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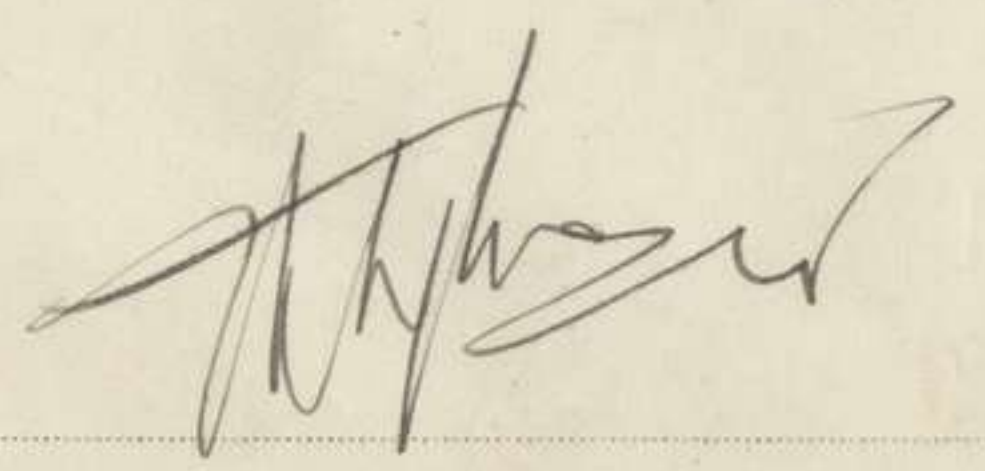
OF

~~FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.~~

FOR

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1918

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Signature of Officer Commanding



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

First Australian Mashine Gun Company. <sup>3</sup>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
6.K.25.95.	1. II. 18.		Company in billrts Training as per syllabus laid down. Recreational training during the afternoon. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	ABBEVILLE. I 4 I : 100000.
6.K.25.95.	2. II. 18.		Parades as per syllabus and absentee round up during the morning .Recreational training during the afternoon. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	Appendix. I .
6.K.25.95.	3. II. 18.		Warning order to prepare to move received from Battn. H.Q. No church Parade. WEATHER FINE.	Appendix. 2 .
6.K.25.95.	4. II. 18.		Memorial Service fpr Australian soldiers held at LONG. during the morning .A number of this unit attends. During the morning training as per syllabus. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	
6.K.25.95.	5. II. 18.		Preparations for move; all gear overhauled and packed in limbers. Recreational training during the afternoon. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	
6.K.25.95.	6. II. 18.		Company resting during the day .WEATHER WET AND COLD. Company is attached to First Aus. Inf. Brigade group as per Battn. Order. No. 52.	Appendix. 3 .
6.K.25.95.	7. II. 18.		Company parade full marching order and route march during the morning. Remainder of the day resting in billets. WEATHER FINE AND COLD.	
HAMEL. (Valencenes 12-	8. II. 18.		In accordance with First AUS, Inf. Bdge. Order No. 126. company moves out of billets at 10.15am to entrain at PONT REMY. March full marching order Transport moves independently 2 hours earlier. Company entrains and leaves at 1.30.p.m. and arrives at TINCOURT at 3.30.a.m. very slow travelling. We march from siding at TINCOURT to billrts at HAMEL, arriving at 5.0.a.m.	Appendix. 4 .

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAMEL.	9. II. 18.		Resting during the day in billets. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	
R. 9.A.5.2.	10. II. 18.		As per instructions <del>can</del> received from First Aus. Inf. Bdge. company moves out full marching order for TINCOURT to embuss, and proceed to the BAZUEL area (Valenciennes I : 100000) at 0715. embuss at 0830 and arrive at BAZUEL at 1345. Here we were met by billeting officer and marched to present destination. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	Sheet, 57b Appendix, 5
R. 9.A.5.2.	11. II. 18.		Parade for inspection of equipment etc. during the morning. Resting during the remainder of the day. Conference at Brigade Hqrs. of unit commanders during the afternoon. Official notification of armistace and cessation of hostilities with enemy at 1100. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	
R. 9.A.5.2.	12. II. 18.		Company parade in billets. Fitting of equip ment and short routr march during the morning. During the afternoon company team plays the First A.L.T.M. Batty. Rugby Football. WEATHER FINE.	
V. 16.C.6.6.	13. II. 18.		Company moves with First Bdge. Group from BAZUEL to BUSIGNY as per instructions contained in First Aus. Inf. Bdge Order No. 128. attached. Arrive at BUSIGNEY at 12.30. p.m. Resting during the afternoon. Capt. F.A. Hudd leaves company on 75. days furlough to England. Lieut. H. Sykes takes over command of the company. WEATHER FINE AND WARM.	Appendix, 6.
V. 16.C.6.6.	14. II. 18.		Company patades as per syllabus attached. All stores and gun gear overhauled. Transport waggons overhauled. Sports committee formed. Recreational training during the afternoon. WEATHER FINE.	Appendix, I.
V. 16.C.6.6.	15. II. 18.		Company training as per syllabus. Short route march. REcreational training during the afternoon.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
(Contd.)	15.II.18.		Lieut. Dutton and Lieut. Martin rejoin Unit. WEATHER FINE AND COOL.	Sheet. 57b.
V.I6.C.6.6.	16.II.18.		Company training as per syllabus. Company is paid. Recreational training during the afternoon WEATHER FINE AND COOL. Conference of unit commanders at First Aus. Bdge H?Qrs.	
V.I6.C.6.6.	17.II.18.		Training as per syllabus. Grade Football match against The Engrs. played during the afternoon we lose. Conference of coy. commanders held at BOHAIN during the afternoon. WEATHER DULL.	
V.I6.C.6.6.	18.II.18.		Preparations for move on hand, overhauling of equipment clothing and boots. Recreational training during the afternoon. WEATHER DULL AND COLD.	
V.I6.C.6.6.	19.II.18.		Limbers packed and oiled preparatory to move on the morrow. Resting during the remaindr of day. Movement orders received from First Bdge. WEATHER SLIGHT SLEET FALLS $\frac{1}{2}$ .	
V.I6.C.6.6.	20.II.18.		Movement cancelled 24 hours. WEATHER DULL AND COLD.	
Sy. 6.J.21.98. (Valenciennes)	21.II.18.		Company moves out with First Aus. Inf. Bdge. group as per instructions contained in First Bdge. Order No.129. per march route for WAZINGHEIM. Marching enroute difficult owing ti frozen state of roads. Arrive at destination at 1.30.p.m. Remainder of day resting. Billets occupied for the night were good. WEATHER VERY COLD.	Appendix. No.7.
5.A.06.46. (Wemar)	22.II.18.		Company moves out again with Bdge. Group enroute for PRISCHES per march route as per instructions in Bdge. Order No.129. March table 2. Arrive at destination at 2.0.p.m. good billets. All horses under cover in stables. Roads very slippery and hard frozen. WEATHER DULL AND COLD.	

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6.A.40.70 (NAMUR)	23-11-18.		Proceed by March Route to SEMERIES with First Aust. Infantry Brigade Group as per instructions contained in First Aust. Brigade Order No. 129 table 3. Arrived at 2 p.m. Billets Good. Marching very heavy owing to the frozen state of the roads. WEATHER VERY GOOD.	
6.A.40.70	24-11-18.		Company remains in SEMERIES during the day. Resting and Boot repairing. WEATHER COLD & FROSTY.	
B.4.57.14.	25-11-18.		Company moves to BEAURIEUX per march route, with First Aust. Infantry Brigade Group as per instructions contained in First Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 130. Remainder of Battalion arrived during the day, and is concentrated under Battalion control. WEATHER COLD.	Appendix 8
B.4.57.14	26-11-18.		Company resting during the day. Repairing of boots and clothing carried out. WEATHER FROSTY.	
B.4.57.14	27-11-18.		Company parades as per syllabus attached. Gun gear and limbers overhauled and cleaned. Recreational training during the afternoon. Company Rugby Team played Combined 2nd and 3rd Machine Gun Companies and win this match. WEATHER SHOWERY.	
B.4.57.14	28-11-18.		Training as per syllabus. Short route march during the morning. Recreational training during the afternoon. WEATHER FROSTY; VERY COLD.	
B.4.57.14	29-11-18.		Company marches to Divisional Baths at SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU, during the early morning. Divisional inspects Company Billets. Recreational training during afternoon. WEATHER VERY COLD.	
B.4.57.14	30-11-18.		Company parades as per syllabus attached. Pay available during the afternoon. Recreational Training Company Soccer Team plays 3rd M.G. Coy., result A drawn game. WEATHER FROSTY & COLD.	

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# WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUS. MACHINE GUN COY.

FOR

MONTH OF NOVEMBER. 1918.

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1.	Company Routine Orders.
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5.	Ist. Aus. Div. Memo. 116/140/67 $\frac{1}{2}$ Admis. Insts. With Ist. Div. Order. No. 131. Company Movement Order.
5.	Company Movement Order. <i>4 Bdge order 127</i>
6.	Ist. Aus. Inf Bdge. Order No. 128. Company movement order.
7.	Ist. Aus. Bdge. Order No. 129. (With move tables.) Amendment to move tables.
8.	Ist. Aus. Bdge Order No. 130.
9.	Syllabus of training .
10.	Machine Gun Battn. Memo. 20/7.
11.	C.Q.M. <u>Sergts. Monthly Appreciation.</u>
12.	Transport Officers Monthly Appreciation.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 64.

BY.

1st NOVEMBER. 1918.

CAPTAIN F.A. HUDD. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. Lieut; Leslie.M.H.  
Next for Duty . Lieut; Leslie.M.H.  
Orderly Sergeant. Sgt ; Littlejohn.H.  
Next for Duty . Sgt ; Atkin .A.  
Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl ; Malone.J.B.  
Next for Duty . L/Cpl ; Fraser.M.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.  
Parade as per Syllabus.

0900.to 0930. 0930.to 1030. 1030.to 1100. 1100.to 1200.

Coy; Inspt'n Combined Practice Company in Line  
& Marching Past  
Close Order Drill. with Transport.  
Drill.

MUSTER  
PARADE.

Every Man on the strength of "B" Section, Batmen, etc,  
will fall in on Company Parade.

REVOLVERS.

Attention is again drawn to the wearing of unauthorised  
Revolvers:- All Ranks are warned that any Man so offend-  
ing will be seriously dealt with.

PART. 2.

TRANSFERS.

NO.7060.Private Short.D.J. from "B" Section to Head Qtrs.  
No. 563. " Thompson.J.E. " " " "

*[Signature]*  
Lieut for O.C.  
1st Australian M.G.Co

NOTICES.

CURRENCY  
&  
NOTES.

All Ranks are cautioned against accepting the following:-  
(a) Enemy Currency Notes.  
(b) Chambre de Commerce Notes or Petites Contures, issued  
by Towns which have been in Enemy occupation.  
(c) Silver Coins of the following Denominations:- 2francs  
1 franc. 50 Centimes, & 20 Centimes, bearing the effigi  
of Napoleon Third with Laurel wreath:- These coins  
being no longer legal Tender.

MEMORIAL  
SERVICE.

By Special Permission of the G.O.C. First Australian  
Division, a special Memorial Service for the repose of the  
Souls of our fallen Comrades will be held in the R.C.  
Church, LONG. on Monday November 4th, at 10-30.A.M. The  
Archbishop of Amiens will preside at the function.  
(Signed) M.J.Brickley.  
R.C. Chaplain.

All ranks desirous of attending the above Service will  
hand their names into Orderly Room by Noon to-day.



## FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No.65.  
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BY.

