sometimes happens that mail posted in Australia after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in London before such preceding mail. If two mails arrive simultaneously such letters are "grouped" before delivery, and economy in circulation results. The receipt of letters of varying Australian Dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base Post Office.
10. Entering of Evacuated Premises:- British Troops are forbidden to enter any premises which have been evacuated by civilians unless the premises have been allotted for billeting purposes.
11. Looting. As difficulty is experienced in interpreting the orders with regard to looting in the forward area the following instructions will be strictly enforced:-
- (a) Furniture and Household utensils may be removed from damaged houses east of the Morbecque-Hazebrouck-Steenveerde Road, but exclusive of Morbecque and Hazebrouck, when required for the use of the troops, if authorised by the Commanding Officer of a Unit.
- (b) In each case the man or men sent to collect the articles will be provided with a written order giving in detail the articles required and specifying the house from which they are to be taken. This order will bear the name of the unit for which the articles are required and the names of the men authorised to collect them, and will be signed by the Commanding Officer. A copy of each Order will be sent to the Headquarters of the Division concerned or, in the case of Corps Units, to Corps "Q".
- (c) Any man or men removing articles from a house, or found carrying civilian property who is not in possession of a written order as above, or who is found removing property from a house other than that specified in the order he carries will be treated as a looter and dealt with in accordance with A.R.O. No 2014

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12. Pay. Attention is again drawn to A.I.F. Order No, 154. Re Maximum rates of fortnightly pay. These are as follows:-

RANK	AMOUNT
W.O.'s Class 1 or Equivalents	90 Francs.
C.S.M.	80 "
C.Q. N.S.	75 "
Sergeant or Corporal's	70 "
Driver	55 "
Private ( 2/- per day )	40 "
Private ( 1/- per day )	20 "

In future these rates will be strictly adhered to .

-----Lieut  
for O.C. 1st. Aust M.G. Coy.

----- NOTICE -----  
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To assist the postal authorities all ranks are requested when communicating with AUSTRALIA (ONLY) to include at the foot of their letters their full permanent address.

E.G. In reply address,  
No. 0000 Pte John Thomas Nutz,  
1st. Australian Machine Gun Company,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
On Active Service.

25th. July 1918.

CO. P.M.G. ROUTINE ORDER No. 2.

BY

Captain F.A. HULL.DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	Lieut. POTTER. V.C.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Stout.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. BLACKMORE. A.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" ROSENGREN. H.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	I/Cpl. BULLEN.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" HASTING.
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. STONE. W.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" LEE.

(7). P. PARADES.

There will be no Company Parade to-day.

- (a) A. & B. Sections will parade at 8.0.a.m. Dress:-Drill Order and will proceed at 8.10. to Range at V.18.D. and carry out Musketry as per Syllabus. Ammunition will be found with the Range Warden sufficient to carry out these practices.
- (b) C. & D. Sections will parade at 8.30.a.m. in Drill Order for inspection of Arms and Respirators, afterwards being dismissed.
- (c) C. & D. Sections will parade at 1.30.p.m. and carry out Syllabus as laid down in para (a) of this order.

(8). STEEL HELMETS.

Sections will arrange to have all Steel Helmets returned to C.I. Store by 10.a.m. to day

(9). FATIGUES.

Fatigues of 5 Other Ranks reporting Daily to Battalion will be a Washout until further Orders.

(10). IDENTITY DISCS.

All sections will ensure that all N.C.O's. and Men are in possession of one Disc Identity RED and one Disc Identity GREEN, properly stamped. These will be worn around the neck. Indents to complete will reach the C.I. by noon to-day.

*F.A. Hull*  
-----Lieut  
for O.C. 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

26th. July. 1918

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER. No. 3.

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	Lieut. STOUT. S.J.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Lieut. HEANE. E.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. ROSENGREN. H.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" KILLEN. R.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. HASKING. W.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" DRUMMOND.
	DUMMER. E.C.
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. LEE.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" RENNIE.

(13). PARADES.

Syllabus of Training as laid down for to-day will be deleted and following days Syllabus substituted.

(14). PAY.

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No application for extra pay will be entertained under any circumstances whatever.

