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OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

FOR

Month of August 1918

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Signature of Officer Commanding

Francis Howard Capt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V.23.C.3.4.	1-8-18.		<p>Company in reserve area. Training being carried out as laid down in Company Routine Order No. 9 attached. Kit inspection and inspection by O.C. During the afternoon Recreational Training. A Strombus Horn outfit is erected at Company Orderly Room by Brigade Gas Staff and we subsequently post a guard on same between the hours of Reveille ^{LIGHTS OUT.} and Lights Out. ^{Reveille.} Orders received from Battalion Head Qrs. to prepare for relief by the 29th Battn. (British) M.G. Corps. Hostile bombing aeroplanes were in the vicinity of Company billets about 10-30 p.m. A number of bombs were dropped but no damage to personnel or property was done. 2nd Lieut. Williams returns from Lewis Gun School. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.</p>	<p>Sheets 27 and 36a ----- Appendix 1</p>
V.23.C.3.4.	2-8-18.		<p>Company marched to Divisional baths, bathed and received change of clean underclothing. Orders received from Battn. Hqrs. to move on the morrow. Preparations in progress during the day. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.</p>	
B.22.D.4.6.	3-8-18		<p>"B" Company 29th Battn. M.G. Corps relieve and take over our billets and all area stores at V.23.C.3.4. (Sheet 27). The Company and Transport move out at noon en route for the Blaringhem area. The weather during the first two hours of the march was very showery and close, eventually clearing up by 2 p.m. Mid-day meal was prepared from the Company cooker en route and was served by the wayside. On arrival at BLARINGHEM the Company was billeted under canvas just outside the village. Immediately after arrival (as is the usual procedure) two guns (Vickers) were mounted for anti-aircraft defence.</p>	<p>Appendix 4</p>

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B.22.D.4.6.	4.8.18.		<p>During the morning all guns and gear were overhauled, limbers cleaned and repacked. The Battn. C.O. accompanied by S?I?C? and the acting Corps Machine Gun officer (Capt. Vinicombe) visits the camp. The O.C. and company entraining officer ride to ARQUES to reconnoitre the route for possible company night march. The company soccer team play the British A.S.C. company and win by 2-1. Lieut. V.C. Potter proceeds on leave to the United Kingdom.</p> <p>The weather cleared from showery during the morning to a bright warm day.</p>	<p>Sheets 27. and 36a. -----</p>
B.22D.4.6.	5.8.18.		<p>During the morning the Divisional Commander Major-General Glasgow CB. CMG. DSO. accompanied by Lieut-Col. Ross (G.S.) and the Battn. C.O. Lieut-Col. French DSO. MC. inspect the company and transport. The Divisional Commander expressed his satisfaction with the turnout. Final orders for entraining and movement issued. 2 Lieut. Martin proceeds with advanced billeting party per motor transport to final destination. Company forms up at 6.0.p.m. and leaves for entraining station at ARQUES per march route, arriving eventually at 8.30.p.m. Here the Australian Comforts Fund supply the troops with hot cocoa. Company and transport entrains at 10.0.p.m. and train pulls out at 11.37.p.m. Weather fine and night very dark.</p>	<p>Appendix. 6</p>
6.B.2.4.	6.8.18.		<p>Train arrives at NOYELLES at 9.15.a.m. and men detrain for breakfast. Move on again at 10.0.a.m. eventually arriving at our destination HANGEST at 12.30.p.m. Detraining of transport and men begun immediately by troops on train. Weather very showery. Company moves off to a selected spot near by and lunch under the shade of the palms. Showers continual. At 4.30.p.m. the whole</p>	<p>Sheet. Lens. II I : 100,000.</p>

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	(Contd.)		outfit move on per march route for ST. OUEN. ,finally billeting under canvas at about 8.0.p.m. outside ST.OUEN. (6.B.2.4.).The company is now under the Second Ausn.Inf.Bdge. pro.tem. for instructions and rations. Weather cool and showery.	Appendix.7.
6.B.3.4.	7.8.18.		Resting and overhauling gun gear during the day.Receive instructions to move Transport viz. road route to RIVERY,,and embussing orders for company.Eventually we arrive at RIVERY at 1.30.a.m. and billet in the village. Weather dull and warm.	Appendix.8.
2.D.9.8.	8.8.18.		Weather good and Operations commence. Weare attached to Battn.again,and remain in reserve. Company under orders to remain in readiness to move at an hours notice. Resting during the day.	Sheet Amiens. I7. I.; 100000 -----
0.35.A.9.9.	9.8.18.		Orders received from D.H.Q. at 3.0.a.m. to proceed per march route to VILLERS)-BRETONNEUX. All blankets and packs and surplus gear stacked at RIVERY and left under a guard,and company and transport move out at 8.0.a.m.,arriving at our destination at 12.30.p.m. Men billeted in ruins of village. Weather fine and very warm. The roads through constant traffic were very dusty and marching was very tiring.	Sheet 62.D. I.: 40000. -----
X.I9.D.9.I.	10.8.18.		Company moves out from billets at VILLERS-BRETONNEUX enroute for Firstm Australian Infantry Brigade Advanced H.Qrs.as per instructions at 10.15.a.m. and arrive at squares X.I9.B.&.D. and settle down in vacated Hun dugouts.Before nightfall two anti-aircraft guns are mounted and two guns placed in positions in Reserve Line in square X.I5.C. Advanced company H.Qrs. and	

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(Contd.)			Rear H.Qrs. established at X.I9.D.9.I. Company remains here in Reserve awaiting orders from First Aus.Inf. Bdge. to whom we are attached for the present operations. Capt.Hamilton the Battn.R.M.0% is attached to the company for these operations. Weather fine and very warm. Six reinforcements join the company from the base and are immediately absorbed in one section.	Sheet 62.d. I : 40,00 -----
X.I9.D.9.I	II.8.18.		Company remains at X.I9.D.9.I.during the day whilst officers of all sections go forward and make a reconnaissance of the line and positions to be taken over by the company at night. At (dusk) 9.0.p.m. sections move forward independently to relieve the "2nd. Aus.M.G.Coy." as per instructions contained in First Aus. Bdge.Order No,II0.&.AZA.8I.attached. A nucleus company is formed at VILLERS-BRETn. and 15% of the coy.is attached to same. Weather throughout fine and warm .Very dusty.	Appendix.II and I2.
X.I9.D.9.I.	12.8.18.		The 16 guns of the company are attached to the First Aus,Inf.Bdge. and disposed of in accordance with instructions laid out in Appendix.II. in the line and support area ,All arrangements complete without casualties by 12.15.a.m. Some of these guns had to dig in new positions other than those taken over to conform with the new Bdge. system of defence. Hostile shelling was heavy during the night.All gun gear and S.A.S.was carried on the section limbers to within very close distances of gun positions. Whilst returning to rear H.Qrs. after one section S.A.S. limber was destroyed by explosion of a bomb dropped on the road from a hostile aeroplane. Adv.Company H.Qrs. moves forward 2000.yds.to X.22.D.I.4.during the afternoon.	H

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(Contd.)			At night the transport convey by limber and pack animals 160,000 S.A.A. bulk to the gun positions, thus completing 10,000 Rds. per gun. Casualties NIL. Weather fine and warm.	Sheet 62.D I;40,000 -----
X.I9.D.9.I.	13.8.18.		During the early morning <u>6</u> wounded casualties were sustained by shell fire; hostile artillery was very active throughout the night. At night an additional 40,000 rds.S.A.A. was packed with pack animals to adv.company H.Qrs. All guns improving positions and carrying out the general scheme of consolidation during the day.Disposition of the companie's guns at this period shown. Appendix 13. S.A.A. expended NIL. Weather fine and very warm.	
X.I9.B.9.I.	14.8.18.		Much hostile shelling ,area shooting and barrage was experienced during the day and night. Hostile aircraft was very active and a captured german Light Machine Gun was erected at adv. Company H.Qrs. to assist in the anti-aircraft defence ,subsequently 750 rds.s.a.a.(Hun) was expended in thid direction. Casualties NIL. W_eather fine and very warm.	
X.I9.B.9.I.	15.8.18.		Usual activity of hostile artillery during the day and night.In accordance with Edge.Policy outlined in attached appendix I4. ,our guns engaged in Harrasing Fire over the whole of the Brigade front..expending 30?000.rds. S.A.A. during the night.The following is an extract from The First Aus.Divisional Intellegance No.5.dated 15.8.18. "Vickers guns engaged targets,in "Madame Wood","Polygon Wood",Amberg Copse"Mug Wood" and open spaces(References)-----"It is noteworthy that no machine guns fired from Madame Wood."---Transport packed an additional	Appendix 14 Handwritten signature G

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(Contd.)			<p>30,000 rds.S.A.A. to replace expenditure.An N.C.O. is sent VAIRE-SUR-SOMME to act as advanced billiting party and arrange billets for company after coming relief,of the company as laid down in Bdge.Order No.III.and Company Order No.I2o attached. Relief of two sections of the Commenses at 10.0p.m. This relief is affected by 12th. & 4th. Aus. M.G.Coys. Owing to very heavy shelling(Hostile) the relief is delayed somewhat and was not completed until 1.0.a.m$\frac{1}{2}$.(16th.) On relief the sections marched to Rear H.Qrs. at X.I9.B.9.I.and occupied vacated hun dugouts in the vicinity.Casualties I.wounded. Weather warm and fine.</p>	<p>Sheet.62.D I : 40,00 ----- Appendix. No's.I6&I</p>
J.26.C.5.4.	16.8.18.		<p>As per instructions in appendix I7. ,two sections with fighting limbers ,H.Q.,Limber and coy. cooker,move off from r.H.Q. at 10.0.a.m. for VAIRE-SUR-SOMME. The weather was very hot and the roads very dusty and thus entailed very slow marching. Hot mid-day meal was served from the cooker enroute. Arrive at VAIRE-SUR-SOMME at 4.30.p.m. and billet in the open on the banbs of the river. Adv. Coy.H.Q. and two sections still in the line and are relieved at midnight by sections of the 12th.& 4th. Aus. M.G.Coys. On relief these sections move to X.I9.D.9.I. Casualties NIL. Weather fine and warm.</p>	
J.26.C.5.4.	17.8.18.		<p>During the day sections bathe and receive new issue of underclothing.Remaining two sections march down from X.I9.B.9.I. to VAIRE . Conference of company cmdrs.at Battn,H.Q.(HAMLET) Company is paid. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.</p>	<p><i>W. H. H.</i> 6.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
J.26.C.5.4.	18-8-18		Day of resting for Company. Remainder of men bathe and exchange clothing. Company is paid. Cricket Match played against 3rd Australian M.G. Coy., resulting in a win for this Company. WEATHER WARM AND FINE.	
J.26.C.5.4.	19-8-18		Company commences training and work as per Orders attached. During the afternoon the Company marches out to Hamel to witness an arranged Tank Demonstration. WEATHER FINE AND VERY WARM.	Appendix 18 and 19.
J.26.C.5.4.	20-8-18		Company parading and training as per Company Order attached. Recreational training during the afternoon. O.C. reconnoitres the forward area in view of forthcoming relief of the Line by this Company. WEATHER FINE BUT COOLER.	Appendix 20 Sheet 62D. 1/40,000. HARBONNIERS 1/40,000.
Q.16.A.2.9.	21-8-18		Company moves out from VAUX-SUR-SOMME at 1-30 p.m. en route to relief of the 8th Aust. M.G. Coy in the Line in front of PROYART. Arrive at Rear Head Qrs. Q. 16.A.2.9. at 4-45 p.m. Hot meal issued to Company at 5-30 p.m. (prepared on Company cooker enroute). Move in to relief of sections at 6-30 p.m. with guides. Relief complete without incident at 9-30 p.m. WEATHER DURING DAY VERY WARM. Lieut. Cumming, D.C.M. returns from U.K. Leave.	Appendix 21
Q.16.A.2.9.	22-8-18		Company in the Line in positions taken over from 8th Aust. M.G. Coy. During the day positions are constructed for forthcoming barrage firing. Transport pack up 80,000 rounds S.A.A. bulk to these positions during the evening. At night gun teams move to the prepared barrage positions and lay out lines of fire in readiness for carrying out operations next morning as laid	Appendix 22.

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(Contd.)	22-8-18.		down. Each of these positions carried a white "V" shaped linen patch about 6 feet in length with arms one foot-wide for purpose of signalling to contact aeroplanes for supplies of S.A.A. (reference Appendix No. 24, Battle Instructions No. 3.) We did not have occasion to use these. WEATHER FINE AND VERY WARM. CASUALTIES NIL.	
Q. 16 A.2.9.	23-8-18		At zero hour (4-45 a.m.) 16 guns of the Company opened barrage fire on targets and according to time-table shown in Appendix 22. Ammunition expended - 63,000 rounds. Owing to alterations in general scheme our barrage programme was considerably modified. A full report of these operations is attached. During the day the gallant conduct of several N.C.O's. and men was noted, particulars of which appear in Appendix 29. The work of the Transport was heavy and very well done. Two hours before zero pack animals were sent to two sections in the Line to assist in movement of S.A.A. and gun gear. Two hours after zero pack animals and limbers move forward to barrage positions to assist in moving sections gun gear to their various rendezvous as shown in Appendix 28. WEATHER THROUGHOUT WAS VERY WARM. CASUALTIES - 5.	Appendices 25, 26, 27 and 28. Appendix 23
Q.16.A.2.9.	24-8-18		Sections holding the Line with Infantry Battns. and take part in minor operations carried out during the day. At 7 p.m. the 3rd Aust. M.G. Coy. relieve our Company in the Line, which comes back to Reserve Area at R.S.D. 3.8. Here all gun gear is overhauled and S.A.A. reserved completed. Company cooker and water cart are sent up to this reserve position. Transport draw 92,000 rounds S.A.A. bulk from 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade Dump. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	Appendix 27 Appendix 30

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Q.16 A.2.9.	25-8-18.		Company remain in Reserve in readiness to move at short notice. Overhauling of gun gear and reorganising of gun teams during the day. Six re-inforcements arrived at rear Battn. H.Qrs. (CORBIE). WEATHER DURING THE DAY FINE, SHOWERY DURING THE NIGHT.	
Q.16.A.2.9.	26-8-18.		Second Aust. Division relieve troops xxxx in the Line and the Company moves out from reserve position at 2 p.m. (march route) to rear H.Qrs. Q.16.A.2.9. Arrive 4-30 p.m. Men sheltered in huts, dug-outs and bivouacs on hillside overlooking the SOMME. WEATHER FINE.	
Q.16.A.2.9.	27-8-18.		During the day all gun gear thoroughly overhauled and fighting limbers re-packed. Company Mobile Reserve S.A.A. is filled into German M.G. Belts in boxes. Remainder of the day devoted to recreation - swimming and resting. Six re-inforcements from Battn. rear H. Qrs. joined Company. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	Appendix 31
Q.16.A.2.9.	28-8-18.		Full Company Parade during the morning. Work carried out as laid down in C.R.O. No. 17 attached. xxxxxxx Company is paid during the day. Two anti-aircraft guns (Vickers) are mounted in the evening and guards posted over same throughout the night. Afternoon devoted to recreational training. WEATHER SHOWERY.	Appendix 32 <i>W. H. H.</i>
Q.16.A.2.9.	29-8-18.		Work during the day as laid down in C.R.O. No. 18 attached. Company Commanders Conference at Battn. H.Qrs. during the afternoon. Programme of training made out for following 7 days. Two sections per day report to Battn. tailor and every man is inspected and xxxx had clothes repaired and in many cases new clothing issued. WEATHER FINE.	Appendix 33 Appendix 34

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Q.16.A.2.9.	30-8-18.		Company training as per Syllabus attached. During the afternoon, Swimming and Recreational Training. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	
Q.16.A.2.9.	31-8-18.		Training as per Syllabus. Recreational Training during the afternoon. FINE WARM DAY, SHOWERY DURING THE NIGHT.	

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1st. August 1918.

ROUTINE ORDER No.9

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	Lieut V.C.Potter
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" E.Heane
Orderly Sergeant:-	Sgt. Rosengren
Next For Duty:-	" Killen
Orderly Corporal:-	L/Cpl. McGlenn
Next For Duty :-	" Notman
Corporal of the Guard:-	Cpl. Anderson
Next For D uty :)	" Atkin.

PA ADES.

As per Syllabus. Company Parade 8.30 a.m.
Markers 8.20 a.m.

During the last hour each Section will supply 3 men for work on Bomb Stops. These men will report to Orderly Sergeant at 11.15

ROUTE MARCH. By Sections. Full Marching Order less Blankets, Respirators and Steel Helmets will be carried on the back of the pack

TRAINING. Attention is drawn to the alteration in the training Syllabus.

GAS GUARD.

Duty Section will supply gas guard posted on the Strombos Horn from Last Post to Reveille until further instructions. Sections will prepare a duty roster for this guard. One man will be posted.
DRESS. Clean Fatigue with Respirators.

PART 2.

Transfers. No 2102 L/Cpl. Allmond D. is transferred from Signal Section Battalion Headquarters to "A" Section 1st A.M.G.C. (B.O.19)

No 329 Pte Laurie A.J.B. is transferred from Signal Section Battalion Headquarters to "B" Section 1st A.M.G.C. (B.O.19)

No 7257 Pte Hume J.W is transferred from "C" Section to Coy H/Q whilst employed as Company Bootmaker.