2nd. NOVEMBER. 1918.  
-----CAPTAIN F. A. HUDD. O.C.  
-----DUTIES.  
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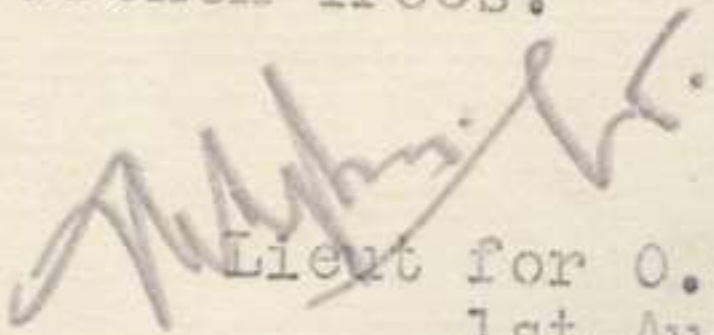
Orderly Officer.	Lieut;	Leslie. M.H.
Next for Duty .	Lieut;	Leslie. M.H.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt ;	Atkin . A.
Next for Duty .	Sgt ;	Cosier. C.N.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl ;	Fraser. M.
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl ;	Smith . N.M.

ROUTINE.  
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Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

PARADES.  
-----Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress;- Full Marching-  
Order:- less Steel Helmets. Box Respirators. & Blanket  
Parade as per Syllabus:-TRAINING.  
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Company Inspection. Route March. Full Marching Order.

PASSES.  
-----No Passes will be issued to any Member of the A.I.F.  
to day.DAMAGE TO  
TREES.  
-----Complaints are being received from French Civilians  
that Trees in the neighborhood of these Billets have  
been damaged. Small trees have been felled, and the  
branches of larger ones cut or broken off.  
It is hoped that men of this Company will respect  
Private Property, and will commit no act likely to  
spoil the beauty of French Trees.  
Lieut for O.C.

1st Australian M.G. Coy.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 66.

BY.

3rd. NOVEMBER. 1918.

CAPTAIN F.A. HUDD. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut; Leslie.M.H.
Next for Duty.	Lieut; Leslie.M.H.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt ; Cosier.C.N.
Next for Duty.	Sgt ; Davison.L.G.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl ; Smith. N.M.
Next for Duty.	L/Cpl ; Bradford.J.

ROUTINE.

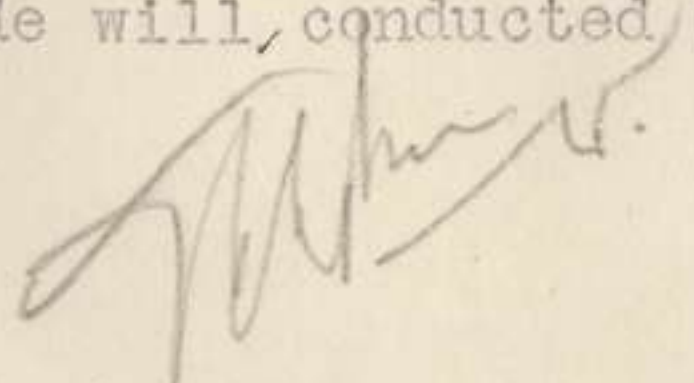
Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

PARADES.

CHURCH PARADE. All men belonging to the R.C. Church will fall in at 8-30.A.M. Dress;- clean fatigue with Belts. Move off at 8-35.A.M. for EPAGNE where Mass will be celebrated at 9-15.A.M.

All other Denominations will fall in at 9.A.M. Service will be held in the Hall.

R.C. Church Parade will, <sup>BE.</sup> conducted by Lieut; Ryan. "M M".

  
Lieut; for O.C.  
1st Aust; M.G. Company.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 67.

BY.

4th. NOVEMBER. 1918.

CAPTAIN F.A.HUDD. O. C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut; Parish. S.  
 Next for Duty . Lieut; Kent . G.M.  
 Orderly Sergeant. Sgt ; Davison. L.G.  
 Next for Duty. . Sgt ; Lee. E.E.  
 Orderly Corporal. L/Cpl ; Bradford. J.  
 Next for Duty . L/Cpl ; Hasking. A.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast: 7-30.A.M.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress :- Drill Order.

SYLLABUS:- will be notified on 9.A.M. Parade.

MEMORIAL  
PARADE.

All Ranks attending Memorial Service at LONG will  
 fall in at 7-45.A.M. Motor Conveyance leaving at  
 8.A.M. **DRESS:- BELT AND BAYONET.**

PART 2.

"B" to HQ.

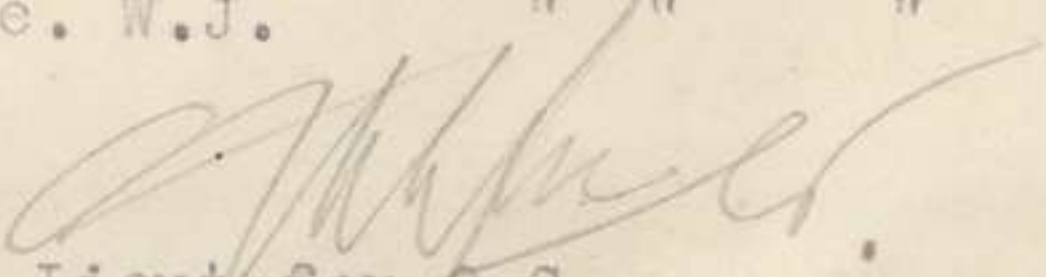
TRANSFERS.

No. 7263 Pte Higginbottom .S.H. from H.Q. to "B" Section.  
 " 638 " Hind. W.O. from Headquarters to "B" Section  
 " 2180 " White. G.B. " "C" Section to Batt'n H.Q.  
 " 3776 " Goswell. F. " "B" " " " "  
 " 4211 " James. J.G. " Headquarters to "B" Section

STRENGTH.

The Undermentioned other Ranks marched in from Base  
 Details, and have been taken on Strength and posted  
 to Sections as under.

No. 432. Pte Skinner to "C" Section.  
 " 464. " Featherstone. W. to "C" Section.  
 " 6407. " Holder H. " " "  
 " 7210. " Burgess. S.E. " "A" "  
 " 1317. " Block. G.J. " " "  
 " 4493. " Jones. R. " " "  
 " 6429. " Brien. C.H. " " "  
 " 3336. " McBean. F.S. " " "  
 " 53521. " Woodbridge. G.W. " " "  
 " 5114. " Hume. L.J. " " "  
 " 131. " Powell. L.W. " "B" "  
 " 53598. " Clarke. W.J. " " "

  
 Lieut for O.C.  
 First Australian Machine Gun Coy.

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 68.

BY.

6th NOVEMBER, 1918

CAPTAIN F.A.HUDD. O.C.

## DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut; Ryan.M. "M.M".
Next for Duty .	Lieut; Cummings.R. "D.C.M."
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt ; Littlejohn.H.
Next for Duty . .	Sgt Rennie. J.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl ; Smith. N.M.
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl ; Dummer. W.

## ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

## HONOURS.

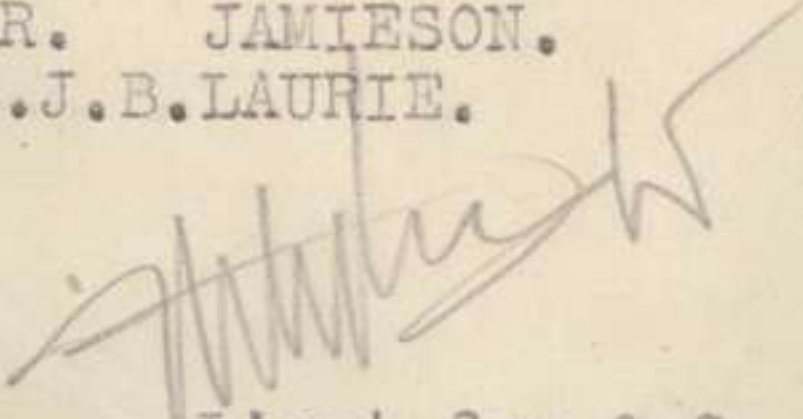
In announcing the undermentioned Awards, The Commanding Officer, 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion, joins me in congratulating the Recipients:-

## BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL

No 1458. Sgt. H.G.LOVEBAND. "M.M." 1st. Aust:M.G.Coy.

## THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 477.	Pte.	S.K.	MATTHEWS.	1st.	Aust:	M.G.Coy.
No.6596.	"	L.	BIRKIN.	"	"	"
No. 154.	"	A.	HOWE.	"	"	"
No.1458.	Sgt.	H.G.	LOVEBAND.	"	"	"
No.1578.	Cpl.	A.	KERR.	"	"	"
No.2782.	Sgt.	H.	ROSENGREN.	"	"	"
No.7492.	Pte.	R.	JAMIESON.	"	"	"
No. 329.	Pte.	A.J.B.	LAURIE.	"	"	"



Lieut for O.C.

1st Australian M.G.Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No. 69.

BY.

7th. NOVEMBER. 1918.

CAPTAIN F.A. HUDD. O.C.

DUTIES..

Orderly Officer.	Lieut;	Cummings. R. "D.C.M."
Next for Duty .	Lieut;	Luscombe. H.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt	; Rennie. J.
Next for Duty .	Sgt	; Kerr. A. "M.M."
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl	; Dummer. W.
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl	; Fox. C.W.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
-----COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No  
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BY.

16th. NOVEMBER. 1918.  
-----LIEUT; H. SYKES. O.C.  
-----DUTIES.  
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Orderly Officer.	Lieut; Luscombe. F.
Next for Duty .	Lieut; Williams. C.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt ; Atkins .H .
Next for Duty .	Sgt ; Cosier . C.N.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl ; Smith . N.M.
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl ; Cardle . J.

ROUTINE.  
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Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

PARADES.  
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Full Company Parade at 0930. Dress:- Drill Order.

AMMUNITION.  
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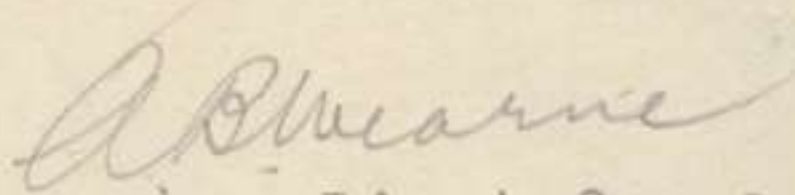
"A". "B". "C". and "D". Sections, Headquarters, and Transport Sergeants will render a Certificate to the Orderly Room by 12 Noon to-day certifying that all Men have full complement of Ammunition in their possession.

QUOIT  
TENNIS.  
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1 Representative from each Section and Transport will meet Lieut; Wearne at Orderly Room at 2.P.M. to-day for the purpose of forming a Club.

MAIL.  
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In future all Mail for Censoring will be collected by Section Sergeants and handed to their respective Officers.



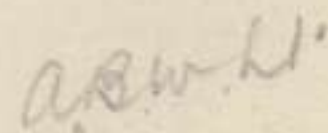
Lieut for O.C.

1st Australian Machine G. Coy.

## After Order.

STRENGTH  
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Lieut. S.H. Dutton & Lieut. C.R. Martin having rejoined the company are taken on the strength.  
Lieut C.R. Martin to ~~take~~ resume duties with " " section



Appendix 1

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No:

BY.

19th. NOVEMBER.1918.

LIEUT; H. SYKES. O.C.

DUTIES.	Orderly Officer.	Lieut; Leslie. M.H.
-----	Next for Duty .	Lieut; Cumming. R. "D.C&M?"
	Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt ; Littlejohn.H.
	Next for Duty .	Sgt ; Kerr. A. "M.M."
	Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl ; Moyle. C.
	Next for Duty .	L/Cpl ; Jamieson.H.R.S."M.M."