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PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS.

To be Sgt. No.2707a T/Sgt. NICOL F.J. vice No. 505 Sgt Cunningham evacuated, to date 10.4.18.

To be Cpl. No.661 T/Cpl. ANDERSON R.A. vice No. 2707a T/Sgt NICOL promoted, to date 28.4.18.

To be Cpl. No.281 T/Cpl. COSIER C.M. vice No. 3391 Cpl LYALL J. evacuated to date 10.4.18.

To be Cpl. No.2376 T/Cpl. HARRISON P.B. ~~vice No. 3391~~ to complete establishment to date 14.5.18.

To be T/Cpl. No.477 L/Cpl. WHALAN R.P. vice No. 3561 T/Sgt. THOMAS evacuated, to date 16.6.18.

To be Lance Corporals:-

No. 277	Pte	BRADFORD. G.L.
" 1375	"	WALLACE. T.P.
" 5103	"	GIBBONS. L.
" 565a	"	TALBOT. F.
" 4225	"	McGLINN. C.

*W. Sykes*  
-----Lieut.  
for O.C. 1st. Aust. M.G.Coy.

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27th. July 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS No. 4.

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.

*W. J. Ryan*

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	Lieut. E. HEANE.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	2nd/Lieut. J. RYAN
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. KILLEN. R.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" LOVEBAND.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. DUMMER.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" GILES.
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. RENNIE.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" MAWSON.

(15). PARADES.

- (a) C & D Sections will parade at 0800. Dress Drill Order and will proceed to range at 0810 in order to carry out Syllabus as laid down.
- (b) Targets etc will be drawn from Orderly Room. One Limber will carry guns and gear for both sections and one half limber will carry ammunition. O.C. "C" Section will arrange to leave targets erected on the range in charge of the Range Warden for the afternoon's firing
- (c) A & B Sections will fall in at 1330 and proceed to range at 1340 and carry out programmes in para (a). O.C. "A" Section will be responsible for the return of targets to the billets.

(16). TRANSPORT.

One complete G.S. Limbered Waggon and one Fore Portion will report outside Company Orderly Room at 0750 to-day.

(17). DETACHED DUTIES.

All Drivers, Batmen, Runners, Cooks etc will fire with their respective Sections. Headquarters will fire with "A" Section.

(18). FATIGUES.

A & B Sections will parade at 0800 to 1100 and carry out work of constructing bomb stops around the horse lines. C & D Sections will parade at 1430 for work of asimilar nature

(19). LIMBERS.

In future on no account will ant Section gear be removed from the Limbers for any purpose whatever other than under instructions from Section Officers or Transport Officer ( by arrangements with Section Officers if circumstances permit.)

(20). EQUIPMENT.

It is notified for all concerned that no Blanco will be used on any portion of the Equipment.

(21). PAY.

All Sections will parade at 1730 to-day for Pay.

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*W. J. Ryan*  
 -----Lieut  
 for O.C. 1st. Aust. M.G.Coy.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No.5.

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BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2/Lieut. J.R.RYAN (M.M.)
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	2/Lieut. E.J.IFOULD.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. MARTIN.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" DAVISON.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. GILES.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" WESTCOTT.
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. RUSSELL.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" CROKER.

PARADES.

FULL COMPANY PARADE.

The O.C. will inspect the Company at 8.30 a.m. 28th.inst.  
Company will parade in Full Marching Order less Blankets and Steel Helmets.

AMMUNITION.

Sections will arrange to complete ammunition supply to 120 rds per man before O.C's Inspection.

*[Handwritten signature]*

-----Lieut  
for O.C. 1st. Aust. M.G.Coy.

SPORTS.

All entries for sports meeting to be held on TUESDAY afternoon will close at 8.0.p.m. on to night. Section sergeants will forward nominations to secretary Cpl. Thomas at that time.

29th July 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 6.

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.

*War Diary*

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2/Lieut. E.J.IFOULD (M.M.)
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Lieut. V.C.POTTER
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. DAVISON.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Sgt. EDINBURGH.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. WESTCOTT.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	L/Cpl. WALLACE.
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. CROKER.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Cpl. THOMAS.