Promotions. To be Sergeant
No. 1158 T/Sgt Martin E.A. (M.M.) vice No, 842 Sgt Edgar T to date 10.4.18.

To be Corporal
No. 4462 L/Cpl Carr W.H. to date 22.6.18.

To be Lance Corporal
No. 561 Pte Robinson J.M. to date 28.7.18.

F.A. Hudd Capt

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

Lieut

ROUTINE ORDER No.10.

BY

Captain F. A. HUDD.DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	Lieut. E. Heane.
Next for duty 2 Lt. Williams	Sgt. J.R. Ryan (M.M.)
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt. Killen
Next for duty.	" Martin (M.M.)
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl. Notman.
Next for duty.	" Patterson.
Corporal of the Guard.	Cpl. Atkins.
Next for duty.	" Corbett.

PARADES.

All sections will parade at 7.45.A.M:- Dress clean fatigue and towels.

Lieut. Potter will command this parade which will move off at 7.55.A.M. for Divisional Baths at V.II.c.3.5.

Change of clothing will be available.

MAIL.

No mail will be received by Section Officers until further order

BILLETING PARTY.

Lieut. RYAN (M.M.) ~~will~~ And 5190. Cpl. Thomas J.R. will report ~~to~~ at V.21.B. ~~to~~ 2nd. Bdge. Waggon Lines. To Staff. Capt. MANN. at 8.0.A.M. to-day.

Twenty four hours rations will be carried. N.C.O. will take all his gear with him.

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PART 2

RE-ALLOTMENT. (REGTL.NOS.)	285	Pte. Dobbie, J.A.	Re-alloted Number	283b.
	295	" Wood, J.M.	" "	295c,
	376	" Malone, J.B.	" "	376b.
	547a	" Dodd, A.	" "	547b.
	563a	" Handley, P.J.	" "	563b.
	3878	L/C. Paterson, W.J.	" "	3878a.

H. J. ... Lieut. for O.C.

1st Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 11.

War Jones

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.DUTIES:-

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2/Lt C.S.Williams
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	2/Lt E.J.Ifould (M.)
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. Davison.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Edinburgh
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. Patterson
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Sanders
CORPORAL OF THE GUARD:-	Cpl. Corbett
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Cosier

PARADES.

Section Parades at 9.00 a.m. DRESS:- Clean Fatigue

LIMBERS.

All limbers will be packed ready to move by 12.00 noon.

BLANKETS.

All blankets will be rolled in bundles by Sub-Sections and carried on Section Limbers.

OFFICER'S VALISES.

Officer's Valises will be carried on their Section Limbers.

STEEL HELMETS.

Steel Helmets will be packed together by gun teams and placed in their respective limbers.

MARCH TO BLARINGHEM

All ranks will wear full marching order less blankets and steel helmets. Particular attention will be paid to packs. Waterproof Sheets, Mess Tins, Tin Mugs etc. being carried inside the pack.

TRANSPORT.Transport will maintain a distance of 100 Yds between leading horses and rear of Company during this march. 25 Yds interval being maintained between each 6 vehicles. Under NO circumstances whatever will any man ride on the Limbers.BRAKESMEN. These will consist of Section limber washers plus men indented for by Transport Officer.PAYBOOKS. These will be issued to Sections at 9.0 a.m. to-day. Section Sergeants will arrange to draw same from Coy. Orderly Room by 8.50 a.m.PART "2"TRANSFERS.

No. 3095 Pte. FROST.A.G. from C.Q.M.Store to "D" Secti

No. 4076 Pte. SPARK C. From Canteen to C.Q.M.Store.

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

Map Reference Sheets 27 and 36a.
1 : 40,000

1st. Aust. Division.
 1st. A.M.G. Coy. ✓
 2nd. A.M.G. Coy.
 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. X
 21st. A.M.G. Coy. X

1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
Headquarters, 2.8.18.	
No.	34/14
Date	

Instructions for march to BLARINGHEM Area :

1. Route. Through Railway arch at V.27.B.2.8, thence V.27.A. - V.26.B
 V.26.C. - D.1.B. - D.1.C. - C.6.D. - C.6.A. - C.5.B. to
 SERCUS C.9.D.C.9 thence to C.13.B.1.6 - C.13.B.7.2 -
 C.13.D. to BLARINGHEM, where units will be met by guides.
2. Distances. on the march to BLARINGHEM will be observed strictly in
 accordance with XV. Corps Routine Order No.1409 dated
 22.6.18 which lays down that one hundred yards will be
 maintained between units and their transport and gaps of
 25 yards between each section of six vehicles to enable
 traffic to pass. S
3. Strictest march discipline will be maintained.

E. H. Hutchell

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

5th August 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No.13.

BY

Captain F.A.HUDDDUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2/Lieut. J. Ryan.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" C. Martin
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. Blackmore
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Rosengren
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl Bradford
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	" Bullen

PARADES.

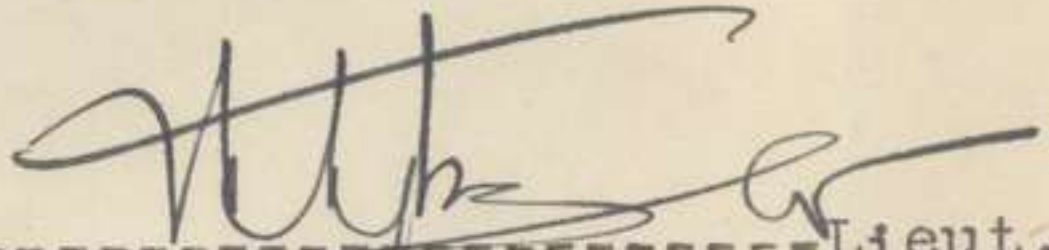
REVEILLE:-	8.0 a.m.
Breakfast:-	9.0 a.m.
Sick Parade:-	9.0 a.m.
Company Parade (Drill Order)	10.0 a.m.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Duty Section will maintain a post of 1 man per gun between Last Post and Reveille. He will carry out his duties as laid down in writing at each Gun Position.

NOMINAL ROLLS.

When submitting Nominal Rolls or Names for any purpose to Orderly Room, Regimental Numbers and Initials will always be included.


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

MOVEMENT ORDER.MOVEMENT.

The Company will march out from present Location enroute to "ARQUES" at 6.0 p.m. to-day.

PARADES.

Sections will parade in Full Marching Order at 5.30 p.m. less blankets. Steel Helmets and Respirators will be carried on back of Packs, Water Bottles filled - with "WATER".

TRANSPORT.

Transport will be ready to move at 5.45 p.m. and will carry 24 Hrs Horse feed (haynets and nose bags). All pack animal equipment will be carried on limbers.

BLANKETS.

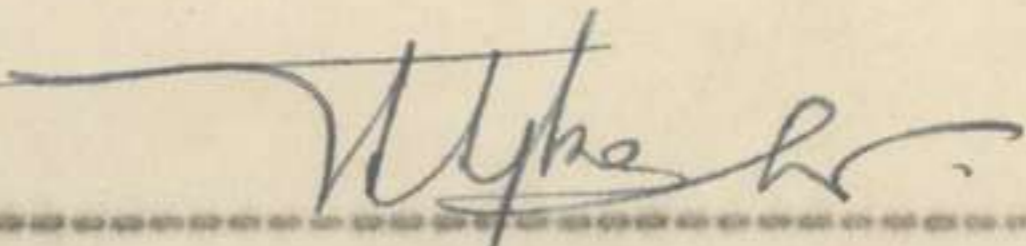
Blankets will be rolled in Bundles of 10 and carried on Section Limber

MARCHING OUT STATE.

Will be rendered by Sections to C.S.M. at 5.30 p.m.

UNLOADING PARTY.

2nd/Lieut C.S.WILLIAMS and A. & B. Sections will hold themselves in readiness to act as unloading party on arrival of train at destination.


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

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,
7th JULY, 1918.

5th Bn.
6th Bn.
7th Bn.
8th Bn.
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.
3rd Coy A.A.S.C.
2nd Field Ambulance
2nd M.G.Coy.
2nd Fld. Coy. A.E.
Pioneer Bn.
1st M.G.Coy.
1st Field Coy A.E.
1st A.L.T.M.Bty.
Reinforcement Wing.

Headquarters
2ND
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 10/534
Date.....

Supplies will be drawn today as follows for consumption on 8th instant:

(1) At St OURN Church

1st A.L.T.M.Bty.
1st Field Coy.
1st M.G.Coy.
Reinforcement Wing.
Pioneer Bn.
2nd Bde. H.Crs.
5th Bn.
~~6th Bn.~~
7th Bn.
~~8th Bn.~~
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.
3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.
2nd Field Ambulance
2nd M.G.Coy.
2nd Field Coy.

(2) At Villers + SOUSAILLY :-

6th Battalion
8th Battalion.

W.P.
Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Reference VIGNACOURT Administrative
Map.

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Group will move on the 7th August and night 7th/8th August to the RIVERY - CANON - QUERRIEU Area.
2. For the purpose of the move, the Brigade Group will be composed as shown in Embussing Table Overleaf.
3. Personnel will move by Bus. Transport will move by road in accordance with orders already issued.
4. (a) Units detailed to embus at AILLY-LE-HAUT CLOCHER will be in position by 6.15 pm. with Head of Column at Cross roads, told off in groups of 25 with 6 groups to every 30 yards of road space.
(b) Units detailed to Embus at St OVEN will be in position by 8.45 p.m. with Head of Column at Cross road at HALTE told off in similar formation.
5. Lieut ANDREWARTHA (Bde. Hqrs.) and Lieut McINTOSH (6th Battalion) will be in charge of Embussing arrangements at St OVEN and AILLY-LE-HAUT CLOCHER respectively.
6. Units will be met on arrival at their respective destinations by guides, who will conduct them to their Billiting areas.
7. Completion of moves will be notified to Brigade Hqrs.
8. Brigade Hqrs. will close at St OVEN at 9 p.m. on 7th inst. and re-open at CANON at the same hour.
9. Acknowledge.

H. F. ...
Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	4 pm	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R.
6	6th do	"	"
7	7th do	"	"
8	8th do	"	"
9	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	2nd Field Coy. A.E.	"	"
11	Div. Salvage Coy.	"	"
12	1st M.G. Battalion	"	"
13	21st M.G. Coy.	"	"
14	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
15	1st M.G. Coy.	"	"
16	1st Field Coy.	"	"
17	2nd Field Ambulance	"	"
18	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
19	1st Pioneer Battalion	"	"
20	1st Aust. Division	"	"
21	1st Aust. Div. "Q"	"	"
22	1st Aust. Inf. Brigade	"	"
23	3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade	"	"
24	Lieut ANDREWARTHA	"	"
25	Lieut McINTOSH	"	"
26	Brigade Major	"	"
27	Staff Captain	"	"
28	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
29	No. 1 Coy. ...	"	"
30	No. 2 Coy. ...	"	"

EMBUSSING TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No 121 of 7-8-13

Date	Unit in Order of Embussing	Embussing Point,	Route	Destination
Night			AILLY-LE-HAUT-	
7/8th Aug.	6th Battalion	AILLY-LE-HAUT-CLOCHER	CLOCHER - FLECECOURT	QUERRIEU Camp V
do	8th do	do	- St OVEN - RIVERY -	QUERRIEU Camp Q
do	2nd Field Coy. A.E.	do	CANON - QUERRIEU	CANON
do	Salvage Company	do	do	RIVERY
do	1st M.G. Bn. Hqrs.	do	do	RIVERY
do	21st M.G. Coy.	do	do	RIVERY
do	2nd A.I. Bdc. Hqrs.	St OVEN	do	CANON
do	No 4 Signal Section	do	do	CANON
do	7th Battalion	do	do	CANON Camp A
do	2nd A.L.T. Bty.	do	do	CANON
do	2nd M.G. Coy.	do	do	CANON
do	1st M.G. Coy.	do	do	RIVERY
do	1st Field Coy. A.E.	do	do	RIVERY
do	2nd Field Ambulance	do	do	CANON
do	5th Battalion	do	do	CANON
do	No 3 Coy. A.A.S.C.	do	do	-
do	1st Pioneer Battalion	do	do	RIVERY

APPENDIX 20

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(in pads of 100).

No of Message.....

Prefix..... Code.....m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of: Service.	Recd. at.....m.
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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO 1st Field Coy A/E
1st MG B Coy

Sender's Number. * G Day of Month. 8 In reply to Number. AAA

The 1st ~~to~~ Coy MG Coy A/E will
march at 8 am tomorrow night
to VILLERS BRETONNEUX where
they will report for orders
and double distances will be
maintained on the march.

From 1st Aus Div
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
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1st Australian Infantry Brigade Order 110Bde HQrs.
11.8.18Reference Map. "HARBONNIERES"

1. The line now runs as follows:-
Canadians hold CHILLY, whence their line comes back to the Railway in A.7.A. Advanced elements are at HALLU.

Our Division holds the line A.9.D.3.8 - 5.27.C.0.0 - 5.19.B.4.0 - X.17 central. The present South Divisional Boundary is the Railway line and the Northern Boundary the Grid Line X.15. central - X.17 central. An operation takes place this afternoon for the capture of CHAULNES. If this operation succeeds our line will be swung forward to join with the Canadians at A.4. central. The new Divisional Boundaries promulgated in my A2A 81 will then take effect.

2. The 1st Aust Inf Bde will tonight, relieve the 2nd Aust Inf Bde and portion of the 3rd Aust Bde on the line.

The Bde Northern Boundary will be the line S.15.B.5.0 - 5.19.B.3.0 - X.22.C.0.0.

The 2nd Bn will relieve the 5th Bn and elements of the 3rd Aust Bde between the South Boundary and the line S.21.D.0.0 - 5.26. central - 5.25.D.0.0.

The 2nd Bn will relieve elements of the 10th and 12th Bns from this line north to the North Brigade Boundary.

The 1st Bn will move into support in the area S.25. B and D and A.1. B and D, and the 4th Bn into Bde Reserve in X.29 and F.5.

3. BdeHQ will move at 8 pm to Sq. W.24 B.

Each line Bn will be disposed with 3 Coys in line and one in reserve. Each Coy in line will provide its own local counter attack troops. In the case of Coys on the flanks of the Bde, two Platoons will be held in hand for this purpose.

4. The 16th Coy will be disposed with 12 Guns sited for direct fire in support of the present line and a Battery of 4 guns in a suitable supporting position.

5. The 16th Bty will be held in reserve and made available to Battalions as required, by direct arrangement.

P.T.O.

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6. Sketch maps of dispositions of each unit will be forwarded to each other unit of the Brigade and to BdeHQs during the forenoon tomorrow.
7. Details of relief will be arranged between commanders concerned and all reliefs will be put through as early as possible and completion reported to BdeHQs.
8. Bde report centre remains at Cross Roads X.20.B.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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BdeHQBdeHQ Bde 1st Aust Inf Bde