ROUTINE. Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

PARADES. Full Company Parade at 0930. Dress:- Drill Order.  
 ----- Inspection and Route March. 1030 to 1200:- Cleaning  
 Equipment and Clothes, etc.

BOUNDS. Bohain Station Yards are out of Bounds to all Troops  
 ----- excepting those on Duty.

FATIGUES. Two Men per Section will be detailed to report to the  
 ----- C.S.M. at 0945. at Orderly Room.

Lieut for O.C.  
 1st Australian Machine Gun Coy.

P A R T . 2 .

PROMOTIONS AND REVERSIONS. To be Temporary Sergeant:-  
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 No 1625. L/Cpl Sanders.R.L. vice  
 Sgt; Martin, Evacuated. To date 17th October. 1918.

No. 1625. T/Sgt Sanders.R.L. to Lance Corporal vice Sgt Davison rejoining. to date 17th October,1918. P.B. No 144857  
 No. 435. T/Cpl. Davies. D.T.M. to Private. vice Cpl Mawson rejoining. To date:- 30th October. 1918.  
 No. 474. T/Cpl Rolley.F.B. Evacuated Sick. 1st November.1918 reverts to Private.  
 No. 1996. T/Cpl. Morris.J.T. Evacuated Sick.6th November1918 reverts to L/Cpl. P.B. No. 92857.  
 No. 2717. T/Sgt. Rennie. J.W. to Corporal. to date 17th.Nov; 1918. P.B. No. 97457.  
 No 2336. Dvr. Burns.A.P. reverts to Pte. vice Lee rejoined. 26th November. 1918.  
 No. 325. Dvr. Gorton.A.O. " " " " Haeney " 26th. November. 1918.

*Dutton* Lieut for O.C.  
 1st Australian Machine Gun Coy

N O T I C E .

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 A Photographic Club is being formed. A meeting will be held at 4.P.M. at the C.Q.M, Store. All Persons desirous of becoming Members are invited to attend.

Lieut;  
 19-11-18.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. No.

BY.

20th November. 1918.

LIEUT; H. SYKES. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut; Cumming. R. "D.C.M."
Next for Duty .	2/Lieut; Parish . S.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt ; Kerr . A "M.M."
Next for Duty .	Sgt ; Sanders. R.L.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl ; Jamieson.H.R.S. "M.M."
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl ; Malone. J.B.

ROUTINE.

Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0930. Dress:- Clean Fatigue with Rifles. Cleaning Gun Gear and General Parade.

HAIRCUTTING ETC.

Haircutting, Boots, and Clothes Repairing will be carried out by the "A" and "B" Sections as follows:-

"A" Section:- Morning.  
 "B" Section:- Afternoon.

PART 2.

TRANSFERS.

No 1623. T/Sgt Sanders. R.L. from "D" to "B" Section

*Hutton*

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



FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS. NO.

BY.

27th NOVEMBER. 1918.

LIEUT: H. SYKES. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer.	Lieut. Ryan. M. "M.M."
Next for Duty .	Lieut. Martin.
Orderly Sergeant.	Sgt . Sanders. L.R.
Next for Duty .	Sgt . Atkins . A.
Orderly Corporal.	L/Cpl . Bradford. J.
Next for Duty .	L/Cpl . Cardle. J.

Routine.

Reveille:- 7-30. A.M. Breakfast:- 8.A.M.

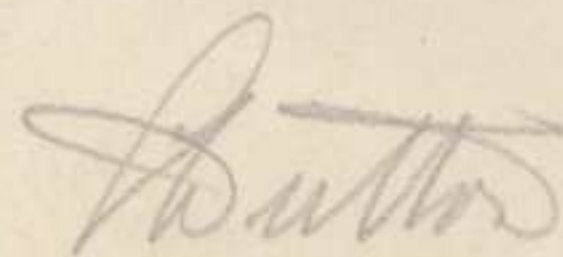
PARADES.

Full Company Parade at 0900. Dress:- Drill Order.  
Cleaning Billets, Limbers, Etc. Overhauling Gun-Gear  
1030 to 1200.

Recreational Training 1400 to 1600.

IRON RATIONS.

Return stating number of Iron-Rations required to complete  
complete Sections will be rendered to Orderly-Room by  
1200, the 27th Instant.



Lieut for O.C.  
1st Australian M.G. Company.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

29/11/18.

LIEUT. H. SYKES. O. C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer  
Next for Duty  
Orderly Sergeant  
Next for Duty  
Orderly Corporal  
Next for Duty

Lieut. Iascombe.  
Lieut. Williams.  
Sgt. Cosier.  
Sgt. Davison.  
L/Cpl. Dummer.  
L/Cpl. Conn.

PARADE.

Reveille:- 0600  
Breakfast:- 0615

Bathing Parade will be held tomorrow as per table below:-

"A" and "B" Sections under Lieut. M. H. Leslie will move to Baths at SOLRE le Chateau at 0700.

"C" and "D" Sections under Lieut. R. Cumming "D.C.M." will move at 0730.

"Transport" and "H.Q." under Lieut. Martin will move at 0800.

DRESS: † Clean Fatigue with Towels.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

30/11/18.

COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUT. H. SYKES H. O.C.

DUTIES.

Orderly Officer  
Next for Duty  
Orderly Sergeant  
Next for Duty  
Orderly Corporal  
Next for Duty.

Lieut. Williams.  
Lieut. Leslie.  
Sgt. Davison.  
Sgt. Littlejohns  
L/Cpl. Conn.  
L/Cpl. Moyle

PARADES.

0900.

Dress:- Drill Order.

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

"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	
			By.....	To.....	
Charges to Collect					
Service Instructions					

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 1st M G Co

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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R. 678	4		AAA
Rif	This	Office	34/23
8)	even	date	aaa
man	postponed		24
has	ack	acknowledged	

FROM 1st M G Co  
TIME & PLACE

"C" FORM.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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			From.....	At.....m.	AUSTRALIAN ENGINEER COMPANY.
			By.....	To.....	
Charges to Collect					
Service Instructions					

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 1st A G Coy

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Urgent	aaa	Reference	
programme		of work	
for next		week	aaa
each		company	will
be		complete	and
ready		in every	detail
to		move	if necessary
on		Tuesday	15th
and		a report	to
the		above	effect
be		rendered	to
Bath		at 9	by
on		14th	1800
acknowledge		via	aaa

FROM 1st A G Coy  
PLACE & TIME

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Battalion Headquarters,  
6th. November, 1918.BATTALION ORDER NO. 52.

1. The 1st. Aust. Division (Less Artillery and M.T. Vehicles) will move by rail from the LONG to the EPEHY - ROISEL - TINCOURT Area by train on the 6th. and 7th. November.
2. Companies will be attached to Brigade Groups as under for the move :-
  - 1st. Aust. M.G. Company - "B" Group - 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
  - 2nd. Aust. M.C. Company - "A" Group - 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
  - 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company )
  - 21st. Aust. M.G. Company ) "C" Group - 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
  - 1st. Aust. M.G. Bn. (H.Q.)
3. Officers Commanding Companies will keep in close touch with Brigade Headquarters of Group to which they are attached.
4. Machine Gun Battalion Headquarters will entrain at LONGPRE Station at 2316 on 7.11.18 and detrain at ROISEL.
5. On arrival in new area, Companies will render location reports to Battalion Headquarters, as soon as possible.
6. Officers Commanding Companies will ensure that Administrative Instructions issued by Division and Brigades, relative to the under-mentioned are adhered to :-
  - (1) Billeting parties. (to be provided with Bicycles)
  - (2) Area Stores.
  - (3) Supply Arrangements.
  - (4) Claims
  - (5) Entraining States.
  - (6) Detraining States.
  - (7) Embussing States.
  - (8) Location Reports.
7. Quartermaster will make all arrangements as to supplies.
8. Sig. Sergeant will arrange for communication between Companies and Battalion Headquarters, as soon as possible after arrival in new area.
9. Usual Certificates as to cleanliness of billets will be obtained from Area Commandants or Billet Wardens.
10. Billeting Certificates will be rendered to Battalion Headquarters up to and including day of departure.
11. Battalion Headquarters will close at LONG at 2030 on the 7th. inst., and re-open in new area on arrival.

12. Acknowledge.DISTRIBUTION.

1. War Diary.
2. File.
3. 1st. Aust. Division.
4. 1st. Aust. M.G. Company.

*Shubert*  
for  
Captain and Adjutant,  
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

5. 2nd. Aust. M.G. Company.
6. 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company.
7. 21st. Aust. M.G. Company.

A P P E N D I X. No.4.

Ist. AUS. EDGE. ORDER No.126.(With move tables.)

Ist. AUS. DIV. MEMO. 116/140/67.

ADMIS. INSTS. WITH Ist. DIV. ORDER No.131.

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER.

1st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUNFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No. 116/140/67

Date.....

Divisional Headquarters  
4th November, 1918.

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Instructions for the Move of a Division by Rail.

The following instructions regarding the Move of a Division or part of a Division by rail are republished for the information of all concerned. It is essential that all Officers are fully acquainted with these Instructions.

1. Strategical Trains will be used for the purpose.  
A Strategical Train is made up of -

1 Officers' Coach  
30 Covered Trucks  
17 Flat Trucks  
2 Brake Vans

Each covered truck will carry -

40 Men  
8 L.D. Horses or Mules  
6 H.D. Horses

Each flat truck will take on an average 4 axles.

No personnel or stores will be allowed in the Brake Vans at each end of the train, nor on the roofs of coaches.

No covered trucks will be used for luggage as this restricts the space available for personnel.

2. Infantry Transport will arrive at the Entraining Station three hours before the time of departure of the train; Infantry Personnel  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before time of departure of train.

Both Transport and personnel of all other units will arrive at the Entraining Station three hours before the departure of the train.

3. Each Infantry Brigade will detail a Working Party of 2 Officers and 100 men with a Cooker to report to the R.T.O. at the Entraining Station, at least 4 hours before the time of departure of the first train for that Brigade Group. This Working Party will act as a Loading Party for the whole of the entraining from that Station. This Loading Party will be commanded by an Officer not below the rank of Captain.

The O.C. or an Officer from each Party will report as early as possible to the R.T.O. at the Entraining Station in order to obtain full information as to his duties. This Officer will also make arrangements with the Area Commandant concerned for his party to be billeted as near as possible to the Entraining Station. This Loading Party will proceed by the last train leaving the Station.

A similar Party will be detailed for the Detraining Station.

G.O'sC. Brigades will detail an Officer of the rank of Major or Senior Captain to represent the Brigade at the Entraining and Detraining Station. This Officer's name should be published in the Brigade Order for the move and be known to all concerned.

4. A complete Marching Out State will be sent down to the R.T.O. at least three hours before the departure of the train, showing the number of Officers, Other Ranks, Horses - heavy draught or light draught - the number of four-wheeled vehicles, two-wheeled vehicles and bicycles, in order that the accommodation on the train can be checked by the R.T.O. prior to the unit entraining.

5. Billeting Parties, provided with bicycles, for all units of the Brigade Group will proceed on the first train from each Station.

6. All units will be completely entrained half an hour prior to the time of departure of the train.

7. Breast Ropes for Horse Trucks will be provided by units. Ropes for lashing vehicles on to flat trucks are provided by the Railway Authorities.

8. Pickets will be provided at all stops for each end of the train to prevent troops leaving the train without permission.

9. Lewis Guns will be provided whenever possible for each train. These Guns will be mounted in suitable places on the train and used against low-flying hostile aircraft which attempt to attack the train.