PARADES.

All Sections will parade at 8.30 a.m. (Section parade) Dress:- Clean Fatigue. Gun Limbers and S.A.A. Limbers will be packed and man handled on to the tape lines in the field.

Company Inspection Parade.

Company will fall in at 10.15 a.m. Markers:- 10.20 a.m.

Dress:- Full Marching Order as follows:-

Pack. Greatcoat, Waterproof Sheet, Mess Tin (inside at top). Shirt, Socks and all clothing on charge.

Haversack. Will contain Knife, Fork, and Spoon, and Shaving Gear.

Water Bottles. To be filled.

Field Dressings. In tunic pocket under the flap.

Identity Discs. To be worn around the neck.

Paybooks. To be in Top Right Breast Pocket.

COOKS.

Cooks.

These men will parade with the Cooker.  
Dress:- Light Marching Order. (Packs on Fore Portion of Cooker).

LISTS; BOXES SPARE PARTS.

These are obtainable at C.Q.M.S. Store at rate of one per Sub-Section. They will be drawn and pasted on the inside of lid of Spare Parts Box by 9.0 a.m. to-day. Paste for this purpose is available at Company Orderly Room.

PART "2"

TRANSFER.

No. 66 Pte Currey J.P. from "C" Section to H/Qrs.

DELETE: Para re Paybooks.

*[Signature]*

-----Lieut.  
*[Signature]*

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 7

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BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2/Lieut. C.R.Martin
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Lieut. V.C.Potter
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. Edinburgh
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Blackmore
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. Wallace
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Gibbons
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. <del>THOMAS</del> KERR
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" <del>KERR</del> THOMAS

PARADES.

A. & B. Sections will fall in at 8.0 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order March off to Range at 8.10 a.m. and carry out Practices Part 1 Table "C". Guns (in wooden cases) and ammunition will be outside Orderly Room at 8.0 a.m. Sharp.

C. & D. Sections will parade as per Syllabus.

TRANSPORT.

1 double Limber and 1 fore portion will report outside Orderly Room at 7.50 a.m. to convey guns, ammunition and targets to the range.

TARGETS.

Targets, paste and paper patches will be obtained from Orderly Room. "O.C." B Section will be responsible for the return of targets to ~~will~~ billets after firing has finished.

SALUTING.

All ranks will salute all Motor Cars bearing flags or pendants of any description. This applies particularly to guards and sentries. All ranks should be familiar with the following flags and pendants.



Who will "Present Arms"

*Alfred K*  
-----Lieut.  
for O.C. 1st A.M.G. Coy.

----- NOTICE -----  
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FOUND.

A Money Belt was found in Men's Latrine on the morning of 28th inst. Owner may obtain this article at Company Orderly Room on furnishing a satisfactory description.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No 8

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BY

Captain F.A.HUDD

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-  
NEXT FOR DUTY:-  
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-  
NEXT FOR DUTY:-  
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-  
NEXT FOR DUTY:-  
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-  
NEXT FOR DUTY:-

Lieut. V.C.POTTER  
" S.J.STOUT  
Sgt. Blackmore  
" Rosengren  
L/Cpl Talbot  
" McGlinn  
Cpl Anderson  
" Atkins

PARADES.

C.& D. Sections will parade at 8.0 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order  
March off to Range at 8.10 a.m. and carry out Practices Part 1 Table "C"  
Guns (in wooden cases) and ammunition will be outside Orderly Room at  
8.0 a.m. sharp.

A.& B. Sections will parade as per Syllabus.

TRANSPORT.

1 double Limber and 1 fore portion will report outside Orderly Room at  
7.50 a.m. to convey guns, ammunition and targets to the range.

TARGETS.

Targets, paste and paper patches will be drawn from Limber Park.  
"O.C." C Section will be responsible for the return of targets to  
billets after firing has finished.

MAIL.

All ranks are notified that in future any parcels, newspapers etc that  
are to be sent away by Mail will be paid for.  
Arrangements must be made with the Mail Orderly to this effect.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
-----Lieut.  
for O.C. 1st Aust. M.G.Coy.