Issued to signals at 3.45 pm

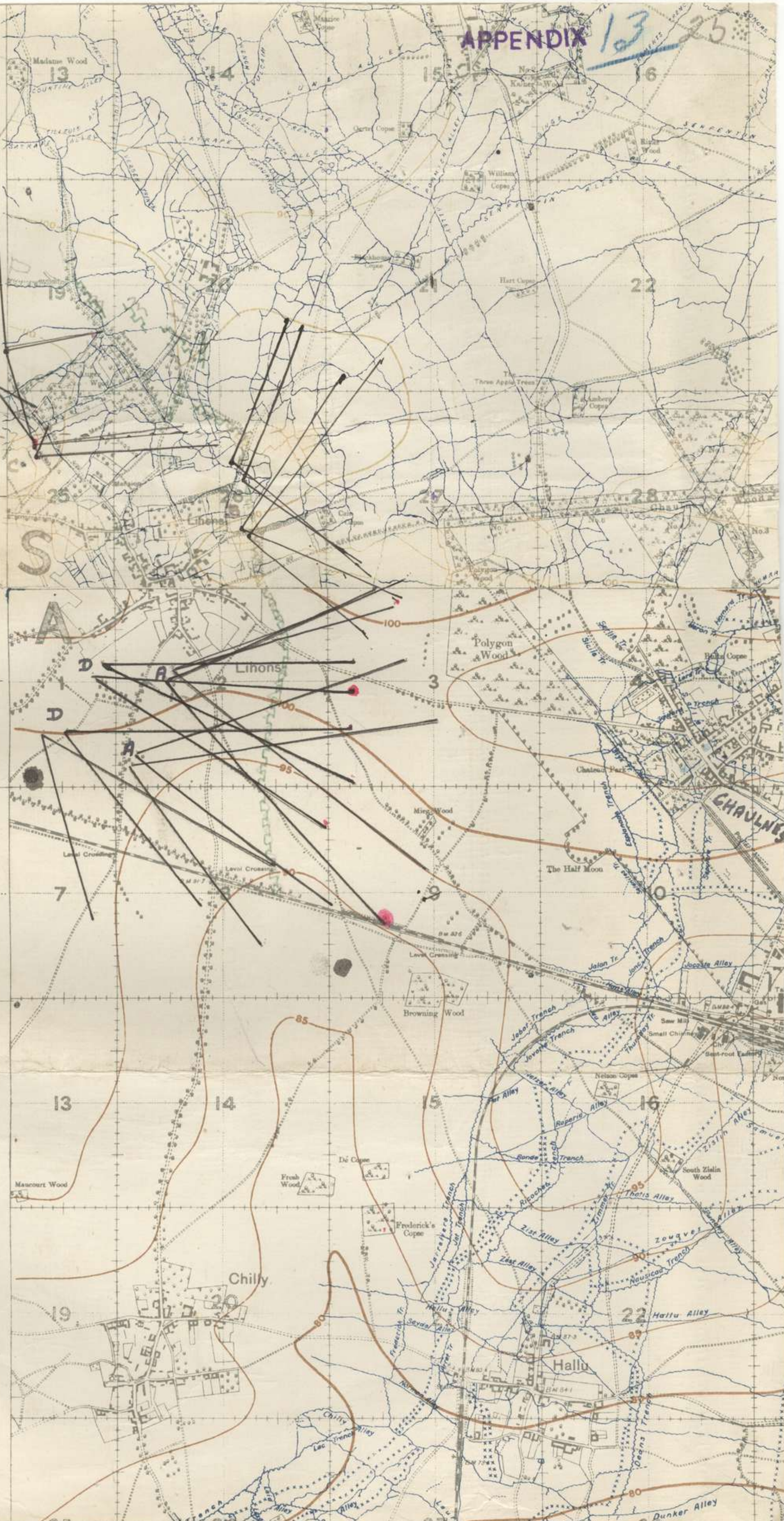
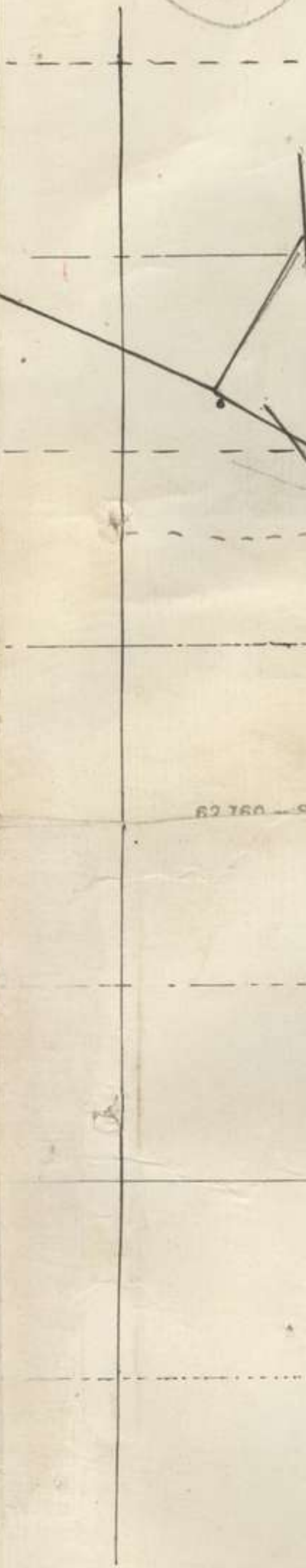
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4	3 rd Bn
5	4 th Bn
6	1 st T6 Coy
7	1 st Lt T6 Coy
8	1 st Aust Div
9	1 st Field Ambulance
10	1 st Field Coy, A.C.
11	2 nd A.I. Bde
12	3 rd A.I. Bde
13	2 nd Canadian Division
14-16	War Diary
17	Staff Captain
18	Signal Officer

Sent		Date	
At COPY		Service.	
To		From	
By		By	
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO { 1234. Ins.			
1st Aust. L. G. B. Bty.			
1st Aust. G. Coy.			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* aya 81.	11/8.		
Advance will continue today with view of advancing to line of SOMME conforming to Canadians aia.			
1st. Aust. Div. SOUTH boundary is A. 7. B. 28 to CHAULNES to MARCHELEPOT to CIZANCOURT all exclusive aia			
NORTH boundary is - SOYECOURT DENIÉCOURT both exclusive DERNY aia			
VILLERS-CARBONNEL both inclusive aia			
All officers will carefully study the map.			
From	1st A. I. Bde.		
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) (Sgd.) A. W. Hutchins Major	
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BU/13

BdeHQ
12.8.18

- 1st Aust Bn
- 2nd Aust Bn
- 3rd Aust Bn
- 4th Aust Bn
- 1st Aust LTM Bty
- 1st Aust M G Coy
- 1st Field Coy ab

The policy of the Bde will be active defence. The present line will be consolidated. In case of attack the Picquet line will be held at all costs.

Possession of the high ground at LITHONS and the ridge immediately west of it is vital for observation and the development of effective counter battery work.

Should the Picquet line be forced Battalions Reserve will be utilised for immediate counter attack. Should these be insufficient, organised counter attacks with reserve or support troops will be arranged by Brigade.

The Support Bn will stand fast in selected localities covering the picquet line unless otherwise ordered.

The Reserve Bn will be used for deliberate counter attacks.

Complete reconnaissances of the forward area will at once be made by all leaders in support and Reserve Battns.

The LTM Bty is available for tasks as required by Bns in the line. The guns will not be stationed in fixed localities but will be at the disposal of line Bn commanders for employment on any part of his front singly or otherwise as desired.

Bn commanders will issue to their boys short instructions as to their role in case of attack in accordance with the principles set out above. A copy of these instructions will be forwarded to BdeHQrs.

The front must be actively patrolled and the command of No Man's Land seized and held.

Communications will be organised for stationary warfare and code balls taken into use. A list of the latest code balls is forwarded under separate cover.

Battalion DPs will be established and daily intelligence reports furnished as usual.

P.T.O

(2).
An artillery Liaison officer will be with each Line Battalion and artillery assistance can be arranged direct, but special artillery programmes should be referred to Brigade.

WORKS. Units will immediately get posts into fighting condition. Mine them, dig communication trenches between posts where necessary, stock them with SAA, bombs and water. Suitable Ben + Coy HQ will be constructed.

The Pioneer Ben will construct a communication trench to each Battalion sector.

Tactical mine for Nickers guns will be put out.

The 1st Field Coy HQ will allot one section of Engineers to each line and support Battn. The 4th section of the Coy will be employed on jobs generally under Brigade directions.

A large German dump exists at X.06 D. Units will indent for material through their section officer. 1st Field Coy The 1st Field Coy will deliver to Battalion Dumps as far forward as roads and enemy fire permits.

Works reports will be furnished as usual, a pro forma ~~as enclosed~~ will be forwarded today.

Andankum Major

BdeHQ, 1st Aust Inf Brigade

15 Aug 1918Relief Order No 17

Reference Maps - Harbormeurs.

Relief (1) on the night of 15/16 B Section will be relieved
(a) by the 12th AMG Coy.

2 Right Guns of C Section will be relieved by
12 AMG Coy 2 Left Guns of C Section by 14 AMG Coy

(2) Guides will be sent to Coy H.Q. by 8.15 P.M.

(3) Belt Boxes + Tripods with 10 Boxes S.A.A Bulks
per Gun will be handed over at gun positions
& receipts obtained for same.

Incoming Coy. will leave Belt Boxes + Tripods
at Coy. H.Q.

transport

(1) Transport will be at road near Coy H.Q. at 10 P.M.
to pick up Gun Stores.

(2) 2 Pack Horses will report to Coy H.Q. by 8.30 P.M.
to carry forward Bulks S.A.A to C Section.

Relief

(B) (1) A.D. Sections will be relieved by 12 AMG Coy
on the night of 16/17. details of this relief will
be forwarded later.

Move On completion of relief Sections will move
to X 13 B

On the Morning of the ¹⁶~~17~~¹⁷ B & C Sections with
Rear H.Q. under Lieut H. Sykes will move to
Vaux sur Somme. Starting point being Road Junction
at W. 18 B 88. Time 10.10 A.M.

Route: Bayonvillers, Hamel, Vaire.

Guides will meet party at Vaire.

Relief Order (Continued)

Strict March discipline & distance will be maintained.

Transport (B) Remainder of Transport will remain at present Rear H.Q. under Lieut A.B. Wearne

Rations Rations will be arranged for by S.I.C.

Acknowledge

Issued at 4 P.M.
By Runner.

Distribution

- Copy 1 1st A.I. Bde
- 2 1st A.M.G. Bn
- 3 File (D.I.C.)
- 4 A. Section
- 5 B do
- 6 C do
- 7 D do
- 8 War Diary

[Signature]

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

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APPENDIX

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 111.

Brigade Headquarters,
13th. August, 1918.

Ref. Sheet HARBONNIERES.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved in the line on the night of the 14/15th. August, 1918 by the 15th., 12th. and 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigades. The 15th. Brigade will relieve troops SOUTH of the EAST and WEST Grid. between Squares "S" and "A", the 12th. Brigade the troops NORTH thereof to the EAST and WEST line through S.20.C.0.5., and the 4th. A.I. Brigade the remainder. Relief will be effected as early as possible under mutual arrangements between Commanders concerned and at time of relief no troops other than protective patrols will be EAST of the Jumping Off line.
2. Details of relief are -
 58th. Battalion relieves 3rd. Battalion from A.8.B.5.1. to EAST and WEST Grid. between Squares "S" and "A".
 45th. Battalion relieves remainder of 3rd. Battalion.
 45th. Battalion relieves 2nd. Battalion from Right boundary up to S.26.B.0.5. approx.
 48th. Battalion relieves 2nd. Battalion from EAST and WEST line through S.26.B.0.5. to EAST and WEST line through S.20.C.0.5.
 15th. Battalion relieves remainder of 2nd. Battalion.
3. Prior to relief the 2nd. and 3rd. Battalions will peg out the line A.8.B.4.0. - A.2.B.9.0. - S.26.D.9.0. - S.26.B.0.0. - S.20.C.3.0. which is to be the Jumping Off line for an operation the following morning. Flanks of incoming Battalions will be marked and shown to the troops on the ground. These Units will also cut lanes in any wire that exists and label same. Any other assistance which can be given to the incoming troops will be rendered.
4. On relief Units will move to Squares X.13. and 19. in accordance with table attached and subsequently to the area VAUX-sur-SOMME.
5. Advance parties of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os per Battalion and 1 Officer or senior N.C.O. of other Units of the Brigade Group will assemble at Square Q.25.D.8.3. at 9 a.m. 14th. inst. where they will be met by the D.A.A.G.
6. Standing Orders regarding march discipline, distances on the march and A.A. defence will be strictly observed during the move.
7. Nucleus Battalion will rejoin the Brigade on arrival in the new area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at

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2-4.	War Diary.	17.	1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.
5.	G.O.C.	18.	2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
6.	Brigade Major.	19.	3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
7.	Staff Captain.	20.	Right Flank Brigade.
8.	Signal Officer.	21.	12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
9.	1st. Aust. Div., "G".	22.	15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10.	1st. Aust. Div., "Q".	23.	4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
11.	1st. Aust. Battalion.	24.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.
12.	2nd. Aust. Battalion.	25.	No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.
13.	3rd. Aust. Battalion.	26.	1st. Aust. Field Ambulance.
14.	4th. Aust. Battalion.	27.	S.A.A. Sect., D.A.C.
15.	Nucleus Battalion.		

MOVE TABLE.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From	To	Time.	Remarks.	
1.	14/8/18.	4th. Aust. Battalion.	Reserve	X.13.C.	6 p.m.	(a) Staff Captain will meet Advance Parties for this move at 4 p.m. at X.13.B.3.0.	
2.	do	1st. Field Co., A.E.	HARONNIERES.	X.13.B.	4 p.m.		
3.	do	1st. Field Amb. (less tent subdivision).	do	X.13.B.	4 p.m.		
4.	do	S.A.A. Sect., D.A.C.		X.13.B.	4 p.m.		
5.	do	1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.	Line.	X.13.B.	10 p.m.		
6.	do	1st. Aust. Battalion.	Support.	X.19.A.	8 p.m.		
7.	Night 14/15th.	2nd. Aust. Battalion.	Line Left.	X.13.D.	On relief.		
8.	do	3rd. Aust. Battalion.	Line right.	X.19.B.	On relief.		
9.	do	1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	Line.	X.19.B.			
					S.P.	Time.	Route.
10.	15/8/18.	4th. Aust. Battalion.	X.13.C.	VAUX-sur-SOMME.	Rd. Junet. Sq. W.18.B.8.8.		
11.	do	1st. Aust. Battalion.	X.19.A.	do	do	8 a.m.	BAYONVILLERS -
12.	do	2nd. Aust. Battalion.	X.13.D.	do	do	8.30 a.m.	
13.	do	3rd. Aust. Battalion.	X.19.B.	do	do	9 a.m.	HAMEL -
14.	do	1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	X.19.B.	do	do	9.30 a.m.	
15.	do	1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.	X.13.B.	do	do	10 a.m.	VAIRE.
16.	do	1st. Field Coy., A.E.	X.13.B.	do	do	10.10 a.m.	
17.	do	1st. Field Ambulance.	X.13.B.	do	do	10.20 a.m.	Guides at VAIRE.
18.	do	S.A.A. Sect., D.A.C.	X.13.B.	do	do	10.40 a.m.	
						11 a.m.	

I have ack'd this to Bde from Recy, expect you will also ack if necessary.

12.30

APPENDIX

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COPY NO.17

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to
1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.111.
-----Brigade Headquarters,
13th. August, 1918.

1. Transport will move with Units, water carts and ammunition echelons full.
2. All battle stores, extra water bottles and carriers, pack saddles, hot food containers, water carriers, long-handled wire cutters and surplus petrol tins will be returned to Advanced D.A.D.O.S., Q.32.A.2.3., and receipts obtained.
3. Ammunition and petrol tins in Battalion and Company dumps will be handed over to relieving units and receipts forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
4. Limbers with Brigade Reserve will return to units transport lines on afternoon of 14th. instant with full complement of ammunition. The limbers attached to the 1st. L.T.M. Battery will return to their respective Battalion Transport Lines. Brigade Headquarters will detail one G.S. Wagon for use of 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Battery.
5. Clean clothing and bathing arrangements will be notified later.

P. Hall Captain,
Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Same as for Brigade Order No. 111.

Issued to Signals at 7/a.m. (14th. August, 1918.).

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters, 15.8.18.

1st.A.M.G.Coy.
 2nd.A.M.G.Coy.
 3rd.A.M.G.Coy.
 21st.A.M.G.Coy.

1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION
Headquarters, 15.8.18.
no. 34/15
Date.....

MEMO REGARDING IMPENDING MOVES AND RELIEFS OF THE COMPANIES
IN THE LINE.Ref.Map. Sheet 62D.

For your information and guidance the following extracts are sent from Divisional Order No.122 and the Move and Relief Table accompanying that order.-

- (a) 2nd. Australian Inf. Brigade group will be relieved by 2 Battalions of 132nd. American Regiment on the 15th. instant and will move from their present location to P.4.C.8.5. To be West of the VAUVILLERS-ROSIERES Road by 6 p.m. and to pass North of HARBONNIERES.
- (b) 1st. Australian Inf. Brigade group, less 2 M.G.Sections of 1st.Aust.M.G.Company will be relieved by the 12th. Aust.Inf. Brigade and the 4th. Aust.Inf.Brigade and 2 M.G.Sections on the night of the 15th/16th. instant, and will move from X.13 and 19 to VAUX Area. They are to avoid passing through WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT.
- (c) 3rd. Australian Inf. Brigade ^{group} less 2 M.G.Sections of 3rd. M.G. Company will be relieved on the night of the 15th/16th by the 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade and 2 Machine Gun Sections and will move from W.9, 16 and 17 to VAIRE Area. They are to avoid passing through WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT.
- (d) Headquarters and 2 Sections 1st. Machine Gun Company and Headquarters and 2 Sections 3rd.Machine Gun Company will be relieved on the night 16/17th. by 4 Machine Gun Sections of 4th. Machine Gun Battalion and will move from the line to VAUX and VAIRE Areas respectively.

For specific instructions Officers Commanding Companies will report to Brigade Headquarters of the Brigades with which they are grouped. Particular care should be taken to ascertain through Brigades the exact destination of Headquarters and Sections of 1st. and 3rd. Companies, as there are conflicting statements in the tables received from Division.

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

19th August 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS No.14.

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	Lieut. C.S.Williams.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	2/Lt. J.R.Ryan. M.M.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. Loveband.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Sgt. Davison.
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl Morris.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	L/Cpl Sanders.

PARADES.

9.0 a.m. to 12 a.m. Dress Drill Order. Inspection of Arms and Respirators. Overhauling of Gun gear, Belts and Pack Saddlery. All Limbers will be washed during the morning and correctly packed.

TANK DEMONSTRATION:

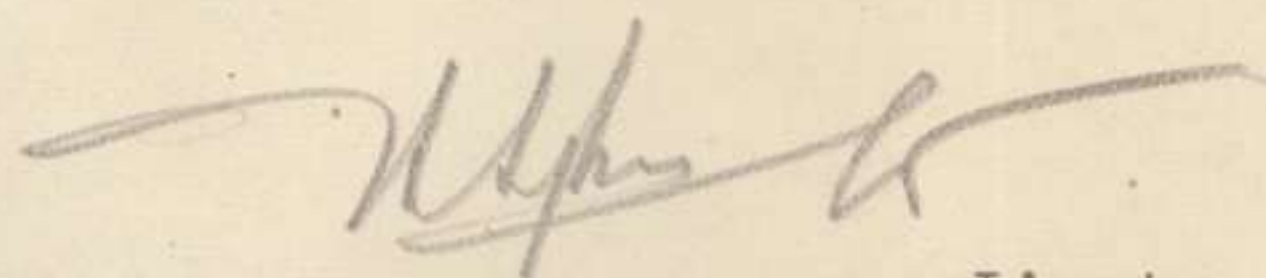
A demonstration will be given during the afternoon. Company will fall in at 12.30 p.m. Dress Drill Order without Rifles.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTION.