*H. G. Tierney*  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
A. A. & Q. M. G.,  
1st Australian Division.



SECRET.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 126.Brigade Headquarters,  
6th. November, 1918.Ref. Map - FRANCE, Sheet 57E.

1. The Division (less Artillery and M.T. Vehicles) is moving by strategical train from the LONG to the EPEHY, ROISEL, TINCOURT AREA on the 6th. and 7th. November, 1918.

2. 1st. Brigade Group composed as under will move on 6th. and 7th. November in accordance with time table and detailed orders to be issued.

1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

No. 1 Coy., 1st. M.G. Bn.

No. 2 Sect., Sig. Coy.

1st. Field Coy., A.E.

1st. Aust. Field Amb.

No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.

3. Units will move to entraining stations in accordance with Tables "A" and "B".

4. (a). The following will move in accordance with Table "A" on the 6th. and 7th. November, staying night 6th/7th. in VILLERS-sous-AILLY :-

1st. Field Coy., A.E.

1st. Aust. Battalion.

1st. Aust. Field Amb.

No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.

(b). Billeting Parties of each Unit mentioned in sub-para. (a) will report to Lieut. WAUGH, 1st. Battalion, at BILLET WARDEN'S office, VILLERS-sous-AILLY at 12 noon on 6th. November with states.

(c). 8th. Aust. Infantry Battalion will be clear of VILLERS-sous-AILLY by 1400 on 6th. November, 1918.

5. Separate instructions will be issued for the move by road of Ambulances.

6. Brigade representatives will notify O.C. each train, on arrival at detraining station, of billets and routes thither.

7. (a). Brigade Entraining and Detraining Officers, and loading and unloading parties, will be as follows:-

HANGEST.

Entraining Off. - Lieut. WAUGH, 1st. Bn.

Loading party. - 1 Off. 50 O/Ranks,  
1st. Battn.EPEHY.

Detraining Off. - Lt. X

Unloading party. - 1 Off. 50 O/Ranks,  
1st. Fld. Co., A.E.LONGPRE.

Entraining Off. - Major VERNON, 2nd. Bn.

Loading Party. - 1 Off. 50 O/Ranks,  
2nd. Battn.ROISEL. - Detraining Off. -

Capt. WOLFF, 4th. Bn.

Unloading party. - 1 Off. 50 O/R., 4th.  
Bn.PONT REMY.

Entr. Off. - Capt. PLUNKETT, 3rd. Bn.

Loading Party. - 1 Off. 50 O/Ranks,  
3rd. Battn.TINCOURT.

Detraining Off. - Lt. BAIRD, 3rd. Bn.

Unloading Party. - 1 Off. 50 O/Ranks,  
1st. M.G. Compy.

(b). No troops will enter station yard at the Entraining Station until permission has been obtained from the R.T.O. or Brigade Entraining Officer. After detraining troops will move clear of station premises as soon as possible.

9. Brigade Headquarters will close at EPAGNE at 0500, 7th. November, 1918, reports prior to entrainment to R.T.O.'s office, PONT REMY and during journey to R.T.O.'s office, TINCOURT.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*M.C. 29*

*R. R. Agnew*  
Capt.,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Issued at 1100, 5/11/18, through Signals.  
DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 1. G.O.C.
- 2. Brigade Major.
- 3. Staff Captain.
- 4. Bde. Camp Commdt.
- 5. No. 3 Coy., Sig. Section.
- 6. 1st. Aust. Battalion.
- 7. 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
- 8. 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
- 9. 4th. Aust. Battalion.
- 10. 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
- 11. C.R.E.
- 12. 1st. Field Coy., A.E.
- 13. A.D.M.S.
- 14. 1st. Field Ambulance.
- 15. O.C., Div. Train.
- 16. No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.
- 17. 1st. Aust. M.G. Battn.
- 18. No. 1 Coy., 1st. M.G. Bn.
- 19. 1st. Aust. Division.
- 20-22. War Diary.
- 23-26. Spares.

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(a) The following units will be moved to the new position at 0300 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (a) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (b) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (c) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (d) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (e) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (f) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (g) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (h) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (i) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (j) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (k) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (l) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (m) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (n) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (o) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (p) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (q) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (r) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (s) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (t) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (u) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (v) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (w) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (x) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (y) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918. The units mentioned in sub-para (z) will report to the Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Division, at 0800 hours on 11th November 1918.

A. G. HOWLAND

R. A. [Signature]

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

5.11.18

S E C R E T.

TABLE A ISSUED WITH DRESSING ORDER No. 126 of 5/11/18.

Serial No.	Unit in order of march	Date.	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE.	DESTINATION.	REMARKS.
			Place.	Time of passing			
1.	1st. Battalion.	6/11/18.	H.26.D.1.3.	1238.	S.P.-AILLY Le HAUT CLOCHER.	VILLERS-sous-AILLY.	Dress-Full Marching Order.
2.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.	"	G.25.B.9.2.	1200.	S.P.-G.24.A.8.1.-BUIGNY 1' ABBE-H.26.D.	do	To march under command O.C., 1st. Bn. on passing H.26.D.1.3.
3.	1st. Aust. Field Amb.	"	N.24.B.7.2.	1300.	S.P.-COCQUEREL - LONG - N.29.B.2.7.	do	
4.	No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.	"	"	1304.	do do do	do	
5.	1st. Fla. Co., A.E. (less transport)	7/11/18.	O.15.D.1.6.	0542.	S.P.-MOUFLERS-LA FOLLE.	HANGEST Railway Stn.	} Under command 1st. Field Coy. Engineers.
6.	1st. Field Amb. (less transport)	"	"	0543.	FLIXECOURT-V.13.A.5.0.- V.30.Central.	do	
7.	1st. Bn. Loading Party.	"	"	0412.	do do do	do	
8.	1st. Bn. (less transport & Serial 7.)	"	"	0930.	do do do	do	
<u>TRANSPORT.</u>							
9.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.	7/11/18.	O.15.D.1.6.	0413.	FLIXECOURT - V.13.A.5.0.- V.30.Central.	HANGEST Railway Stn.	} Under 1st. Field Coy. T.O.
10.	1st. Field Ambulance.	"	"	0415.	do do do	do	
11.	1st. Battalion.	"	"	0812.	do do do	do	} Under command of O.C., No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.
12.	No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.	"	"	0814.	do do do	do	

NOTE. - Halts of 10 minutes to each clock hour will be observed.

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TABLE "B" ISSUED WITH BRIGADE ORDER No. 126 of 5/11/18.

Serial.	Units.	Date.	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE.	DESTINATION.	Remarks.
			Place.	Time of passing.			
13.	1st. Brigade Hdqrs.	7/11/18.	M.2.D.4.2.	0550.	S.P., EAUCOURT, PONT REMY.	PONT REMY Railway Stn.	No halts.
14.	No.2 Signal Section.	"	"	0550.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
15.	1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	"	"	0551.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
16.	Loading Party, 3rd. Bn.	"	"	0416.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
17.	No.1 Coy., M.G. Bn. (less transport)	"	"	0545.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
18.	3rd. Bn. (less transport & Serial 18.)	"	"	0945.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
19.	4th. Bn. (less transport)	"	G.35.B.3.6.	0700.	S.P. - M.5.C. - PONT REMY M.23.A.O.O. - FONTAINE-sur-SOMME.	LONGPRE.	Halts 10 min. to clock hour.
20.	Loading Party, 2nd. Bn.	"	M.9.D.3.6.	0620.	S.P. - PONT REMY - M.23.A.O.O. -FONTAINE-sur-SOMME.	do	do
21.	2nd. Bn. (less transport and Serial 20.)	"	"	1146.	do do do	do	do
<u>TRANSPORT of Units.</u>							
22.	No.1 Coy., 1st. M.G. Bn.	7/11/18.	M.2.D.4.2.	0410.	Same as Serial No.13.	PONT REMY.	No halts.
23.	No.2 Coy., Sig. Section.	"	"	0415.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
24.	Brigade Headquarters.	"	"	0415.	" " " "	" " "	" " "
25.	4th. Battalion.	"	G.35.B.3.6.	0530.	Same as Serial No.19.	LONGPRE.	Halts 10 minutes to clock hour
26.	2nd. Battalion.	"	M.9.D.3.6.	1016.	Same as Serial No.20.	do	Halts 10 mins. to clock hour.
27.	3rd. Battalion.	"	M.2.D.4.2.	0815.	Same as Serial No.13.	PONT REMY.	No halts.

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SECRET.TRAIN TIME TABLE.ISSUED WITH 1st. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 126 of 5/11/18.

Train No.	UNIT.	Entraining Station.	Departure Date.	Time.	Detraining Station.
9.	1st. A.I. Bde. Hdqrs. No. 2 Section, Sig. Coy. No. 1 Coy., M.G. Bttn. 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	PONT REMY.	7/11/18.	0755.	TINCOURT.
10.	1st. Field Ambulance. 1st. Field Coy., A.E.	HANGEST.	7/11/18.	1027.	EPEHY.
11.	4th. Bn. plus 2 Baggage and 2 Supply Wagons.	LONGPRE.	7/11/18.	1116.	ROISEL.
12.	3rd. Bn. plus 2 Baggage and 2 Supply Wagons.	PONT REMY.	7/11/18.	1155.	TINCOURT.
13.	1st. Bn. plus 2 Baggage and 2 Supply Wagons. No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.	HANGEST.	7/11/18.	1427.	EPEHY.
14.	2nd. Bn. plus 2 Baggage and 2 Supply Wagons.	LONGPRE.	7/11/18.	1516.	ROISEL.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,  
5th. November, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONSIN CONNECTION WITH 1st. BRIGADE ORDER No. 12<sup>a</sup>.

1. Area Stores will be returned to nearest Area Commandant or Billet Warden. Copies of receipts to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 1800 on 7th. inst.  
Paillases will be returned to D.A.D.O.S.  
Tents will be struck and stacked in a central spot by 1200 on 6/11/18. Camp Commandant, Brigade Headquarters, will arrange to collect and give receipts. Care must be taken that all pegs, guy ropes and poles are complete.
2. All surplus training ammunition will be delivered to and handed over to Area Commandant, EPAGNE, before unit moves from its billeting area. Receipts will be obtained and copies forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters before 1800 on 7th. inst.
3. All Town Majors found by Units of this Brigade for the villages in the present area will rejoin their Units by 1800 on 6th. inst. and move with them.
4. Units will move with full echelons of S.A.A., Grenades, Tools, etc.
5. Breast ropes for Horse Trucks will be provided by Units. Ropes for lashing vehicles on to flat trucks are provided by the Railway authorities.
6. The O.C. Train will be responsible that picquets are provided at all stops for each end of the train to prevent troops leaving the train without permission; also that Lewis Guns are mounted in suitable places on the train for A.A. work if required.
7. Supply and Baggage Wagons will accompany units and entrain with them. All vehicles will be entrained fully loaded. All water carts will be entrained full. Horses will be watered prior to entrainment.
8. Should the Brigade Group move forward by bus on the day following detrainment a supply of dixies for cooking purposes and rations for the day following the day of the move by bus will be taken on the Busses.
9. One Officer from Brigade Headquarters and one from each Battalion to act as Billeting Officer and Guide at the detraining station will report to 1st. Field Ambulance, PONT REMY, at 1330 on 6/11/18 to proceed by Ambulance. Only a haversack containing personal gear and rations will be carried.
10. One G.S. wagon will be detailed by Brigade Headquarters for use of 1st. L.F.H. Bty. throughout the move. This wagon will march with and form part of Brigade Headquarters transport.
11. All claims will be settled before leaving the area and an Officer detailed to remain behind for three hours after unit moves out to settle any outstanding claim. Local Maire will be so informed.