All attached battalion and company signallers with the following reserve section signallers:-

2964	Pte ANSTEAD W.A.	"A" Section
7523	" MICKLEWRIGHT J.	"B" Section
633	" BORDER A.E.	"C" Section
5760	" REED J.R.	"D" Section

will fall in at 8.30 a.m. in full marching order under L/Cpl ROBINSON. This N.C.O. will arrange with the C.Q.M.S. to draw an additional 24 hrs which will be carried as well as the unexpired portion of the days rations. He will also be responsible that this parade reports to Battalion Headquarters at 9.20 a.m.


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

PART 2.TRANSFERS.

685 L/Cpl SMITH N. from "C" Section to "A" Section.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION.

Headquarters, 18.8.18.

No. 51/23

Date.....

1st.A.M.G.Coy. ✓
 2nd.A.M.G.Coy.
 3rd.A.M.G.Coy.
 21st.A.M.G.Coy.

In order to familiarise the Infantry of this Division with Tank tactics the following arrangements have been made.

1. A Demonstration Company of 100 men, including Lewis Gun Section, with a proportion of Officers and N.C.O's will be provided by 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade from the afternoon of 18th. instant until the evening of 21st. instant.

2. Companies will witness Demonstration as under :-

19th. August -	10 a.m.	21st. Aust. M.G. Company.
	11 a.m.	3rd. Aust. M.G. Company.
	2 p.m.	1st. Aust. M.G. Company.
	3 p.m.	2nd. Aust. M.G. Company.

3. 1st., 2nd., 3rd., and 4th. Australian Infantry Battalions, will also be spectators in this Demonstration at the respective times mentioned in para. 2. Company Commanders concerned, should therefore get in touch with respective Battalion Commanders, as to formation to be adopted on Demonstration ground, so as to avoid clashing.

4. The Area allotted for the Demonstration is parts of P.10.A.&.B. and P.4.D.

Battalions will approach this Area from the road running E. and W. through P.4.D. On reaching P.5.C.O.1 move S. along the grid to a point E. of the wire at about P.10.B. Central, whence a good view of the Demonstration can be obtained.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*NCC-X-20
(none)*

Spencer-Smith

Lieut. and Adjutant.
 First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

SKETCH

accompanying Bde. Memo 18/3481
of 18.8.18.



SCALE: 1" = 200 yds. (approx)

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

20th August 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 15.BYCAPTAIN F. A. HUDD.

DUTIES.	Orderly Officer	2/Lieut. J. Ryan (M.M.)
	Next for Duty	Lieut. E. Heane
	Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Davidson.
	Next for Duty	Sgt. Edinburgh.
	Orderly Corporal	L/Cpl. Sanders.
	Next for Duty	L/Cpl. Bradford.

PARADES. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Inspection of Arms and Respirators. Gun Drill and construction of targets. Afternoon, recreational training.

P A R T II.

For the purpose of administration, rations etc. the following men will be transferred to Coy. Headquarters whilst employed on their present duties.

RUNNERS.	"A" Section	No. 2163	Pte. Love J.D.
	"B" Section	No. 638	" Hind W.O.
	"C" Section	No. 1131	" Glover S.
	"D" Section	No. 6568	" Hines, R.W.
SANITARY SQUAD	"A" Section	No. 4218	Pte. Pearson, F.
	"B" Section	No. 3100	Pte. O'Brien, M.J.
COMPANY SIGNALLER	"A" Section	No. 955	Pte. Nadin, A.
	"D" Section	No. 7544	" Wilson, G.H.
C.O. & SIC's.	"D" Section	No. 460	Pte. Curry, J.
Batman			
Sergts. Cook.	"D" Section	No. 3220	Pte. Ramsay, J.G.
Company Cook	"B" Section	No. 4211	Pte. James, J.G.
Postman	"D" Section	No. 6073	Pte. Sturrock, G.
Canteen Storeman	"A" Section	No. 324	Pte. Dillon, J.
C.O's. Bugler	"A" Section	No. 386	L/Cpl. Peel T.

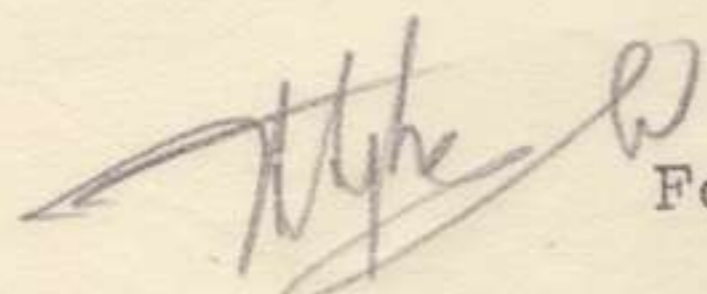
TRANSFERS. Pte. Matthews from Q.M. Store to "B" Section
" Davies, A. from H.Q. to Q.M. Store.

N O T I C E S.

A member of the Third Australian Machine Gun Company hereby issues a challenge to swim against any member of this Company over a distance of 100 yards or 200 yards.

1. Competition to be held in the Canal at VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE.
2. Any date suitable.

Any man wishing to take up this challenge will hand in his name together with his conditions of acceptance by 6 p.m. this evening.

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

A P P E N D I X. No. 21

First Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. II2.

Administrative Instructions In Connection With
First Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. II2.

First Australian Infantry Brigade Memo.

Secret1st Australian Infantry Brigade

Copy No. 16

Reference Brigade Order 112.

Zero hour will be 4.45 am
on 2.3.8.18.

Acknowledge. 44

W. J. Gamm
Capt.

of Bde Staff 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution as for Bde Order 112.

Bde HQ
22.8.18.

APPENDIX

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 112.Brigade Headquarters,
20th. August, 1918.Reference Shoot HARBONNIERES. 1/20,000.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade, in conjunction with the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade on the right, will attack the enemy on "Z" day and capture and consolidate the GREEN line. A map issued under separate cover shows present British Front Line, Infantry Start Line, the GREEN Line, and inter-Brigade and inter-Battalion boundaries.
2. The 4th. Aust. Battalion on the right and the 1st. Aust. Battalion plus one Company 3rd. Aust. Battalion on the left will deliver the assault, 3rd. Aust. Battalion, less 1 Company, being in Support and the 2nd. Aust. Battalion, less details, being in Reserve.
3. The attack will be supported by Tanks, Machine Guns and Trench Mortars and will be made under a creeping barrage. Artillery programme is issued separately.
4. The Brigade Group will move from the VAUX-sur-SOULE area to the first position of assembly on the 21st. inst. in accordance with the move table overleaf.
5. Advance parties will be sent up during the forenoon of 21st. inst. and will report to Capt. T.G. MANN, 2nd. Aust. Battalion, at cross-roads, Square Q.12.D.6.7. at 11 a.m.
6. First line transport will move in rear of the Brigade to the CERISY area. Advance parties will report at 2 p.m. at the Church, CERISY, to Capt. T.G. MANN.
7. Battle instructions under this Order will be issued in due course.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. H. C. for
S. G. H.*

*R. Hall Capt
Staff Capt. for Major.*

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at ... *Jan. 21/18*DISTRIBUTION.

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| Copy No. | 1. | File. |
| | 2-4. | War Diary. |
| | 5. | G.O.C. |
| | 6. | Brigade Major. |
| | 7. | Staff Captain. |
| | 8. | Intell. Officer. |
| | 9. | Signal Officer. |
| | 10. | Capt. T.G. MANN. |
| | 11. | 1st. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 12. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 13. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 14. | 4th. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 15. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| | 16. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Compy. |
| | 17. | 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance. |
| | 18. | 1st. Field Coy., A.E. |
| | 19. | S.A.A. Sect., 1st. D.A.C. |
| | 20. | No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C. |
| | 21. | Area Commandant, HAMELET. |
| | 22-23. | 1st. Aust. Division, "G" and "Q". |
| | 24. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 25. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 26. | 97th. Infantry Brigade. |
| | 27. | 32nd. Division. |
| | 28. | 21st. Aust. M.G. Coy. |
| | 29. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion. |

MOVEMENT TABLE

TO ACCOMPANY 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 112.

APPENDIX 21

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From	To	Relieving	Route.	S.P.	Time.
1.	21/8/18.	1st. Battalion.	VAUX.	Sq.R.7.	60th. Battalion.	HAMEL - CERISY - MORCOURT Road.	Bridge, J.26.C.1.1.	8.0 p.m.
2.	"	4th. Battalion.	"	Sq.R.13.	58th. Battalion.	do do	do	8.30 p.m.
3.	"	2nd. Battalion.	"	Sq.Q.18.	Nil.	do do	do	9.0 p.m.
4.	"	3rd. Battalion.	"	Sq.Q.12.	Nil.	do do	do	9.30 p.m.
5.	"	1st. L.T.M. Bty.	"	Sq.Q.18.	Nil.	do do	do	10.0 p.m.
6.	"	1st. H.G. Compy.	"	Sq.Q.12.	8th. M.G. Coy.	do do	do	1.30 p.m. 10.15 p.m.
7.	"	1st. Fld. Coy., A.E., less 2 Sections.	"	Sq.Q.18.	Nil.	do do	do	10.30 p.m.
8.	"	1st. Field Amb.	"	CERISY Area.	Nil.	do do	do	10.45 p.m.
9.	"	21st. H.G. Coy.	HAMELET.	Sq.Q.12.	Nil.	CERISY.	X-roads, P.3.C.2.8.	11.30 p.m.

Brigade Headquarters closes at VAUX at 12 noon 22/8/18 and re-opens at Sq. Q.18.C. Central. at the same hour.

1st. Line Transport will march in same order as Brigade Units with 100 yards distance between transport of Units and vehicles in echelons of six with 25 yards between echelons.

Head of column will pass Starting Point, Bridge J.26.C.1.1., at 11.30 p.m. on 21/8/18.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH
 1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 112.

Brigade Headquarters,
 21st August, 1918.

1. French Shelters, Tents, etc. will be returned to Billet Warden's store opposite the church, VALX, before Unit moves out and a copy of the receipt obtained forwarded to Brigade Headquarters before 8 p.m. on the 21st inst.
2. PACKS. Valises and Surplus Kit, will be stored in CORBIE.
3. Transport Lines, Units will advise Brigade Headquarters of the location of their Transport Lines as soon as possible. Transport Lines will not be changed without authority from Brigade Headquarters.
 Every effort must be made to comply with instructions already issued to protect horses against hostile aircraft and shell-fire.
4. Sox. Each man will carry two pairs of clean sox. Further supplies will be obtained at advanced Ordnance.
5. Supplies. Supply Dump will be at P.11.A.9.7. and Units will draw from there to-morrow, 22nd inst.
6. Water. In addition to the supplies that will be sent forward to Battalion Dumps Tanks of a capacity of 500 gallons will be dug in in the vicinity of Q.24.A.2.8. and be kept full under Divisional arrangements.
 500 petrol tins will also be kept there ready filled with water.
 This reserve can be drawn when required on application to Lt. BRETT, the Officer in charge of the Brigade Dump.

7. Ammunition and R.E. Material.

Brigade Mobile Reserve. Each Battalion will detail 1 S.A.A. limber with 22,000 S.A.A., 2 limbers with 10 loaded L.G. magazines per Gun and the Tool Limber complete with tools to report to Lieut. BRETT at Q.24.A.2.8. at 6 p.m. on the 22nd inst.

Units when they require ammunition will send a guide to Brigade Mobile Reserve and demand requirements which will be delivered to Battalions.

Battalion Dumps will be formed by using tanks at the following locations :-

R.9.A.8.2.
 R.18.B. Central.
 R.17.D. Central.

Tanks will move forward in sufficient time to have these Dumps established by Zero plus 1 1/2 hours.

Each Tank will take forward on each trip the following, making two trips :-

No. 27 Grenades.	5 boxes.
No. 33 Grenades.	10 boxes.
S.A.A.	10 boxes.
M.G., S.A.A.	20 boxes.
Stokes, 28 rounds.	75 rounds.
S.O.S.	1 box.
Petrol tins filled with water.	50.
Shovels.	100.
Picks.	50.
Sand Bags.	2 bales.
French Wire.	10 bundles.
Screw Pickets, long.	100.
" " short.	100.
Concertina wire.	50 coils.

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2nd. Battalion will detail a party of 1 W.C.O. and 17 other ranks to report to the D.A.Q.M.G. at Q.13.A.5.8. at 4 p.m. on the 22nd. inst. with 24 hours rations in addition to their iron rations, to accompany the Supply Tanks.

The 1st. and 4th. Battalions will detail guides to report to D.A.Q.M.G. at same place and time as above to guide Tanks to their respective dumps. Each guide will carry a flag BLACK over GREEN.

1st. and 4th. Battalions will arrange to have a small party at its Dump to help to unload the tanks and take charge of the dumps.

8. Battle Stores including urgent fighting necessities such as oil, Flannette and L.G. magazines can be obtained to-morrow, 22nd. inst., at advanced H.A.D.O.S., Q.9.A.9.8.

9. Ammunition, Sandbags, Flares, S.O.S., etc., required by attacking troops will be drawn on the evening of 22nd. inst. from the Brigade Dump, Q.24.A.2.8. Units will send guides to take limbers to locality required.

10. Veterinary. M.V.Ss is at GAILLY.

Advanced collecting station MORGOURT (exact location later).

Daily Remount Casualty Wire will be rendered daily commencing on 22nd. instant.

11. Prisoners of War will be brought in the first instance to Brigade Headquarters. A.P.M. will take over all prisoners of War from there.

12. Stragglers Posts will be arranged by A.P.M. along the line CERISY-MORCOURT - HARBONNIERES.

13. Burial of the Dead. Each Unit will be responsible for the burying of all dead in its area. Location of Cemeteries will be notified later.

German dead. The number of German dead buried will be wired to Brigade Headquarters daily by 9 a.m.

This return will state number of Germans buried up to 8 p.m. the previous day.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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R. Han .. Capt.,

Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Battalion Headquarters,
20th. August, 1918.

BATTALION ORDER NO.45.

1. On the night 21st/22nd. instant, the following reliefs will take place
(a) The 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company will relieve the 8th. Australian Machine Gun Company in "C" Sector of the Corps Front.
(b) The 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company will relieve the 25th. Australian Machine Gun Company in "G" Sector of the Corps Front.
2. Advance parties from 1st. and 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Companies will proceed to 8th. and 25th. Australian Machine Gun Companies Headquarters on the morning of the 21st. instant.
3. Camps at present occupied by 1st. and 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Companies will be taken over by 8th. and 25th. Australian Machine Gun Companies and will be left in a scrupulously clean condition by outgoing units, and receipt as to cleanliness obtained in triplicate, one copy to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
4. Maps, Airphotos, Trench Stores, Bulk S.A.A. and all fighting maps, Barrage Charts, etc., will be taken over and receipts given, one copy to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
5. Location reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters within 12 hours of relief.
6. Signal Officer will make all necessary arrangements for communication.
7. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by Code word "QUAIL".
8. Details of relief not herein contained will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
9. On the march, the following will be observed :-
(a) Standing Orders as to distances and A.A. Defence.
(b) Tracks alongside roads will be used where possible.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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W. J. ...

Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

1. War Diary.
2. File.
3. 1st.A.M.G.Coy.
4. 2nd.A.M.G.Coy.
5. 3rd.A.M.G.Coy.
6. 21st.A.M.G.Coy.
7. 1st.Aust.Division.
8. 1st.A.I.Brigade.
9. 2nd.A.I.Brigade.
10. 3rd.A.I.Brigade.
11. 5th.A.M.G.Battn.
12. Spare.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Location of gun positions for barrage fire.
-----23rd August 1918.

<u>Company Headquarters.</u>	R.8.C.60 90.
"A" Section	R.14. B. 54 50.
"B" Section	R. 8. C. 69 84.
"C" Section	R. 8. D. 75 85.
"D" Section	R. 2. C. 35 23.

These are the new Battery Positions.

1st FUST M G CO 37
23/8/18

Appendix 22



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APPENDIX 22

MESSAGE FORM.

Division.
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BARRAGE

Final Objective

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE INFANTRY HALT LINE

PRESENT ARTILLERY INFANTRY

START forming up

FRONT LINE

LINE

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Appendix 22

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TRANSPORT SECTION.MONTHLY APPRECIATION REPORT - 31-8-18.

To O.C.,
1st Australian Machine Gun Company.

Sir,

Throughout the month the general state of efficiency of the the transport has been maintained. The general physique of men and horses has been particularly good. This is due no doubt to the warm dry weather, and during the latter end of the month the close proximity of transport lines to the Somme.

The horses have shown a marked improvement, the river banks, good grazing, abundance of running water are such favourable conditions for horses that the depreciation due to extra work and light rations as issued are quite overcome.

All animals have kept free from disease. The blight which is so prevalent in the North has almost entirely left them, the Bot-Fly being the only source of annoyance.

The following is a brief summary of work done during the month. On 1-8-18, being situated at V 23 C 3.4. (sheet 27) and in rest area, we were able to spend considerable time at grooming the horses and cleaning harness and limbers. On 3rd instant the Transport moved out with the Company to Blaringhem and on 5th instant was inspected by the Divisional Commander. Owing to wet weather, in consequence muddy roads and moment of arrival, the appearance of harness and vehicles was not so good as for previous inspections.

On the evening of 5-8-18 the Transport was entrained at Arques. The usual shortage of rolling stock made the allocation of trucks difficult and considerable trouble was experienced in finding accommodation for animals. Finally, we were allotted one truck for every 8 horses which meant entraining two heavy draughts and two light horses each side, the result of which all the smaller horses were knocked about considerably. Horses were watered en route, also fed on the train. No trouble whatever was experienced at the detraining station, Hangest. Unfortunately, a long wait in the rain and a long march was incurred all of which had a bad effect on the horses.

On 7th instant, Transport moved to Rivery which had a further degrading effect on the horses.

On 9th instant we moved to Villers-Brettoneaux where we were situated for two days. Thence we moved to Roziers to rear Headquarters where we stayed during the period the Company was in the Line. The horses and vehicles were scattered about, no more than 10 animals on one line. All the limbers and living accommodation for men were covered with captured camouflage and probably due to this our lines were not harassed by shell fire.

On the 16th we moved to Vaux-Sur-Somme, and from then on, horses and men began to show signs of improvement.

On 20th instant we moved to Morcourt for the Divisional operation. During this period about 200,000 rounds of S.A.A. was transported to the 16 gun positions which were sighted for barrage fire. For the second phase of the operation, sections moved forward with the infantry, and were accompanied in cases by limbers and pack transport which were able to move up close to the final objective. Two hours after this objective was gained, ~~5,000~~ 5,000 rounds of S.A.A. ^{per gun} was transported to the four section Headquarters, or packed to the gun positions. For this operation, 6 double limbers and 20 horses were employed. All drivers worked excellently and the only casualties sustained were two slightly wounded horses.

During the month, 3 reinforcement drivers (original Company drivers) were absorbed in the Transport section and one private returned to section in Company.

The employment of limber men at the rate of 1 man per 3 limbers to maintain the general efficiency of vehicles as required has proved a decided success.

A. Blucarne

Lieut. Transport Officer.

A P P E M D I X. No. 24

- First Australian Infantry Brigade Battle Instructions No.1.
First Australian Infantry Brigade Battle Instructions No.2.
First Australian Infantry Brigade Battle Instructions No.3.
First Australian Infantry Brigade Battle Instructions No.4.

1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 1

Brigade Headquarters,
21st August, 1918.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

1. At Zero minus 1 hour the 4th. Battalion, 1st. Battalion and 1 Company of 3rd. Battalion, with attached L.T.M. and V.M.G. units, will be in position on the tapes.

4th. Battalion will move by route "A" and 1st. Battalion by routes "B" and "C".

The 59th. and 57th. Battalions will be in rear of the assaulting troops. Patrols however of the 57th. and 59th. Battalions will cover the Brigade front until Zero minus 15 minutes, when they will rejoin their units.

The 3rd. Battalion will be assembled in the area R.14.C. - R.20.A. 21st. M.G. Company (less 2 Sections) will also concentrate here, as will the Pioneer and Engineer details who are to follow up the attack.

The Tank Company will be deployed on a fine some distance in rear of the Infantry start line.

2. At Zero hour the Tanks will pass through the assaulting Infantry and deploy in front of them. The leading Infantry patrols will get into close touch with the Tanks.

At Zero plus 3, as the barrage lifts, the assault will be launched and will follow the barrage up to the barrage halt line approximately 2500 yards in front, and during the 15 minutes the barrage dwells, such reorganization of units and mopping up as are necessary will be effected, prior to the resumption of the forward move.

The 57th. and 59th. Battalions will re-garrison present front line at earliest opportunity.

The 3rd. Battalion (less 1 Company) will move at Zero so as to arrive at the following locations by not later than Zero plus 1 1/2 hours.

1 Company will move to Sq. R.16.B.6.0. and dig in.

1 Company " " " Sq. R.23.A.8.5. " " "

1 Company " " " Sq. R.22.B.0.0. " " "

The 21st. M.G. Company (less 2 Sections) will move at Zero and emplace Batteries in R.10.B. and R.17.B.

The Pioneer Company will put in strong posts sufficient to accommodate 1 Company at the following locations :-

Right Battalion section - Sq. R.17.D.8.2. (in old trench).

Left Battalion section - Sq. R.10.C. & D. (just North of lower road).

These posts will be occupied by the Reserve Companies of 4th. and 1st. Battalions.

1 Section Engineers will put in a strong post for a platoon at Sq. R.24.A.0.0. (in old trench) and connect with a similar post of 6th. Battalion. 4th. Battalion will man this post.

3. The following contact with the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be maintained :-

4th. Battalion will provide a Liaison Platoon to keep touch between the 2 Units. Definite contact will be maintained throughout the advance if possible and, if not possible, then at the barrage halt-line (near ST. MARTIN'S WOOD), after having passed the Wood, and at the GREEN line, where a joint post will be put in on the inter-Brigade boundary.

If the 5th. Battalion is hung up at ST. MARTIN'S WOOD the 4th. Battalion will push on Eastwards and endeavor to effect contact with the 6th. Battalion. 1 Platoon 5th. Battalion will operate on North side of the Wood.

The 1st. and 4th. Battalions will each detail a Liaison patrol to guarantee contact between Battalions. At the GREEN line these patrols will establish a joint post on the boundary.

The 3rd. Battalion (less 1 Company) will get in touch with the 7th. Battalion at R.22.B.8.0. to junction effectively the Support Line.

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4. The following are the Artillery arrangements :-

At Zero the barrage will fall on a line 200 yards East of the tape. At Zero plus 3 minutes it will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes for 3 lifts.

From the 4th lift inclusive the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes as far as the barrage halt line.

This line runs M.31.B.5.O. - R.23.D.5.8. - R.17.C.7.5. - R.10.D.4.8. The barrage will halt on this line for 15 minutes and will then lift at 100 yards in 3 minutes up to and beyond the GREEN line.

The barrage will then halt for 15 minutes when it will cease.

Barrage map will be issued later.

5. TANKS. - 1 Section, 2nd Tank Battalion, is allotted to each of 4th. and 1st. Battalions and 1 Section will operate down the centre keeping touch with the others.

On reaching the GREEN line the Tanks will be withdrawn into a position of close support in Square R.18.B. If there be no further use for them they will move to their rallying point 15 minutes after the cessation of the barrage.

6. Machine Guns are allotted as follows :-

To 4th. Battalion. - 1 Section 21st. M.G. Coy. (forward guns).

To 1st. Battalion. - 1 section 21st. M.G. Coy. (forward guns).

In Support. - 21st. M.G. Company (less 2 Sections).

Operating on the Left flank of the attack at Zero hour the 1st. M.G. Company will neutralize woods and low ground along the river.

Subsequently 1st. M.G. Company moves into Divisional Reserve.

7. Two guns of the L.T.M. Battery are allotted to 4th. Battalion and 4 guns to 1st. Battalion. Two are held in Brigade Reserve.

At Zero however O.C., 1st. L.T.M. Bty., will bombard CHUIGNOLLES for 6 minutes.

8. The consolidation of the area and distribution of troops as soon as the line becomes stabilized will be as already explained to C.Os and as set out on disposition map (issued separately).

To assist in the consolidation 1 Section, Field Engineers, is allotted to each of the 1st. and 4th. Battalions. 1st. Field Company (less 2 sections) and Pioneer Company will be employed under Brigade arrangements.

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Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 7.30pm

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1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

Brigade Headquarters,
21st August, 1918.

INTELLIGENCE AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR.1. Battalion Intelligence Personnel.

Wherever possible one German speaker and 2 searchers should be allotted to each Battalion for use as follows :-

(a) German Speaker.

1. To secure immediate identification quickly.
2. To secure any immediate tactical information of the enemy required by the Battalion Commander.
3. To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, orders, maps, etc., translate and convey any information of value to the Battalion Commander.

(b) Two Searchers.

The two Searchers should systematically search the battle field, enemy positions, suspected Headquarters, dead, etc., for documents and maps. Unless required by the Battalion Commander for immediate exploitation, documents, etc., should be packed in sand bags properly labelled and sent through the usual channels to the Divisional Cage as quickly as possible.

2. Searching of Prisoners.(a) Officers and N.C.Os.

Officers and N.C.Os will be searched as soon as possible after capture by an Officer or N.C.O., and all documents taken will be sent back (in sacks labelled by regiments if the number of documents, etc. is large) to the Divisional Intelligence Officer, whose position as determined by the Situation will be notified to Brigades.

(b) Other Ranks.

Other Ranks need not be searched, but escorts and guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers. All ranks should understand that a prisoner's pay-book, identity disc, and personal belongings should not be taken from him.

3. Separation of Officers, N.C.Os and Men.

Care will be taken that Officers, N.C.Os and privates, are separated and are not allowed to communicate.

Interrogated prisoners should not be allowed to communicate with uninterrogated prisoners.

4. Notification of locality of capture.

Information as to place of capture will invariably accompany prisoners. The Battalion making the capture is a useful indication.

5. Authorized persons only to converse with prisoners.

No Officer or N.C.O. except those duly authorized should be allowed to interrogate or converse with prisoners.

6. Advanced Divisional Prisoners of War Collecting Cage.

The Divisional Intelligence Officer will be Forward at this Cage. The position of the Cage will necessarily be determined by the battle situation, but when decided on it will be notified to all concerned.

7. Disposal of Prisoners.

The A.P.M. will arrange for the evacuation of all Prisoners of War from Brigades to the Advanced Divisional Collecting Station and from there to the Advanced Corps Cage at VECQUEMONT (N.11.B.8.7.) Traffic Control personnel should be made conversant with the method of disposal of prisoners. The evacuation of Prisoners should be as rapid as possible.

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8. Identifications.

The importance of passing on all identifications as rapidly as possible cannot be over-estimated.

The locality of identifications will always be stated.

9. Observation Posts.

The important results advanced or mobile Brigade and Battalion Observation Posts may give to Commanders should be borne in mind.

The possibility of maintaining telephonic or visual communication should also be considered.

If possible locations of Observation Posts should be determined before hand.

10. Searching for and Forwarding of Documents.

Captured Documents except those upon which Battalion and Brigade Commanders can take immediate action, will be forwarded to D.H.Q. as soon as possible. German official instruments and apparatus should also be forwarded.

11. Documents - Location of Capture.

It is essential that the locality where documents are found or captured be reported. The Battalion must always be stated and, if possible, the actual location.

12. Advanced Divisional P.O.W. Cage. - The Cage will be established in the vicinity of the HORCOURT - PROYART Road in Q.17.C. or D. The Divisional Intelligence Officer will be in attendance. Numerous sign boards will be in position indicating the cage.13. Collection and Disposal of Prisoners.

During recent operations the following points were noticed :-

(1) Escorts lost their way and prisoners were delivered to other Divisional Cages.

(2) Infantry Escorts who should have been fighting were found escorting prisoners several miles behind the firing line.

(3) Unnecessary delay in delivering prisoners to the Cage.

Therefore in order to effect economy in personnel and in time, the following method for the collection and disposal of prisoners during forthcoming operations will be used :-

(a) The A.P.M. will have a screen of mounted Military Policemen stationed along the Divisional front at an approximate distance of 1 mile from the front line. This screen will cover all routes from the front line in the Divisional Area. Adjacent routes in flanking areas will also be watched.

(b) Battalion escorts will be instructed to take prisoners of war to the rear and to deliver them to the first 1st. Aust. Division Mounted Military Policeman they meet, who will hand the escort a typed receipt. Escort will be instructed that in the unlikely event of missing members of the M.M.P. screen they will proceed to the Divisional P.O.W. Cage on the HORCOURT - PROYART Road.

(c) The A.P.M. will keep a reserve of M.M.P. at the Divisional Cage for filling gaps in the screen, and at the Headquarters of Brigades in the line, for prisoners who may be mis-directed.

(d) Close touch between the Divisional Cage and D.H.Q. will be maintained and any information of value gained by the Divisional Intelligence Officer will be immediately forwarded to those concerned. Attempts will be made to maintain direct touch between Headquarters of Brigades in the line and the Divisional Cage.

(e) A close check will be kept by the A.P.M. of the number of prisoners taken by each Unit.

Arthur Chen
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.Brigade Headquarters,
21st. August, 1918.A E R O P L A N E S.1. Contact Aeroplanes.

- (a) RED Ground Flares will be lit to indicate Infantry positions. Flares will be lit by the most advanced line of Infantry only. Not the whole of the flares will be lit at the first call, a proportion will be kept back and lit on subsequent calls.
- (b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the objective at Zero plus 2 hours.
Call for flares is a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon Horn and the firing of a WHITE Very Light.
If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will call again after 10 minutes. If it fails to obtain a reply it will repeat its call at half hour intervals. These aeroplanes are distinguished by rectangular panels 2 feet by 1 foot and on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.
- (c) O.C., Div. Sig. Company, will arrange for a message dropping station near advanced D.H.Q.
- (d) Metal discs will be flashed to indicate position of most advanced Infantry.
Positions will also be indicated by laying 3 or 4 rifles parallel to one another at regular intervals across the top of the trench.

2. Counter Attack Aeroplanes.

From Zero hour counter-attack aeroplanes will be constantly in the air. The Signal to Infantry when enemy troops are preparing for a counter-attack is a WHITE parachute flare fired in the direction of the impending counter attack.

3. Ammunition carrying aeroplane.

- (a) These machines have the under side of the lower planes painted black for a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the tips.
- (b) Ammunition will be dropped for Vickers Guns.
O.C., 1st. M.G. Battalion, will arrange for WHITE "V's" to be displayed at points where ammunition is to be dropped.
The arms of the "V" will be 6 feet long and 1 foot wide, the apex of the "V" to point towards the enemy.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N S .

Brigade Headquarters. - Q.18.C.
Brigade Report Centre. - R.14.B.6.O.
Brigade Forward Station. - R.18.D.1.9.

Battalions moving forward will ^{connect by} wire to Brigade Forward Station as soon as Battalion Headquarters is established. 1 Runner per Battalion will also report to Forward Station as soon as Battalion Headquarters is established to inform the Office of their Units location.

Brigade Report Centre will be able to supply extra Signal Rockets if any are required. ^{letter}

The ~~little~~ strips on issue to Battalions will be used to communicate to aeroplanes.

Brigade Forward Station and Report Centre will accept all messages and despatches for Brigade.

L I A I S O N.

Major E.A. LLOYD, 4th. Aust. Battalion, will liaison with the Right Brigade and Capt. F.W. NEWTH, 4th. Aust. Battalion, with the Left Brigade. Battalions will maintain liaison with flanking Units.

All Liaison Officers will take runners.

Capt. T.G. MANN, 2nd. Battalion, will be the Brigade Forward Reconnaissance Officer and will observe and report the progress of the fight. For this purpose the Brigade Signal Officer will lay a line to a point on the CHIPILLY Spur from which a view can be obtained.

P.T.O.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

Units of the Brigade Group will synchronise watches at 6 p.m. and 12 midnight, Forward Units at the Brigade Report Centre and Units in rear at Brigade Headquarters.

SIGNALS.

S.O.S. - The S.O.S. Signal at present is a rifle grenade signal RED over RED over RED.
SUCCESS SIGNAL will be a rifle grenade rocket WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

These Signals will be taken into action by the forward Companies of the attacking troops and fired only from the GREEN line by the order of an Officer.

HEADQUARTERS FOR THE OPERATION.

- 1st. Aust. Division. - Q.13.A.3.8.
- 1st. Aust. Brigade. - Q.18.C. Central.
- 2nd. Aust. Brigade. - R.26.D.9.3.
- 9th. Aust. Brigade. - K.28.D.7.5.

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Major.

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

COMMUNICATIONS.

- Brigade Headquarters. - G.18.0.
- Brigade Report Centre. - R.14.5.0.
- Brigade Forward Station. - R.18.D.1.9.

LIAISON.

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1st Australian Infantry Brigade.Battle Instructions No 4.

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1. Exploitation. The line of the final objective as shown on the Field Artillery Barrage map will be the main line of resistance at the conclusion of the operation and will be consolidated.

2. The further operations. at zero plus 90 minutes all guns will fire upon protective barrage line (as shown on artillery barrage map) those guns which have already ceased re-opening at that hour. Barrage will then advance at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes to the line - M.20.A.4.0 - M.14.C.1.0 - M.13.B.2.8 - R.12.C.0.7 - R.11.B.0.5. - R.4.D.7.0. - R.3.B.0.8. after reaching this line guns will dwell on it for 10 minutes and then cease. It is to be noted that fire on Brigade Right will therefore cease about zero plus 120 minutes; whereas on Brigade left it will cease about zero plus 100 minutes. Advantage is to be taken of this fire to push forward to the GREEN line as drawn on maps issued by Divisional General Staff. An artillery liaison officer will remain with HQ of each of 4th, 3rd and 1st Battalions, and each will arrange for fire of at least one battery on respective Battalion fronts. After zero plus 135 minutes the only fire (except heavies on distant targets) on each Battalion front are additional objectives (as laid down at conference today 22nd) will be as arranged with these officers.