*Handwritten signature*  
*Handwritten signature* Capt.,  
 Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

1st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
34/23 BATTALION.

Headquarters, 4.11.18.

- 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy. ✓
- 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 4th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
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Reference attached. - Move postponed for 24 hours.

*Acknowledge.*  
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Lieut. and A/Adjutant,  
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

Appendix 4

1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISIONAL  
BATTALION.  
34/23

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
4th November, 1918.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS issued with  
1st Australian Divisional Order No. 131.

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TRAIN TIMINGS.

The Division will entrain in accordance with the detailed timings for entraining attached.

2. SUPERVISION OF ENTRAINMENT.

Major J.L. HARDIE, D.S.O., D.A.A.G. will remain at LONG and supervise the entrainment. Messages may be sent to him at 'A.Q.' Office, LONG.

No troops or transport will enter the Station yard at the Entraining Station until permission has been obtained from the R.T.O. or the Brigade Entraining Officer.

Each Brigade will detail an Entraining Officer and a Loading Party of 50 men for duty at each Entraining Station. These Parties will entrain with the last train of their Brigade Group at each Entraining Station.

3. MILITARY POLICE, TRAFFIC CONTROL, ETC.

The D.A.P.M. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 Military Police to accompany each Brigade Group. The necessary arrangements for Traffic Control at Entraining and Detraining Stations will be made by D.A.P.M. in consultation with Staff Captains, Brigade Groups.

4. DETRAINING.

After detraining troops will move clear of the Station premises as soon as possible. Each Brigade will detail a Detraining Officer and an unloading party of 50 men for each Detraining Station. This Party will travel by the first train of each Brigade Group from each Entraining Station.

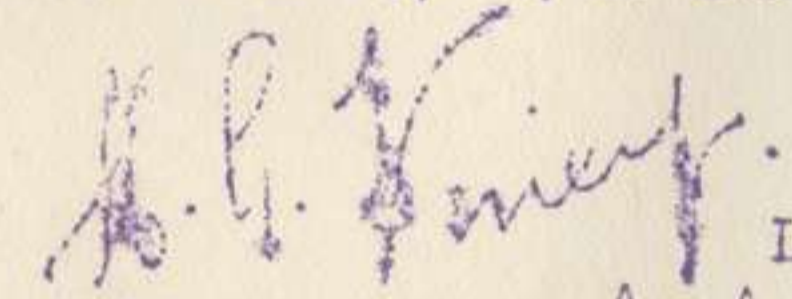
5. BILLETING.

Guides will be provided (under Brigade arrangements) to conduct units to Billeting Areas on detrainment.



6. AREA STORES.  
 No Area Stores will be taken from the present Billoting Areas. Receipts will be obtained for all Area Stores returned to Area Commandants or billet Wardens. Copies of these Receipts will be forwarded to D.H.Q. by 1800 on the 8th instant.  
 All Paillasses drawn by units in the present Area will be returned to D.A.D.C.S. by 1800 on 5th instant.
7. TRAINING AMMUNITION.  
 Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1642 of 14/1/18 which is republished herewith for information. In compliance with this Order Brigades will collect all surplus Training Ammunition into one Dump in their Brigade Area, and hand it over to the Area Commandant. Receipts will be obtained for all such Training Ammunition, Grenades, etc. handed over. A copy of these receipts will be forwarded to D.H.Q. by 1800 on 8th instant.
8. TOWN MAJORS.  
 All Town Majors found by units of the Division for the villages in the present Areas will rejoin their units by 1800 on the 5th instant and move with them.
9. TRANSPORT.  
 Units will move with full Echelons of S.A.A., Grenades, Tools, etc.  
 Supply and baggage Wagners will accompany units and entrain with them.  
 All vehicles will be entrained fully loaded.  
 All Water Carts will be entrained full.  
 Horses will be watered prior to entrainment.
10. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.  
 Units will refill twice on the 5th instant with rations for the 6th and 7th insts. These rations will be taken with units on the train. On the 6th, 1st and 2nd Brigade Groups will draw at Detraining Stations for consumption on the 8th. The 3rd Brigade Group will refill twice at Detraining Station on the 7th inst. with rations for the 8th and 9th insts. Detailed instructions regarding the supply situation during the move will be notified by Brigade Supply Officers to Staff Captains, Brigade Groups.  
 Should the Brigade Group move forward by Bus on the day following Detrainment a supply of Dixies for cooking purposes and rations for the day following the day of the move by Bus will be taken on the Busses.

11. SURPLUS KIT.  
Attention is drawn to my 102/108 of 3/11/18 relative to the disposal of units' surplus kits.



Lieut.-Colonel  
A. A. & Q. M. G.,  
1st Australian Division.

Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1642.

AMMUNITION - SURPLUS IN TRAINING AREAS.

To avoid wastage of S.A.A. and Grenades issued for Training purposes Group Area Commandants will select a site for an Ammunition Dump in each Divisional Area. This Dump will be under the charge of the Area Commandant concerned. A Division before leaving a Training Area will collect and return all unexpended Ammunition and Grenades to the Area Dump, notifying Army "Q" and the Area Commandant by wire, the amount so returned.

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"A" SUTGADE GROUP. (2nd A. I. Bde)  
G.O.C. Brig-General J. HEARNE, O.B., O.M.G., DSO.

Train No.	UNIT.	Entraining Station.	Departure.		Detraining Station.
			Date.	Time.	
1.	2nd Flid. Amb. 2nd Flid Coy Engrs.	HANGEST.	5-11-18.	2227	EPEHY.
2.	2nd A.I. Bde H.Q. No 4 Section Signal Coy. No. 2 Coy M.G. Battn. 2nd ALTM Bty.	LONGPRE.	5-11-18.	2316	ROISEL.
3.	8th Battalion plus 2 Baggage and 2 Supp- ly Wagons. H.Q. Divisional Engrs.	PONT-REMY.	5-11-18	2355.	TINCOURT.
4.	Half S.A.A. Section D.A.C.	HANGEST.	6-11-18.	0227.	EPEHY.
5.	7th Battn. plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Wagons. Mobile Veterinary Section.	LONGPRE.	6-11-18.	0316.	ROISEL.
6.	8th Battn. plus 2 Baggage & Supply Wagons. No. 3 Coy Divisional Train.	PONT-REMY.	6-11-18.	0355.	TINCOURT.
7.	Half S.A.A. Section D.A.C.	HANGEST.	6-11-18.	0627.	EPEHY.
8.	3th Battn. plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Wagons. Divisional Salvage Company.	LONGPRE.	6-11-18.	0716.	ROISEL.

\*B\* BRIGADE GROUP. (1st Aust. Inf. Bde.)

G.O.C. Brig-General, I.G. HOCKAY D50.

Train No.	UNIT.	Detraining Station.	Departure Date	time	Detraining Station.
9.	1st A.I. Bde H.Q. No. 2 Section Sig. Coy. No. 1 Coy M.G. Batta. 1st ALLEN Bty.	PORT-REMY.	6-11-18.	0755.	TINGOURT.
10.	1st Fld Ambulance 1st Fld Coy. Engrs.	HARGEST.	6-11-18.	1027.	PORT-REMY.
11.	4th Batta. plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Waggons.	LONGPRE.	6-11-18.	1118.	RAISSEL.
12.	3rd Batta plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Waggons.	PORT-REMY.	6-11-18.	1155.	TINGOURT.
13.	1st Batta plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Waggons. No 2 Coy. Div. Train.	HARGEST.	6-11-18.	1427.	PORT-REMY.
14.	2nd Batta. plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Waggons.	LONGPRE.	6-11-18.	1516	RAISSEL.

"O" BRIGADE GROUP (3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.)

G.O.C. Brig-General H. G. BENNETT, C.B. CM.G.

Train No.	UNIT.	Entraining Station.	Departure Date	Time	Detraining Station.
15.	9th Batta plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Waggons.	PONT-REMY.	6-11-18	1855	TINCOURT.
16.	3rd A.I. Bde H.Q. No. 3 Sec. Sig. Coy. No. 3 Coy M.G. Btn. 3rd ALTM Bty.	HANGEST.	6-11-18.	1827	EPEHY.
17.	Divisional H.Q. Div. Reinf. Wing. H.Q. & No. 1 Sec. Signal Coy.	LONGPRE.	6-11-18.	1916.	ROISEL.
18.	12th Batta plus 2 Baggage & 2 Supply Waggons.	PONT-REMY.	6-11-18.	1955.	TINCOURT.
19.	11th Batta. plus 2 baggage & 2 supply Waggons. No. 4 Coy. Div. Train.	HANGEST.	6-11-18.	2227	EPEHY.
20.	8, 9 Batta Headquarters 21st Coy. M.G. Batta. 2 Coys Cookers & Teams of Pioneer Batta.	LONGPRE.	6-11-18.	2316	ROISEL.
21.	Pioneer Bn. less 2 Coys Cookers and Teams.	PONT REMY.	6-11-18.	2355.	TINCOURT.
22.	10th Batta. plus 2 Baggage & 2 supply Waggons.	HANGEST.	7-11-18.	0227.	EPEHY.
23.	3rd Fld Coy Engrs H.Q. Div. Train. 3rd Fld Amb. 2nd Sanitary Sec.	LONGPRE.	7-11-18.	0316.	ROISEL.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER.

Appendix 4

8th NOVEMBER.1918.

TRANSPORT.

Reveille:- 6.A.M. Breakfast:- 6-30.A.M. Move-out at 9.A.M. to Pont-Remy under Transport Officer. No halts En-Route.

COMPANY.

Reveille:- 7.A.M. Breakfast:- 7-30.A.M. Fall In at 10-15.A.M. Proceed to Pont-Remy:- Via Eaucourt. No halts En-Route.

DRESS.

Fall in Full Marching Order:- 1 Blanket to be rolled in Water-Proof sheet to be carried Horseshoe fashion under flap of Pack. Mess Tins and Iron Rations will be carried inside of Pack, Water bottles filled, and full complement of Ammunition to be carried.

BLANKETS.

Extra Blankets will be rolled and placed on Section Limbers.

BILLETS.

Section Officers will be held responsible that all Billets are left in a scrupulous clean condition. Lieut Leslie is detailed to remain behind for 3 hours after departure of Company to settle any claims forthcoming. He will then catch first available Train and rejoin the Company.

EXTRA BLANKET & OFFICERS KITS.

Blankets, Officers Kits, and all gear that is to be carried on Transport must be placed on the Limbers by 3.A.M.

DUTIES.

25 Other Ranks from "C" Section and 25 Other Ranks from "D" Section, under Lieut Cumming, will act as unloading party at Rail Destination. "A" and "B" Sections will be held in readiness to act as picquet on Train.

N.C.O'S

N.C.O's will be held responsible that proper discipline is maintained during the journey, any Man leaving the Train will be placed under arrest.

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.....O.C.  
First Australian Machine Gun Coy.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 127, appendix 5Brigade Headquarters,  
9th. November, 1918.Ref. Map - FRANCE, Sheets  $\left. \begin{matrix} 62B \\ 62C \\ 57B \end{matrix} \right\} 1/40,000.$ 

1. The Division (less Artillery) is moving to the forward area by bus and road on 9th. and 10th. November.

2. The 1st. Brigade Group will move to billets in the BAZUEL Area on 10th. November in accordance with the tables attached -

(a) Personnel by bus;  
(b) Transport by road, staging night 10th/11th. November in ESTREES - JONCOURT area, where transport will come under command of Major VERNON, 2nd. Battalion.