3. Aeroplane Smoke Screen. R.A.F. have arranged to screen from view the following points:-

CEYLON WOOD RIDGE.

Squares 6.11, 17, 23, A+B.

FROISSY BEACON.

The line L.35. Central - Cross roads at R.5.B.4.0 - R.6.C.1.0.

DOMPIERRE.

Squares M.3, 4, 5 and 11.

The western edge of FOUCAUCOURT to

to Sq. M.32. B.9.2.

The road from S.6. Central to S.11. Central.

P. H. Ann

Capt.

of Bde Staff 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Bde HQ

22.8.18

A P P E N D I X. No. 25

First Australian Infantry Brigade "Forecast".

First Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. II3.

First Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. II4.

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Secret.

1st Australian Infantry Brigade.
FORECAST.

1. It has been decided to exploit the attacks of the 4th and 1st Battalions, if successful, and push on to the high ground beyond CHUIGNES and CARENNE WOOD.

The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde will do the first phase of this operation by making good the line M.19.B.S.O - M.13.B.S.O - M.7.B.S.O - R.S.D.O.O - R.4.A. Central.

2. The 4th Battalion will make good the line M.19.B.S.O - M.7.D.S.O.

The 3rd Battalion, (less one company) will capture the line M.7.D.S.O - R.S.D.O.O.

The 1st Battalion will capture the line R.S.D.O.O. - R.4.A. Central - LUCKWOOD.

3. The 2nd Battalion will move from present location and act as laid down in Instructions No 1. for the 3rd Battalion.

4. Each Battalion will be supported by 1 section V.M.G.S., 1 section L.T.M.B., 1 Battery Field Artillery.

5. Orders will issue later.

W. W. W. W.
Bde Major

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution as for Bde Order 112.

Bde HQ
22.8.18

1st Australian Infantry Brigade Order

Be prepared to continue operation at once.

At zero barrage will fall on the line L.33.D. Cental - R.4.B.6.6 - R.11.B.4.0 - M.7.D. Central - M.8.C.0.0 - M.14.A.0.3

for 3 minutes and will move forward in bounds of 100 yards each 3 minutes, ultimately remaining 400 yards ahead of objectives. Under cover of the barrage elements of the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battns will advance to the 1st Brigade line of exploitation laid down in Instructions N^o 4. of 22nd inst. The 3rd Brigade will go through to the 3rd Brigade line of exploitation L.34.B.5.7 - L.35.B.4.4 - R.12.A.9.7.

Boundaries will be as in this morning's operation with the exception that 3rd Brigade Southern Boundary will be line East and West through R.11.A.0.6 parallel to Grid line.

23rd Be prepared ^{to act at} zero hour ^{1 pm on} or at any subsequent hour that barrage falls.

This barrage should be easily recognized.

Acknowledge

[Signature]
Capt.

of Pde HQ 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

Pde HQ

23.8.15

Distribution as for Pde Order 112.

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1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 114.

Brigade, H.Q.
23/6/19.

1. The following redistribution of the Divisional sector is being made tonight, 23rd inst.

Brigade Sectors:-

Left -	3rd. A.I. Bde.
Centre -	1st. A.I. Bde.
Right -	2nd. A.I. Bde.

Boundaries -

Divisional remain the same.

Inter-Bde NORTH - a line R.9.A.0.6 - R.10.A.0.6
R.11.A.0.6 - M.8.A.0.6.

Inter-Bde SOUTH - a line R.20. Central -
R.22. Central - M.20. Central.

2. The 1st. A.I. Bde sector will be held with 2 Battalions in front line, 4th. on right, 3rd. on left.

Inter-Bde Boundary will be the line R.15. Central - R.17 Central - thence to cross roads in R.13.A. - thence to M.13.B.5.8.

The 2nd. Bns. will be in Support and disposed as under:-

1 Coy. vicinity	R. 23. A.
1. "	R. 16. B. and D.
1. "	R. 10. D.
1. "	R. 16. A.

The 1st. Bn. will withdraw from present position and move to Bde. Reserve, and will be disposed in vicinity of front line handed over by 15th. A.I. Bde. 2 Coys will cover the sector of 4th. Bn, and 2 Coys sector of 3rd. Bn.

The 21st. Aust. M. G. Coy. will remain in Bde sector with approx. dispositions as under:-
1 section, vicinity R. 24. A giving direct fire over 4th. Bn. Areas.

(action)

2.

- 1 Section in vicinity R. 11. B and R. 12. H giving direct fire over 3rd. Bat. area.
- 1 section vicinity ARCY WOOD - in direct fire of Brigade front.
- 1 Section in Reserve in R. 17. C. - indirect fire over Brigade front.

1st. Post. L.T.M. Bty.

2 L.T.Ms. will be attached to each of line Battalions.

Remainder of Battery will be located in vicinity ROBERT WOOD.

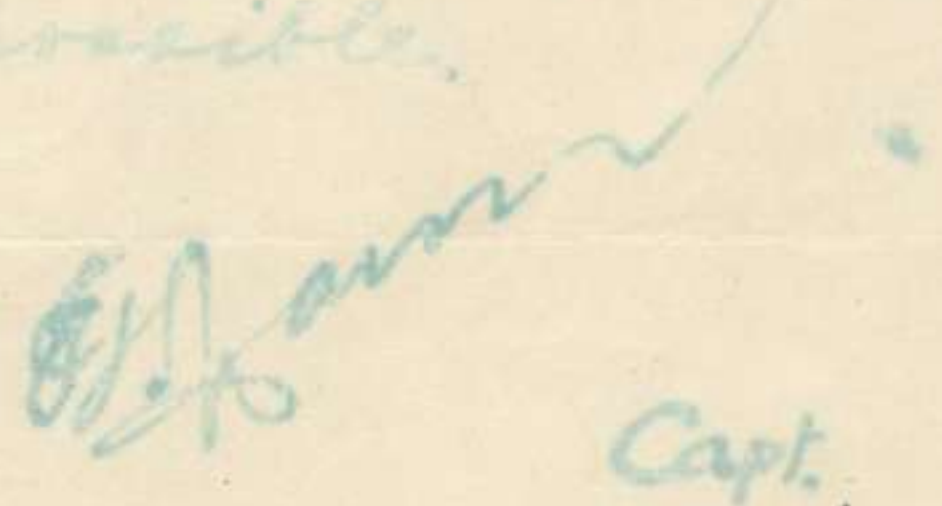
Os. C. 2/1st. Post. M.G. Coy and 1st. Post. L.T.M. Bty will make direct arrangements with C.Os. concerned in regard to siting and placing of M.Gs and T.Ms.

Redistribution will commence as soon as possible after dark tonight, 22.1. inst.

Completion of change of dispositions will be wired to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible.

Disposition sketches will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Capt.

a/ Brigade Major, 1st. Post. Inf. Brigade.

Distribution - Same as. Ede. Order 113.

A P P E N D I X . No. 26

First Machine Gun Battalion Order No.44. (20.8.18.)

(The following to be read with Machine Gun Battn. Order No.44.)

Machine Gun Instructions.

Battle Instructions Series "B" No.2.

Battle Instructions Series "B" No.3.

Battle Instructions Series "B" No.4.

Battle Instructions Series "B" No.5.

Battalion Headquarters,
20th. August, 1918.

BATTALION ORDER NO.44.

Reference Map HARBONNIERES 1 : 40,000 and Operation Sheet 1 : 20,000.

1. The Australian Corps is to attack the enemy on the front HERLEVILLE - CHUIGNES on "Z" Day.
Date and Zero hour will be notified later.
2. (i) 1st. Australian Division will attack on a two brigade front on the frontage of "C" Divisional Sector.
(ii) 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on the Right, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left. 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.
(iii) The 32nd. Division will be attacking on the Right of the 1st. Australian Division. 97th. Brigade will be on the Left of 32nd. Division. The 3rd. Australian Division will be on the Left of 1st. Australian Division, but will not be attacking.
(iv) At Zero the Field Artillery will open on a line 200 yards in advance of the Infantry taped line. The line on which the Infantry will form up will run Squares - R.34.B.1.0 - R.27.D.8.4 - R.3.C.2.0.
At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes for 3 lifts. From the 4th. lift inclusive the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes as far as the barrage halt line.
This line runs M.31.B.5.0 - R.23.D.5.8 - R.17.C.7.5 - R.10.D.4.8. The barrage will halt on this line for 15 minutes and will then lift at 100 yards in 3 minutes up to and beyond the GREEN LINE. The barrage will then halt for 15 minutes, when it will cease.
3. The method of attack will be a deliberate attack from a taped forming up line.
The line Battalions of the 5th. Australian Division at present holding "C" Divisional Sector are to remain in line. Attacking Brigades of 1st. Australian Division will pass through them.
4. Assembly of 1st. Australian Division will be effected in accordance with attached move table.
5. 12 Fighting Tanks and 3 Supply Tanks will be allotted to each Attacking Brigade.
6. (1) 21st. Australian Machine Gun Company will be placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade for the operation.
(2) On completion of special tasks 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company will come under orders of the Division.
(3) 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company is allotted to 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade.
(4) 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company will assemble in vicinity of R.32.B. and be in a position of readiness at Zero at the call of G.O.C., 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade. If further employed Division to be so informed.
(5) 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters will be in MORCOURT.
(6) 14th. and 15th. Australian Machine Gun Companies will remain in their defensive positions until withdrawn by Divisional Order.
7. Further Machine Gun instructions will be issued later.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Baker-Smith

Lieut. and Adjutant.

First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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| 1. War Diary. | 5. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. | 9. 2nd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 2. File | 6. 21st. A.M.G. Coy. | 10. 3rd. A.I. Brigade. |
| 3. 1st. A.M.G. Coy. | 7. 1st. Aust. Div. | 11. Spare. |
| 4. 2nd. A.M.G. Coy. | 8. 1st. A.I. Brigade. | 12. do. |

Battalion Headquarters,
21st. August, 1918.

1st AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION.
No. 34/16
Date...

MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS.
(to be read with Battalion Order No.44).

1. Officer Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company will dispose his guns in batteries of 4 guns each, in or about the following locations :-

- "A" Battery - R.15.A.2.8.
- "B" do. - R. 9.C.6.5.
- "C" do. - R. 9.A.8.4.
- "D" do. - R. 2.D.8.6.

Guns will be in position ready for opening fire at Zero - 1 hour on "Z" Day.

The following tasks are allotted these batteries :-

(a) Battery	Time.	Targets.	Rate of fire.
A.	Zero to Zero + 5 mins.	(a) Wood in R.16.C. (Robert Wood)	1 belt per min.
	Zero + 5 to Zero + 20 mins.	(b) Cross Roads (R17.A.30.00.)	1 belt p. 2 mins.
B.	Zero to Zero + 5 mins.	(a) Wood in - R.4.C.00.20.	1 belt per minute.
	Zero + 5 to Zero + 2 hours.	(b) Wood in - R.4.A.6.0. (Long Wood)	1 belt in 5 minutes.
C.	Zero to Zero + 2 hours.	Woods in L.34.D., L.35.C. & L.34. Central.	1 belt in 5 mins.
D.	Will carry out direct harassing fire i.e. sweeping areas in Square L.33.D. and L.34.C. until situation clears.		

- (b) Should any direct targets be observed they will be instantly engaged.
- (c) If at any range safety of our own troops is jeopardised fire will be withheld until next lift but strict conformity with above time table is essential.
- (d) All calculations will be forwarded to 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters for checking by 4 p.m. on 22nd. August.
- (e) All rules governing safety of our own troops will be strictly adhered to.
- (f) Officer Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Company will ensure that sufficient S.A.A. is at Battery positions by 12 midnight, 22nd/23rd. August, to carry out above tasks and also that a reserve of 6,000 rounds per gun is available for use against a possible counter-attack.

2. 2nd. Australian Machine Gun Company is allotted 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Officer Commanding will keep in close touch with Brigade Headquarters. Section Officers will keep in close touch with the Officer Commanding the Infantry Battalion to which they are attached.

3. Officer Commanding 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company will reconnoitre on 22nd. instant a suitable position for assembling his Company in vicinity of R.32.Central (where old trenches and dugouts exist). Company will be in this position by Zero minus 1 hour on "Z" Day, in a state of readiness at the call of the G.O.C., 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade, if employed-Division to be so informed. A liaison Officer with runners will be at 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

4. 21st. Australian Machine Gun Company is allotted to 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade. Officer Commanding Company will keep close liaison with Headquarters 1st. Brigade and Section Officers will keep in close touch with Commanding Officers of Infantry Battalions to whom they are attached.
5. Officers Commanding Companies will ensure that their Section Officers report by 7 p.m. on 22.8.18, that all arrangements as regards S.A.A., Water, Oil, Spare parts, etc., are complete and that Gas resisting Appliances are in good order.
6. S.O.S. Signal is RED over RED over RED.
7. Instructions regarding supply of S.A.A. from aeroplanes have already been issued.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M.G.C.

M. G. C.
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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1st AUST. 66
MACHINE GUN
BATTALION.
No. 54/16
Date

Headquarters, 21.8.18.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "B" NO. 2.
(To be read with Battalion Order No. 44)

T A N K S.

1. Units of the 5th. Tank Brigade are allotted to Divisions and Brigades as follows :-
8th. Tank Battalion with 12 Mark V Tanks to the 32nd. Division.
13th. Tank Battalion with 12 Mark V Tanks to the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
2nd. Tank Battalion with 12 Mark V Tanks to the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
No. 4 Tank Supply Coy with 3 Mark 4 Supply Tenders to each of the 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigades.
2. Tank Battalion Commanders are already in touch with Brigades concerned and will arrange all details direct with them.
Brigades will notify Tank Battalion Commanders of the time of Zero hour and will arrange synchronisation of watches with them.
Tank Company Commanders are responsible for liaison with the Infantry to which they are allotted.
3. (a) Tanks for the operation will be assembled in the MORCOURT VALLEY by dawn on August 22nd.
(b) On Y - Z night Tanks will commence to move forward at 9.30 p.m. to the Tank Start Line, which will be approximately 1,000 yards in rear of the Infantry taped line. They will move to a line not nearer to the Tank Start Line than 3,000 yards under full engines. From there they will continue the movement to the Tank Start Line moving slowly and as quietly as possible.
(c) Tanks are to reach Infantry taped line at Zero hour in order that they may be deployed in front of the Infantry when the barrage lifts at Zero plus 3 minutes.
(d) To conceal the noise of the Tank engines the 5th. Brigade R.A.F. are arranging to have aeroplanes flying continuously over the Corps area from 9.30 p.m. until 1 a.m. on Y - Z night, and from Zero minus 1 hour onward to Zero.
4. When the Tanks of the 5th. Tank Battalion have seen the 32nd. Division firmly established on their objectives they will turn North to assist the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade if the high ground in R.24. and 30 and M.19. 25. and 31 is still holding out.
5. Half an hour after the Infantry are established on their objective Tanks will be released automatically by the Infantry, and will then rally in the MORCOURT VALLEY.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. G. Smith
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "B" NO.2.

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Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Relieving	Route.	Remarks.
1.	August. 21st.	3rd. A.I. Bde. Group.	VAIRE area	Reserve Bde. area "C" Divn.	8th. A.I. Bde.	HAMEL-CERISY Road.	Move in afternoon to complete move by 7 p.m.
2.	"	1st. Aust. Pioneer Battalion	HAMEL area	5th. Pioneer Bn. area.	5th. Pioneer Battalion.	CERISY-MORCOURT.	To start at 8 p.m.
3.	"	1st. A.I. Bde. Group. 21st. M.G. Coy. H.Qrs. M.G. Bn.	VAUX area.	Support pos- itions in old trenches Sqs. R.7., R.13. Q.12. and 18.	Troops 15th. Bde. less front line troops and 15th. M.G. Coy.	HAMEL-CERISY MORCOURT Road	Not to start before 8 p.m. 21st. M.G. Coy. to march as ordered by 1st. A.I. Brigade.
4.	"	2nd. A.I. Bde. Group.	HAMELET. area	Support pos- itions in trenches Squares R.19.&.25. Q30.	Troops 14th. A.I. Bde. less front line troops, and 14th. M.G. Coy.	HAMEL thence WARPUSSE- FOUCAUCOURT Rd. as far as Q.29.	Not to start before 8 p.m.
5.	22nd.	Advanced D.H.Q. H.Qrs. Div. Engrs.	CORBIE.	Q.13.A.3.8			Office opens at 6 p.m.

NOTES.

- i. Standing Orders as to distances and A.A. Defence will be observed.
- ii. Tracks alongside main roads will be used where possible.
- iii. All groups will move less tent-sub-divisions of Field Ambulances.
- iv. Advance parties will be sent on early on 21st. instant.
- v. Completion of all moves will be wired to D.H.Q.

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 1st AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
 Headquarters, 21.8.18.
 No. 34/16
 Date.....

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "B" NO. 3.
(To be read with Battalion Order No. 44.)

A E R O P L A N E S.

1. Contact Aeroplanes.

(a) Red Ground Flares will be lit to indicate Infantry positions. Flares will be lit by the most advanced line of Infantry only. Not the whole of the flares will be lit at the first call, a proportion will be kept back and lit on subsequent calls.