3. Dress - Full marching order plus blankets.

4. Billeting parties will meet units at debussing point on arrival. Major VERNON will arrange billeting for night 10th/11th. November for transport. Representatives of each unit to report (mounted) with statement of transport personnel, horses and vehicles, at 0900 at ESTREES Church on 11th. November to Major VERNON.

5. Embussing Officers. Units will detail embussing officers as under :-

Lieut. BUCHAN, 1st. Battalion, EPEHY Convoy.  
Capt. WOLFF, 4th. Battalion, ROISEL Convoy.  
Capt. PLINKETT, 3rd. Battalion, TINCOURT Convoy.

In addition unit embussing officers will report to their respective convoy embussing officers at embussing point at 0730 with states and one marker per Company.

6. Baggage Wagons, for Dixies, rations, etc. are allotted to units as follows and will be at the tail of the convoy and will be loaded at 0730 at embussing place.

Each Battalion. 2.  
1st. Field Coy., A.E. )  
1st. Field Ambulance. ) 1 each.  
No. 1 Coy., M.G. Bn. )  
Brigade Headquarters. )  $\frac{1}{2}$  each.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Sty. )

7. Units will be told off in parties of 25 and formed up at embussing place ready to embus at 0745.

8. Brigade Headquarters will close at TINCOURT at 0700 on 10th. inst and re-open at BAZUEL on arrival.

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R. R. Agnew

Capt.,  
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
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Move of dismounted personnel by bus (issued with Brigade Order  
No. 127 of 9/11/18.)

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Ser. No.	Date	From	Unit in order of column	Strength	Bus Off	Baggage Lorry	Time of Embussing	Embussing Place on South side of Road	O.C. Column
1.	10th.	EPEHY.	1st. Battalion	20'400'	17	2	0800.	Head column F.8.A.6.3. Tail P.1.D.	Lieut.-Col. A.K. MACKENZIE, "MC".
2.	"	"	1st. Field Coy. A.E.	4'125'	5	1	0800	"	"
3.	"	"	1st. Field Amb.	4'195'	5	1	0800	"	"
4.	"	RCISEL.	2nd. Battalion	20'425'	22	2	0800	Head of column K.18.A.0.7. Tail K.17.A.2.1.	Lieut.-Col. C.D. SASSE, "DSO".
5.	"	"	4th. Battalion	30'450'	24	2	0800	"	"
6.	"	TINCOURT	Brigade Hdqrs	6'100'	5	1/2	0800	Head of column J.18.C.5.3. Tail J.11.D.O.O.	Lieut.-Col. D.T. MOORE, "DSO".
7.	"	"	3rd. Battalion	25'450'	23	2	0800	"	"
8.	"	"	1st. L.T.M. Bty.	3'60'	2	1/2	0800	"	"
9.	"	"	No. 1 Coy. M.G. Bn.	5'100'	6	1	0800	"	"

NOTE. - 1. Convoy embussing Officers to report to O.C. column when embussing complete.  
2. On debussing Units to clear road at once before marching off to billets.

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MOVE OF TRANSPORT issued with BRIGADE ORDER No. 127 of 9/11/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit in order of march.	From	To	Starting Point. Place.	Time of passing.	Route.
1.	10/11/18	1st. Battalion.	EPEHY.	ESTREES 'F.7.B.9.9.' JONCOURT Area.	Railway Crossing.	1100.	LEMPIRE* BELLI- COURT - NAUROY.
2.	"	1st. Field Coy, A.E.	"	"	"	1105.	" "
3.	"	1st. Field Amb.	"	"	"	1110.	" "
4.	"	No. 2 Coy., Div. Train.	"	"	"	1115.	" "
5.	"	2nd. Battalion.	ROISEL	"	K.17.C.1.9 Road Junc.	1100.	HARGICOURT - BELLICOURT - NAUROY.
6.	"	4th. Battalion.	"	"	"	1105.	" "
7.	"	No. 1 Coy., M.G. Bn. & 1st. L.T.M. Bty.	HAMEL.	"	J.18.D.8.3 Road Junc.	1100.	ROISEL-HARGICOURT- BELLICOURT- NAUROY.
8.	"	3rd. Battalion, & Brigade Headqrs.	TINCOURT	"	"	1110	" "

Note. - 1. Brigade Headquarters transport attached to 3rd. Bn. for route.  
 2. 1st. L.T.M. Bty. G.S. wagon attached to No. 1 Coy., M.G. Bn. for route.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

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COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER.

10th NOVEMBER.1918.

- MOVE. Company will move less Transport to Bazuel Area by Bus on  
----- 10th November.
- REVEILLE. 0600. BREAKFAST. 0630. FALL IN:- 0715.  
----- DRESS:- Full Marching Order, both Blankets rolled Horseshoe  
fashion rolled in Waterproof Sheet. Water bottles will be  
filled.
- RATIONS. C.Q.M.Sgt; will arrange for Dixies, Rations, and Indespen-  
----- sible Stores to be placed on Limbered Waggon and conveyed  
to Embussing Point:- J.18. C.5.3. by 0730, where it will be  
loaded into Baggage Bus. Care must be taken not to block the  
Road.
- OFFICERS All Officers Kits, Mess Gear, etc; must be placed on the  
KITS. Limber by 0655. and will then proceed to Embussing Point.  
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- LOADING Loading Party of E. N.C.O. and 6 Men will be detailed from  
PARTY. "A" Section. This Party will report to Embussing Officer at  
----- 0730.
- EMBUSSING Lieut; Luscombe.F.T. will report to Convoy Embussing Officer;  
OFFICER. at Embussing Point at 0730, with State and 1 Marker.  
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- TRANSPORT. Transport will move by Roisel.Hargicourt. Belicourt.Nauroy:-  
----- to Estrees. Joncourt Area. where it will come under the  
Command of Major Vernon:- 2nd. Australian Infantry Battalion.
- STARTING "J" 18. "D" 8.3. (Road Junction.) Time of passing 1100.  
POINT. G.S. Waggon of Aust;L.T.M.Batt'y. will be attached for the  
----- Route.
- BILLETS. L.N.C.O. from Transport will be detailed by Transport Officer  
----- to arrange Billets for the night of 10th and 11th, he will be  
Mounted and report to Major Vernon, at 1300 at "U" 21. D.3.9.  
(Cross Roads between Serain and Premont.) with statement of  
Transport personnel, Horses, and Vehicles. A.L.T.M.Batt'y to  
be included.

*James Macdonald*  
..... Captain.O.C.  
1st Australian M.G. Company.

SECRET.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 128.

12th. November, 1918.

Map reference - Sheet 57B.

1. "B" Brigade Group will move to the BUSIGNY - BECQUIGNY Area by Route march on 13th. November, 1918 in accordance with table overleaf.
2. Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout: 10 minutes halt to each clock hour.  
Units will march to attention with Bands playing whilst passing through towns and on arrival at billeting town.  
The G.O.C. will inspect the column at various stages on the march. Units will not march their men to attention on such occasions.
3. First line transport will accompany units.  
Brakesmen only will march behind each vehicle. All other dismounted men with the transport will march in rear as a formed body in marching order.
4. Dress - Full marching order less blankets.
5. Advanced parties. - Each Battalion will detail an Officer to report to Lieut. STOBO at Brigade Headquarters at 0700, 13th. inst., to proceed by car for billeting.  
In addition units will send cyclist representatives to meet Lieut. STOBO at V.10.D.1.7. N. of BUSIGNEY at 0900 as under -  

Each Battalion.	-	4.
1st. M.G. Compy.	)	- 2 each.
1st. Fld. Coy., A.E.	)	
Other Units.	-	1 each.
6. O.C., 1st. Field Ambulance, will arrange to collect sick for evacuation before 0700.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at BAZUEL at 0900 and re-open at BUSIGNEY at same hour.

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R. R. Agnew

Capt.,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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| 4. Brigade Camp Comdnt.    | 14. 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.           |
| 5. No. 2 Signal Section.   | 15. 1st. Aust. Division.           |
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| 8. 3rd. Aust. Battalion.   |                                    |
| 9. 4th. Aust. Battalion.   |                                    |
| 10. 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |                                    |

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MARCH TABLE issued with Brigade Order No.128 of 12/11/18.

Serial No.	Unit in order of march	Starting Point.		Route.	Destination.
		Place.	Time of passing		
1.	No.2 Coy., A.A.S.C.	Rd. Junct. (E.L.C.P.A.) 1/2 mile N.W. of BAZUEL.	0715.	BAZUEL - LE CATEU - b.4.0.-P.29.D.- BUSIGNEY	BUSIGNEY - BECQUIGNEY Area.
2.	1st. Aust. Battalion.	do	0717.	do do	do
3.	2nd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0729.	do do	do
4.	3rd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0741.	do do	do
5.	4th. Aust. Battalion.	do	0803.	do do	do
6.	Brigade Headqrs. & 1st. L.R.M. Bty.)	do	0815.	do do	do
7.	1st. Aust. M.G. Company.	do	0817.	do do	do
8.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.	do	0822.	do do	do
9.	1st. Aust. Field Amb.	do	0830.	do do	do

NOTE. - 100 yards between Companies and Unit transport.  
500 yards between Battalions.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

13.II.18.

COMPANY MOVEMENT ORDER.

MOVE. Company and Transport will move by march route to the BUSIGNEY-  
BECQUIGNEY AREA on 13.II.18.

REVEILLIE. 0600. BREAKFAST. 0630 FALL IN. 0740.

DRESS. Full marching order less blankets. Water bottles will be filled and waterproof sheets will be placed inside of pack.

BLANKETS. All blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten labelled and placed on G.S.Waggon by 0700. SECTION SERGTS. will be held responsible that this is done to time.

C.S.M. will detail two men to proceed with companys blankets to road junction at Brigade H.Qrs. and load and accompany same with motor lorry to destination.

C.Q.M.S. will also proceed with this wa G.S.Waggon and draw rations at 0800 at dump.

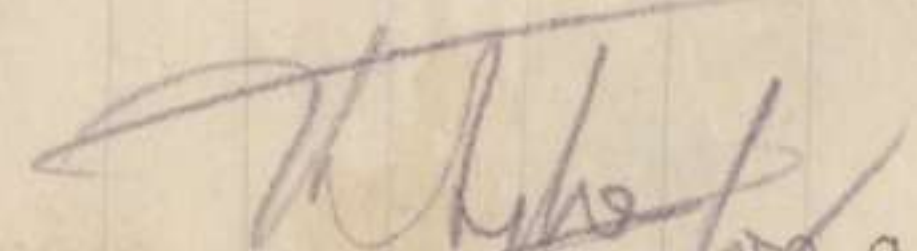
OFFICERS Will be placed on limbers by 0730. Mess gear will also be placed on WAGGONS. limbers at that hour.

BILLETING OFFICER. Lieut. Ryan M.MM. will report to Lieut. Stobo at Brigade H.Qrs. AT 0700. with billeting state.

TRANSPORT. Will move with company .Usual distances being observed throughout.

STARTING POINT. R.I.C.8.4. (Road Junction). Time of passing 0817.

CYCLISTS. C.S.M. will detail two cyclists to report to Lieut. Stobo at V.I.O.D.I.7. N. of BUSIGNEY at 0900.

  
Ist. Aus M.G. Coy.

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Appendix 6

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## 1st. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 129.

Ref. Map VALENCIENNES. } 1/100,000.  
St. QUENTIN. }

20th. November, 1918.

1. The 1st. Brigade Group, composed of units included on march table attached, will move by march route to the following areas on dates as under in accordance with the march tables.
 