(b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the objective at Zero plus 2 hours.

Call for flares is a succession of 'A's. on the Klaxon horn and the firing of a White Very light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will call again after 10 minutes. If it fails to obtain a reply it will repeat its call at half hour intervals.

These aeroplanes are distinguished by Rectangular panels two feet by one foot on both lower planes about 3 feet from the Fuselage.

(c) Metal discs will be flashed to indicate positions of most advanced Infantry. Positions will also be indicated by laying three or four rifles parallel to one another at regular intervals across the top of the trench.

2. Counter Attack Aeroplanes.

From Zero hour counter-attack aeroplanes will be constantly in the air. The Signal to Infantry when enemy troops are preparing for a counter attack is a white parachute flare fired in the direction of the impending counter-attack.

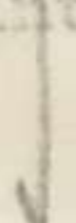
3. Ammunition carrying Aeroplanes.

(a) These machines have the under side of the lower planes painted Black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

(b) Ammunition will be dropped for Vickers Guns. O.C. 1st. M.G. Battalion will arrange for White 'V's to be displayed at points where ammunition is to be dropped.

The arms of the 'V' will be 3 feet long and 1 foot wide, the apex of the 'V' to point towards the enemy.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters,
22nd. August, 1918.

No. 34/16
Date

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "B" NO.4
(To be read with Battalion Order No.44.)

1. TANKS. (a) In order to drown the noise of Tanks during their approach to the Tank start line and should the weather not permit of air work.
 - i. Field Artillery will carry out desultory harassing fire of normal volume, but all artillery fire of this kind will stop 15 minutes before Zero.
 - ii. Normal Machine Gun harassing fire will be maintained.
 (b) Should stout wire entanglements be encountered, the Infantry will call upon Tanks to precede them. Parties of Infantry following Tanks will improve Gaps so made.
 (c) Unless the situation urgently demands their further employment, Tanks will be released automatically 2½ hours after Zero and will re-assemble in the valley N. of PROYART. This amends para 5 of Battle Instructions Series "B" No.2.
2. SMOKE.
 - i. Artillery Smoke Screens will be placed on BRAY SPUR in L.23., and across the mouth of the CHUIGNOLLES VALLEY.
 - ii. Aircraft will drop smoke bombs on the southern side of the Knoll in sq. 35.D. continuously throughout the operation.
 - iii. Infantry will be informed that no special percentage of smoke will be put down to define the fall of the creeping barrage, the barrage halt of 15 mins., or the final protective barrage.
3. FORWARD ASSEMBLY OF TROOPS.
 - i. The forming up on the taped line will be carried out under Brigade arrangements.
 - ii. Assaulting troops will be formed up on the taped line one hour before Zero.
 - iii. Troops of the 5th. Aust. Division will remain in Front line positions until forming up is completed, but will all be West of the forming up line one half hour before Zero and will move back at once to the old trenches in R.13. 19. and 25, when they will revert to the Command of the G.O.C. 5th. Aust. Division.
4. ACTION OF RESERVE BRIGADE. The Reserve Brigade will move at Zero hour to positions in squares R.19.B.&.D. and R.25.B.
5. CONSOLIDATION. The GREEN Line will be consolidated as a Main Line of Resistance.
 Consolidation will be in depth. Opportunities will be taken to exploit success within the limits of the protective barrage, and subsequently further forward at the discretion of G.O's.C. Brigades.
6. DIVISIONAL REPORT CENTRE. A Divisional Report Centre will be established at Q.16.A.2.3., MORCOURT.
 Forward
7. ARTILLERY.
 - i. The Corps Heavy Artillery will fire on selected targets until Zero plus 135 minutes when fire will cease except for the purpose of counter-battery work or at special call.
 - ii. The S.O.S. will be inoperative on the Divisional Front for 15 mins. before Zero.
8. SUCCESS SIGNAL. This Signal will be a rifle grenade signal WHITE over WHITE over WHITE. 200 of these signals have been issued to each assaulting Brigade.

W. A. H. H.
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters,
22nd. August, 1918.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS SERIES "B" NO.5.
(To be read with Battalion Order No.44.)

1. EXPLOITATION. The line of the final objective as shewn on the Field Artillery barrage map will be the main line of resistance at the conclusion of the operation.

2. AEROPLANE SMOKE SCREENS. R.A.F. have arranged to screen from view the following points :-

CEYLON WOOD RIDGE.

Squares L.11. 17. 23.A. & B.

FROISSY BEACON.

The line L.35.Central - Cross Roads at R.5.B.4.0.

R.6.C.1.0.

DOMPIERRE.

Squares M.3. 4. 5. and 11.

The western edge of FOUCAUCOURT to Sq. M.32.B.9.2.

The road from S.6.Central to S.11.Central.

3. HEADQUARTERS. With reference to para 6 Battle Instructions No.4.

Battle Headquarters of 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be at Q.18.C.Central.

Battle Headquarters of 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be at Q.20.B.3.0.

4. ZERO HOUR. Reference 1st.Aust.Division Order No.124 of 20th. August.

Date of operation 23rd. instant.

Zero hour. 4.45 a.m.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Walter Smith

Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

No. 5713
Date 26/8/18

REPORT ON OPERATIONS 23rd - 24th August 1918.

1st. PHASE.

REFERENCE MAP:- Sheet 62 D SE

During the night of 22nd/23rd the Company having dug in at the following positions opened harrassing fire as below.

"A" Section situated at R.14.B.54.50. opened fire from zero to zero plus 5 on wood in R.16.C. From zero plus 5 to zero plus 20 on Cross Roads R.17.A.30.00.

"B" Section situated at R.8.C.69.84. opened fire from zero to zero plus 5 on wood at R.4.C.00.20. From zero plus 5 to zero plus 60 on wood at R.4.A.6.0.

"C" Section situated at R.8.D.75.85. opened fire from zero to zero plus 60 on wood at L.34.D. and L.35.C. and L.34 Central.

"D" Section situated at R.2.C.35.25. carried out harrassing fire from zero to zero plus 90 on Squares L.33.D. and L.34.C.

The enemy's barrage was rather patchy and did affect any of the Sections

2nd. PHASE.

Having finished the harrassing fire programme Sections were then detailed to the following Battalions in the 3rd A.I. Brigade

- "A" Section to 10th Battalion
- "B" Section to 12th Battalion
- "C" Section to 9th Battalion
- "D" Section to 10th Battalion

"A" Section.

At 2p.m. this Section moved up to Luc Wood in file at 50 yds lateral distance between gun crews. Upon arriving at the wood two guns went round the left (North) and two guns round the right (South). Upon reaching the front (East) of the wood two guns were mounted to cover the low ground in the direction of BRAY-sur-SOMME along the River flats that were unoccupied by our troops. The remaining two guns were placed on the high ground to the right front of the wood. When our Infantry advanced to the red line overhead covering fire was carried out by these two guns. The two left guns (having been relieved by Lewis Guns) were brought up to the high ground at the right front of the wood, thus forming a four gun battery. This battery during the advance of our Infantry carried out overhead covering fire (Tangent Sight Method) against FOSSEY BEACON, road and trees at foot of FOSSEY BEACON and Chalk Pit. Enemy M.G's were engaged by battery fire and silenced in the Chalk Pit and on the road casualties were observed, and a suspected hut was fired on with the result that a party quickly ran out some of them becoming casualties. All gun gear was manhandled up to the positions and as soon as FOSSEY BEACON was taken a limber which had been waiting back under cover brought up extra ammunition and water to the gun positions.

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of BRAYBURN-20MMs along the River flats that were unoccupied by our
the wood two guns were mounted to cover the low ground in the direction
two guns round the right (South). Upon reaching the front (East) of
Upon a rivine at the wood two guns went round the left (North) and
distance between gun crews.

At Sp.M. this Section moved up to the wood in file at 50 yds interval
"A" Section.

- "D" Section to 10th Battalion
- "C" Section to 3th Battalion
- "B" Section to 12th Battalion
- "A" Section to 10th Battalion

Having finished the harassing fire programs sections were then
detailed to the following battalions in the 2nd A.I. Brigade

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The enemy's barrage was rather heavy and did affect any of the sections

zero to zero plus 80 on squares L.33.D. and L.34.G.

"D" Section situated at R.3.C.35.25. carried out harassing fire from
plus 80 on wood at L.34.D. and L.35.G. and L.34 Central.

"C" Section situated at R.8.D.15.85. opened fire from zero to zero
wood at R.4.A.6.0.

plus 5 on wood at R.4.C.00.20. From zero plus 5 to zero plus 60 on
"B" Section situated at R.3.C.89.84. opened fire from zero to zero

plus 5 on wood in R.16.G. From zero plus 5 to zero plus 20 on
"A" Section situated at R.14.B.54.50. opened fire from zero to zero

positions opened harassing fire as follows.
During the night of 23rd/24th the Company having dug in at the following

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REFERENCE MAPS: - Sheet 68 D 3M

REPORT ON OPERATIONS 23rd - 24th August 1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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20th August 1918.

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"B" Section

At 2 p.m. word was received from the 12th Battalion to move forward with them.

Gun crews moved in file at 50 yds lateral distance.

When passing through shelled areas, advance was made by bounds.

The opportunity did not occur of giving overhead covering fire, owing to the rapid rate of the advance and nature of the country.

Gun gear and also a few belts per gun was carried up by the crews, pack horses being used to bring up ammunition keeping 500 yds in rear of Section. Positions at R.5.B. and L.35.C. were reached and guns established.

Throughout the advance the Section was subjected to very heavy shelling but got through without any casualties.

"C" Section

This Section moved with the 9th Battalion to the jumping off line. Guns crews were moved up in file with a lateral distance of 70 yds between them. A heavy barrage was met with but Section went through it with the loss of 1 killed and 1 wounded.

At 2 p.m. (zero time) Infantry moved forward to the attack gun crews followed at a short distance keeping their former formation, carrying their guns and belts to the final objective.

Emplacements were dug along the top of FOSSEY BEACON for two guns, remaining two guns were placed for the protection of the left flank 500 Yds in rear. As soon as FOSSEY BEACON was taken ammunition and stores were sent up arriving at their destination in 15 minutes.

"D" Section

This Section took up positions at 11 a.m. to protect the left flank across the flat towards BRAY-sur-SOMME and did not move forward or engage any targets.

During the operations the Section Commanders could get very little information from the Units to which they were attached.

All rationing and ammunition supply was carried out by the Company.

Francis H. Wood

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

A P P E N D I X. No. 28

First Machine Gun Battalion Order No.46.

Operation Map. I:20,000.

Third Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.139.

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Headquarters 23rd August 1918

Battalion Order No. 46.

Map Reference Special Sheet 1:20,000

1. Should the attack by the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade prove successful the situation will be exploited.
2. As soon as the protective barrage ceases, the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade will push forward patrols to the General Line marked RED on attached map.
3. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade will pass through the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade on the red line and continue the advance at a zero hour to be notified later - Objective - the BLUE Line.
4. Northern Divisional Boundary - the River SOMME:
Inter Brigade Boundary - East and West Line through R.10.A.0.6.
Inter Battalion Boundary - Northern edge of LONG Wood - L.35.D.0.2 - thence to Southern edge of OLYMPIA Wood.
5. Battalions will move to assembly positions in Squares R.7. and R.13. at 2.30 am. on 23rd August, keeping close to the Western edge of ST GERMAIN WOOD.
6. Method of Attack. 12th Battalion on the Right -
10th Battalion on the Left -
11th Battalion - Right Support
9th Battalion - Left Support.
7. 1st Aust. Machine Gun Company on completion of Barrage Tasks will be at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
(Headquarters of 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade will be at Q.18.C after midnight 22/23rd August.)
8. One Section of 1st Aust. Machine Gun Company will be allotted to each 10th and 12th Battalions. Remaining Sections in Reserve near Brigade Headquarters.
9. One Runner from each Section detailed to 10th and 12th Battalions will report to Brigade Major 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade at once. They must know exact position of their Section and Company Headquarters.
10. Officer Commanding 1st Aust. Machine Gun Company will arrange for all S.A.A. Limbers standing by at Zero plus 30 minutes also 8 pack horses.
(i.e. 5.15 AM)
11. Owing to above considerations all barrage tasks as previously ordered will be altered as follows.-
(a) As before.
(b) Zero plus 60 minutes instead of Zero plus 2 hours.
(c) & (d) Zero plus 90 minutes instead of Zero plus 2 hours.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE. *45*

W. J. ...
Lieut. & Adjutant.
1st Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.

(Map to 1st & 21st Coys. only)

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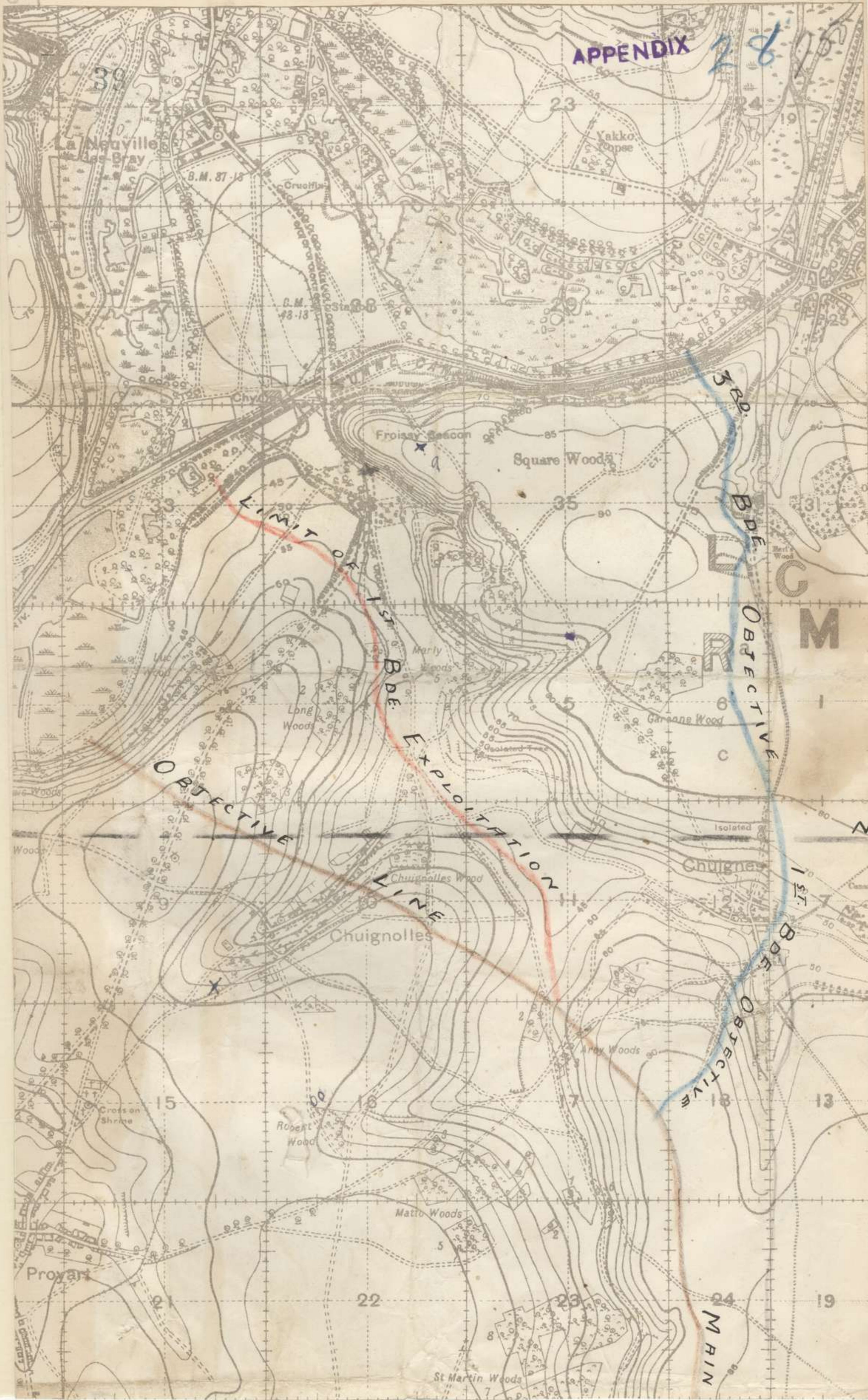
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SECRET.THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 139Ref. Special Sheet -
1/20,000.Brigade Headquarters,
22nd. August, 1918.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. on reaching the objective, (BLACK LINE), will exploit to the RED LINE.
The 3rd. Australian Division North of the River SOMME are attacking and are expecting to reach the following line - G.13.B.C.O. - L.11.D.O.O. - L.11. Central - D.5. Central - thence a line running N.W.
2. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade will pass through the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the RED LINE and continue the advance at a Zero hour to be notified later.
Objective - THE BLUE LINE.
3. Northern Divisional Boundary - The River SOMME.
Inter-Brigade Boundary - E and W Line through R.10.A.O.6.
Inter-battalion Boundary - Northern edge of LONG WOOD - L.35.D.O.2. thence to Southern edge of CLMPLA WOOD.
4. Battalions will move to assembly positions in Squares R.7. & R.13. at 2.30 a.m. keeping close into the Western edge of ST. GERMAIN Wood
3rd. T.M. Bty. and 3rd. Field Coy. will move in rear of Battalions.
Route:- via Q.22.C.5.O. - South of AMY WOOD - Q.24. Central and R.19.A.
5. Method of Attack.

12th. Battalion	on the Right.
10th. Battalion	on the Left
11th. Battalion	Right support
9th. Battalion	Left Support.

Support Battalions will be responsible for Mopping Up the Area passed over by the Line Battalions in their Advance.
6. For the purpose of the operation, the 298th. R.F.A. Bde. will cover the Right Section, 5th. Brigade R.H.A. will cover the Left Section.
7. Machine Guns. 1 Section 1st. M.G. Coy. will be allotted to each 10th. and 12th. Battalions.
1st. M.G. Coy. less 2 Sections will remain in Reserve near Brigade H.Q.
8. Stokes Mortars. One Section will be attached to each 10th. and 12th. Battalions.
3rd. T.M. Battery less 2 Sections will be in Reserve near Bde. H.Q.
9. Brigade H.Q. will open at Q.13.C. at midnight 22nd./23rd. inst.
On reaching the RED LINE Headquarters of attacking battalions will be located at the Headquarters of the Line Battalions of the 1st. A.I. Bde.
10. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. S. Anderson

.....Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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18	298th. Bde. R.F.A.
19	5th. R.H.A. Bde.
20	Staff Captain
21	Bde. Int. Officer.
22	Bde. Sig. Officer
23	Camp Commandant.
24	Bde. Bombing Officer
25/30	Spares.

26th August 1918.

Date 5/14

To C.O. 1st Aust M.G. Battalion.

I wish to bring before your notice the gallant conduct of the following N.C.O's and Men.

No. 1458 Sgt. LOVEBAND H.G.
No. 1578 Cpl. KERR A.

These N.C.O's were conspicuous for their great gallantry and devotion to duty through the operations of the 24th inst., especially when advancing through a barrage during the afternoon, by their personal disregard for danger and devotion to duty they greatly inspired their men.

No. 477 Pte MATTHEWS S.K.
No. 6950 Pte BIRKIN L.F.
No. 154 Pte HOWE A.

The above men were conspicuous for their great disregard for personal safety. Three times these men went through the enemy barrage with ammunition and on one occasion had to pass in close proximity to a burning enemy shell dump. Their gallant conduct greatly helped operations by getting required ammunition to the battery during covering fire.

Francis Mad.

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

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Battalion Headquarters,
23rd. August, 1918.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 47.

1. Consequent on instructions received from 1st. Australian Division (G.594 of 23rd. instant.) the following adjustment of Machine Gun Companies will be made) -
 - (a) 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company will rejoin 3rd. A.I. Brigade Group.
 - (b) 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company remains with 2nd. A.I. Brigade Group.
 - (c) 21st. Aust. M.G. Company remains with 1st. A.I. Brigade Group.
 - (d) 1st. Aust. M.G. Company will be withdrawn into Divisional Reserve in Square R.3.
2. Officer Commanding 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company will report to 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters (R.7.D.4.3) as soon as possible and will arrange details of relief for night 24/25th. August with Officer Commanding 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company. (Coy. H.Q. R.8.C.6.9).
3. Officer Commanding 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company will withdraw his guns and personnel to Forward Transport Lines at Q.29.C.2.9 as soon as practicable.
4. Officer Commanding 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Company will arrange for a reconnaissance of Square ~~R.8~~ and on completion of relief will move to that area. R8.
5. Completion of relief will be notified to Headquarters, 1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade by runner.
6. Machine Gun Companies Acknowledge.

Issued at 12 midnight.

W. J. ...
Lieut. and Adjutant.
First Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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LIST OF PERSONNEL

Members of the 1st Bn. 1st Div. 1st Bn. 1st Div. 1st Bn. 1st Div.

Completion of relief will be notified to Headquarters, 1st Bn. 1st Div.

Officers commanding 1st Bn. 1st Div. will be notified of relief will move

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27th August 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 16

BY

Captain F.A.HUDD.DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-	2/Lieut. J.RYAN. M.M.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Lieut. E.J.IFOULD M.M.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:-	Sgt. CUNNINGHAM
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	Sgt. NICOL
ORDERLY CORPORAL:-	L/Cpl. WESTCOTT.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-	L/Cpl. HASKING.

PARADES.

Section Parades 9.0 a.m. to 12.00 Dress Drill Order. Inspection of arms and respirators and filling of Mobile Reserve into belts. O.C. will inspect Sections independently during the morning.

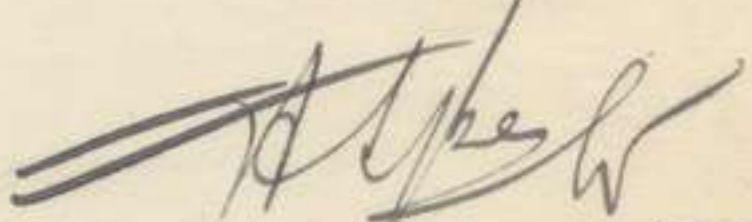
SANITATION.

All Section's billets and the proximity thereof will be kept scrupulously clean.

FORMATION.

To-day and on all future occasions when falling in for parade Sections will adopt the following formation:-

	Sgt	Sgt
Cpl.	112233445566	Cpl.
Cpl.	112233445566	Cpl.
	Front Rank	


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

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FOR O.C. CAP A.M.G. COY.
Lieut.

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Front Rank
Cpl. J18823445288 Cpl.
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Sgt SGT

FORMATION. Sections will adopt the following formation:-
Today and on all future occasions when falling in for parade seropodiously clean.

SANITATION. All Section, a billets and the proximity thereof will be kept

PARADES. O.C. will inspect Sections independently during the morning.
Section Parades 9.0 a.m. to 13.00 Dress Drill Order. Inspection of arms and respirators and filling of Mobile Reserve into belts.

DUTIES.
NEXT FOR DUTY:-
ORDERLY CORPORAL:- F/Cpl. HASKING.
NEXT FOR DUTY:- I/Cpl. WESTCOTT.
ORDERLY SERGEANT:- Sgt. NICOL
NEXT FOR DUTY:- Sgt. CONNINGSHAM
ORDERLY OFFICERS:- Ltent. E.J. IRVING M.M.
S/Ltent. J. RYAN M.M.

Captain F.A. HUDD.

BY

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 16

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY APPENDIX
S/Plt WILSON 1018.

28th August 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No 17.BYCaptain F.A.HUDD.DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER:-
 NEXT FOR DUTY:-
 ORDERLY SERGEANT:-
 NEXT FOR DUTY:-
 ORDERLY CORPORAL:-
 NEXT FOR DUTY:-

Lieut. E.J.IFOULD M.M.
 " C.R.MARTIN
 Sgt NICOL
 " KILLEN
 L/Cpl. HASKING.
 " DUMMER.

PARADES.

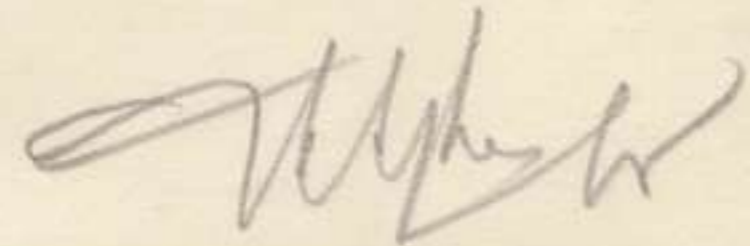
Full Company Parade at 9.30 a.m. Dress: Drill Order
 Markers 9.25 a.m.

SANITATION.

All N.C.O's and men will pay particular attention to the
 cleanliness of their dugouts and immediate surroundings.
 All blankets and other sleeping gear such as great coats,
 waterproof sheets etc will be folded up before morning parade.

PAY.

All Sections will parade for pay at 11.30 a.m.



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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

29th August 1918.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDER No. 18.

BY

Captain F. A. Hudd.DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. Martin.
Next for Duty	Lieut. Williams.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Killen.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Wood.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Wood.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Stone.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9-30 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order.
Section Parades:- 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

BLANKETS.

All section blankets will be bundled in rolls of 20 and sent to the Q.M. Store by 11 a.m. to-day. Bundles will be clearly labelled. Each section will detail one man to report to the Q.M. Store at 12-30 p.m. and then to proceed with limbers to the Foden lorry, Cerisy. Each man so detailed will be responsible for the return of his own section blankets.

CLOTHING.

Clean clothing will be issued at the Q.M. Store to all ranks at 10-15 a.m. to-day, as per the following scale:-
1 Shirt, 1 pair under pants (shorts)
2 pairs soxs.

Section Officers will be responsible for the return of an equal amount of unserviceable or dirty clothing to the Q.M. Store in lieu of the above.

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION THROUGH PRISONERS OF WAR.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following:-
(a) In an attack or raid, or on patrol, no letters or documents must be carried. All private letters should be burned as soon as possible after receipt
(b) Any man who has the misfortune to be taken prisoner must:-
(1) Refuse to give any information beyond rank and name.
(2) Be careful and reticent in conversation after capture.
(3) Give confidence to no one who has not proved himself to be a genuine British prisoner of war.
(c) Any failure to observe these instructions may involve the loss of a battle and may cost thousands of lives.

R.O. 43 dated 25-8-18.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

In future, one copy of Company Routine Orders will be issued to each section and will be read on section parades during the morning following. A copy of Routine Orders will be posted in Officers and Sergeants' Messes.

P A R T II.STRENGTH INCREASE.

The undermentioned ⁶ other ranks are taken on strength and posted to Companies as ~~shown~~ shown:-

No. 1978	L/Cpl. Prior	to "B" Section
No. 1772	" Littlejohn	" " "
No. 3069	Pte. Murray	" " "
No. 1593	Dvr. Hackland	to Transport Section
No. 2568	" Bevan	to " "
No. 605	Pte O'Brien	to Headquarters.

Routine Order No. 18 (Contd.)
-----PART II.

TRANSFER. No. 7585 Pte. Williams, from Transport Section to "A" Section.

Lieut.
For O.C. 1st M.G. Company.N O T I C E.

It is again brought to the notice of all ranks that when forwarding parcels or newspapers by post, the cost of postage for same must be paid to the Postal Orderly.

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It is again brought to the notice of all ranks that when forward-

NOTICE.

For O.C. 1st M.G. Company,
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TRANSFER. No. 7585 Pte. Williams, from Transport Section to "A" Section.

PART II.

Routine Order No. 18 (Compd.)

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	9 to 10.	10 to 11.	11 to 12.	2 to 3.	
Friday 30th Aug.	Close Order Drill. Duties of Guards.	Mechanism.	Immediate Action.	G A M E S.	Tactical Exercise - Officers. 3 to 4-30 p.m.
Saturday 31st Aug.	Stoppages with Gas Masks on.	Close Order Drill. Duties of Guards.	Elementary Drill.	G A M E S.	9 to 10 p.m. Night work with compass (Officers).
Sunday 1st Sept.	Combined Drill.	Rough Ground Drill.	Close Order Drill. Guard Duties.	G A M E S.	
Monday 2nd Sept.	Extended Order & Close Order Drill.	Indication & Recognition of Targets.	T.O.E.T.	G A M E S.	3 to 4-30 p.m. Use of Compass. N.C.O's.
Tuesday 3rd Sept.	Saluting. Extended Order & Guard Drill Drill.	J. D.	Night Section Exercises. (ap- proaching positions & taking up positions.)	G A M E S.	
Wednesday 4th Sept.	Close Order Drill and Guard Duties.	Action from Pack Horses & Limbers.		G A M E S.	3 to 4-30 p.m. Tactical Exercises. Officers and Senior N.C.O's.
Thursday 5th Sept.	Section Exercises Use of Ground and Cover.	Simple Section Exercises. Overhead Covering Fire.		G A M E S.	Demonstration - Use of Camouflage.

Francis Mudd Captain. O.C. 1st M.G. Coy.

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Секретъ. О.С. 1-й И.С. пол.

2-й полк. Инженерный	и полк. на отъезде секция упражнений	Секция полевых работ. Секция полевых работ.	С.В.И.С.	Демонстрация - использование.
2-й полк. Инженерный	и штаб полка. Секция полевых работ	Секция полевых работ и штаба.	С.В.И.С.	3 до 4-30 в.м. И.С.О.С. Офицеры и штаб. Тактические упражнения.
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2-й полк. Инженерный	Секция полевых работ. Секция полевых работ.	Секция полевых работ. Секция полевых работ.	С.В.И.С.	3 до 4-30 в.м. Тактические упражнения - офицеры.

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SYLLABUS OF SIGNALLING TRAINING.

Friday
30th Aug. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon devoted to Group Reading Practice. One hour each on Buzzer, Lucas Lamp & Morse Flag.

Saturday
31st Aug. Same as previous day.

Monday
2nd ~~Aug~~
Sept. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Buzzer. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lamp. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Preliminary instruction in Stn. Wk. Msg. Counting etc.

Tuesday
3rd ~~Aug~~
sept. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Buzzer. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Morse Flag. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Lamp.

Wednesday
4th Sept. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Buzzer. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Station Wk. (Lucas Lamps.)

Thursday
5th Sept. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Buzzer. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Station Work (Morse Flags.)

Friday
6th Sept. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Long distance station, signalling practice.

On Monday 2nd Sptr. one signaller from each Company will report to Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m. to attend lecture on telephony, etc. (He must bring rations for mid-day meal.)

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
-----30th August 1918.
-----COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS No. 19.BYCaptain F. A. Hudd.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. G. Williams.
Next for Duty	Lieut. R. Cumming. <i>D.C.M.</i>
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Wood.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Loveland.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Wood.
Next for Duty	Cpl. Anderson.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order.
Training as per Syllabus.

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

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

PARADES.

Training as per syllabus.
Will Company Parade at 9 a.m. Dress: - Drill Order.

DUTIES.

Next for Duty	Cpl. Anderson.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Wood.
Next for Duty	Sgt. Loveland.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Wood.
Next for Duty	Lieut. R. Cunningham.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. G. Williams.

Captain E. A. Hudg.

BY

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS No. 19.

30th August 1918.

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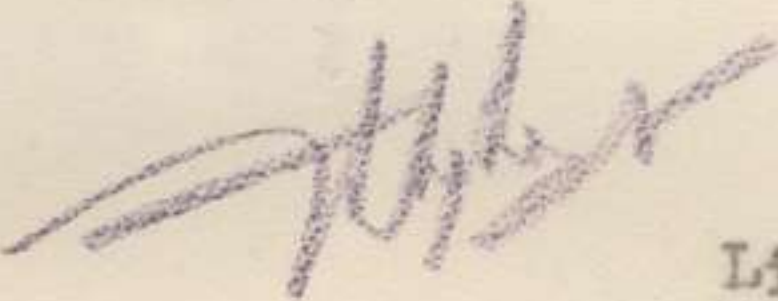
Orderly Officer	Lieut. R. Cumming (D.C.M)
Next for Duty	Lieut. V.C. Potter
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. Loveland
Next for Duty	Sgt. Davison
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. Anderson
Next for Duty	Cpl. Russell

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 9 a.m. Dress:- Drill Order.
Training as per Syllabus.


DUTY SECTION.

In future the section detailed for duty will only be called upon to furnish anti-aircraft guards, escorts, and such like. All other duties will be performed by men drawn from the other sections.


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

PART II.STRENGTH INCREASE

No. 365 Pte. Francis, J. having marched in under escort, is taken on strength for rations and accommodation and attached to "B" Section.


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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
-----COMPANY COMMANDER'S APPRECIATION.

August 1918

During the month under review, the Company had a great deal of moving about from one sector to another. The Company being attached to Brigades from time to time, received the majority of orders from them, which seemed to work quite satisfactorily. The operations during the month were of the semi-open and open type of warfare, and although the personnel of the Company had not had much practical experience in this kind of warfare, they acquitted themselves excellently as a result of previous lectures and theoretical training.

The casualties during the month were extremely light. This was due in a large measure to the fore thought and experience of the Company Officers.

The moral of the personnel of the Company throughout the period was excellent.

Fine weather was experienced during the month.

Francis Hudd

Captain. O.C.

1st Aust. M.G. Coy.

First Australian Machine Gun Company.

Company Strength, August 1918.

The total strength of the Company as at 1st August 1918 was 14 Officers and 226 other ranks, including 6 Officers and 14 other ranks details.

From 1st Aug. to 7th Aug. inclusive.

4 other ranks were evacuated to Hospital sick.
1 Officer and 1 other rank to United Kingdom on leave.

From 8th Aug. to 14th Aug. inclusive.

7 other ranks were taken on strength from Base.
4 other ranks granted leave to United Kingdom.
1 other rank returned from leave to United Kingdom.
4 other ranks evacuated wounded.

From 15th Aug. to 22nd, Aug. inclusive.

3 other ranks evacuated wounded.
5 other ranks evacuated sick.
1 officer and 2 other ranks returned from United Kingdom leave.
3 other ranks granted leave to United Kingdom.

From 23rd Aug. to 31st Aug. inclusive.

1 other rank killed in action.
6 other ranks evacuated wounded.
3 other ranks evacuated sick.
7 other ranks granted leave to United Kingdom.
1 Officer and 1 other rank returned from leave to United Kingdom.
7 other ranks taken on strength from Base.

TOTAL STRENGTH OF COMPANY AS AT 31st AUGUST 1918:- 14 Officers
216 other ranks.