21st. November.	From	BUSIGNY	to	MAZINGHIEN.
22nd. November.	"	MAZINGHIEN	"	PRISCHES.
23rd. November.	"	PRISCHES	"	SEMERIES.
2. (a) March table for 21st. November attached.  
1st. Pioneer Battalion will move ~~independently~~ as instructed.  
(b) March Tables for 22nd. and 23rd. November to be issued later.
3. Billeting parties will move in two echelons -
  - (a) The forward party already detailed which will proceed ~~with~~ ahead with Lieut. STOBO, 1st. Brigade representative. This party will allot areas to the second party on arrival and then proceed on to the next area, keeping one day in advance of the Brigade Group.
  - (b) Unit billeting parties, who will proceed by bicycle in advance of their Units on the day of march, and meet their representative of the 1st. party at the Town Major's office, two hours before arrival of Units, from where they will receive details of their area.  
They then arrange to meet their own unit on the road of advance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile before the unit arrives at their billets.
  - (c) One Liaison billeting officer from the 2nd. A.I. Brigade Group will report to each unit of this Group and travel forward with ~~them~~ to arrange billets for the 2nd. Brigade Group, which is following a day later.
4. Dress. - Full marching order less blankets.
5. 4th. Army Standing Orders will be observed.
6. Certificates that billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 1600 on day of each move.
7. Additional transport for carrying blankets is allotted as under and will remain with and be rationed by the respective units. -
 

Each Battalion.	-	1 G.S. wagon & 1 G.S. limber.
1st. Field Amb.	-	1 G.S. wagon.
1st. M.G. Compy.	-	1 G.S. limber.
1st. Fld. Coy., A.E)		
Brigade Hdqrs.	}	1 motor lorry for blankets only.
1st. L.T.M. Bty.		

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Guides for transport from each Unit except Pioneers will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 0830.

1st.L.T.M.Battery and 1st.Field Coy.,A.E. will leave only one man behind to load their blankets; these men will proceed on lorry.

8. 1st.Brigade Headquarters will close at BUSIGNY at 0930 on 21st.November and re-open at 0930 in MAZINGHIEN.

ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigade Group).

H. R. [Signature]  
Capt.

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade

Issued to Signals at .....

DISTRIBUTION - Same as for Brigade Order No.128.  
Also copy to 1st.Aust.Pioneer Battalion.

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MARCH TABLE issued with BRIGADE ORDER No.129.

Serial No.	Unit in order of march.	Starting Point.		ROUTE.	Remarks.
		Place.	Time of passing.		
1.	2nd. Aust. Battalion	6.F.71.47.	0850.	BUSIGNY-6.F.71.47. 6.F.93.41-6.G.11.43 St.SOUPLET - L'ARBRE de GUISE- MAZINGHIEN.	
2.	4th. Aust. Battalion	do	0900.	do do	
3.	3rd. Aust. Battalion	do	0910.	do do	
4.	1st. Aust. Battalion	do	0920.	do do	1st. Bn. on arrival
5.	1st. Bde. details.) 1st. L.T.M. Bty.	do	0925.	do do	at L'ARBRE de GUISE
6.	1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.	do	0929.	do do	turn S. to RIBEAUVILLE.
7.	1st. Fld. Coy., A.E.	do	0937.	do do	
8.	1st. Aust. Fld. Amb.	do	0945.	do do	
9.	No. 2 Coy, A.A.S.C.	do	1005.	do do	
10.	1st. Pioneer Bn.	1.F.45.89. (St.QUENTIN Map.)	0830.	BOHAIN-BUSIGNY- thence same route as above.	

NOTE. - Halts of 10 minutes to each clock hour after passing Starting Points.

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MARCH TABLE for 22nd. NOVEMBER, 1918issued under1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 129,  
of 20/11/18.

Serial No.	Unit in order of march.	Starting Point. Place.	Time of passing	Route.	Remarks.
1.	No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.	Road Junc. 6.H.30.72.	0835.	MAZINGHIEN-CATILLON- La GROISE-6.I.25.98- PRISCHES.	8 miles.
2.	4th. Aust. Battalion.	do	0840.	do do	do
3.	3rd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0900.	do do	do
4.	2nd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0910.	do do	do
5.	1st. Aust. Battalion.	do	0920.	do do	do
6.	Brigade Headqrs. & 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.)	do	0930.	do do	do
7.	1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.	do	0935.	do do	do
8.	1st. Pioneer Bn.	6.H.40.78.	0948.	Via S.P. - CATILLON - La GROISE-PRISCHES.	do
9.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.	6.H.30.72.	1008.	Same as Serial No. 1.	do
10.	1st. Field Ambulance	do	1016.	do do	do

NOTE. - 1. Halts 10 minutes to each clock hour.  
2. No halts for meals.

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MARCH TABLE for 23rd. NOVEMBER, 1918

issued under  
1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 129 of 20/11/18.

Unit in order of march.	Starting Point.		ROUTE.
	Place.	Time of passing.	
No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.	Road Junc. '5.J.43.	0740.	'CARTIGNIES - DESSUS du MOULIN - GODIN - AVESNES - Road Junction '5.L.27.59. - FLAUMONT - SEMERIES.
2nd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0800.	do do do
1st. Aust. Battalion.	do	0811.	do do do
3rd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0822.	do do do
4th. Aust. Battalion.	do	0833.	do do do
1st. Pioneer Bn.	do	0845.	do do do
1st. Field Coy., A.E.	do	0909.	do do do
1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.	do	0917.	do do do
Brigade Hdqrs. & 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.)	do	0925.	do do do
1st. Field Ambulance.	do	0930.	do do do

- NOTES.
1. Halts of 10 minutes to each clock hour. (Time will be synchronised at 2000 to-day, 22/11/18, by Signals.)
  2. No halting for meals en route.
  3. Units will only march to attention through-  
 PRISCHES,  
 CARTIGNIES,  
 AVESNES,  
 and into Billeting Town.
  4. Battalions will furnish rear party to march in rear of Unit Transport in threes.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*R. R. [Signature]*  
 Capt.,

Bde. Hdqrs.,  
 1st. A.I. Bde.,  
 22/11/18.

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Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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AMENDMENT toMARCH TABLE for 23rd. November, 1918,Issued under 1st. AUST&INF. BDE ORDER No. 129  
of 20/11/18.

(1) Owing to Billeting difficulties, Units will proceed as under on arriving at 5.L.10.46., Road junction SOUTH of AVESNES, detaching from the Column independently :-

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|-----|---|---|
| (a) | Bde.H.Q.<br>2nd. Bn.<br>3rd. Bn.<br>No.2 Coy.A.A.S.C.)    | } will proceed as per march table route to Billets in <u>FLAUMONT.</u>  |
| (b) | 1st. Bn.<br>4th. Bn.<br>1st. Pioneer Bn.<br>1st.Fld.Amb.) | } will proceed direct to Billets in <u>AVESNELLES.</u>  |
| (c) | 1st.Fld.Coy.A.E.)<br>1st.M.G.Coy.,                        | } will turn EAST along main TRELOU Road to 5.L.78.21. then N.E. to Billets in <u>SEMERIES.</u>                                      |
| (d) | 1st.L.T.M.Bty.  | will take same route as 1st.M.G.Coy. but will march on to Billets towards <u>RAMOUSIES</u> about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile E. of SEMERIES. |
| (2) | 1st.Field Coy A.E)<br>1st.M.G.Coy.,<br>1st.L.T.M.Bty.)    | } will halt for lunch at a suitable place in vicinity of 5.L.65.27.   |

(3) Blankets by lorry for 1st. Field Company and 1st.L.T.M.Bty. will be forwarded to billets in new area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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R. R. Agnew

Capt.,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,  
1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.,  
22/11/18.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 130.24th. November, 1918.Ref. Map - VALENCIENNES } 1/100,000.  
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1. The 1st. Aust. Division is continuing its march to the SOLRE le CHATEAU Area to-morrow, 25th. November, 1918.
2. The 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade Group will march to-morrow, 25th. November, in the order and to Billets as shown on March Table overleaf. 1st. line transport will accompany units.  
Dress - Full marching order, less blankets.
3. On arrival in the SOLRE le CHATEAU Area the following units of the 1st. Brigade Group will become Divisional Units :-  
1st. Field Coy., A.E.  
1st. Pioneer Battalion.  
1st. Coy., M.G. Battalion.
4. Billeting arrangements as notified separately.
5. Lorry will call for Blankets of 1st. Field Coy., A.E. and 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. at time to be notified; one man will be detailed from each of these units to load and travel on lorry.
6. (a). All men unfit to march will be evacuated through 1st. Field Ambulance by 0700.  
(b). Only men who fall <sup>out</sup> on the march will be picked up by Ambulance.
7. 1st. Brigade Headquarters will close at FLAUMONT at 0930 on 25th. November, 1918 and re-open at SOLRE le CHATEAU on arrival.

A C K N O W L E D G E. (Bda. Group only.)R. R. Legrand  
Capt.,

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 1900 on 24/11/18.

DISTRIBUTION. - Same as for Brigade Order No. 129 of 20/11/18, plus copies to—C.R.E.  
1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.  
3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.P.T.O.

MARCH TABLE

Issued with 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 130 of 24/11/18.

Serial No.	Unit in order of march.	Starting Point.		Destination.	Remarks.
		Place.	Time of passing.		
1.	1st. Aust. M.G. Compy.	5.A.05.56.	0930.	BEAURIEUX.	
2.	1st. Field Coy., A.E.	5.A.05.57.	0939.	SOLRE le CHATEAU.	
3.	No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C.	5.L.64.56.	0913.	do do	
4.	2nd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0915.	do do	
5.	3rd. Aust. Battalion.	do	0927.	do do	
6.	Brigade Headqrs.)	5.L.64.56.	0940.	do do	
7.	1st. A.L.T.M. Bty.)	5.A.05.57.	1025.	do do	
8.	4th. Aust. Battalion.	5.L.58.45.	0930.	do do	
9.	1st. Aust. Battalion.	do	0942.	do do	
10.	1st. Field Ambulance.	do	1004.	do do	
11.	1st. Pioneer Bn.	do	1012.	HESTRUD.	Midday meal en route at C.O.'s discretion after clearing FELLERIES.

ROUTE:- Serials

- 1, 2, & 7. - SEMERIES-FELLERIES-SOLRE le CHATEAU.
- 3, 4, 5 & 6. - FLAUMONT-5.A.05.57.-FELLERIES-SOLRE le CHATEAU.
- 8, 9, 10, 11. - AVESNELLES-SEMERIES-SOLRE le CHATEAU.

NOTE

- 1. Halts at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
- 2. Watches will be synchronised through Signals at 2000, 24/11/18.

1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

----- PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd. <sup>November</sup> ~~October~~, 1918. -----

	0900 to 0930.	0930 to 1030.	1030 to 1100.	1100 to 1200	1400 to 1530.
Monday.	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Immediate Action.	Tactical Exercise "A".	Tactical Exercise "A".	RECREATIONAL TRAINING. (Organised Games, etc.)
Tuesday.	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Care & Cleaning.	Gun Drill.	Direct overhead covering fire.	
Wednesday.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Stripping and Assembling.	Tactical Exercise "B"	Tactical Exercise "B"	
Thursday.	Company Inspection Rifle Exercises	Barrage Drill.	Indication & Recognit -ion of Targets, and Fire Orders.	Practice Company in line marching past - with transport.	
Friday.	Company Inspection Close Order Drill	Combined Drill.	Belt Filling. Gas Helmet Inspection and Drill.	-do-	
Saturday.	Company Inspection	Route March, Full	Marching Order.		

NOTES :- Tactical walks will be carried out during at least two afternoons during the week.  
Lectures as follows will be delivered to Officers and N.C.O's. :-

Monday Afternoon	Lieut. Manners to 1st. Company.	Subject :-	Direct overhead covering fire.
-do-	" Fernee " 3rd.	-do-	-do-
Monday Evening	" " 21st.	-do-	-do-
Tuesday Afternoon	Commanding Officer 1st.	-do-	Engagement of E.A. by small arm fire from the ground.
Thursday	-do-	-do-	21st. -do- -do-

Officers Commanding Companies will arrange for their Officers to lecture to Officers and N.C.O's of their Companies on the following subjects :- "Co-operation of Vickers Guns with other Arms."  
"Intercommunication and Orders (F.S.R. Part 1 Chap.2)

G.S.O.I and III will give short lectures during the week to all Companies.  
All Officers to learn the Playfair Code and thoroughly understand the B.A.B. Code.  
1st. and 2nd. Companies will carry out ball firing stoppages on their own 25 yards range.

RANGE. Tuesday Morning - 3rd. Company. Thursday all day - 21st. Company. Saturday morning - 2nd. Company.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 9th. NOVEMBER, 1918.

	0900 - 0930	0930 - 1030.	1030 - 1100.	1100 - 1200	1400 - 1530.
Monday.	Company Inspection. Rifle Exercises.	Revision Mechanism.	Belt Filling - Hand and Machine.	General overhaul all technical equipment.	
Tuesday.	Company Inspection. Close Order Drill.	Sight setting and Laying.	Contents of Spare parts box shown and explained.	<del>Practice Company in line marching past with transport.</del> LIMBER - DRILL - WITH - PACK - ANIMALS,	
Wednesday	Company Inspection. Transport to parade Rifle Exercises March Past.	Combined Drill	Gas Helmet Inspect- ion.	Barrage Drill.	
Thursday.	Company Inspection. Rifle Exercises. Close Order Drill.	Revision in rectif- ication of stoppages.	Brush up in German Gun.	Limber Drill including quick transfer from limbers to pack animals.	
Friday.	Company Inspection. Rifle Exercises. Close Order Drill.	Indirect Fire Working off map.	Selection of gun positions and their concealment from view.	Practice Company in line marching past with transport.	
Saturday.	Route March in full marching order of at least 8 miles.				

PRACTICAL TRAINING.  
(Organised games etc.)

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"J" Range. Tuesday Morning 21st. Company. Thursday all day - 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. Saturday Morning - 2nd. A.M.G. Coy.  
1st. and 2nd. Companies will carry out ball firing stoppages on their own 25 yards ranges.  
The above programme is subject to alteration, as tactical exercises by Companies complete with transport will be carried out during the week in conjunction with the Infantry. Arrangements are being made with the Infantry Brigades as regards days, locations, etc.  
Each Company will be complete and ready in every detail to take the field, if necessary, by Wednesday 6th. November. Officers Commanding Companies will render a certificate to above effect by 6 p.m. Tuesday 5th. November to Battalion Headquarters.  
Officers Commanding Companies will arrange that lectures are given by their Officers to the remaining Officers and N.C.O's. on the following subjects :- (1) "Map Reading - Special attention being paid to 1 : 100,000 Series". (2) "Prismatic Compass". (3) "Duties of Machine Gun Officers both in the line and out."  
Each Company Commander will confer with Commanding officer regarding a tactical walk for Officers and N.C.O's - one to be undertaken during the ensuing week by each Company.

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*W. J. ...*  
Lieut. Colonel.  
Commanding 1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

DAY. 9,am,to 9,45. 9-45 to 10-30, 10-30 to 10-45, 10-45 to 11-30, 11-30 to 12 Noon, 2 to 3-30pm.

MONDAY, FIRING ON RANGE, PART II. 5-30 to 6pm.

TUESDAY, FIRING ON RANGE, PART, II, & III, Criticism of work on Range by Officers and N, C, O's.

WEDNESDAY, ROUTE MARCH WITH TRANSPORT. (Returning to EPAGNETTE.) 5-30 to 6,pm.

THURSDAY, Coy Inspection Judging Distances, SMOKE, Combined Drill, Company Drill, Map Reading, Officers, & Gas Helmet Insp, N, C, O's.

FRIDAY, Coy Inspection, Fire Orders, Company Drill 2 to 3-30 pm. & Saluting Drill, Control of Guns, SMOKE, Care and Cleaning, with Transport, Organised Games.

SATURDAY, ROUTE MARCH WITH TRANSPORT.

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Captain O,C,  
First Aust, M, G ,Coy.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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1st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
20/7

Headquarters, 4.11.18.

1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
4th. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
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Following from 1st. Aust. Division :-

"The CORPS Commander has awarded the MILITARY MEDAL and BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL to the undermentioned.

Please convey the CORPS and DIVISIONAL Commanders' congratulations to the recipients whose names will be published in the LONDON Gazette in due course.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

✓ No.1458 Sgt. H.G. LOVEBAND *M.M.* 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No.3929 Sgt. L.R. STROTHER	1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion.
No. 555 Cpl. S. McK. GARD	-do-
No. 589 Pte. J. PURCELL	-do-
No.4153 Pte. J. CRAWFORD	-do-
No. 477 Pte. S.K. MATTHEWS	-do-
No.6596 Pte. L. BIRKIN	-do-
No. 154 Pte. A. HOWE	-do-
No.3556 Cpl. W.C. YOUNG	-do-
No.1458 Sgt. H.G. LOVEBAND	-do-
No.1578 Cpl. A. KERR	-do-
No.2782 Sgt. H. ROSENGREN	-do-
No.7492 Pte. R. JAMIESON	-do-
No.2035 L/Cp.(T/Cp) A.G. TRESTRAIL	-do-
No.1969 Sgt. G. RILEY	-do-
No. 329 Pte. A.J.B. LAURIE	-do-
No.1392 Sgt. H.J. O'Neill	-do-

(Signed) N. BARDIE, Major,  
D. A. A. G.,  
1st. Australian Division."

Please convey the Commanding Officers' hearty congratulations to the above.

*E. Mitchell*  
for Captain and Adjutant,  
1st. Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
-----MONTHLY APPRECIATION BY COMPANY QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT.  
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During the early part of the month of November the rationing of the Company was carried out evenly and without any unusual happening, and generally speaking there were no complaints. Whilst billeted at EPAGNETTE boots were repaired by both Company and Battalion boot-makers and new footwear was issued where necessary. This included the issue of Jack Boots to Transport Section.

When Company began march from BUSIGNY it became difficult to draw the daily rations at regular hours owing to the Railhead being a considerable distance from the A.S.C. Dump and the rations having thus to be conveyed long journeys in motor buses. This difficulty has not yet been overcome.

From 11th to 25th of the month a decrease in the issue of vegetables was noticed but latterly the supply has become normal again. Complaints have been made by men of the Company that the rations all round were light, especially regarding bread. I attribute these complaints to two factors - the cold weather and the hunger resultant on long marches over frozen roads.

On 27th instant First Australian Machine Gun Battalion drew rations from the A.S.C. and now issue to Company. This arrangement will not, in my opinion, benefit the Company, a slight decrease in the bread issue being already noticeable.

During the month food and clothing sent to the Company by Australian Comforts Fund were distributed and proved a great boon to the men.

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C.Q.M.S.  
First Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

1st December 1918.

1st December 18.

TRANSPORT OFFICERS MONTHLY APPRECIATION.

Throughout the Month the past standard of the Transport Section has been maintained. The personnel have varied considerably owing to large allotment of leave (inclusive of men going to Australia) but owing to the thoroughness of the old drivers, this difficulty was quickly over-come, so that now the Section without exception are thoroughly competent and always content and in good spirits.

The Horses have kept exceptionally well due no doubt to good care and every available chance of grazing etc. being taken with them.

Many reverses and hardships have been met with such as open lines, hitches in connection with Clipping, long route marches and very short Rations also the short period of rest between march destinations, thus preventing contentment amongst them.

Proir to the Corps Eastward March 4 Horses from this Unit were Casted and one transferred to 1st A.E. by the D.A.Q.M.S. for which we hope to be issued with Horses to replace from a disbanded Army.

One Hack was also crippled and evacuated due to the negligence of a Motor Lorry driver whilst we were on the march. This matter was reported through 1st Aust, Inf.Bde. and is now in progress through the usual channels.

During the late Marches we were attached to the above mentioned Bde. with whom we got on exceptionally well. The G.O.C. 1st Aust.Bde. in his criticisms of various Transports Sections under his Command gave this Unit credit for being the best turned out on the road Bde. Transport Groups.

The Bde. Transport Officer also commended the Unit on its turnouts throughout the period.

On being arranged as a Battalion the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Division visited the Unit and personally thanked them for the interest and enthusiasm in their work which they had displayed during this period.

The present quarters for the Transport are are exceptionally good and in fact the best we have had in France.

*A. B. Weirne W.*

.....Lieut. T.O.  
1st Aust. Machine Gun Company.  
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

1st December 1918.

OFFICER COMMANDING MONTHLY APPRECIATION

During the early part of the Month, the Company remained in the Corps Rest Area. Intensive training was carried out both on the guns and in preparation for the Divisional Review, resulting in a very high standard of proficiency being attained. The services of the Battalion Tailor and Boot-maker were obtained, and the clothing out-fit of the Company was greatly improved. A great deal of recreational training was indulged in during the month, and the mens health physical fitness was at a maximum.

The sudden change in the Tactical Situation on the Western Front necessitated the moving of the Company with the Division to the forward area. This was done by Train, Bus and March Route, and through-out, the Company was attached to the 1st Aust. Bde. Group. Through-out this trip the weather was very cold but otherwise good. The cessation of Hostilities shortly after this forward move, (11-11-18)., changed the whole training policy of the Company, and from this date onward the training was practically recreational. Towards the end of the month, the Company moved forward with the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group, a distance of about 40 Miles. This was accomplished by daily marches of 9 - 11 Miles. The Roads were frozen hard and the wear and tear on the foot-wear was very great. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining the necessary supplies of leather for repairs and by the end of the month the boots were in a bad state. These were however overhauled eventually.

Billeting throughout the month was very good.

Rationing was very difficult and the drawing of supplies difficult and irregular, entailing hard continuous work on the C.Q.M.S.

At the end of the month the Company was billeted concentrated with the remainder of the Battalion.

.....Lieut. O.C.

1st Aust. Machine Gun Company.

1/12/1918.

EVACUATIONS; REINFORCEMENTS, FURLOUGH, ETC.

Strength of Company as at 1st November 1918.

Officers 9. O/Ranks 188.

From the 1st to the 7th November 1918.

7	O/Ranks	were evacuated to Hospital.
4	"	Returned to from Hospital.
12	"	Taken on strength from Base.
4	"	Returned from U.K. Leave.

From the 8th to the 15th November 1918.

6	O/Ranks	were evacuated to Hospital.
5	"	were granted Leave to U.K.
2	"	Returned from U.K. Leave.

From the 16th to the 23rd November 1918.


9	O/Ranks	were evacuated to Hospital.
4	"	Taken on strength from Base.
5	"	Granted Leave to U.K.
2	"	Returned from U.K. Leave.

From the 23rd to the 30th November 1918.

3	O/Ranks	were evacuated to Hospital.
4	"	Returned from Hospital.
5	"	Returned from U.K. Leave.
5	"	Granted Leave to U.K.
5	"	Granted Leave to Australia.
4	"	Taken on strength from Base.

Total strength of Company as at 30th November 1918

Officers 9. O/Ranks 185.

  
..... Lieut.O.C.  
1st Australian Machine Gun Company.